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1897 01 07
Chesterton UDC debates amalgamation with Cambridge & Cottenham light railway, not one advantage, p3

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Organ grinders nuisance, p3
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Debating Society proposed, p2

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Skating Littleport p3

1897 01 30
Clayhithe toll bridge should be free, p3

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1897 02 01
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Propose new GER station – present station dangerous, extension to Mill Road, Coldham's Common site proposed, Hyde Park Corner possible p3 # c.26.2

1897 02 04
Women suffrage bill

1897 02 06
Charity Commission scheme; Corporation get entire use of Spinning House to expand police station, rebuild one day # c.34.7

1897 02 08
Widespread floods, breach of Nene at March # c.29

1897 02 17
Briggs Savidge bankruptcy p2 # Stretham
Cretan crisis p3

1897 02 18
Sewage scheme grave complaints

1897 02 22
Abbey Road Bridge or old grind for ever – letter

1897 02 24
Bike adverts p1
Christianity amongst Jews – Moule p2
Christ's college sports p2
Godmanchester – Rhodes, p3
Newmarket pigeon shooting, p3
Sewage, p3

1897 02 24
Mr Wisbey referred to the roads question. They had been defeated but the authorities had seen that Romsey Town people were a force to be reckoned with. Hitherto they had been looked upon as a naughty dog, always barking and making a noise, but without any bite. (Laughter) Mr Quinney referring to the sewage scheme said he applied for work and was told by the engineer that they did not want men who understood the work as they would know too much if things went wrong. (Laughter)

1897 02 25

The contract for the new organ for Haverhill parish church has been placed in the hands of Messrs Miller & son, Cambridge. The construction of the organ will be specially arranged to keep the view of the stained glass window perfectly clear which necessitates part of the organ being a considerable distance from the main portion, and which has been specially arranged for by the builders

1897 02 25
Cherry Hinton lady & bread p2 *
Ely MoH report 1896, p3

1897 02 26
Three menageries Royston Heath – racehorses
Bricklayers lock out, p3

1897 02 26
The clerk to the Ely Guardians applied for the removal of Tabitha Camm, an eccentric old woman aged 72 years who is living in a tumbled-down old hovel in Littleport fen. The place was filthy in the extreme. She has lived there all her life and she tenaciously sticks to it. PC King said the walls were tumbling down and the bricks had no mortar between them. The rain penetrated and soot and dirt covered the place. The lady is independent in every sense of the word and would-be sympathisers are quickly ordered to decamp

1897 02 27
The Guildhall floor has become so unsafe that when a ball is held in the large room the most elaborate precautions have to be taken to support the beams in the ceiling of the Free Library beneath. This shoring-up process costs something like 30/- each time and is a sheer waste of money # c.69.2 # c.77.4

1897 02 27
To let: a large advertising trolley, to parade the principal streets of Cambridge. For terms & particulars apply Cambridge & District Advertising and Bill Posting co. (ltd), Downing House, Regent St, Cambridge
Margarine as better, Mildenhall, p3

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1897 03 01
Boys shot, p3

1897 03 01
Mr B.W. Beales has the pleasure to announce that he has disposed of the business carried on for many years by him as a brewer and wine and spirit merchant at the Panton Brewery in this town, to Messrs Harold Barber Bailey (son of the late Mr Frederick Bailey, of Burleigh House, Newmarket Road) and Herbert Hazeldine Tebbutt, the continuing partner in the late firm of Robinson & Tebbutt, and the business will in future be carried on by these gentlemen under the style of Bailey & Tebbutt # c.27.4

1897 03 02
Begging, p2
Cycling on Parker's Piece, p2 *
University degree women recommended. P3

1897 03 03
Romsey Road taxes, p2
Recent floods letter, p3

1897 03 04

Trams & buses, p2
Chesterton sewage, p2
Proposed Abbey Road Bridge, p2

1897 03 05
Betting raid, p2
Free Library for Chesterton, p2

The clerk (of Chesterton Urban District Council) read a letter from the chairman of the Milton Parish Council stating that he had been asked to draw the attention of the Council to the large heap of rubbish on Mr Few's land near the railway crossing which was causing a nuisance throughout the neighbourhood. It seemed the contractor who gathered their house refuse had deposited a large heap within 10 yards of the public highway. There were 200 or 300 yards of house refuse in a large heap, and it generated an amount of gas and bad sent. The smell was infinitely worse than the smell from the sewage farm

1897 03 05
Wm Henry Chapel Smith, draper of 13 Market Street was summoned for hanging a pair of corsets and a roll of calico outside his shop front so as to incommode passengers. P.C. Savidge said the things projected four inches. Defendant said "I have lived in the street 25 years and you have been in the force 25 minutes. I think you were drawing the line too close. I don't know what we are coming to". He said the bye-law was an injustice to traders. The Chairman said it seemed to him admitted that something projected beyond the line of the shop. Fined 1/-

1897 03 06
Messrs Grain, Moyes and Wisbey offered for sale by auction two valuable licensed properties situate at Fulbourn and Fen Ditton respectively. There was a large and representative attendance and the bidding was very brisk. The property at Fulbourn consists of the beer-house known as "The Royal Oak" with 4-quarter brewery, malting, club-room etc, a farm homestead with barn and stables, and about two acres of paddock and orchard in the occupation of Messrs Hudson's Cambridge & Pampisford Breweries Company at a year rent of £55. The bidding started at £500 and ultimately reached £1,050 at which price it was disposed of. "The Blue Lion", Fen Ditton was then offered. It contains tap-room, sitting-room and three bedrooms, with a yard at side etc and is let at a rental of £25 per annum. The first bid given was £300, and the price quickly rose until it reached £825, when it was sold. The results of the sales were highly satisfactory to the vendors.

1897 03 06
Romsey Road summons nearing end, p2
CDN manager in court interfering paper p2 *
Two dissected bodies, Wisbech

1897 03 08
At St Paul's church on Sunday morning the Rev Dr Stokes said "The town owes a debt of gratitude to the authorities for their elaborate and extensive efforts to check the gambling evil which for some time past has been rampant in our midst. It has for many months been a matter of public scandal that certain men have been at the corners of some of our streets enticing young men and lads, as well as unwary men and even women into betting and gambling. It was of great importance to capture not one or two only but the whole band, and especially those who finance the business. As the guilty parties promised never again to infringe the new bye-law it is not to be wondered at that the magistrates only imposed a small fine but it is a matter of regret that no severe punishment could be inflected on these corruptors of the morals of our town"

1897 03 08
Newmarket fire brigade, p3
Shop breaking, p3

1897 03 09
Street ruffians, p2
Cover Market with glass for Jubilee, p3

1897 03 10
Swaffham Bulbeck utilise pond as parish room, p2
Advertisement for cycle shop – 'What is all Cambridge talking about', p3
Rat up tree, Ely, p4

1897 03 10
Gamlingay: Very wet weather has been experienced in this district for some time past and fine weather is now very urgently required. The clay land has lacked the pulverising influence of frosts and the heavy rains have beaten the land down to such a tenacious mass that drilling will be very difficult and unsatisfactory. The mild winter has enabled the farmer and grazier to keep his stock on the grass. A short time ago a visitor at Gamlingay was changing trains at Ely when his attention was called by the stationmaster to the novel view of about 60 rats "up a tree" near the station. The heavy rains had flooded the district including a farmhouse and yard, and the rats to escape drowning had mounted the tree

1897 03 11
On Monday evening as a cow was being put in a railway truck it broke loose and scattering all hands by its fierce aspect tore up the Station-road. When it arrived at Back Hill a woman with more courage than her sex are usually credited with under such circumstances rushed out with open arms to stop its progress. The infuriated animal turned on her, but she fortunately escaped. It next ran down Silver Street and put to flight some of the newly-enlisted Militia recruits. It knocked down Reuben Lemon, the Cathedral watchman and attacked Mr J. Rogers and tossed him as high as the eaves of Mrs Ellis' barn.

1897 03 11
Pauper for dissection, p3
Cambridge sewerage scheme, p3

1897 03 12
Having visited the cemetery on the Huntingdon-road this morning I was thinking what a beautiful spot it was; with a good carriage drive from the road. As there was a very large field adjoining it I thought what a suitable place it was for a cemetery for Cambridge, and the approach to it far better than through Barnwell. It does not seem much farther than the spot that was thought of, past the Paper Mills. – Letter

1897 03 13
Now the minds of all her subjects are bent upon the question of how most fittingly to celebrate the Queen's long reign, I venture to revive a suggestion of converting part of Midsummer Common into a running track and athletic training ground and of building a public gymnasium thereon. At present the town is entirely dependent upon the kindness of the University for a Place to hold sports, while athletes have absolutely nowhere to train properly

1897 03 13
Huntingdon militia train away, p3

1897 03 15
Guildhall front, p2
Jubilee Saffron Walden suggestions, p3

1897 03 16
The "Cambridge Daily News" makes proposals. A municipal washhouse. We believe there are hundreds of women in Cambridge - the wives of working men - who would hail with the liveliest satisfaction the establishment of a place where they could do their week's washing with some degree of comfort. How many homes belonging to the humbler classes are there without anything like proper washing and drying accommodation to the occupants of which such a place would be a boon and a blessing

1897 03 17
Not 10 per cent of houses in and around Cambridge have a bathroom. There is one public bath in Cambridge and for its use 1s is charged. How many of us workingmen can afford to pay that? The corporation has plenty of land for the purpose such as Petersfield, the cost of the baths would be not more than £20,000 and it would move one of the standing disgraces of Cambridge. (Letter)

1897 03 18
"What do I think of baths and wash-houses" said the wife of a working man. "Why that it would be a Jubilee all the year round. Here, just come and have a look round the house. Now how would you like to do a week's wash without a copper to boil the 'things' in and a yard not big enough to swing a cat in to dry 'em when they are washed ... we boil the things in the pot, the same as we boils the puddings and the potatoes and big things like sheets don't get boiled at all"

1897 03 18
Dullingham railway gates smashed, p4

1897 03 19
Undergraduate views bathing, p2

1897 03 19
It is well known that Downing College desire to part with a portion of their beautiful grounds (Lensfield Road end) for building purposes which I think would be one of the greatest calamities that could happen to central Cambridge. It would instead make a public park that would be worthy of the unique occasion (Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee} and of the University and town of Cambridge (Letter from H.E. Ladds)

1897 03 19
St Paul's Church Institute opened, p3
Bradley teeth

1897 03 20
Mr Edwin Bays, architect, forwards particulars of a scheme for erecting a viaduct, with Bathing Sheds under, leading from the Trumpington Road, Cambridge, to Newnham. The proposed viaduct road would start from the Leys School grounds, Coe Fen, Newnham and terminating at Grantchester and Barton Roads. It will be necessary to construct two river and three road arches and it is intended to utilise one as a Swimming Bath for women, and the other two as dressing rooms

1897 03 20
New daily / weekly paper – costings, p3
Longstanton new highway
Parish council electricity, p4

1897 03 20
A Rampton man was summoned for being in possession of a dwelling house which was dangerous and unfit for habitation. There were three rooms on the ground floor, the rooms at either end were boarded up and the centre portion occupied. The only thing that prevented that from falling in was the

floor above. The roof was giving way and part of it rested on an old four-post bedstead. The occupant had to hold up an umbrella to keep the wet out of the house

1897 03 22
Education in rural districts – Girton example, p3
Diamond Jubilee bridge – letter, p3

1897 03 23
Old Age pensions & Oddfellows, p2
Toilets, p2 *
Women Temperance – vote issues, p3
Trees along river, p3
Volunteer tragedy, p3
Ely Methodist organ, p4

1897 03 24
Notwithstanding the sewerage operations and the numerous complaints of nauseous smells from manholes in almost every part of Cambridge, it is exceedingly gratifying to find that the death rate is steadily decreasing. It is also a matter for congratulation that 71 per cent of the notified scarlet fever cases were admitted into the Sanatorium. If the council would courageously determine to abolish the fees at that institution the percentage of admissions would be still higher

1897 03 24
Bridge sketch, p2
25 years Oddfellowship, p2
Permanent Benefit Building Society a/m, p2
Bill Posting Company case, p3
Funeral Sergeant Shallow, p3

1897 03 25
The Royston fire brigade was in a most neglected condition. They had members who were ever ready to do their best in any emergency but it was impossible for them to do their work with hardly any hose. If a fire broke out in the High Street it would not be possible to work at it from the front and rear too. The building in which the engine was stowed away was low, damp and small, so small that the engine could hardly be got in and out of the place. S. Camps speaking at Royston Public Meeting)

1897 03 25
Swimming baths review plan, p2
Home & Rest for girls, p2
Ely money for poor, p2
Sawston health, p2 *
Alpha Road dustbins p2

1897 03 26
P.C. Booty of the Cambs Police has been compelled to retire from the force owing to weak health, a misfortune which is made heavier by the fact that he was within two months of being entitled to a pension. He has been stationed in the Newmarket district some years, formerly at Chippenham and then at Newmarket. In both places he has taken a great interest in gardening matters. He leaves to enter upon occupation of the Fountain Hotel, Cambridge

1897 03 26
Saffron Walden annual horse fair is now taking place. A large business was transacted on the Market-place this morning. There was a great demand for bus and tram horses, and prices were good. The pleasure fair promises to be of the usual attractive character, Thurston's steam horses being close at hand to take up their position on the Common at noon on Friday

1897 03 26
St John's Ambulance organise Old Age Pensioners meeting, p2
Saffron Walden sale and fair, p3
Proposed Abbey Road bridge, p3

1897 03 27
Funeral Col Taylor, Withersfield, p2
Women's University proposal, p2

1897 03 29
Some toys of English make were shown at the last meeting of the Technical Committee of the Cambridge Town Council. The toys in question were made by peasants of Wilts and Dorset in the long winter evenings and as much as 30s. a week is now being earned by the rustic manufacturers for the toys fetch good prices. We pay Germany £1,000,000 annually for our children's toys, while many English parents have no work to do. It is high time that efforts were made to divert this million of money into the pockets of English people (Edutorial)

1897 03 29
Rowing at low ebb, p2
Addenbrooke's Hospital operating theatres, p3

1897 03 30
Police at play, p2
Cork Club publications, p2
Barkway fire, p3
Huntingdon Working Men's Club, p3
Cycle shop adv., p3

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Workhouse bedsteads, p3

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First of April tricks, p2
Row on Newmarket Road, p2
Trumpington jubilee reading room, p3

1897 04 03
Chesterton jubilee & pic

1897 04 03 c
After the lapse of close upon a month the committee appointed to carry out the celebration of the Great Jubilee (of Queen Victoria) in Cambridge have definitely decided upon a single scheme. The course adopted has the effect of putting out of court our scheme for the establishment of a system of private and swimming baths as a Jubilee undertaking. But considering the remarkable unanimity of opinion on the subject we feel sure that the project will be only temporarily waived. Indeed having regard to the absolute necessity in the town we pledge ourselves to revive the matter at the first convenient opportunity. Very little difficulty would be experienced in floating a company to carry out a scheme so universally deemed desirable. (Editorial)

1897 04 05
Boat race & ambulance, p2
Cambridge betting cases trial, p3

1897 04 07
Much amusement was caused at the meeting of the Peterborough Board of Guardians by the reading of the following from a labouring man. "Gentelmen. i was told some time back that you wud git a wife for a respectful man out of the Union (workhouse) if i wud ax you and so gentelmen I take the liberty. i am nearly 64 years old and work on the land. it is hard lines for a body to go home and find no body home to cook his food and so forth. if you have a nice lookin woman in the house as you can spare me for a wife it would lessen the rates and be a comfort to me. i should like her to be about thirty or forty and could work well. She must be good looking well up to her work and I well try and make a gud usband to her" - signed Thomas Smith

1897 04 07
Newmarket broken back, p3

1897 04 07 c
In Cherryhinton Road, Cambridge, and in close proximity to the Cattle Market, Mr Henry Day has erected a new flour mill. The building is compact, the three floors are occupied by a most interesting system of machinery. Needless to say the plant is of the most up-to-date character. It has been fitted to produce one sack per hour. Mr Day expressed his confidence that he had some of the very best wheat obtainable. He enters the open market with every determination to succeed

1897 04 08
At the monthly meeting of the Baldock Urban District Council the Clerk brought up the matter of the fire engine station, stating that if they were to give it up, notice must be given by 1st May. Mr Bloom took it that it was settled that the old station should be given up. The Chairman thought the place would let very well, Baldock being very destitute of houses. He also pointed out that accommodation would have to be found for the engines and it would not do to put the new steamer in any kind of place until the new station was ready as a damp place would do much injury. It was agreed to try and arrange with the owners of the old station for the use of the place for three months longer

1897 04 09
The Newmarket Gas Company have been holding an interesting exhibition of gas appliances, both for cooking and lighting, including ranges of various patterns and sizes, an Otto gas engine, and the latest patents in chandeliers, brackets, burners, globes and shades, and other methods of improving the light given by gas. The variety and adaptability of the ranges and kindred appliances shown convey the impression that gas will be the chief cooking agent in the near future. The ranges shown may be bought or hired from the Newmarket Gas Co.

1897 04 10
New business in Cambridge, p2
Swavesey accident, p4

1897 04 12
Proposed covered market, p2

1897 04 13
British corporations owe £73.5m

1897 04 14
Ely Jubilee proposals, p2
Higher Grade cricket club, p3
Tadlow children, p3
Room shook, p4

1897 04 14
None enjoy the ecstasy of health so much as those who have just emerged from the pain and discomfort of a serious illness. It is a notorious fact in the neighbourhood of Fitzroy Street, Cambridge, that Mr George Stokes, confectioner, had for the past five years been unable to follow his business in consequence of the breakdown of his health. He then related how he came to read in "Lloyds Newspaper" how Dr Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People had worked marvellous cures. "I got the first box of Dr Williams Pink Pills on the 5th of February. After taking the first three pills I began to sleep better, I can now move my neck, limbs and joints without pain except my knees. Certainly the change has been marvellous since I took Dr Williams' Pink Pills"

1897 04 15
Small pox hut, p3
Covered market rejected, p3 *

1897 04 17
Good Friday, p2

1897 04 17
A meeting of dog fanciers has been held to form a society for the purpose of holding an annual dog show at Cambridge. They had had dog shows here on previous occasions on rather a large scale and it was a question for consideration as to the advisability of giving so much prize-money as previously. If they gave smaller money and charged proportionate entrance fees they would get more entries, and a man usually would not enter unless he was pretty sure of getting money.

1897 04 17
The village of Stoke by Clare was quite gay with bunting when Lord and Lady Loch arrived to take up their residence at the college, which estate has been lately purchased by his Lordship. The bells rang out a merry peal, and the school children, who had been drawn up in a line at the park entrance lustily cheered as the carriage drove through. A triumphal arch was erected at the entrance to the College grounds.

1897 04 19
At Cambridge Easter Sunday was celebrated in all the churches. Congregations were very large and most of the places of worship were tastefully decorated, white flowers largely predominating. On Monday a goodly number of people followed the Volunteers in their march to Madingley, others watched the Boys Brigade movements on the University Range. Amusements were provided by the sports on Fenners and the circus in the afternoon

1897 04 20
Fourpowers circus & menagerie, p3

1897 04 21
Naval engagement, p2
Carting on Parker's Piece, p3

1897 04 22
Volunteer concert, p4

1897 04 23
University finance, p2
Royston land sale, p3

1897 04 24
Florists' Society demise, p2 # c.18
Chief Constable report, 1896, p3

1897 04 24
A memorial from certain inhabitants of the Cambridge in Favour of covering the Market Hill with a permanent covering of iron and glass was read by the Town Clerk. Coun Nichols thought the state of their present market was a disgrace to civilisation. They were paying at least £400 a year for putting up and taking down those wretched wooden structures and the cloths that covered them were of no use whatever. Mr F. Morley did not believe in the Corporation entering into competition with the shopkeepers of the town and driving the trade into the hand of people who paid no rates. Mr Campkin felt the question of a covered market elsewhere was too serious a matter for them to consider for many years to come. (The council voted against the proposal)

1897 04 26
Rifle Corps HQ, Corn Exchange St, p2

1897 04 27
Revive boats? p2
Perjury, p2
Accident St Barnabas Institute, p2 *

1897 04 28
Pensions & poor law, p2
Haverhill Jubilee recreation ground, p3
Wisbech cycle wedding, p3

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1897 05 01
May Day is the name of a holiday that calls up all sorts of pretty rustic associations. In Cambridge the first day of the merry month is a most unromantic reality. A few small children straggle about the streets with more or less pretentious garlands and a Jack-in-the-Green may occasionally be caught sight of, but beyond this May Day in Cambridge is a memory of the past. In connection with Hobson-street chapel there was a "May morning breakfast" at which there was a large attendance. The room was decorated with flowers and the gathering was a most enjoyable one.

1897 05 01
Newnham Croft sewage, p2

1897 05 03
Jubilee appeal – nurses, p2

1897 05 04
On Saturday night a stack was ignited near Caxton School. Ten minutes later a great blaze arose amongst the farm buildings at the rear of the farmhouse occupied by Mr James Paine. In about 30 minutes all the outbuildings had been destroyed. Then cries of "Fire" were heard from the centre of the village and a tongue of flame shot up at the back of the Cross Keys public-house. The villagers were now panic-stricken. Then three cottages near fell in. Only last October over a dozen houses and cottages were burnt down in the village

1897 05 05
While the members of the University Senate are engaged in a fierce contest to decide whether women shall be admitted to the titles of degrees, the undergraduates have given most emphatic expressions to their opinion. A committee was formed and within six days over 2,100 signatures (the total number of undergraduates and Bachelors is only 2.840) have been sent to a memorial expressing the conviction that the giving of degrees to women would prove injurious to the position and efficiency of the University as a University for men

1897 05 05
Chesterton & jubilee, p2
Undergraduates & women degrees, p3
Haverhill jubilee, p3

1897 05 06
Babington Memorial Institute, St Barnabas – pic, p3

1897 05 06
An inquiry concerning the recent fatal accident was held at the Brickmaker's Arms, Needingworth. Robert Marriott, labourer in the employ of Messrs Saint at their brick-kilns at Needingworth said he was working at the pug mill, taking the clay and throwing it on to the table. Deceased had to put those lumps of clay into the brick moulding machine. The moulding machine was in motion and deceased got his left foot caught in the machine. His right leg and thigh were torn off.

1897 05 06
Newmarket collision, p3
Impington recreation ground, p4
Robert Carpenter benefit, p4

1897 05 07
Will you allow me a small space to refer to the arrangements for sweeping and cleaning Fitzroy Street? After one gets one's place thoroughly cleaned and dusted, ready for business, we have three men commence sweeping the street and it is impossible sometimes to see across the road for dust. After this is done and the cart takes the rubbish away the water cart makes its appearance about two hours later. Considering that Fitzroy-street is one of the busiest streets of Cambridge I think these things could be altered to the benefit of the tradespeople of the street - letter from "Shopkeeper"

1897 05 08
The new Waterworks at Haverhill have now been opened. The well is dug 103 feet. The pumping of water is done by two gas engines. All the main points of the working can be seen in the engine-room by means of gauges, thus preventing any oil or dirt getting into the well; and as nothing comes in contact with the water but pure air, no contamination whatever is possible

1897 05 08
Technical instruction, p2-3
Haverhill waterworks opened, p3
Fen ghosts, p3 *

1897 05 10
Presentation Digby, skating, p3

1897 05 11
Under the personal direction of Mr James D. Bohee, banjoist to the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Royal Bohee Operatic Minstrels commenced a week's visit to Cambridge at the Beaconsfield Hall, Gwydir-street, when the room was filled. Mr Bohee played a popular march on the banjo, and instrument so often condemned as unmusical and showed his skill the more in his rendering of "Home, sweet home" with variations, which afforded more scope for his fingers to bring out the effect of light and shade, the soft passages seeming to whisper in the air amid the silence of the room, and the crashing noises of the fortissimo resounding loudly above the accompaniment of the orchestra.

1897 05 12

Last night a brilliant debate took place in the Debating Hall of the Cambridge University Union on the question of Women's Degrees. Mr T.F.R. McDonnell of St John's College said that one would suppose that as soon as the report had been passed a plague of women would descend upon Cambridge and infest everything. It was asked why women did not found a University of their own. A University was not built in a day and this would not prevent them from building one

1897 05 12
Ely tallow works move, p3
Baptist singing in chapel, p4

1897 05 13
The 3rd (Cambs) Volunteer Battalion, Suffolk Regiment are suffering seriously through lack of accommodation at their headquarters in Corn Exchange Street, Cambridge. "Most inconveniently", said the Colonel emphatically "we are unable to get the gun in"

1897 05 13
University Rifle Corps inspection, p3
Stretham Amateur Dramatic Society entertainment, p3
Bourn jubilee suggestions, p3

1897 05 14
An alarming and extensive fire occurred at Cottenham soon after midnight. Some young people were returning from a birthday party and upon passing the premises of the Alexandra Coffee Tavern noticed a fire in one of the outbuildings. Alarm was at once given but as it unfortunately happened the place was surrounded by a number of large thatched barns and buildings and in a very short time seven premises were ablaze and lit up the country for miles around

1897 05 17
Mill Road library opening, p2 # c.77.4

1897 05 18
As already stated in our columns Cottenham has been the scene of an alarming and extensive fire. The outbreak occurred in an outbuilding behind the Alexandra Coffee Tavern, where Mr Whitehead, who lets out bicycles on hire, had a quantity of machines. It is thought that the outbreak may have been caused by one of the lamps of the machines having been left alight

1897 05 18
On Monday last Mr Marshall Fisher of Ely celebrated his 92nd birthday, and received numerous congratulations and good wishes. He is (with the exception of a little deafness) in full possession of his facilities. When asked by our representative the secret of his long continued good health, he replied that he had always been strictly temperate, and smoked but once in his life. By the courtesy of Mr Fisher our representative was shown round his museum

1897 05 19
Fires & panics, 02 & see 20th, p2-3
Death Earl Hardwicke, p3
New Free Library, p3 * # c.77.4
Suicide son of Stearn, photographer, p3

1897 05 20
East Road library, p2 # c.77.4
Watering tram lines, p3
Proposed removal Midsummer Fair, p3
Bathers to wear drawers, p3

1897 05 21
Sir - It has been a cause of much regret and dissatisfaction to many to hear of the closing of the Barnwell Branch Free Library. It was understood that the opening of the new library on the Mill-road would not interfere with the progress of the Barnwell branch, but it seems that the East-road library is to be closed to supply the Romsey Town Library with books. When it is closed I am afraid many people who would otherwise read, will patronise public-houses, for many men who have worked 12 hours would hardy care to walk a mile before they could get a book to read

1897 05 21
Ashley fire, p3
Dunmow flitch, p3

1897 05 21 c
At Ely Urban District Council meeting a number of cases of waste water, defective cisterns and sanitary defects were reported. The pump at Queen Adelaide, which had been put out of order through mischievous boys putting stones in, had been repaired at a cost of £2. Warning notices had been put up.

1897 05 21
After the Senate House scenes yesterday (when the University voted against degrees for women) there was a brief respite. It was the calm before the storm. About 7 o'clock there was a grand gathering of the clans. Undergraduates began trooping through the streets to what was obviously a pre-arranged rendezvous - the Market Hill. From the four corners of the square fire was opened upon everybody and everything within range. Bombs, hand-rockets, and every description of firework manufactured were flung haphazard into the crowd until the scene resembled nothing so much as the bombardment of a hostile camp, It is no exaggeration to say that hundreds of pounds worth of stuff were got rid of during the five hours the proceedings lasted

1897 05 21
'The University of Cambridge' (the "Daily News" thinks) 'has not improved its reputation for sense and judgement by its votes (not to award women degrees). Not a single argument worthy of the name has been produced in favour of the decision'. 'Of the wisdom shown by the Cambridge Senate there can be but one opinion' (says the "Morning Post"). 'In rejecting by an overwhelming majority the Graces for giving Titles of Degrees to ladies they have done much to revive the reputation of their University for forethought and discretion'

1897 05 22
The custom of bestowing the Dunmow flitch of bacon has been suspended once more. It is probably abolished for ever, seeing that previous to its revival seven or eight years ago, it had fallen into desuetude. This might have been owing to the modern conditions attached to its bestowal. When in the reign of Henry VII it was made known that "he which repented him not of his marriage, sleeping or waking, in a yeere and a day, might lawfully fetch a gammon of bacon" from the priory church of Little Dunmow" this was comparatively easy of obtainment

1897 05 22
Women degrees, undergraduate carnival, p3

1897 05 24
Baby farming, p3

1897 05 24
An incident that is probably unparalleled in Poor Law annals has just occurred at Newmarket. The master of the workhouse has for several years been collecting funds to build a church for the inmates

and has simultaneously been studying for Holy Orders in order to be himself qualified to act as incumbent. He has succeeded in both these objects. The spirit of emulation is strong among workhouse managers and once they begin to enter the ranks of the church nobody knows where they will stop

1897 05 25
Yesterday afternoon a ceremony of the deepest import to the Presbyterian Church of England took place at Cambridge, when Mrs Lewis and Mrs Gibson jointly laid the foundation stone of the Westminster Theological College. A large number of people assembled on the site many of the visitors coming from a distance. The building will stand on the piece of ground between Madingley-road, Northampton-street and Pound-hill. The building is in the English Renaissance style # c.44.5

1897 05 25
Tudor's new circus, p3

1897 05 26
A considerable amount of misapprehension appears to exist in regard to the provision of music for the use of the inmates of the Cambridge Workhouse. As a matter of fact that institution is unusually well provided with musical instruments. In addition to the organ recently erected in the chapel there are five or six other instruments - harmoniums and pianos – distributed throughout the house so that the inmates have frequent opportunities of enjoying music in their own rooms. Indeed it is safe to say that more music is heard in the wards in a single week than the majority would have heard in their own homes in 12 months

1897 05 26
Modern antiquity, p2
East Road reading room, p3

1897 05 27
The foundation stone of the new building of St John's church, Hills Road, Cambridge, was successfully laid on the 4th May last year. The first section was completed and consecrated December 15th, 1896. The result of opening the new building has amply justified the decision to hasten the commencement of the work. The congregations have been most encouraging and the average of the weekly collections doubled

1897 05 27
Mill Road sale property, p2
Circus case at Shelford, p3
Westwick farmer bankruptcy, p3

1897 05 31
After the heat on Sunday thunderstorms were experienced In some of the houses in Romsey Town, Cambridge, the rain beat in under the doors and ran as far as the staircases and sitting rooms, necessitating the use of pails and house-flannels, whilst at others it was found necessary to bail the water from the gutter to prevent the flooding of front rooms. This latter operation was a matter of precaution as the steps of the houses are level with the paths - another argument for making paths before the houses are erected

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Seats on Pieces, p2
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1897 05 01
East Road library, p2
Tudor's new circus, p2
Harston Friendly Society embarrassment, p3

1897 06 02
St Ives was visited on Saturday evening by a thunderstorm of short duration. At Mr B. King's house in Church-street the chimney was struck and bricks scattered in all direction. The current made a great hole in the roof and smashed all the ornaments and a water jug in the bedroom. A large picture in a gilt frame looks as though it has been rescued from fire, all the gilt being scorched and burnt off. This picture hung directly over the head of the bed in which Mrs King and her child were.

1897 06 02
Pindar at Lode, p3

1897 06 03
The Mill-road branch of the Free Library was opened by the Mayor last night amid every manifestation of pleasure and satisfaction. The Mayor said that people who lived in that neighbourhood were too far from the Guildhall to be able to get the full advantage of the Free Library. Within a half-mile radius of the handsome new building there is a population of not less than 12,000 people. It was in May 1891 that the Guardians conveyed the site to the Corporation for the express purpose of erecting thereon a building for a branch free library. No public body ever made better use of public ground # c.77.4

1897 06 04
The Queen Victoria's Jubilee Free Dinner Committee, having placed their fund for feeding the aged on a satisfactory footing, have determined to give a free tea to the children of Cambridge between the ages of 7 and 14. It is fitting that the children of the town, the inheritors of the wonderful empire that has been built up and its future guardians, should have indelibly impressed on their minds the greatest landmark in modern English history – Editorial

1897 06 05
A number of long service medals were presented to members of the Volunteer Fire Brigade last night. Captain Greef asked the Mayor to see if they could not get a permanent station with quarters for the men, and also a steam fire-engine. There were some parts of the town almost unprotected and he was sure the University authorities would welcome the steam fire-engine, and perhaps they would subscribe. The Mayor said he was afraid the suggestion about the University being willing to subscribe was not received with enthusiasm

1897 06 07
A good number of people are attending the fete on Midsummer Common. In that part of the enclosure nearest Maid's Causeway, shooting galleries, stalls, cocoanut shies and one of Thurston's steam roundabouts were gathered and kept matters lively. During the afternoon a fancy dress bicycle carnival took place, handsome prizes were awarded for the best costumes. The first prize for the ladies, a diamond and ruby crescent brooch, was awarded to Miss L. Unwin of Newnham who, with helmet, breastplate, shield and trident made a dignified Britannia. Miss Unwin will also receive the silver "King of the Road" lamp and baby bell given by the Humber Cycle Supply Co.

1897 06 07
Commons committee & Jubilee, p2 & 8th p2

1897 06 08
Tudor's circus, p2
Whitsun fete, p2
St John's church new window, p3

1897 06 09
One of the most sad and gruesome crimes it has ever been our lot to publish was brought to light at Saffron Walden, the circumstances attending which have not we fear yet been entirely disclosed and there is reason to believe that before the matter is cleared up there will probably be unpleasant disclosures in connection herewith. The parties concerned are a shepherd and his daughter and involve the death of an infant child aged about four days.

1897 06 09
Rising storm – dinner committee, p2
Undergraduate articles in Gt St Mary's sermon, p3

1897 06 10
Rede lecture, p3
Commons committee defences, p3
Waste in workhouse, p3

1897 06 11
St Ives jubilee address, p3

1897 06 12
Free Library movement, p2

1897 06 14
Death in the lamp – inquest, p2
Saffron Walden – more water wanted, p4

1897 06 15
Jubilee dinner committee, p2
University intelligence – mathematical trios, p3
Tudor's circus, p4

1897 06 16
Interesting wedding, p2
New Cherryhinton jubilee, p2

1897 06 16
At Huntingdon Borough Sessions a man and his wife were charged with neglecting to keep their children in a proper manner. Mr Beresford, Inspector of Nuisances for Huntingdon, said he found the room in a most filthy state. There were only a few things in the room, besides a heap of old rags in a corner which seemed to make a bed for the children, and the stench was most terrible. He saw three or four children without shoe or stocking on; the youngest was outside the front door with only a torn shirt on. He only found a small portion of bread, a little piece of butter, and a little sugar in the house. This was all they had

1897 06 17
University intelligence – congregation, p3
More reading rooms for Cambridge, p2
Tramway for sewage farm, p3

1897 06 17 c
The stone throwing has once again commenced down by the river, but the boys who congregate on the Victoria Bridge stand an extremely good chance of finding themselves either in the "clutches of the Law", or in the river; and I am afraid if they repeat the offence of throwing barrel hoops and logs

of wood on the heads of the boating fraternity who pass up the staircase at Winter's Boat Yard, they will find themselves summarily dealt with – letter

1897 06 17
Willingham is preparing to celebrate the longest reign Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee) by a feast to the whole village in the form of a meat tea, to be partaken in the open air (weather permitting) under the shade of some noble elm trees in the north end of the village. Provision is being made for 800 adults and 400 children

1897 06 18
Comfortable stand on Jubilee Day, p1
Warning mischievous lads, p3
New Cherryhinton & Jubilee, p3

1897 06 19
Cambridge will have its bonfire on Jubilee night and from the nature of the site we shall have it all to ourselves. Midsummer Common is to be the venue, and as that is about the flattest part of Cambridge there is not much prospect of its being seen beyond the limits of the town, although should the fire be a big one and the night fairly dark, the glow in the sky ought to be seen all over the fen country. One of the most interesting experiments will be that of the search- light on Ely cathedral. The great shaft of light sent out by the search-light, first in one direction and then another, should send a message not only to Cambridge, but over a great portion of East Anglia – editorial

1897 06 21
Such has been the general progress during the Victorian era that it is difficult from the point of view of today to recall the Cambridge of 1837. In the year of her Majesty's accession but few houses stood on the marshy spot which we now know as the populous district of New Town. There were a few residents in Newnham and some scattered dwellings in the neighbourhood of New-square while beyond on the Newmarket-road lay Barnwell of historic note. Chesterton, as a part of Cambridge, was confined to the outgrowth of the town in the neighbourhood of Castle Hill and a plan of the town stops short at the Mill-road corner of Parker's Piece. In 1837 the population would be about 21,000. Recently it has been estimated at over 50,000.

1897 06 21
Jubilee Sunday services, p2

1897 06 21
Jubilee Sunday services, p2

1897 06 21 c
Sir, - The drought menace is causing alarm among the various water undertakings in the country and the Ministry of Health points out the dangers of droughts, especially when they occur in two successive years. Should an Inspector come to Cambridge I hope he will find time to visit Milton-road tennis courts, where he will find gallons of water wasted. From early morning till late at night men are spraying water on the courts. The time may come, and come soon, when water may have to be rationed. Why does the proprietor of the courts not buy a few water carts and give the unemployed a job to cart the water from the river, instead of using water that may be needed for domestic use? - letter from A.E Stubbs

1897 06 21 c
At the fortnightly meeting of the Chesterton Board of Guardians Mr Rutter said that the matron once complained of the waste of bread in the Workhouse. The inmates had too much bread, and it was thrown away. Mr Cock said he knew there was waste in some workhouses and vagrant paupers were fed with the waste food of the ordinary inmates. Mr Foster said that he had been round the house a great many times and had never discovered there was any great waste. Every pauper was allowed so

much bread and they did not always eat it. Each one had a sort of little cupboard of their own, and so they had a little piece of lunch is they required it.

1897 06 21 c
At St Ives Town Council the Mayor said they would like to offer an address of congratulation to her Majesty on this memorable occasion (her Diamond Jubilee), and read an address which he proposed such be illuminated and presented at a cost not exceeding five guineas. Mr Kiddle asked what her Majesty did with these address and if she saw them. He was as loyal as anybody in the room but he could not see his way to spend five guineas for an illuminated address. It was agreed it be engrossed on parchment in the Town Clerk's office.

1897 06 21 c
Mr Tudor's circus have contrived week after week to place before their patrons a programme not entirely different from those preceding it. The last item on the programme is contributed by the Canadian troupe of comic and scientific skaters, one of the men representing a policeman of goodly proportions, his clothes being apparently inflated to bursting point! His many tumbles and his bounciness when on the ground do not fail to convulse the spectators

1897 06 23
Providence set the seal of approval on the absolutely flawless celebration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. Cambridge Market-place presented a particularly attractive spectacle with the Guildhall illuminated and the long lines of coloured lamps; above all with the moving masses of eager folk, who had come out in the best of tempers to be amused. One or two cranky people pretended to be shocked at the extreme naughtiness of letting off a few squibs, which was not to be compared with the imprudence of running heavy 'busses through the narrow and crowded Cury and Market-hill. A remarkably beautiful sunset was succeeded by the exquisite Jubilee twilight mingling into the dawn of the longest day; and in Cambridge, as elsewhere, everybody who went to bed - and most folks sought that sensible repose – did so with high hopes of the morrow

1897 06 23
The festivities in Cambridge (for Victoria's Jubilee) were inaugurated on Monday evening with a cyclists' lantern parade and a more successful commencement it would have been difficult to suggest. Over a hundred cyclists attended by far the greater portion being in costume or having their machines decorated. The cyclists assembled in the Priory Grounds, Newmarket-road. A large crowd gathered in the neighbourhood and hailed with applause the decorated machines as they approached. The first prize for the best decorated machine was awarded to Mr Dunn who had made his machine represent the Indian jungle. A deer's head was shown from the front of the machine in the middle of grasses and evergreen, while behind, monkeys sported among the ferns and vegetation. Mr Dunn himself was attired in the garb of a hunter.

1897 06 24
One of the most interesting events of the Jubilee week was the dinner to 1,000 aged people of Cambridge which took place on Parker's Piece. From 10 a.m. an army of helpers 400 strong, all as busy as bees, were engaged in preparing the tents, two in number, for the expected guests. The old people began to arrive very early, with beaming faces and expectant eyes. "It's not the dinner so much", said an old lady of some 75 summers, "it's taking part in the Jubilee dinner and meeting with all the others". Gowns of antique stuff, redolent of sweet lavender, that had lain by for years protected against the ravages of moth, were brought out in honour of the occasion. One old gentleman had hunted up a pair of white jean trousers that he went courting in 50 years ago.

1897 06 24
Sewage, Cherry Hinton, p2
Mortuary wanted, p3

1897 06 25

It is a matter of satisfaction that the subscriptions which have been received by the Jubilee Dinner Committee were sufficient to give a tea to some 4,000 school children of Cambridge between the ages of seven and 12. A mug and plate was provided for each child, and the plates when they sat down were furnished with bread and butter and two lumps of cake. Once in the enclosure they were each presented with a medal commemorating the Jubilee. Until tea commenced the enclosure was a perfect babel with the children's' chatter. Far more children than expected came, and some of the school teachers had written their own tickets. Not a few of the children attending were obviously either over or under the age which had been decided. All were soon provided for and the committee were able to keep replenishing the tables. As they finished tea the children left the tables, and, shouting, romped and danced to the band's music. The sight was enough to set the milk of human kindness surging through the heart of the most misguided misanthrope

1897 06 25
Here and there among the little folk: impressions of an onlooker. The five immense tents pitched on Parker's Piece were crammed with youngsters full of the restless energy of youth. What a sight it was to see them come dancing down the various roads leading to Parker's Piece, swarming over the iron fences, racing across the greensward, and roguishly crying the policemen on duty in the vicinity of the feast. Not one could walk sedately or cease from whistling for very joy. The desertion of teachers, the near approach of the end of the Jubilee holiday, everything was forgotten in the delight of the children's day.

1897 06 25
In commemoration of the Great Jubilee of her Majesty, a meat tea was provided for poor married couples residing in the East Ward of Chesterton. A field belonging to Mr R.H. Lord on Scotland-road was secured for the occasion. Some 500 adults sat down to the meat tea which consisted of rounds of beef, legs of mutton and hams. The meat had been admirably cooked in the kitchens of Clare College. After tea the men were supplied with tobacco, tobacco boxes and pipes and snuff and snuff boxes while strawberries were provided for the women

1897 06 25
Police & Jubilee, p2
Jubilee in villages, p3

1897 06 26
New Cherryhinton jubilee, p2
Earith bridge jubilee feasting, p3

1897 06 28
Cambridge and crime, p2
St Andrews Chesterton new East window & reredos, p2 # c.83
Every person convicted photographed, p3
Royston jubilee, p3

1897 06 29
Barnwell reading room, p2
Memories of sale of All Saint's church, p2
Tudors circus, p2
Barrington jubilee, p3

1897 06 30
The Great Jubilee was successfully celebrated by the inhabitants of the village of Newnham amid every demonstration of loyalty and public rejoicing. The form of celebration chosen was a fete champetre held on Corpus Cricket Ground. Pinafores were given to a number of girls, and caps to boys; silver bangles were given to 12 older girls and to the old folks calico and flannel was presented. The evening's rejoicing were inaugurated by an excellent tea which included ham, beef, cakes,

strawberries and cream, and buns and biscuits galore, about 200 persons partaking of the bountiful repast.

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1897 07 01
Tenison Road chapel foundation stone, p2 # c.83
GNR & Barrington syndicate, p2
State of streets, p3
Coachbuilder's claim, p4 *

1897 07 02
Jubilee Old Chesterton, Newnham, p3

1897 07 03
The Hunts Agricultural Society, which can boast of being senior to the Royal, held its 61st annual exhibition in the county town. The Jubilee celebrations have exercised a depressing effect upon holiday-makers and that fact will sufficiently account for the somewhat small attendance of visitors. It is a good sign that the speakers dwelt far less than is customary upon the topic of agricultural depressions. We may fairly assume that the worst is over and that while the agricultural interest is not perhaps sharing in the wonderful prosperity of the country in so great a degree as other branches of industry, yet even they have escaped from the low levels so generally prevalent a few years ago.

1897 07 05
The Cambridge employees of Messrs Rattee and Kett, Station-road, had their annual outing to Scarborough. The party, numbering upwards of 100, left Cambridge by special train (to which, by the courtesy of Mr Holditch, the G.E.R. station-master, three saloons had been attached for their convenience) at 5 a.m., Scarborough being reached at 11 a.m. Through the generosity of the firm refreshments were liberally supplied both going and returning.

1897 07 05
A trades and cycle exhibition was opened at the Cambridge Corn Exchange yesterday. A large part of the exhibition is devoted to the cycling trade and local firms are showing cycles of the finest and best patterns. At the stand of the Cycle Supply Co, (whose place of business is 23 Sussex-street) can be seen some fine specimens of the King, Granville, Ensign and Vanguard Cycles. The King cycles are made by the firm and three of the machines exhibited have been made to order for Cambridge people. The machines are a remarkably neat and well-finished lot. Ladies' machines can be obtained from £9 and gents' from £8

1897 07 05
Willingham recreation ground, p3

1897 07 06
Dullingham vicar & new window, p2

1897 07 07
Station Road fire, p2 & 8th, p3 # c.34.75

1897 07 07
Please note. We shall sell for the remainder of the Jubilee Year, 1897, our marvellous "Commemoration Tea" at 1/4 per lb, the value of which was about 8/- per lb at the time of the Queen's Accession. Also other Goods at a like reduction, making the present purchasing power of a Crown nearly equal to that of a Sovereign in 1837 - advert by Warren & Son, 51 Bridge Street, Cambridge

1897 07 08

Chesterton Board of Guardians referred to the terrible disaster in Essex of a few days ago. They could not tell exactly the amount of distress that had occurred through the storm but it was something enormous – over £200,000. An area of some 70 square miles had been affected and it would not only affect the tenant farmers but also the labourers very materially. Farmers, market gardeners, nurserymen and also the labourers all found their harvest gone as it would be a complete failure. Farm after farm had been so injured that there was not an acre of corn upon many farms.

1897 07 08
The Cambridge Sewage Farm at Milton threatens to become a fruitful source of friction between the Chesterton Rural Authority and the Cambridge Corporation. From time to time complaints of a very serious nature are made concerning the odours which arise from that establishment, coupled with further complaints of polluted water in the public drains. It is clear that if something is not done to remedy the nuisance we shall have a recurrence of litigation

1897 07 08
Workmen's' outing, p4

1897 07 09
The annual inspection of the Third (Cambs) Volunteer Battalion, Suffolk Regiment took place at the University Rifle Range. Various battalion movements were executed and the inspection concluded with a sham fight in which the cycling section and the machine gun were opposed to the main body of the troops. The sham fight would have been done better if the non- commissioned officers in charge of the sections had not repeated the words too quickly

1897 07 10
Outrage on railway, p3

1897 07 12
Saffron Walden market, p2

1897 07 12
Potato disease, we regret to say, has broken out in various parts of South Lincolnshire where the acreage devoted to the crop is as large as in any district in the kingdom. It is seldom that the presence of the disease-fungus is detected so early in the season but the atmosphere is laden with the diseased haulm. The intense heat at times experienced, the torrential rains and the highly electrical conditions of the atmosphere have no doubt all encouraged this early development of potato blight. But the efficacy of sulphate of copper spraying has been so clearly demonstrated that growers may guard their crops with almost absolute certainty against destruction

New Theatre, 2nd annual concert, p3

1897 07 13
Jubilee workers, p2

1897 07 13
The second annual meeting of the shareholders of the New Theatre, Cambridge, Ltd was held at the Theatre. The Chairman said it was difficult to select pieces that suited all classes. What suited the undergraduates did not suit the townspeople, and the undergraduates were some of their best patrons, and they had to cater for them very often, when they would like to give, perhaps, a really better class entertainment. They did the best they could. That was the reason that they had never played at a loss for a whole week. One of the best sources of income in a small way was the hiring of opera glasses

1897 07 13
The villages of Swaffham Prior and Swaffham Bulbeck were the scene of an interesting ceremony when the marriage of Miss Isabella Maude Allix of Swaffham Prior House and Captain Edward

Young of the Royal Engineers took place. The church was filled to overflowing and the aisle was lined with eight non-commissioned officers all of whom, to judge by the array of medals on their breasts, were accustomed to perform a services somewhat more arduous and less ornamental than on this occasion. The bride wore a dress of rich ivory satin with chiffon sleeves trimmed with old Limerick lace and sprays of myrtle and orange blossom. After signing the register the bride and bridegroom were met at the vestry by three little boys carrying baskets of flowers and the little fellows walking backwards in true court style strewed the bride's path to her carriage. After the ceremony the bridal party returned to Swaffham Prior House, passing under a triumphal arch which had been erected over the lodge gate.

1897 07 14
The cathedral city of Ely presented an unwontedly animated appearance when it was the rendezvous for the annual festival of the Ely branch of the Church of England Temperance Society. The promotion of temperance, the reformation of the intemperate and the removal of the causes that lead to intemperance are the main objects of the society and it works by means of pole court and prison gate missions, labour homes, racecourse and van missions, inebriate homes etc. The preacher remarked that the society worked not against publicans or the drink but against drunkenness, which was a burden upon their country and the blackest spot in this year of thanksgiving.

1897 07 14
Croydon Wilds, aptly so called, is one of the most remote parts of England. Its few inhabitants are housed in a couple of roomy cottages and it was to one of these cottages that a representative of the "Cambridge Independent Press" penetrated, and had a talk with the most inspected [sic] and intelligent of the inhabitants, Mr Smith, who has lived there for thirty-four years. His daughter, as the reporter passed through the cottage garden, stood bright and blooming beneath the lintel.

1897 07 14
Temperance Festival, p3

1897 07 15
At the Cambridge Borough Police-court an Italian organ grinder was charged with threatening to stick a knife into the abdomen of P.C. Barringer. It was found necessary to engage an interpreter. In answer to the charge, prisoner said if the constable was in his country and interfered they would put a knife through him, but he did not mean that he would do it. He meant to say if the constable was in his country he would have a knife put into him by someone else. The policeman said he saw a woman playing an organ and as the street was full of traffic he requested her to "move on". Prisoner, who was very angry exclaimed "Me will fight you; Me will stick a knife in you"

1897 07 15
Cottenham Show & 3rd p3

1897 07 15 c
At Melbourn Petty Sessions the landlord of the Green Man, Shepreth was charged with opening his licenced premises for the sale of intoxicating liquor during prohibited hours. P.C. W. Housden, stationed at Fowlmere, stated that on Sunday morning at 2.15 am he saw a light at the Green Man public house. He saw a man come from a house a short distance away, where there was singing and dancing. He went to the Green Man and was let in. Witness went close to the public-house door and waited for him to come out. He found he had a half- gallon bottle full of beer. The landlord's wife said 19th June was Feast Day at Shepreth, At 9.30 the man ordered half-gallon and paid for it and said he would call for it later. She drew the beer soon after it was paid for. It was not taken away then but was called for at two o'clock when she just handed it to him.

1897 07 16
Free Library, p2
Warning to cabbies, p3

Cambridge road, p3

1897 07 19
University and degrees for women, p3

1897 07 20
Telegraphic services, p2
Tudors Circus, p2
Why Ranji going home, p3

1897 07 21
Oakington show, p2
Shepreth feast, p3

1897 07 21
Everyone in the Camp at Yarmouth is having a "real good time" and but a few malcontents are to be found in the whole of the Brigade. Everything tends to make life enjoyable and every mother's son of the 370 offers and men of the 3rd Cambridgeshire Regiment is sunburnt and beaming with the ruddy hue of health. All this speaks well for the ozone of "Bloaterville". The South Denes make a capital camping ground and from the base of Nelson's Column, where the lines commence, the Brigade makes quite an imposing show, their red coats giving the scene a really military appearance.

1897 07 22
The Red Cow public house and premises adjoining in Guildhall-street, Cambridge, belonging to Mrs Charles Armstrong and forming three frontages are to be rebuilt in red brick and stone from designs by Messrs Rowe & Scott, architects. Mr Armstrong is about to sell to the Corporation a piece of the site to widen Guildhall-street, which will be a public advantage and the erection of these buildings will greatly improve the neighbourhood.

1897 07 22
Agricultural show, p3

1897 07 23
Modern Dick Turpin, p3

1897 07 23 c
The annual show in connection with the Mill Road, Barnwell and New Town Amateur Gardeners' Association has long been one of the most popular attractions of the summer months. The competition in vegetables was keen among the cottagers' classes. As for amusement at first- class bill of fare was provided for the holiday-makers who began to stream into the building later on in the day

1897 07 24
Theft from servant girl, p p2
Revolution in cricket, p3

1897 07 26
On Saturday afternoon the members of the Royston and Hitchin Associations of the National Union of Teachers held their annual picnic in the beautiful grounds of Odsey House. The company dispersed about the grounds, some going in for cricket (ladies v gentlemen), others for tennis and croquet, whilst others strolled about the grounds, which just now are looking very pretty. During the afternoon tea was served in one of the walks under the trees by Mr Rogers of the Railway Inn, Ashwell Station, who catered admirably, and the company again went back to their respective amusements. All were loud in their expressions of delight at the arrangements that had been made for their comfort and pleasure.

1897 07 27
The Cambridge town eight-oared bumping races – an annual event in which great interest is manifested by a select few, but which a large proportion of the townspeople seem wholly unconcerned - were begun over the old Varsity course from Baitsbite to the railway bridge. All the boats were afloat by 7.50 with the exception of Rob Roy II which was at that particular time showing every symptom of sinking. This was owing to an error on the part of the crew who, in dropping their light ship, plunged head foremost over it and into the stream, thus affording a diverting carnival to a small band of onlookers. Both clothes and spirits were seriously damped by the mishap and eight men were shortly afterwards to be seen hastening to their respective homes, sadder and wiser than when they set forth.

1897 07 27
Byron's pool fatality, p3 *
Haslingfield Crimea veteran's death *

1897 07 28
A casual detained at Cambridge Workhouse was charged with refusing to do such work as was "suited to his age, strength and capacity". Fred Fordham, porter at the Workhouse stated that the man was taken to a cell to do his day's work - picking 4lb of oakum. Defendant said he did not intend to do the work. Witness locked the door and left him there. Oakum picking did not need very good eyesight, and the cells were well lighted. Defendant was expected to do a day's work lasting from 7am to 5pm. Stone breaking was done by men under 60 and oakum picking by those over. When he went to see what the defendant had done he found he had used a stone- breaking hammer to smash the door of his cell. Defendant said the cells were a disgrace, only a birdcage made of lathe and plaster. He was sent to prison for 7 days

1897 07 28
Kidman outing London, p2

1897 07 29
A public meeting was held in Balsham schoolroom to pass the Jubilee accounts and to decide what should be done with the balance of £12.9s.1d. It was proposed to give every cottager in the village 2 cwt of coal during the next winter. Mr Cornell then read a short speech saying the Jubilee was a failure, and the committee were not gentlemen (which was partly true, there being several ladies on the committee). The Rector said he hoped the meeting gave the committee the credit of being honest men and that they would show their thanks for all that had been done for them. This was received with cheers and the meeting ended with loud cheers for the committee

1897 07 29
Romsey Town roads, p2
Collision, p3

1897 07 30
Cambridgeshire County Council considered the question of the management of the roads. Ald Clear said they now had the double system of district roads under the District Councils and main roads under the County Council. The District Councils were now in full swing in the management of their roads and had competent men as surveyors. If they were given the 250 miles of main roads under the County Council it would effect a great saving. Councillor Clark said he was strongly opposed to the roads being handed over by a competent body to incompetent ones.

1897 07 30
Cambridge Omnibus Co, p2
Croydon allotment, p3

1897 07 31
Man who wouldn't work, p2

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1897 08 02
Messrs Gain, Moyes and Wisbey offered for sale the Shakespeare Brewery, Newmarket-road, Cambridge and 15 freehold licensed inns, public houses and beerhouses. Lots commenced at £500 and rose rapidly - in the case of the Red Bull, Barton Road to £2,050. Other prices included The Shakespeare Brewery and Inn (£2,000), The Greyhound, Lt Wilbraham (£800), The Bakers' Arms, Fulbourn (£950), The Railway Inn, Harlton (£725) and The Cherry Tree beerhouse, Swaffham Fen (£600) # c.27.4

1897 08 03
The weather again favoured this old favourite gala (at Haverhill). Crowds of people came in by road and rail and there could not have been less than 8,000 on the ground during the day. The road was spanned with flags at the Woolpack, which was also very gay with bunting and boughs of oak, and the scaffolding at the new Co-operative buildings was utilised to display a crowd of flags. Almost every shop and house gave signs of a general holiday

1897 08 03
Adulterated milk, p3
Dunmow Flitch, p4

1897 08 04
An extraordinary general meeting of the Cambridge Electric Supply co. ltd was held at the Company's offices, Thompson's Lane, Cambridge. The chairman reported that their first capital had been £40,000 which had been spent on plant and the necessary things to equip the station. They had gone over that and had borrowed £2,250 from the bank. The business of the company was increasing and the capital must be increased too. Now was the time for shareholders to reap the reward of their enterprise if the use of electric light became universal in Cambridge # c.24.6

1897 08 04
Ely sports

1897 08 05
Watering roads, p2

1897 08 06
Bourn show in storm, p3 *
Haslingfield fire, p3 *

1897 08 06
Yesterday afternoon a terrible thunderstorm passed over Royston district. The storm commenced with a fearful downpour of rain accompanied by heavy lightning and thunder. The streets were deluged and stream like rivers coursed down the High-street, Market-hill and Back-street. Following upon this came a hailstorm, stones larger than marbles falling heavily and thickly. A good deal of glass was broken. A horse attached to a cart loaded with coal for Barley became frightened and bolted and the coal was scattered all along the road

1897 08 07
There is apparently no end to the capabilities of the "X" rays. A farmer with a large quantity of poultry found that the number of eggs produced was not as great as it ought to be. Accordingly the Rontgen rays were called into requisition and a preliminary examination of 12 hens showed that eight

were egg producers and four were not. An "X" ray plan was then permanently established and all the hens were subjected to a searching examination. The result was a decided increase of eggs. The non-producers were ruthlessly plucked and sent to market

1897 08 07
Barnwell library

1897 08 09
Sir - Now that the Jubilee accounts have been reckoned up it seems fitting we should start afresh the matter of the new bridge. The question of a new bridge to connect Chesterton with Cambridge at the Abbey Estate is of supreme importance. The ferryman knows no rest. All the people at Old Chesterton have to be crossed over long before the omnibuses are astir. The wheels of progress anywhere in the vicinity have moved round in the past with about the same velocity as a farmer's cart! Is this to drag on for ever? The advantage of another bridge over the now-sweetened Cam would be a great gain to both Chesterton and Cambridge in equal proportion - letter signed "Chestertonian"

1897 08 09
Cottenham school raid

1897 08 10
Haverhill new sewerage scheme will cost the parish a comparatively small sum. It is proposed to do away with the old brick arrangements between the White Hart and Crown-passage and substitute modern pipes. It so happened that several members of the Sanitary Committee were out of their houses on Thursday last, and if they had not seen or smelt the abominable filth and stench before they had full benefit of it then and sensibly and immediately instructed the Surveyor to suggest ways for abolishing this evil, which is, however only one of several

1897 08 11
The ancient city of Ely is greatly favoured in the variety of country rambles which one may enjoy across fields etc. This morning a chum and myself, whilst indulging in one of these old walks - not much frequented now - from the junction of Kettlesworth and Clayway Droves to New Barnes, were astonished to find about midway across the first field, that a fence had been erected, along the top of which was stretched a barbed (or barbarous) wire. We saw two labourers who said "There's a new chap got this 'ere land, and he thinks he's going to stop the path, but he can't. I should go on if I were you" – letter

1897 08 11
Cottenham water supply, p2 *
Gt Chishill church tower dedication, p3

1897 08 12
Witcham Gravel rates, p2

1897 08 13
Town rowing regatta, p2
Royston flower show, p3

1897 08 14
Most people who have made the voyage to the Cape have become familiar with the huge bird known as the Albatross and the only one known to have reached Great Britain alive has recently been captured by a farm labourer in the parish of Linton. Mr Travis, the well-known naturalist of Bury St Edmund's purchased the bird, and it will no doubt find a home in a large private museum. It is probably the most interesting capture ever known in East Anglian bird lore.

1897 08 14
More than one correspondent has recently voiced the general feeling of disquiet at the vile language used by loafers at our street corners. It is obvious the police cannot cope with the evil themselves. The ordinary individual will not run the risk and annoyance of acting single- handed in cases of this sort but if a considerable section of the public combined offending blackguards would be more careful in their conduct.

1897 08 16
Cam pollution – letters, p2 *
Barnwell free library, p2 *

1897 08 17
East Road reading room, p2
Newton Digby – sketch, p3

1897 08 18
Today we have pleasure in chronicling a capture which redoubts to the credit of the Cambridgeshire County Constabulary. There appears to be an idea prevalent amongst London thieves that once in this county they have an easy job in "cracking a crib" and getting away with their booty. Evidently full of this delusion two such men ran down to Trumpington, their innocent hearts full of the joys in store. They bargained however without the personality of P.C. Salmon, the resident guardian of Trumpington's peace, a burly and genial officer to those who keep the law and a terror to those who "love darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil". P.C. Salmon - alas for the hopes of these two disciples of Bill Sykes - sleeps only when the burglar is not "serenading" and moreover he rides a "bike". To this cycle the culprits owe the fact that their "cycle of freedom" is run and that they have fallen "a cropper" with a bad puncture.

1897 08 18
Barrington cement works sale, p2

1897 08 19
Sometime in the course of Tuesday night a desperately determined attempt was made to obtain entrance to the Fitzwilliam Museum which in its invaluable pictures, its gems, and its magnificent collection of articles of ancient and modern art would, if successfully broken into, yield a rich harvest to intelligent burglars. A place so full of objects of art and interest is of course well-guarded, and well prepared for the visits of disciples of Bill Sykes. So the unwelcome ones found who made the attempt on Tuesday night, for after trying two doors and five windows, and using no small amount of violence they had to relinquish their efforts and go empty away. So far as we have been able to gather this is the first attempt which has been made to forcibly break into the Museum in the course of its history

1897 08 19
East Road reading room, p2 *
Guildhall rebuilding – Belcher scheme, buy houses, p3
Gamlingay Baptist church organ chamber, p4
Death Col. W.H. Baldwin of Ely, p4

1897 08 20
Considering the extent to which the sale of "hokey", or ice-cream, is carried on in Cambridge, and the revelations that have been made in connection with the industry in other towns it is justified in calling the attention of the Town Council to the matter. The stuff may or may not be manufactured in "the dirtiest slums of Cambridge" as was asserted but considering the number of children of all classes who indulge in the "luxury" we hope the Sanitary Committee will deal with it in something more than a perfunctory manner. A good many parents would like to know a little more about the article which their children devour in such large quantities during the summer.

London children bring disease, p3 *
Fordham public institute, p4
Royston workhouse vagrants, p4

1897 08 20
At a meeting of the Royston Board of Guardians the question of London children coming into the country for a holiday and bringing infectious diseases with them was brought under consideration, cases of the kind having occurred in the locality. One case of scarlet fever had broken out at a house on the Moor, Melbourn to which three children had been sent by a holiday fund from Stoke Newington. Another was a case of diphtheria which had occurred at Meldreth at a house where 12 children from Stoke Newington were staying. A couple of cases had broken out also at Reed, in a house where London children were staying

1897 08 21
For several years Cambridge has been in a state of chronic poverty. With hardly a sou in the bank – not sufficient to meet tradesmen's bill as they become due - the financial outlook has been far from cheering to the ratepayer. A farthing rate to retain East Road Reading Room is denied, yet in the next breath the modest sum of £21,000 is voted for street improvements. And again there is the front of the Guildhall. No sane person can defend the retention of a monstrosity like that and if it is not to be retained it must be replaced and care must be taken that the new building is worthy of the town

1897 08 23
The subject of the interview in this week's "Cable" is Mr C.P. Tebbutt, who is a prominent member of the County Council, manager of Foster's Bank at St Ives, and farms about 550 acres of land, within a mile of Bluntisham railway station. On the question of education he is "very opposed to the pressure exercised by the Education Department in respect of keeping boys at school. I favour a half-time and a half-day system. I have been a manager of the British School in Bluntisham for many years and I am strongly impressed with the deleterious effect the compulsory classes have had upon the agricultural community. Boys who are kept in school until they are 14 years old never make the farm labourers they would have made if they had left school at an earlier period"

1897 08 23
Scavenging complaints, p2

1897 08 24
Police & burglars, p2
Tudors Circus p3
Peterborough cathedral restoration, p3

1897 08 25
It is high time that the foul-mouthed youths of the town received a caution, for no one can sit for five minutes without being reminded that there is a "riff-raff" element among the youthful residents whose speeches could only be reported in an expurgated edition. Last Sunday evening was heard on Christ's Pieces, Cambridge, language from youngsters not in their teens that would have materially enriched the vocabulary of a London cabby. There is an undoubted feeling among hobbledehoys of the rougher grade that the utterance of profane speeches stamps them with the seal of manhood.

1897 08 25
East Road library, p2 *
Wendy pun, p3
Ely sewers, p3

1897 08 26
Jubilee cmte dinner, p2
Bassingbourn pub & Teetotal Society, p3 *

1897 08 26
At the Brewster sessions at Royston application was made for a spirit licence for the Railway Tavern in the parish of South Bassingbourn. It had been licenced as a beer house for a good many years. A large number of new houses had been erected in that part of the town and a large number of persons coming to play golf, cricket and football had to pass the house and constantly asked for spirits. It was on the direct road to the railway station. The pastor of the Kneesworth-Street Congregational Chapel ventured to oppose the application.

1897 08 27
Many of our readers are, perhaps, unaware of the existence of the Church Army Gazette Brigade. A representative of the Daily News, hearing that a certain interesting presentation would take place, paid a visit to St Matthew's parish-room in Cambridge where the Brigade meetings are held. The "Gazette" is sold for a modest halfpenny and 475 are disposed of in Cambridge and the district every week, circulating principally among the poorer classes. The paper is, of course, of a religious tone but written in a manner calculated to arrest attention.

1897 08 27
Bath Hotel bankrupt # c.27.4

1897 08 28
How many of the inhabitants of "aristocratic" Cambridge have penetrated the depths of Barnwell through the lovely labyrinths of Brewhouse Lane? A mere outsider might suppose that the city of colleges had no dark parts; that its workmen's tenements were models of sanitation and comfort; that its streets were well paved and lit; and that no foul smells arose from its sewers - in short, that a learned city would be raised and modelled on enlightened lines. For the dwellers in the "town" proper there is a reading-room and library. In Mill-road there is another reading-room and library amongst those who are, at least, moderately well to do; but in Barnwell, the abode of the toiler there is now nothing but hard work, smaller houses, surroundings much more unwholesome than in the other parts of the town - and his reading-room has been taken away. Can it be that those in authority are carrying out the scriptural prophecy: "To him that hath shall be given, and from him that hath not shall be taken away even which he hath"?

1897 08 28
Henry Kimpton, grocer, residing on the De Freville Estate, Chesterton, made application for licence to sell beer. There were 111 houses upon the Estate, occupied by the class of persons who would have a great objection to sending their servants to the Old Spring or the bowling green public houses for the purpose of obtaining beer. They were well aware that although there were bottle and jug entrances, these were often used by persons frequenting the houses.

1897 08 30
Fen farmers interviewed, Chatteris, p3

1897 08 31
Underground lavatories sought, p2
Manholes smell vilely, p3

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1897 09 01
Some remarks were made some time ago with regard to the condition of the Cambridge Workhouse and it was said that the prison would be more comfortable than the Workhouse. Mr Campkin said he knew the condition of the House more than 20 years ago, when the place was in a bad condition and when there was nothing but whitewash on the walls, and that very dirty and grimy. The place then

generally bore the aspect of being neglected. Now he thought it really marvellous. The walls were all painted, there was a dado of light and cheerful appearance and everything about the place was scrupulously clean. They found just now that there was a lack of able-bodied inmates. That was not bad, because they did not want able-bodied persons to come into the House and it spoke well for those outside the House that they were able to keep out

1897 09 01
Boots advert, p4 *

1897 09 02
The meeting of the Cambridge Street Tramways Company were told that they had been very unfortunate with their horses. Two had been lost through death. Worse still - these troubles never came singly - they had had influenza right through the stables; but thanks to the veterinary surgeon they had no loss from that and the experts considered now that the horses were better for the influenza. If that were so they must be very different to human beings.

1897 09 03
By the kindness of a firm of furniture van proprietors, four well-known Cambridge men started upon a fishing expedition for a spot upon the river known as "Dimmock's Cote". Considerable excitement was caused in the fens by the van, many wondering who was to be moved. The few natives were much amused at the novelty, and the cooking of a pan full of savoury Cambridge sausages in the open air brought them round. One afternoon no less than ten visitors were entertained to tea; they were not all gentlemen. Not a dull hour was experienced by anyone of the party

1897 09 04
An inquiry was held in the schoolroom at Hemingford Grey into the proposal of the Parish Council to borrow £300 for the purposes of providing a burial ground. The new burial ground is necessary in consequence of the churchyard being practically full, it not having been enlarged since 1838. The Council has tried in six different parts of the parish to find a suitable place. It is proposed to purchase half of the orchard belonging to Mr John Giddons in Pound road. This site is about as dry a spot as could be obtained

1897 09 06
Parachute descent Haverhill, p3

1897 09 07
The Bishop of Ely has offered the appointment of Vicar of Littleport to the Rev F.E. Rogers, curate of St Matthew's. Cambridge and of St James' Mission Church. Mr Rogers has been in Cambridge for about 14 years. He has been termed the "father" of all the young men in the parish and has been the means of reclaiming some of the most obstinate cases. He was also to a great degree instrumental in bringing the Church Army into Cambridge. He is also founder of the hostel for undergraduates in Abbey Walk which enables young gentlemen to have, in addition to a university education, a parochial education of the highest order

1897 09 07
Dr Harris, of the Grove, Stapleford, was peculiar. Opening with the 5th of February this year, when the trap delivered his baggage for the first time in Stapleford, Dr Harris seems to have carried on in high style by virtue of sheer audacity and bounce, driving about in a trap that did not belong to him, with a horse for which he had not paid and driven by a servant, who by some rule contrary to that generally governing such persons was content apparently to work without wages. Their orders were for the "best of everything" and local tradesmen - for a time - regularly deposited their goods at the Doctor's door and came away sweetly hoping for a day of reckoning. Some of them tried the reckoning without getting anything, others got more than was wanted of the wrong kind of settlement

1897 09 07

When you mention the name of Dr Harris to the head of the firm of Hunnybun and son, coachbuilders of Cambridge, his genial face beams. On 24th February Harris bought a governess car, neglecting, however to pay over the shekels. Within a week he came back with the cart and exchanged it for a phaeton. But Messrs Hunnybun are "canny" men. They sent a man with a polite note to the Doctor stating that the wheels of the phaeton they found were not altogether right in some small detail, would the Doctor allow them to rectify the fault. The faulty wheeled - and unpaid for – phaeton revolved on those wheels to Sidney Street, and never rolled back again

1897 09 08
Newmarket court – spittoon, p3 *

1897 09 08 c
An Isleham man was summoned for assaulting Thomas William Fenn. Complainant said he was in the Queen's Head inn at Isleham, when defendant came in and interfered with him, striking him twice and threatening to kill him. At last witness knocked him down and got away. Defendant had asked him for 1s. and then for 6d. but he replied he had not got it. After defendant had struck him twice he knocked him down with an iron spittoon. Defendant denied he had struck complainant, but said the latter half killed him with the spittoon. Case dismissed

1897 09 09
Some extraordinary scenes have been witnessed in the parish church of Ashley, near Newmarket, whose rector is very deaf and far from young. The curate arranged for a harvest thanksgiving service this week and the rector objected to the arrangements. At the morning service the organ was mute owing to the fact that a lady occupied the organist's seat by direction of the rector and when asked to supply tunes said she should please herself and did not play. The rector and curate entered the church together and the former, after some contention, began the service of the day. When the curate and congregation audibly objected the rector raised his voice to drown the dissent, and all the congregation but three left the church. Thereupon the rector summarily closed the service. Dissatisfaction has been rife amongst the villagers since the time when it is alleged the rector read the burial service at a wedding. The Rector accounts for the mistake by stating that his bookmark was purposely put in the wrong page.

1897 09 09
St Ives sailing club, p3

1897 09 10
St Ives Town Council Surveyor had examined the gas pipes running by the sewer. In one place the gas pipe went right across the sewer, obstructing about one fourth of it. In another case the gas pipe ran diagonally with the sewer, obstructing it. He did not think the Gas Company were the chief sinners in the matter. He thought it was the town. In some cases the sewers were laid over the gas pipes

1897 09 10
PC Fred Fuller presented with clock, Stretham, p3

1897 09 11
Newmarket man saved by trousers, p3

1897 09 13
Navigation of Ouse, p3 *

1897 09 14
The Market place at Mildenhall was early on Monday morning the scene of a disastrous fire. The outbreak occurred between the warehouse of Messrs Firth Bros, grocers and drapers, and that of Mr C. Morley, furniture dealer. The fire spread rapidly, the warehouses being of an inflammable nature; the goods stored were also highly inflammable and seven barrels of petroleum exploded. The

Mildenhall Fire Brigade was promptly on the spot with their two manual engines. A granary filled with straw ignited but was successfully dealt with by the firemen, or it is probable the White Hart Hotel would have been in immediate danger. Owing to the proximity of the fire to the bank, the agent thought it desirable to remove the cash and securities from the office. After two hours hard work the brigade managed to cut off the burning building, but it was a narrow escape for the whole of the side of the Market Square

1897 09 14
Cambridge & reading room question, p2
Haverhill woman & Union, p3 *
Tudors Circus last week, p3

1897 09 14 c
A 15 year old lad from Wixoe, Suffolk, appeared at Haverhill petty sessions, charged with stealing a purse containing 1s., the property of his mother. PC Oldring stated that he had known four of her sons for about five years. They were running about all day long in rags, and committed all sorts of minor depredations, but people would not prosecute them. He had visited their house and found only one old table there and two or three chairs. The boys were eating bread and something that looked meat gravy out of a basin. The house was in a filthy condition.

1897 09 15
Harry Wilson went to Thurrock's Farm, Clavering, with Ernest Harvey, as they heard they wanted two harvest-men there. They were to be paid £7 for five weeks' harvest and went to work on August 9th. They cut an acre of barley in less than four hours. The bailiff had said they had cut too much and got before the other people. One and a half acres was too much for one man to cut in a day. There were four other men in the harvest. The farmer said they were not paid by the acre, but by the day and the amount they cut was totally insufficient for the amount paid them. They were paid 4s.8d a day, and they should have mowed an acre apiece. The farm bailiff said an ordinary labourer should cut two acres a day at about 3s an acre.

1897 09 16
Haverhill harvest festival, p3
Branch reading rooms, p3
Ashley trouble, p3 *

1897 09 17
Let no reader think that this is a pleasant story. It is not, for it is tainted by tyranny distasteful to free citizens. For the past two years education at Longstowe has not pursued its onward course quite smoothly, for during that time the Rector and his daughter appear to regard the master of the Church Schools as their sport and play-thing, to be bandied about "from pillar to post" just as suits their autocratic fancy. Having made a schoolmaster in a Lincolnshire parish fairly uncomfortable the sire and his daughter came down to Longstowe Rectory in 1895 and at once tried their hand on Mr & Mrs Rowland, who for several years had been training the young ideas of the parish to the satisfaction of the manager, the parents and the inspectors. But they have now resigned their position rather than lackey to the new-comer who, with his "I insist" made life anything but one of pleasurable liberty.

1897 09 17
Dry Drayton harvest supper, p3
Barnwell growl, p3
Cottenham water supply, p3
Cottenham accidents, p4 *

1897 09 17 c
The wheat farmers of the Eastern Counties are invited to discard the cultivation of grain for the growth of flax. It is claimed that flax will yield a much greater return per acre than wheat. Flax and

hemp straw should be received from the farmers as grown and the fibres manufactured by The English Fibres Industries Company who have just revived the flax mills at Great Shelford and at Long Melford in Suffolk, which had been closed

1897 09 17 c
Messrs Griffiths and Chennell, Newmarket are favoured with instructions to offer for sale by auction all that valuable freehold estate known as Newmarket Mills, at which a lucrative business has been carried on for many years. The powerful tower windmill, advantageously situated on a commanding site with the goodwill of the business as a going concern

1897 09 17
Sir - Your correspondent "A walk from Romsey Town" does not go into the source of the general Babel that is going on every Sunday on the Mill-road, Cambridge, with its accompanying excitement. Why are not the authors of noise and confusion - the Salvation Army - asked to desist their Cymbals and big drums and other kinds of music (?) in a narrow thoroughfare. A newspaper boy calling out the names of his paper is simply joining in the general chorus of excitement. No doubt many are glad to get something to read to go into their houses. The fining of a poor boy for disseminating literature in such a district on Sunday must be bad law, and the sooner repealed the better" - "Cede Deo"

1897 09 18
A special meeting was held in the Hills-road Wesleyan Chapel, Cambridge, in celebration of its re-opening. The chapel has been closed for three weeks and during that time the seats and galleries have been re-varnished, the walls and pillars painted, the heating apparatus renovated, the electric light substituted for gas, coloured windows for plain and a rostrum has been made to take the place of the old pulpit. Mr Isard, hon.sec. said those who worshipped in the side galleries had spoken to him for years past on the badness of the light. Those who sat just behind the gas standards too, found a great difficulty in seeing the speaker and were continually dazzled. They resolved to put in the electric light at a cost of about £60. The Minister said he was sorry they had not got the electric light on but in consequence of the engineers' strike the company had not been able to get the connections on

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1897 09 21
GER produce lantern slides of area, p2

1897 09 22
This month may be said to witness the coming of age of the town of Royston, as, after many years of sore trials and tribulations in the matter of local government, the unification of the town may be said to have been completed by the coming into operation of the order forming the town into an urban district. This is an end that has been long and patiently worked and waited for by the inhabitants

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1897 09 23
The quiet little village of Steeple Bumpstead, near Haverhill, was the scene of an occurrence on Sunday morning that occasioned considerable excitement amongst the inhabitants. A well-known cyclist who has been residing with his wife and three children for nearly two years being observed in

headlong flight through part of the village with a crowd of men in full cry after him. It appears that a "Royal Enfield" bicycle was missed from a gentleman's house at Rotherwick, Hampshire. A man being seen in the neighbourhood with a lady's machine in addition to the one he was riding, a couple of "tecs" picked up the trail and arrived at Bumpstead. Next morning they got into conversation with the suspect who suddenly seized his hat, ran through the house, over a hedge and to the open country. The missing bicycle was discovered cunningly concealed under a dog-kennel, partly in pieces. The suspect was arrested on Tuesday morning and conveyed to Castle Hedingham Police Station

1897 09 25
At Cambridge's ancient Stourbridge Fair there is no lack of "local colour". Mongrel dogs lurch around after cross- eyed men and towsy-headed women; a maudlin old tippler recites, stuttering, the composition of one of the great unknowns of long ago, to a blear-eyed little nosed party, whose only comment is "Ugh", and females of substance offer curious visitors sticks of doubtful looking toffy, wherewith to wage war upon their digestions. There is no lack of that kind of amusement usual to such gatherings. You can shy at cocoa nuts, ring the bell with a rifle shot, mount an electric lighted roundabout or submit to a ha'porth of grey "ice", just according to the state of your finances

1897 09 25
Holy Trinity church, Cambridge, was filled with a large congregation, the occasion being the re-opening service after the church had been closed for purposes of restoration. When the cement was removed from the buttresses, real solid stonework was found to be concealed underneath, and on theses buttresses the date 1516 was discovered. An old consecration cross was also found by the architect. This cross, he says, is very unique and it is intended that it should be covered with glass in order to preserve it

1897 09 25
Holy Trinity renovation, p3 *

1897 09 27
Saturday seems to have been a very unfortunate day for the owners of vehicles in Cambridge, several accidents taking place on that day. In one, shortly after two-o'clock a bus was proceeding along Maid's Causeway, Cambridge, when it came into collision with a pony and trap belonging to Mr W. Smoothy, greengrocer, King-street. The splashboard, body, and off-wheel of the trap were broken and the pole belonging to the omnibus also received considerable damage. There were no persons injured and no obstruction was caused

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Quy fire, p3 *

1897 09 28
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1897 09 29
Library Committee Impeached. Barnwell Reading Room must be Re-opened. A meeting of ratepayers was held to press for the reopening of the Barnwell Reading Room. There were no people in Cambridge who required a free library so much as the people of Barnwell. They had had a library for something over 20 years but now it was given to another part of the town and they objected to it being taken away. The Mayor had given the casting vote against them. All the university men voted against it; they had libraries of their own in every college. Their interest in education went so far as it brought them an income. (Laughter). They had no interest in the working man being educated – “Educate the working man and they will be our masters; keep them ignorant and we will be their masters”.
Some of the working men were educating themselves and the free library gave them facilities to advance their intellectual knowledge. They should not be robbed by individuals on the Library Committee who were not elected by the ratepayers but co-opted on as outsiders. The worse of it was

that those men so bitterly opposed to the Barnwell Free Library being re-opened where men who had a direct financial interest in the Library Committee and directly interested by supplying periodicals, books and other things to the free libraries. When the time came t choose their representatives on the Town Council they should insist the man should express their feelings, whether he liked it or not, or else stop at home. A petition bearing 600 or 700 names had not been taken any notice of. Mr Kirbyshire said 76,000 persons visited the old library in East Road in 1896, and 74,500 books were issued, which proved the necessity for the library being open. The new library in Mill Road was only ten minutes' walk away but he had visited the library on several occasions and had never seen a Barnwell or East Road man there. The late Councillor Hall took a great interest in the library on the East Road and left a lot of valuable books and engravings for the sole use of that room. What had become of them? Why were they removed without the permission of the public and the ratepayers? Mr Liles spoke of the assistance the Central Library had been to him. The library had been the greatest friend he had ever had in Cambridge as far as intellectual information was concerned, and by closing their doors they did not know to whom they were closing them against. They were all of the opinion that the reading room was necessary from a moral, mental and physical point of view. It was better for men to have a room where they could read decent literature than to go to the public houses. They would be better for it and their wives and families would reap the benefit. A resolution urging the Corporation to take steps to reopen the library would be proposed. 1897 09 29

1897 09 30
Between seven and eight o'clock last night a storm of exceptional severity broke over Cambridge. The lightning was very vivid and the claps of thunder remarkably loud, while the rain came down with quite tropical violence. Many householders were busily employed in keeping the flood water out of their dwellings and business premises. The storm lasted for about two hours. Gonville-place for more than an hour presented the appearance of a river and pools of water were to be seen upon Parker's Piece for a considerable time

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1897 10 01
A little girl, aged nine, a daughter of a labourer was killed by lightning while sitting at tea in her home at Great Paxton, near St Neots. Her little brother was also knocked down and rendered unconscious, but is recovering. His body is marked with the complete outline of a tree, the branches being shown distinctly. The lightning same through the roof, making a hole in the ceiling. At Ely it is computed that the rainfall was about 150 tons per acre; a sheep was killed at Stretham and Mr J. Yarrow of Thetford, had a mare and foal killed

1897 10 02
Saffron Walden. Up-to-date photography. W. Frost Wilson, Gold Street, having purchased the business for many years carried on by Mr W. Hobbs is now prepared to execute photography in all the latest styles. Cabinets, Carte de Visites, Midgets, Boudoir, Plantinotypes etc. Instantaneous photographs a speciality. All the latest scientific instruments. Wedding, football and other parties photographed by arrangement. Animals faithfully photographed # c.65.5

1897 10 04
The ancestors of the present generation have made ample provision for decent and orderly worship in Ashley; a valuable tract of land has been set aside to provide a decent stipend for a minister, and an excellent church provided within this century. What does one see now? Badly cultivated land, a deserted and desecrated building, its furniture wilfully damaged, its people driven to neighbouring churches, and their disgusted neighbours told that the law of England provides no efficient remedy. The scandalous state of affairs has been a grief and a sorrow to every true lover of the grand old national Church and many Nonconformists are equally sorry to see such a terrible state of things existing

1897 10 05
Fulbourn pub, p2

1897 10 06
There has been an epidemic of missing solicitors in Cambridge during the last decade. Now many people in the pretty village of Histon, wherein the Manor Hall, the missing squire's residence, is situate, regard it as a sort of evil dream and they would not be surprised to see him driving up the street as usual. The Squire was last seen driving towards Cambridge on the Monday morning about 10 o'clock. Nothing peculiar in his demeanour was noticed by his neighbours or his own acquaintances; he has of late continued the usual, steady, business-like habits. He was held in high esteem, was Under Sheriff & Deputy Lieutenant of the County and generally regarded as one of the soundest men in the county. Tales are hazarded of enormous sums entrusted to the missing man by companies, colleges and private persons. The only authentic fact is a petition on behalf of a creditor for £4,484.

1897 10 07
The Chairman of Chesterton Urban District Council stated that with reference to Crawley's gut-scraping and fat-rendering factory at the Junction, people complained severely of the offensive and sickening smell and he had asked Dr Anningson to inspect the place. The Inspector said that in addition to the business of gut-scraping, that of fat-rendering was carried on. An open vat was treated by fire from below which allowed all the vapour to escape into the open air. A quantity of disinfecting material had been used, quite inadequate for the purpose in view. Poor people who lived in the vicinity could not even partake of their food by reason of the smell

1897 10 07
Fenstanton Coote farewell, p4

1897 10 08
There was a large attendance of the public when the annual inspection of the Cambridge Fire Brigade took place. The proceedings commenced with an inspection of the fire appliances, after which a drill for the raising of insensible men and carrying them to a supposed place of safety was gone through. The escape drill, carrying men down the escapes, bringing men off with ropes, hand-pump and bucket drill and jumping sheet drill was also gone through. The Mayor said that they would shortly be having the benefits of some more jumping sheets, which would be distributed over various parts of the town. No doubt those sheets would be a great protection to outlying districts for low houses.

1897 10 11
Before the purchase of the Ouse navigation by Mr Simpson the locks above St Ives were in a bad state of repair, through leakage of gates etc. Barges going up the river to St Ives were obliged to make a "pen" (or level water at the locks) by means of planks they carried with them for the purpose. These planks fitted into grooves in the brickwork in the sides of the locks and answered the purpose of "gates" for the lower end of the lock. Then the upper gate would be opened and the water levelled to the planks. When this was done the barge was taken out of the lock, the gates closed and the planks taken out. This, of course, was a slow process, through the leakage between the planks but still it was possible to get through. Now Mr Simpson refuses to allow the lock at St Ives to be used in the manner for which it was constructed, and has closed the locals above St Ives altogether

1897 10 11
We understand that a design for the front portion of the Cambridge Guildhall will be laid before the Council. For years we have joined in the general chorus of condemnation of the present monstrosity which does duty as a front to the municipal building. It is an abomination and ought to be removed as speedily as possible. The question is whether or not the present is the proper time for undertaking the work. We are informed that the contemplated new front will cost £38,000! Let the ratepayers

remember that we have not yet done with our gigantic, our costly, and in some respects our eminently unsatisfactory sewerage scheme – Editorial

1897 10 11
Histon Hall history, p2 *

1897 10 12
St Ives Michaelmas Fair was visited by a great number of people. They came in by crowds from the railway station, in many a slap-up conveyance and every other shade of vehicle. Monday is looked upon as the business day of the fair. The streets near the Market - Cromwell-place area were utilised to stand the horses for sale and the adjacent side streets were used as exercise yards in which to show the paces of the animals amid much cracking of whips, shouting, and whistling, and the display of pink chintz flags used at the end of a stick to frighten the animals. A few were very good horses, but most of them were not so good - to put it mildly

1897 10 12
Sir - The poisonous exhalations from the ventilating gratings in the Cambridge streets continue as bad as ever. The authorities apparently neglect to make any effort to mitigate the intolerable nuisance, and seem to court an epidemic of diphtheria and typhoid. Having occasion myself to pass along Castle-street and the Huntingdon-road I can testify to the particularly offensive conditions. Nausea, headache, sore throat, and a general low state of health are some of the minor results of the pestilential state of the town. The constant use of disinfectant in the streets might do something to diminish the dangers with which we are threatened - a Resident M.A.

1897 10 12
Barrington brick syndicate, p3

1897 10 13
In celebration of the successful completion of the Haverhill Industrial Co-operative Society's new buildings in High Street, a dinner was given at the Town Hall. The committee had decided that no one outside the town of Haverhill should tender for the work. Mr Mason, the contractor had done the work splendidly and no building has ever been finished off in such a condition. Mr Green, the stone carver, said the felt he must do his very best, as they would have the eye of everyone in the town upon them. Mr Gurteen recollected that where they now saw all these new buildings there were formerly merely low thatched cottages

1897 10 13
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Haverhill co-op, p4 *

1897 10 14
Sir - Before the County Council Act came into force the man that had to drive 14 miles into the country twice a week had a very difficult and dangerous task to face, as, without one exception, all the roads in the county were more or less bad and calculated to wear up horse and cart in a very short time. Now that state of things has entirely changed. There is no such thing as a bad road to be found in the county, and in the borough there is scarcely a bit of road that is fit to drive over with a load of any sort - "Redivivus"

1897 10 14
Barnwell to get back Reading Room, p2-3 # c.77.4

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1897 10 20
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Theft mackintosh, Newmarket, p3

1897 10 20 c
Artificial Teeth. Important Notice - great success. Mr F.W. Bradley begs to inform the inhabitants of Cambridge that owing to the unparalleled success which has attended the new and painless system of adapting artificial teeth without plates he now finds it necessary to visit Cambridge twice a week. A complete set of teeth from £1.1s.; single tooth from 2s.6d

1897 10 21
The Rev R.W. Close called attention to the increase of vagrancy and the number of vagrant children who had gone through the three Poor Law Unions in Huntingdonshire. The children in the Workhouses were well kept and well brought up, but the condition of the vagrant children when brought into the Workhouse was very bad. Their health suffered, their clothes were often wet, and they were dirty. The meeting at St Ives proposed that Unions should have the power to take such children away from the control of their parents, provided that magistrates could annul the resolution on the application of the parents after a hearing

1897 10 23
Sir - Cannot something be done to stop this frightful nuisance of organ-grinding? I have rooms in Trinity Street and as I write the organ has been "going on" for nearly an hour. The "Washington Post" is a fine march and "Come back to Erin" a delightful melody, but not when repeated eight or ten times over. The routine of coaching work is quite monotonous without further annoyance at the hands (and handles) of the lazy riff- raff of Italian Whitechapel - M.A.

1897 10 23
Sir, - On Wednesday morning my attention was called to the state of the River Cam near Baitsbite Sluice. The water was covered with an oily matter and the stench arising therefrom was beastly. The whole atmosphere was apparently impregnated with some vapour. The havoc amongst the fish was appalling. Thousands upon thousands - I might say tons - of pike, eels, roach and dace were dead and dying, struggling to liberate themselves from their putrid, poisonous liquid. I never witness such a lamentable sight before - Thomas Banyard

1897 10 25
Buried treasure unearthed sewage operations, illus, p2
Royston pub licences, p3
Dead fish, p3

1897 10 26
The sewerage operations in Cambridge have brought to light a large number of interesting objects which must be of very considerable historical and antiquarian value. There is a danger of their being dispersed all over the country in years to come, which would be a distinct loss to Cambridge

Perhaps it might be possible to gather these relics together under one roof as the nucleus of a Town Museum. Could not the Town Council appoint a small committee to make an enquiry on the articles available and see whether such a Museum could be formed. If that were found impractical or undesirable arrangements might be made in the University for a Town section in which the names of donors might be preserved. 1897 10 26

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Over arson cottage, p3

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Trumpington burglary trial, p3

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Ditton meadows, p3 *

1897 10 30
Proposed Guildhall front – illus Clarke, p2 *
Talks – B. Liles, bootmaker, p3 *

1897 10 30
At the Old Bailey, Theophilius Turner, describe as a surgeon, who in the spring resided at Stapleford Grove as Dr Harris and did business with several Cambridge tradesmen, and Ella Macdonald, stated to be well connected, were indicted for conspiracy. The female prisoner at once pleaded guilty but the male prisoner waited until the case had been opened and evidence called before admitting his guilt

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1897 11 03
Brookfield, p2
St Ives fishing, p2
Ely fair, p4

1897 11 03 c
The Master of Emmanuel, in an interview concerning University finances says: "Our pecuniary difficulties are undoubtedly due to the large expenditure incurred upon the medical and scientific schools. Nevertheless it is no use starving these departments, and some of them - for example the Botany School, which is wretchedly housed - call for a more generous provision. Several new sites for

building extension have recently been acquired but the money to erect the buildings is, however, not forthcoming"

1897 11 03
A babel of sound greets you as you enter; some four hundred members of the canine tribe lift their voices in chorus. From end to end the Corn Exchange is filled with benches tenanted by dogs of every breed, size and colour - a sight to gladden the hearts of the Cambridge Canine Society committee at its first show which, if excelled in future years, will require a larger hall

1897 11 04
Cottenham railway, p3 *
Municipal wash baths, p3 *

1897 11 05
Police & cyclists, p2

1897 11 05
At St Ives rural district council meeting Mr Barlow said that the Fenstanton pump was only about eight feet from the pond and every time cattle or horses went to the pond the water was stirred up and became black, and this water found its way into the well. If they cleaned out the well a dozen times they would never made him believe the water in that well would be good because the water would percolate through to the well

1897 11 05 c
The Holdback (Lincolnshire) Guardians have received a letter from the Local Government Board asking what number of currants were to be put into the children's pudding. It seems that the information is required for audit purposes. The master of a workhouse is a busy man, with no small weight of responsibility upon his shoulders. If he is to be compelled to county the currants, we fancy those tasty, but indigestible comestibles will be conspicuous by their absence. The Local Government Board is waking up - to trifles

1897 11 06
Subsidising Perse School, p2
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1897 11 06
Carter Jonas offered for sale by auction the important freehold property of the Fen Ditton Hall Estate, comprising the fine old manor house known as "Ditton Hall", Ditton Meadows on the Long Reach, the Home Farm at Fen Ditton and 402 acres of land. Three lots on the east side of Ditton Lane, each containing 1 acre of land were sold for £325 and three acres fronting Newmarket Road realised £220. The Fen Ditton Hall, with 72 acres of grass land known as Ditton Meadows found several bidders but the property was bought in at £4,000 and several small plots of grass land adjoining were withdrawn

1897 11 09
A company has been formed to acquire the rights of an invention for automatically securing and holding cycles upon the principles of the penny in the slot. The public cycle racks will be placed in convenient centre, and, by putting his penny in the slot and thereby unlocking a lid which closes over the wheel, the owner can place his machine in perfectly safe custody, and take away with him a key, by which key alone the locker can be undone. To get his machine out the cyclist opens the lid, replaces his key, turns it and lets the lid down; the wheel is released by the falling of the lid, the penny drops into a receiver, the key is secured and the apparatus closed. # c.26.486

1897 11 10
Sir - I should like to ask my fellow ratepayers, more especially those living in the vicinity of Mill Road, Cambridge, which is more important to them – the improvement of the Guildhall, which I

understand to cost £40,000, or the stinking condition of the Mill road sewers, which has for its vent the manholes. From two of them, especially the Petersfield one, the stench on Sunday was enough to breed an epidemic. How long are we to stand this sort of business? - James Plant

1897 11 10
Pead bankruptcy, p2

1897 11 13
Last night saw the inauguration of a new gymnasium club at Cambridge, rejoicing in the name of "Orion". It is located at the Spread Eagle, Lensfield Road. The cosy room was tastefully decorated with drapery and weapons of gymnastic art. About a fortnight ago some half-a-dozen of the gentlemen present gathered together and started the club. Already they have about fifty members and they expect everyone who was elected to be a gentleman. They did not want those who were not.

1897 11 13
Trumpington chrysanthemum show, p3
Cottenham meat, p3 *

1897 11 13
On Saturday night a Western force was advancing on Cambridge from the direction of St Neots and an Eastern force had been assembled to protect the town. They established a line of outposts from Coton to Barton church. At about three o'clock the opposing forces came into collision. The first firing took place in Barton village. Barton hill formed a strong point in the defence and here Colonel Cronin, much assisted by the Maxim-guns made a prolonged stand, but the numerical superiority of the attacking force compelled him at length to retire, fighting hard

1897 11 13
Sir - Is there any anathema evil enough for these wonderfully and truly awful patent "smell diffusers" (sewage manholes). Now the smells which arise from some of these "death-traps" may positively be seen with the naked eye on almost any damp evening and are shortly, I hear, to be reckoned amongst the "sights of Cambridge". These "black holes of old Cambridge" are also a positive curse to cyclists who every ten yards or so have to make no small detour to avoid inhaling the noisome odours which proceed from these Superabundant "sources of destruction and disease" - "Cave Odorem", Selwyn College

1897 11 15
London-Scottish, p3 *

1897 11 15
The Cambridge public may rest assured that though there may be a great nuisance from smells yet there is very little chance of their being harmful to health. We have found out that in some of the worst cases it is due to the sewer taking away the wash from the college kitchens and everyone knows what green water smells like. It has been noticed that the smells are more particularly unpleasant when the kitchens are being washed up. That is probably one of the chief causes in the greater part of the borough of smells from the fresh sewage

1897 11 16
Somersham pump fires, p3 *
Tradesmen’s exhibition, p2

1897 11 16 c
Much excitement was caused at Saffron Walden by a horse attached to a G.E.R. trolley bolting from the goods yard. It went at a rapid pace up the Station road, down South road and Fairycroft road. The animal turned the corner and ran across East Street into the front of the house of Mr W. Samuell,

harness maker, doing considerable damage. The trolley was broken and the iron axle snapped in two. The horse was not hurt. The animal had only been used at Walden a few days, doing duty during the illness of the horse usually worked

1897 11 17
Pead not answers bankruptcy, p2

1897 11 17
Scarcely a week ago the Vice Chancellor entertained a distinguished company of judges at a banquet in the hall of Downing College, after which an adjournment was made to the rooms of one of the Fellows. Certain ardent spirits deemed it a favourable opportunity to indulge in a little diversion, suggested by the obtrusive handle of the door behind which the distinguished guests were killing time. "Why not fix it with stout wire to some neighbouring object?" The wire was forthcoming, the connection was made, and just sufficient length was allowed to admit of the door being opened a few inches - but no more. The judges tugged and tugged and tugged and all the Queens' judges and all the Queen's men would not make the door open sufficiently wide to enable them to get out. One valiantly put his hand through the small opening and tried to sever the wire with a carving knife. When he withdrew his hand it was copiously covered with red paint - and the wire remained intact. It is stated that the distinguished guests took this practical joke in good part - extract from the "Daily Mail"

1897 11 17
An action was brought by Albert Golding, the tenant of certain property in High Street, Newmarket, to restrain alleged interference with their ancient light by William Reilly & co. Defendants had acquired the Old Greyhound Inn in 1896 and pulled it down, and in building a fine hotel in its place they had obstructed the light to the plaintiff's window. James Cross, a draper's porter, said he knew of the obstruction of light to one window by the fact that he could no longer look out of it and see his uncle. (Laughter). Before the new buildings were erected he could do so. A number of young milliners spoke of the interference with the light to their workrooms since the erection of the new hotel

1897 11 18
Sir - My attention has been called to a curious instance of the gullibility of the correspondent of a London daily paper copied in your columns yesterday. It is true that three undergraduates of this college have been send down for the remainder of the term, but the offence for which they have been punished was purely of a domestic nature. For the satisfaction of the University, I may add that not one of her Majesty's judges who honoured the college by their presence last Thursday knows anything whatever of the occurrence - J.C. Saunders, Downing College

1897 11 18
It is probable that no part of the district is regarded with such anxiety by our city fathers as Cherryhinton. For years it has been felt that the drainage system of that ever-growing parish was not what it ought to be. Every year sees rural scenes transformed into the busy haunts of the villa-raising builder, and what was once a green pasture is turned into sites for serried ranks of bricks. But with all this progress sanitary requirements frequently lag. The greatest difficulty is to keep the soapsuds from the laundries and the water from the sinks out of the surface water drains. It is possible for the drainage from the cesspools to percolate through the soil into the brooks and so come near the water supply.

1897 11 19
The Old Baptist Chapel at Cottenham has a somewhat austere exterior, though inside all is welcome and brightness. But while the welcome has always been there the brightness is a very recent addition. A month ago the chapel was anything but bright. Having been closed for about a month the Chapel was re-opened yesterday amid every manifestation of rejoicing. The general effect of brightness has been given to the interior by the colouring of the walls, stencilling of the window reveals, ornamentation of the ceiling and varnishing of the pews. Mr W. Chivers said he could hardly realise

that the building was the same old chapel. They had so decorated it and beautified it that they had brought it up to the fashion of the 19th century

1897 11 20
Sussex Street improvements, p2

1897 11 20 c
At the meeting of Cambridgeshire County Council a letter from Longstanton Parish Council asking for permission to erect a fire-engine house on waste ground aside of the highway, near the Black Bull Inn, was considered. An application from Burwell Parish Council for permission to borrow money for a recreation ground was read. The Council had now received five requests to lend money to Parish Councils for providing burial grounds.

1897 11 20 c
The annual working men's dinner of the St Ives Quoits Club was held at the New Crown, St Ives. Thirty-nine members sat down to an excellent spread. They were told some people carping at the game of quoits but if they kept such honorary members as Mr Fellowes, Mr Ruston (the mayor) and Mr R.J. Linsell, they would resuscitate the good old game of quoits in the county. The Chairman proposed the health of the visiting clubs including the Durham Ox at Cambridge

1897 11 23 c
Sir - There is a piece of land "cleared" just lately, where stood some poor-houses. This "Tom Tiddler's Ground" is at the entrance to Coldham's Lane and here might be a placed some public baths which are so much wanted in this very congested district of Cambridge. The conditions or health would thereby be beneficial - "Nathan"

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Manholes, p2

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1897 11 25
Guildhall front, p2 & p3 *

1897 11 25
The water in the river at St Ives is now exceedingly low, and the stench from it is very bad indeed. At the bottom of Priory-road it is enough to breed a fever and people can hardly bear it. It is hoped the approaching meeting of the Hunts. County Council will take the matter in hand. Meanwhile we would suggest to Mr Stimpson, that for the sake of the public health, he should shut the gates at the Staunch, and keep enough water in the river to prevent any outbreak

1897 11 26
The opening ceremony in connection with the new public buildings at Baldock took place. The task of declaring the building open had been left to Mrs Pryor, the wife of the gentleman who so generously gave the town the site. Mr Neville Hinde trusted the building would contain every desideratum for the future growth and development of their urban business. He had always regarded the ratepayers of Baldock as a very level- headed lot of people. The building was an ornament to the town and very much to be preferred to the unpicturesque ruins which once occupied the site

1897 11 27
A well-attended meeting was held in Eden Street School, Cambridge to discuss the proposed expenditure on a new Guildhall front. Mr R. Sturton said they must have a new cemetery as he did not

suppose sanitary science would advance sufficiently rapidly to go in for cremation en bloc. Then there was the new Police Station and something would have to be done to the Sanatorium. Mr Burwick though the more they beautified Cambridge the more good they would do to business. Why not have a police station at the town hall, offices for the payment of rates, swimming baths. He did not see why shops should not be built on Peas Hill so as to bring in a considerable amount

1897 11 27
New Chesterton Institute, p2 *
Consumers Tea Co, p2 *
Interview Marcus Isserlis, p3

1897 11 27
Sir. The Reading Room on East Road, Cambridge will be re-opened on Monday next, from six till half-past nine o'clock. Everything has been done to make the room as efficient and comfortable as possible, new gas fittings and furniture provided and the floor has been covered throughout with linoleum. By the liberality of the Mayor about one hundred volumes of useful works of reference, biography and travel will be placed upon the open shelves. There will be supplied 15 daily newspapers and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance and an appreciable use made of the literature supplied - John Pink, Librarian # c.77.4

1897 11 27
At Saffron Walden County Court John Maris, saddler, Linton, sought to recover from George Housden, dealer, damages to his garden by defendant's fowls. Plaintiff stated that 20 roods of growing crops had been damaged. Lettuce plants, barley, peas and other things were spoiled. The fowls were on the ground a dozen at a time. Defendant said the fowls had never been on the garden. There was a quick-set fence through which there were gaps. His Honour: Do you mean to say that your fowls were so virtuous that when they made the holes in the hedge they would not go through. Defendant said he brought his fowls up so that they would not go on. He swore that the fowls had not done damage that would cover the prick of a needle. His Honour considered the claim of £1.6s.0d was not exaggerated and gave judgement for the plaintiff

1897 11 29
Sir: Christ's Lane is a thoroughfare that is as much used as any in Cambridge, and is owned by a college. During the last two years it has been a veritable quagmire, I came through last evening and the mud was several inches thick through the lane. When is Cambridge to be governed so that there is the same law measured out for the University as there is for the worker and when is Christ's Lane to be paved in such a manner that that it shall be as pleasant to walk through as it is walking across Christ's Pieces? – B.L. [Christ’s Lane was replaced by Bradwell's Court]

1897 11 29
Cambridge paintings by local artists, p2

1897 11 30
Pead viewing prior sale, p2
Guildhall front – support, p3 *
Mother in law, p3

1897 11 30
Once again the good folk of Barnwell are in possession of their reading-room. This time improvements have been carried out and the workers around East Road will not only have a convenient room, but also an attractive and comfortable one. The room is the same as of yore, and the exterior is as ugly as ever, but inside everything has been re-painted and varnished, & incandescent lights have replaced the old-fashioned flickering gas jet. Although Mr John Pink, the borough librarian, opposed the re-opening, since the decision of the Council to again provide facilities for the

thoughtful working men of Barnwell he has done his utmost to ensure they are as full and liberal as possible # c.77.4

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1897 12 02
Shortly after 12 o'clock this morning the shop of Mr Norman, watchmaker, close to the Sheep Market, St Ives, was found to be on fire. It is the centre one of three buildings, the White Hart and the Falcon being on either side. The howling of a dog in the shop awoke the inmates, or they would probably have been burnt in their beds. Mr John Anderson of the White Hart ran round to the firemen's houses and the brigade, with the apparatus, were quickly on the spot. The fire burnt its way into the White Hart and penetrated every room in the Falcon except the front room downstairs. The dog which gave the alarm was found dead in the shop by the firemen

1897 12 03
Cottenham ploughing match, p3

1897 12 04
Town Hall front letter, p2

1897 12 06
The Meldreth Portland Cement and Brick Co. Ltd. has been formed for the purpose of acquiring lands at Meldreth for the manufacture of Portland and other cement, bricks, tiles etc, and also for the purpose of getting and selling coprolites. There are two other companies in the neighbourhood doing similar business at a good profit - the Cam Company and the East Anglian - and we have no doubt the public will promptly subscribe the capital required

1897 12 06
A testimonial was presented to Mr W.B. Taylor, chief clerk at Newmarket Post Office, who is retiring. Mr Taylor became a telegraph learner under the old Electric Telegraph Company at Ely, and in 1855 was transferred to King's Lynn, where he remained in charge of the telegraph office until 1868. In that year he was appointed to Newmarket where for a considerable period he was the only telegraph operator in the town. When in 1870 the Government took over the telegraph service he was appointed chief clerk. The telegraphic work at Newmarket has increased enormously. On days upon which important races are run several thousand messages are despatched and received and other weeks sometimes as many as 2,500 messages are handled in a day.

1897 12 08
Sepha system of sewage treatment, p3

1897 12 09
Fred Morley called the attention of Cambridge Council to the state of the new sewers. He thought it was time people were protected from the smells which at present arose from them. The worst of them arose where three or four streets joined and the tradesmen at the corner of the streets were in a worst position than those in the middle. They were losing customers who went where there was not so much smell and one butcher said the smells had affected the colour of the meat in his shops. Further people thought it was the meat that smelt and not the manholes (Laughter)

1897 12 09
Police accommodation, p3 *
Newmarket ancient lights, p3

1897 12 13
Conundrums, p3

Lock-jaw death, p3 *

1897 12 13 c
Cambridge Market Committee recommended that a new form of market stall known as the "Diamond Stall" be erected on Market Hill. Mr Nichols remarked that the long vexed question of covering in the market was the objection to a permanent structure being erected on Market Hill. They were paying now £850 per year for putting up and taking down all those wretched stalls and their repairs. At some length he described the advantages to the town that the scheme would bring about, amid some manifestations of impatience on the part of the Council

1897 12 13 c
Cambridge Fire Brigade Committee require an engine room large enough for a steamer, hose cart, ladder cart and horizontal escape, temporary cover for present perpendicular escape, watch room to include sleeping accommodation for two men, and muster room to accommodate a meeting of 30 men.

1897 12 13
A tailor of Cherry Hinton had a sad tale to relate to the Borough Coroner at the inquest held on the body of his five-year-old son. On the evening of 26th November he heard the child screaming and found him sitting on his aunt's knee with one of his fingers crushed. The child had managed to put his finger in between the rollers of the mangle and one finger was badly crushed. She had to reverse the rollers to get it out. The boy was treated at hospital but then showed signs of tetanus, grew rapidly worse and died.

1897 12 14
In view of the approach of the Christmas season, and in order to assist our readers in their shopping we today give the first of our notices of the special attractions and goods which are to be found in the Cambridge shops. Every family, however unmusical at other seasons of the year, burst forth into song as Christmas Day approaches. Music for every taste can be bought at Mr Miller's warehouse, Sidney Street. Pianos and all instruments of the best makes are ready for purchase or hire

1897 12 14 c
Round the Cambridge shops. Bright within and bright without is Mr Otto Wehrle's jewellery shop in Regent- Street. Mr Wehrle offers ladies' silver watches with silver chains at 12s.6d. An especially commendable present is a solid silver afternoon tea set offer at £4.10.0. As a special Christmas offer Mr Wehrle will present every purchaser of 5s. and upwards with a useful gift to the value of 1s.6d. A goodly selection of Christmas presents are on view at Mr G.W. Morley's Exchange and Mart, Mill-road. Broaches, bangles and button-hooks of every shape and size, and at every prize, meet the eyes of the generous purchaser, and everyone may be sure of getting something suitable for the most difficult to please

1897 12 14
At the Cambridge Wanderers Cycle club annual dinner Mr G. Edwards, the Captain, said he did not say all cyclists were angels, because they were not. There were men who went tearing about, whistling down the street, ringing their bells and expecting to have the whole street cleared for them. There was another class who went for a ride in the country and had a sort of liking for riding on the path. Had the chief constable put a constable in the road in proper uniform no one would have complained. But he had to go and put a man in plain clothes to capture the people. The speaker was sure that the chief constable had a rise in his salary for the smart capture of cyclists # c.26.485

1897 12 15
Sir - The fearful state of the Chesterton roads at the present time calls for comment: they are worse than ever. Trees have lately been inserted on either side of this avenue of mud & slime. Omnibuses are running to and fro daily that are a credit to any town, especially are the horses in splendid form ready to take you from Chesterton church to the Cambridge station for twopence! The wear and tear

on such roads must be very great. How very surprised people seem to be now-a-days that Victoria Bridge should have been opposed by some people. But the hour has struck when the necessity for another bridge is of equal importance. The folk at Old Chesterton, all employed in Cambridge, have to cross the classic stream either by grind or punt. The sooner both councils wake up to their duty in the matter of this great necessity, the better for people on both sides of the river - "Chestertonian"

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Castle Hill Institute, p3 *
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Eden Street school, p3 *
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1897 12 18
Pead's property sold, Histon, p3

1897 12 20
There is no more handsome piece of furniture in a house than a pianoforte. Thanks to keen competition the prices generally are but little more than those of 10 years ago and today pianofortes are within reach of the majority of working men. But if you feel you cannot afford a new one, go to 14, Mill Road, Cambridge, where Mr H. Leavis conducts his business and get a second-hand one. He keeps organs and harmoniums in stock at as low a figure as £3, and you can obtain a capital pianoforte for the moderate outlay of £5

1897 12 21
Duxford death, p2

1897 12 22
Cambridge Omnibus Company were sued for damages sustained in an accident of September 25th in Emmanuel Lane, Cambridge. The omnibus in question was licenced to carry 12 passengers inside and 14 outside. On the day in point there were no less than 23 outside, an excessive weight of more than half a ton and in consequence the vehicle swayed. In Emmanuel Lane there was a cart standing on the left side of the road causing the 'bus to move to the right when the hind off-wheel of the omnibus went sharply against the kerb and immediately collapsed like a pack of cards and all those unfortunate passengers were thrown to the ground. Some of the passengers were shot into a solicitor's office # c.26.46

1897 12 23
A laundress of Gloucester Street, Cambridge, was charged at the Borough Court with keeping a woman at work for more than 14 hours. Annie Sindell said she commenced work at 9.30 am Friday and worked until ten past six the next morning. She had an hour and a quarter for meals. The day was supposed to be of 12 hours, less meal times, and for that they got 1s.3d. She never agreed to work all night but the laundress would have the work done. She earned 7s.6d. for the whole week. The overtime pay was a penny an hour. The laundress was fined 7s.6. and costs

1897 12 23
Melbourn dirty house, p3

1897 12 24

The Park-street Higher Grade School, Cambridge, entertainment and prize distribution took place in the Guildhall. The chief feature of the entertainment was the performance of the cantata "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" by teachers and children at the school. Miss Flora Mathers was excellent as the Princess, supported by Miss Birdie Heath as the Queen Mother, Miss Eva Dovey as the Prince and Miss Ethel Barnsdale as Carl the Huntsman. Besides these characters there were the seven dwarfs, three flowers and two choruses, and with all working well together the cantata was delightfully rendered

1897 12 28
The festive season was, as usual, made as bright as possible for the inmates of the Newmarket Workhouse. The regulation meals were replaced for the day by an abundance of seasonable fare. During the morning there was a distribution of gifts, including tobacco and snuff for the old folks, packets of tea with 3d. pieces, and sugar for the women, apples, oranges and sweets for the children. The inmates were granted freedom for social intercourse and in the afternoon the Master's organette was brought into requisition for their amusement

1897 12 28
It is a striking proof of the charitable feeling which exists at Christmas that the inmates of the workhouses throughout the land receive so much attention during the festive season. At Cambridge, the institution so excellently superintended by Mr Luke Hosegood, is quite as fortunate as any other and the last few days have, doubtless, been the brightest that the inmates of "the house" have known for the last 12 months

1897 12 29
Christmas traffic, p2
What paupers cost 20 years ago and today, p4

1897 12 30
The Tenison Road Chapel was opened for divine service this morning in the presence of a large congregation. The chapel has been built to take the place of the Hope Chapel in Paradise Street. It was in 1861 that the Hope Chapel was built, and for many years there was no pastor. Since 1892 the number of worshippers has increased to such an extent that the need of a larger building was felt for some time. The new building has been constructed to seat ultimately 335 persons, but at present a portion has been partitioned off to serve as a class-room.

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Granite on roads, p3 *

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1898 01 02
Shortly before the clock of Great St Mary's with deep-toned impressiveness proclaimed the exit of 1897 and the advent of 1898 King's Parade was thronged with people awaiting the fiery messengers sent up year after year by Ald Beck. We have a shrewd suspicion that the unusual sight of letting off rockets at midnight attracted the bulk of the people who visited King's Parade last night. "Beer, beer, glorious beer" chorused a lively portion of the crowd. Precisely upon the stroke of 12 there was a swish and roar in front of the portals of King's and the first rocket soared aloft proclaiming abroad the significant fact that the old year was out. A second rocket heralded in the new year, and after some slight ebullition of feeling and a feeble attempt at "Aud lang syne" the crowds dispersed, and the streets resumed their normal state 1898 01 02

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Costermongers, p3 *

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Litlington church assault, p3

1898 01 05
Perhaps outside London there is hardly a place in England where prompt attendance at fires, constant vigilance and capable supervision are so urgently required as at Newmarket. In the Jockey Club and Trainers' Fire Brigade all these qualifications are obtained. The appliances are in a most efficient state, and the entire organisation a most admirable one. The Brigade is supported entirely by the subscriptions of trainers and other individuals at Newmarket interested in the protection from fire of valuable horses, training stables and other property

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How improve Cambridge – toilets, trees, p2
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Death H.J. Whitaker, Borough Treasurer, p3 * # c.35.7
On Sunday last the inhabitants of Castle End, Cambridge, were surprised by a violent explosion, and were anxiously searching for its whereabouts. It was noticed that at the time of the explosion the grating over a manhole in the street was lifted up several inches. The explosion was, undoubtedly, in the sewer. It is said that there has been an objectionable smell of coal gas in the neighbourhood, so a leakage many have taken place into the sewer. Cambridge people will soon begin to regard the sewers as something more than a nuisance - a positive danger - and expect the streets to be upheaved as by a subterranean mine 1898 01 06, p3

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Rampton house, p3
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Over unemployment, p3
Firemen annual dinner, p3 *
Saffron Walden – years gaol, p3 *

1898 01 14
The re-opening of the Institute Reading Room, at Castle End, under the new regime of municipal management took place quite informally on Monday evening. Cold, foggy weather, such prevailed on that night, would not seem to be the best conditions for such an event, yet the brightly lit warm and cosy room, where the inhabitants of this district may now and read the news of the world, seemed all the more welcome with such uncomfortable conditions existing out of doors. Since the room has been under the control of the Public Library Committee, several improvements have been effected. The incandescent light has been fitted up, and there are now two fairly large tables, each with nine or ten chairs around. Two small tables are also provided, and a curtain has been fixed to keep the draught of the door from readers. A number of coloured pictures adorned the walls, and there is the nucleus of a library the dozen bound volumes of the Illustrated London yews, which find a place in one corner. A custodian's sanctum is a development which the near future will bring forth. The two tables are well stocked will literature, which, if not extensive, is at least happily selected. Twelve weekly papers are taken, and seven magazines and seven London morning papers complete the list. This room has been used a reading room for ten years past, it being built two years after the Institute was opened in 1884, and its erection was the out-come of the generous interest shown Dr. Hart and Mrs. M. I. Whibley. The Committee of the Institute made very generous offer to the Library Committee, namely, to let the room, providing fire and gas, at the nominal rent of a year, and with such an inducement, it can be readily understood that the Committee, fortified the resolution recently passed by the Town Council, at once embraced the opportunity to add to the educational facilities of Cambridge. 1898 01 14 CIP

Free Library.Saturday last was a busy day at the Central Library, on that day the Lending Library was re-opened, after being closed a week. As soon the doors were opened there was crowd in front of the long counter, and the library was kept open all day for the convenience of borrowers, there was throughout a continuous stream. The issue of books was the largest yet recorded in one day, and it numbered 1,207 volumes. A new supplemental catalogue containing all the new books was published, and in few days there will also be supplement to the catalogue of music, containing a good selection just purchased. On Monday last the evening Reading Room in Castle End was opened for the first time, and so far the average attendance each evening has been between 60 and 70, many of the visitors being youths. 1898 01 14

1898 01 15
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Organ grinder & Ely girl, p3

1898 01 19
The Cambridge magistrates were confronted by four small prisoners and their judgement was sorely tried how best to deal with the boys, aged 11 and 9. They were charged with stealing from a hen-house at Moyes' Farm, Shelly Row, Cambridge, four eggs value 6d. Two were discharged and Dr Cooper advised their other to see her sons should receive a hiding, she replied "I don't think there is much fear but what they will catch it". Another boy had been before the Bench no less than four times. In 1896 he had had six strokes for stealing beans. His parents had no control over him. He was a perfect pest. Dr Cooper said that in a reformatory the boys were all put together and only taught one another their tricks. The boy was ordered to receive 12 strokes with the birch and told if he came up again he would be birched and sent to prison

1898 01 21

The first annual meeting of the St Ives and District Nursing Association was held in the Corn Exchange, St Ives. The number of cases attended have been 117 of which 71 were in St Ives, 19 in Fenstanton and 27 in Hemingford. Of these eight have died, five have been removed to hospital and 90 have recovered. Twenty of the cases were accidents, several of them serious, and of such a nature as to make removal to the hospital difficult, so that the patients derived much benefit from skilled nursing in their own homes.

1898 01 22
The report of Cambridgeshire Technical Education Committee shows the village library continued to be steadily appreciated. Where there are local libraries already established in villages in connection with reading-rooms, schools etc, the boxes of books offered would generally form a most useful addition, thus increasing the interest and variety on the most economical terms - carriage only, to and fro
GER staff dinner, p3

1898 01 24
Old Chesterton playground, p3

1898 01 25
A very large company assembled at the Golden Lion Hotel, St Ives, when three licenced houses were put up for sale by auction. The first house offered was the Pelican Inn, Warboys. It was fully licenced and well fitted up with a frontage to the High Street. It was sold for £1,000, it being fully expected to realize at least £1,500. Next was the Three Horseshoes in Woodhurst, brought for £500. The freehold beerhouse in Fenstanton known as the Prince's Feathers with the cottage adjoining was sold for £500 to Mr G.G. Wheeler as agent for Mr Burt, the well-known Fenstanton brewer

Revelry – Old Robins, p2
St Ives agriculture meeting

1898 01 25
A few minutes after four o'clock on Friday afternoon a trolley belonging to Mr E. Beales, carter to the Great Eastern Railway, was being driven along the Fordham Road, Newmarket, when the animal bolted, apparently without cause. The efforts of the driver to check the animal were futile and when near the Jubilee Clock Tower the horse got one of its legs over the shaft of the trolley. The trolley collided with the stone steps of the Tower, and ran between two of the buttresses and a lamp-post, where it became wedged, but no damage was done. The affair created considerable sensation in the High Street as it appeared a serious accident was imminent

1898 01 26
The Surveyor of Newmarket Urban District Council called attention to the fact that an old horse, belonging to the Council, was incapacitated for work, owing to a tumour having formed on its shoulder, he asked for instructions as to what should be done with the animal. Mr Cattrall said if the tumour were removed it would be several months before it would be fit to work again. He moved that the animal be shot as it would not be worth their while to keep it. Mr Westrope said the horse might be able to do light work on a farm. He thought they might sell the animal for a few pounds. It was agreed to examine the horse and decide what should be done with it
Peed & Waterworks Co

Haverhill water, p4 *

1898 01 26 c
Cambridgeshire County Council Road and Bridges Committee reported that had received an application from Toft that the Council should support a petition to the London and North Western Railway Company to place a station or siding at Toft or Kingston Bridge. They were of the opinion that such a station would greatly benefit several villages now four or six miles distance from a railway

station and would be of advantage to Caxton R.D.C. in obtaining road material. They therefore recommend the petition be supported

1898 01 27
Messrs Wright and Scruby offered for sale by auction the freehold, fully-licenced public house in Cottenham known as the "Jolly Waterman" with stud build cottage. Price £575. In Lt Wilbraham - freehold beer house known as "The Hole in the Wall", also two cottages, large back garden and orchard. Price £450

Telephone wires, p3

1898 01 28
The Wicken carrier was charged with cruelty to a mare by working it while in an unfit state. Inspector Bartholomew, R.S.P.C.A., said he noticed the defendant at the top of Fore Hill, Ely. He was driving a bay mare in a carrier's cart. When three parts up the hill he stopped, and before he got to the top of the hill he stopped again. When he got to the top he hailed him and he stopped, and the animal stretched, put both legs out, hung his head and appeared exhausted. The animal was in a wretchedly poor condition. He called Mr Thomas Runciman, vet, of Ely who said he found the mare aged and rather poor and small. He, however, did not think the animal was in an unfit state to work. Magistrates dismissed the case

Newmarket court – fog, p3 *

1898 01 28 c
Somersham Pig Club and Hearts of Oak Medical Agency held their annual dinner. Dr Lees remarked he was somewhat puzzled to know where and why the two clubs should be connected that evening. After thinking it over it occurred to him that the oak produced acorns and that pigs were very fond of these. He supposed that those arranging this matter considered that by turning the Pig Club into the Hearts of Oak all would have a good feed

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1898 02 02
A report to Cambridge Guardians showed that in some cases foster parents had neglected their duty towards the children entrusted to their care, especially in regard to not keeping them clean, not mending or renewing their clothes or not providing them with proper sleeping rooms. Such neglect could only be discovered by frequent visits made to the home and members of the Ladies' Boarding-Out Committee had not been instructed in those methods and there was good reason for concluding that no serious neglect of duty on the part of foster parents would in future remain undetected
Haverhill solicitor failure – Vincent, p3

1898 02 03
The wind howled round the exterior of the Urban District Council offices at Chesterton last night in wild and fitful fury, shaking the windows, and making a big noise generally. In justice to the elements, it is only fair to say that a similar state of things prevailed within, and for a time the "wind" of the interior quite drowned the tumult of the exterior

1898 02 03
Messrs Grain. Moyes and Wisbey attended at the Lion Hotel and offered for sale by auction the well-known freehold inn, The Green Man, Trumpington, with yard, stabling and outbuildings, pleasure and kitchen gardens and a paddock, the whole having an area of about 3 acres. Bidding commenced at £2,000 and quickly reached £3,100, at which price the property was declared sold 1898
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1888 02 05 c
Chesterton UDC discussed an ancient right of way known as Little Lane, leading from Chesterton Road to the back of Mr Foster's boathouse. It had been in existence as long as the oldest man in Chesterton could remember and there had been no obstruction of any kind. Now it had been blocked by the erection of a fence by a member of the Council

1898 02 07
Cycle traders of Cambridge have put on one side petty jealousy, and uniting under the title of the Cambridge City Traders' Association have prepared an exhibition in the Corn Exchange. Every description of cycle is here, from the child's small machine and the slim one of the fair sex to the stout roadster of the hardy, touring, record-making male. The latest novelties find a place, and motor cycles and tricycles tempt those to whom ease and novelty are more than exercise. In this connection we may mention that it is proposed to have a motor car running during the week about the town in connection with the show. Special railway facilities have been granted and the exhibition should be an immense success. To all we would say "Go", whether a wheeler or not.
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Cycle exhibits, p3 *

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1898 02 12
A bevy of undergraduates walked into the office of the Cambridge Daily News and offered the manuscript of a most alarming anarchist outrage upon the Dean of Pembroke College. The report submitted was of the discovery of a bomb upon the doorstep of the Dean, with much picturesque description. The contribution was promptly "declined with thanks". Late that evening a member of our reporting staff received telegraphic instructions from a popular London morning paper, showing the perpetrators of the joke, having failed at this office had "tried their luck" elsewhere

Clara Parish of Stretham wins butter-making prize, Ipswich # Stretham

1898 02 14
After a considerable period of immunity from serious fire outbreak, Cambridge was visited with a fire which, but for the prompt measures taken for its suppression, must have caused widespread destruction of property in the vicinity. The conflagration occurred at Mr Varty's cycle stores in Bridge Street. The cause is supposed to have been a large lamp which was hanging up in the shop falling to

the floor and igniting. The building is a very old one and contains an enormous amount of timber and this, upon being seized by the flames, burnt rapidly and fiercely. A large number of bottles of lubricating and lamp oils in stock added to the conflagration. Some 60 bicycles which were stored at the back of the house, belonging chiefly to University men, were rescued, together with some horses stabled in a shed at the side of the house # c.26.485 # c.34.7
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Jesus college fire in rooms of undergraduate in third court. Room was filled with valuable furniture and large amount of unique china and pictures. The whole staircase will have to be practically rebuilt and what not damaged by fire was ruined by water # c.34.75 # c.44.5

1898 03 15
The annual Tea of the Friends Adult School was held in Sturton Town Hall, Cambridge. The objects of the school are to promote self-help, brotherly kindness, and a practical Christian life. They had 167 members on the books, 114 at Nelson Street, 31 at River Lane, and 22 at Swavesey, with an average attendance of 117 in the three schools on Sunday mornings for the year. It was difficult to get much interest manifested in the intellectual pursuits by labouring men at the end of a day's work, although the friends of the school believed if they made efforts in this direction they would find it a real relaxation. It was much hoped that this way of employing leisure, so much more sensible and profitable than the absolute waste of time in comic singing and other senseless amusement in vogue in some of the young people's guilds, would become more common among them. # c.36.7

1898 03 16
A fire broke out in the evening upon premises at the back of the Chequers inn and adjoining the large wood stores of Mr Thomas Cox, of Gamlingay. A large crowd soon assembled in the street and by the help of ladders, pails of water were thrown down the eaves of the house to keep the blaze from spreading. Meanwhile from the street the same work was carried on, and a large butt of water emptied of its contents. On the opposite side of the road the inhabitants poured water upon their thatched cottages to save them from flying sparks. A messenger was hurriedly dispatched for the Potton fire brigade, who arrived very promptly, but there was no occasion for them to get the engine to work. Luckily there was no wind, and the barns were old and soddened, or there must have been a disastrous blaze in the immediate neighbourhood. One of the greatest constituencies that visiting fire brigades have to contend with, is a lack of water, and is a plan could be found whereby the large pond known as The Pits could be kept full, the first steps towards avoiding tremendous blazes would be made.
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1898 03 17
At Cambridge town council Mr Negus proposed that they should make inquiries as to suitable sites for a recreation ground in Romsey Town. He was anxious that this should be done before the land was all cut up into small plots, a little kindness and consideration to Romsey would tend to do away with any friction which might have existed in the past. Mr Swann seconded. If the ground was not so

much wanted now, it would be in the future, as the land was rapidly bought up. Now was the time the matter should be dealt with for the benefit of future generations. Mr Ward supported. There were many sites they might have, some expensive and some less so, but in a few years the price would increase. When they saw the swarms of children turned out there, and with no playground except in the dangerous streets, he thought they would decide that they could with perfect safety refer it to the Committee.

1898 03 18
Fred Richardson, foreman of the second gangs of lighters belonging to Messrs Brown and Goodman, met with a serious accident which ultimately proved fatal. It appears one of the lighters ran aground at Littleport on the same side as the horse. To get the boat off again block and tackle were fixed on the opposite bank, and the rope from the boat put through the galley to the horse. The rope got entangled around the man's neck, quite crushing the windpipe, and the poor fellow was taken more dead than alive up to the Globe Inn, Littleport where an operation was resorted to. We regret to learn that Mr Richardson died at three o'clock. The unfortunate victim was conscious when his friends visited him yesterday # c.26.3
Firing pistol, New Square

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1898 03 21
A fire of an alarming character broke out in Fowlmere in the small hours. About 10 minutes to one P.C. Housden noticed flames issuing from an unoccupied thatched cottage, the centre one of three, in the High Street, the property of Mr C. Papworth, of the Chequers inn. He promptly alarmed the inhabitants and the fire brigade, and others with the parish fire engine were soon on the spot. Mr J T Jackson brought his fire engine to the scene, and eventually the fire was got under, after destroying the cottages and shed. The damage is very considerable.

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1898 03 31
Mr William Howlett, of Newmarket, has recently recorded the capture of several pole cats (an animal asserted to be almost extinct) in the fen district. No doubt the fens are the last stronghold of this animal. He says they exist largely upon eels and frogs in the "dykes", but when these are sealed by frost, they go up to the farmsteads, and cause great loss among the poultry.

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1898 04 01
Mr Cecil Johnstone, who has been postmaster of St Ives for so many years, has been promoted to the postmaster of Wellingborough. Mr Johnstone has been postmaster for 15 years, and succeeded his father, who held the office for 30 years. Mr Johnstone's departure is regretted by all St Ives, and especially by the employees at the Post Office.

1898 04 02
Sir - the new bridge at Abbey Road Cambridge has become a supreme necessity. Everyone admits it now. Boats and plants have had their day, and should be done away with. Omnibuses of first class order are unable to carry people to most convenient places, and at low prices, for the want of another bridge to bring them into Cambridge. What enormous advantages to both Chesterton and Cambridge another bridge at this spot holds out. The great increase in traffic calls loudly for another bridge. The people near the Abbey again insisted upon another bridge but the Cambridge Rip Van Winkles sleep on, oblivious of anything. Procrastination is the great curse of Cambridge, and Chesterton should take warning by keeping abreast with the requirements of this important suburb – Chestertonian
Technical education in villages, p2 *

1898 04 02 c
Newmarket cycle club spent a very enjoyable evening at the Crown Hotel, at their annual dinner. Mr Aldridge said the club had been very successful in the past, and he hoped it would have a more successful future. He expressed the hope that some of the younger members would take up racing. It was of no use arranging club runs if the members did not turn out to take part of them. The opening run of the season would be to Clayhithe and he hoped to see a good muster. They now had five ladies in the club, and he should like to see the number increased to 50. At Clayhithe a club house would be open for the use of the members during the season

1898 04 04
About a thousand people assembled on the Quay, St Ives, to witness the public baptism of two young women in the river Ouse. One of the oldest and best-known chapels in the town is the Crown Yard Baptist chapel. The congregation attending there pin their faith to immersion in baptism. Unlike most chapels of the same persuasion, they have not their place of worship fitted up for this form of baptism; hence the adjournment to the river. The members of the congregation made their way to the river side, a good many of them being permitted to go inside the railings surrounding the Masonic Temple, from which a good view of the baptism was obtained. They found a large concourse of people assembled, the bridge itself was crowded with people; out of the windows protruding heads viewed the scene while on the other side of the stream a good many people had collected.

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P.R. Salmon on Egypt, p2 # c.65.5

1898 04 06
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1898 04 07
A shepherd named William Facer, of Houghton, has had a remarkable experience in St Ives this week. On Monday, like a good many more in this neighbourhood, he attended St Ives market. On Tuesday morning he discovered he had lost two £5 notes. He enquired at different places if the precious bits of paper had been seen. Among the places visited was Mr Hewson's, the pork butcher in Merryland. On Tuesday a boy swept out the shop. He picked up the bits of paper about the floor, and was about to light the fire with them, when his attention was attracted to two pieces by their crispness. He smoothed out the crumpled bits of paper and loh they were two £5 notes. The note must have lain on the floor a while scores of people went in and out and did not see them. Facer may thank his stars the notes were found by good honest folk, and also that they were not burnt without being noticed Wisbech Union brewery, p3

1898 04 07
On Wednesday afternoon a servant at Mrs Emma Hagger's farm at Kingston, saw that the roof of the barn was well alight and at once gave the alarm. Ready help was given, but the farm buildings and almost everything but the livestock was lost. It is supposed that the outbreak was caused by a spark from a passing traction engine upon the dry roof of the barn. Such an engine passed about five minutes before the alarm was given

1898 04 09
Dr D Owen Mead said he had been Medical Officer of Health for the Newmarket Urban District Council for 12 years, and that during that time the drainage had been faulty. There had been frequent complaints made, and illness had been caused in the town by the defective drainage. The present main drain from Wellington Street to the sewage farm gave a great deal of trouble and the sewers along Lower Station Road were faulty. The population had increased considerably near the sewage farm, and complaints had been made with regard to the "aroma" arising therefrom. A voice: "Just a little bit sniffy (laughter)

1898 04 09
Bedwell Hey study – Henry Bultitaft, p4 # Stretham

1898 04 11
At the vestry meeting of St Paul's church, Cambridge the chairman said that every Sunday morning their quiet communion service was greatly disturbed by the Roman Catholic Church bells. When they first started they hoped they would get used to them, but, as they continued to disturb them he took the opportunity of speaking to the Roman Catholic priest, and he said he would consult his congregation. But for a long time he could get no response, but afterwards he replied that the St Paul's bells rang for five minutes before eight o'clock, and disturbed the Roman Catholic service. The speaker had given orders that St Paul's bell should be wrung for half a minute to warn the people, and half a minute when the service was to commence, and expressed a hope that the Roman Catholic priest would see his way to having his rung for a short time only. This he refused to do, and so every Sunday morning half the St Paul's quiet service was disturbed by the ringing of the Roman Catholic bells. Mr Catling also spoke of the noisy bells of the Catholic Church, and the disturbance caused to those living around

1898 04 13
Mr Dixon said that Mill Road cemetery was always locked up on Sundays, because, if not, swarms of little children rampaged about over the graves; and while he was conducting a funeral it was very annoying to have some little urchins come up and say, "Oh, my! Ain't that a little coffin!" The children jumped about over the graves, while labourers going to work made the cemetery a thoroughfare. The matter was giving the committee a great deal of trouble.

Holy Trinity renovation of interior and enlarged electric lighting

1898 04 14

A man was charged with stealing one pair of stockings, valued at 9d, the property of the Cambridge Guardians. Lazarus Marsh, detective, said that that morning he saw prisoner leave the workhouse with his wife. Witness had suspicion, and took him back to the waiting room, where he searched him, and in a tin he found a pair of socks, which the prisoner said were his own. Prisoner was at that time wearing a pair of stockings, and underneath them a pair of black stockings. The master identified them as being Workhouse property. The tops where they were marked had been cut off. The magistrate were not satisfied that the evidence was sufficient and the prisoner was discharged
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Good Friday, p3

1898 04 16
Chesterton school was crowded to hear the details of the vicar's offer respecting the Old Town Close. Seldom have we seen such a unanimous gathering or a more enthusiastic one. The meeting had been called concerning the bit of land on the other side of the school. The chairman declared that it had been a public piece of ground all his life, his youthful play having been enjoyed there over half a century ago. For the land to be taken away like it had been he could not understand. Now it was to be turned into a Nursery garden, and cries of "Shame" shook the cobwebs in the corner of the roofs. The Vicar said he should like to leave something in the parish as a remembrance of him, and had come to the conclusion that nothing could be better than handing over this ground to the managers of the school for the benefit of the children. He was quite sure the land would be a blessing to them for many years to come. (Cheers)

1898 04 18
Pub sales, p2
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1898 04 19
James Stendall and Co.Ltd. The preservation of local industries is of moment to all who have the welfare of Cambridge at heart. The University town can boast of but few factories, and it is with pleasure that we see the above firm has been formed into a company, with ample premises and up to date machinery. We see no reason why the company should not develop into a large and profitable business concern, according employment for many hands # c.27.1
Omnibus driver p2 *

1898 04 20
Sir - I have read with amusement the report which appeared in the Cambridge Daily News. Royston football players have not the slightest objection to their play being criticised, but they do expect that those to play the part of critic should, at least, show that they possess an elementary knowledge of the game, and should at any rate give an accurate account of the game. The obvious conclusion is that the writer of the report fully expected the smart team from Cambridge (the Swifts), with two or three county men, to make rings around the Roystonians and was very chagrined when he found the homesters more than held their own. Let us hope your correspondents will endeavour to educate himself in the rudiments of the game and you will try to be fair to both sides, and show in his report something of that sportsmanlike attitude that he wishes to see in others – R.S. Trudgett
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1898 04 25
The third meeting of the Eastern District Tactical Society was held at Newmarket and orders issued for an exercise in the open country. The general idea was that a Western army was advancing from Cambridge with the object of driving an Eastern army out of Bury St Edmunds. This gave commanders of regiments some useful experience in the organisation of columns of march, some of the troops being supposed to be located at Cambridge, and others around Newmarket. On Thursday the central position was Cheveley, and the outpost were formed along the line, Limekilns, Cheveley, Kirtling. The members of the Society were engaged in working out the dispositions, and the exercises concluded with some general remarks on the action supposed to follow # c.45.4
Suffolk farmer, p3 *

1898 04 26
Newmarket sewage, p3

1898 04 27
A Clavering labourer was charged with stealing a turkey's egg, value one shilling, the property of Lydia Harritt. She said she knew that a turkey had an egg in the nest in the hedgerows beside the lane. Fifteen minutes later she went to the nest and found the egg gone. She gave information to P.C. Drew, who subsequently bought her an egg which corresponded with others the same turkey had laid. Sofia Smith stated she saw defendant go to the gap in the hedge, he was gone several minutes. Defendant said he took the egg, but not from Mrs Harritt: it came from the gutter in Walter Bailey's field. He was fined two shillings, or seven days in jail
Tom Hayward, p2 *

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1898 05 05
Cottenham parish council considered a request from the Milton parish council asking them to join in petitioning the County Council to take such steps as might seem fit for the purpose of constructing a light railway from the crossing on the Milton Road to Cottenham via Landbeach. After discussing the question it was agreed that the Milton route would be best for passenger traffic to Cambridge. Therefore it was agreed to support the petition

1898 05 06
Stapleford boasts of having been more frequently visited by outbreaks of fire than almost any other village in the county, and to enumerate those of a more or less disastrous nature that have taken place in the near vicinity during the last half century would be a tedious task. During that time over half a dozen farmsteads have been completely burnt down, innumerable stack fires have expanded their short-lived vigour, and several cottages have ascended to the clouds in smoke. And few of the present inhabitants do not remember the conflagration at Galls rope factory when the amount of damage was assessed at thousands. Yet they have no fire engine, nor have they fear for the morrow, what it may bring forth

1898 05 06
At Cambridge Corn Exchange there took place an assault-at-arms, in which the many well known exponents of the art of self-defence and kindred sports took part. One of the most interesting events was the wrestling between the champion of Bulgaria and the middleweight champion of England. Now and again one of the combatants would hurl his opponent to the ground with platform shaking force, and time after time the thrown one would come up to the scratch smiling, and more wonderful still, with unbroken bones. The audience dispersed well satisfied with the entertainment and the entertainers.

1898 05 06
About quarter past four am P.C. Thomas Leeds, being on duty in Fitzroy Street, Cambridge, noticed a smell as of something burning and saw a volume of smoke issuing from the house of Thomas More, bricklayer and small shopkeeper. By dint of hammering on the door, shouting, and blowing his whistle, he succeeded in rousing the inmates to a sense of their danger. Mrs More was very nervous about being passed through the window, and her husband was almost obliged to force her out. Meanwhile, other policemen, having heard the whistling, had hurried to the scene, and the alarm was sent to the fire station from the alarm post in Fitzroy Street. In less than ten minutes the men were on the spot with the hose and a steady jet of water directed on to the flames.

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1898 05 09
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1898 05 09 c
The pretty and interesting ceremony of electing and enthroning a May Queen was observed at the Higher Grade School, Eden Street. Teachers and girls had been busy transforming their room into a perfect garden of flowers, and the Royal dais, covered with a green carpet. The retiring Queen (Ethel Norman) having robed and put on a crown of pansies she ascended the throne and abdicated at the end of a very happy reign. May Rossendale was elected the new Queen by a large majority and to the strains of a stately march she appeared, preceded by her bodyguard bearing garlands of flowers with which they made a triumphal arch for her May Majesty's procession.

1898 05 09
St Bene't's Church, Cambridge, reopened for public service with an improved organ and newly elected organ chamber, beside several minor renovations in the decoration of the interior of the building. Archdeacon Emery said that the condition of the Church in 1849, when he was ordained Deacon, with its organ Gallery at the West End, and those high pews in the nave, and green baized pews in the Chancel was then far different to what it was now. Since that time the South aisle had been erected, the West End and Tower opened and restored, the Chancel and church generally restored and seated in such a manner that all the worshippers could feel they formed one family of God.

1898 05 09
Still the merry burglar enjoys his nocturnal pleasantries in Cambridge. Instead of going to the seaside for "Saturday to Monday", the latest investigators prefer a weekend in the clothing and spirit establishments of Dale brothers, Petty Cury, where they may satisfy alike their pockets, their interiors, and their sartorial fancy. Both the outfitting establishment and the wine and spirit store were left in their usual security on Saturday night, due attention having been paid to doors, windows, etc. Therefore the enterprising gents sometime between closing time on Saturday and daylight on Monday made their careful way down the back passage from Alexander Street and effected an entrance to the clothing establishment from the rear. 1

1898 05 10
Huntingdon was thrown into a great state of excitement, when it was became known that a murderous assault had been committed on an inmate of the workhouse known as "Tunkey" by another inmate alias "Curly". It appears that after dinner the men adjourned to the wood shop for the purpose of smoking their pipes when all of a sudden Curly seized an axe and dealt Tunkey a terrible blow on the head sending him to the ground. The poor old men scampered away to acquit the porter, and in the meantime the assailant delivered other deadly blows upon the unfortunate man's skull. Curly then escaped from the back of the premises, and, crossing the common, was last seen by some boys making his way up Oxmire Lane

Saffron Walden child drowned
St Ives drunk, *
Rendlesham Hall fire
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Ouse navigation

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1898 05 11 c
A tramp was charged with sleeping in an outhouse without visible means of subsistence in Bridge Terrace, Fenstanton. He had sold his boots for fourpence at the Dolphin, and bought beer and bread and cheese with the money. The bench sentenced him to seven days hard labour. The prisoner thanked the magistrates and said when he came out he hoped they would give him a new suit of clothes, and then he would go to Liverpool

1898 05 11
Fair St, Cambridge was the scene of an unpleasant and dangerous accident. A Hansom cab add belonging to Mr Andrews, of Salmon Lane, was on its way to the stable when the horse unaccountably bolted. The animal ran full tilt into the window of a small grocer shop, kept by Mr Cox. Then ensued a melee, in which the window with its frame were utterly demolished. A good deal of stock was damaged, and several articles lying about were smashed. The course kicked wildly, and bled to a dangerous extent from a multitude of cuts inflicted by broken glass and debris.

1898 05 12
St Ives explosion, p3 *

1898 05 12
A meeting was held at Trinity College at which several prominent ladies and gentlemen interested in the recreation of factory girls were present. Mrs Tennant gave an interesting description of the average factory girl's life. For the most part it was a joyless monotony of toil, their weary day often being followed by a worse night. She knew many girls whose whole life was like this, they are

employed some 10 or 12 hours each day. By means of this society arrangements are made with cottagers in the country so that these tired and weary girls are enabled to breathe the fresh air and have a glimpse of the country

1898 05 13
A terrific explosion occurred at the shop of Mr Ruston, ironmonger, St Ives. The centre part of the warehouse was reduced to ruins, the front windows of the shop blown out, and great damage done to the surrounding buildings. Two assistants are missing, and it is supposed they are buried amidst the ruins of the warehouse. The windows of the shops across the street are also blown in. Messrs Foster's bank on the side nearest Mr Ruston's has every window broken. Even two side windows of the Corn Exchange, where a dog show is being held, are broken. No one knows yet how the explosion was caused, but it is bought one of the men must have taken a light to the gunpowder safe.

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1898 05 17
It seems to be the serious avocation of some very fantastic young undergraduates to hound on their dogs to the destruction of such inoffensive animals as cats. It was only at the end of last term that a cat was done to death on that the spot where the dogs today, added one to the probably large number of their victims. If the Varsity authorities permit us to keep dogs, they should endeavour to prevent the abuse of that privilege - Lover of animals

1898 05 18
Proceedings were certainly lively at a large meeting of the electors of Exning convened by the Newmarket Urban District Council on the question of obtaining a Charter of incorporation for Newmarket urban district, which includes the village of Exning. The chairman explained that the subject for consideration was whether the Newmarket districts should or should not be made a borough. Mr Westhorpe sketched the advantages which would result. Mr Cattrall said the town was in a state of a bankruptcy
'Corduroy' letter, p3 *

1898 05 18 c
Two young men, the victims of the awful explosion at St Ives, were buried were buried on Sunday afternoon. One gentleman says he stood at the cemetery gates and counted 1,750 persons enter. People flocked in from all the villages around, and it is questionable if such a large number has attended a funeral in the down before. This shows how the lamentable affair has stirred the heart of the people of the town. Both were members of the Wesleyan Sunday's School, and the distressed parents are greatly comforted in the thought that they were such good-living lads

1898 05 19
Cambridge is not excepted from the gloom which Mr Gladstone's death has cast over the kingdom. All over the town are to be seen tributes to his memory in the form of flags at half-mast. The Cambridge and County Liberal Club is conspicuous for the black boards across its lower windows.

The Guildhall has mounted the Royal standard, and at the union the same flag is hoisted at half-mast. The Union Jack hangs in the wind outside the Conservative Club - a graceful tribute to a statesman, too whom everyone, of whatever political views, has accorded the palm as being the greatest man of modern times.

1898 05 19
Cambridge town council was requested to consider permitting a cabmen's shelter to be placed on the Market Hill. Mr Darwin said that he received a petition asking for the provision of some place for them to warm themselves during the cold months in some central position in the town. At present there was only one cabmen's shelter in the town and that was very widely used. If they provided another the public would gain some advantage because the cabmen, instead of going to the public houses, as they now did, would go to the shelter. The only possible harm it would do was that perhaps it would make the neighbouring public houses sell less beer

1898 05 19
Kilner v Taylor: action by Kilner brothers, proprietor of Cambridge Daily News since death of their father, to restrain William Farrow Taylor, former manager of the paper, from trespassing upon the office and interfering with the business. They had given Taylor notice in lieu of salary. Taylor said had agreement with Dr Kilner to be co-proprietor. He had been carrying on business as printer and publisher of 'The Free Lance' newspaper at Bury and proposed to start CDN. Kilner had advanced him the money. This should be treated as mortgage and repaid. c.04

1898 05 22
Sir - I was dining last night with a friend in a well-known restaurant in Cambridge. Soon after we had commenced dinner, a party of four so-called gentlemen entered, and it was apparent that they had already been drinking freely. The first incident was an impromptu wrestling match between the ringleader and another of his party. Soon they began to throw bread and other missiles about and my friend and myself were struck by their badly directed efforts. In fact, it became necessary for us to leave the place before we had finished our dinner, so intolerable were the annoyances which we received from these "bloods". I think such conduct deserves exposure in your columns. - Surprised

1898 05 22 c
John Hitchcock, ginger beer maker, in the employ of Mr Beck, chemist, journeyed to Sawtry and when delivering a case of ginger beer, one of the bottles exploded severely injuring one of his eyes and face. It is feared the sight of this eye is entirely lost, but hopes are entertained the other may be preserved

1898 05 24
Mr H. D. Taylor, of Haverhill has had the misfortune to lose a useful carthorse. It appears that he had dispatched the horse in charge of a man to do some ploughing in a field near to Withersfield road. In order to reach the field a temporary bridge spanning a watercourse had to be crossed. While so during the horse, which was a young one, shied and fell off the bridge, a distance of about 12 feet, breaking its back. The poor animal was at once killed. We understand this makes two horses and tree foals Mr Taylor has lost within the last five weeks.

1898 05 25
Huntingdon accident mail cart, p2 *

1898 05 26
Newmarket sale, p2

1898 05 27
Ely May fair attracted crowds from all the fens round. Ely was crowded, and foot traffic on High street and round the market was brought almost to a standstill. At the business fair there was a capital show of carthorses but very few purchasers. Inferior horses were very slow trade, and this may apply

to cattle of which there was but a small supply, and few purchasers. The pleasure fair, although smaller than usual, was crowded all day, and the stall keepers will have no cause to grumble
Swavesey men in USA, p3 *
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1898 05 28
Seven labourers were summoned for “tin kettling in Great Shelford. PC Chater said they were banging tins and trays, and such things, as well as shouting and yelling at a lady. Two of them had pails half full of tar which they used for burning the woman in effigy. This entertainment continued for about two hours. The woman said: "My husband won't part with his money, and that's why I left him.” The magistrate: "What is your husband's name?" - "I don't know what his name is. I never took the trouble to remember his nasty name”. Defendants were fined 2s.6d each. # c.39

1898 05 28
There was but little crush as the stream of mourners poured from all quarters of the town into Great St Mary's Church for the Memorial Service to Mr Gladstone. A subdued calm seem to fall like a veil over the centre of Cambridge as the bell tolled forth its tail of loss to the nation, and a hush, as it were, of the chamber of death seemed even to spread itself over the busy market place. Quietly the people filed into the Church and stepped into the first empty pew; none stopping to haggle for a seat. Even as the doors were being closed, as the last bars of the echoing National Anthem waned to science, latecomers yet found room in one or other of the galleries, and no one was turned from the Church # c.02

1898 05 30
Gladstone memorial, p3 *
Women’s life, p2

1898 05 31
St Ives was all alive on the occasion of the Whitsuntide fair. The show of horses in East Street and the surrounding streets was fully up to the average, and many of them were very fine animals. The stables in the town were crowded with horses and the influx of dealers was great. Many London dealers went the rounds of the stables on Sunday and completed their purchases on Monday morning, so that a large number of the best of the animals were not shown in the fair at all. This is the first day of the reopening of the store pig market, but we believe the supply was not a large one. There are scarcely any shows, and only a few swings and sweet stalls. The attendance of people was large
Huntingdon mail cart, p3

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1898 06 01
The red tape has all but unrolled, and the Chesterton playground is to be redeemed. In November the school children, who number some 500, and other children, will once more be allowed to sport on the "Old Town Close". A meeting to acquaint the people of Chesterton with the present condition of affairs in the matter was held last night. The chairman who was received with tumultuous stamping, said they had done their best to bring the matter to a crisis as quickly as possible and had made up their minds that they would make a forcible entry into the ground, would make a gap in the fence at each end, and open the field for cricket or football. But a benefactor had stepped in and offered to buy the land and give it back to the villagers. # c.32.3

1898 06 01
Among Huntingdon folk the prevailing topic is the St Neots poisoning case, all interest being centred in it, save and except when the judges attendants, in their rich attire, momentarily withdraw the attention of the admiring public to their shapely calves. Inside the court Superintendent Copping did his best to squeeze as many bona fide pressmen into the space as possible, and to reject those who laid claim to be knights of the quill without satisfactorily proving it. Yesterday was the opening day and

many local celebrities were present. The judge said the only important case was that of Walter Horsford who was committed for the murder of Annie Holmes at St Neots

1898 06 02
Chesterton manholes, p2
Cocoa, p4 8

1898 06 02 c
At Ely Urban District Council meeting Mr Wycherley asked why one of their employees should be employed in cleaning windows at the Old Post Office in the council's hours. The chairman remarked the surveyor must be careful in future, and not employ the council's employees in the council's time upon such work. Work was reported to have been done at the Fore Hill concrete paths, also asphalting the Palace Green. The surveyor reported that 22 tons of broken granite had been received from the Ely workhouse and was most satisfactory. The window blinds of the various shops were satisfactory with a few exceptions, and the Clerk was directed to write to certain parties who have not yet conformed to the regulations required

1898 06 03
The Cambridge YWCA, having found its old quarters growing too small and inadequate to its requirements has obtained Geneva House, Regent Street, and there established its head-quarters. Yesterday a meeting was convened at which the Vice Chancellor of the university presided and spoke. He said that the new premises were in every way more suited to the needs of the Association. In their new house the windows of the back rooms, which he fancied would be those most used by the young women, overlooked his garden, and he was unable to disabuse himself of an idea they would keep an eye on him. The Master of Trinity then rose. He said he had known nothing of the removal, and had been ignorant of the nature of the gathering he was to address. He did not like to trust his eyes, which were not of the best. He had never in all his experience known an educational establishment change its quarters without bettering itself # c.37

1898 06 03 c
As a horse attached to a 2-wheeled trap, and driven by a butcher boy, containing four fat pigs, belonging to Mr Clarke, Butcher, of Kneesworth Street, was proceeding down High street, Royston, a heavy peal of thunder caused the horse to come to almost a sudden standstill, thereby breaking both the shafts off close to the front board. The animal commenced to kick, and freeing itself from the trap, dashed down the street at a terrific rate, but fortunately did not come in to collision with any other vehicle, the streets at the time of the accident been quite clear of foot pedestrians and vehicles. The body of the trap containing the pigs pitched backwards and precipitated the driver on the back of his head into the road. The pigs were freed from their peculiar predicament by the cutting of the net which covered them.

1898 06 06
Today we gathered in the little court of Huntingdon, which has become so familiar to us during the past week, conscious that within a few minutes we should be witness to the last dread incidents of the trial of Walter Horsford, the ruddy young farmer who for the last four days had occupied that corner seat over there in the dock. How the prisoner took the ghastly recital of the death struggle of Mrs Annie Holmes could not be seen but to the ordinary hearers the narration of the horrible incidents was sufficiently fearsome. After 25 minutes the twelve good men and true returned and the Foreman rose and with a somewhat broken voice replied to the usual question from the Clerk of the court, "Guilty." "Walter Horsford" said the Clerk, "you have been convicted of the crime of wilful murder. What have you to say why sentence of death should not be passed upon you?" A momentary spasm passed over his face, his lower lip quivered as with quavering voice he replied "I have only to say that I am an innocent man."
Dream – EA coal, p2

1898 06 08

E.T. Hooley bankruptcy, p3

1898 06 09
Cambridge town council accepted a design for new police and fire brigade buildings, which it is proposed to erect upon the Spinning House site. If the new station is erected the whole of the existing buildings, which are not conspicuous for their beauty, will be removed, with the exception of the chief constable's house, and the fire station and firemen's quarters will be completely isolated from the police building. A new main entrance will be erected and it is suggested that the present stone gateway to the police station should be removed to the back entrance in Downing place. The only elevation of any architectural pretensions will be the main facade towards St Andrews's street. A copula forming a central feature will serve as a "look-out" in connection with the fire station. The plans include provision for a mortuary. # c.34.7
Telegraph poles, p3 *

1898 06 10
It will be with sincere regret that the inhabitants of the Newmarket and Mildenhall districts will learn of the impending retirement from the West Suffolk police force of Superintendent Samuel Garnham Reeve. During the whole of his career he has been a highly respected and popular officer and has been connected with the force no fewer than 46 years, 15 of which have been spent as superintendent of the Mildenhall Division. His resignation is on account of acute deafness, brought about by rough usage, which he has received at various times in the execution of his duty. He started his career as a police constable in June 1852 and is the oldest police officer in service in the county of Suffolk

1898 06 10
Swavesey had a first class sensation on Monday night. It is not used to such novelties. It appears Swavesey has a widow. Nothing strange about that. But this was a fascinating widow. Nothing remarkable even about that. Her husband is scarcely cold in his newly-made grave before he is superseded. This is the story which bought out the inhabitants in hundreds into the main street to celebrate the widow on Monday evening. From eight o'clock until eleven the rattle of tin cans, the whistling and shouting, hooting and yelling, and a tuning of various other musical and unmusical instruments, filled the air in this usually quiet village. Whether these noisy attentions of the neighbours will do any real good is open to question

1898 06 11
A small fire occurred at the premises of Messrs Thomas Stearn and Son, photographers, at Bridge Street, Cambridge. The conflagration broke out in the darkroom and was probably caused by woodwork becoming overheated by gas. A considerable amount of photographic apparatus was destroyed by the flames, and some of the chemicals exploded with some violence in the heat. About 16 firemen turned out with a hose cart and three reels, causing no little excitement in the neighbourhood, but by the time they arrived on the scene the outbreak had already been extinguished by the inmates, by means of buckets # c.34.75 # c.65.5

1898 06 14
The Cambridge surveyor gave particulars of what the council propose to do to the roads. From Station Road to St Andrew's street it was proposed to lay Australian "Jarrah" hardwood blocks in the whole of the carriageway. These blocks would also be laid between the tramlines. In Corn Exchange Street the paving was now granite, very rough, large setts being used. They had been put down probably 30 or 40 years. It was now proposed to substitute the wood blocks.

1898 06 14
A few evenings ago a young cyclist well known in Broad Street, Ely, was "scorching" along the Stretham Road. It was nearly dark, and he saw in the distance what appeared to him two bicycles abreast, with lights shining brightly. Being adept on the cycle, he thought he would shoot between them, when much to his surprise, and before he could stop his "horse", he found he had collided with a traction engine, much to the damage of the bike.

1898 06 15
We have received a copy of the petition presented to the Home Secretary, praying for the reprieve of Walter Horsford who lies in prison at Cambridge under sentence of death for the murder of Annie Holmes. It says the purchase of strychnine by the condemned man (upon which the prosecution relied) was made in an open manner in Thrapston. The police limited their searches to the chemists of the neighbourhood, from which in all probability a murderer would not secure poison. In any case it seems incredible that the condemned man should have acted so openly, if with a felonious design. Even if he did send the poison it is difficult to believe he did so with the object of killing the deceased woman

1898 06 16
A smoking concert was held under the auspices of the Haverhill Rovers Football Club. Mr Griggs said that throughout the past season the club had afforded much amusement and many a pleasant afternoon to those who witnessed their various games. Unfortunately, the elements had not always been what they deserved, and through that the gate money had undoubtedly fallen off. But it was a pleasure to know that the club had been able to meet their liabilities and had a decent balance at their bankers. Haverhill ought really to be proud of having a team who were able to win a trophy which was so much coveted (the West Suffolk need cup)
Animals on New Square, p3 *

1898 06 17
Unlabelled cab, p3

1898 06 21
Inspector Jordan of the N.S.P.C.C. said he visited a house at Portland Place Cambridge. There he saw six children ranging in age from 12 years down to six months. The children appeared to the very neglected, were filthily dirty, and the three-year-old child had only one garment on although he was lying in front of the fire, suffering from a very bad cold. Each child seemed to have but one ragged garment. The mother was apparently sober, but as dirty and ragged as the children. She was feeding the baby on bread and cold water and said she had no milk. The living room was filthy, and the other room contained one "truckle" bedstead in a loathsome condition. Upstairs there was no furniture. On the table there was a loaf of bread - that was all.
Leaving without notice, p4

1898 06 22
Cottenham broke its own record last night in the matter of enjoyment. At the White Horse Inn there was an exhibition of open expressions and sets of fine teeth. Messrs Lacon and Co Ltd, recently purchased both Preston’s and Apthorpe's breweries and arranged this gathering as a sort of house warming, inviting the firm's tenants and customers of Cottenham, and selecting this particular house because of the very excellent room for the accommodation of the guests. First of all a capital knife-and-fork tea was provided. This was followed by a programme of unusual excellence and Cottenham men, if unsuitable for juries, are a capital audience for appreciation, choruses and laughter.
Resignation Supt Reeve, p4

1898 06 24
Woodhurst was all astir on the occasion of the Church feast. The principal Street was gaily decorated with flags, and in a field close to the Church was a round-about, swings, coconut shying, and sweet stalls which were well patronise. A large number were present from the surrounding villages, and a strong contingent from St Ives who journeyed over in waggonettes, traps, and all sorts of vehicles. Bicyclists were also in strong evidence and a few even tramped the distance.

1898 06 24
At last, but not at length, for only part of it is ready yet, the spot known hitherto as the St Matthews recreation ground, Cambridge, has had an official opening. Now it is rechristened "St Matthews

Piece". The aspect is as yet of the distinctly "clean and not gaudy" type, comprising a rectangular enclosure, around which a spiked fence rears its effective points, and the inside is gravel all over, offering unbounded scope for young Barnwellians to develop "gravel rash". In 1892 the Corporation had represented the desirability of obtaining a piece of open ground in that thickly populated neighbourhood. Many delays occurred, and in 1895 the Commons committee took the ground over. They found a great many obstacles in the way of levelling and preparing the ground and there were many legal questions which took a long time. # c.32.3

Chesterton bells, p2
Hemingford Abbots pavilion, p3

1898 06 25
On Thursday last Captain Mutton of the Ramsey fire brigade gave out to his fireman the new brass helmets recently ordered by the Urban District Council. They were supplied by Messrs Merryweather. Ramsey Fishing Association has been holding a tournament for a week. Anglers could go on any one day. Only three anglers had weighed in by 9 pm on Thursday night. Mr F Haythorpe fished from 4 am to 9 pm for his 1lb 1oz. Ten or twelve were out on Thursday, but sport was poor.
Clare water supply, p2 *

1898 06 27
Huntingdon death inhabitant, p3 *
Ely runaway bus, p3

1898 06 28
Horsford hangs – pics, p3 *

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Addenbrooke's Hospital admin report, p3
Newmarket railway, p3 *

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Royston twin bike, p3 *

1898 07 04
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Fordham fire, p3
Interview Wilkerson, Barley

1898 07 05
George Stace, draper, of Petty Cury, Cambridge, was summoned for employing Kate Ladds after eight o'clock contrary to the Workshops and Factories Act. She said she was 17 years of age. On June 4th she began work at nine o'clock in the morning and finished at 9.20 at night. She was not paid anything extra for the overtime. Out of the time mentioned she had an hour and a half for meals. She said some of the employees in the showroom began at 8.30. On this particular night she was making a hat that a lady wanted home that night. Mr Stace was not a hard taskmaster and was not sweating the girls he employed. He was fined one shilling.
Cambridge cork club, p3

1898 07 06
Mr Foster told a meeting in the parish room adjacent to St Mark's temporary Church, Newnham Croft, that he remembered hearing about 20 years ago, that it was seriously proposed that St Botolph's Church should be removed bodily and re-erected on the present site of Caius fellows' garden. The idea was not responded to and the consequence was that that part of Newnham was left without a place of worship, and eventually that Little St Mark's Church was erected. When he first came to that neighbourhood, 15 years ago, he remembered thinking what a poor, dilapidated place it was, and wondering how long they in that corner of Cambridge would have to worship there. But he had got to know St Mark's so well that he looked upon it now has a dear little place. They would all be sorry to have it removed but it was only a temporary building, and temporary buildings must give way to permanent ones. # c.83
W. Butcher photographer – adv # c.65.5

1898 07 08
Runaway horse, p2

1898 07 09
Newmarket accident, p3
Girton jubilee, p3

1898 07 11
Sir - As a visitor to Cambridge I was induced last weekend to take a trip on the Cam. I shall not soon forget it. My adviser took particular care to impress me with the fact that Cambridge had been granted a new method of sewage disposal, and on that account I should not inhale such odours as at one time were the characteristic feature of the river trip. But to my disgust, I found another evil had arisen. The river was strewn with dead dogs and cats. Between Walnut Tree Lane and Baitsbite I counted no less than a dozen of such corpses, not always by the bank side, but floating in the middle of the river – Tourist # c.46.5

1898 07 11
At the Standing joint committee Mr H.G. Fordham proposed that the appointment of Parish Constables should be discontinued. In 1873 the Cambridgeshire quarter sessions had decided to continue them. That was 28 years ago and he contended that since then they had been rendered unnecessary. There was a considerable amount of friction and expense and they were of no real use except in rare instance. Six parishes in Cambridgeshire made no appointment. In Balsham the parish constable had not done duty for 15 years, and in Weston Colville no duty had been done for 40 years. In seventeen parishes there was no remuneration at all. In others the expenses varied from £10 downwards. The Chief Constable having said a good word for the parish constables expressed a hope that their appointment would be renewed

1898 07 11 c
A labourer from Stansted was charged with stealing 2 1/2 pounds of tomatoes, valued 1s. 6d. the property of Edmund Rochford of Birchanger. William Winter, foreman at the nurseries, said that as the defendant was going to dinner he stopped him told him that he wanted to look into his basket. Defendant then took out his dinner cloth, and he saw 9 tomatoes. Defendant urged that he took them home because he could not eat them on the premises as the other men did. He was fined £1.0.0

1898 07 12
Messrs Green, Moyes and Wisbey attended the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, and offered by auction several beerhouses. The Lion and Lamb at Denver sold for £765. The Queen's Head at Hilgay realised £510. Lot three was the freehold beer house known as the Volunteer, Mildenhall which, together with a cottage, realised £710. The Swan beerhouse Isleham realised £460. The last lot was the fully licensed freehold public house in East Road, Cambridge known by the sign of the Red Lion. The bidding started at £600, and ultimately reached £975 at which figure it was disposed of. The prices realised are considered very satisfactory by the vendors. # c.27.4

Swavesey accident, Holywell ferry, p2

1898 07 13
Yesterday was the 25th anniversary of the first farm factory in England and to celebrate the occasion a large party of London and Provincial pressmen visited Histon and spent a day in the Chivers factory and fields. We travelled along the Histon Road, with the factory chimney steaming away in the distance yonder, and fruit, interminable lines of it, growing in the fields on both sides. To the right a group of busy pickers could be seen among the strawberries, smiling and happy. We rode past the neat compact cottages of the firm's workpeople, past the factory itself, on through the shady roads, past Impington Church - seeing here and there an old thatched cottage, a striking object lesson when compared with the more modern dwellings for the people erected since the firm began, till we week reached the birthplace of the idea, the barn in which the initial efforts of the firm were made.

1898 07 13
A representative of the press paid a visit to Hemingford Abbots, for the purpose of gathering information from one of the village maidens who had been suffering from what had been described as an incurable complaint. The young person to be interviewed was Miss Lizzie Watson. Rapping at the cottage door the reporter was confronted by a tall young damsel with a fresh coloured complexion - the object of his search. She said she had been ill for many months, suffering fearful pains in her body. She had been treated by two medical men but obtained no relief. "I am all right now," she added smiling. “To what do you tribute your recovery?" asked the interviewer. "Dr Williams Pink Pills for Pale People, and nothing else," was the reply
Fordham confectioner’s bankruptcy, p2

1898 07 15
Notices were posted in Sawston calling a meeting of the cyclists for the object of forming a bicycle club, but we understand that on the leading spirit of the affair presenting himself at the appointed time and place, only a number of empty chairs and forms met the gaze of him and his friend, and they shortly left the room in disgust at the indifference shown by the Sawston cyclists.
Mildenhall horticultural show
Stretham Mission Hall tea, p2 # Stretham
St Ives drains, p3

1898 07 16
New Theatre agm

1898 07 18
Sir - I am not a native of Cambridge but have many times had impressed on me the beauty of the town. What more could be desired, I thought, as I walked down the streets and saw the beautiful clear cool streams running by the causeway. I spend a lot of my time in Trumpington St. Lately, however, this beautiful street has been a little "Sahara." Clouds of white dust are driving through the street all day, sufficient to choke or blind an ordinary person. On going through the side streets things are different, and the water-cart man is ever to be seen going on his weary round. These streets are over-watered and sloppy. Now whatever can be the reason for this? Yours etc “Dusty”
Bill Posting Co agm – secretary resigns, p3
Story of Cromwell, p4

1898 07 19
In the publication "Public Libraries," which is published in Chicago, is an article with reference to Cambridge libraries. "At the free public library, visited on Saturday evening, a changing crowd stood in line for nearly three hours, in spite of the fact that they were waited on at the rate of one a minute. We found several labour-saving devices and conveniences in this library, which seemed to be a little ahead of the average Library we visited. One of the finest collections of Shakespeariana in the country is in this building" # c.77.4
Floreat Cantabrigia, p4

1898 07 20
Under present climatic conditions there are worse things in this life than camping on the south Denes at Yarmouth, as every man in the Third Cambridgeshires will tell you. The sunshine is extremely hot at times, it is true, but it is tempered by the gentle breezes from the German Ocean, sweeping across from sea to river, and soothing the bronze warriors on its way. Again, the drills are arduous and the guard duty tedious, but all the time you are drinking in the pure air, and when the work is over what jollier, more exhilarating spot can be found than dear old, amply beached, rollicking, progressive Yarmouth, despite its numerous "rows"? In fact, Cambridge folk are here, there and everywhere, in the town and district, and surprised "Hello's" greet you at every turn. The men of Yarmouth keep toeing the mark of up to dateness, and every year sees the historic town presenting some fresh improvements to hold her in the forefront of watering places. There is the new patent tower to be ascended for a birds-eye view of the district, and there are the numerous other attractions common to every season
Royston new water works, p3

1898 07 21
Bill Posting Co reply, p2
Linton flower show, p4 *

1898 07 22
The annual show of flowers, fruit, needlework, etc open to Shelford and the neighbouring villages, was held yesterday in the grounds of Mr Carter Jonas' residence at Great Shelford. The Cambridge University volunteer band played during the afternoon and evening. During the latter part of the day the grounds became an unusually lively scene, a large number of visitors coming in from Cambridge and the villages in the vicinity. The attractions included a May-pole demonstration by the children of Whittlesford be School, and all the usual paraphernalia of swings, cocoa-nut shies, shooting galleries and steam horses.

1898 07 25
George Baynes, proprietor of the newly opened wax works exhibition in Petty Cury, Cambridge, was summoned for carrying on his show without the permission of the mayor. Dr Cooper (looking at the wax works programme): I see this is a regular chamber of horrors Sergeant Baker said he had told the defendant he was liable to a penalty of £20 and advised him to close the show. The defendant however said he did not think it was necessary as he had a similar show eleven years ago without permission. He kept the exhibition open till 10 o'clock and a large number of persons visited it, the crowd causing great inconvenience in the street. The bench inflicted a fine of 20s. # c.76
Hooley’s affairs, p2

1898 07 25
Ramsey fair which has been held on Thursday (a day earlier) Friday and Saturday, has been about the same as usual. The chief attraction have been the gondolas and cinematograph. Most of the stalls left for Warboys feast

1898 07 26
A meeting in connection with the proposed Cambridge Ice and Cold Storage Company was held at the University Arms Hotel. A central site had been secured at Petty Cury and they had customers both for ice and cold storage. The two biggest firms in Cambridge had agreed to have cold storage, beside many other gentlemen, and they would have orders for eleven hundred tons of ice for the first weeks working. Some hundreds of shares were taken up before the meeting ended. # c.27
Barkway accident, p2

1898 07 26
In response to a handbill headed "Our River," and appealing for a Cromwell to redress the grievances of St Ivians in respect to the river, a very large crowd assembled on Market Hill. Time went on, and

no sign of any leader was forthcoming. Cromwell was apparently hard to find and people began to think the whole scene was going to end in a fiasco. Then a big shout heralded the approach of Mr Radford's furniture van and when Mr E R Odams was seen getting into the van another shout of rejoicing went up and his appearance was greeted with vociferous applause.

1898 07 27
Newmarket rural council was told that the water supply of Swaffham Prior was derived from springs, and was abundant and naturally pure. All that was necessary was to see that it was properly safeguarded. Some of the existing wells were so circumstanced that they ran the risk of contamination. Four bored wells would be sufficient for the village and one more for the hamlet of Reach. Only one outbreak of diphtheria had occurred in the village, in 1894, when four cases occurred in one house, but analysis of the water supply showed that it was pure and fit for drinking purposes

1898 07 28
'Photo pictures in East Anglia' review, p2
Telephone wires, Cambridge – Ely, p2

1898 07 29
Saffron Walden School, 3

1898 07 30
Considerable diversion was created at the Newmarket Conservative Club by the appearance of a monkey in the billiard room, the animal having wandered from a circus staying in the town. The members at once suitably greeted the newcomer, one gentleman facetiously enquiring who proposed the newcomer as a member. A keeper arrived a minute later and bore away the Tory ape in his arms.
Mr McCalmont's seat in the House does not yet need such supporters
St Ives river, p3

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1898 08 02
Some amusing scenes were witnessed at Dunmow, where about 10,000 visitors assembled to hear the claims for the famous flitches put forward by Mr and Mrs Frost of Sutton, Surrey and Mr & Mrs Herbert of Hounslow. Mr Herbert, who is by occupation a dealer in antique furniture and curios, startled the presiding judge by bidding him two sovereigns for the ancient chair in which he sate. This was promptly refused, with some show of offended dignity, and Mrs Herbert must have trembled for her chances of securing the flitch, thus prejudiced by her husband's keen eye to business. However, the jury did not take a severe view of this flagrant contempt of court and the judge himself heartily occurred in the view that the claim had been made good. Both couples went home rejoicing, bearing their flitches with them.
Bank Holiday – Tudor's circus, p2
Balsham rectory & tenants, p3 *

1898 08 03
A meeting at the Prince of Wales hotel requested the Cambridge council to consider providing a cycle and athletics track for Cambridge. Grounds in the town were becoming more and more limited. The University Ground itself was only saved by the merest chance from going into the hands of the builders; the university bicycling track was now disappearing for the very same reason. They were practically arriving at the time when there would be no grounds available for the purpose of sport, at least not enough to meet the growing needs of Cambridge.
Tudor's circus advert, p1
Ely sports, p2 *
March Conservative Club – fire engine, p2
Huntingdon accident, p3

1898 08 04
At Chesterton Council a letter was read claiming £3 3s for damage done to a gentleman's laundry by the hose being directed by the Fire Brigade through his window during a drill. The Captain explained it was a pure accident and the damage was trivial - 4 blouses were wetted at a cost of 6d each for rewashing. While the drill was proceeding a boy for his own amusement lifted the jet, and the water was immediately turned off by the man in charge. Mr Bester said that when they had a body of men giving their services gratuitously to the public the inhabitants should exert some leniency in regard to accidents
Town council cycle track, p3

1898 08 05
The new Reading Room at Hemingford Grey was opened and the outside of this handsome little place was gaily decorated with flags. It is a well-built building. Sir Arthur W Marshall spoke of the cheapness of books and newspapers, of the starting of public libraries while even their villages had their public rooms and bookshops. The Reverend D E Curtois spoke of the desirability of having a room where the young could have the sociability of the public house without its temptations.
Haverhill Sunday school treats, p3

1898 08 06
Newmarket trap accident, p3

1898 08 08
At the Cambridge Free library committee meeting an offer was made by Mr W.H. Hattersley to present an oil painting of Mr John Pink, who has been the librarian ever since the commencement of that other institution in 1855. It was agreed to make the necessary arrangements for placing the portrait in the Reading Room. It is painted by Mr P Hall, master of the School of Art # c.77.4

1898 08 08
At Cambridge court Detective sergeant Marsh told how he spent yesterday morning out in rain at Longstanton digging for gold. With a faithful allegiance to mystery and lucre the leisured classes of King Street and its bye-ways mustered to hear the recital of the experiences in the penny Klondike. The detective told how he searched for money in the garden of the prisoner's grandmother for an hour or so. At last he struck the money with the fork. Some was in matchbox, some in a cigarette case, and the gold in a purse

1898 08 09
Deprivation of incumbent, p3

1898 08 10
Cyclists, pedestrians, lovers of the free and open road, dwellers in and around Horningsea and Waterbeach, all interested in this district, harken. There is yet hope for you that the last relic of antiquated obstruction - the obnoxious toll at Clayhithe bridge - may be swept away. You have to pay every time you go over, and people on the other side of the river are obliged to use the station for produce of all sorts, and for every load that comes over they have to pay 4d. Many people would make use of this road from Cambridge were it free, as the road is good, and a convenient circle may be traversed round by the bridge and back this other way.

1898 08 10
Joseph Martin of Littleport told the Agricultural Committee on National Wheat Stores that he was not in favour of a reserve. He said "It is most remunerative, growing wheat. I am of the opinion that if you could by any means guarantee a better price for wheat there would be many more thousands of acres. I am in the fen district. It is really a wheat growing country. But a good deal of the heavy land has gone out of cultivation entirely and grass has taken the place of wheat"

1898 08 10

Newmarket Road district council were told that at Cheveley a well which had been cleaned out and deepened, now yielded as good a supply as water as could be found. They should consider the desirability of employing an experienced well sinker who could clean out and deepen many of the wells in the neighbouring parishes. A good water supply might be obtained in that way without the expense of digging and sinking artificial wells.

1898 08 11
At the general meeting of shareholders of the Cambridge Omnibus Company there was no exuberant spirit of jubilation. In fact, the company seems to have fallen on bad times. Trading for the year had resulted in a very considerable loss. In September an unfortunate accident occurred to one of the company's vehicles, injuring several persons more or less severely. They had the misfortune to lose by death nine horses. One thing that had swelled the amount of loss was the state of the roads. It must be patent to everyone that the rooms were very destructive to the wheels, more particularly the main streets where there were tram lines.
Ely basket maker, Scott, drowned, p3, inquest 11th p3

1898 08 11
The monthly meeting of Linton guardians was told that the number of inmates in the workhouse during the past week was 60. The Local Government Board inspector drew attention to the large amount expended for out-relief which was about 10 times as much as the cost of in-maintenance. The Chairman said they found it difficult in cases of old people, who never had a chance of saving, to drive them into the workhouse, especially when the character of these deserving poor had been all their lives exemplary. They were quite alive to the necessity of treating very differently those cases where their wages had been spent in drink.
Drowning Dimock's Cote, p3 # Stretham
Isle Ely steam roller, p4

1898 08 12
Knapwell excursion, p3
St Ives public pump *, police & council

1898 08 13
Interview Joseph Martin, Littleport farmer, p2

1898 08 15
William Tudor circus proprietor nearly drowned, p2
Clayhithe bridge, p2 *

1898 08 15 c
It maybe that the police have influence with the Clerk of the weather. Anyway the sun beamed down full face on the righteous and the unrighteous, and incidentally on those congregated at the Leys to witness the annual sports of the Borough Police. And as evidence not only of the love of Cambridge folk for sport, but also of their friendship for their blue-tuniced guardians, it may be mentioned that there was a large attendance. Adding much to the enjoyment of the company, Madame Frederica with her toy terriers, and Mr Fred Derrick the well-known entertainer from Tudor's Circus, gave some clever exhibitions.

1898 08 15 c
Sir - Waterbeach is the great health resort for Cantabs. What place can give such fishing? What prettier lanes, abounding with orchards, all leading to the river. If our parish council could be made to realise that they are living in 1898 AD and would level the village green, and plant a few trees round it, give us a few oil lamps at small cost, Waterbeach with its fine train service and river steamers would become an attractive residential suburb – Waterbeacher

1898 08 16

Girls in assault, Castle End, p2 *
Omnibus Co letter, p2 *
Pitch & toss, at Haverhill, p3

1898 08 16
An NSPCC inspector described visiting the house of a weaver in Haverhill. The floors were black with dirt, the bed consisted of two dirty mattresses swarming with vermin and black with dirt. The air was foul smelling. The children fairly nourished, but they were in a filthily dirty and ragged condition. Even their clothes were verminous and their bodies were badly bitten with fleas and vermin. The father was an idler at the corners of streets, and did what jobs he did. He spent the money in drink and neglected the children

1898 08 17
Castle End children case, p2
Hooley case, p3
Sawston schoolboy, p4
Cheveley water, p4

1898 08 18
Polluted brook, p3
St Ives regatta, p4

1898 08 19
An itinerant umbrella maker and scissor grinder was charged with stealing a half crown from Kate Taylor, domestic servant to Mr William Cutlack, of Littleport. She gave him a pair of scissors to grind for which he charged 2d. An umbrella was next entrusted to his versatile art, in which he put a new handle and charged 1s.6d. The lady had not less than half-a-crown and expected change but he walked off with the money. As she was afraid of the man she told the groom, John Lambert. He found him quietly enjoying himself at the Gilgal pub. Defendant pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three weeks hard labour

1898 08 22
A correspondent writes: “Two miles from Five Miles from Anywhere, No Hurry, there is a place called "Dimmock’s Cote" on the waterway to Ely, about two miles from Upware, to which spot one of Messrs Bolton Bros. large furniture vans proceeded on Saturday last. Arriving without accidents a very busy time was experienced in rigging up accommodation for living and stores. It is very advisable for anyone intending to camp by the river side to take a large filter, and even then to drink as little water as possible. Fishing was very poor. The bullocks which are grazed on the washes were attracted by the unusual lights and gave some little trouble, but owing to a good watch dog, due notice of their visits was early given, so we were always ready for the enemy”

1898 08 22
The quaintly named village in which Mr Frank Doggett resides (Rectory farm, Cherry Hinton) is within three miles of Cambridge railway station - in fact the farm itself almost extends to the borough boundaries. But the House, partly covered with ivy, might be any distance from haunts of men; and Cherry Hinton is country pure and simple. In the course of a long drive over his holding I saw many evidence of careful and admirable farming; some promising crops of corn and roots, and a very level flock of sheep. There is scarcely a corner of the land which he does not cultivate, and the order which prevails in the well-arranged buildings is characteristic of his farming. He lets seven cottages with the farm. In a place like this the rents are high and it is very advisable to let the cottages at a rental the men can pay. Most of his are let at two shillings a week. Ordinary men are paid 13 shillings a week. At Cherry Hinton they pay more money for regular work than most villages. It is generally possible to obtain sufficient extra labour in summer, but regular men are more difficult to secure.

1898 08 23

The Barnum and Bailey great street parade will be a wonderful and stupendous spectacle of men, women, children, horses, elephants, wild beasts, chariot, cars and floats. Christopher Columbus, as well as scores of other characters famous in his time, are all truthfully represented in rich costumes. Leading the pageant is one of the most magnificent sights imaginable, a wondrous team of 40 fine bay horses driven by one man. There are rich displays of open dens of wild beasts and carved golden chariots, containing the splendid zoological collections, followed by 20 elephants, and allegorical chariots, illustrating nursery rhymes and children's fairy stories. The whole affair is grand and inspiring. # c.76.2
Brewster, Whaddon, p2
Stetchworth water, p3

1898 08 24
Messrs Dilley and son, auctioneers, offered for sale the whole of the stock-in- trade, machinery, coals, fittings etc of the "Cromwell" Engineering Works, St Ives, by direction of Messrs Fowell and son, who are dissolving partnership. There was a large company present, buyers coming from Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield and all the engineering centres, as well as a crowd of local purchasers. There were 530 lots and the sale occupied a considerable time. The scrap iron fetched a record price, one large heap of old cast iron realising £51. The plant and machinery fetched a good price. The freehold premises comprising an extensive foundry, with engineer's workshop and three plots of building land adjoining the Great Eastern Railway were also sold
Licencing racquet court, p2 *

1898 08 25
Somersham bread, p2

1898 08 26
Mr Horatio Wadsworth, mineral water manufacturer, of Bridge Street, St Ives, applied for a licence to sell bottled beer in quantities not less than a dozen half pint bottles at a time. He was the owner of an excise licence to sell bottled beer and this was simply an extension of that licence. He had every facility for bottling beer and was now bottling the beer of a firm in this county up to five or six thousand bottles. He intended to bottle local beer from Jenkins and Jones if he got the licence. He would be the only bottler of beer in St Ives. It did not interfere with the retailers of beer as he would not sell by single bottle or by the jug. He would send out the bottled beer at the same time that he sent out soda water and ginger beer

1898 08 27
Cambridge, the one and only, Barnum and Bailey Greatest Show on Earth, grounds on Huntingdon Road, September 8th. An overwhelming equestrian department, teeming with every valuable attraction, filled with wonders, overflowing with grand features, crowded with startling surprises, brim-full of novelties, running over with mirthful scenes, and abounding with thrilling sensations and glorious events. Presenting, in vast Amplitude of Detail, Wild Beast, Chariot and Pedestrian Races, Fearless Contests, Trials of Speed, Skill and Endurance. A World's Fair of modern marvels. 1,000 men, women, giants, midgets, dwarfs, tattooed people, sword swallowers, bearded and long-haired lady, dog-faced boy, armless and legless men, snake charmers. 1,000 marvellous sights and curious creations. One ticket admits to all the attractions. (Advert) # c.76.2

1898 08 29
Funeral Ald King, St Ives, p3

1898 08 30
Royston is almost approaching a water famine, owing to the wells of the Water Company being extremely low through the continued drought. It may be news to them to know that in a cottage not a hundred miles from Kneesworth Street, which has been unoccupied for some time, a tap has been pouring forth water for the past month. It would be well for the company to give this instance their

attention and thus relieve the parishioners of the anxiety which would prevail at the rumour of the mere appearance of a water famine
Castle Camps sale Cock, p2 *
All over work, p2 *
Castle End tin-kettling, p3
Funny Fred Hall, p3, funeral 21st p3

1898 08 31
The securing of the Midsummer Common for the show grounds of the Barnum and Bailey's Circus, having been completed, they have found it necessary to make a change in a number of their plans for the visit to Cambridge. The large number of excursionists from the country districts who will be attracted by the presence of the show will be thankful for the change. It will be possible to enjoy the evening show with comfort, in the consciousness that it is easy to catch the trains afterwards. The big show will arrive in Cambridge on four special trains, with a total of 74 railway cars. The unloading will be done in the G.E. railway yards, and the entire city of canvas, 14 tents in all, will be put up in the morning before the parade starts out. Every bit of the show is coming to Cambridge # c.76.2
Beer to children, p2

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1898 09 02
Last night the people of Fitzroy Street, Cambridge, were startled by a loud crash and it was found that one of Messrs Sturton's shop windows had smashed. It seemed that a quantity of hams and cheeses were stored in the window and some becoming dislodged, had rolled down to the glass and smashed it. The window was completely wrecked and the cheeses and hams rolled into the street. The police were promptly in attendance and remained on guard until Mr Sturton arrived and had the window boarded up

1898 09 03
Cherry Hinton is the meeting place of the old and new; a study in contrasts. St John's ward contains trim villas, modern residences, and a population increasing rapidly year by year. On the other hand, St Andrew's ward is intensely rural, the scene of scattered dwellings and old thatched gables. In short, St John's is suburban, while St Andrew's yet retains its agricultural character. Thus a drainage scheme is less needed in the latter than the former and the inhabitants of St Andrew's insist that they will have none of it, while in the former it has long been common knowledge that emphatically "something must be done", and that quickly, for the constantly growing population

1898 09 05
Awful was the fate of an aged women residing in East Road Cambridge, on Saturday night. Her body was found scorched, blackened and blistered in her burning house. Every article of clothing was burned, and not a hair remained on her head. Those who saw it were sickened at the uncanny sight. As quickly as possible she was carried to a costermonger's barrow and covered up with the first things that came to hand, after which she was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital. The fire brigade was hampered as the telegraph wires are set so low in that part of the town that it is impossible to run the fire escape along without catching the wires and causing not only damage but delay. In this instance the escape was delayed by catching the wires in Burleigh St
Ref Cuff at Waterbeach, p2

1898 09 06
Evenings sport case, p2 *
Marriage failure – carrier, Melbourn p2 *
New Cherry Hinton drainage enquiry, p3
Children & drink, p4

1898 09 08
Today Cambridgeshire folk in their thousands have seen the procession of the "greatest show on earth" and now they can exist through the remainder of a dull vacation chewing, mentally, the cud of their reflections. Before dawn Barnum-struck people could be found waiting for the arrival of the monsters and wonders of the world. And then for hours there was a steady traffic of all manner of men and beasts and creeping things. Huge elephants and gilded cars, endless teams of horses - a continual movement of deliberate and well-ordered detail. First came four of our borough police, looking as smart as possible on their coal black steeds, though somewhat warm. The Sun came out full faced to see the show. It was broiling hot! Many a grizzled old agriculturist who came to scoff remained to praise, and exclaimed perpetually on the beautiful cattle. In their cages, amid lions, bears, wolves and hyenas came one after another keeper, calmly sitting on his stool, cynically surveying the wonder-struck lines of the town's and country's curious. Then the spectacular pageant, "The return of Columbus to Barcelona", another band, the elephants wearing strange and curious instruments representative of far off climes, and at length that vast array of the world's collected curios is past. Everyone is going to see the show. For hours the box office has been a Klondike # c.76.2

1898 09 08
Just now the grounds surrounding the Arrington police station present a pleasing aspect. The flower-beds are looking their best, crowned as they are with all the colours of the rainbow. The beds on the lawn, which are composed of two shades of asters, look lovely, whilst the borders and windowsills are one mass of flowers. Superintendent Wilderspin spares neither time nor labour in making the building and its surroundings presentable; and the remarks that are bestowed upon the worthy police officer by passers-by are certainly deserved
Excessive heat, p2
Linton not continue parish constables, p3
St Ives Guardians bread, p4

1898 09 09
At St Ives Town council Mr Ruston said that it was desirable something be done to avoid the nuisance which arose through the Michaelmas fair being held on the market place. There was a great nuisance caused by the smoke from the caravans, and the stench which arose from their refuse. It would be a very good thing if they could have the fair held outside the town. He did not see why they should encourage "riff raff"; they ought to preserve the tranquillity of the town. The Mayor thought that if the horse fair was held in the overflow market instead of in the back streets it would be an alteration which one could not very well object to
Barnum's circus, p3 *

1898 09 12
At Saffron Walden Town Council Mr Midgley made an inquiry as to the water supply, and questioned whether it would not be well to check the too free use of water in gardens. The surveyor stated that the water was not so high in the well as it had been by about two feet, but it was not so low as in 1897. Alderman Gibson said there was no chance of such a thing as a water famine. It must be remembered that they were not getting their water from a reservoir, but from "the bowels of the earth." The surveyor said that the average per day for the population was 15 gallons

1898 09 12 c
Fanny Elizabeth Laxton, an unfortunate, was charged with wilfully breaking two panes of glass at the Three Compasses, East Road Cambridge, doing damage to the amount of one shilling and with refusing to quit that house. She was also charged with being drunk. For breaking the window she was sent to prison for a month with hard labour, and for refusing to quit two weeks with hard labour. Prisoner was removed to the cells vowing vengeance. As she left the dock to the regions below her voice could still be heard crying, "You ought to wear a Salvation Army bonnet, that you ought"

1898 09 13

At Haverhill a young man was charged by Frederick Hicks, cycle maker, with stealing a quantity of spelter, borax, rubber and solution. The defendant was employed as foreman cycle maker at 6½d pence per hour. Soon after he asked his master whether he could make a bicycle in his own time. It would take 20 hours to build a machine without the wheels and another four hours to build the wheels. The missing ingredients would have been used for making up the bicycle. The case was dismissed
Royston wandering mechanic, p4

1898 09 14
The "Cambridge Express" carries an article which read: "I heard an unpleasant tale from the workhouse hospital the other day. It appears that when a Cambridge patient is too poor to pay 1s. a week for his coffee, and sugar, it is customary to inform the Relieving Officer of the fact, who will ensure that their wants shall be attended to. It is said that groceries of a sort are sent, but they are of such a quality as to render them anything but acceptable to the recipient". The contractor begs to say that the above quoted statement is a deliberate lie. It seemed that the worst things they could say about the Guardians the better they liked it
Otter and Otter Hound advert, p3 # c.26.2

1898 09 15
Important notice. In connection with an attempt to force upon the public a scheme for promoting a second daily paper for Cambridge, most dishonourable and dastardly tactics have been adopted towards this Journal. The matter is to come before a legal tribunal and a shocking conspiracy will then be revealed to the public. Public or private enterprise we gladly welcome, whether it be in journalism or any other calling. If amateur pressmen have several thousands to throw away - for that is what it means - we do not at all object. But let the fight be fair and square # c.04
CDN football competition, p2

1898 09 16
This morning shows a big blank in the row of houses in Church End, Cottenham. A little after before eight o'clock some children called Mrs Smith and told her that a boy was setting a fire near her husband's stacks. Very quickly the stacks, outbuildings, barn and furniture were devoured. In the buildings were two horses and two pigs, which it was impossible to save, and they were roasted alive. The burning flesh could be smelled a long way down the Street. On went the fire to the adjoining premises, "The Jolly Millers" inn. In a back room lay Mr Thomas Legge, the veteran postman, fast asleep, and he was carried out of harm's way just in the nick of time. That ancient, lumbering instrument known as the Cottenham fire engine was hauled out from among the cobwebs and after a lengthy leakage it did its best to sprout the limited supply of water on the flames
Woman burnt to death, East Road, p3
Haverhill cycle maker, Hicks, bankruptcy, p3

1898 09 17
At an inquiry at St Ives the East Hunts Water Company said that for several days there was no supply to the taps. If they erected stand pipes it would be detrimental to their company as their 116 customers would go to the stand pipe for their drinking supply and use other water for cleaning purposes. The medical officer of health said that the pumps had been closed in 1893 as they were polluted with sewage and notices placed on the pumps would be insufficient to prevent people drinking the water. The Vicar said the river was so low that it had prevented a large number of persons from getting the water from the river for sanitary purposes
Shelford undertaker failure – Goat, p3 *

1898 09 19
On Saturday morning the horses attached to a heavily laden Omnibus, going to Cambridge railway station, stopped short and refused to budge after drawing the vehicle right across the tramway. A tramcar was close behind, and was also full of country folk leaving to catch their trains and, of course, had to stop also. Full five minutes elapsed before the unruly steeds could be induced to resume their

journey, during which period many of the passengers decided to alight and resume their journey on foot

1898 09 19
The site in Sturton Street, Cambridge on which the new buildings of the Co-operative Society have been erected has a frontage of exactly a hundred feet. To the East are erected to substantial houses, to be occupied by servants of the society - who are to have the care of the dairy department, and on the North is a shop with plate glass front, fitted with marble top counters. Behind this has been erected a dairy and slaughter-house. There is a space for washing and cleaning the carts, vans and horses. Pens for sheep, pigs and cattle are also provided # c.27.2

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An inquest was held at Cardinal's Green, Shudy Camps, touching the death of a child of seven years. Her mother said the child had complained of sickness. For dinner she had beef, pudding and potatoes and drank water fetched from a pond in the garden. It was the only water supply for drinking purposes in that part of the parish. There was no pump, well, or other supply of water. Doctor Jones said that the water was most dangerous, full of injurious microbes, and ought never to be used, even for washing domestic utensils, without being first boiled. Linton district council were told they should take immediate steps to cause a good supply of water to be effected

1898 09 21
What is the most marvellous invention of the Queen's reign? The electric telegraph, the sewing machine, the telephone, the X rays - any one of a dozen things might be mentioned. It is however the phonograph - a bit of glass in a frame, a bit of sapphire, a waxen cylinder, a machine that revolves by clockwork, and a tin horn. Result, the human voice has been caught, imprisoned and made to repeat itself again and again for all time. Though the phonograph is an endless source of pleasure it has a serious side. No business office today is up to date without it. It is invaluable in answering correspondence, as it can be dictated to at any time as fast as you speak. And phonographs are now in universal use in teaching elusive pronunciation of foreign languages. (& 28th p1)

1898 09 22
The Cambridge Daily News has made arrangements with the Edison-Bell Phonographs Company Ltd to supply phonographs to the readers of the Cambridge Daily News on such easily fulfilled conditions that no reader need be without a phonograph - whether he needs it in his business or by his hearth. This phonograph is no toy - it is a perfected machine, endorsed with the power of receiving, retaining, and emitting the human voice. The machine and equipment we suggest cost you seven guineas for the Standard Phonograph and four records selected from the list, together with eight blank cylinders for correspondence purposes or for making home records and a carrying case. Machines sent, carriage paid, upon receipt of the subjoined order and a guinea
Newmarket draining into Burwell Fen commission, p3

1898 09 23
Rose, Rose Crescent licence not renewed * 24th p2 # c.27.4

1898 09 26
Cambridge is in possession of municipal buildings, which in their inartistic blending of the old and the new, are somewhat of an eyesore. The old buildings on which age has laid its hand heavenly are in front. The new tower behind. Some time ago this blemish came home so strongly that it was proposed to pull down the old part and rebuilt the front to be in harmony with the buildings in the rear. It should be of a design sufficiently imposing that the Guildhall should hold its own with the other buildings of Cambridge. Is this the time came to embark upon an expensive scheme for the adornment of the town, praiseworthy as that scheme may be? The rates are already as high as need be, and there is no prospect of their being lowered
"A terrible expense" by William Kirkup, p4

1898 09 27
Temperance crusade, p3

1898 09 28
Edison-Bell phonograph, p1 *
Wesleyan convention, p3
Gransden agricultural show, p3

1898 09 29
Henley Arthur Bedwell, a Cambridge piano and organ builder claimed £2 from the Great Eastern Railway for damages sustained by a piano and a case which had been considerably damaged by wet. The manager of the Cutter inn, Ely said he packed the piano before it was sent back. He took it to Ely station and deposited in a goods shed. James Merry, goods foreman at the station, gave evidence as to loading the piano safely on a truck. A tarpaulin was tied over it. There were some barrels of beer in the same wagon, but they were not leaking. Harold Pain, an optician, produced a register proving that there was no rain during the transit of the piano.
Saffron Walden cricket team, p3
Newmarket new hotel, p3 *

1898 09 30
The following were granted permission to keep their houses open until 11 o'clock on the occasion of Sutton feast on October 3rd: William Rushbrooke, The Oak; Alexandra Willingham, The Crown; John Smith, The Ship; Amos Clark, Black Horse; James Dewey, Windmill; William Wayman, George and Dragon and Josiah White, Red Lion
Cycle record broken, p2
Post times revised, p2
Conybeare Barrington presentation, p4 *
E.J. Edwards tripe, p4

1898 09 30
Melbourn Rural District Council were told that Mr Ingold had examined the deep well at Chishall and reported that he could see nothing to account for the water being impure, accepting from rust from chains and buckets. They noted that provision was being made by the owners of the Wilkes estate for increasing the supply of water in the existing reservoirs. They did not think it advisable to proceed with the Bull pond scheme as they believed that no satisfactory permanent supply of water for drinking can be obtained from any ponds or surface water, and that it is now necessary to make arrangements to provide a supply from a public well

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1898 10 01
Harvest festival at Cambridge workhouse, p2

1898 10 03
Cambridge is itself again. The university town has put on its university aspect; Gown has come back to town, and town has made it welcome. The devotion of Cambridge graduates to their Alma Mater has not been wanting during the past year. The Vice Chancellor mentioned the formation of the Cambridge University Association which has been opened to provide new buildings for the Law and Medical schools. £6,000 have already been subscribed. Cambridge is rich in scholarship; the real need of the hour is money that will enable the university to keep in the van of scientific research; to meet the demands that rapid progress in all departments of knowledge has made upon it. # c.36.9

1898 10 05
The annual report of the Cambridge public Free Library has been issued. Under competent management and the able direction of Mr Pink, it has continuously added to its resources. It is now as

well equipped as anyone could desire. It has a reference library and in the Shakespeare and dramatic collections a special features of great interest and real value. Moreover there is the branch library at Mill road with 6,600 volumes and during the past year reading rooms have been opened at East road and Castle end. The people who enjoy these facilities of access to the best literature may well be envied by those who do not # c.77.4
Somersham publican licence endorsed, p3
Soham gasworks manager & apples

1898 10 05
A fire in the daytime is infinitely easier to cope with than one of equal dimensions at night, when the circumstances are all in favour of the destroying element and against those who grapple with it. Messrs A W Redding and son, builders, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge, have been unfortunate victims of circumstance by which their workshops are practically gutted. Mr Redding was sitting quietly at dinner when a man rushed in with the news that the workshops had taken fire. He had once hastened to the building and seeing that there was some cause for alarm, communicated with the Volunteer Fire Brigade. Within a very few minutes the hose cart was on the scene. Under the command of Captain Greef no less than 20 fireman assembled. In the meantime two police constables had taken the police station reel to the premises and afforded material assistance in getting the fire under # c.34.75

1898 10 06
Notice to football clubs, p4

1898 10 07
A service of thanksgiving for the harvest was held at Grantchester. The beautiful old church, made even more attractive by the decorations which embellished every part available of the edifice, was crowded with a congregation whose fervent praises were evidence of a full recognition of the nature of the service. The musical portion was rendered eminently beautiful by the employment of a string orchestra. The nine candelabra by which the church is lighted were hung with small branches of cereals. The mode of lighting the church, resulting in a perfect diffusion of light, enhanced the appearance of an altogether artistically perfect display

1898 10 07
Cambridge town council has issued an additional report on the proposed new Guildhall buildings. The accommodation will be considerably increased and will include in the basement, additional coal store, public lavatories for men and women and three new storerooms. On the ground floor a greatly improved entrance with grand staircase, cloak rooms, retiring rooms, two new public meeting rooms, kitchen and offices. Facing Union Street three new shops will be provided. On the first floor the Aldermen's parlour will be enlarged and improved and there will be rooms for the town clerk as well as a Mayor's reception room and a new enlarged council chamber. The cost is estimated at £38,000 # c.35.7

1898 10 08
Guildhall front – 2nd letter, p3

1898 10 11
Thrifty wives, hopeful maidens, and even thoughtless bachelors assembled in large numbers when an exhibition under the auspices of the Cambridge University and Town Gas Light Company was opened. Some disappointment was occasioned by the announcement that Miss Richmond would not be able to give her lecture owing to the fact that her cooking utensils had not arrived, but as a solace a male assistant gave an illustration of how a bachelor’s breakfast could be cooked in 12 minutes on one burner, and with a very small expenditure of gas. An attractive feature of the show is the penny in the slot cookers. These should prove a boon to the working classes, a single penny releasing enough gas to keep a single burner alight for 5½ hours.
Football Parker’s Piece, p3

1898 10 13
The Town Council of Cambridge has asked the burgesses whether they are of a mind to make a beginning at once with the extension of the Guildhall, and with the building of a new front, and the ratepayers have given their answer. There is no ambiguity about that answer; the "No" is emphatic enough. The attendance at the Guildhall was so large that those who know by experience how difficult it is to get the public to take an active interest in public questions must have been surprised. # c.35.7
CDN action against Kilner, Cambridge Gazette, p2 & p3 # c.04

1898 10 14
The eccentricity of a horse at Chesterton last night caused its driver and a fare some alarm. It bolted along Chesterton lane at a furious rate, resisting all the efforts of the driver to get it under control. The animal made a tour of Old Chesterton in record time and returned by the Milton Road. At this point the driver came to the conclusion it was quite useless trying to hold the horse in any longer and advised the gentleman inside the cab to "quit". He took a flying leap into the darkness and grazed his face somewhat severely. The driver fell off the box and the off wheel passed over his legs. Continuing his career the horse came into collision with a gatepost at Northampton Street which knocked it on its hindquarters
Cycling track – editorial, p2

1898 10 17
The "burgling" fraternity are already on the warpath. In pursuing his unworthy calling at Chesterton some impudent member of the fraternity paid a visit to a house in Victoria Road but got little, if anything, for his trouble. The family left home having previously secured the doors and windows. On their return they were alarmed at finding the front door bolted on the inside. This aroused suspicion and gave rise to the surmise that the house had been invaded by burglars. This belief was confirmed by the movements of the depredator in his haste to beat a retreat by the back part of the premises. By means of wax matches, the debris of which was strewn about the room, Mr Burglar had found his way upstairs and examined the contents of several drawers. It can hardly be imagined that the intentions of the housebreaker were strictly honest and honourable. Probably had he not been disturbed he might have got clear with a considerable amount of booty
Christ Church organ, p2 *

1898 10 18
The photographer who is also an artist has a great advantage over the photographer who is merely a mechanic. One may realise this very clearly by paying a visit to the studio at St Mary's Passage, Cambridge, of Mr Clement A. Shaw. His first love was painting but in his portrait work he found the advantage of being able to take a photograph of the subject, in that tedious sittings could often be curtailed. His studios are covered with specimens of his work. There are photographs in all processes - opals, miniatures, pastels and oil paintings. There are several pictures painted on an enlarged scale from photographs which are very meritorious indeed # c.65.5

1898 10 18 c
The Church of a small parish between Cambridge and Bishop's Stortford was to have been the scene of a pretty little wedding on Saturday, but, alas for the bride, the spouse failed to put in an appearance at the Church. The "happy man" hailed from London, and should have arrived several hours before the ceremony. It was thought that he had missed the train, but the next not bringing him, faces began to wear anxious looks. Every inquiry was instituted in the village, but nothing could be heard of him, and the only alternative was to abandon the marriage. The bridegroom's behaviour up to the present has not been explained. We should add that the bride is the daughter of a most respected tradesmen, and greatly esteemed among her friends

1898 10 18
We have to record the death of Mr John Francis Clark, the celebrated racing judge at Newmarket. He had for 40 years filled the office of judge at Newmarket, Epsom, and most of the great racing fixtures

in the southern circuit. It was notorious that he never made a bet, that he entertained the greatest aversion to "plungers" and that in his latter years he looked on with amazement as he saw houses built and gardens laid out by trainers and jockeys at Newmarket who seemed to him to be of a different breed from their humble predecessors remembered by him in his youth
Death C.F. Foster, p2
Objections to vaccination, p4

1898 10 19
Sir - for many years I have constantly visited the Mill road cemetery, Cambridge, and feel quite certain that if the present cemetery were made into a general and open place of burial it would last for many years. When the time arrives to provide a new cemetery, why not use that which is situated on the Huntingdon Road, which has a field adjoining sufficient to make a very large cemetery. I know that the Castle End hill is an obstacle, but an extra horse could be used to assist in drawing the hearse over this spot. This would be far preferable to going through Barnwell – R.R. # c.21.2

1898 10 19
Mr Langford, of Newmarket Road, Cambridge sustained serious injuries as the result of an attempt to stop a runaway horse. The infuriated animal, which was attached to a cart, took fright on King's Parade and continued its mad career in the direction of King's College. On reaching the college entrance, the runaway attracted the attention of Mr Langford who rushed up, and seizing the reigns, succeeded in bringing the horse to a standstill. The suddenness with which the animal was brought up caused it to swerve and one of the wheels of the vehicle passed over his face, which was very badly cut.
Union debate, p2
Hooley & Rector Papworth Everard, p3

1898 10 20
Today was the first occasion on which the magistrates heard application from parents who claimed exemption for all their children for vaccination, to which they contacted on conscientious grounds. One applicant said he had one or two children fall very ill after being vaccinated. One child was strong and healthy before vaccination, but she was never well after it, and died when about five years old of diphtheria. He knew of several other cases of a similar character. He was vaccinated himself when about 20 years of age, and have never felt so well since.
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1898 10 22
Four travelling hawkers were summoned for unlawfully driving a four wheel van on to the village green at Cottenham, contrary to the by-laws which had been posted in various parts of the village, including the village green. Lawyer for the defendants said it had been the custom to use the green on Sundays from time immemorial at the time of the village feast. He also pointed out that the defendants could neither read nor write. The magistrates said they were bound to support the parish council and fined defendants 10s.6d.

1898 10 24
The normal quiet of Cambridge was interrupted by serious conflagration in Fitzroy Street which proved the most destructive to property that has occurred for many years. Cambridge is happily furnished with ample means of notifying outbreaks of fire, and it was through one of the electric alarms erected in various parts of the borough for immediate communication with the central fire station that the resident night watchman received an intimidation that a fire was in progress. Telegraphic communications were without delay dispatched to the competent director of the Volunteer Fire Brigade and the majority of the corps. The wires running to those residing in and about

Mill Road were unfortunately out of order, and seven of the willing firemen were therefore debarred from taking an early part in the work # c.34.75

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1898 10 26
The Rector of Buckland has refused to read the full burial service over the body of a man who was killed at Royston fair after he made an attempt to get upon one of horses on a steam roundabout while it was in motion. Failing in the attempt, he fell violently off the roundabout to the ground and was killed. That which weighed with the Rector in refusing to read the whole of the burial service was a doubt as to whether the poor man was sober when he met with his accident.

1898 10 27
A Stretham agricultural labourer met his death at Landbeach by having the life literally crushed out of him by the wheel of a traction engine. He fell from the steersman's man's step over the side of the engine, and the enormous wheel passed over his body, death being almost instantaneous. The foreman and traction engine driver said he was engaged in putting a piece of coal on fire and when he lifted his head he saw the deceased man's legs go over the top of the wheel. The boy who was walking in front of the engine at the time of the accident, said his attention was first attracted by the engine stopping. He looked back and saw the deceased lying on the ground, the wheel having passed over him. The roads were smooth at that spot

1898 10 27
The population of the town of Cambridge has increased very much during the past 10 years, especially in the Petersfield and Romsey town area. Up till 10 years ago the chancel of the present St Barnabas Church was the only place of worship in the extensive district. Mainly by reason of the enterprise of Mr Sturton in providing land for building purposes, the district became so large that it became necessary to carry out the building of the complete Church; this was done in 1887. The substitution by the Great Eastern Railway Company of a handsome bridge for the old level crossing in Mill Road gave a great impetus to building in what is now Romsey town and the church of ease of St Phillip's was established. Now the time has come for Romsey town to be raised to the status of an ecclesiastical Parish, with St Phillip's as the parish church # c.83
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A shocking murder took place at Saffron Walden workhouse. It appears that a tramp was seen about the town soliciting alms and was received into the casual ward last evening. He was conducted to the sleeping quarters and rose in the customary way this morning and proceeded to the stone breaking quarters to break the usual 8 cwt of granite. After breaking some of the stones he suddenly quitted the yard and proceeded to a section of the quadrangle where the tramp master was sweeping. Without the slightest intimidation he attacked with his hammer, and dealing him two or three blows with the weapon, felled him to the ground

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1898 11 04
There are good reasons why the School of Engineering at the University of Cambridge should be second to none in Great Britain. To impart accurate knowledge according to the scientific method is now, as it always has been, the supreme aim of the teaching at Cambridge. It was meet that at a university with these traditions the study of engineering should find a place and provide the thorough training for a profession which in this age of machinery comes into greater demand every day. All who have the honour of Cambridge University at heart may well be satisfied with the prestige which the Department of Engineering now enjoys

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1898 11 04
The County Council is disposed to make a bye-law enforcing the carrying of lights by vehicles at night. No doubt there are those to whom such a byelaw would be vexatious but there is no getting over the fact that on a dark road a vehicle without lights is a source of danger. The dictates of common sense which justify that cyclists shall carry lights clearly prescribe a like precaution in the case of vehicles. Considerations of the drivers' convenience cannot be allowed to outweigh those of public safety

1898 11 05 c
That electricity is a great boon everyone is prepared to admit, but we shall enjoy better when scientists have solved more of its mysteries, and when it has dropped the tendency to drop and die away just at the time when it is most required. The New Theatre is one establishment where loss of light means loss of money. The incandescent lamps with which the interior is efficiently illuminated drooped and finally the current failed all together. Having been accustomed to brilliant electric light, the fact that the theatre was illuminated by means of ordinary lamps gave rise to much comment amongst the audience. As far as the stage was concerned the management had taken the precaution of retaining the gas. However before the performance commenced the truant current resumed its ordinary course and gave the steady light which continued the remainder of the evening

1898 11 05 c
Cambridge guardians considered the question of removing children from the workhouse and placing them in one or more cottage homes. There was one family in the workhouse who had lived there almost the whole of their lives. They were firmly convinced that the workhouse was not the best place to keep children. One difficulty was in getting good foster mothers. But Mr Campkin said he knew of many instances where boys and girls went out into the world and took responsible situations which they filled with great credit to themselves. If they arranged for placing these children out at the expense of the ratepayers he failed to see how in after life there could be any practical difference with regard to the children

1898 11 05
At Cambridgeshire County Council a report with reference to the conditions that obtain among gipsies and dwellers in vans and tents was submitted. These people lead an insanity life, they are the frequent carriers of disease, often disturb the peace of the localities in which they pitch their camps, and their children contrive to evade the provision of the Education Act and are brought up in the most gross ignorance. It is clear that something ought to be done. How is school attendance to be enforced on children who never acquired a local habitation? The evils that call for remedies are so real that it is eminently desirable that as far as possible to do so, the gypsy should be brought within the pale of the ordinary law

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1898 11 07
Saturday was a typical "fifth" in Cambridge. Faithfully following the precedent set in former years a number of Varsity men and townspeople assembled in the market place, which for three hours or so was crowded with excitable and pugilisitically-inclined youths, representing Town and gown. The Gown driven from pillar to post by the howling mob, appeared to be greatly terrified, and despite the vigilance of the police, of whom a large number were told off for special duty, the celebration was not entirely free from violence. Neither town nor gown missed many opportunities of displaying their physical prowess and many are the reports circulated as to the results of the pugilistic encounters that ensued
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1898 11 09
Sir - If it be true that the tramway company are anxious to adopt electric trams, I trust the council will be very careful not to allow our narrow and dangerous streets to be made still more dangerous by unsightly overhead wires and posts, or by the death-trap known as the underground current. In these days of motor cars, buses etc it is unnecessary to pull up our roads again as surely a good service of motor omnibuses would answer every need. If not, why not adopt the system of gas trams? – A Ratepayer # c.26.44
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1898 11 10
Mr Wootten told Cambridge town council there were four cottages at Castle end in a most horrible state. He said they were a disgrace to the corporation. They might talk about building houses for the poor, when all the time the corporation owned cottages which were not fit to put pigs in. Mr Campkin said some of their property was in a very bad state, some of the houses were very very old, and it would be a question of whether they should not pull the old structures down and rebuild them
Neglect of children, p3

1898 11 11
In vacation time Cambridge shopkeepers have early closing on Thursday afternoons. But so soon as term opens early closing ceases. With the shop assistants in their desire to have a half-holiday once a week our sympathy must go out. The work of serving in a shop from morning to night from Monday to Saturday is a heavy strain even on those who are robust. The only way to secure this half-holiday is to get the shopkeepers to consent to it. That is easy in the case of most of them. The difficulty is with those who refuse to fall in with the majority. One man who refuses to close may deprive all the assistants in a town of their holiday
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An extraordinary accident occurred at the Weston Colville mill. A man had left his horse and cart against the mill gate when he went inside. He emerged from the mill door to find his horse walking up to the mill sails, which were revolving at a fast speed. The animal got knocked over and the mill was immediately stopped by Mr Livermore. The horse was found not to be dead but much injured on the side of the head
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1898 11 16
At Cambridge bankruptcy court Wilfred Waldock, miller, of Ashwell said he had started business at Bassingbourn mill about 1885. In 1896 the mill was burnt down and he obtained £400 from the Insurance Society. He afterwards took Ashwell mill. The terms of agreement for the tenancy of the mill was that he was to share the water with the brewer. He knew he could not pay his creditors.
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1898 11 17
It is surprising that in Cambridge there is not what might be termed a set gymnasium; a building set apart for the science of muscular developments, for a science it is now generally admitted to the. There are several small and excellent gymnasium but they are all of a limited and temporary nature. The university is almost as badly off as the town and what is needed is an enterprising man who would establish a good central gymnasium with first-rate appliances fixed in a spacious building
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1898 11 18
Sir - how is it possible to keep our pavements clean while the roads are in such a filthy condition. Every morning the policeman on their beat spot parts and very properly request the tenant responsible to clean their part forthwith. But of what use is it? In less than an hour they are as bad as ever. Then their next policeman that comes on duties repeats the request of the former one, and it is hard to convince in that it has already been done. Surely the rates are high enough to have the roads probably swept once a day and pavements as well so the policeman might be saved the trouble of superintendent the cleaning of them. – Pathfinder

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1898 11 19
At a recent performance at the Cambridge theatre a plaintive appeal was addressed by an occupant of one of the back seats in the stalls to certain ladies in front to remove their hats. With the present fashion in hats it is absolutely necessary to enforce a rule of "hats off" if those who are behind are to get a glimpse of the stage at all. It seems that the resources of millinery have been equal to the situation and a method has been devised whereby the fair wearer has merely to remove the aigrette which she can use as a fan during the performance, and at the close slip the feathers into the hat as before. Matter of fact males may suggest that it would be simpler still not to wear feathers at all. The suggestion betrays a woeful ignorance of what fashion and its behests are
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1898 11 22
A sad tale was unfolded at an inquest on the body of a lad aged 14 years. He had been employed for the last 14 months as an errand boy. On Tuesday he came home and complained of a pain in his body. On Sunday he appeared to be worse and his mother put some turpentine flannels on his chest, but he died the same day. The boy had suffered from the pains since Whitsuntide, when he went to the fair and had some ice cream and hot peas. The coroner said people ought to warn their children not to go to the fairs and eat this ice cream
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1898 11 23
There was an exceptionally sat occurrence on Fore Hill, Ely. A traction engine, drawing two trucks and with a portable engine in the rear, made the descent of the Hill. This proved so difficult that the attention of a considerable number of onlookers was arrested. The driver appeared unable powerless to control either the speed of the machine or the erratic course taken by the trucks. The engine at the rear careered from one side to the other. Two youths took refuge in the passage leading to the Conservative club. They remained there until the engine had passed, but did not notice the engine in the rear, and as they came out of the passage one of its wheels came in contact with the pavement near them and broke off. One boy received such serious injuries that last night he died
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1898 11 24
Great crowds had been assembling outside Great St Mary's and the railings before the Senate House with the exception of a pathway of about five yards which the police were endeavouring to keep clear for those attending the honorary degree ceremony for Lord Kitchener. It was evidence that the constables were having hard work in keeping the crowds from encroaching. At length the looked-for rush took place and such was the force that the police were quite powerless to check it. A general scramble to get upon the railings ensued when without the slightest warning the railings suddenly gave way and fell outwards carrying many unfortunate persons to the ground with them. The solidity of this great piece of ironwork is well known and it is wonderful that more were not seriously injured. # c.02

Freezing library, p2

1898 11 25
The enthusiasm aroused by Lord Kitchener's visit to Cambridge increased as the day wore on. Varsity men, brim-full of high spirits, gathered in the streets in large numbers. For upwards of an hour thousands of people paraded the streets. It was not until eight o'clock that the cries of "bonfire" were heard. The call was eagerly taken up by hundreds of undergraduates and some boxes from a shop hard by were seized on as the fuel with which to start the blaze. Bands of men bearing massive wooden structures came up from all quarters and the flames mounted to an enormous height, so that the fire could be seen for miles around

1898 11 26
Readers of the "Cambridge Daily News" will have noticed that for many weeks past the amount of news gathered by our reporters has been so great that to insert the whole in any one edition is quite impossible. Under these circumstances a further enlargement of the paper has become necessary and accordingly we have put down a new type of machine by Messrs Dawson and sons which will print a sheet giving seven, eight or nine columns to the page. This is the fourth machine supplied by them. The three others, although in constant use, are well capable of doing their work (two are more than 10 years old) and are a credit to English workmanship. We hope in a very short time to give our readers the advantages which the laying down of this machine has rendered possible # c.04

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1898 12 06
Two boys aged eight and nine were charged with unlawfully placing upon the L.& W N railway two trolley wheels and an axle with intent to obstruct a train at Little Eversden. Daniel Garner, driver of the engine from Cambridge to Bletchley, stated that after passing Lord's Bridge station he saw them on the line in front of him. He shut off the steam and applied the brake, but could not stop in time, and the trolley wheels were smashed to pieces. They were an odd pair of wheels, out of use, and were lying beside the line. The vicar of Comberton gave the boys a good character. They were bound over and cautioned not to go on to the line to play again

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1898 12 09
As the Mail cart which runs between Huntingdon and Cambridge was proceeding through Hemingford Abbots the horse stumbled and fell on the granite which has recently been laid on the road, and cut its leg so badly that it could not proceed. The driver tried to borrow a horse to continue his journey. Colonel Dougal very kindly lent one of his nags and then his groom had to drive the Mail cart to St Ives where it arrived nearly an hour behind time. Other arrangements were made for continuing the journey to Cambridge

1898 12 09
The keeper of the coffee tavern in Fitzroy Street, Cambridge, was summoned for permitting gaming. P.C. Wright stated he saw 15 boys and young men, several of whom were playing dominoes. He noticed they were playing a "run out game". He asked defendant whether he allowed the lads to play for anything and he replied "Yes, they play for coffee". The police said they were not allowed to play for money or money's worth. The chairman said it was most desirable to prevent gaming among boys but they did not think it was a very bad case and defendant would only have to pay the costs

1898 12 09
Few things are of greater utility and have more influence for good on village populations than the village institute. The public hall at Willingham is an institution that has thoroughly justified its existence, and to add still further to the many attractions of the place they have resolved upon a scheme for providing a piano. The question has been taken up right earnestly, and it is to be hoped that before long the worthy object will have been realised.

1898 12 10
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1898 12 12
A bus driver was summoned for being drunk whilst in charge of three horses and a bus at Quy. P.C. Edwards stated that an omnibus belonging to the Cambridge Omnibus Company, laden with passengers, and drawn by three horses overtook him near the Bottisham Swan, where passengers alighted. He overtook the bus halfway to the Prince Albert. Some of the passengers were then on the road, and the vehicle was on the wrong side, standing partially on the greensward between the hedge and the highway. One of the passengers said the driver was drunk and had nearly capsized the omnibus. The driver got down with difficulty and fell on the road and was so drunk that he could not get up again. He was fined 10s.

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1898 12 13
The members of her family share with Queen Victoria a dislike to all unnecessary fuss and show. The Empress Frederick paid a visit to Cambridge yesterday, took a drive through the streets and left, but hardly anybody knew we had had a Royal visitor. So much of the lives of those who are in this high station is of necessity lived in public that one can well understand how glad they are to avoid, in as far as it is possible, the observation of the crowd. Cambridge would gladly have done her honour but it is a matter for satisfaction that the Empress's own will in regard to her visit was carried out so faithfully # c.02

1898 12 14
The proposal that as Christmas Day falls upon a Sunday the general holiday should extend not only over Boxing Day but also Tuesday has received substantial support in Cambridge. It would be difficult to exaggerate the extent to which this additional breathing space will be appreciated and no one will be seriously inconvenienced by the closing. Shopping in the town will be all the more brisk before Christmas, because there is to be a respite after, and assistants will put all the more heart into their work because of the good holiday that lies before them
American bowling saloon now open, p3

1898 12 15
A large number of buyers, graziers, farmers and visitors assembled at the Newmarket cattle market on the occasion of Mr George Blencowe's annual Christmas sale. During the morning all the roads presented a busy scene and as time drew near to the commencement of the sale the place became congested with latecomers, all anxious to unload in time. A preliminary look round the various stalls and pens showed 90 oxen and 300 good fat sheep. In accordance with the usual custom the prize winners were sold first with an Angus ox exhibited by Mr C. Morbey, Soham, eventually knocked down for £39
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1898 12 17
Mr Steven, vice principal of Newnham College Cambridge, in distributing the prizes at Kingston-on-Thames school for girls, said it was most undesirable, even in the highest classes, that more than an hour a day should be devoted by girls to home lessons. There were instances in which girls occupied far more time than was necessary over such work. In view of what has repeatedly been maintained respecting the prejudicial effect of over-study upon girls the statement of Miss Stevens, who speaks with a wide experience, is most important

1898 12 17
A stroll through Petty Cury, Cambridge and a glance at the shop windows of Boots Limited gives a good idea of the effort which this firm has made to cater for all tastes and all classes in the selection of Christmas presents. The windows have been dressed in a most skilful and artistic fashion and they look very effective. Articles of every conceivable description are on view and an inspection of the interior of the shop soon convinces one that for price and quality, the old adage, "go further and fare worse", very aptly applies. Those desirous of purchasing suitable presents for their cousins, their aunts, and sweethearts should pay a visit to Boots, in the Cury
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1898 12 21
When Judge Hawkins came to Cambridge on one occasion he essayed to bring his dog with him into Trinity College. But the head porter refused to allow it to be brought within the precincts and persisted even after it had been made known to him that it was the dog of one of her Majesty's judges. The judge was angry at the time, but sent for the head porter and told him that he was right, making him a present in recognition of his trustworthiness

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1898 12 22
A serious fire occurred at Chippenham. Details now to hand show that the Newmarket Jockey Club Owners and Trainers Fire Brigade have had an experience such as is seldom met with, having been on duty upwards of 18 hours, engaged in fighting a fire which at one time seemed likely to defy all efforts to get it in hand. Fordham Volunteer Fire Brigade was also sent for. It had been feared that the church would be endangered and Rev Mr Wickham climbed to the roof and poured water on the handsome stained glass memorial windows.
Christmas cheer

1898 12 22
Owing to the mildness of the season, Mr Lewis of Mill Road, Cambridge, is offering a thousand overcoats at half their original price, so that no one need be without warm clothing this Christmas time

1898 12 24
For some weeks preparations for Christmas time have been going forward, the markets have teemed with the good things of this life. Cambridge has had its own share in the general improvement that has taken place and the agricultural district has reported a better harvest than it has done for many years. We are therefore justified in holding a merry Christmas - merrier than usual. It is in the hope that the season that has now begun may be for each one a season of joy that the Cambridge Daily News wishes its readers – "A merry Christmas"
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1898 12 28
Life in the workhouse is not so eventful that Yuletide festivities are looked forward to with anything but eager anticipation. It is the one important event of the year, bringing with it liberal fare, relaxation of the necessarily somewhat stringent rules, visits and gifts from kindly disposed persons, enjoyable entertainments, and a general air of geniality and heartiness which even those whose lot has been beset with many misfortunes can enter into. It may safely be said that in no union are more strenuous efforts made in this direction than at Chesterton where the capable Master gives the inmates a genuinely happy time

1898 12 28
A strange discovery was made on Boxing Day at the Cambridge railway station by a cleaner. It appears that in the performance of his ordinary duties he was sweeping the carriages of a London and North Western train working between Cambridge and Bletchley, when he came across a brown paper parcel concealed under the seat of a third class compartment. Suspicious of its contents, the man removed it to the cloak room. The parcel was opened without delay and discovered to contain the dead body of a newly born male child.

1898 12 28
On Christmas Eve the parish authorities at Steeple Morden were called upon to perform a strange act of seasonal charity. A young woman who had been seen about the neighbouring villages on the previous day gave birth to a child under a hedge by the wayside, where she had lain down to sleep, in the bitterly cold weather. The spot was far from human habitations and when the officials came on the scene they found the woman in a helpless plight and the new-born child dead by her side. They had her conveyed to the Union workhouse at Royston.

1898 12 28
Mrs Fordham, who lived near the village schoolhouse at Stetchworth saw flames issuing from the top part of a thatched cottage occupied by a labourer named Gates. As she looked the flames spread to and ignited the roof of an adjoining habitation. She at once informed a neighbour who lost no time in running into the Live and Let Live inn and telling the news. Several men who were in the bar rushed out and were soon at work trying to stop the fire. The strong wind was wafting large pieces of burning thatch in all directions and it was feared these would set on fire other buildings. A heavy rain assisted in preventing the spread by thoroughly damping the thatch of cottages nearby.
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1899 01 02
As 12 o'clock draws near on New Year's Eve in Cambridge the interest of the crowd is directed towards the House of Alderman Deck. For many years he has made himself responsible for a display of rockets on King's Parade as the Old Year gives place to the New; and he is not going disappoint his fellow townspeople tonight. Just a few minutes before twelve he leaves his house and set up the stand from which two rockets are to be fired on the causeway in front of the gates of King's College. While the expectant crowd eagerly looks on, he lights a fuse and just on the first stroke of twelve the first rocket, that in honour of the Old Year, is set off. It has hardly completed its flight when another rocket, that in honour of the New Year, shoots up into the sky # c.39

Our readers – circulation *

1899 01 03
A most extraordinary story has just come to light respecting the matrimonial affairs of a young woman residing in Cambridge. It appears she has been keeping company with a young man who lived away from Cambridge and it was arranged that the wedding should take place on Christmas Day. It transpired however that the laws with respect to residence in the district had not been complied with and the wedding was postponed until Sunday. The appointed hour drew near, but no bridegroom turned up, nor has he been seen since. Upon being shown the groom's photograph a police officer identified him as being "wanted" in connection with an assault which has since proved fatal. It is hoped the efforts of the police to bring such a heartless fellow to justice will prove successful

Melbourn Christmas revelry *
Will H.C. Moxon, p2

1899 01 04
However poor the local newspaper its files are the best source of information as to what has taken place in the district. It is only in the British Museum that files of the newspapers are preserved as a matter of course. In places where there are free libraries a good deal is done but very often the files are incomplete and in some cases the importance of preserving these records is not realised as it ought to be. County councils should undertake the work of filing these newspapers, of binding the volumes and keeping them in a place ready of access by the public # c.04 # c.77.4

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1899 01 05
Cambridge is by no means only place where little boys openly indulge in cigarette smoking. For youngsters this premature smoking is undoubtedly harmful. Up to the age of 21 every person should be a total abstainer from tobacco. Nevertheless while smoking by children is greatly to be deprecated there are not many that would go to the length of proposing that a by-law should be passed prohibiting smoking in the streets by children under 13. It is too late in the day: if his parents and teachers cannot cure him of the habit, it is to be feared that the task must be given as hopeless

Workhouse salary

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1899 01 10
Joseph Redfarn, butcher of Mill Road, Cambridge stated he was walking by a shop in Gwydir Street. He saw a row of foot baths and pails standing in the gutter and on the roadway. About an hour afterwards he repassed the shop in a trap. The sun was shining on the pails and caused the horse he was driving to shy. The animal then went on to the path and fell, breaking the shaft off the cart. The defendant said one of his assistants put some pails and baths outside the front of the shop for the purpose of loading them on the van which was going out to the country. Another quantity of galvanised goods were bought to his shop by a G.N.R van

Red Cow concert & bowling saloon, p3

1899 01 10
At Royston Petty sessions a tramp described as a tailor out of employment was charged with feloniously stealing a pair of boots valued at 4s.11d. Prisoner was attired in a pair of policeman's trousers, with no boots on his feet, and only one sock. Joseph Reynolds, assistant to a baker in Gas road, Royston stated he saw prisoner against Mr Woods, the fishmongers shop. He saw him take a pair of boots which were hanging outside Messrs Soundy and Powell's shop. He gave information to P.C. Cookney of what he had seen

1899 01 11
The licensee of the Rising Sun inn at Isleham was charged with permitting gambling on his premises by raffling. P.C. Plumb said he found 20 men sitting in a back room and on a table was a basin. He saw a man throw dice from a dice box into the basin as he entered. Defendant acknowledged that raffling had been going on for a goose all day and a lot of bad characters were present. The goose had been won and taken away long before the constable visited the place.

1899 01 12
At Guildhall, London, a Cottenham Butcher was summoned for being the owner of four quarters of pork which were deposited in the Central Meat Market for the purpose of sale, the same being diseased and totally unfit for human food. The meat was in a filthy condition. Defendant said: "I ate the head and kidneys and drink the gravy, the meat was fit to eat". Superintendent Burrow of the Cambridgeshire Constabulary said he knew the man and believed he would eat anything. He lived in a wretched shed, the stench from which was abominable.

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Romsey Town Sunday beer, p3

1899 01 14
Within 10 miles of Cambridge in the centre of a respectable clean village (Cottenham), a man has been existing in a state which would have been discreditable to the savage. The shed is constructed of two rough brick walls, the dilapidations of which are filled in with mud and clay. For a roof there is a collection of boughs of trees and other pieces of odd wood, with an apology for thatch made of garden and field refuse. In one of the walls there are two casements stuffed up with old pieces of rag and sacking. At first sight one would think that it was an old disused piggery, too wretched even for swine, but the interior is a thousand times worse

1899 01 14

Sir - I should like to know how it is the children who come over a mile to Girton school cannot be provided with a little water to drink, as there is a well and a pump not 50 yards from the school doors. Some of the cottagers compare its water to Monkey Brand soap - it is not fit to wash clothes. If you put it in a copper and boil it there is a scum like yeast. It is no use letting the water be consumed and disease spread - Neptune

1899 01 16
St Ives innkeeper failure

1899 01 17
A very pleasant evening may be spent at the Red Cow Inn Concert Hall, Cambridge. The best of local talent is requisitioned and the concert hall promises to have a run of uninterrupted success, judging by the support which has already been given to the new venture. Its American bowling saloon is now also open

1899 01 18
A fire which might have resulted in a very large amount of destruction broke out in Petty Cury, Cambridge. Mr Baynes, manager to Messrs Pollard and company, confectioners informed police constable Leonard Savidge at 1.15am that his wife could smell something burning. It was discovered there was a fire at the back of the adjoining shop occupied by Mr George Jackson, butter merchant. The constable ascended to the roof but was unable to get into the yard. Mr Baynes obtained some buckets of water from a tap on the premises and handed them up to him to pour on the flames. Acting sergeant Wright on going into Caxton Court from Sydney Street, found a ladder by which means he got over the wall and there found that a butter barrel, containing a quantity of paper was on fire. There was a considerable quantity of empty boxes and other inflammable goods about the yard and if they had become ignited there would have been disastrous results # c.34.75

1899 01 19
Herbert Varlow, an agricultural and general engineer, residing and carrying on business at Benwick, Ely, claimed £500 from an engineer and wheelwright of West Fen engine, March. He stated the defendant wrote and published an advertisement in the "Peterborough Advertiser" intending to convey the meaning that his business was for sale and he had become insolvent. As a consequence two customers had broken off business. After the advertisement had appeared his creditors “well rounded on him”, several pressed him and one issued a writ. The defendant was a trade rival of his. The jury awarded him £150 damages
Girton water, p3

1899 01 20
Mr J. Wesley of Stretham gave a paper on deep cultivation to the Cambridgeshire Chamber of Agriculture. There were two classes of soils to deal with, namely those which required the subsoil to be brought to the top and others which required that it should be kept at the bottom. The black fenland lying on clay came under the first heading and he had found the ordinary plough or turn-round cultivator as used with most steam plough tackle was the best class of employment to work it.
Some years ago his firm was consulted by Charles Wright of Stretham as to the best means of breaking up the subsoil between where the land had been ploughed and the clay. It consisted of a dry block more resembling turf peat although much harder, which allowed water to penetrate.
A portion of the Land was worked as an experiment with a steam cultivator as deep as the cultivator would go. In some places the clay was brought up to the top, and afterwards sown with cole seed and thousand head kale and then folded off with sheep previous to its being farmed in the usual manner. Mr Wright was so satisfied that several fields were treated in the same way and the crop proved that it was a success. With regard to soils which required the subsoil to be kept at the bottom the only implement which could satisfactorily be employed was the subsoil plough. He used a balance plough with only one furrow and one tine to each end. The machine was tried and found to make a fairly good job of the work. The cost was less than half of what it would have been had the work been done by hand. With regard to the same operation for roots it had been proved that in a field planted with

potatoes 59% more were raised on the piece sub soiled than on the rest of the field. He had grown a magnificent crop. In every case in which this implement was used the people wanted it again C.I.P. 20 January 1899

1899 01 23
The telegraph service in Cambridge is insufficient as the Telegraph office is closed at 10 o'clock. Only a few years ago it kept open until eleven. In villages whose residents seldom need to send a telegram at night the outlay would not be justified but as far as Cambridge is concerned an all-night service would be very much appreciated. The cost would be small in comparison to the convenience afforded. When it is borne in mind that the university has ties with all part of the world, can it be doubted that it is very often a matter of great inconvenience that it is impossible to send a message by telegram, between 10 at night and eight in the morning?

1899 01 23
Sir - there are many schools that have no water supply at all on their own premises, where the children have to depend on “kind and motherly” neighbours who are good enough to attend to the children's wants in this respect. I do not know how many children attend Girton school but can only feel amazed at the task of the kind neighbour who was equal to the work of filtering and supplying the thirsty little throats of the village school children during such a drought as we experienced in 1898. She is undoubtedly well worthy of an honourable position in the annals of Girton - Rusticus

1899 01 24
A sad affair has occurred at Linton which resulted in the death of an eleven year old girl. The mother was seen to be taking the child to the railway station. It was noticed that the girl was ill, and clung to the fence. When at the station she collapsed, and slipping off the seat, was put back again with some force. At this time she was foaming at the mouth and became unconscious. Mr D.B. Herbert, the station master, acted in a most remain way and had the girl removed to his house. The doctor found she was suffering from malignant scarlet fever and she died the same evening

1899 01 24
One of the largest fires which have occurred in Chippenham broke out on Monday night. It appears that captain Howlett was in the village on fire brigade business connected with the previous fire, when a boy dashed in shouting that the barn at the rear of the Tharp Arms public house was on fire. He lost no time in wiring for as the Newmarket and Fulbourn Fire Brigade. Twenty villagers mounted the roof of a long range of thatched cottages in Church Lane and passed buckets from man to man in order to prevent the flames which were now licking the cottages. By sheer hard work the fire was held in check until the brigade arrived. They pulled down all places or goods in the vicinity which seemed likely to ignite and were able to confine the outbreak to something like reasonable proportions. Without the army of helpers the whole of the village lying to windward of the outbreak would probably have been involved
Rayner inquest – murder, p3

1899 01 25
Sir - your correspondent appears to forget that where there is a village school there is generally a village. The children obtain at home most of the water they drink. In the dinner hour and in the intervals in the midst of morning and afternoon school, the thirsty little ones can, as a rule, run to their parents’ house for what they require. There is ample supply always ready for the little scholars from a distance, who eat their dinners on school premises, and at other times no really thirsty child is sent away empty. It should be remembered that the hottest weather generally occurs in the harvest holidays. During the time I have been a manager of the school at Girton, I have never had a complaint about the water supply from child, or parent or teacher. It is unfortunately true that many children come to our school in a very dirty condition - J D Lawrence

Clara Butt concert, p2
Caroline Rayner murder verdict, p3

1899 01 26
The school of Papworth Everard is closed, and the children who used to attend it are enjoying a prolonged holiday. The school is closed because there is no money wherewith to keep it open. It seems it was so much beholden to Mr E T Hooley, that when that millionaire became a bankrupt the school was closed. On the most optimistic view it is not likely that a man whose estate today yields only for shillings in the pound to his creditors will be in a position to give away money in charity tomorrow. Some at least of the children will have got beyond school age by the time Mr Hooley is again the free-handed millionaire

1899 01 26
Milk supply, p2
Aldreth & Clayhithe bridges

1899 01 27
The subjugation of England to golf proceeds at a rapid race. Cambridge has already done homage to the Scottish game, and announcements made this week on behalf of Caius College shows that the popularity is still on the increase. Caius propose to devote about 250 acres of land on the Gog Magog hills to the formation of a golf links. A suggested course of 18 holes has already been staked out by Duncan, the professional. # c.38 : golf
Girton water supply, p3

1899 01 28
Growing Cambridge, p2

1899 01 30
A gas explosion occurred at Royston workhouse. It seemed for some time the master had suspected a defect in the pipes owing to the large quantity of gas that has been registered by the meter. On Friday escaping gas was detected in the front part of the House. A short time afterwards a loud report was heard in a room used by the male cook. The partition of lathe and plaster which divides it had been blown right across the table, the debris, which included a deal of crockery, being scattered in all directions. Had the explosion occurred a little later the cook would have been seriously injured, as his table was laid for tea at the time of the explosion.

1899 01 31
Girton school, p2

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1899 02 01
Officials at Saffron Walden workhouse have had another exciting experience with a tramp. A strongly built callous-looking man he is only secure when in the hands of the law. The attention of the Labour master had been drawn to his cell and he entered. The first inclination they had of what was going on was the delivery of the leg of a night commode at their heads by the man who was standing on his bed in a defiant attitude. Seeing that he meant further mischief an attempt was made to secure him. It was not until the labour master dealt him a blow that he could be handcuffed. In court he sprang upon the union master, striking him a blow on the mouth, and another between the eyes, and it was with difficulty that he was floored and handcuffed. During this procedure prisoner's language was of the vilest character.

1899 02 01
At a meeting to consider the financial position of Cambridge University it was said there was a traditional belief that it was in possession of ample means to enable it to carry on its great work. No conclusion could possibly be more remote from the actual facts. Its fees for tuition had been raised to the limit of productiveness. It was deficient in buildings of all kinds and crippled in the provision of

the necessary educational staff. Such ancient universities had to recognise the extent to which new universities competed with them in the way of diverting some portion of the stream of private liberality

1899 02 02
The amount of good which results from the presence in our midst of Addenbrooke's hospital is incalculable. In one important particular, however the work is limited and confined: the want of a suitable home for convalescent patients. The Hunstanton home is much appreciated but receives no surgical cases which require the smallest dressing, which limits its usefulness to patients, many of whom linger on in hospital for several weeks, when probably a very short time at the sea side would restore them to compete health. Now some friends have guaranteed to start a convalescent home exclusively in connection with Addenbrooke's, and another donor has promised to give a house at Hunstanton in furtherance of the scheme

1899 02 04
Mr J.W. Iliffe told the annual staff dinner of the C.D.N. that he remembered when the Daily News was a puny infant and they were looking forward to the enterprise justifying itself. What Cambridge would be without its Daily News he really could not venture to think. When he first knew this borough they were satisfied with news coming out once a week in several papers, and they thought they were fairly up to date, and progressing satisfactorily, but they had no idea that any daily paper could survive. It was Mr Taylor's proud lot to start the venture, and prove not only that a daily paper could live, but that it could achieve a magnificent success
Swaffham Prior cemetery, p3

1899 02 07
Rival cabbies, p2
Building Society secretary missing, p3 *
Linton murder, p4

1899 02 08
The funeral of John Sanderson took place at Guilden Morden. Deceased was well known as in addition to being a carrier to Royston he was a familiar figure at the feasts held in the district. On the arrival of the corpse at his home, the window of the cottage had to be removed before the coffin could be placed in the house. It was made of stout elm, and measured 6ft 9in in length, 2ft 6 in width. The weight of the coffin and corpse was estimated at 40 stone. The new bier was brought into requisition and found to be only just wide enough to admit the coffin being placed upon it.

1899 02 09
The attention of the University Council of Senate has been called to the disorder which attended the bonfire on November 24th, 1898 when the actual destruction of property was considerable. They recommend that members of the University are forbidden to take part in making or lighting of bonfires in public places within the precincts of the university. Members offending will render themselves liable to be punished by suspension, rustication, expulsion or otherwise.

1899 02 10
Cambridge University have favoured the establishment of an Agricultural Department and the creation of a Professorship of Agriculture. Students who are likely in the future to be owners or managers of land will have the opportunity of acquiring a knowledge of the scientific principles underlying the sound practice of agriculture and of the ways in which our ancestors met problems and difficulties which they, like us, had to face. # c.36.9
Newmarket runaway, p4

1899 02 11
Sir – In order to affix the new clock St Matthews's church bells have been floored. A very strong protest should be made against the bells being again re-hung, for of all the abominable, discordant

clanging, nothing can be compared to them for wretched sound. Instead of drawing people to church, they are calculated to drive people away from them as fast as possible. The effect on the nerves of the poor inhabitants is dreadful. They should be condemned as a most intolerable nuisance to a large section of the people in this thickly populated district – "Cantab" # c.69.2

1899 02 11
Samuel Kisby Breese of the firm of coal merchants, St Ives, told the story of his career and ultimate bankruptcy. He had started when seven years old and commenced as partner to his brother 20 years ago. His father had died in 1840 and his mother carried on the business. When she died they took it over. He did not think the business was solvent then. When the navigation of the Ouse was stopped it cost them about £100 a year. They lost thirteen horses and another time three barges were sunk. They were laden with wheat and they had to pay £50 damage

Chrishall fire, p2 *

1899 02 13
Chippenham fire, p2-3

1899 02 14
Chippenham fire, p3 *
Hemingford vicar killed railway *

1899 02 15
At the Manor Farm, Waresley a freak of nature was to be seen. This was a healthy, ordinary-sized lamb, born with 10 legs, each having perfect hoofs and joints. It was quite a healthy specimen and took milk readily. Six of the legs were on one side and four on the other. It has since died.
Hemingford vicar death * p3

1899 02 16
Mr Slingsby drew the attention of Cambridge council to the want of public conveniences. He thought the present state of affairs was a disgrace and a scandal to this civilised and intellectual town. They should consider underground lavatories for males and females at Hyde Park Corner (under the shelter), Market Hill (under the Conduit) & at the junction of East Road and Newmarket Road.

1899 02 16
"On Saturday last during the height of a great gale some farm buildings in Chippenham were found to be on fire and in an incredible short space of time six cottages were ablaze. So rapid was the spread of the flames that the unfortunate inmates had only bare time to snatch unfortunate children from their beds. When they escaped they found themselves cut off from the rest of the village and several women were afterwards found almost naked huddled behind a haystack and had to be taken over ploughed fields to a place of shelter""- James Wickham, (vicar)

1899 02 17
Yesterday afternoon the attention was attracted by what seemed to be an imposing funeral procession. But this was no ordinary funeral for instead of the usual hearse an open landau led the way and this was occupied by three young men who wore "the trappings of woe" very lightly. Following were nearly a score of hansoms. It is alleged that at the end of last term at student of Queens' college "ragged" a couple of Freshmen's rooms. The matter was reported to the University authorities who came to the conclusion he should be sent down for a year. His friends resolved to show their disapproval. Before the train left the company whistled the "Dead March" and it left amid ringing cheers. # c.36.999 # c.39

Forgiving rector, p2

1899 02 18

Hemingford Grey vicar funeral

1899 02 19 c
Sir the very narrow escape of a highly respectable burgess from death through the fall of a high wall in Union Road should sound a note of alarm. There are several high walls in the centre of Cambridge towering up to great heights that are standing very much on the skew, ready for falling which would be much improved by a lowering process. Cambridge is a town noted for many bye-laws, good, bad and indifferent, which can be twisted to suit all occasions when brought into requisition – "Cantab"

1899 02 20
Sutton store bankruptcy, p3

1899 02 21
On April 25th 1599 Oliver Cromwell was born at Huntingdon. On April 25th 1899 meetings will be held in Huntingdon to celebrate the three-hundredth anniversary of the birth of its greatest son. What form these celebrations should take has not yet been decided. There is talk of erecting a statue of Cromwell and the authorities of the Grammar School, which was Cromwell's school, have resolved to signalise the occasion by making an appeal for funds for its re-building.

1899 02 22
Chippenham fire theft, p3

1899 02 23
Inspectors of the Local Government Board held an inquiry at Newmarket respecting the proposed new main drainage schemes for the district. The sewers had been a source of difficulty and trouble in consequence of its faulty construction. The present sewage farm had caused constant complaints. The method of exposing sewage in trenches or ditches to stagnate was so very unsatisfactory that it was likely to cause a serious nuisance. Last year a scheme had to be abandoned in consequence of the Burwell Fen Commissioners objecting to the discharge of effluent on their fen

1899 02 24
Cambridge Sturton Street Co-operative branch were told of the progress during the past year. Sales in the grocery department amounted to £5,500, an increase of 10 per cent. The butchery department had made a steady increase and there was a great increase in the coal trade. In the drapery department such a satisfactory state of affairs did not exist, for the trade was stationary, if not on the decline. The management or its members were to blame somewhere or other

1899 02 25
A meeting of Cambridgeshire Chamber of Agriculture resolved that compulsory attendance at school, by which the sons of farm labourers are prevented from obtaining employment on the farm up to the age of 11 years, prevents boys from becoming farm labourers and seriously interferes with the supply of that most valuable body of men – the skilled farm labourers of England. Almost all the good labourers began work in some form or another when eight or nine years old.

Navy league, p3

1899 02 27
The motor car has come to stay. So common have they become that even the boy in the streets will hardly turn his head to look at one. The demand for cycles, and, in its own degree, for motors has stimulated in an extraordinary degree the manufacture of both. Of motor cars there are already in the field as many styles as there are horse vehicles. There is thus sufficient material to invest an exhibition which will appeal to those who cycle or "mote" (to use the new-fangled and ugly verb)

Agricultural labourer & education, p3

1899 02 28
Wooden roads, p2 *
Motor car exhibition

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1899 03 01
The hitherto quiet little village of Longstanton has been engaged in a labour struggle, a battle between farmers and farm servants. The cause of dispute was originally the hours of labour, but at a later stage the question of wages was brought in. It was decided to ask to work from 7am to 5pm – a ten hour's day, with half an hour for breakfast and an hour for dinner out of it. Four out of five farmers refused to make the concession. The result was that nearly 40 agricultural labourers "came out" on strike.
Guildhall organ, p2
Chippenham fire trial, p3
Motor cycle exhibition, p3

1899 03 02
Next year the lease under which the Cambridge Tramways Company has the use of the streets expires. They have entered into negotiations with the British Electric Company for the sale of their undertakings. Subject to the Town Council giving its assent a sale has been arranged. They will introduce electric trams and considerably extend the present system of tram lines. # c.26.4555

1899 03 03
Huntingdon infectious diseases

1899 03 04
Some time ago a man living in the Isle of Ely was suffering apparently from some disease of a cancerous nature; and his face and neck terribly swollen. He was discharged from Addenbrooke's Hospital as nothing could be done for him. He appeared on the verge of sinking when a woman said: "I know what will cure you. And it is this only. You must rub your face and neck with a dead woman's hand". Soon afterwards he heard a woman had died, he went to the house; his request was granted, and he spent a long time in the operation. He quickly recovered and is now hearty and well

Bird catching, p3

1899 03 06
Some of the inner workings of parochial life in Madingley were laid bare and some astonishing revelations of the relations existing between the incumbent and some of his parishioners were made at a court held by the Chancellor of the diocese. The vicar applied for a faculty confirming certain alterations in the church. This was opposed by Col. H.W. Hurrell, owner of Madingley Hall who also presented a faculty to remove a stone altar which had been placed in the chancel.
Chippenham fire letters, p2
Madingley squire & priest, p3-4 *
Brampton ghostly sight, p3 *
Plasterers' dispute. P3

1899 03 07
At a meeting at Girton for electing parish councillors the schoolmaster raised the question of the parish pump and remarked that the state of affairs with regard to the water supply was disgraceful, more than one-third of the houses having either no water supply or water unfit to drink and as the council had taken no steps to remedy the matter they were guilty. Cries of "Puppy soup", "Cesspool drainings" etc were frequently heard
Sanger circus advert, p4

1899 03 08

Littleport bells, p2
Girton & water, p3

1899 03 09
Wicken Fen is the last fragment of virgin fen. Portions of the fen are often in the market for sale, and the National Trust are desirous of securing a few acres from time to time, so that they may be retained in their primeval state. It is desirable that this piece of the England of long ago should be retained in order that Englishmen of this and future generations may be able to realise what the fenland was.

East Road fire, rear Reading Room, p3

1899 03 11
An Italian was charged with riding on the Great Eastern Railway from Wimblington to Histon without having previously paid his fare. James Franklin, a guard, said he saw the prisoner get into the train. At Swavesey station some boys informed him there was a man under the seat in the railway carriage. The man said he had been in the country for six months and had been obtaining his living by playing a concertina, but the instrument had gone wrong, and he had no money to buy a new one. The police-court missionary is looking after the case.

1899 03 13
The grass which grows in luxuriance on the banks of the Devils ditch at Burwell caught fire about 1½ miles from the main road from Cambridge to Newmarket. Very quickly the undergrowth on the side farthest from Newmarket in both the ditch and on the bank was ablaze. Portions of the Heath became ignited. Assistance was quickly forthcoming from the farm and houses in the vicinity, but the fire had extended about a mile before it could be got under control. It is believed that a lighted match was dropped by someone passing

Fletcher coming back, p3

1899 03 14
Some time since the Newmarket council, in the face of much opposition, decided to apply for an electric light installation for "Turfville". On Friday the section which supplies Palace Street was tested and Mr Leopold de Rothschild's Palace was ablaze with an effulgence from the many incandescent bulbs which have been fitted all over the premises. On Saturday the High Street was also tested. It remains for tonight, barring accident, for the whole of the cables to be made alive with the full power

1899 03 15
A girl told the court she was employed as a housekeeper at Kimbolton castle in 1893 .The Duke of Manchester paid but very few visits to the castle, so that the establishment was not kept going as it would have been. All sorts of difficulties seem to have arisen. She had received a month's notice to leave and proceeded to pack her boxes, but the Duchess, a German governess and a servant came to her room and the boxes were opened and searched. There were some things in her boxes which belonged to the Castle and she had been locked up.

Littleport bells, p2
Another dead hand cure, p3

1899 03 16
Sanger's circus, p2
Guide's death – guided visitors, p3
Girton water supply, p3

1899 03 18
An extraordinary scandal took place at Long Sutton, near Spalding, after the vicar, finding a child had not been baptised, refused to conduct its burial service. The coffin was placed in the grave, and the

sexton was about to cover it when the father objected and asked for a service of some sort, if only the reading of the Lord's Prayer. The vicar declined and the sexton removed the coffin from the grave and placed it in the belfry. The affair has created quite a sensation in the locality

1899 03 18
A Newmarket policeman died due to injuries received during the early hours of Friday morning. It is presumed he walked along the railway line in the direction of the old platform of the town station as he spoke to the night watchman who was cleaning the carriages in a siding. Later he was seen wandering about in a lane, suffering from bad concussion of the brain and a severe fracture of the skull. There are some deep pits over which laden trucks of coal are brought and the coal unloaded and in one of these was found his helmet and lantern, its sides battered in # c.34.7

Milton horsemen, p3

1899 03 20
A Cambridge meeting were told that people who knew absolutely nothing about meat were appointed as inspectors, the result being that sound meat was often condemned and bad meat passed. Half the butchers in Cambridge had no slaughterhouse on their premises and it would be advantageous to have properly equipped slaughterhouses rather than have animals killed in some of the private ones. Animals were sent to London which no one present would care to eat and few local butchers expose in their own shops.

Newmarket policeman, p3
Perambulation in streets, p3

1899 03 21
Weather of a wintry character was experienced in Cambridge when a heavy snowstorm of upwards of two hours duration entirely changed the aspect of things and everything is now wearing a mantle of snow, some to a depth of eight inches. The tramways were forced by the state of their lines to suspend their service and ordinary vehicular traffic was rendered extremely uncomfortable, if not dangerous. Corporation employees were soon dispatched in all directions with shovels, brooms and carts to clear the principal streets.

Newmarket police inquest, p3
Dutton – Giddings, grocer, failure, p3

1899 03 22
The shareholders of the Cambridge and District Starr-Bowkett Building Society are now in full possession of all the facts concerning the absconding secretary. The news of his departure from the town leaked out in February when he failed to appear at the annual audit of the Society's accounts. The disclosures were of a startling character, showing defalcations amounting to upwards of £700. The society has been in existence about 12 years and has a membership roll of upwards of 430 # c.32.4

Sutton – Giddings grocer failure, p3 *

1899 03 23
Easter Monday buses, p2
Ely weather. P3
Chesterton fire, p3 & 25th p2

1899 03 23 c
The result of the boat race was awaited with the greatest interest in Cambridge. The news that Cambridge had won was received at the office of the Cambridge Daily News within two minutes of the finish and in less than three minutes the Special Edition of the C.D.N. containing the welcome

intelligence was selling on the streets. Needless to say, everybody was delighted that the Light Blues had been victorious

1899 03 24
A good deal of amusement was caused at the Cambridge police court when a child whose head could only just be seen above the dock was charged with wilfully damaging a window at Comet-yard. It was said she threw a snowball and it hit the window, cracking it right across. Witness cautioned her and she then threw 12 others, as fast as she could. He spoke to her mother who used bad language, tried to clutch at his whiskers and threatened to pull them out. Then she got a shovel of snow and threw it over him. & 25th p2

Soham urban district proposal, p3

1899 03 25
Madingley squire & priest – see 27th *

1899 03 27
The normal quiet of the pretty little village of Hemingford Grey has again been broken, a situation similar in many respects to that some three years ago. At that time a strong protest was entered against the action of the majority of the newly established School Board that led to the dismissal of the then schoolmaster. The parishioners felt that there was no justification for the step and went to the length of memorialising the government in the matter. But the opposition was ineffectual. Now a proposal to dismiss the present master has raised intense feelings in the parish

Madingley judgement, p2

1899 03 28
A Somersham labourer was summoned for refusing to quit the Royal Oak, Pidley, when requested by the landlord. Defendant was in the house between four and five o'clock and used bad language. When asked to leave he would not and "no two men in Pidley could put him out". He appeared very excited. After he had been put out he came back and knocked very hard on the door, there were blood marks on the door from his knuckles. Defendant said he was too drunk to know what did happen. He was fined £1

Chesterton horse club, p2

Pidley pub drunkp3 *

1899 03 29
Sunday papers

1899 03 30
The huge army of destitute men, women and children who are to-day aimlessly walking the country from one end to the other presents almost insurmountable difficulties to the State as well as to individual communities. Nor is the evil a diminishing one and the man on the road has come to be regarded as a pest of society. Here in Cambridge he may be seen any day in our midst, his distinguishing features being his dilatory gait and his wretchedly squalid and unwholesome appearance

1899 03 30 c
Sawston gave its answer with no uncertain force to those who had forced a contest on the village for the election of members of the School Board. About 8.30 o'clock a crowd began to congregate in front of the board school to wait for the declaration and then it leaked out that there was a difference of one vote between the two Progressives at the bottom of the poll. The result came as a great surprise

to the progressive party, who had made no secret of the fact that they considered defeat impossible on their canvas.

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1899 04 01
An outcome of the exhibition of motors at the Corn Exchange is a new company under the title of the Cambridge and Eastern Counties Auto Mobile Company. The first instalment of the new vehicles have already arrived and they can be booked for parties. They are driven by the Daimler motors, and are in charge of qualified drivers from the manufactory # c.26.48

1899 04 01
At midnight the new clock which has been erected at St Matthews Church, Cambridge, will chime for the first time. Until recently the bells of the church hung outside the building, but now a turret has been erected at the West End and here the clock has been placed. It is "Ting Tang" quarter clock erected as a memorial to the vicar's late wife.

Abbey Road bridge, p3

1899 04 02 c
The Red Cow Inn concert hall, Guildhall Street, Cambridge. Special engagement for six nights of Miss Sadie St John, comedienne and dancer; Miss Gracie White, serio and dancer and Mr G. Kent, comedian and mimic. American bowling saloon now open. – Advert

1899 04 03
My father was formerly foreman of works over the restoration of Haddenham church, during which time a steeplejack accidentally fell off the church and was killed. It is now rumoured that my father, while in hospital, confessed to pushing the man from the building, causing his death. I wish to give an unqualified denial to any such rumours which cast reflections on a man of upright integrity - Water William Lynn

1899 04 04
Extraordinary divorce case, p2 *
Tudor's Circus, p4

1899 04 06
Another public house has been handed over to the management of the People's Refreshment House Association Limited. The latest acquisition is the new Rose and Crown Hotel which has just been erected by the Duke of Bedford at Thorney, Cambridgeshire. It will be managed more as a house of general refreshment than as a mere drinking bar and food and non in-toxicants will be given prominence

1899 04 07
Madingley vestry

1899 04 08
Cambridge is famed for two things: its university and its sausages. Why should a great university and good sausages go together? The only solution is that there was a demand on the part of the University for good sausages, and that the demand created the supply. A butcher at Wellington, New Zealand advertises that "having now secured the services of a university man we can supply real Cambridge sausages at five lbs for one shilling". He is clearly of the belief that at the University of Cambridge the making of sausages is a special branch of instruction. Such is fame!

1899 04 08

The annual vestry was held in at St Ives when there was a large attendance of church people, and also a number of nonconformists. It was expected there would be some "life" infused into the proceedings owing to the usual printed notices not having been issued, no notices placed on the chapel doors, and the time and place of the meeting had been altered. Those who went with the object of enjoying the "fun" were not disappointed. Mr Osbourne said they were on the eve of another change of vicar. These changes had come more frequently than some of them wished.

1899 04 10
The foolhardiness of trespassing on the railway has been strikingly exemplified by a shocking accident near Black Bank station a few miles from Ely. A platelayer after drinking with a friend at the Railway Tavern proceeded homewards along the railway. It was one of the darkness of nights, and the wind, howling across the fens, probably had the effect of making the noise of an approaching train inaudible. Both men had only covered a short distance when one observed the light of a train at close quarters and shouted to his companion, who unfortunately stepped the wrong way and thus met his fate.

1899 04 10
Frederick Morden told Cambridge court that the prisoner represented himself to be the representative of Messrs Stubbs Directory & asked if his advertisement should be inserted for another year. The price of the advertisement was four shillings which he paid. Later another representative called canvassing for the 1900 directory and he paid another five shillings. The managing director of Stubbs publishing said the prisoner had been employed as an agent for many years but had heard nothing from him since September. On searching the prisoner a number of slips of paper containing the names of different tradesmen were found. # c.47.4

1899 04 11
The lady Churchwarden is still something of a novelty, nevertheless she has come to stay. At the recent Easter vestry at Thetford, near Ely, Miss Jarrow was for the sixth times in succession elected people's Churchwarden, and the election had the hearty approval of the Rector who spoke in the highest terms of her ability and the way she managed the parish accounts. But Great Staughton in Huntingdonshire has gone one better and both the Churchwardens are ladies. So far this is the only parish in the country which can boast of two lady churchwardens

Haverhill dice, p11

1899 04 12
Sir - it is not true that West Wratting parish charities gave coal to well-to-do labourers, earning good wages. There are no good wages given in the parish; eleven shillings a week, out of which 1s.6d weekly is deducted for rent, cannot be said to be good. No labourer to whom it was distributed had three fat pigs in his sty. One man certainly had two, much to his credit and diligence. He was half blind, had lost one eye, was a widower, and had had a son out of work for several months. When it was found that it was impossible for the charity to give such a man a dole, a gentleman, much interested in the welfare of these poor labourers, gave this man a hundredweight of coal out of his own stock. - "One who knows"

1899 04 12
A few of the employees at the Cambridge post office had been tempting fortune by "backing their fancies", but luck was against them, and the bookmaker had considerably the better of the deal. They conceived a plan. Bets are made frequently by post and telegram, lately one bookmaker noticed that post office employees had an unusual run of luck. Inquiries were made and a well thought-out system was working by which their communications to the bookmaker, though stamped with the time some hours before the race, were not dropped into the letter bags until the result of the race was known. In this way they have been raking-in considerable sums

Emmanuel college bones, p3 *

Building Society meeting, p3

1899 04 14
The greasy state of the asphalt road near Christ's College, Cambridge, was responsible for a nasty accident. About one o'clock Major Francis of Mill House, Quy, was driving a horse attached to a light spring cart, when the animal slipped down and the Major was thrown violently to the ground. His coachman jumped from the vehicle and escaped injury. Major Francis was not so fortunate. His fall shook him severely, and when two constables came to his assistance he was in a semi-conscious state.

1899 04 14
An artist, residing at Hemingford Grey petitioned for divorce. In 1896 he took a house for the summer at St Ives and his wife became acquainted with the co-respondent who bore a bad character in the neighbourhood with regard to his conduct with ladies. Later on he heard rumours about the village regarding respecting his wife's conduct and she left next day. A few days after there was a great commotion, effigies of her and the co-respondent being burned opposite the house.

1899 04 15
Exning workhouse

1899 04 17
Crisp & co profits drop, p3
Newmarket Teachers Union, p4

1899 04 18
Tudor's circus provides thoroughly enjoyable evening's amusement, and large numbers continue to take advantage of the efficient catering. This week Mr Tudor has been successful in securing the services of George Lockhart and his troupe of performing elephants. They perform many clever tricks & a series of gymnastics exercises. The smallest of the three rides a tricycle around the arena; the older two waltz to slow music and the three combine in a short - happily short - concert and perform other diverting antics. The turn arouses a great deal of enthusiasm, and is really worth seeing

Poisoned grain, p3
Death Hale Wortham, clerk County Council

1899 04 19
The days of the Cambridge Spinning House are numbered. It is to be pulled down in order that a house of detention after the best approved modern ideas may arise on its site. There is no more stirring chapter in the history of modern Cambridge than that which this forbidding looking building in St Andrews Street recalls. It speaks of many things which the Cambridge of today is glad to forget. It is an ugly monument of an ugly feud between the authorities of the University and town. The feud is dead: would that the razing to the ground of the Spinning House were sufficient to efface all memory of it

Proposed new police and fire station, p3*

1899 04 19
An inquiry held heard that half of the Spinning House was occupied as a police station. It had been built about 1840 and was far from up to date. There was no difference between the accommodation for male and female prisoners, and any women that might be kept in the police station all night had to be attended to by police constables on duty, there being no female warders or matrons. The cells were clean and in good order but were quite inadequate for the requirements of the town

1899 04 20
O.G. Smith surrenders

1899 04 21
An exhibition of articles produced by students attending technical education classes was opened at Cambridge Guildhall. Many samples of straw plaiting work were entered by pupils from Guilden Morden, Steeple Morden and Tadlow. It is to be hoped that after another 12 months instruction the revival of straw plaiting in these localities as an industry will be an established fact

Singular occurrence, p2

1899 04 22
Cambridge Corporation & advertisements, p2
Fire near Newmarket, p3

1899 04 25
Tudor's Circus, Auckland road, Cambridge. At great expense. Engagement of the greatest Wonder on Earth. The Colibris midgets, nine in number, nine Lilliputian people as read of in Gulliver's travels. These miniature male and female artistes ranging from 21 to 29 inches in height, acknowledged to be the marvels of the age. See the midget acrobatics, the midget Christy minstrels, the midget gymnastics and equilibrists, the midget musical grotesques, the midget vocalists. See their handsome midget ponies and the magnificent miniature carriages – Advert

Loitering omnibuses, p2
Cromwell's associations, p3
Barkway death, p3 & 26th p3

1899 04 26
The inconsistency with which Great Britain treats her soldiers is illustrated at a coroner's inquest at Linton concerning the death of John Lindsell. He was a farm servant, 68 years of age. While at his work he fell off a ladder and in a week he was dead. No blame attached to anyone. He had served in the Crimean War where he received a shot through the shoulder. But in old age and feeble health he was compelled, that he might have bread for his wife and himself, to do the hard work of a farmer servant

Cottenham curate & cycle agent, p3
Cromwell celebration, p4

1899 04 27
No small amount of excitement has been aroused in the villages between Cambridge and Harlow during the past few days, by a nightly succession of robberies from churches. No less than seven or eight have been entered but the thieves have not repaid themselves for their trouble. However, they are evidently adept at their nefarious calling, for they eluded the vigilance of the police, who have thoroughly scoured the district. At Pampisford the church was broken into. The miscreants were evidently in search of booty, for the bureau in the vestry was forced open, but they found nothing. A candle was used, as tallow grease was found in the vestry

Indifferent Ely, p2
Newmarket fake alarm, p3

1899 04 28
Ely council heard that at Littleport all well water was condemned for drinking purposes, the only supply left being the river. Many houses were not provided with water tanks or cisterns, and many instances water was actually being sold for weeks in dry weather, when there was no rain. This rain water was subject to contamination from birds and smoke, and required filtering to be palatable and safe. No doubt the outlay for a pure water supply would cause a little outcry at first, but advantages would far surpass the disadvantages and additional rates

1899 04 28
Under the auspices of the Free Church Federation the Cromwell tercentenary was celebrated at Huntingdon. Flags and bunting were liberally displayed, and the town wore a holiday aspect. About 500 people sat down to a public luncheon. An afternoon demonstration on Market Hill numbering thousands of people opened with the singing of the hymn "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Athletics need, p2
Bicycling with hands off, p3

1899 04 29
In supporting the Cambridge town council recommendations that their advertisements should be inserted in the three oldest newspapers only, Mr Alderman Joshua Taylor said they would then surely have those with the largest circulation. He is a director of the company which owns the "Cambridge Express. We claim circulation of the "Cambridgeshire Weekly News", in its various editions, exceeds the combined circulation of any two of the three papers selected by the Corporation." If he can show this claim is incorrect we undertake to pay £10 to Addenbrooke's Hospital

May Queen election, p3

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1899 05 01
Ditton Plough prices, p1
Horningsea Friendly Society, p2
Pigeon shooting at Newmarket, p3
Railway clerks combine, p3

1899 05 02
At the swearing-in of parish constables at Bottisham Mr Alex said their duties had of late become partially obsolete. Parish constables were the rank and file of the civil army of the country. The office was a most important one, and the county was taking steps to revise the fees of parish constables, and was trying to put them on a more active basis than it had been for many years. In that way they would serve their Queen better, and deserve the thanks of the country

Mutton Row, Swaffham Prior, p2 *
Education – interview, J.W. Iliffe, p3

1899 05 03
The tripe season. Established over 50 years. E. J. Edwards, Fitzroy Street, Cambridge. The only wholesale and retail neats' feet and tripe dresser, and glaze manufacturer. Eat Edwards' tripe (fresh boiled daily). Recommended by the most eminent medical men as a safe cure for weak stomach and impaired digestion. All the leading colleges and hotels supplied. - Advertisement

1899 05 04
Filthy almshouses, Chesterton, p2 *
Cambridge cabmen union, p3
St Ives Vestry – reply, p3

1899 05 06c
Some small boys playing in a field adjoining Victoria Wine, Cambridge, discovered the mangel wurzel cutting machine. A five year old boy named Sydney Baron put his hand in the machine, and another youngster at that moment turned the handle, with the result that one of the lad's fingers was crushed, and had to be amputated

1899 05 08

Coldham's Common, Cambridge where the Suffolk Regiment is to undergo its annual training is a scene of bustle and animation, the recruits of the regiment having arrived to go through their musketry course before the whole regiment assembles. The camp occupiers the whole of the town side of the common. The officer's quarters are situated at the bridge end and extend in three rows to the railway. There are the usual latrines and cooking paraphernalia. In this regiment the old earthen ovens are to be abolished, and army cooking ranges, and an ingenious device known as the Aldershot oven substituted. A hospital tents is, of course, an item

Castle Camps fire, p3 *

1899 05 09
Village feasts have sadly degenerated of recent years, and that of Milton is a striking example. Years ago merry-go-rounds, shooting galleries, and coconut shies were erected, but this year there are only a couple of stalls, on which cheap toys and indigestible looking sweets are exposed for sale. In the licensed houses musicians play interminable polkas, which are danced more or less gracefully by country maidens and their swains. The feast is of three days' duration

Hemingford school board, p2 & p3

1899 05 10
Protest against seven-day journalism, p2

1899 05 11
A traction engine has an irresistible attraction for children, who go as near as they dare to inspect the mechanism by which it is driven. Some children were playing on the Cherryhinton road when an engine, drum, and elevator passed by. One of them, Emily Jaggard, nine years of age, ventured too near and was knocked down by the elevator, the wheel of which passed over her foot. The girl was at once conveyed to hospital where it was found that the left ankle was fractured and the right ankle severely bruised

Madingley vicar, p2

1899 05 13
Hemingford Grey school, p3

1899 05 15
A most reprehensible trick was played on the Cambridge fire brigade. With a very perverted idea of a joke some individual broke the glass of the Great Eastern Street fire alarm and 12 members of the brigade, taking with them a hose cart, two reels and the escape, made for the street with all speed, only to find themselves the victims of a hoax. Hundreds of people swarmed to the locality which was lively with inquiries for the supposed outbreak

1899 05 15
On Saturday the opening game of the Haverhill first eleven was advertised to be played on the Meadows, Trinity Knockabout being the visitors, but unfortunately they cancelled the fixture during the week. Last year the Knockabouts only turned up with two men. A game, however, was arranged between 12 out of the factory and 14 Townsmen`

Wicked Jimmy of Peterborough, p4

1899 05 16
Messrs Bailey, Grundy and Barrett, electrical engineers were summoned by the Cambridge Electric Supply Company for connecting a wire in a house in Bridge Street house without their consent. The Supply Company had laid mains to Mr Nichol's house with a meter, and a wire leading from the meter to light the house. The wires were placed there in 1893 and were temporarily reconstructed last

year. Subsequently Bailey's were called in to put in wires for additional lights for the house. The new wire was connected with the main whereby it was possible for current to be consumed without being register by the meter # c.24.6

1899 05 17
At Newmarket council the peripatetic pianist was severely criticised. It would appear that not content with making the streets melodious by day, these artistes carry their benevolence so far as to serenade the inhabitants by evolving sweet sounds after Newmarket has gone to bed. But their efforts are not appreciated. Children had several times been awakened by the strains, and although the average child is ready enough to take delight in the street organ by day, it is the exceptional child that relishes the intrusion of music upon their dreams.

Brewing trade statistics, p2 *

1899 05 17c
In the common run of life, no class of men is trusted more than railway engine drivers. It has often been found that the safety of hundreds of lives has been the result of the heroism of the driver of a train. One of those who spent such a life is Mr James Cook, now the landlord of the "Post Boy", Bridge Street, Hitchin, who is 46 years of age and who had been a driver on the Great Northern Railway for over 23 years. He told a reporter: "I never intended giving up the work until I became ill with indigestion. Then I was persuaded to try Dr Williams pink pills for pale people. If I had known about them before I should never have given up railway work"

1899 05 17
Sir. I learn that St Ives town council has resolved to commemorate Cromwell with a statue worthy of him and the town. My object is to refer to the disloyalty and meanness manifested to our good Queen in 1897 on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee when it was urged that some fitting memorial should be erected in the town to perpetuate her reign. But it was not to be, there was money, but no loyalty. There are two opinions of Cromwell, but there can be no two opinions of our most gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria – Elliott Odams

1899 05 18
The new Clergy Training School in Jesus Lane Cambridge was opened by the Bishop of Durham. It has been erected adjacent to All Saints Church at a cost of nearly £8000. The most experienced teachers in Cambridge have long felt a want of a centre to which the younger members might naturally turn when they wished for conference, or counsel, or sympathy in reference to the choice of their vocation in life. Many men of ability were lost to the Ministry of the church through the want of such opportunities for brotherly conference with men nearly of their own age. # c.83.01 # c.36.9

Piano organ theft, p2

1899 05 19
Boys Brigade inspection, p3

1899 05 22
Whit Monday wet, p2

1899 05 23
An accident having a fatal termination occurred on Midsummer Common Cambridge. During the day there had been an open-air fete, the amusement consisting chiefly of a steam roundabout, swings and the like. The bulk of the paraphernalia was the property of Messrs Thurston. Business ceased about eleven o'clock and in preparation for an early departure the work of packing was commenced immediately. The steam circus was in course of demolition when a covered van capsized and the unfortunate man was thrown to the ground. # c.27.31

Tudor's circus. P2

1899 05 24
The Fore Hill, Ely, was the scene of a mishap. A brake crowded with Sutton people was proceeding up the hill, with only one horse attached to it. All went well till Mr Cross' shop when the animal's strength proved unequal to the strain and the vehicle ran backwards. People saw the serious position of the holiday makers, but the vehicle fortunately turned safely across the hill, though the wheels came sharply in contact with the curb. One or two of the occupants jumped out without injuring themselves

1899 05 24
Today, Queen Victoria attains her 80th birthday, and British subjects in all parts of her Majesty's dominions are celebrating the occasion. Cambridge has not attempted anything in the nature of a public demonstration. This was not to be expected, but Cambridge is none the less loyal on that account, and there are in almost all parts of the town, outward and visible signs of rejoicing. Numerous Union Jacks and other national emblems are displayed in the principal thoroughfares, and the church bells have all been rung in honour of the event. At the Roman Catholic Church the national anthem was chimed between 12 and 1 o'clock, and the ringing of the bells may be expected to continue at intervals throughout the day

Fireworks, Newmarket p2

1899 05 25c
A very popular engagement has been made at the Cambridge Theatre, where Mr D'Oyley Carte's well known Opera Company will produce the latest Savoy success, "The Lucky Star". The company travel with the whole of the scenery, properties, and effects as used the Savoy theatre. On Saturday there will be a revival of the ever popular Japanese opera, "The Mikado". The cast will include C.R. Walenn, F. Pattrick, H. Le Maistre, Miss Louie Rene and Miss Alice Pennington while Mr Silver will again be in charge of the orchestra

1899 05 31
Out of the recent split in the ranks of the Cambridge Y.M.C.A. a new rowing club has sprung and already it has a promised membership of 30. The authorities had adopted a policy over smoking and it was plain to them that the Boat Club would fail unless something was done to keep the members together. Mr Digby referred to the recent controversy on smoking. He was a father of five boys and if they did nothing worse than smoke when they had arrived at the age of men, he should be perfectly satisfied # c.38 : rowing

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1899 06 01
A great amount of excitement was caused by an accident in Downing Street, Cambridge. A man in the employ of Messrs Swann Bros was proceeding in charge of a horse and cart laden with bricks, when without the slightest warning the poor animal, apparently seized with the megrims, the result of the excessive heat, suddenly swerved and fell with a tremendous crash into the shop window of Mr H. Storey's cycle shop, completely demolishing the plate glass window, and breaking up a tandem bicycle that was leaning against it. Mr Banham, the veterinary surgeon, with several of his men from the forge were immediately on the scene and rendered valuable assistance

Logan bankrupt, p2 # c.29.6
Stokes' jubilee, p2

1899 06 02
The custodian of the Mill Road cemetery, Cambridge, Thomas Stanbridge, said he saw the defendants approaching with a handcart containing a headstone. There was a funeral taking place

against the entrance gate so endeavoured to prevent them from entering the cemetery. In so doing he was pushed right under one of the coaches attending the funeral and got his leg fixed between the wheel and a headstone. He called out and the people at the funeral were disturbed by his remarks. Then the defendant stuck him under the chin, and threatened to pull his beard out.

1899 06 03
A Gentleman seeks to erect an obelisk over his wife's grave in Coveney churchyard, with the inscription, “Peace, perfect peace”. The Rector objects to the obelisk because it is pagan, and to the inscription because it is not taken from the Holy Bible. He is within his legal rights. Many a beautiful cemetery is defaced by the monstrosities of the tombstone maker, and many inscriptions are inane, silly, and even actively irreverent.

YMCA ’99 boat club, p2
Addenbrooke's Hospital collections, p2
Bluntisham drunkenness, p4

1899 06 05
Royston vigilant shepherd, p2
Bricklayers strike, p4
Starr-Bowker Building Society verdict, p3

1899 06 05
Poor Florrie R-- died at Linton last January. On a cold winter day this child of eleven, while suffering from scarlet fever, was by her own mother taken out of the house and dragged to the station in order that she might be sent by train to her grandmother. When the child got to the station she collapsed utterly. Her temperature was 105 degrees. That evening she died. The mother was convicted of wilfully exposing the child to the injury of its health and sentenced to two months imprisonment. Had an animal been treated as Florrie was, people would have cried “shame”

1899 06 06
Last Sunday morning about 2,000 persons assembled at the ferry, Isleham, when eleven females and four males were baptised in the river Lark by the pastors of the Baptist chapels in the village. Reverend Newling remarked that they assembled upon the spot where the Rev C.H. Surgeon was baptised on May 3rd 1850

1899 06 06
Louisa Mustill of Littleport said that when she went to work at the factory at 20 minutes past five in the morning she left a dustpan and brush at the back of the house. She purchased it some time back for 4½d. When she returned in the evening she found the dustpan gone. She did not know that Mr Collins, a grocer, gave dustpans similar to that she lost to people who purchased a pound of tea. P.C. Lilley sent he went to the prisoner’s house and found the dustpan in the washhouse. Prisoner said she had bought it in a bazaar for 6½d. The charge was withdrawn

1899 06 06
The fire-bug seems to have turned his attention from the Chippenham district to the Clare side of Newmarket. On Saturday a fire broke out at Lidgate and on Tuesday flames were seen to be issuing from an outbuildings on a farm at Kirtling. A mounted messenger was sent to call the Jockey Club Owners and Trainers Fire Brigade at Newmarket. The Baptist Chapel almost adjoins the farm buildings, and was at one time in danger, but was fortunately saved, there being a plentiful supply of water. Appearances appear to leave little doubt that the fire was the work of an incendiary

Royston inquiry, p4
Cambridge betting case, p4

1899 06 07

A carter, in the employ of Mr F. Marshall, was loading barrels of tar from the gas works into a truck at the railway station, Saffron Walden, when one of the barrels burst, with the result that Marshall was saturated, his face receiving the full force of the shower of tar, which got into his eyes, causing great agony. He was conveyed to Dr Wagstaff's surgery, and after treatment driven to his home at Linton. Hopes are entertained that his eyes will not be permanently affected.

Cambridge betting case, p2
Barnwell railway accident, p3

1899 06 08
Sir - I believe that if the Rector of Coveney were to attend more to those hearts that are broken by reason of bereavement, and a little less to the design of tombstones and the wording of inscriptions, more peace would be realised by the sorrowing ones who have to bury their loved ones in his churchyard. One parishioner has on two occasions had to change the inscriptions that the friends of the dead would liked to have had on the tombstones of their loved ones. If things are to go on like this I don't think we can look for "perfect peace" just yet at Coveney – H. Westcombe.

1899 06 08
The gaieties of the May Term have today been enhanced by the appearance of the Australian cricketers. Last night famous Grassy and Ditton Paddock were the scene of brilliant assemblages of beauty and fashion. Cambridge is full for the Eights week and looking at her best. The fair sex - a mighty host - seem to be arrayed in their most killing attire. Almost everybody - who is anybody - seems to have got his people "up", and everybody's people appear resolutely determined to enjoy themselves # c.36.97

1899 06 09
Chesterton board of guardians considered an offer from the Tramps' Mission to provide a library at the union for the tramps to happen to be sojourning there, also to furnish wall cards bearing matter profitable for Weary Willie's reading. The master of the workhouse viewed with very little favour these concessions to the literary tastes of those who make the Chesterton Union their hotel. In his opinion there is no matter more suitable for the tramps than the regulations which have been drawn to guide the conduct of those who resort to the workhouse for shelter. Give him text on the wall and he will have an excuse for taking his ease while he reads, or pretends to read them

1899 06 12
If anybody ventured to predict on Saturday morning that before the end of the day the Australians would have scored a victory by 10 wickets in the cricket match with Cambridge University, the prophet would have been voted an arrant fool. They resumed batting and in three quarters of an hour the team had been disposed of for 436, exactly the same figure as Cambridge in their first innings. They then made havoc of the University batting. Wickets fell with amazing rapidity. At lunch seven of the Cambridge wickets had been disposed of for 67 and the innings ended for 122 .The Australians did not take long to make up the required number. In an hour and a quarter phenomenal hitting had done its work. It was a sensational finish

Women's cells, p2

1899 06 13
Frederick Lawrence of the Belmont Cycle Works, King St, was summonsed for furiously driving a motor car in St Andrew's street, Cambridge. Defendant said he had had a deal of experience in motor-cars. They were going about 6 miles an hour. They were using the "Large" lever by which the car was unable to go more than 8 mph. The magistrate said that when there was considerable traffic in a street 6 mph constituted furious driving. A fine of £1 was imposed.

Hooliganism, p2
Child found, p2 *

Logan boat builder creditors, p3 * & 14th p3 # c.29.6

1899 06 14
The success of a native of India in winning the blue ribbon of Cambridge University Mathematical Scholarship has been appreciated at its true significance by the press. It is the first time that a native of our Indian Empire has qualified for such a distinction. The success of Raghunath P. Paranjype has undoubtedly caused a sensation among Anglo-Indians in India and in England. It ought to avail somewhat in breaking down the barrier between the races in India.

College balls, p3

1899 06 15
Alderman Dr Porter asked why, at this particular time of year, when Cambridge was so full of visitors, a great mass of filthy and offensive material should be placed on Queens' Green. He could not imagine anything more offensive than these unlevelled heaps of street sweepings and manure, and he knew of nothing more calculated to give visitors an unfavourable impression of the sanitation of the town.

1899 06 16
A swarm of bees was seen flying about Newmarket High-street and shortly afterwards they alighted on a lamp-post opposite the Congregational Church and followed the queen down the inside. A local apiarist, Mr C. Carter, tried to get them out by means of smoking but this had the effect of sending them further down. He then tried to get them to leave by pouring down water but the queen still remained in the lamp-post and her loyal followers refused to leave her.

Police station p2 *
Bishop Stortford assault, p4

1899 06 17
New Town Motor Company advert, p1
Leys school 25 years, p2
J.W. Iliffe presentation, p3

1899 06 20
Henslow common informer notice, p2

1899 06 20
A University term which has been eventful above most is hastening to a close. Cambridge has been emptying fast & already begun to put on the Long Vacation aspect. The dons are making ready to betake themselves to Switzerland or to Scotland. By the end of the week many a house will have its blinds drawn while its occupants roam far afield. Gowns and trencher will no longer make the streets picturesque

1899 06 21
Of particular interest was the gathering of Indian undergraduates at the University Arms Hotel to celebrate the achievement of the first native of India who has won the Senior Wranglership. The company comprised well-nigh 60 persons, most natives of India and fully 50 Cambridge undergraduates. For a good many years Cambridge has attracted the flower of the intellectual youth of India.

1899 06 21
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is visiting his old University this evening. His arrival by the express from St Pancras was witness by a moderately large crowd, which was not particularly enthusiastic in its reception. The Master of Trinity received him as he stepped from the train. The Prince raised his hat

in acknowledgement and then looked round expectantly at the line of spectators. No cheer, however, was raised until he was being driven away in an open carriage. # c.02
Bottisham Liberals, p2 *

Gt Wilbraham shooting, p2
Midnight flit, p3

1899 06 22
Saffron Walden cigarette swindle, p2
Old Cambridge reflections, p3 *

1899 06 23
P.C. Hills said his attention was called to a disturbance in Bull Lane, Ely. The defendant was raving about a ghost and saying there were about 200 people in the lane, but witness could see no one in the street beside themselves. There were several looking out at the windows. Defendant was using obscene language to his wife who was in the house and witness had to take him into custody. Defendant said: "The policeman asked me about the ghost and I told him it woke my children up. I had to sit up in the front of my own house till three o'clock in the morning"

Mistaken for sweetheart, p2
Old Cambridge, p3 *
Burwell builder bankrupt, p4

1899 06 24
An iron moulder from Burton-on-Trent was charged with playing a game of chance, called stick and button on Midsummer Common. Detective Marsh said he was calling out "Penny a time. If you knock the lead off, threepence or a cocoanut". Prisoner said it was "a fair game of skill". After experimenting with the apparatus the magistrates held that a great amount of skill was necessary for its successful manipulation, and the prisoner was discharged.

1899 06 26
There was a special temptation to the members of the Cambridge Wanderer's Cycling Club yesterday. It was "photo day"! We went away slowly for were we not mindful of the fact that a perspiring group would not make the best of photos? Moustaches shining in all the glory of a recent application of cosmetic had also to be studied. Our destination was Ditton Plough and when we arrived there was a general "spruce up", so anxious were we that such a "galaxy of beauty" should not be lost to posterity. Mr Lord placed us in position, endeavouring to look pleasant, keeping our heads on high and remaining perfectly still all at the same time. Three plates were used. That photo should be a good one. # c.26.485 # c.65.5

1899 06 27
Midsummer Fair with its unmelodious music, its stertorous roundabouts, shooting galleries, crockery ware, linoleum, pea soup, fried fish and its brave show of tinsel is out of keeping with the genius of classic Cambridge. It is a link with the England of long ago, when there were no steam roundabouts and no cinematographs. If there are any who would like to do away with it they are in a miserable minority. Young Cambridge would be up in arms at once if such a proposal were to be seriously made. # c.27.31

1899 06 27
At Melbourn three schoolboys were summoned for breaking three panes of glass in the church window. Quite recently no less than 14 panes had been broken. An 11-year old stated he saw the lads shoot at the church window with a catapult. Witness was asked: 'Did you have a shot'. 'Yes, sir'. 'And you missed?' 'No, sir. I broke one'.
Saffron Walden campanologists, p3

1899 06 28
Mrs Kidman, Dry Drayton – pink pills, p4

1899 06 29
It is not only in the villages and small towns that domestic servants are scarce. Girls have lost taste for domestic service. Notwithstanding good wages and comfortable houses, the life is counted deadly dull as compared with that of a shop girl or even of the factory employee. The idea has sprung up that the social status of the shop girl is much higher than that of the parlourmaid. Mistresses can do much to bring about a better state of matters by treating their servants better.

Somersham horse stealing, p3
Stetchworth water, p3

1899 06 30
The East Coast Mutoscope Company has been formed to popularise that entertaining piece of mechanism which is known as the mutoscope, a portable instrument for the production of animated pictures. The intention is to set up these machines throughout the region so that by dropping a penny in the slot one may experience all the pleasure of witnessing a cinematograph exhibition. The promoters have good grounds for their confidence that the mutoscope will return handsome profits # c.76.9

Histon Baptist church, p3

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1899 07 01
Half-timers bill, p2

1899 07 03
Mr Fred Crisp, who last year was High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire entertained the members of the London Society of East Anglians at a garden party at the White House – Mr Crisp's New Southgate residence. A large number made their way to that charming northern suburb where the genial host provided various entertainment to charm their visitors, who included the Mayor of Cambridge. The guests travelled back to town by special train

Bricklayers strike, p3
Sale Worndtich estate, p4

1899 07 04
Sir – now we are in the midst of the fruit season it would be well for property owners in the neighbourhood of Midsummer Common to keep a sharp look out. "The gentry" have started on me again, robbing my garden of fruit. It appears our properties are at the mercy of a lot of lazy, loafing scamps. Woe betide the unfortunate individual I catch as I have ready a nice stout cord and a pail of tar to decorate him with so his "dear mother" won't know him – J.C. Longstaff, New Square, Cambridge.

1899 07 04
One of the most popular of village feasts is that of Histon. This feast flourishes with surprising vigour and during its run the proprietors of roundabouts, shooting galleries and cocoanut shies draw no inconsiderable portions of their season's income from the villagers and visitors. The festival takes place on the village green and on Monday evening the usual holiday crowd amused itself after time-honoured fashion, notwithstanding the full inch of mud to wade through in some places.

Collapse of New Baily, p2 & p4 # c.04
Coveney rector, p2 & p3

Corkists outing, p3

1899 07 05
The Great Eastern Railway Company has for many years been engaged in carrying the workpeople of East London to and from their work and Liverpool Street and Fenchurch Street stations every morning are thronged with the wage earners of East London. Now within a few miles of Cambridge Messrs Chivers have established a jam factory and in the fruit picking season employ an average of 8,000 people, most drawn from Cambridge. For their benefit the Great Eastern Railway has now provided trains to Histon, morning and night. These are of immense convenience to the fruit pickers and in putting them on the railway company has in promoting its own welfare promoted also that of Cambridge. # c.26.2

Cottenham railway plans, p3

1899 07 07
Morley Memorial School, p3
Ely Waterside fire, p3

1899 07 08
It is a piece of good fortune for suburban Cambridge that Homerton New College have provided what is bound to be a first-rate elementary school for New Cherryhinton. The Morley Memorial School, at which teachers will be taught to teach, should be a model school and the most approved methods of education will be pursued in it. The memorial stone was laid by a son of Mr Samuel Morley whose life unobtrusively devoted to the highest interests of his fellow men is one that deserves to be held in deepest honour. # c.36.5

Publican & wife, p2
Coveney tragedy & 10th p3

1899 07 10
Dr Dennis Adams, one of the oldest and best-known medical practitioners of Cambridge has passed away. His career reaches back for many years. His practice was a large one; it was chiefly among members of the University. In celebration of the Jubilee of his practice in 1889 he was presented with a splendid collection of silver candlesticks. It is well known that he was not an admirer of the display of expensive flowers and wreaths at funerals and friends will probably wish to show their respect in some other manner # c.21.1

Coveney tragedy, p3 *

1899 07 11
Sir – The population of Chesterton is mainly composed of people who have been turned out of Cambridge to make way for college and other improvements, and nearly all are employed in that ancient town. Every day brings evidence of the great need of another crossing of the Cam & that Abbey Road is the place goes without saying. The De Freville Estate, are absolutely dependent upon the old punts and other obsolete marine structures for crossing over to Cambridge. . It must be conceded that a bridge over this part of the Cam is of the highest importance – "Chestertonian" # c.44.7

Harlton children, p3

1899 07 12
Griffiths and Chennell offered for sale Regal Lodge" at Kentford. It comprises a handsomely appointed residence which Mrs Langtry has used as a country residence. It is fitted throughout with all modern conveniences and luxury and has three reception, one billiard, nine bed and dressing and two

bath-rooms. The gardens are delightfully set out and there is stabling for 18 horses. It was sold for £6,700. Mrs Langtry arrived just as the sale was concluding.

Wood Ditton husband, p3

1899 07 13
Can the meteorologists tell what has happened to the English climate? Last summer was hot, but the extraordinary protracted heat was set down as a meteorological eccentricity that was not likely to be repeated. Yet this summer the thermometer has been dancing between 80 and 90. If this happens another year it will be necessary to take counsel as to whether England should not adopt Indian usages. The mid-day siesta may come into vogue. But the weather is a fickle thing. One day it is oppressively hot, the next day it is delightfully cool. One summer it is the weather of the tropics; the next may be distinctly suggestive of the Arctic Circle

1899 07 14
J. Perkins, cricketer, p3
Volunteer inspection, p3

1899 07 15
Coveney tombstone, p2
Sawston boy's death, p2

1899 07 17
A fatality occurred today. The scene of the accident was the new stores being erected in Burleigh Street, Cambridge for the Co-operative Company. The outer walls have been built up and the workmen are engaged on the interior. One scaffolder, named Thomas Filby, aged 60, was engaged on the scaffolding erected above the top floor. He fell sheer into the basement on to a heap of broken brick. Before he lapsed into a state of utter insensibility he was heard to murmur, "It's all up" # c.27.2 # c.23

Sawston Friendly Society parade, p3

1899 07 18
A public inquiry at Newmarket was told that a charity founded in 1792 by John Perram directed the income should be applied in marriage portions for such parishioners being between the age of 20 and 25, and not worth £20, as should be married in the parish church on Thursday in Easter week. Failing such persons the income was to be given to the winner of the next Town Plate to augment the stake money. For several years past no application had been made for the income and the charity was in abeyance.

New Theatre report & editorial, p2

1899 07 19
A 15 year-old Newmarket newsboy was charged by Walter Marsh, newsagent, with embezzling the sum of 9d. He had been employed seven years to deliver newspapers and was authorised to collect money for delivery. One of his customers was sent a bill at the rate of 7d per week and extra for copies of the Cambridge Daily News which had been supplied. It was returned with the remark that he always paid for the week's papers on Monday morning but the CDN, which he had when he could get one, he paid for at the time of delivery. The lad said he had lost half-a-sovereign out of his pocket and got his money mixed up.

1899 07 20
Ald Hyde Hills called attention to the state of the roads in Cambridge. They were in a disgraceful state & a perfect scandal to the town. Mr Tillyard said they had had a breakdown of one of the steam rollers, and it was found impossible to get it repaired. They had trouble with the labour market, which

was extremely brisk just now. The average number of men employed was 110, which was five less that last year. During the last month they had lost nine of their best men

Cottenham water, p2
Coveney monument – Nix, p2
Coveney tragedy case, p3

1899 07 21
That a village of the size and importance of Waterbeach should be lighted goes without saying. It is something of a disgrace that what may be called the metropolis of a parish with an assemblage value of £13,000 should be left in complete darkness after sunset on the nights when the moon deigns not to shine. The disgrace is all the greater because there was a time when it was lighted of nights. That was when it had gas of its own. But since it lost its gas it has been content to make shift in darkness

1899 07 24
An action was brought by Thomas Barlow, baker of Litlington to recover £9 from a Bassingbourn butcher in respect of a breach of warranty in a horse dealing transaction. Defendant had told him the mare was quiet to ride and drive, but that on putting her in the trap she was a little bit "swishy". He drove the mare to Royston, and on starting from Joe Coote's shop it began to kick. On the way home it had two other turns of kicking. On the following morning he took two hours in attempting to get the mare into the cart, then gave it up for a bad job

1899 07 24
Haverhill pigeon house, p3

1899 07 26
Sutton foal show & editorial, p2
Coveney obelisk, p2

1899 07 27
Caxton rural district council considered whether it would not be a financial gain to purchase a steam roller to combine the rolling of the roads and the haulage of the granite. A great outlay in carting by means of horses would be avoided. The Surveyor thought the council should hire a roller when they wanted it, as beyond the first cost there would be the continual expense of upkeep. He thought the roller belonging to the Chesterton council cost about £200 a year

Dead fish, p2
Stuntney fire, p3

1899 07 28
Three young men were summoned for illegally fishing in Sandy's Cut, near Ely. Under the provision of an Act of Parliament the South Level Commissioners bought the land, which was not then covered with water. Therefore no person having land adjoining the foreshore could have any right to fish in the water in question, because until this cut was made there was no water flowing in that direction at all

1899 07 28
The village of Trumpington has been selected for the making of a peculiarly interesting and hopeful experiment on the part of Cambridgeshire nonconformity. The question recently came up how best to continue religious services for those in the village who do not belong to the Church of England and was answered by the suggestion that they should have a Free Church to seat 150 persons. Yesterday the memorial stone was laid by Mr S. Mansfield.

Foster's bank, p2

1899 07 29
On Friday some passers-by saw flames issuing from one of two stacks adjoining the highway about midway between the Newmarket Fever Hospital and Fordham. Now an elderly tramp has said he had gone to the stack to sleep. He had overslept next morning and on getting up to continue his journey had lit his pipe and accidentally set the straw on fire by dropping the lighted match

1899 07 31
A Braughing shop was summoned for exposing for sale by retail a parcel of margarine, without having a label attached thereto. An Inspector said he went into the shop and saw a parcel of something that looked like butter. He asked how much that butter was a pound and defendant replied "one shilling". A report from an analyst set forth there was butter 40% and margarine 60%. For the defence it was stated that she was not aware that it was necessary for a label to be exposed if it was sold in the margarine paper. Fined 20s.

R.C. Lehman, p2

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1899 08 01
Gas price, p2

1899 08 02
Sir – I was cycling from Cambridge to Soham and between Burwell and Fordham I came suddenly upon a closed and barred gate, which I was kindly permitted to pass through on paying a toll of twopence. I learned that the gate is called the Ness Gate, that the roadway at this point is Crown property. In its present position this gate is a danger to cyclists but its very existence is a ridiculous and monstrous anomaly with its toll of 1d for every vehicle hailing from Burwell and 4d for every vehicle coming from less favoured districts. It is a very unfortunate circumstance that this piece of road is rented by the vice-chairman of the County Council – A.J. Wyatt

Guardians treat, p2
Cyclist & greyhound, p2

1899 08 03
Chesterton urban district council asked how to proceed in regard to eleven owners who had not complied with an order to hang gates or doors upon their premises so that they should open on to the inside. The chairman said that in some cases it was quite impossible to open the doors inside without practically pulling down the whole of the premises. Mr Cross remarked that it inflicted greatest hardship upon owners who had had their plans passed by the surveyor and now found they had built sheds that would be rendered practically useless. Presently they would be asked to take the roof off their houses and put in on another way if this sort of thing went on

1899 08 03
The policeman on foot is heavily handicapped when he has to make chase of a cyclist who is able to propel himself at the rate of 20 miles an hour. The case is a good deal altered when Robert is an expert cyclist mounted upon a satisfactory machine, Then it is a case of scorcher versus scorcher. P.C. Jeff is a member of the Hertford Police Cycling Corps. While on duty near Thurlow he espied a knight of the wheel riding at a rate which suggested the roads of Hertfordshire were the rider's private property. Upon his own cycle he started in pursuit, and before long he was able to make up to the fugitive. A summons will follow in due course

1899 08 04
William Askham, a labourer in the employ of Messrs Coulson & Lofts told Cambridge police court that he was at work at Bridge Street and saw the prisoner, who was a striker, standing on the pavement. He came upon the building and said he would fight any one on the job for half-a-crown to

a shilling. Prisoner said he was not picketing that day. They only went on duty three days a week. He never asked the men to "come out" and it was no use asking Askham to come out on strike because the society would not have him. He was sent out by the society to induce men to come out on strike, for which he received a shilling a day. # c.32.5

1899 08 06c
A quantity of wheat in a field belonging to Mr S. Gentle, near the Barnwell allotments, which had been recently cut, was discovered to be on fire. In a very short time plenty of assistance was secured, but despite all efforts, the produce of nearly an acre was destroyed before the fire could be extinguished. The outbreak is supposed to have been caused by a spark from a passing railway engine alighting on one of the sheaves.

1899 08 07
Cricket, p4 *

1899 08 08
The holiday season is now in full swing and, taking advantage of it, the burglar is busy at his nefarious profession. There are rumours that sever of these well-known "gentlemen" have paid of their periodical visits to Cambridge and have commenced operations. There has been a report of the mysterious perambulations of burglars in the vicinity of Brooklands Avenue. At any rate the movement of strangers in that district have given rise to suspicion

Dunmow Flitch, p4

1899 08 09
College between members of the colleges and the servants is given expression to. In recent years, largely owing to the efforts of Mr A. Chapman, the butler, undergraduates and servants have united in a festive gathering in the Long Vacation, and it has now assumed the aspect of an annual affair. During the day a cricket match took place, the servants played in the ordinary way, while the collegians used broomsticks as bats. Dinner in hall followed and after this came a concert al fresco # c.39

1899 08 10
Friendly rowing, sculling and water polo matches were held between St Ives and Oundle Rowing Clubs. In the four-oar race St Ives had the narrow boat, which again sustained her character as the worst boat of the two, having never yet carried the winning crew. St Ives No.2 lost his oar repeatedly, owing to a faulty rowlock and it was not because of faulty rowing that they were beaten by three lengths.

1899 08 11
It is possible there are people just now in Cambridge who are cross with the fate which compels them to stay in the town while their friends at making merry in popular holiday resorts or rusticating deep in the heart of the country. Let them consider what a delightful place Cambridge is in the Long Vacation. They have the river all to themselves, they can row on it, fish in it, bathe in it. The Omnibus Company has materially enhanced the attractions of summer by instituting a series of drives to places of interest. The Company have provide a set of excellently appointed brakes and in a brake and large wagonette a party of 50 persons drove to Trumpington, on to Newton and Whittlesford where there was a stay of half an hour. The drive then resumed through Shelford back to Cambridge. The fare was just one shilling a head. It is right that this enterprise should be so successful

Bricklayers' meeting, p3

1899 08 12
A most disastrous fire broke out in the vicinity of Dullingham. Mr Bye, the foreman of Hill Farm, had alighted from the train at Dullingham station when his attention was called to a fire in the stackyard of

his employer. He at once gave the alarm. With praiseworthy speed Mr Chittock, the Dullingham stationmaster, and by his direction, his staff also, arrived and assisted to remove 14 horses, 25 cows, pigs and other animals to a place of safety. Special mention is due of the hearty manner in which the farm hands and the station staff worked

1899 08 14
St Ives injury cart, p2

1899 08 15
Hailstorm, p3

1899 08 16
Starr-Bowkell Building Society defalcations, p2
Horse killed lightning, p3 *

1899 08 17
A petition was present to Newmarket magistrates praying they take steps to prevent children from being served with alcoholic drinks at public houses. Children in large numbers are regularly sent to licenced houses for the purpose of purchasing drinks for consumption off the premises and become accustomed to seeing sights that would otherwise be most revolting and to hearing language most foul. Children thus form the habit of drinking on the way, and many of them contract an almost ineradicable love for the drink, which eventually leads to their becoming a burden upon the ratepayers, inmates of our gaols, or the most degraded upon the street.

Running track, p2 *
Soapsuds in pits, p3

1899 08 18
The police of Cambridge borough have taken up in good earnest the work of their own athletic training. There is no class of men who have more need to be sound of wind and limb than policemen. They showed at their athletic meeting how well they could run which may stand them in excellent stead when they are in full chase of a fugitive burglar. Some knowledge of self-defence would oftentimes be of service but to suggest that policemen learn to box or fence is not to suggest these should feature in next years' sports. They have done very well in making themselves fit for the arduous and most valuable services which they rendered to the public

1899 08 21
Bottisham brewer sessions was told that an Inspector under the Food and Drugs Act applied to purchase a sample of whisky at the Swan, Quy, for analysis, but could not obtain it, as there was not a pint in the house. In February he applied again, but could obtain neither whisky nor gin as there was again less than a pint in the house. One sample of whisky, one of gin and five of beer had been obtained during the year, all of which had been certified by the analyst to be genuine

1899 08 21
Sir - For the past two years I have been cultivating a piece of land at Burwell and selling the produce, which consists chiefly of vegetables, at Cambridge. One piece of this land is in the fen, and one piece is high land. The solicitor for the University claimed tithe rent for the land in the fen. I have proved the piece of land which was under water for years previous to the time of my father and others who drained it, was not titheable. I was tried at the County Court by the Registrar, who refused to hear my witness, the oldest man in Burwell, who could give evidence as to the history of this matter. Now the bailiff has taken about £20 worth of oats and potatoes for a claim of £2 0s 10d from the piece of land I offered to pay tithe on. Where is justice in this case, after the paying of parson's heavy tithe rent? - Joseph Manning

1899 08 21 c

Sir - Cannot something be done before October to secure for the shop assistants of this town a weekly half-holiday all the year round? There are very few towns in which this boon is denied and surely Cambridge need not be so behind in this important aspect of social life. Most people agree that a weekly half-holiday is a necessity. What is to be done to obtain it for Cambridge? If you will kindly open your columns expressions of opinion from those interested will perhaps lead to a happy solution – Granta

Baby housebreakers, p3 *

1899 08 21
'The General is coming' is the announcement that has been placarded all over Waterbeach for some weeks past. There was no need to ask who the General was, for accompanying the announcement was a portrait of the famous General Booth. Sunday was the day of the visit & it was a great day that will be remembered not only by Salvationists, but by members of other religious bodies who willingly paid a modest fee for the privilege of sitting on a hard form for an hour and a half and listening to a discourse from a man who has influenced so many thousands.

1899 08 23
Albert Hart applied for a licence for 'The Sirdar', Market St, Cambridge. The place had been largely patronised but he laboured under a disadvantage of not being able to provide his customers with spirits or beers. The fashion of drinking wine in the middle of the day had been discountenanced for many years past by doctors and everybody that went to a place for lunch required spirits or soda water. He had to send out for such drinks to some public house in the vicinity. The money had to be extracted from the customer who had to wait until his refreshments were brought to him through the street. That was not an advantage to the liquor itself, especially with the dust flying about and the intense heat of the sun. # c.27.4

1899 08 24
A Toft carter was summoned at Caxton court. PC Marshall said he saw the defendant in charge of a waggon and two horses. He appeared to be asleep. He rang his bicycle bell with no effect and then hollowed at defendant, who jumped up and rubbed his eyes. He was told to get off the waggon and walk and did so. The reins were thrown round the whip, which was placed in the whip socket. Defendant was not taking hold of the reins. Fined 10s.

Chesterton aquatics, p2
Cambridge Master Builders insurance, p2 *

1899 08 25
A serious attempt has been made to ascertain why agricultural labourers are becoming so scarce and while they are still boys take their flight to the town. Young people find the country dull. Travel is easy in these days and Hodge is not so ill off that he cannot make one of an excursion party to town and gaze in wonder and admiration upon its sights and to become so infected with its eager, eventful life that he can never be quite happy in the country again. But in spite of crowded streets and gaily lighted music halls, the farm worker would not leave the farm were it not that the town offers him much better wages. English agricultural labourers are not the most intelligent class in the community, but they are not fools. They would be fools if an opportunity offer them of doubling their weekly pittance of ten or twelve shillings and they did not seize it

1899 08 25
The popular novelist and long-distance runner, Mr Max Pemberton, told some amusing stories of his undergraduate days at Cambridge. "I was studying quietly in my rooms, as a young man should, when the door burst open and my friend, a Varsity sprinter, rushed in. 'Just done two and a half miles', he gasped. 'Bulldog's down there on the doorstep!' There was the unfortunate man, hat gone, collar gone – the picture of misery. He talked to us for some time in most impolite language, and then we fixed him up with a sovereign and sent him away"

1899 08 26
Arthur Savage of the De Freville Supply Stores at the corner of Humberstone road and Cam road. Cambridge, applied for a full licence. The premises were situated in the middle of a new neighbourhood & owned by the Star Brewery. Richard Reynolds Rowe, architect, prepared the plans of the house which was substantially built and at the present time would cost about £800 to build. The Old Spring was the nearest public house in one direction and The Bowling Green 702 yards by way of the churchyard. Very few houses on the estate had cellars suitable for storing beer # c.27.4

1899 08 26
The annual meeting of the Cambridge Bus Company was told they had taken £500 more than last year, and £400 more in 1d. fares. Shareholders must bear in mind that the year before they had a loss of £1,563 of which about £1,100 was due to losses in consequence of accidents. All must admit that the Company had gained more of the confidence of the public, and the natural outcome would be increased prosperity in the future

1899 08 26
A case of considerable interest to anglers was whether the Lark Preservation and Angling Society had the power to prevent non-members from angling in preserved waters. As far back as 1698 the Lark was a navigable river and rights of fishing held by the persons owning the land on the sides of the river. He was under the impression that fishing was free from the town path. Although the public had fished the waters free for many years that fact did not constitute a right. The Bench was perfectly clear that defendant had no right to fish without a ticket from the society

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1899 09 04
All Cambridge was moved to the heart yesterday morning on learning of the ghastly details of a barbarous attack upon an old man and the subsequent suicide by drowning of the victim's assailant. Were it but gifted with the power of speech, the Cam could doubtless reveal many an awful tragedy, but we venture to think that never has a more cowardly and barbarous act have been perpetrated on the banks of the river than that which was committed late on Saturday night. A representative of the CDN made a minute examination of the scene which presented a horrible spectacle and left no doubt that a violent struggle took place.

1899 09 04
Sir – Swavesey has a fire engine which today after a few years of peaceful repose, with a great ceremony and clatter, but with no wild haste, was taken to the scene of a fire. By almost superhuman efforts it was placed in position by a pond and then hose and suction pipes were attached. One gallant fireman in a white hat screwed on the nozzle, the pumps were manned but sad to say all that this parish relic of antiquity pumped was air. In vain the white-hatted hero pointed his nozzle and scorched his clothes. The fire burned on merrily while the engine stood useless by the pond – "Q"

Swavesey fire, Manor Farm, p2 *

1899 09 05
Complainant told Arrington court that on the evening in question she was going down the road at Gt Eversden with a basket of clean linen when defendant remarked "Did you tell Frank Nixon you old - - that I stole his greengages". She then came out to her, spat in her face, took hold of her hair, scratched her face and made use of vulgar language. Complainant went to a shop and left the clothes and on her way back home defendant hooted her all up the road

1899 09 06
An outing of the Cambridge Licensed Victualler's Association drove to Clayhithe in a brake. The toll bridge was left in charge of a boy, who partly opened the gate leading to the Bridge restaurant and

then suddenly closed it again. The horse had already begun walking down the incline and smashed into the closing gate. The animals were thrown down, some of the harness and a lamp were smashed & and the occupants with all possible haste jumped out of the vehicle. Happily no one was injured but the juvenile keeper of the bridge was reprimanded.

1899 09 07
At the Chesterton urban council it was agreed to levy a rate of 1s 8d in the £, about 2d higher than that of Cambridge. This has a very important bearing on the objection which they have made to becoming part of the borough. When rates are as high as they are in Cambridge there remains no single reason why Chesterton should remain outside the borough. This is a civil marriage that promises many benefits for both sides.

1899 09 08
Manners of young Cambridge, p2
Haverhill Independent church organ, p4

1899 09 09
Looking over the catalogue of the Cambridge public library we were struck with the care exercised in obtaining and preserving copies of every publication of local bearing, even down to the most occasional leaflets. This is as it should be. It may well be that there are documents lying in inaccessible places what contain information for which even now students of local history are searching in vain. Why should these not be deposited in the public library, accessible to those who desire to make use of them?

T.B. Hunt opens first-class studio, p1 * # c.65.5
Red Cow concert hall reopens, p2 *

1899 09 12
Mr C. Hills and his son, whilst crossing Barton Fields, Ely, on a shooting expedition, saw a woman lying sideways in the middle of a pond, apparently in a helpless condition, and dragged her out. The water in the pond was scarcely two feet deep, but being fully of slimy matter, the woman presented a sorry spectacle. As she was exhausted, Mr Hills administered some brandy and had her conveyed to her home

1899 09 13
Swaffham Prior stack fire, p3

1899 09 14
A young lady, governess at Wood Ditton rectory went to bed feeling unwell recently and remained in a trance for 10 hours, notwithstanding efforts to arouse her. The doctor was sent for but his efforts proved unavailing during that day. Ultimately she was awakened by douches of cold water.

1899 09 14
Considerable interest having been aroused by particulars of the trance at Wood Ditton a representative of the C.D.N. made further inquiries. After the young lady had lain for 40 hours the doctors decided to try the effect of sudden shocks. She was taken from bed and placed across some chairs over a bath. So rigid was her body that nothing was required to support the space between the chairs. A large can of ice-cold water was procured and one of the doctors, standing on a chair, directed a stream of water on to her face. The douches of water continued until she had apparently been fully aroused.

1899 09 14
Wednesday marked another epoch in the history of the Ebeneezer Chapel, Cottenham – the reopening after thorough restoration. The somewhat gloomy appearance of the interior had been the subject of comment, now the interior is in keeping with the bright services held in the chapel, cheerful, warm

looking decorations having replaced those of former times. In the evening the chapel was crowded in every part.

1899 09 14c
The firemen on duty at Newmarket Jockey Club Owners' and Trainers' Fire Brigade noticed a big glare in the vicinity of Burwell, and at once the telephone was requisitioned to inquire at the brigade office whether a call had been received. The engines having been got ready the men donned their uniform and fastened on accoutrements, and then lit the lamps of the engine. But no call came. The Burwell Fire Brigade had their first experience of a fire, for although an engine has for some time been in the village, it is only within the past few weeks that a brigade has been formed.

1899 09 15
Labourers in dispute with the master builders had served a notice asking for an advance from 4½ d to 5d an hour. They had to end their wives out to work and leave the children to the mercy of anybody or everybody. The extra money added to the wage of the Cambridge labourers would enable them to keep their wives at home and give them happiness and joy. At Newmarket labourers were paid at the rate of 5½d per hour and were promised a halfpenny advance next summer

1899 09 16
W.C. Dewsberry organist dies, p3

1899 09 18
During August agricultural workers have been fully employed at harvest work. The corn crops have ripened rapidly, and as they have not been laid by storms, it has been possible to employ self-binding machines. Thus with a steady run of fine weather the harvest has been gathered rapidly with much less manual labour than usual. Reports from the Chesterton Union show that sufficient labour has been secured for fruit picking, except for a short time when the raspberries were ripe.

1899 09 19
A statement headed "Treatment of inmates at the Cambridge workhouse" alleged a 45-year-old man was put into the receiving ward by the acting porter. He was ordered to strip and bathe himself. He was then given a child's bed, about 2ft short and though he was suffering from dropsy was ordered to make up his bed. He was given four or five blankets but still complained of the cold. They could do nothing to relieve him except give a drop of water from the bath. The man lay there until the next morning and was removed to the infirmary where "he passed away from this world of trouble" # c.32.9

New Theatre, p2
Death Cambridge journalist, Henry Francis Passingham, p2

1899 09 20
Newmarket RDC heard that at Landwade there was a pump that had been erected by subscription, the piping had never been properly fixed and there was now a leakage. Complaints were made as to the indifferent water supply at Reach. There was a spring of good water near the Delph Bridge, which by reason of its being open was often full of tadpoles and other little animals. If a cover were put over it would be a good source of water. The inhabitants of Kirtling obtained a great deal of their water from a dirty pond. The water to certain homes in Soham was filled with dead cats.

1899 09 21
An alarming fire took place at Quaker's farm, in the fen near Lt Downham, causing the destruction of a farmhouse and rendering the occupants homeless. Mrs Watson and her washerwoman were just preparing to partake of luncheon when smoke was seen issuing from the thatch near a chimney stack. Pails of water were brought into requisition but had little or no effect. The Fire Brigade from Ely turned up, got a plentiful supply of water from a dyke and managed to extinguish the fire. By this time only the walls and chimney stacks of the old house – built in 1803 – were left standing

Ely repair roads, p4

1899 09 22
During the tempestuous weather a hot pea stall, belonging to James Gerald, of Wilton terrace, East Road, Cambridge, which had been erected at the corner of Garlic Row in readiness for Stourbridge horse fair, was blown away bodily and carried by the boisterous wind across the road on to a piece of land forty yards away, used by Mr Robert Lee as a market garden. Another booth belonging to David Odell was also overthrown by the storm. # c.27.31

Another accident Huntingdon mail, p3 *

1899 09 23
Cambridge town council mole catcher, p2

1899 09 25
Another of England's picturesque country residences has been destroyed. A prettier spot than the residence of Mr W. Hall at Six-Mile-Bottom, it would have been difficult to find. In every way typical of an English gentleman's home it was regarded by pride. The house was on Saturday the scene of one of those fires which turn a quiet rural retreat into a scene of utter desolation. The maid noticed smoke coming out of the thatch close to the kitchen chimney. From all directions came help but it was too late to be of any avail

Fire Hawkins bakery, Gold Street, p2 # c.34.75
Hobson Street chapel renovation, p3

1899 09 26
There are some who deplore it very much that the Free Library readers should resort so much to fiction. There can be no greater waste of time than the reading of novels that are not worth reading. At the Central Library there were issued during the year 67,661 volumes in the class of fiction and it must be admitted that Cambridge might with advantage become a little more serious in its reading. At the Mill Road branch 293 borrowers were added whereby it is made clear that the branch supplies a very real demand. # c.77.4

1899 09 26
Cambridge's Stourbridge Fair has scarcely so strong a hold on the people as it exercised a decade ago. The vendor of hot peas, sweet stuffs, trashy toys and nut brown ale, to say nothing of the fishmonger and other salesmen, all seem to receive a certain amount of public patronage. The only monstrosity on view this year is a cow with six legs. There are coconut shies, swings and shooting galleries in plenty. At the "Oyster House" there is dancing and conviviality reigns supreme # c.27.31

Cottenham farmer killed, p3

1899 09 27
Early closing, p2

1899 08 28
Bread at Linton workhouse
Sale guns – notes *
Victoria Road Congregational Church foundation stone laid, p3 # c.83

1899 09 29
Oddfellows jubilee, p3

1899 09 30c

A man named Revill, residing at Odsey, was on his way to Royston, driving a pony and trap, when he observed a rough-looking individual coming towards him. The tramp turned towards the hedge, put himself in a shooting attitude and pointed what was thought to be a revolver. The man in charge of the pony laid down in the trap, and whipping up his pony drove as fast as he could to Royston. P.C. Knight was despatched on a bicycle and came across the would-be highwayman lying on the side of the road. The tramp gave a rambling account of himself and said he was a solicitor practising in Chancery Lane.

1899 09 30
A labourer of Upware was summonsed for leaving the employment of Mr J. Cornwell, a Waterbeach farmer, without notice. Defendant had worked for him for a fortnight, he having engaged him as a labourer. He entered witness's employment as a weekly servant at a wage of 12s and left without giving notice after receiving his week's wages. As he did not return to his work Cornwell made a journey to Upware so see what his reason was for not coming back. He said he should not return for anything and that witness could do as he liked in the matter. Defendant fined 1s.

99 Athletic Club, p2
St Ives burglary, p3
Photographic Society, p3

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1899 10 03
Cambridge cabmen's union was told that certain ladies had volunteered to provide a cabmen's shelter on Peas Hill, close to St Edward's church. The chairman hoped the cabmen would always maintain their proper rank of respectability, and keep themselves above suspicion of rowdyism or anything approaching to it

Scott & Wilkinson photographed Six Mile Bottom fire, used CWN, p2 # c.65.5

1899 10 03
The Vicar of St Michael's church, Cambridge, spoke of the restoration of the mural decorations executed by Mr Gilbert Scott which had become much decayed, and the erection of the inside porch. The installation of the electric light answered very well. He did not think it was as good to read by as gas but there was the advantage of the easy regulation of the light and quickness in lighting the church. Instead of having the nasty, stuffy feeling they had with gas, there was a decent atmosphere in which one could breath

1899 10 04
The etiquette of University life is a thing by itself, but "The Freshman at Cambridge" is veritably a royal road to knowledge. One might be some time without learning that it is 'bad form' to wear one's gown and carry an umbrella at the same time. Yet here is the useful rule and many others of the same character set forth clearly. Every Freshman, cast adrift upon the unknown sea of University life, should get this book and make it the subject of careful study

1899 10 05
Richard Drake, machinist from Sutton, was summoned for permitting a locomotive to be used on the highway drawing more than three loaded wagons. P.S. Hodge said he saw a traction engine in Churchgate Street, Soham drawing three wagons, a house van and a chaff cutter. The driver said that his master had expected they would be stopped. Fined 30s.

1899 10 06
Fire at Newmarket, p3

1899 10 07

Abbey Road new bridge, p2
Putrid meat, p3

1899 10 09
On Saturday night the cooks left the kitchens at King's College, as they thought, safe, but P.C. Witham saw smoke coming through the roof. For fully two hours the fire brigade had their hands full. The staircase is quite burned down and access to the cook's room above is by means of ladders. On Sunday morning the cooks went to prepare the usual meals and members of the college were served as if nothing out of the ordinary had occurred. # c.34.75 # c.44.5

1899 10 10
Labourers' dispute, p3

1899 10 11
A meeting of Cambridge carpenters and joiners was held to obtain an increase of wages. At Newmarket the wages had advanced to 8d an hour and the carpenters and joiners of Cambridge were beginning to agitate and follow in their wake. In many other places men were only working a 49 hour week and left off at half past five. There were some Cambridge firms employing carpenters who were offering 9d an hour but most men were content to go on dribbling with 7½d because they thought they had good berths and good masters. There was only one remedy for this evil and that lay in organisation # c.32.5

1899 10 12
St Ives council recommended that the fire engine, purchased 27 years ago, be repaired at a cost of £48. A manual engine would be lent for use while the old one was being put in repair. Mr Smith asked if they were well paid when the engine went out of the town to a fire, as it was through being taken out that these repairs were necessary. The Mayor said £2 was paid each time it went out. Mr Ruston said this would not pay for the damage done to the hose alone

South Africa war declared, p2

1899 10 13
A considerable amount of dissatisfaction has arisen in regard to the tithe charge imposed on certain lands in Burwell fen by Cambridge University. The land in question is some 3,000 acres in extent and was formerly under water. Nearly 60 years ago the fen was drained. The greater part is utilised for agriculture, but a portion is cultivated as market gardens. The imposition of a tithe has weighed heavily on the owners and there has been speculation as to the legality of the charge. No tithe was exacted until after the drainage about 1840 and while some owners have paid others have been allowed to go scot free. Now the parish council has purchased ten acres for a public recreation ground and decline to pay the tithe

1899 10 13
Sir : A beautiful white marble monument, standing some ten feet high was taken to be erected in Coveney churchyard. The rector refused to admit it, as he said its shape, an obelisk, was heathen and that the words 'Peace, perfect peace' were not suitable. However he allowed the mason to place it in the enclosure and after it had laid there some 100 days some good friends of the deceased assisted in erecting it in the early hours of the morning. There it remained for twelve weeks, when the rector, with the assistance of another, hurled it down. He was caught in the act by two women. In his sermon he said he would like to put his arms round that wretched monument and carry it out of the churchyard, only it was too massive. Others say the churchyard looks neglected, like some wilderness in a deserted plague-stricken century. – X

1899 10 14
T.B. Hunt opened studio 130 Fitzroy Street, p1 # c.65.5

1899 10 16
Home there are today in the town and county of Cambridge which are without a head because husbands and fathers have responded to the call upon Reserves to join their regiments. Cambridgeshire has already made a significant contribution to the British strength in South Africa, while those left behind are in deepest anxiety as to the safety of their absent ones. We owe it to ourselves as Englishmen to see that the wives and children do not suffer in material comfort because the breadwinners have gone forth to fight. Many are reduced to living upon the Government allowance of a few shilling in the week. We would take the liberty of suggesting that the Mayor of Cambridge should open a fund for the families of Reserve men and the active interest of Alderman Kett makes it appropriate that he should put himself at the head of the movement. – Editorial # c.45.4

Army and University reserves, p3

1899 10 17
The formal opening took place of Westminster College, the theological college which the Presbyterian Church of England has established at Cambridge for the training of students for the ministry. It is a great thing that the work has been done so well in so short a time, but a much greater thing that the cost of building it – albeit over £40,000 has all been met. Professor Ryle, President of Queens', extended a welcome to the new college. # c.44.5

1899 10 17
Sir – I am glad there are to be contests for the seats on Cambridge town council. I have looked at the addresses of the candidates and most of them are contesting wards where over 90 per cent of the electors have not such a thing as a bath. A town of light and learning like Cambridge – of some 50,000 inhabitants - without a single public bath in it is a disgrace – "A Ratepayer"

1899 10 19 c
Frederick Oldham, tailor, Wisbech, sued George Comins, auctioneer, Ely, for the sum of £8 13s. the cost of two suits of clothes. Defendant said the question was as to misfits and that the suits were not delivered within reasonable time. He said the collar of the jacket was cut so low that the tie showed above it. The suits were returned without being opened. Without prejudice he was willing to pay plaintiff the sum of two guineas

1899 10 19
An Eynesbury labourer was summonsed for conveying eight calves in a cart in such a manner as to cause them unnecessary pain. An RSPCA Inspector said four of them were lying in the cart with their heads towards the front, and four similarly placed at the hind part of the vehicle. Their fore legs were tied and the four outside calves practically lying on their backs. One calf's head was hanging over the side of the cart

Lt Downham harvest dispute, p3 *

1899 10 22c
From a Cambridge man at the front, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. "I am out here now and we have to go up to the Transvaal and pump some lead for Kruger, and I hope to present a lock of his whiskers to our Fitzwilliam Museum. There are plenty of Cambridge lads out here in the Fifth Lancers who have just gone up to Ladysmith. Every man has 109 round of lead & I have been selected to fill the post of stretcher bearer to pick up dead or wounded comrades; but perhaps I might be picked up myself. I hope to come out safe and I won't forget Kruger's whiskers" - Paddy Hopkins

1899 10 23
The funeral took place at Newmarket cemetery of William Williams, better known as "Old Buck". Deceased, who came from South America was a pure Negro and landed in this country about 21 years ago. He was employed by Mr Jacob Pincus and boasted of having crossed the Atlantic some 25 times. In late years "Buck" was employed by Mr Huggins, trainer to Lord William Beresford. Mr Pincus and

all the lads employed at Mr Huggins' stable were among the many who followed his remains to their resting place

1899 10 23
The war in South Africa has already levied toll upon Cambridge. Among those who were killed at Glencoe was Private J. Best, whose parents reside here, and on the list of the wounded at Elands Laagte is Lance Corporal Henry Turner, a Cambridge man. Their relatives have the very sincere sympathy of the people of Cambridge. Whether the end of this war come soon or comes late, it will have cost the British Army dear. Already hundreds of brave fellows have found their graves among the hills of Natal. # c.45.4

Wilbraham property sale, p2
Linton churchyard death, p3

1899 10 24
Cambridge wounded and dead, p2 *

1899 10 24
Three London musicians and a comedian were charged with stealing a bag of potatoes, value 4s., from a field in Melbourn. John King, roadman, said he saw one of them jump over a hedge, get the bag and place in on a trolley. PC Knight said he saw the prisoners with a piano organ on a trolley and found the potatoes lying on the seat, covered with a rug. He detained two and took them to Royston police station. Afterwards found the others had decamped with the pony in the direction of Baldock but being a cyclist he followed them. One prisoner said they on 5 arriving at Royston fair he saw Harris' roundabouts and went and spoke to the proprietor. When there the constable questioned him. They had bought the potatoes from a man in a public house at Long Melford for 1s.6d.

1899 10 25
A murder of a most ghastly and revolting nature was committed at Burwell Lode. It is rare that a murder so determined in its criminal intent as that perpetrated in the thick fog of the early morning on the banks of the river Lode is heard of. An old woman was brutally murdered by her husband in the sight of their piteously-screaming thirteen-year-old daughter, & almost within a stone's throw of where two grown-up sons were working. & 26th p2

1899 10 26
Sir – Hitherto, to its credit, Cambridge has escaped any public manifestation of the war fever, but I read with deep regret that at a smoking concert at the Conservative club there are to be patriotic songs and war choruses. When we read of the shocking havoc wrought by dynamite trains and Maxim guns even our victories seem shorn of their glory. This is not the time for song and jubilation - K

1899 10 27
A good deal of amusement was created at Littleport. From rumours widely circulated it was expected at a "real gypsy wedding" would take place at the parish church. Some said the contracting parties were to be taken thither in a caravan, that the bride would be attired in red plush and the father had presented the happy pair with a giant cup half filled with sovereigns. The building was filled by an expectant congregation, with prominent inhabitants and many of the young women from the factory. No bride and bridegroom presented themselves and the congregation made their departure with feeling that can better be imagined than described.

Barrington green bylaws, p2
Coveney attempted murder, p3

1899 10 28
Burwell inquest, p3

1899 10 30
Some time ago the University gave notice that they would petition the High Court to divert a sum, derived from Wort's Charity, used for the purpose of repairing the main road from Emmanuel College to the Gog Magog Hills from that channel and appropriate it for the funds of the University Library. Two public bodies, the County Council and Chesterton R.D.C. are responsible for the repair of this road and resolved to oppose the petition which would deprive them of an annual contribution from the charity

1899 10 31
A tramp was charged with refusing to do his allotted task at St Ives Workhouse. The Master (Mr Eversdell) set prisoner to pick 2½ lbs of oakum. He refused as he was suffering from asthma and being in a cell from which the dust from the oakum could not get away it would get upon his lungs and would be ill for weeks. He offered to do any other kind of out-door work. Magistrates said he could have seen the doctor and he would have to go to gaol for 14 days

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1899 11 02
When residents in St Andrew's street, Cambridge, saw a procession of cabs passing onward "all mournful and slow" to the railway station the people knew that someone had been sent down from the University. From Emmanuel College a youth emerged and under a shower of rice made hurriedly for the cab waiting at the door. The driver, "Gentleman Joe" wore a tall hat draped with crape, and so did the drivers of some four cabs what followed. The hero of the hour entered the Great Northern Station, the train moving out to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne". Meanwhile the cabbies grove back to their respective stands. They were of more cheerful aspect on the return journey and each puffed a festive cigar. # c.36.96

Tram to Chesterton, p4

1899 11 03
Eight cases of diphtheria (three fatal) have been notified at Saffron Walden during the past three weeks. The first occurred in South Road, a girl aged ten. The next was at the Orphanage, another in Almshouse Lane and three cases (one fatal) in a cottage in Debden road. In addition there had been six cases of scarlet fever. All the children attended the same schools which points to its defective sanitary condition, notably damp walls, dry rot under the floor, defective drainage and overcrowding, causing the air to be organically contaminated. The school had been closed on October 21st, since then there has been no further spread of diphtheria.

1899 11 04
Two more constables of the Cambridge police force have received notice to join their regiments preparatory to leaving for South Africa. These are P.C.s John Waylett and Goodchild. The former left Cambridge by train, being accompanied to the station by Sergt Baker and eight of his comrades in the police force. As the train steamed out of the station three cheers for the gallant 44th were lustily given by the policemen

Morley school opened, p3 * # c.36.5

1899 11 06
The announcement that a number of Reserve men belonging to the Suffolk Regiment would leave Cambridge to join the regiment sufficed to bring thousands of people together in the Market Hill to give them a hearty send off. . It detracted somewhat from the picturesqueness of the effect that the Reserve men were not in uniform but in their ordinary clothes but they could not have evoked greater enthusiasm on the part of the public. Heads of colleges were there, undergraduates in caps and gowns rubbed shoulders with farm workers form the country. Old soldiers wearing their medals had come to

live over again stirring scenes from their youth. Women were there and children also. It was a crowd thoroughly resolved upon manifesting its goodwill to the men who were going away # c.45.4

1899 11 07
Almost as soon as it was dark a large number of youths made their way to Cambridge Market Hill which was in a short time alive to the crackling and bangings of the smaller fireworks. The 'Varsity', after hall time, joined the townspeople and from eight to eleven there was a roaring, rushing crowd of several hundreds about the hill and neighbouring streets. Certain of the townsmen who had begun the day not to wisely by profusely drinking were responsible for the greater part of the disorder and were seized and marched off by the ever-vigilant gentlemen in blue. # c.36.94

1899 11 08
At the Granta Cycling Club smoking concert the chairman said all cyclists in Cambridge were determined to have a cycle track. Every kind of athletics was catered for except cyclists. It was not fair to those who placed stock on Midsummer Common to have it there, and unless it was enclosed they would not get a 'gate' as people who paid to see races generally liked to go on a stand. If cyclists were determined to have a track they should collect a sum equivalent to that paid by those who put stock in the Common and then they could have their ground enclosed.

Ely burglary, p3

1899 11 09
Baldock scarlet fever, p4

1899 11 10
Cambridge University Transvaal war fund, p3
Thomas Wood mineral factory, p3 *

1899 11 11
A Cambridge divorce case of a startling nature was tried when a compositor sought divorce from his wife on the grounds of her adultery with a tinman and brazier. Plaintiff arranged to get into the house and was secreted in the cellar from which he could see into the back room from which he saw adultery committed, but as he was a small man he took no action then. He got another man to accompany him and they found correspondent in a compromising position. She exclaimed: "Oh, my God" but later said they had had a good laugh over the sudden surprise.1899 11 11

New Theatre D'Oyley Carte, p2
First case under lighting bylaw p2 *

1899 11 13
Cambridge has got a long railway station, but there would not have been an inch of standing room to spare on the platform if all the people who desired to get in had been permitted to do so. Shortly before noon the procession of Reservists arrived and from that time till the train left all was wild excitement. The difficulty was to get the men who were leaving away from their friends, and in the long run there was nothing for it but to effect something like a forcible separation. Eventually, amid vociferous cheering the train got away and the defenders of the country were fairly on their way to do the country's bidding. # c.45.4

1899 11 13
A stirring scene was witness at Warley when the 1st Battalion Essex Regiment left en route for South Africa, at the entrance to the station there was a dense throng and the soldiers had the greatest difficulty forcing their way through. The London Society of East Anglians gave the Suffolk regiment an enthusiastic "send off" as they passed en route to embark at Southampton and by special arrangement with the railway the journey was broken for about ten minutes. The Suffolk Regiment consisted entirely of East Anglians and their motto was "let 'em all come"

1899 11 14
Mr Richard Langford of James Street, Cambridge, has passed away within a fortnight of obtaining the great age of 100 years. He was early in life placed in a gang of lighters which plied between King's Lynn and Cambridge and acquired a gang of his own. For many years he brought coals to Cambridge until the railway was opened, when he retired.

1899 11 15
Great disappointment – waterworks, p2
Events at New Theatre, p3

1899 11 15c
An undergraduate of Caius College was summoned for riding a bicycle on the footpath at Impington. Supt Webb said when asked for his name and address defendant demurred, and then replied "X.Y.Z." He told him he would detain him until he gave him his card and defendant then compiled with the request. The reason he had got on to the path was to avoid a young and prancing horse that came along. Fined 1s.

1899 11 16
Communications Chesterton, p2
East Road schools, p3

1899 11 17
The Inspector of Nuisances told Caxton Guardians that at Kingston he inspected a cottage occupied by a man, wife and four children where diphtheria had broken out. Two of the children were now lying dead. The disease would probably be traced to the insanitary condition of things at the school which were very defective. It had not been closed because he was waiting for the medical officer's report.

1899 11 18
Walter Pluck of Balsham said he had an agreement with Alfred Kent of Horseheath to take away the carcasses of any horses which might die. The value of the carcasses differed, the average being 15s. The horses were taken away about two or three hours after death. Some were in a very bad state, and were rotten so he was obliged to put them on the manure heap. He never sent any grease in part payment.

1899 11 20
Home from Transvaal, p3

1899 11 22
Huntingdon County Council sought a declaration that the River Ouse from above St Neots to below St Ives and thence to the sea, was a public navigable river and a common highway. Leonard Simpson claimed that it was his private property. He had the exclusive passage of vessels laden with merchandise and no one else should navigate any part of the river without a licence from him. The judge said the public were entitled to use it. # c.46.5

1899 11 22
A distressing event occurred at the Haverhill cemetery. Just as three o'clock was striking a funeral party, numbering about twenty, arrived at the gates and on proceeding inside found that no minister was present. A messenger was immediately dispatched and it was learned that the vicar had left for London that morning. The difficulty was resolved by summoning the vicar of Thurlow who happened to be in the street at Haverhill. The last rites were then performed by the graveside.

1899 11 24

An unusual incident took place in the Baptist chapel. St Andrew's street, Cambridge. The pulpit was occupied by the Rev Jackson of Reading who preached a very able sermon. Afterwards the Rev. Charles Keene, who was in the audience, occupying a seat in the gallery, rose and made a few remarks criticising what the preacher had said. Mr Keene was quietly heard and when he had finished Mr Jackson thanked him, and the service was closed in the usual way.

1899 11 25
The London Scottish Rifle Volunteers arrived in Cambridge for the purpose of engaging with the University Volunteer Corps in certain field operations. The idea was for the Scots to gain an entrance to Cambridge. The University Volunteers marched in the direction of Shelford, where they expected to meet the attacking force. The opposing forces formed up at Caius College Farm and then proceeded via Hills Road to Cambridge. # c.45.4

University & agriculture, p2

1899 11 27
Following their manoeuvres at Shelford the London Scottish Rifle Volunteers had a further engagement with the University corps in the vicinity of Caius Farm, near the Gog Magogs. The Scots marched out to occupy the farm and were reinforced at Fulbourn by a company of the Newmarket Suffolk Volunteers. The actual firing operations began at 2.45. The farm having been taken the defending and attacking forces were formed up in line and the march home was begun, the Scottish pipers leading the way. # c.45.4

1899 11 28
The business premises of Mr Gray Palmer, clothier of High Street, Saffron Walden, had a narrow escape of being destroyed by fire and nothing but the prompt action of his assistant averted a serious conflagration. Being Saturday night it was 10 o'clock before the business of the day was completed and the shop closed. After this Mr Palmer and his family, with Mr Ashby, had an hour's recreation and retired to rest. How the fire originated cannot be accounted for, there is no fireplace in the room.

Corporation and new streets, p3 *

1899 11 30
The annual ploughing competitions of the Cottenham Ploughing Society were brought off. Mr Greene said they lived in days of invention; they already had steam ploughs, which did not make much headway, and it was very likely they would see motor ploughs in the future. He believed the day was far distant when the need of a good horse to draw the plough, and of a good man to drive it would no longer exist in Cottenham. A feature of the competition was the good ploughing of F. Skinner who has entered four times and on each occasion taken first place.

Kingston diphtheria, p4 *

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1899 12 01
Archaeology, p2
Landbeach fire, p3

1899 12 02
Cambridgeshire villages have been prolific in fires of unusual magnitude and Landbeach has now earned the distinction of having a disastrous fire within its limits. Four cottages, a blacksmith's & wheelwright's shop and a stable were burnt completely out. Luckily building space in Landbeach is not at a premium and the properties formed a little group by themselves with at least ten yards between any other dwelling house, otherwise the damage would assuredly have been much more

extensive. The buildings were of lathe and plaster and in an incredibly short time were one huge bonfire
Cambridge Pierrots, p2

1899 12 02 c
It is particularly gratifying to note that the villages are giving generously towards the assistance of our soldiers' families. The public meeting held at Waterbeach reflected the utmost credit on this village and its public spirited inhabitants. Another village that has done honour to itself is Swavesey where over £40 has been contributed. The heart of the nation has been touched to pity and to effort. The needs are great but they are bound to become very much greater

1899 12 04
An ostler and an undergraduate were summoned for causing an affray by fighting in Petty Cury. P.C. Belling said he took them both into custody. On the way to the station the undergraduate was wrestled from his custody by another 'Varsityman and his finger was injured. On returning to the Market Hill he saw the student with some friends and he admitted having escaped from custody. After the magistrates had deliberated they found the charges not substantiated and the case was dismissed.

1899 12 04
A bog oak raised from the fen at Bottisham Lode was found to be 100 feet long. When men were splitting it they found in the centre a honeycomb which had also been embedded in the peat. The comb was in a perfect state of preservation and dotted about it were bees. The entrance to the comb was a gigantic knot and it is supposed that when the tree fell this fell directly into the gault, thus making prisoners of the bees which were in it.

Cambridge men at Ladysmith, p3 *

1899 12 05
Inquisitive preacher – child on cart, p2 & 3

1899 12 06
Two impudent burglaries were committed in Mill Road, Cambridge. The premises occupied by Mrs Emma Coleman, confectioner, and the Danish Dairy Company's shop were broken into, but fortunately the nocturnal visitors carried away but little booty as the result of their efforts. Each of the door bear muddy scratches leaving no doubt that the burglar must have been agile and diminutive enough to squeeze in through the limited space afforded by the open fanlight. In his decent from the fanlight the burglar knocked down a row of jellies, but the thief was of an orderly turn of mind for they were all picked up and neatly stacked on the counter

Cambridge ladies & wounded, p2

1899 12 08
New Hotel, "Fleur-de-Lis", Humberstone road, Chesterton. This first-class hotel is now open and replete with every comfort. Billiards room in course of erection. Gentlemen visiting the hotel will find the Smoke Room fitted with every comfort – advert. # c.27.4 # c.27.45

Muddy streets, p2

1899 12 09
John Ginn, 12 years of age, living at Saxon-street, a hamlet near Newmarket, has just distinguished himself by a curious adventure. Having read of the boy who killed three Boers in the South African War, his spirit burned within him to go and do likewise. Emptying his money box he had enough to pay his railway fare to Ely and set forth. He left behind pinned on the wall of his room this curious epistle: - "Dear mother and father, I am going to be a soldier and shoot Boers with a revolver, like the

boy Sherlock did. Goodbye, John Ginn". The boy was interviewed by the Colonel in command at Ely who gave him some good advice and a return railway fare home

St Luke's head charged, p3

1899 12 14
John Weeds of the City Arms, Sturton Street, Cambridge told the court he had a fowl run on his premises. When he left home at one o'clock there were 22 birds in the run. He returned the following day and found only there were only 16. The prisoner was in the tap room the previous evening and knew fowls were kept in the yard. PC Thompson had found him with a bag containing three hens which he said he'd bought from a man in Sturton Street the previous night.

1899 12 14
Messrs Benskins, brewers with a branch at St Neots, were summonsed for selling beer in bulk without an excise licence at Eltisley. The beer was sent round to persons who were usually customers and the drayman offered an 18 gallon cask to James Millard who had it delivered to his farm. He usually ordered two casks at a time and the beer was delivered to his brother's farm premises. It was a technical breach of the statute

1899 12 15
The frost continues with great severity in the fens. The University Skating Club at Cambridge was opened yesterday. The ice was fairly thick, but rough. The moors at Littleport were open to the public, but there was practically little skating elsewhere. The National Skating Association were busy making the necessary arrangements for bring off the Championships and other races and entered into arrangement with the proprietor of the Littleport Club to hold the British Championships at that resort.

1899 12 16
The tripe season is now in full swing and the noted house for this commodity is E.J. Edward's, 36 Fitzroy St, Cambridge. Tripe is a valuable edible for dyspeptics and other suffering from impaired digestion and as such there should be a good demand for it during the ensuing festive season. Mr Edward's name has been before the public for the past 50 years as a tripe dresser and glaze manufacturer and there is no doubt the stock he has laid in for Christmas will be more than equal to the increased demand.

1899 12 19
Sir – will you allow me to appeal on behalf of journey-men bakers for one day's holiday this Christmas. Christmas Day being Monday there will be dinners to bake, which will take up till two o'clock at least. Then at night there will be the work of preparing sponge for Tuesday's bread. With so many good things about there will be not much bread wanted. I, myself, am serving 143 customers daily and there was not one who did not seem anxious to do what they could for us. You will agree that bakers' work is very hard and trying with long hours and little pay and certainly less holidays than any other trade – "Baker"

1899 12 19
An extraordinary account has just leaked out regarding a dog, which about ten days ago was abandoned for dead, and subsequently interred in the back garden of a cottage in Gwydir Street, Cambridge. For some days afterwards noises resembling the pitiful moanings of a dog were heard by the neighbours. A week later a neighbour noticed that something resembling steam was issuing from the soil at the bottom of the garden. When the soil was removed the dog crawled out, wagging his tail with apparent gratitude.

Cambridge men in action, p3 *

1899 12 20

In noticing the entertainment given at the Conservative Club by the Cambridge Pier rots, we would at the outset congratulate the management upon shortening the programme. No more enjoyable evening can be spent in listening to the excellent numbers contributed by that talented troupe but we may say that three hours is somewhat of a strain on the troupe and audience alike. As it was a programme of twenty-six items was got through. The sextette, "Oh! see the lambkins play" is undoubtedly one of the best items # c.69

Christmas – Frank Ward, p3

1899 12 21
Loyal Suffolk Hussars, p3
Death Reynolds Rowe, p3

1899 12 22
St Ives patriotic entertainment, p2

1899 12 23
While making excavations at the junction of City Road and Fitzroy Street some workmen in the employ of the Cambridge Electric Lighting Company came upon some gruesome remains. They dug up some coffins. It is supposed the site is that of the old burial ground of Eden Street chapel. The remains were removed to Mill Road cemetery, where they were interred. For some reason efforts are being made to prevent the real facts becoming known. The employees of the Electric Light jealously guard what they deem an important secret, and refuse to give any details. # c.21.2

1899 12 23
Following a well-established custom, the employees of the New Theatre Company, whose duties are more particularly concerned with stage arrangements, gather at the University Arms to partake of a substantial meal. The menu was characteristic of the season and comprised roast beef, boiled and roast leg of mutton, with vegetables, discussed to the accompaniment of English ale, followed by Christmas pudding. Tobacco and cigars were supplied ad.lib. and for those whose tastes were in that direction there was “a wee drappie of whiskie”

1899 12 23 c
Mr H. Ayres of Tenison Road, Cambridge has just received another letter from their son, Corporal Fred Ayres, in South Africa. He wrote: "I have seen what real fighting is, and I do not wish to see much more. The bullets were flying all round our heads on every side of us for a long time. It was a miracle that myself, as well as so many more of us, came out alive. I believe that God was protecting me in answer to your prayers. Do not worry too much on my account. I am only one of a large number" - Fred

1899 12 27
Christmas in Cambridge, p3 *

1899 12 28
The nigger troupe which came into existence under such happy circumstances some two years ago at Waterbeach made another public appearance there when they gave a successful entertainment in the schoolroom in aid of the local War Fund. The room was crowded to the doors. Considerable pains had been taken in the arrangement of the entertainment and the programme which contained no less than 20 numbers was furnished and received with evident satisfaction

Christmas in churches, p2 *

1899 12 29
Review of year, p2
Cambridgeshire constables to war, p3 *

1899 12 30
Interview Deck, p3 *
Reservists leave, p3

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1900 01 01
Farewell to 1899 and welcome to 1900 were symbolised by the two rockets that were sent up from King's Parade just before the stroke of 12 on New Year's Eve. The custom of discharging rockets has been religiously observed since 1825 by the Deck family and it is now one of the established institutions of Cambridge life and a much-looked-for feature of the season's festivities.# c.39

Fenstanton burial

1900 01 02
Evison's Manure Works, Ramsey, were destroyed by fire, damage to the extent of many thousands of pounds being caused. Five hundred tons of sulphuric acid were released through leaden tanks melting and the liquid flooded the premises. Considerable quantities of the acid flowed into a branch of the River Nene, which is close to the gutted factory, and thousands of fish were destroyed.

Stansted vicar & war, p3 *

1900 01 03
Few villages display so much religious activity as that which has characterised Waterbeach. Not very long ago the Baptists entered upon a scheme for beautifying their chapel. Encouraged by their success they have now undertaken the erection of new Sunday Schools. The number of children who, Sunday after Sunday, are brought under the influence of the loyal band of workers at the chapel exceeds 150. The site has been acquired from the trustees of the Duke of Wellington

Newmarket fire brigade dinner, p3 *

1900 01 04
The last scene in a long life of much usefulness to the county of Cambridge was enacted at Trumpington when the funeral of Mr Henry Pemberton of Trumpington Hall took place. The villagers unobtrusively gave expression to their heart-felt sympathy. During the time mourners were assembling and during the funeral service the blinds at almost every residence in the village were drawn, the few places of business were closed, and at the corners passed by the cortege there were knots of inhabitants who, with reverently uncovered heads, watched the body on its last journey.

Alderney diary, p2 *

1900 01 09
Reservist letter, p3

1900 01 10
A whirligig proprietor was summoned for driving horses and vehicles on to the village green at Burrough Green and doing damage to the amount of sixpence. Afterwards they fixed swings and roundabouts there. The things were spread about so as to prevent the green being used as a playground as usual. Alfred Ward, (56) said that from his boyhood the green had been used for games by village boys and girls. It was only within the last ten years the fair people had taken their stand on it. They were fined 30s for refusing to leave

A black list, p2 *

1900 01 10 c
The Ouse Drainage Board was not popular with a small band of farmers gathered for the sale of goods distrained for non-payment of rates in the Bedford area. Two sets of harness were offered and somebody pointed to a rent in the halter. The crowd, desiring opportunities of closer inspection, surged forward and the auctioneer was pushed off his chair. Somebody bid a shilling but the auctioneer would not take it and the man holding the harness became involved in an argument with another. The lot was withdrawn

1900 01 11
There were no doubt religious services at Fordham on Christmas Day, but with a goodly number of the youth of the place the attraction of the church proved less powerful than those of a public house. A policeman found a large congregation in a room but in less than a minute he was left alone with a table, a box of dice and some coppers. It needed not a Sherlock Holmes to arrive at the conclusion that gambling had been forward and the gamblers had scarpered. It is an unmitigated evil that children should be encouraged to gamble. Let those who have a care for the moral welfare of Fordham look to it

1900 01 12
Bendysh Hall, Saffron Walden, was partly destroyed by fire. It broke out in a bedroom in close proximity to where Mr Bennett Pell's invalid father slept, and in which room a fire was continually kept burning. It was from the beam in the chimney of this room that the fire is supposed to have originated. One half of the building, consisting of the entrance hall, drawing room, ante-room, bedrooms, dairy and other rooms were gutted.

1900 01 13
Gt Chesterford fire, p3

1900 01 15
Burwell murder, p3 *

1900 01 16
A campanological, vocal and instrumental entertainment was given by the Walford Family at the Cambridge Guildhall. One instrument of their invention is the Hydroaktulopsychichamonica, or aqueous musical glasses, on which selections were very prettily played.

Cambridge Graphic advert, p1
Burwell murder verdict, p3

1900 01 17
In February of last year the hospitality of the columns of the C.D.N. was extended to Mr Clark of Swaffham Prior by the publication of a letter with reference to his difference with the vicar. It was strongly worded and calculated to provoke a vigorous rejoinder. When a reply was received it was inserted. The contents annoyed him so much that he instructed a London solicitor to write asking for the name of the anonymous 'Lover of truth' to be given up to him. When informed this could not for one moment be considered he elected to proceed with an action of libel against the newspaper. It is one of the traditions of British journalism that the confidence reposed in a newspaper by those who write and desire that their names should not be made known is sacred. It is a matter of satisfaction that a jury has exonerated us from blame and that our fairness and judgement has been vindicated

1900 01 18
An action for libel was brought by Mr W.E. Humphreys, proprietor of the "Cambridge Magazine" against Mr H.D. Catling, proprietor of "The Cantab" with the "Cambridge Gazette" company as co-defendants. Mr Humphreys said he was asked to contribute to "The Cantab" and it was arranged that

if the paper was a success he should receive a quarter of the profits, but he received no profit at all. There was a verbal agreement by which he was to buy "The Cantab" for £10 but it fell through and he resolved to start the Cambridge Magazine , editorial, p2 * # c.04

1900 01 18
Messrs Headley & Edwards told an inquiry that Cheddar's Lane afforded access to the brickyard belonging to Thoday and Co. Ltd who were large employees of labour in Cambridge and a very great deal of the traffic passed between the brickyards and Newmarket Road. As a result the lane was in a very bad condition.

1900 01 20
For the second time since the Boer ultimatum the consequences of war have been brought very close to Cambridge. This morning there was a second demonstration in which Town and Gown joined hands in a common feeling of respect for those who, though not compelled by laws to leave the old country, were nevertheless anxious to lend a hand in the war. Shortly after ten o'clock the special train steamed out of the siding, kisses were blown and the Volunteers who will represent Cambridge at the front were out of sight, but not out of mind 1900 # c.45.4

1900 01 22
Mr G.W. Rawlinson of Mill Road, Cambridge has received a letter from Private Caswell, who is well known in the town. He writes: "at daybreak we attacked the Boers who were holding a low-lying hill from which they poured a very severe fire. We kept steadily on till we were within 100 yards of them, when we fixed bayonets and charged them. In retiring they had to cross a valley. We poured volley after volley into them with deadly effect. Later I was struck on the ankle by a shell which did not burst and which has made be an invalid for a fortnight"

1900 01 24
To the accompaniment of an outburst of patriotic sentiment three of the Volunteers attached to the Royston Company of the 1st Volunteer Battalion Beds Regiment left on Tuesday afternoon. Nearly the whole of the townspeople, including the tradesmen, turned out to wish "our citizen soldiers" God speed and good luck. The little band of Volunteers looked spick and span in their scarlet uniforms. The Royston Military Band were present and the very lively and good-tempered crowd entered heartily into the patriotic airs they played. The enthusiasm of the scene will remain long on the memory of Royston people.

1900 01 25
The Cambridge Co-operative Society has erected spacious new premises in Burleigh Street. The building is imposing and by contrast with the other not very ornate premises in Burleigh Street is rendered all the more conspicuous. On the ground floor are spaces for the butchery, drapery and boot and shoe department. The first floor is well laid out for other branches with a ready-made clothes emporium and on the top floor is a really fine meeting room. The old building in Fitzroy Street will be retained for the grocery portion of the business. # c.27.2

Aldreth Bridge, p3

1900 01 25
St Ives Rural Council considered the state of the roads. They were not very good and the surveyor could not make them so without the use of a steamroller. The question of expense was not a very serious one as shown by the Ramsey Council purchasing a roller. They generally considered themselves equal to Ramsey Council, but they were certainly behind them. The cost was £470. The chairman said the roads were not in a bad state and the only complaints they received were from cyclists who did not contribute one penny to the rates.

1900 01 26

A large warehouse at St Ives occupied by Councillor Bullard, rod merchant, for the storage of osier rods caught alight. The fire when first discovered was raging in the middle story of the building at the end nearest the river but within a quarter of an hour the whole place was a mass of fire, owing to the inflammable nature of its contents. The whole of the woodwork was destroyed and nothing but the bare walls of the huge warehouse now remain. Mr Bullard's dwelling house was only separated by the roadway and his children were quickly taken from their beds, wrapped up in blankets, and removed to a place of safety.

1900 01 26
Ashley rector, p3 *
Rose Inn licensing, p3 *
Hinxton murder, p3 *
St Ives fire, p3 *

1900 01 27
Rose licence, p2
Cottenham light railway, p4

1900 01 29
An Indian Prime Minister engaged a cab to attend a dinner at Downing College, Cambridge, and made an engagement for the driver to call at his lodgings to convey him back to the station next morning. The cab never turned up and driven to extremity the minister prevailed upon a passing milkman to take his portmanteau to the station. Being a pretty good runner he started off but became exhausted and got into the milk cart which contained his luggage. Not wishing to be recognised he took off his turban and turned his collar up, hiding his face. His Highness was naturally in no good humour. Such an incident cannot fail to give the town a bad name

1900 01 31
The Pot Ash at Radwinter was considered at the Saffron Walden licensing sessions. This was situated in a very remote part of the parish, with only a few cottages on a bye road. There were five licensed houses in the parish with a population of 790. No parishioners would regret the house being closed. The most important application was the surrender of the licences of two houses in Chrishall, the Greyhound and the Gate, a dilapidated cottage with a thatched roof. If both closed it would leave only one licensed house, the Red Cow, for a population of 547. Brewers now supplied beer in gallon jars so many people did not go to public houses for what they required.

1900 01 31
Graces are to be submitted to the Senate of Cambridge University to authorise the Vice Chancellor to grant the use of the Senate House for a meeting to consider an increased establishment of the University Rifle Volunteers, and to allow the use of the Senate House as a drill room for recruits at times when it is not required for University purposes

February 1900 CDN

1900 02 01
William Hammond of the White Swan, Staffordshire Street, Cambridge, was summoned for allowing a horse to stray in Norfolk Street and pleaded guilty. PC Leonard Savidge stated that he found the horse straying and placed it in the Walnut Tree Pound. Defendant, who said the pony was left on the common, was fined 2s.6d.

Stetchworth water, p2 *
University Engineering Lab wing, p3

1900 02 03
Engineering School, p2

1900 02 05
The snowstorm at Cambridge had very serious effects upon the telephone service in consequence of the wires being exposed. On Saturday no less than 100 subscribers of the local company were affected and although the company has brought in assistance from Norwich to hurry the repairs it must be two or three days before the complete system is restored. The company is endeavouring to arrange for permission to lay the whole of the wires underground so the general public will be saved a repetition of the present serious inconvenience.

Illegal fishing, p2

1900 02 05
Cambridge Adverting Company reported that the hoarding in Victoria Road, Chesterton was in course of enlargement and one at Shelford has recently been enlarged to meet the demand for country posters. An additional hoarding has been secured at the Traveller's Rest, Huntingdon road, and is open to still further enlargement. The secretary and foreman billposter had been most attentive to their duties

1900 02 06
His comrades at Cambridge police station have received a letter from Private A. Goodchild, giving a very interesting account of the mishap to the Suffolk Regiment. "Everything went off all right till we got nearly to the top of the hill, not hearing a shot or noise of any kind. The opinion was that the Boers had evacuated their position during the night. Then we had the command to advance and as the men's heads came above the top of the hill they were shot down. The word "retire" was shouted out and of about 400 who went up there half the number returned.

1900 02 07
South Essex Waterworks Company proposal to construct a large reservoir near Melbourn would drain the watershed from which Newmarket obtained its supply. In some nearby villages water was very scarce in summer & in one or two had to be carted about by water carts from a distance. But Mr Segrott said it would be an advantage to have the water a few feet lower in the town. Several could tell of having their cellars flooded. When the Hotel Victoria was built it took an engine weeks working day and night to keep the water down.

Prickwillow footpath, p3

1900 02 08
For the first time the British Amateur Skating Championship has been decided at Littleport. At no venue in Great Britain are the arrangements so to up-to-date. All Cambridge sportsmen will welcome Albert Tebbit's success. He has had to wait five years to have his third race for the championship which has always been held by a man from Welney – the little hamlet known as the metropolis of speed skating.

1900 02 10
Skating editorial, p2
Labourers' Union embezzlement, p3

1900 01 12
A successful amateur skating competition open to all within a radius of five miles was held on the championship skating course at Swavesey. The ice was not looking its best, being in some places rough and bumpy. The Prize Challenge Cup (to be won twice) was given by Mr Ben Thorp of Swavesey and Messrs Norman Bros generously gave the prizes.

1900 02 13

Coveney churchyard scandal, p3
Skating

1900 02 14
What is hoped to be the final stage of the Coveney churchyard scandal was reached at the Ely County Court. It was alleged that the rector had wrongfully removed a certain tombstone in the churchyard, damaging it and disposed it to his own use. He would now give up the piece of the monument in his possession and the plaintiff proceed to its erection at his own cost. No one would refer to this matter in time to come and parties will abstain from writing to the public press again.

Skating, Coveney, p3
Wranglership, p3

1900 02 15
The weather through the country continues to be very severe and in many districts traffic is almost at a standstill. In Huntingdonshire the drifts in many places were 6ft deep. The mail cart from Cambridge to St Neots got embedded in the snow and could not be moved. The contents had to be removed and carried some distance to another vehicle.

1900 02 15
Stonea Grange situate by the side of the Great Eastern Railway near Stonea station was destroyed by fire. The March fire brigade left in a snowstorm and experienced some difficulty in getting to the scene on account of the many drifts which had been made during the night. The house was an old-fashioned one and contained some splendid oak-panelled rooms, all of which were destroyed

Inquest S. Constable, child, Stretham, p2

1900 02 15
The Isle of Ely highways committee called attention to the dilapidated condition of the private road in the parish of Mepal known as “Ireton’s Way”. On one occasion their steam roller got stuck in the road and was with difficulty extricated. There was no other way to get to this part of the Isle. A very heavy toll was charged upon it but there would be no complaint if it were properly repaired. They did not know the peculiar circumstances of the owner of the road. The best plan would be to obtain control of it, otherwise it might only be half repaired.

1900 02 16
Electric Company free wiring, p3

1900 02 17
The scene at the door of the Senate House on the morning on which the lists in the Mathematical Tripos are published, and the ceremony of the wooden spoon, belong to the life of Cambridge as much as the May Races. But this is not all. Within a few minutes of the announcement on the steps of the Senate House, the name of the winner of the Cambridge Mathematical trophy is telegraphed to the ends of the earth. It is because Cambridge offers the Senior Wranglership that men have come from every part of the earth to pursue their studies in Cambridge. It would have made a great change if the recommendations of the Mathematical Board of Studies towards its abolition had been sanctioned by the Senate.

1900 02 19
Water flooded the Waits, Wellington Street and Priory Road, St Ives, to the depth of several feet and inhabitants have had to remove their household effects and live in the upper rooms. Residents in Woolpack Lane could only reach their dwellings by means of planks laid on packing boxes. The Union Workhouse at Hemingford Grey is flooded to a depth of several inches. Thirty-eight houses in Victoria Terrace are flooded and provisions have to be delivered by boat. The flood has passed by nearly an inch the height of the disastrous flood of 1877.

1900 02 19
A fire occurred in the shop used as a general stores for the grocery and drapery business of Mr R.A. Waddelow of Waterbeach. An assistant, Mr Albert Denson slept upon the premises and was awakened by a choking sensation. Fortunately there was a pump and a supply of pails handy and two young men, one with no shoes on and the other in his socks, commenced pouring water through the window on to the burning material underneath. For a quarter of an hour they laboured with a will before assistance was forthcoming. There is no organised fire brigade in the village, but there is a fire engine which was out of order at the time of the outbreak
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Coveney dentists case, p3

1900 02 22
"It is very hard lines", writes an anonymous correspondent, "for poor washerwomen to go to their work at 9am and then for their employers not to let them leave off until between 9 and 10 pm. It ought to be known that they don't allow the poor women time to swallow their meals before they want them to start again". The writer hopes her letter by induce "the laundresses to give the poor washerwomen a chance". If it is at all common for women to be kept at work for more than twelve hours without sufficient intervals for meals, a state of matters exists which urgently calls for redress.

Biograph 1st exhibition, p2 *

1900 02 23
Not within our experience has there been so much sickness as during these last few months. It would take a very skilful actuary to make a full account of what influenza has cost the country. At the Hearts of Oak dinner in Cambridge the secretary reported that sickness has been altogether unprecedented, and they have paid out £7,700 in sickness allowances. Happily though influenza frequently develops into something very serious, in itself it is not deadly.

1900 02 24
Cost of influenza, p2 *

1900 02 26
A rare occurrence took place at Wilburton a few days ago. A cow belonging to Mr George Sharp, a small farmer, gave birth to five calves. The new arrivals, which are somewhat below the normal size, are all alive and well. The same cow had twins 18 months ago.

1900 02 28
The building which stands off St Andrew's street, Cambridge, and which has recently been erected through the munificence of Mrs Lewis & Mrs Gibson, members of the congregation of St Columba's Presbyterian Church was formally opened. The need for such a hall had long been felt and is undoubtedly one of the best buildings of the kind. It has cost no less than £2,000 & is lighted with electric light. # c.83

March 1900 CDN

1900 03 01
The greatest possible excitement followed the receipt of the news of the relief of Ladysmith. The telegrams conveying the announcement was received at the chief Post office shortly after 10 o'clock and the intelligence spread with marvellous rapidity to all parts of the town. When a private wire was posted in the Market Place the excitement was intense. From all approaches people could be seen rushing to get a view of the telegram and the wildest enthusiasm prevailed. The crowd raised hearty cheers and there was much waving of hats and handkerchiefs.

1900 03 03

There was great rejoicings in Cambridge on the relief of Ladysmith and despite the edict sent forth by the University authorities the conduct of the undergraduate element was again such as to necessitate the intervention of the police. The Varsitymen managed to draw police attention off the market place to scenes elsewhere and, during their temporary absence, succeeded in lighting a bonfire. There was great excitement as one by one the wooden frameworks of the stalls was committed to the flames. The band-stand on Christ's Pieces was attacked and the seats removed to the Market and quickly consumed. Similar damage was occasioned in all parts of the town. # c.36.93

Hooper Street sale, p2
Reservist's letter, p2

1900 03 05
The University has the power to stop these things. But what did the University do to prevent the destruction of property – practically nothing. A year ago an edict forbidding bonfires was issued, that edict was torn to shreds. The University cannot afford to have it said that the people of Cambridge had property stolen or destroyed in order to furnish forth an undergraduate carnival. The firmness of the Mayor and his brother magistrates in dealing with the men who came up at the police-court has been much commended. The Barnwell rough belongs to the past. The unfortunate thing is that his mantle had fallen upon the rowdy undergraduate of the present. # c.36.93

1900 03 06
Ladysmith, Redfern interviewed, p3
Victoria Road Congregational Church Sunday School, p3

1900 03 06 c
Sir – In your editorial you seem to imply that all the damage done during the Ladysmith rag was caused by undergraduates. As a matter of fact all the windows that were broken were broken by townsmen. You seem to have quite forgotten that the prosperity, nay the very existence of the town depends upon University men, and a very good picking the town gets out of the Varsity men. The fines imposed by the magistrates were simply outrageous, passing all bounds of common sense and justice. - Spectator

1900 03 06
Sir – At present gates cross the railway line on Milton Road, Cambridge, and a sub-way is provided for vehicular traffic. After heavy rains it is flooded some feet deep and a few days ago the driver of a carriage containing an invalid lady found over five feet of water there, and no room to turn round. The invalid and her attendant had to sit up to their knees in water, and in their saturated clothes had to proceed to the Hospital. – Viator

1900 03 07
The ire of the undergraduate once roused, not even the powerful hand of Alma Mater suffices to entirely quell the wrath that has been kindled. An attacking force of undergraduates gathered many recruits as it made its way along Hills Road and it was at once seen that the objective was the Mayor's residence in Brooklands Avenue. They were dismayed to find the thoroughfare barricaded by a posse of police constables. The mob made a bold rush. The police partially yielded but not more than half of the 'Varsity flank passed through the cordon when the police closed ranks. The trap that had been set proved effective for those who marched triumphantly down the Avenue had not negotiated more than fifty yards when they were encountered by the Proctors mustered in strong force. c.36.93

1900 03 08
The first khaki wedding in Cambridge was held at St Botolph's church. The bride was attired in regulation khaki tight-fitting bodice, braided Hussar, with braid to match, khaki straw hat, trimmed with white chiffon and silk. She wore a spray of orange blossom and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley and snowdrops, covered with maidenhair fern. The bridesmaids wore khaki shirts with silk tunics to match. They also wore scarlet shoes and hats.

1900 03 08 c
We have received the following from Private H. Plumb, a Cambridge reservist now in South Africa. 'We attacked Red Hill and got to the very top of it where there was very hot fire from rifles of the Boers. After the colonel gave the order for the men to retire he was then shot through the head. The adjutant and two lieutenants were also killed as well as about 28 rank and file, while 27 were wounded and about 107 missing. When they got back to the camp the sergeant major got on to some of the wounded because they came back without their officers!'

1900 03 09
The large ornamental advertising lamp which hung outside the Star and Garter, Petty Cury, Cambridge, all but cost Mr Ernest Simpkin, a tailor of Russell Street, his life this afternoon. He was walking along the Cury when a bus ran very close to the kerb. The top caught the lamp with such force as to bring it with a crash to the ground and one of the brass ornaments struck him on the side of the head. He was conveyed in a hansom to Mr Lucas, surgeon of St Andrew's street for medical treatment.

1900 03 10
Accident Lister and Brack engineering works, p3

1900 03 10
Cambridge is beginning to tire of the "rag". We cannot go on celebrating the relief of Ladysmith forever. Nor can the more right-minded citizens countenance meaningless ebullitions against magistrates, however they may disagree with their decisions in the police court. It was confidently expected that if the undergraduates charged with assaulting the police were convicted there would be nothing short of a riot in which a gigantic fire, a fabulous number of barrels of tar and a torchlight procession were to be a conspicuous feature. It is true there was plenty of noise and plenty of aimless rushing about the streets but it all ended in nothing.

1900 03 12
The list of those who have signed the petition in favour of a free pardon for those undergraduates who were recently convicted by the Cambridge magistrates of felony during the Ladysmith celebrations, fully justifies is description as the petition of Cambridge. Over 1,200 residents in the town and members of the University have put their names to it. Cambridge Town and University are unanimous in the hope that the hot-headed enthusiasts of Ladysmith Day may be forgiven for what was done in the excitement of the hour. It remains with the Home Secretary to decide whether the prayer of the petition is to be granted.

Outbreak of glanders, p2

1900 03 13
American food campaign

1900 03 16
Mr W. Farren of Regent Street, Cambridge, has received a fine specimen of the dog otter, which was killed near Upware. It weighs 24lbs and is on view in the window of his shop.

1900 03 16
The Home Secretary has granted the petition of Cambridge and has recommended the Queen to grant a free pardon to all the defendants. He does not say the undergraduates did not commit felony, but there were extenuating circumstances. This is undoubtedly a slap in the face for the magistrates who share the responsibility for these convictions. Clearly the Home Secretary does not think much of their law, and he thinks less of their capacity for judging of evidence. Some timid people may be apprehensive lest it encourages the demonstratively-inclined magistrate to be more demonstrative in the future. # c.36.93

1900 03 16
A well-attended meeting of ratepayers in New Cherryhinton complained of the disgraceful state of the streets and roads, some of which are now in bad weather quite impassable. They now had 240 houses in the district and the congestion of so many cesspools and make shift drains was a source of danger, not only to the health of the resident community, but also to that of the people of Cambridge. There is some friction between the Chesterton District Council and the Corporation of Cambridge preventing the progress of negotiations for inclusion in the sewerage scheme.

1900 03 17
Cambridge people do not seem to mind if their water sources are tapped for the benefit of the people of Essex. A ratepayers' meeting was called but there was present the Town Clerk, his chief clerk and four reporters. Alderman Spalding arrived shortly after and after a quarter of an hour's waiting, business was commenced by the meeting of three. Mr B. Diver then strolled into the room. He was the only unattached ratepayer present. Alderman Spalding addressed the meeting, or rather the reporters. Small as the meeting was the Press was amply represented and he had no doubt there would represent the Cambridge public very faithfully.

1900 03 19
Home Secretary and magistrates, p2, p3 *
Back from dead, p2

1900 03 20
The medical officer of Godmanchester has just issued his report. Eight deaths occurred in children under one year of age. No case of smallpox occurred. The pollution of wells had materially decreased, the removal and disposal of sewage and town refuse was satisfactory, and the sewers were in a fairly good condition.

1900 03 20
An inquest was held at Wentworth on the body of a four-year old boarded out child from Dr Barnardo's Home who was found drowned. A farmer's wife said she took charge of the deceased last June. A lady brought the child to her from Dr Barnardo's Home and she was to receive payment for its lodging and keeping. It was awkward that nobody was present representing the Home. They had telegraphed there on Saturday and again on Monday, but had received no reply. The Coroner remarked that was very bad form.

1900 03 21
Bankruptcy Isaac Banyard, builder, p2

1900 03 22
Milk cart spill, p2

1900 03 23
At Addenbrooke's Hospital there is a training home for nurses, which is one of the most successful institutions of its kind. It makes a significant contribution to the funds of the Hospital. For this reason alone it is well worth the while of the Governors to give their best efforts in maintaining it in a high state of efficiency 1900

Timely discovery of fire, p2 *

1900 03 24
Grantchester carpenter & wife, p3 *

1900 03 27

What would doubtless have proved a serious outbreak of fire occurred at Newmarket Union Workhouse at Exning. A strong smell of burning wood became noticeable and the caretaker of the larder, which is adjacent to the Master's sitting room, on searching for the cause, noticed smoke coming through the lath and plaster ceiling of the larder. Buckets of water were poured and a large garden syringe requisitioned by the Jockey Club Owners and Trainers Fire Brigade.

1900 03 29
A debate at New Chesterton Institute was told that while at the beginning of the century. Cambridge could only boast one weekly paper, they now had something like half-a-dozen weeklies and two dailies. During the past few years the Press generally had lost its influence for good upon the public. He did not think in recent years that editors had improved (Laughter). One sometimes heard that editors were "got at" and that sometimes big prices fetched extravagant leaders. There was too much reporting of police-court cases and inquests and they could do with a little less of the tragedy. The minds of the young were being poisoned by these things. # c.04

1900 03 30
A bedmaker's help was charged with stealing various articles of clothing from a room at Emmanuel College. She had taken four waistcoats and three pairs of trousers to Norman Bradley's pawnbrokers in Fitzroy Street. She had also pledged a vest for 1s.6d, a pair of gold studs for 4s. & a nightshirt, pants etc which she said were her own property. As a customer for the past 30 years the manager was quite satisfied with her explanation

1900 03 30
Four youths living in Ely were summoned under the Highways Act for playing hockey in West End. All pleaded guilty except Smith, who claimed he did not touch the ball. PC Green said they were running about and knocking the ball into the middle of the road. Smith had said "There's Green, he'll have you". Play paused for a while but was resumed in St John's Place. Defendants were ordered to pay 8s.6d. the court expenses, between them

1900 03 31
This afternoon the last inter-Varsity Boat Race of the century was rowed over the usual course, from Putney to Mortlake. For the first time for many years the weather was beautifully fine, and the many thousands who lined the banks and crowded the bridges and barges were able to witness the race with much comfort – a state of affairs entirely opposite to that experienced last year. Cambridge won.

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1900 04 02
Sergt-Major F. Ingle of the Imperial Light Horse, who was formerly employed by Messrs Eaden Lilley & co., and is a son of the late Mr Ingle, whitesmith of Cambridge, who was in the beleaguered town of Ladysmith throughout the siege, has written to his brother. "Only by going into every house, hole or corner, could you be lucky enough to find someone who had found in some unexpected place, a small amount of food that had been mislaid or forgotten"

1900 04 04
The following appointments of parish constables were made: Burwell, H. Martin; Brinkley, F. Geo. Howard; Cheveley, J. Nicholls; Chippenham, A. Duffield; Dullingham, J. Smith; Fordham G.R. Godfrey; Isleham, J. Dilley; Soham H. Rouse; Wicken, W. Barton; Wood Ditton J.J. Howe & C. Cates.

1900 04 04
Newmarket council heard that a Manchester firm had submitted examples of very cheap enamelled hackney carriage badges, but as the sample was inferior to that submitted by Mr Simpson of Newmarket, and as he had quoted a greatly reduced price, it was decided to give him the order.

1900 04 04
Private Percy Darby, one of the Cambridge men serving in South Africa, describes the rations of an ordinary fighting man. They got two biscuits for a day's rations, and as for bread he had not seen any for a month. The number of prisoners coming into the English camp made matters worse for our troops had to give half their rations to the captured enemy. He saw two wagon loads of dead Highlanders brought into the camp. "They looked horrible; their heads and legs hanging over the sides of the wagon as blue and black as anything. They buried 59 of them in one long grave and it made me feel quite bad"

St Edward's church new organ, p2

1900 04 05
Property sale Hills Road etc, p2

190 04 06
Newmarket butchers meat, p3

1900 04 07
The shopkeepers of Cambridge who have agreed to close early on Thursday afternoons during the May term have shown a consideration for their employees which is deserving of the highest praise. There is much to be said for early closing all the year round but the next best thing is that throughout the summer months, while the attractions of the open air hold out, shop assistants should have a few hours of breathing space every week. The shopkeepers will gain a good deal. Their assistants will serve them all the better because they are considerately treated, and the approval of the general public will be theirs also. # c.27.2

1900 04 09
St Ives fire, p2

1900 04 10
Three boys were summoned for damaging monuments in the parish churchyard at Dunmow. A seven-year old boy was called for the prosecution. His mother informed the Bench that it would be useless to swear him. He was always telling lies and it would be all false what he told the Bench about the matter.

1900 04 10
Amongst the Baptists at Willingham a serious split has arisen. The members of the church are arrayed against the ordinary members of the congregation as to whether only members of the church could act in the appointment of a pastor, or whether the congregation had a voice in the matter. The dispute was submitted to the president of the Baptist Union.

Beer in Cambridgeshire, p2

1900 04 14
On Good Friday the members of Trumpington Free Church held a tea meeting in their new place of worship in the village. To the tea about one hundred persons sat down. There was a small attendance at the subsequent meeting. The chairman said the building was very nearly paid for. 118 persons had contributed a shilling or less which showed a large number of people in Trumpington had a share in the building. # c.83

1900 04 14
It is exactly 37 years ago that the Baptists of Swaffham Prior became possessed of a building in which to hold their services. Mr George Apthorpe recalled how in 1859 someone approached him to ask whether he would go to Swaffham. He readily assented but found some difficulty in finding one who would open his house for the conduct of a Nonconformist service in that stronghold of

ecclesiasticism. Accordingly he went to the late Mr Frederick Palmby who granted the use of his barn. Soon the services were attended by some 500 people.

1900 04 16
High winds have made the Easter holidays less pleasant that could have been desired. It has been weather which has put the temper severely to the test. Gusts of wind, dust driving along the road, discover the weak point in a man or woman's patience very quickly. These holidays have been most disappointing to cyclists. They had looked forward to merry spins along country roads; those who have ventured forth have had experience of pedalling in the teeth of a gale. It is impossible to imagine they were getting pleasure out of their favourite pastime.

1900 04 17
Military display, p2 *

1900 04 17 c
Cambridge Town Council moved a resolution tendering its sincere congratulations to the Prince of Wales on his escape from the recent attempt on his life. The Prince was intimately connected with Cambridge. They must deeply regret the epidemic of frenzy against this country which at the present moment was upon the continent, and nowhere more than in the Belgium. The violent language of the press sometimes affected the minds of excitable people and led to regrettable outbursts.

1900 04 19
Cambridge Town Council were told a conference had been held between two members of the committee and the Master and Bursar of Emmanuel College with reference to the construction of a new street from Drummer Street to St Andrew's Street, and the closing and giving up of Emmanuel Street to the college.

1900 04 21
Wicken Fen is, it is reported, about to be reclaimed. Enclosed by broad ditches which can only be jumped with the help of a pole, it is overgrown with coarse sedge and sallow-bush. Rare plants and insects lurk in this natural state and makes a happy hunting-ground for the botanist and entomologist. The swallow-tail, perhaps the most beautiful of English butterflies, still lingers, though not nearly so common as formerly when it was less hunted and the food plant of its caterpillar grew almost everywhere. During the past 200 years fields have replaced the marshes. On the whole it is a change for the better, yet one space might well be preserved as a survival of the olden time

1900 04 21
A serious bus accident happened in Mill Road, Cambridge. The omnibus was waiting for passengers opposite the Royal Standard public house and while the driver was talking on the path, the horses for some unknown reason bolted. The driver and conductor immediately ran after the horses, but were unable to catch them. Two passengers named Annie & Frances Scull, who were on the top of the 'bus jumped off. When the bus was about to pass the Durham Ox it collided with a market cart belonging to Jonas Wilmott, carrier of Orwell and then another cart in charge of Eli Newman, a hawker, of Bottisham. # c.26.46

1900 04 23
A fishmonger of Mill Road, Cambridge, told the bankruptcy court he had started business in 1887 in King Street without any capital. He also traded as a vinegar dealer. He had done some betting and made a small "book". He had not kept accounts, had gambled, had traded when he knew he was insolvent, and had incurred debts when he had no prospect of paying them. It was a very unsatisfactory business altogether

1900 04 23
Cambridge was thrown into a state of intense excitement by the death of a local tradesmen on Christ's Pieces. The shades of night had not yet fallen when the loud report of fire arms were heard. An elderly

man rose from the seat he was occupying, just off the path leading from Pike's Walk to Emmanuel Street, staggered forward a couple of paces, reeled round and fell. The fact was then revealed that he had shot himself.

1900 04 25
An inquest on an unnamed child was held at The Mad Cat public house, Pidley. A Somersham woman said she had acted for many years as midwife and had attended at least 100 confinements. The child was born at 10.30 and died about one o'clock. It was disfigured in the mouth. She gave it a little milk and warm water with a spoon but it ran out of the corner of its mouth. She did not think the child could suck and made no further attempt to give it any food. No doctor was sent for.

1900 04 25
The driver of the mail van which conveys the mail bags and hampers from the Soham district to the Norwich and London up mail train at Ely was driving up to the Newmarket post office when one of the two horses harnessed to it began to kick and he dismounted. Just at this time a German band began to play near the horses and this still more alarmed them and they started off at a rapid pace in the direction of Cambridge. The driver followed as quickly as possible and a number of cyclists rode after them.

1900 04 26
The licensing committee were told that the Eagle Tavern in Great Chesterford should be closed. The trade was meagre, only doing half a barrel a week, the house was in an outlying part of the parish and in a dilapidated condition. That would leave the village with two fully-licensed and six beerhouses, with a population of about 700, which included those who did not drink at all. The bench agreed to the surrender of the licences of the Eagle, the Fox & Hounds and the Wagon and Horses, but refused the surrender of the White Horse.

Madingley altar case, p4

1900 04 27
Mr W.B. Redfarn writes: "Sir – Can I be of any service in assisting to save Wicken Fen from the proposed drainage and cultivating scheme? I have a summer residence in Waterbeach Fen and am therefore frequently in the immediate neighbourhood of this charming and interesting bit of ancient fenland. I am sure there would be a deep feeling of regret, among all classes, if this last bit of the English Fens were "reclaimed", and as the land would not be of much value even when under cultivation, its present value cannot be very great". The absolute safety of the fen will never be assured until the whole of it has been acquired by the National Trust, or by private persons determined to save it.

1900 04 28
For upwards of 50 years certain glebe land at All Saint's, Newmarket, has been let as allotments. The land is in the centre of a very thickly-populated part of the town – Exning Road – and is known as Van Diemen's Land. On the rare occasions when a plot is to let there are a large number of applicants. Some plots have been in the same family for as many as 50 years. Two years ago the rector sold a large strip of the land to the Newmarket Gas Company and more recently the Electric Light Company have acquired another strip. Now a new rector has informed the allotment holders that as he has been offered a good price for the land by a Cambridge builder, he was thinking of selling it in order to increase his living.

Excessive motor speed, p3

1900 04 30
Newmarket fire, p4

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1900 05 01
For several years past the 1st of May has been observed at the Eden Street Higher Grade School, Cambridge, by a ceremony which is at once attractive and imposing. The scholars assemble in costumes suitable to the best traditions of the sunny month and elect one of their number as Queen for the year. It is a happy survival of May Day festivities, which it is hoped will be perpetuated. Queen Kate and her retinue walked to the throne which was bright with a profusion of spring flowers. The children voted for the new Queen and Ellie Fisher was elected. She was crowned with a wreath of white flowers and saluted with a sisterly kiss by the dowager Queen # c.39

1900 05 01
A branch of the Capital and Counties Bank Ltd has been opened in Cambridge at 63 Sidney Street. The fact that it has been thought desirable to set down another banking establishment is proof of the outside belief in the prosperity of the town. The bank was established in 1834 and have numerous branches in various parts of the country. # c.32.8

1900 05 01
It is a matter of regret that the celebration of May Day has been so largely discontinued. The Maypole has to a large extent disappeared. It was a praiseworthy custom, and its associations were fragrant of rustic purity, but the Maypole has gone the way of the spinning jenny. Children still gather wild flowers on May Day, but the garlands that one sees have too much of the coloured paper and ribbon brought from the draper in their composition. # c.39

1900 05 02
The report that Wicken Fen was about to be drained does not appear to have been well founded. The fen is held in plots by a considerable number of owners and there can be no drainage unless all the owners give their consent. The South Level Commissioners have the right to flood the fen at any time it should seem good to them to do so. Thus they can prevent the land being turned into profitable agricultural uses. The National Trust owns a strip about two acres in extent. In order that it should be permanently secured against mere commercial enterprise it must be acquired on behalf of all the public and it is clear the best thing would be that it should pass into the hands of the National Trust

1900 05 03
Sir – I was charged that I did “drive a motor car at a speed of 20 miles an hour”. The makers advertise that the car is capable of travelling at a rate of 16 mph under favourable conditions, such as recently-charged accumulators, good spirit and well-lubricated pistons. As the cells were almost run down it was impossible for the car to go as fast as was alleged – F.W. Lawrence, Belmont Cycle & Motor Works, Cambridge.

1900 05 04
A most disastrous fire broke out in the centre of Soham which has reduced to a mass of blackened ruins an ancient hostelry, with its contents and outbuildings, a tradesman’s shop and houses, & rendered homeless a dozen persons. The old hostelry “The Fountain”, with its rooms panelled with oak, and interesting alike to the antiquarian and lover of old-style architecture, stood at the corner of Churchgate Street. It was built mostly of timber and had plaster walls, with lath and reeds between. The firemen succeeded in preventing the fire involving a tall building, used in years gone by as a steelyard, hay and straw weighing apparatus.

1900 05 05
Soham fire, p3 *

1900 05 07
Cambridge ambulance men, p4

1900 05 08
An accident occurred at the Norwich crossing, at Queen Adelaide, Ely. A cattle train proceeding at a fair rate dashed into one of the gates which had remained closed across the line. The crash was terrific and caused much alarm to those who heard it. Portions of the gate were flung to a distance of about 50 yards. One portion damaged the spouting of the gatekeeper's house, and after making a hole in the roof, fell into the garden at the back. The gate was a perfect wreck, the iron bars being twisted and broken. The gatekeeper was temporarily engaged at the spot in place of the usual man who was away on holiday. He felt sure the way was clear for the train and it is at present very difficult to account for the gate being shut across the line.

1900 05 09
Sir – As an old user of the East Road Reading Room, Cambridge may I complain of the insufficient supply of newspapers there. Morning newspapers are entirely absent, excepting one a day old. I received a severe shock some time ago when I founded posted up a copy of the "Times" newspaper, but found it was an old copy. In the old days we were allowed the "Times". The reading matter is so seriously curtailed as to prevent one from arriving at a consensus of opinion; this tending to keep in darkness a not highly favoured part of the town – A. Clark, Walnut Tree Lane # c.77.4

Cambridge man in South Africa, p2

1900 05 10
Messrs Gain, Moyes & Wisbey offered for sale by auction two acres of land at Wicken fen described as the only virgin fenland in England. It was valuable in consequence of the rare insects and birds and should receive the attention of any ornithologist or naturalist. The bidding reached £17.10s. at which price Mr George Verrall, president of the Entomological Society became its owner. The next lot, a similar piece in St Edmund's Fen was purchased for the Hon. Nathaniel Rothschild. The freehold licensed premises, the White Hart beerhouse, situate on heath Road, Swaffham Prior was withdrawn.

1900 05 12
Harriet Few of Willingham was fined 5s. for driving a cart without a light at Longstanton. Defendant: I shall not pay; I'll go to gaol. I think it is rather hard for a woman to go to work all the week and be stopped by a policeman simply because she had no light attached to her cart. I am not willing to pay this money. I do not consider that I was doing wrong, and I will go to gaol. How long will it be?

1900 05 14
The extensive Portland Cement Works which are being erected in the neighbourhood of Coldham's Lane and Mill Road are now assuming enormous dimensions; in fact the buildings already completed are ample evidence that one of the largest and most modern cement works in England will be situated near Cambridge. The celebrated gun-makers, Messrs Krupp of Essen, are supplying most of the extensive machinery for the company and a cement will be manufactured that conforms to the specifications of the Board of Admiralty and the London County Council # c.27

1900 05 14
The King of Sweden and Norway will doubtless carry away with him many pleasant reminiscences of his visit to Cambridge. The object of King Oscar's visit, as the guest of the Master of Trinity, was quite a private one. The University however were unwilling that the occasion should be allowed to pass without doing honour to their illustrious visitor, and it was resolved to confer upon the King the honorary degree of Doctor in Law. A large crowd gathered around the Senate House. The galleries were thronged with undergraduates and the floor of the house given up to ladies whose summer dresses contributed materially to the brightness of the scene. # c.02

1900 05 15
Arrangements will be made to celebrate the relief of Mafeking by a bonfire on Midsummer Common, Cambridge. Under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor materials for a huge bonfire are being conveyed and the gradual growth of the pile of builders' materials, boxes and other fuel from local

tradesmen is being watched with a great deal of interest. If the debris continues to increase in bulk both town and gown are likely to have a right merry time.

List early closing shops, p1

1900 05 16
The evil-disposed person who has been paying nocturnal visits to the railway stations in the neighbourhood of Cambridge with the ostensible object of plundering the booking office, has scarcely been adequately remunerated for his trouble. He was first heard of at Histon station. In the morning the outer and inner doors of the office were still locked, and the windows were intact. The booking clerk was surprised, therefore, to find that the sum of £1.0.4d, the whole of the cash available, was missing. There was nothing to show in what way the thief had entered the premises. Stations at Quy, Bottisham and Barnwell were also visited and entered.

Serious accident, p2
Aldreth bridge, p3 *

1900 05 18
Stupid trick, Haddenham, p4

1900 05 19
Cambridge has suffered intense anxiety regarding the welfare of Baden-Powell and his gallant men who for the past seven months have been locked up in Mafeking. It was about ten when the glad news was first made known regarding the relief and people began to assemble in crowds to await with baited breath the confirmation. The some half-dozen individuals emerged from Sidney Street and their lusty cheers led many to the conclusion that the garrison had really been relieved. As the little crowd moved along the streets the cheering increased, and people seemed intoxicated with excitement.

1900 05 19
Newmarket was overjoyed to hear the good news of the relief of Mafeking and soon Union Jacks were flying from nearly every house and shop. At St Ives the news was heralded by the explosion of detonators and the streets were at once decorated. At Ely a crowd of enthusiasts marched round the streets carrying flags and at Saffron Walden bunting was displayed in all directions. There was a good congregation at Over church service consisting chiefly of men who came direct from their work.

Private Hopkis at Ladysmith, p2

1900 05 21
In Cambridge every precaution had been taken to keep the great bonfire on Midsummer Common intact until the news of the relief of Mafeking had been confirmed, and special constables barricaded the enclosure within which the wood and other material had been stacked. Subsequently another posse of police constables arrived and the pile was made practically secure. There were attempts to fire it, however. Matches, vestas in particular, were in great demand and there seemed a determination on the part of many to have a blaze. One young man procured a box of matches, lighted them and then threw the burning mass on the brushwood. The police promptly scaled the fence and extinguished the flames. Tomorrow night we will light the biggest bonfire that has ever been seen in Cambridge.

1900 05 21 c
Cambridge has celebrated the relief of Mafeking and it has done it right nobly. There was no recurrence of the riotous scene witnessed on the occasion of the relief of Ladysmith, no destruction of property. This was due to one thing, the discretion shown by the powers that be in organising a bonfire on Midsummer Common. People poured in in thousands from the country in anticipation of the festivities and so great was the influx that some streets were rendered well night impassable. Still, the crowds were orderly and the police had no difficulty regulating the traffic.

1900 05 21
Sounds of cheering in the streets, long-drawn calls of the "buzzers" at the brick works, shrieks of steam engines, ringing of bells, announced in Gamlingay the relief of Mafeking. Shops and houses showed bunting, several flags were as large as tablecloths, notably those at Mr Jiggle's premises, the double Jack at Fowler Bros and the flag of the British Naval Reserve at Mr J. Gears'

1900 05 21 c
Sir – I venture to utter a word of protest against the management of the Mafeking rejoicings. I say nothing about the undergraduate but the manner in which children of 15 and under were tacitly allowed to indulge in drunkenness and other unnameable debauchery ought to bring a blush to every Cambridge citizen. Could not some of the men who were strutting in and out of the Corn Exchange with white ribbons on their arms have been stationed on Midsummer Common to send the incapable children home – C.R. Crookes, Cambridge Boys' Brigade

1900 05 22
The City of Ely played a worthy part in the general celebrations at the relief of Mafeking. The citizens were early astir and as the day wore on the main thoroughfares presented a gay and animated scene. Between eight and nine o'clock shops began to close, whilst everybody thronged in the direction of Market Hill. A procession was formed including Vernon Cross in his van disguised as Kruger, several members of the Ely Constitutional Club cyclists and members of the Ely Volunteers. It travelled via Broad Street to the Market Hill where a large bonfire was lighted. The rejoicings lasted until midnight.

Burwell publican, p2 *

1900 05 22 c
A Harston mother told the inquest she had care of the child who came from Dr Barnardo's Homes for five month, receiving a weekly allowance for her keep. The stationmaster's son said he was ringing the school bell and saw the little girl. A boy tried to take hold of her and she fell on her face. Before she fell she had a pencil in her hand. After the fall she was crying and he saw her eye bleeding. The schoolmaster said he told him she had a piece of pencil which struck her in the eye when she fell. Her eye looked displaced and he sent her home in company with an older girl. Later she was taken to Addenbrooke's where a piece of slate pencil was removed from the eye. She died Friday morning

1900 05 23
A period of nearly 30 years has elapsed since St Mark's church, a primitive wooden structure, was erected at Barton Road, Cambridge, to meet the needs of churchmen. Newnham is destined to become one of the principle residential districts & as the neighbourhood has gradually developed so the need of a permanent church has been the more keenly felt. The scheme which is now intended to carry out is but a part of a larger and more liberal one. The foundation stone now laid will only consist of the main parts of the nave and the north aisle and the extreme west end, and the south aisle will be left for future extensions. The new church will provide for a congregation numbering about 300. # c.83

Runaway horse, p3

1900 05 24
A wife told Cambridge court that for the last fortnight she lived with her husband he was on the drink and did not give her a farthing for housekeeping and the parties agreed to live apart. He had sold a number of wedding presents that belonged to her. They were a mangle, dinner service, what-not, book-case, pair of fancy ink-stands, bread trencher, glass dishes, pair of curtains, Indian tea cosy, work box, coal scuttle and scoop, toasting fork, egg cruet & vases.

Addenbrooke's Hospital testimonial, p2

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1900 06 01
Furious driving, p3

1900 06 02
Though somewhat premature, the rejoicings at Willingham for the fall of Pretoria were hearty and enthusiastic. On the receipt of the morning papers the call bell was set going and the ringers were soon in the church tower ringing merry peals. All the flags and bunting as displayed on the relief of Mafeking were again brought out. In the evening Kruger in effigy was taken round the village in a cart and made continually to bow to the crowd of followers. At the conclusion of the procession the effigy was covered with tar and burnt on the green

Barton church theft, p2
Brought up at CU p2 *
Haverhill St John Ambulance, p3

1900 06 04
Will J. Jewitt, p2
Saffron Walden bicycle case, p3

1900 06 05
The Coveney obelisk has been re-erected in the parish churchyard at the spot where it stood before being overthrown by order of the rector. Amid the peacefulness of the notorious little burial ground it is hard to imagine the controversy and ill-feelings which for some time raged and which culminated in litigation. On Monday the monument was erected in its proper position whilst the Rector watched the operations without raising any objections.

Tudor's circus, p2
Waterbeach Baptist Sunday Schoolp2
Whitsuntide, p3

1900 06 05
Instead of the usual set piece for Bank Holiday the management of the New Theatre arranged for a variety entertainment by some popular London artistes. Miss Jenny Lind was down to appear, but was prevented by illness. The management made an offer to those who felt disappointment to either exchange the tickets or return the money. No one made a move to avail themselves of the offer, the opportunity of hearing such performers as were present was too good to be missed. The performance concluded with a series of animated photographs of the war

1900 06 06
We regret to announce the death of Miss Mary Kingsley, the West African traveller and writer. She did not go South Africa to nurse but it seem that, on landing, she found opportunity for using her overflowing energies in tending the sick and wounded. While thus engaged she was herself taken ill. A few months ago Miss Kingsley attended and spoke in Cambridge at a meeting of the "Magpie and Stump".

Police station work, p2

1900 06 07
Chesterton General Purposes, p2
Coveney peace, p2 & p3 *
Isleham farm fire, p3
Linton circulating library, p3

1900 06 08

An accident such as that which befell Mr G. Flowers of Emmanuel College on the Cam is always to be regretted. He was rowing in the Emmanuel College boat when it was bumped by the St John's boat the nose of which came violently against his chest and he received a severe injury. Had it occurred in the days before it was compulsory to put India rubber balls on the noses of the boats there is much reason to fear he must have been killed.

1900 06 08 c
A jolly-looking old man, named Richard Piper, was charged at London Summons Court with causing his horse & cart to stand longer than necessary in Charterhouse Street. Piper: "Well, of course, I ain't no scholar. I was brought up at the University of Cambridge. Give me penal servitude for life, guv'nor, but get it over quick, there's a good 'un. I'd sooner give half-a-sovereign to the Police Fund than I'd be put off with a two-bob fine". The jovial Piper paid a fine of 2s.6d. and was then ejected from the court while endeavouring to put on a policeman's helmet.

1900 06 09
The annual show of the Hunts Agricultural Society took place in the Hassock Meadow, Ramsey, and the only thing to mar the exhibition was the unpropitious weather. During the morning horse shoeing and poultry trussing demonstrations took place, and there were lectures on butter making and kindred subjects, which had an attraction for many. A large number of the gentry and agriculturists from the surrounding countryside put in an appearance.

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1900 06 12
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Heat wave, p2 *
Bus accident, p3

1900 06 14
An inquest on a boy of eight, killed by a bus on Castle Hill, affirmed the death was accidental. It is hardly an exaggeration to describe Chesterton Corner as the death trap of Cambridge. Four road meet; they are all narrow, and the configuration of the corner is such that it is quite impossible for the driver of a vehicle up Magdalene Street to have the faintest notion that there is another coming along Chesterton Lane and if the two do not crash into each other it will be more of an accident than if they do. More room is needed at the corner. This would involve pulling down some old houses. The matter is one which the authorities ought to give attention at once.

1900 06 15
Haverhill extraordinary affair, p3

1900 96 15 c
A very heavy thunderstorm passed over St Neots district. The steeple of Lt Staughton church was demolished by lightning. The ruins fell in the belfry, and caused great damage. At Peterborough a man working on the shaft of the new electric light works was struck and knocked senseless. Mr Edwards, caretaker at Cutlack's Brewery was also temporarily paralysed by a fire-ball which passed through the chimney.

1900 06 16
The Vice Chancellor of Cambridge University has published a letter received from Mr Macfarlane-Grieve of Impington Park. "I have watched the successive efforts of the University to help the teaching of agriculture on an intelligently scientific basis since 1893. It would be a distinction for Cambridge to be the first to found a University School of Agriculture. A Professor of Agriculture without a farm, conducted on both model and experimental lines wherewith to illustrate his teaching,

is like a Professor of Chemistry without a laboratory. A farm on this estate will fall vacant at Michaelmas and I am prepared to offer it to the University rent free till 1909". The Senate has accepted the offer with thanks. # c.36.9

Fen Drayton road, p3

1900 06 18
New map by S.V. Galloway, p2
Proposed new Emmanuel Road, p2

1900 06 19
A very attractive programme is presented at the popular hall in Auckland Road, Cambridge, this week. One of the most enjoyable items is kept to the last – Edison's Concertphone. This machine is Edison's own invention and is vastly superior to the phonograph. It is manipulated by Mr Oliver. Most of the records were taken by Mr Oliver himself and are well up to date – indeed one of the best was that of Dan Leno singing "The waiter", which was taken but six days ago. The records of the bands are very fine indeed, each instrument being very distinctly reproduced and heard in every part of the house. # c.69

1900 06 21
The late Alderman Mott of Cambridge was a benevolent man with a sound knowledge of human nature. When he made provision that the Town Councillors should go to church once a year he had a premonition that sometimes the sermon might be dry, and he set apart a sum out of which the church-going councillors should refresh themselves after sermons with biscuits and wine. But the mayoralty of a total abstainer, who has not felt it in accordance with his conscience to do this, has called the spirit of historical research into activity in certain members of the council. Alderman Spalding suggested that if the biscuits had been provided the wine would not have mattered so much.

1900 06 22
Midsummer four days' fair was opened this morning. Of roundabouts there are plenty and there are two resplendent switchbacks. Half-a-dozen shows include a menagerie and cinematograph exhibition and the remainder of the fair is made up of shooting galleries, coconut shies, toy and sweet meat stalls, cheapjack wares and drinking booths. There are no less than 15 refreshment saloons, some of which serve a double purpose in supplying thirsty ones and providing accommodation for dancers. # c.27.3

1900 05 22
A great scare was created by the news of an explosion at Messrs Chivers' Jam Factory at Histon and great alarm was occasioned by the exaggerated reports. An explosion did actually take place when a pipe leading from the boiler-room burst with a loud report and some slates were blown from the roof. Work was suspended for a time, as the explosion had been heard in every part of the factory. Chivers' factory has been singularly free from accidents & it is eminently satisfactory to find that the ill effects of the explosion were confined to slight damage to apparatus, which can be speedily remedied.

Saffron Walden band, p2 *

1900 06 25
Business transactions at Midsummer Horse Fair were carried out under uncomfortable conditions. Horses of all sizes were put through their paces on the sodden grass. Business however was brisk, cart horses and nags forming the major portion of the stock. Buyers from many part of the country were at the fair and quite an average amount of buying and selling was done. # c.27.3

1900 06 26
Midsummer Fair fraud, p2

1900 06 27
The Manager of the Gas Light Company said that Illsley & Sons had agreed to purchase 400 tons of coke and clear it daily. Coke was produced daily and had to be carted away equally to prevent inconvenience to the seller. The price of coke was rising and it was in their interest to get the coke away. On five days they did not send for it at all. The contractors were not at the yard at the proper time; they did not wait at the doors of paradise – the gates of the Gas Company at seven o'clock.

Eversden family squabble, p2

1900 06 28
I have discovered another veteran actor, now in his 87th year who has lived during four reigns, performing Romeo at the age of 20 and appeared as harlequin at 60. His name if Edward Miles and is resident at Wisbech. When a clerk in 1834 he collected rent from Joey Grimaldi, the clown. When Joey discovered the boy was stage-struck he advised him to take to the profession. He acted with Sheridan, Knowles and Charles Kean. The Mayor of Wisbech, discovering that the old actor was in poor circumstances, has started collecting money for his benefit.

1900 06 28
A delegation from Prickwillow appeared before Ely Urban District Council. Rev Kingdon asked for a road to be made from the bridge to the second Drove. It was extremely bad and one of their worst droves. There were a considerable number of children who lived along the bank and they should be able to get to school in some sort of comfort. With regard to vehicular traffic, in some seasons of the year it was absolutely impossible to get along.

Saffron Walden bell ringers, p2

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1900 07 02
The Egerton House training establishment at Newmarket is said to be the largest of its kind in the world. The small town of buildings has its own electric lighting plant, its own cooks, kitchen and caterer, employs its own carpenters, blacksmiths etc. in addition to a small army of stable lads. A short time since Mr Marsh determined to have a small church erected on the place. It was from this building that smoke was seen to be issuing. The organ had been badly damaged by the flames. The church is lighted by electricity and the outbreak was caused by the fusing of one of the wires due to a short circuit.

Death Thos Shell of Royston, p4

1900 07 04
Wedding, p2 *
Lightning, p3 *
Lord Roseberry's grapes, p4

1900 07 04 c
The first annual meeting of the Haverhill & District Football League was held at the Rose and Crown Hotel, Haverhill. All the matches had been played without any climatic or other interference. Cambridge St Mary's had gained the honour of being first champions of the league followed by Haverhill Rovers, Saffron Walden, Long Melford & Halstead. It was a matter of regret the League were unable to secure a suitable trophy for the championship, only the sum of ten shillings having been subscribed.

1900 07 05
A fire occurred in a warehouse at Birt's Lane, St Ives, occupied by Mr Cole of the Golden Lion Hotel as a stable. The building stands between the Friends' Meeting House on one side and the Old Baptist

Chapel (now used by Mr Ruston as an implement warehouse) on the other, whilst immediately opposite is Mr Warner's large leather-curing warehouse. The Fire Brigade was soon on the spot but the supply of water was very meagre. The whole of the contents of the building were destroyed, together with the roof and floors, only the outer walls being left standing.

Omnibus Company stables nuisance, p2
Waterbeach inquest, p3

1900 07 06
Bribery of Cambridge subject, p2 *

1900 07 06 c
Four young men were at 11pm on their way back to their work in the offices of the Cambridge Daily News – where every Thursday they are engaged for the greater part of the night. On the steps of Mr Gower's tobacconist shop a dust pail was standing which got knocked into the street. Two police constables took them into custody, seized their arms and marched them off to the police station. There was no one to take the charge and they were detained for over an hour. There was a time when men were hung for sheep stealing. The disproportion between this crime and the punishment is hardly less glaring.

1900 07 07
The Society of the Sacred Mission has its headquarters at Mildenhall. Its aim is to establish a monastic settlement to train lay and clerical brothers, both boys and men, for foreign and home mission work. Its inhabitants mostly wear the dress of the monks of the Roman Church, there are eight services in the day, and silence is obligatory at all meals and always till noon. It was here that young Cavalier was received in the summer of 1898, the boy's parents being kept in ignorance of his whereabouts for many weeks

1900 07 09
The Castle, East Hatley, was totally destroyed by fire. The house is part of the estate of Sir Charles Hamilton, of Hatley Park and was rented as a summer residence. The fire originated when a small methylated spirit stove was overturned. Once the thatch caught the flames spread with marvellous rapidity. The walls were lightly built of match-boarding and corrugated iron after the style of an Indian bungalow and in a quarter of an hour the pretty building had collapsed like a house of cards. A more solidly built wing, separated by a conservatory was, with great effort, saved

Cambridge teachers picnic, p2

1900 07 10
Hatley fire, p2
Newmarket Horticultural Society, p2

1900 07 11
Newmarket RDC received a petition calling for an inquiry into the proceedings of Wicken parish council. A clerk had been appointed who holds the post of assistant overseer and district councillor at a salary of £30 a year. He had since obtained the office of sub-surveyor for his son, a boy of 17, with no qualifications for the post, the work having since his appointment been executed by the District Councillor himself. This appointment was made in the face of a strong recommendation by the inhabitants in favour of a man well qualified for the office.

1900 07 11
Ely U.D.C. heard that a traction engine belonging to Mr T.H. Summerlee of Littleport, having got beyond the control of the driver, ran down Back Hill, coming into contact with the kerb in front of the old cottages and overturning on the roadway. The chairman thought that if it were possible to make

regulations with regard to traction engines they ought to do so. They might cause serious accidents, as anyone coming up the hill with a big load could not turn round and get away from a runaway engine.

Skeleton at Burwell, p3

1900 07 12
St Ives council, p2
Chesterton junction, p3

1900 07 13
Mill Road library, p2

1900 07 14
Star Yard pump, St Ives, p2 *
Bourn mystery, p3 *

1900 07 15
Grantchester church, p2
Saffron Walden workhouse, p3 *
Storm, p3

1900 07 16
A party of four men were engaged in carting hay from a field situate in Bannald's Drove, Waterbeach when a heavy storm, accompanied by thunder and lightning compelled them to seek shelter. The employer and two labourers crept under the cart. One man remained on the cart holding his pitch fork in an elevated position and the lightning must have been attracted to it. The fork acted as a conductor to his body, though which the electric fluid passed, finally losing itself in the earth where the three men were crouching. One was killed and the others badly injured.

St Ives pump, p2
Waterbeach Jolly Waterman drowning, p3

1900 07 17
Thunderstorm, p3

1900 07 18
The proprietor of Tudor's Circus of Varieties, Cambridge was sued by Foulger's Band. They had been hired for three weeks. The band was composed of five performers – cornet, piano, euphonium & two violins. They were each paid £1.12s.6d. per week. On the first night it was a "scratch band" as Mr Foulger could not be there, & the pianist could not accept the engagement. An important feature in the performance was singing and dancing but a piano was not an essential part of the orchestra. The only complaint was from an inferior artiste who could not sing & had no music.

Parker's Piece, p2

1900 07 19
East Road widening, p3

1900 07 19 c
At the first annual meeting of the Haverhill & District Football League the Secretary congratulated the league upon the successful issue of the first season's competition, all the matches being played without any climatic or other interference. Cambridge St Mary's had gained the honour of being the first champions of the League. It is a matter of regret they had not managed to secure a suitable trophy for the championship, only the sum of ten shillings having been subscribed

1900 07 14
Sir – The birds of prey watching the interest of the East Hunts Water Company have made another pounce and seized the Star Yard pump at St Ives. A large number of persons who have been using this really good supply of water will have their supply cut off. A lad has been found to have diphtheria, and of course it must be this Star Yard pump, while the fact that a child died from the same disease in Filbert's Walk, where the East Hunts water is laid on, is entirely ignored! When all the pumps have been closed by the minions we shall be obliged to use the river, although it has just now a wonderful stench which that august body does not seem to trouble about - Ratepayer

1900 07 14
Some uneasiness of mind has been caused in consequence of strange noises heard at Bourn. Here in 1753 a horrible murder was perpetrated, the perpetrator, a highwayman, was duly hanged at Caxton gibbet. A year ago some workmen averred that they distinctly heard noises resembling the rattling of sticks and some residents have become terrified. Local gossips are busy endeavouring to solve the mystery and some have been seized with the presentiment that the peculiar noises are an omen of some dreadful tragedy.

1900 07 19 c
Saffron Walden & the district have been scenes of daring and successful robberies, chiefly at farms, and harness and fowls formed the major part of the booty. The premises of John Collins, Skippers Hall, West Wickham were visited and a set of black leather cob harness, value 40s. was taken away. At Great Thurlow the thieves visited Hunt's Hall and cleared off a set of brass-mounted harness. To complete a good night's work, as far as the thieves were concerned, they turned their steps towards Exhibition Farm, Wethersfield, were they took a riding saddle. By Friday the police were well on the scent of the miscreants. They journeyed to London, found the bulk of the stolen property in Kilburn & arrested two men in bed.

1900 07 20
For some years the manufacture of Portland cement had been carried on in the district, but it is today that the new Saxon Portland Company is seriously undertaking the scientific manufacture of the product on a large commercial scale. One of the largest and most modern cement works in the kingdom is being erected on the Coldham Lane, Cambridge. Sidings have been connected with the railway capable of holding three trains of 20 trucks each. The buildings, rapidly approaching completion, include eight large cement kilns & an enormous building will provide storage for the manufactured cement. The works will be open by night and by day. The electric light will be extensively used and the current will be generated at the works.

1900 07 23
Failure stationer, p3

1900 07 25
The plan adopted in the villages of amalgamating for the purposes of holding horticultural shows is one to be commended in order to secure friendly rivalry between them. The parishes of Oakington, Westwick & Longstanton followed this course when the society was inaugurated ten years ago and the exhibitions arranged since have met with a measure of success that has continually stimulated its members. The exhibits were a very level lot. The peas, horned carrots & potatoes might be singled out for special mention. A small dish of curious peas of the Ashley Duke variety caused a sensation. Thurston's steam horses were in attendance & in the evening the villagers thronged into the ground in large numbers.

1900 07 25
Sir – I was pleased to notice that someone has at last had the courage to write about the wretched condition of Parker's Piece. Our last wicket was not only full of holes but we had a little hill rising a yard and a half in front of the block. Twelve shillings were paid for this wicket and a tent, whereas a college ground and pavilion (with a splendid wicket) can be hired for 7s.6d. Our cricket club have

been so disgusted with the wickets that we have decided not to play again this season on Parker's Piece unless it is impossible to get a wicket elsewhere – Disgusted Cricketer

1900 07 25 c
Sir – Respecting the Star Yard pump at St Ives. I have drunk its water for many years and never heard the purity doubted before. It has always been the best, or as good as any in the town & it is a shame that the users should be deprived of the water unless by the inexorably exigencies of the health of the public warrant such a privation. If I know anything of my neighbours I believe they would rather have had their parish church seized and closed than their pump – Another Ratepayer

1900 07 26
An application was made on behalf of the Royston Horticultural Society as to police assistance at the Bank Holiday show and sports. Last year they had the assistance of an inspector and four constables. This year they were informed that the police were so much pressed on Bank Holiday that they could not be allowed to do duty in private grounds. The committee had others who would take the place of the police and they asked the Bench if they would swear them in as private constables. The chairman said they could only do so when tumults and riotous conduct was anticipated.

1900 07 26
In view of the serious issues which are involved for so many people in the prospect of an immediate strike on the Great Eastern Railway, a correspondent has suggested that the C.D.N. should tender its advice to the local employees and the Company was to what they should do. The people who travel at Bank Holiday are not the rich and well-to-do, but the workers and wage-earners and the strange spectacle will be presented of working men seriously incommoded by the action of other working men. How can this evoke public sympathy?

1900 07 27
In the C.D.N. of yesterday the inadvisability, not to say folly of a general strike at Bank Holiday time of the employees of the Great Eastern Railway was emphasised. It is therefore with great gratification that we announce today that a strike has been averted. The thanks of the whole public are due to our contemporary, the "Daily News", for promoting and carrying out the negotiations which have led to so happy a result.

1900 07 28
A thunderstorm broke with tremendous violence over Gt Wilbraham. Mrs Morley was at her wit's end and sat upon the side of her bed and watched the vivid lightning with bated breath. Then came a flash that rendered her well-night unconscious & the room was enveloped in flames. In an adjoining room slept some children from an orphanage in London who were rescued with difficulty. The alarm was raised and soon there were upwards of 200 men, women & children on the spot and everything of any value was saved. Only the chimney and portions of the walls of the house remain to testify to the havoc wrought by the storm.

Saxon cement works, p4 – pic *

1900 07 31
E.S. Payne has opened premises at Alexandra Street, Cambridge for the manufacture of artificial teeth. Complete sets, upper or lower from £1. Single tooth added, 2s.6d. Easy payment taken. Teeth scaled, stopped or extracted. Trusses and elastic stockings made to order - advert

August 1900 CDN

1900 08 01
Locomotive drivers, p2

1900 08 02
Cottenham Gas and Water Company wrote to say that before they commence laying the mains for the water supply they would like a guarantee that the parish will take a sufficient quantity of water to warrant them doing so. They would erect 33 stand-pipes, 400 feet apart. Mr Wiles said 400 feet was very close together and he did not think the stand-pipes required to be so near each other. 200 yards was a reasonable distance.

1900 08 02
Cottenham water supply, p2 *

1900 08 03
Impington experimental farm

1900 08 04
The annual report on the maintenance of main roads and footpaths in the Isle of Ely shows that the paths at Wilburton have been kerbed with blue Staffordshire kerbing & made up with gravel. At Coveney the road has been widened by the Wesleyan Chapel & the Lt Downham road (Little street) has been widened eight feet and made up with granite and slag. The fencing at Gilgal has been continued for a further 80 yards and a length of tar paving laid by the reading room at Doddington.

1900 08 04 c
The value of Portland Cement in building and engineering work is now fully recognised, and the trade has developed enormously. Portland cement is almost exclusively used for foundations of all descriptions, dams for waterworks and reservoirs. Where bulk is required cement concrete is now almost always used in place of block or masonry work.

1900 08 07
Bank Holiday Monday was a wretched day for pleasure seekers, due solely to the almost continuous downpour of rain and the cyclone that accompanied it. The Great Eastern Railway Company ran excursions to Haverhill for the athletic meeting, for which some 200 passengers booked.

1900 07 08
A Burrough Green labourer told the court that for some times the boys of the village had been a source of considerable annoyance by swinging on his gate and he had warned he would pull the ears of the next boy he caught. On Saturday he caught one and punished him in the way he had threatened whereupon the defendant came up and struck him. They all ‘rounded’ on him at the same time, caught hold of his whiskers, knocked off his hat and tore a sleeve off his coat.

1900 08 09
At Ely council the Surveyor gave a list of bedding etc, which by direction of the Medical Officer of Heath, had been removed to Common Muckhill pending the Council’s instructions either to burn o retain for fumigation. It was resolved to destroy the articles. Mr Norman said they must be careful in burning the articles at Common Muckhill. The Chairman (to the Surveyor): “Don’t set fire to the place”. (Laughter)

1900 08 10
At the meeting of St Ives Board of Guardians the Chairman referred to the evils of overcrowding attending the boarding-out of London children in the district. In several cases children were sleeping six in a bed in very unsuitable dwellings. The Board took no action on the matter.

Haddenham ironmongers, p3

1900 08 13
At Saffron Walden a communication was read from the Postmaster General, asking for consent to erect telephone posts from the junction in Castle Street to Littlebury Mill. Mr Tuke said residents

objected to the wires running by their properties and would endeavour to get them laid underground. The Council agreed to the application, subject to the wires being carried on the east side of the road and that the Telephone Company would, at any future time, erect a hollow post if requested for sewer ventilation.

1900 08 13 c
Sir – Now that we are promised a second heat wave, it may be opportune to consider the question of protecting horses' heads from sun-heat. In Peterborough, during the great heat of last month, horse hats or shields were a common sight but Cambridge did nothing. If some courageous tradesman would lead the way, regardless of ridicule, all considerate horse-owners would follow suit. All that is needed is a grass hat of the "Zulu" type with holes cut in brim and crown for the ears. – E.M. Hort

1900 08 15
An accident happened at Cherry Hinton. The 8.55 passenger train was due, but the gates over the Cherry Hinton crossing remained closed; consequently the engine, which was travelling backwards, dashed into them with horrific force and smashed them to pieces. The head lamp on the engine was broken, but no other damage was done. The gatekeeper has been suspended.

1900 08 16
Posting in all its branches by R.A. Williams, job, livery & commission stables, Cross Keys Yard, Saffron Walden. Waggonnettes, large 'busses, Broughams, Landaus, Victorias, Dog Carts & Saddle Horses for any length of time. A handsome Washing ton car & carriages supplied for funerals on very reasonable terms – advert

Peterborough mystery, p2

1900 08 16
Cambridge Commons Committee reported that persons using the women's bathing place crossed the river by a ferry from the landing stage on Coe Fen. It has been suggested it would be better if arrangements could be made for them to cross the river at a point further away from the men's bathing place.

1900 08 17
Hills Road perils, p2

1900 08 18
Sir -. I have hired boats at nearly every place in Cambridge and always found the boat-people most obliging. The charge has been 1s each person for a whole day. Today I hired a boat for one hour and was charged 1s 6d. I asked why the extra cost. "Well sir, bicycling is off, and the river is more in demand. We have had a bad season, so are now making up for it". Vacation is a strange time for raising the prices. It would be as well to arrange the prices before starting on a trip, as that would save a lot of wrangling when a party returns. – "A lover of the river"

1900 08 18
W.H. Smith & Son have recently made a great improvement at the St Ives railway station in opening their smart new bookstall, at which all publications can now be obtained. It promises an abundant selection of literature and should prove to be of great improvement to both the travelling public and the inhabitants of St Ives & district.

1900 08 20
The Star Brewery Company applied for a licence to sell intoxicating liquors at a house about to be constructed near the railway station, Swaffham Prior. It would be a substantial house consisting of a bar, smoke room, parlour and other conveniences with two bedrooms which could be converted into a club room. They would erect a bridge across the watercourse for horses and carts and two footbridges.

It would be used by persons shooting in the neighbourhood. The licence of the Cow and Calf in the village would be given up because Mr Allix did not want two licences in the village.

1900 08 22
In 1885 a large cattle market was erected & shortly after some buildings were erected for providing refreshment for those who required it. These were very small & now the Star Brewery wished to erect a commodious hotel with 10 bedrooms which would be used to put up those who came to the market to buy cattle. At the present there was no accommodation for Irishmen attending the market. Many come on Friday night with their stock & it was necessary for them to be constantly attending to them. It would be put a considerable way back from the road and have space for 50 to 70 horses. The nearest hotel was the Great Northern but it had only a few beds so they had to go to the Red Lion in Petty Cury. 00 08 22 # c.27.3

Ditton Fields bumps, p2
Haverhill sewer, p4

1900 08 23
An inquest was held on the body of a child found drowned at Prickwillow. A seven-year old girl said her brother was playing near the drain, which runs past their house. He was going across the narrow slip running between the drain and the bridge, underneath which was a tunnel. She saw him slip head-first into the water, which splashed over her. The body was recovered from the tunnel after 50 minutes. The jury recommended that a grating should be placed at the entrance to the tunnel preventing such fatalities.

1900 08 23
Agents for Messrs A & B. Hall applied for a licence for a house to be erected in Haddenham at a spot midway between the station and Wentworth, on the site of an old one, called The Tiger whose licence expired about 22 years ago. There were two licensed houses in Wentworth but that of the Red Lion would be dropped. The magistrates granted the application.

Gamlingay Three Horseshoes, p2

1900 08 24
At a meeting of Fenstanton parish council a circular was received with regard to overcrowding. There were cases of eight people with only two bedrooms. The law was perfectly clear; it was for the sanitary authorities to get the matter right. Mr Burt spoke very highly of the work done by the district nurse. She not only showed the people how to do things in a proper manner, but saw they were done, and sometimes did them herself. There would be no difficulty with regard to water supply in the future as in about two months the East Hunts Water Company could supply any amount.

1900 08 25
William Lloyd of Gt Shelford applied for the removal of the licence of the Peacock beerhouse, which had been pulled down, to a house, newly erected, on another site. A fire had taken place in a cottage which adjoined the house with the result that the west end of the beerhouse fell in. But Mr Vinter put in a petition signed by over 30 residents. There are eight licensed houses in the parish and one, the Black Swan was within 33 yards of the new house. Shelford was becoming more a residential place than in former years & if the licence were not granted it would increase the value of the land for residential purposes. But three-fourths of the people who had signed kept their own cellars & not one of the persons who would frequent the house had signed the petition. The licence was granted

1900 08 27
Saffron Walden furious driving, p3

1900 08 28

Mr Walker, blacksmith, noticed that the thatched roof near the chimney of a house occupied by Bert Gentle, a journeyman carpenter, of Earith Road, Bluntisham, was on fire. The fire engine belonging to the village was accordingly manned and a wire despatched to St Ives for the engine and fire brigade. The Bluntisham engine, although an old-fashioned one, was placed in Mr Searle's farmyard and a constant volume of water was poured on to the farm buildings. Too much praise cannot be given to those who worked so indefatigably at the engine pump, for although the flames were driven by the wind to the adjoining thatched barn they succeeded in confining the conflagration to the house where it broke out.

Bogus sheep dealer, p3
Somersham fatal rail accident, p3

1900 08 29
The Star Brewery applied for a licence for a new hotel which it was proposed to build in close contiguity to the new railway station which the Great Eastern Company were building at Newmarket. The station would be one of the architectural features of the town and it had occurred to those who catered for the public that if a station of that magnitude was to be erected, there should be a hotel worthy of the station. The Brewery had secured the services as architect of Colonel Edis, who had prepared the plans of Sandringham House. It would be in the Georgian style with a red brick front and would contain eight bedrooms. The company would give up the Lamb Inn licence and the provisional licence for a new hotel near Warren Hill station. The licence was refused.

1900 08 30
We deeply regret to announce the death of Dr Henry Sidgwick, until recently Professor of Moral Philosophy at the University of Cambridge. Though he was at some slight disadvantage in the matter of enunciation his lectures were unusually attractive and even eloquent. He married Eleanor Balfour, sister of the Rt Hon Arthur James Balfour, the present Leader of the House of Commons. She rendered great assistance in the organisation of Newnham College, being appointed principal in 1892. Her husband resided with her at Newnham and took much interest from the first in the foundation and development of the college. With his death the country loses one of the clearest thinkers that the later half of the 19th century had produced.

Ely accidentally shot

September 1900 CDN

1900 09 01
At Cambridge Police Court 38 summonses were heard for non-compliance with the bye-laws as to the lighting of vehicles. The Chief Constable pointed out that proceedings had been taken in consequence mainly of the large number of complaints received from cyclists and drivers of motor cars who were compelled to carry lights. The Mayor said that taking into consideration that the bye-laws were not generally known, all the summonses would be dismissed with the exception of that against Albert Goodman, a railway servant, who had been previously cautioned, & would have to pay a penalty of 5s. However future cases would be very severely dealt with.

1900 09 03
The first summonses under the new Cambridge Bye-laws with regard to the lighting of vehicles were of sufficient number to make an effective demonstration in favour of the new order of things. The police court was more crowded than it has been for many a day and of the 38 people who were called upon to appear none had been in that predicament before. The Chief Constable advised magistrates that as the new bye-laws were not generally known the defendants should be dismissed with a caution. Of course this leniency will not be repeated but they have secured, free of cost, a capital advertisement for the new bye-law.

Ely accident, p3

1900 09 04
The right of turning out horses on Barrington village green seems to be a very sore point with many of the parishioners. It was agreed to allow owners the right of turning out their horses to feed at 1s per head, or 1s 6d for two horses but this had been absolutely ignored, not one of the persons owning horses having paid. This has caused a deal of feeling in the village. The wording of the parish award is that the feed of the village green is for the use of cottagers only, but how far this is adhered to may be judged by the number of horses seen daily on the green.

1900 09 04
Those who now assemble to witness the ancient ceremony of proclaiming Stourbridge Fair can guess to what extent its glory has departed. The fair has dwindled down to almost the level of the village feast. At one time business and pleasure stalls extended from the railway bridge to East Road and down to the river's edge on Stourbridge common. The custom of proclaiming the different portions of the fair is still religiously observed – the leather fair, the hop fair, the wood fair and so on, when no such exist or are likely to be revived. The Toll Collector broke down a portion of the fence dividing Newmarket road from what was in years gone by part of the fairground, and hurled the portion of broken fence on to the now cultivated ground thereby signifying the right of the Corporation to that ground for six weeks. This concluded the ceremony and the Mayor and town officers departed. # c.27.31

1900 09 06
Better than out-relief, p2 *
Chesterton UDC lovers wall, p4

1900 09 07
At Cambridge police court a girl of 11 years of age was charged with stealing various articles of food, salmon and shrimp paste, tea, herrings, potted ham and preserved peaches from the shop of Messrs Hallack and Bond, Petty Cury. The Chairman said she was very young and the Magistrates felt she had been more sinned against than sinning. Her mother was evidently not a fit person to have charge of her, and she would therefore be sent to a reformatory for five years. They hoped at the end of that time she would be a better girl. The mother was sent to prison for three months with hard labour.

Royston inquiry sewage, p4

1900 09 07 c
At Newmarket a widow lady of 70 years made overtures to the poor law authority in the direction of out-relief. The chairman, with an eye to the ratepayers' interests, suggested she should obtain a post as a housekeeper to someone. She pointed out that a woman of 70 was not likely to get a housekeeper's place. But the lady found a situation as a housekeeper, and has become the bride of her employer. This husband of her's is her third. It would be a rather extreme step to instruct relief officers to say to all single ladies of that age who apply for assistance 'get a situation and get married'. It is not easy to get situations for ladies of seventy; it is still less easy to get husbands for them.

1900 09 10
The controversy relating to the maintenance of Parker's Piece is by no means a new one. It is several years since footballers and cricketers perceived that the ground, both in summer and winter was not all that could be desired and each year the feeling of dissatisfaction has become more apparent. But with the increasing number of persons crossing and re-crossing Parker's Piece it was impossible to keep the cricket pitches in a perfect condition; and with regard to forbidding football in times of frost, it was absolutely impossible to tell within a few hours whether or not a ground would be in a fit state for play.

1900 09 11
Cambridge magistrates gave their decision in the cases against certain tradespeople who had been summoned for obstructing the public footpaths by means of overhanging blinds. A regulation had been issued by the police that sun binds must hand not lower than six feet from the kerb. Ellen Frohock, R.R. Dawson and Alfred Hyman of Regent Street were fined 1s. each

New organ, p2
Theft of copper, p3

1900 09 12
The little Suffolk town of Haverhill is one of the last places in which one would have expected a foul murder to be enacted; and yet it is from Haverhill that the tidings come of a tragedy as revolting in its hideousness as has taken place for many a day. A woman who recently gave birth to twins has been found lying dead, her throat cut, and in her arms the dead bodies of her two infants, their throats also cut. The circumstances point to the husband as the perpetrator of the vile deed. The police gave chase & within a short time ran the wretched man to earth. For the credit of our human nature we are ready to say that the perpetrator must have been out of his mind, but it would be unsafe to argue that because a crime is hideous that it was, therefore, the work of a maniac.

1900 09 12
The Cambridge Omnibus Company and the Tramways Company have entered into an arrangement whereby the Omnibus Company is to leave the whole of the trams route free for the Tramways Company. They in their turn will withdraw all their one-horse 'buses, thus leaving to the Omnibus Company all parts of the town not covered by the tram lines. The arrangement comes into operation on Monday next.

Radwinter fire

1900 09 13
Messrs Bailey & Tebbutt of the Panton Brewery, Cambridge, have their annual support to the harvest employees of Waterbeach who are customers of the firm. The whole function was a great success. Those who contributed to the musical programme included Mr P. Levitt of Waterbeach who was several times encored. Mr W. Flack on behalf of the working men thanked the firm for the way they looked after them. Mr Joseph Toller responding to the toast of 'The trade of Waterbeach' said that the village was fairly prosperous.

Croxton coming of age, p4

1900 09 15
Owing to the absence of Argentine cattle from the English markets owing to foot and mouth disease the Ipswich Butcher's Association has notified an increase of a penny per lb in the price of beef and mutton. In Cambridge prime beef is fetching from 7s 6d to 8s. 6d. per stone. Pork is making a good price now at 7s per stone, but feeding stuffs are much dearer than they were and people won't run the risk of fattening pigs unless they are sure of a profit.

1900 09 15
An inquest was held at Dry Drayton on the body of a seven-year old girl. Her brother said she had been sent to the pond to fetch some water. She was splashing him when she fell on to her face in the water & went under. Two men got her out, but she was dead. It was the only water supply for nearby houses and it was customary to send children to fetch it. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Milford Street fire, p2

1900 09 17
Chrishall is a quiet village between Royston and Saffron Walden. It is the custom, when men have finished harvest upon the farms, to be awarded 'largesse money' which they usually employ for the purpose of a friendly horkey between themselves. A labourer and his friends made the Gate beerhouse their rendezvous, taking possession of the tap room. One of their number purchased an accordion and for a time all went well with them. Then ensued the tragedy that resulted in the death of a shepherd.

1900 09 18
Chrishall inquest, p3

1900 09 18 c
Newmarket rural council heard that at Bottisham the difficulty had been to get at an adequate supply of water in the village, as the geological formation was against it. The wells that had been dug along a part of the village were simply cesspools, as they were dug into the chalk marl into which the sewage and surface water ran and remained. The marl was not a water-bearing strata and water might lay deep. The well at the police station, for example, was 224 feet deep and cost £101 to sink.

1900 09 19
Sober Cambridge p3
Dangerous road, p3

1900 09 20
Boots sell six chromotype views for 1/- # c.65.5
Ashley sewage inquiry

1900 09 22
There was no one to blame for the accident whereby a farm labourer met his death at Quy this week. The man was sitting on a horse's back; it took fright at the sight of a traction engine and he was thrown from it. The noteworthy thing is that this farm labourer was 77 years of age. It is all to the honour of the man that he kept on doing his farm labourer's work rather than become a burden upon others. But the social conditions under which men of nearly 80 are made to work in the road and the field are not ideal.

1900 09 24
Mayoralty p3

1900 09 25
There is that about the re-opening of the Cambridge Theatre after the 'Long' which is unique. In other towns a re-opening night is a great night. In the stalls and circle are seen the ladies, bright and brilliant; and an array of men in dress suits. In the pit are the 'pitties; in the galleries the 'gods'. Not so at the New Theatre when the doors are reopened. The stalls are occupied by those who will in a week or two be sitting in a lowlier part of the Theatre and so on right through the house. But few other towns have long vacations. A fortnight's time and there will be a normal theatre aspect. # c.76

1900 09 26
Stretham collection meet p3

1900 09 27
The village of Warboys was devastated by fire caused by three boys playing with matchsticks in a stackyard. The dry straw was quickly in a blaze, the farmhouse soon involved and fanned by a strong breeze two other farmsteads were also destroyed. The sparks ignited the thatch of some cottages in the High Street and a whole row were burned down, the fire spreading to another row on the opposite side of the street. A brewery and cycle store were also burnt out and great consternation caused by the explosion of a large quantity of gunpowder, several of the firemen being blown off their feet.

1900 09 27
At Newmarket Licensing Session an application was made for a licence for a new hotel which it was proposed to erect in close contiguity to the new station. When last the application was made the justices took objection to the plans which now provided for 14 bedrooms instead of eight. It would be in the Georgian style, similar to Colonel McCalmont's house at Cheveley Park. Mr Bankes-Ashton said they had what on paper looked like a very fine building, but justices would remember that the same company put in plans for the Warren Hill Hotel, which also looked fine on paper, but they did not keep to those plans after a licence had been granted

1900 09 28
Cambridge Library Committee state that during the past year the institution has been used by a larger number of persons than before. The war in South Africa necessitated a larger supply of newspapers, war maps and a service of telegrams. Every hour of the day there was a constant stream of visitors & during two weeks in February the reading rooms were visited by more than 57,898 persons # c.77.4

1900 09 28
Cambridge magistrates received a petition against renewal of the licence of the Windmill public house in Mill Road. Frederick Hodson considered the neighbourhood was overcrowded with them. Mr Papworth said he had visited the house on many occasions but never seen more than two people at the bar at a time. Freeman & Sons, brewers and owners said the house was in a bad state and had been closed for repairs, not because there was no trade. They had no right to take away the licence even if the tenant only sold a barrel of beer a week. Albert Brand, the new tenant said business had trebled, 60 people patronised the house every day and last Saturday he had upwards of 100 customers. The licence was not renewed

1900 09 29
The inaugural dinner of the recently-formed Association of Cambridge Dairymen took place at the Lion Hotel. Sometime ago it was thought to be a good thing if all the brother tradesmen could unite and put themselves on more friendly terms than perhaps some of them had been in the past. It gave them the means of settling their grievances. No man could retail milk at threepence a quart and live on it. That was one thing they would have to grapple with.

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1900 10 03
The news of the death of the Master of Peterhouse, Dr James Porter, has come as a blow to all conversant with his part in the public life of Cambridge. The Town Council has been much strengthened by the accession of University members and no councillor has been more keenly interested in every detail of public business. He recognised very clearly that the interests of the University and town are one and acted upon it. It was noteworthy than when subjects that one might have considered hardly worth the attention of University members were under consideration Dr Porter would get up and speak with full knowledge.

1900 10 03
At the meeting at Linton to revise the voters' lists Mr Holttum objected to the name of Henry Webb in respect of a farm at West Wickham. Mr Hutt said the farm had been occupied by members of the Webb family for 146 years. Last Michaelmas the father wanted to give up the farm and the landlord accepted the son as tenant, but he stipulated that as long as Mr Webb sen. lived he should live in the house, thinking it a pity the old gentleman should turn out of the farm where he had resided for 46 years.

Cambridge Gazette affairs, p2

1900 10 06

Sir – I see that several shareholders of the Tramways Company suggest that small buses only should be allowed to run between Cherry Hinton and the Market. If it means that we are to fold and squeeze ourselves up like figs into the wretched boxes that we hoped had long since been turned into firewood the company has reckoned without their hosts. We have had enough of the stuffy snail-paced coffins and if the company can do no better we are ready to start a couple of rattling good two-horse buses of our own – G. Bland.

1900 10 08
Special services were held at Grantchester when the occasion was taken to dedicate the new stained glass window that has been presented to the church by the Rev Dr Streane, the vicar. The new window, at the east end of the church, has been erected by Messrs Heaton, Butler & Bayne of London, and is of beautiful design. It was a perpetual reminder of a life of faithful service and of work for God.

1900 10 08
Two years ago the 'Cambridge Gazette' was brought into being. Its sponsors made a great fuss about it. At last, they said, Cambridge has got a daily newspaper that is worthy of it – an eight page paper with innumerable editions, up to date in every respect. A halfpenny weekly newspaper was also started with a loss on every copy sold. Not only were they bound to fail, but they deserved to fail – and they have failed. The CDN has now beaten off two attacks and our regret is that we cannot say of the second failure as we did in 1892 of the first – that it was a highly respectable sheet. # c.04

Brampton accident, p2

1900 10 09
Newspaper enterprise in Cambridge – Cambridge Gazette, p2 # c.04

1900 10 10
Violent hostilities characterised the election meeting at Cottenham. For upwards of an hour the burly youths began to assemble in the precincts of the schoolroom. The room was soon filled and the booing and yelling of the mob was simply deafening. The arrival of Sir Robert Fitzgerald was a signal for groans and hisses. They seized his coat, which they tore, knocked off his hat and hustled him in all directions. He took refuge in the house of Mr J.M. Gould and finally escaped about an hour later

1900 10 11
Whittlesford attack, p3

1900 10 12
Sir W. Cuthbert-Quilter MP was announced to speak at Castle Camps and, a noisy meeting being anticipated, a policeman was stationed at the entrance so as to allow only electors into the building. On arrival he was received with loud hissing and booing. He said: 'I have come 100 miles today to see you'. (Hissing and 'Go back another hundred'). He attempted to address the meeting, but being frequently interrupted asked 'Will you hear me? A voice: 'We have heard such a lot of rubbish, we want to hear some plain truth now'. 'You will get that from me'. 'You will be the first one who has told the truth then'

Newmarket Hotel, p4

1900 10 13
Just a week ago publication of the 'Cambridge Gazette' was suspended. This morning an extraordinary meeting of shareholders was held to consider that the company should be wound-up voluntarily. The Secretary of the company was not present and it was stated that he had gone to Manchester. The bank overdraft was stated to be £2,200 and the company was hopelessly beyond retrievement. The affairs are to be wound up as speedily as possible.

1900 10 13 c
The news of the Conservative victory in East Cambs was received at Ely with unbounded jubilation by wearers of the pink favours. As night approached there was a good deal of movement in the streets. At 9 o'clock a procession started led by Mr J. Newstead on horseback, who dressed in khaki and wore his medals, then came Peterborough Band, Holy Trinity drum & fife band, men on horseback bedecked with pink ribbons, decorated bicycles and numerous carriages. Fireworks were discharged in the street to the accompaniment of cheers.

1900 10 15
A cold windy day is scarcely an ideal time to hold a Friendly Societies' Parade and an open-air service. Cottenham Society however delayed their annual parade until Sunday, the day preceding the village feast, and as could be expected, the attendance suffered. Cottenham sets a good example to other villages in the way of raising funds for Addenbrooke's Hospital

Presentation to Gazette pressmen, p2
Ely torchlight procession, p3 *
Saffron Walden death J. Emson, p3

1900 10 16
Three cases of typhoid have occurred at Exning. The first was in a house in the Malting Yard, the second was of a person who had called at the house where the original outbreak occurred, and the third case was next door. The water from a well had been analysed and ought not to be used for drinking purposes if better could be obtained. The Waterworks main passed the door and a connection should be made for a supply. The water could be purified by boiling but poor people have not got the time and coal is too dear for that. The sanitation in the house was in a dreadful state and the place quite unfit for habitation.

1900 10 18
Cambridge town council considered the position of town crier. Mr Campkin said the office was a relic of Bumbledon and could well be dispensed with. They had outlived the town crier as they had the Bedell. Alderman Spalding thought it a great pity to get rid of these old offices. The crier preceded the Mayor to church five times a year, went to meet the judges three times, attending the quarter sessions and licensing sessions and made in all sixteen appearances during the year. The salary was £20 per annum. # c.35.7 # crier # c.39

1900 10 19
An appeal was heard against the refusal to grant a licence to the Windmill public house in Mill Road, Cambridge. It had good stabling and in fact was the only public house with stabling. It had been licensed since 1835 and had been thoroughly renovated. It was a labourer's house in a neighbourhood of labourers. A petition signed by 112 residents was opposed to the licence but another signed by 230 was in favour. The decision was reversed and the licence renewed.

1900 10 19 c
The Huntingdonshire police are taking stringent measures to stop motor cars going at an excessive pace on the Great North Road. Fines of £4 and £3 have recently been imposed and on Thursday a motorist was fined £6. The chairman of the Bench said motor car drivers used the road as a racing track and made it unbearable for the inhabitants of the locality. Another time the maximum penalty would be imposed.

1900 10 20
From time to time the announcement goes forth that at last colour photography is a fait accompli, but the statement proves without foundation. While we wait for a solution there is something to go on with in the way of chromotype views. Messrs Boots took the lead in Cambridge and have just issued a new set which are beautifully printed and well worth framing. The set is packed in an elaborately designed wrapper, tied with Cambridge blue ribbon and would make a very acceptable gift # c.65.5

1900 10 22
Properties at Dry Drayton and Comberton were submitted to public auction. The first lot consisted of the freehold licensed premises at Drayton known by the sign of the Queen's Head and three cottages in the rear. It was knocked down to Fenstanton brewery for £320. They also became the purchasers of an acre of land at Comberton at a price of £52 10s.

1900 10 23
A Thriplow labourer was summoned by William Stockbridge, a chimney sweep, for stealing 13 walnuts, valued at 1d. PC Housden said he watched some walnut trees in Pegg's Close; he saw defendant go to one of the trees, pick up several walnuts and get over the fence where he was standing. He requested him to turn out his pockets and 13 walnuts were discovered. A fine of 2s 6d was inflicted

Romsey town fire, p2
Bishop Stortford hoax, p2

1900 10 24
A cab proprietor sued a carpenter, for £17 8s 6d damages resulting from a collision. It included repairs to cab and damage to horse. The defendant counter-claimed for £7 4s damage to bicycle. The cyclist had boasted that he was a 'scorcher' and that he could 'go' at a great pace. He was riding about 12 mph when he collided with a cab, running into the horse's head. The horse's leg got entangled in the wheel of the bicycle & it plunged. The cab fell on its side in the road. Witnesses said the driver of the cab had whipped the horse and it was going at a full gallop. Had the driver been looking ahead he must have seen the cyclist, but he was talking to the occupant of the cab through the well in the top of the vehicle. Judgement was found for the defendant

Cattle King sentenced, p4

1900 10 25
An epidemic of disease has broken out in Cambridge which is of such serious importance as regards the public health that we should not be discharging a duty we owe to our readers if we did not draw attention to the outbreak with a view to their taking the necessary precautions against the spread of infection. That the local medical authorities are doing all that is within their power to seek out the origin of the epidemic of diphtheria that is in our midst there can be no shadow of doubt but meanwhile it is only right that the public at large should be made acquainted with the knowledge that the deadly disease is prevalent. Nor is the outbreak confined to Cambridge for rumour has it that deaths from either diphtheria or scarlet fever have occurred during the past two days at Chesterton. The origin of the outbreak has not yet been established but it is less than the week that the outright assumed anything like a serious nature. The illness and death of certain children attending Park Street Mixed Infants School first brought the matter under the attention of the local medical authorities and the school was immediately closed. Prior to this every child was examined by medical experts with the result that numerous children were found to be suffering from an inflamed throat which is one of the earliest symptoms. Subsequently it was deemed advisable to close the Girls' School in the hope that in the meantime the disease might be stamped out. Several deaths have taken place which are directly attributable to the disease. In the circumstances the necessity cannot be forcibly too forcibly impressed upon parents of taking every possible precaution against the spread of the infection.
An epidemic of disease has broken out in Cambridge which is of such serious importance as regards the public health that we should not be discharging a duty we owe to our readers if we did not draw attention to it, notwithstanding the reticence of the medical authority, which to say the least is inexplicable. The Medical Officer of Health has absolutely declined to take the press into his confidence. That diphtheria is prevalent is beyond dispute, nor is it confined to Cambridge for rumour is that deaths have occurred at Chesterton. The death of certain children attending Park Street mixed infants school first brought the matter under the attention of the local medical authorities. Several deaths have taken place which are directly attributed to the disease. # c.21.1

1900 10 26
In considering a supply of water to Littleport the Inspector said the population would require 50,000 gallons per day. The available rivers ran for a considerable length through the fens and were used as main outfall drains for the pumping engines which pumped water from the adjoining fen lands. It was obvious that any water would be subject to pollution by peaty water from the pumping stations. The waters of the Little Ouse, if taken at the end of White Hall Drove, would prove the most suitable but would still be of doubtful quality. Whatever source was chosen there should be a service reservoir near the main road to Ely

New Technical Institute and school of science, p3

1900 10 27
A sad suicide occurred at Lt Thetford where a platelayer employed on the G.E.R. imagined that he was a sufferer from scarlet fever, although medical examinations proved to the contrary. There were several cases in the village. Shortly before ten o'clock he left his fellow-workers near the bridge over the Old West not telling them where he was going. Time passed and a shepherd brought the intelligence that a handkerchief had been found in the wash near the river. After a diligent search his body was found in the water beneath the railway bridge

1900 10 29
The action taken by the Technical Education Committee in opening technical day schools in Cambridge has brought about a situation which is of the highest interest to the future of education in the town. To put the matter plainly the Governors of the Perse School conceive that the new schools, at which the fees are much lower, threaten their prosperity, if not their very existence. They say that boys are likely to leave the Perse – indeed it is an open secret that some have already left. There is no doubt that the Perse is no longer what it once was – a school for the children of persons of small incomes. Fees of up to £20 a year must depend entirely upon the well-to-do. # c.36.5

1900 10 30
It is doubtful whether a better programme has been presented at the Cambridge Circus of Varieties than that given this week. Mr Fred Brooks has probably appeared before the Cambridge public more than any artiste on the boards – first at Sturton Town Hall and later at Arcadia. He has lost none of his vocal ability and the best of his songs is "Good old Cambridge", a topical effusion

1900 10 31
The village of Stansted was en fete on Saturday for the home-coming from South Africa of Corporal J. Audley Blyth and Privates Philip and Guy Gold. A crowd gathered to welcome them at Bishop's Stortford, as it was first thought the party would detrain at that station. The train however was stopped at Stansted, at which place a crowd of people, most of whom were wearing red white and blue rosettes greeted them. They were driven away in a barouche decorated and wearing the motto 'Welcome Home; when they got to the top of Chapel Hill the crowd took the horses out of the vehicle and dragged it the remainder of the way.

Waterbeach Sunday Schools, p2
Wicken election scene, p3

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1900 11 01
We have received an official statement from Mr Alderman T. Hyde, respecting the outbreak of diphtheria at Cambridge. 'Last Friday I stated that we knew of 12 cases of the disease. Since then we have had a rather unexpected increase which made a total of 35 today. There have been four deaths from the disease. With a few doubtful exceptions all cases have been proved to have originated in connection with the Park Street Infants School, although so far investigations have shown no reason

for supposing that the actual building on the site has had anything to do with the causation of the disease. No expense or labour will be grudged in the endeavour to stamp out the disease. It is thought advisable not to allow children to attend meetings in public halls during the present conditions".

1900 11 03
Some gypsies who had passed with their vans through Newmarket, after hawking baskets etc camped for a time on a piece of grass near the Cemetery. Three of the men, who had evidently taken too much to drink, began to quarrel and got to blows. Two of them stripped to the waist and commenced to fight. When PC Nice arrived he found them covered with blood and surrounded by a crowd of about 200 persons. The constable, at considerable risk to himself, interposed to stop them but they would not desist. He accordingly sent for assistance. Constables Foulcher, Marjoram and King arrived & took the principal offenders into custody. The others decamped

Cambridge Volunteers homecoming, p2

1900 11 05
Witchford accident

1900 11 06
The 'Fifth' was celebrated on Cambridge in a very orderly fashion. The effigies that once characterised Guy Fawkes Day were conspicuous by their almost entire absence. The best attempt at an effigy was made by three or four men who were rigged out in minstrel fashion and paraded the streets with a vehicle in which were seated representations of Mr Kruger and his wife. This attracted a good deal of attention until the rain came and washed the colour from the faces of the dejected looking figures, and sent the minstrels home # c.36.94

Stansted back from war, p3 *

1900 11 07
Lord John Sanger's circus is paying its annual visit to Cambridge. The spacious marquee is erected on Midsummer Common. This afternoon's performance was somewhat sparsely patronised. The absence of children was especially noticeable. This was probably due to a warning issued by the medical authorities to parents that they would "incur considerable danger if they were allowed to attend the performances" in view of the prevalence of diphtheria. The performance will be repeated this evening when a football match between a "centre-forward" elephant and a Cambridge footballer will be played. # c.76.2

1900 11 08
Sir – your correspondent surely must be joking when he pleads that business should be suspended from Saturday evening, December 22nd until the following Thursday morning. Shop assistants have very little overtime work at Christmas now, and almost everyone has a week or ten days' holiday in the summer, besides early closing on Thursdays, so they cannot need a holiday so badly as he infers. I think we are tending towards too many holidays, which are making our young people think far more about pleasure than business and their future. And think what it would mean to the poor who have not the means to lay in a week's supply of goods – 'Trader'

1900 11 08
Mrs Doggett, of Gt Eastern Street, Cambridge, has received a letter from her son in South Africa, who has been a prisoner. He sent his mother a South African caterpillar with a rose. On arrival the rose had disappeared, and the letter was partially eaten. The caterpillar was very thin, but alive

1900 11 10
Lilian Lawrence, a 'Lieutenant' of the Salvation Army, said she was at Histon conducting a service in the Salvation Army Barracks. On account of a great shouting outside she was unable to commence the service. She walked to the door and saw eight or nine boys outside, whom she asked to go away. They

did not reply but laughed at her. They were summoned for disturbing a religious service and fined 5s each.

1900 11 12
P.S. Howlett told the court he had visited a house in Castle Street, Saffron Walden. He found two ounces of sugar, an ounce of dry crust of bread, five onions, scraps of raw meat and bone and two bushels of very small potatoes. The cottage was very dirty and the four children were very dirty also. There was an offensive small upstairs. The mother said her husband had given her only 4d and she had purchased a loaf of bread and butter. He was addicted to drink and she had been begging about the town. The younger children were pallid and looked to be starving. He suggested to the woman she should take them to the Workhouse and offered her a ticket of admission.

Buntingford accident, p3

1900 11 13
An outbreak of fire occurred at the Art Pottery, Castle Headingham. Mr Bingham was executing a large number of glazed tiles for an Ipswich church and these had reached the drying condition. He had left the furnace in a safe state but an additional draught caused the flue to get overheated and the shelves in the drying room caught fire. The chief damage was the destruction of 500 of the tiles.

Volunteers, p3

1900 11 14
Littleport butcher bankruptcy, p2
Colonials – scenes streets

1900 11 15
The Isle of Ely county council's surveyor reported that the driving wheels of the steam roller had worn very thin and would need replacing. It was a disappointment but the roller had been the means of bring them in a deal of money by hire. He was authorised to obtain two new wheels from Messrs Aveling and Porter, the makers of the steam roller. Mr Smith asked how long the roller was guaranteed, if it could be shown there was some flaw in its construction the makers should be approached on the matter. He was told there was no guarantee.

1900 11 15
The National Skating Association meeting heard that the Fen Centre of the Speed Departmental Committee was enabled to bring off both the Amateur and Professional Speed Skating Championships at Littleport, Mr A.E. Tebbit retaining the former, while the latter was won by Fred Ward. James Smart, who had for so long held the title, did not compete, as he has retired from the racing track.

1900 11 16
While lying in hospital in South Africa, recovering from an attack of fever, a soldier was lent a copy of the CDN containing the account of the Ladysmith 'rag'. "As I read it I fancied myself back in the dear old town and could not resist giving vent to my feelings in a wild war whoop, which brought a nurse hurrying to the spot in the fear that a relapse had taken place. I tell you it cheered me up to know that the old home appreciated our efforts and did not hesitate to show how pleased they were with the success of the British Army", he said.

1900 11 17
Fire Mill Road shop

1900 11 19
Sir – Among the many urgent improvements needed in Cambridge stands that of abolishing the old, worn-out buildings and improving the thoroughfares of the town. Disease is prevalent to a large extent and is to be found in districts with narrow thoroughfares and tumble-down houses. The buildings

between Round Church Street and Ram Yard are a disgrace and in any other town would have been demolished long since; they should not be tolerated even in conservative Cambridge. - "W"

Massacre of missionaries, p2 *

1900 11 20
An Orwell farmer was summonsed for being drunk whilst in possession of a loaded revolver on the highway. The rector said he was practising with the choir in the church when the man entered the building accompanied by a dog. He turned the dog out. Shortly afterwards it returned to the church and endeavouring to get it out he made it yelp. Defendant came out of the church and almost immediately discharged a firearm. The rector took hold of the man whereupon he flourished a stick. When near the church gates the defendant fell over and refused to move. The rector sent for the police. The man said he had the revolver to frighten away sparrow from the corn he had been threshing. He was fined £2.

1900 11 21
Opportunity improvements, p2

1900 11 22
The Cambridge Coroner opened an enquiry at the Blackbirds public house, East Road, Cambridge into the circumstances of the death of an East Road shopkeeper and her three children who were found lying on the bed in their front upstairs room with their throats cut. She had appeared perfectly sane and was reported not to have financial problems but was very much troubled about her husband leaving her. She was very fond of her children and was a good mother. A lodger said he had come downstairs but found no breakfast ready. He had knocked on her door and got no answer. He had looked into the room, seen the bodies and sent for the police.

1900 11 22
Four boys were charged with wholesale housebreaking and robbery. Detective Marsh said numerous complaints were received of till robberies. Two of the boys had been lodging with their parents at the Victoria Lodging House. One, whose father got his living by begging, had admitted breaking into four other houses in addition with those for which he was charged. Another had received 12 strokes with the birch rod for housebreaking in Oxford.

Reprieve Haverhill murderer, p2

1900 11 23
Fire broke out at the rear of the premises of Messrs Laurie & McConnal, Fitzroy Street, Cambridge. An employee noticed smoke coming from stacks of brooms, a bag of feathers, a stock of confetti and other material in the cellar. The staff of the firm set to work to extinguish the blaze and by dint of the application of water from a line of buckets and from a hose attached to the water tap, the fire was practically extinguished before the arrival of the fire brigade. It is surmised that a match was dropped down the lift hole by a passer-by, and so caused the outbreak.

1900 11 24
Cambridge tragedy, p3

1900 11 26
On Saturday the Inns of Court Mounted Infantry joined the Cambridge University Rifles in a field day on the Newmarket Road. The tactical scheme presumed that a convoy from Newmarket was desirous of entering Cambridge along the main road through Quy and south of Fen Ditton. The CURV were told to attack, capture, hamper or destroy this convoy. Most interesting operations followed with cyclists, horsemen and infantry all fully employed. As dusk set in the convoy seized its opportunity and slipped past. The public schools and town and local corps were unable to attend at the last moment as their rifles had been called in for Government inspection.

Memorial C. Forester, p3

1900 11 27
Cambridge House settlement, p2

1900 11 28
The annual meeting of the Cambridge Female Refuge heard that 28 girls had been admitted to the house. Of these five had left for service, one promoted to laundry-maid and two had been taken home by their parents. Though some of the girls had given trouble at first after leaving the home, they had in the end settled down to steady work and show that the lessons learned there had not be forgotten. One noticeable feature was the number of girls who have been confirmed – no less than eight – after careful preparation by the chaplain.

1900 11 28
An Inspector of the Local Government Board held an inquiry at Cambridge Guildhall with reference to the application of the Town Council to borrow £15,500 for the provision of a new cemetery at a spot near Fen Ditton. Dr Cooper said there was a good deal of talk and it was of the utmost importance to the inhabitants that the formation of the new cemetery would not in the slightest degree be of risk to the purity of the water supply of the town. # c.27.2

1900 11 29
Undergraduate memento, p2
Gamlingay publican, p3

1900 11 30
Cottenham fire, p4

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1900 12 01
Property sale, p2
Haverhill shivering horse

1900 12 03
A sad fatality happened on the railway near Black Bank Station, the victim being a farmer who was well known in the district. Earlier in the day he transacted business at Ely, returning in a friend's cart. Later in the evening he joined a number of his friends at the Railway Tavern near the station, parting company with them to go to his house in the Second Drove. He did not arrive home. In the morning the driver of a train called out that there was a dead man laying on the metals with his legs severed.

1900 12 03
The earnest and untiring efforts of Mr William Parker, late secretary of the Salisbury Working Men's Club, Cambridge, were recognised when he was presented with a beautiful marble clock and an illuminated address. In his thanks Mr Parker referred to the dastardly attack on the Conservative candidate in benighted Cottenham. It showed there was work to be done in reclaiming or bringing into the bounds of civilisation such people as those who lived in Cottenham

1900 12 03
Sir – no one who takes the trouble to make even a cursory inspection of the unlovely mass of bricks and timber in Ram Yard, Cambridge, can fail to see that its removal would be a matter of little inconvenience to a very few residents. Several of the buildings show no sign of occupation by night – there is one of two storeys which is occupied as a shoemaker's workroom. Another gloomy pile, now unoccupied, was, I believe, a blacksmith's shop. The whole block is uniformly hideous and obstructive. No one has a good word to say for it – V.S.N.

1900 12 04
The Cambridge Café. Tea and coffee fresh made for each customer. Unrivalled specialities. Cakes, ices, gingerbread, fancy goods and sweets. Accommodation for cyclists. S.J. Freeman, Silver Street, Cambridge - advert

1900 12 04
At a meeting of the Haverhill Magistrates the surveyor of the Bumpstead Rural District Council was brought up on remand charged with making false entries in the cash and wages book for work on the roads. A labourer said he worked for a farmer for eight weeks and during that time he did no work on the roads at all and received no money for working on the roads during that time. But the wages book showed alleged payments to him of 12s a week. Similar charges were made in connection with the Clare Rural District Council

1900 12 04
An undergraduate was summoned for keeping a dog without a licence. Detective Wright stated he called on the defendant and asked if he had exhibited a dog in the Corn Exchange. The student replied in the affirmative and added that he had not got the dog now, as he only had it for the purposes of the show and as soon as it was over he sent the animal away again. He produced a statement showing the dog was licensed by his father. The case was dismissed.

1900 12 05
Cottenham ploughing match, p3

1900 12 06
Of all the memorable occasions which have gathered together the populace to the mother church of the diocese surely one of the greatest and noblest on record must be the memorial service for those who have fallen in South Africa. The Precentor read the painfully long list of those who had been killed in action or died of disease during the war including Charles Hemmings, Robert Holland, William Johnson, Henry Norman & George Pomeroy, (the Ely Volunteers standing during the time).

1900 12 07
Ram Yard, p3

1900 12 08
Stapleford fracas, p2
Ram Yard, p3 *

1900 12 10
An accident occurred at Witchford whereby a boy was killed. The deceased accompanied a yardman with a water cart for the purpose of getting a supply of water at the end of the village. This having been accomplished, the return journey was commenced. On the way, the lad, who was eight years old, fell off the heavily-weighted cart and one of the wheels passed over his head. When he was picked up it was found that he was dead.

St Bene't's church, p2
Ely Boer War memorial, p3 *

1900 12 11
The Exchange Toilet Saloon, Corn Exchange Street, Cambridge. The above establishment, which is extensively patronised by members of the University, Town and County, has recently been considerably enlarged and will be found replete with all the latest and most approved appliances for carrying on a business of this kind, including a continuous supply of both hold and cold water. Ladies' combings bought, and a good assortment of tails always on sale. Combings made up. Umbrellas re-covered and repaired. Advert.

ottisham bikes, p2

1900 12 12
Ely Council's surveyor reported he had visited several house in Fieldside and Cambridge Road where overcrowding existed. At one house two adults and five children (including a boy aged 14) dwelt in one chamber, which was divided by a very thin partition. In another there were two adults and five children in one chamber. In West-end there was a large undrained yard tenanted by a man, where cows and pigs were kept and a nuisance notices was ordered to be served.

1900 12 14
Sweeping paths, p3

1900 12 17
Most of the Cambridge pressmen assembled to do honour to one of their number, Mr Charles Kent, who after a 12 years' service with the 'Cambridge Chronicle' as editor, is shortly to sever his connection with Cambridge journalism. Time was when one journalist fraternising with another of a rival paper was suspected of disloyalty to his own paper. All that had passed away and journalists could now meet on the most friendly terms and still be whole-heartedly loyal to their own papers. In bringing about this spirit Mr Kent had done a great deal. He was presented with an illuminated address. # c.04

Christmas at shops

1900 12 18
At Melbourn Petty Sessions the Bench granted the transfer of the licenses of the Railway Tavern, Meldreth, from Mrs Clarke to Fred Ely; that of the Fox, Gt Eversden, from George Desborough to Joseph Charteris; and that of the Wagon and Horses, Haslingfield, from James Clarke to Henry Charles Carter.

Cambridge & Xmas holidays, p2
Xmas at shops, p3

1900 12 18
Private T.G. Elborn was invalided home from South Africa. He had not been wounded but unfortunately had a very severe attack of dysentery and rheumatic fever. Hence he was sent to the hospital, and was so ill that he was obliged to be sent home. He said he did not give in until he was absolutely forced to do so, but then he went down like a log. He got as far as Middeleburg, about 12 miles further than Pretoria and that was 'a jolly sight further' than some of the Volunteer companies got. He was very pleased to say that not one of the Cambridge boys was dead, and that was a record, but he heard that one of the 'Varsity section was dead. Private King of Saffron Walden died at Netley.

1900 12 20
Cambridge Town Council invited applications for the post of Town Crier, at a salary of £20 per annum, with allowance for delivering and posting handbills, and uniforms to be provided. The crier might be a little out of date, but he was a picturesque figure. Three candidates were interviewed and asked to read one of the Proclamations used at Midsummer Fair. The committee strongly recommended that Henry James Thompson, of Perowne Street, be elected. # c.39

1900 12 20
Mr Whibley told Cambridge Commons Committee that the time had now arrived when they should keep cattle off the west part of Midsummer Common. There was the question of the right of stock owners but the profits of a few ought not to stand in the way of the health and pleasure of the many. They were rapidly outgrowing Parker's Piece and they might lay this part of the Common out for football, hockey and other things. The Chairman said he would be pleased to find that portion of the common turned entirely into a recreation ground.

1900 12 21
A middle-aged labourer employed at the New Police Station buildings, St Andrew's Street, Cambridge, met with an accident. He was on the top scaffold, shifting roof principals. In doing so he tumbled off the platform and fell a distance of 18 feet to the next floor, breaking his jaw.

1900 12 22
A serious fire occurred on the premises of Messrs Coulson & Co., drapers at Peas Hill, Cambridge, and the flames were not extinguished until the entire stock of goods in the shop were completely destroyed. Captain Greef of the Fire Brigade arrived as did 14 firemen and nearly a dozen constables. The fronts of the shop were much damaged. The cause of the fire is attributed to the overturning of one of the incandescent burners in the shop window. # c.34.75

1900 12 22
Holmes, porter Trinity, was reminiscences, p3

1900 12 24
A Corporation employee descended beneath the surface of the road in St Andrew's Street, Cambridge, with a candle in his hand and approached the gas main running under the tramlines. This pipe contained a leakage, and a quantity of gap was escaping. The flames of the candle caused the escaped gap to explode and flames shot up out of the cavity in an alarming manner. The employee arrived at the surface little the worse for his experience. Traffic was suspended for some time until the leakage was repaired.

Mineral water van horse

1900 12 27
The Union Workhouse at Caxton, an institution which is unique for the advanced ages attained by its inmates, celebrated Christmastide in true festive style. To many a grateful old man and woman who lot has been so cast Caxton workhouse spells 'home' and the cheery demeanour of many bore undeniable testimony to the unremitting care and attention which is bestowed upon them. A number of the inmates are confined to their beds but making a tour through the spick and span wards one could not but be struck with the effort that was being put forward by thoughtful officials on behalf of the helpless

Guildhall mishap
Coursing meeting, p3 *
St Ives Ladysmith hero, p3

1900 12 28
Christmas post,

1900 12 29
Swavesey laudanum *

1900 12 31
Baker's Arms, Shelley Row, p2

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1901 01 01
All over the country people keep up the practice of watching the Old Year out and the New Year in, but Cambridge is probably unique in the sending up of rockets. Mr Alderman Deck has religiously observed the practice inaugurated by his father and the townspeople are grateful to him for it. Hundreds of people gathered on King's Parade. The two rockets were placed in a crate and just as King's clock was striking the midnight hour the venerable Alderman applied a light to one of the rockets and with its flight was symbolised the flight of 1900. A few moments later the second rocket was sent up, heralding the birth of the New Year and the New Century.

1901 01 01
A great sensation was caused at Baldock when it became known that a woman had committed suicide by jumping down a well. Her husband said he had awoken and thought he could detect something burning. As his wife was closest to the door she said she would go down. After being absent for about two minutes he became alarmed. He found the house was empty and the back door open and immediately heard a scream. He rushed outdoors and proceeded to the well. Finding the lid open he let down a lantern but could not see any trace of her. A well sinker was let down in a bucket & recovered the body.

1901 01 01
The Cambridge Medical Officer of Health reported on the recent outbreak of diphtheria. He had inspected Park Street School and could find no cause for complaint except as to the odours arising from a cesspool. Alderman Dalton said the present school might be perfectly healthy as workshops, or a Sunday School or an evening institute. There was a great difference between children assembling for a couple of hours in one day of the week and living in the place the whole of their time. The question should be decided whether the school should be carried on under the present unsatisfactory conditions or whether new buildings should be erected.

1901 01 01 c
The observations of certain phenomena on the planet Mars has created considerable interest in the astronomical world. All sorts of suppositions have been advanced to explain what was thought to be a possible attempt by the inhabitants of that planet to communicate with this world. Monsieur Flammarion of Paris has proved to his own mind that Mars is inhabited and possessed of a high degree of civilisation but is forced to admit that "our humanity is hardly ready for their trials, which are a little above its ordinary comprehension".

1901 01 02
The number of scholars of the Sunday School connected with Sturton Street Primitive Methodist Chapel, Cambridge, has outgrown the accommodation to such an extent that it has been found necessary to extend the premises by adding a new wing at the rear, with a kitchen and offices. Work will also be taken to reseat the chapel, matchboard and ceiling and renovate the walls. The first stone was laid by Mr W.G. Pike, Mr A.W. Endersby laid the second and the Rev W.M. Batterbee the third.

1901 01 03
The visit of a 'ghost' to the cottages of Steeple Morden, known as 'Moco' and occupied by a gamekeeper and his wife and a shepherd, has caused a great sensation in the village. A fortnight ago the gamekeeper heard strange noises, as from a person in agony, emanate from the party wall. He then heard a thud and the firing of a gun in one corner of their room. It is stated that one if not two murders were perpetrated at this place many years ago.

1901 01 05
Fen floods, p3

1901 01 07
Prospects of early skating are splendid, and unless there is an immediate change the exhilarating pastime will be indulged in tomorrow at the Littleport rendezvous. Swavesey is also flooded and will soon bear. Whether the National Skating Association will decide to hold the Championships there or at Littleport is not yet known. There is much to recommend both places, but whereas they lack length of a proper course at Littleport, the arrangements for racing are almost perfect.

1901 01 09
No provision has been made in Cambridgeshire for the application of the Inebriates Act. This enables magistrates to deal with persons who have been frequently convicted of drunkenness by sending them to a home and is based on the view that habitual drunkenness is to a large extend a disease. It recognises the indubitable fact that for the curing of the drink habit short spells of imprisonment have proved ineffectual... Cambridge town and county are remarkably free from the habitual drunkard and yet cases arise every now and then from which an Inebriates Home would be advantageous. There is no home to send them. Cambridge has not the material to keep up an inebriate home, but East Anglia has. The advantages of conjoint action are apparent.

1901 01 09
At West Suffolk Quarter Sessions the surveyor of Clare Rural District Council was indicted for making false entries in a wages book. His duty was to survey the highways and see that the various labourers employed were paid their wages. In three instances, in the case of two men at Withersfield and one at Great Thurlow prisoner had made entries for work done and money payable when, as a matter of fact,, no work was done and the labourers never existed upon earth. The money did not enter the pockets of the mythical workers but the prisoner's himself.

1901 01 09 c
Quite a sensation was caused in Fordham by the news that the dead body of a young man had been found near a stack on land adjoining a road on the outskirts of the village, along which many people must have passed. The landlady of the Red Lion Inn said she knew deceased as a customer. They took him for a tramp and he hardly spoke all the time he was in the house. He was sitting about for some time with his head on his arms as though sleeping, but was not the worse for drink. Deceased worked as a labourer on the sewerage works at Exning and was in the habit of sleeping out; he had been a rather rough character.

1901 01 09
Mr Luddington said that people might think Littleport was a plague-infested place – (Mr Cutlack: So it is). There was nothing to prevent typhoid germs floating down the river from Ely, while the fen engines were constantly pouring in water that was impure. There was the flood time and the time when the reeds were cut and allowed to lie in the water and stink. Let them look up the river that day and ask themselves if the water was fit to drink.

Cambridge Good Samaritan Society, p3 *

1901 01 10
Ashley drainage, p3

1901 01 11
Cambridge Free Library, p2

1901 01 15
St Ives fatality p3 *

1901 01 16
The wedding of George Colchester will long be remembered by the employees of Messrs Colchester and Ball, chemical manufacturers, of Burwell, who all had a half-day's holiday to celebrate the occasion. All the men, numbering about 85, employed at the Chemical Manure Works, Brickworks and Farm were entertained to dinner at the Anchor Inn. A generous repast, consisting of good English fare was served. James Fabin, the oldest employee, having seen 45 years' service gave an account of the great progress since he worked for Mr Thomas T. Ball who started the Manure Works.

Royston bike theft p3

1901 01 17
The Cambridge British Schools removed to handsome and commodious premises in Auckland Road abutting on Midsummer Common – an exceeding pleasant site where there is plenty of light and fresh air. The common will in summer afford an excellent playground for the boys and a playground for the girls and infants is laid out within the confines of the school premises. Accommodation is provided for 706 scholars and the school is already all but full. Hitherto the scholars have been educated at schools in Fitzroy Street but these buildings have become antiquated

1901 01 17
For some time the Cambridge Borough Surveyor had hired a wharf in the L.N.W.R. railway yard, principally for the purposes of stone breaking. The rent had been £2 but the Company now proposed to increase it to £3 per annum. The surveyor considered it would be advantageous to continue the tenancy.

1901 01 18
A Littleport parish meeting was held to consider the matter of the water supply attracted a large assembly. The clerk reported on three schemes – an independent supply from Beck Row, a supply from the River Lark, and a supply from Ely. Without the proposed reservoir and the fire hydrants the work could be carried out for £5,000. It was for the meeting to decide whether to have water for a favoured few or go to the whole parish. Most of the cases of typhoid had occurred against the drain that came down Black Bank, but there were some cases at Red Cow Drove.

1901 01 19
Owing to the appointment of Miss Annie Gowers from the infants' to the girls' department of the Haverhill Board School a considerable amount of friction has been caused between certain members of the staff and the Board. Four teachers inserted a notice in a local paper that the Board considered as being of a most impertinent and insubordinate character. They have requested the teachers to send an ample and full apology, in default of which to send in their resignations.

1901 01 22
Queen Victoria death

1901 01 23
The melancholy news, which everyone knew could not be long delayed, of the death of Queen Victoria, was received in Cambridge in this brief announcement: - "The Queen passed away at 6.30". The Cambridge Daily News gave publicity to the melancholy event to those who in Cambridge were waiting with anxiety for the latest intelligence, and almost immediately telegrams were posted at the University Union Society and at the Guildhall. The tolling of bells at many of the churches and college chapels also served to spread the sad news and this morning the borough bore a complete aspect of mourning for the loss of our beloved Queen. Royal Standards are flying half-mast and black ties and other emblems of mourning are being worn by members of the University and the townsmen
c.02

1901 01 23
On learning of the decease of the Queen the bell-ringers of All Saints' and St Mary's churches, Newmarket, rang a muffled peal. At Saffron Walden the news caused the profoundest regret amongst the inhabitants. Union Jacks were at half-mast at the Town Hall, the Conservative Club and the Volunteer headquarters and the tenor bell at the church was tolled. Many were the expressions of sorrow and regret in Haverhill; as early as possible a muffled peal was rung at the parish church and flags in all available parts of the town were rung to half-mast. The Raiders' (Tennis Club) Dance on Friday has been indefinitely postponed.

1901 01 24
Royston workhouse burning, p2
Holywell Road, p2
Haverhill walk, p3

1901 01 25
With the solemnities and ceremonies accustomed on like occasions, His Majesty King Edward VII was proclaimed by the University of Cambridge in succession to Victoria, the Well-Beloved. This morning, while the minute bell was mournfully tolling, while black shutters were up at almost every shop window and flags were at half-mast, crowds of scarlet-robed Doctors, sedate Dons and vivacious undergraduates were hurrying towards the Senate House to take part in the ceremony of a lifetime – to proclaim Edward VII King .# c.02

Saffron Walden proclamation

1901 01 26
Amid every sign of loyalty and with great enthusiasm, Cambridge publicly and impressively proclaimed King Edward VII. The unusual attraction naturally brought a vast crowd together, winding their way to the Guildhall which was accessible to all who presented themselves for admission and the building was soon crowded with a throng of sightseers, the majority being in deep mourning.

1901 01 28
At the various places of worship in Cambridgeshire references were made on Sunday to the death of the Queen. Special memorial services were held by the Salvation Army at Sturton Town Hall which were of a most impressive and solemn character. The hall was well filled, many present being deeply touched. At the close the band played the Dead March, the whole congregation standing in respectful homage.

1901 01 29
Mr Cattrall said he was very sorry to find Newmarket behind other places as far as the churches were concerned. He understood that both All Saints' and St Mary's churches had neglected to drape on Sunday to mark the death of Queen Victoria. Why, even in Ireland, they did so, and every denomination, including the chapels in the town, had not failed in that respect. Mr Ellis said All Saints had been decorated for Christmas and the question was whether the death of the Queen should displace that.

Queen – Ely, p3

1901 01 29
Few spots in and around Cambridge have become more notorious for the number of fatalities which they yield than the vicinity of Barnwell Junction and the stretch of line between that point and the level crossing on the Chesterton side of the railway bridge which spans the Cam. And probably nothing has ever surpassed in ghastliness the gruesome discovery made there during the early hours of Tuesday morning. The unfortunate victim was a telegraph linesman.

1901 01 30
The proclamation of Edward VII as King was read in front of the Town Hall, Saffron Walden in the presence of a vast crowd of townsfolk, augmented by many people from the surrounding parishes. The members of the Town Council, having robed, proceeded to a platform in front of the hall. Bugler A.J. Badman sounded the fanfare, after which the Town Crier called for silence for the Major. The town clerk read the proclamation, & the Town Band played 'God save the King' after which the crow sang a verse of the National Anthem with much heartiness. The Mayor then called for three cheers for the King, which were lustily given.

February 1901 CDN

1901 02 01
Great excitement was occasioned in the neighbourhood of Burleigh Street, Cambridge, by an outbreak of fire on the premises of Messrs Prime & Sons, the well-known firm of builders. The alarm quickly spread and only a few minutes elapsed before a tremendous crow of people had assembled to watch the progress of events. It was obvious that the efforts of the firemen and police were somewhat hampered by the increasing density of the large throng of onlookers. The conflagration soon illuminated the whole of the district, the flames hovering above the housetops in alarming brilliance.

1901 02 04
Shocking scene at funeral, p3
Victoria memorial services, p3 *

1901 02 05
There was an extraordinary scene at Gamlingay church. Mr Kensit and two Wickcliffe preachers occupied a pew immediately in front of the rood screen. Everything went on quietly until the point in the service where the bread and wine are blessed and on the vicar raising the same and bowing a cry of "blasphemy" rang though the church. Then the three objectors quietly stood up in their places. Mr Kensit said: "As a loyal Churchman I protest against this service. This is blasphemous". In a moment the church was in uproar. Men ran from the choir stalls and surrounded the protestors. They left the church followed by two-thirds of the congregation.

1901 02 06
Mr Archer remarked that Ely was somewhat behind in expressing their loyalty to the new King. It would be rather a slur if it were the only county which did not make a proclamation. The High Sheriff had said the thought Wisbech was the capital of the Isle. (Cries of "No, no"). It was the wish of the people of Ely that he come down and cause a proclamation to be made

Kensit crusade, Gamlingay

1901 02 08
A great concourse of people assembled at the Clock Tower, Newmarket to hear the King proclaimed. From the steps leading to the drinking fountain of the tower and stretching out some eight or ten feet, a platform had been erected, and was covered with Royal purple baize. The front was hung with the Union Jack. Children from the three Newmarket day schools and those from Exning marched up the High Street and were arranged in the form of a V, facing the platform.

1901 02 08
The ceremony of proclaiming King Edward VII was carried out at Ely. The High Sheriff in his official uniform read the Proclamation from the steps of the Shire Hall and a procession then marched along High Street to the Market Hill where thousands of people were congregated to hear the Proclamation again read. Every point of vantage was seized upon and it was refreshing to see the much-maligned Jubilee fountain proved to be a useful stand for sightseers.

1901 02 08
Sir: The directors of the New Theatre have under consideration plans for doing away with what has most undoubtedly been a great discomfort. We refer to the fact that we have not had enough space for men to smoke in between the acts. The rooms provided are too small and, as a consequence, the undergraduates smoke in the passages, the smoke pervades the house and the ladies are, in many cases, deterred from coming – T. Hyde Hills

New Street school opening, p3 # c.36.5

1901 02 12
As we tread the borders of the 20th century we wonder whether the people of the year 2001 will find the railway train be a thing of the past because they are using flying machines as a means of locomotion. Will the fact of sending a message along a wire be deemed romantic at that period or will the telegraph appear to them as old fashioned and romantic as the first efforts of telegraphy by means of wooden arms do to us. The romance of looking forward is to us not to be compared with that of looking back.

1901 02 14
Haddenham Parish Council passed a resolution: "That the County Council be asked to rebuild Aldreth Bridge at as early a date as possible, as the lack of accommodation is an inconvenience and loss to the parish". However it was not only a question of re-building the bridge but of making the roads on either side. They were in a very unsatisfactory state and unless these were repaired the bridge would be perfectly useless except in summer. Chesterton Council said they would not repair the roads and there was a strong feeling that Ely RDC would not repair them on their side.

1901 02 15
Sir: It has been brought to our notice that certain disparaging remarks were made at an Ely council meeting re the reception of the Ely Volunteers on our return from South Africa. We were very sorry and indignant to hear of the sneers and remarks made. When Mr Norman returns from a patrol up Cambridge Road does he require a band? We came out here to fight for our country and never hoped for or wanted an official reception. The only reception we want, and the best we can have, is that we are sure to receive from the dear ones we have left behind. – Ptes A. Barnard, S. Chapman, C. Cullum & A. Richardson, South Africa

Ely International Stores plan, p2

1901 02 16
An inquiry was held at Littleport on provision for a new burial ground. There was now only room for 20 grave spaces and the Parish Council had decided to purchase a piece of ground known as Dove House Close which adjoined the present cemetery. It was rather near to houses, but they had obtained the sanction of the householders and occupiers. The estimated cost was £1,500.

1901 02 18
An outbreak of fire occurred at the works of the Cambridge Brick Company, situated between Coldham's Lane and Newmarket Road on the outskirts of the densely populated district of Barnwell. The fire attracted large crowds and the flames, aided by a gentle breeze, spread rapidly, soon mounting in the air a distance of about a hundred feet. In just over two hours everything had yielded to the flames and all that remained was the damaged and broken parts of the valuable machinery. Fortunately the conflagration was confined to the corrugated iron roofed wooden building covering the machinery or the entire works could easily scarcely have escaped destruction. # c.23 # c.34.75

1901 02 19
Sir – the new Vicar of Gt Eversden belongs to the English Church Union and the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament. He mixes ceremonially water with wine, wears sacrificial vestments and burns

candles in daylight. This is pure, unadulterated Romanism. These practices were declared illegal by the Queen's Courts – Secretary, Protestant Press Agency, London.

1901 02 20
An Epson woman told the court she had entered service as upper housemaid to the Vicar of Wicken and the agreement was that she should receive £24 a year. She was turned out of her situation. No reason was given for sending her away. She was paid no wages and told she would have none. The Vicar said she had declined to do what was asked, which was to fetch coal. His Honour said that even if there was impudence, there must be a month's notice given & gave judgement for the plaintiff.

1901 02 21
West Wratting parish council complained of the draughty state of the school, owing to the windows always being kept open, whereby the children are constantly taking cold. The Vicar replied that, as one of the school managers, he is ever ready to listen to parents, or even to the schoolchildren, but the parish council should mind its own business. The council is neither a father nor a mother, nor, he is sorry to think, even a school child, though this is a pity as it is still young & has yet much to learn. The council was quite at liberty to publish his letter with their own impertinent letter to which it is a reply.

1901 02 21
The report of the Cambridge Volunteer Fire Brigade shows the number of calls received during the year was 20. Nine were received at the central station through the street fire alarms, two through the National Telephone Exchange system, eight by ordinary messengers and one by police constables. Senior fireman Fuller, having served upwards of 17 years has been made an honorary member, with permission to retrain his uniform.

Skating fatality, p2

1901 02 21
Sir – it is reported that Mr Richard Parsons stated that I, the Rector of Elsworth, "refused to hold a memorial service on the occasion of the death of the Queen". Such a statement is not the fact. My people are confined almost solely to the labouring classes, and I therefore gave out that the memorial service would take place on Sunday morning. The service was well attended. Mr Parsons is not a member of the church, but of the Baptist Chapel here – H.K. Hutchinson, rector.

1901 02 23
The annual social evening of members of the Newmarket Jockey Club Owners' and Trainers' Fire Brigade was held at Brigade headquarters. The brigade was as efficient as any in the kingdom and there were plenty of men ready to enter. No men were so hampered at work by people who were without the necessary knowledge of how best to help as were the members of a Fire Brigade, and it was there that the police came in, for they assisted by holding in check such well-intentioned, but too-often unskilled helpers.

1901 02 26
During the past year two thirds of the water supply to Saffron Walden has been provided from the new bored well. The council has accepted tenders for the supply of a Worthington pump, rendering a breakdown nearly impossible and giving a plentiful supply of pure water, sufficient for their requirements for some years to come. The South Essex Water Board's plan to abstract water would entirely dry up some of the springs and streams feeding the river Cam and petitions had been presented opposing them.

1901 02 27
Mildenhall cellar fall, p3

1901 02 28

Mr J. Buckenham, surgeon, public vaccinator for Cambridge, said he visited a house in Cockburn Street and offered to vaccinate the child, but the mother declined to allow him to do so. Her husband had a brother who died through vaccination and she was strongly against it. She was fined 10s.

1901 02 28
An outbreak of fire broke out at the Kennels of the Puckeridge Hunt, situate at the residence of the Master at Brent Pelham Hall. The alarm was quickly given and the Fire Brigades at Bishop Stortford and Buntingford were telegraphed for. In the meantime men liberated some 16 couples of hounds and whelps, some had to be literally carried out of the burning buildings. Onlookers attempted to stay the fire with buckets of water but the building was totally destroyed.

Gamlingay Protestant crusade, p2 *

March 1901 CDN

1901 03 01
Chesterton Urban District Council met with the owner of the land hitherto used as allotment ground and others concerned in the development of the estate for building purposes and the making of the necessary roads. They had achieved one of the greatest possible improvements that had been effected in Chesterton in their time. The public must trust their representatives, with their fuller knowledge, to do what was right. The council approved the making of a path from Aylestone Road to Ferry Path, and the continuation and widening of Montague Road from Kimberley Road to Pretoria Road. One row of houses would have their back gardens towards Ferry Path. It was impossible to consider a 36-ft roadway because there would never be a carriage bridge as it was near Victoria Bridge, but it was suggested that a row of trees be planted to mitigate the unsightliness to the occupiers.

1901 03 04
The Cambridge University Volunteer Corps joined in a large gathering of troops at Hertford for a series of tactical manoeuvres in connection with the Metropolitan Volunteers, Public Schools and Hertford Corps. They paraded some 300 strong in the grounds of Downing College and marched to the station. The special idea was the seizure and holding of the bridges and ferries of the River Beane by an Eastern Force against all attacks from an enemy. After the manoeuvres the Cambridge Corps had a race to catch their trains home after one of the toughest days they have ever experienced.

1901 03 05
There is good reason for believing that before long St Andrew's Street Baptist Chapel, Cambridge, will be materially renovated. The Police Station has gone, the Spinning House has followed suit and now the alterations of the last of the three pre-historic buildings are in contemplation. The Chapel is not exactly a thing of beauty and the removal of the present front in favour of one of greater architectural beauty will be a welcome contribution to the aesthetics of Cambridge. A committee has under consideration whether the present chapel should be "mended or ended". At any rate the present front must go.

1901 03 06
The inhabitants of Over have shown that they consider the Vicar's action in dismissing the headmaster of the National School unwarrantable. Mr Handley has held the post for nearly 24 years and has endeared himself to the parents of the children by his kindness. A meeting was called to protest over the action of the Vicar, but the solicitor of the National Union of Teachers having talked the whole question over with him the rev gentleman agreed to withdraw his notice of dismissal and give him Mr Handley a good testimonial.

1901 03 06
Mr J. Kensit, described as a Wycliffe preacher of London, was to have appeared before the Caxton Magistrates to answer a summons "that at Gamlingay church he was unlawfully guilty of riotous,

violent or insolent behaviour during the celebration of divine service and did molest and misuse the Rev William Crouch". Defendant did not appear and the case was adjourned.

1901 03 08
Miss W—of Regent Street, Cambridge was summoned for causing an obstruction by leaving some refuse tins in the street. P.C. Cole said he saw the tins outside her premises at 10.11 pm and they were still there at one o'clock the next morning. She said she placed the rubbish outside overnight because the scavenger came so early in the morning – 6.35am - before she was up. The Chief Constable said something had to be done to stop the practice of putting pails of rubbish out overnight. The defendant was cautioned and dismissed.

1901 03 11
A large field gathered with the Puckeridge hounds at the Red Lion, Reed. The recent heavy rains had converted the land into a perfect quagmire. A mangy fox was found in a field of green stuff near Therfield, and after a burst of a few minutes was pulled over. For the most part it was fitful hunting, the hounds several times being checked owing to the scent failing, although at times the pack ran extremely well and at great pace.

Reed hunt, p2 *

1901 03 12
Great regret will be expressed at the death of Sergeant Wm Edwards Bulman. At the end of 1899 he was a sturdy yeoman, robust in health, who volunteered to help his country through the South African trouble. On one occasion the order to retire had been given but he did not hear it and his men kept the Boers at bay until their last round of ammunition had been fired. Then they had to crawl away and regained the company in safety. He became a victim of enteric fever which caused his premature return and was without doubt the primary cause of death.

Kensit crusade, Gamlingay
Friends' Adult school, p3

1901 03 13
Presentations were made to the Rev Monsignor Scott, Rector of the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Cambridge, in recognition of his recent appointment by the Pope. The Bishop of Northampton presided over a large and influential attendance. The honour that had been conferred was that he was appointed domestic prelate of his Holiness, so certainly it was the action of the Holy Father himself who had deigned to look upon this poor diocese and kindly raised to a high degree the Vicar General. The conferring of the dignity of prelate did not imply he was leaving them. (Applause)

Failure Alex Wells, butcher, p3

1901 03 14
Mr Redfern, the managing director of the Cambridge New Theatre, having found difficulty in enforcing the regulation that no smoking should be permitted in the auditorium or public passage, applied to make certain structural alterations. They consist of the enlargement of the present smoking room on the first floor and provision of a new smoking room and bar on the ground floor. There were two bars already and the new one would appear in a remote corner

1901 03 18
Two new classrooms at the primitive Methodist Chapel, Sturton Street, Cambridge, were formally opened. The space available at the chapel for teaching the scholars on Sundays has long proved inadequate and the extra accommodation will furnish room for at least fifty persons and may be expected to meet the requirements for some time to come. The opportunity was also taken of entirely renovating the interior of the chapel itself, which has been furnished with new seats, and the ceiling covered with match-boarding. # c.83

Agricultural labour, p3 *

1901 03 19
Trinity College fire, p2

1901 03 20
A shocking accident occurred at the Panton Brewery, Cambridge, when one of the brewery employees lost his life. The man fell into the copper which contained a large quantity of boiling liquid and was frightfully scalded. He scrambled out as speedily as possible but even then it was seen that his injuries were so awful as to leave little hope of recovery. He died from shock the following morning.

1901 03 20
It is now nearly three years since the failure of Mr E.T. Hooley. In view of the magnificence with which he continues to enjoy life, inquiries have been made by a 'Daily Mail' representative. He has, besides his suite of rooms at Walsingham House, his two country estates, Papworth Hall and Risby Hall and pays wages to his servants, gardeners and grooms more than £6,000 annually. He has scores of gardeners at Papworth alone and is constantly adding to his estate. This princely bankrupt is not living at the rate of less than £15,000 yearly.

Horse injured in railway transit, p3 *

1901 03 21
At Caxton Petty Sessions the court was completely packed for the summons against John Kensit for brawling in Gamlingay church. He was away in Ireland assisting his father in a Protestant crusade and not able to be present in person. Defendant's solicitor objected to all the magistrates on the Bench on the grounds they were prejudiced and biased. They convicted Kensit on a charge of indecent behaviour and ordered him to pay a fine of £3

1901 03 22
A meeting to decide upon what steps should be taken should the five shillings rise in wages which the Newmarket stablemen are asking for not be given by the trainers was held in the Wagon and Horses Inn, Newmarket. Every candidate for admission was carefully scanned before he was allowed to enter and our reporter was only admitted on condition that the names of the speakers were not published. It was estimated that between 300 and 400 "lads" were present, and many more were unable to gain admission. The chairman said £1 a week was not a living wage in an expensive town. Even single men could not live properly. They should all stand out for their 25s.

1901 03 22 c
The Department of Trade reports that although snow and wet weather interfered in some districts with work on the land, such as ploughing, sowing and harrowing, generally speaking, agricultural labourers were well employed during February at such work as manure carting and spreading, hedging, ditching, threshing, wood cutting, road mending, looking after stock and assisting at lambing. In Huntingdonshire field work was generally carried on without much interruption. Agricultural labourers in Cambridgeshire were generally well employed and in the Royston Union a short supply is reported

1901 03 23
My commission was to go to the Guildhall and having duly observed both men and things to put down my impressions, without fear or favour. With feelings akin to awe I approached the Council precincts and entered the chamber where the elders of the town engaged in high debate. Comfortable and commodious it was evidently designed to render the labours of the councillors as pleasant as possible, with an air of quiet repose and dignity. I had hoped for some little show of stately ceremony, but shambling and shuffling were the order of the day and the meeting began as it ended in a spirit of haste and lack or orderliness.

1901 03 25
Cambridge may be justly congratulated on her County Councillors. The meeting was opened and conducted throughout in a very business-like & decorous manner. Good nature, a courtly yielding to others and a desire to be conciliatory seemed to be general. The language was decidedly moderate. Another noticeable feature is the large number of young men on the Council. Youthful spirits will go on working cheerfully instead of mournfully shaking their heads and eternally speaking of the "good old times

1901 03 25
The demand of the stablemen of Newmarket for an increase of 5s weekly upon their present wages was refused by the employers and between 500 and 600 of the men struck work. Only one trainer, Mr Robert Sherwood gave the 25s and in the evening a large body of employees of other stables marched to his house and cheered him again and again. All through Saturday police were drafted into the town. Pickets were sent out to various stables but at only one were men at work. Comparatively few horses were out at exercise, ridden by house lads and apprentices who are not affected by the strike.

1901 03 26
Clare constable, p2
Stablemen's strike, p3

1901 03 27
Cambridge police court is bright and lofty and admirably suited to its purpose. So strictly is order maintained that one might have heard the proverbial pin drop, although the crowd of onlookers was much larger than usual and drawn from the noisy section of the town. The case was one of 'hooliganism', the prosecutor having been assaulted to such an extent that "the blood flowed from his ears and nose and mouth like steam from an engine".

1901 03 28
Girton water supply, p3 *

1901 03 30
CDN presentation, p2
Prime bankruptcy, Barrington, p3

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1901 04 01
The Newmarket stable employees who are on strike held another meeting at the Waggon and Horses Inn at which 3-400 were present. A well-known trainer had suggested giving single lads 20s per week and married men 20s with the addition of 1s for each child, until a maximum of 25s was reached. The suggestion was absurd, they would accept nothing less than 25s unconditionally. Apprentices only received from 2s.6d. to 5s a week and their board and lodgings. Training was not a bad game. Look at the number of servants trainers had in their houses, the cigars they smoked, the wines they drank, and the way they lived generally.

Census, p3 *

1901 04 02
On Sunday morning the stable employees on strike at Newmarket met at the Jubilee Tower. There were just over 600 present. In a very orderly manner they divided into four sections and marched to churches. A more orderly or better-behaved procession was never seen in Newmarket and the officiating ministers expressed themselves very pleased with the behaviour of the men and youths and their attentive demeanour. After the services they reformed and marched to the Jubilee Tower, where they dismissed.

Elsworth death, p3

1901 04 02 c
Newmarket trainers held at meeting at the Rutland Arms Hotel, to consider the state of affairs. Some were strongly in favour of acceding to the men's requests but after an hour and a half's consultation a resolution was passed refusing to meet a deputation from the stablemen. The lads are incensed by the refusal of the trainers to discuss matters and unanimously determined to continue the strike until the wage demanded is conceded.

1901 04 03
The people of Cambridge were considerably astonished by the spectacle of a singular procession threading its way along the streets from the direction of the station. A band, a lamp borne aloft on a pole, a banner, and, following after, two or three carriages constituted an enigmatical state of things to nearly all except the Cambridge postmen and Cambridge Salvationists. These latter were welcoming from South Africa a soldier who is a member of the local Salvation Army and a postman – Lance Corporal J.W. Weeks.

Ely scarlet fever, p3

1901 04 04
Newmarket strike collapses

1901 04 06
The sudden conclusion of the strike of stablemen at Newmarket was undoubtedly due to the panic which seized a few of the strikers subsequent to the meeting of Tuesday. The consequence is that the trainers have been able to dictate their own terms, instead of having terms dictated to them. Many will give their employees £1.2s (£1.10) but others intend to give only £1. Probably 100 of the strikers have not been re-employed. The members of the strikers' committee have not been reinstated, undoubtedly due to a feeling among certain trainers that they were responsible for the strike.

1901 04 06
The special manoeuvres for cycling troops began on Good Friday. Frequent bright sunshine made the day a pleasant one for the riders traversing the Essex roads and it is to be regretted that the numbers participating have not proved so large as anticipated. The Home District Force's expected thousand cyclists have diminished by quite three hundred. The great purposes is to learn whether it is possible to employ with advantage cyclist troops in large bodies for the defence of the country, using them against the flanks and rear of an advancing enemy. The general idea is that an enemy landed at Aldeburgh has send forth a cycling forced reconnoitring towards London; while the Home Army has sent out a similar force towards the invaders to keep them in check whilst the ordinary troops are taking up their positions as a defending line. # c.45.4

Good Friday, p3

1901 04 06 c
"Here's to You" at the New Theatre, Cambridge, is a jolly fine revue which enables Miss Florrie Forde, the famous chorus singer to pay a return visit with some new work. Large audiences found it full of popular dance songs, clever skits and humour in abundance. Old memories were recalled in "She's a Lassie from Lancashire", "Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag" and "The Old Bull and Bush". Some excellent fun is provided by Mr Chesney Allen, Mr Bud Flanagan and Mr Roy Holgate. Mr Flanagan is an exceedingly capable comedian with a number of fresh ideas in the way of laughter making.

1901 04 08

Sir – In two hours on Saturday evening, with the aid of the efficient staff at the Central Library, two hundred books were exchanged – one every twenty-four seconds; taking back, making returns, finding fresh books and entering same in register and books. All this was done with a politeness and steadiness of deportment most commendable, Mr Pink jun. calling out in clear tones the numbers returned and those taken in place of them and his assistant staff, especially Mr Fenton proved themselves to be the right men in the right place. - One of the Crowd

Cyclists' manoeuvres, p3

1901 04 09
The circus in Auckland Road, Cambridge, reopened on Eastern Monday, Mr G.S. King having become the sole lessee for a year. Leonie Clarke's cats are the prime attraction. Cats of all sizes and colour go through a performance the like of which has never previously been seen in Cambridge. Rope and wire-walking and balancing are all done with consummate care and a fine specimen of the feline tribe descends from the top of the building by means of a parachute. Rats and mice feature largely in the performance. The animals do everything but talk. # c.76.2

1901 04 09
The atmospheric conditions in Cambridge on Easter Monday were on the whole delightful and the people made the most of the opportunities for outdoor amusement and recreation. There was an increase of traffic on the Great Eastern Railway. Excursions were run to Hunstanton, 50 persons leaving, and 70 went to Yarmouth, 20 to Cromer, 20 to Lowestoft and 150 to London by excursions that day. Another excursion brought 362 persons from London to Cambridge.

Cycling manoeuvres p4 & 10th p2

1901 04 10
The Baptist denomination at Histon celebrated the foundation stone laying of the new Sunday School. The old school building has for some time ceased to furnish adequate accommodation for the increasing number of scholars. The classrooms will accommodate about 500 scholars; it will be erected adjoining the chapel and the two buildings will be in architectural conformity. The estimated cost if £2,200 and of this £1,400 has already been promised by Messrs Chivers and Sons.

St Ives accident, p3

1901 04 11
Homecoming of Col McCalmont, MP, p3

1901 04 12
Kensit appeal, p3 & 13th p3

1901 04 13
Sir – the ill-advised strike of stablemen at Newmarket has resulted most deplorably for all who took part in it, and the consequences unfortunately, have told heavily on many who were persuaded against their better judgement into having anything to do with it. Myself and many other poor married men were almost intimidated into striking. On behalf of them, and the wives and children dependent on us, let me appeal to the merciful consideration of trainers. Such men ought to have first claim on their clemency when they re-engage stablemen for employment. As one of the strikers I dare not make my name public – Poor Married Stableman

1901 04 15
Haverhill cattle, p3

1901 04 16

The entertainment given by the Cambridge Pierrots attracted a fairly large audience and despite the fact they have now been before the public a considerable time their performances are always fresh, so extensive is their repertoire. There were songs for soprano & contralto, humorous and sentimental numbers, choruses and dances so as to avoid any suspicion of monotony. Miss L. Unwin gained a well-deserved encore for the song "Oh! Ebeneezer", sung with fine expression.

1901 04 17
A disastrous fire occurred at Soham vicarage. It is really in two parts, the old portion, used by the servants, being connected by a passage with the new wing in which the Rev J.C. Rust and his children were sleeping. The seat of the fire was in the old portion in a room used by the sons of the vicar as a carpenter's shop. The cook and the housemaid were awakened by stifling smoke and clad only in their night attire, climbed on the roof. Practically the whole of the old wing was gutted, the furniture as wells as the belongings of the servants being destroyed.

1901 04 18
Cambridge Council reported that in 1900 a meeting had been held with Emmanuel College as to the terms of exchange of the site of Emmanuel Street for a piece of ground to form a new street from St Andrews Street to Drummer Street. The existing street was the chief means of access to the centre of the town and carried a very considerable proportion of traffic with 1,030 cyclists on Saturday. The new road would be nearly 100 feet shorter and wider. Mr Campkin suggested the advantage would rest largely with the College.

1901 04 19
Varsity types by F. Rutter – Snob #
Kensit & Bishop of London, p4

1901 04 20
Varsity man by I. Allen, p3 #

1901 04 22
The village of Haddenham was the scene of a serious fire. Several persons observed a small flame issuing from the roof of a cottage – one of a block of three situated near Station Road. The flames spread with great rapidity and the village fire engine, of primitive character, being quite unable to cope, was wisely directed to the saving of adjoining property. The Ely Fire Brigade was summoned, but stopped before they left the city, the destruction of the cottages being complete.

Christ Church services, p2
Baldock nuisance, p3 *
Barton Mills fire, p3 *

1901 04 24
Messrs Nichols & Sons, grocers of Cambridge sued for the sum of £5 2s. for groceries – cherry jam and Scotch whisky, tinned herrings, boxes of biscuits and one frisk - supplied to an undergraduate. They contended that an undergraduate, under age, sent to Cambridge by his father had the latter's authority to procure all reasonable necessities and a tradesman had a right to expect that all reasonable debts would be made. Defendant said his son was told he was not to run into debt and had ample means – about £200 a year.

1901 04 26
Number two of Mr Frank Rutter's series of "Varsity Types" sketches is entitled 'The Economist'. The average undergraduate's idea of economy is about the last which would occur to any sane business man of the world & merely consists in owing instead of paying. This is indeed a deplorable state of affairs which many reflect on with sorrow – but if a tradesman deliberately sets himself to foster the credit system he must not be surprised if those who have yielded to his wiles occasionally land him with bad debts.

1901 04 26
The first Nonconformist building ever erected in Swaffham Bulbeck –a Free Church hall – was opened. For the best part of 50 years services have been held casually in various dwelling houses and clubrooms by laymen but there had been no central meeting place. The frame was part of the old Anatomical Schools, and was purchased for £50. Mr Stevens removed the building from Cambridge to its present site.

1901 04 26
The new church of St Mark, Newnham, built to supersede the structure that had done duty for so many years was consecrated by the Bishop of Ely. The Master of Corpus said that in the new church they had visible proof of the continuity of the Church of God and that the gates of hell should not prevail against them; it was a visible link in a long chain of God's claim on the adoration and service of mankind. # c.83

1901 04 27
An inquiry was held into the complaint that Swavesey R.D.C. had not properly maintained Holywell Ferry road as a bridle path and footway. As far back as 1840 it was used for pack horses and other traffic, and after that light trade carts went along. They had an undisputed right along this road. Now a doctor had said it was a considerable risk to his trap, and even his neck, that he drove down the road. The District Council formally took over the road in 1896

1901 04 30
Suicide Dr Perkins, Downing College, p3

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1901 05 01
"Ping-Pong was invented by Mr James Gibb, an old Cambridge athlete now living at Croydon. It was started one evening with champagne corks cut as nearly circular as possible, and the lids of cigar-boxes for battledores. Then he tried Indiarubber balls covered with cigarette paper to make them look very white but he was not satisfied and sent to America to have some celluloid balls made. Mr Gibb was one of the best all-round athletes of his day. The game he invented continues to rage virulently in society.

1901 05 02
The annual meeting of the Cambridge branch of the R.S.P.C.A. heard that all the local secretaries were ladies - they were usually more tender-hearted than men. Newmarket had no subscribers; there were a lot of wealthy people there, and they were generally very generous. The speaker referred to the common habit of stopping a tram a few yards before it would be stopped in the ordinary course, and said much unnecessary work was thus given to the horses. People who would be horrified at the idea of cruelty do this in order to save themselves walking a few yards.

George Grossmith and Cambridge, p2

1901 05 03
Mr Arthur Rutter, head of the Cambridge Estate Agency, is to be complimented. Registers of landed estates etc. are common enough but we believe the illustrated list he has just issued is the first of its kind. Preceding the thirty pages of "To be let or sold" are four pages, each containing five pictures of residences which he wishes to dispose of. The illustrations are excellently printed on art paper and the whole production is a credit to the agency. # c.06

1901 05 03
The new British Schools in Auckland Road, Cambridge were formally opened. The three departments – boys, girls and infants – are handsomely accommodated. Mr Alexander Peckover said education

was different now from what it was when he was a lad. Then it was a common thing for a mistress of the house to have to make up the washing list – (laughter) – because the housemaid could not do so. He was a banker and a good many of their clients could not even sign their own names. # c.36.5

1901 05 03
A large gathering of Post Office employees bade farewell to three of their number who have recently received appointments as telegraphists in South Africa. They might be sent to any part of an unsettled country and it was though an appropriate token of goodwill would be a weapon of self-defence. Accordingly three revolvers were purchased and presented to H. Emmerson, H. Winny and E.W. Gee. They hoped the only use they would have of them would be to hang them over the mantelpiece and look at them while they smoked.

1901 05 06
Today Cambridge formally recognises and honours the loyalty of her sons who have been at the war in South Africa. The arrival of the Volunteers at Cambridge Station was very quiet and orderly. There were no decorations but a barrier had been drawn across the platform & as time wore on the railway officials became more stringent as to whom they allowed within. There was excitement as a train was seen slowing steaming in with khaki-coloured arms and bronzed faces thrust out of the windows and in another minute the men were standing on the platform, after fifteen months' experience of war and travelling. # c.45.4

1901 05 07
Sanguine people imagined that the rejoicing for the return of the South African Volunteers would pass off quietly. A parental Corporation had taken the wise precaution to secure materials for a fine bonfire on Midsummer Common to prevent the destruction of property. This time it was a plan doomed to partial failure. The fire was comparatively short-lived and undergraduates found a wealth of additional fuel in King Street where a wooden hoarding was dragged off to the Common and triumphantly flung upon the bonfire. Policemen stood guard over the bandstand on Christ's Pieces. # c.36.93

1901 05 08
Willingham was the scene of a destructive fire. In High Street, near the church, was a substantial two-storeyed house and a shop occupied by Mr F.C. Watson who carried on the business of a grocer and provision merchant. These premises are now a complete ruin, burnt out as completely as any building could be. In place of the neat house and shop are piles of blackened and scorched debris.

1901 05 09
The late Mr William Weston was desirous of benefiting the poor of Fulbourn, but died before his plans were complete. His widow is having ten or twelve cottages in good repair conveyed to the rector and churchwardens as trustees for an ecclesiastical charity. It is needless to add that the poor people are most thankful for this kindness.

1901 05 09
The Mayor of Cambridge called a meeting to consider a memorial to Queen Victoria. The large hall of the Guildhall was prepared but there were scarcely a dozen people present and as they appeared lost in the hall, a move was made to the Aldermen's Parlour. The Mayor said it was a very great disappointment to him; he had written letters, placed advertisements and issued handbills. The memory of her Majesty would remain with all of her subjects but they wished for a visible memorial by which future generations might see how deeply Queen Victorian reigned in the lives and affections of her subjects.

Backache kidney pills, p4

1901 05 10
Butchers association, p2

Home to a wanderer, p3

1901 05 13
While playing about on East Road, Cambridge, a two-year-old child was knocked down by a tram horse and run over by the vehicles, sustaining such injuries that she succumbed shortly after. The tram driver said that when he first saw the child she was about a yard from his tram. He applied his brake immediately but it was impossible to stop the heavy car before reaching her. The wheel went over her thigh and she was fearfully mangled about her limbs and lower body

1901 05 13
By the sudden death of Dr John Perkins, senior fellow of Downing College, the University has lost one of its most brilliant, popular and eccentric dons and scholars. Lord Randolph Churchill used to declare that "Johnny knew more about Homer, humbugs and hunting than any man up at the 'Varsity". He was very tolerant of the little sins and escapades of all young men

1901 05 14
Prof Crocker's horses, p3

1901 05 15
Newmarket court – hare, p4

1901 05 16
Sale building land, p3

1901 05 16
A St Ives Inland Revenue officer was summoned for wilfully damaging a petition to the House of Commons against any alteration of the Coronation Oath. Mr Odams said he had produced the petition and allowed defendant to look at it. After doing so he refused to return it. The paper was returned sometime after with many erasures and marks thereon. George Smith, tailor, said his name was on the petition. Defendant came to him and tried to frighten him out of his signature. He was not surprised that some had taken off their names, as defendant was in such a way that it would frighten anyone

1901 05 16
Cambridge Fire Brigade Committee received a letter from the clerk to Trumpington Parish Council asking whether and on what terms the services of the brigade could be engaged in case of fire. Grantchester Parish Council accepted terms for the attendance of the brigade in that parish on condition that the charge for the number of men sent should be limited to the number required. # c.34.75

1900 05 17
Golf, p3 *

1901 05 20
The return of Privates M. Harper of Therfield and W. Sell of Royston from South Africa was the occasion of much enthusiasm. They were hardly given time to alight from the train ere they were seized and, headed by the Royston Military Band, carried shoulder high to the Armoury amid deafening rounds of cheering and shouting by the large concourse of spectators who had assembled to greet them. Private Harper's friends met him with a conveyance and very soon he boarded the trap and drove away amidst continuous cheering.

Smells, Market Hill, p2

1901 05 21
Sir – As a resident of Bateman Street, Cambridge, permit me to protest against the closing of the end adjoining Hills Road and converting it into a workman's yard. For more than a week we have had to

put up with hearing the men at work as early as six in the morning. One recognises that the work of preparing the foundation of Hills Road must be done somewhere but it would not require a genius of road-making to arrange that only one half of the street should be blocked at one time – M.A.

Tramps, lady cyclists, p2 *
Toft scholastic dispute, p3

1901 05 22
Parishioners of Toft and Caldecote were present at a meeting protesting against the dismissal of Miss Veall, the schoolmistress. In February the rector gave out Church Catechism books to the children and asked them to learn a certain portion as a home-lesson. Three of the books were returned by the parents who said they did not wish their children to learn it. Miss Veall returned the books to the Rector and told him what they had said. He accused her of inviting the parents not to learn the Catechism and the following day she received notice. Parents proposed starting a school in the Primitive Methodist Chapel

Paper in tatters
Angling society
Norman Bradley advert

1901 05 22 c
Sir – I learn with surprise that the starting of the proposed Cyclist Volunteer Company at Cambridge is "hung up" and may be abandoned owing to an insufficient number of names having been sent in. I hope we shall be able to prevent such a conspicuous admission of the want of patriotism on the part of Cambridge cyclists. We ought not to lag behind Bury St Edmunds where they are organising a company. Ten more names are wanted to make up the 75 required. – A Would-Be Cyclist Volunteer

1901 05 23
Barrington parish clerk reported that at the recent parish council election the stock owners obtained a majority on the council, only two of the old members being re-elected. He asked whether the fact of their pasturing their horses and stock on the green disqualifies them from serving, as their intention is to evade all the laws relating to the village green. The Enclosure Award states that the common shall be enjoyed by occupiers of cottages who are not owners of land within the parish. Any others shall forfeit 5s. (25p) for every horse, ass or mule, 3s (15p) for every head of neat cattle, 1s (5p) for every sheep or swine and 2d (1p) for every goose. Councillors must not manage the green for their own personal interests. There were 15 horses, besides other stock on the green.

1901 05 23 c
Guidice Gelsomnio, an Italian organ-grinder was summonsed for playing a musical instrument in Jesus Lane, Cambridge; as the defendant did not understand English an interpreter named Antonio Arpino was engaged. The occupier of Little Trinity, Mr James Herbert Taylor, said he asked him to desist playing within 100 yards of his house. Defendant gave up playing and went away. He was playing in Bridge Street in the evening. P.C. Evans measured the distance to be 75 yards. Defendant said he did not know how many yards it was from one house to another. He was fined 2s.6d.

1901 05 23 c
Messrs Bidwell, auctioneers, conducted a very successful sale of property in Wheeler Street and Parsons Court, Cambridge. Two shops with a dwelling house, being No.11 Peas Hill, sold for £2,050. Nos.1 & 2 Wheeler Street comprising a cabinet-makers shop, with dwelling house, and a harness maker's shop brought in £1,800 while a private house in Parsons Court was knocked down for £750

1901 05 28
Bank holiday, p2
Haverhill old folks rest. P4

1901 05 29
Cambridge was visited by a thunderstorm. The temperature of the air reached 83 degrees in the shade and was at its most oppressive about mid-day when indications of an approaching storm were observed but the flashes were never very vivid. Thick black clouds rolled up; peals of thunder were heard and lightning was visible in the town. A downpour of rain occurred for a short time but altogether a very meagre quantity sprinkled the parched ground.

1901 05 29
During one of the heaviest storms ever known at Bottisham a barn in the occupation of Mr C. Potter, general dealer, was struck by lightning and owing to the inflammable nature of the materials of which it was built, was in flames in an instant. There were in the barn a pony, two sows, seven other pigs, a cart and some dipping tackle; all these were destroyed. During the storm rain fell in torrents, which will be beneficial to the parched crops.

1901 05 31
Never has a battle been fought with more determination that that engaging the attention of the electorate in the Saffron Walden Division. That both parties were alive to a full day's work was evidenced by the number of vehicles of every description which were to be seen in the streets at an early hour. Among the Liberal conveyances were many from the north of England. Within the first hour 140 electors had recorded their votes. Polling clerks were busy between one and two when a number of mechanics "turned in".

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1901 06 03
"Knackeries", are places where diseased and other horses and cows are slaughtered. The common instrument used is the "pole-axe" which requires a large amount of practice to despatch an animal properly. Others resort to the gun, shot cartridges being preferable to bullets. The flesh is cut off the bones, boiled and sent to London for cats' meat, the fat is boiled down and sold for greasing carts and the bones ground into manure. Through all this work of killing, bleeding etc the sub-soil becomes saturated with the fluids which soon decompose and create a horrible stench

1901 06 04
Caxton pub, p3

1901 06 05
Sir – There is now in course of erection a new knackery in Coldham's Lane, Cambridge where some 300 horses can be slaughtered daily with improved appliances for their expeditious slaughter at a minimum amount of pain. To throw the expense upon the ratepayers of the erection of a public knackery, whereby individual enterprise is thwarted, should not be encouraged. The fact that there is already a thoroughly efficient slaughterhouse hardly warrants the expense of a new one being thrown upon the ratepayers – "Vigilant"

1901 06 05
A goodly number of citizens assembled at the presentation to the Ely Volunteers in recognition of their service in South Africa. A good English lever watch and a sum of money was presented to Chaplain Crookham, Corp Wilkinson, Trooper W. Long and Privates Barnard, Chapman, Richardson & Cullum. There were three more who they hoped would be coming home some day, viz Serg Rickwood & Troopers Ferris and Head. Their gifts would be reserved for them. These young men of the Empire had sprang spontaneously forward to offer their services & it was wonderful to see men occupied mostly in sedentary pursuits coming to the front with all the old spirit of their forefathers.

1901 06 07
Ice house damaged by fire, p4

1901 06 07 c
In court Mr E.T. Hooley said that at one time the Papworth Estate was his property. At the time of his "misfortunes" it was bought by friends of his for his wife for £65,000. The amount of his indebtedness at his bankruptcy was £1,087,000 which was reduced by the courts to under £300,000; his creditors had 2s. in the £. He now lived at Papworth in the same state & affluence as he did before. He had plans to buy the Caxton Gibbet public house and rebuilt it on the other side of the road on his own property which would be a distinct improvement

1901 06 10
After the rowing races at Ditton Corner & when the crush of small boats was at its height, a steam launch crowded with people endeavoured to force its way through the block of boats. Frantic endeavours were made to get out of its way but the launch crashed into a boat which contained two men, who were thrown into the river. Shouts from bystanders eventually brought the launch to a standstill but no effort was made to render any assistance. What would have been the results had the boat contained ladies. All launches should have a look-out man on the bow as it is impossible to see from the stern what is happening in front. # c.38 : rowing # c.26.3

1901 06 10
Newmarket's M.P., Col. H. McCalmont was welcomed home after 18 month's absence on active service in South Africa. In Upper Station Road hung a motto 51 feet in length with the words "Welcome Home". Crowds of people lined the side-walks and congregated in the Station Yard. The town band and engine of the Fire Brigade were drawn up near the platform. On the day of the election Mr C.D. Rose, his opponent and he were both in Bloemfontein and might have fought it out there. Mrs McCalmont had fought the battle and won him the election

1901 06 11
There has been no abatement in the interest displayed in this year's Mathematical tripos at Cambridge University. There were 73 male candidates and of these no fewer than 27 are directly interested in sport. Women started well with one of their number taking a high place in part one while in part two Miss Hudson of Newnham equalled the highest achievement of any man

1901 06 11
Between 400 and 500 guests were present at the ball of the First and Third Trinity Boat Club held in the Cambridge Guildhall. Supper was served in the Corn Exchange by Mr W.E. Wood of Trinity Kitchen, who hit upon the happy idea of purchasing all the exhibition roses in the Horticultural Society's show with which to decorate the supper tables. Stanislaus Wurm's orchestra provided the music.

1901 06 12
On the occasion of the annual ball the precincts of picturesque Clare College were lavishly illuminated and decorated. The centre path of the court was covered in and carpeted; palms were placed in groups on the lawn and the whole court made brilliant with hundreds of fairy lamps and Chinese lanterns. Rows of fairy lamps along the river side gave the garden a particularly beautiful appearance. Dancing took place in the hall and the combination room. There were 21 dances on the programme and three supper dances. Supper was set in the reading room

1901 06 13
Yarmouth Guardians received a report on the dissection of paupers' bodies. They had been sent to Cambridge by officials of the workhouse since 1881. Professor Macalister sent a cheque for £6 14s 6d for each body but only £5 10s 0d was really incurred for expenses. The railway charge for the carriage of a body was £4 6s.0d but the Master's clerk said it was £4 9s.0d and that he put the other 3s. in the poor box. £1 was paid for a coffin but he received 1s. from the undertaker. All the clerk had to do was to see the body was screwed down, go to the railway station and pay the charge. He said he gave the porters sixpence each but inquiry proved they only received a pint of beer. # c.21.2

Banks & early closing, p3

1901 06 14
Volunteers' reception, p3

1901 06 15
Messrs Sutton and Phillips, brewers' chemists of Stowmarket claimed £10 3s.6d. from the Rodney Brewery, Cambridge. They make Burton spring liquor and ask for a sample of the customer's brewing water which they analyse and make up a mixture to make it as near as Burton water as possible. If they did not subsequently receive an order they were to be paid for the analysis. Mr Swan for the brewery said they had never used the liquor and did not like trying those sorts of things. When he said the traveller could have a sample of water he had no idea he was to be charged with the analysis of it.

1901 06 18
A large number witnessed the quaint custom of the presentation of the wooden spoon to the last man in the University Mathematical Tripos. This year two candidates were bracketed at the bottom of the list and both gentlemen received large spoons emblazoned and trimmed with their college colours. The spoons were lowered down to their owners from the gallery in the Senate House amid much interest. Mess Crisp & Co of King's Parade, Cambridge, again supplied the spoons, which were artistically painted and decorated. Mr D. Buchanan, who comes from South Africa, has had an additional spoon presented to him by his South African friends, with the arms and coloured ribbons of Cape Colony. # c.39

1901 06 19
Godmanchester town council are making a claim against Mrs Hooley for special damage to their roads caused by the use of traction engines with heavy waggons attached between Godmanchester station and Papworth. Mr Hooley said he had spent £15,000 in building materials for his place at Papworth but nothing had been carted which could be considered extraordinary traffic. He would not pay a penny piece until he was made to

St Andrew's Street subsidence, p2
Newmarket White Lion bankruptcy, p3

1901 06 20
Chesterton R.D.C. heard that Harlton was not badly supplied with water but a few houses were situated on the gault and could not obtain a supply except from the green sand at a considerable depth, from the spring at Bulter's Spinney which would have to be raised by some motor or from the church from which the greater part of the village is supplied. They should search for a disused well indicated as existing on Monk's land in the angle near Yew Tree Gate and make experimental boring at three places.

Hyde Park Corner urinal, p3

1901 06 21
Histon Manor garden party, p2

1901 06 22
Thomas R. of Cave's Yard, Old Chesterton was charged with having stolen a drake. Detective Marsh said he saw the prisoner with a sack on his back. He opened it and found a large brown and white drake which Thomas said he had bought yesterday from a man named Pope of Upware for 2s.6d. (12p). The bird was quite warm – prisoner replied it had been in his house by a blazing fire all day. Then he said: "I knocked it over down the fen against the sewage farm. It came out of a ditch and I gave it a crump. I ain't going to starve as long as there is anything about. You can do what you like: hang me if you like". He was remanded for a week.

1901 06 22
Midsummer Fair, the delight of children and the pleasure of not a few adults was formally opened. On reaching an open space councillors in their carriages commenced throwing the coppers. A spirit of mischief seemed to be present in the first carriage for the coins fell thickest in close proximity to the crockery-ware stalls, one or two even finding a resting place amongst plates. The children pushed and hustled with such energy that a few of the articles were damaged, much to the disgust of the proprietor # c.27.31

1901 06 24
Midsummer Horse Fair, p3

1901 06 25
Sir George Gabriel Stokes, the distinguished mathematician, and the Master of Pembroke met with a carriage accident from which they fortunately escaped without serious injury. The horse by some means got one if its hind legs over the trace, became frightened and dashed across the road. The wheels came into violent contact with the pathway and the carriage was overturned, but fortunately before this had taken place both occupants had managed to get out.

Gamblers caught, p3

1901 06 26
The other day on a road outside Cambridge I met the Vice Chancellor of the University. Mr Chawner was not walking – he was not driving – he was riding a bicycle. I was not surprised. Were the Chancellor himself to take to bicycle riding, or the Bishop of Ely, there would be no comment to be made, except, perhaps on their style of riding. I would remark that on a bicycle the Vice-Chancellor carries himself with the grace and dignity becoming his office.

1901 06 26
The success of the Ely branch of the Railway Mission must give the promoters the greatest satisfaction. Time was when the meetings were held in the waiting-room at Ely station, afterwards the gatherings took place in a small building in Barton Square, till it was found desirably to remove to the Liberal Hall pending the erection of a new mission in Silver Street. Gypsy Smith led the way at the laying of the foundation stone, accompanying on the violin the singing of the hymn “Onward, Christian Soldiers”.

1901 06 27
Newmarket fever hospital, shopkeepers & pavement, p4

1901 06 29
Cambridge people are fond of Hunstanton; the climate is bracing and the air of exceptional purity and dryness, invigorating and health-giving. The resort is little short of a paradise for children. As Hunstanton develops, hotel accommodation must be in great demand and the Glebe Hotel has been erected. It is furnished after Oriental fashion with divans and chairs, studded with palms and ferns and a drawing room containing a Ronish piano. This promising enterprise has been started by Mr C. Ernest Gray, manager of Trinity Hall kitchen and the cuisine is excellent.

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1901 07 01
Histon’s three-day feast opened in damp and unsettled weather. On feast Sunday there was the usual crowd of people parading the streets but it was not until the Monday that the feast proper began in real earnest. Hundreds braved the weather and took part in all the “fun of the fair”. Young men and maidens, old men and their wives, rode on Messrs Thurston’s every popular “steam” ostriches to the accompaniment of a full-throated steam organ playing all the latest popular airs. They hurled wooden balls at coconuts and entered into the light-hearted amusement until quite a late hour of the night.

Melbourn cricket, p2

1901 07 04
The excavation of the trenches in which the new sewers are to be laid along the Exeter Road, Newmarket, have reached about half way up the steep part leading to Exning Road. The men were working from eight to ten feet deep when without any warning a large mass of earth from one of the sides broke away and buried some of them. Enquires showed two men were missing, one being a labourer from Bottisham and the other a stranger called "Darky". Up to the time of writing one body has been found, but the other had not been recovered. Inquest 5th p3

1901 07 04
Sir – may I ask when the bus company intend to provide a large 'bus for the Huntingdon Road route in Cambridge? The small bus this hot weather is nearly suffocating. We have increased fares with less comfort. A top bus would bring in more revenue and residents could leave and return to their homes in comfort instead of going through a sardine process. If the bus company cannot really afford to put a large bus on the route perhaps some enterprising individual will run a motor car to Huntingdon Road. I'm sure there would be a good return for the investment – Resident

1901 07 04
Cambridge Guardians agreed that a child who had expressed a wish to learn the trade of a carpenter should be boarded out for a year. If he was given a good trade there was very small likelihood he would come to the House again; if they made him an agricultural labourer he would probably be on the books again in later life. Mr Cook opposed, remarking it was likely to be an incentive to unscrupulous parents to purposely desert their children. Some Guardians seemed to think that because a boy was born in the gutter he should be kept there. (Uproar)

Chesterton allotment, p3

1901 07 05
Rev Latimer Neville, the esteemed Master of Magdalene College, celebrated his jubilee as rector of Heydon. The day was marked by a half-holiday for the children of the day schools and the working classes of both Heydon and Lt Chishill and right pleased must the rector have been to welcome not only Church people but Nonconformists to the Rectory grounds. At a service in the afternoon the interior of the sacred edifice was filled to the utmost capacity after which the parishioners, headed by the Saffron Walden Brass Band marched to the Rectory where there was a presentation.

1901 07 06
Recent rains have improved the fishing waters and with the reed cutting going on apace in the open waters anglers are having a better time all round. Serious complaints have been made as to the number of dead fish between Cambridge and Bottisham. That there is some poisonous matter in the river there can be no doubt. The popular opinion is that the overflow from the sewage pumping station has something to do with the slaughter of the finny tribe

1901 07 06
A disgraceful act marked the battalion drill of the Cambridge Volunteers. As they proceeding up Silver Street water was thrown from a window of Queens' College and men were drenched. They immediately called the attention of Quartermaster-Sergt Rumbolt to the fact and he was the target for a second charge of water. The battalion was called to a halt. After waiting several minutes the men were told the matter was left in the hands of the Dean of the college

Stapleford pub case, p3

1901 07 08

The regrettable incident of the Cambridge Volunteers being drenched with water has caused a great deal of comment. The Dean of Queens' College complains the incident has been very much exaggerated, since it is impossible for four men to have been drenched with the contents of one syphon of soda water, which was directed out of a college window by two visitors. "If the townspeople can get hold of the two men, I shall be as pleased as anybody to see them get a good squirting", he said.

1901 07 08
About 100 employees of Messrs Rattee and Kett spent a most enjoyable day at the Crystal Palace, seeing the Naval and Military Exhibition being held there. The great feature was the stupendous Military Band Concert. The employees of Messrs Redding & Son spent an enjoyable day at Brighton; a saloon carriage was attached to the Great Northern Railway train which left Cambridge at 4.45 am. Messrs Scales and Robins employees enjoyed a combined sea and rail trip and journeyed from Lowestoft to Yarmouth by steamer

1901 07 09
Newmarket drainage worker's funeral, p3

1901 07 10
A rather peculiar accident occurred in Lynn Road, Ely. A load of hay, weighing about a ton, was being carted to the Ely railway station by a young man, Sidney Jugg. The girth band under the horse suddenly broke and the weight of the hay immediately tipped the cart up and lifted the horse bodily into the air. Jugg was thrown between the shafts but escaped with a bruised leg. Meanwhile the horse was hanging in its perilous position, with its hind legs touching the ground but in its struggle managed to break loose and free itself. There was a terrific crash when the cart tipped up, large trusses of hay were strewn all over the road, and both shafts supports were badly cracked.

1901 07 10
The discovery of a complete outfit of women's clothing in a hedge on a lonely road at Meldreth remains enshrouded in mystery. A motor car, driven by a man who was alone, was seen to stop near the spot where the clothes were found. The car is a four-seater with a left-hand drive – a peculiarity of those of American manufacture. A woman of about 50 and of stout build was seen to alight from a bus at Orwell and noticed wandering aimlessly from one side of the road to the other. There are several deep pits full of water not far from the spot; these are to be dragged by the police.

1901 07 11
St Ives council heard the condition of the water was unsatisfactory. There was a sufficient supply in the pipes but it was thick and highly discoloured, so much so that consumers preferred not to use it. The Company was under obligation to supply pure, wholesome water, unless prevented by frost. They could proceed to arbitration as to whether the quality was unsatisfactory, and these would be expensive proceedings

Soham foal show, p3

1901 07 12
An 78 year-old man was summonsed for assaulting Hephzibah D. He had taken her a rose which she'd accepted & said: "If I give a woman a rose, I expect a kiss". He had said so to scores of women. (Laughter). She did not wish to kiss him, whereupon he said: "I don't want to kiss you; so it's of no consequence". He never laid a hand on her; he did not see her frothing at the mouth. Did they believe with an able-bodied young woman of under 30 years and a tottering old man that anything took place. No jury in England would convict. However he was fined 10s. # Stretham

1901 07 12
Great Yarmouth board of Guardians revived the question of paupers' bodies being sent to Cambridge Anatomical School for dissection. Every friendless person who died in the workhouse should be asked

before death if he had any objection to his body being sent away for dissection. Mr Saul thought that was a gruesome and unseemly idea. Dissection was perfectly legal and right; if they declined to allow unclaimed bodies to be used surgeons would be compelled to make experiments on living people or resort to paying for bodies stolen from newly-made graves. The practice will continue

Chivers distinguished visitors, p3 *

1901 07 13
What say the shareholders of the Cambridge Tramways Company to the advent of a new service of motor buses working only from Market Hill to the Station – a penny service running from 8.30am to 9.30 pm. I have been assured by one of the promoters that the first of a batch of six new motor 'buses intended to be used on the new smooth road from the Post Office to the station will be tried in Cambridge within a month. It is certain such rivalry would destroy the present useful and satisfactory tram service – "A" # c.26.46

New Theatre annual meeting

1901 07 15
Cricketers will learn with much regret at the death at his residence, Mill Road, Cambridge, of the veteran cricketer and umpire, Bob Carpenter. He was 27 when he played in his first match at Lord's for the United England XI. A powerful hitter, his favourite stroke was to square leg. Playing for Cambridgeshire against Surrey in 1861 he made an innings of 100 described as "probably the greatest display of batting the world has ever seen". He played regularly for England in company with two other Cambridgeshire cricketers 'Pepper' Tarrant and Tom Hayward. # c.38 : cricket

Sawston church parade, p15

1901 07 16
Mr Frederick Layton of Milwaukee, USA, a native of Lt Wilbraham who went to America in 1842 had just presented his village with a handsome gift in the shape of three cottages for aged poor persons which he has endowed with a sum of £2,000.They are prettily situated at the west end of the village; each is comfortably furnished with living room, two bedrooms, pantry and coal place and has a nice garden of its own. Mr Layton heard the house in which he was born was for sale and conceived the happy idea of pulling down the old premises and endowing the present cottages to be known as the "Mary Layton Cottages" in memory of his mother.

Proposed bus service, p3 *

1901 07 17
Motor buses, p2 *

1901 07 18
One of the saddest occurrences in Sutton for many years took place when an old lady, generally believed to be 100 years on her last birthday, was burnt to death before anyone could render assistance. Although relatives offered to stay with her she declined with a confident remark that she was able to take care of herself. Her daughter had said: "Mother dear, take care of yourself. Don't topple the lamp over". She answered "My dear, you need not see any fear of that. I shall never do that". She had evidently knocked against the table which fell over, got saturated with oil and burnt to death.

1901 07 20
Sir – Doubtless most readers are acquainted with the fact that two gallons of most delicious, thirst-quenching, home-made lemonade can be made in a few minutes from a 4½d bottle of Eiffel Tower Lemonade, sold by most grocers. Going into a shop I was persuaded to try another make, but to my great disappointment found it was most inferior. This was most annoying, as I wanted it for a party. I

have ascertained that a larger profit can be made by the trader by supplying an imitation and thought I ought to warn your readers not to be put off with inferior makes when they ask for the genuine article – A Reader

1901 07 22
A fire occurred at St John's College, Cambridge and considerable damage was done before the outbreak was extinguished. The scene was the third court, where a bedroom and a sitting room on the top floor of the wing overlooking the river were completely burnt out. St John's college fire brigade were soon combating the flames which had secured a considerable hold upon the dry and inflammable material of the building and it is undoubtedly due to their efforts that the fire was not much more disastrous. It originated in the bedroom where a lighted candle was left on the chest of drawers # c.44.5 # c.34.75

Money lender, p3

1901 07 23
The villages of Linton and Balsham were en fete on the occasion of the homecoming of the local members of the Suffolk Imperial Yeomanry. Crowds assembled at Linton station some time before the train was due, awaiting the arrival of the battle-stained warriors. The Sawston Brass Band (looking remarkably smart in their new uniform) struck up as soon as the soldiers made their appearance. A procession of carriages, horsemen and lady cyclists, their machines trimmed with flowers accompanied the parade that conveyed the men to Balsham.

1901 07 24
A large portion of the town end of Abbey Road, Cambridge suddenly collapsed. For some time the Corporation have been at work making up the road. The steam roller has been much utilised and this is conjectured to be the immediate cause of the subsidence. About seven yards of road fell in; below a crust of about a foot's thickness there was a gaping aperture deep enough for an ordinary man to have walked in. When the road was 'up' for the sewerage scheme an enormous quantity of earth was removed and, it is alleged, the road was never properly filled in.

1901 07 27
The usually quiet village of Hemingford Abbotts was the scene of a very sad occurrence from the effects of a heavy thunderstorm. A farmer and his sons were engaged on the land and determined to return home to dinner. The farmer and one son took a shorter route across the fields, leaving a married son to bring two horses round by the roadway. Nothing being heard the farmer found one of the horses on it's haunches and the other lying in the ditch. Near by was his son, also dead. It was found the lightning had struck the man on the side of his head. The other horse had to be destroyed.

1901 07 29
A series of tactical exercises were carried out by about 210 members of the Suffolk Regiment. A Bury force was to occupy Newmarket; they were conveyed by train to Kennet where they detrained and made their way in the direction of Waterhal. When the Newmarket Brigade had almost reached the "Boy's Grave" cyclist scouts reported having seen the enemy approaching and orders given for the men to remain in perdu in the brushwood. The sound of firing was soon heard but Newmarket easily held the attack. Lessons learned in South Africa were developed and acted upon.

1901 07 30
Bather's mishap, p2
Meldreth fire, p4

1901 07 31
Rural questions, p2 *
Newmarket apprentices, p4 *

1901 07 31 c
Sir – when I gave information in regard to motor buses for Cambridge, I had no conception of the vast interest it would arouse. Suppose that eight buses are bought, two held in reserve in case of accidents, except on Saturdays when all would be running. Four would be "touting" buses and two would be express which would arrive at the station two minutes before the departure of the train. If each bus secures three passengers each journey it would earn fifteen shillings daily. – A

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1901 08 01
A novel game of quoits was played in the twilight at the Cavendish Quoit Club headquarters, the Rock Hotel, Cherryhinton Road, Cambridge. Instead of the usual feathers being used on the pins, lighted candles were substituted. Three games were played, resulting in the candles being repeatedly put out, and in each game the captain came off victorious.

1901 08 03
Saffron Walden experiences South Africa, p2

1901 08 05
Mildenhall fen fire, p2
Newmarket runaway horse, p3 *

1901 08 05 c
A man named Lock, who was at work on the land at Eriswell, was struck by lightning; his coat and waistcoat were much scorched, but, strange to say, the man was uninjured other than from the shock. About the same time a tree was struck near Wamil Hall, Mildenhall. At St Ives the rain poured down in torrents and the streets in many instances were flooded, owing to the drains not being able to carry off the extraordinary rush of water.

1901 08 05
Suggestions that the model cottage is not so comfortable as the old-fashioned thatched dwellings must not be accepted without some qualification. Surely nobody will contend that the thatched cottage, with a low roof and a ladder for a staircase, is more comfortable than the brick cottage. Very few have inspected the model cottage on Mr Crisp's estate at Girton or they would not have committed themselves to such an unfortunate pronouncement. It is nothing short of a grave scandal that such large centres as Cottenham, Swavesey and Soham are in danger in the summer of suffering from a short water supply.

1901 08 05
An exciting scene occurred in the High Street, Newmarket. Mrs Smith was driving a lady friend and three children when the horses became frightened and bolted. She twisted the reins and see-sawed them but the runaway continued its career. Hundreds of people were in the main thoroughfare and a man got in front of the horse to try to stop him but was not successful. Many called out "Let it run", knowing the steep ascent to the Heath would check the runaway; this proved to be the case and she was able to pull it up. As it was led home Mrs Smith was cheered for her bravery

1901 08 06 c
A Newmarket apprentice was summoned for leaving his employment. He complained he had been given a fortnight's weeding for talking during exercise time & been hit with a whip. He was not allowed to ride out horses in the first string – he was not nervous, although he had fallen two or three times and four horses had run away from him. He had been drunk twice at work and stolen a postal order. If he were allowed to break his indenture just as he liked there would be no managing the stable lads in the town. The Bench had no hesitation in ordering him back to his work, saying "You put your back into it and you'll go on all right"

1901 08 07
A proposal to erect a new footbridge over the Cam between the De Freville Estate and Cambridge was advanced at a meeting of occupiers. It would put them in more direct communication with Fitzroy Street. A member of Chesterton Urban District Council thought it should be erected at the Fort St George ferry to benefit the owners of the new Central Estate; but this was a thing of the future. If they waited for this development they might wait five or ten years. They wanted a bridge for De Freville inhabitants immediately and would circulate residents for donations.

1901 08 08
A meeting of professional and amateur photographers met to arrange the Cambridge meeting of the Photographic 1901 08 08
Last Monday was a day which the people of Over are not likely to forget; a public tea to say farewell to Mr Handley upon his resigning the post of headmaster of their National School after 24 years. The whole parish were disgusted at the alleged cause of his resignation and the unfortunate position of the managers of the National School, who were practically dummy managers. However much against their will, they had the privilege of paying, but practically no power. Mr Wayman spoke of the work done in religious subjects; it pained him to think of the un-English treatment to which Mr Handley had been subjected.
Convention. The following were elected to the Committee: Messrs W. Redfern, Tyndall (Ely), Bolton (Ely), Wilson (Saffron Walden) and Stearn Bros. Mr Sanderson (Palmer Clarke) was voted to the chair. Mr Sidney Johnson, a University man, an amateur photographer and a contributor to the photographic papers was nominated as secretary. # c.65.5

1901 08 09
Writing in the London Daily Express Mr Rider Haggard reported on conditions in Lt Downham. Cottages were distinctly bad, many owned by small people who could not afford to keep them up. Often they contained two rooms and no more, in consequence of which overcrowding there was much immorality. The reason that the population remained stationary there was that no new cottages were built in place of those which decayed. Smallholders lived worse than the labourers; they rarely have any other meat than pork, their dinner consists of suet pudding and bread.

1901 08 09
The Cambridge Starr-Bowkett Building Society is to be dissolved. They had £2,339 with which to pay £3,028. Members were told an endeavour was made to sue the old directors but the costs would have been very heavy and they would have obtained practically nothing. The meeting, we are informed, was "lively". # c.32.4

1901 08 09
Messrs Pink Brothers new 'Knackery' in Coldham's Lane, Cambridge, stands in an isolated spot and is constructed on the most hygienic principles. In one corner is a large dissecting table and there are two huge coppers for boiling down the carcasses, the remains of which are subsequently sent away by rail. Some distance away is a tank ventilated with a shaft considerably higher than the top of the passenger carriages that may pass on the railway. The possibility of any offensive odour reaching travellers is thus quite obviated and the same care has been exhibited in regard to any unpleasantness that may arise from the boiling operations.

190108 10
East Suffolk police, p2

1901 08 12
A man was engaged in carting wheat at Grantchester mill & without detaching the horse from the cart took the animal to the river bank in order to allow it to drink. This part of the river is habitually used for watering horses and in consequence of the dangerous nature of the stream a chain was once extended across the water. This chain is now broken and there was nothing to indicate the situation of a deep hole in the riverbed, into which the horse stumbled. The heavy cart overturned in the strong

current from the mill and began to sink, taking the horse with it. The driver was rescued but the horse drowned.

1901 08 13
H. Rider Haggard writes: Some of the old Cambridgeshire families such as Allix, Pell, Jenyns & Frost still remain upon their ancestral acres, but the majority of them have melted away. Round Newmarket their place has been filled by an influx of millionaire owners from all parts of the globe who are interested in sport but take no real interest in the land or its occupants. The county has but few resident gentlemen, except the clergy. In the fens hardly anyone will live except those concerned in the management of the land, since here are to be found neither sport, scenery or society,

1905 08 14
Boy holiday Buckden, p3

1901 08 15
Councillors considered establishing a municipal telephone system for Cambridge. All the firemen could be wired and every office connected with the Corporation. The first system had opened in Tunbridge Wells where the charge was £5.17.6 to cover an unlimited number of calls. The best instruments were used and each subscriber had a wire to himself, so that he did not hear any other people's secrets and they did not hear his. The existing company had dropped their charges from £10 to £4 to be under the Corporation; if it went down to £4 in Cambridge the ratepayers would get the benefit. # c.27.7

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Miss Gregg, missionary to China, p2

1901 08 20
Circus, p2
Bassingbourn stack fire, p2

1901 08 20 c
In wet seasons fen crops are apt to go down and mildew, weeds are very prevalent and difficult to eradicate, however often the land is hoed, and potatoes, which have become such a favourite and paying crop, acquire a disagreeable taste unless eaten early, and go black in the centre. However they are all sold in London where so long as it gets a tuber that looks well the public does not in the least care about its quality.

1901 08 21
We understand that the Poplar Hall Estate, Fen Ditton, has just been purchased by a London financier and that a syndicate has been formed to float a public company to undertake the manufacture of Portland cement upon an extensive scale. Exhaustive experiments have been made and an eminent local authority has certified that, without a single exception, they are of the most satisfactory character.

Kennet station theft, p2

1901 08 21 c
Between Cambridge and Sandy, in the neighbourhood of the Old North Road, may be seen a stretch of land of which the condition can only be described as truly awful. The soil is for the most part a heavy clay, and much of it has gone down into an apology for a pasture, often so thickly studded with

wild thorns and briars that it looks like a game covert which has recently been planted. Here is a crop of beans, dwafted, yellow and devoured with black fly, followed by stretches of twitch and briar and a scattered crop of wire-worm-ravaged oats.

1901 08 21
The Star Brewery renewed its application for a proposed new hotel on the Hills Road, adjacent to Cambridge Cattle Market. There were farmers, dealers in cattle coming from Norwich and Essex who regularly attended the market, coming by train. It was desirable that they should sleep on the spot and take care of the cattle. Mr Grain said there was opposition from Homerton College, a ladies college. What on earth they opposed for he did not know. None of those young ladies, he was sure, would go near a public house. # c.27.3 # c.27.45

1901 08 22
John Durrant, a yeoman farmer living at Burwell told the court that his orchard adjoined that of his neighbour. A plum tree grew on his ground but some of the branches overhung the fence. He asked to gather the fruit by placing a ladder on his neighbour's side, but this was refused. When he had mounted the ladder on his side the neighbour rushed at the separating hedge and threatened to knock his brains out with a screwdriver. The magistrate said it was a pity neighbours could not live in concord and sanity. As to who had the right to the plums it was not for that court to decide.

1901 08 23
Cam Sailing Club, p3

1901 08 24
Magistrates said they were not prepared to grant a licence to the new tenant of the George and Dragon, Willingham. The house had changed hands twelve times in the last eight years and they would like to know something more about it. There were 13 houses which had very frequent transfers. If brewers took a little more trouble in putting in tenants who would be likely to stay it would be better for the public and everyone concerned.

1901 08 24
Any attempt to portray life and characters at the 'Varsity, especially Cambridge, without mentioning that wonderful, but indispensable, personage technically known as the Bedmaker, would be the basest ingratitude on the part of the portrayer, says Mr Frank Rutter in his article on "University Types". What if she does clean your teapot with paraffin, or entertain her friends to breakfast in your room? Such little perquisites are well-earned by the "Bedder" who at her best is a motherly creature and known to stick staunchly to her "young gentlemen" in the hour of need. # c.64

1901 08 26
A large number of the Waterbeach Salvationists congregated at the funeral of Mrs Thomas Shipp jun., of Rosemary Street, who was formerly an active 'Lieutenant' of the Corps. Mr Ellis Merry and other strong Salvationists from Cambridge were in the procession. The service was conducted by the esteemed 'Captain' Miss Westlake of the Sturton Town Army Barracks; there were nearly 500 persons present.

1901 08 27
At the Clare Brewster Sessions the chairman referred to complaints with regard to noises in some of the public houses such as the sounding of tambourines, singing and jumping and the use of rather foul language. This was a thing which must be stopped as the public who were living in the vicinity could not be allowed to suffer through this unseemly conduct. He also referred to the length of time horses were allowed to stand outside public houses, blocking up the highway.

1901 08 27
Bottisham magistrates received an application for a licence to sell beer at premises in Coldham's Lane, Cherry Hinton. There were only two houses near, both the property of the Saxon Portland

Cement Company who say it would be a great temptation to the men to obtain drink and neglect their work. The cement factory now employs about 50 men. It would be impossible for the police to have proper supervision; it would lead to Sunday drinking and become a scandal to the neighbourhood.

1901 08 28
A fatality occurred to a man engaged with a traction engine drawing two loads of stone in the direction of Hookhams, Radwinter. They were descending a hill near the Plough Inn and the deceased was applying the brakes to the foremost waggon when one of the wheels of the rear truck caught the heel of his boot, throwing him to the ground and he was run over by the load of stones. The body was removed to the Red Lion Inn to await the inquest

1901 08 29
Cambridgeshire enjoys the reputation of being an agricultural and fruit-growing county but now must be added the reputation of manufacturing centre. There are several factories within a few miles of Cambridge and another on a large scale no further away than Fen Ditton is promised. The Poplar Hall Estate has been purchased where the beds of limestone and clay marl contain every natural ingredient for the manufacture of the highest class Portland cement. In addition blue gault or brick earth underlies the estate and this should make the best white bricks. It has a frontage of nearly half a mile to the Cam on which is already erected a wharf or loading dock which would put the works in direct touch with the steamboat companies running into Lynn docks # c.27

1901 08 30
The opening of any new burial ground in the parish of Melbourn should be prohibited and burials discontinued forthwith and entirely in the parish churchyard of All Saints' Melbourn, for the protection of the public health, Melbourn Rural District Council was told in a letter from the Local Government Board. It rested with the Parish Council to take the necessary steps; a parish meeting had been held for the purpose of closing the burial ground, but there were several persons who did not know much about the matter.

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1901 09 07
Sir – some days ago I discovered that a strong young woman was required to attend to the laundry and do the scrubbing at a neighbouring workhouse. I became a candidate and enclose a copy of my application, which received scant courtesy. "Having passed a course at the Royal College of Music I could, when not employed in laundry work, amuse the inmates on the piano, violin, banjo or tambourine. I am adept at cycling and should be glad to teach the young or aged inmates to ride. I could also give the Guardians a lesson on the art of riding. I am tall and fairly good-looking and shall be glad to send my photograph if required" – Gladys Jones

1901 09 11
Sir – Could anyone inform me why the Corporation workmen have deserted the Abbey Estate? Until 14 days ago they were at work making up the roads and laying new paths, which the owners have to pay for. But for the last few days they have been trying to kill time by first laying materials on the road, and then taking it up again and setting it the other way. For a little diversion they put up a pole, and shy at it. They also take double time for meals – "Saxon Road"

1901 09 12
Mr I. Cock told Chesterton Union they should make an attempt to get a trained officer for the post of sanitary inspector. The Local Government Board had refused to sanction the appointment of an inspector at £120 a year on the plea that the salary was insufficient and they would be wasting their time to advertise for an officer at £60 a year. In appointing an officer 15 years ago the idea was simply to fill the office generally and not have it done well. The more they improved sanitation the less illness they would have, and a smaller number of paupers.

Pigeons fly Scotland to Cambridge, p3

1901 09 13
A photographic exhibition was held, this is an entirely new feature to Cambridge and the object is to encourage photography and more especially to bring out the artistic instinct. There were a many good photographs. The judges, Messrs W.B. Redfern and J. Palmer Clarke considered artistic as well as technical merit. The challenge cup for the best photograph went to Mr J. Johnson for a seascape of exceptional artistic merit. Mr F.J. Stoakley illustrated the Sanger Shepherd process of colour photography and produced some magnificently coloured studies as near to the colours of nature as possible. # c.65.5

Old Chesterton Baptist chapel, p3

1901 09 14
When the sad and sudden news of the death of the American President, William McKinley, reached Cambridge the inhabitants hastened to show their regret and sympathy with the great sister nation across the sea. Flags at half-mast mournfully floated from the summits of public buildings, churches, houses of business and a few private residences, for the sorrow and sympathy were as universal as they were keen. From the pulpits of the borough on Sunday the preachers made touching references to the crime of the miscreant and those organisations for the destruction of society which were undoubtedly behind the poor misguided creature. After the assassin's shot the President first murmured a message to his wife, and then bade no one hurt the miserable wretch who had assailed him

Chapel trustees and road, p3 *

1901 09 16
Fitzroy Street fire, p3 * # c.34.75

1901 09 17
Idyllic pictures are drawn of child life in rural England but there was not much of heaven about the infancy of the boy of seven who was run over and killed by a cart at Graveley. This infant was employed on a farm. Has the exodus of farm labourers been so pronounced that farmers must needs rifle the cradles in order to get their work done? He was put in charge of a manure cart and if he "were man enough" might lead the horse. No doubt it made the little fellow proud and he set about his task bravely. He fell beneath the wheel and his head was cut open; the poor child's troubles were over.

1901 09 19
At Huntingdon County Court Godmanchester Council sued the wife of Mr Ernest Terah Hooley, of Papworth Hall for £187 19s. 8d for repairs to a highway caused by excessive traffic. She had a traction engine drawing two trucks which constantly travelled over the road conveying agricultural produce, building materials and road material. This traffic began in 1900 & over 1,000 tons of material had been conveyed. Mr Hooley said he would take care that the engines were not sent on the roads in bad weather another year. During lunch an arrangement was arrived at between the parties; the terms were not mentioned.

Condition of roads, p3

1901 09 20
The Bishop of Ipswich conducted the formal opening of Hamond Lodge, near King's Lynn, as a Home for Inebriate Women. It will accommodate 33 patients on the voluntary principle and is conducted by the Church of England Temperance Society in the Diocese of Ely. A large number of sympathisers, chiefly ladies and clergy attended the dedication service and inspected the house together with the gardens and glass houses which promise much healthy employment for the patients.

1901 09 21
Mr Smith, a member of the Social Democratic Foundation paid a visit to Cambridge and in the evening addressed a gathering on Parker's Piece. A box was conveyed to a spot under the central electric light. From this platform the lecturer discoursed. The majority of the audience appeared to be sympathetic. A few juveniles however found pleasure in throwing lumps of turf at the speaker and disrupting his remarks. A large number of pamphlets were sold at the conclusion of the meeting.

1901 09 21
Magistrates refused to renew the licence of the George and Dragon, Willingham. They were told it had five bedrooms and stabling for 14 horses but there was no sleeping accommodation for guests, only one of the five bedrooms was furnished and that was occupied by the landlord and his wife. The White Hart, 105 yards away, had seven bedrooms and stabling for 12 horses. There were 16 licensed houses and it was not required. The Pampisford Brewery said that since 1876 there had been only one conviction for selling beer outside hours and presented a petition signed by many residents.

1901 09 21
Haverhill School Board expressed sympathy to the people of America in the loss they had suffered by the death of their President at the hands of an assassin who had done it by the direction of others better educated and too cowardly themselves to commit the deed. They were closely associated with that great nation, Haverhill, in Massachusetts, being made by Haverhill people in the first instance. They heard a complaint about parents, who were chiefly tradesmen, keeping their children away from school on the early closing days, and taking them for walks.

1901 09 21 c
Ever since the germ theory was established, persons of active imagination have been liable to hallucinations as to the dangers in this or that article of food or dress until there seemed nothing left for one to do but get into a bath of carbolic acid and stay there. The latest subject of the panic-mongers has been Harris tweeds. The proprietor of South Harris, where tweed-making is most actively carried on is Lord Dunmore who has demolished the unwarranted allegations. He will shortly be connected with Cambridge as Chairman of the Great Eastern Cement Company which has acquired the Poplar Hall Estate.
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1901 09 24
The Infectious Diseases Hospital, long known as the Sanatorium, in Mill Road, Cambridge is at the centre of the system under which all cases of scarlet fever, diphtheria, typhoid fever and small-pox are notified and wherever isolation at home is difficult the patient is removed for treatment to the hospital. Although Romsey Town has encroached extensively upon what not very long ago were open fields, the Sanatorium is still upon the verge of the country. From the grounds the view of a fine expanse of rural scenery is commanded; the air is fresh and invigorating. There is a large field behind and in this the new diphtheria block has been erected. # c.21.4

Old Girton student, p2
Speed of cars, p3 *

1901 09 25
Newmarket licensing magistrates heard there was an exceedingly bitter cry from the inhabitants of the Stanley and Cheveley Roads that little or no accommodation was provided for obtaining that they required in the way of liquid refreshment. There were 700 people in that part of town, forming in reality a colony. Since 1887, 114 houses, large and small had been built and there was only an outdoor beerhouse. There had been occasions when brandy was urgently required to save a life but the nearest place it could be obtained was distant half-a-mile. The Stanley Arms, owing to the lavish expenditure by Mr Shephard was eminently suited for a full-licensed house. It was refused.

1901 09 26
Council merge with Chesterton, p3 *

1901 09 30
American cup, p2 *

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1901 10 01
Addenbrooke's Hospital Advisory Council considered the installation of electric light. The Gas Committee was strongly in favour of the electric light and it would be to the advantage of the patients and in the best interests of the Hospital. But Mr Gibson said that gas incandescent light is a better and broader light than electric light. Mr Whipple said they had decided it would be better financially and better for the health of the Hospital to have electric light. Was it worth going over it all again? The proposal was carried.

1901 10 01
Magistrates heard that the parties were tenants of two out of five cottages built in a yard at Hundon, and there was a right to use a common bakehouse. There had been difficulty about fixing the time at which each of the tenants could use the bakehouse, which was also used for washing purposes. Complainant was always in the habit of arranging with the defendant when she wanted to bake but found the other woman had got the copper full and was washing. As she could not light the bakehouse fire when there was one in this stove she put a little water on it, and took the chimney away and put her bread in the oven. Defendant took the bread out, lit the fire again and boiled the water in the kettle. She then took hold of her round the waist and swung her out into the yard.

1901 10 02
A young bull with journalistic instincts paid a hurried visit to the editorial department of the C.D.N. The editor's assistant went to the door on hearing a slight knock to be confronted by the bull, who evidently desired to see the "chief". As the animal did not present a card, a movement was made to get him off the premises. In this a butcher's boy rendered great assistance and the courageous animal trotted merrily into St Andrew's Street to resume his journey to happier surroundings.

1901 10 02
A meeting of Cambridge tradesmen considered the subject of early closing. In the body of the hall were a good number of employers of labour and their assistants who were liberal in their applause of those who spoke in favour of a uniform and early hour for closing on Thursday afternoons. The Mayor reminded the assistants that the meeting was called for the mastermen and their voices should be silent and their hands still when the vote was taken. After two hours discussion, which at times grew somewhat warm, a resolution in favour of closing at two o'clock all the year round, with certain exceptions, was passed.

1901 10 05
An old otter was killed on Robinson Crusoe's Island by Messrs T.J. Prime and W. Wilson. It was in the grass and they killed it with a bill hook. It was exactly four feet long, and its weight approached 40 lbs. The animal is on view at the Anchor, Silver Street, Cambridge.

Girton stud dispute, p4

1901 10 07
The police station is part of the machinery which Society has devised for its own protection and for inflicting punishment upon wrong doers. In the golden age there will be no use for Police Stations, and the fine building of which Cambridge has just witnessed the opening may justifiably be converted into a Free Library. There is no virtue in locking up a wrong doer in an ugly prison and the architect of the new station, Mr John Morley, has designed a building which is an ornament to the town. The cells are not luxurious but they are not stifling. It is true the building has cost a good deal but is excellent value for money. # c.34.7

1901 10 09
Cambridge Guardians heard that a coffin had been supplied by the undertaker minus the plate and the funeral had had to be postponed. The people concerned had a desire to avoid, as far as possible, what might be termed a pauper funeral and were willing to pay half the expense. The coffin should be provided by the parochial authorities but the relative wanted it made by someone other than the man who did the work on behalf of the Union because, with some of that pride which they had seen so frequently exemplified by paupers, they wanted to escape the eyes of Mrs Grundy. That had probably led to a little friction with the undertaker. # c.21.2

1901 10 09 c
A special meeting of Chesterton Urban District Council was held to consider a suggestion from Cambridge that they should amalgamate with a view of forming a County Borough. The Chairman said they were bound to give proper consideration to any suggestion they had to make but that from the result of the last poll upon the subject he did not think there was the slightest chance.

1901 10 10
A number of Cambridge gentlemen interested in the cement industry have formed the Cambs Cement Chamber of Commerce to further in every possible way the interests of cement manufacturing in the county. To them Mr W. Abbott is prepared to make over by deed of gift fifteen acres of the Poplar Hall Estate, simply asking that the land shall be efficiently worked and from time to time reports published. He is convinced it would put beyond all question that there is money in Cambridgeshire cement.

Newmarket station hotel, p3 *

1901 10 10 c
Our announcement that the result of the race for the America Cup would be made known from the Liberal Club, St Andrew' Street, by a coloured light, caused the liveliest satisfaction throughout the town. The news however arrived before the expected time and we burned the red light at 9 o'clock. Half an hour later large numbers of people assembled and though a whisper went through the crowd that the light of the victorious yacht had been burned the news was not altogether credited. In order that they should not be disappointed another red light was burned as the clock struck the half-hour.

1901 10 11
A smart boy, of good appearance who has passed through the standards at school may find employment as a Post Office telegraph messenger pleasant and varied. From the telegraph boys the letter boys are chosen. He has to be out in all weathers and must needs be of a good physique, but if the hours are somewhat irregular he is always paid for overtime. His income is up to the average of that of the working man and he is also assured, after a certain number of years' service, of a pension.

1901 10 14
Sir – I would like to call attention to the state of affairs which exists on Sunday afternoons at the Backs of the Colleges and Garrett Hostel Lane. I found the railings at the bottom of the Lane occupied by about 20 youths, or rather rowdies, who assailed passers-by with a volley of whistles, noises and remarks of a very coarse description. To respectable people this kind of thing is highly objectionable. Surely something can be done by the police to put an end to such a great nuisance which spoils one of the most pleasant walks in Cambridge – Pro Bono Publico

1901 10 15
The Cambridge magistrates have been rather unfortunate lately. Their justice was recently impugned by the Home Secretary and at the Quarter Sessions this week the Recorder took exception to their law. Unhappily incidents of this kind have happened before and the burgesses have got so accustomed to having the magistrates "sat upon" that the circumstance is regarded as a matter of course. Many entitled to sit on the Bench are men of superior intelligence and yet the Bench makes blunders that

bring the town into disrespect. If a JP elects to absent himself there are no means of compelling him to attend. There is only one way out of the difficulty – the appointment of a Stipendiary Magistrate.

1901 10 15
Amongst the reserve men from Histon who went out to South Africa were three brothers – Walter, James and Fred Willson. The former arrived home "fresh from the front" and received a right royal welcome by his family and friends who have been eager to listen to his interesting war tales. His brothers and other comrades are all "fit and well"; one of the Histon boys, Ernest Adams, was a prisoner for some time at Pretoria.

1901 10 16
Ely council heard that some years ago certain ratepayers were allowed to put stalls on the Market Place on Saturday nights, and it was then understood that they should be put there in the afternoon. Now stalls were there from 8 o-clock in the morning and throughout the whole day. On Sunday morning they would find all kinds of offal left from the previous night and discarded fruit attracted numbers of wasps. There was lately introduced a fish stall with the refuse thrown about. They did not object so long as the stalls were confined to Ely tradesmen but found people came from Cambridge. If something were not done it would evolve itself into another Saturday market

1901 10 17
Diphtheria outbreak, p3
Sutton meeting, p4

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Foul smells, p3

1901 10 19
George & Dragon, Willingham, p3 *

1901 10 23
Chemical Laboratory explosion, p3 * # c.36.9

1901 10 24
Surprise for King, p2
Chemical lab inquest, p3
Cromwell statue unveiled, p3 *

1901 10 25
Isleham marriage, p4 *

1901 10 30
A new Diocesan Lodge for the Girls' Friendly Society was opened at Hills Road, Cambridge. Several spacious apartments will be used as recreation and classrooms with lectures on nursing, home hygiene, needlework and astronomy and classes for musical drill and singing. There are rooms for girls being trained for domestic service & accommodation for lady boarders and visitors. The old Servants' Training Home, formerly situated in King Street has ceased to exist as a separate institution. It had been established for 80 years and more than 400 girls had passed through; it had also afforded a home to many strange and friendless girls.

Cambridge elections & party system, p2

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1901 11 01

A Lidgate dealer was charged with driving a horse and cart without having a lighted lamp attached. P.C. Towler said he heard two carts leaving the White Horse Inn, Wickambrook, at a furious pace. He tried to stop the horse but the driver whipped up the animal and drove away. The dealer called Harry Nunn who said they had borrowed a lantern with a candle from the Inn and gone by the Duddery and not up the hill, as stated.

Nichols advert, p1

1901 11 02
While Lord John Sanger's great show and menagerie were at Saffron Walden a keeper found that Miss Ada, one of the performing elephants had stolen away in the night, and several men were quickly in search of the missing 'lady'. They found her battering a barn at the rear of Castle Hill and had done a considerable amount of mischief. She dragged the gate off by the hinges and battered the doors down. She then attacked the brickwork, forcing it inwards. A great portion of the roof collapsed. As the show was leaving the town one of the large vans got its rear wheels into a gutter in Bridge Street; it was some time before it was righted, and not before one of the cottages was damaged. # circus

Manchester – Newmarket, p2

1901 11 04
The supporters of the Rev W.T.R. Crookham who, it is claimed, is the "duly-elected chairman of the parish council" convened a meeting at Haddenham. None of the councillors on the opposition side took part in the proceedings. The clerk of the Council was not present but send a letter declining to summon the assembly. The council proposed that proceedings be taken against him for not appearing and bringing the books and documents necessary

1901 11 05
A fruitless burglary was committed at the Mill Road branch of the Cambridge Co-operative Society. The object was obviously cash but they were scantily repaid for their trouble, because on Saturday evening the money is cleared and lodged in the strong room of the central stores in Burleigh Street. The manager noticed the disarrangement of some sugar bags, which had been left ready for the weighing up of sugar. A steel for sharpening knives had been used in breaking open the till. The back door was unfastened but nothing is missing, the thieves preferring not to take away goods which might have been identified.

1901 11 06
There is little survival of the old celebrations of "The Fifth" in Cambridge, save one or two groups of youngsters with an eye to stray coppers carried around "guys" which may have been effigies of anything. Builders, having a recollection of losses of material on bonfire nights, had men guarding scaffolding poles, but they were not called upon. The most noticeable thing was the fog – thick, damp and irritating. It was not the kind of weather suitable to a rag or even a bonfire in the back-yard. It was better fun sitting by a snug fireside than standing with cold hands and feet in a choking fog letting off small pyrotechnic fry. # c.36.94

1901 11 06
Newmarket RDC was told that every year £120 was collected from Swaffham Prior Fen and it was time something was done to alleviate the 100 inhabitants. Corn had to be carted by the river as a result of the bad state of the roads, which were in the worse condition possible – both summer and winter. Certain roads which have been metalled by the Fen Reeves should be taken over and maintained by the District Council.

1901 11 06
Newmarket RDC discussed the depopulation of East Anglia, which some believe was due not only to higher wages in towns, but to the neglect of rural teaching in schools. Every rural school should have

gardens so pupils may learn to cultivate their own allotments. Councillors thought bad housing was the problem; can anyone expect a girl who has been in service for a year to settle down in a hovel, they refuse to come back to their homes. They leave the country to go to London, where houses are worse than here.

1901 11 07
Depopulation, p2 *
Bylaws Impington, p3

1901 11 08
Ely Saturday market, p3

1901 11 11
It being the King's 60th birthday it was expected that nightfall would be the occasion for rowdyism and possible an attempt to illuminate Cambridge Market Hill. The authorities cleared away the stalls, but their action left the historic centre of all "rags" open and free for the antics of the crowd. For a long time nothing occurred except the explosion of a few crackers or the discharge of a pistol from a window overlooking the hill. Large numbers of police were hustled about considerably, and were compelled to defend themselves, but compared with other 'rags', they did not have to exert themselves very much. It was a very tame, spiritless affair that will doubtless be deemed by the "bloods" to have been a complete failure, considering that practically no damage to property was done # c.36.93

St Andrew's Street footpath, p3

1901 11 12
Granite blocks, p7

1901 11 14
Cambridge boys in considerable number have been drafted across to France for service as stable lads in the great racing centre of Chantilly where they are kept in condition of practical slavery. Some trainers are kind to the lads, but some know no other means of discipline except brutal severity. They are allowed to grow up unable to read or write & leave the stables unfit for any occupation. It is the duty of all who have any influence with lads tempted to go to France to discourage them as much as possible from doing so.

1901 11 14 c
The London meeting of the Chamber of Agriculture passed a resolution in favour of giving farm labourers an interest in the land. The country that lost its agriculture was in a fair way to decay. Mr Tebbutt (St Ives) argued that the system adopted by the Duke of Bedford, who had built cottages on his estates for the use of the labourers, might be followed with great advantage. Country lads should spend the summer on the land and the winter at school.

1901 11 15
Members of the Old Chesterton Cricket Club assembled at the Bowling Green and presented Mr R.H. Lord, president of the club with a handsome inkstand. Mr Lord, who is leaving the village, promised to present to the club an average bat and also two gold centre medals, one for the highest individual score during the season and one for the best average in bowling.

1901 11 15
The Cambridge Church Army Labour Home was not a lounging place. It was a place where men worked. Each man won something like 6s per week by his work at the Home, by which he provided for his lodging and keep while he was there. Five had left for the pathetic reason that they did not like work. It was a home, not a mere workhouse, nor a shelter, nor a pastime, where men were taken at their best instead of at their worst. Its intention was not to draw drunkards, criminals and vagrants to

Cambridge. As it offered work, which the careless vagrant abhorred, the Home's negative effect was almost more important that its positive effective.

R.H. Lord presentation, p2 * # c.65.5

1901 11 16
Last September the people of Cambridge held a gala day for the lifeboat's sake. There was a picturesque procession through the streets, the launching of a lifeboat in the River Cam, with fireworks and music in the evening. Now we read of the incident at Caister, when men went out into the raging sea, not only to risk, but actually to give up their lives in an effort to save others. "Caister men never turn back", said the old lifeboat man who gave evidence at the inquest & Cambridge will rally to the assistance of the women and children whose husbands and fathers have sealed with their lives their devotion to the lifeboat cause.

1901 11 18
C.P. Tebbutt compared the state of the agricultural labourer with that of 30 years ago; the modern labourer had double the comforts of former times. There was a deterioration in the character of the men they now employed. The capable labourers, willing and able to do all kinds of work, were the older men and it was very rare to find a young man who really cared much about his work. There was not the same skill and ability. He advocated a half-time system half-a-day on the school and half-a-day on the farm – as a means for retaining lads on the land. Young lads were being kept longer and longer off the farms; when 12 years old they should be permitted to go to work during the six months of summer and then go to school during the six months of winter. They would be much better educated and would be better men on the farm.

1901 11 18
Mr C.P. Tebbutt has abandoned the half-day system as a solution of the rural problem. His new scheme is one of six months at school, alternated with six months of farm work. The obvious criticism is that neither the schooling nor the learning of farm work are likely to be efficient. He thinks that schooling makes young people dissatisfied with rural life and implants a desire to be off to the towns. There is only one remedy for rural depopulation: it is to make country life more attractive

1901 11 19
One of the largest companies ever seen at a boxing display was present at the assault-at-arms in Cambridge Corn Exchange. A ten-round contest between two promising local lads, W. Shipp and Bill Topper created a great amount of interest and so gamely did they box that the audience was roused to enthusiasm. A powerful left-hander flush in the face so dazed Shipp that he caved in and Topper was returned an easy winner

1901 11 19
A spirit is unrest is rife in the parish of Histon. Unfortunately for the work of the church there are two distinct parties, or factions, and as a consequence, any efforts made in connection with the church are seriously hampered. The vicar is endeavouring to introduce ritual into the services; there is a dispute over a certain seat in the chancel, the bellringers and choir have struck and some of the sidesmen have refused to carry the alms-bag. On Sunday a number of worshippers deliberately walked out of church

Prickwillow curacy, p3

1901 11 20
Histon church letter, p3 *

1901 11 21
Mr Benstead of Swaffham Prior asked Newmarket RDC to take over parts of the road which have been metalled by the Fen Reeves. Some councillors spoke in opposition. Mr Tebbitt said there was pretty much 100 miles of such roads in Soham and he would move that Soham Fen roads be served

likewise. Mr Munsey said he would do the same as regards Fordham. It was decided to refer the matter to a committee to thoroughly consider and report.

Billiards, p2
Histon church, p3

1901 11 22
Mr W.B. Redfern enters today upon his twentieth year of theatrical management in Cambridge. He is a personal friend of Sir Henry Irving and all the leaders of the theatrical world. He has been instrument in eradicating prejudice against the theatre in Cambridge and in vindicating the possibilities of the drama in the moral elevation of the people. In managing a theatre in a University town he had peculiar difficulties to overcome but he is entitled to congratulation on all that he has achieved. The New Theatre is one of the best in Britain # c.76

1901 11 22
The 32nd anniversary of the Theatre Royal Barnwell Mission, Newmarket Road, Cambridge was celebrated. Three private boxes had been prepared for the comfort of those who attended the meetings, the building frequently containing over 1,000. If the theatre had been altered when it came into their possession it would not have done a tenth of the good it had done. By keeping it in the original form they get people who would not attend an ordinary place of worship. They had introduced lantern services, which had caused prejudice, but people were very nervous about any new form of service. # c.83

1901 11 23
A breach of promise case heard that when the parties first met the defendant was a Freshman in Caius College with an income of £1,000 a year which would be substantially increased under the will of an aunt. The couple became exceedingly affectionate and entered into an engagement. But then in August he wrote a letter saying that owing to the unsatisfactory state of his affairs it would be better for her to release him from his promise of marriage. In October he sent a telegram, “Married today”. She was awarded damages of £3,000

1901 11 25
The funeral of Mr C.F.G. Stanhope, who was better known by the stage name of Mr Charles Gervase, under which he played the part of Harry Bronson in Mr W. Greet’s “Belle of New York” Company, took place at Mill Road Cemetery. The deceased actor contracted typhoid fever whilst at Cambridge and died at Addenbrooke's Hospital. The internment took place in the presence of a large number of persons who showed deep sympathy with the mourners.

1901 11 25
The most militant of religious organisation had a field day at Cambridge on Sunday. Mrs Bramwell Booth, of the Salvation Army, addressed three large meetings at the Guildhall. “Fire a volley” was the command of a senior officer as Mrs Booth mounted the platform. A waving of handkerchiefs, a clapping of hands, a deep sound from the big drum, was the response. She is not a great woman speaker, but she has earnestness & spoke for nearly an hour. She is not sweet-throated but her manner impels one to listen.

Building accident, p3

1901 11 26
A Chesterton lady, Miss A. Masterson of Humberstone Road, was among a number of passengers who underwent an alarming experience while travelling by the Central London Railway, which is better known as the “Twopenny Tube”. A train was suddenly stopped as it was about to enter Marble Arch Station. The tunnel became filled with dense and suffocating smoke. Several ladies fainted and others became hysterical. People were rushing pell-mell from the front of the train, scrambling over seats to get out of danger. Then the lights went out. It was twenty minutes before the train moved back

slowly. There was a terrible smell of burning flesh and it was learned that a gentleman had fallen in front of the train and been crushed to death.

1901 11 27
A hawker from Chelmsford was charged by Burrough Green Parish Council with drawing horses on the village green, in contravention of the bye-laws. The clerk said he saw 15 horses on the green and drew attention to a notice prohibiting vans or horses from standing or staying there. The men refused to give their names. A policeman uncovered a name on the van but there is such a thing as putting a person's horses in another person's van and there was not enough evidence to convict. The proper thing would be to impound the animals. They would then soon find the owner

Smells, p2

1901 11 28
Omnibus Company, p3
Diphtheria outbreak, p3

1901 11 29
Chesterton RDC considered the provision of an adequate water supply for Cottenham to remedy the unsatisfactory system of carrying water round in a water cart. It was one of the largest villages, with a population of 2,500 and should have a supply commensurate with its needs. They regretted that a scheme proposed six months ago had broken down and wished it could now be carried out. A meeting favoured spending £20 in erecting a standpipe at the end of Broad Lane supplied with water from a well on the premises of the Crown Trading Company, but this was too small of make it pay as a private enterprise.

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1901 12 03
Incidents at front, p2

1901 12 04
A Saffron Walden doctor was summonsed for not notifying the Medical Officer of Health that a woman and two children were suffering from an infectious disease. There had been a serious epidemic of scarlet fever and it was essential to stamp it out. The symptoms were a sore throat, sickness and a rash and if all were together an ordinary medical man would have no difficulty in diagnosing the case. But where they had not all these factors it was absolutely difficult to say whether it was scarlet fever or not.

Photographing dying, p4

1901 12 05
The Church Street Mission is quite distinct from the Cambridge Female Refuge but is auxiliary to it. Miss Elsden walks about the street at night and is able to persuade women who have gone astray to go with her to the Mission House and stay in safety for a few days until they can be received into the Refuge. Sometimes women come voluntarily and sometimes they are brought by the police. She also provides an escort for female prisoners on their discharge, meeting them at the prison and escorting them to the railway station, thus protecting them from evil influences in the town at the first moment of their freedom.

1901 12 06
The arrest was reported from Queenstown of a Cambridge man on a warrant charging him with felony. Detective-Sergt Bryne effected the arrest on the outward-bound American steamer. The accused was travelling as a saloon passenger under an assumed name. As is well-known the man held a position of trust at Messrs Foster's bank and was actively identified with politics and parochial

movements in the Abbey Ward. His disappearance from Cambridge has been the subject of many rumours. Detective Marsh has been sent to Queenstown to bring the accused to Cambridge.

1901 12 07
The wood paving of the main street of Cambridge from the station to the post office has now been completed and last evening the men engaged in the work had a dinner at the Red Lion. When the mind is carried back to the days of the Long Vacation when St Andrew's Street was so decidedly 'up', some impatience may be forgiven to shopkeepers and householders who were anxious that normal conditions should be restored. Credit should be given to the police for the excellent way the traffic was regulated during the 'upheaval'. There was not a single accident.

1901 12 09
A little more than a month ago a churchwarden, Sunday School superintendent, president of a local political club, honoured and respected by fellow tradesmen, left Cambridge. On Saturday evening he returned, a prisoner in the hands of the police. The transformation was startling. The effect was seen by few people; the cause was known to many. The prisoner, who arrived on that dull, depressing evening was to answer a serious charge of embezzlement. Now he wears an abstracted look but the almost white hair, curling slightly at the neck, the white moustache and long beard, and the portly figure are just the same.

1901 12 11
Following a dispute over the election of a Chairman Haddenham parish council brought an action against its Clerk to recover the possession of certain books relating to the affairs of the Parish Council. The Judge gave judgement for the clerk; he found he had not been called upon by a legally-called meeting of the Parish Council and when that meeting was called he trusted the clerk would obey his orders. He awarded him costs and held that these should be paid by the council. He gave them the right to appeal against his decision.

1901 12
A sadder sight that that which was witnessed at the police court of Cambridge this forenoon it would be hard to imagine. An old man, the greater part of whose life has been lived in Cambridge, a burgess, well known and esteemed, who had mingled actively in the public life of the town, the friend of almost everyone who was present in the court, stood in the dock, charged with embezzlement. Pitiful it was, and the pity of it came home to every heart there. The court was full, but there were few of the loungers from street corners who resort to the Police Court as a place of entertainment; they were mostly well-known residents of Cambridge.

1901 12 12
A fashionable wedding took place at the church of St Andrew the Great in Cambridge of Baron von Rigal Grunland, groom in waiting to the German Emperor and Miss Roberta Nuttall of San Francisco. Notwithstanding the high social position of the bride and bridegroom, quietness characterised the ceremony. The pathway leading from the gate was covered in, carpeted and ornamented with palms. The bride was attired in a handsome white costume, largely composed of lace, over which fell a long veil. The long train was supported by two little pages. She carried a bouquet consisting of lilies of the valley. The honeymoon will be spent in France. Telegrams conveying congratulatory messages were received by the happy pair from all parts of the world.

1901 12 13
Stanton case, p3

1901 12 14
A man described as a gentleman of the Retreat, Buntingford, a certified home for habitual drunkards, was summonsed for refusing to obey orders whilst an inmate. Regulations set forth that work should be performed by each patient for six hours each day. The work consisted of removing gravel from a

footpath for the purpose of making a recreation ground at the Home for the benefit of the patients. Defendant said he was willing to perform other work in the carpenter's shop which would be of benefit to him when he left, but not with pick and shovel. The Bench did not impose a penalty on this occasion if he would give an honourable understanding that he would in future do what he was asked.

1901 12 16
Christmas in shops, p3

1901 12 17
Christmas in shops, p3

1901 12 18
While the Green End residents of Histon were peacefully sleeping, the Church End villagers were rudely awakened from their slumbers by a man shouting "Fire! Fire!! Help! Help" They found Mr Smith Rowley's farm buildings were issuing volumes of flames to a considerable height above the well-known massive trees in the Manor grounds. Villagers came upon the scene, closely followed by seven or eight county constables who were attracted to the scene by the flames that lit up the sky. Little could be done as the big barn and other buildings were enveloped. Rats by the hundreds ran from the buildings enveloped in flames, presenting a peculiar sight of "balls of fire" hopping over the grass which was white with frost.

1901 12 18
Sir – Crowds which perambulate St Andrew's Street, Cambridge, on Sunday evenings have been growing in numbers and disorderly conduct and unless something is done we shall soon have a reproduction of the conditions prevailing in many of the large manufacturing cities. I am no prude, but to those going and returning from places of worship these crowds are an intolerable nuisance. In almost every parish with an artisan population there is an institute or club or reading room, but how many of these are opened for free use on Sunday. Should not the clergy seek out and rescue these lads and girls from the vice and immorality which is involved in their method of "getting through Sunday". – J.J.

1901 12 18
Mr Frank Cooper, an undergraduate of Clare College, made an ascent in a balloon from the grounds of the Welsh Harp, Hendon and dropped in a parachute from an altitude of 1,500 ft into the grounds of a private mansion about a mile and a half away. The parachute did not open immediately and the daring aeronaut had a dead fall of at least 300 ft after which the canvas inflated and then descended gradually. Mr Cooper is engaged in the study of aerostatics and intends to apply himself to the problem of aerial navigation, which he believes is possible by mechanical means # c.26.1

1901 12 19
During the recent epidemic of diphtheria in Cambridge great assistance was rendered by Dr Cobbett of the Pathological Laboratory. He is one of the greatest authorities on diphtheria and as so little was known about the general treatment quite a new plan had to be adopted. As he will not be available in future the Cambridge Public Health committee recommend that Dr Graham Smith be appointed bacteriologist to the council. It was only a skilled bacteriologist who could examine the throats of those who had been in contact with the patient. One child in school might affect twenty or thirty. Other councillors thought they would be creating a new office when they were overrun with officials at the present time. They had organisations all over the place. The Medical Officer of Health was quite capable of dealing with it.

1901 12 20
The interior of the Wesleyan Chapel at Waterbeach has been considerably improved; the pulpit, which formerly was of an inconvenient height, has been lowered to a position more consistent with the comfort of the congregation occupying the floor pews. In front of it the dais for the accommodation of

the choir has been enlarged and provided with new chairs. The scheme also included the provision of a new organ, and an American instrument now occupies a place in the chapel.

1901 12 21
An Old Perseans Society was formed at a well-attended meeting held in the School Hall. Among the objects of the new organisation are united support of the school in all matters concerning its honour and welfare whenever occasion demands, and the compilation of a register of Old Perseans. It was a particularly suitable time for the formation of such a society at the close of a long connection with the school of the late Headmaster who struggled long against adverse circumstances, and at the arrival of a new Headmaster, Mr W.H.D. Rouse.

1901 12 23
Electric motor manufacture, p3

1901 12 27
Up to Monday afternoon there was every prospect of a Christmas such as Englishmen love, clear skies, hard roads and several degrees of front. Vendors of skates had already done a brisk trade and those who possessed the pleasurable implements hauled them out of their summer resting places, furbished them up and promised themselves some hours' enjoyment on the ice during the Christmas holidays. Just as the ice was at bearing point in came the thaw and Yuletide was ushered in with driving rain. The treachery of the English climate is sufficient explanation.

1901 12 27
A most successful pigeon-shooting match took place on the pastures at the back of the Red Lion Hotel, Whittlesford Bridge. There were about 30 guns and about 350 birds were shot. The chief event was shooting for a fat pig; each competitor had five shots and Mr Townsend of Saffron Walden, being the only person killing five birds in succession, won the pig.

Christmas in workhouse, p3

1901 12 28
Even at this distance of time from its occurrence the calamity known as the "Liberator Smash" has not ceased to have a disastrous effect upon its victims. An old inhabitant of Linton was one of the many who lost his savings in that great financial fraud and it is supposed that this so affected his mind that on Christmas Day he took his own life. Deceased was in the habit of referring to his loss in a despondent manner and lately suffered from acute sleeplessness.

Anstey stack fire, p2

1901 12 30
Stanton trial, p3

1901 12 31
A meeting at Cottenham decided to formulate a new scheme for supplying the whole parish with water. Considerable uproar was occasioned by the Chairman, on observing a stranger in the room, and being informed he was a reporter representing the "C.D.N.", exclaiming: "We don't want any reporters here". Mr Todd moved the reporter should remain, as he would no doubt fairly report the meeting; they would do nothing they were ashamed of. It was then proposed he be admitted as a representative of the "Independent Press" and this was agreed to

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1902 01 01
The one event in Cambridge on New Year's Eve that rises superior to all others is the midnight ceremony on King's Parade, where for many years past the public have assembled to bid farewell to the old year and welcome the new, in a manner that obtains in a few other towns in the Kingdom. There was little except the associations of the ceremony to tempt hundreds of people to make a midnight journey. The space in front of Alderman Deck's house, facing King's College was densely packed and shortly before 12 o'clock the first rocket ascended and about a minute later the second followed. A few illuminative fireworks were discharged near the church and King's Parade resumed its normal appearance by 12.15 # c.39

1902 01 01
Last evening an employee of the New Theatre was passing along King Street, Cambridge, when he observed that fire had broken out on the ground floor of one of St Mary's Almshouses, which are situated on the west side of the street adjoining the Horse and Groom. He found the inmate of the room lying unconscious on the floor and the fire had taken a strong hold. The construction of the almshouses made the situation really dangerous for those who lived in the upper rooms, to which the only communication is by a narrow staircase. Fortunately 16 firemen with three hose carts were quickly upon the scene and the flames were soon got under

Delayed funeral, p3
Mail horse, p3

1902 01 02
Chesterton RDC received a resolution from Longstanton All Saint's parish meeting that members of property in the parish should provide their tenants with water. In every case the landlords had agreed. The Clerk: "We supply water by water carts; the contracts expires at the end of the month & it is thought that the owners should now provide it". The council agreed to continue the water cart system for three months to give landlords the opportunity to supply their tenants with water.

Death T. Hyde Hills, p2
Warning to cyclists, p3 *

1902 01 03
Stretham trespass, p3
Saffron Walden police, p3 *

1902 01 06
When the Recorder inflicted three years' penal servitude on the ex-cashier whose crime & capture have made such a painful sensation in Cambridge there was a good deal of speculation about where he would be sent. Some averred they had actually seen him leave Cambridge, others were prepared to stake their veracity that he was still confined in the county gaol and employing his time in the task of picking oakum. In fact he left Cambridge this morning. In the custody of two wardens he was driven to the G.E.R. station where they made for the general waiting room. It was a shock to those familiar with the benevolent-looking figure to see him clothed in convict garb with the ominous-looking arrows. His hair was closely cropped and his flowing white beard cut quite close to the chin. The change was more accentuated by the bowed and broken way in which he walked.

1902 01 09
The Rev Weston of Orwell appeared before the Rural District Council with regard to the village water supply. The well had been filled up about 14 years ago at the request of the parish council. Previous to that there was a good supply of water, which was used for drinking purposes. He asked that it be reopened or that another should be dug. What did it matter whether the Parish Council want water or not? The people want water. If they refuse then the RDC should do it. A committee was appointed to go over to Orwell and investigate the matter.

Ely Vineyards wall, p3 *

1902 01 10
Saffron Walden Girls' British School in Debden Road, which has done service for half a century, has been found most unsuitable for educational purposes. The British and Foreign School Society offered to take on the schools. The opening ceremony took place in the presence of a large gathering of townsfolk. The school had been constructed on most advanced lines as to give teachers and scholars the very best opportunities of teaching and learning. Associated as they were with the Training College they would be perfect models for the students who would practice in them. There is a large playroom for the kindergarten children which will also serve for the drill of the older scholars and a room fitted up with appliances for demonstration lessons in cookery. A portion of the grounds will be prepared and stocked for object lessons in gardening.

1902 01 10
At a meeting of the Saffron Walden town council a recommendation was adopted for the closing of the November fair, an old-timed institution. The necessary document was sealed and it will be laid before the Home Secretary. Councillor Williams strongly opposed the recommendation and moved an amendment that the fair be held on the Tuesday instead of Saturday. The last fair was one of the most successful ever held and purchases of horses were present from London, Manchester, Cambridge and other large centres. There was no doubt but what the town derived benefits from the fair. He contended that a public meeting should be held before any resolution of abolition should be put into effect.

1902 01 13
Saffron Walden council heard the November horse fair was rapidly declining and very little genuine trade was done. It had been reduced almost to an encampment of travelling shows and other attractions, bringing together a large number of dealers in caravans with their animals and other accessories, under very undesirable conditions. The noise of steam organs, roundabouts and shooting galleries caused a great annoyance to the residents. But Coun Williams said that 200 additional persons came into the town by train on the fair day, 20 horses were sent away by rail, and a great number more travelled by road. It was resolved that the fair should be abolished.

1902 01 14
After being 'wanted' by the police for years a man who is supposed to be a suspicious character named Villiers, was arrested by Scotland Yard detectives at his residence on Trumpington Road, Cambridge. They searched the house for a considerable time without finding him. At last he was discovered concealed between the ceiling and the roof. To this secret hiding place he had gained access by a door secreted behind a piece of furniture. The arrest is in connection with the publication of obscene literature and prints. Since being removed to the station the man has died. # c.34.6

1902 01 15
The 'Cambridge Express' charges the police with having supplied the CDN with information and refusing to give it to the other newspapers. This is unfair. The CDN gathered its own news in its own way, without any help from the police at all. We telegraphed to Cork for a report of the hearing before magistrates which gave the probable date of arrival of the suspect in Cambridge. Three reporters were stationed along the railway. One at Gamlingay saw detective Marsh and the prisoner in a compartment, entered the carriage and rode with them, thus securing the information. c.04

St Andrew the Less church institute, p3

1901 01 61
Doctor's tragic end, p3

1902 01 17
The stationmaster at Fulbourn told the court that under the company's rules the Teversham railway gatekeeper had no right to appoint anyone to take charge of the gates. He had to be at the gate all the day, but had a boy relieve him during the dinner hour. On the day of the accident he had been suffering from diarrhoea and went to the Baker's Arms to get something to stop it. He had twopennyworths of whiskey and some ginger wine. He did not return because he was ill and did not feel capable. PC Salmon said he found one of the gates broken; the boy was there with a hand lamp. The jury returned a verdict of guilty with a very strong recommendation to mercy. He was discharged and would not lose his pension.

1902 01 17
Cambridge Volunteer Fire Brigade's new fire station in St Andrew's Street is in telephonic communication with different parts of the town through the National telephone Co and by means of ten fire alarm posts. There are three permanent salaried firemen on duty, one during the day, and two during the night. They have a double call bell to the stables of the Lion Hotel where there were two horses in readiness to be called out for the fire tender. It was contemplated to have a steam fire engine but how soon it would come it was not possible to say. # c.34.75

"Doctor's" double life, p3
Elizabeth Sadler of Stretham's church – Henry Crisp p4

1902 01 18
Dead "Doctor",

1902 01 20
Cambridge Star Brewery shareholders were told that the Directors had purchased the Fenstanton Brewery together with licensed premises and sundry private houses & cottages. That brewery has now been closed. On the whole the accounts were extremely satisfactory. Going back to the first report of the company in 1892 the assets had been increased by nearly £18,000 c.27.4

1902 01 21
An appeal has been moved to set aside the recent decision in the County Court which declared Mr Walker to be chairman of Haddenham Parish Council. Meanwhile, having made several futile attempts to hold a meeting it was agreed to call councillors together. A goodly number of councillors and parishioners were present; the desks intended for councillors were occupied by parishioners in free-and-easy attitudes while the council table was monopolised as a very comfortable seat by some of Mr Crookham's party. The police took up position near at hand in case their services were wanted. After agreeing to pay accounts the meeting broke up in disorder.

1902 01 22
A Cambridge cattle dealer appeared for examination in bankruptcy. He had learned his business working with his father who was a dealer in cattle, sheep and pigs and started on his own in June 1898, immediately after his return from his honeymoon. He had £200 at the time and spent some to pay off his furniture. He got into difficulties as he had to sell stock for less money than he gave for them, though some weeks he got money and some weeks he didn't. By November 1900 he had lost £800. He didn't keep books. He only spent about £3. 10s.0d. a week as he had got a good wife.

1902 01 24

The annual diner of the H (Newmarket) Company of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment took place at the Hotel Victoria. There were present about 100 rank and file. Recruits must attend 30 ordinary drills during their first year and at least ten during subsequent years, but probably all their recruits put in 50 drills a year. Major d'Albani presented Lieut O.E. Griffiths with the Royal Humane Society's certificate on vellum for his cool courage in rescuing a boy who had fallen into water 12 ft deep.

1902 01 24 c
An accident of somewhat curious character occurred in St Andrew's Street, Cambridge. A butcher's cart collided with a tram and the wheel of the cart went on to the platform of the tram. A mail van then collided with the tram and cart and for a while everything was in disorder. The vehicles were with difficulty separated without, fortunately, anyone being injured.

1902 01 25
The Cambridge Watch Committee have disapproved of the holding of the annual Police dinner, feeling that it is not desirable that the police should be put into the position of seeking subscriptions from the public towards the meal. There are many people in the town who think kindly of the police and would gladly subscribe towards affording them a break in their laborious and somewhat monotonous lives. The CDN is ready to afford this generous feeling outlet and, providing the Committee offer no objection, a fund will be opened in our columns. There is no doubt that the proposal to give 'Robert' a treat of this kind will commend itself to the people of Cambridge. # c.34.7

1902 01 27
Death trooper Parker, S.A. p3 *

1902 01 28
Dr F.W. Hutchinson of Cambridge made an ascent with Mr Graudron, the aeronaut, from the grounds of the Crystal Palace in a balloon of 38,000 cubic feet capacity, to make observations with respect to the presence of bacilli in the upper reaches of the atmosphere. He took with him eight samples of sterilised gelatine and exposed them at different altitudes in order to capture stray microbes suspended in the air over London. These he intends to bring to Cambridge and cultivate, afterwards determining the nature of the bacilli he had collected. c.26.1

1902 01 28
A rabbit coursing and whippet race meeting was held in a field near the Milton Road, Cambridge and some good sport was witnessed. There was a smaller programme than on some former occasions. A good entry was received and some fine dogs were in the field. A proposal has been made to organise a coursing society for Cambridge and the idea is receiving considerable support. c.38 : dog

Streets on Sundays, p3*

1902 01 29
The wife of a vicar of Cowling, a parish near Newmarket, applied for a separation order in consequence of his persistent cruelty. He had taxed her with having committed adultery with a man in the village, saying "God has revealed to me that you have been unfaithful as I drove back from my service". He had repeated the terrible charge daily since, not only in the presence of the servant but to others and it had been torture to her. A witness said the wife had an excitedly violent temper and a great way of nagging.

1902 01 30
A man told the court he had been employed as foreman by a Coton farmer and it was arranged that he should have 18s per week wages, one third of the rabbits he killed and £4 for harvest money. During harvest he worked from 4.30 am to 9 pm and received no extra pay. He went to the various shows and had to sit up at night with the cattle. They were successful but he never received anything extra. He broke in a cob and now claimed £1 for the work; a horse-breaker would have charged three guineas.

1902 01 30 c
Cambridge Discharged Prisoners Aid Society heard that Cambridge prison has not been fully occupied by local prisoners during the past year but the Commissioner had sent down a number of military prisoners as well as others from London and other prisons. These transfer cases had added considerably to their work. They had investigated 186 cases, including 53 female. The Church Army Home in Fair Street & the Cambridge Female Mission had been most helpful. An Association of Lady Visitors had been established to adopt measures for setting up in honest life of those unfortunate women who come under the grip of criminal law, in whose case the attendant shame is always attended with peculiar difficulty # c.34.6

1902 01 31
Coun Few drew attention to the extravagance under which county roads were maintained by the County Council. It cost them £970 to superintend 242 miles of county roads, which worked out at £4 per mile, but cost the District Council £955 for 481 miles - £2 per mile. In the Isle of Ely it was also a fraction over £2. There were 15 parishes which had not a mile of county roads and he thought a more economic system could be evolved.

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1902 02 01
A new branch of trade has been opened by the buttery of Christ's College, Cambridge in the direction of a stationery store. The CDN has been favoured with samples, but the party had omitted to enclose his name or even say when he intends to "call for orders". This omission is either intentional or points to a certain amateurism pardonable in a new venture. The samples are small post quarto Club writing paper priced at 1s.6d. per five-quire packet; envelopes 1s.3d per 100 and writing paper with the college arms embossed in blue at 2s. Can any Cambridge stationer improve on these quotations? # c.25

1902 02 01
Cambridge council heard that no demand appeared to exist for public wash-houses and owing probably to the facilities of bathing in the river. Ald Deck said it was true that every house built now was provided with a bath but they did not come within reach of some people who lived in old houses, of which there was a vast number. Public baths would be a great advantage & not only to the working classes. There was not a Turkish bath in Cambridge and a great many people had to go to London to get one. # c.21.1

1902 02 03
Sir – Allow me to warn cyclists using Hills Road that if the large patches of stones on the road tempt them to save their tyres by riding on the footpath they will probably be taken by constables in plain clothes. I am told they use a convenient post for observation, where they can watch the progress of cyclists along the footpath. Their action can be expected to yield a good crop of cases before the magistrates and fines of five or even ten shillings. Authorities who set constables to pounce on cyclists have devised a mean and contemptible means of employing a set of honourable men. This is against the spirit by which the law is meant to be administered – G.F. Searle. # c.26.485

Pymoor vaccination, p3

1902 02 04
In at least one thing Cambridge is abreast of the times. She has the craze for ping-pong, or to call it by its more dignified name, table tennis. For a long time past the ping of the racket could be heard coming from the houses of the up-to-date. By Christmastime ping-pong parties had become quite general, ping-pong clubs were formed and now Cambridge has been brought into line with the metropolis by holding a tournament. It was to be held at the Conservative Club, but owing to the large

entry it was decided to transfer operations to the Corn Exchange. The one table reserved for ladies was always an attraction. The lady competitors, generally in smart costumes, played a milder game, though there were some who would have made the male sex jump about. c.38 : table tennis

Clara Butt, p2

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Newmarket death, p3
Billiards, p3

1902 02 06 c
We have all heard of the rise of ping-pong as well as predictions of its decline and fall. It would appear that Cambridge people, who were not behindhand in the appreciation of the attractive game, have already lost some of their liking for it. The opportunity that the Imperial Ping Pong Tournament offered to local players to compete for handsome prizes valued at 45 guineas has not been extensively accepted. At no time during the evening was there a very large attendance. # c.38 : table tennis

1902 02 06 c
The smallpox case from Richmond Road, Cambridge, has been transferred to the smallpox hut in Coldham's Lane. All steps have been taken to minimise the future dangers. The clothes and the whole of the bedding have been destroyed and the house thoroughly disinfected. # c.21.1

1902 02 07
The memorial window to the late Mr James Hough is now complete and the church of St Benedict is in possession of a work of art which will be a constant reminder of a Christian life. It is a three-light stained glass window immediately over the altar, designed by Arthur Savell of London and Regent Street, Cambridge. # c.83

1902 02 07
Swavesey Rural District Council considered the recent smallpox epidemic. Each division must provide its own isolated building for such cases. Each councillor had been asked to look around their parishes and see if they could find a cottage sufficiently isolated to serve as a smallpox hospital in case of emergency. No one seemed to have discovered such a spot. The St Ives district had purchased a couple of railway carriages which were being used. It was proposed that two such carriages be purchased by the Council.

1902 02 10
Saffron Walden railway accident, p3 *
Gamlingay child death, p3
South African reports, p3

1902 02 11
Death William Chivers, p2

1902 02 12
Cambridge Electric Supply Company reported that they would probably outgrow the present site, in Thompson's Lane. They had secured a site at Chesterton, situated at the side of the railway line so they would be able to bring coals into the yard and they had also arranged for the use of the river and the road. The site would not be required yet but as no other spot on the river was so placed they were justified in buying the land. # c.24.6

1902 02 13
The National Skating Association were able to bring off the British Amateur Championships at Lingay Fen. The ice at the start was in a fair condition but the sun coming out quickly affected it. In the final Albert E. Tebbitt was very quick at the start and left his opponent, F. McGuire of Boston, a

long way behind. Cheered by the spectators he showed surprisingly good form, considering the state of the ice and won easily, amid considerable enthusiasm

1902 02 13
The Isle of Ely county council Highways committee considered the re-building of Aldreth Bridge; they recommended sharing half the cost with Cambridgeshire county council, upon the Lord of the Manor of Haddenham finding the other half. It was not only the question of building the bridge but of maintaining it in the future and relieving the Lord of the Manor from further responsibility. The Chairman said they were in a very awkward position and he had made up his mind not to sign his name to the contract or the cheques

Gas explosion, p2

1902 02 14
Skating, p3 *

1902 02 15
The funeral of the late Mr William Chivers took place at Histon. It had many times been said that he was the best-loved man in the county. In the village signs of mourning were to be seen on every hand; all places of business were closed and at every house blinds were drawn. Most of the inhabitants were attired in black and those that were not so wore some emblem to testify their respect for the deceased. Nearly 2,000 were present either at the graveside or at the Baptist church

Smallpox, p3
Skating, p3

1902 02 17
Skating, p3 *

1902 02 18
Newmarket Gas Company shareholders heard that the Working Men's Conservative Club had given orders to have the gas fittings taken out and electric light substituted, but after using it for two years it had proved to be unsuitable. The electric light fittings were pulled out and the incandescent gas was installed. The club now found their gas light was costing less than half of what the electric light did and they were getting a far better light

1902 02 19
Newmarket sale, p3

1902 02 20
W.H. Hattersley funeral, p3

1902 02 21
Sir – Verily the doing of Cambridge Town Council are marvellous. They have recommended the installation of the electric light in the Corn Exchange "owing to the representations made to them by 'corn merchants and others' using it". I should have thought they would have known that corn dealers can only carry on their business by daylight and it is impossible to buy and sell corn by electric or other artificial light. Moreover the business of the Corn Exchange is all over by 4.30, so what do they want the electric light for? If the council thinks it necessary to light it by electricity by all means let them do so, but they should not talk nonsense as they do when they say the traders want it. – J. Toosher

1902 02 22
Caxton and Arrington RDC have agreed on the erection of an isolation hospital in a building near Old North Road Station. It is to contain two wards, with six beds in each, together with administrative

department, nurses' room, kitchen etc. As a necessary complement to the hospital an efficient ambulance will be provided. There can be no doubt that for some cause the death rate from cancer is increasing; Huntingdonshire has the unenviable notoriety of having the heaviest death rate from cancer of any county in the kingdom

Smallpox at gaol, p3

1902 02 24
Cycle & motor show, Corn Exchange, p3

1902 02 25
We understand a Ping Pong Club, open to residents in the New Town district of Cambridge has been started. The large room of the New Town Conservative Club, Russell Street, has been secured, and two Whitmore patent tables are provided. The hon secretary is Mr E. W. Illsley of 23, Bateman Street # c.38 : table tennis

1902 02 25
Advert. New Year's Register. Sales & approximate price. Residences: De Freville Avenue £350, Guest Road £400; Mill Road £425, Hartington Grove £425, Malta Road £425, Huntingdon Road £450; Villas, Cherryhinton Road with land £850; modern town residences £1,000; terrace near Mill Road, (let for £100) £2,000; Country residence about 3½ acres, near station G.N.R. £2,000

1902 02 25
The Cycle and Motor Show at the Cambridge Corn Exchange has undoubtedly "caught on"; those who do not cycle are a steadily decreasing minority, while motorists are daily increasing in number. Messrs Macintosh are exhibiting a Sunbeam Mabley Motor Car which is a very handsome-looking vehicle with several distinctive features. The riders are in a position to face each other, although occupying different ends of the motor. The car is not of extraordinary width and can be manipulated with the greatest ease; a small exhibition run was made even on the limited floor space of the now-crowded Corn Exchange # c.26.48

1902 02 26
How often is the extremely low-priced machine a pitfall and a snare to the unwary novice. Glittering plate and enamel make it as attractive as the more reliable cycle, but also serve to hide a crowd of defects. The sensible cyclist knows that good value can only be obtained in one way and Messrs J. Howes and son of Regent Street, Cambridge have proved that good value is the foundation of good business. Their own bicycle, the Granta, is a fine piece of workmanship constructed with the greatest care. Now that the free wheel has come to stay, brakes have become absolutely essential. c.26.485

1902 02 27
Everyone in Cambridge knows the Maypole in Portugal Place, kept by Mr Rowell, the renowned pedestrian who holds the championship of the world. They will be sorry to hear that Mrs Hetty Rowell has not been enjoying the best of health lately; in fact she has been suffering from disorder of the kidneys, for which she has been taking Doan's Backache Kidney Pills. "I have so much improved that I cannot speak too highly of the pills", she says. A free sample. Send 1d stamp for postage and a sample will be sent at once. Mention Cambridge Daily News – advert.

1902 02 28
The Cambridge Review refers to the conduct of three undergraduates whose behaviour disgusted all respectable people at the New Theatre. But the acts to which reference is made – loud talking during the performance, inopportune laughter and the evident watchfulness for double entendre – are condemned by the great body of undergraduate theatre-goers. To drag an offender out during the middle of the play would cause disturbance and annoyance to the audience. Mr Redfern has instead reported their names to their tutors who have seen that punishment has been administered. The few silly young men who still act in this way will find it prudent to amend their manners. # c.76

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1902 03 03
Sir - Cambridge Corporation has its roads cleaned between the hours of eight in the morning and five in the evening. As soon as the roads become busy a one-horse sweeping machine makes its appearance and begins to sweep the mud from the centre of the road to within three inches of the kerb, and there leaves it for 36 hours. By that time the public have removed it on their clothes, or it has been splashed on the front of adjoining houses, or else the Corporation employ a few boys to sweep it into nice heaps which they leave at some place that it is convenient for the public to step into. But should there by any chance be any left the Corporation kindly send two men and a cart to remove it – Grateful Ratepayer # c.29.8

Small pox at prison, p3

1902 03 05
Ping pong, p2 *

1902 03 06
A small pox case from Richmond Road, Cambridge, has been removed to the small pox hut in Coldham's Lane and all steps taken to minimise any future danger. The clothes and the whole of the bedding had been destroyed and the house was thoroughly disinfected. The public vaccinator had vaccinated persons willing to be vaccinated # c.21.1

Ping pong, p3

1902 03 07
Bikes, Midsummer Common, p3 *
Ping pong, p3

1902 03 08
It is one of those purely agricultural villages which struggle in unequal rivalry with the urban prosperous population. Crops of barley, peas and roots are not sufficient attraction to country folk who steadily migrate to industrial centres. The church is not pretty, the covering is peeling off in places though the interior is in good repair and of cheerful aspect. But unfortunate domestic troubles at the vicarage resulted in justices granting a judicial separation and the Bishop of Ely has declared the living vacant. The vicar has been, as it were, expelled from the parish. “I really do not know what I shall do. I have formed no plan”, he said, adding that a prominent parishioner had done everything in his power to make things unpleasant and try to drive him out. [Village was Cowlinge]

1902 03 10
Another case of smallpox has occurred at Cambridge Prison, Castle Hill. The spread of the disease is a mystery. The first case was in a prisoner from Maidstone. Prompt isolation followed. Another was found suffering from an infectious disease diagnosed as scarlet fever and he was moved to the Sanatorium. Other symptoms developed and he died. A few hours after a warder was smitten with smallpox and now there is a fourth case, a prisoner confined in the gaol for several months. Elsewhere infection has been traced to letters that have come from London where the epidemic is now raging. At Cambridge gaol mailbags are repaired in large numbers. They come from all parts of the country and may have carried the microbes that cause the disease. # c.21.1

1902 03 11

Joseph Poole's Myriorama, now showing at Cambridge Guildhall, takes the form of a tour round the world. Much is made of the South African war and the mechanical sound of the canon roaring enhances the realism of the spectacle. Particularly good is the battlefield by night and a bivouac on the veldt. The tour ends in a grand display depicting shipping in which are faithfully portrayed some of the principal vessels in the navy. # c.38

GER coaching staff, p3
Ping pong, p3

1902 03 12
Dr Dalton said that in the case of smallpox taking a real hold upon Cambridge the very fact of waiting two or three days for vaccination would be the cause of more cases. He would prefer to pay for vaccination rather than pay for the erection of new smallpox huts. He hoped more people would go openly to the public vaccinators to show it was not accompanied by any taint of pauperism; some believed they would be vaccinated with purer vaccine than they would get if they went to their own medical men. # c.21.1

Ping pong, p3

1902 03 13
Newmarket Justices considered a right of way from Ashley to Moulton along a drift road that shortens the journey by about two miles. The road led to nowhere and in order to reach the high road again it was necessary to trespass on land belonging to Sir Ernest Cassell. It was for the accommodation of two gentlemen and the cottagers on the farms. The difficulty only cropped up since building operations commenced at Moulton and workmen have used the drift as a short cut. Some palings were put near the gate at one end to make it unclimbable but the men smashed them down. The Justices decided the men believed they had a right of way and dismissed the case.

Revolver shot, p2
Ping pong, p2
Smallpox, p3

1902 03 14
Sir – A man from the Cambridge prison, which they knew to be infected with smallpox, was admitted to the Sanatorium and yet no precautions were taken in the way of vaccination. His nurses passed into the room day and night. I object strongly to the want of promptitude in telephoning me as soon as smallpox was suspected so that I might be aware of the possible danger and be able to take precautions. I would not allow my patients to go to the Sanatorium if they are to be exposed to such risks – E. Lloyd Jones. # c.21.1

Saffron Walden fair not to be abolished, p3
Cowlinge parish problems, p4

1902 03 18
Sunday was a great day amongst the Roman Catholics of St Ives and neighbourhood. For the past two years they have worshipped in a wooden building in East Street. Now the former church of St Andrew, Cambridge, which was pulled down in 1894, has been secured, removed and re-erected at St Ives. The ceremony of laying the foundation stone took place in the presence of a vast concourse of people. The original church was somewhat deficient in light but this will be remedied by a clerestory light over the altar. The new building will be known as the Church of the Sacred Heart

1902 03 19
A regrettable occurrence took place in Mill Road, Cambridge; beasts from Kingston were being driven to the slaughterhouse in Tenison Road when one bullock became excited. It ran away near

Donkey common and charged a twelve-year old girl, tossing her as high as the top of a street lamp. Miraculously no bones were broken but there are slight internal injuries.

1902 03 20
Smallpox, p3 *

1902 03 20 c
Cambridge councillors considered possible sites for public baths, including Mackenzie Road, Quayside and Castle Street. The most suitable is Christ's Pieces. In order to provide a good swimming bath, length baths, a Turkish bath installation, together with boilers etc a sum of £8,000 would have to be expended, exclusive of the purchase of the site. £500 a year would be required for maintenance. In view of the half-hearted character of the public meeting they could not recommend expenditure of so large a sum of money # c.21.1

1902 03 21
The fifth annual race promoted by the Cambridge Cross County Union was decided over the county course. The competitors having been photographed were send on their journey. The Champion of the County, F. Hewish was the first man home. C.A. Mitchell ran well for the second place and H.H. Stacey was third. The Albert Institute Harriers who won the first race in 1898 got all their men home in the first seven # c.38 : athletics

1902 03 22
Sir – A beautiful permanent memorial of the Coronation year would be the building of a bridge at De Freville Avenue. The Avenue is planted with elm trees on each side, the houses are all substantially, and some very tastefully, built; they are all set back and have flower gardens in front, making a very attractive approach to the proposed new bridge. It would provide a safe road for children attending the best Cambridge schools and provide the nearest way to Newmarket Road and the Railway Station, thus benefiting labourers, working men, college servants etc. The more bridges there are built over the river the more surely you bind communities together to the advantage of both Cambridge and Chesterton – F.R. Leach # c.44.7

1902 03 24
A wife told Royston court that she had gone into the Buffalo's Head at Wicker Hall and asked her husband if he were coming home. He replied that he should come when he liked. About 11 o'clock he came home and on getting indoors commenced to swear and struck her with his fists. He took two tumblers off the shelf and threw them at her. She went across the room to get a small glass mirror to throw back at him and as she was turning round he struck her in the head with a knife. She said: "You have struck me in the head, Charlie". He replied: "Serve you right". The husband said: "I did throw a brick at you after I got outside the house. But you threw a brick at me first. I did not interfere with you until you interfered with me". He was committed for trial.

1902 03 25
Sir – with regard to the Clock Tower Permanent Memorial which it is proposed to erect at the Hills Road end of Station Road, Cambridge. I cannot see the need of such a clock there as I am quite sure anyone can see the clock at Hyde Park Corner from Station Road. Would it not be more beneficial if it was placed in the centre of Parker's Piece? It would not only serve the cricketers and footballers but would be of great boon to the working man as he passes two and fro – F. Miller

1902 03 29
A disastrous fire occurred at 56 Bridge Street, Cambridge, occupied by William Agger, glass and china dealer. When the Fire Brigade arrive they found flames had obtained a great hold on the interior and the peculiar construction of the house made it difficult to get the hose at work. They succeeded in confining the damage to the one house, though the woodwork of the next building was scorched by

the heat of the flames. Had the fire occurred at night the occupants would have had a very small chance of escaping as the fire swept the middle of the house clean through.

1902 03 29
Folk have different ways of observing Good Friday. Devout church people spend some part of the day in church, chapel-goers attend meetings in the evenings, and many – the great majority – spend the day in health and recreation. Quite early – ere the vendors of the indigestible bun had ceased their rounds – cyclists rose and by the time ordinary stay-at-homes had broken their fast were enjoying brisk rides into the country. Many of them look forward to Easter as a time when "the craze motion" can be gratified. The Wanderers Cycle Club took advantage of the bright light to be photographed in a club group.

1902 03 31
Three men were charged with breaking into a warehouse in Fitzroy Street, Cambridge and stealing a quantity of oranges, the property of Messrs Sturton Bros. Detective White said he found a box with three compartments, two were full of oranges, the third was empty. There was a quantity of orange peel on the warehouse floor. He eventually went to a house in Brunswick Walk where the wife showed him some oranges. Later one man admitted the offence. The men were remanded in custody, an application for bail was refused.

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1902 04 01
Orange raid, p3

1902 04 02
At Haddenham the disputed chairmanship of the parish council continues. Neither side will give way. The past 12 months have proved a period of unrest during which meetings have been held again and again without any progress being made. The latest phase of the 'crisis' was the annual parish meeting but after a few moments it was clear any attempt to hold a meeting would end in failure. But for a few public-spirited individuals who have provided lights the village would be in darkness.

1902 04 03
Thomas Askham applied for a licence for the public performance of stage plays at the Circus of Varieties, Auckland Road, Cambridge and presented a petition of 900 signatures in favour. The Committee would recommend it on condition that the old buildings were pulled down, that electric light was placed throughout and at least four hydrants connected with the water supply. Plans would have to be produced. Mr Askham intimated his willingness to do so. # c.76

1902 04 03
Chesterton U.D.C. had asked the Prison Commissioners to provide accommodation for small-pox patients at Cambridge Gaol but they did not see their way to do that and urged the local authorities to provide room for the patients in their own accommodation. Chesterton would be prepared to place the small-pox hospital at the disposal of the gaol authorities but felt the prison should guarantee expenses and pointed out the difficulty of the safe custody of the prisoners. c.21.1

1902 04 03
Newmarket council heard that the Jockey Club would grant the free use of the steeplechase stands and grounds for the coronation celebrations. It would be infinitely better than the Portland stand as they were covered and undesirables can be kept out better. There was also, if necessary, cooking accommodation. They would offer waggons to get the younger children there. (Applause). An Ipswich firm could supply a tent to accommodate 1,400 adults at a cost of £48. (Oh, oh). Mr Morris: We don't want to buy it!

Gipsy Smith, p2

Willingham measles, p3

1902 04 04
Haddenham accident, p2 & 5th p4

1902 04 07
The Great Eastern Railway Company opened for traffic their new station at Newmarket, about a quarter of a mile nearer the Race Course. It provides very superior accommodation for dealing with passenger traffic. Long platforms have been constructed, connected by a subway with excellent waiting accommodation and spacious refreshment rooms specially designed to provide for the requirements of the race traffic. Colonel McCalmont has constructed new roads which afford good facilities for reaching the new Station both from the town and race course as well as from the direction of Cheveley

1902 04 08
Mr O. Griffith offered for sale at his Rothesay House Auction Rooms a freehold property situate opposite The Terrace in High Street Newmarket and known as Aston House, with stables and coach-houses and a cottage adjoining. The lot was withdrawn at £1,500. Other properties including Kingston House, Amelia House and Chudleigh House and a lock-up shop in the occupation of Mr J. Jennings were also withdrawn without sale.

1902 04 10
Willingham Parish Council have written to Addenbrooke's Hospital concerning a case of measles which it says was sent into the village from the hospital some six weeks since, by which means an epidemic of measles has resulted and at least two deaths caused. They accuse the Hospital authorities of a grave error of judgement and request steps be taken to prevent such an occurrence in future.

1902 04 11
Sir – Cambridge council propose to erect a clock tower at the end of Station Road as a permanent memorial of the coronation. There are other places more suitable. The Four Lamps on Newmarket Road would be better and a great convenience to Barnwell and Chesterton. But why not erect a statue to our departed Queen, Victoria? This could be done by the removal of the present dirty drinking fountain and replaced by one more useful with the statue to her memory – Charles Hoppett

1902 04 11
One of the most enjoyable of the performances at Haverhill this winter was that given by the Haverhill Amateur Dramatic Society on behalf of the Cricket Club and the Eastern Counties Asylum for Idiots. It cannot be denied there are some good amateur actors; Mr F.W. Gurteen capitally sustained the character of George Impulse and Mr H. Cross was very mirth-provoking. During the interval the Haverhill Orchestral Band played a selection of music

1902 04 14
Sir – a recent article in the "Cambridge Express" stated that the Chairman of the Public Health Committee had to stop 'larking' between a nurse and an undergraduate in the scullery of the Sanatorium, and that another professional man had been pestered by a nurse to take her to the Theatre and upon this being indignantly refused he was insulted by with a letter asking him to visit the nurse's rooms at night. These are serious allegations against the character and conduct of the nurses. Not one of the statements is correct – J. Congreve

1902 04 18
The Histon and Impington Bicycle Club were "at home" to members of the Cambridge Wanderer's Cycling Club at the Boot Inn, Histon. Every preparation had been made for the comfort of the cyclists & the room presented the gayest aspect, owing to decorations of flags, bunting etc. Mr G.H. Whitehead of the "Senior Wrangler" Bicycle Firm, Cottenham and Mr George Tolliday of the

"George" Cycle Works Histon were amongst those present. A capital programme of music was gone through including 'Goodbye, Dolly Gray" and the comic song "Cheer up, you'll soon be dead"

1902 04 18
Coronation 1902. A Proclamation. Messrs Starr and Rignall, the people's photographers, being confident that every loyal subject of H.M. King Edward will appreciate some memento of this the most eventful year of the present decade have decided to give everyone the opportunity of securing one of their high-class cabinet portraits, finished in their best style, for one shilling. See window for special babies' offer. 108 Fitzroy Street, Cambridge. – advert # c.65.5

1902 04 19
The contractor for the erection of Aldreth Bridge is making progress with the works. There have been great expectations of antiquarian finds but very little has been found. A square oak beam some thirty feet long, thought to have been used in the erection of a bridge previous to anything known, has been taken out in good preservation. Smaller things such as hammer heads and old sword etc have been taken to Cambridge, but nothing has turned up equal to what was ploughed up in a field within a mile of the bridge in 1857.

1902 04 21
The King passed through Cambridge on his way from Sandringham to London. The special train steamed through at a slow pace. The king was plainly visible reading a daily paper. A barrier was thrown across the station where the London trains go out. A number of people assembled on that part of the platform which was open to the public, but there was no demonstration.

1902 04 22
A Cambridge butcher was charged with obtaining money from Caius College. A system of frauds had been in operation since 1886 in reference to the supply of meat to various colleges. He had been asked to produce his books but said they had been burnt on the bonfire on Ladysmith night. A detective visited the shop and found some ledgers in the safe. There were more in the stoke hole of the conservatory and in a large meat basket tied up with rope # c.27

1902 04 22
An exciting scene took place at Newmarket Police Court when a Deptford butcher was charged with being drunk. The prisoner was arrested suffering from delirium tremens had had since been an inmate of the Workhouse Infirmary. When the magistrates intimated he would be further remanded he rushed towards the reporters' table and then attempted to strangle himself with a neckerchief. Several constables secured him and he was led away uttering threats.

1902 04 22 c
Sir – may I call attention to an almost intolerable nuisance that maintains on Mill Road, Cambridge. The shopkeepers are in the habit of sweeping the refuse from their establishments into the streets (especially on Saturday night) with the result that dirty paper is blown about the streets and into the gardens of private houses. It is most objectionable and annoying to have one's gardens and yards filled with rubbish of this description. Is it not an offence against the bye-laws? – Resident # c.29.8

1902 04 24
In the course of works at Grantchester Mill in connection with providing a turbine it had been noticed that the brickwork to the retaining wall which supported the public road was getting somewhat out of repair. The arch over the waterway appeared inadequate to bear any but the ordinary traffic and there was considerable risk if traction engines were allowed to pass. The tenant of the mill had put up a notice that the bridge was unfit for heavy vehicles. The bridge was a private one, although the Council had to make up the roads on either side and the matter was referred to the Highways Committee.

1902 04 24

Tom Hayward, the cricketer, was the recipient of an expression of that pride and admiration which his fellow-townsmen so unstintingly entertain for the man and the sportsman. It took the form of the time-honoured complimentary dinner at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge on the occasion of his return home after a most successful cricketing tour in Australia. Mr Hayward thanked the company for the kind reception which made him more nervous than playing before 40,000 people. As to the tour they had a very pleasant time. There was only one thing to mar it and that was losing four out of five of the test matches. But they had bad luck, all their best bowlers being ill or injured. # c.38 : cricket

1902 04 28
William Edwards of the Rock Estate, Cherry Hinton, applied for an exemption certificate from vaccination for his child, William. He had an exemption before and was more firmly convinced that vaccination was not required. His first child died through it and, if small pox broke out at Cherry Hinton, he would not, unless forced by law, consent to his child being vaccinated. If there were a loophole of escape from it he would not have the child done, if it cost him every stick of furniture he had got. The exemption was granted.

1902 04 29
Crowded houses are the order of the day at Cambridge Guildhall for the marvellous entertainment provided by Maskelyne and Cocke's mysteries. The sleight of hand and illusions mystify and amuse the audiences while M. Gintaro varies his clever feats of juggling. Quite a feature of the evening's amusement is the first-class animated photographs.

1902 04 29
Outside Cambridge police court there was an air of suppressed excitement. As soon as the doors of the court were opened the space allotted to the public quickly filled. Hundreds were unable to obtain admission and eagerly waited outside for the chance of catching some details. A butcher from Petty Cury was accused of cheating and defrauding Caius College since January 1888. It was alleged t hat meat was constantly booked to the college which was not delivered at all and the cook was supplied his own meat gratis. # c.27

1902 04 30
Sir – Drives for the aged, infirm & invalids. Some scores of poor creatures in Cambridge would welcome a free country trip which could be done with little expense. A brake could call at the hospital, the workhouse and almshouses and take them out for short drives into the country. It would be the means of brightening the existence of many of our aged, infirm, feeble and poverty-stricken people who are compelled through affliction or old age to spend the remainder of their miserable existence in the house. It would be much appreciated and heartily supported – Sympathy

1902 04 30
The King left London on Tuesday for Newmarket and reached the new station at 1.45 in the afternoon. Entering a carriage his Majesty drove along the avenue into High Street and thence to the racecourse, repeatedly acknowledging the cheers of the people en route. He lunched in his private room at the grand stand and chatted with several people in the Jockey Club enclosure. After the races the King drove to Egerton House where he looked over the training establishment and returned to his rooms at the Jockey Club to sleep

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1902 05 01
Old English customs are, unhappily, dying out slowly but surely. Even the romantic revels which formerly attached to May Day have to a large extent disappeared and but little remains to mark what was an important day in the calendar. May Day is essentially a day for youthful jubilation and in one place in Cambridge is at least observed as such. Scholars at Eden Street Higher Grade Schools

annually take part in a quaintly pretty ceremony of choosing a May Queen. Queen Nellie – last year's queen was escorted to her throne and formally abdicated. Votes were taken and it was announced that Miss Daisy Coulson had been elected and she was crowned with a crown of roses. # c.39

1902 05 02
A deep feeling of horror spread like lightning through Cambridge when it was reported that a cook at a Cambridge college had committed suicide. Enquiries show he was fearful of being drawn into the hearing of the Cambridge meat case and made to become a witness against his own brother. This undoubtedly preyed upon his mind and he became exceedingly suspicious of any stranger entering the college hall. The other day a friend observed: "I see you have a new waiter". "No", he replied, "he is a detective shadowing me" # c.28 # c.34.6

1902 05 03
Ashwell blacksmith's death, p3 *
Cook's death, p3 *

1902 05 05
Clark case, p3

1902 05 06
Caius meat scandal, p3

1902 05 07
It will probably surprise many that there is no telephonic communication between Cambridge Police Court and the County Gaol. This morning when a trial was to have proceeded it was reported that the defendant was too unwell to leave prison. The question was asked as to how long he was likely to be absent and a special messenger was sent to Dr Buckingham, the Prison Surgeon. The Chairman said they were surprised to find there were some antiquated notions which had prevented the telephone from being laid on between the two places and thought councillors should see it was remedied

Clark illness, p3

1902 05 08
Years ago the foundations of the tower of St Mary's church, Haverhill gave way a good deal and in 1858 a turret was built in the hope that this would support the tower. It was examined some time back and it was then seen that the foundations under the turret had given way, thus increasing the cracks in the walls of the tower. Out of a peal of five bells two are cracked and the remaining three are worn exceedingly thin. The work will now be done due as a memorial to Rev Robert Roberts who was vicar for 55 years.

1902 05 09
Clark proceedings, p3

1902 05 09 c
Artificial teeth. Set of teeth from £1.0s.0d. Single tooth from 2s.6d. Advice and any information concerning the manufacture and adaptation of artificial teeth to the mouth given free of charge. All cases guaranteed. Consultation and every information free daily from 9 till 7. Mr P. Hawkes, 26, Hills Road, Cambridge – advert.

1902 05 10
The funeral of P.C. Thompson of the Cambridge police was conducted on military lines. His comrades, accompanied by members of the Borough Fire Brigade, marched to Sturton Street. As the coffin was brought out of the house the police band played the death march in "Saul" and Drum Major Inspector Johnson, his staff draped with crepe, led the hearse & mourning coaches in

procession to Mill Road cemetery. The route was line by people and many were the manifestations of sympathy with the mourners. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr Ellis Merry. # c.34.7

Clark case, p3

1902 05 12
Meat case, p3

1902 05 13
A young Cambridge man who was imprisoned through being in arrears on a wife's maintenance payment contracted small-pox whilst lying at the county gaol, Castle Street. He was removed to the hut but succumbed to the disease on Sunday last. Deceased, we believe, had only been in gaol 18 days. He was buried last night. # c.21.1

Sale 31 Kingston street, p2
Meat case, p3
Circus of Varieties, p3

1902 05 14
A motion was made in the Chancery Court for an injunction to restrain the Bishop of Ely and the churchwarden of Cowlinge from interfering with the village minister in his enjoyment of the living and the emoluments thereof and instituting any other person to the living. His wife had been granted a separation order and given the custody of their five children. After the Bishop gave notice to deprive him of his ministry the churchwardens had kept him out of the church and threatened to eject him from the vicarage house

Clark case, p2

1902 05 15
Cambridge councillors considered a report on a scheme for the establishment of a municipal telephonic system. The probable cost for a system with 500 subscribers would be £10,000. This was a small sum when the council spent nearly double that amount on certain luxuries. £12,000 would cover the cost of putting down facilities for another 500 lines. If the system were adopted subscribers would be able to get on to the trunk line. c.27.7

1902 05 15
The Cambridge Gazette Company has been wound up. As the business had proved so unprofitable the daily and weekly papers had been discontinued but a number of hands were engaged in jobbing printing work. Liquidators discharged them and proceeded to realise the assets. They had arranged the sale of the printing plant, machinery and effects in January 1901 but had no funds to meet the claims of the creditors or shareholders. There was no object in delaying the winding up further. # c.04

1902 05 16
Sir – now everyone is thinking how best to celebrate the Coronation I suggest that this is a suitable time to free from toll the bridge at Clayhithe. It that were to thrown open it would be a great boon to hundreds of people both at Cambridge and Waterbeach. The Cam Sailing Club have their headquarters there and cyclists should move to free the bridge, as one of the prettiest rides around here is through Horningsea, Clayhithe, Waterbeach and Milton – R.P.B.

Clark case, p3

1902 05 17
Cowlinge case, p3
Funeral Capt Machell, p3

1902 05 19
A young man in charge of a horse attached to a cart left it unattached in the station yard at Ashwell while he took a parcel to the booking office. The horse became restive, dashed off into the goods yard and crossed the sidings to the main line, following closely in the wake of the 7.39 down train. The runaway continued on its career till it reached the Litlington gate level crossing where in endeavouring to cross the line it fell. It was at length secured and seemed none the worse for its gallop.

Barrington Cement Company, p3

1902 05 20
Railway presentation, p2

1902 05 21
Swaffham Prior is unique in that it possesses two churches in one churchyard. St Mary's was formerly a picturesque ruin, the restoration of which began in 1878 when the chancel and vestry were rebuilt. The next process in the work included the restoration of the whole body of the church and both aisles. They are practically finished at the present time, the walls and roof having been completed. The work remaining to be done includes the flooring and glazing of the windows. It once possessed a steeple but now only a portion of the tower remains, dilapidated in condition.

1902 05 22
Jones … paper, p3 *
Doan's pills, p4

1902 05 23
Ely Board of Guardians discussed what they proposed to do in regard to the Coronation and agreed to only one day's festivities. Mr Darby said they at Sutton wished to bring over to the village all the inmates belonging thereto. The Guardians had no objection. Coronation fare for the inmates should be similar to that provided at Christmastime and during the afternoon they would be allowed to attend the festivities in the town. Each would be presented with a Coronation medal and the Master would provide four sets of draughts and dominoes for the use of inmates.

Grantchester drain, p2 *

1902 05 24 – 1902 05 30 – no papers

1902 05 31
New Town Cycles adv, p1 *
New Chesterton bike, p1
Accident, p3 *
Coronation procession, p3 *
Cottenham vaccination, p3
County Council, p3
Storm, p3 *

1902 05 31 c
At the annual inspection of the Second Cambridge Company of the Boys Brigade physical drill with arms, company drill and manual firing exercises were capably done. Exercises with the dumb-bells were given and a squad gave an excellent display on the parallel bars. Capt Titterington said they believed in teaching the boys to look after their bodies as well as their lives. Every boy of the Brigade is a total abstainer and non-smoker

1902 05 31 c

Cambridge is the centre of a prosperous agricultural district. To the north lie the fens, a rich corn-growing district; to the south and east are light sheep and barley lands and to the west heavy clay lands which, in past times, have produced large wheat supplies, but which now in consequence of agricultural depression, have been largely laid down to grass.

1902 05 31
Won on Whit Monday at Dersingham by A. Brown of Milton, 1st prize, pair of solid silver candlesticks, value £7. This prize was won on a New Chesterton Bicycle, made to order. Racing machines a speciality. I invite customers to see their machines being constructed. Riding tuition free if a new machine is purchased. Tyres re-rubbered and repaired from 8/6 each. Repairs and machines overhauled at moderate charges by experienced workmen – W.J. Ison, Chesterton Cycle Works, Chesterton Road, Cambridge – advert.

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1902 06 02
June 2nd 1902 is a date which will be indelibly fixed in the minds of Cambridge people, for it marks not only the blessed announcement of the proclamation of Peace in South Africa but also the trial at Cambridge assizes of various persons for conspiring to defraud Caius College in their meat accounts, a case that has not parallel in Cambridge history and which has created the most profound interest throughout the kingdom.

1902 06 03
Peace in South Africa produced strife in Cambridge – one of those fierce contests between the police and the united forces of town and gown which, combined with the destruction of property, constitutes a "rag". In King Street a large double gate was attacked as wood for a bonfire but a vigorous-looking dame appeared from the other side. Her only weapon was a duster, but such a formidable appearance did she present that the crowd melted away before her advance. Skirmishers went towards the Circus of Varieties to obtain a hoarding but this was well guarded and soon they were retracing their steps. The hoarding whict surrounded the underground topilets on Market Hill was torn down and lighted. More wood was wanted and the mob pulled down glazed bricks and girers, door-posts and window frames. Next morning the appearance of the projected underground lavatory was more like an archaeological excavation. Thiusands of bricks were lying in the bottom mixed up with the dirt and pieces of wood and the general appearance of the place showed how wanton and reckless had been the young hot heads who had wrought the damage c.36.9

Cattle market, p2 *
Meat scandal, p3

1902 06 04
The following notice has been issued by the Vice Chancellor of Cambridge University. "Whereas the attendance of members of the University at certain public exhibitions, performances and places of dramatic entertainment has been productive of grave disorder, notice is given that the attendance of any member in statu pupillari at the Circus of Varieties, Auckland Road, is prohibited and will render him liable to be punished by suspension, rustication, expulsion or otherwise." # c.76 # c.36.9

Meat – not guilty – reprinted as book

1902 06 05
Grantchester mill bridge, p2 *
Meat scandal, p3
Circus & grads, p3

1902 06 05 c

Chesterton medical officer reported on the provision made for smallpox patients in the district. The hospital was now clear of patients and was closed. There was still a possibility of cases occurring, as the disease was still present in London. The buildings would be at once available for use & the staff of the Cambridge Corporation was also at their service.

1902 06 06
An undergraduate was summoned for cruelly ill-treating a cat. He had for some time been annoyed by their "unmusical noises", obtained a Martini-Henry rifle and deliberately shot at a cat belonging to the next-door neighbour. His aim had been very accurate and the bullet penetrated the animal's shoulder. His intention was to kill the cat and he did not learn until afterwards that he had not killed it.

1902 06 09
The day of thanksgiving for peace was universally observed and in Cambridge, as elsewhere, large congregations gathered to express the joy and thankfulness felt by all at the termination of the long struggle waged in South Africa. The Mayor and members of the Corporation attended service at Great St Mary's and two special thanksgiving services were held at King's College chapel. At Christ Church the curate-in-charge of the Abbey Church made fitting allusion to the termination of the war and the National Anthem was sung at St Luke's and St Matthew's churches.

1902 06 10
Furious driving, p3

1902 06 12
On 13th June 1889 the foundation stone of St Philip's Church, Mill Road, Cambridge, was laid by Professor Babington; on June 11th 1902 it was consecrated by the Bishop to the worship of God and "for ever set apart from all profane and common uses". A small wooden church was built by a pious, but somewhat eccentric Churchman, which was eventually to give place to the present building. It is a chapel-of-ease to the populous parish which ere long may be a distinct ecclesiastical parish. # c.83

1902 06 13
The Cambridgeshire Weekly News is acknowledged to be the Cambridgeshire County Journal and possesses an unrivalled circulation and standing throughout the County. It gives the fullest, most accurate and most attractive reports of any newspaper. It contains a carefully-compiled summary of home and foreign news, a bright and attractive London letter written by a journalist of great ability and an illustrated ladies' letter devoted to the newest modes and fashions – Advert # c.04

1902 06 14
A public inquiry was held into the desirability of the County Council having the control and management of the metalled roads in the county. It had been said that county and district surveyors were acting on the same roads. Some said the parish councils might, for a small fee, look after some 15 or 20 miles of road, others that the County Council's management of the main road had been a failure & maintenance should remain with the district councils. But to keep two machines going cost considerably more than one and management under one control would effect a considerable saving. # c.44.65

Newmarket trainers & stablemen, p3

1902 06 16
A large number of members of the Society of Friends from all parts of England met at the Friends' School, Saffron Walden, to take part in the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the foundation of the School. The day saw the opening of a new swimming bath and gymnasium. By the courtesy of the Great eastern Railway Company special trains at reduced fares were run from London

1902 06 17
Newmarket Salvation Army, p3 *

Cottenham water, p3 *
Newmarket stablemen's dinner, p3

1902 06 18
There were lively scenes at a public meeting about arrangements for celebrating the Coronation in St John's Ward, Cambridge. There was a good deal of controversy. They would provide for tea for 500 at Homerton New College. But servants will say "This is not for me; it is for the residents – my mistress and my master". Mr Clark said: "It is absurd to come and waste our time here. We have spent no end of time arranging this thing, and now you want to upset it, instead of supporting us like men"

Rothschild speeding, p3 *

1902 06 19
A giant mushroom has just been grown at Cottenham. This marvellous agaric measures over four feet in circumference, weighs over four pounds and is of perfect shape. Mushrooms exhibit a special preference for damp localities so hopes may be entertained that the question of water supply at Cottenham, which is still unsolved after twenty years, will shortly be brought to conclusion. It is remarkable that a brainless fungus should have so signally succeeded where the combined wisdom of public authorities and private parishioners has so signally failed.

Cambridge & Chesterton amalgamation, p3

1902 06 20
Cottenham typhoid, p2
Coronation festivities, p3 *

1902 06 23
Their primary object of Isolation Hospitals was to pick out early cases of infectious diseases and isolate them so that it might not spread. Newmarket district had a well-appointed hospital and when there had been epidemics of scarlatina they had been stamped out rapidly. Caxton had erected a smallpox hospital in a temporary building but thought it desirable for a central hospital for smallpox alone. Linton wished to manage the matter entirely themselves. They had spent an enormous sum on vaccination and an epidemic ought to be impossible. They were very anxious to keep out of the hands of the County Council, in which they had not much confidence.

Newmarket School Board election, p4

1902 06 24
The startling and unwelcome intelligence that the Coronation of King Edward VII had been postponed, owing to him having to undergo an operation, created a great sensation in Cambridge. Those who first heard were incredulous and treated the matter as a mere rumour. Scores of enquiries were received at the News by telephone. Crowds assembled round the type-written announcements that were displayed and turned away with expressions of mingled astonishment and pain.

Cottenham water, p3

1902 06 25
Coronation postponed, p3
Sturton contractor Government, p3

1902 06 27
Never before has Cambridge Corn Exchange been the scene of such a curious sight as when a distribution was made of the large quantity of food intended to form part of the feast to the old folks in celebration of the Coronation. When the news of its postponement was received the cooking of the food had already begun. Several hundred of the poorest inhabitants gathered outside the front gates of

the Corn Exchange as quickly as their too-evident infirmities would allow them. Quite a number wrapped quantities of fruit tart in grimy newspapers that could hardly have improved their semi-liquid contents.

Newmarket 'coronation night', p2
Saffron Walden coronation, p4

1902 06 28
As soon as the King's illness was announced volumes of telegrams commenced to pour into the Cambridge office. On Tuesday no fewer than 350 telegrams were waiting to come through from London and the abnormal pressure was kept up until Friday. Press wires, commercial wires and private telegrams increased at such a rate that in order to cope with them employees from the postal department were drafted into the telegraph department. Even then it was only by working at very high pressure, and working overtime, that the staff were able to get through their task. c.02
Cambridge coronation committees, p3

1902 06 28 c
A violent thunderstorm passed directly over Cambridge & exceedingly vivid flashes of lightning were witnessed. One was seen to strike the chimney stack of 116 York Street, a house occupied by a labourer named Charles Chapman, & several bricks fell down the chimney into the fireplace. A house at 21 Victoria Park was also struck and 250 slates dislodged. Rain descended in such torrents that the drains could not carry it away quickly enough. Several houses in Silver Street were flooded and when the Pitt Press boys left work many took off their shoes and stockings to ford Trumpington Street which was several inches under water.

1902 06 30
Albert Easy of Cottenham applied for an order exempting his child from vaccination. He said a child in the village was healthy before vaccination but afterwards it was all over sores and a nonconformist minister's son had been ill through vaccination. The chairman said it was better to have it. The boy would not be able to go either into the army or the Civil Service unless he had been vaccinated. The application was refused.

1902 06 30
News from Cottenham as to the outbreak of typhoid fever becomes daily more serious. Twelve cases are now reported and in three more persons the disease is suspected. The cases are attributed to the bad water available in the parish for drinking purposes. Whether this latest outbreak will result in some action being taken to give the district a wholesome supply of water we cannot say. One epidemic of typhoid had passed over the village but the warning then given was unheeded and now Nature has taken the matter in hand in her own summary and peculiarly effective manner.

1902 06 30
An alarming report was widely current in Cambridge that his Majesty had succumbed to his operation. One credulous tradesman actually put a shutter up on the strength of an absolutely unofficial report to that effect, which was posted on a shop window adjacent to the office of the Cambridge Independent Press. The tradesman was Mr C.S. Addison who is indignant at being credited with the responsibility of making the erroneous announcement. He had absolutely nothing to do with the report except that he gave permission to the Independent Press to exhibit upon his shop front any intelligence that might come to hand. The announcement caused much pain and indignation & ought not to be made except on the receipt of official news & certainly not upon the strength of a mere rumour. c.02

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1902 07 01
Locomotive after hours, p2

1902 07 03
At the Central Criminal Court a clerk was accused under the Official Secrets Act that he did corruptly attempt to communicate certain information to R.J. Ashworth Sturton. He had written to Messrs Sturton Bros, wholesale grocers at Cambridge, who had a contract from the Supply Department offering, for a consideration, to supply them with information as to prices and future contracts. Mr Sturton communicated with the police at whose instance he wrote some letters to the accused, to which the latter replied. Eventually he was arrested. The judge commended Mr Sturton's conduct

1902 07 04
At a recent meeting of Newmarket Council Mr J. G. Cattrall opposed an application by the Salvation Army to hire the Town Hall on the grounds that the "music" of the Army "was all discord" and that it would "alarm the horses in the stables". Now W. Streeton, Divisional Officer of the Cambridge Salvation Army has written to him saying that such refusal will not keep them out of Newmarket. He continues "Thanking you for your assistance (?) to the work of God and reminding you that Eternity is in the future and you may be called into account for your influence in the above matter".

Ely pauper's last journey, p3

1902 07 05
PC Allen said he received an anonymous letter and visited the Admiral Vernon public house at Over on the night of the annual meeting of the Stock Club. He passed through a small bar into the room where there were 40 people. There was a central table and men were playing cards. If he looked through the window it was impossible to see the people who were gaming because people were smoking and there were a number of old high-backed chairs. There was a notice in the taproom prohibiting gaming but none in the room where the meeting was held. The Club paid 5s. for a room from which the landlord was excluded as it was necessary they should not have strangers among them.

Girton water, p3 *

1902 07 07
Histon feast, p3 *
Photographic convention, p3 *

1902 07 08
Photographic convention, p3
Cambridge & Chesterton, p3

1902 07 09
Sir – the County Council is much misunderstood by the majority of Cambridge people who seem to regard us with suspicious eyes and seek to alienate the town and county by setting up Cambridge as a County Borough. As I look back over the last 14 years there is not a single instance where Cambridge has not had the utmost consideration and fairness of treatment from the hands of the County Council. The setting up of the backs of Cambridge people against the Council is the work of a small body of discontents – C.C.

Tennis Court Road accident, p2
Ashwell tithe map, p4

1902 07 09 c
At a sale at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge a terrace of three newly-erected villas upon the Cherryhinton Road was put up for auction. A hint was made about electric trams which it was hoped would shortly be in vogue and increase the value of such a property. At £1,125 the three villas were knocked down to Mr Goldsmith. Two dwelling houses in Catharine Street were sold for £160. The auctioneers stated

they failed to see how such property could depreciate in value. Bidding for four cottages at Toft started at £7.10s. apiece and were eventually sold for £65

1902 07 10
It is not a common feat to take down stone by stone, transport for fourteen miles and re-erect, practically without alteration, a solidly-built church capable of accommodating some 250 worshippers. That is what has been done with regard to the old Roman Catholic Church of St Andrew at Cambridge which has been removed to St Ives. The church is one of Pugin's earlier masterpieces and for 59 years it was in use in Cambridge. Then it was superseded by the magnificent new church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs. It was in danger of falling into a ruinous condition when the idea was conceived of transporting it to St Ives. # c.83

Photographic enlarging, p3

1902 07 11
One of the most fashionable weddings seen in Haverhill for a long time was that when Miss Katherine Gurteen and Mr R. Ellis Long of Lolworth were united in the bonds of holy matrimony. The event created a great amount of interest amongst the townspeople, by many of whom the bride is greatly esteemed and she carries with her good wishes for her future welfare. After the ceremony at the Old Independent Chapel a reception was held at the Coupals, the guests numbering over 200. The wedding presents were very numerous and beautiful. The honeymoon is being spent in Switzerland.

1902 07 12
Cambridge welcomed the Photographic Convention of the United Kingdom, numbering some 350 amateur and professional photographers. Quite early this morning numbers, with their indispensable cameras, were to be seen about the town and many impressions of the most interesting spots and ancient buildings will doubtless be taken away. Permission has been obtained for small parties of members wearing their badges to photograph in various colleges and churches. The official group photograph is invariably taken by a local photographer and as so many are competent the post was decided by draw and Mr T.B. Hunt was successful. # c.65.5

Amalgamation question, p2 & p3

1902 07 16
Sir – if Cambridge and Chesterton are excluded from the County Council it will become a superfluous organisation whose few remaining functions could well be carried out by the Rural Councils. The loss of revenue would impose upon the rural districts a burden which would be simply crushing. What would Cambridge gain – nothing unless it is made a County Borough. But with the population of Chesterton, Cherry Hinton and Newnham Croft added Cambridge would still be short of the 50,000 requisite to form a County Borough – John Bester

1902 07 16
The day long looked forward to by the youngsters of Haverhill has at last come and gone, and the Sunday School treats are over for another year. It is an afternoon and evening of unalloyed pleasure. It was a sight well worth watching to see the 1,500 children all attired in summer dresses, marching through the streets to the strain of inspiring music. They were headed by the Haverhill Old Brass Band and behind them the members of the Church Lads' Brigade marched with their rifles at the slope. Wright's roundabouts, shooting galleries etc were in attendance and at dusk there were fireworks.

Hooley – Kisby's Hut, p3

1902 07 17
Cambridge Paving Committee had approached the vicar and churchwardens of St Giles' church to ascertain whether it would be possible to acquire a portion of the churchyard for the widening of

Castle Street. They would agree provided that the work of excavating and collecting human remains be screened by a hoarding & the bodies reverently re-interred. Chesterton Road corner was a most dangerous one and when the improvement was carried out one corner out of the four would be cut back. # c.44.6 # c.83

David Scales & kidney pills, p4

1902 07 18
Now his Majesty is on the high road to recovery many places are holding the festivities arranged in celebration of the Coronation. Out of sympathy for King Edward these were postponed and now while the bright summer days and long mild evenings are at their best the committees are taking the wise course of holding the jubilations rather than wait until a later stage in the year when there is a greater chance of unfavourable weather. Unfortunately St John's ward, Cherry Hinton picked upon early closing day and any shop employee will say that this is practically synonymous with rain. Nevertheless the festivities must be written of as a success. # c.02

Workhouse coronation concert, p3
New Theatre agm, p3

1902 07 18 c
You can wash with half the work, and wash better if you use Fels-Naptha soap. The grocer who sells it to you returns your money if you don't like it. You mean that I can use your soap – use it up – and then if I think it wasn't good my grocer would give me back my money? Yes. Do you mean to say I can buy two bars, use one and get my money for both bars back? Of course. Aren't you afraid I'll tell him a fib? Not a bit – you won't want your money back – Advert

1902 07 21
Professor T. McKenny Hughes was summoned for riding a bicycle on the footpath at Cherry Hinton. P.C. Sanford said when he stopped him the defendant then began to complain and said the police would be doing better if they were moving the horses and carts on the road as they were a great nuisance. There was no traffic about at the time. The Chairman said the defendant was hardly setting a good example and would be fined 3s 6d and 6s 6d costs.

1902 07 21
The people of Sawston did their best for Addenbrooke's Hospital and exceeded the contributions given on the previous Friendly Societies' parade by several shillings. Members of the "Florence Nightingale" and "Star of Friendship" courts, headed by the Sawston Brass Band, marched to the Congregational Church which was completely filled for the service.

1902 07 22
The problem of the general servant is with us always. The tyranny of the domestic, her varying moods and fluctuating caprices seemingly know no end. Her demands have gradually become more peremptory and extensive for some years past and housekeepers have become painfully familiar with Sundays off, evenings out, cycles in the kitchen and swains in constant evidence. The Cambridge autocrats of the kitchen are now going a step further; the very latest request is a week's holiday at the Coronation. It is not stated whether the majority of them propose attending the Abbey # c.27

1902 07 22
Haverhill council called the attention of the police officers to the misconduct of roughs in damaging seats and shelters on the Recreation Ground after the ground was supposed to be closed. The obvious thing was for the council to fence it and enclose it, so they could close the ground entirely. Plates with enamelled letters should be obtained for distinctly marking each gymnasium & the custodian should report names of males using the female gymnasium and vice versa

1902 07 24

Chatteris, right in the heart of the breeders' country was the venue for the 1902 show of the Cambridgeshire Agricultural Society. It welcomed the society with open arms decorating its few streets as gaily as flags and bunting would allow. Visitors leaving the station passed under a triumphal arch of evergreens with the word 'Welcome' on the arrival side and 'Success to Agriculture' on the reverse. The number of entries and the attendance of the public were records and by mid-day 2,450 people had passed the turnstiles.

1902 07 25
P.C. Savidge said he was walking along Mill Road, Cambridge and noticed a motor-car which appeared to have been on fire outside Mr Storey's shop. A number of boys were looking at it and a three-year-old boy was on the path near the motor car. Defendant came out of a shop and deliberately kicked the boy with such force that he was lifted off the ground. The man said there were parts of the car liable to injury if meddled with by inexperienced hands. A number of boys were "pulling it about the whole afternoon". Time after time he warned them away and had "cuffed" two or three boys. The youngsters were a perfect pest in Mill Road and he considered the charge ridiculous. There was no doubt defendant lost his temper and he was fined £2

Mill Road flower show, p3

1902 07 26
An important property sale was conducted under instructions of executors of the late Messrs Edmond and Ebeneezer Foster. Amongst the lots were dwelling-houses, offices and shops in Cambridge and farm houses and cottages. A tailor's shop in Green Street sold for £1,500, & a newly-built farmhouse at Gt Eversden sold to Mr J. Fossey for £550. Livery stables in Gwydir Street Cambridge were withdrawn at £325, as was a residence in Scroope Terrace at £300

Charabanc drives, p3

1902 07 28
The people of Old Cherryhinton participated in festivities in celebration of the Coronation. They took the form of sports and a tea, besides various minor amusements, while music entered largely into the scheme of pleasure. 900 people availed themselves of the opportunity to take tea which took place in a large erection constructed of canvas under trees in a meadow. Beside this temporary tea-room stood a traction engine with steam up but it was not attached to any bread-cutting arrangement such as might have been necessary to cope with the extraordinary demand. It was used to boil water for the tea. # c.02

1902 07 29
A Cambridge man from Thoday Street, was charged with stealing two brooms and a pair of boots, the property of the Corporation. He worked as council yardman. A woman in Staffordshire Street said she had been living with the prisoner as his wife for the last four years. She saw him bring home brooms with "C.C." burnt in the top, which he filed off. He'd sold a pair of boots for 6s having told the buyer that the Corporation had provided him with them to go down the manholes and when he'd finished the surveyor said he might have them. He was sentenced to two month's imprisonment with hard labour.

1902 07 30
Cottenham, it would appear, has no desire to spend money upon such a necessary of life as water but is prepared to sanction money for the purpose of providing an illuminated clock tower to commemorate the Coronation of His Majesty the King. It is pleasant to see so much loyalty and patriotism, but it would be even pleasanter to see a much greater regard for the elementary principles of sanitation. The village has for the past 18 years wrangled over the water supply question until a second serious outbreak of typhoid. The matter is, of course, one for Cottenham people but we could have hoped they would regard pure water as of even greater importance than illuminated clocks

1902 07 31

Cottenham clock tower comment, p2 *
Transvaal war fund, p3
Swine fever, p4

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1902 08 01
Foster sale, Ely, p2

1902 08 02
The Ipswich Journal has ceased to exist. No newspaper can be produced for a penny per copy without a considerable advertisement revenue and while sales have increased the income from advertisements has as steadily diminished. Few things more vividly illustrate the change over the past 50 years. A paper once a week can no longer satisfy the needs of the busy people in our chief centres of population & unless news is "served hot" it fails to interest them. So the daily paper has become indispensable. However much we may regret the disappearance of weekly journals the inexorably law of change must be accepted. Businessmen are realising that in the matter of advertising there is a great gulf between the weekly and daily newspaper. # c.04

1902 08 02
All Saints church Newmarket vestry meeting considered tenders for lighting the church from the Electric Light and Gas Companies. Speakers pointed out the ease with which the electric light could be switched on and off and that it was the more healthy of the two. But arrangements for turning down incandescent gas were easily made, it was much cheaper and it gave out heat, thus saving somewhat on the coke for heating. The Gas Company manager guaranteed to reduce the present gas bill by at least a half as the incandescent system was more economical and cleaner that the flat burners. The committee voted four-four and it was decided to leave the decision to the Churchwardens, one of whom was strongly in favour of electric, the other gas.

1902 08 05
A multitude of people, many of whom travelled all the way from London, passed the Bank Holiday at Dunmow where the annual connubial competition took place for the flitch of bacon. Two couples claimed the trophy. The questioning and cross-questioning was conducted with the mock-judicial gravity for which the trials have become famous and the answers were often greeted with bursts of laughter. The husbands and wives came through the ordeal so triumphantly that the jury unanimously awarded each couple a flitch and complimented them on the great fact that in their cases marriage was not a failure.

Coronation celebration, p2
Theft bike, Castle Inn, p2

1902 08 06
At Rampton the Free Church Mission Hall, which has recently been completed, was opened for public worship. It is an unpretentious brick built building but was an ornament to the village and could strengthen the hands of local Nonconformists. Dr Harris said popular education was being Romanised and if the Education Bill passed in its present form in 20 years more of this regime would effectively Romanise the people of England

1902 08 06
Popular Country Drives. The "Alexandra" and "Coronation" char-a-bancs will leave Cambridge Market Hill on Wednesday for Shelford, Newton and Whittlesford; return fare 1s. Thursday special drive to Royston, Friday Haslingfield and Saturday Earith bridge. Special Sunday drive to Whittlesford Bridge pleasure gardens. H. Buck, jobmaster, Crown Inn, Jesus Lane, Cambridge – advert # c.26.46

1902 08 07
Bus company cruelty, p2

1902 08 08
After he had finished his sermon the pastor of Newmarket Congregational Chapel read a letter sent him by the deacons of the chapel which said that as seat rents and donations were falling off they were unable to keep up his salary of £220. There had been a lot of unpleasantness and it was felt the pastorate had better be brought to an end as quickly as possible. He said the Deacons had overstepped the mark. A meeting was held and proved to be decidedly more "lively" than such meetings usually are, some of those present walking out of the room while it was in progress.

1902 08 11
The venerable University town can have scarcely witness such as scene as animated gaiety as on Coronation Day. Street after street was bright with flags and blazing in a brave show of scarlet and white and blue. Visitors poured in by road and rail, in vehicles and on foot until it seemed as though the population of Cambridgeshire must have drifted en masse into the town and left the surrounding country empty and desolate. To and fro though the narrow streets, laughing, talking and singing the gay crowds eddied and swirled. # c.02

Crowd well behaved, p4

1902 08 12
All day the great mass of silk which was presently to make a journey to the skies was a source of deep interest. Around Parker's Piece where the balloon was taking its huge meal of 32,000 feet of coal-gas were rings of spectators. Slowly the gas inflated the silk, the aeronauts loosened the ropes and the balloon rose from the grass a graceful pear-like shape. After settling the final details Spencer gave the word for the two passengers to jump aboard, then with a startling rapidity the balloon leaped up and was soon several hundred feet above the earth. It first travelled in the direction of Hills Road but then, caught by a current of wind, sailed over to the Newmarket side. # c.26.1

1902 08 13 c
Enquiries were being made as to what had become of the balloon and her cargo which left Parker's Piece, where it had landed, and whether the two Cambridge voyageurs had returned safely. No one knew. One wag said that the quartet had been blown across the English Channel and landed at Dieppe. And there were those gullible enough to believe it. As a matter of fact the balloon did an hour's trip and covered 28 miles, landing in the grounds of Spencer's Grange at Great Yeldham in Essex. # c.26.1

1902 08 13
Mr Deasley told Newmarket Council that he thought some corner lamps should be lighted at Exning. They were quite as necessary there as at Newmarket. Mr Compodonico: Why have they not been lit? Mr Verrall: People go to bed at 10 p.m. at Exning.

Coronation, p2 & p3
Burwell murder, p3

1902 08 14
It would appear from a case of assault that the village of Balsham is not tolerant of strangers in their midst. A couple of shepherds were quietly walking along the road and were unfortunate enough to pass near two Balsham men who were engaged in a wordy war. "Oo's that, Bill? "Dunno". "Then 'eave 'arf a brick at 'is 'ead". The men of Balsham appear to have fallen violently upon the strangers for no other reason than that they were strangers. It might be just as well that peacefully disposed people should in the course of their wanderings in Cambridgeshire keep the incident in mind.

1902 08 14

A very serious incident has occurred at Thriplow to the family to Mr Arthur Wood, baker, as a result of eating tinned white herrings. Mrs Wood, the three children and the servant became seriously ill and Mr Wood himself, after driving the baker's cart for four miles, was seized with similar symptoms. The whole family are in a critical condition.

1902 08 15
His dusky Highness Lewanika, King of the Barotseland, with his equerry, arrived at Newmarket Station on a short visit to Dalham Hall, the residence which the late Cecil Rhodes purchased for something over £100,000 shortly before his death. Their advent was almost unnoticed as the secret of the time of their arrival had been so well kept that even at the railway station it was unknown. The Newmarket Town Band had been retained to play at Dalham at a garden party but no definite date was given until late on Wednesday. The king played croquet on the fine lawn in front of the Hall and returned to the station for the London train.

Milton coronation, p2

1902 08 16
The Cambridge Express has joined us in sounding a note of warning with regard to the proposed establishment of a municipal telephone system for Cambridge. From a financial point of view the experiment would be decidedly risky. Moreover no one can reasonably find fault with the efficiency of the existing telephone service, although everyone would like to see a reduction in the charges. Even in Tunbridge Wells where municipalisation was taken up with peculiar enthusiasm, they have done little than to pay working expenses. # c.27.7

1902 08 16
At various times I have had occasion to refer to the destruction of fish by the discharge into the Cam of poisonous matter, either from the Gas Works or the Sewage Farm. After the heavy rain last week the destruction of fish was very great. At Baitsbite locks carcasses covered the surface of the river over a large area. The serious danger is that such poisoned fish may by some thoughtless juveniles be taken home and eaten. Serious illness has been caused by precisely similar means.

1902 08 18
Waterbeach coronation, p2
Newmarket minister death pulpit, p3

1902 08 19
A correspondent from Six Mile Bottom describes a most destructive flash of lightning witnessed on 7th August. One person saw a burst of smoke mingled with a shower of leaves rise from the shrubbery; another saw a horizontal flash and a third was almost dazed by a discharge that seemed to take place at his very feet. A tremendous crash of thunder accompanied the triple flash and three distinct cases of damage were discovered. In one place the ground had been ploughed up, ivy being burnt up and a large flint split. An oak post was cut clean in two and a horse chestnut truck, all three strikes being in a line with one another.

1902 08 20
Stones at trains, p2

1902 08 21
Sir – Is Cambridge becoming overbuilt? As one looks around it is palpable that many of the recent erections of new houses is hardly the result of demand, but of speculation. Its effect must be the deterioration of older properties, and wasted energy and capital in the newer. The census shows the population to be moving slowly and the demand for new properties correspondingly small. To see a town dotted over with properties "to let" has a dispiriting effect to strangers and residents alike, and more especially to those whose capital must be sunk in them – Observer # c.23

Market St paving, p2
Coldham's Lane widening, p3
Aldenham church lighting, p3

1902 08 25
The growth of the population in Cambridge is not keeping pace with the building of houses and in various parts many houses are constantly empty. But the absence of overcrowding is in the highest degree beneficial, not only to public health, but to the public morals as well. The housing problem is one of the most difficult of the day and the proportion of income which has to be paid as rent by artisans in the neighbourhood of London is so great as to make the problem of obtaining sufficient food almost insoluble. It is to be hoped that such a state of things will never exist in Cambridge # c.23

Oak Building Society contracts, p2

1902 08 25 c
A Sawston labourer was summoned that he being the occupier of a cottage overcrowded so as to be injurious to the health of the inmates did neglect to abate the nuisance. The building contained two rooms, one of the bedrooms being downstairs, and also a lean-to kitchen. There were eight persons living in the house, the defendant and his wife, the daughter and her husband, and their four children whose ages ranged from six to 12 years. The magistrates ordered that he should quit the place in fourteen days.

1902 08 26
Mr W. Saunders, the veteran captain of Histon and Landbeach Cricket Club has been aptly dubbed the local "W.G." [Grace] – not because of any physical similarity – his spare even youthful-looking frame cannot compare with the great girth of the one and only Doctor – but because both have long and honourable records in the game. He has been actively engaged in cricket for no less a period than 48 years. His career commenced in 1854. Later he and his three brothers took a prominent part in forming a club at Impington & he finally settled at Histon about 1884

1902 08 27
Melbourn rabbit theft, p3

1902 08 28
Sawston houses, p2 & p3 *
Stetchworth water supply, p2 *

1902 08 30
In Lincolnshire some experiments have just been made with a petrol motor specially designed to assist in harvesting operations. The new motor, attached to a reaper and binder, cut a field of barley in excellent style. After cutting the crop it drew the laden wagons from the field, and may also be attached to machinery for chaff cutting, pulping roots, threshing or grinding corn. It has also been tried with a double throw plough. On the point of cost it compares most favourably with horse teams and much less time is lost in handling. It can do the work of which a horse is capable and the cost of keeping or hiring a steam engine is thus to a great extent saved

Gas, p2

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1902 09 01
Boy injured Driver's farm, Stretham, p3

1902 09 02

An entirely new company is responsible for the programme at the Auckland Road Circus, Cambridge this week. The judicious mixture of "turns" by music hall artists and items by circus performers of the old stamp seems to find favour with Cambridge audiences. Miss Babette Rose, a clever vocalist and dancer merited the applause awarded her. Ecnarf, a wire walker was vigorously applauded and one of the most enjoyable items was a clever act on horseback by Miss Daniels. The Sisters Korosko Bale gave a clever exhibition of juggling, a feature being their performing pigeons. # c.76

Coronation tea, p2

1902 09 03
At present owing to the long interval between the running of the trams thousands of people walk to and from Cambridge station who would gladly ride if they could do so without waiting longer than it would take to walk. Remarkable developments in electrical traction have been witnessed recently. The electric cars are speedy, clean and cheap but whether it would be possible to install in Cambridge a system of electric tramways depends upon a variety of considerations among which is the extreme narrowness of the streets and the appearance of wires to convey the current. The electric tram with its two minute service and low fares has improved conditions in London and it is to be hoped its advantages will be extended to Cambridge. # c.26.44

1902 09 03
Burglars, evidently no 'prentice hands at their business, entered the premises of Messrs Norman Bradley, pawnbrokers, in Fitzroy Street, Cambridge and after rifling the jewellery department left with goods to the value of several hundred pounds. The establishment has suffered in this way before. Iron bars have been added to windows until it might have been assumed that everything was secure against even the most determined cracksman. So the thieves turned their attention to the weakest spot - the roof

1902 09 05
Yesterday young Cambridge celebrated the coronation of King Edward VII. Half of Parker's Piece was covered with twelve tents and soon the happy throng was taking tea to the strains of music furnished by the Cambridge Police Band. Over 800 gallons of tea were brewed, roughly 6,400 pints. For 6,000 children the quantity was abundant. The Mayor distributed commemorative medals which will doubtless remain treasured possessions for many a year. The centre tent contained a large number of people who were present at Queen Victoria's Coronation # c.02

1902 09 05
The oldest living printer in the British Isles is Thomas A. Hills of Ely who has reached the patriarchal age of 95. So hale is the venerable craftsman that it is little more than six years since he finally disposed of his business to Mr Tyndall. His 80th birthday was celebrated by the composition of a "Conditions of Sale" unexpectedly received after the staff had closed down for the holiday and which were wanted in a great hurry. Another proof of his wonderful vitality was the perfect performance of the duties of town crier in 1902, a post he held for many years.

1902 09 06
The Mayor of Cambridge, Alderman Kett made a tour of sixteen schools for the purpose of distributing Coronation medals to the infant scholars. It had been suggested that they should also be given a tea in the tents on Parker's Piece but it was felt that little mites of four could hardly be expected to walk to and from the Piece and it was more advisable to provide tea for them at the various schoolrooms. At East Road school tea had to be provided for 250 infants and the cutting up of the large quantity of bread and cake entailed several hours for work for the teachers. # c.02

1902 09 08
Sir – Of all places Cambridge seems to suffer most from the plague of bell-ringing. It is not time the custom was discouraged? Now every home possesses at least one timepiece church bell-ringing seems superfluous. What must be the sufferings of any nervous invalid in or near Jesus Lane, compelled to

lie and listen, sometimes for twenty minutes on end, to the doleful "Ding, dang, dong" which comes from that direction. Why should people be allowed to murder the calm of a Sabbath evening with the hideous din of their bellwhacking? – Americus

Accidents, p3

1902 09 09
Newmarket council considered that owing to the prevalence of motor vehicles the reason which formerly existed for the Council's steam roller not being used in the streets between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon had now been to a great extent removed. They were losing four hours' work daily. The bye-law had been made at the wish of the trainers but horses were not frightened of the steam roller in these days when motors dash past them every day.

Death Spring Rice, p3

1902 09 10
An accident took place at Pampisford. A party of ten, including young children, were on their way to Abington in a waggonette. A halt was made near the station where the horse nodded its head, causing the bridle to fall off. The driver got down & the horse bolted, going four miles into Abington where the waggonette was overturned, the front part was broken, but the horse was unhurt. It is a most marvellous thing all the passengers were not killed.

1902 09 11
Photographic exhibition, p3

1902 09 13
The annual meeting of Newmarket Football Club heard that interest in the club diminished when through some mistake the team was ruled out of the cup tie. After that the season was more or less a failure. A sort of split had followed, and another club had been started. There was not room in the town for two good clubs and they hoped that an amalgamation would be arranged. It did not matter under what named they played but all the best players should belong to one club

1902 09 13
Squires suggests camera club, p2

1902 09 15
The Horticultural Society's photographic exhibition was a great improvement on last year. The amateur photographer was apt to follow the lead of the professional and be influenced by his window exhibits. The professional photographer had absolutely the last chance in the world of producing the best photography because he had to work at a price and gain a livelihood. The Rev H.R. Campion, Ely, won a silver medal for a photograph of the entrance of Bishop West's Chapel, Ely and A.G. Swannell was commended for a study of Houghton Mill. # c.65.5

1902 09 15
The mystery attaching to the discovery of a suit of khaki clothing on the river bank at Clayhithe has been solved in a remarkable manner. The person seen by four labourers is declared not to have been a man at all, but a woman in disguise. When the khaki clothed individual carrying a brown paper parcel was lost sight of a woman appeared from the same direction. The theory is that the parcel contained not only a woman's attire but was further intended to be the means of removing property which was that night to be stolen from Norman Bradley's pawnbrokers premises in Fitzroy Street, Cambridge.

1902 09 15
Under proper conditions Cambridge cement is equal to the finest the world produces. The up-to-date methods of the Saxon Cement Company has resulted in it commanding a considerable advance per ton in the open market. The Admiralty, after protracted tests, has placed a contract for Cambridge

Portland Cement which will extend over a considerable period, proving beyond doubt that the local deposit is in every way suited for producing a perfect natural cement. # c.27

1902 09 16
The news that it has been decided to wind up the business of the Cambridge Omnibus Company will be received with a great deal of regret. If they cease running they will be very seriously missed. Many employees in shops and offices now live so far from their places of employment that without the benefit of the omnibuses it would be a serious tax on their strength to get to and from their homes in the hour usually allowed for dinner. The distance of the remoter parts of the town from the station will be a serious disadvantage to residents and lead to depreciation in the value of property. # c.26.44

1902 09 16 c
Sir – Many people have felt genuine concern at the announcement that the Cambridge Omnibus Company is to be "wound up". Huntingdon Road, Old and New Chesterton, Mill Road and the rapidly growing suburb of New Cherryhinton have all benefited by its service. It is regretted that in spite of the hundred the Company has conveyed daily, the venture does not pay. Their difficulty is the Tram Company's opportunity and they should arrange for a good suburban service of 'buses to run in conjunction with their cars – New Cherryhinton # c.26.44

1902 09 17
Exning shooting, p3
Charles Flack music seller bankruptcy, p3
Brewing beer, p4 *

1902 09 18
Histon vicar leaving, p3

1902 09 20
Soham Grammar School is keeping abreast of the times and of modern educational requirements. Under the present headmaster, Mr W.H. Mould, the number of scholars has risen from 20 to nearly 70. Though of ancient foundation a progressive spirit pervades the establishment as is evidenced by the addition of a laboratory and workshops. Here the art and woodwork master, Mr F.V. Worthy will instruct the boys in woodwork and the use of tools. The object is not to turn out carpenters; it is to train the boys' faculties so they will have an intelligent appreciation of the value of work and of workpeople.

Early closing, p3

1902 09 23
Housebreaking, p2

1902 09 24
Cambridge Football Association heard that on many college grounds football was played up to Christmas and the ground was prepared for cricket afterwards. The same thing should be done on Parker's Piece. Manuring had already begun. The manure was the sweeping of the streets, which had not been sifted, but had been raked. People were going over the ground and picking up stones. To start to play football and then proceed to manure the ground was giving with one hand and taking away with the other. The surveyor had said he hoped that some rain would come and wash it in. # c.32.3

Histon welcome soldiers, p4

1902 09 25
There was a large attendance at a meeting to discuss forming a Camera Club in Cambridge. A long time ago there was a club but it had died through lack of interest. Prior to that there had been a club in connection with the University. In the early 1880s it was going fairly strongly but ultimately closed.

Since then there was a club in conjunction with the YMCA but what they wanted was a club unsectarian. It ought to be social, but not political. Mr Tindall said he could get ten members from Ely and they had promises from villages all around Cambridge. # c.65.5

Posing as detective, p3
Linton pistol accident, p3
Poplar Hall Farm, Fen Ditton case, p3

1902 09 26
There was an exceptionally large congregation at St Mary's church, Saffron Walden, to witness the marriage of a couple who are both deaf and dumb and there were 30 who were unable to hear and speak. The contracting parties were Mr Frederick Baish of Cherry Hinton and Miss Emily King of Saffron Walden. The ceremony was performed by the Rev A.H. Payne of the Deaf and Dumb Church, London.

1902 09 26
All that is now left to the trader at Stourbridge Fair is the horse fair. This survives and flourishes where other branches of trade have declined. Buyers were in fair number and trading was brisk. Cart horses, hackneys and hunters, foals and ponies were offered for sale. One dealer, Mr Titchmarsh of Barrington got rid of about 40 carthorses during the morning. The pleasure fair consists largely of refreshment saloons and stalls from which pungent odours proclaim, even at a distance, the nature of the edibles on sale. Some roundabouts, swing boats and one peep show, in Garlic Row, complete the fair # c.27.31

1902 09 27
Early closing, p3

1902 09 29
A fire did considerable damage at 30 Bridge Street, Cambridge, a University lodging house situated close to the Quayside. The only fire in the house was a small one in the grate of the back sitting room on the ground floor, but this room was not damaged. In the front room most of the furniture was consumed and the walls and ceiling badly burned. The fire broke out close to a gas pipe and although the grate contained paper, sticks and coal laid in the usual way, the fire only scorched the paper.

1902 09 30
Mr Richard Long of the rectory Farm, Fulbourn, invited his harvest men and lads to a horkey. About 20 were present and after an excellent supper the company were amused by songs etc. A midnight vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Sam Long. Mr Richard Twinn also gave his men a horkey at the Six Bells. Supper was served in good style by Mrs Whitmore and afterwards the men were regaled with tobacco and ale.

Free Library report, p2
Dog cart accident, p3
Omnibus Company wound up, p3

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1902 10 01
It was a foregone conclusion that the business of the Cambridge Omnibus Company should be wound up. It was finally agreed to endeavour to dispose of it as a going concern and we are still convinced that under thoroughly effective management the business could be conducted at a profit. In the statement of company assets the horses were valued at £16 apiece but within three weeks their condition had changed considerably for the worse and the average is now about £6. The most valuable assets of the Company had been allowed to become seriously depreciated at a time when the Directors

knew that to continue the business was impossible. This is one of the “glaring mistakes” which have been made # c.26.46

1902 10 01
A fire broke out in the women’s ward at the top of the left wing of Addenbrooke's Hospital. In a very short time the flames secured a firm hold and the unfortunate patients had to be removed. Flames burst through the roof and worked towards the centre of the building. Nurses and probationers heroically entered the wards and brought their patients to a place of safety. Many scenes, tragically distressing, were witnessed. To such proportions did the fire assume that it was deemed advisable to remove other patients and several afflicted old men were brought to the lawn. The news of the outbreak spread quickly throughout Cambridge and some thousands of people gathered in front of the Hospital. # c.21.4 # c.34.75

Dentists, p4

1902 10 02
The scene on the open plot of greensward in front of Addenbrooke's Hospital presented a curiously medley of hastily-improvised arrangements for caring for patients evacuated from the blazing building. Bed after bed, each with its living freight, was carefully lifted with stalwart arms and borne steadily to the quarters assigned to it in neighbouring houses. In the meantime the dull clouds of smoke rolling skywards from the Hospital gradually grew less in volume. The ceaseless exertions of the firemen were telling their tale and soon water pouring in a cascade down the staircase adjoining the blazing wing made it clear that the building was flooded to the extent that rendered the further spread of the fire improbable # c.21.4 # c.34.75

1902 10 02
In the centre of Cambridge a man will pay any price in reason for the tobacco which appeals most to his palate. But in other quarters, such as Mill Road where the small shopkeeper thrives and people like a lot for their money a great quantity of cigarette packets containing showy photographs and alluring coupons have been sold. Mr Banyard of East Road, Cambridge says customers gave over their regular brands for those with the coupons but the demand was chiefly in cheap cigarettes. But Cambridge undergraduates have not descended to packs of Tabs, or even to tu-penny-ha’-penny Guinea Gold.

Chatteris Friendly Society, p2 & 3

1902 10 03
The police report on the Addenbrooke's Hospital fire says they found a man at the top of a ladder with his head through the trap door leading to the roof of Victoria Ward, using a small hosepipe. Shortly afterwards the firemen arrived and after much trouble, mainly through the low pressure of water, got to work, but could not extinguish the flames before the roof and contents of Victoria Ward were destroyed. Police assisted to maintain order, regulate the traffic in Trumpington Street where there was a large crowd, and remove and restore patients, many of whom were in a fainting condition. # c.21.4 # c.34.7

1902 10 03
Addenbrooke's Hospital Governors heard the roof over Victoria Ward has been completely destroyed by the fire and the adjoining corridor is partially so. The plaster of the walls of the ward was damaged and the wards themselves are doubtless injured. The floor has been partially damaged. The beds, a quantity of bedding, linen, tables, chairs and other furniture have been destroyed or damaged and the ceiling of the Hatton Ward is also injured by water, so much that it will have to be taken down. All the property is insured.

1902 10 06
Earl Grey’s Public House Trust movement is spreading to Cambridgeshire. Moderate temperance advocates see in a public house specially organised to push the sale of food and non-intoxicants, but

supplying drink to those who desire it, one of the best and most certain means of lessening the terrible amount of excessive drinking which unhappily prevails in this country. The managers have absolutely no financial interest in the sale of drink which strikes at the root of an abuse which goes on far too extensively – the supplying with drink of men, who if not absolutely drunk, have obviously had more than is good for them. # c.27.4

Cottenham fire, p3

1902 10 07
A Newmarket man was summoned for betting on the highway at Exning. PC Clark said he saw defendant came out of the Cherrytree Inn and walk up and down. People came up and slips of paper were given to him. He asked defendant for the slips and, after the names of the horses had been entered into a book, they were handed to him. In mitigation the man said he had acted in ignorance of the law – proved by the fact he had been making bets in the face of the policeman. This and the fact that betting was carried on by a large majority of the people of Newmarket led him to believe he had done nothing wrong. He was fined 2s 6d with 7s 6d costs.

1902 10 07
Sir – Canterbury Road, Chesterton was made by ourselves, as owners, at a cost of £90, in the anticipation at the Council would take it over, which they promised to do. We have asked them several times to do so and the only excuse they make is that it must be steam rolled. We have had it rolled. We have worked in every way to conform to their orders and the only reason we have placed posts across the road is to protect and preserve the road from being cut up by vehicular traffic – J. Piddock, H. Riseley, E. Wonfor

1902 10 08
Kensit's death, p3
Newmarket betting, p3
Coronation Committee work, p3

1902 10 09
Sugden at New Theatre, p3
Photographic club, p4

1902 10 11
The proprietors of the CDN also publish the "Ely Weekly Guardian" and is represented in Ely by a reporter who devotes his whole time to our service. Messrs Sharman and Co publish the "City of Ely Standard" which competes in the surrounding district. During the past few months large quantities of news have been taken from the CDN and published in their paper. Now we have received a letter from Mr A. Sharman to say he has requested his staff to refrain from "scissors and paste" in future. # c.04

1902 10 11
The villagers of Girton hope to conclude their celebration of the Coronation in November. The commemorative festivities have been taking place by instalments. Two celebrations are now things of the past. It is singular that neither of them coincided with the ceremony the memory of which they were meant to perpetuate. On the original date a tea was held but subsequently no time could be spared for anything less serious that the harvest. Wet weather accounts for the third postponement until "the Fifth" when the villagers will see a fireworks display and then at last Girton's Coronation festivities will be over

Orchestra Society, p2

1902 10 13
In consequent of the strike amongst the coal workers in the United States large quantities are being exported from this country to the benefit of the colliery owners but to the detriment of the home

consumers. October is a month in which the reoccupation of the colleges and the advent of cold weather create an immense demand for coal in Cambridge but the quantity at the depots in the Great Eastern district are somewhat below the average. Wood blocks which develop an enormous quantity of smoke & smoulder in a depressing manner now command a quicker sale than before.

1902 10 14
A Bottisham farmer was summonsed for unlawfully killing a bustard. His cowman saw a bird walking about among the cabbages and shot it. He gave it to the farmer who, not knowing what it was and whether it was good for food, took it to Mr Stanley's at Cambridge who said he thought it was a sort of turkey. It was sent to be stuffed at Mr Farren's who identified it as a great bustard, about two years old, worth about £20. The Chief Constable said a bird of this kind had been seen at Swaffham Fen and he had 30 placards with reference to its protection posted up. The man was fined £2

1902 10 14
The New Edisonograph Animated Pictures were presented for the first time in Cambridge. They are by far the best yet seen, being considerably larger than usual and without any flicker. The Coronation pictures are exceptionally clear and very vivid are the pictures of the Prince and Princess of Wales visiting the dinners to the poor in London. For those sentimentally inclined nothing can be finer than the "Soldier's Return from the War" – to find the house to let and his mother in the Workhouse. The band of the University Volunteers is engaged and add much to the evening by their appropriate music. The pictures will be changed nightly and animated scenes of Cambridge streets will be presented. # c.76.9

1902 10 15
At Cambridge Photographic Club the President (Dr Bansall) said pictorial work – by which he meant the making of pictures and not "fuzzygraphs" - was one of the most delightful branches of their art. It was easy to obtain a really high-class portrait for a reasonable sum of money, but the re-toucher polished away all the defects of the sitter's face. Cambridge was fortunate in having a first-rate colour photographer in Mr Stoakley who would give a demonstration of what he had done in this wonderfully interesting work. # c.65.5

1902 10 16
Football on Parker's Piece, p3

1902 10 17
The manager of the Cambridge Tramways Company was summoned for damaging, injuring and spoiling the public convenience situated at Hyde Park Corner by scribbling on the woodwork with a pencil, thereby doing damage to the amount of 2s. After looking round to see if the custodian, Mr Thompson, was there he had scribbled "Thompson, old pig" on the woodwork.

1902 10 18
Oliver St John of the Phoenix Brewery, Little Shelford, brewer trading as Saunders and Co applied for discharge from bankruptcy. In 1887 he had started as a brewer in Whittlesford, purchasing the business as a going concern. In 1892 he left, having lost the whole of his capital and became tenant of a brewery at Lt Shelford, borrowing from his brother. In 1892 he gave a bill of sale in favour of his brother for the plant, barrels and effects but next year was pressed by other creditors.

1902 10 18
As the King drove to Newmarket races in an open carriage an Italian organ-grinder named Arpino was grinding out the strains of "When the boys come marching home once more". When the Royal carriage passed the Italian raised his hat and held it as is customary with him for a coin. The King ordered the carriage to stop. Arpino ran to catch it up and said, in Italian, "Good morning, King". This unusual mode of address evidently caused the King considerable amusement for as the carriage drove off he was thrown a florin. Arpino now says the King has "patronised" him and he intends to have the Royal Arms painted on his organ.

1902 10 22
St Mary's church, Swaffham Prior, having been for years the ruinous companion in the same churchyard, of the parish church of St Cyriac is now open once more for public worship. The work of restoration had been proceeding for a considerable time. It is now probably one of the most unique looking sacred buildings in all England. The old and new parts form a bizarre combination. Above a new roof are the remains of what has been a magnificent Norman tower. About half of it is left and is still extremely picturesque. Before a large congregation the Bishop conducted the re-opening service after which St Cyriac's ceased to be, and St Mary's became the parish church.

Acton library to UL, p2

1902 10 23
Swaffham Prior church, p2 & p4 *

1902 10 24
The members of the Cambridge Y.M.C.A. celebrated their jubilee with a soiree in their rooms in Alexandra Street. 50 years ago the Church of England Young Men's Society and the Sunday School Teachers' Institute amalgamated, forming the Association. It settled in Rose Crescent. In 1853 it moved to larger premises at 5, Sidney Street, moving to Hobson Place in 1858 and then St Edward's Passage. In 1870 the first stone was laid of their present building; it was completed a year later. To call the soiree a success is scarcely adequate; the visitors never had a dull moment from the time they entered the door until the National Anthem brought the evening to a close. # c.37.9

1902 10 25
Not long ago the remotest of all probabilities seemed to be that a time would come when, at Cambridge, Briton and Boer would grasp hands in perfect concord. Yet that strange event has come to pass. Boers visited and received a cordial welcome from a large number of people. But unfortunately their reception by a certain section of the inhabitants had neither the element of cordiality nor of welcome. The appearance of our former foes was the signal for a hostile demonstration. A huge crowd gathered in front of the Auckland Road Circus to witness the arrival of the Generals, whose visit was to raise money to restock Boer farms. Bricks and stones were hurled upon the zinc roof and hooting and shouting mingled with the other noises. # c.45.4

1902 10 27
Burwell murder trial, p2

1902 10 28
Boer generals, p3

1902 10 30
A most enjoyable evening was spent by about one hundred harvest-men of the Stretham district who were invited to supper by Messrs Bailey and Tebbutt of the Panton Brewery, Cambridge. Afterwards a concert was held in which local talent took a prominent part, especially a youth named Dimmock who shows great promise of becoming a good comic singer. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded George Wright who for several years has placed his large barn at the disposal of the guests for this annual feast and to Host and Hostess Jacobs for the excellent manner in which they cater for the large company.

1902 10 31
Ely council has conferred with the manager of the Gas Company as to the proposed new lamps on Ely High Bridge. It was agreed the light should be incandescent, but should the wind prove too strong for it the gas manager would substitute ordinary burners. Mr Archer asked if the bridge was outside the council's jurisdiction and whether they ran the risk of the expense for the new lamps being surcharged

to the Council. The bridge was not theirs. The Clerk replied they were doing a duty to the district and he did not think they would be surcharged. He was quite willing to go to prison over it.

1902 10 31
An Ely man was summonsed for assault. Levi Denton said he was in the farmer's field gathering blackberries without asking his permission. Defendant, who had a large stick, came up and asked what he was doing – but he could see for himself. He then caught hold of his whiskers, knocked him down, kicked him and dragged him out of the gate. Mr Denton went back into the field for his basket. The chairman: "I observe one side of your beard is longer than the other. Was it pulled out by the accused?" Denton: "Yes, and they are on the field now, if not picked up" But he was on the wrong side of 50 and whiskers come out more easily at that age. The case was dismissed

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1902 11 03
The King was driven to Cheveley Park for a day's shooting with Colonel McCalmont. On reaching the park gates a number of children who had assembled cheered. No unauthorised person was admitted by the constables on duty at the gates to enter the park. Lunch was served to the party at the house of Mr Tuffs, the head keeper. The total bag was 2,159 of which 1,876 were pheasants. It was expected that the bag would have been far larger. The king planted a young South African tree in Cheveley Park in commemoration of his visit.

1902 11 05
Albert Pell of Wilburton Manor accused the land tax collector for the parish of Wentworth of wrongful seizure by distress of three lambs for land tax. He was the owner of about 1,000 acres in Wilburton and in 1900 had purchased two fields in Grunty Fen. He did not see how the land could be assessed for land tax in the parish of Wentworth. The defendant had come on to his land and taken away three lambs which had been sold by auction for £2 14s. But the judge found the land in question was properly comprised in the parish of Wentworth land had been taxed for over 100 years.

Burwell toll gate, p4

1902 11 06
The County Council considered a resolution from Sheffield City Council in favour of the compulsory adoption of the metric system. Alderman Fordham said there was an enormous labour thrown upon the children of the country by the present complicated system of weights and measures and if England were to hold its position in the trade of the world we should co-ordinate with the system of weights that generally obtained. The intricacies of the present system were difficult enough for Englishmen but to the foreigner were simply inexplicable. It was bigoted conservatism which resented a change of this kind (laughter and applause).

Sawston 'Flower Pot', p3 *
West Wratting vicar bike, p3 *

1902 11 10
Notice to Entertainment Providers. Messrs Coulson & Co of St Andrew's Street Cambridge have purchased one of the latest Cinematograph Machines that it is possible to get. This machine is capable of showing 2,000 feet of pictures without any breakages. Pictures shown are very bright and steady and any size up to 20 feet may be obtained. It can be used either in dining room or public hall with equal safety. Sleight of hand and other items of entertainment can also be supplied. # c.76.9

1902 11 12

On October 30th the CDN published a full list of creditors in a bankruptcy case and paid at the usual rate charged by the Bankruptcy Court. The following day a portion of our list was copied, without permission, by the Cambridge Independent Press and Cambridge Chronicle. We are determined to put a stop to the unacknowledged appropriation of our news by rival journals and both have now issued apologies. The C.D.N. is the only paper in Cambridge which maintains a staff sufficiently large to deal properly with events and it is intolerable that our rivals should supplement their deficiencies by taking from our columns without permission the news they cannot obtain for themselves. # c.04

1902 11 12
The report of the committee on the fire at Addenbrooke's Hospital shows that the fire did not originate from any carelessness, but from the improper construction of the building itself. Joists have been found extending to the interior of the chimneys, which the committee regards as dangerous. The marvel is that it was ever permitted. If this method of construction prevails generally then some rather extensive alterations will have to be faced. # c.21.4

1902 11 12
W.B. Redfern told Cambridge Photographic Club that he remembered a man standing at the corner of Parker's Piece taking photographs of a most ghastly character. At the time they thought they were works of art. Many of them were daguerreotypes and they saw a sort of ghost of themselves. Now Cambridge had some of the best photographers in the kingdom. Mr F.J. Stoakley lectured on photography in natural colours and the Sanger Shepherd process. # c.65.5

1902 11 13
Newmarket councillors will ask the Great Eastern Railway Company to run a certain number of the special trains in race week to and from the old station because of the serious effects upon tradesmen caused by the opening of the new railway station. In the Cesarewitch and Cambridgeshire weeks when race trains were sent to the old station people had patronised the shops of the tradesmen on the road to the course and that showed plainly what a loss the diversion of the traffic had been. But the Railway Company considered their own interests before those of the town.

Trinity Place fire, p3 *

1902 11 14
When Cambridge council decided to widen Castle Street by acquiring part of St Giles' churchyard the improvements necessitated the demolition of the wall and the removal of human remains from the consecrated ground. This work is now being proceeded with as reverently as possible. A considerable exhibition of morbid curiosity to view what is being done has been manifested, but it has received every discouragement from those responsible for the proper exhumation and reinterment.

1902 11 14
A piece of work, involving operations similar to those by which the "Tube" railway was constructed, is on the point of being finished, having been in progress for nearly twelve months. It is the sewer connecting the New Cemetery with the Sewage Farm, Cambridge. Its length is over a mile and in some places it is laid to a depth of 24 feet. The greater part of the work has been done by the "tunnelling" system and carried out entirely by Cambridge men under the supervision of the Borough Surveyor # c.29.8

Burwell tragedy, p3

1902 11 14 c
The widening of Castle Street, Cambridge, by acquiring parts of St Giles' churchyard has necessitated the demolition and transference of the churchyard wall, as well as the removal of human remains from the consecrated ground. A considerable exhibition of morbid curiosity to view what is being done has been manifested, but it has received every discouragement from those responsible for the proper conduct of exhumation and reinterment.

1902 11 17
Young England will learn with regret the death of Mr G.A. Henty. He was a soldier, miner & war correspondent but it was as a novelist that he will go down to posterity. He was born at Trumpington and went to Caius College, Cambridge, but before he could take his degree an opportunity occurred which was irresistible to a young man of his adventurous temperament. The Crimean War broke out and he received an appointment in the Purveyor's Department of the Army. His stories for boys numbered considerably over eighty and he sometimes produced a book in three weeks.

1902 11 17
A serious accident occurred at Hyde Park Corner, Cambridge. Two horse attached to a farm cart became restive when passing a flock of sheep and dashed off at great speed in the direction of the shelter at the corner of Lensfield Road. An old man who was crossing the road was knocked down and considerably injured. The cart came violently into contact with the shelter, the railings around the entrance to the public convenience were dislodged and the stonework supporting them broken in several places.

1902 11 18
Newmarket sewerage, p3
Littleport fatal accident, p3

1902 11 20
Unfortunately the Cambridge Omnibus Company have been unable to find a purchaser for their business as a going concern and their horses, omnibuses etc had to be sold at their stables in Chesterton Road. A two-horse omnibus to carry 26 passengers fitted with garden seats on the top sold for 20 guineas. Buses by the 'Star Omnibus Company' were not in such good condition and realised £10 while others went for as low a sum as £4.10s. The one-horse 'buses did not sell for much but a four-horse charabanc, "The Cambridge Belle" sold for 62 guineas to Mr Ellis Merry. Prices for horses dropped to as low as three guineas. # c.26.46

Bridge over Corn Exchange Street, p3 *

1902 11 21
Valuable licensed premises for sale. In Sutton: the brick and slated beer house known by the sign of "Exhibition Inn" in Painter's Lane, containing tailor's shop and two bedrooms, stable and iron-roofed open hovel. In Hillrow: the fully-licensed public house known as "Two Pot House" containing tap room and six bedrooms, thatched stables and timber closet. In Haddenham: the beer house known by the sign of "The White Lion" in Station Road.

1902 11 21
Mr W.B. Redfern, the managing director of the New Theatre Company, Cambridge, is an attractive and familiar personality. He has completed twenty years of continuous theatrical management, which constitutes a record. The theatre in Cambridge has had to struggle hard for recognition and toleration; it has had to combat opposition to make its way to favour in the minds of those most ignorant of its possibilities. He has won almost all – we say 'almost' because there still lurk in the minds of reactionary and antiquated brains some feelings of prejudice which the theatre had yet to overcome.

Bishop Stortford farm fire, p2

1902 11 24
At Cambridge court Mr Redfern, director of the New Theatre, renewed application for licences to allow two children, aged 10 and nine, to perform at the theatre with Mr Edward Terry's company. The children's performance was not an acrobatic one; they simply came on and had some lines to repeat. They were under the watchful eye of a governess and their parents were travelling with the company

which was on tour and acting every night. It was not unusual for the Government inspector to run down from Norwich to visit theatres in which children were acting and had always been satisfied.

1902 11 24
A fire broke out in a stack of oats and a stack of thousand-head at Parish's farm in Littlebury and the outlook became serious. There was a lack of water which was not accessible nearer than the river Granta and an unusual length of hose was required by the fire brigades. Then on Friday night a fire broke out at the rear of the Falcon Inn, Littlebury. A tank was placed in the middle of the village into which the Walden Brigade pumped water from the river while the Great Chesterford men pumped it on to the burning premises. Great consternation prevailed among the inhabitants who, from many cottages, removed all their goods into the street. The back portion of the Falcon Inn was damaged and the buildings in the yard destroyed.

Henry funeral, p3

1902 11 25
Littleport tragedy, p3

1902 11 26
The new motor omnibuses which are being constructed for the London streets promise well. If they fulfil what is claimed for them they will beyond question be a great boon. They are capable of speeds up to fourteen miles an hour and Cambridge people will heartily wish some speculative philanthropists would put two or three such vehicles on our roads. The old omnibus company is being sorely missed, especially by people living in the suburbs; the old familiar vehicles, unsatisfactory as they were, were yet better than nothing # c.26.46

1902 11 27
Dohany at Cambridge, p3

1902 11 28
The well-known fully-licensed Hoop Hotel, Bridge Street, Cambridge was offered to public auction. The establishment has had a long career, having been established in 1729, and was referred to by Wordsworth – "And at 'The Hoop' alighted, Famous Inn". Bidding commenced at £2,000 and rose to £4,000 at which figure the property was withdrawn.

1902 11 28 c
Newmarket RDC are to ask the County Council to use their influence with the Commissioners of Woods and Forests, the owners of the Burwell Ness Toll Bar, to ascertain on what terms they would allow it to be removed and the road made over to the public. There were a great many people in the neighbourhood who would be pleased to see the road open, including cyclists from all parts of the county.

1902 11 29
Coronation procession dinner, p3

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1902 12 01
Sutton circular saw fatality, p3

1902 12 03
Well-deserved tributes were paid to the excellent work by Detective-Sergeant Marsh. It has been owing to his sagacity and promptness that a number of exceedingly slippery rogues have been brought to book during the past few months. His capture of the man sentenced for stealing the cash box from Messrs Stearn was made in the nick of time – a few minutes later and he would have been too late.

One especially noticeable feature about his methods is his scrupulous fairness to accused persons, a matter of the highest importance in the proper administration of justice. # c.34.7

E.J. Mortlock, p3
Burwell turnpike road, p3 *

1902 12 04
A fire occurred at the premises of Messrs Redding and Son, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge. The outbreak took place in a shed where firelighters are manufactured and is supposed to have been caused by some resin boiling over on to some of the inflammable material lying about. The damage is considerable. A similar fire occurred on the same spot three or four years ago.

1902 12 04
The Provost of Kings said that whatever good had been done by the University Spinning House it was of a very rough and ready kind. It succeeded in arresting women in a course of evil, and sending them to their homes, but one could not say much for the humanising and Christianising influence that was brought to bear upon the women there. In any town there was a probability of evil and if they added 3,000 young men in they hey-day of youth, many of them without fixed principles of right and wrong, and a number of young women coming from bad homes and bearing an hereditary disposition for evil there must be some danger.

1902 12 06
Messrs Scruby and Wright sold by auction four brick-built and tiled cottages, nos. 195-199 High Street, Old Chesterton, with outbuildings and gardens, price £310. Two adjoining houses, 64 & 76 Sturton Street, Cambridge, made £330. The family residence, Primrose Croft near Victoria Road with over an acre of land, and the windmill and cottage on the Milton Road were not sold.

1902 12 08
Col Harry Leslie Blundell McCalmont, M.P. for the Newmarket Division of Cambridgeshire since 1895 died suddenly at his London residence. He served in South Africa and received an injury to the head through which he was invalided home, receiving on his arrival at Newmarket a remarkable reception from his constituents. He was a well-known owner of racehorses & his racing stud is housed at Cheveley Park. It was his custom to distribute thousands of head of game throughout the country and was especially mindful of his poorer neighbours. There were many claims upon his large fortune and he did much for the County Cricket Club which will be one of the greater losers by his death.

1902 12 09
The death of Colonel Harry McCalmont was received with incredulity in Newmarket and it was not until the C.D.N. arrived that the news became generally known and believed. At various business establishments the town blinds were down and the billiards handicap at the Conservative Club was not proceeded with. His death will mean a great loss but how seriously the town would be affected none were prepared to say.

Lame horse, p3 *

1902 12 10
Sutton inquest, p2
Colour photography, p3

1902 12 11
The buildings of the Royston Infectious Hospital are practically completed. Situate at the extreme end of Garden Walk it enjoys splendid isolation from the town – the nearest dwelling house is a quarter of a mile away. The whole of the buildings are surrounded by a six-foot fence and every consideration has been given, not only to preventing the spread of infection, but the comfort of patients. The wards,

male and female, are spacious and comfortable. There is a bathroom with a portable bath and a linen closet with ventilating shelves.

1902 12 11 c
An inquest was held at Denver concerning the death of Elihu Lewis, the father of Mr H. Lewis, pianoforte dealer of Cambridge. The deceased, who was in his 70th year, was riding his bicycle and in consequence of the machine skidding was thrown under the wheels of a cart laden with corn. He was placed on a cart and taken home. A doctor said he had received serious injuries which must prove fatal. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

1902 12 13
A meeting of residents in St John's Ward, Cherry Hinton considered what support could be given to a scheme for running a line of omnibuses into Cambridge. Now buses had been taken off the road the value of their property would depreciate and the new houses being built would not be let readily as people would not come down that end of Cambridge if there were no buses. There was a possibility of their finding sufficient money to run a line of buses themselves if 15 people put £10 each into the concern # c.26.46

1902 12 13
One of England's most stately homes – Audley End – is to be let furnished. The original building was much curtailed in 1726 but there still remains the large hall with its minstrel gallery, the state apartments and the state bedrooms on the ground floor, contrary to custom. There are magnificent pictures and portraits.

1902 12 16
The landlord of the Boot Inn, Histon had the very nasty experience of being tossed by an infuriated bullock at Cambridge Cattle Market. The animal, a Scottish beast with very long horns, was being driven into a pen when it broke away, caught Mr Vialls with its horns and threw him over the rails into one of the pens. The horns penetrated his trousers and made a scratch about seven inches long. The wild beast was eventually safely secured and sold to Mr Mills of Cambridge without being brought into the auction ring.

1902 12 18
Cambridge Water Company sued Messrs Kerridge and Shaw for water supplied for a building in course of construction in Rose Crescent, Cambridge. The supply recorded by a water meter had increased from 78,000 gallons one quarter up to 220,000 gallons the next. A new meter was installed and consumption fell. They claimed the old meter must have got out of order. But it was quite possible considering the number of taps they were using that one was left running and the water wasted. # c.24.2

1902 12 19
Christmas shops, p3 *

1902 12 22
Christmas holidays, p4

1902 12 22
Sir – most large towns are closing on Saturday and thus giving their employees a splendid holiday. The plea against the Saturday holiday is that people are unable to cater for four days but it appears that in the neighbouring town of March they think differently, and if they can close there, surely we can here. The grocers' assistants have put in a lot of extra time and I think our employers could give us at least a half-day holiday – "Grocer"

1902 12 23
At the spacious premises of Laurie and McConnal, Fitzroy Street, Cambridge readers can secure anything they require for a seasonable gift. A special showroom is set apart for the display of cards, pictures, books, toys, games etc and they have a chose selection of mechanical toys which are quite a novelty in themselves. There is also a variety of artificial grasses and plants which it would be difficulty to tell from real; these would make very pretty decorations. There has just recently been added a lending library which includes books of the best-known writers.

1902 12 24
During a lull in the traffic at Ely Railway Station, Sir George Newnes, the former Liberal MP for East Cambs, addressed a gathering of railway men on the green outside the station. The railway audience was augmented by citizens who gave their former member a cordial welcome. The railway authorities, he said, had been very kind in allowing the men to leave their work to hear him.

1902 12 24 c
A good Christmas dinner is desired by all and Messrs Sturton Bros of Fitzroy Street, Cambridge are open to provide everything required. A good fat turkey or goose and a nice ripe Stilton cheese are their specialities. Their groceries are of the very best quality and in the hardware department will be found a large display of useful goods suitable for presents.

1902 12 27
The demand for electric light is continually on the increase and Messrs Millington and Everett, King's Parade, Cambridge, have a good show of high-class electric lamps which they are selling at 1s. These lamps are guaranteed to be much more economical than the ordinary electric lamp. Telephone and electric bells are also well displayed here. # c.24.6

1902 12 29
Messrs Bailey and Tebbutt, Brewers, Maltsters, Wine and Spirit Merchants, Panton Brewery, Cambridge. Price List. Strong ale 1s.8d. (9p), Indian Bitter Ale 1s.4d. (7p) & Stout 1s.2d. (6p) per gallon. Hennessey's brandy 6s. (30p), John Walker's (Kilmarnock) whiskey 4s.1d. (20p), Very Old 1876 rum 3s.7d. (18p) per bottle – advert

Gt Wilbraham heckling vicar, p3
Newmarket Christmas, p4

1902 12 30
The Auckland Road Circus, Cambridge, has re-opened under the name of the Empire Circus of Varieties and enjoyment of an excellent nature is assured at each performance. Several excellent 'turns' are included in this week's programme including the London serio-vocalist comedian, George Egerton and the first appearance in Cambridge of Leno, the midget comedian. The Great Dakota, an American necromancer in original stage illusions, keeps the audience in wonderment and laughter from the start. # c.76

1902 12 31
Electric light, p2
Witcham theft, p3
Littlebury pub fire, p4

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1903 01 01
Young men and matrons, old men and children, gathered on King's Parade, Cambridge, at midnight to speed the dying year and welcome the new. Everyone was waiting for Alderman Deck who left his house a few minutes before the hour, carrying the rockets, to see the flight of which so many people flock to the Parade. Standing in front of King's gate the venerable alderman lighted the rockets and the crowds broke into hearty cheers. # c.39

Small-pox report, p3
Christmas Day accident, p4

1903 01 02
Ely Rural Council's surveyor prepared a plan of the Grunty Fen road showing the proposed building at Wilburton station by the G.E.R. Company. Mr Pell said it was a one-storey building and the man was frequently complaining of the dampness of the house. It would be better if the Company would run up a second storey. It was going to be a very expensive matter to force them to remove the building. They agreed to withdrawn their opposition provided the Railway Company undertook they would not further advance their buildings to the south-west corner of the station.

1903 01 03
Polling took place for the election of a Member of Parliament for the Newmarket division. Motor cars and carriages, the horses decorated with blue and pink favours were continually passing up and down Newmarket High Street. A motor car containing a number of labouring men pulled up at the polling station just after 8am, and as time went on the motors and carriages increased in number; at times as many as four motors could be seen in the street at one time. Some contained ladies who did their best to encourage reluctant voters to poll and in the majority of cases their persuasive powers were not used in vain. # c.33.3

1903 01 05
Ely football team paid their first visit to the enclosure of the Haverhill Rovers, and after a somewhat scrambling game were defeated. Give-and-take play followed for a time, good back play on both sides preventing the goalkeepers being troubled. Woodward had a good opening but the muddy state of the ground caused him to slip whilst E.R. Evans was tripped by Arber when he had got away. The final score was Rovers 5, Ely 0.

1903 01 06
At the kennels of the Puckeridge Hunt a tame fox belonging to Mr E. Barclay, the master, has lived in luxury and ease from infancy. Two months ago Reynard broke the chain with which he was fastened up at night and made good his escape. It was feared it might meet with its death when the packs were hunting but two men saw what they took to be a collie dog, called it and it stopped. They took it to Hitchin police station where the identity of its owner was discovered by the name on the collar. The fox was conveyed by train to Royston and reunited with its master # c.38 : hunting

1903 01 07
Saffron Walden rural council categorised its roads in four groups: main, (County Council) roads with which they have no concern; chief roads on which the traffic is considerable and heavy, such as those from Stump Cross and Ashdon to Walden; secondary roads in which the traffic is slight, such as that

from Littlebury towards Ickleton, and accommodation roads leading to one or more farms or houses but with no through traffic, such as Cates' Lane in Ashdon and Building End lane in Chrishall

Apprentice's holiday. p3

1903 01 08
Cambridge tradesmen complain bitterly of the tipping system in vogue by the 'Varsity men by which they are compelled to pay blackmail on a very extensive scale. There is quite an army of college servants clamouring for tips and all must be satisfied if the tradesmen wishes to keep his University clients. The college porter 'farms' for Freshmen's lists. The minimum price for a list is 1s. Then there are the bedmakers, gyps and shoeblacks, all of whom expect to receive presents from the shops where 'their gentlemen' give orders. # c.36.9 # c.27.2

1903 01 10
In many villages the number of houses licensed to supply intoxicating drink is out of all proportion to the reasonable requirements of the population, with one to about 150 of the population. Many cannot by any possibility be profitable, they contribute practically nothing to the public and they may become a source of danger to individuals. There can be no good reason for a continuation of their existence and magistrates have decided to effect a reduction # c.27.4

Gas engine used, p3

1903 01 12
Licensed houses, p2

1903 01 13
Newmarket Urban Council have received a letter from Messrs Beasley, son and Nichols asking for a cheque to be drawn in settlement of their outstanding account; unless they receive a cheque in the next week they will place the matter in the hands of their solicitors. They are to reply that the council's account is overdrawn and they do not have unlimited credit, but the bill would be paid as soon as they got the money.

1903 01 14
Royston Fire Brigade only received one call to a fire last year, at Mr Ebbutt's in the High Street. The hose was in good condition, as were both the engines, although the wheels of the old engine were unsafe and needed repairing. In consequence of the death of Mr Matthews they were without a Captain; James Course, the foreman, should be asked to accept the post as he took a great deal of interest in the Brigade. A key should be provided and placed in a box with a glass front outside the station so as to give members of the Brigade an opportunity of gaining admission in case of a fire, instead of having to wait the arrival of the captain. # c.34.75

Ely Prickwillow case, p3

1903 01 15
The Directors of the Great Eastern Railway Company have replied to the petition asking them to use the old station at Newmarket for some of the race traffic. They remind the inhabitants that the large and costly station recently erected was the outcome of constant representations from the racing community who complained about the inconveniences of the old station. Keen competition has arisen during the past ten years through the establishment of race meetings at such places as Sandown and Lingfield resulting in the falling off of numbers attending Newmarket Meetings. This influenced their decision to build a large new station affording every facility to race goers as near the course as possible. The late Colonel McCalmont had planned to develop the land alongside for building purposes and thus add to the prosperity of Newmarket as a residential place. # c.26.2

Stretham accident, p4

1903 01 16
Samuel Sleigh, formerly occupier of the Blue Boar Hotel, Trinity Street, Cambridge, sued an architect for damages. In 1899 he took the lease of the Blue Boar which was very much out of repair, both structurally and otherwise. Trinity College, the owners, recommended Coulson and Lofts to carry out alterations and consented to expend £3,000, but no more. When the costs went over budget he had been sued for the extra but claimed the architect had been negligent. His case was dismissed # c.27.4

Riverside improvement, p3

1903 01 16
A sad skating fatality occurred at Cow bit Wash, at a point known as Brotherhouse Bar, about six miles from Spalding. A young lady, her brother and a man to whom she was engaged started off towards Crowland, skating on the new river which runs through the Wash. The water here is very deep and the ice giving way, all three fell in. Every effort was made to rescue them but the girl was drowned and the two men were in imminent danger, one of them being taken from the water in an exhausted condition. The deceased was the daughter of the district manager of the Wombwell Main Colliery Company. # c.38 : skating

1903 01 17
An inquest was held at Spalding touching the death of a young lady drowned whilst skating on Cowbit Wash. Her brother had made very gallant attempt to save her but there were two farm labourers only yards away. They could have saved his sister but they would not help. If only they had taken their coats off they might have reached them and got the girl out, but they stood looking on like cowards. He never saw such cowardice in his life. The jury strongly condemned their conduct, though who they were no one seemed to know. # c.38 : skating

1903 01 19
Littleport skating, p3

1903
The frost-bound ground prevented any football being played at Haverhill. The Rovers were due to play Bury Alexandra, but thinking the ground would be unfit they did not make the journey. The Bury team and the referee, however, made an appearance, and the latter declared the ground fit for play. The matter will therefore come before the West Suffolk League Committee and be dealt with in the usual way

1903
Ely court heard that an eleven year old boy was employed to ride a horse attached to a machine which was cutting beans in a field in Grunty Fen when another lad fire a gun at some rabbits. This frightened the horse and the boy was thrown upon the knives, which cut off his left arm and two fingers of his right hand. There was a considerable argument as to the wages for a boy of 11 years; he had earned 1s.6d. the day before for driving cows whilst 2s. a day was a harvest wage, and not the standard wage. Compensation was fixed at 3s. a week as long as he was incapacitated. CHILDREN

1903 01 20
The visit of General Sir John French will remain memorable for his reception by all sections of the inhabitants. The famous cavalry leader was sought after, first at the railway station when he arrived and later when he proceeded to the Guildhall where he received the freedom of the Borough. Lord Kitchener's is the first name on the roll of Cambridge Freemen and it's fitting that the name of General French should follow his illustrious Commander in the South African war. Many who have already been presented with the freedom have served under him and learned to admire him as an ideal commander who never asked them to do what he was not prepared to do himself. # c.35.7 # c.45.4

1903 01 20
Roads at St Ives assumed a dangerous condition for pedestrians, as a sharp frost had made them as slippery and smooth as glass. On Sunday morning one could skate from St Ives to Hilton on the main road, a distance of over four miles, without injury to the skates. Mr Thomas Phillips, wholesale fruiterer of the Market Hill slipped and sustained serious injury to his thigh. Mr Mason, the noted bone setter, of Wisbech, was sent for but could not come.

1903 01 21
An inquest was held on the body of a railway locomotive fireman. The engine driver said he was driving a train from Peterborough to London, passing through Shelford. The deceased had fired up at Shepreth Junction. On approaching Shelford bridge he saw deceased standing on the engine side of the tender raking coal towards him. That was the last time he saw him. He looked forward to watch the signals and first missed the fireman when approaching Sawston siding. If he had seen his mate fall he would have stopped at once. The body was found on line near the bridge # c.26.1

Fulbourn patient, p2 & p3

1903 01 23
Dr Cocks and his chauffeur were proceeding along Hills Road, Cambridge, in a motor car, when the car skidded. The front wheel turned into the gutter and came into contact with the kerbstone with great force. The wheel was completely battered and every spoke was broken. Fortunately no one was hurt and the car was removed to the Cambridge and Newmarket Autocar Company for repairs. No less than seven cyclists also had spills through the greasy state of the road. c.26.48

1903 01 23
An exhaustive test of the capabilities of a steam fire engine took place on the lawn before Addenbrooke's Hospital. At first sight the ‘steamer’ produced an impression of admirable workmanship and construction. For an hour and a half the mayor, councillors and a large gathering of the general public were absorbed witnessing how quickly steam could be obtained of sufficiently high pressure to start the engine. Blank cards were distributed for the insertion of the time at which smoke issued from the chimney and with these in one hand and watches in the other they stood watching. When up to pressure a great volume of water was thrown above the roof of the Hospital. # c.34.75

1903 01 26
The Sabbath calm at the Barnwell Mission services held in the Barnwell Theatre was rudely disturbed. Religious fervour had been well sustained and the atmosphere became somewhat overheated. The superintendent requested that the hot water might be shut off. The warming apparatus gave a series of resounding reports and the supply cistern overflowed, causing steam to pervade the auditorium. The congregation jumped to the conclusion that the Theatre was on fire and dashed out. The panic was worst in the gallery, which was filled with about 150 young people who made a dash for the steep stairs. The band stuck to their posts and played the greater part of the congregation out and the Benediction was pronounced to those who remained. # c.83.01

1903 01 26
An undergraduate told the court he was riding his motor car in Trinity Street, Cambridge. Opposite the entrance to Rose Crescent the car suddenly stopped in consequence of something going wrong with the gear. A hackney carriage was coming along and he held up his hand, thinking there was not sufficient room for it to pass the car. The cabman did not stop, but swore and carried on. The cab came into contract with the motor car and two mudguards were bent. The cab-proprietor was fined 5s. c.36.9

Barnwell Theatre, p2

1903 01 28

St Andrew's Street Baptist Chapel, Cambridge, is to be swept away and another more ornate is to be substituted. It has often excited the curiosity of strangers and not a little ridicule has been bestowed upon those who have worshipped in such a prison-like building. Even Charles Spurgeon described it as suitable for private executions. The new building will have both a tower and spire and be worthy of the prominent position it will occupy. # c.83.05

1903 01 29
Ely Cathedral church, p3

1903 01 30
A disastrous fire occurred in the quiet little village of Buckland. The origin of the outbreak is attributed to sparks from a chimney that was on fire alighting on the thatched roof of two unoccupied cottages. The flames spread with alarming rapidity and occupants of adjoining property set about to remove their furniture as the houses being very old bunt like tinder. In a short time six cottages were a mass of fire and were burnt to the ground. At one time the whole village was threatened with destruction.

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1903 02 03
A Fulbourn wood dealer claimed his horse had been bewitched and conducted an experiment to see who had bewitched it. He took two bottles to the blacksmith's shop and filled them with nails and pieces of hoof from the floor, then bought some pins and needles. At midnight he put water in a saucepan and boiled it with the parings of hoofs nails, pins and needles in. He sat quite in the dark. At last somebody came to the door but he was so frightened he blundered off upstairs. The magistrates attributed the condition of the horse to starvation rather than the evil eye and imposed a heavy fine. It is almost incredible that such fooleries should be believed, but the bucolic mind evidently lingers in the shadows of a century ago. # WITCH # c.39

1903 02 04
The most famous wise woman in the fens lives in the town of Cambridge itself. On market days farmers and labourers and servants come to seek her advice, cross her hand with silver and go away with spells for love and marriage, for the cure of all kinds of ills and good luck in cattle-dealing. Another famous Wise Woman lives in a cottage in a village near Newmarket. She does a good business in spells and charms, from wart-curing to love philtres. She has cured thousands of warts by a process of rubbing the root of the dandelion plant on the hard skin to the accompaniment of some incantation gibberish. On stormy nights she is still fondly believed to go for midnight rides on a broomstick. WITCH # c.39

1903 02 05
Application was made for a new full licence in respect of the former Three Horseshoes at Knapwell. It was discontinued as the former owner had extreme views on the temperance question and purposely shut the house up. The nearest public house was at Elsworth and if a man had to walk two miles to fetch his supper beer there was a great temptation for him to have more before he left. It was the wish of the inhabitants that they should have some means of obtaining drink in the village. Many lives were saved by the prompt administration of brandy during an illness; cases might frequently occur at Knapwell and lives be lost through there being no stimulant brandy. # c.27.4

1903 02 03
Steps are to be taken all over England to reduce the number of licensed houses, Bottisham magistrates were told. They have one licensed house to every 123 people. The Cow and Calf beerhouse, Swaffham Prior has not applied for a license, as one has been granted to a new house near the railway station & The Harrow, Fulbourn, has been closed. In the last year the landlady of the Crown and Thistle, Fulbourn has been convicted of supplying beer to a drunken person. # c.27.4

1903 02 07
A joint committee on the employment of barmaids has sent a resolution to the London magistrates asking them to recommend the employment of women in public bars shall be discontinued and no new employees be engaged. They believe the conditions of work are unsuitable for women and girls; it is quite customary for hours to range from fifteen to eighteen hours a day, seven to nine hours on Sundays. Thousands of women are employed in serving intoxicating liquors and find difficulty into settling into other occupations. # c.27.4 # WOMEN

1903 02 09
Sir – Christ's Pieces, Cambridge, would be a good site for the establishment of public baths. Vast number of undergraduates are at present unable to obtain the very necessary hot bath, as only a small proportion of licensed lodgings have fixed baths with hot water supply and few of the colleges are sufficiently equipped in this respect for those in residence. Country people of both sexes would also make use of the baths in the daytime – M.A. Hyman # BATH # c.32.3

Sawston fire, p3

1903 02 12
Mr Balding told Royston council of the dangerous state of the Royston Cave in Melbourn Street owing to the heavy traffic which is constantly passing over it. The apex of the cave was close to the traffic and there was a possibility of its giving way at any time, especially if a traction engine were passing over. Serious consequences might arise and it was a danger the council should consider at their earliest convenience. But the road is under the supervision of the County Council.

1903 02 12
Newmarket fever hospital was only made for 15 beds; they had had 36 patients in at one time which showed the hospital was not up to requirements. When the outbreak of scarlet fever occurred at Stetchworth there were nine cases in the hospital. They might get disease spread from one case all over a village in a very short time. There was nothing like isolation for stamping out these diseases. It was almost impossible for poor people to take the necessary precautions. # c.21.4

1903 02 13
The Rev Charles Crump, of Sawston, was summoned for riding a bicycle on the footpath. The police superintendent held up his hand and the defendant rode on the road saying, "You have fairly caught me". The road was in an abominable condition; had he been a young lady not a word would have been said, but he supposed the policeman was glad to catch a parson. He was fined 6d. An undergraduate of Caius College was summoned for wheeling a bicycle on the footpath in Round Church Street. He said perambulators and mail carts were being wheeled along the path and he was not causing any danger or annoyance. He was fined 10s. # c.26.485

1903 02 14
Messrs Laurie and McConnel are almost universal providers, for their extensive premises, nos.121-124 Fitzroy Street, contained many departments. Today they are no more. In their place is a great gap, a space which instead of containing the thousand and one articles wherewith to furnish the homes of Cambridge has nothing to show but heaps of charred timber, twisted iron girders and dismembered masses of masonry. The whole premises have been destroyed as completely as fire can destroy. In less than three hours they licked up goods and buildings valued at up to £100,000 # c.27.2 # c.34.75

1903 02 17
Many thousands of Cambridge people witnessed the spectacle of the fire at Laurie and McConnell's in Fitzroy Street. The crowd increased to gigantic proportions and to keep them in check it was necessary to stretch ropes across on either side. The Mayor, Aldermen and members of the Fire Brigade Committee watched the progress of the fire and the unremitting efforts of the firemen. The interested crowd did not let the firemen work without encouragement and the fireman with the nozzle working in clouds of smoke was cheered heartily when he commenced his task. As soon as the

hopelessness of saving Lauries was recognised special attention was turned to defending the adjoining premises of Messrs Sturton and Mumford. # c.34.75 # c.27.2

Sherlock Holmes, p3
Snailwell wedding, p4

1903 08 18
Fire letter, p3
Newmarket sale, p3

1903 02 19
Disinfecting store, p3

1903 02 20
After the great fire in Fitzroy Street, Cambridge, public opinion was strongly expressed in favour of the Volunteer Fire Brigade being in possession of a steam fire engine. It would require, with driver and stoker, eight men to work the engine and, with reliefs of the same number, would necessitate 16 men being engaged. But with only one engine they would have been able to play four jets on either the front or back of the fire, and one side would be entirely unprovided for. The engines and paid brigade would be so expensive that the town authorities would not be justified in incurring the outlay for protecting the few buildings at which they might be necessary. # c.34.75

1903 02 20
The Great Fire. Laurie & McConnal, Ltd., Universal stores, Fitzroy Street, Cambridge, will open their temporary premises in Fair Street with brand new stock of furnishing, general ironmongery, stationery, haberdashery, china and glass. Business usual in the Boot and Tool department, right opposite the destroyed building. – Advert # c.27.2

1903 02 21
There are many colonies of Dr Barnardo's children in Cambridgeshire, and no pleasanter life for them can be imagined than the breathing of pure air and association with happy village children, whose happiness is shared by their playmates. At Witchford there are no fewer than 22 boarded out from the Home. Two girls, one six year old and her sister, eight, were given a ride by the Vicar in his carriage while he made arrangement for meetings in neighbouring villages. He is exceedingly fond of children, enjoying the company of the little ones and shared merrily in their conversation. He took them to Stretham station and they walked back home to Witchford. # CHILDREN

1903 02 23
The Cambridge Corn Exchange exhibition of cycles and motors has become an annual event. Motors and motor cycles are as yet in their infancy and each year sees great strides taken towards perfection. There are on view some fine, up-to-date specimens of motor cars. The Mayor said he was a cyclist of some years' standing but his experiences of motor cars was very limited. He had been for a ride on a motor car, and thoroughly enjoyed it. Manufacturers were handicapped by stringent laws as to the pace motors might travel over public roads. While so many horses were about it was startling for them to find a vehicle coming at 20 miles and hour and making rather a peculiar noise. # c.26.485

1903 02 23
For some months Cheveley parish church has been in the hands of the builders who have just completed their task of thoroughly renovating the sacred edifice. Nearly the whole of the roof has been renewed, an entirely new system of heating carried out and the seats have been re-arranged. Wooden blocks have been substituted for the original flooring and red tiles laid along the aisles. A new vestry has been added and the organ rebuilt. The whole has been carried out at the expense of the late Col Harry McCalmont, who took a deep interest in the welfare of the parish. At the time of his death the building was not in a fit state to be used for public worship and there was something pathetic in the fact that his generosity prevented his funeral being held in the church. # c.82.01

1903 02 24
Exhibition, p3
Witchford fatality, p3
Newmarket rifle club, p4

1903
Wilburton Parish Council drew attention to the ruinous condition of Twenty-pence Ferry Drawbridge, the owner of the bridge refusing to do any repairs to it. They think it desirable that a permanent bridge be put up. But it was a public road on one side of the ferry and a private one on the other. It was not a connection between two public roads. Wentworth people again recommended that the well at the end of the village should be deepened to the extent of 15 ft. But pumping machine would then be required and the water would have to be filtered before it was used for drinking purposes. People were willing to pay the money. Samples of water from both wells in the village had been condemned for drinking purposes # c.44.75

1903 02 25
A serious fire occurred at Stapleford by which a house, known as The Poplars, was completely razed to the ground. It was large, spacious and old-fashioned, having been build about 200 years ago and was composed of woodwork, lath and plaster. Only the chimneys were made of brickwork and it is quite obvious that a fire of any size would soon destroy such an old place. Such was the case. It is believed that a spark from the wash-house chimney fell on the thatched roof and spread rapidly. # c.34.75 # c.61.7

Accident noise motor bike, p3
Photographers Tyndall & H. Campion, p3 # c.65.5

1903 02 26
Albert Chevalier in Cambridge, p3 *

1903 02 27
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1903 03 02
P.C. Salmon told the court he had been called to Fulbourn signal box and found the stationmaster and another man in charge of the box with the door locked. The defendant, a signalman, was outside. He was drunk and creating a disturbance. Subsequently he'd gone back to the station, got inside the box and abused the man who had taken his place. The policeman had ejected him but the man remained very close to the station and was abusive. He had also been ejected from the Railway Tavern and the magistrates were glad the landlord had acted properly. He should always be careful in dealing with railway men. # c.26.2

1903 03 03
An inquest took place at Saffron Walden on a workman who fell from a ladder in the church whilst preparing for the erection of a memorial window to the late Lord Braybrooke. A labourer in the employ of Messrs W. Bell and Sons said he was in the north chapel of the church with the deceased. They were up ladders paperhanging on the screen for the purpose of keeping the dust out when he heard the deceased's foot slip. It was an accident and it was lucky he did not fall on the gas standard. The man was greatly respected and a most reliable workman. The jury passed a vote of sympathy to his widow and children. # c.82.01

1903 03 03

Joshua Taylor are making a special show of all kinds of leather and rubber motor clothing for drivers of cars and cycles. The exhibit includes the latest styles of long-thigh motor leggings, leather & tweed motor caps, gauntlet gloves, wind cuffs and foot muffs. They also specialise in mechanics' clothing including waterproof, wooden-soled clogs for washing down cars. – Advert # c.26.48

1903 03 04
Newton Hall sale, p3

1903 03 05
A petition for a new public house at Knapwell was considered by magistrates. The rectors of Conington and Caxton both said it would be a public advantage as there was not a public house in the village. There were 24 houses in the village proper, of which two were empty, two in which only women lived and three had not signed the petition. Three petitioners lived in one house, one had died and eight had left. Some did not live in the parish at all. One man had signed for 12 persons who could not write for themselves. c.27.4

1903 03 06
The well-known aeronaut, Rev J.M. Bacon, an old scholar of Trinity College said the afternoon of his first balloon ascent was a very boisterous one and it was only the consummate skill of Captain Dale that brought them safely to earth again. Not long afterwards Captain Dale was dashed to pieces and lost his brave life. He made one ascent to witness a wonderful shower of meteors when, instead of being up for two hours, he was drifting helpless for 10. His experiments in the use of a balloon in time of war and his races, carrying despatches against 70 cyclists, are well known and the graphic views which illustrated them made the lecture at Cambridge Guildhall additionally attractive. # c.26.1

1903 03 06
Thomas Askham was summoned for presenting a stage play, "Robinson Crusoe", at the Grand Circus and Hippodrome, Auckland Road, Cambridge, the building not being licensed as a theatre. There was pantomime action and considerable dialogue in verse. There was a temporary stage with scenery at the back and footlights. But it could not be described as a play, it was only an entertainment. The Theatre catered for the 'Varsity and the better classes and the more humble people went to this music-hall and circus. # c.76

1903 03 07
Zulus in Cambridge, p3

1903 03 09
A dangerous outbreak of fire occurred at 245 Mill Road, Cambridge when a lighted standard lamp was accidentally knocked over by a child. The contents of the lamp spilled upon the floor and became ignited near to the windows. Before the flames were extinguished the curtains, Venetian blinds and several articles of furniture were destroyed and a carpet and table cover badly damaged. News of the fire was received through the Mill Road fire alarm post but when firemen arrived at the scene with the horsed fire escape and tender the fire had been extinguished.

1903 03 10
Spitting, p2
Downing St fatality, p3 *

1903 03 12
There are a number of Canadian Farmers' Delegates offering to the depressed English agriculturist a chance in the farmer's El Dorado, Western Canada. James D Bambridge of Manitoba is visiting Cambridge to answer questions. The Canadian government gives a free grant of 160 acres of land to every emigrant, most of it prairie – virgin soil, rich in quality. It is not only farmers they want but all labouring classes, male and female, who can make $250 a year # c.22

Newmarket station roads, p4

1903 03 13
Sir – I read in the CDN of the advantages for the farming man in Canada. I know it to be true; I went to London, Ontario and found it a beautiful, healthy and prosperous country, inhabited by intelligent, hospitable people. I am sure that any industrious Englishman will have a hearty welcome in the Dominion of Canada – W. Pitstow, James Street, Cambridge. # c.22

1903 03 14
CDN editor leaves, p2

1903 03 16
Magistrates considered renewing the licences of various public houses. The Hoops at Barton was in an untidy state; at Chesterton the Castle Inn was much improved but the Prince of Wales had a great deal of accommodation and was the best in the district. The Black Bull at Longstanton was a genuine business for the benefit of the public and was absolutely essential. The George and Dragon, Swavesey had four bedrooms but the back entrance gave facility for secret drinking – this was a parish where there were too many public houses in proportion to the population. The licence was granted on condition the back way was closed up # c.27.4

1903 03 17
One of the best cinematographic entertainments ever seen in Cambridge is running at the Guildhall. The North American Animated Photo. Co. are showing some of the most interesting sights it is possible to conceive. Mr Joseph Chamberlain landed at Southampton on Saturday and on Monday a series of pictures were showing the Cambridge folk his reception. The operator was busy at work on Fenner's on Saturday where the Cambridge athletes achieved a sweeping victory. Music adds to the attraction. The entertainment will be repeated twice a day. # c.76.9

House prices, p2
G.P. Sennitt funeral, Stretham, p3

1903 03 17
There are several places of worship at Waterbeach but the one that most strikes the imagination of the outsider is the Baptist Church in which the Rev Charles Spurgeon ministered, and from which, even at the present time, the glamour of his personality has not departed. The members celebrated the centenary of the foundation of the church building which preceded the present one. It had a thatched roof and a brick floor and was burned down about 1862. # c.82.05

1903 03 19
For some time past the police have been busy in the village of Clavering, endeavouring to unravel a mystery. Five years ago a man, who appeared to be a man of means, rented an isolated farm where he was joined by a lady who was said to possess a considerable amount of money. She has since disappeared and nothing has been seen or heard of her. The man was charged with forging her cheque and bank notes amounting to £600 were found upon him. Now a skull, believed to be that of a middle-aged lady, has been discovered at the farm. # c.34.6

Matrimonial squabble, p4

1903 03 20
Cambridge Free library, p3

1903 03 21
A large number of ladies interested in cycling met for the purpose of forming a cycling club for the benefit of those ladies engaged in business during the day in order to provide some recreation in their

evening and leisure time. Runs and picnics will be arranged during the summer with socials and dances in winter. No opposition was aroused until the question of colours was arrived at and light blue and pink were decided upon. There was a little more discussion as to how they were to be worn but it was decided to leave it to the discretion of the members. # c.26.485

1903 03 23
A two-year-old baby boy was found on a seat on the Cambridge Railway Station platform. Nobody could be found to claim the youngster who was contentedly munching a bun and entirely oblivious to his surroundings. He was fairly well dressed but had no parcel containing extra clothes or anything that could lead to his identification. The Great Northern stationmaster's wife (Mrs Fenn) took charge of the little fellow and he was subsequently given into the charge of the police and removed to the Workhouse to await identification. #
CHILDREN

Clavering mystery, p3
Strong cigar, p3
Barkway fraud, p4

1903 03 26
Since the declaration of peace last year the ranks of the unemployed in Cambridgeshire have been swelled by the steady influx from South Africa of thousands of discharged soldiers and reservists which has seriously upset the labour market. One cannot pay a visit to the tramp ward of any Workhouse without being impressed by the number of inmates who are evidently returned "heroes". In 1901 7,754 vagrants were relived at the various Unions in the district, last year the number had risen to 9.591. Cambridge spends the least per head – two shillings and three farthings – whilst Linton spends the most, six shillings and eightpence halfpenny. # c.32.1

1903 03 27
The little village of Saxon Street was the scene of a fire which resulted in the total destruction of two cottages, caused by a spark from a chimney falling on the thatched roof. From the moment the thatch caught fire the flames rapidly spread. Willing neighbours assisted with the removal of the furniture and one rescued a 70-year-man who had fallen from a stack and received such severe injuries as necessitated him having to keep to his bed. He succeeded in removing the old man to a shed but ran a great risk of losing his own life, the roof threatening to fall in and bury him at any minute. # c.34.75

1903
Why do men forsake public worship, asked the Rev Joseph at Cambridge Guildhall? Inquiries had been made of four men in a college kitchen. One said: "Because we don't want to be hypocrites"; another: "I get nothing there worth listening to"; the third: "The parsons are such humbug". The fourth said: "Because so-called Christian men don't live up to the teaching of Christ and the standard they themselves set up". In summer it was beneficial and in no way harmful to spend Sundays in the open air. # c.83

1903 03 30
Ely Social Anglers have some 40 paying members but there was a lack of enthusiasm. Although they offered various prizes for the best fish caught not one single fish had been weighed in. It had been an unsatisfactory season but surely someone had landed something worth weighing. Monthly meetings were held at which all members were invited to attend in convivial and piscatorial conversation and debate but they had not been a success.

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1903 03 31
Wilbraham footpath, p3 *
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1903 04 02
Swaffham Prior rail accident, p3

1903 04 03
Cambridge Horse Club exists for the amelioration of the suffering of the horse as well as the benefit of the members. Not only was a member benefited if he lost a horse, but should the horse become ill it received prompt attention from their veterinary surgeon, Mr Bennett, and this saved money on doctors' bills. The number of horses was 177; during the year eight had been lost and £80 had been paid to the owners who were well satisfied with their compensation. There had been an outbreak of glanders but the disease had been stopped. #
c.19

Two Newmarket men were charged with assisting a private in the 3rd Suffolk Regiment to desert, by supplying him with civilian clothing and disposing of his uniform. A widow said the man had brought a red tunic to her house and asked her to buy it for a shilling and make a hearthrug with it. She found a number on one of the pockets and handed it to the police. P.C. Page said he went to a house and found a shirt, a pair of trousers and tunic. A day later he went to Swaffham and was handed a coat. One of the defendants said he had gone to a public house in Newmarket, got drunk, and bought the clothes from a man who said he had just come from South Africa # c.45.4

1903
Two Newmarket men were charged with assisting a private in the Suffolk Regiment to desert, by supplying him with civilian clothing and disposing of his uniform. Sarah Covey, a widow, said one of the men had brought a red tunic to her house and asked if she would buy it for a shilling and make a hearthrug with it. He also brought a coat, which he said would do for a man who worked in the fields, and a pair of trousers. He claimed his cousin who had been to the front gave them to him. Later he said he had met a man in a pub and had given him some old clothes in exchange for the uniform.

1903 04 06
An inquest was held on the former assistant manager of the Empire Theatre of Varieties, Cambridge. He had deposited £10 as security on taking the post and after he had held the position for a month this was to be returned to him in instalments. But the company was a failure and he had lost his savings in the venture. He had pawned his watch for half-a-crown and said he did not have a farthing. But he had £40 in his bank and his mind must have been deranged by his theatrical reverses. # c.76

1903 04 06
Since the members of Kensit's Wycliffe Preachers came to Cambridge there has been a general anticipation that a 'protest' by them would be made in one of the local churches. In an attempt to gain information as to their intentions two dozen opponents, most of them undergraduates, assembled at the Alexandra Hall to listen to an address. Afterwards a very heated linguistic duel raged over the doctrine of transubstantiation. Applause and counter-applause urged on the contestants to further efforts. A lull in the debate gave an opportunity to take a collection, which was contributed to by the opponents of the preachers. At the end one undergraduate asked whether they were going to brawl in any other churches tomorrow. # c.83

1903
A licensed refreshment house keeper of East Road, Cambridge, was summonsed for keeping his premises open during prohibited hours. P.C. Symonds said he saw a man eating something from a paper outside the shop after 11 o'clock. He told the owner he had seen a man eating fish, but the defendant said it was potatoes. The man had come in while he was sweeping the shop out and his wife

served him. The policeman was in plain clothes and never said he was a policeman. The magistrates recorded a conviction, but there was no further penalty

1903 04 07
The Rev K.H. Smith told Ely Burial Board of the state of things at a funeral. The curator was busy and so was the gravedigger, with their respective engagements, and, no policeman being on duty, just before the interment the gate was left unattended. An army of little children came into the cemetery and he narrowly escaped being swept into the grave by their pushing. There should be some regulation that children should not be allowed close to the grave at funerals.

1903 04 07
Sergt Mobbs told Newmarket magistrates that he saw an electric motor car going up the High Street being driven in a very reckless manner. He followed the car to the Horse Shoe Inn where they saw the defendant leaning against it, very drunk. The policeman told him he was not fit to drive and another man said he would drive for him as he had to go to the old station to meet his master, Dan Maher, the jockey. When the jockey did not arrive the defendant decided that he would drive. The car was a silent one and when he drove off he turned the lights off and was arrested. It was a most dangerous thing for a person entrusted with a car to get into such a state. He was endangering his master's property as well as the lives of the public and was fined 20s.
Secretaries association, p3

1903
Interest in the Moat Farm Mystery has been stimulated by an action against the editor of the 'Daily Express' for contempt in publishing articles tending to prejudice the fair trial of the man now under remand by Saffron Walden magistrates. They had put forward the theory that he had murdered the lady whose cheque he was said to have forged. Other applications were made against the 'News of the World' who had published an article practically copied from the 'Express', and the 'Star', which had alluded to another charge of forgery against him. The Lord Chief Justice said it was right to comment upon mysteries and undiscovered crimes but the 'Star' had gone beyond fair comment and seemed to connect the person charged with one of the crimes.

1903 04 08
There is every probability that the baby recently found at the G.N.R. station has now but a short time to stay at Cambridge Workhouse. There have been two or three applications to adopt the child. One, from the neighbourhood of East Road which read: 'I have been thinking you might like to board it out', created a considerable amount of laughter but did not appeal to the Guardians. A very respectable tradesman and his wife were very anxious to adopt the baby and inquiries should be made.

Saffron Walden Salvation Army, p4

1903 04 11
Itinerant vendors of the delicacy inseparable from Good Friday awakened citizens to the fact that a public holiday was at hand. While the majority of householders were still sleeping peacefully, unmusical voices in the streets below broke the stillness of the morning with offers to sell 'two a penny' and a proportionate number for 'tup-pence' in a sing-song for which three notes of the scale provided the tune. All modes of traction were utilised by holiday-makers, affording evidence of the growing popularity of the motor. Dusty and noisy they may be, but that they continue to grow more popular there can be no doubt and motorists comprised no mean section of the Good Friday road traffic. # c.39

1903 04 11
The accounts of 'ragging' at a Cambridge Theological College led to an interview with a Cambridge minister acquainted with one of the victims – the man who had the adornment of his upper lip removed by amateur barbers. The undergraduate did not have the whole of his moustache removed, but only half of it, the operation performed while he was held down in his bed. He had a splendid

moustache. It was quite the pride of his mother who was terribly upset over it. His life has been made thoroughly unbearable by his tormentors, who wanted him to give up preaching. They have broken all his windows several times and the young fellow has been thoroughly broken down and ill. # c.36.9 : rag

1903 04 14
Boys birched, p3

1903 04 15
Trumpery case, p4

1903 04 17
On Thursday 23rd April a novel sight will be witnessed at Strange's Boat House, when Mr Tom Barton, the popular and world-renowned Log Roller, of Canada, will give his unique display of rolling a log of Bovril tins on the river. He will give £5 to anyone who will get on and stand on the log for three minutes. From the boat house Mr Barton, who is champion of the world in this particular line, will proceed through the locks and down the river for a mile or two.

1903 04 17
Magistrates considered the renewal of the licence of the Unicorn Inn, Trumpington. The accommodation consisted of three bedrooms, two were furnished and used by those living in the house. The third, the guest chamber, was at present bare. The Chairman: Poor guest. Mr Ralkes: He would be a very poor guest who came there. There was no stabling; the landlord did keep a pony and trap, but whether he kept them in the unfurnished room he did not know. (Laughter). It was difficult for a man to make a living there; the actual consumption of beer in the house per week was half a barrel. # c.27.4

1903 04 17
Brewers Lacon and Co appealed against the refusal to renew the licence of the White Horse, Chesterton. The house was of good repute and considerable size and did a good trade. It was the best of the firm's houses in the district. There were some cottages situated at the back of the property, and though there was no suggestion of secret drinking, the cottages gave facilities for it. Magistrates wanted an undertaking either to have the cottages fenced off or not used for human habitation. They could be turned into stables or something of the sort. Gates had already been put across the entrances so that anyone could not get to the public house from the cottages. The appeal was allowed.

1903 04 18
All the arguments in favour of converting Cambridge into a County Borough having failed some councillors have threatened to petition for an extension to the town's boundaries so as to include not only Chesterton but Newnham Croft and St John's, Cherry Hinton as well. To silence opposition they have threatened that all children from these districts attending schools in Cambridge will have to be turned out to seek education under their own authority. This has confirmed the opponents in their opposition and alienated the sympathies of supporters. Fortunately nobody is likely to be frightened by such pusillanimous threats. # c.35.7

1903 04 18
A serious fire occurred at the village of Barton by which almost the whole of the Manor Farm, with the exception of the house, was razed to the ground. It is supposed the drum of a traction engine after working for a considerable time, got very hot and some corn which was standing near by caught alight. A cart with horse attached was close by and the horse was taken out only just in time, being slightly singed. The cart was consumed by the flames. The men worked assiduously with buckets and water but their efforts were without avail and soon all the farm buildings were blazing.

1903 04 20
Barton fire, p3

Tossed by bullock, p3

1903 04 21
At a meeting held at the Horse and Groom Hotel, Cambridge, it was resolved to form a new cycling club to be named the "Belmont Cycling and Motoring Club". Mr Lawrence, of the Belmont Cycle Works, who is the founder of the club promised members a very substantial reduction on all goods and repairs at the Works and also offered a 10-guinea challenge cup to be competed for yearly. The club promises to become very popular # c.26.485

1903 04 21
P.C. Symonds said he heard dancing from an upper room of the Hopbine public house, Fair Street, Cambridge and found six couples dancing to music supplied by a harp and concertina. Charles Huntlea said he went to the Hopbine with his brother of their own free will to play music either for the customers to listen to or to accompany dancing if anyone indulged in it. Their remuneration depended on the generosity of the customers, the landlady had never given them anything and he had to pay for his drink. She had a licence for music, but not dancing and was fined 10s.

1903 04 22
Fall from window, Littleport, p3

1903 04 23
The weather at Hunstanton has now changed and the stormy winds of the Easter Holiday given place to something more like spring. Among the many Cambridge people spending the Vacation at Hunstanton were the Master of Trinity and the Master of Caius. Visitors at the Globe Hotel were Mr & Mrs E.H. Parker and family from Cambridge, Dr Atkin and Dr Wilders from Holbeach, Rev T.H. Orpen of Selwyn, Miss E.M. Robinson and Rev Robinson, Grantham and the Rev and Mrs Gee, Cambridge.

1903 04 24
Chesterton RDC heard that Cottenham had got a full supply of water. They were obliged to supplement the supply with the old water cart. It seemed bad they should be paying both the water company and the man who owned the cart. The Clerk said that he wrote to the man and told him to discontinue but was informed that he had a contract for 12 months, and would expect the money, so he might as well use the cart. The contract was only up to the time when a proper water supply was obtainable but the new pipes had discoloured the water and it was not quite fit for drinking purposes. The Inspector of Nuisances (Mr Bunnett) was authorised to obtain a sample of water for analysis.

1903 04 24
Tom Barton, the world's champion log roller provided entertainment for several thousands on the banks of the Cam. He made a journey from the University boathouse, through Jesus Lock to Strange's boathouse on a cylinder composed of Bovril tins soldered together, nine feet long and one foot in diameter, without so much as wetting his feet. A chair was passed to him, then a light table and placed thereon a large bottle supposed to contain Bovril. It looked so easy that the challenge to any person to stand on the cylinder for two minutes and win £5 was irresistible. A man assayed the feat but did not remain for two seconds and was precipitated into the water. # c.46.5

1903 04 25
The landlord of the Boot Inn, Histon, was summoned for allowing gaming on his premises. PC Plowman said the billiard room door was closed and he heard rattle of money. There were 18 men in the room and they were playing halfpenny pool. Defendant said: "I never saw this game before and if I have done wrong I will bury the balls. I did not know that pool was wrong, as we always played it at Cottenham". Pool was played with different balls and so much a ball was paid for the use of the table. There was no evidence they were playing for money. The case was dismissed.

1903 04 28

Interest in the sensation known as the Moat Farm Mystery received a sudden stimulus by the announcement that the body of a woman, fully dressed, had been unearthed on the farm premises and identified as that of the missing woman. For the past two months it has been our duty to record the progress of the search which the police had been carrying out with such untiring diligence. Day after day they had pursued their labours, almost without remittance, and until yesterday they had been unrewarded by anything in the shape of human remains. It was decided to remove the mud from the moat and a lady's shoe was discovered containing a portion of a human foot.

1903 04 28
Mr Askham applied for a theatrical licence for the Auckland Road Circus, Cambridge. A dramatic performance was instructive to the working classes and tended to keep them out of public houses. But those who were labouring in connection with the various religious organisations felt strongly it would be injurious to the morals of the people. As soon as the audience came out they were 'on the Common in the dark'. A poster for one play contained the figure of a young lady almost in a state of nudity and if a man took his wife or daughter in the vicinity of it the ladies would hardly know where to put their heads. # c.76

1903 04 28
Soham House Estate, situated in one of the best positions in Newmarket was offered for sale by auction. The mansion is fitted throughout with every modern convenience and luxury and contains a billiard room, nine bed and dressing rooms, three bath rooms, an extensive suite of domestic & culinary offices, a racquet court and a suite of bachelor's quarters. The estate covers an area of ten acres and is one of the best show places of the town. The cost was stated at considerably over £30,000. Neither this, nor two other properties in The Avenue were sold.

Histon pool case, p3

1903 04 29
The University Arms Property, Sawston, consisting of the old licensed beerhouse, the University Arms, 32 cottages and the cricket ground were offered for sale by auction. The pub sold for £775, one block of four cottages facing the main road was sold at £450 and four in Occupation Road realised £250. The cricket ground was purchased by Mr Hudson for £280. The remaining 20 cottages were withdrawn. The fully licensed inn, The King's Head, and the old beerhouse now named the Golden Fleece in Bridge Street were offered and withdrawn as were the Cock and the Bell at Feltwell and The Ferry Boat at Hockwold-cum-Wilton. Six freehold cottages at Fulbourn were sold to Mr Jacobs for £250

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1903 05 01
A stormy meeting of Linton Guardians told the chaplain to conduct services in such a way they would not be extreme and hurt the sensibilities of any member of the Board. He should remove the candlesticks from the altar and take them out of the Workhouse chapel. Mr Wright asked what they meant to do with the candlesticks. He was sure the Salvation Army would not want them and they would not have them at the chapel. Mr Potter proposed the candlesticks be allowed to remain but that the candles be not lighted. A committee will meet the chaplain to see if a friendly arrangement could not be arrived at.

1903 05 02
House for sale, p3 *

1903 05 06

The work of rebuilding St Andrew's Street Baptist Chapel, Cambridge, has reached an important stage with the ceremony of laying the foundation stone. The travelling crane upon the elevated railroad around the site was stationary, the workmen had turned their attention to the erection of a platform to accommodate the spectators. An important factor was the bottle placed under the stone which may in some remote age meet the gaze of an explorer yet unborn, the contents being a plan of the church, a programme of the day's ceremony and a copy of the CDN. # c.83

1903 05 07
While excavating in Grange Road, Cambridge, some workmen who were digging a trench for drainage purposes came across a skeleton of great age, but in a perfect state of preservation. Behind the skull was a small vessel of yellow ware, with a handle. Messrs Coulson and Lofts had the remains carefully uncovered. Other remains, including a stone coffin and brooches have been found in the adjoining area and confirm the date as late Roman. It is hoped the remains will be removed exactly as found and placed in a glass case at the Archaeological Museum. # c.41

A sale of work was held to raise funds for the furnishing of a 'Cats Home' in Mr Banham's yard, Cambridge. Persons going away from home can have their cats taken care of. The fee is not a large one. There will be room for an odd stray, provided it is a healthy cat; if not it will be mercifully destroyed. c.19

1903 05 08
A raid on motor cars was made on the Royston Road. P.S. Gilbey, stationed at Sawston, said he and P.C. Davies measured a mile on the road, compared watches and set them exactly at the same time. At 3.49 a car passed and went towards Royston. He saw P.C. Davies come out to stop the car from beside a straw stack. The time was just under three minutes. Both policemen were in plain clothes; if they had been in uniform people would not go at such an excessive speed. The magistrates were not without sympathy for the motorist but there was proof that the limit of 12 miles per hour had been exceeded. They imposed the smallest possible fine of 5s.

1903 05 11
The desirability of Cambridgeshire as a residential district is not sufficiently appreciated. Our county burden is second only in point of lightness to that of the Isle of Ely which should appeal to the heavily-burdened ratepayers. Now Saffron Walden are making application to be transferred from the county of Essex to Cambs. Being at the fag-end of London suburban counties have the pleasure of paying for the extravagances of the wealthy suburban residents without enjoying any of their advantages.

Royston storm, p4

1903 05 12
An exhibition of gas stoves for cooking and heating purposes, the products of the Richmond Gas Stove and Meter Company, was opened in Cambridge. It gives those who have not yet taken advantage of the modern substitute for an ordinary fire the opportunity of discovering how gas is far superior in the point of economy, comfort and cleanliness. The stoves can be hired at small rentals from the Cambridge Gas Company

1903 05 13
At Cambridge police court a married woman was charged with having stolen a piece of pork, value 1s.2d. from Joseph Butler, a butcher of Mill Street. He said he heard the shop bell ring and noticed the pork was missing from the counter. He found it underneath her cloak. The magistrates had to convict, but in consideration of the fact that the prisoner had ten children she would be bound over.

Cambridge & Chesterton, p2
Royston dilapidated houses, p4

1903 05 14
A section of noisy undergraduates at a performance of 'Naughty Nancy' at the New Theatre behaved in an unruly manner. Remarks, many of them in bad taste, and incessant shouting delayed the progress of the comedy and Mr Redfern, the Managing Director appeared on the stage. For 20 years he had had the management and until the last three or four such conduct was perfectly unheard of. He said he was sure they would cease this ungentlemanly conduct but if they continued he would simply drop the curtain and the performance would cease. Cries of 'Good old Redfern' were heard at the conclusion of the protest. They speedily subsided and the performance was concluded quietly. # c.76

1903 05 14
Scarcely has one sensation abated in Saffron Walden than another mystery has come to the surface in that now popular and much-talked-of town. In the small hours four men were engaged emptying a cesspool and having secured a load they proceeded to deposit it on the sewage farm; on the cart being emptied they noticed that something solid rolled out. Upon examining it they found it to be the body of a male child which may have been in the cesspool two or three weeks, as the body is somewhat discoloured.

GER March ambulance, p2
Buntingford cottage, p3
Dealer's cart, p3 *

1903 05 16
Mr Percy Humphreys, formerly a regular player for Cambridge St Mary's Football Club is now the possessor of an international cap. Cambridge has a way of showing appreciation of distinction attained in sport by complimentary dinners and it was only fitting that following those to cricketers Ranji and Tom Hayward a similar compliment should be paid to a townsman who has attained the highest honour in the other great national game. He was known as 'The Little Terror' and was the subject of hero worship by lads in Cambridge. # c.38 : football

Clare water, p4

1903 05 18
Grantchester sheep, p4

1903 05 19
The permanent motor exhibition which is in process of formation is to supply a universal automobile mart for all those persons interested commercially or sportingly in the horseless vehicle. It is to be for motor cars what Tattersall's is for that now decadent animal, the horse. It will be at once a market, a bazaar and an exchange where motors and component parts can be obtained and will prove an undeniable boon to the automobilist.

1903 05 20
Another prosecution for driving a motor car at excessive speed was brought before magistrates. PC Connell said that on Easter Monday he was on duty near the 50 mile stone on Newmarket Road when he saw a motor car occupied by three gentlemen being driven at great speed. When the car passed he noticed the time, then mounted his cycle and followed after the car to the next milestone near Worcester Lodge where he conferred with PC Bugg and found the mile was completed in 110 seconds, which worked out at the rate of 32½ miles per hour. The driver was fined £1.

1903 05 21
Cambridge councillors discussed plans for the erection of new premises for Laurie and McConnal, Fitzroy Street. The bye-laws said there should be a certain amount of air-space behind domestic buildings – house, office or shop - and these had no such space. There was no doubt the plans were in contravention of the bye-laws, the question was whether the Council would refuse them. If they were

passed it would be an illegal act. They should not alter the bye-laws to suit the convenience of any class of people. # c.27.2

1903 05 21
The Cambridge Telephone Committee reported that the mass of existing telephone subscribers lie grouped in the centre; the number of existing lines belonging to the National Telephone Company does not exceed 450 in Cambridge and 20 in Shelford. They would provide for 600 lines with poles for 600 more. Wires would be put underground and out of sight. The Council should apply for a licence to work a telephone system of their own with modern instruments # c.27.7

Laundry advert, p1

1903 05 22
An old lady residing in Peterborough, named Mrs Susan Dudley, relates how she suffered intolerable agony from indigestion. Her sleep was disturbed by dreams and she arose with a splitting headache and totally unfit for work. She found a cure in Mother Seigel's Syrup: "Six bottles completely cured me and I have not suffered from indigestion since", she says. It is always so, Seigel's Syrup does thorough work, no patching.

1903 05 23
A man living in Ainsworth Street, Cambridge was diagnosed with small-pox. He was forthwith removed to the small-pox huts, Coldham's Lane, and all known contacts vaccinated and kept under observation. He was a goods guard on the Great Eastern Railway whose train shunted opposite the small-pox camp in Tottenham Marshes and there was reason to believe there was communication between persons in the camps and the officials on the train. It is highly probable the disease was incepted from the camps. He made a good recovery. # c.21.1

1923 05 23
Typhoid fever was present in Cambridge during the year, 17 cases in 14 households having been notified. Four were county cases admitted into Addenbrooke's Hospital for treatment; five were imported from Fenstanton, Swaffham, Norfolk, Littleport and London. Two cases were probably due to eating shellfish. Two were nurses who had charge of typhoid patients and others could not be accounted for. Three of the cases proved fatal

1903 05 26
The New Swiss Laundry, Cherryhinton Road is the largest in Cambridge and one of the most improved laundries of the day, having a glass roof so that the smallest grain of dust can be detected. The position is the best, being situated on the Hill and surrounded by fruit trees, away from any dwelling whatsoever. Our work people are supplied with white clothes so that the clean linen is in no way soiled by coming into contact with material of a different colour and only the best pale soap and boiling water is used. All goods are aired by us and we also mend all holes in tablecloths and other linen free of cost. We are the only laundry that does this in Cambridge. (Advert)

Kett, p2

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1903 06 03
The new municipal cemetery, which Cambridge Corporation has prepared on Newmarket Road, was opened for interments. In anticipation of the time when the general public will regard burial more from a sanitary than from a sentimental point of view, a part of the ground adjoining Ditton Lane has been reserved for the erection of a crematorium. The first interment was a child named Alfred Willet Whitmore; the coffin was borne by six young ladies and Mr Ellis Merry was the undertaker. # c.21.1

1903 06 03

Ely court heard an interesting case relating to Grunty Fen which arose out of an agreement with respect to cutting corn. James Howard had a horse and man and William Driver had a machine for cutting wheat and they came to an agreement that they would first cut Howard's crop and afterwards Driver's. Driver's son employed an 11-year-old boy to ride the foremost horse but it became restive and the poor lad was thrown and received injuries

Coronation Hotel, Newmarket, p2
Over libel, p3 *

1903 06 05
The policy of passive resistance to the Education Act by the non-payment of the education rate is now being widely adopted in Cambridge. A marked increase in the number of those refusing to pay has taken place since the manifesto by Cambridge Nonconformist ministers. Before its issue local Nonconformists who had merely pledged themselves to passive resistance were to be numbered by dozens. Now at least 200 have withheld that part of the rate they consider would be apportioned for education purposes # c.36.5

1903 06 05
Like the farmer the fruit-grower may now and again be permitted a grumble. This year the crop promises to be one of the poorest within the recollection of living man. At Histon hundreds of the inhabitants of this quiet village find lucrative and healthful employment picking – or 'pulling' fruit and the failure of the crop is a matter of import. The consumer too will have reason to complain when he has to pay a greatly increased price for his favourite brand of apple, when he may long in vain for pears and only catch an occasional glimpse of plums. There is one consolation; strawberries may be plentiful and perhaps cheap

1903 06 06
There is no doubt that the supply of lady housekeepers greatly exceeds the demand. The salaries asked are pitifully small – an undertaking to act as a good plain cook, to be musical and cheerful, for £20 a year, with board and lodging! A middle-aged woman is often preferred to a skittish young thing, but she must be comely and needs to have 'a face for a rainy day' and not a countenance on which the tragedy of failure in life is too strongly marked.

1903 06 06
To Mr Sidney W. Lack of Cottenham belongs the honour of a feat which has never before been accomplished by any other cyclist in England, namely winning eight first prizes and one third prize at three consecutive athletic meetings in four days. They were held at Dersingham, where he won three including the half-mile scratch cycle race, Norwich where he won three more, and Wymondham where he secured two first prizes. At Norwich two lads were leading him by some six lengths when they both came a 'cropper', leaving him to race alone. This will stand out pre-eminent as a red-letter week in the annals of Lack's racing career.

1903 06 06
Sir – I was surprised to read that Cambridge Town Council is to apply for a licence to establish a municipal telephone. Any scheme of municipal trading which involves large public expenditure should be based on the fullest knowledge. The council has no local experience and are certain to have all the competition of a powerful company, admirably managed and not too scrupulous. They have asked advice from a man whose business is to sell schemes and to be the engineer to carry them out; of course he said it would work. Will a ferret suck a rabbit? – G.A. Matthew # c.27.7

1903 06 08
The influence of the cod liver oil famine has extended to Cambridge. A rise in prices had reminded consumers of how curiously their pockets can be affected by the capricious appetite of Norwhal whales that disport themselves in the northern seas & have entered into a close partnership with the codfish. Six hundred cod were recently found reposing in a stomach of a Norwhal which has proved

very destructive to a branch of commerce that depends upon the codfish. To make matters worse reports from Bergen say that the fish caught recently possessed diminutive livers. At Addenbrooke's Hospital the oil is being used somewhat less freely than formerly, though patients for whom a supply is absolutely essential are not being stinted.

1903 06 09
Cyclists, p4

1903
Midland Railway. Cambridge University Summer Vacation. For the convenience of Members of the University going down for the Summer Vacation, a special train (with through carriages) will leave Cambridge affording a quick service to Kettering, Leicester, Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool and Edinburgh. Passengers' luggage in bulk is collected from the colleges and schools at the charge of 8s per load – advert 1903

1903 06 10
The Granta Cycling Club ceased to exist when the annual meeting was held at the Blue Boar Hotel, Cambridge. When the track at the Backs of the Colleges was in use the membership rose to 50 but it has been gradually dwindling for the last three years since no cycling track has been available in Cambridge. In the event of a cycle track being obtained they will make an effort to revive the club. The balance sheet showed that the club died solvent. # c.38 : cycling

1903 06 11
An interesting and pretty wedding was solemnised at Haddenham between the Rev Walter Covey Crump and Miss Hilda Porter. The bridegroom was until recently curate of Haddenham and the bride has been for a long period connected with church matters there. It was therefore not surprising that upon so auspicious an occasion the ancient church should be crowded by a large concourse of friends and well-wishers. The bride looked charming in a dress of soft ivory satin and chiffon, trimmed with true lovers' knots of chiffon, with a wreath of orange blossoms and a veil of old Limerick lace.

Circus of Varieties, p4

1903 06 13
A terrible discovery was made at a stack near Saffron Walden. A labourer came across the remains of a man with his leg protruding beyond the covering of the straw and P.C. Field of Newport was sent for. The body upon being uncovered presented a ghastly spectacle, all plump portions of the flesh having been devoured by rats, together with portions of the face and neck. There was no left arm, not any indication the deceased had had one. It is thought he had been there many weeks. He was attired in the remains of a fashionable cut tweed and wearing good boots with a hat of the Christy's make.

1903 06 13
Messrs Simpson and Co's bakery in Cherryhinton Road Cambridge is as up-to-date and hygienic as any in the Kingdom. It is the only steam and machine bakery, a substantially constructed building fitted with machinery of a strange appearance. Electricity supplies the light and driving power but exquisite cleanliness is the feature which most strikes the visitors. The public have not yet realised the importance of insisting on such conditions though they send a whole-hearted grumble at finding a cremated insect, stray pieces of the miller's sack or unusual traces of potato in their bread. # c.27

Rag that failed, p3 *

1903 06 15
Passive resistance, p3

1903 06 16

Sir – it is well-known that owing to inadequate incomes some of our foremost resident mathematicians, whose work reflects honour upon the University, are compelled to divert their energies to routine work of a remunerative character. It is very desirable that means should be found to obviate this difficulty which has become more pressing owing to the shrinkage of college incomes. Very substantial benefits would accrue if funds were available to raise the stipends of two lecturers in mathematics from £50 to £250 a year – G.H. Darwin. # c.36.9

Oxlode drowning, p4

1903 06 17
For the past two days thousands of acres around Sawston and Whittlesford have been flooded to the depth of six feet; a considerable stretch of the main railway line has been under water and trains have to very carefully plough through it. A gang of platelayers were at work to combat with anything that might occur and slag, granite and other ballast was unloaded. Early in the afternoon the water sank considerably and the rails were for the most part visible. A new danger presented itself for as the water subsided the ballast began to disappear and, the line becoming unsafe, all traffic was stopped.

Building speculation, p3

1903
Enormous interest centred round the opening of the sensational trial of Samuel Dougal on a charge of murder at the Moat Farm, Clavering. From all parts of the county crowds of people made their way and congregated in front of Shire Hall, Chelmsford. Many who hoped to be present at the opening of one of the most grimly interesting dramas ever enacted in a criminal court were doomed to disappointment. In order to accommodate the large number of Press representatives special desks had been erected in the small space usually allotted to the public, leaving but a tiny side gallery for those with a special ticket.

1903 06 18
There has been a recurrence of small pox in Cambridge. A well-known tradesman was removed to the Isolation Hospital and everybody who had been in contact with him was vaccinated and the premises and clothes disinfected. Had the information about smallpox spread it must have had a very deterrent effect upon the trade of the town and driven away many 'May Week' visitors. Ladies especially view possible disfigurement with feelings of revulsion. We considered we were justified in withholding the news until the close of festivities. The smallpox is contemporary with a widespread epidemic of scarlet fever which has taxed the Sanatorium almost to its limits. # c.21.1

1903 06 18
Two cottages in Albion Row belonging to Cambridge Corporation and next to the Nag's Head public house are in such an unsatisfactory state that it would be inadvisable to execute any repairs; they should be pulled down and new cottages erected in their place. By setting back the frontage it will increase the width of the road and render a further improvement possible when the lease of the adjoining property falls in.

1903 06 16
Numerous complaints have been received from residents of Chesterton Road about nightly depredations upon their flowerbeds and window boxes. Some of the prettiest gardens facing the road have been completely wrecked by mischievous persons. One garden was stripped of every flower. Many residents take a great deal of pride in their gardens and spend no inconsiderable amount of their incomes in keeping them smart and well stocked. It is to be hoped the police will keep a sharp eye for offenders and they will be dealt with in a manner which will prove a salutary warning to similarly-inclined persons.

1903 06 19

Not every village is favoured as is Little Gransden, the picturesque dwelling place of an agricultural community. Under the will of Miss Julia Norris a respectable proportion of the 200 inhabitants are provided for in their old age and four will, in addition to receiving a weekly stipend, be housed in ornate almshouses which will be the envy of less fortunate parishes. The trustees have caused to be erected a block of four almshouses, in them one old married couple, a widow and a widower reside, with a caretaker. The married couple receives 10s, weekly, the widow and widower 7s.6d. each while the caretaker is paid 10s per week. The remainder of the revenue is distributed among the poor who are aged or inform and must be communicant members of the Church of England. Those who have been resident in the parish three years have the first claim

Cottenham water, p3
Wilburton Clark's Lane, p4

1903 06 20
Undergraduate freak, p3
Death Jagg, printer, p3
Floods, p4

1903 06 22
Soham church parade, p4

1903
Large crowds waited outside the Assize Courts at Chelmsford in the hope of gaining admission to the trial for murder at Clavering, ladies especially exhibiting the keenest eagerness to obtain seats in the courts. Punctually on the stroke of ten Mr Justice Wright entered the court with a fanfare of trumpets and a second later the prisoner, with head erect and shoulders squared, made his appearance in the dock. The shoemaker who made the boots found on the woman's body took his place in the witness box, then came a gunmaker who gave evidence as to the range at which the fatal bullet was fired.

1903 06 23
The Moat Farm Mystery is solved at last. The verdict of 'Guilty' brought to a close a case that will rank as one of the most celebrated in the annals of British crime. In the minds of the general public the prisoner was condemned to death on the day the body was found with a bullet in the skull in the slimy ditch at the lonely farmhouse. The spot was well-selected for such a purpose, lonely and with no inhabited houses in the vicinity and far from a railway station. She was a cultured lady, possessed of some £6,000 inherited from her aunt and a woman of charming disposition. The deed that has put the hangman's rope round his neck was cowardly and brutal beyond expression. Advert: A brake will leave Hyde Park Corner on Sunday for Moat Farm. Return fare 3s.

Midsummer Fair, p3 *

1903 06 24
An action arising from the Moat Farm murder case came before the Lord Chief Justice. The editor of 'The Star' committed for contempt for publishing an article alleged to prejudice a fair trial. But the article related to a charge of forgery, which had been withdrawn. The murderer's solicitor was then charged that after obtaining a rule against the 'Star' he had threatened other newspapers, from one of which, 'The Herts and Essex Observer' he had accepted 50 guineas in consideration of his taking no further steps.

1903 06 24
A conference on Passive Resistance heard that Nonconformists were now called upon to pay directly out of the rates for Prayer Book and Catechism teaching in schools. This would lead inevitably towards the Church of Rome & they ought not to be called upon thus to aid teaching that their dearest

convictions and cherished beliefs thought false. They would be met with passive resistance upon the other side and this would give rise to a regular 'see-saw' of non-payment of the education rates.

1903 06 25
Cam pollution, p3

1903
Those who knew the jaunty master of the Moat Farm would hardly recognise him in the haggard and dim-eyed man lying under sentence of death in Chelmsford gaol. He has changed vastly since the day he was arrested at the Bank of England. He has lost the sprightly step and the easy manner which made him so fascinating to many women. Yet he has never lost his nerve. Though sullen and morose, he is absolutely indifferent to his end. He knows his doom and is prepared to meet it without flinging.

1903 06 26
Once again a large crowd was attracted to the now historical Moat Farm for the sale of the whole of the live and dead farming stock as used by the man who (unless a reprieve is granted), will in a few days be the principal actor in the last act of a drama inseparably connected with the lonely grange. Vehicles of every description, brakes from Saffron Walden and motors from longer distances, brought crowds of people, some intending to purchase, others merely curious to watch the sale, with an intent ear to the prices realised. Everybody wondered who would be the purchaser of the trap in which the murderer took his victim for her last drive in May 1899. The prices realised were not so large as had been expected.

1903 06 26
Local sportsmen will be sorry to hear that the provisional committee of the proposed Cambridge Town Football Club have been unsuccessful in securing a ground for the coming season. The ground near the Cattle Market belonging to the Corporation was not available and negotiations were entered into for a ground at the corner of Milton Road. Mrs Gurney, the owner, has not been able to see her way to allow its use as it is too close to her private garden. She offered a ground near Dant's Ferry but the preparation would cost about £100 for draining and was out of the question. # c.38 : football

1903 06 27
A meeting of Nonconformists to protest against the Education Act was held in Mr Goat's field at Prickwillow. The vicar, Rev C.D. Kingdon, who had ridden into the field on a horse, was asked to take some active part in the meeting but replied that he 'did not take part in politics'. The Rev J.A. Cheesman said he was a Constitutionalist from the crown of his head to the sole of his foot; they could imprison him, take his goods and destroy his body but they would not compel him to be disloyal to his conscience. The Nonconformists of that village would be pleased to receive in their schoolroom between 9 and 9.30 in the morning any children whose parents would like them to profit by good, sound unsectarian teaching.

1903 06 27
June 20th seems to have been rather a 'high day' with a certain section of the inhabitants of Waterbeach. P.C. Greygoose said he saw a chimneysweep and three lads walking up and down the street rattling tin cans and kettles and making all the noise they could. He asked him to desist but the man replied 'That's all right, old mate, we are only going to give them a tune or two" and continued playing an instrument something like a tea tray which he hit with a bit of a stick. There was a crowd of about 200 persons round. The chimneysweep, who was deaf, stated he did not hear the constable tell him to go away. He was the boss of the band and was fined 5s.

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1903 07 07
Cambridge is becoming an uncongenial place for the purveyor of pirated music. The latest of several seizures took place at the instigation of Messrs Bedwell, music dealers of St Mary's Passage. A member of the firm, with the assistance of police, examined a stock of music being sold by several hawkers on Market Hill. About 80 copies of well-known songs and some of Sousa's marches were found among the stock being sold cheaper than authorised charges for music produced by the holders of the copyright. They were promptly confiscated and taken to the police station. The hawkers were agents of a huge and craftily constituted organisation that exists for the distribution over the country of music of this description. # c.69

Ison bicycle advert, p1
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1903 07 08
The light-fingered gentry were very busy at the Moat Farm sale and an aged farmer from Trumpington had his pocket picked and a purse containing £20 stolen. The horse, trap and harness so closely associated with the murder, which fetched such good prices, were purchased for exhibition purposes. After the sale the trap had to be placed under the protection of the police to save it from the ravages of memento hunters. The number of people who visited the farm was upwards of 3,000.
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1903 07 10
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1903 07 11
Two little children surreptitiously obtained some matches and amused themselves with creating miniature fires with shavings in a shed at the rear of 57, Ainsworth Street, Cambridge, occupied by Mr John Horobin, sweet manufacturer. The woodwork of the shed became ignited and there was

every prospect of the fire spreading to neighbouring buildings. The Central Fire Station was communicated with through the Norfolk Street fire alarm and P.C. Savage promptly ran out the Hooper Street reel but there was no chance of saving the shed

1903 07 14
Samuel Dougal was hanged at Chelmsford gaol for the murder at Moat Farm. He went to his death serene and unconcerned; his iron will never failed him and he mounted the scaffold with a light step and without a tremor. Never did a murderer meet his doom with more composure. Before the bolt was drawn he admitted his guilt then the trap-doors swung open with a loud crash and he disappeared into the pit. The rope twisted violently for a moment, then all was still.

Newmarket drainage, p4

1903 07 15
John Mott, farmer of Littleport, said he occupied 650 acres of the Dairy Houses Farm. There were three droves adjoining his land, all running from Common-acre drove. These belonged to the parish and he had to repair them himself & keep the dykes cleaned out. There were 20 head of cattle on the drove which were feeding on the grass of his dykes, the sides of which they were treading in and he meant to keep them off his property. The cattle always had a boy with them and were turned out on the public road and were allowed to go where they liked. The judge said Mott was entitled to his injunction, though he was sorry to interfere with the use of the droves which had been enjoyed for a considerable period. He gave a verdict for nominal damages of one shilling

1903 07 15
A few weeks ago we reported several cases of a disease which was at first stated to be smallpox and afterwards chicken pox. The disease does not appear to have been stamped out and there are no fewer than 50 cases. As to what the disease actually is there seems to be some doubt, and a London expert in infectious diseases has the outbreak under observation. He reached Cambridge this morning and was met by the Chairman of the Public Health Committee, Dr J.H.C. Dalton.

1903 07 16
Dr Dalton has confirmed that the dangerous epidemic prevalent in Cambridge is smallpox and there have been no less than three deaths from the disease. Nobody who has been vaccinated recently had it but two unvaccinated children had the disease badly. He must insist absolutely on isolation of every case, however mild. He had ordered one tent which held 15 people – tents were very suitable at this time of year – and must order sufficient to provide for every case which required isolation # c.21.1
Mount Pleasant steps, p3

1903 07 17
A milliner carrying on business in Regent Street, Cambridge was summonsed under the Factory Acts. When an Inspector visited the workshop the occupier, who could only legally have ten people in the room because of the size, had as a matter of fact employed 11. She told one, Hilda Redding, to go out of the work-room, to prevent the Inspector from seeing there were more present than there ought to have been. The case was as bad as it could be. A fine of £1 was imposed.

Small pox, p2
Small pox letter, p3

1903
On June 18th we informed the Cambridge public that a case of smallpox had appeared in the town. The day following we were officially instructed that it was not of smallpox at all, but of chicken pox, there was nothing like an epidemic and there was no cause for alarm. Now the announcement that there have been three deaths from smallpox is so astounding as to be almost incredible. Midsummer Fair has been held, probably the best means of disseminating an infectious disease that could be imagined, and no warnings issued to the public. A terrible scourge has been allowed to run riot

without check or hindrance and we are afraid that Cambridge is face to face with a disastrous epidemic # c.21.1

1903
The charge of sensationalism that has been urged against the CDN in consequence of the stand we have taken in the epidemic of smallpox is entirely unfounded. We have published nothing we have not ascertained to be true. No doubt a few tradesmen will suffer but it would be a short-sighted policy to allow the outbreak to spread for the immediate benefit of a limited number of people.

1903 07 18
Hardwick is a hamlet possessing much rustic beauty but at present relations between the inhabitants and the Rector are rather strained. Some boys heard distressing cries from the Rectory and rumours spread. The inhabitants came down in force, only those too old to take part in the hazardous proceedings of attacking the citadel failed to put in an appearance. Most had secured kettles, trays and tin cans which they beat vigorously. When the Rector refused to parley abusive language was freely used and several Cambridge men driving through the village stopped and offered to drive off the crowd by force. In fact the cries came from a boy from a charitable institute employed to do light work who was upset because he could not go out as his nether garments were being repaired.

1903 07 21
Smallpox Scare. The Stetchworth Dairies beg to inform our numerous patrons that the utmost precaution is being taken to protect them during the prevailing epidemics, the Dairies being under strict medical supervision. The working staff are being vaccinated. Eucalyptus Soap, specially manufactured by the Castle Soap Company, Castle Works, Cambridge, is one of the surest means to prevent contagion. Petrol Preparations keep off infection; order through your chemist or apply to Petrol, Limited, Union Road, Cambridge. - Adverts

1903 07 21
Since the outbreak of smallpox in Cambridge was official announced there has been a large increase in the number of cases reported. Unfortunately the infection has spread to surrounding villages and a case has broken out at Histon. This has resulted in the abandonment of the Histon Show and Sports, the Waterbeach Show has been postponed, the Promenade Concert on Christ's Pieces cancelled, schools have been closed and the Barnwell Theatre Mission have suspended operations. Wherever crowds assemble in a town where smallpox is prevalent there is danger of infection. # c.21.1

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1903 07 25 c
Sir – Being engaged in preparing a list of the Cambridgeshire mammals for the Victoria County History I should be very grateful for any local specimens of mice or bats, or notes relating to the mammalia of the district. Specimens may be left with Mr W. Farren, Regent Street, Cambridge – J. Lewis Bonhote, Ditton Hall.

1903 07 27
Sir – a stream of water fed by Hobson's aqueduct flows down each side of Trumpington Street, Cambridge but when we have a thunder shower the road is flooded from side to side. I have just had to change the whole of my clothes after being out in the pouring rain wading nearly up to my knees in water trying to get the grates up to let the water down. But it only comes up the drains in cellars all around and takes the householder in the rear while he is battling with the floods outside. Twice in the last six years our cellar kitchen has been full of foul water up to the ceiling, leaving behind an unwholesome smell for months – B.A.

1903 07 28
Sir - An exciting scene occurred at 11.30 pm when the small-pox hearse was just reaching its destination and turning round previous to receiving the body of a young man who had died that morning. The night was very dark and the hearse overturned on its side, the smashing of glass and the bumping of the vehicle on the road causing a great commotion. After some delay it was righted again, the body duly deposited inside and it rumbled and groaned off to the cemetery, grating on the road with its iron-shod wheels in the dead of the night in a most unpleasant manner. Any private firm would have an india-rubber tyred vehicle for such work but Cambridge Corporation have apparently yet to discover that such 'luxuries' exist – 'Mill Road' # c.21.1

Obstruction – bike, p3
Newmarket pumping station, p4

1903 07 30
Cambridge Commercial Traveller's Association submitted a petition to the Great Eastern Railway Company praying for an improved service. The want of a train between Cambridge and London which would permit business men to reach the City before 10 am is very badly felt and there is no return to Cambridge between 5.15 and 8.20 pm which causes great inconvenience. Such provision would render it possible for gentlemen engaged in business in London to reside in Cambridge, which at present is found impossible, owing to the absence of convenient trains. 03 07 30

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1903 08 01
The County Council considered the implications of the Motor Car Bill, now before the House of Lords, especially the section relating to the rate of speed, which was now limited. That limit was to be altogether abolished and it would be legal to drive at any pace that was not a public danger. They could apply to proscribe certain areas in which the speed should not exceed 10 mph but there would have to be an enquiry in each case and large notice boards would have to be erected at the ends of these roads in order to inform persons going at the rate of about 60 mph that their speed would have to be reduced. They would not object to a speed of 20 mph, although Ald Briscoe felt this was far too much and suggested it be 14 mph.

Black Swan new management, p3

1903 08 03
Three additional cases of smallpox have been notified in Cambridge. In a large business house a young lady engaged in taking money became ill and the cause was traced to the money received into the establishment. Some businesses are now disinfecting coins as soon as they are received and none but disinfected coins are given in change. At Foxton the horticultural show has been postponed owing to an outbreak in the village. # c.21.1

Bank holiday, p3

1903 08 04

Cambridge Borough has had its pride wounded by the London Express charging it with having incurable slums and possessing filthier homes than Whitechapel. In reply Mr Campkin, a Guardian said: "There is no doubt there is an amount of poverty and squalor in Cambridge but there has been a vast improvement in the St Matthew's district over the last 40 years. There is evidence of the effects of drink in some parts of the town but in the Romsey and Petersfield district the residents are respectable working people". Commenting on the Cambridge slums Dr Roper said: "I think even the very worst are fast becoming demolished; take St Peter's Court, Castle Street, they are pulling that down. In consequence that there are large families in the poor quarters a woman very often has to go out and work as well as her husband to keep things going, and they can't keep their houses quite so clean as they otherwise might. In New Street you will not see much dirt or dilapidation, though in summer time the people are sitting outside nearly half-dressed in consequence of the heat. But their homes are not so bad as you might imagine". # c.32.9

1903 08 05
St Matthew's vicar view on smallpox, p3

1903 08 06
Cambridge police are attempting to discover a man who, when he broke into a Hills Road house, wore clothing of such inconsiderable value that he relinquished it without hesitation, and emerged from the premises faultlessly attired. In all probability he had his exit in a blue serge suit, walked in a pair of boots nearly new and freshly cleaned, carried a couple of overcoats despite the month being August, and had his pockets full of cigars.

1903 08 06
The slight put upon Cambridge by comparison of its slums with those of Whitechapel continues to call forth indignant protests. "In many working class homes there is only one room for doing everything and it is difficult to keep it scrupulously clean. Poor people can be taught to cover their floors with oilcloth but where is the money coming from? How can it be expected for them to spend all their earnings on beautifying their homes when there is a family to be provided for? Need it be said that the 'better' class people who would equally as dirty were it not for the working people to keep them clean"

1903 08 06
Sir - many Cambridge homes are scrupulously clean but they hardly make up for the dirty households. Some of the nice new houses in healthy parts of Cambridge are rented to people who have not the faintest idea of housekeeping or common sense. The really deserving people seldom get practical assistance, while the spendthrifts dupe the ladies and gentlemen who take an interest in them; even the resident clergy are sometimes taken in by these shrewd people – M.W.

Chesterton sanitary precautions p4

1903 08 07
Ely small pox, p4

1903 08 10
Sir – whatever may be said about slums, in Whitechapel you could go into any house in the poorest district but you would find a flushing cistern to every w.c., and that is more than you can find in Cambridge. When we had the sewers put in the Corporation tried to have the flushing cisterns put in but they were ruled out by the objections of the large property owners. Until these matters are remedied we shall always be in trouble, either with this epidemic of some other – Ratepayer # c.21.1

Newmarket fire, p3

1903 08

Sir – I have for some years called on an average upon 200 to 300 houses in Cambridge weekly and can truthfully say that I consider the working classes clean above the average, and for anyone to say that their houses were dirty is untrue. The real cause of a great deal of illness is houses being shut up all day, when the wives go out to work – too often to provide for a lazy husband, who sits in a public house most of the day – A Scotchman
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1903
Sir – Barnwell is not a "most miserable part of Cambridge" but a neighbourhood inhabited by respectable working people; there are whole streets of bay-windowed respectable residences occupied by shopmen, clerks etc who work in the centre of the town. I will admit than on Newmarket Road, a district about a mile in length, cursed by about twenty public houses, there are a few poor cottages, but chiefly where the pubs are thickest – A Barnwell Tradesman

1903 08 11
Sir – I believe a great number of antiquarians in Cambridge will learn with regret that the Falcon Inn Yard in Petty Cury has been removed to make way for modern improvements. So quietly has the old Falcon taken flight that I fear our local photographers have not secured pictures of the old buildings and its destruction has escaped even the lynx-eyed representatives of the Press. I am consoled that I have retained my water-colour drawing of this famous inn, which I made 25 years ago for 'Old Cambridge' – W.B. Redfern # c.44.6 # c.65

1903 08 11
Our attention has been drawn to the fact that another link with the fascinating past of Cambridge is being severed by the almost entire demolition of the one-time famous 'Falcon Inn'. Many years ago the front of the building, with its fine old gables facing Petty Cury, disappeared and about eight years ago the buildings on the left side of the Falcon Yard were demolished to make way for business extensions. Now the rooms on the right side are in process of demolition for extra accommodation for the Lion Hotel. The back part possessing a small specimen of the open gallery remains # c.44.6 # c.61

Newmarket smallpox, p3 *

1903 08 12
Sir – the alarm about the old Falcon Inn, Petty Cury, being demolished unrecorded seems to me unnecessary. Certainly within the last 40 years I have sent out almost as many drawings of it, to say nothing of the etchings. It, with the old Wrestlers Inn, has been a small gold mine to me. One noticeable thing I might mention: it was the last inn to hang out a flag as a sign that the recruiting sergeant was at home – Robert Farren # c.44.6

1903 08 12
At Littleport parish council Mr Cross brought forward a motion calling attention to the desirability of a public urinal. He had spoken to many ratepayers of the poorer classes and not found many against it. It would mean only a half-penny rate if it were erected with a tank in the coal place (there being a sewer near by). There were no such public conveniences except on licensed premises. The Chairman was in favour and Mr Martin said he would support it if there were a sufficient supply of water. He also thought it important to have a bathing place so that everyone should learn to swim

Anti-vaccination, p3
Tram fatality, p3

1903 08 13
Chesterton small pox, p3

1903 08 14
Ely Council considered the site for a small-pox hospital, a temporary building of wood and iron; they agreed to hire 22 acres of land in Grunty Fen, two miles from any village. A case of smallpox had

occurred at Wilburton after somebody was allowed to come from a house at Cambridge where the disease existed. None of them were safe if that sort of thing could occur. Dr Anningson said there was another possible cause but did not speak in a tone that could be heard by the reporter.

1903 08 18
Cambridge Library Committee considered the supply of literature for the use of the blind; they will subscribe for the supply of books provided a sufficient number of persons expressed their willingness to use them. It is hoped that those who "live in darkness" will be made acquainted with his decision. From 1895 to 1899 books were issued in response to applications but the number of blind readers never reached double figures. The average citizen will always be inclined to stretch a point with regard to expenditure in order to provide food for the brain for the blind. But how many are able to read the Braille type which has superseded the Moon system that was in vogue for some considerable time. # c.77.4

Abbot's Ripton small pox, p4

1903 08 19
Sir – last evening I met three horses running loose and apparently unattended along Mill Road, Cambridge. Some distance behind them two men were being dragged along by a young horse which they were evidently trying to 'break in'. Carts, cycles and other users of the road overtaking them had to slow down until they could dash past & foot passengers had to seek safety in doorways. I have also frequently met in St Andrew's Street a high-spirited, high-stepping horse being led by a single rein about 20 feet long, the other end being held by a man on a bicycle! These things ought not to be allowed in our streets – Citizen # c.19
Motor cycle trials, p3

1903 08 20
Laurie and McConnal applied for permission to erect a bridge over Fitzroy Lane to connect the two buildings which they propose to erect on either side of the lane. It would be 33 feet above the level of the street in the centre and 28 ft 6 inches at each end. They also desired to lay an iron pipe under the roadway from one portion of the premises to the other for heating purposes. The application was approved on payment of a rent of 5s. per annum # c.27.2

1903 08 21
An Ely fishmonger was summonsed for keeping a refreshment house open during prohibited hours. Inspector Burton said he saw five men in the shop eating fish at 11.10pm. There were no forms, knives or forks and they stood against the counter and ate the fish with their fingers. One of them saw him watching whereupon the fishman shouted "You can't eat that fish here; you'll get me into trouble" and they picked up the fish and came out of the shop. When fined 9s. he replied "This is a cheap advertisement for me"

1903 08 22
Speed trap, p4

1903 08 24
A unique scene was witnessed at Isleham when an elderly couple, named Mark and Sarah Turner, were publicly baptised in the river Lark and thereby became a member of the Baptist Church. The ceremony took place at the ferry water only a few yards from the house in which the couple live and was witnessed by upwards of a thousand people. Some cycled and drove whilst others came in farm carts, waggons and traps. An enterprising bargeman let his barge at a penny per head and this accommodated 50 people who were able to get a good view of the proceedings. The ferry also took a good number of passengers, whilst others found room in boats on the water.

Moat Farm memorial, p3 *

1903 08 25
Sir – the famous barrows known as the Bartlow Hills will soon be no more. It matters nothing that they were reared in Roman times or are the private property of a possessor bent on preserving these splendid relics. The railway company that would have destroyed them 50 years ago but for determined opposition at the time, has set its mind on their removal. They have elected to run their lines through the barrows instead of around them. So the picks of English navvies, backed by compulsory powers, will soon be at work 'dinging doon' these works of our Romano British forefathers, since they stand in the way of their company's dividends. It is nothing short of a national scandal - A.R. Goddard

Passive resistance, p3
Waterbeach Baptist church, p4

1903 08 26
A meeting arranged by the Cambridge Anti-Vaccination League was held on Market Hill. A large crowd of people assembled but the opinions of the principal speaker aroused some opposition & a little heckling took place. Someone placed a quantity of calcium carbide into the water of the fountain. & the acetylene gas which was generated was borne among the audience to whom the disagreeable odour was most objectionable #. c.21.1

1903 08 27
Sir – there is an undoubted need of facilities for higher education in Haverhill. There are numerous businessmen who cannot see their way to send their sons to the Perse or County schools at Cambridge on account of the great expense of travelling. It seems hard that the boys of Haverhill should be debarred from all chance of advancement through the want of an available Secondary School. I hope we may start a movement that will end in the establishment of a Grammar School here so that any lad endowed with exceptional intellect would have his future before him – A. Crosfield.

Passive resistors goods, p3
Haverhill school, p4 *

1903 08 29
Motor cycle reliability trials are taking place at the Crystal Palace. One Cambridge competitor, Mr W. King, of Messrs King and Co, Bridge Street, has been holding his own on a 'King' machine manufactured by the firm. The machine is 2 ¾ hp which took a gold medal for the best motor cycle of its class in February 1902. Journeys of about 150 miles are being made daily and then the machines go back to the Palace and are locked up. Next morning the competitor is allowed time to fill up and then set off on another journey. The 'King' machine is doing well and all interesting in motoring in Cambridge will wish it continued success. c.26.485

1903 08 29 c
Sir – a report is circulating that a lad was sent from Cherry Hinton to the tents on Coldham's Common supposed to be suffering from smallpox and that after a week he was sent home, only to be taken away a second time in a few days. Another report is that during the recent heavy rains the beds in the tents were surrounded by water and the deaths that have occurred there have been caused by cold and not by smallpox, as reported. As ratepayers we have a right to know whether this is true or false. – Villager # c.21.1

1903 08 18
We do not think there is the slightest risk of smallpox spreading through the use of books belonging to the Cambridge Free Library. Almost directly the epidemic was made public, Mr Pink, the librarian, wrote to us stating that every infectious case was immediately reported to him by the Medical Officer of Health. If such persons were borrowers a notice was despatched informing them they would not be able to borrow any book until the house had been properly infected. Any books or cards they had were

collected and promptly destroyed. We do not see any necessity for the closing of the Library – Editor # c.77.4

1903
A shoemaker from March was charged with exposing a girl in the village street of Abbots Ripton during the time she was suffering with scarlet fever. Dr Evison, Medical Officer of Health for March, said he attended a sister of the girl and found her suffering from scarlet fever. A week later Cecilia was also taken with the same complaint. He gave orders for complete isolation but on his next visit had been told the children had been sent away. Dr Newton said he attended two village children suffering from scarlet fever and afterwards found the March children had come in contact with his patients. But he did not see the girl in the street. The summons was withdrawn.

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1903 09 01
That part of the Education Act which relates to elementary education opens up the prospect of a destructive and constructive change in the administration of county schools. The County Council has been engaged in formulating regulations on the training of teachers, village libraries etc and circulars for the guidance of the managers will be issued shortly. The Bible shall be read and instruction in the principles of the Christian religion and morality given but no attempt made to attach children to any particular denomination; managers and parents may apply for the exception of the school from this regulation. Fruit industry, Histon p3 *

Fruit industry, Histon, p3

1903 09 02
Vicars vaccination, p3
Tramway & smallpox, p3

1903 09 03
Cambridge burgesses who for conscientious reasons refuse to pay the Education Rate appeared in court. Large crowds packed the entrance as cheering in the street heralded the approach of the passive resisters. The decorum of the court broke down and applause gave way to lusty cheering which the police made no effort to subdue. George Shippey said public money should not be devoted to denominational teaching. Benjamin Liles of Fitzroy Street said the Education Act violates the British Constitution; hitherto he had an opportunity of taking part in the election of the persons who made the rate, now he would have no voice and that was why he refused to pay. # c.36.5

Moat House farm payment

1903 09 04
Goods seized from Passive Resisters for the non-payment of the education rate were auctioned at Cambridge Corn Exchange. Due precautions were taken to prevent unseemly disturbances. The auctioneer was enclosed in what resembled a laager, composed of corn merchants' desks and a large number of constables kept a vigilant watch on the crowd who clambered upon desks to obtain a clearer view of what was going to happen. No sooner had the auctioneer started than his words were drowned in a perfect storm of hooting and hissing. # c.36.5 # c.33

Waterbeach rough band, p4

1903 09 05
The first sale of goods seized from the passive resisters of St Ives was held near the police station. None of the local auctioneers would accept the office so a Peterborough firm was imported to carry out the sale. The appearance of the auctioneer was the sequel for an uproar of groans, hooting and

hissing. The first lot was a Brussels carpet and teapot, then came a sewing machine taken from Mr Money, tailor, to pay his arrears of 9d; this was run up to 30s. at which price it was knocked down to his employer. The sale closed amidst general uproar and the crowd made for the Cromwell Statue for a great demonstration.

Stetchworth lighting, p3 & 7th p3

1903 09 03
Two firewood dealers were charged with stealing a quantity of timber, the property of the Roses Timber Company. The company had purchased 53 trees on the Madingley Estate, amongst which were two elms; later they found that 17 feet had been cut from one of them, and ten feet from the other. Police discovered the timber on the defendants' premises in Beche Road, Cambridge. When questioned they said it had come from King's Hedges. They were each fined £3.

Storm, p3
Resistance seizure, p3

1903 09 09
The Mayor of Cambridge read a letter: "The teacher of the school which my daughter attends has asked that she be sent away from Cambridge during the last 18 days of her holiday in order she may have a period of quarantine before returning". He was sorry Cambridge had such an unenviable reputation. It was not deserved. There was no town in which a smallpox epidemic had been got under with such rapidity and this was due to vaccination. Not one who had been vaccinated had taken the disease. Six weeks ago there were 95 cases under treatment, now there were only 24 (applause) # c.21.1

1903 09 10
A crisis in education has arisen at Cherry Hinton. St John's Infants School, Blinco Grove, is to be closed due to the abominable condition of the road which makes it next to impossible for the infants to attend in wet weather. On June 30th the average attendance was 49, compared to a high of 74 and the amount received by the school has dwindled proportionally. The school was condemned three years ago but the managers were asked to carry on until the new Education Act came into force. Now the County Council has decided not to take over the school and the closing is a drastic step taken to avoid a larger deficit.

Newmarket passive resisters league, p3 *

1903 09 11
Smallpox walked street, p3

1903 09 12
Colonel W.F. Cody, known as 'Buffalo Bill', is to bring his famous "Wild West show to Ely. The cast of 700 includes American cowboys and Indians, Russian Cossacks, South American gauchoes and some of Roosevelt's Rough Riders. It includes the exciting representation of an attack by Indians upon an American stagecoach and a remarkable demonstration of skill with the rifle by Colonel Cody.

1903 09 14
A blacksmith was summonsed for obtaining beer at the "Wait for the 'Bus" public house, Bottisham by falsely representing himself as a traveller. The landlord said the man called for beer shortly after ten o'clock; asked whether he had come the necessary distance – three miles – the blacksmith said he had come from "just this side of Cambridge". If he had not represented himself as a traveller he would not have been served. He was fined 10s and asked for time in which to pay. The magistrates said: "We never allow time here. When you come to court here you must expect to be fined and bring your money with you".

1903 09 14
The second sale of goods seized from Cambridge Passive Resisters was conducted at the Corn Exchange. Notwithstanding the presence of a large force of constables, there was a good deal of disturbance, shouting and hissing and altogether it was a complete fiasco. The auctioneer conducted the sale from behind a barrier of corn merchants' desks. The crowd made a determined attempt to break through and would have succeeded but for the very active resistance of the police.

1903 09 14
The Cambridge & County School for Boys, which during the past four years has been very insufficiently accommodated at St Columba's Hall, reached an important stage in its career. The builders were displaced by the boys at the new school house that has been erected upon Hills Road and henceforth the scholars will participate in the manifold advantages that the most approved educational equipment, utilised amidst ideal surroundings, can supply. Few buildings can possess such a curious means of access. The boys are to make their entrances by means of a slope leading into the basement where they can leave their bicycles, hats and coats before climbing a broad staircase to the ground floor. # c.36.5

1903 09 15
About 400 people were present at a meeting to support Cambridge council's decision to erect a boys' school in Romsey Town to accommodate not less than 500. If ever a district needed a school it was that one. The council had voted in favour by 23 votes to nine but four gentlemen had appealed against it. What larger majority did they want? Romsey required a school in which their boys could secure a proper education without going into the town. # c.36.5

1903 09 16
Buffalo Bill's "Wild West" circus visited Ely. In the early morning many heavy show waggons conveyed all the apparatus from the G.E.R. station to Gill's Field, Common Road where the work of fixing up the tents was watched with unflagging interest. The programme opened with an overture, then a waggon train was seen to be crossing the plains when it was attacked by marauding redskins. The cowboys opened fire and after a sharp fight drove off the enemy. The show left an impression of wonder and delight that cannot fail to remain for a long time to come.

Gt Chesterford blacksmith, p3
Bartlow bricks, p4

1903 09 17
Coun Morley said the Cambridge Borough Surveyor had met with an accident when driving in the Corporation trap. It was time they should come more up to date and go in for a motor. (Laughter). The Corporation had laughed at this before – they generally did at any matter that was up to date. It was said that motors were not reliable but he had one that had travelled 3,000 miles in six months and never had a breakdown. Motor traction cost considerably less than a pony and trap - £20 a year including petrol and everything else. He proposed that they buy a motor tandem tricycle which would cost £75. # c.26.48

Lensfield Rd tree, p3
Mount Pleasant steps, p3
Photographic exhibition, p4 *

1903 09 18
Passive resistance, p3

1903 09 19
Burwell fire, p3 *

1903 09 22

Unemployed, p4 *

1903 09 23
Gruesome discovery, p3

1903 09 24
The result of the Rochester by-election was received in Cambridge about 10.20pm and was announced to all and sundry by the ascent of the Cambridge Daily News balloon with its coloured lantern attached. An alternative signal of a green flare from a parapet overlooking St Andrew's Street was also given, and the numbers were read out from the door of the CDN. A large crowd assembled in the vicinity and the announcement was received with cheers, mingled with an occasional groan. The news was conveyed to the New Theatre where it was announced from the stage by Mr Charles Gerant, who worked it cleverly into his dialogue. It was received with enthusiastic and prolonged applause from all parts of the house.

Hirers' liability, p3

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1903
Mr A.E. Crawley from Hadstock wrote to The Daily Chronicle to say he experienced difficulties getting labourers for farm work. He received quite 200 replies and many men had tramped all the way down from London on the off-chance of getting a job. He has employed five who are coming to live in the village and is passing other applications to his friends who wanted workmen. This indicates a solution to the problem of how to bring people back to the land.

1903 09 25
Cambridge is a unique place in many respects, some not altogether enviable. The number of judgement summonses is out of all proportion to the number of inhabitants. The cause is easily explained. It is due to the enormous extent to which the credit system obtains here, an extent unheard of in any other town in the world. An excessive credit system inevitably means a number of bad debts – usually for small amounts – and these gradually get into the hands of the professional debt collectors who do not hesitate to bring their debtors into the County Court. # c.32.8

Ely passive resisters, p4 *

1903 09 26
Notes re drunkenness,

1903 09 28
A meeting at Haverhill to revise the voting lists considered the hamlet of Monk's Risbridge and some amusement was caused when the Overseer said there was no voters in that place, because there are no residents. The only building liable to the rates consisted of an unoccupied farm building and a brick wall, the owner of which resided Newmarket way

1903 09 29
Little hero, p3

1903 09 30
Jonas Leonard of Soham told magistrates he brought the growing crop of oats on Mr Mainprice's land and shocked it and raked between the shocks. The shocks were carted and the rakings left on the land

with four sheaves, two at each end of the field to show the land was not cleared; this was the custom of the parish. But he saw some 30 people, mostly children, clearing the field, taking litter for pigs. The magistrates warned the defendants that they went on the land without authority and must not run such a risk again.

Photographic Society 1st a/m, p3

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1903 10 01
Sir – being the parties responsible for the payment of the rates on the Baptist Chapel House, Prickwillow, we decided to refuse payment of the new Education rate. We sent a postal order for the remainder of the poor rate and directed the collector to take what steps the law permitted to obtain the balance. Now we find some 'friend' unknown has paid that balance for us and deprived us of the opportunity of making the public protest we desired against the injustice of the new rate. We do not appreciate this 'kindness' but protest against it as a piece of uncalled-for and unwarranted interference – The Trustees of Prickwillow Baptist Church

1903 10 02
There has been speculation at Ely as to the identity of the unknown person who paid the education part of Mr Cragg's rate and thus prevented his appearance before the magistrates and also a Nonconformist demonstration. Now it appears the Prickwillow Baptists have been treated in a similar fashion. When Mr H. Drake of Sutton came before the magistrates there were very few nonconformists in court as they were not aware the case was coming forward. There will be much more heard of passive resistance after the next rate has been levied.

1903 10 05
At St Matthews' church, Cambridge a service of thanksgiving to Almighty God for his mercies in delivering many from small-pox, scarlet fever and diphtheria was conducted by the Vicar. Since the parish was formed 37 years ago nobody had known anything like the amount of sickness God had been pleased to send them this year. In eight months they had been visited by three terrible diseases, each taking a large number of victims, 12 of which had proved fatal. How the people in the small-pox huts on Coldham Common suffered and longed for health so as to escape what seemed a prison. Those who were still convalescent wondered what was going on in their homes and were looking forward to the time of their release. No one wanted to stay in the huts a day longer than there were obliged to. # c.21.1

1903
The passive resistance movement in Ely has suffered a temporary check. The Nonconformists were intending to hold a large demonstration after Mr Cragg of Lynn Road had appeared at the Police Court for non-payment of the education rate. All preparations were made, the meeting place fixed and speakers engaged. But at the last moment the defendant received notification that the rate and costs had been paid. This caused great indignation amongst the Nonconformists, leading them to abandon their programme.

1903 10 06
From certain events that occurred in Shamrock Passage, Newmarket Road, Cambridge recently it appears that the virtues of the flat-iron as an aid to argument continues to meet with dangerous recognition. One woman adopted this method of silencing her neighbour who was rendered insensible. Complainant: "She flew out of the house, shouted 'You old ---, take that'. I went down and remember nothing afterwards. Defendant: "When I came home you was wonderful drunk … you kicked me and 'busted my door open"

1903 10 07
A discovery has been made which seems to throw some light on the now happily disappearing epidemic in Cambridge. A professor claims to have discovered a new species of blood nematode which is productive of a disease called 'craw-craw' & has many points in common with small-pox. He contacted the Cambridge Medical Office and obtained blood films of a doubtful case of small-pox and on examining them found the same nematode. But an expert who was consulted was quite clear that the Cambridge outbreak must be an exceptional form of small-pox # c.21.1

Old Chesterton club, p3

1903 10 09
Herbert Railton has contributed fifty drawings to the book 'Cambridge and its Story' in the reproduction of which a new method of lithography has been employed for the first time. The resulting prints have all the delicacy of pencil drawings and the effect is much enhanced by a slight wash of colour added by his wife. No such beautiful architectural drawings have been produced since the days of Samuel Prout. A large-paper edition, of which 100 copies will be issued, will include an original pencil sketch by Mr Railton with each copy # c.64

1903 10 09
One hears of many curious accidents to cyclists but one which befell a Histon cyclist near Cottenham was quite unique. A cat became entangled between the spokes and the fork of the front wheel of his machine and was so badly injured that it died. Usually cats manage to steer wonderfully clear of machines but this unfortunate feline must have dashed right into the cyclist's front wheel

1903 10 10
An instance of the usefulness of the telephone as an aid to the detection of crime was demonstrated at the Cambridge Police Court. Detective Marsh was informed of the theft of a bicycle from Mr Edwards of Emmanuel Street and given the description of the suspect. He telephoned to Bishop Stortford and Herts police arrested the man near Buntingford. The prisoner told the court "If I had had another hour I should have been in London". # c.27.8

Baths, p3 *

1903 10 12
There was another heavy downpour of rain; the Cam has but in a few places overflowed its banks and the ferries between Cambridge and Chesterton are still working. The Granta has not behaved so well and the water is already over the banks; there is a vast expanse of water with the tops of the hedges and the trees only showing. At Grantchester mill the road is knee deep. The basement of houses in Newmarket High Street are flooded as are some of the low-lying streets at Saffron Walden and the railway line at Chesterford is threatened with being submerged. # c.46.5

1903 10 13
Cam valley history, p3 *
Deluge, p3 *

1903 10 14
The Rev Dr. J. Mayo sued the churchwardens of Mepal. He said he had been requested to come from Cambridge on a Sunday to preach in the absence of the vicar; his charge was £2.2.0 with 5s.9d. expenses. The judge said the sum seemed not too much for the services he had rendered and he hoped the money would come immediately the judgement was pronounced. He trusted the churchwardens would pay it, and not the new incumbent.

Photo club prizes, p3 *
St Tibbs Row Livery stables, p3
'Billy Fairplay', p4

1903 10 15
Ald Spalding said the Free Library was a very worthy institution, but it was supported by the rates of the town & these should be used in opposition to legitimate businesses. There were three lending libraries in Cambridge, the proprietors of which paid a considerable sum of money for the rates. He did not think it right that the Library enter into competition by offering the use of fiction and the other advantages of the Library to county residents for the minimum annual subscription of 5s. It was not fair and should be discontinued. # c.77.4

1903 10 15
The marriage of the niece of General Sir John French was celebrated at Hemingford; in order to attend the ceremony the distinguished soldier passed through St Ives where the Mayor and Corporation extended him a civic welcome. The town has witnessed no such excitement since the unveiling of the Cromwell statue. Inhabitants decorated their houses with flags and bunting and a contingent of the Hunts Volunteers, the Fire Brigade and Boys' Brigade paraded with a brass band.
Undergraduate behaviour, p3

1903 10 16
An aquatic entertainment of a unique kind was given on the Cam by Leonard F. Durell. It consisted of a genuine exhibition of log rolling. The log, not very large, was painted red, white and blue. He jumped lightly on it, spun it into mid stream, then sat down and, using a long pole, commenced his journey. Along the Backs of the Colleges he performed various revolutions and arrived at his destination without mishap. There his feats were little short of marvellous; he stood on his head on a chair resting on the log and was heartily applauded. # c.46.5

Cottenham history, p4

1903 10 17
The King went out for his customary horseback exercise on Friday morning earlier than usual, the weather being delightful. He was on Newmarket Heath shortly before nine and spent upwards of an hour cantering over the greensward. After watching the horses exercising His Majesty returned to his rooms and subsequently proceeded in an open carriage to the races. On his return his carriage only just escaped being run into in congested traffic by a heavy vehicle whose horses were pulled on their haunches to prevent the collision.

1903 10 19
Small pox, p7
Paganism, p4

1903 10 20
The Pistols Act for the regulation of the sale and use of pistols and other firearms has come into force. It is now illegal to sell or hire a pistol to anybody without a gun or game licence unless he is a householder and purposes to use the pistol only in his own home or is going abroad for six months. Persons under eighteen years of age may not buy, use or carry a gun, subject to a fine of £2. The sale of pistols to insane or intoxicated persons is prohibited. The provisions do not apply where an antique pistol is sold as a curiosity or an ornament.

Moat Farm mystery & sale, p3
Blackmail brewers, p3

1903 10 21
Cycle hirer, p3
Education mass meeting, p3

1903 10 22

The Passive resistance movement at Newmarket has reached a new stage; a fortnight ago 21 persons were summoned for non-payment of the poor rate, warrants were issued and the unpleasant task of distraining goods fell to the police. They called at the defendant's homes while they were there and selected one or two articles they considered of sufficient value to cover the rate and cost. These will be auctioned. One of the Resisters will probably buy the goods in; the sale is hardly likely to last more than a few minutes and be free from any disturbance.

1903 10 23
Some inhabitants of Gamlingay imagine they on the verge of acquiring riches. In the serial running in "Tit Bits" the publishers have inserted clues indicating the whereabouts of hidden gold. Lately a considerable number of strangers have been prowling round the "Old Moon" in the hope of unearthing £100. The inhabitants of the Cinques have not been slow to make their own deductions; a systematic search is being carried on and excavations are being made by those afflicted with the gold fever.

St Andrew's Street chapel weathervane, p3 *

1903 10 24
The recent completion of the Atlas Stone Company works at Coldham's Lane will add to the industrial importance of the Romsey Town and Cherry Hinton districts of Cambridge. A complete plant for the manufacture of artificial paving slabs on the most up-to-date principles has been installed with a hydraulic press capable of 500 slabs per day worked by electric power. The chief market is in London and the Eastern Counties where the value of artificial flags for footways has been firmly established. # c.23 # c.27.1

Shops – undergraduates, p3 *
Haverhill rifle range, p4

1903 10 26
The Cambridge and County School for Boys was formally opened bridging that gulf from primary to higher education which has been such a blot on our new national system; now a secondary education is placed within reach of that very wide class previously content with elementary education only. The progress of the school has been phenomenal; on the opening day three years ago 41 boys presented themselves; each term saw an increase and now there are no fewer than 210 scholars. # c.36.5

1903 10 28
In recent years so many gloomy predictions have been made concerning the decline in the birth rate that Lincolnshire Agricultural Society offered a prize for the labourers who had brought up the greatest number of children. It was won by Thomas Hought of Market Rasen with a record of 19 children born, 17 brought up and 12 placed out. It is quite refreshing to find that John Bull has still left a remnant of sturdy sons and daughters possessing the faculty of perpetuating their species. That such large families should still be common in rural districts at a time when the urban birth rate is declining is proof of the damaging effects of city life and air upon the national health and vitality.

1903 10 29
Notes – smallpox, p2 & p3

1903 10 30
Swavesey swan killed, p3

1903 10 31
Boy birched

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1903 11 02
The working of telephones and telegraphs throughout Europe was disorganised in consequence of a magnetic storm, attributed to the influence of the solar activity in the form of sun-spots. The effect was noticeable in the telegraphic instrument room at Cambridge Post Office where strong deflections of the needles of the telegraph instruments were noticed, but fortunately this did not delay the transmission of messages. One example of the disorganisation of electrical communication was that the full lists of results of the League matches on Saturday were not, as they usually are, contained in the 6.30 edition of the Cambridge Daily News

Drunk in pram, p3

1903 11 05
Royston passive resisters, p3

1903 11 06
Time once was when the concentrated animosity between Cambridge Town and Gown found annual outlet on 'The Fifth'. There are many old inhabitants who have seen the traditional riots gradually die down with the building up of mutual ties between University and Town. Athletic Varsitymen and pugilistic townsmen no longer belabour each other; they join issue in attempts at bonfires with police baiting thrown in as a sideline. At Castle End undergraduates managed to secure a shutter with the intention of making it the nucleus of a bonfire; a constable was rolled to the ground, his helmet knocked off and his whistle and truncheon lost before more policemen arrived and three arrests were made – one member of the Varsity, a soldier and a townsman. # c.36.9

Bus & tram, p4 *

1903 11 09
One hardly expects in the present day to find a highwayman abroad in the early hours of the evening. But Stephen Hagger, a farmer of Stapleford had just crossed the Stump Cross when a man rushed from under the hedge and called upon him to stop. Hagger however spurred his horse and galloped off but two pistol shots were fired at him; on arriving home he examined his hat and found a hole in it, such as might have been made by a revolver bullet.

Waterbeach railway accident, p4

1903 11 10
A startling scene occurred during a performance at the New Theatre, Cambridge. Shortly before its conclusion the play was stopped and an undergraduate was ejected. An attendant was first sent to remonstrate with the man who had been making himself an intolerable nuisance, but as this seemed to be of no avail the Manager, Mr Redfern stopped the play and asked him to leave. The undergraduate remained seated, saying "My good man I have nothing to do with it". Redfern: "I am not your good man". The reluctant offender donned his gown and left the Theatre looking very crestfallen amid cheers and hisses. The play then proceeded.

Royston passive resistance, p4 *

1903 11 11
Few firms possess so high a reputation for the manufacture and fitting of artificial molars as Messrs F.W. Bradley of Wisbech. Times have changed since the days when 'false teeth' were a disfigurement. They can now be fitted so perfectly that detection is practically impossible. Starting in 1887 the business has spread with branches in every town of importance in the Eastern Counties. Mr Bradley has issued a tasty brochure with expressions of thanks from people in all stations of life, for he has proved that it is possible to execute high-class work at reasonable charges.

Steeple Morden mystery, p3
Turpin, p3

1903 11 11
Under Government regulations no child can be boarded out with foster-parents of different religious denominations to that in which the child is registered. At Cherry Hinton a girl had been fostered with a couple who took very great interest in her. At the time they took her the wife was undoubtedly Church of England and the husband went nowhere. Since then he had started going to the Baptist Chapel and his wife felt it her duty to go with him and take the child. Now the Ladies Boarding-Out Committee had threatened to take the child away from them. Being Government servants they must obey the rules and regulations laid down for their guidance.

1903 11 11 c
The first sale of good distrained under warrants for refusing to pay the education rate took place at Royston police station. A number of constables were in attendance but there was a complete absence of interruption, the crowd of sympathisers, which numbered about 100, being very orderly. The goods which were seized from people in Nuthampstead, Reed and Barkway were all brought back. Afterwards a meeting heard that the ranks of resisters were multiplying day by day and it is more than probable that future sales will be necessary. They did not blame the police for doing their unpleasant duty in carrying out this iniquitous act; as soon as they got an opportunity they would turn out the present Government.

1903 11 12
A second shooting outrage has been committed on the highway at Abington. Harold Chamberlain was in charge of a van belonging to Pegg's Brewery, Cambridge when two shots were fired in his direction. Naturally he was alarmed and drove off as quickly as possible. Police Superintendent Everitt of Linton was apprised of the occurrence and every available constable was sent to hunt for the highwayman.

1903 11 13
A lady from Chesterton says that since she took up her abode her house has been invaded by battalions of tradesmen's representatives, most of whom went away empty-handed, as they were all anxious to sell the same goods. One individual of righteous appearance bearing a bundle of what appeared to be the latest thing in tracts asked if the household was a teetotal one and hoped she would accept one of his pamphlets. When she came to look at the pledge form it was an advertisement for bottled beer. It is curious that all the others have been bottled beer men too.

1903 11 13
The shooting outrages near Saffron Walden continue to arouse excitement; a rumour circulated that a commercial traveller had been fired upon near Littlebury, that he had been struck and was carrying a considerable sum of money, having sold four horses. But none of this is correct. Two gentlemen motoring near Stump Cross were 'pulled up by a gentleman' who asked the way to Hinxton church, he was something over fifty with a greyish beard. The whole affair has instituted a reign of terror in the district.

1903 11 13
Another shooting outrage has occurred when two shots were fired through the bedroom window of a labourer and his wife in London Road, Great Shelford. They looked out of the window and saw a man on a bicycle with another man in a trailer attached. Pistol shot holes were found bored through the windows of the front sitting-room and the impression of a bullet on the wall is observable, but the bullet has not been found. The police have traversed long distances at night on a motor car in their search for the modern Dick Turpin and are keeping watch on places likely to be frequented by wanderers.

Please make what use of this you may. Kindly remember where it came from – www.mikepetty.org.uk

1903 11 14
A recital was given at Cambridge to exhibit the capabilities of the Angelus piano player, an instrument for assisting the interpretation of compositions for which much is claimed. Its power has by no means been over-rated. It can be manipulated by anyone, with no knowledge of music and gives a perfect command of the piano. The recital was arranged by Messrs G.C. Bedwell, music sellers of Hills Road, Cambridge.

1903 11 16
Milk watered, p2 & p3

1903 11 18
Three Blackbirds case, p2

1903 11 20
Table Talk lost & found, p3 *
Highway terror, p3 *
Kingston school, p3

1903 11 21
One of the events of the year was the great fire which swept away the extensive premises of Messrs Laurie & McConnal in Fitzroy Street, Cambridge. Now within nine months the ruins have been replaced by more convenient, commodious and up-to-date premises and the business is in full swing in its new home. They are the first entirely steel-frame buildings erected in this country. Those who remember the former premises cannot but be struck with the immense improvement effected, with lifts, driven by an electric motor, at the service of customers any time of the day. # c.27.2

1903 11 21
A growing demand for the stone, marble and granite objects with which the memory of the dead are perpetuated indicates an expansion of business for those who provide these melancholy tokens. Messrs Ivett and Reed have found their premises on Mill Road and Regent Street inadequate and have opened a new branch on Newmarket Road, appropriately near the new cemetery. The premises consist of a dwelling house and show-room and are built of Bath stone with a portico supported by two graceful Corinthian pillars. Inside is a chimney-piece of statuary marble upon which delicate-looking foliage is represented in the Italian style. # c.21.2

1903 11 24
The contents of Herringswell House have been sold including a remarkable collection of paintings by J.F. Herring, senior which was formed by the late Mr Mure, who was one of his principal patrons. Many are known to have been painted there. A remarkable painting of the Coach and Four at Bottisham Swan was the gem and the buyer was fortunate in acquiring it for 310 guineas. Others fetched prices from £215 for a set of six hunting pictures to £12 for 12 finely-drawn crayon drawings attributed to Herring.

Highway terror, p2 *

1903 11 25
An agreement has been reached for the incorporation of the Capital and Counties Bank, London and Messrs Foster's bank in Sidney Street, Cambridge. The Capital was established more than 69 years ago and holds eminent rank among the leading London clearing banks. It is already well known here, having a branch in Cambridge under the management of Mr Guilmant, and others at Newmarket, Haverhill and Wisbech. We feel confident that the enlargement by this amalgamation with Messrs Foster of the Bank's sphere of operations cannot but prove of general advantage. # c.32.8

1903 11 26

Teachers salaries, p3

1903 11 27
A fire broke out in a storehouse at Messrs Lincoln's premises in Sidney Street, Cambridge; a quantity of petroleum became ignited and the fire assumed dangerous proportions. Three hydrants were quickly at work with hoses were taken through Trinity College and directed from college windows. But as the water streamed along the floor oil settled on the surface and becoming ignited created an effect of running streams of flame. At the time of going to press the fire was still burning but has been sufficiently subdued to enable some of the goods in the store-room to be removed. There were over 100 gallons of petroleum in store. # c.34.75

Death Shield, p4 *

1903
A report has circulated in Haverhill that Mr & Mrs Todd of 106 Withersfield Road were disturbed by revolver or pistol shots, the bullets hitting the wall of the house. The opinion is being expressed that some of the same gang who have created such terror on the highways had paid one of their nocturnal visits. A bricklayer named Suckling was returning home to Steeple Bumpstead when he was stopped by two men who emerged from a hedge. Without more ado he turned tail and ran back to his father's house at Haverhill.

1903 11 28
As reported yesterday nearly 150 gallons of petroleum became ignited in a warehouse in Sidney Street, Cambridge. It appears that one of Messrs Lincoln's carmen sent a lad to the warehouse to trim a van lamp. The boy was apparently not aware that the warehouse is lighted by electricity and while trimming the lamp he allowed it to remain alight. The oil in the lamp by some means became ignited and he dropped it on the floor. Two tanks of petroleum and a cask of methylated spirits were soon blazing furiously and the interior was a mass of flame.

1903 11 30
The unprecedented rainfall has taxed waterways beyond their capacity and floods are the natural consequence. In Cambridge boathouses have been invaded by the flood and the ferries have stopped plying. The flood has taken possession of Sheep's Green and part of Coe Fen while the Upper Granta has inundated many acres of pasture. In the fen country the dykes are full to overflowing and the land clogged with water, while in St Ives there are floods to a considerable depth covering hundreds of acres. # c.29

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1903 12 02
If the scene that attended the opening of the children's reading room at the Mill Road branch of the Cambridge Free Library can be relied upon the experiment ought to be attended with the happiest results. Within a few minutes of opening it was fully occupied by boys and girls and the demand for admittance was in excess of expectations with a large number waiting patiently outside until room could be made for them. Some had a long wait as once the children had settled down to the store of attractive books and pictures provided the employment became completely absorbing. Their clean faces and hands and well-brushed hair helped form a charming sight which their complete quietness and good behaviour rendered all the more attractive. # c.77.4

1903 12 03
Some 20 years ago premises in Gwydir Street Cambridge were used as a brewery; they became dismantled but now through the enterprise of Mr Frederick Dale it has been converted to an up-to-date brewery where beer made from pure malt and hops will be manufactured. Its speciality will be family pale ales and nourishing or invalid stout, an article a small brewer seldom undertakes to manufacture.

Messrs Adlam of Bristol have installed the most improved machinery and the most up-to-date methods are employed. # c.27.4

Brutal sports, p3
Whittlesford Congregational Chapel, p4

1903 12 03
Mill Road library opened a reading room for the exclusive benefit of children. Apart from the love of books and pictures likely to be instilled into the youthful mind there are habits of cleanliness, order & discipline. Dirty hands and faces are not permitted to enter and bad behaviour is punished by immediate expulsion. The children will be well looked after and tired mothers and weary fathers can rest with easy minds knowing their offspring are enjoying themselves without injuring either their bodies or their morals. # c.77.4

1903 12 04
Fulbourn fire, p3
Miss Holland memorial, p4

1903 12 05
The Central Temperance Hotel and Coffee Tavern, Market Hill, Cambridge was for sale by auction. It has been an important and famous inn for centuries; originally known as the 'Three Tuns' it was visited by Pepys in 1660. The large ballroom with the minstrels' gallery still exists with valuable panelling and carved chimney pieces. It occupies an excellent position in a busy thoroughfare and is freehold. # c.27.4

Herbert Railton, p3

1903 12 08
Christmas Day happening to fall on a Friday means that trade generally will be at a standstill for three days in succession. Housewives must either purchase their stocks of meat, bread, fish and vegetables on the Thursday or dealers in these goods must open on Saturday. Opinion is divided. Some bakers say they cannot make enough bread on Thursday for the three following days but others say they sell practically no bread on Boxing Day as people do not each so much at Christmas. Butchers are inclined to close on the Saturday but fishmongers, where the supply of ice is an item of the trade, will open for a few hours only. Unless united action is taken some persons engaged in the four trades will have their holidays considerably cut into. # c.27.2

1903 12 08
A unique performance took place at the Cambridge New Theatre when the Eastern Vacuum Cleaner Co. demonstrated spring cleaning up-to-date by which a building may be thoroughly cleansed of all dirt and dust. Standing outside was a machine provided with a pair of vacuum pumps actuated by an oil or electric motor which maintains an exhaust of several pounds to the square inch. Connected with it were lengths of hose which terminated in 'cleaners' or 'renovators'. Members of the 'Varsity, civic dignitaries, keen business men and householders with their wives watched the dust being collected. No dust is raised in the apartment being cleaned which should be especially appreciated in Cambridge where there are so many works of art and delicate instruments.

1903 12 09
Sutton tradesmen, p3

1903 12 10
Magdalene master 50 years, p3
Local building societies, p4

1903 12 11
Christmas holiday appeal

1903 12 12
Her Majesty the Queen was awoken at Sandringham by Miss Knollys who found her bedroom full of smoke. Her chamber had immediate access to Queen Alexandra's and her first thought was to secure the safety of Her Majesty, who wrapped in a dressing gown escaped into the corridor just in time to avoid the fall of the ceiling of her room. Sir Dighton Probyn alarmed the household fire brigade and it says much for their efficiency that within a very short interval the flames were entirely subdued. Several accounts are current as to the cause of the fire, one being that the electric light was defective. But they are in perfect order, says the consulting electrical engineer to the royal residence.

Chesterton grumble, p3 *

Sir – Some weeks ago a travelling tinker called at my house and told my wife the old, old story of out of work and wife dying of starvation etc. She took pity on him and gave him a small job to repair a kettle, for which after putting a piece of putty in the hole he had the audacity to charge 8d. My wife paid him out of fear. Then some rascal decamped with my shirt and some tablecloths from our washing line. People should not encourage travelling tinkers and rag-and-bone-men who come to see in the daylight what can be had at a later period – A. Stevens, Richmond Road, Cambridge. 03 12 12

1903 12 14
The organ which for many years had been in use at Trumpington church has been replaced by an instrument of a much more satisfactory character and one which will add considerably to the beauty of the musical portion of the service. It cannot be described as being entirely new as old parts and part of the old case have been incorporated into the ancient instrument's successor which was built by Messrs Miller and Sons of Cambridge.

1903 12 15
Haverhill resisters, p3
J.H. Priest new shop, p3

1903 12 16
The new bakery of Mr G.P. Hawkins in Parsonage Street, Cambridge is a substantially built erection with deep foundations. The visitor passes through an artistic lobby covered with green and white newelite tiles of white glass which fit tightly together so no dirt or insect can attach itself to the walls. The floors are of granolithic and the electric light is installed in every compartment. The bread is produced by up-to-date machinery. In a short time a continuous electric current and an automatic kneader will be installed. There is a glass roof in the yard so the carts can be loaded comfortably, irrespective of the vagaries of the weather. # c.27

Blue Boar failure, p3

1903 12 17
Balsham right of way, p3 *

1903 12 18
A new cement company is being floated under the title of 'The Foxton Cement Co. Ltd' with a share capital of £60,000. It will acquire about 93 acres of land adjoining the Foxton Hall Estate where experts have predicted there is an exceptionally good bed of cement marl. It is proposed to erect the most modern machinery capable of producing about 500 tons per week of first-class Portland cement. There is also a large deposit of chalk and a considerable trade is already being done with the gravel and sand on the surface.

1903 12 19
Some excitement was caused when it became known that a fire had broken out at the extensive malthouse of Messrs Christmas and Co., the well-known brewers of Camps Road, Haverhill. Captain Bridge and the members of the Fire Brigade were soon on the scene with their hose but the flames had obtained a good hold and a considerable portion of the wall and roof fell in before the fire was subdued. A small fire also occurred at an unoccupied cottage in Eden Road. A number of paraffin matches were found on the window sill which led to the supposition it was the work of an incendiary

Bakers and Christmas, p3

1903 12 19
Cambridge Cheap Funeral Furnishing. Polished Elm Coffin, Glass Hearse, 2 Carriages, Bearers, and Attendance complete £5 5s. – C. Osler, Mawson Road. Glass Hearse and Pair, with rubber tyres, 7s.6d. Brougham with single horse, 5s. No extra charge for Black Plumes or Velvets if required. Coffins finished and delivered in two hours if required. Guaranteed five per cent cheaper than anyone else – Ellis Merry, Abbey Walk [Adverts] # c.21.2

1903 12 23
Cambridge architect Edwin Bays has produced a plan for a new 60 feet-wide road from Downing Street to Guildhall Street, parallel to Corn Exchange Street. This would create valuable frontages for business premises on either side and lead to a site for a new Cambridgeshire County Hall. There would be a fountain to take off the nakedness of the wide entrance at St Andrew's Hill, replacing the old Corn Exchange. It would relieve the congested traffic in the narrow Petty Cury and provide a direct access to the chief colleges. # c.49.4

Sidney Street sale, p3 *

1903 12 24
Driving licence, p3
Inebriate home, p3

1903 12 28
The idea of a happy Christmas being spent by those who are unfortunate enough to inhabit a workhouse is to most people incomprehensible. But in Cambridge workhouse Christmas Day is a happy day. The master tempers discipline with mercy and sheds a small ray of sunshine upon those whose lives have been darkened with misfortune. He has done more for the salvage of wrecked humanity that is ever likely to be known by the public at large # c.32.9

1903 12 28
Addenbrooke's Hospital unfortunately contained many suffers at Christmas but the season of goodwill was ushered in with the usual ceremony. A large number of toys having been sent to the Hospital every child was able to have one. Santa Claus distributed them from a splendid Christmas Tree whose adornment by means of coloured electric lights was most picturesque. Each patient was the recipient of a parcel of clothing through the kindness of the Needlework Guild and Miss Bennett of Orwell. To the patients of the men's surgical and accident wards Mr Joseph Clark made a present of cigars and Mr Leathart, the assistant house surgeon, gave them pipes, tobacco and cigarettes, which were greatly appreciated. If a suitable environment is conducive to recovery from illness the patients must have made rapid progress this Christmas.

1903
Christmas in Cambridge did not pass without its sensation. On Boxing Day three men were walking along the river bank at the rear of the Abbey Estate when one fancied he discerned something struggling in the water. The light was dim so they struck a quantity of vestas but could see nothing. As they turned away the discovery of a woman's hat lying on the bank strengthened their belief that

something was wrong. The alarm was given and since then those who delight in mysteries have had a subject for conversation. No one is reported missing and it maybe a practical joke.

1903 12 28
The Christmas holiday has been observed in Haverhill in the customary manner. On Christmas Eve the railway officials were kept extremely busy with numerous arrivals and departures, and thanks to the absence of fog, the train service for the most part was punctually kept. At noon on Christmas Day toys, oranges etc were taken to the Burton End Church Sunday Schoolroom, being the proceeds of the recent 'doll' service and were distributed amongst the poor children of that part of the town.

1903 12 29
New motor car act – its Cambridge effect, p3 & 30th p3

1903 12 30
Mill Road trench collapse, p3
Sparrows, p3
Motor car act, p3

1903 12 31
Mill Road collapse, p3

1903
Three Balsham labourers were seen in a gravel pit adjoining Wratall Farm with a loaded gun, rabbits and nets in their possession. They claimed they had a right to be there. Under the Enclosure award two acres were apportioned for the benefit of the parish but the herbage was reserved to the rector who sub-let it. A gate was to be erected and kept in repair by the rector, but this had not been done so he had forfeited his rights. One of the men was a member of the Parish Council, by whom it had been discussed.

1903 12 23
An important property sale was conducted, consisting of various properties in Sidney Street, one of the most central and important positions in the business part of Cambridge. Naturally there was a large attendance and the bidding was spirited. It included the coachbuilder's factory of T. Hunnybun, including carriage showroom and harness-maker's shop. These were withdrawn but sold after the sale at a considerably enhanced price; we understand they will continue their business in Hobson Street. A draper's shop occupied by F. Blott found a purchaser at £3,600. # c.06

1903 12 30
A crusade against the house sparrow has been launched by the Board of Agriculture. They are welcomed by the town dweller as a picturesque addition to the wilderness of streets amid which he passes most of his life. But when cornfields are in proximity to the outskirts of the town it is no uncommon thing to find that a whole grain crop has been ruined by the ravages of a multitude of the birds. They inflict damage upon garden produce, stripping gooseberry and red currant bushes of their buds, tearing in pieces flowers such as crocuses and pulling up rows of newly-sown peas. Sparrows have become a pest and no more sympathy need be wasted upon them than is bestowed upon rats.

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1904 01 01
For a span of seventy-odd years Cambridge has had a rallying point from which to speed the Old and welcome the New Year. The venerable Alderman Deck has sent two coloured rockets skyward and attracted a portion of the population to King's Parade. For the first time a similar event took place at Old Chesterton when his son ignited the fireworks close to the Horse Grind ferry. But it was not known that a new ceremony would take place and not a single resident left his abode to witness the rockets' flight # c.39

Small-pox report, p3
Christmas Day accident, p4

1904 01 02
Laurence Humphry, physician, was summoned for not clearing the footway in front of his house known as Lensfield, on Lensfield Road, Cambridge. The pavement had been covered with leaves which fell chiefly from a tree in the doctor's garden so a constable called and told him it was in a dangerous condition. However the Corporation had erected a fence separating his land from the highway; his premises adjoined the fence but did not adjoin the footpath. He had another frontage to Panton Street and swept the pavement there.

1904 01 02
The terrible catastrophe at the Iroquois Theatre Chicago has caused English theatrical managers to overhaul their precautions against fire. Mr Redfern has caused the whole of the arrangements for the Cambridge New Theatre to be made as safe as possible. The stage and foot lights are all electric, it is amply provided with fire hoses and experienced firemen are told off each night. The hydrants are on the high-pressure main and they have all desirable exits. The greatest danger is panic but every man, woman and child had the means of getting out of the building. He has timed the people making their exit and it had never exceeded four minutes, without one emergency door being opened. # c.76

1904 01 02
The Eastern Vacuum Cleaning Company has cleaned two of the large rooms, the coffee room and the commercial room, of the Lion Hotel in Petty Cury, Cambridge and the result is remarkable. The carpets are rich, large carpets, so large in fact as to be almost unwieldy under the old method of beating, but under this system they have been cleaned in the most perfect manner and not a particle of dust can be found. Out of one carpet 28 lbs of dust and dirt was extracted and now the whole of the hotel is to be dealt with in similar manner # c.27

Sweeping path, p3
Mill Road storeyard, p3 *
Local retrospect, p4

1904 01 04
Considerable damage was done by a fire that started in the attic at the Rose Hotel, Rose Crescent, Cambridge. News was received at the Fire Station by means of the fire alarm post on Market Hill and they were soon on the scene with the horsed fire escape and tender. Much damage was done in a comparatively small area but every room in the hotel suffered from the effects of water, which saturated the ceilings. Fortunately none of the bedrooms were occupied at the time # c.27.4

Fires, p2

Fire extinguisher, p3
Local retrospect, p4

1904 01 05
Rose Crescent fire, p3
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1904 01 06
An inquest was held at Guilden Morden on a 70-year-old man who was given a dose of laudanum shortly before his death. His daughter said she had never known him take it before; she obtained two-pennyworth and gave him half a teaspoonful neat. William Bridgeman, registered chemist from Ashwell, said two grains was a fair dose for an adult. The doctor said laudanum was a great deal too much used in that part for pains of all kinds. Two grains of opium was too much and dangerous for such an old man but not sufficient to account for his death. He had died from heart failure.

Local retrospect, p4

1904 01 07
Ely T.A. Hills town crier, p3
Sale plate, p3
Local retrospect, p4

1904 01 08
The recent inquest on an old man who took a dose of laudanum sends a warning. The tendency nowadays when any minor ailment calls for relief is to rely far too much on medicines. Many of these specious remedies are not the innocent compounds their manufacturers claim and many a patent medicine is absolutely poisonous. There is a certain ‘soothing syrup’ extensively used which will soothe an infant into the sleep of death; eight or ten drops answers the purpose, the child dying speedily with all the symptoms of opium poisoning. 15,000 children are killed every year by soothing syrup and other similar preparations. # OPIUM

Local retrospect, p4

1904 01 09
Caxton and Arrington Guardians met at the Workhouse when the Master, referring to the consumption of tobacco and snuff in the House, said that non-smokers received nothing equivalent to the tobacco received by smokers. Mr Anthony objected to tobacco-smoking and thought the ratepayers should not be asked to provide anything that was not good. But Mr Evans said it aided digestion and was one of the pleasures the inmates enjoyed. It is only given to people over 60 years of age, including the old ladies. Non-smokers cannot appreciate

1904 01 12
Brewery dinner, p3

1904 01 13
Newmarket drainage, p4

1904 01 14
The Cambridge Free Library committee are desirous that no resident should remain ignorant of the means at their disposal for acquiring knowledge. They have authorised the sale of the new catalogue at considerably less than cost price and issued a circular to every house. The Central Library reading room, with its wide selection of newspapers and periodical literature, invariably has its full complement of readers. Borrowers are induced to take a work of fiction and another work away together and so a taste for reading of the useful kind is being instilled. # c.77.4

W. Farren on bird life, p2
Burwell barber, p3

1904 01 15
Some London people having an artistic sense come to Cambridge for identification marks for motor cars. Under the new Act motor cars may be registered in any county; each has one or more letters of the alphabet allotted to it and underneath are printed the number of the car. London has but one letter, 'A', and as the registered cars there already number over a thousand the one letter perched over four numbers looks awkward. Cambridgeshire is endowed with two letters 'C.E.' and has presently only two numerals beneath, making a nicely-balanced identification mark. But the demand may not continue as the number of motor cars, as well as of drivers in this county, rapidly approaches the hundred. # c.26.48

Fire brigade, p3

1904 01 16
The Old Bailey heard the case of an Ely lady, Florence R.; her first husband William had obtained a divorce nisi citing Henry F. as co-respondent, though it was never made absolute. But Florence married Henry, or at least went through a form of marriage, but as the first was not dissolved the second wedding was illegal and bigamous. Further complications followed. Henry went away to South Africa and she made the acquaintance of a man named B., whom she subsequently married. Her mother subsequently married William's father in the belief he was dead. William thus occupies this bewildering position: His father is his father-in-law. His mother-in-law is his step-mother. His wife is his step-sister. Two other men have married his wife. Florence was sentenced to five day's imprisonment # WOMEN

1904 01 18
A Warkworth Terrace man told Cambridge magistrates that he believed his neighbours had some artificial means of making their voices heard by him alone: "They use talking machines and electric wires contrived to convey sound to a certain point only. I have seen what look like an electric telegraph wire in their garden beside a system of beams, boards and ropes which I conclude to be part of some telephoning system. Nearby in Melbourn Place there lives a telegraph clerk who searches my room with an exceedingly strong electric searchlight and conveys a message by Marconi's wireless telegraphy to let them know the right time to call out and wake me" # c.27.7

1904 01 19
Grand opera, New Theatre, p2

1904 01 20
Sutton draper bankruptcy, p3

1904 01 21
Cherry Hinton sewers, p3*
Mammoth Show Society formed, p4

1904 01 21
Cambridge councillors considered the purchase of a steam fire engine. The two fires at Addenbrooke's Hospital and Fitzroy Street were bad, but took place under favourable conditions – in the first the wind took the flames away from the Hospital and in the other there was a brick wall, instead of lathe and plaster. Since then there had been two other fires, in Sidney Street and Rose Crescent which might have resulted disastrously. In the centre of town whole blocks of buildings might be burnt down. The only additional expenditure would be the cost of an engineer. But the Fire Brigade did not want one and they ought to know more than councillors. # c.34.75

1904 01 22
Boer War memorial, Gt St Mary's, p2

1904 01 22
Three Cambridge gentlemen were discussing the new Motor Car Act which introduces car numbers. "There is no dashing past a policeman now because the number would be easily seen and identification would follow as a matter of course. For instance, that car is CE 25." "No, 35", contradicted one of his friends, "20" exclaimed the third. The car drew up and they looked again – it was 23. If it had been going at 40 mph in a cloud of dust it is impossible to say what number might not have been given it. If the members of the police force have no better eyesight than those gentlemen it seems to me that complications will ensue. # c.26.48

1904 01 23
Shelford railway guard killed, p3
Electric trams, p3

1904 01 25
Cambridge Press concert, p4

1904 01 26
Cambridge magistrates said the custom of sending round for 'Christmas Boxes' was a bad one and liable to be greatly abused. They heard how a groom from Castle Street had obtained a shilling from the cashier at Hallack and Bond's shop after claiming that he was an ostler at the Carrier's Arms. He also tricked Eaden Lilley's into giving him a similar sum. No less than 11 similar charges could have been made against the prisoner who was sentenced to seven days hard labour. # c.39

1904 01 27
As I passed through the huge swing doors, the crisp tinkling of electric bells, mingled with a loud confused chatter of female voices, smote on my ear. I was standing for the first time in a Telephone Exchange. I passed through another door into a long low room along the sides of which ran what appeared at first sight to be a huge 'Upright Grand' piano and seated in front of it a long row of girls stretching into an almost dim perspective. Each girl has 200 subscribers to attend to and immediately one lifts his receiver a lamp emits a golden glow and the girl puts a small brass plug in a hole, pushes a lever forward and speaks to him. She then puts another plug in the requested number. # c.27.7

1904 01 28
St Andrews Street chapel, p3 *
Newmarket garage fire, p4

1904 01 29
Many are the amusing incidents related by canvassers for Parliamentary honours. One called at a modest house in Norfolk Street, Cambridge and asked for the master of the house. A sturdy working man appeared but when asked for his support burst out: "Look here, guv'nor, you must see the 'missus. I have only voted once, and since then our rates has gone up. So she says I'm no class at voting, and in future she's going to vote herself, instead of me". In vain did the canvasser endeavour to explain that the man's good wife could not vote, but he responded "Can't vote? Can't she? Perhaps you'll tell her so!" # c.33

1904 01 30
The 'Eastern Morning Gazette', a Conservative organ published at Norwich for the last 12 months, has ceased publication. An editorial states this is not due to the hopelessness of the political situation but to other causes, it will be remembered that the price was recently reduced from a penny to a halfpenny. The 'Norfolk Evening Standard' will continue to chronicle all the news of the day with its

customary impartiality, to shape and guide public opinion and to champion the Conservative cause. # c.04

Police annual report, p3

1904 01 30
A savage attack has been perpetrated by a prisoner at the Cambridge gaol upon a warder named Andrews, which resulted in severe injuries. Amongst a gang of prisoners chipping wood was one of morose disposition who suddenly rushed upon the unsuspecting warder and dealt him a terrible blow with a hatchet. Assistance was at hand and the prisoner was secured. He has been reported to magistrates and subjected to a severe flogging for his cowardly assault. Flogging is the most severe punishment than can be inflicted on a prisoner and is only carried out in serious cases such as this, or for mutiny. # c.34.9

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1904 02 01
The new St Andrew's Street Baptist chapel, Cambridge, was formally dedicated. The exterior of the building is captivating, the interior is beautiful and the structural arrangements for the comfort of the congregation well considered. Unfortunately the pastor who had so strenuously worked on the scheme was unable to attend due to illness but so that he should not be entirely deprived of participation in the events the deacons arranged to have the speeches delivered in the building transmitted to his home by means of electrophone # c.83.05

1904 02 01
Sir – I read of safety concerns about the new St Andrew's Street Baptist Church in Cambridge. No public building in Cambridge is better provided with safe and speedy exits. The new gallery can be cleared in much less time than before; all the doors open outwards, the stairs are wide, the exits are accessible and unobstructed. The chapel is lighted by electricity but there is an auxiliary service of gas which can be brought instantly into use. Panics very rarely occur in ordinary religious assemblies and we have taken all reasonable precautions to deal with an unexpected calamity – Chas. Joseph # c.83.05

1904 02 01
The recent decision to reduce the number of days on which the Cambridge Sanatorium can be visited from two a week to one a month has effected a change to which the patients' parent are not becoming easily reconciled. On Sunday afternoon several made the journey hoping to see their children through the windows. But all the blinds had been drawn and the children instructed not to look out. The parents waited for half an hour in the rain and then all but one departed. One man, who had not seen his son for five weeks, waited in an adjoining field. His vigil was rewarded when one of the blinds was raised and a timid little face peeped out and waved. The father went away somewhat gladdened at having seen his child in the distance. # c.21.4

1904 02 02
Magistrates received a complaint with respect to the Swan public house, Bottisham. An individual had applied at the house for some tea and bread and butter, but failed to get them. This was a very undesirable state of things in a public house which existed for the accommodation and refreshment of the public. The provision of food is equally as important as the provision of drink. When a man asked for such simple things as tea and bread and butter or cheese, certainly it ought to be within his reach. Similar complaints had come from University men. The public house was on the highway and something should be done to oblige the public. # c.27.4

1904 02 02

There was another infringement of the rules for preserving order at the Cambridge Theatre and three undergraduates were ejected. They occupied seats in the front row of the stalls and commented somewhat too audibly on the subject of the piece. When requested to leave two quietly complied but their companion remained seated and accordingly two attendants were instructed to remove him by force. The undergraduate, seeing that his ejection had been determined upon, capitulated in time to avoid the indignity of being roughly handled. "Don't take me out, my dear sir", he pleaded. "I will go out quietly". He did so. It was not necessary on this occasion to stop the performance. # c.76

1904 02 08
Death A. Macintosh, p3
Rock Estate roads, p3 *

1904 02 09
Newmarket Rising Sun, p4

1904 02 11
A Wimbish labourer told the inquest into his three-year-old son that he earned 14 shillings a week and had eight to keep. His wife was strange in her mind; she looked after the children as well as she could, but did not wash the linen so well as she might. The cottage had been lime-washed by order of the sanitary authority owing to scarlet fever, and all of them had taken colds in consequence of it. The doctor said when last seen the child was very dirty and lying on rags # c.32.9 # c.21.5

1904 02 11
Haverhill is justly proud of its fine old parish church and the pleasure of the parishioners has been enhanced by the reopening of the tower and bells after complete restoration, the cost of which was borne by the family of the Rev Robert Roberts, vicar for 55 years. In 1883 large cracks had appeared in the tower, some extending the whole way up. An entirely new foundation has been put in & the west side of the tower practically re-built. Various 'finds' have been made including several human bones, a stone coffin lid and part of an ancient font.

Capt Stevens, RN, p3
Cherry Hinton fields, p3

1904 02 11
Police told Linton magistrates that most public houses were satisfactorily conducted. But the landlord of the Swan, Linton had not exercised control over his guests, the publican of the Three Hills at Bartlow had been convicted of fighting with another publican from Brinkley outside the Montford Arms, Horseheath and the landlord of the Wheatsheaf beerhouse, Duxford had permitted people to remain in his house when drunk. The licence of the Pear Tree, Hildersham was transferred from Frederick Peters to George Gibson. c.27.4

1904 02 12
Messrs. Church and King's establishment in Sidney Street is the first business in Cambridge to be cleaned by the Eastern Vacuum Cleaning Company. The settees in the showroom were a fair test of the process. In thick upholstery dust must necessarily accumulate but after the cleaner had been applied no amount of beating could raise a speck of dust. The carpet also was cleaned effectually and the colours brightened. Mr King said: "It takes absolutely all the dust out" # c.27

1904 02 12
A fire broke out at Haddon House, Newmarket. It originated behind a stove in the hall and was discovered by Mr Butcher who telephoned for the Fire Brigade at nine o'clock. The call was received by Lieut. Cooper, the brigade was at once called and at ten minutes past the men left with the hose reel for the scene. The firemen (seven in number) found the skirting, joists and floor boards round the

stove well alight but a good supply of water soon extinguished the flames and the brigade were back at the fire station by ten o-clock. Owing to their promptitude the fire was not of a very serious nature.

CURVC parade, p3
Flying car, p4

1904 02 13
The funeral took place of Mr W.R. Brown. He served his time as a grocer on Hills Road but retail grocery had no charm for him; books and book lore engrossed very much of his leisure and he acquired much antiquarian knowledge about local persons, places and things. Not only could he describe what he saw but he could produce sketches from his own pen and pencil. The local press received many contributions from him and he published a series of numbers variously entitled 'Cambridgeshire Cameos', 'Mems and Gems' and 'Leaflets of Local Lore' # c.39 # c.65

1904 02 13
The Cambridgeshire Public House Trust Association was registered in 1903 and has taken over the Tharp Arms Inn at Chippenham, the Duncombe Arms at Waresley with the George Inn, Babraham soon to follow. The movement was a commercial undertaking with a philanthropic end. They wanted to raise the tone of the public house and promote temperance. The managers obtain no benefit from the sale of alcoholic liquors but make a profit on non-intoxicants; hot soup is supplied and villagers seem to appreciate the change as more and more public houses are ready to supply non-alcoholic refreshments. # c.27.4

1904 02 13
Samuel Bell of the Brookfield beer house, Cambridge, applied for a full licence. It was in a growing neighbourhood, near the Saxon and Norman Cement Works where 300 men were employed. It was doing a good beer trade and he had received numerous applications for spirits. The nearest full licensed house was the Royal Standard, a quarter of a mile away. Two petitions had been extensively signed, some be people who were teetotallers # c.27.4

1904 02 15
An enquiry at Swaffham Prior into the repair of fen droves heard evidence from elderly residents that they were used by the public before the Highways Act of 1835. C.P. Allix said he remembered the droves for 50 years. All kinds of vehicles had been driven over the roads, with the exception of a motor car. But Newmarket R.D.C. said they were specified as private roads in the parish award of 1814 and had never been repaired by the ratepayers at large. There was nothing to show they had ever been used as public highways. # c.44.65

1904 02 17
James Gimbert won a claim against Sutton Shepherds' Independent Friendly Society. It had been registered in 1863 and he had been secretary for 55 years before resigning owing to ill health, aged 83. He became ill, suffering very badly from rheumatism and claimed relief until January 1903 when it was refused on the ground that he had been seen out of doors after seven o'clock in the evening, contrary to the rules of the society. He had been collecting the Sutton Poor's Land rent for which he received payment. They had suspended him from sick pay and refused his subscription. # c.37.2

1904 02 17
Sir – owing to the recent heavy rains the road from Ely High Bridge to the opposite bank has been submerged for some time. Why does not the Council raise the road, providing tunnels underneath to carry the water away? This would render the approaches less dangerous for vehicular traffic. I am told the road is a private one but the Ely Urban Council lights the bridge and fences the road in times of floods by chains. Why not go farther and place and man and boat there day and night at the public expense also. I have heard it suggested that a temporary platform might be erected by the side of the post for foot passengers – T. Burns, Stuntney # c.44.75

Friendly Society law, p3 *

1904 02 19
Cambridge Liberals have been turned out of their handsome home in St Andrew's Street. Few provincial political clubs have had such a palatial clubhouse with large lofty rooms, spacious hall and staircase with a terrace overlooking gardens. The deceased Alderman, Henry Rance, who built the extensive premises practically ruined himself in the process. Members are now removed to a property in St Tibb's Row formerly occupied by a now defunct newspaper until new premises are completed on the site of the old Bird Bolt Hotel. # c.33.9 # c.61

1904 02 19
A Cambridge cab proprietor was summonsed for not keeping his cab in a proper condition. A policeman said he found the near side window completely smashed, and the front seat saturated with water. He moved the cushion and found it was mouldy underneath so that it must have been in that condition for some time. The side panel had come away from the body and when it was washed water ran on to the cushions. Defendant said that the driver was responsible for the cleanliness of the cab but magistrates said he should know the state of his vehicles and fined him five shillings. # c.26.48

Peckover freeman, p3

1904 02 22
Since the introduction of picture post cards by Messrs Raphael Tuck five years ago much rapid strides have been made in the development of this delightful form of art. The 1904 productions surpass everything had has been previously issued. Each card in the 'Oilette' series is a veritable miniature oil painting, so perfect that to use it as a postcard seems profanation. The demand for these cards is simply unprecedented. Every particle of the work is entirely of English production and the previously undisputed superiority of continental colour cards is a thing of the past. # c.65.5 # POSTCARD

Electric Supply Co, p4

1904 02 23
County Council electioneering tactics at Cherry Hinton were exposed in confidential correspondence between two potential candidates. Mr Neal, the owner of Cherry Hinton Hall, was too unknown to have the slightest chance of carrying the seat. Many scarcely knew there was a Hall and he had not had time to make it a centre of interest. The parish is Radical to the backbone and the Conservatives would be giving the seat away to the opposition were he to stand. However Mr Brooke had great strength with the cottagers and even the Dissenters would support him. In the event of his being elected he would not serve once the Education question had been settled and would stand down, making it easier for Mr Neal to win the seat. # c.35.2 # c.33.35

1904 02 23
Swavesey has been visited by another heavy flood and several householders obliged to get fresh lodgings. The County Council has had temporary footbridges, with handrails, put across the gateways against the Swann pond to keep the footway open to the church and station. One gentleman accidentally pushed the bridge over, and found the water very wet. The road to Over was under two feet of water so they provided a horse and cart to take people across. Hundreds of acres are still under water and they have had so many floods lately that farmers are at their wits' end. # c.29 # FLOOD

Newmarket race traffic, p4

1904 02 24
Passive resistance, p4

1904 02 25

Duxford & Linton pub, p3
Company trading, p4 *

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All Cambridge united in welcoming King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra to open the new University buildings known as the Sedgwick Museum, the Squire Law Library, Botanical and Medical Schools in Downing Street. Cambridge University has never stagnated but kept pace with the demands of the time. Newer universities have their place in the general scheme of things but they can never supplant our ancient university of Cambridge, nor her twin sister on the banks of the Isis. With the increasing spread of education their prosperity increases. # c.02 # c.36.9

1904 03 02
The Royal visit to Cambridge was followed by an undergraduate 'rag' which caused wanton destruction of public and private property even though a large body of police, included mounted men, were on duty. One policeman guarding the proctors was singled out for a little 'baiting'. As they surged around he took out his baton which was immediately snatched from his hand. Now unprotected the affair seemed likely to develop into a serious disturbance but mounted policemen began to harry the crowd who fled before the horsemen. Many youths annoyed the riders by throwing crackers near their horses. One animal was so startled by an explosion that it threw its rider and careered across Parker's Piece. # c.02 # c.36.9

1904 03 04
The drinking fountain for cattle and animals erected opposite Haverhill council schools in Station Road was formally handed over to the town by the secretary of the Metropolitan Drinking Fountain and Cattle Trough Association on behalf of the donor, Lady Malcolm of Poltalloch. The structure, composed of the finest grey Aberdeen granite, is in the form of a circular basin standing on eight columns, the base forming a channel for the use of small animals. It is fitted with an automatic water apparatus which ensures a constant supply. At the conclusion of the ceremony a bystander filled a glass with water from the fountain and drank the donor's health, but as snow was falling, the example he set was not followed.

Royal visit, p2
Nichols Bridge St advert, pic p4 *

1904 05 03
CDN royal souvenir, p2

1904 03 07
Owing to the enormous demands for the C.D.N. souvenir of the Royal Visit to Cambridge the whole edition was sold out less than an hour after publication. Now in response to enormous requests a second edition is ready. It contains a full report of the proceedings together with special articles on previous royal visits, King Edward's undergraduate days etc. It has photographs of the new Downing Street buildings reproduced from the series of pictures specially taken by J. Palmer Clarke for presentation to the King. Printed on superior paper and being of a convenient size it is an admirable memento of the auspicious and historic occasion. # c.04

1904 03 09
Cambridge Women's Temperance Association heard of the misery of a bright country girl desirous of obtaining employment in a South London gin palace. She had to be at the bar at nine in the morning and there stand in unutterable weariness until two o'clock the next morning, with two hours off for all her meals and rest. She could never get out into the fresh air except on her alternate Sundays. Inside the atmosphere was foul and the country flower sickened, the roses faded from her cheek; she needed a pick-me-up so much that she took the beer which was allowed three times a day and a glass of spirits at night. At last she became an inebriate and swelled the ranks of out-cast women. # c.37.7

Shelford baby body, p3
Tindalls of Newmarket & Ely, p4

1904 03 09 c
Last year the Cambridge Trader's Association collected £2,681 of debts on behalf of its members at a cost of five per cent (the costs and fees having been recovered from the debtors). Most were small in amount but others were complicated such as would require the services of a solicitor and counsel at much higher costs. They had to bring 712 actions in the High Court, which shows the difficult character of the debts. They also made a great number of enquiries regarding the status of Cambridge people, most of which were satisfactory, while 250 enquiries as to the status of customers against whom proceedings were contemplated have been made of correspondents in other towns and abroad. # c.32.8

1904 03 09 c
On any evening youths of between fourteen and eighteen roam about the principal streets of Cambridge for hours. This is not an altogether innocent activity. For them the streets are not thoroughfares but a rendezvous from whence 'the temptations of our streets' proceeds. It is difficult to attract these young people to the churches; for some years a small institute with two rooms and a pantry has been open in St Andrew's Street for reading, games, boxing, Indian club exercises. It is managed by a committee of University men and its success has now emboldened them to hold lantern services in the Victoria Assembly Rooms. # c.37.9

1904 03 10
Professor Sims Woodhead, speaking on behalf of Cambridge Passive Resisters, told magistrates that they were refusing to pay their education rate as they believed the money would be applied to the teaching of religious doctrines with which as Protestants they absolutely disagreed. Supporters in the grand jury gallery and in the space usually occupied by the public applauded. # c.33.9

Thompson Cooper dies, p3

1904 03 11
County council elections, p2
Undergraduate and whisky, p3
T. Cooper obit, p3

1904 03 12
Magistrates refused to licence the Walnut Tree off-beerhouse, Impington. The house had four rooms, was thatched and in an extremely damp condition with fungus on the inside wall of the sitting room. It was not fit for habitation and even if it were properly made watertight it would not be of the annual value of £8 as required by law. A four-roomed cottage at Impington would be rented at no more than £4 a year as a private house. But no accommodation was required inside the house for drinking purposes. Negotiations had been in progress for the sale of the house, which is why no repairs had been done. # c.27.4

Shelford inquest, p4

1904 03 15
St John's College students carried out a mock funeral for an undergraduate who was ejected from the New Theatre on three occasions in one week for having infringed the rules adopted to preserve order. The college authorities decided he should be 'sent down' and his friends showed organised a process of 13 cabs which filed along the streets at funeral pace to the railway station. A halt was made outside the New Theatre to allow the travellers to indicate their disapproval of the management. During the whole journey shouts, singing and the blowing of horns was continuous. 04 03 15

1904 03 16
A meeting of Cambridge Omnibus Company shareholders was convened to receive the Liquidator's accounts. It had been impossible to sell the business as a going concern. The livestock and machinery were sold by auction for £768 but there was still a considerable deficiency. Not a single shareholder attended the meeting and the Board of Trade will be contacted to sanction the destruction of the company's books and accounts. # c.26.46

1904 03 18
Ratting is a form of amusement which dates back to the dim ages. Usually this practice is carried on in out of the way places but in Cambridge ratting parties are to be seen on Midsummer Common on Sundays. The undergraduate takes a great pride in the sporting qualities of his "dawg's" pedigree, half-bred or mongrel, and certain townees feed this pride by collecting a supply of rats for the alleged sporting dogs to worry. With stout wire cages slung on their backs the dealers await the arrival of undergraduates and then offer rats at a "bob apiece". Rat after rat is released from the cage, given half a dozen yards start, and then the dogs "course" it to its death. The slaughter over, the dead rats are piled on the common to fester and rot. # c.39 # c.19

Rag – cannonballs, p2

1904 03 21
Cambridge Property for sale: Cyprus Road – freehold terrace, sure to improve, £475. Huntingdon Road – pair of villas, £650. Ross Street – freehold terrace of five well-built houses, £1,025 the five. Searle Street – freehold terrace of four houses, £600 the four. Sedgwick Street – a terrace of five freeholds, rare investment - £1,100 the five. Sturton Street – freehold bakehouse, shop, house and stabling - £350. Suez Road – three newly-erected houses, £510 the three. – advert # c.06

1904 03 22
Big Fire at 'Belmont'. We do not think the meaning of this heading will be very clear to you: we have only put it there to attract your attention. What we really want to do is to let you know about the 'Royal Belmont' bicycles, tricycles, tradesmen's carrier tricycles and trucks built to order on the premises. Belmont Cycle and Motor Works, King Street and Belmont Place, Cambridge - advert # c.26.485

1904 03 22
Newmarket is being well catered for in the way of pictorial postcards. A delightful set of six views in colour has been issued by Mr Ernest Parr, stationer. Having seen them one can well understand the enormous success with which they have been received. The cards are selling at the rate of 250 a day. The series includes views of St Mary's church, horses returning from a morning gallop, the royal entrance to the Jockey-Club grounds and the High Street on market day # c.65.5 # POSTCARD

1904 03 22
Newmarket councillors heard a great many complaints had been made with regard to cabs loitering in the High Street and the police had difficulty regulating the traffic. Owing to the removal of the railway station a good many of the cab ranks were no longer used and the cabmen had nowhere to take their cabs. There were several charabancs and brakes in the town better than those which came from outside but they had never been able to ply for hire. They should reduce the number of hackney

carriage licences and not grant them to anybody outside twenty-mile radius. One said that after the races a whole turnout would be sold for £5, with the driver's great coat thrown in.

1904 03 23
Two Saffron Walden labourers were summonsed for being on land in search of game. PC Field said he was on duty near the Horseshoes, Wicken when he noticed one man's pocket was bulky and on searching found a rabbit on him and catapults on both defendants, together with stones. The rabbit was warm and their boots covered with mud. The men said they were going to Walden fair and picked the rabbit up on the road. They were both fined.

1904 03 24
Goods seized from the Cambridge Passive Resisters were put up for auction; of the 64 lots all but three were bought in by the owners but three pairs of new boots the property of Mr E. Haynes were knocked down for 14s. 6d. (amount due 9s.), three new albums belonging to Mr H.S. Driver were sold for 16s. (amount due 10s.) and four dozen boxes of pills which were seized from Mr Sturton were obtained for £1 – the retail value of the patent medicine would be considerably over £2. After the rowdyism of previous sales this was a deadly dull affair and most of those who assembled were too lethargic even to bid to say nothing of attacking the auctioneer or cracking a joke. # c.33.9

1904 03 25
The disgraceful state of certain roads at Cherry Hinton has become a standing grievance with the residents. But now it would appear that the roads are at last to be repaired and local grumblers will have to fall back for a subject of abuse upon the ever-changing weather. It is to be hoped the work will be pushed through with all possible despatch. Another winter with the roads in their present condition would be intolerable. # c.49.62

Clayhithe bridge, p4

1904 03 25 c
Cambridge Licensed Victuallers' Protection Association was started 14 years ago with 15 members and now they have 260. People must have drink in the shape of alcohol and they must have persons who would supply it. It was not always their fault if they got into trouble because it was impossible to see what every individual did who came into their house. But they failed to see why the persons who sat on the Bench and were known to be teetotallers should exercise their jurisdiction in dealing with licensed houses. There were people connected with the Trade quite as competent to act as magistrates who would not be so biased in favour of the Trade as the teetotallers were against it. # c.27.4

1904 03 26
There is still a doubt in scientific circles as to whether last year's epidemic in Cambridge was really small-pox or a similar disease with another name: 'Craw-craw'. A lecturer on Patho-Histology at Birmingham University has sampled some blood films and is convinced that this the disease which has been puzzling the authorities at Cambridge, Smethwick, Kidderminster and Burton-on-Trent amongst other places. # c.21.1

1904 03 26
Messrs J. Carter Jonas sold by auction an important estate in King Street, Cambridge comprising the fully-licensed public house, the Millers Arms and adjoining dwelling house and outbuildings. The pub contains beer cellars and washhouse in the basement, a large room fitted with a kitchen range, bar parlour etc now in the occupation of Messrs Bailey & Tebbutt. The business premises at the rear include a paint shop, workshop and stables whilst the house has four bedrooms. When Sussex Street is widened King Street must become an important business thoroughfare. It was acquired by Mr Nockolds at £3,700 # c.44.6 # c.27.4

Empire, p4

1904 03 28
The report of an enquiry into the repair of the fen droves at Swaffham Prior heard that the alleged public highway measured a little over four miles and formed a thoroughfare from near the village railway station to a ferry over the Cam in a hamlet called Swaffham Prior Fen, which has a post office, small chapel and population of 100 persons. The roads were set out as private byways by the Enclosure Award and had not been formally adopted as public highways so the question was whether between 1814 & 1835 there was uninterrupted use by the public. They took evidence from various witnesses and the RDC claimed they were repairable by drainage commissioners under an Act of 1853. They concluded there was no evidence to show the roads should be repaired by the inhabitants at large and recommended no action be taken by the County Council. # c.44.65

Red Cow Concert Hall

1904 03 29
It is certain that the farm motor has got a footing and much more will be heard of it before long. If prices could only be reduced somewhat a number of farmers, disgusted with the short time made by horse teams and appreciative of the advantage of being able with a fast and powerful tractor to choose favourable weather for tackling their arable, would be disposed to give motor ploughing a fair trial. Motor farming is likely to result in a more thorough cultivator of the land and not be an extension of those deplorable land-scratching and acres-grasping methods of which many pitiful examples may be seen on clay soils. Simplification of the mechanism is to be expected and it remains to be seen whether the proposed substitution of steam for petrol is wholly advantageous. # c.22

1904 03 29
The last words of the St John's College undergraduate who was sent down from Cambridge the other week were "I'll see you at the Empire". Faithful to his promise he turned up on Saturday night but was in such a drunken condition that he was promptly ejected. Even then he refused to go away and had to be forcibly moved by a policeman who conveyed him to the nearest lock-up. In court he denied he was drunk but only excited; he was fined 5s. Two other undergraduates who had been removed from the Alhambra pleaded guilty to being drunk and were also fined. # c.39

1904 03 30
Property, p3
Child labour, p5

1904 03 31
Sir – I must protest against the sanitary inspector's report on the pump on Barrington green. All the people living near it and having horses use it and have done so since the year dot. The water is not any worse now than it was then. If the inspector were to visit some of the cottages and make the owners keep them in a thoroughly sanitary condition, instead of trying to upset old customs, it would be better for the village. But there is the old story, 'I must not upset my masters', who are generally the owners – A Villager # c.24.2

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1904 04 02
Messrs Chivers propose to erect a number of model cottages for the accommodation of their workpeople. At present many of the employees live in adjoining villages and are compelled to walk to the factory each day, while others are conveyed to and from Cambridge by train. The scheme has already started; not far from the village chapel there are four cottages which occupy little more space than the ordinary dreary erection in which the working man has to make his home. But brains as well as bricks and mortar have been used in their construction. They are really miniature villas with windows of the old-fashioned lattice type and are approached through rustic gates. If the new houses are on the same scale many will cast envious eyes at Histon and its happy inhabitants

1904 04 02
On Good Friday Cambridge residents now expect their repose during the early hours of the morning to be broken by the appropriately mournful cries of the purveyors of the stodgy hot cross bun. As early as half-past four in the centre of the town the 'Two-a-penny, four-for-tuppence', pitched for the most part in a minor key, commences and continues without intermission until the disturbed sleeper in sheer desperation gives up attempted repose and descends to breakfast, at which meal the Good Friday bun is usually of more ornament than use. The custom of taking a supply of the buns shows little decline & manufacturers say there is still a good demand. As far as the weather was concerned, after the snowstorm, hail-storms and rain of Thursday, it was a pleasant surprise, but amusements were restricted by the high wind. Easter is the commencement of the season for pleasure patrons of the wheel, but few cared to face the grind of many miles in the teeth of such strong currents and the roads were but little # c.39

Small pox epidemic, p4

1904 04 04
'Tally Ho', Trumpington, p3

1904 04 04 c
There is a peculiarity common to all builders – their absurd predilection for affixing ridiculous names to the small villas which abound in the suburbs of Cambridge. I noticed three modest dwellings which flaunted the high-sounding titles of 'The Laurels', 'The Beeches' and 'The Chestnuts'. I imagined that somewhere in the vicinity would be found stately avenues of trees from which these names, suggesting of the quiet delights of the country, had been derived. But vainly did I seek the trim and shady lawns, the sweeping avenues, the flowery banks and moss-grown terraces that used to be the merest accessories of houses to which such dignified titles are customarily appended. Not only that, there was not a laurel, a beech, not a chestnut tree in sight. # c.48

1904 04 05
A new era in the chequered existence of Cambridge's second place of entertainment, the Empire in Auckland Road, has opened. Hitherto its reputation for providing entertainment has not been entirely faultless but the new programme revealed a pleasant change and there was a packed audience. Performers included an impersonator of characters in the works of Charles Dickens, the Danby-Gordon Trio who displayed a tragic interlude entitled 'The Penalty' and Miss Gladys Fontaine, a singer with a cultivated contralto voice. Two comedians amused with 'patter' and songs of 'nonsense rhymes' and music was supplied by Miss Zetti Handel's Ladies Orchestra. # c.76

1904 04 06
Treating constable, p3

1904 04 07
A memorial tablet commemorating the men of the Isle of Ely who lost their lives during the war in South Africa, 1899-1902, was unveiled at Ely Cathedral. As the hour for the service drew near it was realised that all road led to the Cathedral and both inhabitants and visitors were making their way to the building. The bugle sounded and soon the military – easily distinguished by their spic and span scarlet uniforms – dotted the main streets as they proceeded to the rendezvous for 'falling in'. Presently the sounds of martial music fell upon one's ears, telling that the Militia band, heading a large number of men, had started forth. It was a most picturesque scene, not soon to be forgotten, as the old flags of the Ely Armed Association, 1798, were carried into the cathedral. # c.45.3

1904 04 07
A few years ago such a group such as the Cambridge and Chesterton Horse Club would have been out of the question but over the last six years it had grown beyond all expectations and now has a membership of 185. All who possess horses should join: during the past year they paid £235 to 16 members who lost horses by death. The condition of horses in Cambridge and the treatment meted out

to them is much better than previously for if an owner neglected his animal he is prohibited from receiving the benefits of the club # c.19

Child in carriage, p3

1904 04 08
A few days before Christmas a young man arrived in Bristol absolutely without means but soon learned from a firm of solicitors that he was the son of the late Rev E.A. Stephens of Cambridge and entitled to a huge fortune. But the gentleman must have lived here many years ago for clergymen who have seen long service do not remember him, his name does not appear in any University calendar and even members of the police force who have proverbial long memories do not recall him. The story recalls a hoax played on a drayman who lived in Cambridge. He was informed that an uncle had died and left him a fortune so he threw up his position and went to Portsmouth to conclude the formalities, only to learn that the fabulous fortune was a myth and he had been cruelly hoaxed. # c.34.6

1904 04 08
An inquiry was held into the promotion of the Meldreth and Melbourn District Gas and Water Company Bill; it aroused a deal of opposition and at times the exchanges were of a very lively character. The present Gasworks at Melbourn were not up-to-date and with growing demand a new company had been formed who would erect new gasworks in Meldreth; there had been no objection from residents. Water supplies were obtained from the river and wells and a good supply would enhance the value of property. There would be a pumping station near Melbourn Heath Farm and a 200,000-gallon reservoir. The County Council supported the scheme but the Parish and District Councils objected # c.24.2

Workhouse romance, p3

1904 04 09
Impington Walnut Tree, p3

1904 04 11
Sir – I would like to know who is responsible for the very cold atmosphere in the Cambridge Free Library Reading Room. A few weeks ago I tried to enjoy an hour's reading, but the cold and draughts were so severe that, although a hearty vigorous man accustomed to outdoor work in all weathers, I caught a severe cold. There are three stoves in the room but I have never seen more than one alight and a radiator which is usually almost cold. In the recent cold snaps the room has been under 45 degrees all day long. There is only a little cylinder boiler about the size of a beer cask inserted in an ordinary fireplace behind the counter of the lending department. Now they have installed a ventilating fan which works at intervals which not only causes a distinct chill but the noise and vibration are maddening, resembling the sound of a motor car running round the room – 'Ouvrier' # c.77.4

1904 04 12
Bike treasure hunt, p3
Newmarket sale, p3
Wicken Fen fire, p3

1904 04 13
Meldreth shooting, p3
Earith resister sale, p3

1904 04 14
Meldreth shooting, p3
Free Library heat, p3
Ely – Prickwillow road, p4

1904 04 15
Wicken Fen has been desolated by a disastrous fire, the worst of many which have played havoc with this, the only piece of primeval fen left in England. It was caused in the same way as the others: a wax vesta, thrown away after use, did not die out and the sedge was set ablaze. Carried by the wind the fire did its deadly work. Between 30 and 40 villagers were quickly at work; after hours of hard toil they succeeded in beating out the fire with branches of trees and the conflagration was stopped at Running Water. Two gentlemen visitors who had travelled a considerable distance to search for beetles were the cause of the disaster and have offered to recompense those on whom the loss will fall but the damage to the animal life cannot be replaced. # c.44.2 # c.34.75

A.E. Stephens myth, p4

1904 04 18
Upware seems to be a favourite hunting place for the fisherman's pest, the otter. Several have been killed there of recent years and another female, weighing about 17lbs and about six years old has been added to the list. Its capture and subsequent execution occasioned an exciting scene at Swaffham sluice. Mistress Otter was resting quietly with only her head visible above the water and it was thought to be a large frog floating on the water. However she gave a leap, dived down and reappeared with a pike in her mouth. Three men commenced a hunt, cornered it and administered the coup de grace.

Hidden treasure, p3

1904 04 19
Sir - I would like to know if the Americans are going to capture the whole of the trade in small cheap cars. We have long had several of their cheap cars on the market and now appears another with a horizontal engine, where vibration is greatly reduced, being at right angles to the spring resistance of the coach work. Some may say these are but runabouts – but they run, which many other small voiturettes do not for long. They run a man to the station, run his wife out shopping in the afternoon and take both out fifty miles on a Sunday. Besides this, they only cost from £150 to £200 – Major Matson # c.26.48

Empire circus

1904 04 21
Cambridge Paving Committee received a memorial from a number of residents in the Hobson Street area calling attention to the present state of the carriage-way. They directed the Surveyor to report the cost of paving the street with wood blocks, together with the portion of St Andrew's Street from the tramway terminus. But Hobson Street was used by very few people; traffic was not half what it used to be and as the trams were likely to be electrified it would be better to wait. However a great amount of traffic came from Newmarket Road to the centre of town down King Street; very often there was a great block of traffic in Sussex Street because it was dangerous to go down Hobson Street where the pebbles were very uneven. Traffic went on dropping, and business went on dropping, simply because the street was so badly paved. # c.44.6

1904 04 21
Swaffham Bulbeck inhabitants were surprised to see a piece of land adjoining the Malting railed in and found that workmen had received orders from the property owners to fence a portion of the green. A public meeting was at once called to protest against the encroachment of Poors' Charity land. Much amusement was caused when it was discovered that the fence so hurriedly erected had been just as quickly taken down, leaving just a few stakes to mark the disputed territory. The land had long been looked upon as parish property and although the Maltings had changed hands on several occasions never before had there been a claim set up for that portion of the village green next to the Swan. # c.32.3

1904 04 22
The Cambridge Medical Officer of Health reported that during the recent small-pox epidemic 154 people had been infected of whom 15 had died. At the start the Small-pox hospital consisted of two huts with an administrative block and a caravan for the use of men employed. Subsequently an addition hut and two tents were provided to give a total accommodation of 85 beds. There was also a tent for the nursing staff, a discharge tent, a dining tent, a mortuary hut and an additional caravan for the male staff. # c.21.1

1904 04 23
Three weeks ago Messrs W. King of Bridge Street, Cambridge announced that a medallion had been secreted which would entitle the finder to one of their bicycles. Three clues were published and large numbers of people have attempted their solution. The winner was Mr C.T. Pask of Gwydir Street who read the third clue in the Cambridgeshire Weekly News and found the medallion by measuring 17 revolutions of a bicycle wheel from one end of Hauxton Bridge in a straight line, followed by one revolution to the right. # c.26.485

1904 04 23
The inhabitants of Royston had a little excitement on Wednesday evening and now have a joke good enough to last for some time. Someone noticed in the sky a reflection of what appeared to be a big fire in the direction of Fowlmere. Quickly the news spread and the firemen made all preparations and waited for the call. The glare was so great that many people walked into Royston expecting to see a large conflagration and a number of town residents journeyed to Fowlmere on bicycles and traps only to find it was caused by the burning of a heap of rubbish on Mr Beldam John's Farm

Treasure hunt, p3 *
Lordship Farm fire, p4

1904 04 28 c
The danger of wearing celluloid combs was revealed at an inquest. A young woman who wore her hair in a semi-circular comb was reading before the kitchen fire when suddenly her head became enveloped in flames. The heat of the fire had ignited the ornament, a cheap French imitation of the tortoiseshell comb. The father produced a portion of it and on the coroner applying a match there shot up a long tongue of flame. The comb did not require fire to cause it to ignite – heat was sufficient.

1904 04 28 c
A man was sitting quietly in his office in Cambridge the other day when he heard a buzzing noise and looking down he saw smoke and flame issuing from his coat tail pocket. He tore the coat from his back and succeeded, with difficulty, in putting out the flames. On investigation he found the fire had originated in a box of 'safety' matches. He admits he may have been sitting on the box but safety from friction is one of the 'safety's' strong points. The manufacturer says that the head of a match may have come into contact with the side of the box but he feels it ignited by the heat of his body and has banished them from his house, his office and his person for ever

1904 04 28
Nonconformists launched their organised opposition to the Education Act at a meeting in Victoria Road Congregational Chapel Cambridge, held instead of the usual service. They could not give their money to pay for their children to be taught doctrines they did not believe in. The State was a secular institution and should look after secular affairs. Schools should be undenominational, paid teachers should not give religious instruction – it should be given by clergymen - and church people should appoint teachers without regard to denominational test or beliefs.# c.33.9

1904 04 29

The stone laying was held of a new Wesleyan chapel being built at Old Chesterton to supersede one which has been in use for 60 years and is dilapidated and unsightly. It was first intended to erect it on Chesterton Road facing De Freville Avenue but a site in Church Street was chosen and the builders, Messrs Kerridge and Shaw have commenced operations of a simple structure capable of accommodating 150 persons together with 120 Sunday School scholars. The building was within sight of two other Christian churches but they came in the old Methodist spirit, as friends of all and the enemy of none and would not injuriously rival or detract from their work. # c.83.06

1904 04 29
Saffron Walden was roused from its normal quietude by a bellman announcing that the sale of goods of passive resisters would be held on the Market Square. The town was soon in a state of excitement and nearly 200 persons were present. Upon the auctioneer offering the first lot, a silver watch, a few moments elapsed before there was a bid of 10s, at which there was a cry of 'Shame'. The next bid was 15s when some rather unpleasant remarks were directed towards the auctioneer. The watch was eventually bought by Mr Septimus Holttum for £1 16s 6d. On the second lot being offered there were shouts of "Don't bid". It was a matter of satisfaction that out of half a dozen auctioneers in the area, not one would take on the job. # c.33.9

Duxford vicar dies, p4

1904 04 30
Mormons in Cambridge *

1904 04 30 c
At midnight Friday, the driver of a goods train from Cambridge discovered that several of his trucks were on fire. He got to Audley End station as quickly as possible when it was found that a truck of straw, another containing corn, and also one loaded with mangolds had become ignited. The burning trucks were promptly shunted on to the Walden branch siding, and strenuous efforts were made to extinguish the flames. However the trucks of wheat straw was burnt out. The corn is somewhat damaged, and also the truck containing the mangolds. # c.26.1

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1904 05 03
Sir. I should like to call attention to the nuisance existing in Gwydir Street Cambridge caused by the volumes of dense black smoke from the chimney of the brewery of Mr F. Dale. At times it is impossible to open either doors or windows without the houses being filled with smoke and dirt. The chimney shaft should be built to such a height that the smoke is not poured into the street to the injury of the heath of the inhabitants – A Lover of Pure Air # c.27.4

1904 05 03
The name and reputation of Maskelyne and Cocke, the most accomplished of wizards, was sufficient to fill the Cambridge Guildhall to overflowing. The audience experiences a certain bewilderment at the apparently supernatural occurrences on the stage, but the performance is pleasantly blended with mirthful and musical interludes that anything approaching monotony is avoided. A series of animated photographs conclude with an ingenious representation of a motor car running full tilt at the audience and both the cabinet and box tricks are worthy of their reputation. # c.39 # c.65.5

1904 05 04
The County Coroner has pointed out the stupidity of the superstition which induces people to refrain from rendering assistance to the apparently hanged or drowned person, until the arrival of the police. A labourer at Burwell found his brother hanging in his cellar and instead of cutting him down he sent for the police. In this case the unfortunate man had been dead for many hours but it is essential to render immediate aid on the supposition that life is not extinct. Many a person now dead would be alive today had this simple rule been acted upon #

c.39

Elmdon speeding, p4

1904 05 05
Councillors agreed a scheme for a mixed school for 200 boys and 200 girls in Romsey Town, Cambridge. There should be a central hall, separate entrances, playgrounds and offices and the architect should arrange his plans to allow two additional classrooms at a future time. But they did not know how the numbers in the district would be increased; this would only meet existing demands and the school should be enlarged to take 500 as this would be much cheaper in the end. # c.36.5

1904 05 06
The visit of England's greatest living actress to Cambridge New Theatre will always be regarded as an epoch for it is rare indeed that provincial audiences have an opportunity of seeing Miss Ellen Terry. Naturally the house was packed from stalls to gallery when she played Portia in 'The Merchant of Venice'. She first appeared in the third act and was given a fitting reception; the applause having died away the audience listened in a complete silence, testimony of their appreciation of her perfect elocution. Now and again the impulse to show appreciation became irresistible and the progress of the play was punctuated with outbursts of applause. # c.76

Lode drowning, p3

1904 05 07
Elly Terry illustration, p3

1904 05 09
The Association of Managers of Sewage Disposal Works inspected the Cambridge pumping station destructors where all kinds of refuse turned out from households daily, sweepings and other undesirable matter is tipped into huge trucks and burnt, giving off heat used whose steam is used to pump sewage. During winter months some 40 tons of refuse is burned each day. The disinfector was examined with interest; it was installed in 1902 and during the smallpox of 1904 was of great service in disinfecting a great number of articles using super-heated steam. They then moved to the Corporation sewage farm, Milton Road, for a practical demonstration of sewerage analysis # c.29.8

1904 05 10
The ancient custom of proclaiming Reach Fair is observed on Rogation Monday by the Mayor and Corporation of Cambridge and has the advantage of imparting pomp and circumstance it would otherwise lack, of making glad the hearts of children en route with the sprinklings of copper coin, of affording members of the Corporation pleasing relaxation from weightier cares and of increasing the profits of proprietors of pleasure fair paraphernalia, particularly those of owners of cocoanut shies. Trading in horses constitutes practically the only business part of the fair and this year the animals were in short supply. A quack paid one or two people a shilling for the privilege of extracting their unsound teeth and then did a brisk trade selling patent medicines for most of the ills of mankind # c.39 # c.27.3

Ellen Terry unwell, p3 *

1904 05 11
Hooley arrested, p3

1904 05 14
Some years ago a Wicken labourer who was remonstrated with by the parson for not sending his son to school, gave as his reason the ignorance of the schoolmaster who "actually taught his son Alf to spell 'taters' with a 'p'!" But in Fitzroy Street Cambridge we have a 'Shrit' maker (presumably a

maker of shirts) and find 'fresh fish on sail every day'. A shoemaker announces that boots are sold and heeled at reasonable prices' and nearby there is a 'wheelebarrow for sale'. Not far removed one can read that 'Horehound Bear' is on sale. # c.39

Hooley & Papworth, p2
Ashley trap, p4 *

1904 05 14 c
It is little known that the Master of Trinity College has the prerogative of remaining covered in the presence of the Sovereign and on one occasion when Queen Victoria visited Cambridge he kept his hat on. The Queen apparently did not notice the circumstances and he began to feel uncomfortable. At length he said; "Your Majesty has perhaps wondered that I should be so far lacking in respect, but Lord Kingsale in Ireland, Lord Forester in England and the Master of Trinity have a right to keep their hats on in the presence of their Sovereign". "Quite so – ahem – but not in the presence of a lady" was the Queen's freezing reply. # c.39

1904 05 17
A Waterbeach man was summoned for riding a motor bicycle in Downing Street, Cambridge, with the mark obscured. P.c. Rowlingson said he saw the number CE 110 on the front but could not see one on the back. Defendant said the number was on when he left and was there later. But it was close up to the saddle and had perhaps been obscured by his coat. The police were right to bring the case; the number was there but could not be seen. However there was no intention to obscure it and the defendant was convicted and discharged.

1904 05 17c
Sir Edmund Verney told a Cambridge conference on the Poor Law that everybody in the country hated education. The squire and the parson could not bear it. (Cries of 'No, No'.) They said 'Oh, if you teach these men they will be too independent: we don't want these independent men'. ('No.No.'). 'A farmer said to me: 'I don't want my labourers to know all I know, and the labourers' wives will come to me with tears running down their cheeks begging that their children may be allowed to work on the land and earn a little money'. Nobody could say 'No' to that. All three classes hated education. # c.32.9 # c.36.6

1904 05 18
The unexpected death of a prisoner at the Cambridge Prison occasioned the holding of an inquest. The man's name appeared to be Patrick O'Shea, though as a matter of fact he had a variety of names – Nil, Laughton, Carrington, MacDonald, MacArthur, Montmorency and Hassan Effendi. He gave his age as 45 and his occupation that of a labourer and was committed for trial for stealing money in Wisbech. Warder Andrews said he heard a noise from the cell and found the man apparently in a fit. Death was due to apoplexy. # c.34.7

1904 05 18
A fire destroyed Mrs Cornell's fishmonger's shop on Mill Road, Cambridge. It was caused through the ignition of some fat used for the purpose of frying fish. Although the shop was sparsely stocked there was sufficient inflammable material in it to make it impossible to arrest the fire in its early stages, and soon the interior was a mass of flames which rapidly penetrated through the ceiling and attacked the contents of the front room on the first floor. The alarm was given by means of the Thoday Street fire alarm and the firemen arrived within twelve minutes with the horsed fire escape and tender and prevented the flames attacking adjoining premises. # c.27.2 # c.44.6

1904 05 18
The placid life of Linton has been stirred by a rumour that the dead body of a pauper had been sold by the Master of the Workhouse to the Cambridge School of Anatomy. This was a perfectly lawful proceeding under the Anatomy Act which provides that the bodies of unclaimed paupers may be used for scientific study. The matter had been debated by the Board of Guardians who voted five for and

five against but the Chairman declined to give the casting vote. The Master had taken it upon himself to send the body to Cambridge. But it was not 'sold'. # c.32.9 # c.21.1 # c.39 # GHOST

Vagrancy, p3 *

1904 05 19
Cambridge cemetery committee considered whether to close the whole of the Mill Road burial ground. They had asked the various incumbents as to the number of grave spaces allotted to their parishes and whether it was possible to identify the graves of all persons buried there. It appeared to be dependent on the knowledge of the sexton and there was no way of identifying the position of each grave. There should be a public enquiry. But there were many timid widows who had husbands buried there and would like to be buried there too who would not go to an enquiry. Alderman Kett agreed: he would like his bones to be laid there and had six or seven unoccupied spaces for members of his family. What would an inspector care about such sentiments? He would be overruled by those fanatics of sanitary improvement. # c.21.2

1904 05 19
Cambridge Fire Brigade committee reported on the provision for extinguishing fires in large buildings and the cost of maintenance of a steam fire engine. They visited the University Library where regular fire brigade drills took place regularly, but there was no special provision for the escape of work people from business premises except in one instance where a canvas shoot had been obtained. A fire engine would cost less than £200 a year, which was less than that paid for the police imported on the occasion of the King's visit to keep order for a single night. But there was not space at the fire station to accommodate it and most of the large buildings were protected by means of private fire appliances # c.34.75

Cattle drinking trough, p3 *

1904 05 20
Linton workhouse, p3 *

1904 05 21
Knoll Cottage, Bourn was burnt down on Saturday afternoon. The fire broke out about 3pm and although the Bourn Hall Fire Engine under the direction of Mr Weightman was quickly got to work it was not until seven o'clock that the flames were subdued and by then most of the roof had fallen in. Mr & Mrs Barker are at present in India and their pretty residence had been sub-let to Mr Farquharson who takes a great interest in poultry. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a defective lamp used for heating an incubator. # c.61.7

Whitsun holidays, p3 *

1904 05 21 – 31 not checked

June 1904 CDN

1904 06 01 c
Sir – some months ago when estimates were presented to the District Council for a new iron footbridge in Horn Lane, Linton the District Surveyor offered to do the work for less than the lowest tender. This was accepted and the old wooden bridge was pulled down. But since then the thoroughfare which is almost as much frequented has the High Street has been impassable. On going down it I was confronted with a notice saying 'No footpath'. This I cannot understand as the path is there all right, but no bridge. I hope this will not continue indefinitely – 'Lintonian' # c.44.75

1904 06 01

There has been a sequel to the hostile demonstration by the village of Hardwick against their rector. Although nearly a year has elapsed since the eventful evening on which members of his flock marched down to their shepherd's abode and expressed their unfavourable opinion of the occupants by beating improvised tom toms the influence of that episode still disastrously infects the village. The Rector recently gave notice to the occupiers of allotments on the glebe land and the impression is prevalent that it is because of their refusal to attend church. The number of the congregation has dwindled and now only eight attend Sunday worship with the others holding services in a dilapidated cottage on the outskirts of the village. # c.82

1904 06 02
Chesterton Wesleyan chapel sale, p3 *

1904 06 03
Dant's ferry danger, p3
Cemetery opened, p3
Over libel, p3

Fire in Messrs Bell and Son's premises in Wheeler Street, an ancient building used as a corn and seed merchants premises for two or three centuries. Police constable Winter noticed fire and smoke at 4.30 am and gave the alarm. The hose reel from the Guildhall was affixed to a hydrant and a stream of water directed on the burning building. Firemen appeared on the scene with the horsed fire-escape and tender but the building of three floors and constructed largely of lath and plaster was burning fiercely. The flames leapt high through the roof and shot out through the windows. In a very short time the roof fell in with a crash and all hope for saving the property was destroyed. The efforts of 28 firemen and 15 police was directed towards preventing the spread of the fire to the adjoining property. The cause of the outbreak is unknown. There had been unusual activity among the rats and mice in the old premises, now taken as a sign that the fire had got a good hold on Sunday evening. The damage was extensive. The fire and second floors, used for the storage of fodder and seed were nearly burnt out, the ground floor and offices were severeley damaged by smoke. The basement and the top floor and a small part of the roof of the 'Bell' public house were damaged by water as were the contents of the tobaconnist's shop at the end of Wheeler Street occupied by Mr Canham. The window frames of the Cambridge Free Library were slightly damaged by the heat. 04 06 03

1904 06 04
Newmarket White Hart, p3

1904 05 09
Lt Downham fire, p3

1904 06 10

1904 06 10
An important property sale was conducted at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge. Several lots were offered including the Wesleyan Chapel at Old Chesterton which, however, was not sold. The brick-built building with a class room at the rear was withdrawn at £165. A plot of building land opposite De Freville Avenue fetched £285; the residence 'Sepha Villa', Lyndewode Road was withdrawn at £640 and a modern family residence known as 'Lucerne' on Hills Road with gardens of a quarter of an acre was withdrawn at £725. Winthingham House, 199 Chesterton Road with gardens and a coach house was withdrawn at £1,850 but a University lodging house at no.9 Malcolm Street, licensed to let three sets (two at £11 and one at £7) sold for £355

1904 06 10
A serious accident occurred following the 'Mays'. After the half-past six race there is usually a scramble from the course to the boat-yards and collisions are frequent. But when a steamer and pleasure craft collide the consequences are unpleasant for the occupants of the smaller boats. Two of

these were overturned and their eight occupants, including ladies, were precipitated into the water but happily all were rescued. One lady excited admiration for her cool behaviour in a perilous position and managed to climb into one of the small craft. # c.26.3 # c.38 : rowing

1904 06 10
Professor Darwin was summonsed for riding a bicycle on the footpath on Coe Fen. Pc Ridgewell said he had got off when he spoke to him but then mounted his bicycle and rode off. The Professor said he thought he had better get off the common as quickly as possible and it never occurred to him that he should walk. He had ridden the path for ten or twelve years and had never been spoken before. He was fined five shillings. # c.26.485

1904 06 10
Cambridge Victoria Cricket Club celebrated its jubilee. From as far back as 1855 there are complete histories of matches played. The first took place between teams captained by Mr Goody and Mr Merry. In 1859 an All England XI played 22 of Cambridge Town on Parker's Piece, five of whom were from the Victoria Club. In the early 1860's there was keen rivalry with village of Abington who possessed a very decent eleven composed of people gathered from surrounding places such as Linton, Hinxton and even Cambridge. The Victorians were so keen they played cricket whenever the opportunity offered, even on ice when 'the ball was returned very quickly and a number of men run out' # c.38 : cricket

May Week, p3, p4

1904 06 10 c
An extraordinary story has been going the rounds that a large sum of money has been found in a house sold after the death of its occupant. The house in question is 79 Regent Street, Cambridge and the occupant was C.J. Drage, recently deceased. Furniture and plate came under the auctioneers hammer and the house itself put up for auction. After the sale it was said that money, in far larger amount than an even wealthy gentleman would ordinarily keep in his house, was accidentally discovered. The solicitors for the executors does not confirm the truth or otherwise of the rumours but I understand that a 'find' of some sort was really made. # c.39

1904 06 11
During 'May' Week the permanent part of the population takes much coin of the realm from the floating part but this year visitors seemed likely to be well down because of the weather. Then on Thursday sunbeams brought a large number of visitors bringing with them awe-inspiring loads of luggage. Airy dresses of muslin and chiffon and a boating excursion are inseparable to the feminine. They were very comfortable during the all-too-brief spell of sunshine but then the ladies grew colder and colder until in desperation they gratefully accepted loans of jackets and even overcoats from their male escorts. Thus the racing was not as picturesque as it might have been. # c.36.9 # c.39

1904 06 11 c
Cambridge University Polo Club commenced their May Week activities with a polo pony show, the first held by the club. A driving competition through posts separated from the wheels of the vehicles by only two inches was productive of some amusement as some competitors used hansoms and one a large brake. Ladies took part and the first prize was obtained by Miss de Freville. Later a fair number of spectators watched the polo tournament and had the satisfaction, or otherwise, of listening to amorous melodies rendered by Pierrots whose accompaniment proceeded from a harmonium. # c.38 : polo

1904 06 13
The list of candidates who have been sitting for the order of merit competition in the Mathematical Tripos will be published tomorrow morning. The interest is just as great as in past years and the utmost eagerness prevails as to who will win the Blue Ribbon in Mathematics. The Colonies are not supplying so many candidates; India is represented, but Sanhara Balaji Dhavle, of Kelhpur is not

likely to emulate Paranjpye, the Senior Wrangler of five years ago. Ireland in G. Leatham of Belfast has a candidate of the strongest credentials while the North of England has a formidable array of mathematicians. One of the most striking features is the number of candidates who were at Board and Elementary Schools, including the Trachtenberg twins, who are Jews, who were at Higher Grade Schools. #
c.36.9

1904 06 13
The Rev N.W. Shelton, vicar of Old Chesterton and his party, half-a-dozen in all, met with an unpleasant experience at the 'Mays'. The party, in an ordinary rowing boat, had left the scene of the action and arrive, after the usual difficulty, at the Pike and Eel ferry where their progress was barred for a time. During the period of waiting a big houseboat, towed by a horse, 'crashed' into the boat which it sunk and precipitated the occupants into the water. After a short period of excitement the party, which included several ladies, were landed safely on the houseboat, which proceeded on its course. It is an abominable shame that these large houseboats are allowed to travel on the river when it is crowed with smaller craft. It was going at from six to seven miles an hour and was in charge of a small boy on a horse. # c.26.3

1904 06 13
A father and son were summonsed for using lime for the purpose of taking wild birds at Saffron Walden. Pc Fell said he saw them placing twigs with lime upon them upon the bank under a hedge. When he approached they let linnets fly out of a cage. Defendants said they were sparrows but he was positive they were linnets. It was a cruel thing to take birds in that way and the father should not take his boy out again for the purpose, but let him get his living in a respectable manner. # c.19

1904 06 14
Cambridge people always delight to honour distinguished townsmen and we congratulate Mr O.H.B. Starte for his brilliant display in the Mathematical Tripos. It is not often that a townsman, and a son of a townsman, gains such high honours in the University and his success will prove a very popular one. He was a foundation scholar of the Perse Grammar School and entered Clare with a scholarship. Now he has crowned his brilliant career by coming in as fifth wrangler. Such honour gained by a Cambridge man trained in a Cambridge scholastic institution should increase the affection for their native town which all Cambridge residents feel. # c.36.9

1904 06 14
It is not often that a school attracts the attention of the burgling fraternity but the Cambridge and County Boys' school on Hills Road has done so. The intruders obtained entrance by forcing open the door of a bicycle shed and got into the school kitchen where they forced a drawer which contained money. The headmaster's bicycle, which was also in the kitchen, the intruders punctured by sticking a fork into each tyre. They then made their way upstairs to the masters' room and each locker was plundered. In all their haul consisted of £1 16s in coppers, a corduroy tobacco pouch with the initial 'C' worked upon it, a light waterproof overcoat and a cap. Several burnt wax matches and the stump of a cigarette were left behind by the burglars. No arrest has yet been made. # c.36.5

1904 06 15
One day only. The one exhibition in the world that has no counterpart: Buffalo Bill's Wild West and congress of Rough Riders of the World headed and personally introduced by Col W.F. Cody, 'Buffalo Bill'. Three special trains, 500 horses, 800 people. 100 Redskin braves including the famous warriors of the Sioux, Ogallallas, Brutes, Uncapappas, Cheyenne and Apache tribes in Indian pastimes and war dances. Includes the Battle of Little Big Horn, Custer's last rally. The vast arena illuminated at night by special electric light plants. The entire grand programme will positively be presented twice daily (Rain or Shine). Dennis James' Fields, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge. Friday June 24th – Advert. # c.76

1904 06 15 c

See Buffalo Bill, the master exponent of horseback marksmanship in his wonderful exhibition of shooting while riding a galloping horse. Introducing the pioneers of the plains who tell the story of the progress in the great drama of civilisation by pictures of border life. The stage coach 'hold-up'. Cowboys' 'round-up'. Riding wild bucking broncos. Indian war dances. Attack on the Emigrant train. The intrepid cowboy cyclist. Imperial Japanese troupe in ancient and modern war drill. Mexican Vanqueros. South American Gauchos. Cuban Patriots. – Advert # c.76

1904 06 15 c
On Friday Cambridge is to be visited by Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Congress of Rough Riders. Beside the usual features of the show including Indian war dances, riding of wild bucking horses and a realistic scene of General Custer's last battle there will be a thrilling and daring bicycle feat of descending from a height of 85 feet and cycling through the air over a chasm of 41 feet, perhaps the most spectacular and dangerous of all bicycle novelties. # c.76

1904 06 15 c
The unique character of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show was reflected in the character of the audiences, immense in number which the two Cambridge performances drew. Staid college professors, busy professional men and members of the clergy formed not an inconsiderable number of those who watched the performance with as much interest as the most ingenious juvenile and applauded as loudly as any. It is not everybody who has the opportunity to seeing a cowboy in his characteristic costume but the representation of incidents that have long since become historic were most interesting. There is no Deadwood coach now except in Colonel Cody' show and pony express riding has been superseded by the trans-continental railroad and the telegraph but he preserves the ancient method of carrying letters for the benefit of another age. Cambridge people thoroughly appreciated the visit.

1904 06 15 c
A terrible fatality occurred on a farm at Catley Park, Linton where a steam cultivator of Messrs Pamplin Bros of Cherry Hinton was at work pulling in a field. There was a large steam traction engine at each end of the field and the great boiler of one of them suddenly burst without the slightest warning with portions of the engine sent flying in all directions. The driver was caught by a piece of iron about the breast but is not seriously injured. A water cart was standing near under the charge of a farm workman who was struck on the head and killed on the spot. Portions of debris were found more than 200 hundred yards away. The thick iron boiler was broken and twisted into all shapes and little of the engine was left intact. # c.26.48

1904 06 16
Cambridge Town Council honoured Alexander Peckover, Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire with the Freedom of the Borough in recognition of his services to Cambridge and his munificence to Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Eastern Counties Asylum at Colchester which has made his name a household word in the neighbourhood. The address was enclosed in an ebony casket supplied by Messrs Cole of Market Street on which was a silver plate. It was, said Peckover, something he would value very highly. The casket would go down as an heirloom to his daughter. # c.35.7

1904 06 16
Cambridge Library committee referred to the recent fire on Peas Hill and the destruction of the premises adjacent to the library. But for the skill of the fire brigade the reading room must have been destroyed and the contents lost. The accumulation of books, pictures and scarce literature could never be replaced. Now the old dilapidated buildings should be cleared away and a more appropriate building erected. Next year they would celebrate the jubilee of the opening of the library and the appointment of Mr Pink as Librarian. The Library Association should be invited to hold their annual meeting at Cambridge, free of charge. #c.34.75 # c.44.6 # c.77.4

1904 06 16

The inquiry into the Linton traction engine boiler explosion heard from Elijah Pamplin the proprietor of the Cherry Hinton firm. They had purchased the engine in 1895 from the Oxford Steam Plough Company and it was not new then. It had been thoroughly overhauled and was repaired each winter. He had inspected the inside of the boiler himself and no new plates were needed. It was doing ordinary work and the steam gauges had indicated 120 lbs pressure. The bracket which supported the winding drum had been torn away from the boiler but he could not say whether it had burst at this place. The firm had done everything possible to prevent danger or injury. The jury reached a verdict of accidental death. A formal Board of Trade investigation will be held. # c.26.48

1904 06 17
Linton inquest, p3
Duxford King's Head, p3

1904 06 17 ES
The Post Office telephone exchange was opened during the past week at Ely; twenty-one subscribers have already been found – 29 06 14(3) ES

1904 06 18
A series of picture postcards showing the results of the fatal explosion of the traction engine at Linton has been issued by Mr S.F. Talbot. They illustrate the terrible force of the explosion. The heavy engine was torn in sunder as if it had been paper and huge pieces of metal were thrown many yards. Looking at the photographs of the wreck one can only marvel how the driver escaped with his life – it was the driver of a water cart that was killed. # POSTCARD

Haverhill butcher, p4

1904 06 20
St Andrew the Great church, Cambridge, has been thoroughly renovated and the congregation sat within spotless walls, under a roof which afforded no resting place for the busy manufacturer of webs and in an atmosphere suggestive of spring cleaning. The dignified furniture shines anew, the walls are nicely painted and distempered, the windows (coloured and plain) admit the full quota of light. Gas has given way to electric light and there is a sermon switch which will turn off the current from two-thirds of the lights. The organ has been removed from the west gallery and will be placed on the south side of the choir, at present it is in London and a harmonium sufficed for the Sunday services. # c.83.01

1904 06 21
Buffalo Bill, p4 *

1904 06 21 c
At the death of Queen Victoria, a little more than three years ago, the Mayor of Cambridge started a subscription to provide a memorial. Plans for a substantial improvement at the hospital had to be abandoned but they agreed to procure a bust of the Queen from Thomas Brock. It was a magnificent work of art by one of the leading sculptors of their generation which the Corporation would always treasure. It would be an ornament to the Guildhall and retain an honourable position in that building as long as it lasted and then take a more distinguished position in more sumptuous surroundings. # c.02 # c.35.7

1904 06 23
Buffalo Bill, p3

1904 06 24
The Midsummer Fair brought its usual amusements but the cinematograph held undisputed sway: it is the autocrat which swallows hundreds of 'tuppences' and is always ready for more. It was patronised liberally and showed some very excellent representations of national and local life. War pictures form

no inconsiderable part of the programme and among the turns of local interest were views of the May Races and the boiler explosion at Linton. In other respects it was much as other times. A good deal of space was occupied by stalls filled with souvenirs of gaudy hue, swing boats, coconut shies, vending machines of more or less domestic utility and a long array of refreshment saloons. # c.27.3

1904 06 24
Young people in Linton are being driven out of the village by their inability to secure a house to live in. But the prospect of doing anything is very shadowy indeed; the greater part of the land is in the possession of two owners neither of whom seem disposed to do much. Now the R.D.C. proposes to erect ten cottages to be rented for half-a-crown a week. This would relieve pressure on the present accommodation which is overcrowded to a degree few people would believe. Some of the houses are like rabbit hutches and 16-year-old boys and girls had to sleep in the same room together. At least ten cottages were so unsanitary they were unfit for human habitation but to condemn them would only intensify the problem. # c.23

1904 06 25
Newmarket accident, p3
Billiards match, p3
Passive resistance, p3
Lodgings, p3
Bike terror, p4 *
Buffalo Bill, p4 *

1904 06 25 c
Now Midsummer Fair is over again it is appropriate to consider how much the carnival costs Cambridge. The switchback, roundabout and show proprietors were taking money as quickly as they could. One machine carried an average of 60 persons and as it travelled for a minute at intervals of half a minute the takings must have averaged £10 an hour, multiplied by five to give the total for one evening. The thirteen coconut shies were in charge of impulsive maidens whose invitation, “Ave a shy, my dear” must have been almost irresistible. There were 20 drinking booths on Horse Fair Day when an immense amount of drink was consumed. Adding it all together it comes to £645 an evening to say nothing of the amount expended during the afternoons # c.27.3

1904 06 27
Haverhill water polo, p4

1904 06 28
Newmarket Road Tabernacle, p3

1904 06 29
For a week a sturgeon estimated from eight to 15 feet has disported itself at Over Staunch and successfully resisted all efforts at capture. Vicious lunges with iron-headed quants or poles have failed to reach it, rifle shots have gone astray and a supply of harpoons have proved of no avail. Meanwhile visitors to the staunch are increasing in number. A doctor was making his way when his boat behaved in a most unaccountable way. It tilted and rolled and when the startled occupant saw it was a huge fish which had caused the commotion there was no more pleasure in boating that day. # c.38 : fishing

Vanishing tradesmen, p3

1904 06 30
Linton explosion, p3 *
Accident garage, p3

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1904 07 01
Cherry Hinton Free Church, p4

1904 07 02
Newmarket Road cemetery, p3
Midsummer Fair, p3 *
May Ball, p3 *
Children exams, p4

1904 07 04
Sir – why was it necessary to have 20 drinking booths at Midsummer Fair? No reasonable person can contend they were all required. The licences have to be applied for and the magistrates appear to be too faint-hearted to deny one applicant what they grant to another. I am concerned that either through their negligence or the apathy of temperance people the annual pleasure fair should become a drinking debauch. There was practically a whole street of drinking saloons. Apart from their presence being a strong incentive to a serious amount of unnecessary drinking this is unfair to the public houses in the vicinity who would have done an increased trade in a legitimate way for a few days. – Disappointed # c.27.3 # c.27.4

Priests first mass, p3
St Ives memorial, p3

1904 07 05
An inquiry into the proposed closure of Mill Road cemetery, Cambridge heard objections from several parishes. The All Saints portion would not be absolutely full for another 23 years and was as sanitary as any other. There were 142 spaces available for Holy Sepulchre and 120 for St Paul's parish which was strongly opposed to closure. The Rev E.C. Pearce of St Bene't's said there were 60 vaults and brick graves likely to be used again; he had never seen remains exposed when a new grave had been made. At St Edward's there had been 47 interments in the last 10 years, 23 of which were not parishioners and had no right to burial in the ground & there was space for another 120 graves. But St Michael's parish only had space for 50 # c.21.2

1904 07 06
Mill Road cemetery, p2

1904 07 07
Police problem, p2

1904 07 08
Gt Wilbraham Baptist chapel was re-opened for worship. The building, which as far from an imposing appearance, has greatly benefited by the process of renovation and the interior now looks clean and tidy. The walls have been effectively treated with pale blue and the seats nicely varnished by members of the Village Preachers Association who took it over ten years ago. The place then was more like a prison than anything else. It was very old and dilapidated, there were little windows and a deep gallery and the seats were anything but comfortable. # c.82.05

1904 07 08 ES
While excavating on a site for some news houses at Town-end March, some workmen came across a quantity of human bones in a decayed state. There were no signs of any coffin, but, from the appearance of the bones that were unearthed, they are believed to be part of a skeleton of a full-grown person. Portions of the skull were found, and the lower jaw, with 16 teeth fairly well preserved, was intact. The other bones indicated that the person was buried with the hands and arms above the head – 29 07 12 ES

1904 07 08 ES
The promoters of the scheme for the erection of a bridge over the river at Guyhirn do not appear to be meeting with the success that was at first anticipated. The Isle of Ely County Council have practically refused to assist them in any way, and an application for a grant from the Holland County Council has been treated in the same manner. The estimated cost of the bridge was stated to be £3,800, and it would be of great benefit by opening another road between South Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire – 29 07 12 ES

1904 07 09
Horse sun bonnet, p4 *
Houghton Mill, p4

1904 07 09 c
Mr F.B. Kelly has retired as District Manager of the Great Northern Railway at Cambridge after 55 years' service. He began at Lincoln when the railway began to compete with a boat that used to ply between Lincoln and Boston. Instead of seeking to attract custom by providing a more comfortable means of travelling they decided that anything cheap, though nasty, would do. They provided fourth-class carriages which had neither seats nor covering and packed them in like so many sheep. He also recalls the better type of carriage that was modelled on the stage coach and remembers how before the introduction of vans luggage used to be piled on the top of the carriages and covered over with a sheet. # c.26.2

1904 07 12
King at Peterborough, p3

1904 07 13
The King visited Newmarket Workhouse and made a tour of the building which has been recently reconstructed at a cost of £23,000. When in the kitchen he remarked upon the superiority of that room over the one in existence when he previously visited as Prince of Wales in 1895. He threw out suggestions of a practical nature, notably that the iron building used as an inspection ward should be covered with creepers and that the slab over a stove in one of the rooms should be rounded off, his Majesty having caught his foot against the corner whilst passing. A stable lad, an infirmary patient, came in for some attention and at the King's request he played a selection on his mandolin. & 14th p2 # c.02 # c.32.9

1904 07 13
The bandstand erected at Newmarket in commemoration of the coronation of King Edward VII was opened. Considerable difficulties had been experienced with regard to the site but with the consent of the Jockey Club it was erected on the Town Corner of the Severals. It is in the usual style and painted white relieved with the King's racing colours of red and blue. It was decorated with small flags and illuminated when darkness came on by means of electric lights, a number of the globes of which pore portraits of the King and Queen.

1904 07 13 c
Few realise the lavish expenditure on the May Balls held in Cambridge Corn Exchange. After the corn merchants have vacated the building on the Saturday evening a small army of workmen take possession. They labour until midnight when the advent of the Sabbath and the strict rules governing municipal buildings shut them out for 24 hours. With the first hour of Monday morning they re-enter and by eight that evening the place is transformed into an artistic ballroom through which not a vestige of the prosaic Corn Exchange is seen. What of the cost? There is not less than £2,000 worth of goods in the ball room; add to that the cost of utilising the Guildhall as a supper room and include the china and plates for the supper and you have a total of some thousands of pounds to provide our moneyed visitors with an evening's entertainment. # c.36.9

1904 07 14

The Waterbeach Passive Resistance sale was entirely devoid of the buffoonery that characterised similar events in Cambridge. It was the outcome of the refusal of Mr Mark Wyatt and his sons, of Chittering, to pay the Education rate. The amount of the distraint was £4 for which two coombs of corn was seized. This was conveyed to the village green and sold by auction to the highest bidder. The proceedings attracted a good many villagers and the singing of the hymn 'Oh God our help in ages past' preceded the sale. Mr Wyatt was a quiet, peaceable, law abiding and god-fearing man. He had been taken into a police court, charged with violating the law, his goods had been seized by force and sold publicly in order that the outraged majesty of the law should be satisfied. # c.331904

1904 07 15
A small private fishery near Ely has become infested with otters. They afford no sport as they cannot be hunted by dogs, to track them in reeds and water is impossible, and they are too cunning to be outwitted in any way. As fish are seriously thinned the holder of the fishery placed himself in a likely spot with a gun. At dusk there was a great deal of crashing among the reeds and two or three large animals began chasing each other in the water. More joined and there was a general plunging and diving all round. Kneeling in the boat the fisherman found one brute with a widely distended mouth close to his elbow, the gleam of the teeth was quite ferocious. That such shy animals should show signs of attacking can only be accounted for by the mating season.

1904 07 15 ES
Good swimmers are numerous in March and it is surprising that no swimming club exists. There are comfortable shed and a good basin at the west end of the town but what is absolutely necessary is cleaner water. A few pounds spend cleaning out the weeds, the mud and filth for about fifty yards would never be missed, and it would be conferring a boon on all bathers. At times the smell of the water is offensive – 29 07 19 ES

1904 07 16
Shopkeepers are urged to ensure that their sun blinds are sufficiently high. Two well-dressed ladies were passing along the footpath of a certain Cambridge thoroughfare and were shielding themselves from the glare of the sun beneath a parasol, when suddenly the sunshade was dragged from the lady's hand, and came in contact with the other lady's hat, with the result that the head gear was torn with considerable force from its resting place and fell upon the pavement. The most unfortunate part of the whole affair was that not only the hat but the hair became enfastened and fell at the wearer's feet. The lady looked what most men would have said. # c.27.2 # WOMEN

De Freville, p2
Hot weather, p4
Garden robbery, p4

1904 07 19
Cambridge New Theatre had a poor year. The depression affected the well-to-do people who sent their sons up to University and naturally young men were warned not to be extravagant about his amusement. The theatre being the chief amusement it was the first thing the undergraduate cut off. The New Theatre endeavoured to spend as much money as possible with local tradesmen but they went to London for their amusements, which was very hard lines. Several companies cancelled their engagements but good companies with people like Ellen Terry had been unable to half-fill the theatre which spoke very badly for the taste of the Cambridge audience. # c.76

1904 07 21
Royston passive resisters, p3

1904 07 23
Cottenham is proud of its sturdy boys but would much rather that the youths should demonstrate the strength of their arms on other material than the school windows. Recently nearly 40 panes of glass were discovered to be smashed. There had been a stone-throwing competition among the lads whose

correctness of aim did them more credit than their disregard for public property. The names of some of the culprits are known but fines would punish the parents rather than the boys. A stout application of the birch, or homely cane, would probably fulfil the requirements of the case.

1904 07 23
Isleham band furnishes a striking example of what can be accomplished by steady and determined work. It was only formed a year ago but has become an important and appreciated institution. Its members have had to work hand and faced their first public performance on the occasion of the Harvest Festival last October with trepidation. Recently they have given short open-air sacred concerts on the green on Sunday evenings after the services at the various places of worship. It is to be hoped that their success will stir up the inhabitants of other villages.

1904 07 23
Four Passive Resisters from Toft appeared before the magistrates for non-payment of their poor rate. Joseph Worboys, a builder, said: "I am a Passive Resister, and my father is not, or rather he does not want the bother of it". The 1902 Education Act was made for the benefit of one religious party and he objected to supporting a doctrine to which he was opposed. The State did not ought to have anything to do with the religious convictions of the people. It was a damnable Act of Parliament. The magistrates understood and said the remedy was to get the law changed, but he had to pay in the meantime. # c.33

Moat Farm fatality, p3*
Cottenham windows, p3 *

1904 07 25
Residents in Cambridge were among the witnesses of a race between two balloons which started from the Crystal Palace. The first, named the Norfolk, contained Mr C.F. Pollock, D. Lloyd and J.T.C. Moore Brabazon and the second, the Aero Club No.1 contained the Hon C.S. Rolls, a former Cambridge man, Prof Huntingdon and Mr Frank Butler. Mr Pollock obtained a lead of several miles by trailing – keeping very low and trailing a rope along the ground – but this could not be done for long as a village had to be 'jumped'. When approaching Bottisham it was very near the ground and a number of cyclists awaited the descent; their hopes were doomed when the occupants threw out a quantity of ballast and ascended to a good height. A safe landing was effected near Ely for one balloon and the second was captured by a motor that was sent to chase it. # c.26.1

1904 07 25
Two young ladies visited Cambridge as part of a tour in a coster's cart. Arriving at Ye Olde Castel Hotel they attracted a large crowd as much for their costume as their conveyance. They wore holland dresses, large sun hats, sandals and were without stockings. Needless to say the sight of such attire created astonishment among the hotel staff which increased when the travellers requested a bed for a donkey as well as themselves. Their departure next morning was attended by a great crowd who minutely examined the East End turn out, the cooking stove and the harness of the donkey which would not have been despised in the Old Kent Road. # WOMEN

1904 07 25
The publication of Mr John Sweeney's book 'At Scotland Yard' recalls one of the most sensational tragedies Cambridge has known. The detective mentions the arrest and subsequent death of the swindler who styled himself 'Dr Sinclair Roland' and resided at a well-furnished, expensively-rented house called Edenfield in Trumpington Road. It had been chosen for its security from observation and general utility as a hiding place. There was an elaborate system of cupboards and secret passages by which he could hide or escape. But the police blocked every exit, a systematic search was made and a secret panel discovered where the man was found. He called for a glass of water and fell dead, having taken poison which he carried in a ring. # c.34.6

Tragedy recalled, p3 *

1904 07 26
Horseheath accident, p3 *
Floods, p3

1904 07 28
William Bond, p3

1904 07 29
The quietude of Ely was rudely disturbed by news of a shocking tragedy enacted on Back Hill, one of the most peaceful parts of the old City. A bricklayer's labourer twice shot at his neighbour with a double-barrelled gun, the bullets going through her left breast and causing such deadly wounds that she shortly afterwards expired. He then coolly walked into his own house and shot himself through the head. The murder caused the greatest sensation, news spread with rapidity to all parts and the place of the ghastly murder, the humble home of a cottager, became the scene of the greatest excitement Ely has known for years, particularly evinced by the arrival on the scene of several photographers. # c.34.6

Barkway lightning, p3

1904 07 29 c
Numbers of people who saw a lady at Coe Fen on Sunday evening with nothing on her head but a large quantity of woman's crowning glory, imagined her to be one of the enthusiastic hygienic faddists known as the hatless brigade. Her courageous defiance of custom aroused much admiration inspired by her profuse and glistening golden locks. The belief that the new custom of going hatless had found followers is however groundless. The prosaic explanation is that lady had left a boat, in which her headgear was, and walked along the Coe Fen path to the bridge to avoid passing through the bathing place. # WOMEN

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1904 08 02
Mammoth Show, p2 *

1904 08 04
Linton explosion inquiry, p2 *
UFO, p2 *

1904 08 05
Linton explosion judgement, p2 *

1904 08 05 c
The spell of hot weather has been followed by thunderstorms. At Needingworth the end of a cottage in the occupation of James Allgood was struck by lightning, bursting the wall open. The window panes were broken and the house was much shaken. The current passed through the bedroom and descended to the room underneath where Mr Allgood was sitting opposite the door. He was struck senseless. His wife was sitting near the window at the sewing machine wearing a steel thimble on her

finger. She was struck on the right side and at first it was thought the shock had killed her. Both were put to bed and are progressing favourably. # c.12

1904 08 06
The current issue of the 'Strand Magazine' possesses a special interest for Cambridge people since the town has furnished Sir Arthur Conan Doyle with material for his latest Sherlock Holmes story, The Missing Three-quarter. It concerns the disappearance of a member of the Cambridge University rugger team on the eve of the annual match against Oxford. Holmes is supposed to visit Cambridge, residing in an inn next to a bicycle shop; he explores Histon, Oakington and Waterbeach before the final scene of the story is set in a lonely cottage in a field near Trumpington. # c.76

1904 08 06
Attendance at public bodies bear the mark of the exodus. Chesterton Urban District Council was reduced to three members and a chairman. The clerk was away on holiday. With him went the keys which keep the Council's documents away from prying eyes so when the minutes came up for confirmation there were no minutes to confirm. Then the seal could not be had because it too was under lock and key. However the business of the Council was not impeded # c.35.3

1904 08 09
Littleport suicide, p3

1904 08 10
Royston town council was told some ten or twelve persons had purchased land in Green Street and it was only fair to them to have a good road. At the same time lighting should be provided and the Gas Company instructed to lay on the necessary services. But the Tradesmen's Club objected. They were the largest owners of land in the street. The houses had neither gas nor water, just the sewer and it would be better to wait until the mains had been laid. In the event of more building the road would have to be opened to connect these services and leave scars on the surface

Workhouse inspection, p3

1904 08 13
Grantchester theft, p3

1904 08 15
Mrs Sarah Ann Edwards told the Soham court that she had several occupations and besides being a midwife and a washerwoman, prepared dead bodies for burial. She purchased a pony and lent it to her husband who went to Fordham with it. He got very drunk and went to the Windmill where the made a bargain for the pony with William Harlock. It was taken from the cart and replaced by another one. This was a broken-down creature, only fit for the knacker's yard. When her husband got home she went in search of her own animal and found it in the Ely pig market. Harlock said he had bought it from her husband # c.21.1

1904 08 16
Motor cycle trials, p3

1904 08 17
March school, p3
Death from cut foot, p3 *

1904 08 18
Members of the British Association meeting in Cambridge witnessed the making of scientific instruments, the process of lithography, the making of cement and the method of cleaning the interiors of buildings by the Eastern Counties Vacuum Cleaner Company. By the operation of their machinery the whole of the dust contained in a building, saturating its carpets, clinging to inaccessible portions

of its furniture and permeating its curtains and draperies, is removed entirely. At present expense is an obstacle but the company intends to institute a method by which a series of rooms can be cleaned at one time, minimising the expense of conveying machinery backwards and forwards. Medical men taking part in the present scientific pilgrimage will find themselves well rewarded by a visit to the exhibition. # c.10

1904 08 20
The visit of the British Association has affected Cambridge. Hotels and tradesmen – particularly butchers and confectioners – are busy, public servants are feeling the pressure, notably pressmen, postal officials and police. Almost every important daily paper has a special representative and to cope with the labours of these journalists four Wheatstone telegraphic machines have been installed at the Post Office # c.27.9

1904 08 22
Harston passive resistance, p3

1904 08 24
Evidence of the lack of cottages at Saffron Walden was illustrated when magistrates were asked by the Town Council to eject four cottagers from their homes in Faireycrof Road as they were required for demolition for street improvements. The residents said they were willing to get out but had tried all over the town to get houses and could not find any. Under the circumstances they did not know what to do. Magistrates said they had to grant the orders but the residents should not be turned out until other cottages had been found.

1904 08 25
The Local Government Board have decided to close those parts of Mill Road cemetery which are assigned to the parishes of St Andrew the Less, St Mary the Less and St Botolph but say there is no need for the protection of public health for other areas to be closed. The three portions will be sealed while in the rest of the burial ground interments will continue as usual. This is in accordance with the deep feelings expressed at the inquiry where representatives of the other parishes had protested strongly against their grounds being closed, with the single exception of the Rev Wood who was acting in direct opposition to the wishes of his parishioners. His ‘aesthetic’ vapourings were appreciated by the Inspector for their true worth. # c.21.2

1904 08 25
The 1904 meeting of the British Association is over, our distinguished visitors have departed from our midst, and we are settling quietly down to the dreary dullness of what remains of the Long Vacation. It has been a memorable week. Considered numerically and socially the meeting has been one of the most successful they have ever held. In no other town could greater hospitality have been offered than that displayed in Cambridge; all the important buildings – municipal and university were placed at their disposal. Garden parties and receptions were as plentiful and bounteous as even the most frivolous of savants could desire. # c.27.9

1904 08 27
Waterbeach fire engine, p3
Balfour on foot, p4 *
Wooden blocks, p4

1904 08 29
Motor cycle trials, p4 *

1904 08 30
Price of bread, p3 *

1904 08 31

Advertising, p2 & p3 *
Diamond hunt, p3 *

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1904 09 01
King interviewed, p3 *

1904 09 02
Cambridge has had more than its fair share of tragedies. Foremost is the terrible tragedy enacted at Shrapnel Barracks, Woolwich, when a Cambridge girl was destroyed by her soldier lover who subsequently shot himself. Then there was the inquest into the wife of a Chesterton hairdresser who committed suicide, a pitiful tale of conjugal unhappiness, poverty and religious mania. Equally shocking was the terrible death of a Bassingbourn girl in a London shop fire. Emerging safely from the burning building she rushed back into the flames in a foolish attempt to rescue her engagement ring.

1904 09 03
Green Street, Cambridge would hardly be suspected of any pretensions to the romantic. Its well-ordered lodging-houses, the policemen who parade it and the milkmen who visit it, all seem to bar the entrance to anything more fanciful. Yet it is home to a Russian Pole, Mr Ignatius Knaster who became a political offender by the publication of a political pamphlet dealing with the conditions in Poland and was given the alternative of incarceration or banishment. # c.44.6 # c.33

Railway attack, p4 *

1904 09 06
Sir – In November a Cambridge man borrowed £20 from a money lender, agreeing to pay £30 back by payments of £5 per month. He duly made the first four payments, thus returning all that was advanced in cash. The last two payments were made, on in May, five weeks after it was due, and the other in July, six weeks late. The borrower still owes £21. In times of depression and bad trade as in Cambridge at present is it unreasonable to ask newspapers not to carry advertisements for such moneylenders? – Citizen # c.32.8

1904 09 06
Three Cambridge lads were charged with committing damage to the Cambridge Volunteer Corps rifle butts. Quartermaster-Sergt Rumbolt said that no sooner had shooting concluded than these boys invaded the butts and pulled the earthwork about in their search for bullets. This is a great nuisance and a great deal of expense has been incurred in restoring them. The Corps could obtain £20 per ton for the bullets # c.45.4

1904 09 08
A number of complaints have reached the CDN as to the impertinence of a moneylender in Russell Street. His circular reads: “Do you want a little temporary assistance without the usual money-lending routine, without publicity, without delay. If you do call at my offices”. Regarding as we do all men of this stamp as dangerous to society we hope his tenancy will be terminated by the owner of the property and that the police will prevent this man thrusting upon the citizens of Cambridge by means of their letter boxes, circulars of this unsavoury trade.

1904 09 09
Our Special Correspondent gives a graphic account of the days fighting at the Essex manoeuvres which resulted in the defeat of the defenders and the fall of Colchester. The Bedfordshires had just entrenched themselves when suddenly the sentries gave the alarm that the enemy was upon them in the darkness. They endeavoured to make a stand and began firing vigorously but General French

attacked with nearly a whole division and in the end they had to clear out of their camp or be captured. # c.45.4

1904 09 09
An NSPPC Inspector told the court he visited a cottage at Babylon, over the river at Ely. The house was very dirty and smelt very bad. The children were 'very very dirty' and an infant was laid in a clothes' basket. All the bedding in the house was an old flock bed lying on an old straw mattress which was rotten, and all was wet and dirty and full of vermin. The wife said she had emptied the bed and washed the tick which was hung out to dry. He could not see it she said the wind must have blown it down. She went to the fence bottom and pulled up an old rotten piece of bag. It was full of slugs and worms and had obviously been lying there some time. She said 'I am going to wash it and my husband will fill it with straw. # CHILDREN

Theft of dog, p3

1904 09 10
This week's manoeuvres in Essex were brought to a conclusion when the invading army were driven from the country. In the night the wind changed, the rain stopped, and from early morning the sea did not shown ripple enough to disturb the mother of the paddling child, much less the scared and defeated invader hurrying back to his ships. The tide was so low that the horse-boats and whalers could not get up to the beach, and if our army had been at hand we could have compelled the foreigners to bathe for once in their lives. But out troops were held up by the enemy seven miles away. For four hours the battle raged without ceasing and by the time the fighting was over the tide had risen.

1904 09 10
A correspondent points out that the circular issued by the Russell Street moneylender bears no printer's imprint, indicating that the printer was ashamed of his task. This is an offence against the law of the land and both he and the person who distributes it are liable to a fine of £3 for every copy. The police thus have two grounds for taking action. We express our appreciation of the spontaneous thanks which have reached us from all classes of Cambridge people for our attitude in this matter. It shows that the evil results of the presence in a community of these advertising moneylenders is widely recognised. # c.32.8

1904 09 10
For four or five days in all weathers people have been searching several miles of hedgerows between Cambridge and Buntingford. They have been marshalled in extended order and down they swooped upon the inoffensive hedges. It was something like a pegged-down fishing competition and each hoped that to him had been portioned the fateful stretch of ground wherein a stolen tin of diamonds is supposed to have been hidden. One day a cry of triumph marked the discovery of a tin box. Were the diamonds there? Not a bit of it. The tin was one from which a celebrated smoking mixture had been abstracted. Another man found an empty mustard tin. The search has been fruitless.

Grantchester and Haverhill resisters, p3
Essex manoeuvres, p4 *

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Haverhill resisters, p4

1904 09 14
The Official Receiver examining the affairs of a cycle dealer in King Street, Cambridge heard that he had begun business in 1895 and made a fair income until two years ago. The causes of his failure were bad trade, loss on a motor car and the illness of his wife and family. Since the receiving order had been made he had kept two men on the premises at work doing repairs to keep the business going. The New Hudson people had written asking what he would take for the whole thing and Mr Ison had

also been after it. The Receiver said 'A man who would work would do very well. Of course when a man stands outside for an admiring crowd to gaze at you cannot wonder …' Among his creditors were Macintosh and Sons, J.F. Amps, Enfield Cycle Co, The Cycle Exchange and H. Swainland. # c.26.485

1904 09 14
There was a larger attendance than usual at Royston court on account of the Passive Resisters' claims. The case of Charles Whyatt, a member of the Urban District Council, was taken first as a test case. He said the passing of the Education Act has been a source of great offence to some Nonconformists who had determined to resist its operation by every means in their power. Passive Resisters had been formed in very part of the country and at Royston they felt it was their duty to deduct a portion of the rate that had been levied for educational purposes. One of the overseers had said he would have nothing to do with collecting the money but the auditor had threatened to surcharge him with the amount not collected. # c.33

1904 09 14
Four Soham passive resisters were before the magistrates for non-payment of the education rate. They were the Rev Shreeve Baptist minister, Rev H.C. Gant the Congregational minister, C. Fyson a wheelwright, and Frederick Owers. He was aged nearly 80 and had always paid his rates before but objected – 'I expect I have got to pay, but that does not make a just thing of it any the more for that'. Rev. Shreeve said it was no pleasure for him to come to court; it was obnoxious as he had always been a law-abiding person but he had a conscientious objection to paying the rate # c.33

Exercises, p4

1904 09 15
A poorly-attended council meeting considered an offer from the Cambridge Electric Tramways Syndicate to electrify and extend the present tramway system. The overhead trolley system for running the cars would not to be employed in King's Parade without the consent of the council. But consultants say that the existing lines in King's Parade should be abandoned & they cannot recommend new lines in the town centre because the narrowness of the streets would generate great opposition from residents. A new line should be laid in Silver Street but this is so narrow that the trams would take their turn with ordinary road traffic and keep to the left. There may be some objection to a track down Queen's Road which has the character of a boulevard but this would not be disturbed by the working of the tramways. The busiest section would be Hills Road where trams would run at about 2¾ minute intervals. # c.26.44

Library editorial, p3

1904 09 17
Comment was aroused by the sight of a Cambridge magistrate assisting a workman to carry a heavy pail along Corn Exchange Street and into the Town Clerk's office. It was not a common or garden pail but a vessel of great antiquarian interest that had been discovered amongst some rubbish in the old office of the Inspector of Weights and Measures. It is a bushel measure of solid bronze with ornamental handles inscribed 'Elizabeth' and dated 1601. # c.43

Rambler, p4

1904 09 19
Shelford resisters, p4

1904 09 20
Touting, p3
Cambridge passive resisters, p3

1904 09 21
Breach pf promise, p3
Bankruptcies, p4

1904 09 22
Seventeen Passive Resisters, including two magistrates were summoned at Linton for non-payment of portions of the poor rate. They included Richard Holttum a Linton grocer, Robert Maynard JP, engineer of Whittlesford and Egbert Gregory a Congregational minister from Duxford. When magistrates asked John Maris, a Duxford corn merchant, what he had to say he replied that what he wanted to say the bench did not wish to hear – he was opposed to paying for sectarian teaching. In some denominational schools children were taught that it was a sin to enter Nonconformist places of worship. # c.33

P3 scuffle, p3 *
Cattle in street, p4
Mayoral chain, p4

1904 09 23
Sturmer church has a harmonium which has done excellent service for many years but the time has arrived when an instrument more in tune with modern ideas should be provided. The rector noticed that the renowned millionaire philanthropist Mr Andrew Carnegie was giving portions of his wealth away and wrote to him. Now he has offered half of the cost of a £120 organ providing the parish raises the other. A public meeting has decided to accept; a sale of work will be held and small amounts collected weekly from the poorer parishioners.

1904 09 26
Gt St Mary's windows, p4 *

1904 09 28
Lewis, tailor, bankruptcy, p4

1904 09 29
Trams editorial, p3 *
Letter carrier, p4 *
Circus glanders, p4 *

1904 09 30
Cambridge resisters, p3 *

1904 09 30 ES
This year's statute at March surpassed all its predecessors within the memory of the oldest inhabitants so far as the pleasure section went, for as a business concern its effect may be said to be practically nil. The whole of Broad Street was occupied by the multifarious amusements common to the fair ground and the Market Place was fully utilised. There were almost a hundred stands occupied – 29 10 04(3) ES

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1904 10 01 c
William Chapman, a travelling hawker and umbrella repairer at present staying in a caravan at the Butcher's Arms, Newmarket Road, Cambridge told magistrates a man had asked to drink out of his mother's glass. When she refused he'd used bad language and struck his wife who called out "Bill run quick, there's a man a-beating of me". The man, tripped him up, got on top of him and bit his arm. Defendant, a pedlar who was staying at the pub, said he was under the influence of drink and was

sentenced to a month's imprisonment with hard labour. Police said they would make a full report on the condition and management of the pub.

1904 10 01
This week the once famous Stourbridge fair has been held and the question arises, how much does the Borough of Cambridge benefit by allowing its ground to be used for trading purposes. Last year £30 10s. was paid in tolls but council expenditure was £18 17s. including wages for the collectors of tolls, carriages in which the Civic Fathers rode to the proclamation and printing bills. Then there is 'new copper'. That is the shining pence our benevolent Borough rules have the privileged of hurling to crowds of children. That cost 18s. But in the case of Reach fair we have actually to pay in hard cash for the privilege of exercising jurisdiction over the village merrymaking and horse-dealing transactions. # c.27.3

1904 10 01 c
Two friends met at Newmarket, one without a bicycle, one with. As they were both returning to Cambridge they challenged each other to get there first. They started off from the Post Office at 3.47pm; within ten minutes the first had caught a train and was soon speeding along. Punctual to the minute it arrived in Cambridge and he was soon rattling along in a cab. He arrived at the office at 4.40 to see the cyclist cool and smiling waiting in another room. # c.26.485

1904 10 03
A serious fire broke out at Haverhill as a result of which the granary of Mr J.J. Mitchell, corn merchant of Queen Street was burnt down and a large quantity of grain completely ruined. Adjoining the premises are the stables of the Urban District Council and the station where the hose cart of the fire-brigade are kept. It was got out and connected and within a few minutes after the arrival of the police and other helpers a couple of jets were playing upon the flames. Until a fortnight ago when the destructive conflagration occurred on the premises of Mr John Atterton, engineer, the town had been happily free from fires of much extent for many years. Both fires were the result of incendiarism.

Carlton Grange Farm, p3

1904 10 06
The coming winter will be one of the worst for the employment of labour known for many years. The building trade, so important to Cambridge, is the one most affected. The reason is in part the wave of depression that is sweeping over the whole industrial life of the country but also because Cambridge is rapidly becoming overbuilt. The conclusion of the new University buildings have also thrown a number of artisans upon the labour market. We have never known so many men out of work at this season of the year. One bright spot is that the three cement companies will provide work for some 350 men # c.32.1

1904 10 06
A disastrous fire occurred at Histon when the Green Hill public house was totally destroyed. It was a quaint old house with a thatched roof and was occupied by Albert Gawthrop who also carries on the business of a grocer and baker. One room of the house had been converted into a grocer's shop, while a bakehouse was in the rear. The fire was caused by a spark from a neighbouring chimney being blown on to the roof. A number of employees of Messrs Chivers were sent to assist together with a vanload of buckets. They did excellent work until the arrival of the Chesterton Fire Brigade. All that remains is a heap of ruins with the chimney rising from the centre. # c.34.75

Eden Street School, p4

1904 10 07
Roads, p4
Workhouse as hospital, p4

1904 10 08
Master Wee Willie M. the Waterbeach schoolboy, is a precocious child with a liking for cigarettes. He purloined a silver watch, sold it and devoted the proceeds to the purchase of his favourite brand. In the natural order of events he appeared before the magistrates who remanded to an industrial school. The prospect an exchange of the freedom of Waterbeach for the confinement of one of these dreadful schools was not at all to his liking, so when he was packed off in a carrier's cart Willie made up his mind to escape at Milton and has disappeared. # CHILDREN

1904 10 08
Many old people will remember the time when Newsome's Circus was a great institution in Cambridge. For many years they conducted a permanent circus here and became very well known in the town, but of late years they have dropped out of the public gaze. James Newsome is still alive – aged 80 years of age – but his wife Pauline has just quitted the ring for ever. She died at Cleethorpes last week, at the age of 79. # c.76 # CIRCUS

Cambridge traders, p4

1904 10 10
Salvation Army, p3

1904 10 11
Foxton Hall sale, p3

1904 10 12
Trams alternative, p3

1904 10 12 c
During the next few days some 800 to 1,000 young men will be coming into residence at Cambridge University. One of the first things they will notice is the number of people who are anxious to recommend them to tailors or robemakers. These people draw five shillings commission for each customer recommended. The fresher will also find in his room a number of 'necessities' from other tradesmen. If he keeps these his 'bedder' draws the commission he had to pay. There are many tradesmen who do not indulge in this kind of touting and young men are advised to go straight to their tutor to find the best traders to deal with. # c.27 # c.36.9

1904 10 13
The first step towards the abolition of Fulbourn Feast from the street was reached at a public meeting. The booths and stalls standing in the road were a great nuisance. The people in the caravans were not of the better class; they were a dirty lot and their sanitary arrangements were very bad. Little bags of filth were left about the street and proved very objectionable. Fulbourn was a respectable and clean village and it was a disgrace they should have such a state of things. No one could abolish the Feast altogether; they could have feasts every day on private premises. What they wanted was to abolish the feast in the street. # c.27.3 # FEAST

Station fatality, p3
Chesterton Wesleyan chapel, p3 & 14th p4
Bedford House, p3

1904 10 14
The Wesleyans have added another to their places of worship by opening a new chapel in Church Street, Chesterton. It is the successor of a building in the High Street which during the latter period of its existence has been difficult to reconcile with conventional ideas of what a place of worship should be. Though doubtless hallowed in the memory of many its defects were numerous. Mr B.C. Jolley provided a piece of land upon which building operations began a few months ago. The architect

adopted a Queen Anne style and the result is a pleasing-looking building with an appearance more domestic than ecclesiastical. # c.83.06

Ely Kempton death, p4

1910 10 15
Cambridge used to be famous for its 'characters' and even to this day can point to some human curiosities, including a hibernating man. When winter approaches he copies the dormouse and spends all the day in bed. He is supplied with newspapers and only descends at night when he raids the larder. It is not desirable to indicate his whereabouts lest he be carried off bodily by some enterprising showman. We cannot lose such a novelty. # c.39

1904 10 15
The apathetic manner with which the Cambridge public have received the important decision of the council in regard to tramways does not display that healthy interest in matters municipal which ought to prevail. The terms upon which the streets should be handed over to a private traction company were settled without keen controversy and public excitement. They were passed by a 'holiday' council and only one letter on the subject has since appeared in the press. This public indifference is difficult to explain. # c.26.44

1904 10 15 c
Lord George Sanger's circus is billed to appear at Newmarket and ordinarily such announcements are welcomed. But on this occasion it has given rise of alarm as one of the circus horses has been slaughtered owing to its being affected with glanders, the disease most dreaded by horse keepers on account of its highly contagious and infectious properties. Newmarket is home to many valuable racehorses and the circus site was at the Severalls, a site much frequented by racehorses. The News has approached a veterinary expert who says that if Government precautions had been undertaken there was probably no danger. But council officers will examine the horses at Sudbury before they arrive. # CIRCUS

1904 10 17
A devastating fire broke out on Charles Parker's farm near the church at Bottisham, in the most thickly populated part of the village. Had there been a strong wind it would be impossible to calculate the extent of the damage for there are 20 cottages close at hand. Police constable Whitwood, who is stationed at Swaffham, noticed a bright reflection in the sky and at once mounted his cycle, losing no time in reaching the scene while PC's Salmon and Driver ran from the direction of Fulbourn. The old manual engine which is stored at the Police Station was requisitioned and proved useful, despite its age. It is dated 1796 and was repaired by the Parish Council in 1897. # c.34.75

Cambridge walking man, p4

1904 10 18
An additional cabman's shelter was opened on the ground floor of Cambridge Guildhall in a room formerly used as a temporary police office. There is a stove where for a small payment a man will warm food brought by the cabmen and will also sell tea, coffee and light refreshments. It is comfortably furnished, a few pictures as well as flowers being among the adornments. All cabmen will welcome the shelter where they can dry their clothes in wet weather # c.26.48

1904 10 18
Is the local Passive Resistance movement becoming monotonous even to the Resisters themselves? Are they tried to attending farcical sales, at which fictitious bids having been made by non-existent buyers, the goods are tamely knocked down to their owners? The poor attendance at the sale at Cambridge Corn Exchange certainly suggests it for it was a very dull and dreary affair; not more than 30 people attended and some displayed such a languid interest that they left before the conclusion. # c.33

1904 10 19
Newmarket trainers bankruptcy, p3

1904 10 19
An inquiry was held at the Black Bull Inn, Earith on the death of a labourer. He lived at Over and had thirteen children but suffered from nervousness ever since he lost a son aged 21 by small-pox in London. He would often be muttering and talking to himself and sometimes took too much beer. He rambled about from village to village for eight or nine days at a time. A man who was fishing at Over Staunch saw his body on the bed of the river. It was brought to Earith on a plank in a boat and put in the outhouse where it was viewed by the jury. They returned a verdict 'Found drowned'

1904 10 19 c
Cambridge councillors received a memorial from residents regarding the triangular piece of ground in Tenison Road. They appreciated the tasteful manner in which it had been laid out but considered that it should remain enclosed. The space was so limited it could not be used for any kind of recreation but would undoubtedly be the scene of misconduct by certain persons. If it were thrown open the trees and flowers would be damaged and the cost of upkeep would be considerably increased.

1904 10 20
Mr Pierpont Morgan, the American millionaire, has leased for five years the estate of the late Mr Hall at Six-Mile-Bottom together with the shooting which was held by the late Duke of Cambridge for so many years. It is believed Mr Morgan will reside on the estate. The shooting is excellent and in all probability large parties will be held there each season. Such parties have been frequently graced with the presence of the King and other members of the Royal Family # c.61.7

1904 10 21
Sir – the village feast is a danger to health with the carrying of infection from village to village from the sweets eaten, from the want of cleanliness among the van dwellers and the absence of sanitary appliances. A 'test your strength' appliance was erected opposite a house in which a poor woman lies dying. The friends appealed to the owner not to use it because of the constant ear-splitting noise. Did this appeal influence the good feeling of the feastman? Not a bit of it and the noise continued without ceasing the whole evening. Is it right this kind of thing should continue? – F.L. Nicholls, Fulbourn # FEAST

1904 10 22
A covey of five partridges flew into the yard of the Crown Hotel, Royston, where four of them were promptly caught. It is not unusual for a stray bird to wander into town but a covey rarely leave the open country. The birds may have been frightened by a shooting party or impelled by hunger and attracted by the straw in the stable yard. They formed a welcome addition to the table of the hotel.

Cycling on commons, p4

1904 10 24
For a number of years Cambridge has been without a troupe of minstrels and the idea was mooted of reviving the old X.L.C.R. Minstrels who performed about 14 years ago. The new company is composed chiefly of employees of the University Press. The band comprises nine performers and the chorus and singers provide ample testimony of the excellent training of Mr Stanley Spring. It appears to have a promising future. # c.69

1904 10 27
Assault-at-arms, p4 *

1904 10 28
A Cambridgeshire boy who commenced life under inauspicious circumstances is now, at the age of 16, lying in the country gaol charged with attempted murder. He was abandoned when an infant and brought up under workhouse rule until 13 when he was engaged upon a secluded farm at Coleseed Drove in the neighbourhood of March. But one morning the farmer heard screams and found his wife smothered in blood with terrible wounds about the head. One of his children said, between sobs, 'Your new boy hit mamma with a big pole'. When questioned the lad replied 'She did not treat me well. She would not speak to me' # c.34.6

1904 10 28
A London court was told that complainant's son had an infatuation for the defendant's daughter, a young actress now acting at Cambridge, and was engaged to be married to her. Her parents were not favourable to the match but the girl left their house and went to live with her intended husband's parents. Since then the young couple, both under age, had had the banns published in church but owing to the parents' objections the marriage was not proceeded with. However on hearing that the girl had been married her mother went to the house and demanded to see the 'marriage lines' before labouring the complainant about the head with her umbrella, breaking the weapon into two pieces. # WOMEN

Decimal coins, p4

1904 10 28
March Police Court was crowded when the man charged with attempted murder was placed in the dock. As he walked from March Station to the 'bus that was waiting to convey him to the court he chatted and laughed with the constable who had charge of him, and took no notice of the large number of the public who were curious to catch a glimpse of him. Through the windows of the 'bus pedestrians stopped to gaze at him and though there were a few unpolite remarks passed, there was no scene. Two miles out in the fen lies his victim, wife of a farmer in Coleseed Drove. # c.34.6

1904 10 29
Press explanation, p3 *
E.J. Morden case, p3

1904 10 29
The vicar of Deeping St Nicholas pleaded for the creation of new roads. He said that poor people living in the neighbourhood of Tongue End were for months and months shut out from civilisation, from schools, from churches and chapels, and from any social entertainment. They could not leave their homes for six months in the year, children going to schools had to wade almost knee-deep in mud for two miles, and farmers complained of losses through inability to get their produce to the railway.

1904 10 29
Some explanation is due to the people who surrounded our offices last night to secure copies of our special edition which we promised for half-past-nine but was not published until an hour later. We had ordered from the Press Association a series of private wires to be dispatched as the Prime Minister's speech was being delivered. But such was the wretched state of the telegraphic arrangements that hardly one of the messages reached Cambridge in under an hour. It is as well that the Post Office is a Government department for any private trader who was so lamentably incompetent would soon find himself in the Bankruptcy Court. # c.04 # c.27.7

1904 10 31
King at Chippenham, p3

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1904 11 01
Farmhouse crime, p3 *

1904 11 02
Swaffham Prior house accident
Whittlesford Congregational minister, p4

1904 11 03
Chesterton Council has purchased land in Carlyle Road, Cambridge, for a recreation ground. They bought rights in the Brickfield Estate from Mrs Wragg-Gurnie and frontages to Alpha Road from Mr Thoday for £1,350. They then sold off the frontages and after paying for the land were left with a bill for £425 together with a further amount for fencing, laying out and planting the ground. This was a very small sum for so large a piece of land and they had carried out a great improvement in Carlyle Road by widening it from Dalrymple Terrace to the end of the road. # c.32.3 # c.38

1904 11 04
The court heard how, 30 years ago, a young man had been sent to Cambridge University, his father allowing him £250 a year, which was intended to cover all his college bills. Like a good many other young men he became seriously involved with the worst class of moneylenders. His father was extremely angry but arranged the payment of £6,000 to his creditors. He lad was taken away from Cambridge and sent first to Boulogne and then Australia. Arrangements were made to tie up his inheritance to prevent him from borrowing another shilling and to settle everything upon his wife if ever he got married. He and his father never saw each other again. # c.36.9

Linton housing, p4

1904 11 05
Downham tragedy, p3
St Andrews Street builders, p4

1904 11 07
The results of the fifth of November 'rag' in Cambridge were more or less serious injuries to two policemen, considerable damage to private property and several police-court summonses. A little boy engaged in firing a squib in the midst of a 'ragging' party proceeding along Jesus Lane was knocked down by a cyclist and rendered insensible. Fortunately he was soon revived by a number of undergraduates who at once attended to him. One man fainted and another was admitted to Hospital suffering from injuries to the head caused by his being knocked down by a cab. # c.34.6 # c.36.9 # c.39

1904 11 07
Damage was sustained at Quy caused by youths who cherished a desire to celebrate the 'Fifth' in a manner more realistic than by a common pyrotechnics display. A stack of mustard seed on Caius Farm provided the fuel for a blaze and was utterly destroyed. Stacks on the Stuntney Road at Ely also caught fire. It was noticed by some boys standing on the High Bridge who conveyed the news to the Railway Station from where a telephone message was immediately dispatched to the Police Station and the Fire Brigade quickly summoned. But the fire had got a firm hold and the six stacks formed a great blaze that could be seen for miles around. c.34.75

Ely tires

1904 11 08
Mr F.G. Postans retired after occupying the position of postmaster at Newmarket since 1866. At that time all postal work was carried on in the boot shop now occupied by Mr Quant in the High Street.

There were five staff for postal work. Gambling was allowed anywhere and everywhere and registered money was sent through the post in large quantities. At that time there were deliveries two or three times a day but now they have increased to five. There was no telegraph work in the shop but there was a telegraph office adjoining the Subscription Club Rooms and another in the White Hart yard. A number of operators used to come down for the race weeks.

Injured policeman, p3

1904 11 09
Sir – while Cambridge is debating ting in what course should be adopted with regard to the tramway system two of the London bus companies have adopted motor traction. It is strange that after all the progress made by the petrol engine that one has adopted steam. The difficulties for a good petrol bus are many as frequent stopping and starting is required with much changing of gear. The steam bus has many advantages as any variation of speed is got by merely turning on more or less steam. Electric buses are out of the question as the batteries are too heavy and will only travel about 40 miles on one charge. The overhead electric trolley system disfigures the street by the overhead wires but can be relied upon and with ornamental trolley poles they do not look half as bad as it is made out – C. North, Cambridge. # c.26.46

1904 11 10
The King's birthday is one of those occasions upon which a certain section of the 'Varsity and Town consider it necessary to turn themselves into public nuisances. This year they avoided the Borough police by making a raid on Chesterton. The mob made tracks for Midsummer Common with the object of having a bonfire. Several hundred crossed Jesus Green Bridge where a council of war was held. Carlyle Road was mention as leading to fuel for the fire but a number of the belligerents made an incursion down a private road. Several fences were broken down and flames shot into the air as the surreptitiously-obtained timber was thrown on to the fire. No police appeared on the scene, though a number of members of the Force were on duty on the borough side of the river # c.02 # c.36.9

King motor cycle, p2
Cambridge Scientific Instrument Company in USA, p3

1904 11 11
Cement making has already become a very important Cambridge industry. Extensive new works are rapidly approaching completion and have made a great change in the landscape of Cherry Hinton. The pleasant path through the fields from the end of Mill Road is hardly recognisable now. It has been diverted to make room for a huge collection of buildings from which a new siding leads to the railway line close at hand. These are the Norman Cement Company's works. # c.27 # CEMENT

1904 11 12
Last week some Frenchmen visited Cambridge. There was no doubt about their being Frenchmen. They displayed many of the features of their race, but they were also possessed of phenomenal dash and staying-power. They came to play Rugby football against a team which nominally represented Trinity College but which was far stronger than any single college could put in the field. And they beat this team completely. Many seemed surprised: "I wouldn't have thought a Frenchman could last out a game of 'Rugger'" one said. The shoulder-shrugging, frog-eating Frenchman of the story-books is a rare creature. So let's banish this nursery-bred illusion and hope one day for the friendship of this great people. #
c.38 : rugby

1904 11 12
At Divorce proceeding a Cambridge medical practitioner alleged his wife had been guilty of misconduct with a Worcestershire man. She counter-claimed on charges of cruelty and adultery, alleging that while practising he had been guilty of impropriety with lady patients. In the evidence

will be strange stories of violent scenes at their residence, of the wife taking poison and so forth. # WOMEN

1904 11 14
Marvel of mechanics, p3 *
Poem, p4

1904 11 15
A gruesome accident occurred at the railway crossing at Little Thetford. Two men were returning from Fulbourn with the corpse of an Ely native who was by trade a basket maker and had been detained in the asylum. A four-wheel cart, with no lights, collided with their trap which was turned over on to its side. The horse was dragged down with it and the two men hurt. The coffin containing the corpse was left on the road and the trap had to make a second journey to convey the remains to Ely # c.21.2

1904 11 17
Up to last night there was a cluster of buildings, workshops, tool-sheds and fowl houses at the apex of a triangle formed by property facing Mill Road, Hemingford Road and Belgrave Road, Cambridge. Today nothing remains but a heap of charred timber and twisted iron. Fire has made a clean sweep of the evidences of industry of several inhabitants and caused damage of about £250. Mr G. Woolfenden, an electrician, has lost a workshop. Most people living in the three roads have a wooden erection of some kind at the end of their gardens and those burnt down stood side by side or back to back in an area covered by 20 square yards. # c.44.6

1904 11 19
De Freville Bridge, p4 *

1904 11 19
No reasonable person expects to find a ferryman on duty after ten at night and is reconciled to the necessity of grinding himself across the few yards of water. About midnight a husband and his wife returning from Chesterton determined to make a short cut across the river as rain was pouring down in pitiless fashion. The husband seized the handle of the grind to get to the other side as quickly as possible. But when they got to the middle the ferry stuck fast, nor would it go back no matter how hard he strained and pushed. For ten minutes they wrestled with that ferry in the pouring rain and were just about to shout for help when the unwieldy affair began to work and they got back to the bank they had left. As they walked around the road home they decided that ferries were contrivances of the Evil One # c.44.7

1904 11 22
Frederick Silk told the court that he was driving the prison van along St Andrew's Street in Cambridge when he ran into a handcart & knocked its 63-year old driver down, cutting his hands and face. The man had been drunk and pushed the cart into his wheel; there was no other traffic on the road at the time. Silk could not stop because he was going to the station with the 'Black Maria' to fetch some prisoners from the 4.30 train. He was fined £1. # c.34.6

Assault in Cambridge, p3

1904 11 23
The Cambridge Female Refuse is sorely in need of increased support for their accounts show a deficit of over £250. The amount realised by laundry work during the last six weeks was very much higher than for a considerable time past but they could not rely on a continuance of a large amount of washing and must get more subscribers. During the year nine girls had been admitted to the Home and eight sent out to service after the completion of their training. But for the first time in many years there were four cases to record of probable failure. # WOMEN # c.37.3

1904 11 24
Since September 14 cases of diphtheria have been diagnosed among Cambridge school children, 11 of whom have been removed to the Infectious Diseases Hospital. Swabs have been taken from their classmates and any harbouring the diphtheria bacillus are removed to the Isolation Home. Three cases have proved fatal. One was of a child who died through medical advice not having been sought in time. It had been ill for four days before a doctor was called in. Steps were taken to remove the patient to the Hospital as quickly as possible but when the conveyance arrived at the house death had taken place only a few minutes earlier. # c.21.1

1904 11 25 ES
The Baptists at Haddenham marked a new era in their history by the laying of the memorial stone of their new chapel – 29 11 29 ES

1904 11 26
Distress is likely to be more acute in Cambridge this winter than for many years past owing principally to the slump in the building boom locally and the depression in trade generally. The Church Army has evolved a scheme through which married men may obtain work. A number of tickets are issued to philanthropists who fill in the name of a married man in need of employment and offers to repay the Army one shilling towards the cost of employment. The man is found work wood chopping or log sawing and is paid about 2s.6d. a day. But the Home is now overloaded with the produce of its labour and there are 25,000 bundles of wood which must be sold to the public before it can continue. # c.32.9

1904 11 26
The troubles between the parishioners of Hardwick and their Rector, which have made the village notorious, culminated in a police case when the Rev John Lee summoned John Hodson for assault. It was the climax of a series of annoyances that had dated back to January. It had started when the Rector had vetoed Hodson as a school manager claiming he was not a bona-fide member of the Church of England since he had jeered the Bishop on his return from the re-opening of the church. Hodson said the affair was an accident; he was swinging his stick as he was in the habit of doing, and the Rector had put his hand underneath it. The case was dismissed. # c.82.01

1904 11 26
The bedmaker is an institution. Without her the University would be sadly disorganised. Now The Granta has been conducting a bedmakers competition which Mrs Jacob of Magdalene has won. She was born in 1829 and has served the college for 62 years. Mrs Hills of St Johns has a record of continuous service since 1839 while Mrs Nichols has served 28 years at Corpus with 11 at Peterhouse before that. But several ladies entirely declined to take the contest seriously, one saying she had read in The Granta ‘articles which no gentleman could possibly have written’ # WOMEN # c.36.9

1904 11 29
Lincolnshire has long been a county noted for drug-taking. A chemist said that he had sold more opium and laudanum in four years at Spalding than during the previous twenty in other parts of the country. The habit had been handed down amongst the inhabitants for many generations. It was originally resorted to as a means of allaying pains resulting from ague but the present generation are not such slaves to the habit as their predecessors. More opium is sold at Peterborough than in any other town in England but it is not one-tenth of what it was 30 years ago. The sale is now mainly confined to villagers, especially women, and the evil appears to be gradually dying out # DRUG # c.21.1

Barrington farmer, p3

1904 11 30
The anticipation of the probability of distress in Cambridge some weeks ago, before the wintry weather came to give a keener edge to hunger and a more painful and sharp reminder to the poor of

their inadequate resources in food and clothing, was widely discussed but was felt to be unduly magnified. The Town Council vetoed a proposal to supply aid to the unemployed. But Miss Wilson of the Nursing Institution on Newmarket Road began to undertake the provision of free dinners to which the children of poor parents resort for their midday meal of soup and bread. "We give the children as much as ever they can hold", she said. Boys in pitiably ragged garments and decrepit old women and little girls with starvation all too plainly written on their features come with jugs to take soup home to those unable through illness or lack of clothing to come themselves. # c.32.9

1904 11 30 c
Cambridge Corporation has made arrangements to provide extra work at their stone-breaking yard with the object of relieving distress. The granite used for the roads is customarily brought here in its broken condition. Just now however much of it is being reduced to the requisite size at the stone-yard where they are prepared to employ any applicant who lives in Cambridge. The rate of payment is 3s.6d. for every cubic yard of granite broken and it is possible to earn about 14s weekly, enough to keep a man from actual starvation. But the pinch of want has not been keenly felt by the lower class of labourer at present for only one application has been received. c.32.1

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1904 12 02
News of a murderous attack on a 70-year-old man at Sutton had been kept well within the village, where it caused quite a sensation, but now a smart-looking fellow wearing the uniform of a private in the Suffolk Regiment has been brought before Ely court. Police Sergeant Towns said he had gone to a house in Sutton Gault where he found a farm labourer known under the respected nickname of 'Uncle' suffering from a very bad fracture at the back of his head and other wounds on his face. The victim made a statement after which he had arrested the soldier. The accused lived on the opposite side of the road. He was remanded in custody. # c.34.6

Redfern book on gloves and shoes, p3

1904 12 06
There was good attendance at Rothsay House Sale Rooms, Newmarket when the late Prince Soltykoff's estate at Moulton was put up for sale. The sporting estate, known as Landwade's Stud Farm was offered in two lots. One included a residence, flower and kitchen garden, stud buildings, groom's cottage, farm buildings and 259 acres. It had been bought on the open market for about £21,500 and a considerable sum spent upon it. But bidding only reached £9,500 and it was withdrawn. A second lot including cottages and horse boxes attracted no bids.

1904 12 07
A serious accident occurred to men repairing a railway bridge between Mildenhall and Isleham. At the time part of the arch of the bridge had been taken away and girders substituted. While standing on the arch it gave way and precipitated three men on to the railway which was blocked by the ruins of the bridge. By one o'clock however the line had been cleared and the injured men taken to Cambridge, a train having been stopped to convey them. Two others also fell with the bridge but fortunately escaped injury.

1904 12 08
Chesterton council considered a petition for the construction of a footbridge across the Cam between Victoria Bridge and Dant's Ferry, subject to £200 being raised by private subscription towards the cost. But by asking for a subscription they would be setting a precedent and they would never be able to carry out public improvements without asking local occupiers to put their hands in their pockets to help them. It would be an advantage to those on the De Freville, but they all paid rates. The bridge would be an advantage, but not a pecuniary one. If it was placed at the Fort St George it would benefit a very large number of people and no ratepayer would object to a farthing rate for the project

Ely electric lighting, p4 *

1904 12 08 c
Caxton Medical Officer reported that he had analysed the water in the reservoir at Graveley which was highly contaminated and unfit for drinking purposes. It was the only place from which to obtain water but was open to all pollution. He suggested wells be sunk in different parts of the village, a course which had been adopted at Yelling with success. Abundant water could be obtained at about a depth of eight feet. One councillor said they should wait until the parish had a meeting to which another replied: "I know if we have a public meeting we shan't get the water. They will go against it". But even if the parish was not in favour the responsibility of a good supply of water rested on the R.D.C # c.24.2.

1904 12 09
A party of Macedonian gypsies, apparently coming under the designation of 'undesirables', are being chased from one county to another as vigorously as civilised government will permit. No county wants them, no county will have them. Hertfordshire police have pushed them on to the Essex police and today the Cambridgeshire police are putting them over the boundary where the same process will be repeated. At Stump Cross Linton police received charge of the forty-old wanderers and obtained horses to drag the alien caravans to Balsham where other police were waiting. # GYPSIES

1904 12 10
At Balsham police searched in vain for horses to pull the Macedonian gypsies' caravan and hit upon the expedient of pressing a traction engine into service. So the motley crowd with their caravans and tiny ponies proceeded on their weary way. The idea of being drawn along by a traction engine greatly delighted the wanderers who crowded into their caravans and very contentedly made the journey into Newmarket where they camped for the night on the Heath. The police accompanied the party as far as the Red Lodge where the Suffolk authorities continued with the procession, their intention being to dump the vans on land at Brandon in Norfolk. # GYPSIES

1904 12 10
Caxton Medical Officer said he had examined the water supply in the reservoir at Graveley and found it was open to all pollution. It proved to be highly contaminated and entirely unfit for drinking purposes. One or more wells should be sunk in different parts of the village, a course which had been adopted at Yelling with success. Water would be obtained at about a depth of eight feet and in abundance at very little expense. The matter should be debated by the Parish Council who would doubtless vote against it. The responsibility for a good supply rested upon the RDC. # c.24.2

1904 12 10
The latest development in street traction comes from Perth where the council is to experiment with a petrol motor tram car on the ordinary tram lines. This is the first such vehicle to be built in this country and great things are anticipated from it. It might be worth considering by the Cambridge Corporation along with another invention: a motor fire engine with a high-pressure pump equal to an ordinary London Brigade steamer that also carries a fire escape. Built by Messrs Merryweather is it specially valuable for areas where horses are not always immediately available for drawing a steam engine to a fire. # c.34.75

Terrington St Clements inebriates house, p3 *

1904 12 10
Hamond Lodge Inebriates' Home at Terrington St Clements was opened in 1905 for inebriate women. It is a fine manor house surrounded by large gardens and the change which has been wrought in many of the poor women who come there amply proves that the venture was fully justified. There is a dark side too, for there are failures and sad ones. But we have a great anxiety. A great many patients come direct from the London police and their friends cannot guarantee the weekly charge. The Home is

costly, there is dry rot in the floors and gardener's cottage, defective drainage and insufficient water supply. The result is a deficit which cannot be reduced without increased support. # c.27.4

1904 12 12
Having been 'dumped' in Norfolk the Macedonian gypsies returned to Newmarket which offered facilities they could not resist. They wanted horses and in that town there were plenty with excellent spots where they could encamp. Attempts were made to get the party to proceed in the opposite direction but without success. The travellers were feeding nearly the whole of the way. They begged from house to house, some people gave them a large quantity of clothing but when they made a charge of a coal bunker had to be driven off with a hammer. # GYPSIES

1904 12 12
An aged maiden lady was severely burned in a house in Abbey Road, Cambridge and there are little hopes of her recovery. She had been left comfortably sitting near the fire in the back sitting room but later found huddled on the floor in a corner with practically all her clothes burned off. The stair carpet was smouldering and the room filled with smoke. Neighbours extinguished the fire. It is thought the fire originated in the bedroom while she was endeavouring to light the gas, she ran downstairs and collapsed. # OLD

Whaddon rectory fire, p3

1904 12 13
The Macedonian gypsies were moved from Newmarket to Six Mile Bottom, the number of followers increasing as the journey continued; by the time they got to Pampisford station they numbered at least 300. Essex police were waiting at Stump Cross but Cambs police decided to take them further into that county. They camped at Chesterford before passing on to Stansted where they were transferred to Hertfordshire police who will take them on to London. # GYPSIES

1904 12 13
Newmarket councillors were all aware that a certain gang of gypsies had been in the district and everyone saw what loathsome and dangerous people they were. The vice-chairman had followed as the caravans containing these verminous beings had been dragged to Brandon but they had then decided to come back. Essex, Herts and Cambridgeshire had decided these people should be moved on and the only county council that had failed to deal with the matter was West Suffolk. The police were responsible for the removal of the gypsies but they said they could spend no money to back up any actions. # GYPSIES

1904 12 13
Whaddon rectory was completely destroyed by fire. Owing to the inflammable state of the old woodwork and the old-fashioned internal arrangement of the building the fire spread with great rapidity. Whaddon is a peculiarly isolated village and on their arrival Melbourn Fire Brigade saw there was no hope of saving the rectory. It was not sufficiently ancient to be of antiquarian interest nor sufficiently recent to be of modern design. The Rector and his family have suffered considerable inconvenience and much irreplaceable furniture is destroyed but they are none the worse for their terrible experience. # c.34.6

Newmarket health, p4 *

1904 12 13
Newmarket council considered the rights of the public to exercise horses on the Severalls. A most respectable gentleman had been told to take his horse off and not go again. From time immemorial it had been used for all kinds of purposes: fairs, cricketing and even carpet-shaking; when the Americans were here they were allowed to gallop their horses on it. The Jockey Club had hired the

land but the public had the right of exercising horses on it. If people were stopped they would go to Royston to train their horses and trade would be driven from the town.

1904 12 16
Saffron Walden transfer Cambridgeshire, p3

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Cambridge & Chesterton, p2

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Chesterton amalgamation, p3
Christmas, p3

1904 12 20
For the last three days the thermometer has been registering eleven degrees of frost; should it hold the professional skating race open to all the world for the Littleport Fifty Guineas Challenge Cup will take place. It is imperative that skaters all over the country should receive due notice; once the amateur champion, W. Housden of Wicken Fen, did not hear and was u4nable to defend his title. There is already a fine sheet of ice on Lingay Fen but it is doubtful if the public will be allowed on it for a few days. Sheets of ice promise to be ready for use at Newnham shortly & 1904 12 24

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1904 12 22
Ferry drowning, p3
Burnt Fen death, p3
Death F.R. Leach, p3
Share-out clubs, p3
Black Horse Drove School, p3

1904 12 22 c
A clay gas pipe has been dug up in Newmarket Road. It is probably one of those used when coal gas was first introduced to Cambridge about 1836. Previous to this oil gas was manufactured by John Grafton from works in Staffordshire Street and found considerable favour with inhabitants until about 1830. Six years later he began to manufacture coal gas; there were only two small gas holders and by 1848 only 400 street lamps. Now the Cambridge Gas Company supplies 1,160 public lamps in the town alone. # c.24.4

1904 12 23
P.C. Winter told an inquest that he went to Dant's Ferry and found a body in the water fully dressed with the head towards Victoria Bridge and the feet under the ferry boat. He raised the head out of the water but the body was caught in the chains and he could not lift it. The Coroner said that a bridge instead of a ferry would probably be better and the number of accidents would be less. The ferry boat was a private concern, people paid tuppence a week and pulled themselves across early in the morning or late at night. There was no blame, it was one of those unfortunate circumstances which had happened at the same spot before.# c.44.7

1904 12 24
Christmas customs, p3 *
Corpus ghost, p4 *
Rail fog, p4

Mormons, p4 *
Egg lady, p4 *

1904 12 24
A few says ago I dropped across a couple of gentlemen of the religious persuasion known as the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Elder S.S. Downes and Elder H.B. Brown are their names and they are endeavouring in a quiet way to found a church in Cambridge. For and against Mormonism is not my mission to preach but they have as much right to extend their views as other folk on mission bent, providing they do it in a decent way. # 04 12 24

1904 12 24
A few nights ago a citizen was walking across Midsummer Common, Cambridge, when he was accosted by a rough-looking individual who said he was out of work and intimated in blunt terms that he wanted money and meant to have some. But his intended victim was endowed with some courage, a good supply of muscle and a strong leathern belt with a weighty buckle. He slipped off his belt and made for the footpad, who seeing he had no chicken to deal with took to his heels and was soon lost in the gloom.

1904 12 24
Has any reader had experience of the buxom old lady who with a clean basket on her arm, knocks at your door with hard-boiled eggs at eight for a shilling. Very carefully she sets down a basket lined with fresh straw containing a quantity of eggs which she affirms were only laid that morning and are being sold at the same price she obtains from shopkeepers who buy wholesale. The housewife congratulates herself at the bargain, but imagine her disgust when it is discovered that the eggs were laid months ago and when the shell is broken emit an effluvia which rises up violently about the proboscis. Needless to say the old lady does not call again. # 04 12 24

1904 12 24
Last term in the small hours of the morning an undergraduate in the old part of Corpus Christi College saw something of a supernatural appearance. It so unnerved him he became quite ill; he refused to continue to occupy the room and moved to another staircase. Naturally the college authorities deemed it desirable to prevent the story from gaining publicity and until now have succeeded in suppressing the circumstances. But now the harrowing and gruesome facts have leaked out and the recent visitation of ‘something’ to the undergraduate is beyond dispute. # 04 12 24 # c.39 # GHOST

1904 12 27
Workhouse, p3
Shilling fund, p3

1904 12 27 c
Dr Seaton’s Animated Photographs and Concert Company visited Cambridge Guildhall on Boxing Day. The pictures include the latest Japanese and Russian war films, “Life in Canada” a grand film of 1,200 feet long, “The Kingdom of the Fairies” and a large variety of humorous subjects well worth witnessing. The performance included a high-class variety entertainment including Professor Carson, ventriloquist and mimic and Dr Seaton with his conjuring and plate-spinning. # c.76.9

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Soham raffle, p3

1904 12 29
CWN Review of the Year
Milton cycle explosion, p3

1904 12 30
Witchford road, p4

1904 12 31
Chatteris emigrants, p3 *
Retrospect of year, p4

1904 12 31
The Master of Kedington Workhouse reported that nearly all the old men went one evening over Christmas and the greater part of them came home the worse for drink. One man was brought in a wheelbarrow, simply smothered with mud. Where the men got their drink is a mystery, but apparently the inhabitants of Haverhill had been exceedingly generous. Many of the paupers were not entirely without money: one firm had sent a shilling to each of twenty men who used to be in their employment, others had received letters from friends enclosing stamps. The result of the spree was an attack of dysentery among the men who had participated.

1904 12 31
Liquid air is no new thing in Cambridge for it was our own Professor Dewar who was the first scientist to obtain liquid in hydrogen. Its application to everyday life is new and emanates from the stage. The principal attractions at the Inventions and Trades Exhibition in the Corn Exchange will be Dr Savant's demonstrations of a kettle boiled on ice, eggs poached in one second, grapes instantly turned into hailstones and ice cream made over fire. It is one of the most marvellous and astounding performances every placed before the public. # 04 12 31

1904 12 31
For some time Miss Wilson and her hard-working band of ladies have been daily allaying the pangs of hunger in hundreds of little children and their mothers in the Newmarket Road area of Cambridge by giving them free dinners. Now their effort is brought to an end. Not only are the financial resources exhausted but the staff have physically worked themselves out. But on the very day that these free meals cease the CDN Shilling Fund commences its distribution of tickets for food, fuel and clothing, continuing the work they have been compelled to give up. Subscriptions continue to come steadily in with cheques from Messrs Starr and Rignall photographers, Moore and Company tobacconists and the Cambridge Waterworks Company # c.32.9

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1905 01 02
Cambridge councillors discussed the reappointment of an Inspector of Nuisances. Wilson was a thoroughly effective officer; he was one of the few who can find their drains, had been honest and would rectify any problems. He had found the previous system slipshod and had the courage to say so. No complaints against him had been substantiated. Some felt that it was perfectly ridiculous to reappoint a man who came from London in the morning and went home at night but he was in Cambridge in time to take up his duties and had to report to the Medical Officer every night. When appointed he had been told it was a temporary position and could not reasonably be expected to remove his house until it was put on a more permanent basis. # 05 01 02

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Local retrospect, p4

1905 01 03
Local retrospect, p4

1905 01 04
Trades exhibition, p3
Retrospect, p4

1905 01 05
Local retrospect, p3

1905 01 06
Cambridge rating committee considered the University's Sedgwick Geological Museum. As it was a memorial and not a commercial speculation some difficulties arose. It had cost more than required for business purposes with materials of the very best character, thicker walls and a good deal of superfluous work. There could be no other tenant. The land had been purchased from Downing College at an exorbitant rate - £6,800 per acre. Then there were the specimen cases, should they be considered in the valuation. A museum without cases was no more a museum than a factory was complete without its machinery. # 05 01 06 # c.03

1905 01 06
An inquest on a Soham lad heard that his death was due to his ignorance of the dangerous nature of the liquor of which he was partaking. Gambling had been going on at the George and Dragon and the King's head at Soham. The licensees had provided dice and bottles of spirits as prizes. It was by these spirits that the poor lad was poisoned and as long as spirits are readily procurable such accidents must occasion.

University rating, p3 *
Moffet, Foster's Bank, p3
Stapleford school, p4
Retrospect, p4

1905 01 07
The Macedonian gypsies who were touring this vicinity have got back to London. One of them created a sensation in the Thames Police Court when he was charged with ill-treating a horse on Tower Hill until the blood spurted from its nose. When taken to the police station he threw himself on the floor and kicked for over an hour. He was sent to prison for six weeks. When his wife heard the verdict she threw down the infant she was carrying and sat screaming on the pavement for some time # 05 01 07

1905 01 07
The motor 'bus has now passed the experimental stage and is likely to supersede electric traction in towns such as Cambridge. 'Motorbustle' is the new word invented by a gentleman on Westminster Bridge. He was going to Peckham and a friend supposed he would travel by the electric tramcar. "No I am I in hurry, so I shall motorbustle" he said as he stepped into the 'Times' motor omnibus. It is a handy word expressive of the latest locomotion and the modern need for quick movement.

1905 01 07
Continuing their compulsory itinerary, the Macedonian gypsies with their three caravans have reached Edmonton. News of their approach preceded them and they found sanitary officers waiting. The horses were tired and the caravans were drawn through the parish into Tottenham. They were just as unwelcome here and they were soon removed over the border into London. The three caravans are occupied by no less than 52 persons and the conditions are said to be wretched in the extreme 05 01 21a # GYPSY

Graveley water, p4

1905 01 11
Annesdale granaries, p2
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Rock Road, p4

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Sussex St fire, p3
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1905 01 17
C.J. Clay death, p2
Stretham litigation, p4 *

1905 01 18
The largest and most destructive fire at Soham in recent years took place at Cross Green. It originated in the roof of a thatched cottage occupied by James Boon, a horsekeeper. Although when first noticed the flames might have been covered by a bushel measure, they increased in size at an alarming rate and very soon the whole block was in flames. It spread with such rapidity that firemen had to leave their work and slide down the ladders with all possible speed. The cold was intense; there were several degrees of frost and the icicles formed on the burning buildings within a foot of the flames after the hose had been at work a few minutes. The town was empty, trade was at a standstill and everyone flocked to witness the destruction of the Old Malting. # 05 01 18 – 18b

1905 01 19
XLCR Minstrels, p3
Royston passive resisters, p3

1905 01 21
A serious charge has been brought against the trumpeters who, on the occasion of the Assize at Cambridge, blow a fanfare as the judge steps from his carriage at the Shire hall. They are accused of being unable to keep in tune and wailing as diversely as any pair of cats. I would not undertake to estimate their ability as musicians, but as a sort of variety turn they certainly take a high place. But the learned judge expressed himself highly pleased with the way they performed their duties. 05 01 21 # c.34.9

Clare workhouse stone pit, p3
Littleport skating, p3
Macedonian gypsies, p4 *
Wedding oath, p4

1905 01 24
Russia eye witness, p3
Skating championships, p3

1905 01 24 c
We regret to announce the death of Mr Samuel Woodham at his residence in Gamlingay. The deceased gentleman has been slowly breaking up and of late could scarcely bear carriage exercise. He was the last of the old school which numbered such men as the late J. U. Paine, George S, Plowman and John Gray. He was a fine horseman even up to later years. He was a Liberal in politics and placed Gamlingay Park at the disposal of the local association for meetings and summer picnics.

1905 01 25

Old actors and old journalists are almost as rare as dead donkeys or deceased postboys. The oldest living actor is though to be Mr Edward Miles of Wisbech. He was born in March 1815 before the era of the railroad, the telegraph and the music-hall. He has seen Edmund Kean and Charles Kemble tread the boards, he even knew Grimaldi. Indeed it was on the advice of that great clown that he adopted the stage as a profession. He acted until he was 82, retiring a little over seven years ago when he settled at Wisbech 05 01 25 # c.76

Newmarket heath, p4

1905 01 26
Cambridge councillors were told of a fatal accident at Dant's Ferry a few days prior to Christmas when the breadwinner of a family was drowned. It was only one of many; during the present winter at least five persons had tumbled into the water at that spot. There should be a bridge in the neighbourhood of Abbey Road. But Victoria Bridge was not a long way from Dant's Ferry and before any bridges were built Chesterton would have to join Cambridge. 05 01 26 # c.44.7

1905 01 27
The villagers of Cottenham have been provided with a suitable building, to be known as the Victoria Institute, in which to spend their spare time in a profitable and enjoyable manner. It has been erected on the site of the Old Philo which has been used as a reading room for nearly 40 years. But now Mr F. Darrell has erected the new building at his own expense. Subscribers will have use of periodicals, billiards etc while more unfortunate residents will be able to use the public room where papers will be provided as well as various games including bagatelle, chess and draughts. 05 01 27 # HALL # c.77.7

1905 01 27
Skating would have been quite possible on the Electric Light Ground, Newnham, today had not some evilly disposed person drawn the water from the ground the other evening. The work was done with a care and thoroughness worthy of a better cause. The bank of the ditch which runs from the river to the pump was cut through and so great a fall allowed that the whole of the water on the ground was drained away. Two ladies heard somebody at work on the bank but imagined it was the proprietor and paid little heed. In addition to the annoyance caused the proprietor has suffered a considerable financial hardship. 05 01 27a # c.38 : skating

1905 01 27
Linton's new parish cemetery was dedicated. The churchyard and chapel burying grounds being almost full up, the church had tried to extend their graveyard but the Inspector would not consent owing to the proximity of the land to the river. The Parish Council decided to make an entirely new cemetery at a cost of £500. The situation is not unattractive, a few trees have been planted and there is ample room for extension. There has been a good deal of discussion as to how the cemetery should be opened. Various suggestions were made, some of them rather out of place, including an evening service by torchlight. 05 01 27b # c.21.1

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Boer war reminiscences, p3

1905 02 03
Ely medical officer reported that the want of house accommodation for the working classes had led to cases of overcrowding. The low-level sewers in Annesdale and Waterside had been thoroughly cleaned out and defects remedies. Three old cesspools in connection with the sewers at Ship Quay, Blackbird's Yard and the bottom of Victoria Street, which required frequent emptying, had been

abolished and new manholes substituted. The emptying of ashpits was now done fortnightly and the removal of house refuse from ash boxes and pails thrice weekly was about to be started. The isolation hospital, he was sorry to say, did not exist, although it was much needed. 05 02 03 # c.21.

1905 02 04
Mr P.R. Salmon writes: I have in my possession one of the old original song sheets sold in the streets of Cambridge a few days after the visit of the Shah of Persia in 1873. You will recollect that the Mayor and Vice Chancellor went with their entourage to await his arrival at the railway station, only to find it was a hoax. Part of the verse reads: 'The Mayor and Council so queer did look, As from the station they took their hook; The Chancellor the back slums did go, As he didn't want all the people to know, That he didn't see the Shah of Persia". 05 02 04 # c.75 # c.36.9

1905 02 04
There have been whispers of difficulties in connection with the erection of the new premises at the corner of Downing Street, Cambridge, but they appear to have been overcome since this week recommencement of operations has been made. The site was cleared, and for several months nothing further was done. At length the foundations are being put in. Let us hope it won't be long before we are spared the expense of having a special policeman on point duty to regulate the traffic at that corner in consequence of the hoarding that has obstructed the view there for so long. 05 02 04a

1905 02 04
A disastrous fire broke out at Mr H. Kent's farm, Swaffham Prior; of the thirteen stacks which stood in the farmyard not a vestige remains, except a small heap of ashes. It originated in a corner of the horse yard; Mr King immediately liberated all the animals which were then left to their own devices. Four had strayed as far as five miles away before a search party discovered them. About a hundred fowls that became panic-stricken dashed into the burning stacks in their fright, and were consumed. The only water available was from a small horse-pond and a well from which it had to first be drawn and then conveyed in buckets to the fire engine before being pumped on to the burning stacks. 05 02 04b # c.34.75

Letter from South Africa, p3
Military manoeuvres, p3
GER traffic, p4
Downing St site, p4

1905 02 06
Bill Posting Co, p3
Unemployed and land, p4

1905 02 08
A violinist of considerable ability is travelling the country for a wager under peculiar circumstances and is expected to arrive in Cambridge. He is pledged to tramp round the world in clogs and to make his living en route as a street musician. He can only enter a house or hall by invitation. During the last few days he has been drawing large crowds at the Hoops Hotel, Saffron Walden, where he has been giving a series of recitals. 05 02 08a # c.69

1905 02 08
It is doubtful whether any audience assembled in Cambridge Guildhall have been more interested auditors than those who gathered when Captain Scott, R.N., told the fascinating story of the discoveries made by the expedition which sailed under his command to the Antarctic regions in 1901. Many details have been chronicled but they are dull and uninteresting compared with an explanation from the lips of the chief explorer. Aided by a graphic and beautiful photographic record of the region he took his audience in imagination to every point of importance to show them scenes of inconceivable grandeur and beauty. 05 02 08

1905 02 09
In the light of recent developments of the motor bus, Cambridge people must feel devoutly thankful for the failure of the proposed electric tramway scheme. When it was proposed we felt compelled to protest against the introduction of an ugly and cumbersome system, totally unfitted to our narrow and crowded streets. We advised the provision of 'motor buses and the gradual abolition of even those tramlines which exist at present. The great objection to the motor 'bus was that it was only in an experimental stage but now the London trials show they stand out as the road vehicle of the future. Railway companies are adopting them as 'feeders' instead of constructing additional branch lines or light railroads. We do not think anyone would seriously argue that an electric tram system would be preferable to an efficient motor 'bus service for Cambridge. 05 02 09 # c.26.46

Royston poor law, p2

1905 02 10
Sherlock Holmes and New Theatre, p3 *

1905 02 11
Casualties in the battle between the University Rifle Volunteers and the Red Army were confined to a few rabbits and none were slaughtered by the contending armies. While the conflict raged fiercely with fusillades of blank ammunition there was an impromptu coursing events and as soon as a frightened hare 'got up' dogs were let loose, regardless of the snapping of the rifles. The soldiers voted the civilians a nuisance, and the civilians voted the soldiers jolly good fellows for providing an excellent afternoon's sports. But there was one serious incident. Mounted infantry horses are not always properly broken in; two maddened animals plunged, rearing and kicking in the centre of a crowd of Volunteers and spectators and one lad was knocked down 05 02 11 # c.45.4

Recently-formed county licencing committee, p3

1905 02 14
Cambridge Women's Temperance Association have acquired the tenancy of an East Road property formerly known as the Barnwell Coffee Palace which they have transformed into 'The White Ribbon', a well-conducted temperance establishment at which palatable food and clean lodgings can be obtained at moderate prices. The position of the building in one of the poorer districts has led to some apprehension but care is to be taken to ensure that the frequenters of the establishment are somewhat more select than formerly. It is not intended for the tramp class but for young people who require lodgings. It contains 16 bedrooms with a tastefully-furnished sitting room 05 02 14a # c.27.4 # c.32.9

1905 02 14
On Saturday a caravan containing two families of the Macedonian gypsies passed through Royston escorted by two constables, but some of the women managed to do some shopping. As their pony was obviously unfit for the hills on the Buntingford Road they camped for the night near Ashwell Station where a policeman kept supervision over them. They pretended to know little English beyond the words 'shilling' but suddenly developed a knowledge of English sufficient to bargain for hay. There were two families with nine children, unkempt and dirty. Mr Clark, an enterprising photographer, endeavoured to take a photograph but they declined to group themselves till they had received money. A tremendous number of post card pictures of the group have been sold. They are apparently one of the two vans which disappeared and were practically forgotten when the others were deported last week. 05 02 14 # GYPSY

1905 02 14
Magistrates heard that there were four public rooms in the fully-licensed 'Wait For the Bus' at Bottisham. There were four alehouses, four beerhouses and one grocer's licence for a population of 624. It used to be a very good pub when the old omnibuses used to run to Cambridge but since the railways had been opened there was little or no traffic on the road to Burwell. The landlord, Samuel

Marshman said the trade amounted to about three barrels a month but it also provided teas and luncheons. He did not want the licence to be extinguished.
05 02 14b # c.27.4

1905 02 15
Stretham breach of promise, p3 *
Lewis Bell actor, death, p3
Street organs, p3

1905 02 16
Public interest in growing in the development of the motor omnibus service. The most recent improvements in construction largely obviate noise and other inconveniences. The cars travel smoothly, pick their way through traffic with ease and are amenable to all the controls essential in crowded streets. Unlike the tramways it involves no expense of electric installation, no overhead wires or underground conduit and may thread its way among vehicles of all sorts without led or hindrance. Village travellers may shortly see the carriers' carts which have laboured up the hill roads for generations replaced by a swift locomotion which will make the remotest hamlet seem no more than a suburb of the market town 05 02 16 # c.26.46

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Omnibus invasion, p2 *
Street organ, p3

1905 02 18
passive resisters, Wyatt & Toft, p3 *

1905 02 20
Redfern publishes 'Royal * historic gloves & shoes', p3

1905 02 21
Passive resisters meet, p3
Telephone to France, p3

1905 02 23
Serious allegations have been made against the sanitary administration of Cambridge in a letter to 'The Times'. As that newspaper reaches but a small section of the burgesses it would normally have been reprinted in the columns of the C.D.N. We were, however, requested by the Town Clerk not to give publicity to the complaints until a reply had been given. But now we can print both. The manner involved a furnished apartment in which a child died from diphtheria. Finding the apartments to let 'The Times' journalist took them. She claimed it had not been disinfected and a survey showed very serious defects in the W.C. between the two bedrooms. 05 02 23 # c.21.1 # c.04

1905 02 23
A meeting of Chestertonians was held in furtherance of the scheme for constructing a bridge across the Cam at the Fort St George. The Council has accepted the necessity of a bridge and will spend £500 provided another £200 is raised by private subscription. It was not a large sum for such a district. Inhabitants should remember that once it was built they would save further expense on ferries. Several promises were made on the spot and various college boat clubs will be approached. 05 02 23a c.44.7

1905 02 25
It would appear as though the automobile is going to revolutionise transit in all departments and the next application is likely to be the railways. The Great Northern Railway Company have been allowing a motor manufacturing company to make experiments upon their lines with a petrol car as a

conveyance over branch lines passing through sparsely-populated districts. It is being seriously considered whether the automobile carriage carrying a few passengers shall not supersede the ordinary locomotive-drawn train. The car with which experiments are being made ran into Cambridge from Hitchin. It is driven by two engines and lighted by electricity obtained from storage batteries. Some parts of the journey were covered at about 50 m.p.h. 05 02 25 # c.26.2 # c.26.48

1905 02 25
The Cambridge Amateur Dramatic Club completed its 50th year of existence with a dinner in the Guildhall. It has experienced financial embarrassment and its defaulting cashier; it has been served with writs; in its early days it suffered from something nearly akin to ostracism. A Royal patron and social and official recognition followed. The first performances were given in lodgings over a shop in Trinity Street, then moved to a room at the Hoop Hotel. In 1856 one of its members while escorting some ladies to a ball underwent the unpleasant experience of being served with a writ for £50 due to a carpenter 05 02 25a # c.76

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Public House Trust annual meeting, p4

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Tindall photographer, p3

1905 03 03
The University threw open the Senate House to the four thousand and odd voters on the electoral roll to say ‘aye’ or ‘nay’ to the proposal that Greek shall in future be an optional subject in the curriculum of this ancient seat of learning. There is at present none of the wild excitement which characterised the rejection of the claim of women to University degrees in 1896, but there is at least equal interest for in half-an-hour about a hundred votes were registered. Masters of Arts from all parts of England have been summoned and poured into Cambridge by rail and road, the motor-car, as in political elections, bringing many electors to the poll. 05 03 03a # c.36.9

Swaffham charities scheme, p3 *
Passive resistance, p3

1905 03 04
Cambridge streets have not presented for many a long day such an animated appearance. Trams and cabs have been doing a roaring trade, foot passengers throng the narrow thoroughfares and motor cars dodge in an out of the traffic in a manner that is somewhat bewildering. All this is caused by the closing scenes of the Greek controversy. Dignified decorum is gradually giving way to infectious excitement. When the Prime Minister, Mr Balfour, arrived at the Senate House to record his vote he was given a rousing reception. Photographers snatched up their camera and raced across the grass to the voters’ entrance whilst University dons covered the ground in a manner reminiscent of the racing track. 05 03 04 # c.36.9

1905 03 04
A large crowd was attracted to the vicinity of the University Senate House by the unusual spectacle of clusters of electric lights suspended from its exterior walls and the sounds from within of intermittent loud cheering. Members of the University and a number of ladies clambered on to the window sills to watch the proceedings within as the vote reached its conclusion. One of our reporters, whose Greek had grown rusty, sought the assistance of a policeman to decipher an inscription. “Well, it means

'Alas for Greek', doesn't it" he replied promptly. But Greek was triumphant and is to remain a compulsory subject within the University. The end was heralded to those without by a burst of cheering 05 03 04 – 06 # c.36.9

1905 03 04
A practical joke of a particularly senseless character has just come to light. The incident recalls a similar hoax that was effected during the visit to England of the Shah of Persia years ago. The CDN became apprised of the visit but in view of the former hoax refrained from publishing any account and our suspicion was confirmed by a telegram from the Carlton Hotel saying 'No member of the Sultan of Zanzibar's suite was away from London'. The Mayor was very cautious and took care not to make any elaborate preparations for the reception of the visitors. 05 03 04 # c.36.9 # RAG

1905 03 06
Undergraduates started a bonfire on Parker's Piece with the aid of a wooden fence from the front of a house in Melbourne Place. One of the proctors who arrived on the scene before the appearance of the police became the object of the amusement of a large number of roughs, some of whom, after having smashed the hats of the 'bulldogs' began to hustle him. He escaped actual injury owing chiefly to the stalwart and vigorous defence of the 'bulldogs' assisted by one or two townsmen. The fire was extinguished by a bucket of water 05 03 06b # c.36.9

Greek, p3 *
Cottenham Lamb & Windmill pubs, p4

1905 03 07
Janet Mundy, the Bassingbourn district nurse appeared in court charged with riding a bicycle on the footpath. PC Frost said she told him 'What am I to do. I can't get about with the roads in such a state'. Next day he saw her again and he had received numerous complaints about her. The Rev Clarkson said she was a district nurse and had to ride a great deal. Sometimes the roads offered a choice of riding over unbroken stones or deep ruts so she simply took to the path. If she were acting in a private capacity it would be different. She was fined 2s.6d and the Chairman said that if the offence were repeated the full penalty would be inflicted. 05 03 07 # c.21.3

1905 03 07
Swaffham Bulbeck electors considered a new draft scheme for regulating the Poor's Charity. One clause that caused such a stir related to £25 to be applied for educational purposes and administered by a separate foundation. If carried out the charity would be taken out of the hands of the original trustees and given to the foundation managers. If they gave them any power they would not know where it would finish. After considerable discussion the meeting rejected the proposals. 05 03 07 e-f # c.32.9

Hoax, p3
Passive resisters, Melbourn & Haverhill, p4

1905 03 10
A company is being formed to provide a service of motor 'buses for Cambridge. Eight 'buses will be put down at first by which it is hoped to run a 15 minutes' service from Chesterton, another from the Huntingdon Road district to the centre of town and a seven minutes' service to the railway station. Should the venture prove successful the more outlying districts such as Newnham Croft and Cherry Hinton will be catered for 05 03 10 # c.26.46

Linton vicar, Rutter, p3

1905 03 11
The Hon C.S. Rolls lectured on 'The History of the Motor Car' to the University Engineering Society.

He had owned the first motor car ever seen in Cambridge and frequently got into trouble through getting back late at night after a breakdown, but he squared numerous Dons by taken them out in the car. Many of these runs ended in pushing the car home with the assistance of his venerable passengers. He described some exciting experiences including a collision with a tree at 70 miles an hour, being run away with downhill, being stuck in the flood, dug out of a bog, having a wheel come off and on one occasion getting run over by his own car. What the public really want was a simple reliable car that could be purchased at a popular price. Low priced motor cars of good quality could only be produced by proper factory organisation and manufacturing in large numbers with standardized parts and automatic machinery. When the motor came within reach of the less-moneyed classes people would be able to live in the country in healthy and picturesque places unapproachable by rail or tramway, instead of clustering as they now do around railway stations or tram car routes. Properly designed motor van would double the range for delivery of a tradesman's goods. It could run all day and night and would cost nothing when not in use. Motorised lorries been further developed and had a big future before them. They would act as feeders to the railways and farmers would be put in touch with towns and markets at present quite out of their reach. Motor cars would greatly improves the condition of the streets and of traffic generally.The horse would never become extinct but much of the work of drudgery was now relegated to the horse which could be far better done by mechanical power and with consequent definition of suffering. 05 03 11a-c

1905 03 11
There was no little stir in Toft; it seemed as if the whole village had turned out to be present at the sale of Passive Resisters' goods, seized for the educational portion of the Poor Rate. The auctioneer stood on the little hillock of the Green and offered the first lot, a silver teapot the property of Mr J. Worboys. He followed with a watch belonging to Mr D.Creek, and a gold chain and watch from Mr A & B.Tebbit. A gun, the property of Mr P. Roggs caused some merriment and was sold for 12s.6d. Afterwards the company went to the Primitive Methodist Chapel for a meeting about the injustice of the Act forced upon them by the Conservative Party 05 03 11cc # PASSIVE RESISTERS

National Trust meeting, p3
Zanzibar, p4 *

1905 03 13
Cambridge magistrates were told there were about 440 houses on the Rock Estate with one full-licensed house, the Rock Hotel and one off-licence. Either of these sent out beer to houses as ordered. There are also at least four brewers' vans to deliver beer in gallon jars and bottles, and grocers from Cambridge send up pint bottles. If they granted a new licence to William Conder of Marshall Road, which was a new and fairly populous district, it would lead to secret drinking, more especially by women at their homes. The licence was refused. 05 03 13a-c # c.27.4

Cambridge brewers, p3

1905 03 15
Stretham defaulter, p3 *

1905 03 17
A CDN reporter had occasion to send a telegraph message from the Swaffham Prior post office to this paper; he then began to return to Cambridge by cycle. After a leisurely ride he found had beaten the wire. This was an annoyance, bearing in mind the reputed speed of electricity. It appears the message had first to be despatched to Ely where it had to wait before being transmitted to London, from which it was retransmitted to Cambridge. It arrived one-and-a-half hours after being sent! 05 03 17 # c.27.7

1905 03 17
Two Ely Passive Resisters should have appeared before magistrates for non-payment of their education rate. Summonses had been served on each – Mr A.E. Cragg intends to have his framed – but then both received a curt note to say the money had been paid and the proceedings stopped. They

were indignant and now must wait until the rate becomes due again. So far no Passive Resister has graced the Ely court for on four occasions the money has been paid anonymously 05 03 17a # PASSIVE RESISTERS

1905 03 17
Saffron Walden Co-operative Society opened new premises in High Street; the front of premises formerly occupied by J.R. Long were pulled down and a shop with show-room over constructed on modern principles. The rear of the building has been repaired and a hall for the Society's meetings constructed. The ceremony was followed by tea for about 375 people at the Town Hall. The Society had faced opposition when it first started in Walden and there was much competition and keen cutting of prices. 05 03 17b

1905 03 21
A public meeting under the auspices of the Cottenham Total Abstinence Society was held at the Boys' School, giving them the opportunity of firing another shot at the great enemy of strong drink and the drinking customs of the country. They had a tremendous foe to fight and must bring out all the weapons they possibly could. The new Licensing Act had been a set-back but it was not a defeat. Even the Government was beginning to recognise the value of temperance by voting money for the teaching of total abstinence in the ranks of the British Army 05 03 21 # c.27.4

1905 03 22
Albert Clark told the court that in November a political meeting was held at Great Eversden and afterwards he went to the Hoops public house. A man in front of him clapped his hands and called out 'Good old Tory' at which the landlord's dog flew at him and bit his thigh. He was laid up for 17 days. Harry Wick the postman and Edward Hagger a farmer said the dog had flown at other people but without biting them. The landlord said the spaniel was a very kind dog. A doctor had examined Clark and found a scratch mark across the thigh made by a dog's tooth, but it was not a bite. He was awarded two guineas 05 03 22

1905 03 22
The story of a feud between two Waterbeach farmers was unfolded in the County Court. On Christmas Eve William Morton got out of a train at the station and went to the Lion Inn where his horse was put up. He remained until closing time and then rode home but somebody followed behind his cart; he used strong language and asked what he meant by hunting him home. They came to blows and he knocked two of his opponent's teeth out. He was known as 'The King of the Fens' until he was knocked over. 05 03 22 a & b

1905 03 23
Waterbeach farmer feud, p4 *

1905 03 24
The begging fraternity appear to regard Chesterton as a Happy Hunting Ground. On the new estates, the De Freville and the Central the evil is particularly rampant and when the male members of the households are mostly away at business the weaker sex are particularly intimidated into relieving the able-bodied tramps who frequently threaten violence unless they receive assistance. One actually walked right into the kitchen and demanded money or food. The police have made an attempt to suppress this nuisance but when the principal penalty inflected by magistrates is to discharge the beggar on his promising to leave town the evil quickly becomes as bad as ever. 05 03 24a # c.32.9

1905 03 24
Alderman Hurrell called attention to the decision of the Education Committee to close Stapleford Council School and accommodate the scholars at Shelford. As this was a mile and a quarter distant the children would have to walk five miles a day or take their dinners with them. It was not all sunshine in the winter months when children aged from three to five would have to get up at 7.30 and

tramp away through slush and snow. But there were 98 schools in the county with an average attendance of less than 100 and if every little school was to be kept alive it would mean high rates 05 03 24c-d # c.36.6

1905 03 24
A sad discovery was made at Ely of a tailor, found dead on the Cutter Railway Bridge. His head was in the four-foot way, severed from the body, which was on the other side of the line, and his hat and collar were on the buttress of the bridge. He was last seen at 10.40 pm when he was going in the direction of the Great Eastern Railway gates, near the station 05 03 24b # c.26.2

1905 03 25
Those motherly ladies, the motherly nurses of our land – 'Sarah Gamps' as they have been designated – have rendered great service in assisting into the world the offspring of poor parents who cannot afford to pay for a doctor. But under the Midwives Act all such women must be qualified by training. However those who have carried out the trade are not swept away by one stoke of the pen. In many instances the village clergyman or doctor has paid the ten-shilling registration fee to allow the ladies to continue. 05 03 25 # c.21.3

1905 03 28
Considerable indignation is being felt by Chesterton ratepayers at measures adopted by the parish to ensure the payment of the rates. Some people are being summoned while others are not. In view of the allegations made against the overseers the law should be stated: summonses can be issued seven days after a rate has been made and the fact published on the church doors. But the usual practice is to send a second notice to the ratepayers who have not complied 05 03 28a-b # c.32.6

1905 03 31
Bottisham fre, p3 *

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1905 04 01
Corporation property fire, p3 *

1905 04 04
Bertram Palmer, a Meldreth fruit grower, has been sentenced to seven days imprisonment for refusing to pay his education rate on conscientious grounds. He was one of eight Passive Resisters who were convicted but would not allow his goods to be seized and removed them from the reach of the police. The magistrates passed judgement but then left the court without signing the warrant. We understand it is the intention of the Cambridge Passive Resisters to entertain him to a breakfast on his release from prison 05 04 04

1905 04 08
The warrant against Mr Palmer, the Meldreth Passive Resister, was quietly executed and to avoid publicity the police conveyed their prisoner direct to Cambridge by cab. The journey was not without incident however; the bolt came out of one of the shafts and the horse ran away. Some Melbourn sympathisers managed to communicate with Cambridge Resisters and a number were waiting outside the gaol to give Mr Palmer a word of welcome when he arrived. 05 04 08b

1905 04 08
The Cambridge Motor Omnibus Company has been formed. It is nowadays essential for the business of the town to have a convenient and quick means of transit and the omnibuses will be appreciated by the public and become a source of income to the shareholders. With eight vehicles it will be quite easy to maintain a 15-minute service from Chesterton and the Huntingdon Road to the centre of town and a seven-minute service to the railway station. Should these prove successful it will be extended to

outlying districts such as Newnham Croft and Cherry Hinton. There is little doubt that horse traction for omnibuses and tramcars will shortly be superseded by petrol and electricity. 05 04 08a # c.26.46

1905 04 08
Magistrates refused to renew the licence of the George and Dragon public house at Soham. There were 14 fully-licensed public houses, 18 on beer-houses, two off beer-houses and one grocer's licence for a population of 4,230 people – Soham must be a thirsty place, they commented. In the High Street there were eight pubs within 400 yards. The former landlord had allowed gambling for spirits on the premises and proved the dice and dice-box, but he had already been punished and it was not a disorderly house. 05 04 08 # c.27.4

1905 04 08
The alleged appearance of an apparition at Corpus College is recorded in 'The Occult Review'. It describes attempts to exorcise the spirit who says he is Thomas Harding and killed himself in the rooms in 1707. It is a known fact that a former Master, Dr Butts, hanged himself in these rooms but of Harding nothing has yet been found. There are mice in the rooms but it would be difficult for any noise they make to be mistaken for footsteps, nor could they shake a wash-stand to and fro. 05 04 08f-j # c.39

1905 04 10
A meek-looking man of middle age appeared in Cambridge court for damaging a plate-glass window. He had then sought out a policeman and confessed, saying he could not get any money and would rather go to gaol than the workhouse. He had a long list of convictions for malicious damage and did no work when out of gaol. He played the flute about the streets and also made use of a galvanic battery. There was a need for some sort of labour colony to deal with such people. He was sentenced to five months with hard labour 05 04 10a & b

1905 04 10
A keen struggle is to be witnessed in Cambridge for the privilege of conveying people by means of that modern convenience, the motor omnibus. On Saturday the prospectus of the Cambridge Motor Omnibus Company made its appearance and today we carry one for another company, the Cambridge University and Town Motor Omnibus Company. They hope to have their first bus on the streets soon. Owing to the boom in buses there is difficulty in securing these vehicles but they have five chassis (the working parts) and the coach work is being pushed forward as quickly as possible 05 04 10c # c.26.46

1905 04 11
Sir – in June 1902 I purchased a house situate on Mill Road, Cambridge having a side street with roads and paths made. To my surprise I received a letter from the council saying that the previous owner had agreed to pay the costs of road making by instalments but had not done so and that I have to pay the debt and the interest for twelve months before I had the house. There must be some neglect somewhere. I have the honour of being an Honorary Freeman of the Borough and it seems that I am paying very dear for it. – Arthur Livermore. 05 04 11

Man in the moon, p3

1905 04 12
Stretham breach of promise, p3*

1905 04 14
Mr Palmer, the Melbourn Passive Resister who determined to suffer imprisonment rather than pay the education portion of the poor rate has emerged from Cambridge gaol after seven days. As a teetotaller and non-smoker prison discipline brought few privations but the food was painfully plain, all the bread was brown and there was a bran suet pudding. He was set to work mending mailbags. He had

no complaint about his treatment by the warders but says the governor went out of his way to be offensive 05 04 14a-c # c.34.7 # PASSIVE RESISTERS

1905 04 14
The battle of the 'buses in Cambridge commences in real earnest. The 'bus armies are known as the Motor Omnibus Company Ltd and the Cambridge University and Town Motor Omnibus Company Ltd and will battle on practically even terms. They are of different manufacture, the first by Thorneycroft will accommodate 32 passengers, 14 inside and 18 out. Its body is dark blue with yellow decoration. The other is the Straker-Squire type, painted Cambridge blue. Both are driven by petrol, have non-slipping tyres and upholstered with spring cushions inside and seats like light garden chairs outside. 05 04 14d&e # c.26.46

1905 04 15
The rival Cambridge buses ran trial trips round the town to demonstrate the suitability of this form of traction and both were eminently successful. The Thorneycroft's hill-climbing capacities were tested on Castle Hill and seemed to present no difficulties except a decrease in speed; the Straker-Squire passed with the greatest ease. Both naturally created somewhat of a sensation in the streets and the way they threaded their way in and out of the busy traffic excited much admiration. They were under perfect control and could pass through traffic where a horsed vehicle would have to wait its turn. 05 04 15 # c.26.46

1905 04 15
Both Cambridge buses started to ply for hire and the novelty induced people to make trips. Had several more 'buses been running they would have been crowded. The scene on Market Hill was unprecedented. Apart from those who lined one pavement in the hope of obtaining a seat it was alive with folk who were content with watching. As soon as a vehicle drew up a crowd swarmed around the steps, clutching the handrail and endeavouring to get a foothold on the step. Each time there were many left waiting on the pavement disappointed and most waited until it returned. 05 04 15 & a # c.26.46

1905 04 17
The new Cambridge buses have experienced their first small accident. The 'Light Blue' was slowing down in St Andrew's Street and drew up close to the kerb in order to take in a passenger. The incline of the road naturally caused a slight tilt of the bus and as the cradles of the street lamps project over the road the two met with the result that the top of the lamp was bent and a pane of glass smashed.05 04 17a # c.26.46

1905 04 17
The arrival of the motor buses does not appear to be disturbing the Cambridge Tramway Company who are about to introduce a better service on the Post Office – Station Road route by constructing an extra loop line. So many made bus rides 'for the fun of the thing' that the trams gave many on business bent their only opportunity for quicker transit to and from the station. The conditions will change when 'abnormal' passengers on the buses have been reduced and those whose object is facility in travelling and not amusement will have unrestricted access to the automobiles. 05 04 17a # c.26.46 # c.26.44

Swaffham Bulbeck charity scheme abandoned, p3

1905 04 18
Bertram Palmer, the Melbourn Passive Resister said the County Gaol seemed to be the busiest place in Cambridge. It was like a beehive. There were a number of cells and a busy bee in each one. The warder gave him a number of mail bags to patch and said he expected to see them done by the next day. He had to keep things clean in his cell. He was given a bucket, a scrubbing brush, a piece of stone and a piece of cloth. It was not at all amusing being in gaol but he had been the 150th Passive

Resister to go there and he would go again if he thought it would aid the cause. 05 04 18-c # c.34.7 # PASSIVE

1905 04 19
Waterbeach passive resisters – 05 04 19

1905 04 20
Cambridge Medical Officer reported on the recent scarlet fever epidemic which affected undergraduates at one college. The only common link was the milk supply. He discovered that the dairy had obtained a supplementary supply from fifteen different sources. One of these had a milker who had visited relatives at a village where scarlet fever had been present and had suffered from a sore throat. But there was no definite proof he had suffered from the disease. The dairy had stopped distributing any milk other than that of its own cows and no further cases have occurred. 05 04 20 a-c # c.21.1 # MILK

1905 04 20
Cambridge Street Tramways Company have determined to improve their service by constructing an extra passing loop in St Andrew's Street opposite Emmanuel College to enable them to double the number of trams on that route. But no cart would be able to pass if two trams were standing together and there was already a great deal of traffic at the dangerous corner with Downing Street. There was talk of some 20 motor 'buses and if so it was unlikely whether any other traffic would venture in the streets at all 05 04 20c # c.26.44

Willingham resisters sale, p3 *

1905 04 22
Not a week ago motor 'buses commenced running in Cambridge and already there is a smart skit upon the horse trams on sale in the form of a picture postcard. The artist has used his talent to depict a tram, a woe-begone vehicle, harnessed to an antique horse which is fit only for the knacker's yard. There is one solitary passenger. With humorous impertinence he has dubbed it "A bit of old Cambridge" 05 04 22d # KEENE

1905 04 22
Despite Good Friday's gradual change to a roystering holiday it is still a day consecrated to public religious observance & the putting aside of all business cares. The churches were all well attended. One of the features in Cambridge is the way in which a crowd indulges in skipping upon Parker's Piece and the congregation of young people there is reminiscent of the survival of a pagan spring festival. When the skipping was at its height a young woman, who had become over-excited with the exercise, unfortunately had a fit. 05 04 22

1905 04 22
Willingham is one vast flower-garden, and as the flowers are nearly all of the purest white, they present the appearance of heaps of fallen snow. There are hundreds of acres of plum trees in splendid bloom, a sight worth going miles to see. Apples and pears are also giving signs of an abundance of bloom 05 04 22d

Isolation hospital, p3 *
Mason photographer, p3 *

1905 04 25
A valued correspondent asks whether the Cambridge Town Council are going to take any action in regard to the recently-constructed drinking place for cattle on Midsummer Common. "In view of the recent scarlet fever epidemic which was directly traced to infected milk their apathy is remarkable. Unless something is done the cattle from which the milk supply of Cambridge is principally derived will shortly be feeding on sewage" An iron trough should be inserted in the existing waterway so that

the water the cattle are drinking would escape the sewage which currently mingles with it. 05 04 25 # c.21.1

1905 04 26
Wood Ditton ducks, p4

1905 04 28
Mr James Runciman, son the veterinary surgeon of Ely, met with a serious accident while driving his trap along the Mildenhall Road towards Littleport. His horse shied on meeting a motor and plunged head first into a deep ditch, breaking its neck. Mr Runciman was thrown after it and the trap overturned on top of him. He managed to extricate himself and was taken to the house of Mr Glover, a farmer, where he was treated with the greatest kindness. The motorists pulled up about 30 yards beyond the accident. 05 04 28a

1905 04 28
Newmarket heath highway robbery 300 years ago - 05 04 28b # c.34.6

1905 04 29
Northumberland women lead healthy open-air lives and compare very favourably, both in morality and physique, with the factory hands. Without them it would not be possible to carry on agricultural labour because the rural exodus has diminished the available supply of men. Their pay is 1s.8d a day and 3s. a day for twenty days at harvest. This enables them to live in very great comfort as compared with the farm servants in the Eastern Counties where there are many men with families to keep who do not earn high wages 05 04 29a

1905 04 29
The picture post card artist has turned his attention to the motor 'bus service with an amusing sketch of one of Cambridge's up-to-date vehicles. The 'bus is plunging along at a terrific rate, much to the alarm of a female passenger, who, evidently to the driver's satisfaction, has thrown her arms around his neck to ensure her safety. Simultaneously the 'bus has struck a lamppost and run over a dog, so it will be seen that the artists has not had to rely entirely upon his imagination for the incidents of the sketch 05 04 29b & c # KEENE

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1905 05 01
John Pink, the veteran Cambridge Librarian says that a man ceases to read books after attaining the age of 40. Library statistics show that older men do not borrow books but read more periodicals. The newspaper of today is a very different thing to what it was 40 years ago; around the newspapers in the reading room were many men, some eagerly peeping over each other's shoulders and several reading monthly magazines.

1905 05 02
The University and the New Theatre have joined hands to warn undergraduates that ungentlemanly behaviour will not be tolerated. A warning was placed in every programme and supplemented by a speech between the acts by J.W. Clark, registrary of the University and Chairman of the Theatre Company. His words were received with respect by the audience, already in high spirits by a splendid production of the 'Mikado'. He was loudly cheered as he walked on to the stage and at the conclusion he was accorded quite an ovation. 05 05 02a # c.76

1905 05 02
An outbreak of fire occurred at the premises of Messrs Hallack and Bond, wholesale grocers, Petty Cury, Cambridge. About 11.18 pm smoke and flames were discovered issuing from a store room. The alarm was at once given and the horsed fire escape, tender and hose cart were soon on the scene. With

the aid of one hydrant, the inmates of the building and the firemen succeeded in extinguishing the outbreak just in time to prevent a serious conflagration 05 05 02b # c.27.2

1905 05 05
Fifty years ago Messrs Richard and Holttum the well-known drapers and grocers started their business at Linton. They celebrated with a tea to old inhabitants of the village; 135 assembled in the British School where a substantial meal was provided. Subsequently an excellent programme of songs and recitals was presented. The event was crowned with complete success and will be remembered by those who took part for the remainder of their lives as one of the happiest and most enjoyable. 05 05 05

Lady cyclists photo, p3

1905 05 06
Owing to the enormous demand for the current issue of the 'Cambridgeshire Weekly News', the entire edition was sold out on the day of issue, and we regret that we are not able to supply the numerous orders that continue to arrive. To avoid disappointment in future, place a definite order with your newsagent. The 'Weekly News' is the best local weekly paper: sale exceeds 10,000 copies 05 05 06a # c.04

1905 05 06
John Philip Sousa with his famous band performed at Cambridge Guildhall but they are capable of filling a much larger building with a wonderful volume of sound. The programme included selections from the works of Wagner and Puccini. Encore followed each item and in response some of Sousa's celebrated military marches were given with great effect 05 05 06b # c.69

1905 05 08
Varsity volunteers, p3
Missing councillor, p3

1905 05 09
A grocer and baker from Saxon Street, Wood Ditton, told the bankruptcy court that he took over the business from his mother as a going concern in 1902. He afterwards discovered that whilst the stock-in-trade, utensils and fixtures were worth only £30 the liabilities amounted to nearly £200. He obviously had been insolvent from the time he commenced business. Now heavy accounts were becoming due which he could not meet, so he filed for bankruptcy 05 05 09

Wilbraham pub, p3

1905 05 11
Cambridge is likely to know a great deal more about vegetarianism following meetings of the Vegetarian Society. Their President, the venerable Professor of Latin, Rev. J.E.B. Mayor has reached his 80th birthday and is still active and vigorous. Few could more appropriately be president of a society advocating an unpopular dietetic regime. A cookery demonstration in the Guildhall did its best to extol the merits of sausages made of breadcrumbs, rice and tomatoes over the more traditional 'Cambridge' variety. 05 05 11b

1905 05 11
Mrs Bunsnell of Skillington, Lincs., is looked upon as a village prize. As I entered her little thatched home I found her reading without spectacles. After giving me a real old-fashioned welcome she said: "If I'm spared I shall be 101 tomorrow but I'm as nimble as ever. I remember the Battle of Waterloo; two of my uncles fell in it and out village clergyman was taken prisoner by the French. I've always worked hard and lived chiefly on potatoes and black, or barley, bread. In recent years I've had back pains but now I take Dean's Kidney Pills and they've quite cured me. I can recommend them truly. They can be bought in boxes from all Chemists and Stores. 05 05 11b

1905 05 13
Residents in Soham have to 'fetch a pail of water' from the public pump when they need it. But Mrs Brown of Bushel Lane complained: "It was a great trial to me. My back was so weak that carrying the pails would send pains through it of an excruciating character. It was when my first girl was born that I became so very ill. She was a very weakly baby and fretted continually. I became so knocked-up that I had to have someone in to do my housework. One night my husband returned to find me in a pitiable plight. Then I decided to take Dr William's Pink Pills and I have not been ill since". 05 05 13

Motorists, p3
Costumier, p3

1905 05 16
A Cambridge lady has patented a coffin to minimise the possibility of premature burial. It contains an electric bell, the button of which is fixed near the hand of the occupant with the bell on the top of the grave. There is also a glass plate in the lid together with a hammer to allow the person to break out, though it is hardly conceivable that anyone would have sufficient strength to scramble to the surface 05 05 16a. # c.21.2

1905 05 16
An attempt has been made to remedy the serious defect of the new cattle drinking places on Midsummer Common. A concrete wall has been built to prevent the sewage flowing into the water. Unfortunately it also stops the majority of the cattle from drinking at all and so the stockmen have to drive them some distance to another site which rapidly gets into an indescribably filthy condition. The cattle are in fact consuming their own sewage 05 05 16b # c.32.3

1905 05 16
Ely now has a thoroughly up-to-date, well equipped girls' secondary school as Bedford House has opened to scholars. It includes a large room used for recreation during wet weather, the old kitchen is now fitted up for the teaching of cookery and the stables converted into a preparatory school. No stranger going over the building would have imagined the use to which it was once put 05 05 16c # c.36.6

1905 05 16
Newmarket Rural District Council discussed the tolls payable at the toll-gate on the Ness Road between Burwell and Fordham. They were a great inconvenience to travellers & the Crown Receivers would accept £600 for the purchase of the tolls, making the road free. Mr Ambrose has promised £100 and if the County Council would contribute £250 they should find the remainder. 05 05 16d # c.44.65

1905 05 19
Newmarket fire, p4

1905 05 20
The King was involved in an exciting scene at the conclusion of racing at Newmarket. Within a few minutes of the finish of the last race a steady stream of traffic poured from the Heath townwards, and in the dozens of vehicles of all sorts and description was the royal equipage. The vagaries of a motor car caused a sudden halt and although the driver of the King's carriage pulled up promptly the horse pulling one behind struck the King a sharp blow in the back with its head. His Majesty, though naturally startled and shaken was not at all injured. 05 05 20a # c.02

1905 05 20
It is doubtful if any town the size of Cambridge has as many motors and motor-cycles running about the streets as are to be seen in term time. All day long the 'pouf-pouf' of panting engines is to be

heard in our streets and we are becoming quite accustomed to having an undergraduate motorist fly by within a foot on one's elbows. Some are expert drivers, some are not, but there is no class determined to get more pace out of his machine. Numerous small accidents occur; within a week a couple of motor-cyclists smashed into a couple of cows. 05 05 20b # c.26.48

Tinkers, p3

1905 05 23
The memorial to the men of Cambridge who fell in the South African War has been completed. It takes the form of a brass tablet designed by Mr W.W. Fawcett affixed to the wall of Great St Mary's church. It is surrounded by stone moulding surmounted by the badge of the Suffolk Regiment but commemorates all local men who died in the war. 05 05 23 # c.45

1905 05 24
The new St Ives Wesleyan Chapel replaces one which has served for nearly 90 years. New school premises were opened last September and have been used during the building of the new church. It occupies a larger area and is of a beautiful and commodious design. Mr F. Sidney Webber of London was the architect and F. Giddings of St Ives the builder. The door was unlocked by Mrs Gawthrop using a silver key. 05 05 24 # c.82.06

1905 05 26
Chesterton residents will be glad to see the inauguration of a new motor 'bus service by the 'Light Blue' company. Special arrangements have been made for the convenience of residents intending to travel to London by the early morning train. The 'bus will leave Old Chesterton Green at 8.25 and run through to the station in time for the 8.53 train. It will also run as frequently as possible between one and two-thirty for the convenience of residents employed in Cambridge who go to the suburbs for their midday meal 05 05 26 # c.26.46

1905 05 27
Herts motor trap, p3

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1905 06 01
Aldreth Causeway was clearly shown on ancient maps as a highway; if so it was a highway for every purpose and for all time. Whether it was repairable by the Bishop of Ely or anybody else the fact remained that for 200 years no definite persons had been made responsible for the repair of the highway and so it was repairable by the highway authority – the Rural District Council. 05 06 01 # c.44.65

Australian cricket, p3

1905 06 02
The Macedonian gypsies ago have reappeared at Ely and are causing a great deal of trouble. A party encamped at the Half Way House on the Cambridge Road; Ely police escorted them through Stuntney and into Cambridgeshire. But next morning Cambs. Constabulary moved them back into the Isle of Ely. Only the future can show for how long the game of battledore and shuttlecock with the Cambs and the Isle of Ely police as battledores and the gypsies as shuttlecock will continue. 05 06 02 # GYPSIES

1905 06 03
The revival of the use of the crinoline has long been heralded with ladies misguided enough to appear arrayed in the hideous appliance. With a feeling of dismay I report that it has now made an appearance in Cambridge. It cannot be said it was of the abnormal type that helped make women

ridiculous in the sixties but it resembled them entirely in form. The wearer was a lady well known locally for the prominent part she takes in local political affairs.05 06 03 # WOMEN

1905 06 08
Johnson & Nephew postcards, p3
Stephenson library, p4

1905 06 09
Some 500 working men have been spending a very pleasant month under canvas just outside Colchester. They have been comfortably housed in spacious bell tents, fed on the best of food and entertained between meals by military exercises, shooting competitions and the like. Nor has the holiday been an expensive one. On the contrary each man has received a shilling a day pocket money. In other words the 4th Battalion (Cambs) Suffolk Regiment have been enjoying their annual training. 05 06 09 # c.45

Boer memorial, p3

1905 06 10
An extraordinary incident occurred at the May Races. The stroke of the Downing boat was experimenting at the Laboratory in the morning when he was the victim of an unfortunate accident which greatly affected his eyes. To requisition another stroke would be impossible so with indomitable pluck he decided to row. This he actually did, but was blindfolded. Sadly his energies were of no avail and his boat was bumped by Trinity Hall. 05 06 10 # c.38 : rowing

1905 06 12
The sinister hand of Death has cast its shadow over Cambridge in its most joyous mood. In the very midst of the May Week holiday three people were drowned through the capsizing of the ferryboat known as the Red Grind at Fen Ditton. Two journeys had been made after the racing, the ferry crowded each time and when the boat was ready for the third about 20 people commenced the fateful voyage. Two University men jumped on at the last moment, the ferry gave a lurch and turned turtle pitching the screaming occupants into six feet of water 05 06 12 # c.38 : rowing # c.44.7

1905 06 12
Words cannot describe the scene at Fen Ditton when the ferry sank. People in the grounds of the Plough rushed to the bank, one or two men plunged into the water, others seized chairs and hurled them towards the struggling mass in the river. Pleasure boats hurried and scurried in answer to frantic appeals for help and the Ditton men shoved off in their black fishing boats. Off the twenty or so who went down with the ferry all but three were saved. 05 06 12a-c

1905 06 12
Miss Violet Handscombe was engaged to Mr Thomas Day and together they enjoyed a visit to the May races. From the Plough pleasure gardens they stepped aboard the ill-fated Red Grind ferry. When it sank Mr Day became separated from his intended bride and managed to reach the bank unassisted. Eagerly he looked for his betrothed but she had become entangled with the rail when the ferry capsized; he plunged into the river again and brought her to dry land but she had been so long under water that life was extinct. 05 06 12

1905 06 12
Miss Minnie Murkin is the central figure of the Fen Ditton ferry sinking. Today she was to have been a happy bride but now her body will be borne to the tomb. At her home in Selwyn Terrace the last few days have witnessed all the preliminary events that precede the wedding; presents have been arriving and her finance came from Swansea. He was on the bank, witnessed the upsetting of the boat and endured the agony of seeing his prospective bride dragged beneath the surface by the sinking craft. 05 06 12a-c

War memorial, p3

1905 06 13
The memorial to the Cambridge men who died during the South African War was unveiled at Great St Mary's Church. It is not inside the church but looks out upon the Market Place, seeming to say that in the midst of life we were in death. A guard of honour consisting of a hundred men of the Cambridge Town Volunteers together with a detachment of the Suffolk Militia, a dismounted body of Hussars, Cambridge University Rifle Volunteers and the band of the Scots Grays joined old soldiers who had seen service in South Africa to witness the proceedings 05 06 13c # c.45

1905 06 13
The inquests on the three victims of the ferry sinking was opened in Fen Ditton schoolroom. The jury proceeded to the melancholy task of viewing the bodies. Those of Mrs Annie Thompson and Miss Minnie Murkin were laid side by side in a darkened room at the Plough, attired in white as for burial, and awaiting outside were the coffins. They then proceeded to a house in which Miss Handscombe was already laid in her coffin. Next they viewed the boat which had been raised from the river. 05 06 13a

1905 06 14
Duchess' jewellery, p3

1905 06 14
Almost before Cambridge has had time to recover from the shock of the Fen Ditton ferry tragedy another sad fatality has occurred. A conductor employed by the Cambridge Motor Omnibus Company was on the front of the vehicle talking to the driver when another bus passed. He leant out to shout something to it, hanging on to the handrail when his head struck a lamppost. He was thrown underneath the 'bus and one of the hind wheels crashed over his head, which was battered out of recognition. 05 06 15a # c.26.46

1905 06 15
The whole of the Duchess of Westminster's missing jewellery has been discovered in Cambridge including a very valuable pearl necklace and twenty diamond brooches. Police arrested a Cambridge man formerly employed as a night watchman at Grosvenor House; they then went to a house in Priory Road and to a field up Newmarket Road where the jewellery was found. 05 06 15a # c.34.6

Bus accident, p3 *
Ferry funerals, p4 *

1905 06 16
Sir – whilst regretting the shocking death of the bus conductor it must be said that the Cambridge University and Town Motor Omnibus Company (the 'Light Blue') have carried 68,000 passengers in the last two months without a single accident having been reported to me – James Hammond, Manager. 05 06 16 # c.26.46

Ferry funeral, p3 *
Bus inquest, p3 *

1905 06 17
The unveiling of the South African war memorial was marred by two small incidents. The Mayor of Cambridge was without his trusty mace-bearers - apparently the maces were securely locked up and the individual who holds the keys was not to be found. Then police failed to recognise the military veterans and refused them admittance to the ceremony to which they had been invited. There was a considerable amount of confusion until the constables were enlightened as to the nature of the guests and allowed them to pass. 05 06 17 # c.45

Bus inquest, p3 *
Duchess's gems, p3
Weekly News rates, p3
Ferry c…s stolen, p4 *

1905 06 19
A sensational report in the London papers that 'the body a woman upon whose body a variety of curious tattoo designs was found was discovered in the river at Cambridge' actually refers to a tragedy at Chatteris a fortnight ago. Two women of the tramp class were pulled from the river. One had tattoos of the crucifixion on her chest, a soldier, sailor and flags on her right arm and a fully-rigged ship, English and American flags, the letter M and a woman in tights on her left. Her left leg had a representation of a Highlander playing bagpipes 05 06 19a # c.39

Bus funeral, p3 *

1905 06 20
Leys school Moulton chapel, p3
Ferry inquest, p4 *

1905 06 22
In the more ancient parts of Cambridge colleges several students used to occupy one large room wherein they lived and slept; they had as private studies small partitioned-off spaces in the corner of the room, each having a window. These still exist but as students no longer live in groups they are now used for sleeping and dining. It is unfair to criticise them as if they had been originally designed as sleeping apartments. 05 06 22 # c.44.5

1905 06 27
Sir – is it not about time that the annual Bacchanalian orgy known as Midsummer Fair was abolished? On Saturday night men, women and even children intoxicated by drink were behaving like maniacs. There were 14 tents for the supply of intoxicating liquors whilst behaviour in the dancing tents is indescribable. In one booth I saw two tiny mites whose mothers had given them too much to drink, for they were quite intoxicated and outside another I saw five perambulators standing unattended – A.J.L.B. 05 06 27a & b # c.27.3

1905 06 27
Sir – may I protest against the needless pandemonium Chesterton residents are forced to endure during the Midsummer Fair by the hideous orchestrations attached to shows and merry-go-rounds, grinding out harsh and discordant sounds which make day and night a time of torture. No sane people can find pleasure in the ear-splitting metallic sounds emanating from these machines. Such a noise, coupled with the hooting of horns and the screeching of steam whistles render rest an impossibility – Nerves 05 06 27e # c.27.3

1905 06 27
Sir – every year our Midsummer Fair is visited by a number of itinerant merchants selling pots, pans, linoleum, furs, drapery and various oddments. They pay little rent and no rates and taxes and yet they take away hundreds of pounds which ought to be spent in local shops. In many cases people actually pay more for the goods at these mock auctions than they would in a proper shop – Tradesman 05 06 27c # c.27.3

1905 06 28
The sale of the contents of Brooklands, the residence of the late E.B. Nunn at Royston, featured a collection of objects that were formerly exhibited in the Royston museum. They included a fine funereal urn found in excavations on the Heath in 1854 which was sold to Baron von Hugel. A Roman brick bearing figures of soldiers, found in a garden at Kneesworth, fetched 20s, a large spearhead

made over £4 while old muzzle-loading guns fetched only a shilling each. A collection of 70 17th-century tradesmen's tokens were sold for £7 05 06 28 # c.41

Westminster gems, p3

1905 06 29
Westminster gems trial, p3
St Pauls organ renovated, p3

1905 06 30
A four-wheel baker's van was found in Mr Duke's meadow at Littlebury. It had a covering reading 'Pure Yeast Company, London' and contained a set of harness, a pair of reins, two baker's baskets and five loaves of bread. The Metropolitan police ascertained that it had been stolen on 22nd June and gave a description of the horse which was found in a field near Sawston in a weak condition. The thief has not been traced 05 06 30

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1905 07 01
The 'Light Blue' bus was chartered to take 20 King's College men to Hunstanton and back. The driver sent telegrams reporting their progress. The bus departed at 6.40 and reached at Ely at 7.50 where the party breakfasted before finally arriving at 2.20 in the afternoon. The return journey commenced at 4 pm and the passengers were safe landed in Cambridge just before eleven. All agreed the trip was successful: the roads were perfect, the scenery appreciated and only one light shower fell. The bus pulled well and travelled the 120 miles without the slightest hitch. 05 07 01a # c.26.46

1905 07 01
Tea dealers have been running down their stock prior to the reduction in tax announced by the Budget. Last night there was a tremendous rush to get tea out of bond to replenish supplies. At Cambridge the stores of the four railway companies have been converted into bonded warehouses where tea has been accumulating and by Friday they had 245 chests ready for delivery. At six o'clock this morning about 23 tons was taken away to the shops so customers can be supplied. 05 07 01 # c.27.2 # c.28

1905 07 04
Christ's College is celebrating the 400th anniversary of its foundation and a host of past members have returned. Dignitaries of the church, members of parliament, men of eminence in the legal world and members of the learned professions are among the distinguished company of guests 05 07 04 a & b # c.44.5

1905 07 04
Cambridge Salvation Army held their annual field day at Jesus College when 'twelve hours of holy joy' were spent by more than 1,000 members. There was lantern and scarf drills and a feature of the variety fanfare was the singing of two converted comedians, Poole and Rash. There has been a remarkable outbreak in the various Salvation Army corps and more people have professed conversion during the last six months that any other period on record. 05 07 04b

1905 07 08
Ely council debated whether to acquire a steam fire engine. Messrs Merryweather's estimate was £314 and they were willing to allow payment to be spread over three years. But they would have to build an engine house. Cambridge had many more valuable buildings and they did not think it worth having one. Many ratepayers felt it was not required; they had a system of hydrants and a very good pressure which would reach any ordinary building without an engine at all. But several shopkeepers said they should have one. 05 07 08a-c # c.34.75

1905 07 08
The oldest industry in Britain, the manufactory of gun and tinder-box flints is still carried on in the village of Brandon. The work is done in little sheds at the back of the cottages where those engaged in this almost out-of-date occupation dwell. They are sent to Spain and Italy where the tinder box still holds its ground in rural region and travellers in remote areas find flint and steel a veritable boom. Flints are also used in ingenious little mechanical devices for lighting pipes and cigars which one sees in tobacco shop windows. 05 07 08a # FLINT # c.27

1905 07 08
Mr Prevett, the clever local Punch and Judy man was performing at a garden party near Cottenham and demonstrating the unhappy relations between Punch and his spouse with much vigour. At the conclusion of the show he was accosted by a lady who protested his manipulation of the dolls was too brutal and would have a demoralising effect on the poor innocent rustics. A short time after the lady married, and quite recently was fined for assaulting her husband with a garden rake! 05 07 08a # c.39 # WOMEN

1905 07 08
Mr Hutchinson of Brooklands Avenue attached a pair of natural wings to a swinging balance and actuated them by means of an electric motor in the way in which a bird's wings move. Encouraged by the experiments he constructed a larger machine with wings of 60 feet square, the power being supplied by a petrol cycle engine. The results are encouraging but no actual attempt at unrestrained flight has been attempted due to the probability of an unpremeditated decent. Were it to be exhibited at the Mammoth Show what a 'draw' it would be. 05 07 08b # c.26.1

1905 07 08
An accident which came within a shade of becoming a fearful disaster occurred on the main London to Norwich railway line at Lt Downham. A herd of horses were crossing in Kiln Lane when they stampeded into the line. An express train came around the curve and dashed into the animals. Four were killed outright and a fifth injured. The engine and some of the coaches passed over the carcasses of the horses but by some miracle the train kept on the metals. The bodies were removed and the train continued its journey within 20 minutes 05 07 08d # c.26.2

1905 07 08
'Cyclist' writes that he started on a long ride into the fen districts and distinctly remembers placing a repair outfit in his saddlebag. When in one of the most benighted parts of the fen he discovered a puncture he turned his machine in readiness to repair it. To his disgust he found his repair outfit had been abstracted from his bag. The theft is one of those paltry offences that only an excessively mean nature would cause a man to commit. 05 07 08c # c.26.485

1905 07 10
Perseverance and country drive, p3

1905 07 11
Newmarket flooding, p4

1905 07 13
Ashwell R.D.C. heard that at Kelshall there was a portion of a fourteenth-century village cross lying bottom upwards in a pond by the side of the Sandon road. It was an interesting relic and should be placed on the green with a fence around it. The cost need not exceed £2. The Chairman thought it was a matter for Kelshall parish to deal with, but Mr Rand said: "Then it will stop where it is". (Laughter). It was referred to the parish meeting. 05 07 13c

1905 07 13

Cambridge has regained a missing charter granted to the Borough in 1632 by King Charles I. It is plainly written in Latin upon a huge scroll of parchment but is mutilated by having a large circular patch cut away, possibly to cover a drum used in the civil war. It was presented by the Royal Institution of South Wales who had found it amongst their ancient papers; how it got there is not known. 05 07 13a-c # c.35.7 # c.43

1905 07 15
Mr J.A Martin of Ely said the water supply of the country was a most difficult question. In the fen district the rivers constituted the main supply and every precaution ought to be taken to keep them free from contamination. If they could utilise the water out of the rivers they would have as good a supply as they could wish. Mr Luddington of Littleport said many of the inhabitants turned to the river for their supply but the city of Ely poured crude sewage into the stream above them. 05 07 15a-d # c.24.2

1905 07 15
Coe Fen was the scene of an interesting fire-extinguishing demonstration by the Valor Company. A light wooden erection had been constructed coated by three gallons of tar and a shavings and straw saturated with motor spirit was heaped around. It was ignited by a match and with such violence did the flames break out that the watching crowd was forced to fall back. The representative brought the appliance into operation and the fire was subdued in about 25 seconds. 05 07 15dd # c.32.3 # c.34.75

1905 07 17
Licensing magistrates were told that the old ferry at the Plough, Fen Ditton, scene of the tragic sinking, would not be used again and a new boat would be obtained. The old tenant had no knowledge of boats but the new one was a lighterman by trade and understood the workings of a ferry. The old ferry was a 'death trap' and the new one must be a safe one and competent to carry passengers. 05 07 17a # c.44.7

1905 07 17
"Sir – the motor-car has come to stay, and some day everyone will wonder how people could ever have done without it. The dust nuisance is very serious, but this will soon come off the road, the noise is objectionable and so is the smell but they are not unbearable. But the terror is the sight of an approaching car coming at the rate of 30 or 40 miles an hour. Recently an increasing number of cars have been taking the road between Cambridge and St Neots. Near the village of Croxton there are two cross roads and several cottages and the village school stand on the high road. Past these the motors dash by at such a furious rate that the numbers at the back cannot be read. There would certainly be much rejoicing if the police 'happened' on one of these offending cars as it was racing past the school" 05 07 17 # c.26.48

1905 07 18
The new Cambridge cemetery on Newmarket Road is nothing less than a small farm with oats, wheat and barley covering over 20 acres. As yet very few interments have taken place and years must elapse before graves encroach upon a great expanse of the site which would otherwise be lying unproductive. The crops have a very promising appearance and will produce a profit for ratepayers 05 07 18a & b # c.21.2

1905 07 18
A number of gypsies who have been camping beside the Half-way House, Little Thetford and employed as peapickers were responsible for a serious disturbance at the pub. One had taken half a gallon of beer to work with him and returned for more. On being refused service as he was drunk he became obnoxious, smashed a quantity of crockery and assaulted the landlord.05 07 18b # GYPSIES

1905 07 18
The landlord of the Central Hotel, Cambridge, told how a man rang the bell in the commercial room and as if he could have a 'number''. This was the customary way in which commercial travellers

asked for a room. Later the man said he could not pay his bill. He did not believe he was a commercial traveller and called the police. The man carried a parcel, neatly done up similar to those carried by travellers but when opened it contained two racing calendars, a tin of boot polish and some newspapers. 05 07 18d & e # c.27.4

Visit Newmarket, p3

1905 07 19
Ramsey theft, p3

1905 07 20
Sir – Great Shelford Parish Council have agreed at a meeting where ratepayers were poorly represented to purchase land for a recreation ground at a cost of £600. I believe slips of paper should have been left at every house on which the occupants could have given their vote about adding this extra rate upon the already over-burdened ratepayer. The owner of the land was deeply interested in the scheme and would have presented it to the parish if he had been approached – John Raymen 05 07 20a

1905 07 20
The population of Welches Dam was decreasing and the houses falling into ruins, except the public houses. They were originally erected by the Middle Level for their workmen and were not being kept up at all well. There was a chapel but it had no sanitary convenience. The building of a school was entirely out of the question. A conveyance should be provided to take the 33 children of school age from there and Purl's Bridge to Manea school. But they already had more children than they could accommodate. 05 07 20b

1905 07 20
According to Dr Wilkinson Huntingdonshire has one of the highest death-rates from cancer of any county in England. He believes that cancer is more prevalent in low-lying or damp districts than elsewhere. The height of the land locally varies from a few feet only above sea level in the fen district to between 200 and 250 feet above 05 07 20d # c.21.1

1905 07 20
The Board of Education have declined to recognise March Corn Exchange as a suitable place to open a Girls' School. This has caused serious problems. The committee had advertised for a mistress but fortunately no appointment had been made. However they had about 30 teachers who needed a secondary school but had nowhere to send them. So they have decided to erect a temporary building for three years and asked Mr Perkins to prepare rough plans 05 07 20c # c.36.6

1905 07 21
Babraham flowers & fighting, p3

1905 07 22
Romsey burglaries, p3
Ely river tragedy, p3
Cheese, p4

1905 07 25
A bus driver employed by the Cambridge Town and University Motor Omnibus Company was summoned after an accident with a tram. He had tried to overtake a trolley when one of his mudguards touched the tram's front handrail. The collision caused the tram to leave the line and go to the other side of the road. He claimed he could have got through but the tram horse had become frightened at the noise of the bus and quickened its pace; he had seen the horse 'dance about' on several occasions. But magistrates said the bus driver had been too anxious to pass; the state of the roads necessitated the greatest care and patience. 05 07 25a # c.26.46

1905 07 25
Littleport Parish Council considered a report on the outbreak of typhoid in the village in 1904. Their natural water supply was from the river but Ely council was now planning to discharge a large quantity of extra sewage into the Ouse. A piped water supply was said to be too expensive and nobody would give them a direct reply to their enquiries. 05 07 25b

Ely river victim, p3

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1905 08 01
A Cambridge motorist was summoned for driving a motor omnibus without having a hackney carriage driver's licence. PC Wade said the bus, carrying passengers, was driven on to the pavement, damaging a lamp and flagstones. The driver said he lost control as it was not the same gear he was used to. It was the usual practice to try a man before applying for a licence and he was being taught to steer under the supervision of a qualified person. He was fined 5s.
05 08 01 # c.26.46

1905 08 02
Sir – I was given permission to give Pierrot concerts on the children's playground, Christ's Pieces but then the committee refused to allow me to use any seats for my audience. I was then told they must be discontinued but offered a site on Midsummer Common, only to have this withdrawn when residents complained. I am now left with artistes on my hands and money wasted. My position is consequently very awkward - Robert Elmslie 05 08 02 # c.69

Cambridge Photographers visit Ely, p3 *
Prickwillow foal show, p4

1905 08 04
Cambridge is to be one of four centres of the Light Delivery Van Trials organised by the Automobile Club of Great Britain. Such mechanically propelled delivery vans will enable the more expeditious delivery of goods and isolated parts of the country will be linked with the cities. The trails will comprise 30 day's service of each vehicle in four classes from 5 cwt to a ton. 05 08 04

1905 08 05
Mr Jesse Boot the chemist's chauffeur was convicted for driving at excessive speed between Buntingford and Ware. One police officer stood by the 13th milestone, another by the 7th, each clicked their watch as the car passed them. When they later compared the readings they calculated that the intervening six miles had been covered at a speed of 25 and five-sevenths miles an hour. They could not prove that the chauffeur had been driving all the way but the only other people in the car were Jesse Boot who was crippled with rheumatic gout and his wife, one of the most nervous ladies

that ever got into a motor car. But as the speed limit of 20 mph had not been grossly exceeded the fine was reduced. 05 08 05

1905 08 05
Two undergraduates said they were fishing at Holywell when Baron de Ketschemdorf arrived in another punt and asked them to move. They declined, saying the river was public, at which the Baron said he would throw them in the river. There was a wrestle during which he tried to throttle them. The German said he had driven a pole in the bed of the river showing that he had already occupied that water and it was a point of etiquette not to fish there. The men had threatened to hit him with a bucket. He was fined £1.05 08 05b – d # c.38 : fishing

1905 08 05
The burglary scare in Romsey Town has caused several amusing and one dangerous incident. A gentleman was keeping an all-night watch for the burglar and about 1.30 a.m. thought he observed his quarry. At any rate a revolver which he had in his possession went off. The bullet sped across the street and through the window of a house opposite. It cut two holes in the hanging curtains, smashed a large fruit dish and ended its career in a photographic frame.
05 08 05e # c.34.6 # MILL ROAD

1905 08 10
A fire of alarming dimensions broke out at Witchford, two cottages and a number of farm buildings opposite the church being totally destroyed. The flames attracted a large number of people, harvest fields being deserted and work suspended for the time but the flames had too good a hold. Ely Fire Brigade had difficulty finding water but eventually a pond was found and the manual engine, with some 40 men to pump, was got to work. The furniture was removed and placed in the churchyard, the various domestic utensils dotted in amongst the tombstones. 05 08 10 # c.34.75

1905 08 14
Proposed cycle treck, p3

1905 08 15
Volunteer, p3
Cycle treck, p3 *
Hardwicke Arms, Arrington transferred to Public House Trust - # c.27.4 05 08 15c
Proposed cycle track, Midsummer Common – 05 08 15a & b # c.38 : cycling # c.32.3

1905 08 16
A unique feature of the entertainment to be given in the Fellows' Garden of King's College will be a series of cinematograph pictures illustrating the recent visit of the French fleet. During the display the Police Band will discourse descriptive music. The Chorister Glee Singers will be present and Mr Gambling will introduce his new set of Italian Marionettes.
05 08 16 # c.76.9 # c.69

Cycle treck, p3

1905 08 17
An accident took place on the Adelaide Bridge: Mr G. Washington of Littleport was driving a party of nine or ten in his carrier's van to Shippea Hill and when descending the bridge the brake did not act properly. The horse became troublesome and the front wheels of the cart separated from the rest of the wagon. Most of the party were pitched out but escaped without serious injury. They had to make their way home on foot. 05 08 17

1905 08 18

The Clare and Bumpstead Joint Hospital Board have recently made use of their isolation hospital on the Haverhill Road for the first time. The land was secured in 1899 and the hospital erected at a cost of £350. It was not used until this year when an outbreak of scarlet fever was notified at Clare and a nurse employed. The case was successfully dealt with and the hospital has closed again. 05 08 18 # c.21.4

1905 08 19
Caxton workhouse inmates had a pound of suet pudding with treacle for dinner on Wednesday but left a great deal of it. On Thursday they had suet pudding again with a little bread and cheese but simply ate the bread and cheese and left the suet pudding. It was a waste of good stuff. Surely nobody could eat a pound of suet pudding for dinner? But the Master said some of them ate three or four pounds of it. It was decided to change to Irish stew on Wednesdays. 05 08 19 # WORKHOUSE # c.32.9

1905 08 19
With the next issue of the 'Cambridgeshire Weekly News' will be presented an art supplement containing photographs of the late Bishop of Ely and his successor. Both have been specially taken by Messrs. Scott and Wilkinson and are remarkable likenesses. They will be printed on specially prepared art paper in a style suitable for framing. Much disappointment will be saved if those who desire a copy will let their newsagents know without delay. Only a certain number will be printed and the issue will not be repeated.
05 08 19a # c.04

1905 08 19
Sir – the present motor buses are exceedingly disappointing. They are far too cumbrous and top heavy; in the narrow streets people on the paths run the risk of being struck by the projecting bodies. In damp or frosty weather the top heaviness may cause the wheels to skid and one fears the consequences should one overturn. They are very noisy and the stench from the oil is intolerable – in fact the streets are contaminated all day long with the disgusting effluvia – 'Ratepayer' 05 08 19 # c.26.46

1905 08 21
Cambridge Free Library is singularly rich in local literature due mainly to the Librarian, John Pink. He was born some 67 years ago and is steeped in Cambridge lore. There is little that he does not know and is always able to tell where the answer is to be found. His catalogues testify to a conscience for detail and a zeal to make the library as comprehensive as possible. His conscientious manner and obliging disposition are reflected in all the members of his staff. 05 08 21b # c.77.4

1905 08 21
Library Association conference debate on Sunday opening – 05 08 21aaa # c.77.4

1905 08 23
Library Association, p3

1905 08 24
The Library Association Conference in Cambridge discussed Sunday opening. To believe opponents Sunday was a season of celestial peace where only the sound of church bells and the hymns of devout worshippers broke the sacred silence. By opening libraries were doing a noble work in providing young men with a place to read periodicals or great fiction. But others said Sunday opening had failed because the average working man did not want to go there. It involved extra expenditure which would be better devoted to new books. 05 08 24 & 24a # c.77.4

1905 08 26
In 1901 there was a curate at Prickwillow named John Etheridge who created a very favourable opinion but whose stay was short as it was discovered he had been appointed upon forged credentials.

He was arrested at a garden party at Liverpool and sentenced to imprisonment. He is now in custody in the village of Catskill, New York State for obtaining money by false pretences 05 08 26a & b. # c.82.01

1905 08 26
Sir – I wish to protest against an act of vandalism. The fine sight of Cambridge from the corner of Petty Cury with the stalls, old fountain and University Church has been ruined by the erection of a lofty 'stink pipe' in the middle of the Market Place, cutting the east window of the church in half. Why could this not have been run up the side of the Guildhall where it would not have been such an eyesore? – Cantab. 05 08 26c

1905 08 26
At Willingham the labourers go to work at seven o'clock in the morning and work until eleven. Then he has his luncheon (or 'docky' as he calls it) and begins again at noon, working for another four hours when his day's work is done. He does not necessarily work until four for he has to get to his home then and leaves in such time as to allow him to arrive comfortably. Likewise if his work lies at a distance from his cottage he does not get to his place at work at seven but leaves home at that hour. But he doesn't get high wages. 05 08 26d # c.22 # c.32.1

Periodical scam, 4

1905 08 28
Artificial diamonds, p3

1905 08 29
Cambridge councillors refused to allow the Post Office to lay an underground cable along Emmanuel Road to complete a telegraphic communication with Ely if telephone wires belonging to the National Telephone Company were also laid. Now the Postmaster will have to exercise statutory powers to complete the work. There is already direct communication with Ipswich, Norwich and Peterborough; recently a private wire giving the state of play in the Cambs v Norfolk match was handed in at Norwich Post Office and in the offices of the C.D.N. eight minutes later. 05 08 29a & b # c.27.7

1905 08 29
A number of fishermen and fireman had an enjoyable outing on board the 'Majesty'. On arriving at Upware they sat down to one of Host Peachey's liberal dinners after which the fishermen went fishing and the remainder had a trip to Ely, returning for tea and games. The return journey was enlivened by songs accompanied by Mr Sid Smith on his banjo. They reached home by 10 pm. 05 08 29d # c.26.3

1905 08 29
The Rector of Coveney, Rev Charles Turner, has closed his church except during the hours for service because of the visits of hatless women. Sightseeing, archaeology and snap-shooting are subsidiary to worship and prayer; general conversation, giggling and general moral hatlessness are utterly unbecoming and out of place, he says. Some weeks ago a party of well-dressed girls wanted to have the keys of the church and on being asked if they wanted to say their prayers burst out laughing. 05 08 29e # c.82.01 # WOMEN

Baby Ely manhole, p3
Prickwillow curate, p3 *
Kidd & Baker photographer, p3

1905 08 29
John Etheridge in gaol AMERICA – PRICKWILLOW vicar – 05 08 29c

1905 08 31

The new Romsey Town School is almost in a state of completion. The registration of intending scholars has been taking place while the painters are putting the last coats of varnish upon the interior woodwork. All that remains to be done consists of the arrangement of the furniture. There are separate entrances for boys and girls and the asphalted playground is divided by a wall to separate them during play hours. Trees have been retained providing a charming environment which will be made more delightful when the flowerbeds have been filled. 05 08 31 a/aa # c.36.5

Newmarket photo, p3
New Harries club, p4

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1905 09 02
A curious incident occurred at a Baptist chapel in a village near Ely. As evening service proceeded the daylight failed rapidly but no artificial lights were forthcoming and the service had to be concluded in absolute darkness. Fortunately the preacher did not rely upon notes and who shall say that his sermon will not prove a light unto many, even if he himself was practically hidden in the prevailing gloom! 05 09 02b # c.82.05

1905 09 02
Cambridge council refuses to allow telephone company to lay underground cables & they unable to erect poles; want wayleave payment - 05 09 02 # c.27.7

Motorists responsibility, p2-3 *

1905 09 05
It is approaching 20 years ago that the strange sect called the Agapemonites founded by the late Brother Prince first secured a footing in Cambridge. Its advent is surrounded in some mystery and owing to the secrecy imposed on its followers it is difficult to speak with any degree of certainty of its growth. It was the time when the Wesleyan community was undergoing a severe trial and many families left the church, some joining the Abode of Love at a little school room in Elm Street where services were marked with great simplicity. The death of Prince was a severe test to his followers' faith but things have gone on much as before. 05 09 05 – 05c # c.83

1905 09 06
Sir – thousands of people in Romsey Town are anxious for a shorter route to the railway station. Some years ago they had a private path but this was closed; a shorter route, known as Coulson's Path, was also taken away and passengers have to go by the Devonshire Road. The erection of one of the old foot bridges, now lying useless, somewhere near Charles Street or David Street would be a boon to both railway and inhabitants – S. Hurrell. 05 09 06 # c.26.2

1905 09 07
Thomas Stearn, the photographer, has died. He was one of the first resident photographer in Cambridge 60 years ago, though an itinerant exponent of the art known as Sarony had previously experimented with the faces and features of people at his van on Parker's Piece. He practised the wet process by which the unfortunate subject has to compose his features for at least 30 seconds until in 1880 the 'dry' process reduced the exposure to a fraction of a second. His wife had the distinction of being the first lady photographer in England. His two sons, Harry and Walter, continue the business. 05 09 07 # c.65.5

1905 09 08
Midsummer railings, p3

1905 09 09

It is seldom that a Cambridge tradesman, in the short time he can allow himself for a holiday, undertakes such a hazardous venture as that successful accomplished by Mr Alphonso Smith. He has succeeded in ascending Mont Blanc only to find the little observatory on the summit so covered with snow that he could not find the door. It was so bitterly cold that he made only a very short stay. He has no wish to make a second ascent. 05 09 09 & a # c.38 : climbing

1905 09 09
The absurdity of the system by which the Government issues licences to drivers of motor cars has again been illustrated. Last year a licence was secured for a blind man, now Hertfordshire County Council has issued one to an inmate of Leavesden Asylum. A driving licence should be a certificate of competence to undertake certain duties or what use is it? 05 09 09b # c.26.48

Lock payment, p4

1905 09 11
Ely football, p4

1905 09 12
The Auckland Road variety theatre, Cambridge is now known as the Hippodrome. It has been taken over by Geo. Saphrini who has experience at the Britannia Theatre, Glasgow and Alex Aubrey who has performed at all the principal halls in Great Britain. Although the old circus ring has been retained there were no equestrian turns but Professor Garford's performing dogs and pigeons proved very wonderful and the hundreds who filled the building saw feats of agility and strength and extraordinary examples of human dexterity. The programme was to have concluded with a bioscope exhibition but owing to a mishap with the lamp the pictures could not be shown. 05 09 12 # c.76

Passive resistance, p3
Oil vendor, p3

1905 09 13
Sir – I believe the earliest Cambridge photographer was George Proctor, who lived in New Square until he died about 1850. About the same time Sarony, a celebrated photographer, was allowed to carry on his business in a caravan on Parker's Piece. There were others including Nichols who had a flourishing business; he moved from Slaughter House Lane to St Mary's Passage and later his son to Post Office Terrace. He took my own portrait in 1854 and it is as good today as it was then – 'Three-score and twelve' 05 09 13a # c.65.5

1905 09 13
Haddenham's new Baptist chapel is an ornament to the village; it will seat 339 adults or a mixed congregation of 450 with a small gallery at the front end. The choir and organ will be placed in the south transept. The opening ceremony by Mrs J. Chivers was attended by Baptists from almost every village in the county. A party of 50 journeyed from Cambridge by motor 'bus, cycle and train. The event was a success and will doubtless be remembered for many years. 05 09 13b # c.82.05

1905 09 14
The number of children inmates of the Newmarket Union Workhouse is too small to justify employing a teacher and for some years they have been sent to the Exning School. Then a new Exning Road Council School was erected less than ten minutes' walk from the Workhouse and the children admitted there without hesitation. But now the Education Committee wants 25s. [TWENTY-FIVE SHILLINGS] a child per annum for their education which the Guardians have refused to pay. The children went to the school but were refused admission 05 09 14 & a # c.32.9 # c.36.6

1905 09 16
Members of Sturton Street Methodist chapel cycled from Cambridge to Haslingfield to celebrate their harvest thanksgiving. During the service some evilly-disposed person with a table fork or hat-pin

punctured the tyres of four ladies' and one gentleman's cycles. Those who suffered in this disgraceful way would be pleased if the police would take the matter in hand so that such scandalous conduct does not reoccur.05 09 16a

1905 09 16
A resident from the De Freville Estate, Cambridge, complains of the nuisance caused by cock crowing. Two of his neighbours keep six to a dozen each and the annoyance is so great that he has decided to leave the neighbourhood. Yet even life in a charming suburb such as this has its disadvantages. It is like those referred to by the auctioneer in selling a country mansion when he admitted that the rose leaves made a great litter and the singing of the nightingale was inclined to disturb the sleep of the occupants. 05 09 16b

1905 09 19
A fire of gigantic proportions in Willingham completely destroyed 14 stacks. The services of the village fire engines were requisitioned but one was found to be out of order and practically useless. The fire was seen from Ely and hundreds of people arrived from surrounding villages. Had the wind been in the south a large part of the village would have been razed to the ground 065 09 19 # c.34.75

Tram company a/m, p3

1905 09 21
The will of the late Mr Stephen Mansfield of Trumpington includes a bequest of £250 to Chesterton Baptist chapel where he once a teacher in the Sunday School. This is not his only benefaction to the village; there are five almshouses erected by him and their upkeep and stipends for the inmates are provided out of other property. He also subscribed to the Royal Albert and Victoria Friendly Societies' asylum and left £100 to the poor of Trumpington 05 09 21 # c.32.9

1905 09 22
The vicar of St Philip's Church Cambridge recalled he had opposed a scheme for abolishing the boys', girls' and infants' Church Schools in Ross Street. There would now be a new mixed school where nonconformist children would relieve religious instruction – but not from him. If parents cared for Church instruction they should fight to keep Ross Street schools open and support the new master, Mr Meakin. 05 09 22a & b # c.36.5 # c.83.01

1905 09 23
The differences between the Cambridge Town Council and the National Telephone Company have resulted in a grave situation. A writ ordering the removal of poles from Corporation property has been issued which, if obeyed, would disconnect the whole of Fitzroy Street and Newmarket Road from the rest of the system. The crux of the matter is the Council's decision not to allow the Company to lay underground wires. But this would give a more efficient service and they have offered to pay the Council to do the work and give them half-a-crown per subscriber. 05 09 23 & a # c.27.7

Overhanding trees, p4

1905 09 26
The Bishop of Norwich has accused a Suffolk vicar of immoral conduct. He was curate of Holy Trinity church, Ely when he made the acquaintance of a somewhat eccentric lady with partiality for the cloth who offered him a living of his own at Wickham Market. This he accepted. Later she was admitted to a London workhouse and sought his assistance, which he declined. In the meantime his congregation dwindled away, the choir, organist and bellringers withdrew their service, repairs to the church were neglected and church work paralysed. 05 09 26b-c # c.82.01

Ely train smash, p3 *

1905 09 27

Cyclists, p3 *

1905 09 28
Midsummer Common recreation ground, p3

1905 09 29
Fen Drayton wall, p3 *
Cambridge photographic club dinner – 05 09 29 b & c # c.65.5

1905 09 30
Buntingford milestones, p3 *
Littleport angling, p4 *
Harston cow, p4
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1905 10 02
Dogs & bikes, p3
Panton brewery visit London, p4

1905 10 03
A gruesome discovery was made near the G.E.R. station of Black Bank, a few miles past Ely. On the railway line was found the trunk of a man's body, and some feet away the head which had evidently been severed by a passing train. The body has been identified as a publican of Little Downham who was formerly in the Militia Band at Ely. 05 10 03 # c.26.2

Workhouse porter assault, p3
Thriplow theft, p4
Hippodrome, p4

1905 10 05
Cambridge Town Council wrote to Chesterton R.D.C. saying they wish to extend their boundaries to incorporate parts of Chesterton, Cherry Hinton, Trumpington and Grantchester. Chesterton are to reply saying they will give such project its most strenuous opposition. 05 10 05-b # c.35.7

Grantchester Road fire, p3
Black Bank body, p3
Haverhill chess club, p4

1905 10 06
Cheshunt College opened its doors to theological students without any ceremonial. It was founded in 1768 by Selina, the Countess of Huntingdon, and is strictly undenominational. It moved to Cheshunt in 1792 where it was recognised by the University of London and has now transferred to Cambridge. Houses in Cintra Terrace, Hills Road, have been adapted for the 15 students; most will become members of the University and read for degrees. 05 10 06 # c.36.9

1905 10 06
Selwyn Road, p4

1905 10 07
The Cambridgeshire Weekly News has a larger reporting staff than any newspaper within a radius of 50 miles and is enabled to give accounts of all local happenings at first hand. It is non-party and non-sectarian, reporting Conservative and Liberal functions and church and chapel events with strict impartiality. It also publishes a first rate serial story together with columns of Friendly Society,

Photographic and Agricultural notes. The guaranteed weekly sale is over 10,000 copies. 05 10 07 # c.04

Downing St corner, p4
Violin & butcher, p4

1905 10 10
Romsey school opening, p3

1905 10 11
Wood Ditton butcher suicide, p3

1905 10 12
Cats home, p3
Ferry accident, p3
Newmarket Carr chemist bankruptcy, p4

1905 10 13
A fire of considerable dimensions broke out at the Kennels farm, Great Wilbraham. The farm buildings are roughly in the form of a square one side of which was a spacious barn with a thatched roof. Villagers released horses from the stables and the carts, wagons and harness were also quickly got out. Two chickens were the only livestock to perish. The reflection in the sky of the burning buildings was plainly discernible at Cambridge. Within 40 minutes the fire was practically over, so rapid had been its progress. 05 10 13

Nelson St fight, p4

1905 10 14
The English-speaking race are mourning the death of the greatest theatrical figure of modern times, Sir Henry Irvine. He received an honorary degree from Cambridge University and maintained a keen interest in Mr Redfern's struggle to free theatrical performances from the strangling control of the University. He was to have visited the New Theatre on his farewell provincial tour next year. 05 10 14a & b # c.76

Cheap cottages, p3 *

1905 10 14
The Trumpington Road has an unenviable notoriety for being frequented by shady and suspicious characters. Lately the large houses have suffered depredations at the hands of one of the burgling fraternity. Police supervision should be strengthened: one constable was not sufficient. The Chief Constable said that being with easy reach of London they offered a tempting bait to the criminals of the metropolis. The man involved pretended to be collecting for a cricket club. He was today being tried at Exeter 05 10 14b # c.34.6

1905 10 17
Nelson celebrations, p3

1905 10 18
The picturesque little church in the village of Kedington has recently been visited by some nefarious individual and the two alms-boxes robbed of their contents. One box is of a unique construction and consists of an oak tree trunk firmly embedded in the ground, hollowed out at the top and having an old iron lid. The church is locked during the week and there is no indication of forced entry; the robber may have got the key from the Post Office. 05 10 18

Bishop of Ely consecration, p3

Swaffham Prior hoard, p4

1905 10 19
Fire at St Neots resulted in the complete destruction of the extensive brewery premises of Messrs Paine and Co in the centre of the town. An adjacent flour mill was also burned down and it was only the fortunate veering of the wind that saved the whole of one side of the Market Square from demolition. The inhabitants were in a state of panic. The telegraphic instruments from the Post Office was removed, together with furniture from many adjoining houses. The blaze was seen for many miles around. 05 10 19 # c.27.4

1905 10 21
Nelson celebrations, p4

1905 10 23
Nelson Day in Cambridge was marked by flags and on Sunday references to his life and death were made in many of the churches. On Saturday evening a partially successful attempt at a rag was made by a number of University and town youths, thus amply justifying the Mayor's decision not to promote any public demonstration which might have provided the necessary excitement for a serious disturbance. 05 10 23a # c.02

1905 10 23
Because a hundred years ago Horatio Nelson won the Battle of Trafalgar, the youths of Cambridge, University and town, united in a 'rag' in which the destruction of property was a necessary element. Two constables were mauled by the mob, one at the Parsonage Street fire and the other at the Park Parade fire, but are little the worse for the rough handling they received. A tram was stormed by a large number of undergraduates; dozens of them clambered on to the vehicle until it was a black mass of struggling beings. But despite the heavy load the horse managed to crawl along. 05 10 23b-c # c.02 # c.36.9

1905 10 24
Having been closed for a week when it was handed over to the care of the carpenter, the Hippodrome, on Newmarket Road Cambridge reopened. The performances will now be carried out on the music hall principles, the old form of ring having been dispensed with and a large and spacious stage erected with all the necessary scenery and curtains. There will be one performance nightly with half-prices after nine o'clock. The Carr Brothers kept the house in a constant state of applause by their wonderful manipulation of a large inflated ball 05 10 24 # c.76

Cherry Hinton sewage, p4

1905 10 25
The licensee of the Cambridge Hippodrome made a claim for breach of contract against Charles Prinz, described as 'the most wonderful and sensational lion tamer on earth'. He had agreed to perform for a week at a salary of £40 but had taken another engagement at the Olympia, Liverpool. As a result their takings had fallen to £30, compared to £112 the week before. The Hippodrome would seat about 2,000 people and £25 had been taken one evening. The judge said that in his undergraduate days the University would not allow a theatre to pollute the atmosphere. They had changed their views since then. 05 10 25 # c.76

1905 10 26
Cambridge councillors discussed an alternative route from Madingley Road to the Cattle Market by constructing a road from Barton Road over the river by Newnham Mill Pit and along Coe Fen Lane to Trumpington Road. Two bridges would have to be erected and the Leys School would give up a strip of land. But there was no argument in favour of making a winding lane into a straight road unless it was for traffic. It was a bad system to introduce a big scheme piecemeal and commit the council first by one step and then another. 05 10 26b # c.32.3 # c.49.62

1905 10 26
A society for the promotion of the international language, Esperanto, in the University and Town of Cambridge was formed at a meeting held in the residence of Dr George Cunningham. It was of the highest importance to the University and two of their most advanced members should start classes for teaching the language. Letters of support were read from Alex Wood and the Rev Rust of Soham 05 10 26a

1905 10 28
An exhibition of watercolour sketches of Grantchester by Mr Payne Garnett, art master of the Leys School is being held at the well-lighted galleries of Crisp and Co., King's Parade. Many of the sketches are of exceedingly high artistic merit including his studies of the river by moonlight. Already most of the pictures have been bespoken.05 10 28a # c.64

1905 10 28
Morning letters are being delivered much earlier than formerly. The gradual growth of Cambridge suburbs had lengthened the postman's walks until it was almost impossible to get out the deliveries in the time prescribed. Now the number uniformed letter carriers has been increased from 98 to 110 with more men on each of the seven daily delivery rounds. The number of collections has also increased with six tricycle carriers appointed. 05 10 28b # c.27.7

Almeric Paget career, p4

1905 10 30
Photographic exhibition, p3 & 31st p3

1905 10 31
Constance Cochrane of the Cambridgeshire Rural Housing Council said that in country villages there was 'no room to live'. Fast as the rural population had been flocking to the towns still faster have their homes been falling into decay, sometimes at the rate of one a year, and not replaced. We are unable to cater for local people who wish to stay because there are no homes for them and many cottages are unfit to live in and certainly cannot cope with people from the towns who are being encouraged to return to the villages. 05 10 31a-c # c.30

1905 10 31
King visits Newmarket – his drive – 05 10 31 # c.02

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1905 11 01
Photographic club – J. Johnson 'Wilbraham Fen', Miss Robson Magdalene Street, W.H. Hayles three-colour printing on paper, photographic survey - 05 11 01 & a & b # c.65.5

Bishop of Ely enthroned, p3

1905 11 02
A halt occurred in Newmarket High Street when race traffic was at its height and Earl Cadogan's motor brougham was slightly damaged. In slowing up the driver of a vehicle backed into the motor car, smashing a pane of glass in the side of the hood. At Soham a horse and cart belonging to a man named Johnson, bolted. He was hawking vegetables when the animal took fright at a firework exploded by some children. It was brought to a standstill by Mr Saberton the butcher but one of the shafts of the cart was broken. 05 11 02

Library annual report, p4

1905 11 03
A new branch of the Union of London and Smith's Bank has opened in St John's Street. They have 150 other branches and a subscribed capital of £23 million. This makes the fifth banking institution in Cambridge, the other being Barclay's, Capital and Counties', Lloyds and the London and County. It includes almost the cream of the important joint stock banking concerns 05 11 03b # c.32.8

1905 11 03
Old Baptist chapel, Old Chesterton new infant's classroom – 05 11 03a # c.83.05

Marriages, p3

1905 11 04
The death has occurred in Australia of Councillor William Beales, only brother of Robert Beales, tailor of Sturton Street, Cambridge. He was one of the first settlers in Geelong, Victoria and the Government presented him with a gold medal and piece of land called Beales' Hill. His funeral was one of the most impressive spectacles witnessed for some years with a procession headed by the Artillery Band and the steam fire engine served the purpose of a hearse. 05 11 04a # EMIGRATION

1905 11 04
Justices awarded compensation under the scheme for reducing the number of public houses. They included the Hoops pubs in Kneesworth, Melbourn and Steeple Morden, the Ram's Head at Swaffham Bulbeck, Rose and Crown at Dry Drayton & the White Hart Swaffham Prior. In Oakington the King's Head had an average trade of 28 barrels a year while The Windmill sold a barrel of beer a week. Frank Savidge, the tenant, said he and his father-in-law had been tenants for 50 years. He had closed the house because it was condemned. At Swavesey the Sir Harry Smith sold 41½ barrels a year for the past five years while the Bird in the Hand averaged less than half a barrel a week. The owner of the Railroad Hotel, C.S. Lindsell, a brewer of St Ives, appeared to support his claim for £50 compensation. The Cottenham 'Windmill' had not taken out a spirit licence for three of four years and the pub had closed recently because the tenant would not pay his contribution to the new tax under the Licensing Act. But the closure of the 'Wait for the Bus' at Bottisham was contested. It stood at the corner of four crossroads which made in valuable as a public house. In addition to the house there was half an acre of ground. The tenant, Samuel Marsham gave detailed evidence. He said the profit on a barrel of beer was 12/-, on a gallon of spirits 5/-; he made £3.15.0 in tobacco and £5 on tea and refreshments. 05 11 04b-d # c.27.4

1905 11 06
It is a recognised custom in Cambridge, which no amount of protest seems able to abolish, to make the celebration of the Fifth the occasion for a rag. This year it fell on a Sunday but this did not deter them and a huge bonfire was started on Midsummer Common. The chief sufferer was G.P. Hawkins whose premises in Parsonage Street was attacked during the Nelson rag and on Saturday another unsuccessful assault was made. But on Sunday several hundred undergraduates returned, smashed the fence and seized egg cases, barrels and a tarpaulin to add to the flames. 05 11 06b # c.36.9

1905 11 06
The information that a number of Varsity and Town roughs broke into Mr Hawkins' premises on Sunday night and stole and destroyed property to the value of £20 will surprise even Cambridge people. To disturb the peace of a Sabbath by forcibly entering a tradesman's premises and to burn the stolen material in a public place is just as truly a robbery as if the marauders had broken into the Guildhall and taken £20 from the safe. We trust the University authorities will look facts in the face and that such activities will be promptly scotched. 05 11 06a-d # c.36.9

1905 11 07
An inquest was held at the Mill House Hinxton into the death of a four-year-old boy. His father said he was at the top of the mill when he heard a noise and thought something had gone through the stones. When he went down to the mill-wheel shed he saw the lad horribly mutilated and quite dead.

He had probably been killed between the spoke and the brick pillar where the wheel bearings rested.
05 11 07 # WATERMILL

1905 11 07
Dartigan, the only exponent of the daring and sensational acts of cycling around a loop heads the bill at the Auckland Road Hippodrome. The wonderful sight of a cyclist careering head downwards along the inverted part of the track aroused a storm of applause. Since he began his dangerous occupation he has experienced many accidents. Once at Yarmouth he fell from the top of the loop and his head crashed through the track with the result that his jaw and nose were broken and his head so severely injured that he sustained concussion of the brain.
05 11 07a # c.38 : cycling

1905 11 07
The new scheme of the Charity Commissioners relating to the Swaffham Bulbeck Poor's Fen has met with disfavour with inhabitants. Eight of them drove forty head of cattle off the Fen, which had been let by the Trustees under the new scheme. The first scheme was that the land should be laid out in allotments or garden lands but it was two miles from the village and inconvenient. There were already 114 allotments in the parish of which 20 were not let. 05 11 07b & c # c.32.9

1905 11 09
Sir - On 1st March 1904 a sergeant of the Metropolitan Police, sent to Cambridge on the occasion of the King's visit, was violently assaulted and kicked by an undergraduate. After six months' illness, during which his pay amounting to £54 was paid by the Borough of Cambridge, he was pensioned off as unfit for service. On 5th November 1904 a constable, having taken one undergraduate into custody, was brutally attacked by others and was left insensible. He has been on the sick list ever since and pensioned off. All members of the University should co-operate to prevent such scenes of riot and disorder - H.M. Taylor, Trinity College. 05 11 09 # c.34.6 # c.36.9

1905 11 09
It is almost incredible that any undergraduate should so far demean himself as to treat a policeman with the blackguard violence of a hooligan. If we have hitherto been inclined to take a lenient view of the occasional destruction of property it was because we felt sure the grosser acts were the work of town loafers who were encouraged by thoughtless undergraduates. But those who took part in gutting a shop should suffer the legal penalty and not be saved from imprisonment by University authorities. – Cambridge Review 05 11 09a # c.36.9 # c.34.6

1905 11 10
Rag – great damage to property – 05 11 10 a & b # c.36.9

1905 11 11
One does not associate Sidney Sussex College with the rowdyism that is rampant in Cambridge. Yet on Saturday night the porter found the door of his lodge refused to open: it had been securely screwed up and he was a prisoner. After a troubled night he was aroused by the bedmakers' loud ringing at the gate and saw there was no option but to smash the window and escape through the jagged aperture to admit the waiting and wrathful 'bedders'.
05 11 11a # c.36.9

1905 11 11
Newmarket possesses two fire brigades: the Volunteer and the Jockey Club Owners and Trainers. Both have separate stations. The Volunteer possesses an engine but it is in very bad condition, the parts which should be bright being thickly encrusted with rust. The Jockey Club has a more up-to-date engine which is in a neglected state but has not gone to rack and ruin to the same extent, though practically the whole of the hose is absolutely useless.
05 11 11b-d # c.34.75

1905 11 13
Rag compensation, p3

1905 11 14
The Cambridge Hippodrome has secured the services of Alec Bain, one of the best-known wrestlers in the country. He offers £20 to any man he fails to defeat in 15 minutes or £50 to anyone who defeats him. His opponent in a 'catch-as-catch-can' contest was Mr Davis, a well-known local exponent of physical culture. For eight minutes he extricated himself from dangerous holds but then was fixed in a 'hammer-lock', a hold he claimed was not allowed as it was very dangerous. But the referee's judgement was in favour of Bain. 05 11 14a # c.38

1905 11 14
Newmarket horse and landau smash – 05 11 14b

1905 11 15
Sir – twenty years ago undergraduates at Oxford had two types of 'rag'. On the 5th of November we went out and provoked people who didn't wear caps and gowns to hit us, and we hit them back. Then whenever our college had done something great in sport we burnt up a good deal of the college property in the 'quad' and paid for it in out 'wattels' at the end of term. But when the authorities thought there had been too much friendly hitting they used to 'gate' their colleges en bloc at nine o'clock. Now Cambridge undergraduates have discovered a third sort – plundering, robbing and annoying citizens to get wood for bonfires. This is hooliganism and the Riot Act might not be out of place – V.S.N. 05 11 15 # c.36.9

Rag costs, p3

1905 11 16
Cambridge police have warned of a new fraud; people receive a letter from a man who claims to have served in the Cuban war and came to England bringing with him a trunk containing £39,000 which has been deposited in a bank. If the recipient will send enough money for the writer's daughter to collect it then she will give them a quarter of that sum. The swindle has gone on for years; the bait is so plausible that many simple people fall victim to the fraud.05 11 16 # c.34.6

Freeman, confectioner, death, p3

1905 11 18
Mr G. Shepherd, landlord of the Light Dragoon public house in Panton Street, Cambridge, was awakened by a smell of burning and found a cupboard in the bar parlour was on fire. He called P.C. Sirett, who was on his way to the police station, and while another man ran to the Trumpington Street alarm to signal the fire brigade the landlord and police constable set to work with buckets of water to extinguish the flames. Meanwhile Captain Greed and twelve firemen with the horsed fire escape were making all speed to the scene when they were accosted with the message that the fire was extinguished. 05 11 18a

1905 11 18
Complaints have been received of the methods of certain travelling traders. A packman knocks at the door and announces himself as the representative of a large London firm who 'finding themselves overstocked' are selling out at under cost price. He exhibits a sample of towels and quotes a ridiculously low price for them. Madame does not need to pay until they are delivered. Meanwhile he shows some extraordinary cheap dress material and persuades her to buy and pay on the spot. Then she waits patiently for the delivery of the very cheap articles held out as bait. She waits in vain and finds she has paid fourpence a yard more for her dress material than in the shops. 05 11 18b # c.27 # WOMEN

1905 11 18
The other evening a large expanse of the north eastern sky was suffered with a rosy glow which waxed and waned in intensity. The light extended upwards from the horizon in a broad band and illuminated the edge of a thick bank of cloud towards the left of the moon. It is believed to be the Aurora Borealis, the famous northern light, though others felt it was caused by the moon shining through falling snow. 05 11 18c # c.12

1905 11 22
Large beds of watercress have been laid down at Fowlmere where water is raised by a dam to spread over the low-lying land. An industry of some dimensions has grown up and there is a growing demand from London. It is important that the protection of the law should be extended to those who have embarked capital and employ labour in this industry. George Hallworth summoned two Cambridge labourers for stealing two bags of cress. A porter at Foxton station said they had tried to take them into a carriage but as they were wet he had put them in the brakevan. 05 11 22a & b

Cambridge school of art, p3
Journalist's accident, p3

1905 11 23
P.C. Broughton, a young constable, was injured during the disgraceful 'rag' of November 5th last year. He was kicked whilst on the ground and injured by an undergraduate whom it had been impossible to trace. He had been sent to a Convalescent Home for two months and medical experts called in but had suffered a spinal injury and would not work again. He had been strong but was now crippled and doubled up. He was granted a pension equal to the full pay he was receiving at the time - £1 5s 7d a week. 05 11 23 # c.34.6

Mepal accident, p4

1905 11 30
Two young women were charged with frequenting the streets of Cambridge for the purpose of prostitution. One explained she was a native of Dundee, living at a common lodging house; she had been a domestic servant at Newmarket but had to leave on account of illness. Being destitute she was obliged to 'go on the streets' for a living. 05 11 30a

1905 11 30
Sir – may I raise a feeble voice of protest in regard to street music? Now examinations are nearing it is heart-breaking to feel the wasted hours slipping away to the tunes of 'Navaho' or the otherwise impressive 'Hallelujah' chorus. My rooms are the scene of furious contests between an organ grinder of foreign extraction, a body of carol singers and a violinist; the latter must be the envy of the male cats of the district – 'Undergrad' 05 11 30b

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1905 12 01
The toll gate between Burwell and Fordham was removed and declared open and free from tolls for ever. Its removal will be a great blessing to everybody who has occasion to use the road. The price for which the gate has for ever been freed from tolls is £600; the county and rural councils have contributed £250 each and the balance raised by Mr Ambrose who declared the gate open 05 12 01a

1905 12 01
Whittlesford church tower has been restored from a very dilapidated condition through the generosity of an anonymous benefactor. The work which has included the restoration of the masonry, the addition of a bell and the re-casting of three others and the introduction of a new ringing frame and a

clock has cost about £1,600. The restored tower was consecrated by the Bishop of Ely who said much remained to be done but the work had begun well. 05 12 01b

1905 12 02
The Cambridge "Girl's Realm" Guild was founded in connection with the "Girl's Realm Magazine" and members do all they can for the sick by sending toys, picture-books and garments for distribution among the poor. Any boy can become a 'squire' at a subscription of one shilling. A Factory Girls Home has been built in Kennington Road, London to assist tired work-girls who would not otherwise gain relief from the year's toil 05 12 02a

1905 12 02
The Cambridge University v Dublin rugby match stopped suddenly and the players hastily gathered together in a group and remained perfectly still. It seemed a new way of playing rugby, even less comprehensible that the ways of the New Zealanders. Then one of the crowd ran out with a lengthy overcoat and out of the circle emerged the form of a famous three-quarter back, shrouded in the voluminous garment. Sedately he commenced a journey across to the pavilion, but then he ran and the secret was revealed – he had rent his football knickers
05 12 02b # c.38 : rugby

Chesterton football, p4

1905 12 02
Burwell toll gate – history – 05 12 02c, d & e # c.44.65 # BURWELL

1905 12 04
Gog Magog Hills serious fire overheating threshing machine – 05 12 04 # c.34.75

1905 12 07
Proposed footbridge Fort St George – 05 12 07 # c.44.7

1905 12 08
12-yearold burglar – 05 12 08 – CHILDREN

1905 12 09
Cambridge Corporation's new Mill Road storeyard is nearing completion on land behind the Free Library. Here material for the repair and making of roads is stored, vehicles housed and mended and appliances for any contingency kept in readiness. It has a siding to the railway for granite or cement, an open shed for refuse vehicles and stables together with accommodation for two steam rollers. There are blacksmiths, carpenters and wheelwright's shops and a men's mess room 05 12 09a & b # c.35.7 # c.44.6

1905 12 09
This distress this winter must be greater than usual; already 28 unemployed men have been found work at the Botanic Garden for four days a week for which the receive 10s. About 60 loads of compost have been prepared, leaves raked and much washing of glass accomplished. One man with heart disease has been found sitting-down work picking moss for orchid culture. Further men may be employed depending entirely upon contributions; the curator is willing to receive any sums for the Winter Employment Fund 05 12 09b # c.32.1

1905 12 09
Last night a man was seen careering around the floor at a Covent Garden Ball in a suit made of sateen upon which pages of the CDN was printed. It was made by Mr A.W. Smith of King's Parade to the order of an old University man. The same trader made a similar order two years ago but the material was then white. On this occasion it was pink. 05 12 09c # c.04

Sir Richard Jebb death, p3

1905 12 11
Mildenhall Road baby, p3

1905 12 12
Mr Thomas Day, whose sweetheart, Miss Violet Handscombe, was one of the victims of the Fen Ditton Red Grind ferry disaster, has died in Addenbrooke's Hospital aged 25. He was with her on the ferry when it upset and they became separated. He reached the bank, then plunged back into the river and found her, but she later died. The shock had a detrimental effect on his physical condition and when he was attacked with illness quickly succumbed. He died of bronchial pneumonia and rupture of the lungs. 05 12 12 # c.44.7

1905 12 14
An inquest was held on an inmate of Caxton Workhouse. It was the first night the cells had been artificially heated this winter, the flue passed underneath his cell and there had been an escape of carbonic acid gas which had suffocated him. The occupant of the next cell was also affected. The cells will not used again until the flues were replaced by a hot water heating apparatus 05 12 14 & a # c.32.9

Lt Thetford inquest, p3

1905 12 15
The telephone trouble – charge for poles – 05 12 15 # c.27.7
New Theatre annual meeting, p3
Littleport Globe, p4

1905 12 16
Death E.A. Wadsworth, mineral water manufacturer – 05 12 16a # c.27.4

1905 12 16
Charles Parnell, Irish patriot & Cambridge – 05 12 16b

1905 12 18
With the approach of Christmas shops are beginning to assume an extra brightness. Laurie and McConnal's huge emporium has a collection of steam and clockwork toys together with dolls priced from the humble penny to 15s. They are selling the newest game 'Quit' at a particularly low price, something of the sort is almost indispensable to Christmas. 05 12 18a, b, c

1905 12 18
St Paul's church memorial window, Elizabeth Jones – 05 12 18c # c.83

1905 12 19
A Royston meeting considered forming an athletic association and erecting a building to serve as a drill hall, gymnasium and swimming bath. Lord Roberts was proposing that every boy in every public school should be instructed to shoot with the rifle, young men should stretch their limbs and learn the noble art of self-defence and singlesticks and every boy and girl should learn to swim. If they wanted such a place and put their backs into it then they could do it. 05 12 19a&b

Sturmer water, p4 *

1905 12 21
Phone lines, p3 *

1905 12 23
Telegrams between Ely and Cambridge are transmitted via London and much time is lost. A Cambridge physician received a wire from Ely requesting his immediate presence. He at once despatched a telegram saying he would travel by the next train, haled a cab and drove to the station. At Ely he had to walk a mile to the house he was visiting – and arrived before the telegram! Considering the intimate connection that exists between the two towns, particularly in the fruit season, this is most undesirable. 05 12 22a # c.27.7

Election, p4

1905 12 27
On the eve of Christmas merrymaking a gloom was cast over the little village of Kirtling by a tragedy. A shot was heard in the vicinity of a cottage and subsequently a seven-year-old girl startled some relatives by running into their house saying, 'Mother is dead. Father has shot her'. Not caring to investigate the matter themselves they sent for the village constable, who was out. In the evening he proceeded to the cottage where he found a woman's body lying in a pool of blood with a shot wound to the head. Her husband was sitting nearby nursing the youngest child, a baby. 05 12 27a # c.34.6 # MURDER

Christmas in Cambridge, p4

1905 12 28
A substantial free dinner was given at the People's Mission, off Sturton Street, Cambridge to all that could be crowded in. Over 200 enjoyed hot roast beef, legs of mutton, boiled beef, vegetables, Christmas puddings and tea. Afterwards gramophone selections and songs were much appreciated. Each person received an orange and each man a packet of tobacco. There will also be a free tea to about 300 poor children 05 12 28

Kirtling trial, p3

1905 12 29
About 250 of the poorest inhabitants of Cambridge attended the Christmas Free Dinner arranged by the Salvation Army at the Sturton Town Hall. Needless to say the fare provided was done full justice to and subsequently the guests were entertained by the Army Band. The function was attended by the Parliamentary candidates for the borough who shook hands with guests each of whom received a copy of the Christmas 'Way Cry' and a pamphlet on 'How to be Saved' 05 12 29a

1905 12 29
A staunch adherent to Primitive Methodism was laid to rest at Haverhill. James Bareham started a chapel for the cause 50 years ago and paid the rent when times were hard and it looked as if services would have to be abandoned. He was a general dealer in Queen Street and a total abstainer and non smoker. Walking was a recreation and he accomplished long distances on Sundays to take services in the district. 05 12 29c # c.82.06

1905 12 29
Two Weston Colville girls, aged 11 and nine, stole two dolls, a quantity of soap and washing blue. Hannah Clark, shopkeeper, said the articles were kept at a shed at the back of her premises. The children played with her boy, she had been very good to them because they were motherless. P.C. Lowe said small footprints lead from the shed to next door, where the children lived and he found soap in their garden. They were bound over, 05 12 29b

1905 12 30
On Christmas Eve the casuals at Newton Union were given a liberal breakfast of bacon and eggs and told they could share the fare of the regular inmates and not be expected to work for their food and lodgings. A workhouse is not a bad place on Christmas Day. Discipline is relaxed, there is plenty of good food and not a few luxuries. One would have thought they would have seized the chance of such a comfortable day. Not they, they all took their leave. The explanation is simple. They can make a good thing out of begging from good-natured folk at Christmas. 05 12 30 # c.32.9

1905 12 30
Fire Mill Road boot stores – 05 12 30a # c.34.75
Weather, p2
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There are scans of these stories
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1906 01 01
The old custom of assembling on King's Parade to witness the death of the old year and the birth of the new, as signalized by the discharge of a couple of rockets, was again observed by a large number of the inhabitants of Cambridge. The crowd was in a happy frame of mind but there was nothing to complain of in their behaviour. A few seconds before midnight one rocket soared skywards to the accompaniment of cheers. Shortly afterwards 1906 was heralded by a second. The custom, which was initiated by the late Mr Deck, has now reached its 80th anniversary. 06 01 01a # c.39

1906 01 01
Fire gutted the Mill Road Boot Stores adjoining St Barnabas Church, Cambridge. The flames rose to a great height and melted some of the lead of the windows of the church. The building was a one-storeyed erection, largely composed of wood. A number of wooden packing cases at the rear formed a source of danger as they connected with a thatched cottage and a stonemason's yard adjoining was also seriously placed. 06 01 01b # c.34.75 # c.44.6

Painting of Queen Victoria unveiled (removed from Council Chamber in 1930) [06 01 01 Rev Yr, 30 07 19]
1905 review, p4

1906 01 02
A Kirtling man was remanded at Newmarket police court, charged with the murder of his wife. A number of persons waited on the platform at the railway station in the hope of seeing the prisoner alight from the Cambridge train, but they were doomed to disappointment. He was conveyed by road in a two-horse conveyance but not a glimpse could be caught as it was driven into the yard at the rear of the police station. 06 01 02 # c.34.6

1906 01 03
Kirtling trial, p4

1906 01 04
Ely workhouse trial, p4

1906 01 06
A fire broke out in the roof of Addenbrooke's Hospital and extensive damage by fire and water has been wrought. A laundry maid saw wreaths of smoke above the roof of the operating theatre. The staff devoted themselves to the safety of the patients; those who could walk were hurriedly clad in warm wraps and led down the emergency staircase down which the more infirm, some on stretchers and some in their beds were carried. A similar fire broke out in October 1902. 06 01 06a-c # c.21.4 # c.34.75

1906 01 06
Last night's gale was one of the most severe within living memory. Great damage was done all over Cambridge. On Newmarket Road a tall chimney at the brickworks began to sway violently and then fell with a tremendous crash. The large trees at the Backs suffered considerably; five were uprooted and blown into Queen's Road. During the morning numbers of poor people were busily engaged in taking away the portions they could carry for firewood. Two children took away a branch of considerable weight using a pair of wheels taken from a perambulator 06 01 06d-e # c.12 # c.18

1906 01 06
This week has died near Chatham an old man named Walter Tibball, said to have been a prosperous pork butcher of Cambridge. But nobody here remembers him. He had at one time been prosperous but was crossed in love and lived in as a hermit in a dirty hut in a meadow swarming with rats. There was a similar case at Cottenham six years ago; he too had an ill-fated love affair followed by fondness for spirituous liquors and lived in a squalid hut on his own bit of freehold. 06 01 06f

Coton carrier, p3 *
Field Hyde, p4
Adelaide death, p4

1906 01 08
Addenbrooke's Hospital fire – 06 01 08a & b & c # c.21.4 # c.34.75

Stretham suicide, p4*

1906 01 09
New Theatre & rag, p4 *

1906 01 12
Political strife led to rowdyism and disorder at Great Thurlow where the Liberal candidate was to have addressed a meeting. A member of the Conservative party distributed leaflets of an election song with a refrain that ran "Wait till the poll's gone by Quilter" which was quickly taken up. The vicar appealed for order to no effect. Then a message was received from the candidate whose motor car had been stopped by men with flags to say a hostile crowd was awaiting him. Not wanting to run the risk of having his motor lamps smashed he decided to turn back. 06 01 12 # c.33

1906 01 13
The University is deciding who shall be their representatives in parliament. But voting is not by secret ballot. Three polling stations are furnished with desks and packs of voting cards of different colours with a space for the voter's name, college and degree to be written. Two electors arrived together, one in academicals and the other cap and gownless. He had to wait until his companion had completed his business before borrowing his gown & thus be allowed to vote.06 0 13a&b # c.33 # c.36.9

1906 01 13
When the election meeting at Newnham concluded the candidate's carriage was drawn to the Conservative Club followed by a procession which included a couple of motor buses. Just as it reached Cambridge Market Hill a similar procession of demonstrating Liberals poured out of Petty Cury. These two bodies of citizens conceived an intense dislike for each other, shouting vigorously. A little later there was an exhibition of fisticuffs in Sidney Street 06 01 13 # c.33

1906 01 15
Kirtling trial, p3

1906 01 16
The polling box from Norfolk Street was the last to arrive at Cambridge Guildhall and with it came the story of a tactful police inspector who had piloted the carriage containing some hundreds of votes through a Petty Cury crowded with excited partisans. Inside the ballot papers were counted and it became known that Mr Buckmaster was elected. Mr Paget, with the generosity of an English gentleman, shook his hand and congratulated him on the victory 06 10 16b # c.33

1906 01 16
The newly-elected Cambridge Liberal MP, Mr Buckmaster, proceeded to the Bull Hotel. Hundreds upon hundreds thronged King's Parade and still hundreds more from Market Hill arrived, cheering as they came. When he appeared on the balcony the applause reached fever heat, handkerchiefs and hats

were waved and he was informed that he was a jolly good fellow. At last, it seemed from very exhaustion, the people settled down to hear his speech. 06 01 16b # c.33

General election scenes – 06 01 16a, c, d; 06 01 22a & c

1906 01 18
Trials of motorist, p2
Duxford fire, p3
Victoria Road Congregational church organ, p3

1906 01 19
The Ely surveyor said he had examined the Prickwillow Road and found that for 140 chains between the Norwich gates and the Old Bank the road was badly cut up. For some months there had been exceptionally heavy traffic caused by Messrs R. Drake of Sutton's traction engines and wagons who had been making three or four journeys a week carting agricultural produce. 06 01 19

1906 01 20
An extraordinary incident at the Cambridge election left some Conservatives thinking their candidate had been elected. It may be that the white handkerchief waved from the window of the Guildhall seemed in the glare of the gaslight, to be a pink favour. Great was the jubilation, they cheered and they cheered and one gentleman commenced a congratulatory speech. The shock of the news that the seat had gone to Liberalism was therefore harder to bear when it arrived. Nevertheless the Conservatives gave their champion a stirring reception when he joined them – defeated or not. 06 01 20a # c.33

1906 01 20
The Liberal agent in a nearby town has always used a certain cottage as the committee rooms for parliamentary elections. He placarded the walls with various posters including the familiar design of 'the closed schools' referring to the disabilities of the Nonconformist teacher. But the cottage adjoins the National Schools and the managers ordered them out. When the Liberals refused to leave they told the tenant to lock the door and refuse to let them in again. This constitutes an infraction of electioneering law. Now the offending placards have been covered up and there is much peace in the cottage and much paste on the walls. 06 01 20b # c.33

1906 01 22
Newmarket is represented in Parliament by two MPs as it is in two different counties; residents of one side of the High Street are in Suffolk and will vote next week, the other Cambridgeshire. Here numerous carriages and carts drove electors to the polls. When a conveyance bearing a poster 'Vote for Guinness' passed through the streets cheers were at once raised but the motor car used on Mr Hardy's behalf was greeted with booing and hisses. One Conservative driver carried on the top of his silk 'topper' a loaf of bread, leaving electors to put their own construction on the meaning. 06 01 22b

Shelford meeting, p3 *

1906 01 24
Haverhill balloon, p4 *

1906 01 25
Addenbrooke's Hospital fire cause mystery, p2
Rag compensation claims – 06 01 19, 06 01 25a & b # c.34.6 # c.36.9
Candidates motor tour, p3

1906 01 26
Newmarket hoardings, p3 *

Shelford council school, p4 *

1906 01 27
Dr Hodgson former lecture psychical phenomenon America – spiritualism – 06 01 27b # GHOSTS
Ely election picture, p3*

1906 01 30
Bowtell, p2
Lodging house, p3 *
Atkinson, Clare 50 years, p3 *

1906 01 31
The new Cambridge Liberal Club premises in Downing Street includes an assembly room with a ladies gallery, reading, smoking and games rooms. But it has nothing that can compensate for the loss of the beautiful garden they enjoyed in their old home at Rance's Folly in St Andrew's Street. It will be formally opened by the Solicitor-General. 06 01 31a # c.33

1906 01 31
Saffron Walden Guardians were told the women from Romford in the Workhouse had asked for more sugar and tea, and also snuff. The men had an ounce of tobacco each week, which is what they had at Romford. But Walden inmates had only half that amount. All inmates ought to be treated the same 06 01 31b # WORKHOUSE

1906 01 31
The proposed bridge at Bartlow had been before the Council since 1901. The Rev. C.H. Brocklebank had offered to contribute £300 towards the erection of a bridge over the road stream. But it meant people would have to go half-a-mile further to church and a piece of land would be taken worth £500. They decided not to do anything until Bartlow and Hadstock parish councils had a meeting about it. 06 01 31c

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1906 02 01
Since January 15th when the Kirtling murderer was sentenced to death for the murder of his wife, three petitions praying for a reprieve have been prepared. One was signed by eleven of the jurors who served on the coroner's inquest. The jury had recommenced mercy as the man had been under the influence of drink. Now the Home Secretary will advise the King to commute the sentence to penal servitude for life. 06 02 01 # c.34.6

1906 02 01
Some councillors had taken exception to the bricks proposed to be used at the March Schools, saying they ought to come from inside the county. But Fletton bricks from the London Brick Company at Peterborough were cheaper than the Gildernburgh from Whittlesea. Mr Laxton of Ely had also offered bricks but failed to send samples and quotations. Nobody could say that the contractors did not have a fair trial 06 02 01b

1906 02 01
Addenbrooke's Hospital fire – further report on cause – 06 02 01a # c.21.4

1906 02 02
A London carpenter was charged with driving a motor car at greater speed than was reasonable and proper. PC Aworth said he saw a car turn into Hobson Street, Cambridge and put on speed. "The car went 30 mph, if fact I never saw a motor car go faster", he said. In turning the corner at Sussex Street the wheels went for some distance along the pavement. Harry Stearn, a photographer, said he was walking in the gutter and had to jump on the path to save himself. The driver was fined 50s. 06 02 02a

1906 02 02
Ely boys birched for sweet stealing – Creaks – 06 02 02b

1906 02 03
The length of time over which General Elections are spread is protracted beyond all reason. Before the advent of motor cars considerable time was needed to enable a candidate to make himself known to the electorate but now a week would answer all purposes. A general election could then be over in nine days instead of three weeks and the polling occupy three days instead of a fortnight. 06 02 03a # c.33

1906 02 03
Years ago it was not uncommon for the poorer classes of agricultural labourers to eat rats. Last week West Wratting went a-ratting, and seven young men had a rat supper. They were members of a village club who meet over a village shop. The flavour can be compared to that of 'sweetened soap'. Rat pie is the best method of serving up the dish though rat curry would reduce the flavour. There is a 'yellow streak' which must be removed or nobody would go near the pie when cooked and on no account should the rats be full-grown as they are too strong in taste and smell. 06 02 03b

1906 02 03
Modern undergraduates' dress is a neat disorder. Flannel trousers, brogues, a fancy waistcoat, a shooting jacket and low golfing collar is the costume in which he lounges into his lectures or goes to the theatre in the evening. Dons are hardly known for their strict attention to the latest fashions but they have never known men so careless in their dress before. 06 02 03b # c.36.9

Shilling fund, p3

1906 02 05
Perowne, Corpus dies, p3

1906 02 06
Newmarket measles, p4

1906 02 07
Most people have seen gas works and will remember the great gaping mouths of the retorts, belching forth hungry flames and intense heat, where perspiring half-naked men laboriously shovelled-in coal and at the end of the process raked the cokes out under even more trying conditions. They could not work many hours at a stretch and needed much beer. Contrast this with the De Bronwer method which now obtains at the Cambridge gasworks and seems marvellously simple 06 02 07 & a & b # c.24.4

Sparrows, p2

1906 02 08
We deeply regret the death of Harry Cotterill Stearn of the famous Cambridge photographic firm. He asked to be laid at rest in the new cemetery, Newmarket Road, 'within sound of my work' – the commotion caused by the University boat races where for many years his slight figure has been familiar to successive generations of undergraduates. 06 02 08a # c.65.5

1906 02 08
The consecration of the land acquired for an additional burial ground at Over was performed by the Bishop. The need for an extra cemetery had been felt for some time, all the spaces in the churchyard having been filled. The trustees of Over town lands at length offered a piece ground adjoining the churchyard. The neighbouring clergy were present in strength and a tea for 120 people was held in the schoolroom. 06 02 08b

Liberal club opening, p3

1906 02 09
For some years the people attending the little Wesleyan chapel at the far end of Mill Road, Cambridge, have been inconvenienced by lack of space due to the growth of the neighbourhood. An idea has been afoot for some years to build a chapel to seat 380 people on the ground adjoining the present building. The land has been purchased and the plan is approaching maturity. It would not include a gallery at first but they were confident this would soon be needed.06 02 09a & b

1906 02 09
The extraordinary weather was experienced in all its bewildering variety. Thunder, lightning, hail, snow and a hurricane provided a new experience. Many pedestrians were blown over by the wind which swept over the mill at Chippenham with such suddenness that before the sails could be adjusted, the top of the mill was blown off. The storm travelled at a remarkable pace. It took less than an hour to travel from Leicester to Cambridge. 06 02 09c # c.12

1906 02 10
Undergraduate dress – 06 02 10a # c.36.9

1906 02 10
Sugar beet industry experiments, Essex – 06 02 10b # c.22.2

Telephones, p3
Gas, p3

1906 02 12
Harry Stearn funeral arrangements – 06 02 12d # c.65.5
Parliament fire, Oct 1834 – 06 02 12e

1906 02 12
A crowd of 300 packed Soham court to hear a case involving a heifer. It had been taken to the washlands on which Isleham parishioners are allowed to put their cattle but had later gone missing. The loser said: “When I went to bed I asked the Lord to show me my heifer, and he showed me it in John Collen’s ground”. But he swore it belonged to him, and his wife remembered it being born. The case lasted until 7.30, the court remaining crowed until judgement was given. 06 02 12a-c

Wickcliffe preacher, p3

1906 02 13
The Plough public house at Fen Ditton comprised three public rooms, a long room, stabling for 10 horses and three bedrooms. Weekly trade was about one barrel, three-dozen bottles of beer and about half-a-gallon of spirits. A new ferryboat had been built, following the recent sinking tragedy, but it would not be used until it had been inspected. Police objected to the renewal of the licence as there were four full-licenced houses and three ‘on’ beer houses for a village of 680 people including the Harvest Home beerhouse and the Long Reach on the opposite side of the river. 06 02 13a # c.27.4

1906 02 13
The Anchor, Swaffham Prior, had been closed since October on account of the tenant absconding. Since then it had been let to a man, whom the Star Brewery found had been convicted a few years back, and they did not propose to bring him forward as tenant. Magistrates asked whether it was worthwhile re-opening the house. The firm thinks it is; it is more for the convenience of anglers and boating people during the summer. The licence was renewed to the old tenant. 06 02 13b # c.27.4

1906 02 13
Licences – John Bull, Swaffham Prior; Plough, Bottisham; Hopbine, Cherry Hinton – 06 02 13c

New Theatre lost costumes, p3
Harlton fire. P3

1906 02 14
An extraordinary accident occurred in Queen Street, Haverhill. The Bell Hotel bus meets all trains arriving in the town and was conveying two commercial travellers to the hotel when it had to pass a van. The wheels came into contact, the fore part of the bus left the cab and the two portions parted. The driver was a little knocked about but the passengers crawled out none the worse for their adventure. One travelled in the glass and china trade and his stock suffered, though not so much as might have been expected.06 02 14

1906 02 15
Sidney Lack, the champion cyclist, has been suspended by the National Cycling Union and his licence cancelled, after taking part in a race at Wellingborough. Local crowds will be sorry if he is unable to compete as an amateur again. He was a great favourite, largely because of his reputation for riding 'straight'. But he has been approached by the British agent of the Paris Velodrome with a view to a career as a professional cyclist in Paris 06 02 15 # c.38 : cycling

1906 02 17
Wellington St fire, p3

1906 02 19
Wellington St fire, p3

1906 02 21
Emmanuel St, p2
Royston shop fire, p3

1906 02 22
In 1901 an agreement was made with Emmanuel College for the closing of Emmanuel Street and the opening of a new one nearer Christ's Lane. It had been needed when electric trams were being planned to remedy a dangerous corner with St Andrew's Street – but there would be a more dangerous corner to the proposed new street. Now some councillors called for the agreement to be cancelled. However the council had entered a binding contract and they were honour-bound to carry it out.06 02 22a,b,c # c.44.6

1906 02 22
Steam fire engine approved – 06 02 22a # c.34.75

1906 02 23
Baby found garden, Ashwell – 06 02 23a
King's Lane scheme – 06 02 23b # c.44.6

1906 02 28
A sad fatality occurred at Jesus College. A Freshman was engaged in cleaning with benzoline a pair of gloves, which he was wearing on his hands and arms when the gloves took fire from a lighted candle. Help was near at hand and a doctor was promptly in attendance, but the shock was so great that despite every attention he sank rapidly and died in little more than an hour. The deceased should have rowed in the Lent Races but in consequence of the accident the Jesus boats did not take part. 06 02 28a # c.36.9 Inquest: 06 03 01a

1906 02 28
The Vicar of Royston claimed five shillings from the International Tea Company as a tithe on their premises in the High Street. An Act of Charles II specified houses that should pay, but this was no longer occupied as a dwelling-house. However Joseph Archer had it as a saddler's shop until the International took it, and he'd paid the tithe. Dovecotes and warehouses were also rateable. 06 02 28a & b

J.H. Clements, J.A. Dimock, p3

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1906 03 01
An assault-at-arms at the Conservative Hall, Soham, included a ten-round boxing contest between 'Happy' Pinfield of Newmarket and 'Porkie' Archer of Soham. Pinfield proved himself the best boxer and hardly a minute had elapsed ere Archer had enough; he dodged through the ropes and hit behind the screen amidst the laughter of the spectators. Later Steve Canty guaranteed to defeat three men in nine rounds, but only two accepted the challenge and were quickly disposed of. 06 03 01b # c.38 : boxing

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1906 03 02
A widow employed as servant by the Vicar of Poslingfield was dismissed and took lodgings in the house of Mrs Rawlinson, the village baker. Shortly afterwards the vicar cancelled his order for bread and this has caused gossip. The vicar says that although the baker is a dissenter he did his best to help them, contrary to the custom in other villages. But they had tried to make mischief so he exercised his right to place his custom where he wished.
06 03 02

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1906 03 03
Sir – for the past two Saturday afternoons a young Freshman has been disporting himself on a motor bicycle, making a circuit of the main thoroughfares of Cambridge, starting from Jesus Lane and ending at the Catholic Church, taking in Petty Cury and the Market Place. Being market-day the already too-congested streets are filled with many country folk, ladies and children, both on foot and on bicycles. He evidently likes to hear the sound of his hooter and the stench from his machine is disgusting. L.P.C. Macquaid. 06 03 03 # c.26.485

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1906 03 06
The postmistress at Great Bradley told the court that a labourer had come into her shop, asked for a half-pennyworth of peppermints and wanted change for half a sovereign. But she did not have sufficient silver. Later he returned and asked for a ten-shilling postal order and gone out with it. He never offered her the sight of either silver or gold. The prisoner's mother said that at the rise of the

leaf and the autumn of the year her son's head always went wrong as a result of a kick. 06 03 06 # POST OFFICE

1906 03 07
Two Steeple Morden labourers were summoned for damaging a fence on election day. Witnesses said they had thrown stones at a window and pulled down 27 feed of palings, a charge they denied. The magistrates said: the proceedings were perfectly disgraceful; because there happens to be an election it does not justify people in doing as they like. One man was fined 30 shillings and jocularly asked the other if he could lend him a sovereign to pay. 06 03 07 # c.33

1906 03 07
The Dolphin public house in Draper Row, Newmarket was old and in bad repair but was very convenient for the class of people who used it. They sometime put up 20 people a night, chiefly hawkers, and charged fourpence to sixpence each. During race nights 30 to 40 people slept there, magistrates were told. It provided a home for people who were struggling and had to get the utmost value for their money 06 03 07a & c # c.27.4 also Two Brewers, Albion Stores

1906 03 08
The Battle of Haggis and Dumpling Farms took place on Wednesday. They stand on either side of the road from Coton to Grantchester and here the Cambridge and Oxford University Rifle Volunteer Corps engaged in an interesting encounter. About 1,800 combatants included cadets from the Leys and County Boys Schools, with mounted infantry and cycle contingents on both sides. The rifle fire was continuous and maxim guns added their sinister bark to the noise. Fortunately the weather was fine. 06 03 08a & b # c.45.4

1906 03 08
The Beehive public house, Honey Hill, Cambridge had four rooms on the ground floor, including a parlour and a taproom for the use of customers. There was a front entrance from Honey Hill and a side entrance which also gave access to four cottages. It was therefore impossible for the police to maintain proper supervision as a constable would be seen going down there and people could slip out. There were 15 other public houses within 200 yards.
Also: Golden Cross, Suffolk Hotel Grafton St, White Horse Coronation St, Sun in Sun St, Star in Castle St, Boot in King St 06 03 08c & d # c.27.4

1906 03 08
A miniature rifle range for Morris tube practice opened on the premises of Mr W.H. Rickwood. It is central, comfortable and contains all the essential points of a good range, making it a valuable addition to the equipment of the Ely Volunteers. To make the Empire safe it was important that every man could shoot and shoot straight. Capt Stuart, the new Militia adjutant formally opened it by firing down the range and Lieut Bullock also shot.06 03 08e # c.45.4

1906 03 09
A boy from Prickwillow was summoned for placing a sleeper on the railway line. He'd left Cole's farm and walked along the wire fence till he came to Palmer's crossing and went to Fryart's about a piece of bicycle, passing a pile of sleepers. Police found footprints of boots which were nailed peculiarly; these matched those the lad was wearing. He said "I did it for a lark. Don't lock me up, please". 06 03 09 # c.26.2

1906 03 10
The John Bull beer house, Swaffham Prior, contained two public rooms and stabling for four horses, it was 34 yards from the Red Lion, a full-license house. Mr Bulman had held the licence since 1898. Lacons had purchased it in 1901 The trade was over two barrels a week as well as ginger wine, which was very good for a beer house, there had been no complaints and it was well-conducted. The licence was renewed. 06 03 10 others: Blue Boar Grantchester, King William Willingham, Plough Cottenham – 06 03 10a

1906 03 10
At Shepreth a path runs diagonally across the football pitch and when a lady is passing the game ceases; players no longer rush madly after a football as the vision of beauty passes on her way. But in Royston 22 men were held up by a bulldog who followed the ball to the six-yard line where he stood with his nose glued to the leather sphere. The goalie refused to kick off with the dog so close while the spectators laughed. Presently a fashionable steeplechase jockey carried it off by its collar 06 03 10b

1906 03 10
The Red Cow, Landbeach, sold half a barrel and six dozen bottles of beer a week. A share-out club with 65 members met there fortnightly. Within 760 paces there were 47 private houses and four licensed pubs. The British Queen, with better accommodation, was nearby. The population of the village was 413 and allowing for 78 school children, there was a licensed house to every 67 adults. There were cottages at the back which provided facilities for secret drinking, especially as the house stood back 15 yards from the road. But the landlord was a teetotaller who did not encourage this.
Also: Carrier's Cart Shelford, Haunch of Mutton & Plough & Horses Waterbeach, Rose & Crown Willingham, Hare & Hounds Over, Dolphin Stapleford, 06 03 10c & d # c.27.4
County licences – Blue Boar Grantchester, King William Willingham, Plough Comberton,
06 03 10a # c.27.4

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1906 03 13
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1906 03 14
Burwell passive resisters, p4

1906 03 15
A difference of opinion has arisen between parents of children and the Managers of the Morley Memorial Schools over the practice of opening afternoon school at 1.45 instead of two o'clock. One mothers say it is highly inconvenient: "My husband comes home to dinner at ten minutes past one; we sit down to eat five minutes later and my children have to 'bolt' their dinner and rush straight off to be at school by twenty to two. I'm sure it does them no good." But the managers say parents had asked for the change. 06 03 15 & 15a # c.36.5

1906 03 15
A couple from Barkway Road, Royston were charged with neglecting their children. They were very badly clad, with old ragged shirts that were blackened and filthy and vermin running all over their bodies. The house appeared very dirty: there was an iron bedstead with very little bedding where the four children slept. The wife had been laid up with influenza, otherwise she would have bathed the children; the husband earned 15 shillings a week and there were eight in the family. 06 03 15a # CHILDREN

1906 03 15
The militia assembled at Ely barracks for training. Recruit numbers are a record: it provides men with a healthy enjoyable holiday and brings them in winter, when wages are low and work scarce, a bounty which must prove acceptable. They are paid a shilling a day, a sum that scores of farm labourers would regard as munificent. They also receive certain articles of clothing and boots which they are

allowed to retain and last till the next training. The barracks have a pleasant recreation room and good food, regular hours, drill and discipline improve the men both physically and morally. 06 03 15d # c.45.4

History of Cottenham by C.H. Evelyn-White 06 03 15b-c # COTTENHAM

1906 03 16
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1906 03 21
Since 1886 the parish of St Andrew the Less has theoretically been richer by the sum of £5,299 through the munificence of Frederick Bailey, a well-known brewer who resided at Burleigh House, Newmarket Road. Up to the present the riches have conferred no practical benefit but now a scheme has been formulated and income will flow to the relief of poor residents. There is also to be a commemoration service on his birthday. Now a poor parish will receive a substantial charity and the memory of a generous benefactor will be kept green for many an age. 06 03 21a & b # c.32.9

Frederick Bailey charity 06 03 21b # c.32.9

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1906 03 24
The smoke helmet purchased for the use of the Cambridge fire brigade is similar to a diving helmet. The upper part is made of still glazed leather fitted with square eyeglasses, the lower part is buckled tightly round the neck. Two tubes are fixed to the mouthpiece attached to a bellows worked by a colleague, which supplies a continuous current of fresh air. There is also a speaking tube. It will be useful for entering rooms filled with smoke as well as sewers and wells where foul gases may be encountered. 06 03 24a # c.34.75

1906 03 24
When Albert Tebbitt was handed the King's Cup by the President of the National Skating Association he was without progeny. But within 24 hours he became the father of a sturdy boy. His own father, when 50 years of age, was still a formidable opponent and it was predicted that any son of his would become a future champion. A few jokes were cracked about a future young Tebbitt skating gaily away to the North Pole. It is possible that the glacier age may arrive during the lifetime of the latest addition to this athletic family and the predictions be quite within the bounds of probability. 06 03 24a # c.38 : skating

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1906 03 27
When Cambridgeshire magistrates started the task of extinguishing licences of public houses thought to be superfluous the offers of compensation were accepted in all but three cases. These were the Wait for the Bus at Bottisham, the Sir Harry Smith at Swavesey and the King's Head, Oakington, all owned

by Hudson's Brewery of Pampisford. Now the Inland Revenue Commissioners have awarded larger sums for two, but reduced the amount offered for the Wait for the 'Bus from £355 down to £120. Now the brewery may appeal 06 03 27a # c.27.4

1906 03 28
Dr Bushell Anningson has served as Cambridge Medical Officer of Health since 1875. Then the whole sewerage was most unsatisfactory and 800 houses in Sturton Town had only middens and cesspools. 2,000 houses had no water supply other than pumps or wells – in many cases contaminated with sewage – and there were no arrangements to cope with a serious epidemic. Household refuse was collected by private individuals who did the work for what they could get out of it. They used donkey carts which were emptied in their own backyards in the neighbourhood of Gas Lane where it was examined for saleable material such as bones and cinders. 06 03 28a # c.21.1 # c.29.8

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1906 03 29
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1906 03 31
The owner of the Holme Wood Estate went to court to restrain four undergraduates from trespassing on his land to catch moths. They had arrived on the reclaimed mere with elaborate paraphernalia for luring unwary insects to their doom and remained twelve days, to the annoyance of gamekeepers. They swung lanterns in the pheasant covers, placed 'sticky stuff' on trees and erected a sheet on the roadway. They were fined one shilling.
06 03 31 & a # c.19 # c.36.9

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1906 04 02
Patrick Canty was born in County Kerry and fought at Sebastopol during the Crimean campaign when he went to the rescue of a French general and was awarded the Legion of Honour, one of the few Irishmen to have received that medal. He emigrated to the USA before coming to Cambridge as licensee of the Crown and Harp pub in John Street. 06 04 02 # c.45.4

1906 04 03
Nonconformity meeting, p3

1906 04 04
According to a Government expert who was sent down to inquire into last year's outbreak of typhoid at Fulbourn there is a 'potentiality of danger' that the water supply of Cambridge might become contaminated with the Asylum sewage. Their present system is antiquated - it is irrigated over grass land and may percolate through the soil into the vast subterranean lake beneath from which the Water Company pumps their supplies. We do not want even the 'potentiality of danger': the public health is too serious a matter about which to take any risks whatever. 06 04 04 # c.24.2

Pauperism, p3

1906 04 05
Lord de Ramsey's notice to all the allotment holders on his Huntingdonshire estates has caused a sensation. He writes: "For 19 years I have endeavoured to improve the conditions of the working householders in those parishes where I own land. I have 44 fields set out in 1072 allotments and have established small holdings. But there have been insinuations of over-renting, favouritism and such charges so the scheme must be abandoned." 06 04 05 # c.22

1906 04 06
Rev S. Newling, a nonconformist minister of Isleham is spending a week in the Cambridge county gaol for non-payment of the educational portion of the poor rate. Magistrates issued a distress warrant but he had made over all his worldly goods to his wife, so he was committed to prison. It is expected that when he is released he will be met at the prison gates by several prominent members of the Free Church Council. 06 04 06 # PASSIVE RESISTERS

1906 04 07
The motor omnibus has now had a fair trial on the streets of London and has shown its worth despite more vibration, noise and smell than the electric tramcar. It is quicker and subject to less obstruction than a vehicle on rails. The liability to fire, the unpleasant smell and noise are receiving the attention of engineers and the future prospect is that the 'Mobus' will become assistants and feeders to all classes of rail vehicles. 06 05 07a # c.26.46

1906 04 07
A serious accident occurred on the Great Eastern Railway at Shippea Hill station. The engine attached to the Norwich-London express jumped the line, the coach following reared up on end and fell down the bank into the ditch, breaking the telegraph wires. The second coach was hurled down the bank on the opposite side and the third, fourth and fifth coaches left the lines. Three passengers were injured, two seriously, but all had a miraculous escape from death. The line was completely blocked and a breakdown gang was speedily conveyed to restore communication. The passengers were send on by special train 06 04 07b # c.26.2

1906 04 07
The Isleham Baptist pastor was sentenced to seven days in Cambridge county gaol but only served four. Having entered on Monday evening he was released on Saturday, as they do not keep a prisoner over the Sunday. He brought out with him a huge lump of the brown bread that formed the chief article of his diet: it was served with tea for breakfast, with soup for dinner and cocoa for supper. 06 04 07c-d # c.34.6 # PASSIVE

1906 04 09
A fatality occurred at the portion of the river known as Paradise; two nurses from Addenbrooke's Hospital hired a Canadian canoe but it overturned and they were precipitated into the water. One clung to the boat and with the aid of a pair of horse reins was brought to the bank. A man pluckily jumped into the river after the other nurse but the depth of the water – about 15 feet – made it impossible for him to reach her. Eventually the clothing of the unfortunate lady was hooked but she had obviously succumbed. 06 04 09d # c.46.5

1906 04 09
Shippea Hill train crash 06 04 09a # c.26.2

1906 04 10
George Edward Foster was the principal partner in the banking firm of Foster and Co which was amalgamated with the Capital and Counties Bank. He never married and concentrated his whole energies on the undertaking which attained great dimensions through his skilful direction. His wealth enabled him to be munificent to an unusual degree. When St Andrew's Street Baptist Church was replaced he gave £1,500 towards the new structure 06 04 10a # c.32.8

1906 04 10
A report on the health of Royston reveals four cases of scarlet fever, five cases of diphtheria and two of typhoid occurred last year but there have been no deaths from diarrhoea since 1899. Several dilapidated or insanitary cottages were repaired or improved, 21 houses erected and 15 connected with the sewer. A fish-frying establishment on Fish Hall had been the subject of complaint but measured had been taken to raise the chimney 06 04 10c

1906 04 10
Education bill – opinions – 06 04 10b # PASSIVE

1906 04 12
Ely should provide better accommodation for the horse and cattle fairs now held in the public streets. The horse fair was very dangerous and the cattle fair a nuisance in more ways than one. They did not want to take the fair away, just make it more respectable. If St Ives could do it, why not Ely? But what was the use of providing a field if they could not compel people to go to it. Councillors decided to take no action 06 04 12d & e # c.27.3

1906 04 12
Everitt accident – 06 04 12a-c # WILBURTON

1906 04 14
'Hare scramble and bottle-kicking' custom, Hallaton – 06 04 14 # c.39
Photo Backs, p3
Hepzibal Constable, Stretham, dies, p3 *

1906 04 16
Lieut-Col Wm Browne Ferris, was appointed Chief Constable of the Isle of Ely in 1879. His death has removed a smart soldier, an excellent officer and a man who gained the loyal, whole-hearted confidence of every member of the force. Born in Belfast he was gazetted to the Suffolk Regiment and served in India before being appointed adjutant of the Ely Militia in 1875. 06 04 16 # c.34.6

1906 04 16
One of the most important activities of Friendly Societies is the provision of skilled medical advice in time of sickness. Cambridge Medical Association was formed in 1883 with a membership of 1,740 and one medical officer. It now serves 7,350 and has engaged two and sometimes three. It is important to keep good doctors: you must treat them as gentlemen and their services should be made as pleasant as possible 06 04 16a # c.21.1

1906 04 18
A ten-year-old boy of Fordham made a gruesome discovery whilst watching the waters of the river Snail near Dobede Hole. He noticed what appeared to be a bag floating on the water and, boy-like, started pelting the object with stones. Other lads joined in the fun but eventually an older boy drew the parcel out with a fork and discovered the decomposed body of a child and a piece of brick. PC Ellwood removed it to a shed at the Chequers Inn. 06 04 18

1906 04 18
An alarming railway accident occurred at Ramsey on the branch line to Holme. A train of four coaches, full of people, did not pull up as usual but ran past the platform at a speed of 20 mph. Against the buffer stop there were two horse boxes and with a terrific impact, heard a mile off, the train dashed into them. The engine was damaged but the coaches were not derailed though the passengers were terribly shaken. 06 04 18a # c.26.2

1906 04 19
'Cambridge for Cantabrigians' was a sentiment voiced by two prominent men. W.B. Redfern objected to looking outside the county when appointing a new council surveyor while Mr A.S. Campkin said Cambridge tradesmen were being ousted by large combinations of non-resident traders. Money spent in the shops of genuine local tradesmen remains in the town; already many find it hard work to keep their heads above water. 06 04 19a # c.27.2

1906 04 19

Cambridge Borough Surveyor bought a new watering van at a cost of £52. They had 11 vans but four were unfit to travel as the wheels would not go round. With the sudden arrival of hot weather there was not one fit for use. They should have been overhauled at the end of the season. But scavenging in two districts had been let out to contractors and the vans belonging to the council were in their hands. 06 04 19b # c.21.1

1906 04 19
Collins Passage, off Northampton Street, consisted of a number of very dilapidated houses closely packed together. They had low ceilings and the floor was insecure. There was no ventilation behind and a high brick wall at the front so they got no sun at all except for half-an-hour at the height of summer. They were unfit for human habitation. A good many other premises in the area were defective but did not justify wholesale demolition. 06 04 19c # c.23 # c.21.1

1906 04 20
The gipsy fraternity visited Linton police court to hear some of their brethren answer charges of having inflicted malicious damage. One night 161 palings were broken from a fence at Horseheath shortly after their vans had passed. Policemen visited the camp and saw a large quantity of the wood beside a large common fire. The gypsies said it belonged to a man who had moved on; they were fined 5s. 06 04 20abc # GYPSY

1906 04 21
River trips, p3

1906 04 23
No one who has seen the courts of many of the old colleges in early summer, well furnished with window-boxes full of luxuriant plants can deny they add greatly to their beauty. There is not much variety in the contents: usually geraniums, calceolarias and Paris daisies, while lobelia hangs down from them in long trails. In winter small shrubs, generally variegated, are used. 06 04 23a # c.18

1906 04 23
Histon Salvation Army opened its new hall. For the last three years they have been without a meeting place but a site becoming vacant in a prominent position near the village green, great endeavours were made to obtain it. The small but convenient hall was built by those the Army had rescued at Hansbury Street Shelter and presents a neat and attractive appearance. 06 04 23b

1906 04 24
News that the Cambridge water supply might be polluted by sewage from Fulbourn Asylum has spread alarm and is getting the town into disfavour. More than one anxious father or mother as they read the report in 'The Times' will decide "We must send Jack to Oxford" and we fear that the entrance at the University next academic year will suffer considerably. No trace of contamination has been discovered up to present but even the possible risk must be removed. 06 04 24 # c.24.2

1906 04 27
Sid Lack of Histon, whose exploits on the cycle track are famous, has left Cambridge for America. Mr Lack, who filled the position of second engineer at Chivers' factory, aims at finding more scope in his vocation and for a time will be engaged in a motor car business at Boston. He has at present no intention of taking up racing over there. 06 04 27 # c.38 : cycling # c.26.485

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1906 05 01
The main features of Mr Asquith's budget are one penny per lb off the tea duty, duty on tobacco reduced by threepence, cheaper postal orders and no change in Income Tax. This is quite a humdrum budget, pandering to the working classes. A Cambridge resident engaged in the tea trade says it won't benefit the really poverty-stricken people who only buy ounces of tea at a time and tobacco dealers say that cheap tobacco will be of better quality, rather than leading to a reduction in price. 06 05 01b & c

1906 05 01
Artificers Guild handicraft revival – 06 05 01a
Rescue, p4

1906 05 02
Newmarket RDC read a letter enclosing a resolution passed unanimously at a large parish meeting at Wesley Waterless: "We wish to draw the attention of the Government and local authorities to our excessive rates which tend to depress the district, and make employment scarce. We also consider that the cost of education should be taken off the rates, and charged to imperial taxation". (Laughter, and hear, hear) 06 05 02

1906 05 03
The University discussed proposals to restructure the Mathematical Tripos; the competitive nature should be abolished and instead of publishing the names in order of merit from the Senior Wrangler downwards they should be given in alphabetical order in three divisions – Wranglers, Senior Optimes and Junior Optimes. But the order of merit was the greatest stimulant to continued exertion and a great advertisement for the university. Prof J.J. Thompson said pure mathematics was of very little use. Numbers had decreased until last year there were only 56 taking the examination 06 05 03 # c.36.9

1906 05 04
Shippea Hill theft of hens – 06 05 04
wranglers, p2

1906 05 07
Balfour at Cambridge, p4

1906 05 08
Mr E. Finch was delivering milk on Milton Road when a motor car ran into his cart and horse. They were thrown upon the path, the cart was badly damaged and the horse severely cut about the knees. The lad in charge of the cart was also thrown out. The car, which was travelling at a good pace, did not escape without injury: two lamps and a mudguard were broken and the fore part considerably bent about. An amicable arrangement has been agreed whereby the motorist will defray all damages. 06 05 08b

1906 05 08
Mr H.C. Banham has launched a motor boat service on the Cam. Last season he ran trips to Clayhithe with steam launches but now 'The Enterprise' has been specially built to carry 50 people. The body is of oak with a snug cabin with glass superstructure where one can retire when winds are too boisterous. It is powered by a twelve horse power engine giving speeds of 7½ mph without any of the 'blacks' given off by a steam launch and an entire absence of smell. It glides through the water so smoothly one can forget there is any motive power on board.06 05 08c & d # c.26.3

1906 05 08

Water colour exhibition by M.C. Greene, A.G. Chataway, A.J. Pertz & M. Watson of the Garden Studio, St Andrew's Street – 06 05 08a # c.64

1906 05 09
A most regrettable accident occurred at Ely Conservative Club garden party to inaugurate the new Morris Tube range and bowling green. Part of the proceedings consisted of a shooting competition for ladies on the indoor miniature range. A number had shot when a rifle held by Mrs J.S. Barnett accidentally exploded and the bullet struck her husband in the neck while he was writing his wife's name on the target. Fortunately the wound was not serious but it spread horror and dismay over the gathering 06 05 09b # c.45.4 # c.38 : shooting

1906 05 09
W.H. Hayles lectures on antiquarian curiosities of Cambridgeshire – photos – 06 05 09a # c.65.5

Death in gaol, p3 *

1906 05 11
Risk to Cambridge water supply of contamination from Fulbourn sewage – 06 05 11

1906 05 12
Stourbridge Fair was once very important but now was of very small dimension. The council took a toll of 4d for each horse, 2d for each pony and 1d for a cow. They also got money from the roundabouts and shows, making £33. But they had the expense of opening the fair, which meant a couple of carriages. Most of the fair was held on the side of Garlic Row but now there was a scheme for bringing a road right through from the Newmarket Road. Mr Banyard had started to erect some house and wanted to stop fair people putting their vans upon his ground. 06 05 12c &d # c.27.3

1906 05 12
One of the most disgraceful 'rags' occurred a few days ago. An undergraduate had been celebrating his birthday by giving a party to his intimates where they dined too well. Shortly before midnight the raiders returned to the room but their victim had not retired and succeeded in repelling the onslaught. Later they came back, breaking and destroying indiscriminately. The graduate was a great traveller and his room contained many valuable Eastern trophies which he had collected in out-of-the-way parts of the world. 06 05 12a # c.36.9

1906 05 12
Buy a motor car with a name – Darrac, from Howard of Kirtling – advert – 06 05 12b # c.26.48
Laurie advert, p2
Mormons, p4 *

1906 05 14
The most gigantic and destructive fire seen in Newmarket for many years broke out at Stanley House, the training establishment of the Hon. George Lambton. In spite of the smoke and heat the horses were removed to other stables. Crowds journeyed up the Bury Road to watch. No sooner had chests of drawers containing clothes been removed from the buildings than a number of thieves got to work and several of the lads lost their clothes. All that remains standing of half the magnificent block of stables, one of the finest in the district, was the walls. 06 05 14 & a b # c.38 : horseracing

1906 05 15
Cottenham and the telephone – 06 05 15 # c.27.7
Card sharps, p3

1906 05 17

An agreement had been made between the Borough Council and Emmanuel College for the closure of Emmanuel Street and the creation of a new road further north. As a result the college had taken no steps to erect new buildings on the site of two dilapidated houses that had been pulled down and had lost ground rent for several years. Now the council had changed its mind. They should make compensation by providing, free of cost, a subway to link college property on either side of Emmanuel Street 06 05 17b & c # c.44.6 # c.49.62

1906 05 17
Cambridge councillors compared costs for a motor propelled steam fire engine against one pulled by a horse. They had approached insurance companies for a contribution towards the capital expenditure but they replied that it should be paid from the rates. It was proposed that a horse-propelled fire engine should be obtained from Messrs Shand, Mason and Co, at a cost of £410 06 05 17a # c.34.75

Fulbourn bells, p3

1906 05 19
About 500 day trippers from Manchester poured into Cambridge, attracting much attention. Most were obviously north-country lads and lasses, the lads in tweed clothes and caps, the lasses in more daring colours than usually seen, and all with an accent broad enough to span the Cam. " 'Aw, lad, but this is bonny little toon", said one to another. The Cam was prettier than their Ship Canal. It proved a greater attraction than the colleges and the visitors took practically sole possession of it. 06 05 19a # c.46.45

1906 05 19
Cambridge station fatal accident, horse shunter – 06 05 19b # c.26.2
Wicken School, p3

1906 05 21
'Kleno' is a liquid cleanser for domestic and industrial use manufactured in Broad Street, Cambridge. Chemical changes take place in a locked room before it is refined in a series of vats from which it emerges clear and bright. The bottle washing apparatus is worked by steam and the factory has its own warehouses making packing cases ready for despatch. It is a matter of satisfaction that the factory has been established here, for it involves the employment of more labour and all the benefits of a growing industry. 06 05 21a b c # c.27.1

1906 05 26
Cambridge General Benefit Society has taken over the Orwell Society which has a membership of 83. A branch has been revived at Waterbeach but the one at Duxford has been without a local manager for some time. They now admit juveniles and women almost on the same terms as men. A history of the society has been written by the Rev J.W.E. Conybeare which shows it is one of the oldest and soundest in the country. 06 05 26a & b # c.37.2

1906 05 26
Two large meetings of Cambridge church people passed resolutions strongly condemning the Government's Education Bill. The Bishop of Ely said the dying of church schools would only be a matter of time. Religion was the only part of education worth having, the great question was how it would be taught. The Bill denied parents the liberty to have their children educated in the faith which they themselves held. 06 05 26d e f # c.36 # C.83

1906 05 26
Condition of Cam – dredging etc - 06 05 26c # c.46.5
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1906 06 02
On Thursday Prof Sims Woodhead declared positively that all whisky is poison and the following day Sir James Dewar, Professor of Chemistry, admitted that he has consumed barrels of this poison. He said the variety of whisky depends on the state of your health and what you are doing, some made you miserable even on small quantities. For 30 years he has drunk Cambus Scotch whisky, a patent-still product, and has never found any ill-effects. 06 06 01a # c.27.4

1906 06 02
One evening the boots at the Castle Hotel, Cambridge, beckoned a cab from the nearby rank and a lady and gentleman in evening dress stepped in. 'The New Theatre' said the gentleman and the cabby quickly crossed the road to the theatre opposite. One shilling was tendered as the fare but the cabby demanded the full amount of 1s 6d. His actions over such a remarkably short drive were sharply criticised but it is only fair to remember that he lost his position on the rank 06 06 01b # c.26.46 # TAXI

1906 06 02
The income from a professional beggar is often the subject of speculation. A blind man writes: "For more than 30 years I have been dependent on the Cambridge public for my daily bread. A rumour says that I have been made very good offers to cease standing in the streets. The Guardians did offer me 10s a week in 1886 but I had a wife and four young children and this would not have found us a home and the necessaries required for six people". It would appear that the charitably disposed of Cambridge have saved the rates over £500! 06 06 01c # c.32.9 # BLIND

1906 06 04
An inquest was held into the sad circumstances of the death of Police Inspector Sampson of Bottisham whose leg was crushed beneath a traction engine after a fall from a bicycle. He was free-wheeling down Allington Hill when he encountered Messrs Sturton's traction engine going down the centre of the road. His bicycle wobbled, he swerved and fell off under the wheels 06 06 04a # c.34.6

1906 06 04
A Government Inspector's report into the derailment of a passenger train near Shippea Hill on April 7th concluded it was caused by unduly high speed over a portion of track under repair. At Cambridge Assizes a 15-year old boy from Prickwillow was indicted for having placed a sleeper on the railway line near Ely on the evening of March 6th. It was hit by the Norwich train and carried for a mile and a quarter 06 06 04b, 06 06 04c, d # c.26.2

Wisbech grower libel, p3 *

1906 06 05
When the Wesleyan chapel in Romsey Town was erected in Hemingford Road, space was left for a more commodious structure. The new chapel of which Mr W. Wren of Castle Street is the architect is designed in the Queen Anne style with utility, rather than elaborate decoration; nevertheless the building with its cathedral-like windows will be a considerable addition to the notable buildings of that end of Mill Road. 06 06 05 # c.83

1906 06 06
Albert Whitehead, fruiterer of Burleigh Street told the court that his shop had been broken into and 90 oranges taken. Four schoolboys were charged with the theft – they had taken them to the gala ground on Midsummer Common and sold them. Two of the lads had very bad characters and were sentenced to receive 12 strokes with the birch. 06 06 06

1906 06
Newmarket now possesses a splendidly-built and equipped miniature rifle range in the Drill Hall paddock. There is a need for a band of national defenders, and with the present Government in power and the War Office in its present state, the main defence of the country would be the Volunteer rifle-

shooters. The Newmarket club now had 100 members. The range was opened by Lady Cooper who scored a bull's eye with a rifle which had been placed on a rest for her. 06 06 06 & a

Arts & Crafts Society formed, p3

1906 06 08
Dr A.H. Mann, the University organist and chorus master, completed 30 years work in Cambridge. He was appointed organist of King's College in 1876, coinciding with the founding of the new choir school and important changes in the musical services at the chapel. They hoped his tenure of office at King's would match that of his predecessors – Dr Pratt (55 years) and Dr Randall, 66. 06 06 08a # c.69

1906 06 09
A serious fire at Barton Rectory resulted in the picturesque old two-storey structure being completely gutted. Mrs Monkhouse, the vicar's wife, who is an invalid, was in bed and it was with difficulty that she was aroused in time to make a hasty escape in her sleeping apparel. Mr Robinson cycled to Cambridge to give the alarm at the Fire Station. A plentiful water supply was available from the village pond but it was evident the building would be gutted and it was left to burn itself out. The church books and plate were rescued but a servant's bicycle was reduced to scrap iron. 06 06 09a

1906 06 09
Cambridge has surrendered to May Week visitors very completely. These pretty butterflies, who transform our mundane streets into kaleidoscope scenes of colour and animation, mean increased profit for the tradesman and are a source of joy to the lodging-house keeper. They must have somewhere to lay their heads, dainty dinners and mayonnaise for supper. They cause money to circulate and many is the summer holiday they provide for the householders who provide rooms for their comfort. 06 06 09b # c.36.9

1906 06 09
Wisbech death of Edward Miles, England's oldest actor – 06 06 09b # c.76
Littleport suicide schoolmaster of Fen and Dairyhouses School – 06 06 09b & c

1906 06 11
Funeral James Day, Wicken

1906 06 12
A crowd of dons and undergraduates congregated in the Senate House to learn who had gained the coveted distinction of Senior Wrangler but those who were expected to obtain good positions awaited in the seclusion of their rooms the news brought by friends. The examiners stood in the gallery holding the fateful papers in their hands and announced that Mr A.T. Rajan, an Indian student, and Mr C.J. Sewell, both of Trinity, were bracketed as Senior Wranglers. When the order of merit in printed form came fluttering down from the gallery the customary wild scramble for the sheets ensued. 06 06 12 # c.36.9

1906 06 13
Tomorrow Cambridge councillors will discuss spending £4,000 on street improvements. But the Cambridge public, who have to pay the bill, will know nothing about it until it is too late to comment. Ratepayers are debarred from any intelligent participation in the town's affairs. Were this kind of Russian Censorship tried in some manufacturing town, every councillor would lose his seat at the next election. But Cambridge people have become used to it. 06 06 13

1906 06 14
Cambridge water supplies might be polluted from sewage from Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn. Householders use pails for the collection of excreta and if this is spread on the land then the possibility of typhoid organisms finding their way into the water supply must be remote. A more

serious menace is the soakage of infected matter from improperly-constructed cesspools and the sewage from the Asylum. Some Cambridge people have started to boil their water 06 06 14a & b # c.24.2 # c.29.8

1906 06 14
The junction of Castle Street and Northampton Street, Cambridge, was continually congested and the corner ought to be improved. The council wanted to demolish a cottage and widen the road, but the owner wanted £260 for a property that a few years ago was worth £120: that was too great an increase 06 06 14a-c # c.44.6 # c.26.48

1906 06 14
A Salvation Army funeral in Sturton Town Hall attracted a great crowd. Among the congregation was Joseph Wilson, an elderly man of about 60 years of age. He commented upon the sudden death of the deceased bandman and said that he himself suffered with his heart. "I shall go off one day just as suddenly", he observed. His prediction came true: whilst the service was in progress he fell to the floor and expired. His wife was at the ceremony but was separated from him by a large crowd and had no knowledge of the calamity until she was called out of the hall. 06 06 14d

1906 06 14
The consecration of a new churchyard at Milton was performed by the Bishop of Ely. The new burial ground, which is a portion of the glebe land, is situated some distance from the church on the Landbeach Road. The weather was rather inclement but notwithstanding a good-sized congregation assembled for the service. 06 06 14e

1906 06 15
Milton churchyard, p4 *

1906 06 16
Visiting the snug little village of Barton and inspecting the ruins of the Rectory fire, one finds that the interior has been thoroughly burnt out – scarcely a rafter or beam of the upper floor remaining and the roof entirely non-existent. But the outer walls stand straight and sound and outside, almost unscorched, clings the ivy and climbing roses with flowers still on them. I could not help wondering why people are fleeing from such congenial surroundings to the toil and strife of the town and factory. 06 06 16a #

1906 06 16
Mr W. Saunders of Histon has had a remarkable cricketing career over the last 52 years. He learned to play on Parker's Piece and formed a club at Impington until its field was sold. In the 1860s Cambridgeshire occupied the premier position in county cricket and he was numbered amongst some of the finest players in the country being chosen to play against the first All England eleven to visit Australia. 06 06 16b # c.38 : cricket

1906 06 16
H.R. Pope beats C.S. Rolls' motor car record for trip from Monte Carlo to London – 06 06 16c # c.26.48

1906 06 19
At the Senate House two Wooden Spoonists received their degrees. H.R. Bell and W.Crouch, both of Selwyn, were bracketed last in the Mathematical Tripos and each was presented with a wooden spoon. Years ago this was a shovel with the college arms hastily painted on the bowl. Now it has become a thing of beauty, a trophy handsomely decorated which would not be out of place in the most artistic study. They were lowered on strings from the gallery and each recipient was handed a pair of garden shears with which he cut the string, bravely shouldered the spoon and marched out accompanied by a perfect tornado of cheers 06 06 19a & b # c.36.9 # c.39

1906 06 19
Thomas Askham, proprietor of the Hippodrome, Auckland Road applied for a licence for the performance of stage plays. The University had protested that a theatre near the common was detrimental to undergraduates but it would not be used as a low type of music hall, rather as a proper theatre for the poor classes at a time when students were not in residence. However the neighbourhood would not attract a first-class company and a lower type of entertainment would be detrimental to the morals of the people. 06 06 19a & b # c.76

1906 06 19
Burwell Poor's Fen charity details of history – 06 06 19c # c.32.9

1906 06 20
Photographic club, p3

1906 06 21
One of the most worthy objects of the Rev T.W. Woods of St Barnabas Parish is for a drill hall, gymnasium and rooms for young men and boys to be erected on a piece of ground at the bottom of Covent Garden. Tenders have been opened from local builders and that of Messrs Willmott and Sons, for £1,045 was agreed. Mr Reginald Tollitt is the architect 06 06 21 # c.37.9 # ROMSEY

1906 06 22
On Thursday Messrs Bullen, boatbuilders of Magdalene Street started their first trip of the season with their steam launch and tender His Majesty and Queen Alexandra It was a free outing and 84 people availed themselves of the voyage to Ditton Plough when an enjoyable time was spent. 06 06 22b # c.26.3

1906 06 22
Sir -. May we use your paper to thank many friends who since May 23rd 1901 have so generously aided us in the supporting Toft British School. As it has served the purpose for which it was called into being and its continuance is no longer needed, it will be finally closed on Friday 29th June 1906 – Joseph Worboys. 06 06 22a

1906 06 23
An alarm of fire was raised at one of the cinematogaph shows at Midsummer Fair. A film and various odds and ends near the operating box became ignited and flames shot up above the front staging. Some alarm was shown by the audience who were assured there was not the slightest danger but all the exits were opened and those who wished were enabled to leave without difficulty. The flames were quickly extinguished and the entertainment proceeded as usual. 06 06 23a & b # c.76.9 # c.27.3

1906 09 23
Newmarket fire, p3 *

1906 06 23
Sir – I remember the winter of 1860 when Midsummer Common was covered with water. A severe frost set in and for two months there were torchlight processions and skaters appearing and disappearing like phantoms along the course. There was horseracing in the summer and two large wooden stands erected. Some things have not changed: the miserable, horrid, slow old 'grinds' or ferries. When will Cantabs wake up and have free bridges for foot passengers? – An Ely Old Boy 06 06 23c & d # c.32.3 # c.38 : skating

1906 06 27
German newspaper editors visit Cambridge – 06 06 27 # c.04

1906 06 28

Mrs Moyes of the Lion Hotel claimed payment from an undergraduate for the hire of horses. He had entered Trinity College and associated with men of means and even of wealth. He stated his allowance was £300 a year (this was denied by his father who said it was £15 per term plus tailor's bills – about £150). The bill was for the hire of three horses on the same day – he had tossed up with two friends and lost. But this was not a 'necessary' and, being under 21 years of age, he was not liable to pay it. 06 06 28 # c.36.9 # c.27.4

1906 06 29
Charles Mynott told the court he had gone on the shooting gallery at Castle Camps fair and paid for four shots, one did not go off and he accused the stallholder of trying to 'dish' him out of it. The man struck him in the mouth, knocked him down between two stalls then took a rifle in each hand and fired into the crowd of about 70 people. The stalls then fell over and the whole show wrecked. He did not see if the man took aim as he was on the floor. 06 06 29 # FEAST

1906 06 29
Sturgeon weighing 200lb and eight feet long reported to have been caught in the river at Oxlode – 31 06 26 ES

1906 06 30
Horningsea churchyard consecrated – 06 06 30c

1906 06 30
Isaac Wilderspin, implement maker of Elsworth won first prize in an international competition for the best non-skid tyre for bicycles. The trial lasted five days with machines tested on a slanting asphalt track, besmeared with Thames mud and soft soap before being sent on a 300 mile run on the high road. It was ridden by W. Tolliday of the firm of Parker and Son, cycle makers of St Ives. Now he has invented a similar tyre for motor cars. 06 06 30a # c.26.485

1906 06 30
Cambridge received a full share of the extraordinary deluge that washed the country like a cataract. Eaden Lilley's basement was flooded, the goods soaked and needed quick disposal. A CDN representative visited market gardeners expecting to find them bewailing extensive damage, but they delivered ecstatic paeans of joy: "We were smothered with fly and red spider on the gooseberries, but the rain has entirely washed them away", said Robert Franks of Histon. 06 06 30b

1906 06 30
Fourteen public houses have been closed under the Licensing Act of 1904. They include a beer house at Heath Road Litlington, which sold one barrel a week, including stout, and a gallon of ginger wine. All their beer was made from pure malt and hops and it was a better house than the two nearest to it. There were four fully-licensed houses, four beer houses and one off-licence in the village. The Dolphin at Stapleford had been shut up for six weeks as the former landlord had run away and the village appeared to do well without it. The present tenant was a cycle agent and taxidermist as well, 'So you stuff people first and put them on wheels afterwards?' also Cambridge: Jolly Butchers, Star, Sun; Bassingbourn: Crown; Bottisham: Plough; Comberton: Plough; Fordham: Six Bells, Landbeach: Red Cow; Lt Shelford: Carrier's Cart; Stapleford: Dolphin; Steeple Morden: beer house; Waterbeach: Haunch of Mutton, Plough and Horses; Willingham: William IV, Rose and Crown
06 06 30d,e, f # c.27.4

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1906 07 02
An extensive fire resulted in the complete destruction of Fyfe's forage factory at Littleport. The three-storey building of wood and corrugated iron was situated between the river and the railway line, and filled with inflammable material. Once well alight total destruction was inevitable. Two cylinders

used for steaming chaff remain amidst a great mass of charred beams and sheets of iron twisted by intense heat into all manner of fantastic shapes. 06 07 02 # c.34.75

1906 07 03
The King concluded his visit to the Earl of Sandwich at Hinchingbrooke Park and drove in his motor car to Newmarket. On his way through Cambridge the royal car was purposely driven more slowly than usual which enabled many people to catch a glimpse of His Majesty. He proceeded to Sir Ernest Cassel's house, Moulton Paddocks, where a Japanese garden with rustic bridges and dwarf trees has been recently added. 06 07 03a # c.02

1906 07 03
The three-day Histon feast was the largest on record, consisting of Messrs Thurston's ever-popular racing motor cars and their new Royal electric cinematograph exhibition, Mander's menagerie and an unusual number of bottle and egg shooting saloons, strength testers, 'Aunt Sallies', cocoanut bowling alleys and other amusements. In the village Post Office the operator has been kept busy writing letters and sending off telegrams for the fair folk, many of whom cannot write. 06 07 03b # FEAST

1906 07 04
Sir – many of the wells in Great Chesterford have been closed by the Medical Officer of Health by pasting a printed notice that the well was contaminated and all water should be boiled. These notices were washed off by rain within a few days. The wells should be properly filled up. Now the parish council proposes to construct two bored wells, but this will result in people having to walk a quarter of a mile to draw water. They also vetoed a sewage scheme on cost grounds. This is ridiculous. – G.W. Law 06 07 04 # c.24.2

1906 07 05
Girls County School should be erected to be convenient for girls coming by train – Mill Road 06 07 05 - a # c.36.5

Grantchester house, p1
Canadian emigration, p4

1906 07 06
A labourer at Burwell cement factory was feeding clunch into the crusher; this consists of two large iron rollers studded with teeth and covered with a steel plate with a hole into which the lumps of clunch are shovelled. His foot went into the hole and was caught by the cogs which drew his leg between the rollers and reduced it to pulp up to the knee. It could not be extricated until the plate had been smashed. He never lost consciousness all the while. 06 07 06

Ness stone, p3

1906 07 07
The Queen's Arms beerhouse at Soham sold 30 barrels of beer a year. It was an old house, very low and in bad repair. There was little trade – during one afternoon the landlord drew one pint of beer and drank two himself. Soham was an increasing town, 200 new houses having been built during the last ten years but there were 34 licensed houses, one to every 124 persons. One was The Old Brewery whose trade was done among the low class labourers in the evenings – Sunday especially. Also: Cambridge - The Beehive, Golden Cross, Sawston – Flower Pot – all closed 06 07 07a & b # c.27.4

1906 07 07
Tom Hayward, cricketer, may retire 06 07 07c # c.38 : cricket

1906 07 09

The Chief Constable reported the death of Inspector Sampson who had been in the force for 40 years. He was returning on his bicycle from duty at Newmarket when he collided with a traction engine and died in hospital. He hoped the committee would grant a pension to the man's widow. However it was doubtful whether he was still in the execution of his duty – he was returning home for his personal convenience. The auditor might question the payment and they should take counsel's opinion. But they granted a gratuity of £300. 06 07 09 & a

Burwell inquest, p3

1906 07 10
Newmarket parody, p34

1906 07 11
Sergt Mobbs told magistrates he saw Ben Scrivener, an engine driver from Wood Ditton, driving a locomotive with two trucks attached in High Street, Newmarket. The funnel was emitting a great deal of smoke, filling the street. He followed it to the cemetery. The driver said he had a good load and was going uphill. He made no more smoke that he was obliged. He was fined one shilling. 06 07 11

Factory act, p3

1906 07 12
Any clerk or artisan with £25 can become the owner of a well-built convenient house just outside the borough boundary in Grantchester within ten minutes' walk of Market Hill. The houses contain eight good rooms with bathroom, two w.c.'s and nice garden. Gas and water laid on. The price is £250 and the balance can be spread over any number of years to suit the purchaser's convenience – E. Parcell & co., Builders, Newnham – advert. 06 07 12a # c.23

1906 07 12
It was alleged that the matron of the Cambridge Infectious Diseases Hospital had given a private supper party to friends and corporation officials. A councillor had stood in the pouring rain for two hours and watched through the window! The patients were in isolation and there was no objection to having a friend occasionally, but a large-scale party was not suitable. It had been the custom to have tea and bread and butter when the committee met there – that too should be stopped. 06 07 12 b & c # c.21.4

1906 07 12
Site of proposed Higher Grade School near Parkside 06 07 12d – e # c.36.5

Perse school finance, p4

1906 07 13
The court was crowded when a servant girl said he'd gone to a village shop and asked for a copy of the Cambridgeshire Weekly News and some 'funny' postcards. Accused took her up in his arms and carried her into the next room, pulled her clothes about and took her photograph. She did not know there was no film in the camera. Magistrates found it was a trumped-up charge by a mischievously-disposed young girl. 06 07 13 a b c # c.65.5

1906 07 14
Sir – I landed in Regina, Canada, in April 1903 with just eighteen shillings in my pocket and in the first year earned £36 16s including my board and lodgings. Last year by being my own master and doing garden work I earned £93 11s 8d. I would like to say to all the young men of Cambridgeshire that Western Canada is the place to improve their position. I am coming home next winter and will be glad to explain the conditions and advantages – E. Peachey 06 07 14a & b # EMIGRATION

1906 07 14
The Bishop of Ely consecrated two new churchyards in the parishes of Knapwell and Conington where the need for additional burial ground has been felt for some time. The Rector gave a piece of glebe land adjoining the old churchyard of Knapwell and 21 perches of land at Conington was purchased from the Charity Commissioners. 06 07 14c

Sanatorium scandal, p2 & p3 *

1906 07 16
Members of two religious sects came into collision on Parker's Piece. For the past six weeks representatives of the Mormons have been holding Sunday evening meetings and have attracted some opposition. A member of the Romsey Town Mission began to argue on the subject of polygamy; a hostile demonstration ensued and the Mormons were hustled off along Mill Road followed by a booing crowd. 06 07 16 # c.83

1906 07 17
The President of the Baptist Union toured Cambridgeshire in a fleet of motor cars. At Chittering the little congregation have a leader in Mr Mark Wyatt. Their obscurity has not been accompanied by the stagnation or retrogression that might be expected and they have erected a new Sunday school building. The opening coincided with the President's visit and a large tent erected, crowded with people. Afterwards the motor cars were assembled on the road and photographed before the travellers drove off. 06 07 17a & b # c.82.05

1906 07 19
Cambridge Women's Suffrage Association held a well-attended meeting in the grounds of The Lodge, Mill Road when addresses were given by Miss Isabella Ford, a prominent suffragist, Mrs Rackham and other local ladies. Women could be guardians or medical officers but could not vote for a representative in Parliament. The grounds, which present a beautiful appearance, proved an ideal venue. 06 07 19 # c.33 # SUFFRAGETTE

Mormon letter, p3

1906 07 20
Architect visit, p3

1906 07 21
At Whittlesey the funeral took place of an octogenarian resident named William Henry Plowman. Ten old men of upwards of 80 years of age followed him to the grave and received five shillings each. Twelve young chapel ladies also received five shillings each for singing 'Rock of Ages' at the graveside. Plowman worked as a labourer on the railway and later went to South Australia where he amassed a fortune. He leaves various charitable bequests, including £1,000 to Peterborough Infirmary. 06 07 21

1906 07 23
Strange story, p3 *

1906 07 24
Hippodrome, p3

1906 07 25
Action v Hurrwell, p3 *
Water scare, p3 *
Landbeach organ, p4 *
Merry presentation, p4 *

1906 07 26
Thomas Askham applied for a licence to stage plays at the Hippodrome, Auckland Road. It was built for the poorer classes of Cambridge for whom there was no such accommodation. Plays would be presented of a high moral flavour such as 'East Lynne' & 'The Harbour Lights' which would have a good effect on the public. He would provide healthy amusement in a proper building. But local ministers felt it would not tend for the highest welfare of the people. The application was refused. 06 07 26 # c.76

Pembroke St celebrations, p4

1906 07 28
Robert Reed told the court he'd hired a piano organ from Antonio Dermaco of Gas Lane, Cambridge, piano organ proprietor, and went out in company of a man named Fuller. They visited the Plough, Comberton leaving it outside. He returned after five minutes to find the organ had disappeared – it had been thrown into the village pond. He got it out and tried to play it, but it did not work and had to be repaired in London. A Comberton carpenter and butcher were seen moving it, but claimed they had left it at the White Horse. 06 07 28 # c.69

1906 07 28
A Cambridgeshire Automobile Club was formed at a meeting of motor car owners at the University Arms Hotel. It would discourage reckless and inconsiderate driving, which bought motoring into disrepute, organise social and sporting events such as hill climbs and gymkhanas and see that roads were properly looked after. It was decided to admit ladies as members. 06 07 28a # c.26.48

1906 07 30
Mormon creed, p3
Burglar, p3

1906 07 31
Burglar hunting as a popular amusement had 'caught on' in Cambridge. Large crowds gathered in the neighbourhood of Park Terrace expecting to see the police emerge with two or more stalwart ruffians who had the impudence to enter Mr Sturton's house and rifle his pockets. They are thought to be playing a skilful game of hide-and-seek with police in and out of the six houses which comprise part of the Terrace; eager eyes are directed to the parapet and expectations entertained of seeing a desperate chase along the roof. But no one was seen. 06 07 31a # c.34.6

Abington rifle range, p4 *

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1906 08 01
Burglars, p3
Haverhill hockey club, p4 *

1906 08 03
Burwell is included in a Government scheme for colonising England by offering vacant Crown land to smallholders. A start has been made with a farm of 916 acres which is being cut up into parcels of between two and twenty acres and let to the Cambs Small Holders Association. There are some excellent cottages, two farmhouses and farm buildings and these are being allotted to the new tenants who will enter upon their holdings at Michaelmas. 06 08 03 # c.22

1906 08 04

Gardeners beware: your neat little flower patches are in danger from apparently innocent young children. They will make flattering comments upon your show of roses, geraniums and other blooms but when no one is about they will quickly open the garden gate and before you realise it, the best of your blooms are torn off. Sometimes the flowers are within reach of a small hand thrust through the railings and they will mysteriously disappear. 06 08 04 # c.18

1906 08 06
Mammoth show, p3 *

1906 08 07
Cambridge fire brigade undoubtedly saved a portion of King's Parade, St Edward's Passage and Peas Hill from destruction by fire. There are numerous old houses, warehouses, sheds and outhouses of all descriptions, many constructed chiefly of wood. The blaze broke out at the rear of Mons Buol's bakery, 17 King's Parade. A pastry-cook made a fire in the furnace in preparation for cooking operations and then went into the kitchen. Upon his return he found the building on fire and raised the alarm. P.C. Sharman was on duty on Market Hill and communicated with the Central Fire Station by means of the St Andrew's Street fire alarm. While the Brigade appliances were being run out the Constable procured the fire reel from Butter Row and played upon the flames with water obtained from the hydrant opposite King's College. The situation was serious when the permanent staff of the Brigade arrive with the horse tender and tried to prevent the flames spreading to other buildings. One stream of water was directed on the burning bakehouse from King's Parade, another from St Edward's Passage, and a third from Peas Hill, through the premises of Messrs Brimbley Whibley, and the combined attack was triumphant. The seat of the flames, the bakehouse, was gutted and the remaining back buildings of Mr Buol were considerably damaged with several hundreds of pounds of chocolate, almonds, cocoa and sugar lost. Other properties escaped the flames almost entirely but Messrs Whibley's warehouse and its contents were damaged by fire and water. 06 08 07 # c.44.6 # c.34.75

1906 08 08
Hippodrome, p3
Royston show, p4

1906 08 09
Cambridge station platform will be lengthened by 270 feet and widened with new awnings. The booking hall will be enlarged nearly three times, the waiting room, lavatories and parcels office doubled. A subway connecting the eastern side of the line with the town would be a convenience but only a small proportion of those people using it would be railway passengers. However the railway would allow a wayleave under their line to anybody who wishes to construct one. 06 08 09 # c.26.2

1906 08 09
A demonstration of the capabilities of the new steam fire engine attracted hundreds of townspeople. It is a double cylinder variable expansion type made by Shand, Mason & Co., generating steam by oil fuel resulting in the complete absence of thick smoke and sparks. Water drawn from the stream in front of Addenbrooke's Hospital was thrown high above the roof of the building. It was then moved to King's Parade and threw water 20ft above the flagpole of Gt St Mary's church. 06 08 09a # c.34.75

1906 08 10
Burwell land, p3 *
Meldreth Methodists, p3 *
Swaffham Bulbeck Poors Fen charity, p3

1906 08 11
Frontiersmen, p3 *
St Ives & Wadsworth, p4 *

1906 08 14
Mormons, p4
Royston cross, p4 *

1906 08 15
Mems & Gems, p3 *
Burwell lode, p3 *
Haverhill organ blower, p4 *

1906 08 17
Thurston confectioner, p3
Isleham charity, p4

1906 08 17 ES
Owing to the scarcity of labourers, the laying of the water main at Chatteris has been stopped, the workers preferring the harvest field where they can earn more money 31 08 14(3)ES

1906 08 18
Swaffham Prior church, p3*

1906 08 20
Those who did not experience the terrific storm which crossed the county could hardly realise the extent of the damage. It almost totally destroyed the crops as it passed. At Whittlesey later wheat was absolutely ruined and the beans were cut to atoms. Near Huntingdon some of the crops had not only no corn left but the straw was gone too. Nearer Cambridge the hail was not quite so heavy but in several places there was not a single piece of corn left. It simply meant ruin for the farmers. 06 08 20 & a # c.12

1906 08 21
Two Cambridge organ-grinders appeared in court. Joseph Fuller claimed Antonio Demarco had pulled his organ out of the shed in which it was kept in order to get at his own. They argued about it at the Bird Bolt public house, one struck the other with his fist and knocked him down, then aimed another blow but missed and fell over. The other tried to throw a glass at him. Demarco made a long rambling statement in broken English and was fined five shillings. 06 08 21 # c.69

1906 08 23
A woman of about 30 years of age journeyed to Cambridge to meet the man who was the author of her ‘trouble’. While she was in the train alone the child was born but on arrival at the station she behaved with such extraordinary circumspection that none of the railway officials suspected anything unusual had occurred. Carrying a bundle wrapped in underlinen under her arm, this extraordinary woman walked the length of the platform, hailed a cab and asked to the driven to the Workhouse. There her strength gave way and she swooned on the floor with the new-born babe beside her. They are both doing well. 06 08 23 # c.32.9 # c.21.4 # WOMEN

1906 08 24
The landlady of the Horse and Gate, Wentworth served two customers and went into the garden; on return she saw them running down the road. She found that two sixpences and a shilling's worth of copper which was kept in a little bowl on a table just inside the cellar, had been taken. PC Turner found one man in a drove at Coveney with tenpence in his pocket: he had thrown the bowl into a ditch. He was a deserted from Sunderland and was sentenced to 14 days hard labour. 06 08 24a

1906 08 24
A disastrous fire broke out at Place Farm, Balsham; flames spread to Mr Price’s farm opposite and the premises adjoining were quickly demolished. There was panic, as it seemed flames would spread to neighbouring cottages and the road to Balsham was strewn with household furniture. The Queens

Head, a thatched public house, caught fire six or seven times and was only saved from destruction with great difficulty. Linton fire fighters worked like Trojans but were hampered by the inadequacy of the water supply 06 08 24

Police athletics, p4

1906 08 24 ES
The rectory of Stretham has been offered to the Reverend Samuel Stuart Stitt, vicar of St Michael's Cambridge. Was for some as a chaplain in the army and served in the South African Field Force 1901 to 1902 when he gained a medal and five clasps 31 08 21ES

1906 08 25
The disastrous fire at Balsham has claimed another victim. During the blaze the thatched roof of the Queen's Head caught fire several times but was extinguished. However it seems that some sparks found a resting place as without any warning the roof burst into flames and defied all efforts at extinction. The thatch blazed furiously and soon it was burnt to the ground. An attempt was made to save some of the spirits and beer but a good deal was consumed by the flames; a good deal more was consumed by the spectators! 06 08 25 # c.27.4 # c.34.75

1906 08 25
Newmarket Road was the scene of a demonstration which proves that whatever the morality of a district individually, collectively it is on the side of strict morality. The people who incurred the displeasure of the neighbourhood were the objects of a considerable amount of hustling in the streets and a crowd gathered in front of their house beating tin kettles and similar utensils. 06 08 25a # c.39

1906 08 25
Burwell letter, p4 *
Loafers, p4

1906 08 27
Balsham fire, p3 *

1906 08 28
Chesterton fire, p3 *

1906 08 30
Adelaide water, p4 *
Fordham dispute, p4 *

1906 08 31
Lolworth fire, p3

1906 08 31 ES
Serious fire McKay and company's factory at Chatteris, fire engine could find no water 31 08 28(3)ES

Moth catching in Wicken fen is not without its danger. We have seen persons severely bitten by vicious gnats. People are cautioned not to smoke on the fenland as we do not want another big blaze like that of April 1901 32 08 28(3)ES

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1906 09 03
For four days Cambridge has vainly been endeavouring to live in a temperature rising above 90 degrees in the shade, 125 in the sun. The first day of September was as hot as the last day of August

and even now the heat shows little diminution. Nobody remembers such a succession of tropical heats so late in the season. The weather is in a curiously topsy-turvy condition 06 09 03 & a # c.12

1906 09 04
Serious farm fire, Hanchett End near Haverhill – 06 09 04

1906 09 05
PC Wright said he was in Regent Street when he saw the Cambridge Motor Omnibus Company's bus discharging a great quantity of black smoke, it was filling the street as it went along and was the worst he had ever seen. The driver said they had just had a refill of oil and agreed to take it back to the garage, smoking all the way along Park Terrace. The company said there was nothing wrong but was fined £2. 06 09 05 & a # c.26.46

1906 09 07
Mr A.P. McAlister of Cambridge and Shelford has been granted a patent for a fire grate of an improved type which abolishes the possibility of discomfort. The fire rests on a grating with an ashpan underneath which can be easily lifted out to empty the contents. Laurie & McConnal have been appointed local agents for the grate which has been fitted in many of the larger houses of the town. 06 09 07

1906 09 07 ES
Fires at Isleham due to spark from a goods train 31 09 04(2)ES

1906 09 08
Building trade in Cambridge is comparatively slack just now as suburban expansion on any large scale has ceased. Six months ago there was considerable activity in the Newnham district and on the Central Estate where a large number of houses sprang up suddenly. Then there was an extension of New Cherryhinton through the erection of many houses on the Hills Road. It is now planned to open up a building estate by cutting an avenue from Hills Road to the Trumpington Road 06 09 08c # c.23

1906 09 08
Many residents have been plagued by the clouds of dust raised by motor cars and other traffic. Dust-destroying measures have usually involved evil-smelling solutions but now Cambridge is to experiment by pouring boiling tar over the surface of Hills Road and sprinkling it with granite chips. The section chosen where the wood paving ends near Brooklands Avenue, but it carries heavy traffic and is constantly watered so the new surface may peel off. 06 09 08c # c.44.6 # c.26.48

1906 09 08
The Boat Race – special report – 06 09 08a & b # c.38 : rowing
Cowboys, p3
Shop goods in heat *

1906 09 10
Harvard visit, p3
Paraffin lamp, p3

1906 09 11
The vicar of Over, Rev Thomas Normandale, has accepted the living of Grahamstown, Cape Colony, South Africa and leaves in about six weeks. It comes as a surprise to his congregation as he has only been there two years and previous vicars have stayed much longer: the Rev Galloway stayed 12 years, Rev Dixon 18 and Mr Warren carried out the duties for 30 years. 06 09 11a

1906 09 11
Hundon fires – incendiarism – 06 09 11
Military tournament, p3

1906 09 12
The recent hot weather and absence of rain has resulted in a scarcity of milk through the scorching of the pasture and some dealers have been compelled to buy from rival tradesmen and sell at the price at which they bought, merely to retain their customers. One has already increased his price from twopence to threepence a pint but larger dairymen have retained their customary charge of fourpence a quart 06 09 12a # c.28 # MILK

Fulbourn fever, p3*
Decoyed girls, p3 *
King's lane, p3

1906 09 13
A number of cases of sacrilege have been reported and with so many vagrants on the road churchwardens should keep a sharp eye on those who enter. Two brass vases have been stolen from Arrington and another from Hatley St George. At Wilburton thieves carried off two brass candlesticks and smashed the contributions box, stealing five shillings. Next day the alms box at Haddenham was tampered with but the contents, which consisted of twopence, was not touched.06 09 13

1906 09 13
Ely Coroner held an inquest at the resident of Mr Hanslip Long, Shippea Hill into the death of a widow who was knocked down and killed at Shippea Crossing. She had been to the Fish and Duck where she paid for her husband's harvest beer. On returning she saw the train but started to go over the crossing at a tidy stroke and was hit. It was getting dark and they had to strike three matches before they could recognise the body. She was a strong-minded woman and it was difficult to persuade that class of people to do what other people wanted. 06 09 13a

1906 09 14
The Westminster Diocesan Missionaries of Our Lady of Compassion made their headquarters at The Close, High Street, Saffron Walden six months ago. It dates back to 1554 and is very rich with old oak but the only place which would serve as a chapel for the few Catholics in the town was the old Baronial Hall which would accommodate 80 people. Now a new temporary church has opened in the stable block with great solemnity. 06 09 14 & a

Military tournament, p3
Driver swim testimonials, p3

1906 09 15
Mill Road has never known anything quite so strange as eighteen cassowaries which have been translated from the Pacific Islands to a piece of ground reached by a short lane down Gwydir Street. They have been collected by the Hon Walter Rothschild who is writing an monograph and placed in the charge of Mr F Doggett as they flourish better here than anywhere else in England. 06 09 15a # c.19

1906 09 15
River trips, motor launch 'Victory' to Clayhithe – Pocock – 06 09 15b # c.26.3
Drought, p4
Meteor, p4

1906 09 17
County Girls School site, p4

1906 09 19

Fire broke out in a Witchford thatched cottage, flames spread rapidly and the outbuildings which consisted of a barn, stabling and pig sties constructed of tarred boards were destroyed. Flames and smoke meant it was impossible to use the well in the yard, which contained three feet of water, but a passing water cart was commandeered and its contents used to best effect. Neighbours rescued furniture but a chest of drawers containing a considerable sum of money was burnt. 06 09 19

1906 09 19
The world-famed travelling Educator of Natural History will pay Cambridge a visit after an absence of 15 years. Bostock and Wombwell's circus was instituted in February 1805 and novel additions are being made to keep pace with the times including specimens of Tasmanian Devil and the gigantic blue and red faced mandrill. In olden days shopkeepers used to close and the public declare a holiday in order to explore the menagerie. The conditions of the animals speaks volumes for the kindness and attention with which they are treated. 06 09 19a # c.76 # c.19 # CIRCUS

Newmarket fire machine, p4

1906 09 20
Dr Lucas death, Burwell, p3
Trams v buses, p3

1906 09 22
The family of Rowell has long been identified with sport in Cambridge. Now Edward Rowell, a cousin of one time Go-as-you-please Champion, 'Charlie', is making a name for himself as an all-round athlete in Australia where he has won enough money to secure a fine business: one match over hurdles brought him £300. He added to his reputation as a footballer and when that season ended he took up cricket, being voted the best batsman in West Australia.06 09 22 # c.38

Bostock's menagerie, p3

1906 09 24
Wilburton death John Norfolk, p3
Hills Road Methodist organ, p4

1906 09 26
Stourbridge Fair has, with the exception of the horse fair, become the shrine of gaiety. Its centre is a lonely house whose gable windows are decorated with fairy lights. Inside the stairs are carved and wide like those of a prosperous mansion and lead to an extensive room with bare floor and white-washed walls. A harpist can be dimly seen through the haze of tobacco smoke and a concertina joins in the melody, dancers swirl around: girls with girls and youths with youths with no conventions of the ball-room. 06 09 26a b & c # c.27.3 # OYSTER HOUSE

1906 09 26
Police said a club-room had been erected at the Queen's Head, Kirtling without approval. A dinner was held and a pint of beer served to each person, later seven more gallons were served. It was an ordinary farm building and plans ought to have been submitted. This was a serious offence and magistrates had power to order the building pulled down. 06 09 26b

1906 09 28
The Vicar of Lode sued the parish council for the expense of cleaning the schoolroom after their meeting. During the day it was a public school with a grant from the Government, but afterwards it was the private property of the vicar. When the council was first instituted the Vicar was a member but the present one wanted nothing to do with them and said they must find their own heating and

lighting. But the cleaner said she was paid by the County Council. It was a quarrel between Church and Dissent, if the truth was told.06 09 28 # c.35.6

Cathedral shrine, p3
Photo club, p4

1906 09 29
Sid Lack, the famous Histon cyclist, has found that the American climate did not suit him and returned to Histon. But since losing his status as an amateur he has an inclination to go abroad. Now the whole of his household effects have been put under the hammer including his two racing machines, and he has set sail for Australia. If he takes up racing 'down under' his career will be watched with interest. 06 09 29 # c.38 : cycling # c.26.485

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1906 10 02
Bendysh Hall fire, p3
Balloon race, p3

1906 10 03
The 'Nunc Dimittis' window to the memory of Mrs Wilkinson has been removed from St Cyriac's church, Swaffham Prior and is now in London, being adapted for the two-light west window of the south aisle of St Mary's church in that parish. The 12 small pieces of stained glass, some representing angels, and some with sacred monograms, have also been taken down for eventual use in one of the other windows. 06 10 03

1906 10 04
An extraordinary sight, which ought never to occur again, is to be witnessed at Baitsbite Lock. For a hundred yards the surface of the water is literally covered with dead and dying fish – pike, roach, bream, dace and a host of smaller fry. Fishermen would never have dreamed there were as many fish in the waters. They have been slaughtered by the introduction of some noxious substance into the river 06 10 04 & a # c.38 : fishing # c.46.5

1906 10 06
Joseph Moule was a veteran of the Crimea but rarely talked of his hardships in the trenches outside Sebastopol or of the stirring relief of Lucknow. Then as one of the gallant 90th Foot he was one of the hardened campaigners who went direct from the perils of the Crimea to the horrors of the Indian Mutiny. He expired suddenly at his home in Mill Road aged 72, thus the ranks of veterans get thinner and thinner 06 10 06 # c.45.4

1906 10 06
A Haverhill labourer told the Board of Guardians that he had seven children, one of whom had died, and asked them to bury his little one. He was not in regular work, only getting odd days now and again. The Chairman said there were a good many standing off in the town and the applicant was a hard and honest working man who must have been driven to extremities or he would not have come to them. They granted his request. 06 10 06a

Poisoned fish, p3
Carlton horse, p3
Cars & boys, p4
YMCA smoking, p4

1906 10 08

Much interested was excited by a strange feathered visitor alighting on a pinnacle of King's College chapel. On Sunday afternoon it was attacked by crows but it thrust out its long neck and gave a vicious snap of its large beak. The bird possessed grey plumage on the breast and darker feathers on the back. In flight it presented a remarkable appearance, having enormous wings and legs, similar to those of a stork or heron.06 10 08 # c.19

Errand boy, p3

1906 10 10
A Cambridge bus driver appeared in court for dangerous driving in Hills Road. He said he was going 15 mph because he was obliged to pass another bus. It was not illegal as Parliament had fixed the maximum as 20 mph. The road was wide and there were no pedestrians about. The policeman admitted he had little experience of motors but had never seen one go faster. The driver had now been dismissed because of the complaint. 06 10 10 # c.26.46

1906 10 10
Fire broke out in the engine house of Charles Piggott, corn merchant of Landbeach. The engine had just been filled from a huge tank containing 200 gallons of oil, some of which spilled on the floor and became ignited. Flames at once rose in a great volume to the roof. Waterbeach fire brigade arrived with their manual pump and obtained a good supply of water from a trough which was filled by steam, and a hand pump, but the building was gutted. 06 10 10a

1906 10 11
Small holdings in Cambridgeshire are at last an accomplished fact as half a hundred agricultural labourers, small farmers, farmers' sons and village tradesmen enter into possession of nearly a thousand acres of Crown land at Burwell, parcelled out in lots to suit the capacity of this little army. But the scheme had attracted a great deal of criticism and will be watched with keen interest. 06 10 11a & b # c.22

Chesterton rifle club, p3

1906 10 12
The lease of Pampisford Council School expires at Christmas and the new rent would be £30. Substantial economy would be effected by closing it and sending the children to Sawston instead. It was precious hard lines in a small village that the children should have to go one-and-a-half miles to school. The parents were very much opposed but it was another of those unpopular things they had to do. 06 10 12b

1906 10 12
'Sherlock Holmes' at New Theatre – 06 10 12a # c.76
Kleno liquid cleanser – advertisement – 06 10 12 # c.27

1906 10 13
King's cormorant, p2 & p5
Railway fraud, p4

1906 10 15
The King had an excellent day's sport on the famous partridge grounds at Chippenham Park, which Sir Ernest Cassel has leased. Birds were numerous and strong on the wing. His Majesty road on his pony from point to point and displayed his usual precision of aim. The bag included 669 partridges, 88 pheasants and 82 hares.

1906 10 16
Newmarket town is now overbuilt: in 1879 Sir Richard Wallace began to sell his Queensbury estate in leasehold plots and the rage for building started. The real cause of empty houses in the town is that

Newmarket is suffering from the deaths of Colonel McCalmont, Sir Blundell Maple, Prince Soltykoff and Sir James Miller, who all had large racing establishment. More horses and consequently more employment is wanted. Others say the capacity of the Heath has been reached by the number of horses at present in training. 06 10 16a & b

Newmarket boxing, p4

1906 10 17
Bartolozzi sale, p4

1906 10 18
The octo-centenary of Ely Cathedral is over, the great service of commemoration of benefactors a thing of the past, but nothing short of death itself will ever obliterate the memory of that service from the minds of those who were privileged to be present. The vast building was filled with representatives for every strata in the social scale 06 10 18

1906 10 19
A Cambridge Ratepayer Association was formed: there was deplorable apathy over local government and many councillors resumed their seats without a contest. Members of councils were nominated and their actions controlled by a party. Contracts were given out, not to the lowest tender, but because one man belonged to one party and one to the other. They might run candidates for the town council and board of guardians irrespective of party politics. 6 10 19b # c.33 # c.35.7

1906 10 19
The Conservators of the River Cam say steam and motor boats travelling at considerable speed draw after them a large quantity of water which render the shallower parts of the river bare with the result that boats were grounded. The swell could also capsize small craft or throw them up high and dry. A new byelaw was needed.06 10 19a

Eltisley Ave & Cowper Road dedicated, p3

1906 10 20
A remarkable event happened in Cambridge the other day. Put on its mettle, no doubt, by the performance of the motor 'buses, a tram horse, determined to show that it could go, and ran away at quite a terrifying pace along King's Parade. The petrol 'buses will have to look to their laurels when acetylene horses begin to show their true powers like this. 06 10 20

Virginia creeper, p4 *
Duxford child tramps, p4 *

1906 10 23
An inquest into the death of an inmate of Ely workhouse who died during the night, was rendered rather unique by the fact that a juror, undismayed by the burden of responsibility and untroubled by the cares which had devolved upon him, had the temerity to go to sleep. He could not be permitted to turn the court into a temporary bedroom and was roused by the constable and rebuked by the Coroner. 06 10 23

Ranji's fight for throne, p3

1906 10 24
A Clare farmer was summoned for neglecting to send his children to school: one had been absent 19 times in 14 weeks, the other 21 times in 14 weeks, but had taken the highest prize for the best educated boy in the school. They had to walk just under two miles to school, so they travelled 1,080 miles in a year and it was unhealthy for a boy to travel so far. The case had given trouble for over two years and an attendance order was granted with costs of twelve shillings. 06 10 24

Maths tripos vote, p3
Kirtling Queen's Head, p4

1906 10 25
Cambridge councillors adopted new bye-laws for driving cattle through the streets. Now no bull may be led unless it is properly secured by a ring through its nose, no cattle may be driven unless sufficiently attended and no person shall permit a cow with a calf to be driven in any street unless the calf is conveyed in a cart or other suitable vehicle. 06 10 25a # c.22.5

1906 10 25
Cambridge Library committee recommended that a branch reading room be opened in a room in St Paul's Institute, Coronation Street. But Prof Sorley said a reading room supplied people with ephemeral newspapers and magazines, it did not supply literary, technical, scientific or reference works and the central library did not have the works it should have. However it would prevent a great deal of loafing about in the streets which was productive of crime. 06 10 25b # c.77.4

1906 10 25
A Harston farmer said that some time ago a young fellow who was working for the Rector was given only the bits of bread that came from the Rectory table, so the villagers called him 'Lazarus'. Later this individual came to work for him and he was verminous. Later the rector had a little boy from an institution in Cambridge and while he was at the Rectory the inhabitants 'tin-kettled' the rector. The rector blamed him for this and wouldn't speak to him in the street, all he does is beg.06 10 25c

Albion Row, p3
Trios, p4 *

1906 10 25
Morley Memorial Schools have been extended by a couple of wings. One contains three classrooms and the other has rooms fitted up for cooking and carpentry. Around the infants' classroom have been placed drawing slates – or rather ground glass backed with a dark preparation – at a suitable height for children and the corners of walls are rounded off to allowing no dirt to collect. The whole block is eminently convenient and suitable to the necessities of the infant life – a point too often lost sight of in the construction of schools.
06 10 25d # c.36.5

1906 10 26
The new Wesleyan Chapel in Romsey Town opened for public worship. It will accommodated over 400 people and is lighted by incandescent gas and heated by radiators. Though a plain building internally it is comfortable and has a pleasant appearance. The architect was W. Wren of Cambridge and the builders Coulson and Lofts.06 10 26a # c.83

1906 10 26
The vicar of Lode sued the Parish Council for breakage and trespass. The Chairman had got over the school wall and tried the door. He could not open it so burst it open with his shoulder. Then the members of the council went in and for their quarterly meeting. The Vicar claimed it was his private property after school hours but the judge said the council had a statutory right to use it, given reasonable notice – and even the policeman knew a meeting was to be held. 06 10 26 # c.35.6

1906 10 27
English people face a great crisis: the gradual monopolisation by huge Trusts of the supply of the necessaries of life. Now it is soap. Cambridge has its own manufactory – the Castle Soap Company – which opposes the Trust - has seen its sales rise. But if customers continue to ask for Sunlight brand then the monopoly will refuse to supply the retailer who stocks the 'free' soaps. 06 10 27 abc # c.27

Gt Bradley serious farm fire – 06 10 27d
Library usage – buy sixpenny editions of novels – 06 10 27e - # c.77.4

1906 10 29
Leys Moulton chapel, p3

1906 10 29
At Saffron Walden it has been the custom on market days for hotel keepers, when their yards become overcrowded, to put up customers' traps at the side of the road opposite their premises. Their right to do this is now being questioned and the landlord of the Greyhound was formally charged with obstructing the highway. There were eleven carts on the road at one time while some fowl dealing was going on in the inn yard. There was space for 360 carts and 473 horses elsewhere in the town. Edward Brown he could remember that carts had stood in the street for the last 60 years but the landlord was convicted. 06 10 29 & a

1906 10 30
We have received a letter from a lady in Bridge Street complaining of her loss of no fewer than nine cats and that it seems to be the general opinion they are taken to the Anatomical Laboratory for dissection. This is a false as it is odious. The Professor of Biology says he knows of two people who possess air guns and shoot cats but anybody who came there with them would be kicked out of the door. 06 10 30a # c.19

1906 10 30
The question of the Ramsey allotments was raised in the House of Commons. Lord de Ramsey had let over 1,000 acres of his land to 800 men but after his brother was defeated in the election he gave them notice to quit, saying the men were discontented. They formed a Land Club and negotiated with his Lordship. He agreed to let the land, but at increased rent. This has been rejected by the men. 06 10 30c

1906 10 30
Unemployment – 250 carpenters and joiners etc – 06 10 30b # c.32.1
Boxing at Newmarket town hall – 06 10 30d
Cats & dogs, p3 *
De Ramsey allotments, p4 *

1906 10 31
The foundation stone of the new church hall at Haddenham was laid. The need for such a hall has long been felt and the Rev Morgan has thrown himself into the work with such energy. A site was obtained on a piece of glebe land in Church Lane, plans obtained and now work has begun. In addition to being a Sunday School, entertainments and meetings of all descriptions will be held there. The old small building will be used as an ante-room 06 10 31d & e

Photographic exhibition – details – 06 10 31a-c # c.65.5
Hillrow accident Fairchild, p3 *

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1906 11 01
All about teeth, p1
Photo exhibition, p3

1906 11 02
At an inquest on an old lady who died of ptomaine poisoning at Bassingbourn it was suggested death was caused by some jam which had been used as a pudding. Fortunately the grocer still had some left

in the pot from which he had served the family and submitted it to the county analyst who was unable to find any traces of any poisonous substance. Whatever caused the death, it was not the jam. 06 11 02a

1906 11 02
Eugen Sandow has opened consulting rooms in Sidney Street where advice regarding health matters may be obtained. Provided your ailment is not an incurable one he guarantees to bring you to a pitch of physical perfection. The Cambridge Manager will take particulars of your case and forward them to him in London where Mr Sandon will plan your course and the Cambridge Manager will show you how to correctly carry out instructions 06 11 02b # c.21.1

1906 11 02 ES
March Burrowmoor Road Schools opened 31 10 30 ES

1906 11 02 ES
Manea three young children suffocated whilst locked in the kitchen of a house while parents labouring outside 31 10 30 ES

1906 11 03
Vivisection, p4 *

1906 11 06
Cyclists are petitioning Cambridge town council against the use of flints in the streets during wet or frosty weather. Something must be done to stop the spreading of these puncture traps. Surely some other material can be found. The flints are also driven into the wooden paving blocks by heavy traffic and must damage them. Cambridge is not such a hilly town as to present unusual difficulties in this respect. We trust everybody will sign the memorial of protest 06 11 06a # c.26.485

1906 11 06
The vicar of Lode was charged with assaulting one of his parishioners, a cripple who was caretaker of the reading room. The man had asked what had caused the vicar to turn his son out of the church and tear his clothes. The vicar replied it was because he did not sing properly in the choir and he'd serve him the same if he didn't get out quick. He then knocked the man down, sat on top of him and punched him with his fist. Convicting him, the magistrates said it was an unfortunate case and hoped there would be no more such unpleasantness in future 06 11 06b & c # c.80

1906 11 06
A large number of supporters of Women's Suffrage met at the Victoria Assembly Rooms, Cambridge, to hear an address by Mrs Henry Fawcett. Dr A. North Whitehead presided and was supported by Miss Kennedy, Mrs Heitland, Mrs James Ward, Mrs Rackham and Dr Westlake, Professor of International Law. Mrs Fawcett said ladies had lobbied the Prime Minister then jumped on the forms, made speeches and waved their flags. They were carried outside by police and as they came out a young factory worker who said 'Votes for Women' was immediately arrested and sent to prison. 06 11 06d & e & g # c.33

1906 11 07
The Rector of Bluntisham told the court he found a window in the church had been broken and a contribution box taken from the wall. He knew there was a half-crown in it. The landlord of the Dog and Gun, Earith, said the defendant, a fine specimen of the Basuto race, had asked for a packet of Woodbines but could not afford a pint, and said he was going to St Ives. Fred Berridge, butcher of Chatteris, said he came to his shop and asked for threepennyworth of pieces and laid down a two-shilling piece. The man was arrested at the Old Hoops lodging house in Slade End but there was insufficient evidence to convict. 06 11 07a

1906 11 07

St Barnabas church opened a drill room in Covent Garden for gymnastic exercises with recesses in the walls for the firearms of the Boys Brigade. Other rooms will be erected for bible classes, reading, refreshments and also for the practice of carpentering, making it a centre for social work among young men and boys. 06 11 07b # c.83

1906 11 08
Bus changes, p3

1906 11 09
Waterbeach School and James Toller – 06 11 09a # c.36.6
St Barnabas institute opened – 06 11 09b & c # c.83
Littleport fishing rights – 06 11 09b

1906 11 09 ES
Chatteris Volunteers have had to journey to Somersham to put in their drills. Now a drill station has been established in Chatteris while a miniature range is also to be provided for shooting practice 31 11 06ES

1906 11 10
J.W. Cooper death, p2-3
Dogs, p4

1906 11 12
Cambridgeshire has lost one of its claims to distinction, that of possessing the only Lord Lieutenant who is a Commoner and Nonconformist. Owing to ill-health Mr Alexander Peckover, the philanthropic member of the Society of Friends, of Bank House, Wisbech, has resigned the post he has held for 13 years. He took over on the death of Charles Townley of Fulbourn Manor in 1893 after Prime Minister W.E. Gladstone submitted his name to Queen Victoria 06 11 12a & b & c

1906 11 12
With the death of John William Cooper Cambridge loses one of its most pronounced personalities. As a barrister in the Daisy Hopkins case he ruthlessly exposed the evils of the Spinning House and few can understand the amount of good work he did behind the scenes. Latterly folk have agreed that he was breaking up, but though he may have suffered physically he never showed signs that his mental vigour had diminished. 06 11 12a & b & c # c.34.6

1906 11 12
On Sunday evening fire broke out at the Lamb beerhouse, West Wratting, through the overturning of a paraffin lamp in one of the bedrooms. The place was quickly in a blaze and owing to the roof being of thatch, rapidly spread and soon there was a blank were the house once stood. Both the owner and occupier (Mr Long) are insured in the Norwich Union through the local agent, Mr Wm S. Halford. 06 11 12d

1906 11 12
Lode vicar's sermon – 06 11 12c

1906 11 13
There was a crowd attendance at Stretham parish church when the Rev S. Stewart Stitt who has been appointed to the living in the place of the reverend Canon Cockshott was instituted and inducted to the cure of souls. The first part of the service was taken by the reverend Mr Bell, curate at Stretham and an address was given by the Bishop of Ely. He said it was a new opportunity for some who had stayed away from the house of prayer: the coming of the new vicar was the opportunity when they could turn over a new and a happier leaf in their life. Their new pastor would help them and encourage them, but it would also be his duty to warn some of them and some of them it would be his duty sometimes

rebuke when he saw them falling into evil ways. Stitt had worked in many different spheres in Cambridge and would work well and diligently amongst them in his new sphere. 06 11 13
Arts & Crafts exhibition, p3

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Ely Lamb case, p4

1906 11 15 ES
Rev Stiitt installed at Stretham 31 11 13ES

1906 11 16
The Compensation Authority considered claims for premises closed under the Licensing Act. They included a beerhouse at North Brook End, Steeple Morden, The Plough at Comberton, the Red Cow, Landbeach and Carrier's Cart at Lt Shelford. Potton Brewery said they would lose £275 if the licence of a beerhouse at Heath Road, Litlington was taken away but accepted £240 as compensation. However Benskin's Watford Brewery refused £251 for the Sun in Newmarket Road, Cambridge. also Stapleford Dolphin, Waterbeach Haunch of Mutton & Plough & Horses, Sawston – Flower Pot, Willingham – King William IV, Bottisham Plough, Soham Queen's Arms and Old Brewery 06 11 16a & b # c.27.4

1906 11 16
Mr & Mrs Mattinson of Bourn have learned of the death of their son, Thomas in Saskatoon, Canada. He left two-and-a-half years ago and worked in a lumber camp. A big, healthy fellow, he went to a dentist and was under the influence of ethyl-chloride to permit of an operation, but the drug was too much for him and he succumbed. 06 11 16c

1906 11 17
Licensing compensation – Sawston Flower Pot, Cambridge: Newmarket Road Sun, Honey Hill Beehive; Willingham King William IV – 06 11 17 a & b & c # c.27.4
Money lending allegations – Cambridge tradesmen and students – 06 11 17d # c.32.8 # c.36.9 # c.27.2

Undergraduate clothing, p4 *

1906 11 19
For many years it has been the custom for men employed in the various bakery businesses in Cambridge to hold an annual supper known as the Bakers' Clem, provided through the generosity of the master bakers and millers. This year 70 men and boys sat down to a substantial meal at the Star Tap, Newmarket Road after which songs were sung 06 11 19 # c.39

1906 11 20
Ald Deck, p3
Senior wrangler, p3

1906 11 22
Mr Sandow – quack doctor – life's work – 06 11 22a # c.21.1

1906 11 22
The corporation steam roller was employed in Bradmore Street when there was a slight subsidence owing to the bursting of a water main near an old brick sewer. The heavy weight of the engine caused a further drop and one wheel became firmly embedded, the roller lying at a dangerous angle on its side. Means are being taken by council employees to remove it and their efforts are being watched with interest by a crowd of people 06 11 22b # c.26.48

1906 11 23

Sir - The Parish Medical Officer claimed that the subsoil under Waterbeach School was saturated with liquid sewage and ordered the children to stay away. But no-one seemed alarmed and most continued to attend. Managers took up the floorboards and dug down for the 40-year-old cesspool. Samples of soil were sent to be chemically analysed, all without result: there is not the slightest evidence for his statements. Yet this is the man to whose diagnosis we entrust our poor aged sick folk – Correspondent 06 11 23

Princess of Wales, p3

1906 11 24
An inquest was held at the Knife and Steel, Pymoor, on the body of a 78-year-old woman who was found dead in a well in Suttle Fen. Her daughter found the lid off the water cistern and saw the deceased inside. The doctor said she died from shock, caused by the sudden immersion in the water. There was no sign of force 06 11 24a

1906 11 24
The Motor Van, Wagon and Omnibus Users Association is to test the legality of the Great Eastern Railway Company in putting up notices on a number of bridges over the Cambridge and Mildenhall line prohibiting heavy motor vehicles from passing over them. This would close a large tract of country to such traffic. Engineers say the bridges are strong enough but have been allowed to get into a state of disrepair. 06 11 24b # c.26.2

1906 11 24
Bigamy – Downing undergraduate – 06 11 24c # WOMEN

1906 11 26
It is with regret we announce the death of Mr John Pink, the Cambridge Borough Librarian. He started life as a bookseller's assistant but the adoption of the Public Libraries Act in 1853 opened up the walk in life which he has conscientiously and with dignity trodden for over half a century. Around him and his personality the Cambridge library has grown from small beginnings to its present state as one of the finest in the provinces, a permanent memorial to its first librarian. 06 11 26c & d funeral 06 11 28 06 12 01b # c.77.4

Soap Trust collapse – impact locally on Soap Company – 06 11 26a & b # c.27

1906 11 27
Philip Jude licensed horse slaughterer, Barrington – illustrated advert – 06 11 27 # c.19

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1906 11 29
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1906 11 30
Waterbeach School for infants – 06 11 30a # c.36.6
Traffic on the Cam – motor boats, byelaw – 06 11 30b & c # c.26.3
Ditton diphtheria, p4

1906 11 30 ES
Motor van, Wagon and Omnibus Users Association challenge Eastern Railway Company over notices on bridges over the railway prohibiting heavy motor vehicles of 2 tonnes and upwards 31 11 27ES

1906 11 30 ES
13 cases of typhoid at Littleport due to contamination of the water supply 31 11 27ES

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1906 12 01
The fact that St Matthews's Infant School in Sturton Street was offered for sale by auction may be misconstrued, especially as some say it would be suitable for a club or warehouse. But the question of discontinuing instruction there has never been mooted. It was erected as a speculation by the late Mr B. Clifton and let to the Vicar. Now the executor wishes to realise the property. It is purely a business transaction and devoid of any relation to the education question and its local consequences. 06 12 01a # c.36.5

John Pink, p4 *
Greek plan, p4

1906 12 03
A terrible calamity has overtaken the St Ives Catholic community, the interior of whose beautiful Mission Church of the Sacred Heart was wrecked in one of the most astonishing cases of sacrilege ever recorded. A madman broke into the church by battering the door with a sledgehammer and then swept round the building like an avenging fury, raining blows on every object until there was nothing left to break. 06 12 03a & b # c.83.02

Cats & dogs, p3
Romsey Christmas dinner, p3
Sandow, p4

1906 12 05
Sir – each scarlet fever patient leaving the Cambridge Sanatorium has to have a final disinfecting bath, after which he is put into clean clothes sent from home. But the patient is bathed and dressed in the bathroom in which all the patients have been peeling for an indefinite period. The room is therefore more infectious than the wards themselves. Discharged patients risk carrying home the infection they have been isolated to obviate – J.H. Dalton 06 12 05 # c.21.4 # c.21.1

Burwell misery, p3
Freezing library, p3

1906 12 07
The inhabitants of Stretham have become convinced that there is more water in the village than they had ever imagined. Mr J. Wesley has no supply on his engineering works and persuaded Mr B. Tompkins, the expert water finder, to make a survey. Holding a 'divining rod', consisting of an ordinary hazel twig, he traced the courses of various streams and eventually found that four of them converge on the lawn of Mr Wesley's own house. 06 12 07a & b & c # c.24.2

1906 12 07 ES
Chatteris water main now laid 31 12 04(2)ES

1906 12 08
Sir – on Cambridgeshire roads with little traffic level crossings gates are apt to be kept closed permanently and only opened on request. For the sake of bicycles there are generally little wicket-gates designed by some ingenious person with the object of making it as difficult as possible to get a bicycle through. The custodians of the crossing will generally open the main gates, with some grumbling, if one insists but this is a gross infringement of the rights of the public by a private corporation – A.C. Benson, Magdalene College 06 12 08 # c.26.485 # c.26.2

St Ives church, p4
Railway crossing, p4 *

1906 12 10
Though blind from birth, Miss Mary Start was never one to sit down hopelessly under the infirmity and as a masseuse found a means of supporting herself and conferring service upon many sufferers gaining a distinguished clientele. Her skill was not reserved for the rich; many poor people had reason to be grateful to her. She played chess, studied Esperanto and read practically every book published in Braille. 06 12 10 # BLIND # c.21.1

Free library salary, p3

1906 12 12
The condition of Eden Street Higher Grade School gave cause for concern. The small infants room was encumbered with a huge gallery and another received practically no light. It had no playground and there could be few places in which so many children were crowded together on such a small site. Only because the staff was very efficient and the children very teachable did instruction meet with the success to which reports testified. 06 12 12 & a # c.36.5

Library, p3

1906 12 13
'The Sleepless Watchman' – the Leslie-Walker Fire Detector – was demonstrated at the Victoria Assembly Room. It ensures that no fire may occur without warning being speedily given both to the occupiers and the fire brigade. The detector is a sealed glass partially filled with mercury which is fixed to the ceiling. Should the temperature rise this expands and completes an electric circuit which causes a bell to ring. It resets itself automatically and is ready to report another outbreak. 06 12 13 # c.34.75

1906 12 15
Jebb book, p4
Tyre lever, p4

1906 12 19
The handsome new Norwich Union building with its ornamental white stone façade finally stands out in bold relief. Downing Street and St Andrew's Street corner is freed from inconvenient hoardings at last. The builder was summonsed for delay in removing them: there were periods when no work was being carried on at all. Throughout construction a policeman had needed to be on point duty at a cost of £250. But he had made genuine attempts to get the work through in a reasonable time. He was fined a nominal one pound. 06 12 19a & b # c.44.6

Isleham Spion Kop, p3

1906 12 20
Ely coroner held an inquest on the death of an 79-year-old Sutton woman. For several years she was in the habit of taking laudanum; she fetched twopennyworth at a time, twice a week. That was enough to destroy life, but her daughter never saw her take it. She took beer at her meal times and rum when she was ill. The doctor refused to issue a death certificate as the body had been laid out before he saw it and certain signs had been wiped away. 06 12 20 # OPIUM

1906 12 21
Bourn sacrilege, p3

1906 12 22

The question of Christmas holidays for shop assistants has been settled. At first tradesmen were rather slow to sign the petition of the Early Closing Association but at last it bore the signatures of all the principal traders. The public holiday in Cambridge will therefore extend from Monday night to Friday morning. On Boxing Day there are football matches and a cross-country run and performances of the pantomime 'Aladdin' at the Guildhall. 06 12 22

1906 12 22
We regret to have to record the death of Mr Frederic Wm Maitland, Professor of English Law. He was at the Grand Canary whither he had gone for the winter. He was a prolific writer on the subject of law but his final writing was a memoir of Miss Mary Bateson, with whom he did literary work. One of his last acts was to attend her funeral. By his death Cambridge has lost not only a distinguished scholar but a man of charming and courteous personality who despite his great learning was one of the most unassuming of men. 06 12 22

1906 12 27
Such a Christmas as has just been experienced in Cambridge occurs but few times within a lifetime. A good old-fashioned Christmas when the brightly-blazing Yule log, or its modern equivalent, is necessary to counteract the efforts of King Frost is as a rule so old-fashioned that it seems to have existed only in the picturesque imaginations of the novelist and pictorial artist. So also is the Christmas-card Christmas with the country covered with the white mantle of snow. Yet the festival of 1906 has been remarkable for both 06 12 27 # c.12

1906 12 28
George Harradine, cabman of Hilton was summoned for not carrying a lamp attached to his cart. Sergeant Gilbey said he was in Sawston High Street and saw a large furniture van with three horses and no light. The driver said he had been burning one earlier, but the lamp was quite cold and there was no candle in it. He was fined 10s. 06 12 28

1906 12 28
The landlord of the Eagle and Lamb, Cambridge Road, Ely was summoned for permitting drunkenness. George Lemon said he had been asked to have a game at 'push penny'. Two pints were bought in and shared by five people. Two more quarts were lost at the game. When he went to the house he had 2s 6d and when the police fetched him out he had only fourpence left. He had spent the rest in drink. He did not remember striking the landlord's daughter or falling down, but did remember being locked up at the police station. 06 12 28

1906 12 29
Christmas bathing in the river needs a Spartan spirit and a robust constitution. But in Cambridge sufficient men enjoy a jovial gathering at the Town Bathing Sheds every Christmas morning. With the mercury hovering above freezing point, water in dykes coated with ice and a keen wind blowing across the Fen, about 30 bold spirits plunged in and one swam to the Leys School. When he emerged from the water his skin had a bright red hue, but he was perfectly happy. 06 12 29b # c.38 : swimming # c.39

1906 12 29
Hudson's brewery applied for the transfer of the licence of the Golden Fleece, Ram Yard, an old beer-house attached to Brown's billiard rooms, which years ago was a celebrated resort of University billiard players. The house had been closed for eight months but now there was a new tenant. Some days ago it was refused, but now it was granted. 06 12 29a # c.27.4

1906 12 29
Cambridge byelaws compel a householder to remove the snow from the path in front of his habitation, which provides an opportunity for out-of-works to earn an honest copper. One rang the bell of a corner house and informed the occupier that he had swept the snow from his path. Obviously the only thing to be done was to pay the man for his labour. But when he rang the bell of the adjoining house

with many feet of frontage there was no answer: the occupants had gone away for Christmas but not drawn their blinds. Love's labour lost indeed! 06 12 29c # c.34.5 # c.12

1906 12 29
A London newspaper describes Barnwell as a slum area of Cambridge chiefly inhabited by brickmakers; it claims there is little traffic along the road but within four minutes walking one passes 14 alehouses, some positively next door to each other. However in recent years the area has undergone a great improvement with the building of the Abbey Estate, and the amount of traffic has increased. But no one will gainsay the comments on the number of superfluous public houses. 06 12 29d # c.27.4 # c.44.6

1906 12 29 ES
The ancient custom of soliciting alms on St. Thomas's Day is still observed in Isleham where, in groups, the widows patrol the village and solicit from the upper and middle classes anything in the shape of money or seasonable presents 31 12 25ES

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New Town reading room, p3
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There are scans of these stories

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1907 01 01
The Cambridge custom of ushering in the New Year by the discharge of rockets from King's Parade has rarely been observed under more favourable conditions and a good crowd congregated near King's gate where a wooden stand had been erected. The Chief of the Fire Brigade and the Chief Constable stood by with a number of 'blue lights' spluttering in their hands ready to fire the symbols of farewell and welcome. 07 01 01 # c.39

Newmarket New Year, p3
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1907 01 02
A warm well-lighted room in St Paul's Institute New Town was opened as a reading room. There was a collection of current literature ready for the first arrivals who drew chairs to the tables and took advantage of the comfort and facilities provided. The Free Library was one of the most popular institutions in Cambridge, ten years ago a branch was established at Mill Road with other reading rooms at Castle End and East Road. 07 01 02 & 2a # c

Ely workhouse, p3
Local retrospect, p3

1907 01 03
One of the most flourishing of Cambridge's small industries is the confectionery factory of Pollard and Co. in Garden Walk, Victoria Road. From this delightfully-situated establishment some tons of pure boiled sweets are exported to various parts of the country. Not even with the recent extensions to the factory can they cope with the demand. One of their specialities are honey and butter balls and the marzipan for the centre of their satin pralines is made of the finest almonds. 07 01 03 & 03a # c.27

1907 01 03
A signalman at Cherry Hinton signal box experienced the agony of seeing his son killed before his eyes. While he was on duty his three-year-old lad toddled across the line to visit his father, just as a passenger train was approaching. Unable to leave his post and unable to prevent the accident, the father saw his son knocked down by the train. He was picked up, shockingly injured, and conveyed by the train to Cambridge station and from thence to Hospital but was dead before he arrived 07 01 03b # c.26.2

1907 01 03
Cambridge Library – W.A. Fenton appointed librarian – 07 01 03b, 07 01 25 # c.77.4

Retrospect, p4

1904 01 04
Local retrospect, p4

1907 01 05
There is a popular delusion among residents that Chesterton is neglected by the police. But last Friday in the small hours I noticed the glare of a fire from a burning shed in Springfield Road and saw a policeman sprinting round the corner of Ferry Path. He was followed within three minutes by four others, including a sergeant. This should convince residents that the police are alert for the safety of their lives and property. But superstitions die hard. 07 01 05

1907 01 07
Public library salaries – details – 07 01 07 # c.77.4

1907 01 08
For many years a weird figure, clad in a red chintz dress, has haunted a farmhouse on the Thorney estate in the fens. During the creepy hours of the night it appeared in one particular bedroom and pointed a long, lean finger to a roof. Sometimes it made a rattling noise. Then it vanished. The house was long occupied by the Caves, a noted fen family. Now a new tenant investigating the beams above the room has found secreted there the will of John Caves, made in 1797, relating to an estate worth about £10,000. Probably the mystic lady's perambulations will now cease 07 01 08 # GHOST # c.39

1907 01 09
A new development of gas lighting in St Andrew's Street renders the exterior of the New Theatre almost as light as day. By the use of an automatic compressor the power of ordinary incandescent light is increased fourfold but cost of the gas consumed is halved. There are two other installations in Cambridge, one in the locomotive department at the railway station and the other at Messrs Crossman's knitting factory in Norfolk Street. 07 01 09 # c.24.8 # c.24.4

1907 01 09
Mr Harold Archer, Ely solicitor, told the court he'd had taken a shooting party to Decoy Farm which was owned by his wife, where they shot 20 hares, 18 pheasants and one partridge. He gave the tenant four hares and nine hares to the men. The tenant said that he had previously raised no objections to such shooting as he liked to keep on good terms with the landlord but difficulties had arisen over the rent and he was indignant at the treatment meted out by Mr Archer, so he'd refused permission. He'd bred the pheasants that had been shot. 07 01 09 & 09a

1907 01 11
Castle Soap Company – detailed article – 07 01 11 & 11a # c.27

1907 01 12
Mrs Verrall, wife of a Fellow of Trinity, first attempted to obtain automatic phenomena by means of the planchette but without success. She then tried automatic writing. Seating herself before a sheet of paper she began writing rapidly although it was dark and could not see what she wrote. The writings have been in Latin and sometimes Greek but the phraseology is medieval. A good many other Cambridge people are interesting themselves in such phenomena and there was previously a branch of the Psychical Research Society in the town. 07 01 12 & 12a # c.39

1907 01 14
Cambridge Daily News appeal for new trial over alleged libel from Liverpool manure merchant – 07 01 14 # c.04

Railway fatality, p3 *

1907 01 15
The vicarage of St Michael's church Cambridge has become vacant and Trinity College has offered the living to the Vicar of St Mary's, to work the parishes in conjunction. People have moved away from central Cambridge where there is a larger number of churches than now needed and since 1870 colleges have ceased to be exclusively Church of England institutions. The Church is inadequately supplied both with men and money and it is extravagant to maintain so many small parishes as separate cures 07 01 15 # c.83

1907 01 15

An inquest into the death of a male child of a single woman in a village near Linton heard she'd been attended by her mother, a midwife, who said that after the child was born it had moaned but did not cry, she did not slap it nor wash it. It was the fifth illegitimate child her daughter had had. Three of them were still alive, one was an idiot who'd fell on the fire a month ago. Another had been born dead. Dr W.M. Palmer said he'd found the child in a dirty cloth or flannel petticoat. If properly attended at birth it would have stood a good chance of living. 07 01 15a # CHILDREN

1907 01 15
When Parliament re-assembles there will be a stupendous effort on behalf of the enfranchisement of women. A canvass is being organised in Cambridge which already includes the heads and staffs of Newnham and Girton Colleges and the Secondary Training Colleges for Women. Small informal drawing-room meetings are being held and addresses on suffrage given to meetings of the Women's Liberal Association and the Co-operative Women's Guild. 07 01 15b # c.33 # WOMEN

1907 01 16
A Fenstanton woman said an Over farmer had gone into the Dolphin, St Ives and alleged an improper connection between herself and a man who was a friend of the family who been in the habit of visiting her home. What made it worse was that she was within a week of her confinement and had not previously had a child for ten years. Now people she met in the street would not look at her. Defendant claimed it was a joke but the words had been uttered angrily with his face thrust into the face of her husband. Five of the jury were in favour of £6 damages and five in favour of one farthing. 07 01 16 a & b

1907 01 17
A driver charged with dangerous driving was fined £10 by St Neots magistrates which he paid but was then told by the Police that he would be detained until he could produce his licence. He was escorted by a constable to the telephone office to get it sent on from London. As there was a delay he got the operator to send out for two bottles of beer, one of which was consumed by the policeman. On return to the station he left his coat as security when he went to a hotel to get something to eat. Another constable came and took tea at the same table. Eventually the licence arrived and he was allowed to go. But this was false imprisonment and he was awarded damages 01 01 17 & 17a

1907 01 17
The County Road Committee decided that roads to Meldreth and Soham railway stations carry a considerable amount of traffic. They should be accepted as main roads when brought up to a proper standard by the District Councils. But the Bourn to St Neots, Over to Willingham and Newmarket to Moulton roads only carried light traffic and should not be taken over. A bend at Kirtling is dangerous for motors but Lord North is willing to give up a strip for widening the road provided the county erect a fence. 07 01 17c # c.44.65

1907 01 17
Women's suffrage – meeting at Royston – 07 01 17b # c.33 # WOMEN

1907 01 18
When Dew Smith and Horace Darwin commenced the manufacture of certain scientific instruments for physiological work at the University Laboratory it was more as a hobby and not financially profitable. But it grew and in 1895 was turned into a limited liability company which is now flourishing at its pleasantly situated works off Chesterton Road. Among its important products is a kite used in meteorological observations and a machine for standardising small screws which has been supplied to the Japanese government. 07 01 18 & a # c.27.1

1907 01 18
Residents of Newnham Croft complained that the parish road leading to the University Bathing Shed meadows was narrower than the 20ft specified on the Enclosure Award. The meadows and garden

alongside were now being turned into a large building estate and it was important the road be defined to stop houses being erected on parish land. 07 01 18b

Scientific Instruments , p3 *

1907 01 22
Nz road signs, p4
Gypsies Stradishall, p4 *

1907 01 23
The Cambridge Union Society debated 'That the Channel Tunnel would be a failure and a danger to the country'. It was not the duty of the State to risk taxpayers' money but it would not be wise to allow such a dangerous scheme to be in the hands of anybody with less power. Military and naval opinion was against it. But it might mean the opening of a new era for Europe and any risk would be worthwhile in the interests of international peace. The proposition was agreed. 07 01 23

1907 01 24
The famous Pitt Club was damaged in a disastrous fire which commenced in the dining room at the top of the building destroying the roof above. Fortunately the club records together with some of the valuable engravings of William Pitt were saved but many interesting portraits of former members were destroyed. The Fire Brigade used their new steamer for the first time and but for their efforts the club would have been a thing of the past 07 01 24 # c.36.9

1907 01 24
Mr G.A. Mackenzie of Ross Street has organised services for deaf and dumb children at Tracey Memorial Hall. They have been attended by nearly 30 people, many of whom have received excellent training in institutions and some have already been confirmed He was formerly Diocesan Missioner at Oxford and secretary of the Liverpool Deaf and Dumb Association. 07 01 24a # c.21.1

1907 01 25
Skating – British Championships arranged – 07 01 25a
Public librarian, p3*

1907 01 26
In glorious weather a large number of professional skaters competed for the Fifty-Guinea Cup at Littleport. On the outward journey on the mile-and-a-half course the competitors reached a quite extraordinary speed but the return leg was quite a different tale; great stamina was essential to push against the powerful wind. W. Housden beat E. Moxon in the final. 07 01 26 # c.38 : skating

1907 01 26
In such a cold spell undergraduate etiquette is apt to go by the board. It is an unwritten law that no junior member of the University should, on pain of merciless chaffing, appear in academical dress plus an overcoat. The idea of cap and gown and gloves was simply horrifying. Yet both these laws have been broken with impunity. One young man appeared in public with cap, gown, overcoat and a pair of very aggressive yellow-brown gloves. 07 01 26a # c.36.9 # c.12

1907 01 26
It would show a little more consideration for the feelings of other people if the dog-fancying undergraduate would go a little farther afield than Midsummer Common for their rat-worrying exhibitions. I have no objection to the extermination of the rodents nor to the training of dogs for the purpose, but to many people the sight of the 'sport' in full view of Victoria Avenue is repulsive and disgusting. Such displays should not be permitted in places which force the sight of them willy-nilly upon every passer-by 07 01 26a # c.36.9 # c.19

1907 01 28

Frederick Dewsberry learned the organ at Trinity College, later playing at Caius College, St Michael's and St Andrew the Great churches. When the Guildhall organ was opened in 1882 he was offered the post of Borough Organist on condition that he gave a number of public recitals during the year. 07 01 28 # c.69

Skating, Littleport, p4

1907 01 30
Last week one of His Majesty's motors passing through Ely ran over and killed a dog owned by Mr A. Feast. Mr G.M. Hall brought the matter before the King who, with his customary generosity, has forwarded Mr Feast £5. This is characteristic of his Majesty and is only one of many incidents which have done so much to endear him to his people. 07 01 30 # c.02

Fulbourn sewage, p3 *
Fordham thefts, p3

1907 01 31
Election on Senior Wranglership – 07 01 31*, 07 02 01, 07 02 01a, 07 02 04a # c.36.9
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1907 02 01
Only members of the University in academic dress are admitted to the Senate House to vote on the abolition of the Senior Wranglership. But one voter managed to elide the vigilance of the janitors and outraged the proprieties by stalking up to the barrier in a light 'dust' coat, swinging his cloth cap in hand. The situation was explained to him and after a hasty retreat he reappeared in the required decorous black garment. 07 02 01a # c.36.9 # c.39

1907 02 01
Within three miles of Witcham Gravel is another unique parish, that of Grunty Fen. It contains a population of 74, boasts of two railway stations, but has neither church, school, post office nor shop. The clergy of Stretham and Wilburton voluntarily minister to the spiritual needs as it is not within the limits of any ecclesiastical parish. 07 02 01b

Janet Cross, Littleport baker, p4

1907 02 02
All over the country old Pittites offer sighs of relief at the comparatively small amount of damage caused to the Pitt Club, whose dining room was burnt out. The committee is to be congratulated on the speed with which it made new arrangements for dining, and the fortitude of the cook, who sent out breakfast on Saturday morning from a kitchen several inches deep in freezing water, deserves to be recorded in letters of gold and hung up in every kitchen. 07 02 02 # c.27.4 # c.36.9

1907 02 04
The doom of the Senior Wrangler has been sealed, and after 1909 that world renowned and historic personage will be as extinct as the Dodo. It is impossible not to feel regret for his passing. He has been so intimately associated with Cambridge as to have become a sort of trademark by which the University is known. But the tendency of modern education is towards specialisation and a University that failed to keep abreast of the times would soon be in decline. 07 02 04 # c.36.9 # c.39

Bill-posting co., p3 *
Church services, p3

1907 02 05

Littleport Skating Club's amateur race attracted 30 competitors. The ice was in good condition but a fairly heavy fall of snow necessitated the use of the snow plough to remove a coating that probably helped increase the times of some of the heats. It was won by F.W. Dix of Raunds. But a thaw means that the ice at Lingay Fen has been considerably weakened and the British Championships have had to be postponed. 07 02 05

1907 02 08
All Saints Church Longstanton is now possessed of an organ placed at the west end of the church. The instrument will be of immense support to the singing of both choir and congregation, brightening worship and stimulating their devotions. It was solemnly dedicated by the vicar who said they owed a deep debt to Mr E. Liveing of Brookfield House for his generosity 07 02 08

St Andrew the Less exhibition, p3

1907 02 09
Sir – when the National Telephone Company started its 'Local Message Rate' in Cambridge the charge was 20 shillings paid in advance for 240 calls with any balance carried forward to next year. After a short time the rate was raised to 30 shillings for 360 calls, now it is to be 50 shillings for 600 calls, but there is no rebate for unused calls. The company says that the use made by some subscribers is too small, but they are seeking to enlarge their profits before being taken over by the Post Office – J.C. Simpson 07 02 09 # c.27.7

1907 02 09
Natives of Cambridge appear to penetrate to every corner of the globe. Hardly a disaster happens but the C.D.N. receives a description from a local man on the spot. Several Cambridge soldiers were in Jamaica at the time of the Kingston earthquake and we have now received a letter from Frank Thompson Freestone of Trumpington who was there when buildings began to fall all around him. He reports that bodies, burned and mutilated beyond recognition were carried to the sea where hundreds of sharks awaited them. 07 02 09a

1907 02 11
Newmarket councillors considered advertising the town's advantages as a residential resort. Their drainage system was one of the best, they never had any complaint about the water supply and the refuge destructor had already destroyed hundreds of tons of garbage. No other town was quieter, had less prostitution, drunkenness or rioting. Here they might see the most notable personages in the world to whom Newmarket was especially agreeable because they could go to and fro with the absence of all pomp and state. But they wanted more seats for invalids along the roads and there was very little amusement 07 02 11 & 11a

1907 02 12
A Chinese undergraduate of St Catharine's college was summoned for driving a motor car in Jesus Lane at a furious rate. Frederick Siggers, a college porter, said he was wheeling a plate basket when the car passed within two feet of the wall on the wrong side of the road at 18 miles an hour. The student said it would be a wonderful car that could get up to that speed after a sharp corner. But he was convicted and his licence endorsed. 07 02 12 # c.36.9 # c.26.48

1907 02 12
Licencing sessions – Bottisham, Pike & Eel Fen Ditton, Swaffham Prior – Anchor & Red Lion, Guilden Morden – Six Bells – 07 02 12a & b

1907 02 13
While a loaded coal wagon was passing along Mawson Road the surface suddenly sank about two feet and it became firmly fixed in the trench. When a Great Eastern wagon, also loaded, attempted to pass another portion of the road subsided. Its wheels sank to such a depth that jacks had to be employed to remove them. It was due to a broken water main. 07 02 13

1907 02 14
Royston Industrial Co-operative Society is to be wound up. When it started a few years ago, business was exceedingly brisk but recently several large firms have established branches in the town which have handicapped the Co-operative Stores considerably. To continue would be to sink into greater financial difficulty. 07 02 14

1907 02 14
St Quintin bride in Africa – 07 02 14b
Longstanton baker, p3 *

1907 02 15
Suffrage meeting, Cambridge – 07 02 15 # c.33 # WOMEN

1907 02 16
Unusual scenes were witnessed at a meeting called at Burwell to discuss the Poor Fens Charity. The schoolroom was crowded with about 400 people, many others stood outside. But Mr R. Stephenson said that as it was a parish meeting non-electors and women must leave the room. They refused. After nearly two hours the meeting was abandoned in disorder and the altercation continued in the street. 07 02 16 & a

1907 02 16
When the hook attaching a horse to one of the Cambridge tram cars broke the animal dashed down the street at a furious pace, leaving the tram in the road. The horse, frightened by the clanking iron it was dragging, escaped a collision with a cart coming in the opposite direction, Near Sidney College it fell and before it could resume its career a scavenger had it in his grip and its period of liberty was at an end. No damage was done to anything except the prestige of the Tram Company. 07 02 16b # c.26.44

Motor car win, p4
Tadlow, p4*

1907 02 18
Keir Hardy demonstration – 07 02 18 # c.33

1907 02 19
Street organ, p4

1907 02 20
Burwell poors fen, p3

1907 02 21
The University Vice Chancellor has condemned the undergraduates who wrecked Kier Hardy's meeting at the Guildhall. It is one of the University traditions that honest opinions, however unpopular, should receive a fair hearing. Cambridge is not unsympathetic towards the Labour Party and its leader should have been given a chance of expressing his views. 07 02 21 # c.33 # c.36.9

St Giles – Kensit, p3
Berlinn disaster, p3*

1907 02 22
Lifeboats made a fifth attempt during the night to reach the Berlin; they got so near that they could see four men in the deck smoking room, where they were sheltering from the waves which were continually breaking over the doomed wreck. Amongst the drowned we regret to record the names of

Mr Lomax and Mr Jack Berry of Newmarket who were taking racehorses to the continent. J.F. Rollaston, the well-known jockey, is also supposed to be among the lost. 07 02 22

1907 02 23
Cambridge Fire Brigade received news that a fire had broken out at Rhadegund Brewery, James Street, occupied by F.J. Swann. Fortunately the services of the steam engine were not required. The fall of live coal on a rug left the room full of smoke but Mr Swann threw buckets of water towards the grate while furniture was removed from the room below. 07 02 23 # c.27.4

1907 02 23
Until recently a letter box was situated at the top of Abbey Road within a yard of a fire alarm. Both were painted red. Now its removal has led to curious incidents, to say nothing of vigorous language on those who have weathered the storms by night to utilise the post, only to find it removed. One young woman was seen minutely examining the alarm, saying she'd "never seed a letter box without a hole before". When it was explained she expressed language which approximated to that of Billingsgate. 07 02 23a # c.27.7

1907 02 28
Extraordinary scenes were witnessed at Cambridge Guildhall when Mischa Elman made his second appearance. At the conclusion of his marvellous performance enthusiasm was unbounded with vociferous cheering for several minutes. The audience consisted largely of undergraduates and maidens still well in their teens. He was afterwards besieged in the retiring room by a crowd of admiring autograph-hunters. 07 02 28 # c.69

1907 02 28
Zanzigs – thought readers – 07 02 28a
Electric Supply Co, p3

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1907 03 01
A stag chased by the Cambridge Drag Hounds jumped into the garden of a house in Gower Road, Royston, then plunged through the window into the parlour. Two young ladies were terribly frightened as the animal dashed round, breaking chairs, pictures and mirrors until huntsmen secured it. Meanwhile the hounds entered the kitchen and devoured the whole of the family's dinner. The huntsmen continue their sport after leaving an address to which the owner should write for compensation. 07 03 01 # c.38 : hunting

1907 03 05
Fen Ditton charity, p3

1907 03 06
A house amid a clump of trees near Fulbourn station has been the residence for 50 years of the celebrated animal painter, J.F. Herring who has just died. He was the elder son of an earlier J.F. Herring, the leading painter of racehorses and coaching scenes, while a second son, Charles, became famous as a painter of Landeer subjects. He had just one pupil, Mr W.B. Redfern who visited his old master only yesterday. The funeral will take place at Great Wilbraham where there is a family vault. 07 03 06 # c.63

1907 03 07
In the recent County Council elections for Castle Ward, Cambridge both A.B. Whibley and James Wootten received equal votes. Both candidates are elected but neither can vote until one or other petitions the High Court, which is an expensive process. In a similar incident in Huntingdonshire candidates drew lots but after the 1857 parliamentary election in Huntingdon both Mr Fellowes and

Mr Heathcote sat in the House of Commons but were unable to vote until Heathcote gave way. 07 03 07 # c.35.1

1907 03 07
The White Swan in Castle Street, Cambridge, was in a dilapidated condition. There were large rat holes in the bar floor, the parlour floor seemed shaky and the whole place was permeated by a very unwholesome smell. It was impossible to open the windows, the plaster work of the ceilings was poor and occupants of bedrooms on the second floor had no proper means of exit. The licence was renewed provided an outside iron staircase was constructed and structural deficiencies rectified. Also the Spotted Cow, Thatched House, Red House, Claremont, Woodman's Arms, Golden Fleece, Marquis of Granby 07 03 07a & b # c.27.4

1907 03 08
Castle ward, p3

1907 03 09
Officers who preside at country polling districts are required to bring the boxes containing votes to Shire Hall ready for counting next morning. Usually they do so comfortably seated in a carriage. But one cycled a considerable distance laden with all the papers and paraphernalia. The feat required some courage as the journey through the mud, wind and rain must have been an unpleasant experience even to an active cyclist in a very fair state of training 07 03 09 # c.35.1

Women, p4*

1907 03 12
The Green Man at Harston consisted of a tap room, bar, parlour, three bedrooms and small kitchen. It sold half a barrel of draught beer, a dozen bottles of beer and one gallon of spirits a week. There was a club-room in the back yard but few members attended. The stables and outbuildings were in bad repair. There were five licenced houses within 615 paces, including the Coach and Horses, Swan and Pemberton Arms Also Three Horse Shoes, Lt Shelford, Duke of Cumberland Over and Milkmaid Willingham 07 03 12a & b

1907 03 12
Stretham suicide, William Wallis – 07 03 12

1907 03 13
The Bell Inn, Isleham owned by Messrs Treadway and Percy, Soham brewers, was built of reed and plaster and was in a good state of repair. It included a taproom, cellar and three bedrooms with a clubroom and stabling for four horses. The tenant had a van and went out to feasts, which helped him make a living. There was also a weighbridge which weighed 100 loads a year; the charge was eightpence and the carter allowed one pint of beer out of the money. There were 16 licenced premises in the parish with four within 200 yards – the Cock White Horse and Griffin alehouses and the Crown beerhouse. 07 03 13a & b

1907 03 13
Earl of Durham landlady bankruptcy – 07 03 13 # c.27.4

1907 03 14
Newmarket brigade received the alarm of a fire at Stetchworth Hall Farm at 11.45; within twenty minutes the engine was away. Captain Cooper was in charge with Firemen Glyde and Kemp. The other firemen followed in a trap. They arrived at 12.40 to find a range of stabling was on fire; within an hour they had it under control. 07 03 14

1907 03 14

Mr A. Thompson of St Matthew's Street, Cambridge is a bootmaker, work that needs a strong back because of the constant leaning over. "Severe pains took me across the small of the back, like lumbago. My urinary system was disordered as well, the secretions being thick and unnatural. I started with Dean's backache kidney pills which soon put me right; a few doses of them gave me relief. I would recommend them", he says. (Advert) 07 03 14a

Reading room, p3

1907 03 15
William Maltby of Devonshire Road joined the police force in 1849, rising to the rank of inspector. In those days constables wore top hats instead of helmets with cut-away coats around which they wore a belt of piratical proportions. There were only 30 constables, two inspectors and a superintendent whose headquarters were in Emmanuel Road. 07 03 15 # c.34.7

1907 03 16
Castle End Reading Room – 07 03 16 # c.77.4

1907 03 18
A movement is on foot amongst English Roman Catholics to establish a college for women, on the lines of Girton or Newnham, at the University. The leader is Miss Eleanor Warner who recently visited the Catholic Convent in Bateman Street. She is now in Rome for a meeting with the Pope. Opinion is strongly favourable and that Cambridge may soon see an addition to her institutions. 07 03 18a # c.83 # c.36.9 # WOMEN

Debden fire, p3*
Hooliganism p3

1907 03 18
Cambridge pressmen assembled at the Sidar Hotel to bid farewell to Mr D.T. Nisbet who is severing his connection with the C.D.N. having secured an important appointment on the 'Midland Evening News'. He was handed a silver cigarette case, a fountain pen and a writer's wallet. In reply he spoke of the good feeling existing between local journalists who, though professional rivals, were personal friends. 07 03 18 # c.04

1907 03 19
Twelve cottages were destroyed by a fire at Debden, leaving many people homeless. The cottages were in five groups on each side of the street. They were all thatched and each outbreak was due to sparks from another cottage. The high wind quickly spread the conflagration. The Saffron Walden and Bishops Stortford Brigades were summoned and prevented the fire spreading further. 07 03 19

1907 03 19
Some years ago Cambridge Free Library opened a public reading room at the Castle End Mission and Working Men's Institute. It has proved a boon to those who have used it. However the Institute's work is growing and their newly-formed men's club now has a comfortable room well equipped with daily, weekly and monthly papers, a cosy parlour for games, conversation & smoking and a first-class billiard room with full-sized table. Membership is open to all men over 18. 07 03 19 # c.77.4

1907 03 20
The Stetchworth Dairy Company delivered milk in cans stamped with their name and round number. Percy Atkins, one of their roundsmen noticed the Babraham Dairy Company using a can which had the words 'St' and 'Dairy' on it; the rest of the name had been soldered over. But they said it was old and rusty, so they thought it had been abandoned. The diary could have it back if they wanted. Magistrates said that obliterating the name was ill advised, but the charge of theft was dismissed. 07 03 20 & a # c.27

1907 03 22
Exciting scenes were witnessed at Shelford where two cottages close by the railway line were gutted. The discovery synchronised with the passing of the G.E.R. express and it is thought a spark from the engine alighted upon the thatched roof. In the absence of any fire appliance helpers concentrated on removing the furniture and every article, with the exception of the iron bedsteads, was carried to a place of safety. 07 03 22

1907 03 22
Madingley vicarage narrowly escaped destruction by a fire of mysterious origin that broke out while the vicar and his household were at evening service and the house locked up. It is believed a cat may have knocked over a lamp. PC Jaggard was alerted but not being able to effect an entrance he proceeded to the church were the service was just concluding. The vicar and congregation hurried to the scene to find flames were bursting through the drawing-room windows. Twenty villagers set to work to extinguish the fire with water from an artesian well in the stable yard. Inside, the cat was found suffocated. 07 03 22a

1907 03 22
Moat Farm tragedy recalled – sale – 07 03 22b

19907 03 23
University stamps, p3
Canada latter
Salmon photographer, p3* # c.65.5

1907 03 26
During recent elections for St Matthew's Ward one of the Liberal candidates complained about the vicar pulling down Liberal election bills on the walls of York Street School, one of the polling stations. He replied that nobody had the right to fix notices to the property of the Old Schools. Patches of paper remain on the walls for months afterwards leaving a stain it was impossible to remove. Anyway most people had made up their mind before the election how to vote. 07 03 26 # c.33

1907 03 26
The advent of the motor car has produced a new swindler replying on the average motor owner's lack of technical knowledge. One visited Dr Grove of St Ives with what he claimed was a patent sparking plug produced by a French firm which they wished prominent motorists to try. It cost 8s.9d (44p) but it had no name on it. Dr Grove called the police who discovered a bag containing twelve cheap plugs and a list of the names of all car owners in the neighbourhood. The man was convicted of obtaining money by false pretences and sentenced to three months' hard labour. 07 03 26a # c.26.48

1907 03 26
Lord de Ramsey's allotment tenants – 07 03 26

1907 03 27
Cambridge photographic club – P.R. Salmon lecture – 07 03 27 # c.65.5

1907 03 28
Saffron Walden man in Canada – 07 03 28 # EMIGRATION

1907 03 30
Alexandra Gardens, Chesterton, was formally opened. Five years ago Chesterton Urban Council purchased disused brickpits with a frontage to Alpha Road. That portion was sold which enabled the council to acquire the remainder at a very moderate price. The upper part of Carlyle Road was widened, the land turfed, laid out with flower beds and planted with shrubs. It is proposed to have games of tennis and bowls as in vogue in seaside towns 07 03 30 # c.18

1907 03 30
About ten years ago some undergraduates of St John's College removed one of the stone balls from Clare College Bridge. They transferred it to a Rob Roy canoe but this capsized and the purloined ball sank to the bottom of the Cam. There it has remained ever since. One of the other balls was put in its place and a new one made, now partly obscured by ivy. (Item from the 'Table Talk' column on 1st April) 07 03 30b # c.36.9

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1907 04 01
James Catling joined the Town Council in 1900, bringing 30 years' experience as an auctioneer and estate agent with an intimate knowledge of local properties. Only last week he was re-elected to the Board of Guardians upon which he had sat since 1876. His hobbies included horticulture, freemasonry and the Rifle Volunteer Corps. Since his marriage to a Bedford lady he has resided there, returning to Cambridge when public duty required. By his death the town loses a talented and conscientious public servant. 07 04 01 # c.06

1907 04 02
The name of Fred Karno is synonymous with mirth and hilarity, his pantomimic sketches are popular everywhere. Two are being staged nightly at the Hippodrome, Newmarket Road which he has specially transformed into a comfortable music hall. Last night the place was crowded 07 04 02 # c.76

Easter, p3

1907 04 03
Mr Nichols' butchers delivery cart was proceeding along Hills Road when the horse shied at a piece of paper blown in the wind and charged full tilt into the window of Mr E. Field, chemist. The glass was shivered into fragments, cameras, bottles containing chemicals and perfumes came hurtling down from shelves upon the maddened animal whose head was pierced by a stout iron bracket. It snapped off and remained embedded in the skull until the horse was liberated and death mercifully assisted. 07 04 03

1907 04 04
Cambridge Horse Club had many ups and downs during the last ten years. Gentlemen who lost their horse were compensated to the full market value. When the animal was ill it was taken to Mr S. Bennett, the veterinary surgeon where it got skilful attention until it recovered. There had been a small epidemic amongst horses but fortunately it did not extend or it would have been serious for their finances. 07 04 04 # c.19

1907 04 04
Ashwell Rural Council received a letter from the Home Secretary with regard to the proposed abolition of the fair held annually at Barley fair. After careful inquiry he does not feel justified in closing it, as requested. Mr Wilkerson thought the County Council was to blame for allowing the fair people to go into the road as they did, action should have been taken years ago. 07 04 04a

Vandals, p2

1907 04 05
During a football match on Midsummer Common one of the backs, being hard pressed, kicked the ball out of play. It crashed with great force against the pipe of a spectator, knocking two teeth out and driving the stem into the roof of his mouth. Blood gushed in great quantity and an operation may be necessary. The injured man has a wife and two children dependent on him and has been out of

employment for a considerable period. The Chesterton Thursday League is to appeal for money to defray his medical charges. 07 04 05 # c.38 : football

1907 04 05
The curate of St Mary's church, Ely, reported that young people attending services on Sunday evenings were reading novelettes and 'making eyes at each other'. Three ladies had complained that their maids were offended by young men whispering beastliness into their ears. Officials should sit at the back of the church and find the offenders, who would be prosecuted. 07 04 05a

1907 04 06
The Alexandra Gardens, Chesterton, is an excellent example of what can be done by local administrators who keep their eyes open. A few years ago what is now a delightful recreation ground for young and old was simply a collection of vile refuse, a danger and a nuisance. As the council cannot speculate in land Mr H.G. Whibley bought it for £1,350. He disposed of the Alpha Road frontage for £1,000 and made the rest over to the corporation for £350, providing residents a beautiful pleasure garden for a cost so small it is hardly worth considering. 07 04 06 # c.18

Mammoth show financies, p3
Canon Cockshott, p4*

1907 04 09
Children destist, p3

1907 04 10
The University bought all kinds of foreign meat as cheap as they could, never mind the quality – from Argentina where they bought mutton at three ha'pence a pound - butchers were told. Then there was the poultry. Years ago they bought poultry from the farmers, nowadays they got it from Russia, frozen, as they got their eggs. The public should know what they were buying and foreign and English meat should be marked as such. (Applause) 07 04 10 # c.28 # c.27

Engine driver death, p3*

1907 04 11
A Littleport baker appeared in court. The case has aroused a great deal of interest for he was a well-known public man, a member of various administrative bodies and while awaiting trial was returned equal at the head of the poll in the Rural Council elections. He was found not guilty. 07 04 11

1907 04 13
Cambridge is much interested in reports of the initiation of the Amir of Afghanistan into Freemasonry. In 1897 an Afghan Minister, Sultan Mahommed Khan, entered Christ's' College and became very interested in Freemasonry, never missing a meeting of the Cambridge Lodges. He disappeared very suddenly, having been ordered to return home, but there is little doubt he has been responsible for the present Amir's interest for he continually expressed the hope he might establish the Order there 07 04 13 # c.37.2

River mystery, p3

1907 04 15
Undergraduate debt, p3

1907 04 16
Market Hill tragedy, p3

1904 07 17

A retired Indian Civil servant was found dead with a revolver by his side. The deceased, who graduated at Caius College and was a teacher of Bengali, had been in ill-health for some time. His absence from home at Stapleford aroused comment so his son cycled over to the Indian Civil Service Rooms on Market Hill Cambridge where he found his father sitting in an armchair, shot through the heart. 07 04 17

1907 04 17
A Cambridge miller told the bankruptcy court his sisters had built a mill on the Cherryhnton Road which he rented. He traded until May 1906 doing good business, but had insufficient capital so he borrowed from the bank. He had dismissed a man at the mill and did without a servant, living on the barest necessities, only giving his wife £3 a week for house-keeping for their family of eleven.
07 04 17a# WINDMILL

1907 04 20
Small boats are affected by the wash from craft propelled by steam or motor power. But too much restriction would hamper commercial craft so seriously as to drive them from the river altogether, considerably reducing the revenue of the Cam Conservancy. Now that the carriage of goods has transferred more to the railway the river is increasingly used by recreative boaters who should pay more 07 04 20a

St Johns and Trinity more senior wranglers – 07 04 20 # c.36.9

1907 04 23
Saxon Cement fined, p3

1907 04 24
The Lord Chief Justice heard an appeal relating to fishing in the Great Ouse between Littleport High Bridge and Brandon Creek. The Lord of the Manor had granted exclusive angling rights to the Cambridge and Ely Angling Society. It was argued that ancient books showed the river had been cut after the original grant of the Manor had been made so he had no control over it. This was dismissed and the rights upheld 07 04 24 & a

1907 04 25
George Stace, draper and milliner of Petty Cury claimed payment from Charles Sugden, the well-known actor, for goods supplied to his wife in July 1903. It was custom to make out bills to the lady who had paid some money on account. Mr Sugden said he had been in America and not given her any authority to pledge his credit, she had her own income. But Elizabeth Thorpe, manageress in the mantle and gown department, remembered him coming into the shop with her. 07 04 25

1907 04 25
Henry Quelch of New Street, Cambridge, has lived at his present address a quarter of a century, and hails from London. He is a dairyman, a calling which exposed him to all kinds of weather. This renders him subject to colds which, settling in the back, upset the action of the kidneys. He has no hesitation in recommending Doan's backache kidney pills, they have cleared up his urinary disorder and he feels quite well. – advert 07 04 25a

1907 04 26
The laying of the foundation stone of a new Sunday School in connection with Burwell Congregational Church attracted a large gathering. It will consist of an assembly hall seating 180 children, with class rooms and kitchen, built of Burwell bricks and heated with hot water throughout. T.L. Grimson acted as honorary architect and W.P. Fuller will carry out the work at a cost of £650.
07 04 26

Locomotives & horses, p3

1907 04 27
It is alleged that Hobson's Stream is being 'tapped' by some unauthorised body and the supply of water for public purposes is fast diminishing. Not so. To restore its former volume it simply needs flushing. Water comes from Shelford to the conduit in as plentiful a supply as ever but it is many years since the pipe which feeds the Market Hill fountain was adequately flushed and an accumulation of rubbish prevents it receiving the amount of water it should. There is some difficulty in deciding whether the town council or the Hobson's Charity are responsible, but the cost would not exceed £5. 07 04 27 # c.24.2

1907 04 30
The Moody Manners Opera Company from Covent Garden are paying a return visit to Cambridge with 70 performers. On Monday 'Faust' was presented to a full house who enjoyed the complete and artistic manner in which it was performed. The orchestra is well-balanced and gave unbounded satisfaction to the audience 07 04 30 # c.69

1907 04 30
In the records of sport there is no instance of one family attaining greater re-eminence in any particular branch of sport that of the Gray family of Cambridge, in raquets. From 1863 onwards there have been five professional champions. Henry James Gray who was the first, is a town councillor and head of the well-known firm of athletic outfitters of Sidney Street. 07 04 30a & b # c.38

Balls auctioneer, p4*

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1907 05 03
Trinity Hall undergraduates have subscribed £6 3s. towards the fund for repairing the damage done to Mr Glasscock's cab on the night of the visit of Kier Hardy to Cambridge. It was smashed beyond repair but as vehicle was not covered by the Riot Damages Act he had no compensation for the loss sustained. At the commencement of term the News published the facts, calling the attention of undergraduates to the heavy loss they had caused and inviting them to put the matter right.
07 05 03 # c.26.4 # c.36.9

1907 05 04
A somewhat unusual accident occurred to a piano belonging to Mr H. Leavis of Regent Street. Two men were conveying it in a handcart near the Guildhall, when a horse attached to a L.N.W.R. parcels van collided with the cart. The man in the shafts narrowly escaped injury by jumping aside, but the piano was pitched out of the cart on to the road. Both the cart and the piano were damaged. 07 05 04

1907 05 04
At one time there was a prospect of the May Week festivities surpassing those of all previous years in their brilliance. The King and Queen of Denmark along with other Royals were mentioned as amongst those who would visit Cambridge and the University would bestow honorary degrees on the Colonial Premiers. Now it is known this was the product of a lively imagination. So of all the distinguished personages we were promised, the English Premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, is the only certainty. He will distribute prizes at the Leys School Speed Day, 07 05 04a

1907 05 06
A.G. Markham is amongst the front rank of road cyclists. At the North London Fifty Miles Invitation Road Race he was the only competitor riding a tricycle, covering the course in three hours, the fastest time every accomplished on one. This is remarkable as 25 of the 50 miles were covered against a strong wind. Even after such a punishing race, his stamina was such that he rode another 30 miles to his Cambrige home. 07 05 06 # c.38 : cycling

Post office thefts –

07 05 06aa & b # c.27.7

1907 05 07
A terrible burning accident took place in a fairground behind the Cock Inn, Clare, the young employee of a steam roundabout proprietor being literally roasted to death. There was one accommodation wagon where five men were supposed to sleep in two beds. But he had gone to a van used for the 'horses' on the roundabouts; not long afterwards it was seen to be in flames. Deceased was a great smoker of cigarettes. 07 05 07 # c.27.3

1907 05 09
New photographic process – T.J. Sowden on Ozobrome – 07 05 09b # c.65.5

1907 05 09
The original water-colour paintings of Mr W. Matthison commissioned to illustrate the new book on Cambridge by Mildred Tuker include subjects seldom depicted by artists. He has selected the daintiest spots: King's College gateway in twilight is a clever study while his view of the Bridge of Sighs was sold before the exhibition was opened 07 05 09 # c.64

1907 05 09
There has been a great increase in the number of people leaving Cambridgeshire for Canada. One agent, Alfred Suttle, tobacconist of Fitzroy Street, has booked 67 passengers since February. The ocean passage is from £5 10s (third class). The majority are skilled mechanics of the working class, railway labourers or domestic servants trying for their fortune in a land where wages are double what they are here. 07 05 09a # EMIGRATION

1907 05 11
Cambridge Daily News sued for libel – 07 05 11 # c.04

1907 05 11
A policeman described how he secreted himself in a larder and kept observation on the Eagle Inn, Bene't Street. He could see who entered the yard and overhear conversation in the smoke-room on the other side of a lath and plaster wall. He heard talk relating to horse racing and telephonic messages being passed to certain address giving the names of horses and mentioning sums of money. Police raided the inn and the landlord was committed for trial 07 05 11a

1907 05 14
There is a close educational bond between Cambridge and Japan. A number of Japanese boys come to the Leys School to receive a modern Western education. More young men come to the University to fit themselves for taking high places in the nation which has cast off the swaddling clothes of Oriental lethargy and become one of the great Powers of the world. It is therefore appropriate that when his Imperial Highness Prince Sandanru Fushimi, the special envoy of the Emperor of Japan, visited Cambridge he should return with the degree of Doctor of Law, honoris causa. 07 05 14 # c.36.9

1907 05 14
In 1874 part of the Holy Sepulchre churchyard was taken for widening the street on condition that the boundary was marked by a band of stone. Now the Electric Supply Company plans to build a sub-station in Round Church Street and want the Corporation to arrange for the removal and re-interring of any human remains. But they are not willing to incur any expense. 07 05 14a

1907 05 14
The body of a journeyman butcher was found floating face down in a pond close to the Woolpack public house at Reed. It is one of those wayside sheets of water with neither hedges nor fences, about two feet deep with the green substance that congregates on a pond. His hat, mackintosh and boots were found on the grass bank and it seemed as if he had swam from one side to the other. 07 05 14b

1907 05 14
A Women's Suffrage meeting heard that even in Cambridge there were many signs of women's desire for the vote; once they only had one meeting a year, now they were continually having them. Bertrand Russell was contesting Wimbleton in the interests of the movement. They might be proud that the first man to do this was a Cambridge man, and a man of such intellectual distinction. 07 05 14c # WOMEN # c.33

1907 05 15
An alarming explosion occurred at the Portland Saxon Cement Company's works, Coldham's Lane. At half-past-three the works were running as usual when there was a terrific report, followed by the sinister hiss of escaping steam. Boiler tenders, engine drivers and all engaged near the boiler room ran in all directions and considering the force of the explosion, which hurled masses of iron and brickwork at least 50 yards, the men had marvellous escapes. 07 05 15 # c.27 # CEMENT

1907 05 15
A meeting called to consider the disastrous consequences to agricultural labourers when farms were made into small holdings heard from men formerly employed on the Crown Lands farms, Burwell who had been turned out of house and home. But another meeting at West Row heard of the serious depopulation of rural districts and supported the Government's plans to bring the land within the reach of the people. 07 05 15 a & b # c.22

1907 05 16
Not one Cambridge boy in 30 learns a trade; parents grasp at a few shillings as early as possible. Some were taken up by printers and the University offices but the most promising work was in the motor and cycle industry. One eleven-year old worked 28 hours a week outside school hours cleaning stables during the dinner hour, all Saturday and three hours on Sunday. Another, aged 14, put in 32 hours a week selling papers. They spent the money on food and cigarettes.
07 05 16 & a # c.32.1 # CHILDREN

1907 05 16
Littleport fishing – ring theft, p3

1907 05 18
Natural History Society 50th anniversary – Entomological Society – 07 05 18a

1907 05 18
Dinner for the ordinary, healthy undergraduate is an event of importance. But students at one of the largest colleges trooped into the dining hall, bowed their heads while grace was said, and then to the utter astonishment of the senior members, rose and without a word solemnly walked out. The action was a protest against the kitchen management: there has been dissatisfaction not so much with the quality of the food, but with the quantity and the manner in which it has been served. The protest has caused an improvement in the cuisine. 07 05 18 # c.36.9 # c.27.4

1907 05 20
The old-time bakery was a low-roofed, gloomy compartment, reeking with a variety of odours, lighted by the flat flame gas burners, inhabited by perspiring men and lads working in temperatures suggestive of an inferno. Compare that with the conditions of Mr G.P. Hawkins' Model Bakery in Parsonage Street where unlimited supplies of pure air and natural light are obtainable and the most modern electrical appliances are installed with three ovens baking 160 loaves every hour. 07 05 20 & a # c.27

1907 05 21
Excitement was occasioned by the sight of police dragging the river near Victoria Bridge. They were searching for an embossed brass inkstand which had been abstracted from Quy church by sacrilegious hands after a stained-glass window had been forced open. One man has been assisting the police in

the search, even to the extent of diving for the missing article; eventually the inkpot was fished up and will be produced in evidence. 07 05 21

Quy sacrilidge, p3*

1907 05 22
Claims have been made about the impact of smallholdings on Burwell. But our reporter found no outward sign of unemployment, no discontented farm labourers on village corners, no despondent tradesmen lounging outside empty shops. Quite the contrary: Burwell wore its customary air of quiet prosperity. It is said the 'discontented' men received 'a good feed, all the beer they could drink and half-a-dollar' from the MP for East Cambridgeshire for attending a meeting. 07 05 22 & a # c.22

1907 05 22
Cambridge Union Society discussed the regulation of motor traffic. Motorists rushed about the country and to remedy the dust nuisance they should be taxed, the money being spent to improve the condition of the roads. There should also be a 'smell limit'. But village boys ran out, cap in hand after a car to get the sweet, sweet smell. Noise was the only guarantee of safety, yet some would like a car to steal along like a robber in the night. In France there were no speed limits and the percentage of accidents was smaller. 07 05 22b # c.26.48

1907 05 22
A man of prepossessing appearance walked into the principal hotel at St Ives mentioned in an American accent that he was Mr Jay Gould junior, the tennis champion, and challenged the best local player. He was lionised by all. But later he was interviewed by Inspector Storey about a bicycle stolen from Huntingdon. Instead of the comfortable bed at the Golden Lion hotel he had to be content with a cell at the police station where he was charge under the name of George Pettitt of London. 07 05 22b

1907 05 23
Mr A. Hope, watchmaker of Sun Lane, Newmarket was awaked by heat. Dressed in his nightgown and slippers he endeavoured to collect watches left by his customers until being overpowered with smoke he smashed the glass front door of his shop. Messrs Faires and Rolph's outfitters premises alongside his was entirely destroyed together with the tailor's shop above. They are insured, but Mr Hope is not and his stock was damaged by water pouring through the ceiling. 07 05 23

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St Ives 'millionaire' – 07 06 08
Leys buildings, p4
Stretham goods, p4

1907 06 08
The boat procession used to be the most popular of the May Week gaieties. The brilliant blazers of the collegians, the varied colours of the ladies' charming costumes, the prettily adorned boats together with the enlivening strains of an excellent band all combined to make a scene of colour and animation. The gathering fell through owing to the apathy of the boating men who objected to dressing up to be looked at. But it is a great pity 07 06 08a # c.36.9 # c.39 # c.38 : rowing

1907 06 11
Some disappointment has been occasioned by the moderate success of women mathematicians this year. Only ten sat for the Tripos and Miss Eva Smith of Newnham is the only wrangler. The highest position ever attained by a woman was in 1890 when Miss Fawcett, daughter of the former blind

Postmaster-General, was placed above the Senior Wrangler – G.T. Bennett, Fellow of Emmanuel College. 07 06 11 # c.36.9 # WOMEN

1907 06 11
Cambridge Central Library Reading Room opened in 1884 but has now fallen behind many towns of similar size. The Lending Department is already inconveniently crowded with bookcases and provision has to be made each year for about 84 additional feet of shelf-room. The Reference Library contains a Shakespeare library and an important Cambridge Collection which are accommodated in galleries in the lending department while the rest of the Reference Library is placed in the Reading Room along with the newspapers and magazines. They also have many old books, prints and artistic works they are unable to exhibit and cannot give the community the full enjoyment of their own possessions. At the meeting of the Library Association held in Cambridge in 1905 resolutions were past 'That special libraries for children should be established in all public libraries' and 'That every library should contain some room in which discussions and lectures could be held' but the Central Library is without such facilities. There is a pressing need for an extension of its premises. 07 06 11a & 14

1907 06 12
Northampton Street was very narrow and the corner was one of the most dangerous in Cambridge. A policeman was always on point duty there. The improvement was a most desirable one and nobody objected to it, an inquiry was told. Nine cottages would be demolished and the people rehoused in others nearby. 07 06 12a

1907 06 12
There was great glee at the award of Honorary Degrees at the Senate House when a toy paper balloon floated down from the gallery and settled on a lady's head. With characteristic imprudence the juniors wanted their balloon returned but the lady was released from her embarrassment by a diversion elsewhere. Cheering greeted the arrival of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the first Liberal Prime Minister the University has educated since Palmerston. 07 06 12a # c.36.9

1907 06 14
Peas Hill property, p3
Free library, p3*
Dr Williams' pills, p4

1907 06 15
Mr Hobbs of High Street Soham has found a gigantic mushroom measuring 50 inches round the head. All but the stalk was cooked and eaten and was of excellent flavour. Mr Hobbs preserved the stalk and a good many people called to see it. 07 06 15

Automobilism – Mr Edge to drive car for 24 hours – 07 06 15

1907 06 17
Cyclists have continued to ride on the footpath leading from Dant's Ferry to Cam Road, Chesterton, despite the notice prohibiting it. On 5th June PC Evans was on duty in the path and as a result a number of offenders were fined one shilling (05p). They included Powell Chandler, a clerk, James Huddlestone, a civil servant, William Heffer, a farmer and two auctioneers, Joseph Winship and Herbert T. Hockey. 07 06 17 # c.26.485

1907 06 18
The scene in the Senate House was very tame and it was not until the presentation of the wooden spoons to the last Wrangler that there was any fun at all. This year three men were bracketed for last place. The original wooden spoon, about 30 years ago, grew into a malt shovel with the man's college arms upon it, but this year they were more elaborately decorated than ever and are quite works of art, beautifully adorned from bowl to handle. 07 06 18 & a # c.36.9 # c.39

1907 06 19
Isleham passive resistance, p3

1907 06 19
The 'Unity Brotherhood' had conducted some sort of mission for some months, circulating pamphlets couched in violent language attacking a Cambridge minister. The two men took up position on the Market Hill reading from a bundle of papers until there were about 1,000 people there. The crowd became hostile, hooting, shouting and trying hustle them until police intervened. They were remanded in gaol so their mental condition might be inquired into. 07 06 19 & a # c.83

1907 06 20
An extraordinary University report recommends the Director of the Fitzwilliam Museum should be present at least three hours a day when it was open, keeping a diary recording his hours to be placed before the Syndicate. It was an indignity - but all other professors had to make similar returns. His salary should be decreased from £300 to £250 and the money used to pay for another member of staff. This valued his time at seven-and-sixpence an hour compared to ten shillings for an Assistant 07 06 20

1907 06 20
Burwell labourers claim they were thrown out of work when the Government converted farms into smallholdings. But they were all paid compensation and most quickly found work at practically the same wages as before. Each received fifty shillings for 'costs of removal' but the farmers removed their belongings for them free. Demand for labour has been greater than before and the Highway Surveyors had difficulty getting granite carted as the men were so busy on the smallholdings. 07 06 20a & b

1907 06 21
The discussions over the Poor's Fen Charity, which has excited the inhabitants of Burwell for many months and given rise to animated meetings, entered a new stage when the Charity Commissioners opened an inquiry. A large proportion of the male population, and several ladies followed the details closely for four hours as its history was traced 07 06 21

1907 06 22
Burwell charities inquiry concluded – 07 06 22a

1907 06 22
Charles Lawrence's kennels at Chesterton have bred many famous animals in the dog world, winning prizes in Antwerp, Brussels and Rotterdam. Purchasers come from all over the country; Alderman Pratt of Bradford recently bought two pups for £100 while one sold for £300. During term time a familiar sight on Market Hill is a man surrounded by dogs which he sells to undergraduates at fancy prices. Mr Lawrence bought one for £2 cash, then exhibited it at a show and sold it for £150. To see a collection of valuable clumber, field and cocker spaniels gambolling in the paddock is a sight which must appeal even to those who have but the barest acquaintance with a good dog. 07 06 22b # c.19

1907 06 22
The chimes of St Giles church clock in Cambridge have been restored after a silence of six years. Notice was given in the Parish Magazine but all do not read that excellent periodical and there was much astonishment when the bells entered anew upon their purpose of telling out the hours. The tone of the large bell is much improved now it has been re-hung so that it no longer rests against the wall 07 06 22c # c.83

1907 06 22
Wrestlers' Arms reminiscence – boxing – 07 06 22d # c.27.4 # c.38 : boxing

1907 06 22
This year's Midsummer Fair is the biggest for many years with large shows, roundabouts and switchbacks. A special feature is Charles Thurston's "Helter Skelter" and Canadian sport of Mat – toboganning – should prove popular. Another attractive feature is Baker and Thurston's motor cars which race over a specially-prepared track at s speed of 50 miles an hour 07 06 22 # c.27.3

Football Association council p3

1907 06 24
Fire broke out at the Crown Hotel, Linton after the landlord went for an afternoon walk. The village fire brigade set to work but as soon as the windows were broken open the flames burst out in all directions. Three rooms were completely gutted with a large quantity of spirits, cigars and cigarettes destroyed in addition to books, furniture and pictures. The origin is shrouded in mystery. The commercial room, where the blaze started, has not had a fire in the grate for three weeks. 07 06 24

1907 06 24
Time was when the visitor to Midsummer Fair had to risk a miniature shower bath in the form of 'squirts' wielded by girls and youths. These were officially banned and this year also the throwing of confetti has been put a stop to. While this no doubt curtails the enjoyment of the young and frivolous, it is a boon to more sedate visitors and the harmless 'ticklers' which the law allows did not appear to be in very great request 07 06 24a # c.27.3

Burwell fire, p3*

1907 06 25
Ripe with age and active up to the last in the pursuance of his business and religious duties, Mr Stephen Chivers, of Histon, the founder of the great jam-making firm, passed away suddenly in his 84th year. On Sunday evening he preached in Landbeach Baptist Church where he delivered an earnest discourse on the subject of prayer. Afterwards he complained of something being amiss with his throat. On Monday morning he "went home to God" 07 06 25 & 25a

Sunday photography, p4* # c.65.5
Sturmer fire, p4

1907 06 26
Photographic Club, p4

1907 06 27
Mr E.E. Marshall, electrician of Castle Street said he was formerly employed at the University Laboratory and afterwards had sole charge of an electric plant at Holt. In 1905 he installed the electric light at Leonard Mortimer's hairdressers saloon in All Saint's Passage. Messrs Bailey, Grundy & Barrett said the work did not test high but not low enough to condemn it. The claim was settled 07 06 27a # c.24.6

Charles Wright Stretham & willow trees – 07 06 27a

1907 06 29
On Midsummer night the thermometer in a Cambridge hotel yard registered one degree less than on Christmas night! The weather has lately been enough to move one to despair – snow and hail fell in Scotland for nearly an hour until the mountains were mantled in white. Truly the gods must be offended. But while the hatters and tailors are lamenting over the lack of orders for straw hats and summer suits, the mackintosh merchant waxes fat on the proceeds of his sales. 07 06 29b # c.12

1907 06 29

The Milkmaid was one of 13 licenced houses in Willingham and they could do away with half of them, magistrates were told. But there were 100 acres of market gardens all round where a great many men and girls were constantly employed and some came to the house for lunch. The trade had increased since the King William was closed and now did over a barrel a week
Also: Marquis of Granby, Woodman's Arms, Claremont, Golden Fleece; Swaffham Prior Anchor, Harston Green Man, Lt Shelford Three Horseshoes, Over Duke of Cumberland, Willingham Milkmaid - details, Isleham Bell, Fen Ditton Pike & Eel. Bassingbourn Tally Ho, 07 06 29 & a # c.27.4

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1907 07 02
In inquest heard that Charles Preston had been employed at Christmas and Co., brewers of Haverhill. He had taken the back plate off the boiler and opened the manhole when there was a rush of steam. He'd crawled outside the building, remarked "I'm a doner" then walked home and said he'd been nearly scalded to death. 07 07 02 & 02a

County children Cambridge schools, p3
Newmarket speed, p3*

1907 07 03
An inquest was held at the Anchor Inn, Prickwillow on the body of an eight-year old girl knocked down and killed by a train at the Mile-End crossing on her way home from school. Thirty schoolchildren used the crossing every day and to secure their safety automatic locking of the gates should be resorted to. But this would create a greater danger than at present. 07 07 03

1907 07 03
The bankruptcy court heard that a Littleport baker had previously given up his High Street shop but been able to pay his creditors. He had no oven and could only carry on by getting others to bake for him. He'd also been accused of stealing flour. He was a member of the Parish Council and while some men can fulfil public office without affecting their business, others cannot. You never know how much time they occupy and their business suffers 07 07 03a

1907 07 04
Burwell small holdings – critics – 07 07 04 # c.22

1907 07 08
Sir – I should much like to live in Cambridge but am unable to do so because of its trains. If I could get to London before nine in the morning and return after 10.30 at night I could do so. There are numbers of commercial travellers and tradesmen who have to go to market who would live here and patronise whichever railway company gives this facility first. A route via Bedford would only take some 20 minutes longer and would be a great benefit. – Effigy. Two years ago the railway asked for the names of 10 people would be regular passengers – but no names were forthcoming - Editor
07 07 08 # c.26.2

1907 07 09
Cambridge Association for Women's Suffrage organised a meeting at Cambridge Guildhall with a series of admirably-delivered speeches by Mrs Fawcett, the Hon Bertrand Russell and others, supported by 80 delegates from across the country. It was said that men had all the logic and women sweetness and morality. But men could not be expected to know everything that women required. Young women should throw themselves with all the ardour and power they could command on this, one of the very great questions of the world. 07 07 09 # c.33 # WOMEN

1907 07 10

A daring theft was committed at Mr Haylock's boot shop on the corner of Fore Hill, Ely. The thief simply smashed a pane glass and coolly annexed several pairs of men's boots. The window had previously been slightly damaged by a spike in a cricket boot so the breakage would not make very much noise. The alarm was raised by some children bound for a school treat at Hunstanton who noticed the ransacked window and alerted the manager, Mr A. Saunders. Two men, presumably tramps, were arrested at King's Lynn 07 07 10

1907 07 10
Sir – I have been guilty of a gross and sinful mistake which has lead me open to attacks from subtle satanic spiritual influences. During the past months the Unity Brotherhood has solicited financial assistance from many people. Some of this money has been spent for charitable purposes but some has been given to a private account. Now I publicly ask forgiveness and wish to settle down quietly and earn an honest livelihood. A.C.G. 07 07 10a # c.83

No clothes, p3

1907 07 13
A newspaper claims that one Cambridgeshire over-lord of four villages will not allow his cottagers to keep a cow, donkey or pony. His tenants are subject to instant eviction if they exhibit notices of any kind in their windows, are forbidden to take lodgers and cannot receive a visit from their married children without informing the estate office. But this applies to the estate of a titled personage in Suffolk. 07 07 13

1907 06 16
Messrs King and Co are displaying a number of cycles and motor cycles at Cambridge Corn Exchange. There is with a 'Rex' motor cycle which can be bought for 24 guineas, one of the cheapest on the market, and the 'King' bicycle with Crabbe brakes, Warwick tyres, Hyde free-wheel, Perry chain and Brooke's saddle, costs six guineas. Standardisation of parts has indeed wrought a revolution in the cycle industry. 07 07 16 # c.26.485

1907 07 16
The King motored to Newmarket wearing a white motor cap and blue goggles. Several other cars arrived about the same time. Mrs Leopold de Rothschild, in voile, came just ahead of Mr Sassoon's car and only a few yards behind was Lady Noreen Bass who is staying at Godolphin House. Sir Daniel and Lady Cooper are entertaining at Warren Towers, the Earl of Ellesmere has his family at Stetchworth Park and most of the other big houses have their quota of visitors. 07 07 16

1907 07 17
General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, was welcomed to Cambridge by thousands of spectators who lined the road from Trumpington to the Guildhall. Three red motor cars with a Salvation Army flag in each were given quite an oration en route to Market Square where the Band struck up a popular Army tune. But the General entered the building from Peas Hill and ignored the cries of 'Speech' as he disappeared from view. 07 07 17 # c.83

Statpleford flower show, p4

1907 07 18
Tie-pins set with diamonds were stolen from the residence of Lord Wolverton at Queensbury House, Newmarket. The police believe it was the work of a couple of expert thieves. There were many servants preparing for the visit of the King and the Prince of Wales and it is practically impossible for the thief to have walked coolly through the house without being noticed. The real object of their theft Lady Wolverton's valuable jewels but she had only just arrived and none had been removed from the jewel cases. 07 07 18

1907 07 19

Wicken suicide George Howlett – 07 07 19
Waterbeach schools, p3

1907 07 19
The newly-ennobled Lord Peckover received a very cordial reception on his return to Wisbech. The engine of the train was decorated with flags and he was received at the station by the Mayor and Corporation, Fire Brigade and Salvation Army Band. His route to the North Brink was gaily decorated with two large arches bearing the words 'Welcome'. 07 07 19a

1907 07 20
A matrimonial epidemic is raging among the lady school teachers and shop assistants of Cambridge. No fewer than three are leaving New Street School to assume marital responsibilities. Mr Sturton said that marriage was the crowing point of a woman's life and also her duty. He hoped other teachers would follow their example, but do it one at a time in future. 07 07 20 # WOMEN

1907 07 20
The Amalgamated Radio-Telegraphy Company, who own the experimental wireless telegraph stations at Cambridge and Oxford, are converting their appliances to the wireless telephone system of Mr Poulsen, the Danish inventor. It is believed that when the arrangements are completed the voice of a person in Cambridge will be audible at Oxford sixty miles away 07 07 20a # c.27.7

CDN libel, p3

1907 07 22
Stretham Shepherds Friendly Society re old age pensions – 07 07 22

1907 07 23
Newmarket Council's surveyor asked them to pay for repairs to the bicycle he rode on council business. He had a twenty-two mile area to look after. But they had previously bought him a new bike on the condition he repaired it himself. They were not obliged to find him a bicycle at all – he should have his own. 07 07 23

Money lending, p3

1907 07 25
Dr Edward John Routh, was the most famous mathematical coach of his day. He coached 27 Senior Wranglers, 41 Smith's Prizemen, and over 500 Wranglers and was the author of numerous works on statics and dynamics. He died at Newnham Cottage, Queen's Road leaving an estate valued at more than £80,620. 07 07 25 # c.36.9

1907 07 27
Sir – Sunday is being desecrated with often a score of persons playing golf on the Gog Magog course during church hours. Even females are now to be seen there amongst the Sabbath-breakers. Not content with golf, on Sunday evening a target was stuck up and rifle practice was being carried on. Under the terms on which the links are held no golfing is to be allowed on Sunday and the gates must be kept locked. – 'Observer' 07 07 27 # c.38 : golf

1907 07 27
Sir - On Thursday afternoon 89 motor cars passed over the Newmarket Road to London and the average speed was 40 mph! It is not at all uncommon to see them travelling between 60 and 85 miles per hour, exceeding the fastest train. Motorists fly past knowing that often the dust is so great that the number plate is obscured – 'Farmer' 07 07 27

Burwell small holdings report – 07 07 27

1907 07 27
The origin of the Cambridge Town Bumping Races is surrounded by some obscurity. It is said there were eight-oared races as far back as 1820. In 1868 the Amateur Eight-Oar Town Races were commenced but lapsed owing to the rival attractions of lawn tennis and cycling. In 1888 a silver plate was presented to the Rowing Association and since then the names of the head of the river crew have been inscribed on it, with one exception – 1894. 07 07 27 # c.38 : rowing

1907 07 29
Pheasant eggs theft, p3

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1907 08 01
The sunny side of the Burwell Small Holdings experiment is very attractive. Viewing a snug cottage pleasantly set among several acres of pasture land, shaded by a collection of ancient trees, with a spacious kitchen and flower garden near at hand, a town dweller is envious of the men who have set up on the Crown Lands. The scheme has met exceptionally fierce criticism but after one season's results it can be pronounced a success. 07 08 01 & a # c.22

Prickwillow show, p4

1907 08 03
Four new motor buses (three single and one double-decker) will commence their careers of usefulness by running to the Mammoth Show. Regular routes will be arranged as soon as possible. They are as noiseless as it is possible for motor buses to be, free from obnoxious odours, do not drop oil over the streets and are very easily handled. They are the property of a private speculator who took over the late Cambridge Motor Omnibus Company and will be managed by Mr J. Berry Walford. 07 08 03 # c.26.46

1907 08 06
An important sale of pedigree hackneys and harness horses, the property of Mr Cole Ambrose, was held at Stuntney Hall. It included 24 piebalds and skewbalds and it is doubtful if so many horses of this old-fashioned strain have ever before been offered. Good prices were realised, the average being £32 with one stallion bought by A.B. Hulbert of Greenley, U.S.A. for 66 guineas 07 08 06 # c.19

1907 08 07
For 21 years the Haverhill Gala has weathered the stress of storms and still carries its flag triumphantly. This year they dispensed with the cycling events, replacing them with pony racing. The crowds poured into the Hamlet Croft where the Town Band played selections and the special attraction, Caicedo 'the king of the wire' elicited great admiration. 07 08 07

1907 08 08
Cambridge councillors recommended that a site in Albion Row occupied by the weigh-bridge and the Nag's Head should be offered on a building lease for 75 years and in case no satisfactory offer was received they should prepare a scheme for the erection of cottages. But first they must adopt the Housing of the Working Classes Act. 07 08 08 # c.23

1907 08 09
An Ely labourer was charged with being in the house of the Chief Constable, Captain Mander, for an unlawful purpose. PC Kempton said he'd found a window open and a pair of boots in the kitchen. When questioned the man had said: "I don't know where I did leave them. I found myself in the house and then could not find my boots. I have been on the drink for two months". The magistrates said he was so beastly drunk he didn't know what he was doing and dismissed the case. 07 08 09

1907 08 10

Messrs Macmillan and Bowes, the well-known booksellers, have recently acquired the house over their premises at the corner of Trinity Street. On the new staircase, designed by Mr T.D. Atkinson, hangs a portrait of 'Maps' (John Nicholson) and old views of Cambridge. In the new reading room are exhibited manuscripts and autograph letters from Wordsworth, Tennyson and Thackeray. One room is devoted entirely to Cambridge material of which Mr Bowes published a catalogue in 1894. 07 08 10 & a # c.25

Esperanto Congress, p4

1907 08 12
The Rev Walker was exploring the railway station at Lord's Bridge where he opened a small tumulus in which he found a stone coffin containing a human skeleton and the bones of a dog. There was no lid to the coffin and the bones had been forced in by the aid of big stones. Most were broken with the head in the middle. One theory is that he might have been killed by a chariot. At Barrington hundreds of skeletons have been discovered with spears and swords, but none in a coffin. 07 08 12 # c.41

1907 08 12
Esperanto has seized Cambridge like a raging fever. Genuine and spurious Esperanto fills the air as the autolycus of the gutter shouts unintelligent jargon to a street comrade and calls it Esperanto. But when a picturesque figure from the Swiss Canton appeared in the street the impudence of the street Arab was silenced. He was impressed by the tight green breeches and head capped by genuine Alpine hat. A Turk and Indians in national costume add considerably to the effect of this new kind of circus. 07 08 12a # c.27.9 # c.02

1907 08 13
Esperanto, p7

1907 08 14
Esperanto, p3

1907 08 15
Members of the Esperanto Congress visited the New Theatre to watch a performance of 'Bardell kontrau Pickwick'. Dickens wrote for his own people, little dreaming it would be performed through a tongue understandable to all. 'Pickwick' was played by 'O.B' – Oscar Browning of King's College – who, attired in a green swallow-tailed coat, might have come direct from a Cruickshank illustration. 08 08 15 # c.76

1907 08 15
A terrible accident occurred at Prickwillow when a governess car, containing seven people, overturned and all the occupants were injured. Three were natives of the village and had hired a trap at Soham for an outing. On the return they mistakenly drove on to the old bank, at one time the main road to Ely, but now seldom used. As they attempted to turn round the horse, car and occupants went down the bank and into the dyke, a fall of quite 14 feet, being engulfed in the thick black mud. One lady is not expected to recover. 07 08 15a

1907 08 16
The Cambridge Police Athletic Society festival was attended by a large crowd, including many Esperantists. Dr Zamenhof presented an Esperanto Cup for the policeman who has performed the most efficient ambulance work to Sergt Gates for his action in saving the life of a man who had taken poison. 07 08 16

1907 08 17
Another interesting discovery of Roman remains has recently been made in Isleham fen. Some workmen engaged in digging came upon the bed of an old river where they found the impress of a boat, surrounded by the heads of cattle and some pottery. 07 08 17 # c.41

1907 08 17
All other events in Cambridge have been dwarfed in comparison with the third International Esperanto Congress which has brought money into the town when trade was at its lowest ebb. It was hoped the University might have bestowed an honorary degree upon Dr Zamenhof, the Warsaw genius, but apart from a formal reception at the Fitzwilliam Museum it has generally stood aloof from the movement. 07 08 17a # c.02 # c.27.9

1907 08 20
An inquest was held at Littleport on the body of an ex-soldier living at Three Holes, Upwell. He had been found lying in the corner of a wheat field at Burnt Chimney Drove with a revolver in his hand and a terrible wound in the head. In one pocket was found an ounce bottle nearly full of laudanum. He had served in India and at times he was queer.
07 08 20

1907 08 20
There was unusual excitement among the juvenile fraternity and considerable bustle in arranging fishing rods and other paraphernalia. The occasion was unique, for there was to be a juvenile fishing competition. Nowadays children are admitted to pleasures and privileges hitherto enjoyed only by the adult portion of the community and this is the very latest form of amusement arranged for them by the Albion Angling Society 07 08 20a # c.38 : fishing

1907 08 21
Pamplin Bros, of Cherry Hinton were summonsed after Pc Gray saw a steam roller pulling a stack elevator, water cart and a house van. Albert Anderson, the driver, said he had been at work at Chrishall and ordered to call at Audley End and pick up the house van, then call at the Fighting Cocks, Wenden and take on the stack elevator. It was a steamroller with a smooth wheel, not a locomotive. But the magistrates decided the roller was hauling and thus became a locomotive under the meaning of the Act under which they were charged. 07 08 21

1907 08 22
Ely Council heard that Burnt Fen Commissioners were about to repair the bridge on Mile-End drove and suggested it should be widened. The County Council had decided to adopt Egremont Street and Silver Street in Ely as main roads, but not Prickwillow Road because of the rolls at Prickwillow Bridge. While they remained it would never be a main road. The time had come to approach the Burnt Fen and Middle Level Commissioners to get them removed. 07 08 22

Kings Ditch drowning, p3
Prickwillow accident, p4

1907 08 23
On a summer evening the little whitewashed, thatched cottages by the roadside at Hauxton, radiant with climbing roses, seem a little paradise. No thought of sanitation or overcrowding which are rife in these old-fashioned structures is allowed. At Whittlesford Bridge is the Red Lion Inn with its carved oak ceiling, maze of bedrooms and winding, precipitous staircase. Alongside is the thatched chapel with a paddock at the end which was an ancient burial places where bones have been unearthed.
07 08 23

1907 08 24
Otter and Otter hound advert –07 08 24 # c.26.3

1907 08 26
On various roads in Cambridge the experiment has been tried of placing preparations of tar with the object of minimising the dust nuisance which the large numbers of motor cars has rendered so acute.

So successful has this been that the Roads Improvement Association will advocate it for all the main roads in England and Wales. The damage done by the steel-studded bands on the driving wheels of cars must be repaired and tar protects the road and at the same time solve the dust problem. 07 08 26

1907 08 27
The telephone system has become such an important factor in daily life that the numbers of new subscribers are matters of moment to every telephone user. In order to keep our readers up to date we will publish monthly lists of alterations and additions which include Cambridge Automobile Co, Illsley and Son, Bull Hotel Stables & Sirdah Hotel 07 08 27 # c.27.7

Rock Hotel suicide, p3

1907 08 28
An RSPCA Inspector saw a box of wild birds in the booking office at Isleham railway station addressed to a man in Islington. He found it contained a number of goldfinches together with some linnets, their wings fluttered through the side of the box. A birdcatcher of The Pits, Isleham claimed they were chaffinches. A linnet or chaffinch was worth fourpence while a goldfinch, newly caught, was worth about a shilling. Goldfinches had been sold for up to 30 shillings, but that was only after they'd been taught. 07 08 28 a & b # c.19

September 1907 CDN

1907 09 02
Corn trade, p3
Mill Road fruierer, p3

1907 09 03
The Royal Italian Circus visited the Hippodrome, Auckland Road, Cambridge. Signor Volpi put his ponies, monkeys and dogs through their entertaining performance and the baby elephant played several instruments. An amusing scene was the carriage ride of 'Madame Batavia', a bear, dressed as a woman. It was grotesque to see the affectionate way she took the arm of her trainer and walked round the ring 07 09 03 # c.76 # CIRCUS

1907 09 04
A mutual interest in Esperanto terminated in an interesting wedding at Bexhill-on-Sea when Miss Gertrude Stewart, the first secretary of the Cambridge Esperanto Society was married to Mr Everard Lamplough, a Fellow of Trinity. The wedding was very quiet and the only indication that it was unusual was the presence of white heather and 'verdaj steloj' – the green star of Esperantists. One of the telegrams read 'Koraj gratuloj de Doktoro Cunningham 'staffo', King's-parade. 07 09 04 # c.27.9

1907 09 04
A large shed caught fire in Mr Jarvis' timber yard in Cavendish Lane at Clare. He is captain of the Old Clare Fire Brigade and the engine, which is kept near, was run down to the stream in the cricket meadow. The Town Brigade was also summonsed and together the fire was got under control and an old railway carriage, used as a store, was saved. 07 09 04

1907 09 04
'The Cambridge and District Property Register' published by Hockey, estate agents, comprises a list of 200 houses to be let or for sale. They vary in price from £75 to £2,500 with rents from £14 to £100. There is also a list of shops and business premises including seven lodging-houses. With several excellent coloured views this register is a very creditable production
07 09 04a # c.06

1907 09 05

A family has fled a two room, one up and one down, cottage in the parish of St Andrew-the-Less because of a supernatural visitation. Mysterious knockings come from beneath a truckle bed in which an eight-year old, named Rose, sleeps with another girl. People have tried to reproduce the noise by shaking the bed, stamping on the floor and striking the wall. The floorboards have also been taken up without result. Hard-headed men who pooh-poohed the story waited outside and distinctly heard the noises which only happen when Rose is in the bed, asleep. 07 09 05 & a # c.39 # GHOST

1907 09 06
Mountaineering tragedy, p3

1907 09 07
The Cambridge 'ghost' has declined further manifestations for the delectation of hundreds of curious persons who, having discovered its situation, throng the narrow thoroughfare at all hours up to midnight. Neighbours discuss little else: Rose the girl at the centre of the disturbance, is the offspring of a former marriage, her mother having been married a second time. The theory is that the spirit of her deceased father is endeavouring to communicate with her, for monetary advantage 07 09 07 & a

1907 09 07
Two CDN reporters waited for hours at the 'haunted cottage' with all the paraphernalia for bogus-spook-laying. News of the investigation had leaked out and the street was filled with men, women and children whose remarks were overheard by those behind the drawn blinds. Some agreed they were foolhardy and a bottle of brandy was a necessary item – but a spook-hunter is a teetotaller if he is wise. As the hours progressed the crowds melted away before the persuasions of the police. 07 09 07a

1907 09 07
News reporters in the Cambridge 'haunted house' heard a 'thump-thump-thump' repeated twice. Had the spook obliged? Not a bit of it – the sound came from next door. Either the neighbour found a spot which required hammering or he thought he would reward the investigators with something to investigate. No noises have ever occurred after eleven o'clock so the pair packed up their paraphernalia and left without having heard anything more ghostly than the scratching of rats and mice. But outside the excitement remains as real as ever 07 09 07 & a

1907 09 07
Arthur Deck, senior, is Cambridge's oldest balloonist. In 1877, when he made an ascent from York, he initiated the custom of throwing cards from a balloon with a request that they should be posted by the finder in 1877. At that time considerable nerve was needed to brave the almost unknown dangers of high altitude. His adventures have not been confined to this side of the channel: many years ago he made an ascent from Paris 07 09 07b

1907 09 07
One hundred years ago all kinds of goods from furniture to cheese were sold at Stourbridge Fair. But it is now only a shadow of what it used to be. When the Mayor proclaimed it on 4th September the only sign of anything unusual was one solitary gipsy brush van. It continues until October 16th but only about the 26th does anything in the nature of a fair take place. The railway has probably had more than anything to do with the dying out of these ancient marts 07 09 07c # c.27.3

1907 09 07
The University has extended the area within which lodging-house licences will be granted as the number of Freshmen expected to take up residence is so large. That might seem good news for lodging-house keepers and traders generally but the real reason is the steady growth of the suburban areas. A comparison between lodging houses in some of our closely-packed central streets and those in the roomy, healthy suburbs is in favour of the latter. 07 09 07 # c.27.4

1907 09 07

Suffolk County Council says Haverhill Council School boys' department has four certified and three uncertified teachers for 271 pupils – according to the code this is sufficient for an attendance of 365. The girls and infants departments are also over-staffed and the Managers should take steps to reduce expenditure. But the Managers say they did not appoint the staff – the County had and they kept contradicting themselves. 07 09 07

1907 09 09
General Sir John French and 80 army officers arrived in Cambridge by special train with 27 cars containing Army Motor Reserve officers joining them at Trinity College from all parts of the country. They are part of the 'Blue' army, a Continental power capable of mobilising three million troops, which has landed on the East coast after 'Redland' – the UK – lost command of the sea. The exercise is designed to give the higher commanders an opportunity of considering the strategical problems and working out tactics. 07 09 09 # c.45.4

Newmarket cinema fire, p3*

1907 09 10
Post Office telegraph messenger boys are subject to a short drill every morning; they learn discipline, obedience and punctuality and can become members of the Albert Institute with its facilities for further education and sport. They must leave the job when aged 16 and have previously become postmen. But now half the vacancies have to be reserved for ex-servicemen and the Cambridge Postmaster has a list of boys ready for jobs in the outside world. 07 09 10 # c.27.7 # c.32.1

Newmarket fire, p4*
General French, p3*

1907 09 12
Newmarket deaths, p3

1907 09 14
Cambridge is taking very placidly the invasion of East Anglia by a foreign foe under the command of that redoubtable warrior, Sir John French. The brilliant cavalry leader is comfortably ensconced in rooms at Trinity College and in the quietude of the Great Court can carry out his plans for the annihilation of the British troops. 07 09 14 # c.45.4

Arnold freezing room, p4*
Fen Dtton allotments p4*

1907 09 16
Newmarket fire, p3

1907 09 18
Newmarket fire, p3*

1907 09 18
Cambridge Chronicle – new company set up to acquire it – A.T. Naylor secretary – 07 09 18 # c.04

1907 09 19
Newmarket inquest, p4

1907 09 20
Now that the price of coal is abnormally high and most articles in the household bill have become dearer, it is a matter of moment to the thrifty housewife that bread has risen to sixpence for a four-pound loaf. It is said that a portion of the Canadian wheat crop is frosted, the US crop is threshing out

badly and the Russian crops may have failed. But fierce competition between soap manufacturers has brought down the price by a half-penny a tablet 07 09 20

1907 09 23
Fen Ditton parish council's efforts to acquire the land occupied as allotments have proved futile. They had valued the land at £30 per acre and been prepared to bid up to £34, which would enable the allotments to be let at £2 per acre. But they were outbid by Mr T. Musgrave Francis who bought it for £1,370. 07 09 23

1907 09 24
Cambridge has been favoured with a visit from Mr Smyth-Piggott, the self-styled 'Messiah' and leader of the Agapemonites. He has a marked distaste for publicity but, unfortunately for the Prophet of Free Love's retiring disposition, he adopts a mode of travel which is not conductive to secrecy. Motor cars are not quite so common that a powerful machine, equipped with a comfortable tonneau, can pull up before a modest house in a quiet street where the sect is wont to meet without attracting attention. 07 09 24 # c.83

1907 09 24
Cambridge Councillors considered the question of the old corn merchant's buildings on Peas Hill which were damaged by fire in 1904. The whole of the site, including the houses in Wheeler Street, should be used for municipal buildings with the basement and ground floor as an extension to the Central Library 07 09 24a

1907 09 24
Cambridge Automobile Company applied for a licence to store 1,000 gallons of petroleum and 200 lbs of carbide of calcium on their premises in Hobson Street. The petrol would be stored in an underground chamber, brick-built and lined with concrete. The Inspector of Explosives is satisfied so the council will recommend approval. 07 09 24a # c.26.48

Three Tuns removal, p4

1907 09 25
A clergyman of the Church of England, formerly curate of Hauxton, with two small children dependent on him, told the court that his income was £150 a year and he was very much in debt. Recently he changed his curacy, but that had put him further in debt. He was unable to get a suitable house except at a price he really could not afford to pay. Now he'd arranged with his Vicar that £25 of his salary should be set aside every half-year to pay his creditors. 07 09 25

Rail strike threat, p3

1907 09 26
A College Fellow sued an undergraduate for nearly £100. He had paid the lad's loans, lodgings and tobacconist's bill and given him a horse as a present, together with a quantity of saddlery, which he'd kept in his stables for nothing. But then they'd quarrelled. The judge said it was the most disgraceful case he'd ever tried 07 09 26 # c.36.9

1907 09 27
The Board of Trade report on the explosion at the Saxon Portland Cement works in Coldham's Lane found that the economiser had been in a very defective condition for some time. The explosion resulted in its complete demolition with portions of pipes being projected a considerable distance and the brickwork of the economiser chamber being completely demolished. A fireman was leaning out one of the flues when the explosion lifted up the footplate on which he was standing and threw him against the wall. 07 09 27

1907 09 27

Sir – the cartage of the sewage filth into Milton is again in full swing. Considering the outbreak of fever at the Hospital and at Cherry Hinton everyone must agree this is a terrible risk to run and it should be stopped. Crude sewage was run as usual on Sunday down a ditch to Baitsbite Lock which should supply the lower fen with pure water. This is within a few feet from where the University boats start, and would hardly commend itself to rowing clubs – 'Ratepayer' 07 09 27 # c.21.1

1907 09 28
Photo club dinner, p4

1907 09 30
Magdalene welcomes member English Royal Family as undergraduate for first time – Prince Leopold of Battenberg – 07 09 30b # c.02 # c.36.9

1907 09 30
The links of the newly-formed Haverhill Golf Club are situated in a pretty bit of country to the front of Sturmer Hall and though but little time has elapsed since the idea of forming a club was mooted, they have been put into fair trim. The greens were somewhat rough and hard with dry weather, so played badly. But with rain and a good bit of rolling it could become a good course in time. 07 09 30

1907 09 30
Many recall the 'Knocking Ghost of Barton' when a succession of thumps were heard in a farmhouse and many a skilled ghost-layer were at their wits' end for an explanation. The real reason was hit upon by accident. Near at hand was a stable and beneath the floor was a disused iron pipe. When the horse kicked the sound was communicated to the house but so muffled and mysterious that no other cause than the supernatural was supposed. The Barton ghost had a good run before being run to earth. - 07 09 30a # c.39 # GHOST

1907 09 30
Four young fellows were summonsed for gaming with cards in a public place on a Sunday afternoon. Two policemen swore they were playing at 'brag'; one had watched them through a field glass and the defendants thought that his evidence was not admissible. He claimed they'd sat in a circle reading a newspaper and that he had not touched a pack of cards for four months. But on being searched before taken to the cells he was found to have a well-thumbed pack of cards in his pocket! - 07 09 30a

1907 09 30
What extraordinary weather we are experiencing! It reached its climax on September 25th when the hottest day of the year was reported and those on holidays are getting interest for delaying the spending of their annual vacation. The appearance of gardens is not synonymous with autumn, Strawberries are now providing a good crop, whilst roses are doing very well. - 07 09 30b # c.12

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1907 10 01
The photographic world is agog just now in regard to the new colour photography. Two methods for producing plates in natural colours have been recently discovered. Now Fred Stoakley, who made the first 'three-colour' photograph seen in Cambridge, has produced an autochrome plate using the Lumiere or starch grain process. It is a flower study of geraniums, asters and petunias. - 07 10 01 # c.65.5

1907 10 01
The value of the modern method of identifying prisoners by their fingerprints received startling testimony at Clare Petty Sessions when a labourer was convicted of stealing an umbrella from the Rector of Stradishall. A gardener saw the man carrying a coat partly covering an umbrella and took it from him. Police later detained him, took his fingerprints and sent them to Scotland Yard who identified him as a habitual offender. - 07 10 01a

1907 10 03
A tiny bedroom in a cottage occupied by an agricultural labourer was turned into a courtroom when magistrates investigated a fracas between two old Impington men resulting in one, aged over 90, being severely injured. The room is pleasantly situated looking out upon garden grounds and while the wheels of justice were grinding slowly inside, the noisier machinery incidental to threshing operations was in motion outside. Grey-bearded, bald-headed, round-shouldered and tremulous with age, the 73-year-old accused seemed quite incapable of committing a savage assault. - 07 10 03

1907 10 05
A falling horse-chestnut from one of the Emmanuel College trees contributed to the gaiety of passers-by. Stepping smartly along the street was an elderly gentleman and perched upon his head was a beautifully-brushed silk hat. As he passed under the tree there was a resounding thud as a conker struck the side of the hat and bounced upon his shoulders. He thought a boy had aimed the chestnut at his dignity, cursed his bones, derided his ancestors and threatened his life with his stick. An amiable citizen explained the real cause and the gentleman strode away more than half convinced that he was in league with the rascal in playing him a scurvy trick. - 07 10 05a

1907 10 05
There is no public house at Haddon in Huntingdonshire and it has long been the custom for a small committee to order barrels of beer which was served to the villagers and visitors in feast week in a tent where dancing and merrymaking took place. The brewer's account was made out to 'Haddon & Co" and collections were made to pay for the beer. But now the Inland Revenue has fined the two labourers who stored the beer and took around the hat for selling it without a licence. Two men, aged 75 and 64, said the custom had existed all their lives, those who ordered the beer being recompensed by all the villagers. - 07 10 05b

Sangers circus, p3*
Shelford residents, p4*

1907 10 07
A Royston man describes his experiences in America: my health gave way and I found myself utterly destitute. Desirous of getting home again I went round the wharves until I secured the position of a "cattleman's stiff". We had 460 head on board – very dangerous work as these wild-cattle get very nasty on the long journey. During a storm the whole deck cargo of live stock was washed away. After 17 days of severe hardship we finally docked at Liverpool. I was back in the old country – a poorer, sadder, but I trust wiser man. - 07 10 07 & a # EMIGRATION

1907 10 08
Charles Henry Swornsbourne was as well-known as any man in Cambridge. He was an albino, possessing unnaturally white skin, hair and eyebrows and pink eyes. 'Whiteheaded Bob' was a talented violinist who, years ago, attended undergraduate 'wine parties' accompanied by a harpist named Calcott. He led the band at the A.D.C. from its foundation, was musical director for the Bijou Amateurs and provided music for the Beefsteak Club when they met at the Lion Hotel. - 07 10 08 # c.31 # c.69

1907 10 09
Christopher Taylor, agricultural labourer of Wisbech Road, Littleport claimed eight shillings a week under the Workmen's Compensation Acts. He had been working for Charles Jones of First Willow Row Farm when there had been a storm of sleet and rain, stopping work. He'd left his tools, taken off his long boots and put on his shoes to walk home but had slipped on a plank crossing a drain and injured his knee. The court agreed that his employment did cover his journey to and from work and the claim was upheld. - 07 10 09 & a

1907 10 09

Grantchester churchyard would become full within a year. They could purchase additional space - one acre would serve for the next 50 years - and there was land available on three sides of the churchyard. However no burial ground could be opened within 100 yards of a house if the occupier objected. Alternatively they could adopt the Burials Act which meant the Parish Council had to take responsibility and pay for it out of the rates.- 07 10 09b

1907 10 10
Ever since the Cambridge University Rugby Football ground was acquired in Grange Road ten years ago, the absence of dressing rooms has been a problem. When famous clubs like the 'Springboks' and 'All Blacks' visited they had to change in the cottage at the corner of the ground. Now the new pavilion contains showers, lavatories and kitchens with a stand for 200 people. The old roofless wooden stand, long regarded as an eyesore, has been moved to the opposite side of the ground - 07 10 10 # c.38 : rugby

1907 10 11
St Mark's church, Newnham Croft, presented a scene of unwonted beauty and impressiveness when a large congregation assembled to witness the dedication of the new organ. It will meet a need which has been long felt, the harmonium being quite inadequate to lead the singing. The organ was built by Messrs Norman and Beard, is a two manual with 11 stops and cost £276. - 07 10 11

1907 10 12
Firemen fought a blaze in the roof of house in Rose Crescent. Underneath was the Modes and Ladies' Outfitting Establishment, carried on by Miss Hutchings and a large quantity of her stock was spoilt by the streams of water. After the fire was out the assistants were kept busy in removing hats and other goods from the shop. 07 10 12

1907 10 12
It is always interesting to see the young freshmen come up in October with their fathers, mothers, sisters, cousins or aunts. As you gaze upon their fresh faces, full of hope and expectation, you think of how their devoted parents will deny themselves many luxuries in order that their sons may receive the best possible education. But the freedom from restraint often proves too much for those not possessed of strong wills. The University is not the place for them – as they learn to their sorrow. 07 10 12a

1907 10 12
When Sanger's Circus marched into Cambridge from Newmarket, a roadman was sitting by the side of the road near the 'Paper Mills' devouring his breakfast. The observant eye of one of the elephants was quick to perceive this, and stretching out his trunk he 'commandeered' the poor man's basket, which contained his dinner as well.
07 10 12b

Poole's Myriorama, p3

1907 10 14
Railway crisis, p4

1907 10 15
Temperance Societies have every reason to rejoice: the Cambridge of today is far more sober than 50 years ago and far less money is now spent on intoxicants. The first society was the Independent Order of Rechabites in 1841 but this closed after the 'Illegal Assemblies' Act. It was revived in 1905. Now 3,300 adults and children pledged to total abstinence paraded on Parker's Piece. 07 10 15

1907 10 15
A fire occurred at the Fitzroy Street premises of Messrs Sturton. The possibilities of a similar conflagration to that which occurred at Laurie and McConnal's establishment a few years ago seemed probable for close by were a large number of paraffin barrels and tanks containing oil. Capt Greef and

20 firemen were soon on the scene with the horsed fire escape and the steam fire engine was got out in readiness. But their services were not required as P.C. Gee, assisted by several civilians, extinguished the flames. 07 10 15a

1907 10 17
Cottages in Cave's Yard, Union Road, Chesterton are as about as bad as any in the district, an inquest into an infant was told. Vermin found on the child's body were not the fault of the mother: it would be impossible to keep such a house in that district free from vermin; the district ought to be burnt down. The slums in Old Chesterton are as bad as any you will find in London, a doctor testified. But people had to live somewhere. 07 10 17

King Newmarket accident, p3*
Ely Blakeman embezzlement, p4

1907 10 19
Last year there was hardly a punt available, and before that such a thing was not known in Cambridge. Yet this summer every boatyard possessed quite a flotilla of these comfortable craft, which were in great demand. Like golf, punting seems to have contributed in great measure to the humour of the nation and funny spectacles have not been entirely absent from our local ditch. Every dog has his day, and it is pretty evident the 'Canader' canoe has almost had his 07 10 19

1907 10 19
Extra fair on Midsummer Common – too many – 07 10 19

1907 10 19
The public telephone, placed at a railway station, in a shop or hotel is one of the cheapest and most useful of modern conveniences. The telephoned message is far quicker than the telegram and there are over 500,000 telephones in the country. The National Telephone Company has already established over 7,800 'call offices' so one is seldom out of sight of one of the familiar public telephone signs. 07 10 19

1907 10 21
An interesting wedding took place at St Luke's Church when the Master of St John's College, Rev Charles Taylor, (67), was married to Miss Margaret Dillon. Dr Taylor is a noted Hebrew scholar, theologian and mathematician who was Vice Chancellor of the University in 1887. Miss Dillon supports the Factory Girls' Holiday Fund and is a prominent member of the Women's Total Abstinence Union. 07 10 21

1907 10 23
Discoveries in King's Lane – archaeology – 07 10 23

1907 10 15
Scene at Linton church – vicar denounced during service – 07 10 25

1907 10 30
Serious affray – Lord Glerawly injured, Cherry Hinton baby choked – 07 10 30

1907 10 31
Fire mineral water works, Hobson Street – 07 10 31

1907 10 31
Mr Payne Garnett, the art master of the Leys School, is a versatile artist who has discovered many beauty spots in Swaffham. He shows the neighbourhood of Reach and the fens during the four seasons. There is a night scene, the moonlight gently illuminating a typical piece of Fen scenery and

another of a deserted village road covered with hardened snow, so full of atmosphere that you need an overcoat. 07 10 31a

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1907 11 01
Photo frauds, p4

1907 11 02
The old Volunteer force has ceased to exist after a splendid record of 50 years' service. Now territorial battalions will be under county organisations and in touch with the county line battalions on the one hand and the civilian population on the other. In Cambridgeshire the Lord Lieutenant, Viscount Clifden, has already invited a number of county gentlemen, military and civilian, to confer with him. Unless it has the hearty support of all classes there would be no alternative to compulsory military service.07 11 02 & a, c, d

1907 11 02
Ely accidents, p3*
Army, p4

1907 11 04
New Theatre rowdyism, p3*# c.76
Ely station fatality – 07 11 04 & a

1907 11 04
An alarming fire occurred in a bedroom at Homerton College after one of the students placed a candle near an open window and left the room. On her return she found the curtains enveloped in a mass of flame. A tutor, hearing her scream, rushed into the room and managed to extinguish the flames with a patent fire extinguisher, The college fire alarm did not act efficiently, being heard in some parts and not in others. Thus while girls rushed out of the building in their night attire a dance in another part of the college continued. 07 11 04b

1907 11 05
Holy Trinity church redecoration – 07 11 05b

1907 11 05
A brewer's drayman was fined for hawking beer. An Inland Revenue officer said he saw a boy stop a cart belonging to William Pegg, brewer of Newmarket Road, and say "They want you over there", pointing to some men engaged in harvesting. The man had taken them a gallon jar off the cart for which he received one shilling. It was extremely unfair to sell beer that way as it took away from the custom of those who were legally entitled to sell it. The brewer said he had told the drayman not to sell beer without an order; the brewing business was a hobby of his and he would not be intentionally guilty of an illegal practice. 07 11 05 & a

1907 11 06
Gooseberry mildew – 07 11 06
Bonfire night, p3

1907 11 07
Chesterton 'slums' – 07 11 07 & a # c.23
Female Refuge chapel, p3

1907 11 08
Beaconsfield Club miniature rifle range opens – 07 11 08, 08a

1907 11 09
Suffragist meeting, p4

1907 11 11
King & Queen of Spain in Cambridge – 07 11 11 # c.02
Chamberlain visit. P4

1907 11 12
Rag foiled; Christ's Pieces bandstand guard by police, bonfire extinguished, Victoria Bridge defended – 07 11 12

1907 11 13
Cambridge Photographic Club exhibition shows colour transparencies by Fred Stoakley – autochrome – also Squires, Farren - 07 11 13, 13a, 07 11 23a # c.65.5

1907 11 14
Ely High Bridge, p3

1907 11 15
McLeod funeral, p3

1907 11 16
Rags – police decline to make martyrs of students; Problem of domestic servants – 07 11 16 & a
Servants, p4*
Lensfield Rifle Club, p4

1907 11 20
Buiders bankruptcy, p3

1907 11 21
Royston 'Old Palace' to be sold – 07 11 21
Allin banker, p4

1907 11 23
Burwell smallholdings, p3
Colour photography, p4*

1907 11 23
Bogus death notice of Mr Branch inserted in CDN as practical joke; causes distress – 07 11 23

1907 11 26
Record mock funeral – lengthy procession of cabs for Caius undergraduate out too late after motor car broke down – 07 11 26 # c.36.96

1907 11 27
Stetchworth Dairy supplies 400 gallons to 18 colleges and 1,800 families daily from King Street depot – feature – 07 11 27, 27a # c.27

1907 11 28
Burwell Cement Works gutted by fire – 07 11 28

1907 11 29
Norman Cement Work fatality – man drawn into machinery – 07 11 29, 29a
Licenses, p3*

1907 11 30
Ashley water, p3

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1907 12 02
Real old Cambridge – memories of Pepys & Dick Turpin – 07 12 02, 02a

1907 12 04
"The Fighting Fullers" were three brothers who served in the Indian Mutiny and the Crimean War. John Fuller who lives at Newton fought at the Alma, Balaclava and Sebastopol. His brother James was invalidated out of the army with a pension of 8d a day – which a grateful country halved. But Lord Wolseley sent him £5 and got the pension raised to 9d. Nathan Fuller was wounded by a piece of shell but in those days the British soldier had to endure suffering bravely and he could not be spared from the fighting to go to hospital. Later he lost all his toe nails from frost bite. 07 12 04 & a # c.45.4

1907 12 05
Indian mutiny, p3*

1907 12 07
When the Cambridge station Night Inspector heard of a fire at Bishops Stortford he despatched telegrams summoning workers from their homes. A truck specially designed for the conveyance of the fire engine is always kept ready but the engine itself is kept unmounted, ready for local fires. Within an hour a special train comprising a locomotive, the fire-emergency truck and a brake van was thundering down the line as, on board, a little band of half-a-dozen men busied themselves with preparations for the grim contest that lay before them. - 07 12 07 # c.26.2 # c.34.75

1907 12 07
Swaffham Bulbeck windmill has passed into the hands of the destroyers. For some time past the top portion of the building, which is over a century old, has been unsafe and as it has only been used occasionally for grinding 'grist' to have spent £100 on its repair would have meant financial loss to the owner. The brickwork foundation, about ten feet in height, will be left and roofed over. - 07 12 07 # WINDMILL

Cement inquest, p3

1907 12 10
Thirty years ago there was far more drinking and drunkenness amongst undergraduates than now. There are still occasions when too much wine is drunk, such as when the college boat goes out of training and the end of the Lent and May Races. But what else could be expected with 3,000 young fellows drawn from every kind of home and rank of society? - 07 12 10 # c.36.9

1907 12 10
"For an isolated policeman to be attacked and beaten to death by eight or ten students is an occurrence which happens almost once a week at Cambridge or Oxford", writes a correspondent in the 'Messagero', (Rome). He adds that it is common for a group of about 50 undergraduates to wreck a shop as if a dynamite bomb had exploded in it when "the honest tradesman had refused them credit". In the theatre undergraduates do what they like, interrupt the actresses, start discussions with the actors on the stage, beat the orchestra and upset the stalls, he alleges. - 07 12 10 # c.36.9

1907 12 10
Gurteen, Haverhill, theft of cloth – 07 12 10a

1907 12 11

Cambridge undergraduates joined the 'Brown Dog' agitation in sympathy with members of University College London who feel they have been libelled by anti-vivisectors. They object to an inscription on the statue of a dog in Battersea Recreation Ground which reads: "In memory of the brown terrier dog done to death in the laboratories of University College. Also in memory of the 252 dogs vivisected during the year 1902." Students planned to remove the statue and throw it into the river. But the 'secret' arrangements were too well known to the police. - 07 12 11 # c.36.9

Theatre scenes, p3

1907 12 14
Suffragettes, unable to gain admission to the Guildhall, held a meeting outside in the rain. Two ladies from the Women's Social and Political Union picketed the entrance, distributing leaflets. Then they climbed on a market stall and addressed the crowd. To the credit of Cambridge the ladies were accorded a very fair hearing, but when Mr Keeling of Trinity mounted the platform there was such an uproar that, though his mouth was seen to be moving, not a word could be heard. Later they were surrounded by such a crowd that the police escorted them to a four-wheeler which drove off. - 07 12 14 & a # c.33 # SUFFRAGETTE # WOMEN

1907 12 14
Whatever the detractors say about the 'unsexed suffragette", the little band of "pesterers" who visited Cambridge last night amply vindicated their femininity. Mr Haldane, the War Minister's last memories of our town will not be the ringing cheers of his supporters but the shaken fists of the suffragettes as they shouted 'Votes for Women". As his car glided out of Downing Street there was a flutter of petticoats and a liberal display of shapely ankles and the suffragettes were at the windows, shouting their battle cries. - 07 12 14d # c.33 # WOMEN

1907 12 14
Cambridge Gas Light Company told a meeting in St Mark's parish room that they would erect street columns, lanterns and piping, ready for lighting in any street in Newnham where the mains were laid and also lay mains in King's Road and Selwyn Road. They would keep lights burning all night for £2 12s 3d per lamp, including gas, lighting and extinguishing them, maintaining mantles and keeping the lamps clean and in repair. This was agreed unanimously. - 07 12 14c # c.24.4

1907 12 14
There is considerable perturbation in regard to the application of the Prevention of Corruption Act to the time-honoured custom of giving and receiving Christmas boxes. The house-wife may still give her maid a half-crown upon Christmas morning, the master may have the satisfaction of a grin from his man upon receipt of a similar sum, the postman may still be rewarded with his Yuletide trifle. But beyond Christmas boxes of this character is it not safe to go. - 07 12 14b # c.39 # CHRISTMAS

Ely gale, p3*
Chesterton nurses, p4*

1907 12 16
Bailey and Tebbutt have been tenants of the Nags Head public house since September 1898; they have carried out every requirement of the agreement and expended a considerable sum on inside repairs. They are prepared to continue hire it at £28 18 6 a year, councillors were told. It was council policy not to disturb old tenants who have proved satisfactory so the Town Council was instructed to prepare the agreement. - 07 12 16

1907 12 16
Musgrave, card sharp, arrested – stole from undergraduates at Bull Hotel – 07 12 16a, 07 12 28d

1907 12 17

Hauxton School should be closed to children who have passed the third standard and they must attend Shelford or Harston schools, the Education authority decided in the interests of economy. But parents objected and eight were summoned for not sending their children to school. It meant a walk of a mile-and-a-half, they would get wet and sit in wet things all day as there was no chance of drying them. But the entire school population of Wood Ditton, Croxton and Eltisley had to walk that distance. - 07 12 17 & a

Gurteen thefts, p3

1907 11 19
Nags Head, p3
Mutiny funeral, p3
1907 12 20
According to artists Santa Claus no longer drives his Russian sleigh; he is now more generally depicted in a magnificent motor car such as those from the Cambridge Automobile Company. Their works and garage in Hobson Street are open day and night, Sundays included, and all repairs effected by a staff of skilled mechanics. - 07 12 20

1907 12 20
Although most people like to associate this season with snow-covered ground we must look instead for rain and wind. A visit to the Central Rubber Company's shop will fortify one against all the elements. Stout galoshes and rubber-boots, well-made waterproofs and overcoats are all supplied at reasonable prices. A gift that would be specially appreciated is a rubber water bottle, of which there is a large selection. - 07 12 20

1907 12 20
Everyone's digestion is impaired at Christmas by the quantity of unsuitable food which our tyrannous English customs force us to consume. When your gastric juices are quite dried up, a length or two of toothsome tripe (fresh boiled daily) purchased at Edwards' Tripe Shop, 36 Fitzroy Street, will soon put you right. - 07 12 20

1907 12 21
The Histon P.S.A. string band has been in existence 12 years. It is composed of Histonians only, and amateurs at that, but under the baton of Mr F. Frohock they have gained much success. Concert giving is however only a secondary object, the primary one being that of helping the Rev R. Smith with his men's meetings, when they give selections such as the 'Hallelujah Chorus in a masterly style - 07 12 21

1907 12 24
The annual suppers in connection with the Share-Out clubs have been taking place. The Midland Tavern club had been of much assistance during the rather heavy sickness but each member received 16s 1d. (80p). The Bentinck Arms, Castle Street provided a capital supper for 30 members while each member at the Rose and Tulip was entitled to £1 7s 4d (£1.36) - 07 12 24

1907 12 24
Mrs Mary Boon who kept a lodging house at Soham told an inquest that she could put up eleven men at her place. The deceased lodged occasionally with her and had been coming backwards and forwards several years. He was a steady man but had a glass of beer when he could afford it. His trade was to sharpen saws. Nobody knew his name but he answered to 'Bill'. He had paid 4d for his night's shelter and left for Ely but was found beside the road and died at Newmarket workhouse - 07 12 24

1907 12 27
Those unfortunate persons who are forced to accept the Workhouse as their home have little in the course of a year to look forward to, at any rate with pleasure. But at Chesterton Workhouse work is suspended on Christmas Day and they are allowed to spend as happy a time as possible. Gifts of

tobacco, oranges and toys were distributed which helped to while away what would otherwise have been somewhat monotonous hours. - 07 12 27

1907 12 27
Boxing Day coursing, Quanta – 07 12 27b

1907 12 27
Upon Christmas Eve an inquiry was held into the sad circumstances of the death of an engine driver in the employ of the Midland Railway Company. A family man who lived at Kettering, he was instantaneously killed by a passing train at Histon Station as he was about to be relieved from duty. About half the train passed over the body and his scalp was cut clean off - 07 12 27a

1907 12 28
Hauxton school – interview with vicar – 07 12 28b
Christmas customs – decoration – no yew with holly, must remove every berry by Candlemas or misfortune; 'A green Christmas, a fat churchyard' – 07 12 28d

1907 12 28
The Somerset Winter Employment Fund has found work for 30 men at the University Botanic Garden. Some have been leaf raking, others clipping hedges, cutting trees or digging plantain out of grass. They were labourers, painters, carpenters and bricklayers, many of them with families dependent on them. Subscriptions have been received chiefly from members of the University but there is good reason more should come from townspeople – the garden is freely open to the public. 07 12 28a

1907 12 28
About 100 were present at the Misses Storey's Christmas dance at the Victoria Assembly Ball Rooms, prettily decorated with ferns, mistletoe and festoons. Two new dances, the Empire barn dance and the Esperanto figured in the programme. There being a dearth of Valeta music Mr Oliver Clifton has produced a pretty composition named 'The Storey' which he played on the piano with Mr G. Jackson on violin. Dancing continued until 2.15 am. 07 12 28

1907 12 28
A pretty wedding took place at Swaffham Bulbeck when James Fordham married Emily Nash, both of whom are deaf. The bride was dressed in cashmere silk with a hat trimmed with chiffon. The service was interpreted to the numerous deaf friends in the deaf and dumb manual language by Mr G. Mackenzie, Cambridge missioner to the deaf. 07 12 28c

1907 12 28
Witchcraft – cure for horses who bewitched – horse had power of seeing ghosts – to cure it gather water from pools nearest the door of the stable, poured into an earthenware bottle with five nails from the shoes of the horse and a few other ingredients and cast upon the fire, muttering an incantation. When bottle burst farmer was affrightened at his own witchcraft and fled – 07 12 28 d & e

1907 12 31
The Cambridge Railway Building Works, better known as the firm of William Saint and Sons, entertained 170 employees to dinner at the Lion Hotel. It started in 1880 and the first job was two villas on Mill Road, later came the Cattle Market contract but Westminster College, in 1900 was the largest project they had ever tackled. They were known for the quality and execution of their work which was due to men such as Vigers, Hodson, Coe, Willmott, Taylor, Lobb and Haynes. 07 12 31 & a

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1908 01 03
Trinity College has received the stupendous sum of £400,000 under the will of Sir William Pearce. If invested it would bring in £16,000 annually. What will it do with the money? The question has been asked over and over again. The college might extend towards the Backs where there is ample space for more than one court or it might hand over a portion to the University which is badly in need of funds. 08 01 03

1908 01 03
John Tolliday has resigned his letter-carrying duties after 50 years as chief postman at Histon and no-one will begrudge him his well-earned rest after so many years of faithful service. When he first took over he had 40 letters to deliver on an ordinary day. Now the daily delivery averages close upon 500. But he is not resigning from the office of sub postmaster and villagers hope he will be spared many years to discharge his duties. 08 01 03a

1908 01 03
On Saturday morning a badger was noticed sitting in a hole near a haystack at High Town Drove, Burwell. The animal appeared to be very fierce and attacked a dog whose owner promptly killed it. It was shown to the Vicar who pronounced it a very fine specimen of the English badger. The owner took it to Newmarket for sale, where he was offered five shillings for it. He refused and took it back to Burwell where he eventually accepted one-and-six. It is many years since a badger has been seen here. 08 01 03b

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1908 01 10
A public inquiry was held following allegations as to the administration of the Allotments Charity at Great Wilbraham. A cottager with a right of common should not let it to anyone but an occupier of less than 20 acres who must be a resident. This rule has frequently been broken but the villagers were content with affairs and would suffer if the provisions were strictly adhered to. Quite who complained was not disclosed. 08 01 10 & a

1908 01 10
On dark winter mornings milking operations are conducted by lamplight at Newton Hall Farm. This part of the day's duties done, master and men left the cowsheds but one labourer noticed smoke curling from the barn. With this perturbing news he disturbed the well-earned breakfast of the farmer and his family and from that time the peaceful farm was the centre of a commotion and bustle, the like of which was previously unknown in Newton. Before the disastrous fire was finally checked some remarkable scenes occurred. 08 01 10c

1908 01 10
Josiah Chater came to Cambridge in 1843 as a clerk to Mr W. Eaden Lilley and commenced business as an accountant in 1850. He was a Director of the Cambridge Permanent Building Society and General Cemetery Company and secretary of the YMCA and Cambridge Street Tramways Company. He was one of the best-known and most-respected men in town. 08 01 10d

1908 01 10

Miss Sarah Hurst says she cashed a £10 cheque at Dalzell's grocers shop, Exning but as she approached Burwell station she was stopped by two men who threatened her with a knife and stole the change from her purse. She went home but did not tell her father until after supper as she did not want to disturb him. Police can find nothing to corroborate her story and a man who was shooting sparrows nearby says he heard nothing. But Sarah says she dared not call out and just wanted to get home with her gloves – she had a five pound note and three sovereigns tucked inside them. 08 01 10e

1908 01 10
Hundreds of London skating enthusiasts availed themselves of train excursions to the fens which presented a practically unlimited area of ice in good conditions. Miles and miles were available. Not since 1895 have Cambridge people had such a large extent of frozen river with a splendid run from the Railway Bridge to Baitsbite Locks. Even man's modern eyesores were transformed: telegraph and telephone poles were linked with strands of silken beauty and wire-netting was outlined in crystals with the fragile delicacy of old lace. 08 01 10 f & g

1908 01 10
Fire broke out at Bateman House, Bateman Street, the residence of Dr Rouse, Headmaster of the Perse School. A fire had been lighted in one of the bedrooms and mattresses placed round it for airing purposes. A maid informed PC Nelson who fetched the reel from the 'Globe'. The police force were enjoying their annual dinner, but a number were soon on the scene. A large crowd collected on the street and watched with interest the efforts of the firemen who used a hand-pump and buckets of water. 08 01 10g

1908 01 10
Everybody in Cambridgeshire is concerned in the attempt to induce the War Office to retain the 4th Battalion Suffolk Regiment, better known as the Cambs Militia. It now only trains once a year and inculcates habits of discipline to the men who join. During the Napoleonic wars it had an exciting time and went to Ireland in 1799. In 1816 they assisted the Royal Dragoons to overpower the Littleport rioters but by 1852 there was only an old sergeant major and some antiquated sergeants at Ely. 08 01 10 h i

Wilbraham common, p2*
Hallack chimney, p3*
King visits, p4
Holy Sepulchre roof, p5
Blighted hopes, p6*

1908 01 17
Ancient inhabitants rack their brains in vain for a parallel to the extraordinary weather of the past fortnight, bringing in its train a record crop of influenza. The changes from 20 degrees of frost to a damp muggy air and then back again have caused the National Skating Association to rearrange the Championships which took place at Lingay Fen in almost perfect conditions. The ice was hard and entries above average. 08 01 17b

1908 01 17
Mrs Holdich was born in Somersham 100 year ago. She remembers when each parish has its own Workhouse and her father, a farmer, ensured the poor had their Sunday dinner before he sat down to his. In the pre-vaccination days the village was half-decimated by attacks of small-pox, families dying as no one dared to enter the house to nurse them. Many suffered from fen ague and strangers who took up their abode in the village were certain to contract the complaint. 08 01 17

Bottisham, Lode and Hauxton have Church Schools where the clergy have the right of entry and control of religious education of Church of England children each morning. Hitherto the children of Nonconformists have been allowed to run about the village until the hour for religious instruction has concluded. Now they are to receive simple Bible teaching from the Council teachers. 08 01 17a

1908 01 17
Canada has many miles of fertile land only awaiting the plough and the harrow, the farmer and the fruit grower to yield an abundance of food to the world and increase the wealth of those who can and will work. For labourers of the 'right stuff' there is plenty of work, good homes and good wages. There is no room for fellows who won't work but unlimited opportunities for men who will, meetings at Cambridge Guildhall and Willingham were told. Emigrants should contact Mr A. Suttle, 109 Fitzroy Street, the agent for Canada. 08 01 17d & e

1908 01 17
Charles Thornhill, started as a baker at Littleport nine years ago. His father bought a horse and cart and things in the bakehouse and he got flour on credit. He continued for seven years, then was sold up for failing to pay the rent. Since then he had been working for his wife who allowed him two shillings a week for clothes, the bankruptcy court heard. 08 01 17f

1908 01 17
Hauxton school controversy – 08 01 17c

Militia meat, p5
Isleham wells, p8*

1908 01 24
A remarkable case occupied the attention of Ely magistrates when an assistant schoolmistress summonsed a Cottenham farmer in respect to the paternity of her child. Last year she'd obtained an order against the brother of the present defendant but now it appeared that she must have been mistaken. The two had met at Stretham feast but witnesses were unable to say which brother they'd seen her with as there was a great likeness between them. 08 01 24c

1908 01 24
A West Norfolk gamekeeper has shot and killed one of the luminous owls which have appeared in East Anglia of late. Whilst out one very dark night he saw a bright blue light pass close by his face. He fired at it and found a poor, old, half-starved barn owl dead on the ground. He thought it must have been gathering glow-worms as it was getting late in the winter. He has never seen another giving out any light. 08 01 24d

1908 01 24
The owner of the Cow and Calf public house in Shelley Row has told councillors that if they will surrender the licences for the Nag's Head and Baker's Arms pubs – which they own – then he will give up land to allow for the widening of Albion Row. If they agreed to extend his lease he'd also give land for the construction of more cottages and a backway to the Pound in St Peter's Street. 08 01 24a & b

1908 01 24
Landbeach Black Bull licensee – 08 01 24

1908 01 24
Gt Wilbraham and inclosure history – 08 01 24d & dd

1908 01 31
A strip of land near St Ives old bridge was the subject of an inquiry. Boys used to fish from it and bargees shortened their ropes there to go over the bridge. It had been considered as a site for public conveniences but instead they'd used the old toll house. Nobody had been stopped from using it. But now it would be needed to widen the bridge and Mr Horatio Wadsworth claimed a right to the surface of the land. 08 01 31

1908 01 31
Fire broke out in the warehouses of Messrs Robsons and sons, provision merchants of King Street, Saffron Walden and so rapid was the conflagration that the outlook was most serious. They are situated in the heart of the town, surrounded by old business premises constructed of material that would readily lend itself to the ravages of the flames and containing merchandise of a most inflammable nature. The warehouses were gutted, the whole of the stock destroyed. 08 01 31a

1908 01 31
For years bachelor Harris Norman lived the life of a miser in Romsey Town. He was endowed with a positive genius for accumulating money but never spent more than would suffice to keep soul and body together. He laid the foundations of his fortune as a hawker of cheap jewellery, then speculated in stocks and shares. In his will he bequeathed the whole of his property to be divided between Addenbrooke's Hospital and the London Jewish Synagogue. 08 01 31b – details 08 02 07 & a

University beagle brakes accident, Over – 08 01 31a

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1908 02 07
Alterations and additions to the Telephone Directory during the past month. Will telephone users made a particular note of the first three items, as they are printed in error in the official directory. 494 – W.H. Bansall, surgeon. 316 – Barker and Son, mineral water manufacturer. 408 – Bowes and Bowes, booksellers. 682 – Thomas Frohock, fruit and potation merchant. 159 G.N. Railway Co, passenger station. 660 - J.V. Pryor, fish merchant. 684 – Sidney college. 08 02 07d

A meeting was held at Isleham to explain the new Small Holdings Act. The soil is right, means of communication are all that can be desired and the class of people, if properly selected, are second to none. It would keep people on the land. The Rev Newling, Baptist pastor, said he helped at his brother's farm at Wisbech during the fruit season and often paid £50 a week for labour to the pickers on Saturday morning. 08 02 07 e

Linton magistrates heard of a disorder at Chequers, Shudy Camps where some furniture had been removed from the pub and carted away next day. The landlord, who was a single man, had introduced as his housekeeper an unsuitable young single women. This gave rise to some family difference. There had been frequent quarrels between the landlord and landlady at the Cross Keys, Sawston and the landlord of the Bell at Balsham had not prevented excessive drinking. 08 02 07g

The Ram beerhouse, Balsham, had existed previous to 1869, justices heard. There was a taproom, bar, kitchen, living-room and grocer's shop as well as four bedrooms. The back staircase and the stable roof was in bad repair. The tenant did a trade of about a dozen barrels of beer and six dozen bottled ale and stout a week. The population was 780 and there were five other fully-licensed pubs and three beer houses including the Five Ales. The licence was temporarily renewed. also Cherry Tree, Sawston Chequers, Shudy Camps, Bell at Balsham, George & Dragon, Castle Camps, White Hart, Linton. 08 02 07

The Hauxton school controversy was the subject of a public inquiry: it has been closed to older children who have to attend Harston or Shelford schools. Parents have refused to do this and a number of prosecutions have been instituted. Now they have employed a lawyer. The school was built for all standards but now it was likely the average attendance would fall and the council would close it completely. One mother said it was desirable a child should be allowed to go to school when it was four years old. 08 02 07 i & j.

St Ives bridge dispute, Wadsworth – 08 02 07b

CDN libel dispute with manure merchant – 08 02 07c

1908 02 15
Swaffham Prior had nine licenced houses, six full and three beer 'on' for a population of 950. The John Bull was in a dilapidated condition, it was next door to the Red Lion which had stables for four horses and had been put into a thorough state of repair. Bottisham have seven pubs; the Rose and Crown was in bad repair but the Swan had six bedrooms and a bakehouse. Cow and Hare, Rock Hotel, Fen Ditton|: Blue Lion, Fulbourn: Royal Oak, Bottisham: Rose and Crown, Swaffham Prior: John Bull, Reach: Uncle Tom's Cabin, Lt Wilbraham: Hole in the Wall. 08 02 15 & a & b

Colonel Barnet William Beales of Sidney Street, was a splendid type of local patriot. He was a pioneer in the Cambridge Volunteers, treasurer of the Church Defence Association and churchwarden of St Michael's. To mention all the associations of his long and honourable career would involve re-telling many pages of Cambridge history but he found time for the duties of an Income Tax Commissioner and the Panton Brewery. Nine years ago he was knocked down by a retriever dog and never completely recovered. 08 02 15f

Homeleigh, Mr Loman's new residence in Barton Mills, was the scene of disastrous fire. The stable contained three valuable mares, the coach house adjoining housed a carriage, dogcart, a Ralli car, light tumbrel, perambulator and new bicycle. At one end was an acetylene gas plant for lighting the whole establishment. Efforts were made to save the horses but it was impossible to rescue them and all three were literally roasted, nothing being left but a few charred remains. 08 02 15g

Some excitement was caused in Fulbourn by the descent of a large balloon with two aeronauts on board. Coming from the direction of Shelford it passed over the golf course and dropped into a field. The aerial travellers – one an old Trinity Hall man – said they left London at noon with Cambridge as their objective. The balloon was deflated and packed on a cart ready for the return journey per Great Eastern Railway. 08 02 15d

'Honest John' Burford embarked in the business of manufacturing perambulators and hard cash rolled into keep him in comfort. After he retired from the profitable premises in Trumpington Street his energy demanded an outlet which it found in public work. He was a Guardian of the Poor, Town Councillor, a keen supporter of Temperance, Sturton Town Liberals and the Salvation Army. But his chief hobby was the Cambridge Tramways Company; no company ever had a more devoted Director who worked hard for the dividends of the shareholder. Cambridge is the poorer because of his death but richer because of his life, said the Mayor. 08 02 15 & a & b

Little Hadham Rectory was practically destroyed by fire on Sunday. Bishop Stortford Fire Brigade were summoned and played on the flames with water from a pond in the grounds. Captain Lee and two men had a narrow escape, the roof and a dormer window causing a ceiling to fall in atop them. Fortunately they were unhurt, although their helmets were dented. 08 02 15c

1908 02 17
Bottisham traction engine without lights – 08 02 17a
Hillrow, Haddenham, child suffocated – 08 02 17b
Gt Wratting hair weaver death, West Wratting – 08 02 17bb & 08 02 22c

1908 02 18
Frank Andreae, known as 'The Fat Boy' to his friends, was stopped on Market Hill for not having the identification mark affixed to the back of his motor bicycle. He said he had travelled to Cambridge by train and it had been broken off during the journey. He had left his licence in his tool bag in London. He was very forgetful, magistrates were told, and had even forgotten to have breakfast before he attended the court. In that case it was doubtful whether he ought to be allowed to ride a motor bicycle, the Major commented. 08 02 18d

John Burford, p3*
Lt Hadham rectory fire, p3*
Fenland harvests, p4*

1908 02 19
An inquiry into Cambridge water supplies heard that the bulk of the sewage from the female side of Fulbourn Asylum was disposed of in the Rectory Field and that from the male to the west. This was found to be faulty, very faulty. In 1905 there was a serious outbreak of typhoid fever at Asylum with some 70 cases and 16 deaths after which Dr Copeman investigated. He did not want to be alarmist but an inquiry into possible sewage contamination would reassure the public. 08 02 19 & 20

1908 02 20
Water inquiry, p4*

1908 02 21
Linton licensing, p4*

1908 02 22
Castle Camps had an unnecessary number of licensed houses, Magistrates were told. The population of the village was 713 and there were eight licensed houses, being one to each 89 persons. There was only 85 yards between the George and the Cock Inns at Castle Camps and the latter, which was fully licensed, did much more trade. The George should be closed, even the tenant said there was not a living at the house. The magistrates renewed the licence and referred it to the Compensation Committee. 08 02 22

Lieut.-General R.S. Baden-Powell, the famous defender of Mafeking, propounded his 'fad' – peace scouting for boys as a means of instruction in good citizenship – before a large audience at the Perse School Hall. The Vice Chancellor gave apologies from the Bishop of Ely and various college Masters, all of whom were most heartily in sympathy with the objects of the meeting. 08 02 22

The body of a young woman was found in the river which runs alongside the road from Haverhill to Withersfield. The news of the discovery caused a painful sensation in the neighbourhood, for it is not a week since the suicide of a young man of Great Wratting. Both were hair weavers. 08 02 22a

Cambridge Guardians discussed the case of an old soldier who had served in the Crimea and the Indian Mutiny for whom they pad 2s 6d a week for a nurse. The old man had saved £20 out of his pension to pay for his funeral expenses, so that he should not be buried in a pauper's grave. But this had been seized by the relieving officer. They did not want the old man to have the money back so that his children should have the pleasure of spending it for their own comfort and then send him to the Union. 08 02 22a

Deep regret will be felt at the news of the death of Mr William Rayner, the well-known grocer and postmaster of Barrington. He was highly respected and the village will mourn the loss of one who was ever ready to help anybody or any cause whenever his assistance was asked. 08 02 22b

1908 02 24
Mrs Burford death – 08 02 24a
Gales, Wisbech church damaged – 08 02 24g

In tall scarlet lettering the name of 'Miss Florence Atkin' has been a poster that has appeared on every hoarding in Cambridge. The name is as familiar to concert-goers as Sarah Berhardt and Marie Hall. She was born in Cambridge and won a scholarship to the Perse School. But the discovery of her superb voice took place when she went to Miss Evans, the head-mistress of the Girls' County School.

Miss Evans has spent her life in an atmosphere of music, her one desire to find out and develop all that is best in a girl. She knew at once the importance of her find. 08 02 24a & b

1908 02 25
Cambridge suffragist meeting – 08 02 25c & d

The sale of the estate of Mr R.R. Rowe, late Borough Surveyor, includes a block of property mid-way between the station and the Post Office which would be suitable for the erection of a college, church, hotel or other business purposes. The residence known as Park House on Parkside, together with houses in Fitzroy Street, King Street and French's Road are also offered in the largest sale held in Cambridge for some long time. 08 02 25 & a & 29

Miss Sophia Smith told the court she had started a gymnasium for boys in Swaffham Bulbeck. But since it had been dissolved she had been constantly annoyed. Boys shouted 'How is the lady in tights'. She did not wear tights at the gymnasium: she wore a short skirt below her knees and knickerbockers. Her father said he'd had the granary cleared and fixed up as a gymnasium to keep the lads off the street. That was the way they abused him for his trouble. 08 02 25b

1908 02 26
Rings under eaves of houses – for fire? – 08 02 26 & a

1908 02 27
Canon Glazebrook's description of Ely as a "drunken, vicious, place" was a gross libel: last year only four Ely people were brought before the courts for drunkenness, councillors were told. If the Canon believed this he ought to leave off playing golf and give his time to suppressing drunkenness and vice. If not he should clear out of the place for fear the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah should come upon him. (Loud applause). 08 02 27

1908 02 29
Rowe sale, p3

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1908 03 04
A fire involving the total destruction of three business premises broke out in a narrow part of King Street, Saffron Walden. Following the serious fire at Messrs J.J. Robson's only a few weeks ago, it is curious to note this outbreak is next door. The street is very narrow and as flames shot across the road fear was entertained as to the safety of Mr Wabon's confectioners and Mr F. Furlong, gunsmith, which narrowly escaped destruction. 08 03 04

The price of butter has recently been exceptionally high and for many poorer families it is regarded as a luxury. Hallack and Bond say they had to increase their butter by 3d in the lb and even then were selling at almost cost price. The 'Butter Famine' has been caused by the formation of a 'ring' and wholesale merchants were very chary of buying in at the enhanced rate. Now almost all Cambridge establishments are selling at the old prices. 08 03 04a

1908 03 05
Sir – old houses in Bene't Street have rings under their eaves which are said to enable the roof to be pulled off in event of fire. But a few years ago I saw a bulky piece of furniture being drawn up to the second floor of one such property and taken in through the window. I noticed the ropes were passing through these rings under the eaves. It is obvious that to take a piano or large chest of drawers up the narrow winding staircases would be an impossibility so they were a wise provision - R. Cleaver, Chesterton. 08 03 05

A Horsley Hinton, photographer, appreciation – 08 03 05c

The Waggon and Horses on the corner of Burleigh Street and East Road already held a music licence. They had a commodious room capable of holding 50 people which they wished to use for public dancing once a week. But the Chief Constable said it was in an awkward part of Cambridge. A lot of people visited the house and it would not be well to offer further facilities. The licensee had his hands full in looking after the pub as it was at present. also Nags Head, Albion Row; Spotted Cow, Northampton St; Carpenter's Arms, King Street. 08 03 05 a & b

1908 03 06
A serious fire broke out at Mr S.H. Whitechurch's farm at Harlton, a village just beyond Lord's Bridge. Dr Wingate, who had been attending a patient in the district, alerted Cambridge Fire Brigade who at once set out for the scene with the steamer and six men. On arrival it was found that the buildings containing chaff and corn were well alight. Several horses were got out but some pigs were roasted alive in their sties. 08 03 06, & 07 & 7a

Henry Irving appreciation – 08 03 06a & b

1908 03 07
Harlton fire – 08 03 07 & a

1908 03 09
The Long Reach public house stands on the river bank a quarter of a mile from Old Chesterton. The landlord paid no rent and was allowed five shillings a week to keep the house open. The trade was about 21 barrels of beer and 12 gallons of spirit a year. It should be closed together with the Jolly Waterman in Waterbeach Fen. It had no road leading to it and the nearby Jolly Anglers was more convenient and had a ferry attached. 08 03 09

1908 03 10
Stapleford child run over by Pamplin traction engine – 08 03 10a

1908 03 11

1908 03 12
Cottenham was the scene of a regrettable exhibition of rowdyism when a gang of youths tried to break up a Tariff Reform meeting addressed by Mr Newton, of Croxton Park. The disturbers were lads of from 16 to 20 years of age who cat-called, booed and stamped their feet. Choruses of various songs were lustily rendered and it was feared the meeting would have to be abandoned. 08 03 12 & a

In the St Matthew's area of Cambridge are many public houses and the poverty of small homes threw the young people into the streets in search of amusement. There were thirteen different buildings in which social evenings and gymnastic clubs were continually held throughout the week. But some young men find infinitely more pleasure in racing through the streets and hooliganism. A boys' club at the Barnwell Theatre Mission or the Coffee Tavern on Newmarket Road would be worth trying. 08 03 12b & c

Cambridgeshire Motor-Cycle Club has been formed to organise club runs, hill climbs, speed judging and petrol consumption trials. It will also provide legal information and touring facilities. Officers include W. King, H.H. Harper, A.R. Marshall and Col. Harding of Madingley Hall. It is intended for motor-cycles – cycles and tri-cars, not car owners. 08 03 12d

Dunkirk, Downham farmer sues auctioneer – 08 03 12e

1908 03 13

E. Wareham Harry was Cambridge Borough Surveyor for the past 20 years. In the repair of 50 miles of sewer trenches and the laying of miles of concrete paving he did work which deserves well of the town. When he came the roads were in an indifferent condition, many without any foundation while others were merely coated with gravel. Now all the Macadam roads have been coated with granite. His efficiency was impaired by an attack of influenza and he died at his residence in Selwyn Gardens. 08 03 13

The King William IV beerhouse at Barley has a good taproom, kitchen and sitting room together with a small unoccupied shop formerly used by a boot maker. The water is obtained from the premises of Mr J.C. Wilkinson, next door. There are four cottages at the back. The wife of the tenant, Nathan Chapman, asked magistrates to renew the licence: they had lived there 16 years without complaint. But the village population is 505 and there are a total of eight licenced houses. Also Barkway Bell and Bull. 08 03 13a

1908 03 14
Undergraduates climb Backs trees, roped together in Alpine fashion - 08 03 14

1908 03 16
Fly nuisance – 08 03 16
St Ives accident, William Dellar – 08 03 16a

1908 03 17
Last September a cinematograph entertainment was given by the Gaumont Company at Newmarket. The operator jarred the machine and a piece of hot lime ignited one of the films. In trying to extinguish the flames he knocked over the lantern, the cylinder of gas ignited and there was a rush for the door. One lady was thrown into the flames and so terribly injured that she died in hospital. The company had paid her funeral expenses. Now her husband demanded damages: she had earned 10s a week at the laundry and his prospects of work were much reduced since a married man had a better chance of a respectable position than an unmarried one. 08 03 17

1908 03 18
Babraham church wall paintings restored – 08 03 18a & b & c

1908 03 19
Military manoeuvres attracted considerable attention. One force, including Perse School cadets, was ordered to hold the line of the Cam from Trumpington to the Mill Inn, Hauxton. Timber and cordage was seized from some scaffolding and the engineering section constructed a bridge sufficient to have carried Cavalry. The whole of the Cambridge University mounted infantry was captured, which would have had disastrous results in a real war. 08 03 19a

At Cambridge Dental Institute school children are treated free of cost. It is the only such clinic in the country and more important than Cambridge people realise. Now Dr George Cunningham has been honoured by the Odontological Society of France. 08 03 19b & 19

1908 03 20
Robbery from lodging house, New Street – 08 03 20
Undergraduate misbehaviour, New Theatre – 08 03 20a

1908 03 23
An inquest heard that an old man, who was deaf, lived in a two-roomed house in Smart's Row, Cambridge, with his sister who was similarly afflicted. They slept on separate mattresses on the floor of the same bedroom, which was in a filthy condition. His death probably took place on Tuesday, but it was not until Friday that the old lady called in a neighbour. She had slept in the same room as the corpse for two nights, apparently without being aware that death had taken place. 08 03 23

Telephone cables being laid, National Telephone Company - 08 03 23a

1908 03 24
Julian Julian appointed Borough Surveyor – 08 03 24
Coveney farmer accident Drake of Sutton traction engine – 08 03 24a & b

1908 03 25
Fenners – memories of Walter Watts – 08 03 25 & a

1908 03 26
Cambridge butchers at dinner – 08 03 26

1908 03 27
Ouse in flood, sheep drowned Fenstanton – 08 03 27

1908 03 28
Licensing bill debated Royston & Cambridge – 08 03 28 & b
Volunteer colours to GSM, history – 08 03 28c 08 03 31 & a & b

1908 03 30
Motor taxis inspected – 08 03 30

Cambridge Watch Committee inspected a motorcab, one of twenty which a London firm wish to place for hire upon the Cambridge streets. It was a luxurious vehicle of the brougham class built to accommodate four passengers. It is proposed to put the cars on hire on the taximeter principal, the fares being threepence per quarter mile. We understand the cabmen will present a petition against the granting of the application. 08 03 30

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1908 04 01
More than 1000 people gathered on Cambridge Market Hill at midnight to witness the official extinction of the Third (Cambs) Volunteer Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment. As the clock chimed the buglers played 'The Last Post' and the Volunteers were no more. But after a few seconds 'Reveille' was sounded, melancholy vanished and cheers greeted the new Cambridgeshire Battalion of the Territorial Force. The bugle band played the officers back to the mess room where they sang 'Auld Lang Syne'. 08 04 01 a & b
Licensing bill protest at St Ives – 08 04 01

Gt Chesterford stack fire – 08 04 01c

1908 04 02
Chesterton MOH report – 08 04 02

1908 04 03
A Witcham labourer had been employed to look after the sluice doors of the Mepal Catchwater drain. After he was dismissed the gates had frequently been obstructed. He was seen deliberately dropping pieces of brick into the sluice, preventing the doors closing automatically. In the event of a high tide it might have resulted in the flooding of the Fen lands, involving very heavy damage. He was fined the enormous sum of £100 plus costs. 08 04 03a

On leaving Stretham P.C. Pearce was presented with a handsome solid oak liqueur stand with three decanters, a cigar cabinet and a cribbage card with board. During his stay he had earned their respect – he was a policeman of the right sort and a good member of the cricket club. Having been stationed there for four years, he was leaving to take up new duties as sergeant at Chatteris. 08 04 03b

Suicide wife of oil and colourman – 08 04 03

1908 04 04
Exceptionally heavy thunderstorms with vivid lightning and large hailstones raged around Haverhill. At Ruse's Farm, Kedington, 49 sheep were struck by lightning and killed. At the Perse School, Cambridge, one of the new rugby goal posts was struck with a channel cut from top to bottom and splinters scattered around for about 20 yards. 08 04 04

Sir – the idea of electricity generated by peat gas appeals to residents in the Fen country where peat is so plentiful. The black swamp possesses theoretical heat values not far below coal when thoroughly dried. When economically farmed, stored, dried and made fit for burning by steam boilers or 'producer gas plants' it becomes a formidable rival to coal with its ever-fluctuating price – James Smith. 08 04 04a

St Luke's school memorial to Berridge – 08 04 04b

1908 04 06
Cambridge cabmen opposed plans for 20 motor cabs to be licenced: "Our living is a very precarious one. Most of us are married men with large families and it is as much as we can do to make ends meet as it is. It would mean semi-starvation for some families and ruination for the rest. Some have put all our savings into buying a horse and cab of our own. Motor cabs are unnecessary and would be a constant source of street accidents", they told magistrates. 08 04 06a

Trades and inventions exhibition – 08 04 06

1908 04 09

West Wratting labourer's suicide – 08 04 09

Cottenham rowdyism – 08 04 09a

1908 04 10
Bottisham and Lode schools unsanitary – 08 04 10a
Linton congregational church new Sunday school- 08 04 10
New school for Childerley Gate – 08 04 10b

1908 04 11
Her Majesty the Queen, accompanied by the Dowager Empress of Russia, passed through Cambridge station, where a small group of spectators had gathered. Elaborate arrangements had been taken and Inspector Baker and several constables were in attendance, in addition to the Station Master and other officials. There was no demonstration but a kindly act on the part of the Queen was noticed: she waved her hand once or twice to the persons on the platform as the train proceeded without stopping to Six Mile Bottom. 08 04 11

Stokys almshouses history – 08 04 11a

1908 04 13
Much anxiety was occasioned at Newmarket owing to the non-appearance of the Royal motor car in which Queen Alexandra and the Emperor of Russian were travelling. One absurd report was that Anarchists were to blame. Cyclists went out as search parties and Supt Winters set off in a private car in search of the Royals. The chauffeur had taken a wrong turning and the Queens were lost for the better part of an hour as the car threaded the maze of country lanes around Fordham. A burst tyre caused further delay and they were nearly an hour late. 08 04 13

1908 04 14
Three women were summoned for hanging clothes on a line stretched across the street at Blackmoorhead Yard, Bridge Street. Edward Hopkins, livery stables proprietor, said the Yard was not a thoroughfare, having no outlet, but it led to stables. The lines were hung right across so anybody driving could not get down. Elizabeth Burton and Ellen Clark pleaded guilty, but Sarah Collingwood said she did not obstruct the yard. If they did it again they would be arrested. 08 04 14

Cambridge MOH report- 08 04 15 & a

1908 04 16
Newmarket Road cemetery was too expensive, ratepayers claimed. The land had cost four times what adjacent ground had fetched, the walls were crumbling and the cottage built of the poorest bricks so the papers hung in strips inside. There were four greenhouses and a kind of chapel where part of the service was held – all of which had to be heated. A number of beds had been planted with bulbs and expensive flowers whereas herbaceous plants would do quite well. A number of people visited on a Sunday bringing children who played in the open space, but it should not be a recreation ground. 08 04 16

A cottage at The Grip, Linton, was damp and unfit for human habitation. It was very old and dangerous, the front room was only four feet nine inches high and the floor had sunk several inches since August. But where were the occupants to go? There are no empty cottages to be had and people could not be turned out into the road. The owner said the rooms were large and well ventilated and he was willing to repair it. 08 04 16a

Newmarket Road cemetery costs – 08 04 16

1908 04 17
A well being sunk at the kennels of the Cambs Hunt at Caxton had reached a depth of 40 feet. A workman was lowered by rope and pulley in the usual way when he gave a shout and fell to the bottom. For some reason the precaution of lowering a naked light as a test of the purity of the air was omitted. Attempts to rescue him failed and at the time of writing the body (which was plainly discernible from the surface) had not been removed. He leaves a widow and two children. 08 04 17a

When the jury retired to consider their verdict at the Assize Court, Castle Hill, they were taken down a flight of cold stone steps into a narrow chamber of sordid aspect, dimly lit by three barred windows and furnished with two bare wooden forms. The Court does not want the retiring room made too comfortable, but there must have been times when they have made up their minds hastily to escape from that dungeon. Now a new room has been built, with a lavatory. But the court is still illuminated by gas and flooded with fumes. Silver-tongued barristers halt while the custodian, armed with his long pole, leans from the dock to light it. 08 04 17c

Herbert Robinson bicycle showrooms expansion – 08 04 17b

Good Friday celebrations – 08 04 17

1908 04 20
The confidence trickster has been active in Cambridge. Three jewellers received telephone messages purporting to come from well-known residents, asking for a selection of gold chains to be sent to their houses on approval. Messrs Reed sent an employee for confirmation, who found no order had been given. But Otto Wehrle sent a messenger with several chains to Mr Verrinder of the Avenue. He met a gentleman on the steps of the house who promised to select one and return the remainder. Nothing has been heard from him since. 08 04 20

1908 04 21
Cottenham well sinking – inquest – 08 04 21

Wehrle swindler not found – 08 04 21a

Bartlow fire – 08 04 21b

1908 04 22
Henry Campbell-Bannerman death and local connections – 08 04 22 & a

1908 04 24
Thriplow church was well restored in 1877 but has hitherto depended on a harmonium to supply its music. An organ fund was started in 1886 and now a fine new instrument enclosed in a handsome decorated case of gold and green has been built by Miller and Son of Cambridge at a cost of £250. Its capabilities were demonstrated at a concert of sacred music. 08 04 24a & b

Governess cart accident, Regent Street – 08 04 24

1908 04 25
A large crowd assembled outside the offices of the CDN for news of the Manchester bye election, in which Winston Churchill was defeated. When the result was announced there was much jubilation at the Central Conservative Club. Churchill had promised anything to anybody without the slightest sincerity; let them hope he would never seek re-election again. He had been a brilliant man in the Conservative party at one time and now he was a disgrace to the Liberals. 08 04 25

In all probability we have seen the last athletic flat race meeting in Cambridge. After struggling for several years the Liberal Athletic Union received one last blow in with the poorest attendance on record. For a large gate at least cycle races, and perhaps motor races, are required but the University will not permit these at Fenner's although similar cinder tracks are used for both. The weather did not help with three inches of snow on the ground in the morning. But the sun shone with great power and the track dried. 08 04 25a & b

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1908 05 01
Bottisham shooting rights dispute – 08 05 01

1908 05 02
The Hon Thomas Price, the Labour Premier of South Australia, is visiting Cambridge and will be entertained by the University Welsh Society. He is an example of the growing power of Labour politics in the world. He arrived in Australia at the age of 31 and worked as a stonecutter in the erection of the Parliament Building at Adelaide, where he now sits as Premier. He is staying with Mr Wilkinson of The Avenue and visited the Union Society. 08 05 02 & a

Our readers will remember Margery F whose short career included the sensational court action against Colonel Hurrell, her alleged attempted murder in the Cam, her supposed 'heroic' rescue from drowning of a child she had pushed into the water and her sentence of twelve months imprisonment for theft. This remarkable girl on her release from gaol obtained a situation as cook in a family where her record was unknown. But her mania for publicity was too strong and she is now in Buckingham workhouse infirmary recovering from a dose of self-administered poison. When she is well enough she will be charged with attempted suicide. 08 05 02

Sir – I have traced the history of Blackmoor Head Yard, Bridge Street, for nearly 100 years, and find it has been the custom for occupants to hang their washing across the yard. Laundresses have lived there and dried everything in the same way. Dr Dennis Adams had the stables at the bottom of the yard and when our King was up at Cambridge he often used to come there and hold the linen up with his stick to pass under it without making any fuss at all. Where must we dry them now? In the bedrooms? – S. Collingwood. 08 05 02b

One of the most successful public entertainments ever held in Newmarket was brought off at the Victoria Theatre to raise money to renovate the organ of St Mary's church. It featured a concert with living pictures, a form of tableaux vivants, and was under exalted patronage with most of the racing gentry lending their names. At the close the High Street was lined with motors and horse carriages waiting for the audience to pour out. 08 05 02c

Three terms ago the undergraduates of Caius College indulged in a strike against the kitchen arrangements. They refused to eat what was provided – but still had to pay for what they would not eat. Their example was infectious and spread to Trinity. But there they meals have now returned to their old price and standard – they are as exorbitant as they are disgusting. The present arrangements present all the worse features of the less cultured American municipalities. But whoever met an undergraduate who didn't grumble about 'Hall'. 08 05 02d

1908 05 04
Mrs Briggs' First-class registry office, Regent Street, Cambridge, has all classes of superior, reliable town and country servants. Ladies requiring to be quickly and well suited should apply now. Includes: Cook-General, tall, superior country girl, good worker, 2½ years reference; £16. House-parlourmaid, tall, superior country servant, carve, valet, good waitress and needlewoman, £21. Twenty young country servants, requiring first situations as nurses, housemaids, generals, between maids and kitchen maids, small wages, to be trained. – advert. 08 05 04

1908 05 06
The King motored from Bucking Palace to St Pancras and left by the 5.7 train for Newmarket. A special saloon had been attached for his use and tea was already laid. At Cambridge the Royal saloon was detached and was run as a special to Newmarket which was reached shortly before seven. His Majesty subsequently motored to Moulton Paddocks and dined with Sir Edward Cassell. He will motor back on Friday. 08 05 06a

Cambridge was badly hoaxed last night about the result of the Wolverhampton election. Inside the CDN the editor was waiting the news when the noise of cheering penetrated the office, but that was no unusual for the crowds waiting outside frequently engage in shouts. When the official message came through Mr Taylor proceeded outside to find nobody there. Practical jokers had already caused a card to be printed with fictitious figures and left outside the News office. If they aimed at creating a sensation, they have succeeded, causing fits of depression among members of the Liberal party. 08 05 06

1908 05 07
Chesterton Council is to write to the Motor Bus Company complaining of the vibration caused by the buses to houses on the route as they speed past at 12 mph. We feel that such vibration is the fault of Chesterton Road which is in a shocking condition. It is the constant bumping of the bus over the volcanic-like ruts that shakes the buildings so. The buses are a boon and blessing and we should be sorry to see anything which interferes with the swiftness and regularity of the admirable service. 08 05 07 & 07a & 09a
Death John Saggers, manager GER Goods station – 08 05 07b

1908 05 09
Quinsee, cycle dealer and repairer, factory case – 08 05 09
Corporation commissioners' report, 1833 – 08 05 09b & c

1908 05 11
The personality of Mr Winston Churchill looms so large in the minds of Cambridge politicians that a crowd of about 3,000 waited patiently outside the offices of the CDN to await the result of the Dundee election, where he was returned as a Liberal MP. When one section of the crowd raised a cheer, the opposing section retaliated. It was a great delight to hear an undergraduate, perched on the shoulder of his friends, declaim against Churchill as a turncoat and hear him answered by one of the Liberal turn of mind. Dundee election night will not soon be forgotten. 08 05 11

Two men were summonsed for catching wild birds. P.S. Merry said he found them on ground adjoining Coldham's Common with a number of nets fixed to the ground and some calls birds in cages near at hand. They caught six linnets and at home had 25 others together with three greenfinches, all of which were released. They claimed they had permission from the landowner and so were exempt from prosecution. 08 05 11a

1908 05 12
Cambridge Ladies' Social Cycling Club held 30 runs last year which were not so well attended as before, owing to the unsettled weather. Three invitation runs were arranged to get other cycle clubs to join, and they were well patronised. Successful picnics were given at the Swan House Tea Gardens, Harston and at Whittlesford. A prize will be awarded to the lady who attended the most runs during the season. 08 05 12

1908 05 13
Prior to 1906 Newmarket police executed distress warrants for rates but afterwards the overseers employed a Cambridge man to collect them. He was paid on commission but gained only a scanty livelihood as a collector of debts and had taken £1.18.0 ((£1.90) to pay for his food and lodgings. There was no defence. The prisoner asked for ink and paper to take notes but soon desisted and without attempting to cross-examine, pleaded guilty. 08 05 13a

Fitzwilliam Museum statue of Duke of Devonshire unveiled – 08 05 13

1908 05 14
Melbourn Place new schools plans – 08 05 14 & a & b

Chesterford gardener bankruptcy – 08 05 14c

1908 05 15
Burwell Rifle Range was opened in disused maltings and is one of the best miniature ranges in the country. The approaches were decked with flags while a carpeted space inside was lighted by colour-screened lamps to serve when the windows were shuttered for firing practice. The club was formed in March and already has 87 members. They were all very patriotic and knew it was necessary they should all be able to shoot in case they were called upon. 08 05 15 & a

1908 05 16
An appeal to the patriotism of members of the University is never made in vain. Scenes of the greatest enthusiasm reigned in the Senate House when the Secretary of State for War appealed to the University to do its part is supplying the deficiency of about 8,000 officers in the Army. The science of war had progressed and they fought not with a rabble but with organised bodies of men on a great scale who went through the opposing forces without resistance. An Officer's Training Corps gave a man a second opportunity: if he went to the bar and did not like it, then he could become an Army officer. 08 05 16 & a

A wardress at the County Gaol, Castle Hill, told the inquest that a single mother and her baby had been put in the reception cell and slept on a plank bed with a mattress. In the morning the baby was dead and she concluded the prisoner had overlaid it. There was no room for cradles in reception cells,

which were very small, and when they were provided in the main cells the mothers never thought of laying babies there at night. The Coroner did not attach any blame to anyone. The narrow bed was altogether insufficient for the child and mother and now they knew that would not happen again. The jury said a cot should be provided. 08 05 16b

1908 05 18
Sir - The last Senior Wrangler will be chosen in 1909 and Trinity and St John's are fighting to ensure success in that examination. Trinity secured a lad from the most famous scientific family in England. St John's retaliated by obtaining a boy of extraordinary merit from an East-end slum. Then Trinity secured an Australian and St John's put another man on their mathematical staff specially to coach their candidate: they brought back Professor Bromwich from Galway. Normally lecturers go away to become professors, professors do not get brought here as lecturers to foster unfair College competitions – Pro Bono Publico. 08 05 18

1908 05 19
Griggs exhibition, p4*

1898 05 22
Tragedy surrounds the death of a Trinity College undergraduate who took rooms in Park Parade and acquired a reputation for studiousness. A revolver shot was heard and a fellow undergraduate bursting the door open, found the young man reclining in an easy chair. His right hand still clutched a revolver and in the centre of his forehead was a bullet wound. A doctor was called, but the lad was beyond human aid. Only one chamber of the revolver, which was practically new, had been charged. CWN 08 05 22 p5

A case of great importance for lodging house keepers and traders came to court when Messrs Murdoch, Murdoch and Co, of Regent Street, claimed the return of an organ which had been hired by a Downing undergraduate. He had rented a room in a University lodging house but left without paying for his board and lodgings. So the landlord had kept it together with pictures and other goods, until he got his money. CWN 08 05 22 p5

A Lt Abington farmer told the court that the County Council had been repairing Trumpington Road, which was worn down to the granite, but had left a sharp edge four inches high which in the dark was really a trap. His horse's foot had caught against it, was thrown down and badly injured. Both shafts of the trap were broken. Lamps which should have been there were not working as there was no oil in them. He claimed damages for neglect. But the judge said he'd exaggerated the problem and dismissed the case. CWN 08 05 22 p8

1908 05 23
Prince Henry at Magdalene, p6
Wild bird traffic, p7
County council sued, p8*

1908 05 29
A pitched battle was fought at Hauxton feast upon the platform of a steam roundabout going round at full speed. While the villagers confined themselves to nature's weapons, the showmen resorted to sticks and heated irons taken from the boiler of the engine. Women children in their arms who were taking rides upon the whirligig tumbled haphazard from their mounts to escape the turmoil, terrified out of their wits at the sight of the two factions fighting like wild animals. CWN 08 05 29 p3

The little village of Meldreth was the scene of a disastrous fire; five cottages and two bakehouses were absolutely destroyed, and several poor inhabitants have been rendered destitute as well as homeless, for their belongings were devoured by the flames. The havoc was complete and the site, about 700 yards from Meldreth station, is now marked by heaps of debris. Remains of carts, whole sides of pork and a load of flour are amongst the ashes. CWN 08 05 29 p6

A remarkable case of wholesale poisoning has occurred at Murrow where 17 people belonging to four families have been affected. Two of them have succumbed. Mrs Boston, a bricklayer's wife, bought a quantity of pig's bones and pig's head to make brawn or pork cheese. She gave some to the other families. Medical men attribute the illness to ptomaine poisoning. CWN 08 05 29 p3

Alfred Wright, a driver for Crampton's mineral water manufacturers of Sawston was harnessing two horses in the Crown yard, Cambridge, when one took fright. It dashed into Hills Road and galloped towards the town. As it neared Hyde Park Corner it ran full tilt into a lamp-post and sustained injuries of such a shocking character that death was almost instantaneous. The lamp standard was completely broken off at the base and the gas piping bent right across the path. CWN 08 05 29 p3

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1908 06 05
The licensee of the White Horse, Cottenham, claimed it did a good trade. They might have two commercial travellers during the fruit-growing season at 3s.6d. (18p), bed and breakfast. The Trinity Beagles sometimes had tea there; they paid one shilling each but ate all the bread, jam and tea they could get and he would rather not have them. Otherwise they only had two people to tea and not more than one to lunch in a week. CWN 08 06 05 p3

Considerable annoyance has been caused to the dons of Trinity and St John's by gramophone concerts given by undergraduate punting parties. As the Cam is technically a highway the police were asked to put a stop to the nuisance and a constable patrolled the river in a 'tub'. As he was rowing quietly along an undergraduate propelled his craft with such force that its gunwale was smashed in and the policeman narrowly escaped a ducking. The lad has now received a summons for 'obstructing the highway'. CWN 08 06 05 p3

Sawston Co-operative Society opened its new model bakery with the latest machinery for the making of bread and confectionery. The new plant is needed to meet the increased demand, which has doubled in 20 years. It supplies nine villages and sends out 3,000 quartern loaves a week. Sawston Brass Bands played selections before the new premises were thrown open to inspection. CWN 08 06 05 p3

There has been an Alpine fever amongst undergraduates, finding a vent in climbing trees along the Backs. The wireless telegraphy station on the Huntingdon Road has been the site of the latest exploit. This is a pole over 200 feet in height which receives messages from Cumnor Hill near Oxford. Two undergraduates merrily commenced the ascent by means of the metal spikes driven in at convenient intervals and managed to reach the top. But the return voyage was not so easily accomplished and they reached terra firma with a distinct sigh of relief. It is a matter for common wonder what object will next receive the attention of this strange species. CWN 08 06 05 p5

A house in Castle Street was struck by lightning during a heavy thunderstorm which caused tremendous damaged and rendered it uninhabitable. A brick chimney stack fell with an appalling crash into the bedrooms beneath, which have been completely wrecked. It is a semi-detached residence of three storeys and reputed to be the highest inhabited point in Cambridge. CWN 08 06 05 p5

A number of prominent rowing men, objecting to the known Socialistic proclivities of Messrs Gomme and Bull, and believing they had dared to hold a Fabian meeting within the precincts of Trinity Hall, fetched them forcibly from the rooms of a friend and ducked them in a bath which had been prepared in the middle of the Court. A circular was issued that was sent to every Member of Parliament, setting out the facts. The 'raggers' have been punished. 08 06 05 p5

Quite recently, the Burlington Press, which for a number of years carried on business in East Road, has removed to larger premises at Foxton. Dr Briggs, the founder of the business as an adjunct of the University Correspondence College entertained the entire staff to dinner inside the works and proposed a toast of 'Success to the University Tutorial Press'. CWN 08 06 05 p6

To the casual observer there seems a minimum of child labour in Cambridge so it is something of a shock to learn that 266 are engaged in some occupation out of school hours. Now no child may be employed as a lather boy in any barber's shop, nor in connection with the sale of intoxicating liquor on licensed premises, nor in billiard or bagatelle marking, nor in the kitchen of any hotel or refreshment room. Badges must be worn by those engaged in street trading for which a deposit of threepence will be charged, councillors decided. CWN 08 06 05 p7

1908 06 12
At the bottom of Mill Lane there was a kind of wharf with steps to allow people to get down to the river. Recently Mr Scudamore had fastened a sort of wooden punt as a mooring for pleasure boats, now nobody in a boat could get to the steps without trespassing on it. But no loading of boats had been carried on for nine years, the water was only a foot deep and there had been no complaints. Anybody in a punt could use it, Scudamore claimed. However as the river was a navigable highway, this was an obstruction magistrates decided and fined him five shillings. CWN 08 06 12 p2

Caterpillars are wreaking havoc to fruit growers; Mr John Chivers says his orchards are being literally eaten up by them devouring the foliage and leaving the trees in a garb of mid-winter nakedness. The insects also drop to the gooseberry bushes planted beneath the fruit trees and there wage a similar war. From 30 acres he does not expect to obtain 30 bushels of gooseberries. At Cottenham caterpillar shooting parties have been organised each evening to attack the enemy when they cluster for the night; 20-30 guns, charged with caps, have been employed for three weeks. CWN 08 06 12 p5

Stetchworth waterworks are costing too much money and are not satisfactory, the parish council claimed. Percy Pamphilon should be appointed to run it: he is a practical engineer with ten years' experience in all sorts of pumps and is now running Bluten's light plant for the Earl of Ellesmere. But when the works were first established they had great difficulty in getting anybody to manage them and the existing engineer, Mr Hobbs, should have the opportunity of answering the charges. CWN 08 06 12 p6

Abington school managers had agreed to shorten the dinner hour by half an hour and allow children to leave earlier. The old hours were a hardship on those who lived a long way off. One little mite living at Pampisford did not get home till after dark in the winter months. But half-an hour did not give the children sufficient rest. Most did not get dinner until 1.10 and had to be back at school by 1.30. Parents also raised a petition to go back to the old time. CWN 08 06 12 p8

The Sanitary Committee recommended that a well should be sunk at the end of Bar Lane, Stapleford at a cost of £50, but residents petitioned against it. The well was not required and would impose a rate, the complained. The matter arose out of an old report; there had been no trouble with the water recently and if a well was sunk it would not be used. But the water had been analysed and found to be bad. It was referred to the Parish Council to decide what to do. 08 06 12 p8

1908 06 19
The greatest demonstration that woman has yet made of her desire for the suffrage was the gigantic procession through the streets of London to the Albert Hall. Ten thousand strong, it comprised almost every class: lady doctors marched with factory girls, famous lady novelists and domestic servants. Cambridge played an active part: about 130 ladies joined in, including Mrs Heitland, Mrs Ward and Mrs Rackham bearing a splendid blue silk banner with in gold lettering 'Cambridge Women's Suffrage Association, founded 1883'. At the Albert Hall both Newnham and Girton colleges took a box, many ladies attired in academic dress. 08 06 19 p2 08 06 19 p2

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Stretham accident Walter Langford, p7

1908 06 26
Isleham pond where the water in East Road drains from off the highway has hitherto been cleaned out by men who have sold the mud as reimbursement. Now however they cannot find anyone to purchase it. A number have offered to do it for £3 and the mud will belong to the council or for £1.10 and the mud will belong to the men. I prefer the latter course as I have to dispose of the stuff and cannot find a buyer. – F. Fyson, clerk, Isleham Parish Council to Newmarket RDC. 08 06 26 p3

Proud papas and mammas in great number congregated in the gallery and upon the floor of the Senate House to watch their sons in clothes of sombre hue wearing upon their shoulders the hood of a Bachelor of Arts kneel before the Vice-Chancellor to receive their degrees. According to ancient custom the Senior Wrangler was first presented and at the tail of the list came the wooden spoonist, Mr R. Pask, a master at the Cambridge and County Boys' School. Strung upon strong twine stretching from either gallery was the trophy, a handsome wooden spoon, which danced over the heads of those seated on the floor in obedience to the string-pulling of undergraduates. 08 06 26 p3 # c.36.9

Dealers spoke very pessimistically of trade at the Horse Fair on Midsummer Common. There are periodic shows of horses at Cambridge and St Ives and that is where most of the good local horses go. Added to the scarcity of horses in the country, the trade on the Common is decreasing year by year and in a few years this old-established sale will be no more. CWN 08 06 26 p7

At one village school near Ely a child had been excessively punished: there were wheals on his back caused by a stick. But where families of 14 had to be clothed and fed on 14 shillings a week, the children's clothes were not very thick and when the master lost his temper he struck much harder than he imagined. The father was going to take out a summons but stopped as it was undesirable to haul a child before the Bench. If this kind of thing continued children would not go to school and the percentage would decrease which was not good for the education figures. CWN 08 06 26

Newmarket workhouse was a fashionable hotel for tramps. At some workhouses they got hot tea, at others half a pound of bread and water. On Sundays when people came out of chapel the tramps sang sacred songs, and coppers were thrown to them. One took six shillings in a night. Tramps hid their money, if anyone could find their hidden savings, they would get a good deal of cash, Guardians were told. CWN 08 06 26 p7

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1908 07 03
The Lensfield club's new miniature rifle range off Newmarket Road was opened by Colonel Harding. Membership had risen from six to 100 in a year, it was a step towards handling the service rifle and ammunition and taking an interest in the Territorial Army. Now they wanted a new pavilion. CWN 08 07 03 p5

A groom had just had a thoroughbred horse shod at Mr Norting's forge on the Balsham Road, Linton and was leaving the shop when his cap was blown off by the strong wind. The horse bolted at full gallop and the rider was thrown, falling on his head. He was picked up unconscious and conveyed on a horsed trolley to Dr Palmer's. The horse was caught by John Mansfield, postman of West Wratting. CWN 08 07 03 p8

King Edward VII, accompanied by Colonel Fortescue and Sir Ernest Cassel, inspected Grafton House, a large mansion nearly opposite the Jockey Club in Newmarket High Street, next to the Duke of Devonshire's residence. Sir Ernest Cassel purchased the property after the death of its owner, Baron de Hirsch, who lived there for many years. 08 07 03 p8

1908 07 10
The Guildhall organ is choked with dirt, the accumulation of years. It should be cleaned and brought up to the modern standard, lowering the pitch to French normal by transposing all the pipes, removing the tuba bass and adding a pedal stop. The cost would be £562 but no charge would be made for generally softening certain flue stops if the main work was carried out. CWN 08 07 10

The Castle Inn, a roadside beerhouse at Castle Camps together with a bakehouse and some cottages was sold by auction for £390. 'Apple Tree Cottage' in the centre of the village made £120 but 'Moat Farm House' pleasantly situated by the roadside at Ridgewell comprising a red brick and plastered dwelling with an acre of ground was withdrawn at £495. CWN 08 07 10 p2

Fire damaged the Christadelphian Hall in Coronation Street, Cambridge, but fortunately the harmonium was not injured to any great extent. Another fire which broke out at Hale's Farm, Haverhill is believed to have been caused by the heat of the sun. During the afternoon the sun's rays had been extremely hot, the roof of the shed, under the slates was boarded and during the last winter had been stocked with stover. CWN 08 07 10 p2

Snailwell Rectory was struck by lightning which hit the corner of the roof, carrying away about twelve feet of masonry. It fused a window and brass bedstead and ran through the floor to the dressing room below before passing on through the telephone wire, which prevented further damage. The Rector found the cook in a state of collapse: she was taking a plate from the rack when the electrical discharge passed near her. He then went across to the stud farm and found the famous stallion, Zinfandel, was safe. CWN 08 07 10 p6

Histon's three days' Feast included Thurston's new Royal show of animated pictures and their steam racing motor cars. Two other roundabouts of a less pretentious order claimed full attention from the youngsters as did an unusual number of bottle and egg and rifle shooting saloons, strength-testers, 'Aunt Sallies' and cocoa-nut shies. Then there were ice-cream, confetti, rock (Histon all through) and fish stalls by the score as well as a Temperance tent where light refreshment was obtained at reduced prices. CWN 08 07 10

The ravages wrought among our wild birds by the professional bird-catcher is revealed by a report by the RSPB. Starlings and sparrows are sold to East End markets at twopence apiece for public house 'Sundays shoots'. In one Cambridgeshire village, inhabited by a notoriously rough class of people, four brothers have lived for twenty years by bird-catching and employ other men to augment the catches. CWN 08 07 10

This is the most prolific strawberry year known. The fruit has been picked and marketed under the most propitious conditions, not one wet spell having interfered with the business. Selling at twopence a pound, the strawberry harvest is of greater value than that of currants and gooseberries combined. CWN 08 07 10

1908 07 17
The solid form of type representing the news page of the CDN was removed from the printing machine to allow for additions to be made to the late edition when the iron band which holds it together snapped and what had been nicely-arranged columns of print was a shapeless heap upon the floor. That is "printer's pie", the worst catastrophe that can befall a newspaper. Not a moment was wasted: it was quickly gathered up, every available man being set to the task. There was no flurry and exactly 40 minutes later it was on the machine. CWN 08 07 17 p5

A shocking railway accident, resulting fatally, occurred at the Cherry Hinton level crossing. Two light engines were approaching and the gatekeeper, Mr West, being absent at the back of his house, his daughter was closing the gates. One easily shut but before she had time to close the second the engines were upon her and she was thrown to the ground. The unclosed gate was badly damaged. The gatekeeper was 71 years of age and on duty all hours. For the last four weeks he had been called at four o'clock in the morning and was on duty till 10.30 pm. CWN 08 07 17 p5

This year's Cottenham Flower show will long be remembered because of the terrible weather that blighted the efforts of the promoters. The constant downpour kept away visitors and turned the whole affair into a fiasco. The 'Cambridge Nibs', however, gave a comic entertainment in the luncheon marquee. CWN 08 07 17 p5

An old stile leading from Steeple Morden church had rotted away and been replaced by a different one, a court was told. William Wilson had cut through the upper rail, saying it was an obstruction to the footpath: it became slippery with mud, children who went to school spoiled their clothes getting through and women had to go round another way. Farmer Charles Frohock said he now had to move 20 valuable horses out of the meadow and claimed damages. But the magistrates dismissed the case. CWN 08 07 17 P7

Lt Abington rate assessment – 08 07 17

Robert Jugg, Orwell Pitts farm, Ely, died after being kicked by a horse which spooked by car driven by Littleport doctor – CWN 08 07 17 p3

1908 07 24
A certain married man, who was particularly fond of cycling and equally partial to a little clandestine love-making, left home one Thursday, ostensibly to meet a male friend. But his wife, who had been a cyclist in her pre-marriage days, hired a machine and followed him. When she saw him meet a young lady she rode up to them and invited her lord and master in a friendly way, to continue the journey. Not a word of discord passed between them but she now accompanies him on all his runs. CWN 08 07 24 p5

A great deal of excitement was caused by a fire at Christ's College. Bert Holder, a butcher, noticed smoke issuing from the scullery and engine room window in Christ's Lane where the ceiling, which is of matchboarding, was well alight. Pc Fred Savidge and the head porter, Mr Chapman, fitted the college fire appliance to a hydrant and commenced to play on the flames, which were soon extinguished owing to the prompt action of the fire brigade and police force. CWN 08 07 24

Coton Horticultural Show, held in the Rectory grounds, attracted a good deal of attention. Villagers exhibited quite a remarkable collection of vegetables and a succession of cricket matches were played including Girls versus Men and Coton boys v Dry Drayton boys. A string band from St Catharine's and the King's College quartette provided acceptable music and dancing concluded the evening programme. CWN 08 07 24

An inquest into the death of Stubbing Cornwell, beerhouse keeper of the Cuckoo, Lode Fen, heard he had hurt his ankle in trying to stop a cow from going out of the yard. He had been admitted to hospital and received attention but said he wanted to go home and died in bed. An inquest revealed the heart was practically worn out and he might have 'gone off' at any time. CWN 08 07 24 p3

1908 07 31
Addenbrooke's Hospital is now secure in the possession of half the estate of the deceased Polish Jew of Romsey Town, Harris Norman. The other portion has been left to the London Jewish Synagogue for the poor and needy Jews. A bachelor, he had amassed a fortune of £12,000 by the sale of cheap jewellery and by investments. At his death an envelope thought to contain the will was fetched from

the safe but found to contain only a blank piece of paper. Subsequently the will was found in the lining of an old silk hat he had given away. 08 07 31

The Junior Bursar of Trinity College was driving a lady in a tricar towards Hemingford Abbotts when the brakes failed and he crashed into the back of a farm cart with considerable violence, the lady being hit on the chest. A passing motor cyclist raced off to St Ives for assistance and Dr Percy Rose arrived on the scene by motor cycle quickly followed by Inspector Gale and Pc Deighton in Mr Parker's motor car. 08 07 31

Cambridgeshire County Council have purchased a farm at Milton by auction and arranged to hire land at Guilden Morden and Isleham for use as smallholdings. They have also been offered 166 acres at Herod's Farm Foxton for £3,500. Petitions have been received from applicants urging the early acquisition of land in Over and Wicken. CWN 08 07 31

The Old Age Pensions Bill promises relief to many old people. But those who anticipate that old age pensions will mean a great saving to the poor rate are making a big mistake. It is more than ever necessary that every possible encouragement should be given to the teaching of thrift at school, it is quite as important as gardening, amateur carpentering and things of that kind. Friendly Societies should see there are qualified teachers. CWN 08 07 31

Buckmaster – MP's father – career 08 07 31

Ebenezer Bird Foster of Anstey Hall, Trumpington together with his late brother, George, were directors of the Capital and Counties Bank. Their personal estates were nearly equal to the whole of the deposits for which the bank was liable. It must be remembered that the capital of a partner in a private bank may be withdrawn in consequence of his death. Ebenezer left £50,000 to each of his nephews, £500 each to his butler Thomas Harrington, and gardener Charles Forbes, as well as annuities to his housekeeper, coachman and housemaid. CWN 08 07 31

Twenty-six licensed houses are to close, magistrates decided. They include the Robin Hood at Litlington, Chesterton Long Reach, Swaffham Prior's Uncle Tom's Cabin and the Three Jolly Watermen in Waterbeach Fen. But the Fox in the Wood at Soham and the Cock at Isleham were spared after Police Superintendent Winter failed to appear to give evidence. The licence of the Black Horse at Over was renewed after the Star Brewery appealed. also Barrington Boot & Shoe, Bassingbourn Yew Tree, Steeple Morden Lion, Swaffham Prior John Bull, Bottisham Rose & Crown, Cottenham Six Bells, Oakington Lion and Lamb, Stapleford Hammer & Anvil, Swavesey Chequers, Willingham Little Rose, Castle Camps George, Balsham Ram, Linton White Hart, Cambridge Yorkshire Grey, Old Red Lion, Nine Pines, Thatched House, Baker's Arms, Red Lion, Brewery Tap & Carpenters' Arms. CWN 08 07 31

Cottenham's new church clock has been placed in position on the tower about ten feet higher than the former one. The work of Messrs Smith and Sons of Derby, it has two dials and brass hands. The quarter chimes are sweet in tone. The previous clock was thought to be more than 200 years old and had long since failed as a time keeper. CWN 08 07 31

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1908 08 07

Cambridge Free Library never gave details of their expenditure and it was wrong that a large spending committee should keep its operations in the dark. Members of the committee supplied goods to the library, it might be lawful but it was not expedient, a councillor claimed. But Mr Bowes had been a benefactor to the library whose advice had been invaluable and supplied books on the same terms as to other people. CWN 08 08 07

Mammoth Show weather will soon be a synonym for a cloudless sky and a balmy atmosphere. There have been five of these huge exhibitions on successive August Bank Holidays attracting thousands of visitors to Midsummer Common and discouraging Cambridge residents from scampering off to other places. There were competitions for dogs, poultry, cage birds and fancy rats together with athletics and motor cycle races. CEN 08 08 07

Early on Saturday morning a motorist ran his car into a pillar-box in Jesus Lane, it then crossed the pavement damaging the wall around Jesus College grounds. The offside front wheel was knocked off and the front of the car badly damaged but the occupants escaped unhurt. The driver gave the curious explanation that he had been travelling all night and had 'dozed off' and thus lost control of the steering wheel. CWN 08 08 07 p3

A stableman lodging at the Bushel Inn, Newmarket, was accused of selling indecent postcards. Mrs Emily Marshall said he offered to sell her three picture postcards which he showed her and which he eventually sold to a man in the Duke of Cambridge pub. Defendant denied that the cards were indecent and said they were exhibited in a shop window at Newmarket. He was fined twelve-and-six. 08 08 07

Fire gutted Mr Huggins sweet and confectionary premises at 51 Castle Street, just beyond the County Shirehall, Cambridge. Neighbouring shopkeeper, Mr Clayden, broke down the door and tried to extinguish the flames with mats while others threw buckets of water on it before the fire brigade arrived. The shop stood in the midst of some old properties which were in great risk of being destroyed, but they escaped with scorched walls. 08 08 07

Earith headmaster, Mr Wilson, who is leaving, was astonished to find all the teachers and children assembled in the large room of the school. Miss Jackson, headmistress of the infants' department, presented him with an aneroid barometer while Miss Daisy Williams was given a silver serviette ring as a memento. When the school reopens in September Mr Thomas will take up the duties as headmaster. 08 08 07

Addenbrooke's Hospital financial situation – CWN 08 08 07p7

Bank holiday tragedy – drowning at Upware – CWN 08 08 07 p7

1908 08 14
Newmarket trainers discussed the dangers and annoyance caused by inconsiderate motorists. A 10 mph speed limit had been imposed in 1906 and since then 20 motorists had been summonsed. But it was not being observed and police were hampered by the action of the Automobile Association's motor scouts; they wore their badge with the white side shown if the road was clear but turned it to the red side if the police were on motor patrol duty. 08 08 14 p2

The speed of motor cars is of concern to everybody. Apart from the danger, walking and cycling are being made disagreeable by the stink and dust that motor cars driven at high speed produce. Crops on either side of the road are damaged and property deteriorated. Something must be done. Speeding and covering other road-users with dust should be an offence and motorists should be liable for all accidents in which they cannot prove the entire culpability of the injured party. CWN 08 08 14 p3

Charles Henry Driver was appointed custodian of the Town Bathing Place on Sheep's Green five years ago. Since then he has saved 31 lives, mainly residents but a few visitors. Small wonder that recognition should be shown of his promptitude in saving life as well as of his skill in restoring animation in half-drowned persons. He was presented with a substantial silver cigarette case and a handsome illuminated address. CWN 08 08 14 p5

John Deeks joined the Cambridge Police Force in 1887 when it had strength of 34 – half of what it is today. In those days policemen were paid two shillings and sixpence to attend fires so they were strongly represented at each outbreak, with officers attracted from their usual beats. Men were not often 'run in' because of drunkenness but now they are summonsed if they attempted to fight. He became a Police Court Missionary working with habitual drunks who often signed the pledge but broke it within an hour. CWN 08 08 14

Burwell mineral water manufacturer, Fred Lapia, was bottling at the premises known as Droford's when one of the bottles broke and a fragment of glass severed two of the arteries in his arm. Doctors Ennion and Lucas applied a tourniquet. On Sunday the band accompanying the Hospital Parade ceased playing while passing his house in consideration of the patient. CWN 08 08 14 p5

An inquiry into the death of William Ephraim Giddings, a Chittering farm labourer, heard that he had been going to catch a mare when it kicked out, knocking him down. He was unconscious about fifteen minutes and then said his stomach hurt. That night he was sick. The doctor was called at ten o'clock but did not come till next morning. Herbert Wyatt, farmer, said he had never known the horse kick anyone before. CWN 08 08 14 p8

Newmarket roads, speed of motors – CWN 08 08 14

Wireless telegraphy discovered in Cambridge – CWN 08 08 14

Oakington new church organ – CWN 08 08 14

Chittering labourer's death – Giddings – CWN 08 08 14

1908 08 21
The funeral of Mr Fordham, head porter of Queens' College was marked by many signs of the respect in which he was held. A Cambridge man, he had been connected with the college for 35 years, having also served as the master's butler. As a last compliment to a trusted and respected servant the first part of the funeral service was conducted in Queens' College chapel. There were a large number of beautiful floral tributes, including one from the President and Fellows. CWN 08 08 21 p2

An Isleham bird catcher caught 12 goldfinches which he kept in his kitchen. Most died but he sent three to the railway station in a box labelled 'Birds with care'. These were seized by an RSPCA inspector and released. Now he claimed damages for the loss of income. The judge said the goldfinches were like bees and belonged to their captor. He was awarded £1.10s. CWN 08 08 21 p3

Members of the Cambridge Women's Suffrage Association, including Mrs Rackham, Mrs Dutt and Mrs Ramsey, visited Whittlesford and Fulbourn canvassing women during the afternoon and arranging an open-air meeting on the green at which the wives bring their husbands. There had been a certain amount of difference of opinion but people have been most friendly and willing to listen. CWN 08 08 21 p3

The magnificent new schools at Milton Road, Chesterton have been equipped with every facility for instruction. Instead of sitting in cramped positions at unsuitable desks the tiny tots will be accommodated with seats to suit their various sizes and their lessons based on the Froebel principle, combining amusement with instruction. They mark a distinct advancement on elementary educational methods and the County Council is to be congratulated. CWN 08 08 21 p4

A wise woman living in a village near Newmarket does a good business in spells and charms, from wart curing to love philtres. She has cured thousands of warts by rubbing the root of a dandelion on the hard skin to the accompaniment of some incantation gibberish. On stormy nights she is still fondly believed by many people to go for midnight rides on a broomstick – or so claims a London paper hard up for copy during the silly season. CWN 08 08 21 p5

Witches stories – CWN 08 08 21 # c.39

Children's fishing match at Bottisham – photo – CWN 08 08 21

Presentation of the Driver testimonial – photo – CWN 08 08 21

The Ortona Motorbus Company, inaugurated a year ago, now possesses five double-deckers, a char-a-banc and a big 'bus'. They have two services from the railway station, one to De Freville and the other to Huntingdon Road. At the well-equipped garage on Hills Road there is always one car that can be despatched the instant a breakdown is reported and even replacing a broken axle can be carried out by their own mechanics. Now country people who used to disfavour these 'machinations of the evil one' patronise them with perfect confidence. CWN 08 08 21 p5

A bricklayer from Hobart Road, Cambridge, was charged with deserting his wife. There were 13 children of the marriage alive, seven being under 16. His home had been ruined by drink: he had to walk the streets to keep out of the way of his wife's tongue and her drunkenness. He asked for custody of the children: he was willing to support them but would rather go to gaol than allow his wife to handle the money he had to work hard for and spend it in drink. CWN 08 08 21 p5

1908 08 28

Old age pensions to start - CWN 08 08 28

Smallholdings scheme – CEN 08 08 28

Cambridge man in Japan – CWN 08 08 28

Great blocks of glittering, iridescent ice are manufactured on the site of the Falcon Inn, Petty Cury, every hot midsummer morning. Mr J.V. Pryor, the fish-monger has installed plant for this modern miracle and the shrill insistent note of the dynamo is joined by the plunk-plunk of the gas engine exhaust. Like the flying machine, the ice factory is at present only in its infancy and the plant is expensive but the method of manufacture is simplicity itself, taking 50 hours to produce slabs weighing two cwt apiece and makes more than Mr Pryor needs for his ordinary fish business. CEN 08 08 28 p3

An object of great curiosity has been returned to St Bene't's Church. The Black Letter Bible presented by Hobson the carrier has been missing for the last 30 years. It was discovered in the University Library where it had been sent for safe keeping when the church was restored. It has marginal notes in the writing of the donor and was at one time in a house in the parish when a charge of sixpence was made for its inspection. CWN 08 08 28 p5

George Hutt has been the respected headmaster of Trumpington National School for the last 44 years. It was not for want of energy that he is leaving but the wisdom of the Government in compelling him to give up his post at the age of 65. He would not advise teaching as a vocation for men but felt sure there was a future for women as educational instructors. CWN 08 08 28 p5

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1908 09 04
Arthur Deck was one of the best-known inhabitants of Cambridge. Hundreds annually gathered on King's Parade to witness his quaint tradition of firing rockets at midnight every New Year's Eve. As a young man he made balloon ascents including one from Fenner's when the balloon tore a slice off the pavilion roof. Even when a white-haired old man he could be seen on sunny mornings taking his dip

upon Sheep's Green, distaining shallow water and swimming slowly between the ladders. CWN 08 09 04 p5

Sir – now the widening of Northampton Street is fast nearing completion the improvement of one of our many narrow and dangerous streets will be accomplished. But one effect will be that the traffic is greatly accelerated to the danger of those approaching the corner from other directions. The high wall around St Giles' church should be reduced: this would enable motorists to see more clearly, make the church more conspicuous and dry the road which in winter is often in a muddy condition, being hemmed in on both sides by high walls – Chestertonian. CWN 08 09 04 p7

See the children assemble in the great hall at the new Milton Road School. From the classrooms come files of boys and girls, not in perfect military style but in very fair order awaiting an instruction that playtime has arrived. The word given, the boys swing out of one door, the girls out at another and the paved playgrounds, separated by an iron partition, resound with merriment. Boys learn woodwork under Mr Holt and the girls commence cookery instruction under Mrs Walker of Cheveley. CWN 08 09 04 p5

During the past few days several well-known people have passed away at Soham. Ebenezer Taylor, cab proprietor, died at the advanced age of 78. He was in business for over 40 years & before the opening of the Ely and Newmarket railway line, 28 years ago, the supply of vehicles and horses was much more important than at the present time. Fyson Johnson, blacksmith, was in his 67th year, Martin Bradshaw, bricklayer was 73, and both were trustees of the Wesleyan Chapel. This succession of deaths has cast quite a gloom over the town. CWN 08 09 04 p8

Robert Sams, (94), tenant farmer at Castle Hedingham, is the most remarkable old man in Essex. His farm is not a large one – the entire estate, including his vine-covered cottage home, does not exceed an acre, but out of it, by the sweat of his brow, the old man gets his daily bread. He sows, he reaps, he threshes, he goes to market, and he defies Time the Reaper. He was a farm labourer for one master for 50 years and on an income of seven shillings a week brought up a family of seven children. CWN 08 09 04 p7

1908 09 11

In Cambridge the University vacations continually throw many boys and men out of work and create a class of idle and useless men who live on their wives' earnings when they can, and at other times are destitute. Many women work as bedmakers but others can neither cook nor keep their houses tidy. Improvident early marriages between young men and women who have no savings to furnish a house, no experience to teach them economy and no solid mutual affection to help them bear hardship are the source of great and prolonged misery. CWN 08 09 11 p2

Petty Cury has been closed to vehicular traffic during the operation of replacing the Val de Travers cement that was removed to admit the underground telephone wires. This work by Italian workmen has been watched with much interest. The material in the form of steaming hot powder is placed on its concrete bed and rammed and levelled with hot irons. The rapidity with which the stuff hardens and becomes fit for use is quite remarkable. CWN 08 09 11 p5

During the harvest considerable depredations have been made in Cherry Hinton fields by parties of boys and girls who, under the guise of 'gleaners', have stolen a large quantity of beans. People should not buy beans from them. Gleaning was confined to the villagers who were allowed into the fields after a certain time but the children of Cambridge had no such rights; 22 were known to have been involved in the thefts. CWN 08 09 11 p3

Thriplow inquest Rev Sandberg – 08 09 11 p7

Stonea station railway accident – 08 09 11 p8

1908 09 18
Last year Cambridge magistrates granted eleven occasional licences for the period of Stourbridge Fair. But this year they have been reduced to just six, three for the horse fair and three for the pleasure fair. They are to the landlords of the Dog and Pheasant, Birdbolt and Burleigh Arms on Newmarket Road, The Ship in Princess Street, Empress on Thoday Street and City Arms, Sturton Street. CWN 08 09 18 p3

The antics of 'The Castle End Musicians', a band of boys and girls, have caused endless entertainments to the inhabitants of that part of Cambridge. A lad who has had some experienced of the Boy's Brigade is the commander of the band, who form up in martial order, large and small, girl and boy, and parade up and down the streets with colours flying, playing the most extraordinary collection of musical instruments ever seen including toy drums and mouth organs. Now a local photographer has elevated them to picture postcard celebrities. CWN 08 09 18 p5

A miniature rifle range and air rifle club has been formed in connection with the Church of England Young Men's Society at their large room in St Edward's Passage. The two targets can be placed in two positions – for shooting standing up or lying down – and two good air rifles have been provided. Englishmen should learn to shoot in order to defend their own hearths and homes and the Corporation should establish a range open almost all hours of the day. CWN 08 09 11 p8

Butchers had no means of knowing whether meat was from an animal infected with tuberculosis. Now they would insist on a warranty from the farmer who is in a queer fix. If farmers who sell in Cambridge market refuse to give the warranty then local butchers will buy London-killed meat. If they give a warranty they risk having to pay compensation for any meat found to be tuberculous. CWN 08 09 18

There will be considerable reorganisation at Cambridge station following the agreement between the London and North Western and the Midland Railways. There will now be a combined staff for goods, cartage and passenger traffic and one town office will do the business of the two. But passengers taking ordinary tickets to London by the Great Eastern Railway still have the privilege of returning by the Great Northern, or vice versa. CWN 08 09 18

One of the Cambridge Street Tramways Company's horses was injured in an accident. Walter Morley was driving towards the station when his horse fell down and swerved across the road. At the same time Robert Surtees was approaching in his motor car (no.Y826). He was unable to pull his car up successfully and inflicted a cut on the near side eye of the animal. CWN 08 09 18

The Cambridge Church of England Mission to the Deaf and Dumb was started two years ago to meet their spiritual needs. It meets at St Philip's church and attracts people from Swaffham Bulbeck, Milton and Trumpington. Several special services of Holy Communion have been held with Mr G.A. Mackenzie interpreting in the sign language. CWN 08 09 18 p5

Three financial failures connected with agriculture came before Cambridge bankruptcy court. A Swaffham Prior farmer had borrowed from moneylenders who he hoped to pay off with a good harvest. But even after the best harvest for years he was still in debt. He lived in a large house so his wife had to have a maid because she could not do all the work herself. He'd also spent a great deal on whisky and a fur collar for his wife. CWN 08 09 18 p7

1908 09 25
Cambridge Street Tramways' income from fares was down because of the competition from motor buses. If they had more passing places they could increase the number of trams. But the Corporation refused on the ground of excessive traffic and then granted four more licences to run great, unwieldy

motor buses up and down the streets. But unlike their competitors the trams had to pay £325 a year towards the upkeep of the roads. CWN 08 09 25 p3

If the safety of England can be gauged by her miniature rifle clubs, then England must be safe indeed. Everywhere these little societies of keen shots have been springing up like mushrooms and nowhere has been more prolific than Cambridge. The latest club meets at the Bell Inn, Newmarket Road and already has a membership of 50. They would learn not only to hit the bull's eye at practice, but in times of dire necessity to shoot straight at other targets and so keep their land intact in case of invasion. CWN 09 09 25 p3

A new economic era in the life of England has begun with the introduction of old age pensions. Every man or woman of 70 who has less than twelve shillings a week is entitled to walk into a Post Office and fill up a form to claim a supplementary income from public funds. In Cambridgeshire there are about 1,500 who are eligible and in Cambridge about 1,300. There are those who forecast an age of thriftlessness, improvidence and national bankruptcy. But we do not think there is any need to be alarmed. CWN 08 09 25 p5

Newmarket widow's plea re pensions – 08 09 25 02

Hobson's stream footpath sought – 08 09 25 p6

Tenancy of Nag's Head – to close, Albion Row houses – 08 09 25 p6

Isleham theft, Cock Inn, Isleham Bank – 08 09 25 p6

Old age pensions – committee constituted – 08 09 25 p8

Newmarket councillors discussed problems over servants. One reported that his daughter, who kept a registry office, could get situations for 50 girls but could find none to fill the places. However another said his wife had six girls in her Sunday school class who were anxious to get into service. Many girls who are willing to enter domestic service are totally unfitted for the work whilst the more capable ones are now being educated and seeking other employment. CWN 08 09 25 p5

New regulations will make it easier for the police to convict the road hog who drives pell mell through villagers. Action should be taken to diminish the risks of accidents due to sharp corners, narrow lanes and high hedges. Hollow country lanes should be widened and the question of dust clouds from the mud roads addressed. But where is the money coming from? CWN 08 09 25 p6

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A nurse at Fulbourn Asylum had died from typhoid fever: she was in the habit of drinking the water unboiled and a specimen had been sent to be bacteriologically examined. A scheme for the improvement of the disposal of sewage had been suggested but not yet carried out. The nurses were lunacy trained and not competent to nurse a case of enteric fever. Patients were treated in the Asylum infirmary but the attendants were moved as early as possible to Addenbrooke's Hospital. CWN 08 10 02 & 08 10 02 p5

Although we are far removed from the din of industrial strife, the wave of depression that is sweeping over the trade of the country is making itself felt even in Cambridgeshire. What local industries we possess appear to be flourishing, labour on the land is fairly constant and the labour required by the colleges varies but little. But the number of people making use of the casual ward of Cambridge workhouses has been increasing with 818 vagrants during the previous fortnight as compared to 184 last year. CEN 08 10 02 p5

Oakington Rovers Football Club has had a very hard struggle to exist as players could seldom get off work on Saturday afternoons when a match was arranged. It will be discontinued, the goal posts sold and any money given to Addenbrooke's Hospital. The chairman, Mr H. Orman had been involved in the club from its birth and was sorry to see it come to such an untimely end but there was no other way out of the difficulties they were in. A supper and smoking concert would be held to mark the death of a promising football club. CWN 08 10 02 p8

Following a coroner's inquest two hundred residents of the Waterbeach signed a petition claiming their doctor was not a fit and proper person to be the Medical Officer for the Relief District. At least 20 are paying for medical attendance into another local practitioner's club rather than avail themselves of his advice. CWN 08 10 02

Three hundred Cambridge men journeyed to London to protest against the Government's Licensing Bill. They joined a procession of 2,000 men from King's Cross station in front of a band from Hull which did much to enliven the long and tedious walk. But the main London arteries were so choked with traffic that they were late in arriving at Hyde Park. It was a sober and serious protest with not one drunken man in sight. CWN 08 10 02

As soon as dusk fell, the heavy gates of the Cambridge Workhouse opened upon the first of a tattered regiment of out-of-works, willing-to-works and never-will-works who demanded hospitality. Reports from all local unions show an abnormal leap in the number of vagrants who are seeking the shelter of the casual wards due to unemployment consequent on trade depression. The first were a pair of women, one pale and gaunt, one rotund and healthful. They are a washerwoman and a charwoman from Lancashire; neither has yet found work and they are returning to the North. CWN 08 10 09 p2

Holy Sepulchre roof restored – CWN 08 10 02

1908 10 09 CWN

The police and the Cambridge corps of the Salvation Army came into conflict on Sunday evening. With full band, officers and followers, the customary demonstration commenced at the top of Kingston Street, a pitch which the Salvationists have occupied without interruption for twenty years. A song, followed by a prayer opened the service before a police officer asked them to 'move on'. The S.A. Officer refused but did say that when a sick person complains of the band it is silenced at once. CWN 08 10 09 p2

After many years of waiting, Thaxted is at last assured of its railway. The history of the Elsenham, Thaxted and Bardfield light railway scheme is a very long one but in 1907 an Act of Parliament was obtained and now the Great Eastern Railway has agreed to construct the line. A platform will probably be erected at Henham and a siding for goods at Sibley. Thaxted is a delightfully sleepy old English town; many of its inhabitants are said to have never seen a train and some disbelieve in the existence of such means of locomotion. But soon this peaceful spot will receive the rough jolt of advancing commercialisation. CWN 08 10 09 p3

Cambridge Prison is satisfactory and discipline well-maintained. The number of male prisoners last year was 818 and their conduct generally good. They are employed at oakum picking, sawing, chopping and bundling wood, gardening and building work while the female prisoners do needlework, knitting, laundry work and cleaning. One female prisoner, aged 66, was baptised at her own request. The schoolmaster has carried out his duties with zeal in his new schoolroom where 45 prisoners have been under instruction. There has been no escape, no attempt at escape and no case for corporal punishment. CWN 08 10 09 p3

Poole's Myriorama is a unique entertainment comprising views of the lands beyond the seas. A special feature is 'A contest in the clouds' in which the aerial warfare of the future is strikingly forecasted by a remarkably clever series of pictures and effects and some splendid pictures were

shown on the Bioscope. A capable company of entertainers include a troupe of Japanese performers whose feat of walking a rope from one end of Cambridge Guildhall almost to the ceiling is really marvellous. CWN 08 10 09 p6

Smart taxi-cabs will soon be plying for hire in the streets of Cambridge. The Watch Committee have decided to licence ten vehicles of the Provincial Motor Cab Company and as soon as staff, garage and other matters have been arranged the local cabmen will have to face this formidable form of competition, although ten taxies cannot monopolise all the trade. CWN 08 10 09

The court heard that under his will dated 1870 Richard Lenton had left his windmill at Littleport to his wife and daughters. In 1891 it had been let to Henry Canham who paid the rent until 1898 but as he was in very poor circumstances the executor had not pressed him for it until 1906 when he went to Littleport and found that Canham was dead. William Walker had possession of the mill but refused to return the keys until he'd been repaid for the rates and taxes he'd spent on it. CWN 08 10 03 p7

A sensation was created at Sutton by the descent of a monster balloon near the Chain Causeway. It was the renowned 'Valkyrie' carrying the champion lady balloonist, the Hon Mrs Assheton Harbord which had been inflated at Battersea Park Gas Work hoping to sail as far as Peterborough. It landed without the slightest difficulty and was packed in a cart for conveyance to Sutton station. Mrs Harbord's motor car had followed the balloon for some distance but the chauffeur had lost sight of it so, after being entertained by Walter Haddock of the Brooklands, she took the train from Ely. CWN 08 10 09 p8

Provision of smallholdings Hauxton, Cottenham, Steeple Morden & Haslingfield – CWN 08 10 09

Arbury Road houses proposed – CWN 08 10 09

1908 10 16 CWN
A serious collision occurred at St Ives. Mr F. Clarke, furniture dealer, was driving his horse in a trap when it became unmanageable and bolted. In taking the Olive Road corner the runaway collided with Mr Denton's trap of which the shaft was broken off. It then turned completely over and Mr Clarke was thrown through the window of the White Lion Hotel. He was badly cut but no bones were broken and he was removed to his residence. CWN 08 10 16

Cambridge cabmen protested against the decision to licence ten motor taxi-cabs. Ellis Merry said that for weeks the cabmen had not averaged two fares a day and many were on duty 18 hours a day to get a living. If they ousted the hansoms from the streets what would they do during the busy times: when the undergraduates came up it took at least 100 men and cabs to accommodate the railway company but at ordinary times six taxi-cabs could do the work required. CWN 08 10 16 p3

Ely cathedral's new organ incorporates the best part of the old. The electricity for the mechanism is generated by a small dynamo driven by a gas engine. The congregation filled every available space from the chancel gates to the great west doors. Octagon, transepts, nave and treforium were full of people enjoying the great occasion to the full. After the service Sit Walter Parratt held the great assembly enthralled by his wonderful playing. CWN 08 10 16 p7

Lt Gransden publican at Chequers fined – CWN 08 10 16

Stretham harvest horkey – CWN 08 10 16

1908 10 23 CWN

Thomas Askham, manager of the Hippodrome, Auckland Road, was convicted of staging a play, 'Sally in Our Alley' which had not been approved by the Lord Chamberlain in a building which had

three times been refused a licence. Afterwards he announced that it would be turned into a picture palace and a first-class, up-to-date set of animated pictures would be presented. The old artistes would not get the sack but would sing to them every night and have their 'funniosities' all the same. He would also apply for a dramatic licence. The Hippodrome was required in Cambridge by the working classes – as a working-class theatre. CWN 08 10 23 p3, CWN 08 10 30 p3

Councillors were told that they had no power to prevent anyone coming to Cambridge and running motor taxi-cabs, though they could refuse to licence them plying for hire or using the cab ranks. They could have a garage, be on the telephone and receive orders to drive people in their taxis, just as the hansom cab proprietors did. If they were to come it was better that they be licensed. They would create a new, long-distance trade as ordinary street traffic would not pay them. CWN 08 10 23

It would be wrong to license motor taxis in Cambridge, councillor Wootten said. There were 120 hansom cabmen, probably married and with families who owned the cabs they drove and had spent money on renovating them. There were 500 people who were getting a livelihood out of the cabs including those supplying harness and fodder for the horses. It is just like other things in England, inviting foreigners to come in and make as much unemployment as they can. CWN 08 10 23

Fenstanton anti-speed crusade – CWN 08 10 23

Ranjitsinhji, now Jam of Nawanagar honoured – CWN 08 10 23

Trumpington village hall opened – CWN 08 10 23

1908 10 30 CWN

Newmarket's new railway station is the smartest and most up-to-date in the kingdom, the pride of the inhabitants and the envy of all visitors. It was opened in 1902 replete with every convenience, electric light and commodious refreshment rooms. On Cesarewitch day 1,032 first and 1,656 third-class passengers left by the return specials alone. In striking contrast Cambridge station is dismal and dirty. CWN 08 10 30 p5

Women on town councils discussion – CWN 08 10 30 # WOMEN

The very first girl student to attend University lectures in Cambridge, Miss Dove, is going to be the first lady mayor in English history. She must not be confused with the common or garden suffragette. All her life she has been something of a pioneer. She was one of the little group of twelve ladies who enrolled at Miss Emily Davies' college, then carried on at Hitchin, and the very first to enter the new building at Girton where the students re-assembled in October 1873. CWN 08 10 30 p5

Newmarket RDC considered the question of repairs to Landwade bridge. It might not be their responsibility: the overseers had never repaired it, the county was not responsible, the highway surveyors of Fordham and Landwade had never spent money on it, though the Exning surveyors had. It was only a matter of 24 shillings now but might leave them open for more expense in the future. CWN 08 10 30

November 1908 CWN

1908 11 06
The women candidates for Cambridge borough councillors have quickened interest in the recent elections. All though the day rumours of the arrival of the Pankhurst brigade were flying about with speculation that 50 militant females had arrived from London, but nobody saw any suffragettes. The crowd expressed their pleasure in cheers when it was announced that both the lady candidates, Miss Kennedy who stood in New Town and Miss Philpott who stood in Petersfield, had been defeated. CWN08 11 06 p3

Many pathetic incidents have surrounded the applications for old age pensions; one bedridden old Cambridge lady of 84 was asked how she was going to prove her age. She said she didn't know, as both her mother and father were dead. She was an orphan, she tearfully explained. CWN 08 11 06 p5

The council had been trying for some years to bring about the widening of Carlyle Road and have now been able to make arrangements with Miss Bell, Miss Pye and Mr Darwin who all owned land adjoining. The price agreed was a fair one and Mr Darwin had given his portion to the council. It was one of the greatest improvements in Chesterton for a very great time. Now tenders would be sought to construct a new wall using local labour. CWN 08 11 06 p5

The Cambridge District Nurses moved into their new home standing in its own grounds on Newmarket Road. Designed by W.M. Fawcett and built by Coulson and Lofts, it has a smart exterior appearance. Facing the road is the entrance to the surgery with the dining room, and kitchen with sitting rooms for the Superintendent and nurses on the first floor together with four bedrooms and another three on the second floor. The building is lighted by incandescent gas and fitted with electric bells. CWN 08 11 06 p5

The Hippodrome, Auckland Road, applied for a full dramatic licence. It had formerly been conducted as a circus but since Easter had been to Mr Leslie who had been giving variety sketches. It had 2,080 seats priced from one penny to fourpence and was not competing with the New Theatre, where the lowest charge was sixpence. It was already licenced for music and dancing. Some councillors felt the building was quite unfit and feared the consequence of a fire; it would have a bad influence on the neighbourhood. But a theatre was a much better institution than a music hall and the application was approved. 08 11 06 p8

1908 11 13

Perhaps it will be some comfort to the party of revellers near Selwyn College the other night to know that the balloon they saw was a real one and the occupants living men and not huge white rats. It was the 'Daily Graphic' balloon on its unsuccessful attempt to reach Siberia and contained an old Trinity man, Capt E.M. Maitland. He says he distinctly recognised the Roman Catholic Church and burnt some red flares as they passed over the town. CWN 08 11 13 p5

A band of militant ladies disrupted a meeting attended by a Cabinet Minister in Cambridge Guildhall when they informed him and an unsympathetic audience that they wanted votes. It was known that members of the warlike organisation of women had arrived, but which of the many well-dressed women present were they? It soon became clear when a slight form crowned by a 'Merry Widow' hat rose from her seat and vomited words like a Gatling gun. They caused a disturbance and a few had the pleasure of being ejected with more or less violence. CWN 08 11 13

Caxton Guardians were told of a case of diphtheria in a cottage at Orwell. They heard that the cost of purifying Hardwick water would be £40: it was worse than before, and something must be done. There had also been another burglary at the Isolation Hospital. The knives had been taken away and the intruder had slept in the nurses' bed. (Laughter). CWN 08 11 13 p3

A singular accident in which a taximeter cab played a singular part occurred in Peas Hill. The lamp of taxi cab number 214, driven by a man named Darby, caught the awning connecting a couple of stalls and there was a general upset. The stall of Mr Reynolds was practically demolished and the sweets strewn about with the result that a number of boys had a scramble and pocketed as much as they could. The adjoining drapery stall of Mr Nicholls fared better. The affair caused a great deal of commotion. 08 11 13

William Cooking, Manager of the Taxi-meter Cab Company of Cambridge was summonsed for driving a taxi-cab at the dangerous speed of 23 miles an hour in Trumpington. He was liable to a

penalty of £20 and to have his licence suspended but magistrates only fined him £3. They were determined to put down fast driving through the villages. CWN 08 11 13 p3

For several hours the district between Lord's Bridge and Haslingfield was the scene of warfare which, had it been real, would have strewn the countryside with dead and dying. The C.U. Officers' Training Corps was joined by the Leys, Perse, Cambridge County and other schools as several hundreds of troops, cavalry, infantry and engineers were engaged. The idea was that a hostile army was retiring towards Royston and being harried by the home army. Their retreat was attended with difficulty since all the bridges over the Cam were destroyed and fords existed for mounted troops only. CWN 08 11 13 p5

Mr & Mrs John Barnard of Green Farm, Haslingfield, celebrated their 'diamond wedding'. Such an occurrence has been known in the village within living memory. Time has dealt kindly with each: he has attained the ripe old age of 84 whilst his wife is 82. Both were born in the village and married in the church in 1848. He rises about 4.30 to attend to the farm and retires about eight at night. He has never smoked and maintains that tobacco shortens one's days. On only one occasion have they travelled any distance when they journeyed by rail to Kent. Neither has ever seen the sea. 08 11 13

Serious gunpowder accident, bonfire night at Quy – 08 11 13

Bonfire night begging – 08 11 13

1908 11 20
The Ousden District Nurses Fund has a fully qualified nurse who is also a midwife working in the parishes of Denham, Ousden and Lidgate. Under the Midwives Act from 1910 a certified midwife will be an absolute necessity in country parishes as what are known as 'Mother Gamps' will be prohibited from practicing their calling. The nurse's fee for maternity cases is five shillings for subscribers, as compared with the doctor's fees of one guinea. 08 11 20

Following a complaint that water could not be got from the pump between the Red Lion and the allotments at Cheveley, Mr Graystone went to investigate. The source of supply was a field fifty yards away where he found an offensive-looking pond. The water was an inky colour and covered with green duckweed. It looked altogether horrible. There were lots of rats living in the pond. But the water was not meant for drinking; it was just for slopping purposes and there should be a notice to that effect. There had never been a case of typhoid arising from it. CWN 08 11 20

An inquest heard that the landlord of the Chequers, Wilburton, had served in the army and retired with the rank of Quarter-Master Sergeant. He had a substantial pension but had worried about his brewer's bill for £27 which seemed to pray on his mind. He kept taking it from his pocket and reading it over and over again. David Wadlow, labourer, said he had opened the yard gates so the publican could enter with his horse and cart. He did not say the man was sober. William Haylock later found him lying in the yard and sent for Dr Howe. 08 11 20 p2

A young married woman lies in Cambridge gaol accused of wilful murder. In the tiny parlour of a typical country cottage is the dead body of her year-and-four-month old baby, a bonny dark-eyed plumped-cheek babe, drowned in the filth of a cesspool. Upon a little bed in another room lies another little girl slowly recovering from the effects of immersion in the same cesspool. Too young to realise the terrible experience she has been through she murmurs "Mummy did it; she said it was best". CWN 08 11 20 p8

During their residence at Brandon Park Mr & Mrs Almeric Paget have supported many philanthropic movements, including the installation of an acetylene gas system in the parish church. For years there has been an old concert hall, not a thing of beauty and falling into decay. Now Mr Paget has replaced it with a magnificent public hall for the social life of Brandon and a home for the local Conservative Association. CWN 08 11 20

Frederick Myers was well known in Cambridge during his lifetime and, being interested in spiritualism, promised that if communication between the dead and the mind of the earthly were at all possible he would get in touch with his friends on earth. Now Mrs Henry Sidgwick, president of the Psychical Research Society, claims to have established communication through a system of automatic cross-correspondence. CWN 08 11 20

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1908 12 04 CWN
Cambridge is not too well supplied with private nursing homes for the treatment of medical and surgical cases so the Priory Nursing Home almost opposite Christ Church, Newmarket Road, is welcome. It stands in grounds of nearly an acre with a garden sloping down to the river, isolated from the throb and vibration of traffic in one of the healthiest spots in Cambridge. A sense of comfort pervades the rooms and lurks in the corners and it seems hard to realise one is in a place associated with sickness and physical discomfort. 08 12 04

There is a rule at the New Theatre which degrees that undergraduates may not charter a box unless they are accompanied by a lady. So four fertile brains sought to overcome it. No relative of the softer sex being available it was determined that one of the four should undergo sufficient outward transformation to satisfy the authorities. The charming gown was of white satin bespangled with sequins designed by Kate Reilly of Dover Street, the beautiful head of hair was done by Clarkson who came down himself to direct the final 'touching up'. The group dined at Buol's and taxied to the theatre. But what happened afterwards and how the 'lady' was smuggled into college we are not at liberty to divulge. CDN 08 12 04

Newmarket allotments meeting – 08 12 03

Cambridge railway station article from Railway Magazine – 08 12 03 # c.26.2

1908 12 11 CWN
It is many decades since the south face of the church clock at Histon was painted or even washed. Some say the dial has not been washed since the flood of 1879 but others think it has been gilded more recently. But at present the figures are practically erased whereas they used to be discernible from Park Lane. Some face paints easily wash off but hopefully the next renovator will use a better paint and gilt. CWN 08 12 11

Government Inspectors say a large source of Cambridge water should be abandoned as it is dangerous to the lives and health of the inhabitants. It had been suggested that contamination came from Fulbourn Asylum sewage but the experts say the danger comes from the villages of Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn where the method of sewage disposal are at the very least primitive. Even if sewage was excluded from the present leaky sewers it would still be disposed of in cesspools and there is no certainty that these would not leak. CWN 08 12 11

Chesterton Guardians - Waterbeach district medical officer resigns following complaints – 08 12 11

Royston drapers, Whitaker, failure – 08 12 11

1908 12 18 CWN

At this period of the winter Cambridge generally experiences a slump in the building trade but there is one extensive building in progress, the extension of Magdalene College on the river side of the main block. Owing to the endowment of Mr Mynors Bright twelve new sets of rooms and a large lecture theatre will be added. The architects have been careful to keep the style of the new buildings in

conformity with the old with a large bay window running from the ground to the roof. Undergraduates who keep there will have a pleasant outlook as their sitting rooms overlook the river. CWN 08 12 18

Last week two persons were summoned for riding cycles on the footpaths in Brooklands Avenue, one being discharged and the other fined half-a-crown. It is contended by some that the Avenue is a private road, as evidence of which they point to the gate which stands at one end. If it is so what powers have the magistrates to convict? One explanation is that the footpath on the north side of the Avenue is a public footpath and it was on this that the defendants were riding. If so why does the path remain a perfect quagmire throughout the winter? CWN 08 12 18

Fire broke out in Madame Holt's milliners shop in Mill Road. A large number of hats, bonnets ribbons and ladies underwear in the window were smouldering but police extinguished them with pails of water. It is thought a defective incandescent mantle flamed up and caught some ribbons surrounding the gas pip. But Miss Holt's assistant, Miss Key, who was in charge of the business is emphatic that she'd turned the gas off. CWN 08 12 18

Westrope's Year Book contains a host of useful information concerning the villages around Cottenham. It teems with every possible kind of useful hint with regard to health, wealth and happiness. There are photographs of local interest, notes housekeeping and a large number of anecdotes as well as plenty of space to keep a diary and a £200 free insurance coupon. All this for twopence. CWN 08 12 18

Willingham grocer's failure – Frederick Watson – 08 12 18

1908 12 25 CWN

There were stirring times in the neighbourhood of Honey Hill with police whistles blowing and gentlemen in blue uniforms running down alleys in hot pursuit while crowds looked on. The lynx-eyed PC Evans saw two men carrying something suspicious who ran off when challenged. A vigorous chase ensued before they got away, but they flung their booty over a wall. Four dead turkeys have been recovered. CWN 08 12 25

Allegations that a feud exists between the boys attending Milton Road and St Luke's schools is not entirely borne out by investigation. When the Milton Road School was opened a number of boys attending St Luke's migrated. Installed in the new school they 'put on side' which was too much for their late friends and some small battles ensued. This reached the ears of the authorities and they were punished. Since then rival feelings exist only in the breasts of two or three lads and possibly a snow storm will enable both sides to wipe out all accounts. CWN 08 12 25

A change of moon has brought a change of weather, a welcome variation from the mud, mist and moist atmosphere of the last week or two. But weather prophets cannot promise us a typical old-fashioned Christmas with frost or snow, and for that the poorer-folk will be grateful. However it is a poor heart that will allow the old time spirit of jollity and goodwill to be suffocated by mist or washed-out by rain. CWN 08 12 25

By this time the greater part of the Christmas shopping has been carried through. Shops have a blasé appearance but hundreds of households are the better stocked because of the depletion of the trading establishments. The holly and the ivy are over the pictures, the mistletoe is in ambush, Santa Claus is upon his philanthropic mission and all is in readiness for the celebration of 'The First Nowell" for those happy family reunions which Christmas brings in its train. CWN 08 12 25

The Boxing Day Costermonger's Marathon Race started from Abbey Street with each competitor pushing a barrow to the Bottisham Swan (a distance of six miles) and back. Performances of the

romantic drama ‘From Shop Girl to Duchess’ at the New Theatre appealed to many, while there were cinematograph exhibitions at the Guildhall and at Sturton Town Hall. CWN 08 12 25

A curious situation developed after the chaplain of Caxton workhouse resigned and the Guardians decided to ask the vicar and the Baptist minister of Caxton to share the duties and divide the salary. There were Nonconformists in every district and it was only fair they should receive equal rights. They got a large number of inmates from Gamlingay where there were two Nonconformists to every Church of England person. CWN 08 12 25

Chesterton school feud – Milton Road v St Luke’s – case 08 12 25

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There are scans of these articles [but where are they]

January 1909 CWN

1909 01 01
The Christmas holidays passed off very quietly in Gamlingay and there were but few attractions to entertain the visitors to the village, who were not so numerous as in former years. With the exception of the gaily-dressed shop windows there was little to show that the festive season was near and tradesmen generally were complaining about the slackness of the trade. The only outdoor attractions were two football matches at which there were large crowds and the Christmas of 1908 may be termed an indoor one. CWN 09 01 01

The Old Age Pensions Act comes into force and the post office is busy making the first payments to some half-million old people. In this part of the country many old folk are incredulous about the act, which they believe is too good to be true. But some pensioners in the East End of London have been borrowing money against their pension order. But if a moneylender has taken a pensioner's book as a security for debt, the book can be recovered. CWN 09 01 01

Our readers may have been alarmed by reports in the London press that the price of coal is being raised, but this does not apply to Cambridge. The extra coat of carting coal entailed by the severe fall of snow and consequent state of the road justifies a small rise but so far merchants who deal in small quantities sold from carts in bags have not increased their prices at all. CWN 09 01 01

A slight outbreak of fire occurred at 17 Market Hill, Cambridge, the ground floor of which is used as a shop by Messrs Bacon Bros tobacconist and the upper part by Mr Mason as a lodging house. Smoke was issuing from the floor of an upstairs sitting room. The flooring was pulled up and near the fireplace an old beam was found to be smouldering. Fireman Parsley, with the aid of a hand-pump, disposed of all danger. CWN 09 01 01

F.W. Fawcett was the architect of many Cambridge buildings including the Cavendish Laboratory & various departments in the New Museums site. He undertook the restoration of a large part of Queens' College, designed additions to Addenbrooke's Hospital, remodelled the County Gaol & built the Training College for Women, the County Police Station, several college boathouses and cricket pavilions as well as several large mansions including Longstowe and Six Mile Bottom. CWN 09 01 01

"Where is the snow plough" was the question asked by several people in Histon when about half-a-foot of snow was allowed to lie in the main streets, greatly to the discomfort of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. Some say that the snow plough has not yet returned from its Christmas holidays, others say that it still lies where it was left on Eastern Monday, when it was last used. CWN 09 01 01

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1901 01 08 CWN
Cambridgeshire took the advent of Old Age Pensions with very little fuss. For the first time in history veterans of toil claimed from the country the wherewithal to end their days in comparative comfort, free form the haunting dread of having to enter the 'House'. The pension varies from one to five

shillings a week through the issue of what is known as the poor man's cheque book which is presented at the post office. 09 01 08

The annual staff dinner of the Saxon and Norman Portland Cement Companies and the Atlas Stone Company was held at the Lion Hotel, Petty Cury. The results of the past years trading had been exceptional, a message that would be conveyed to colleagues who were at that moment striving hard at the factories. Wailing Jeremiahs thought it fashionable to complain of trade depression but they could point to increasing trade and increased profits. CWN 09 01 08

Cambridge Free Library is to introduce a system of 'card charging' in place of the present system of 'ledger charging' for the issue of books. This is the most up-to-date and efficient method of issue known and will be a boon to borrowers and staff alike. In another reform that will meet with general approval any burgess may now borrow on signing a "burgess's voucher" rather than get the signature of a guarantor for the safe return of the books. CWN 09 01 08

Fire broke out at Mr Ward's grocer's shop in Leader's Row, Staffordshire Street. The back room contained a copper where bacon was being boiled when a red-hot cinder dropped and set fire to a piece of paper. A short distance away was a paraffin tank which was in leaky condition and had saturated the floor with paraffin. This ignited causing an alarming blaze which was extinguished by smothering the flames with sacks and rugs. CWN 09 01 08

A remarkable accident occurred at Ely station when the tar in the tender of a liquid fuel engine exploded with disastrous results. The top of the tender was blown clean over the locomotive and fell ten yards away. The driver was thrown off the engine but escaped with a few bruises but the fireman was seriously injured: he was hurled on to the roof of Coote and Warren's coal building, then rolled on to a truck of coal and was found some time later unconscious. CWN 09 01 08

Pension day in villages – Cottenham, Swaffham Bulbeck, Histon, Over, Stretham, Isleham, Haddenham, Longstanton – 09 01 08

1909 01 15 CWN
On Friday night a man died in an East Road Lodging House and the landlady was naturally anxious to relieve her house of the body at the earliest moment. She had no knowledge of the man's relatives and a 'parish burial' was ordered. The undertaker said she had wanted to put the body in the yard covered up with clothes but he had removed it at his own expense. But relatives complained that the coffin was too small and the body laid on bare wood with the feet sticking to the pitch. All there was to cover him was a piece of thin stuff which did not meet in the middle. CWN 09 01 15

Newmarket licensees were warned that under the new Children Act no children were permitted in any place were drink was paid for and consumed. But the regulations affected only the working classes and did not apply to a man who could afford to go into a hotel or to railway refreshment rooms. It was ridiculous that people on holiday who went into a public house for refreshment must leave their children outside. Children would hear no worse language inside than that in the street. CWN 09 01 15

The large and finely-equipped roller flour mills of Messrs Paine & Co, of Bedford Street, St Neots were totally destroyed by fire. The blaze was tremendous, the flames leaping 30 feet higher than the top of the tall chimney, which escaped destruction. The manufactory of the 'John Bull' Malt Extract was partly burnt but some of the machinery was preserved. The town gas works adjoin these mills but luckily the wind blew the flames away. The damage is estimated as many thousands of pounds; only recently a large sum had been spent in installing new machinery to bring it up-to-date. 09 01 15

Albert Watts came to Cambridge as a shoeblack at Downing College where part of his duty was to clean undergraduates' bicycles. One possessed a motor cycle and he became smitten with the motor fever, mastered the mechanism and was allowed to take a ride upon it. When the first motor bus company was formed in Cambridge he forsook the college and ultimately became a driver. He

subsequently secured a position in a London garage and then became a private chauffeur. Now his picture has appeared in an illustrated paper as the chauffeur who has attained notoriety in the Missing Lady Mystery. 09 01 15

1909 01 22 CWN
The dread reaper has been unusually busy with his sickle lately in Cambridge, though most of the grain he has gathered was white unto the harvest. Mrs Toller, whose death took place at Waterbeach, was 80 years of age, Mr Arthur Rutter was 92, Mr Spilsworth 79 and Joseph Reynolds was 81. Other deaths were recorded this week at the age of 73, 75, 81 and 82. Truly Cambridgeshire would seem to be a healthy county

The Saxon Cement Works' Miniature Rifle Range was opened by Major Bourke, of Rorke's Drift fame. It has a range of up to fifty yards where rifle shooting may be practiced in fair weather and foul, in daytime or at night, electricity affording the requisite illumination. In rain the bull's eyes are accessible to the bullet fired from the verandah of a comfortable club house. Every member possesses his own rifle. 09 01 22

The new Abbey miniature rifle range opened in the grounds of the coffee tavern at 158, Newmarket Road. The eight targets, which can be set and returned for inspection by a winding mechanism, are illuminated by incandescent gas burners and the building is absolutely fireproof. It is hoped to build a pavilion and to have an open-air range in the summer. The district can now boast of two clubs, the other being at the 'Bell'. 09 01 22

Cambridge New Theatre was built on the site of an arcade of small shops from St Andrew's Street to Parkside. The arcade became a roller-skating rink but this proved a bad speculation. It was taken by the Conservative Club who christened it St Andrew's Hall, where amateur theatrical performances were sometimes held. Mr Redfern leased the building which he reconstructed and in 1882 the first performance was given in 'The Theatre Royal'. Then in 1895 the foundation stone of the New Theatre was laid. 09 01 22

The line near Cambridge station was blocked by a collision between two goods trains. One engine and four trucks were derailed and the goods thrown in all directions. One was completely overturned and its contents scattered over the line while others loaded with granite had the sides ripped open. The accident happened under Mill Road Bridge where a crowd of spectators watched the arduous task of clearing the line. 09 01 22

Harriet Evans was a well-known figure around Mill Road. She usually wore a white veil and carried a portmanteau or bag in each hand and would walk along in a methodical manner until a certain shop was reached where she would have sixpennyworth of firewood carefully placed in one of her leather bags. She was so confirmed a man hater that she would not use money that bore the king's head. If she was given any she would throw it in the fire. She had never had a sweetheart and never wanted one, her inquest was told. 09 01 22

1909 01 29 CWN

Children's teeth – Cunningham, dentist – 09 01 29

An old tramp known by the sobriquet 'Scissor Sharpener' was discovered lying by the side of the road in Swavesey. He was apparently dead, for all efforts to revive him were unavailing. A search of his pockets revealed a twist, two pieces of whetstone, a pipe, a halfpenny and a matchbox. David Garner of the Red Lion said he had known the deceased for four or five years. He went by the name of 'Scissor Sharpener' which he believed was his trade. He said nothing about himself but had been getting very feeble during the last two years. CWN 09 01 29

Mr Rose, MP, toured his constituency by motor car and had an enthusiastic welcome from old age pensioners many of whom had their pension books in their hands. At Balsham one old fellow, trembling with gratitude, had just drawn his ten shilling pension. "I remember working all day long for eight shillings a week for my wife and I to live on. Why we be gentlefolk now, picking up ten shillings every week and nothing to do for it", he said. At West Wickham the children stormed the car and would be satisfied with nothing but a ride. CWN 09 01 29

A well-known East Anglian newspaper reported that the headless trunk of a sturdily-built woman had been found at Kirtling. But as was explained by the CDN the carcass was part of a sheep, partly eaten by dogs and covered in mud. Several of the inhabitants had a bad attack of nerves and spread the story of a headless body. The police thought it best to take a medical opinion of the remains and Dr Wilkin pronounced they were not human. CWN 09 01 29

Col. Caldwell, Master of Corpus Christ College, was being driven in a taxi cab back from Milton when owing to the density of the fog, the driver, Charles Glasscock, made a miscalculation where the railway divides from the main road and ran his cab into a stout post. The Master was thrown violently forward and sustained cuts on his face, the driver was taken to hospital. The taxi, the forepart of which was damaged, was towed back during the night. CWN 09 01 29

February 1909 CWN

1909 02 05 CWN
The George and Dragon beerhouse at Linton should close, justices decided. It was one of 11 licensed houses in the parish which had a population of 1,580. The accommodation consisted of a tap room, bar parlour, sitting room, small shop, cellar, kitchen, wash-house and five bedrooms. The roofing was out of repair and the flooring of the bedrooms and the staircase weak. The trade was about a barrel of beer and stout a week. The Three Horseshoes, Duxford was one of six in the village and there were more licenced houses in Balsham than were required, so the Five Bells should also close. CWN 09 02 05

In military exercises around Grantchester the University Officer Training Corps attacked Dumpling Hall, near Haggis Gap Farm. Engineers rapidly and noiselessly constructed a bridge of boats across the river and the force advanced over the fields. The night promised to be foggy but turned out bright and starlight with a strong moon so the troops were unusually conspicuous. By the time they arrived the enemy general who had been based there had managed to escape. 09 02 05

Miss Martha Eyres told the court she managed a shop in Bridge Street. The prisoner called and asked for curtains to be sent on approval to him at the Bus Yard House, Chesterton Road. He promised to pay cash for those his wife kept. But no payment was received. George Clark, a retired butcher, said he had hired the Bus House Yard to the prisoner who'd left somewhat suddenly. 09 05 05

Elliott Robert Odams was a patriot who revered the memory of the late beloved Queen and because St Ives did not erect a memorial to her memory he gave the Victoria Jubilee Fountain in the Broadway. He had continued John Coote's business as a brewer and maltster in Cambridge until 1885 when he sold it to Mr R. Flick and moved to St Ives where he took an active part in public life. He was a staunch Conservative and a reader and supporter of the Cambridgeshire Weekly News from its commencement. 09 02 05

An alarming accident occurred at Barrington when the gable end of a house in the Orwell Road collapsed. Fortunately Mr H. Coningsby and his family were at tea in the other end of the house at the time so that no one was injured. The building, which was erected 40 years ago, is of clay bats, which have become damp through the plaster covering coming off, and gave way in the rough wind, leaving the roof suspended. Mr Fred Patman removed the suspended portion of the roof which threatened to pull down the remainder. 09 02 05

Old Age pensions – details from villages – 09 02 05

1909 02 12
Ladies who study their figures will do well to inspect the new designs in corsets exhibited at the show rooms of Messrs W.K. Vawser and Son, Petty Cury. Specially designed corsets are prepared for the Empire and Directoire style of gowns. Ladies will be delighted to find just what they need among the lovely models of the French I.C. a la Persephone corsets which are suitable for the slender willowy figures. The Adjustment for stouter figures, needing greater support, is an ideal corset, price 17s.6d. (85p). 09 02 12

When John Binns, the wireless operator on the ill-fated liner 'Republic' arrived at Liverpool he was met by his sweetheart, Miss Wright of Stetchworth. On his return to Peterborough the Mayor praised his pluck and courage at sticking to his post for ten hours, flashing messages till relief arrived. But Binns said there were greater heroes, including one who although up to his neck in water remained to open the steam valve, saving the ship and those on board. CWN 09 02 12

Wickliffe Preachers paid a visit to St Clement's church while the vicar was hearing confessions and asked him to produce his authority for hearing confessions in the Church of England. An argument ensued and the vicar locked the Preacher in the church whilst he sent for the police. They then visited St Giles and sat down near the curate and an undergraduate who was confessing, refusing to move. Thereupon the curate whispered to the student to go to the vestry where they locked themselves in. In the evening there was a banner procession through the streets but a Protestant meeting was broken up by undergraduates. CWN 09 02 12

Cambridge Police has a special staff of men employed in looking after unoccupied houses. The intending burglar who usually watches the policeman on his beat pass the empty property he intends to break into cannot now know when he may be dropped upon. Last year 802 residents used the service and except for one house in Madingley Road, where the gates were locked and police unable to obtain access, there has been no robbery from an unoccupied house of which they have been given notice. CWN 09 02 12

A well-planned raid took place at the isolated works of the Cambridge Steam Laundry in Cherryhinton Road. The manager Mr Pratt found the office door wide open and the Perry Fireproof Safe lying on the floor. The bottom had been cut open, two steel drawers prised out and about £60 in cash abstracted. Unfortunately for Mr Pratt, the greater part was his own personal property, the company money having been banked. CWN 09 02 12

Licensing objections to Bottisham Rose and Crown, Swaffham Prior John Bull and Uncle Tom's Cabin at Reach – 09 02 12

1909 02 19 CWN
Considerable excitement was occasioned in Chesterton on Sunday by an outbreak of fire at 74 Montagu Road, occupied by Thomas Carter. Crowds congregated in the road and at the rear of the house, but happily did not witness the extensive conflagration expected. At noon Mrs Carter placed a bed to air before the fire in a back bedroom and soon found it on fire. The burning bed was pitched out of the window and buckets of water poured upon other burning material in the room by neighbours. For fire insurance on profit-sharing principles contact Rayment and Dickson, 104 Regent Street. 09 02 19

Hallack and Bond can trace their association with Cambridge back over 100 years: it was there that Elizabeth Woodcock purchased her groceries before being lost in the snow in 1799. Tea was a luxury then, now it is a necessity and their delicate Katharata blend produces pleasing results. A visit to their tea room is a revelation: upon a tea-tasting day fragrant bouquets from the Far East assail the nostrils and the palate including one with a beautiful peach-like perfume. 09 02 12

The Protestant Demonstration called by Mr Kensitt at the Alexandra Hall resulted in the wildest uproar. The small hall was crowded with ladies, undergraduate and townspeople, while outside a band of disappointed 'Varsity demonstrators increased. Inside shouting and whistling commenced before the opening hymn but the earnest portion of the assembly did not give in and by singing as loudly as possible almost drowned the discordant shouting of the opposition. Mr Kensitt's speech was constantly interrupted. Missiles struck the windows and the hall was filled with the smell of sulphuretted hydrogen. 09 02 19

The gallant band of old soldiers who fought in the Crimea and the Indian Mutiny gets smaller every year. Cambridge man James Gray died in the workhouse, where the poor are so well looked after and was buried at Mill Road cemetery. There was no time to arrange for a military funeral but Captain Heal sent a large Union Jack to be placed on the coffin. Four members of the Territorial Force volunteered to act as pall bearers but assembled at Newmarket Road cemetery. On realising their mistake they drove to Mill Road which they reached just after the sorrowful ceremony had concluded and the mourners had left. 09 02 19

The meeting organised by the Anti Female Suffrage League in the Guildhall was crowded with many undergraduates who regarded the whole question as a humorous diversion. Speakers were constantly disrupted except from the one lady who was not subjected to a single interruption. Whilst conceding the importance of Women's work in national life it would be dangerous to allow a vote to people lacking the average political knowledge and experience open to men. 09 02 19

Caxton Guardians dispute over chaplain – 09 02 19

Darwin centenary celebrations – 09 02 19

Albert Howe of Fordham, miller, told the bankruptcy court that he began business in 1893, having been apprenticed at the mill he took over. He had no money. A friend bought him and horse and cart and the harness-maker made a set of harness on credit. About seven years ago he bought a second mill for £290, paying £15 deposit and the remainder he had borrowed. His brother had been living at the mill, for which he paid £20 a year. People owed him money but he allowed their accounts to run as he did not want to lose trade. 09 02 19

Airships were the real menace, Burwell Rifle Club was told. Foreign nations had an immense number of them capable of living up in the air for 48 hours away from their base. They could carry half a ton of dynamite. They could not dodge over floating ironclads and attack them but they could drop dynamite into our naval dockyards and a navy without a base was not a navy at all. The authorities in the United States were very worried about them. 09 02 19

Complaints had been made about cyclists and horses being ridden on the footpath from Burrell's Walk to Coton. Part of the footpath known as Love Lane was now merged in Adams Road where it had been converted into a carriage way. But if cyclists were allowed to use it why not a carriage and pair? A tricycle would completely impede a pedestrian, magistrates were told at the first prosecution of a cyclist for riding on the footpath. 09 02 19

1909 02 26 CWN
Paper missing

March 1909 CWN

1909 03 05 CWN
An inquest was held into the death of a domestic servant at a private residence in Grantchester Meadows. She had been standing in front of the fire in a newly-starched dress when it burst into flames. Her employer, a private tutor, wrapped her in a rug and telephoned for the doctor but she was extensively burnt and despite the services of two trained nurses the woman died. 09 03 05

During military night operations around Cambridge residents were discomforted by the activity of an eight-inch howitzer entrenched in a capitally-constructed earth fort on the high ground of Madingley Hill. It was attacked by the Cambridge University officer Training Corps who found the rush uphill on the double was too long and exhausting. There was the danger of troops arriving out of breath and in scattered formation being charged with the bayonet. So they marched across country, crossing fences and ditches in silence. After the roar of an explosion, symbolising the destruction of the howitzer they retired to Coton. 09 03 05

A terrible case came before magistrates when a man was charged with sleeping in a chaff-house at Stretham and being without visible means of subsistence. He was carried into court in a frightfully emaciated condition, being mere skin and bones. His arms and legs were no thicker than those of a child, his clothes hung about him in folds and he presented a ghastly picture. He is an Army pensioner who had spent all his money before crawling into the chaff house where he was found by police. He was taken to the workhouse. CWN 09 03 05

The funeral of the Rev R.M. Williams took place in Lt Thetford churchyard and in the evening a muffled peal was rung on the Stretham church bells. He had been curate there during the time of his terrible tragedy: in September 1896 he had cycled with his wife from Stretham to Cambridge, it being the first anniversary of their wedding. They had just crossed Victoria Bridge when she collided with a butcher's cart and was instantly killed. CWN 09 03 05

A fortnight ago the Cambridge Board of Guardians received a letter from a widow asking for assistance in obtaining her a husband. It was published in the News. Now she had received 78 replies. Several came from inmates of workhouses, some were musical and some expert in poultry keeping. One had a house, business and £700, another a pension. Two had the misfortune to have lost their legs, one from the knee down. CWN 09 03 05

The Rose and Crown, Pound Hill, was damp with paper peeling from the wall. There were seven other licenced premises nearby which all did better trade. But the landlord said he exercised great discretion in the customers he encouraged. Other pubs were frequented by the lower class. If it were closed it would be an inducement to the others not to cater for the better and quieter class but to draw a larger number just so they could boost their sales of beer, Magistrates renewed the licence. Also Traveller's Rest Huntingdon Road, White Horse in Coronation Street, Prince of Wales in Church St, Fox & Duck South Street, Oxford in Crispin Street, Johnny Gilpin in Gold Street & Prince Albert Castle Street. CWN 09 03 05

The White Wyandotte Club Year Book is a combined guide and reference book to this popular breed of chickens and includes a series of excellent illustrations. It is beautifully printed and daintily bound and may be obtained from the secretary, Mr J. Stephen Hicks of Bottisham, for three-pence in stamps. CWN 09 03 05

1909 03 12 CWN
Thomas Adkins of Musgrave Farm, Fen Ditton carried on a butcher's business in Norwich Street for 30 years. He was well-known at the Cattle Market and was one of the judges at the Christmas Fat Stock sales. His death at the age of 61 came as a surprise, as he usually enjoyed excellent health. About a month ago, however, he broke a blood vessel and in spite of constant and skilful medical attention he died. 09 03 12

The Duke of Bedford's offer of the Thorney estate to the Crown has been declined and he will now put the estate up for auction. The Duke says he is prepared to assist existing tenants to buy their holdings by allowing a portion of the purchase money to remain on mortgage, but the tenants feel they should at least have the option of private treaty before their farms are put up to public competition. Some holdings have been in the occupation of the same families since 1772 and they claim they have

done as much in developing the estate as the Bedford family. Should the sale take place it will spell ruin to many, they fear. 09 03 12

The Fox in the Wood beerhouse at Town's End, Soham, was an old house built of brick, lathe and plaster. The only room used by the public was a taproom but there were four bedrooms and stabling for two horses. Nearby were The Holmes and the King's Head alehouses and the Travellers' Rest beerhouse, all of which did better trade. There were 32 licences in Soham for a population of 4,230, magistrates were told. 09 03 12

Fulbourn had 11 licenced houses. The Townley Arms was 270 paces from the Bakers' Arms, 120 from the Mangle beer house and 440 paces from the Asylum Inn. But it was the only free house in the village and had increased its trade. As well as selling beer on the premises the landlord sold ordered beer and stout in the village which he took round with a horse and cart. He was the only licence-holder who supplied beer in gallon jars for a shilling – it cost fourpence more elsewhere. There was a quoits club with about 30 members. The licence was renewed. 09 02 12

1909 03 19 CWN
Mr W.B. Redfern's unique collection of watercolour drawings of old Cambridge excited great interest. In 1875 he started to record places of bygone and antiquarian interest which but for his timely intervention would have been lost for ever. A good many had now entirely disappeared including two houses in Shelley Row which were the residence of Oliver Cromwell during the Civil War. They were panelled with two handsome fireplaces which he had moved to his own house. Old houses in Petty Cury were the most striking and perfect places which should never have been pulled down while parts of the Falcon Yard had remained until the last few years. 09 03 19

Several families were burnt out of their homes by a disastrous fire which occurred at West Wratting. It started in Mr Marfleet's grocer's shop and the extended until a heap of ruins covered an area fully a quarter of an acre in extent. A saddler's shop was only saved when the wind veered round. The only water supply was a pond on the opposite side of the road and this was drained quite dry by the time the flames were extinguished. One of the Newmarket Brigade was struck on the face and injured by a stone while engaged with the manual engine. 09 03 19

A Newmarket telegraphist was accused of betting on certainties. From the office he could hear the results of races and telegraphed bets down to a London firm using a code name 'Cuckoo'. Bets would only be recognised if they were timed fifteen minutes before the race was run but he devised a method of beating the system. Post Office officials were alerted when they received an anonymous letter signed 'Trainer' saying the clerk had been doing a great deal of betting and that it was time to stop it. Any servant of the Post Office would be liable to be dismissed for betting. 09 03 19

The proprietors of the University Arms Hotel, Robert Sayle and the Cambridge Automobile and Engineering Company all claimed that they had only agreed to advertise in the 'Corporation Guide to Cambridge' as they had been told this would be an official guide, distributed through the Town Clerk's department. The firm said they had written to the Town Clerk suggesting he might become a journalist for the guide in a private capacity, but he had declined. They had distributed 1,000 copies to the Railway companies, 250 to Galloway and Porter and 950 to advertisers. 09 03 19

1909 03 26 CWN

Carrie Nation hoax – 09 02 26 # c.36.9

The Cambridgeshire Weekly News has acquired that valuable and old-established journal 'The Cambridge Express' and will henceforth be known as the 'Cambridgeshire Weekly News and Express'. It will be enlarged to 12 pages making it one of the largest and best weekly papers in the United Kingdom. We shall continue to give full reports of all local events, uninfluenced by political

or sectarian bias. Our advertisers will receive the benefit of the Weekly News regular sale of 11,000 as well as the circulation hitherto enjoyed by the 'Cambridge Express'. CWN 09 03 26

Fordham cyclists – Col Ivatt fined – 09 03 26

The proposed extension of Grantchester churchyard provoked debate. There was unoccupied ground in the old churchyard which could be used. But this might be the graves of poor people who had been unable to provide a stone. Newnham Croft was expanding more and more and it was undesirable that the burial ground of this increasing population should be in the centre of the village. It would become one of the great cemeteries of the University town. CWN 09 03 26

A lecture on farming in Canada, illustrated by a magic lantern, was given in Great Shelford by Mr Swain from Manitoba. Everything was done by machinery and labour was not so laborious as in England. It was only 4 ½ days from England – just like taking a walk. The accommodation in crossing the Atlantic was immense, even the third-class passengers enjoyed all manner of games. They should not confuse Canada with America. They belonged to England and they were loyal (applause) CWN 09 03 26

April 1909 CWN

1909 04 02
Cambridge British Beekeepers Association was wound up as they had members who only wanted to get what they could out of it. Cambridge honey was superior to any in the UK and they did not wish to see bee culture go down. So a new 'Cambridge and District Beekeepers Association" was formed to provide mutual help. 09 04 02

A domestic servant of Renfig, Hills Road, was sued for 50 shillings instalments on a Bible. A representative of the Bible Union Society had called at the house and after a great deal of persuasion she had agreed to join. He then produced a special bible with explanatory notes and pictures, saying it was only lent to her. But then they wrote demanding payment. She'd returned it but they had taken her to court. These men roved around the town back doors and got girls to sign; it was a misrepresentation. She was awarded cost. 09 04 02

Prince Alexander, the Crown Prince of Servia, is the younger brother of the notorious Prince George whose resignation of all claims to the throne of the disturbed state are consequent upon his mad actions. Belgrade people are urging King Peter to prevent Alexander from following in his brother's footsteps and reports say he is likely to be sent to complete his education at Cambridge. But the University and college authorities know nothing of his coming into residence. 09 04 02

Improvement work has started at Cambridge railway station to provide better facilities for branch trains. But other work to enlarge the booking, parcel and lavatory accommodation, to widen the main platform by twelve feet, provide another exit for parcel traffic and erect another colonnade in the yard is a task of considerable magnitude and will not be undertaken at once. 09 04 02

A 14-year old lad was fined by Linton magistrates for stealing rabbit skins. If the father did not pay, the lad would go to prison. The boy said that was what he wanted. The Chairman told him: "If you were my boy I'd give you the biggest threshing you ever had. You would have it hot" "Unless he gets it now I don't know when he'll get it. He is a difficult customer to get hold of", the police advised. The magistrate decided to let the father off the fine if he would thresh the boy and he accordingly took the lad outside and administered severe castigation. 09 04 02

Newmarket Guardians discussed the case of an elderly lady at Snailwell, a hardy old woman who was one of the few people who could still make a smock frock. She had supported her husband who'd been seized with senile dementia and became a great trouble. His illness had 'knocked the old woman sideways'. But after he'd died she had received no pension: it was claimed she had received relief

when looking after him and so was not liable. There were similar cases elsewhere that should be investigated. 09 04 02

Ald William Potter Spalding – profile – 09 04 02, p6

Ashley pond – 09 04 02 p10

1909 04 09 CWN
The only complaint we have received at the combined issue of the Cambridgeshire Weekly News and Cambridge Express is that it is now too large. We have the largest staff of reporters within 50 miles of Cambridge and shall report all Conservative gatherings with a completeness that cannot be approached by any other journal. However we will devote equal space to the doings of the opposite party. We shall not hesitate to speak out where local government is concerned and the fact that we are not tied to the strings of any sect or party will enable us to do this with greater fearlessness and independence. 09 04 09

Many who passed Alderman Stace's millinery establishment have wondered what cracked the large plate glass window from side to side. It was the carelessness of some fruitarian who after consuming his mid-day meal of bananas threw the skin of a fine Jamaican product on to the pavement. An unfortunate man stepped on this and sat down heavily, forcing his elbow through the window which will cost the insurance company £20 to replace. 09 04 09

The Rev Charles Joseph, minister of St Andrew's Street Baptist Church, has had a varied career, having been a commercial traveller and journalist with a weekly column in the 'Baptist Times'. He came to Cambridge in 1898 and oversaw the erection of the new chapel in 1903. His forcible preaching is so much appreciated that he is in constant request as a special preacher and his engagement book is full many months ahead. 09 04 09

The stationmaster of Barnwell Junction found the ticket office had been entered, the till broken open and cash and stamps stolen. The burglar entered the waiting room where he obtained a poker and forced the booking office window. After smashing the till he visited the stationmaster's office and made a meal of bread and cheese. 09 04 09

Fire broke out at the Ladies Training College in Wollaston Road. Very fortunately the vacation had denuded the college of students and only Miss Ellis, the Bursar, and six domestic servants were in residence. Hastily snatching up dressing gowns they scurried out of the burning building by the servants' staircase at the back. Firemen tied handkerchiefs over their mouths and nostrils and the smoke helmet was used for the first time. Considerable damage was done but the college may find consolation in having a building remaining at all. 09 04 09

The River Cam is so badly silted that sailing races are seriously impeded. Now the section from Bottisham Locks to Waterbeach Lode will be dredged by the South Level Commissioners and the bit from Clayhithe to Jesus Green by the Conservators of the Cam with funding from the Town Council and University Boat Club. This is of satisfaction to all sailing and rowing men especially F. H. Sanderson, president of the Cam Sailing Club, who regards the river as one of the most valuable assets Cambridge possesses. 09 04 09

Sir George Fordham profile – 09 04 09 p6

Ald George Peck obit – 09 04 09 p9

1909 04 16 CWN
In a shoeing forge at Northampton Street, Cambridge, is to be seen a massive silver cup, the trophy of the Middle Weight Amateur Boxing Championships for 1909. In the same forge is a young smith, a

splendid specimen of manhood with arms and legs of remarkable development. He is Mr William Child who for two years has carried off the Middle Weight Championship of England. 09 04 16

Parker's Piece is the pride of Cambridge people and the admiration of strangers. But it has felt the past winter as much as any of us and been knocked and kicked about unmercifully. Mr Nunn the custodian experiences difficulties in getting turf to replenish the bare patches around seats. Turf from other commons does not assimilate. This year grass seed has been sown but this will take some years protected by railings before the roots take hold and be a danger to cricketers. 09 04 16

Mr Hickson of Foxton has received a letter from his four sons in Alberta, Canada. They are all well and happy and often go six miles across the snow on sledges. "Will went to the lake and caught as much pike and trout as he could carry home in his saddle bag. This makes a nice change from beef and pork and we also shot two prairie chickens. No boozing – the nearest pub is 25 miles away. When we came out here two years ago we did not see anyone from one end of the week to the other. Now we are getting surrounded by neighbours", they write. 09 04 16

The north wing of Exning House was almost completely burnt out. There was a strange Sunday afternoon scene on the lawns as the 20 servants rushed about saving such things as seemed more valuable. Their bedrooms and belongings were destroyed and they were sent down in motor cars to Newmarket where lodgings were taken. During the blaze a fireman was badly injured when molten lead fell on his neck and back. 09 04 16

A bedmaker told an inquest she had gone to a student's rooms at Trinity College, saw the lad sitting in his chair in an upright position and thought he was asleep. She got some things to light the fire and on returning noticed blood issuing from his mouth. She ran for the porter who spotted a pistol in his hand. There was no doubt he had shot himself. He had posted a letter to his father showing he had worked himself almost to a standstill, studying 12½ hours a day. A verdict of suicide was returned. 09 04 16

A mother from New Barnes Road, Ely, said she went out to get some eggs, leaving her baby daughter in the care of her five-year-old brother. She was gone eight minutes. During that time the boy had climbed on a chair to reach a match from the mantelpiece which he struck on the cupboard door, then dropped on the floor where it ignited a piece of paper. The flames set fire to the baby's flannelette nightdress and when she returned the boy was sitting calmly on the hearthrug watching his sister burn to death. 09 04 16

Cambridge actress, Hilda Evelyn, Bijou ADC – 09 04 16 p5

1909 04 23 CWN
Police alleged that the Traveller's Rest beerhouse on Huntingdon Road was frequented by people of bad character and a married woman lived there in the guise of a single person. It was very remote from police supervision and used a great deal by persons from Girton where public houses had to close at ten o'clock. But the brewery said they had put in a new tenant who said would be no raffles and no improper characters, whether men or women, would be allowed there. The licence was renewed. 09 04 23

Two pedlars were convicted for damaging the door of a householder who refused to pay an extortionate charge for riveting a plate. Mrs Auchterlonie of Glisson Road said one had called asking whether she wanted anything mending. She gave him a little dish which required two rivets for which he quoted twopence per rivet. But when he brought it back he demanded two shillings and threepence. A clergyman also complained that they had charged nine shillings and fivepence for grinding a razor, carving knife and pair of scissors. It would be as well if householders refused to give work to such perambulating people. 09 04 23

Grantchester Town Lands Charity inquiry – 09 04 23

Sawston carter bankruptcy – 09 04 23

Rev W.H. Stevens, Swavesey Baptist church – profile – 09 04 23

Dr Edward Evatt, Waterbeach doctor bankruptcy – 09 04 23

Swavesey parish council should see that the gate by the bridge on Church Green, now off its hinges, is repaired immediately. One villager was thrown by the cord which until recently blocked the entrance to the bridge. A stick nailed about four feet above the ground has since been substituted but stout and elderly persons, and there are more than one in the village, experience difficulties in stooping under the obstruction which is a danger to persons using the path across the green in the dark. 09 04 23

The funeral of Thomas Watson Carter took place at Swavesey amidst universal manifestations of sympathy and respect. Every shop was closed, the blinds of nearly every house in the village were lowered and all classes attended to render their last tribute to the memory of their old familiar friend and fellow parishioner. The body, enclosed in a plain, unpolished oak coffin was borne into Bethel Baptist Church by six workmen formerly employed on his farm and placed in front of the rostrum which was covered with black drapery edged with white. By special request there were no wreaths or flowers. The building was crowded. 09 04 23

Two rival greengrocers from Russell Street appeared in court, one charged with assaulting the other. The complainant said he was walking down the street when the other ran out from his shop and struck him. The defendant stated the man came to his shop windows three times on Saturday night and said "That's funny ---- grub to sell". He'd hired a shop on each side of him and also stood in the road and stopped customers coming in. The magistrate said that did not justify the assault. He was fined ten shillings. 09 04 23

1909 04 30 CWN
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May 1909 CWN

1909 05 07 CWN
A Melbourn man was the first person to be charged for making a false declaration for the purposes of obtaining an old age pension. He had but a very hazy notion as to whether he was guilty or not. He had stated that his income was four shillings a week and that he had no other means of subsistence whereas he got a weekly payment from a Benefit Society and a gratuity from a relative abroad. He also drew rent from three cottages which took him well over the limit. 09 05 07

Prince Henry of Battenberg opened a sale of work in aid of the funds for providing a properly-equipped Children's Ward at Addenbrooke's Hospital. There has been one in the past but some years ago it was done away with as the Hospital' income was not sufficient. Children have not been entirely neglected: urgent cases have been taken in but the staff felt handicapped without a bright, sunny ward where the injured and diseased little ones might be given a fair chance of recovery. 09 05 07 p5

A number of undergraduates played havoc with the meeting of the Cambridge Association for Women's Suffrage. The Corn Exchange has a seating capacity of about 1,500 but by utilising the farmers' desks and standing in every available space, an audience of 2,000 listened to – or interrupted – the arguments. Quite 80 per cent of the meeting was composed of women, of whom Newnham and Girton contributed a considerable quota. But it was the minority whose increasingly violent disruptions caused the meeting to break up in a disorderly manner, though not before the resolutions had been carried by a large majority. 09 05 07

Harris Norman of Romsey Town, a Jewish hawker, lived to all appearances in extremely poor circumstances. But when he died was found to be worth £12,000. He'd divided his assets between Addenbrooke's Hospital and the 'London Jewish Synagogue for the Poor and Needy Jews'. However four groups disputed to whom this second bequest should go and it came before a Judge in the Chancery Division to decide. 09 05 07

Trooper Truscott killed in riding accident – 09 05 07 p8
Erratic county finance – 09 05 07

1909 05 14
A cavalcade of six horses, with postilions, attached to a brake containing a party of gaily-clad undergraduates, created a good deal of amusement and surprise. Trinity Street was drowsing in the hot sunshine and steeped in its usual placidity, when with a clatter of horses' hoofs the turn-out dashed in among the shoppers and bicycles and drew up opposite Trinity College. It was the latest undergraduate attempt to achieve the bizarre. 09 05 14

Another of the veterans who took part in the Indian Mutiny more than 50 years ago, died in the Cambridge workhouse. George Redmond, who was born in Castle End, had a great desire to become a soldier of the Queen and ran away to join the army. Several other local boys were with him preparing for service in the Crimea when arrangements were altered and he was despatched to India. He remained a private until he left the army when he returned to Cambridge. 09 05 14

Miss Florence Gower was well-known as an amateur actress and musician who played leading lady in productions of the Rodney Amateur Dramatic Society. She received her education at Miss Bowen's school, Islip House, and studied music under Mrs Hague Ingram of Lyndwode Road. She frequently played at private receptions and 'at homes' and occasionally sang in public. Some mystery surrounds her death. 09 05 14

A fire does not occur every day in Linton and when it does it received a pretty cool reception. Monday is washing day and a number of women with arms bared to the elbow rushed from washing tubs, snatched up a pail and joined in the work of quenching the ardour of the leaping flames. With only a handkerchief over their heads they rushed through the smoke, defying flying fragments of fire and threw water at any fresh point where flame appeared. The majority of men were away at work but a crowd of the type generally to be found propping up the walls of a public house collected and gazed on the fire with the glazed eyes of the habitual loafer. 09 05 14

Two spinsters, aged 50 and 30, appeared in court charged with stealing carnations value sixpence from a grave in Mill Road cemetery. The custodian said he saw them take the flowers from the side of the grave of Trooper Truscott; he took the ladies to his house, locked the door and sent for a policeman. They were respectable Sunday school teachers who had known the deceased well and picked up flowers that had dropped from a wreath to take home and press in remembrance of him. The custodian was legally correct but for him to lock them up, send for a policeman and cart them through the streets to the police station was very regrettable. 09 05 14

The Duke of Bedford's Thorney Estate has been sold for £500,000 after a deputation of tenants had urged that it be bought by the Crown to allow them to acquire their holdings. In a letter to tenants the Duke said "It is with great regret that I feel myself obliged to sell as estate that my ancestors reclaimed and created". 09 05 14

1909 05 21 CWN
The unknown airship whose nocturnal wanderings in East Anglia have caused such a sensation is said to have been seen in Downham Fen eight days ago. Mr James Wilkin thought he heard the noise of a motor car but could not see one. His son said "Didn't you see it! It was an airship!" Other people in

the locality observed the mysterious stranger, which is said to have gone in the direction of Littleport. 09 05 21

A rosy-cheeked old man, wearing a soft white hat, stood peering unto a pink and white mass of apple blossom. "Bad", he said, removing a blackened clay pipe from between grim lips. "Badly nipped as ever I seed 'un". Fruit-growers are experiencing a decided set-back through the severe frosts of the last few nights. On Sunday morning there were some 10 to 12 degrees of frost. 09 05 21

The last senior wrangler – list of competitors – 09 05 21
Health of Cambridge report – 09 05 21
Cock Inn, Isleham fen case – 09 05 21

1909 05 28 CWN
The Surveyor called attention to the bad state of Croydon Hill caused by motor cycling. Mr Tongue said they got these fellows from Cambridge who came by their farms at the rate of 40 miles an hour. They did not stand for cattle or man. They came and took possession of the hill for two or three hours and had a policeman there to sweep the stones off and make the road clear. They had pulled the crown of the road into splinters. On other days they come in the morning to test their bicycles and see what they can do and in the evening we are smothered up with them, he complained. 09 05 28

Empire Day celebrations – 09 05 28

A shocking accident occurred at Cambridge Railway Station when George Meade of Shepreth fell in front of an engine and received such injuries as necessitated the amputation of both his legs. It was fully twenty minutes before he could be extricated and removed to Addenbrooke's Hospital. 09 05 28

Mrs J. Wilson was born nearly 100 years ago at Hildersham where her father was schoolmaster. Books were very dear and it was a great event in a scholar's life to have one to write in. There were no steel pens, quills costing a penny each being used. She remembers church services at Babraham where there was a barrel organ worked by a village blacksmith, men and women sat on different sides and while singing turned round and faced the west gallery. 09 05 28

Martin Caine left Swavesey for Canada, in March 1898. He writes home to say that Seattle streets swarm with gaily-dressed people, loaded street cars and autos flying hither and thither. Streets and stores all blaze with electric and gas light and dance halls, theatres, fruit stands, ice-cream parlours, hotels and saloons were crowded. Everywhere seemed alive and everybody gay and sporty. 09 05 28

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1909 06 04 CWN
Cambridge Free Library has acquired at auction a somewhat badly bound volume of Cambridge newspapers which are unique. They start as 'The Huntingdon, Bedford, Cambridge and Peterborough Gazette' of 15 April 1818 but change title to 'The Cambridge Independent Press'. The purchase shows the happy understanding between the University and Town Libraries both of which were anxious it should not pass into private hands. They agreed the Borough Library should have the first chance but that if the price were too high then the University would bid. 09 06 04

Mr William Lack states that when he was in Taylor's Lane, Swavesey, at 2.30 am, he saw a large object in the sky which had every appearance of being an airship. The object had a strong light at its head and another at its tail. It appeared to be passing towards Huntingdon along the line of the old road from Cambridge. A police constable however, who was patrolling at the same time, saw nothing of the apparition. 09 06 04

An elderly inhabitant of Swavesey remembers seeing sign boards on houses in the village many years ago. One in the High Street read "James Hepher, tailor, barber, bleeder and tooth drawer'. Another

near the Swan Pond proclaimed: "J. Wicks lives here. He sweeps chimneys far and near. All they who choose on him to call, He's willing to oblige them all. N.B. Fire Defender and Smoke Jack Cleaner". It was removed about 50 years ago. 09 06 04

The banks of the River Lark at Isleham ferry were crowded with nearly 4,000 people, for the news had spread that the number of baptisms would be rather larger than usual this year. Actually there were 29, of whom nine were females, who were baptised by the Rev Samuel Boyce-Newling of the High Street Chapel. Such a scene as this has been seen on Whit-Sunday for generations. Many a trooper who rode with Cromwell's Ironsides gave proof of his conversion by public baptism at this Ferry. 09 06 04

Ald George Stace profile – 09 06 04

1909 06 11 CWN
It is a surprise that Cambridge has long been immune from the raids of the 'scareship'. There are splendid places such as the roof of King's College chapel where a Zeppelin might find a lovely anchorage. Now a flag flaunting an eagle rampant has been picked up in the dead of night. This gaudy tinselled thing lies stowed away in the police station bearing the inscription 'This flag, believed to have been dropped from an airship, was found on Midsummer Common'. Nervous readers should be assured that it is a flimsy trifle, two inches square, and it is thought improbable that the owners will return in search of their missing property. 09 06 11

Gypsy Smith described his visit to America. In St Louis half-a-dozen men rushed into a crowded hall shouting 'Fire. Fire' Instantly every member of the huge assembly was on their feet. He sprung up to and turning to the choir commenced to sing; they responded and in a few moments the alarm was quelled. It was a hoax organised by the saloon keepers in the hope of damaging his mission. But his presence of mind turned the tables and gave him the sympathy of the whole city. 09 06 11

Swavesey ratepayers were told that the present water supply had been condemned at its source and was unhealthy. The alternatives were to pump water from the river Ouse, filter it and store it in a reservoir or obtain a piped supply from the East Hunts Waterworks. The cost had been exaggerated and when the new system was working everybody would be pleased. But, if the water was impure, why had there been no illness and why did people live to such a great age in the parish? Mr Thomas Prior said he had come to the meeting to oppose it but found he could not do so. 09 06 11

Romsey House, Mill Road with its large gardens and shrubberies was the residence of the late Mr W.E. Curry and was built for the late J.W. Prior from the designs of Mr G.H. Shackle, architect of Marlborough. It is in red brick in the Tudor style and contains several exceptionally large rooms. It was bought with fixtures, by the Romsey Town Institute Committee for £1,435. 09 06 11

Record number of May Week visitors – 09 06 11
Abel Coole, Chesterton grocer – 09 06 11
Coveney – Leach farmer claims motor vehicle frightened horse to death – 09 06 11
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Morley School additions – 09 06 11 p6
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Longstanton church – 09 06 11 p10

1909 06 18 CWN
At Christ's College a dainty lady in a fragile summer dress turned from a disgusted survey of the sullen grey clouds to stare at a big white poster advertising a Darwin Exhibition in the old library.

"Darwin" she queried with her forehead creased and wrinkled with the strain of the mighty mental effort, "He was somebody big, wasn't he, Billy?" Her escort agreed. "Well" said the lady with the absolute serenity of profound ignorance, "It's raining again, let's go in for half an hour" And they went. This is perfectly true. 09 06 18

The biggest incident of the May Week races was the appearance of 'Dreadnought8', a most ferocious affair made out of a fen barge with a chimney pot for a funnel commanded by an admiral who wielded a sixpenny sword. It managed to fire a salute though its drain pipe guns but in doing so nearly shattered its armament and all but blew its crew – in children's sailors' hats – into the water. 09 06 18

A company of cyclists from Swavesey and Over proceeding home on a Sabbath evening encountered two motor cars. There was a wholesale smash in which many pound's work of damage was done to one of the cars and several cycles were seriously knocked about. The driver said the cyclists had been drinking: they seemed to be all over the road. One said he'd been courting and had had twopence-worth of ginger wine; he wasn't drunk, he was in love which is much the same thing. 09 06 18

Canada. Britain's nearest overseas dominion. Britain's breadbasket. 160 acres Government land free for farming. Two years rent of an English farm will purchase an improved farm near prosperous settlements. Happy home and contentment. Profitable dairying. For full particulars apply to Superintendent of Canadian Emigration, Charing Cross, London: Advert. 09 06 18

A fire in a storeroom of the Cambridge Automobile Company threatened the offices of the Cambridge Independent Press beneath. The floor boards burned away and the hot embers dropped on a quantity of paper in the printing machine room which ignited a desk. The outbreak was discovered by Thomas Impey, a motor cleaner and R.C. Casley, an undergraduate of Sidney College motored for assistance. The Brigade with the engine, horse-escape and three reels extinguished the blaze. 09 06 18

PC Charles said he was concealed near the Greyhound public house at Little Wilbraham keeping watch on a group of men when one went to the pub, unlocked the door and returned with two bottles of beer. He heard the rattle of coins and somebody said 'Have you got any clods', meaning copper coins. The landlord said he lived at Prickwillow and had put in a manager, but was convicted of selling beer during prohibited hours. 09 06 18

Last senior wrangler – historic sketch – 09 06 18

1909 06 25 CWN
At the anniversary of Swaffham Prior Zion Union Chapel a handsome brass tablet was unveiled in memory of T.T. Ball, S. Chivers, G. Apthorpe and William Benstead. It was through the labours of the first three that the chapel was erected in 1862. Prior to that services were held in a barn. Mr Benstead was Sunday School superintendent for 45 years. A long programme of recitations was given by the children. 09 06 25

There was an exciting scene in Cambridge Market Street when a lady screamed "I am on fire". Her dress was blazing furiously and the combined effect of the screams and the flames on the crowded street can easily be imagined. Fortunately Mr A. Kester tore off the burning skirt with his hands and staff from Eaden Lilley rushed out of the shop with mats and rugs in which she was rolled until the flames were extinguished. It is presumed the dress, which was of flimsy material, was ignited by a match carelessly dropped by a passer-by. 09 06 25

Elsworth farmer's barley – Papworth – 09 06 25

Something strange was seen in the air over Knapwell. The policeman hurried to the scene on his bicycle where a crowd had collected, confident they had caught an airship. It proved to be a balloon which contained one passenger. The aeronaut's name was not known but 'C.S. Rolls' was marked on

the canvas and it is thought it came from London. The balloon was packed up and conveyed by horse and cart to Old North Road Station. 09 06 25

The pump in Middle Watch, Swavesey is in a worse condition than ever. It used to be necessary to put down water (obtained from a pond or water butt) once a day to induce the bucket to act; now water has to be poured down each time it is used. This disregard of the health and convenience of residents seems inexplicable and the council should act. 09 06 25

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1909 07 02
A number of village public houses are no longer economic and should close, magistrates were told. They included the Bell at Meldreth, Melbourn's Old Elm Tree, The Royal Oak Fulbourn, The Lamb and Lord Nelson at Cottenham, British Queen Chesterton, Queen's Head Dry Drayton, Over's Hare and Hounds, Balsham Five Awls and Soham's Fox-in-Wood. But the licensee of the Green Man at Swavesey said he did not want to leave it. CWN 09 07 02

The Rev J.C. Rust has been vicar of Soham for 35 years. It is a straggling town, for its population the longest in England. He was a bachelor when he came to the vicarage and did the first of the many wise things he has done as an example to his parishioners – he married his cousin and had five children. He has been very active: when the Parish Council was formed in 1895 he became the first chairman. He also took up Esperanto and preached the first sermon ever in that new language at Geneva in 1896. CWN 09 07 02

When Charles Darwin came to receive his Honorary Degree in the Senate House, years ago, undergraduates rose to the occasion. A thin chord had been quietly run across from one gallery to the other and just as the Orator began his choicest Latin praise, there suddenly slid down and swung, exactly over Darwin's head, the huge airy imitation of an ape dangling a rusty chain labelled 'Missing Link'. The laughter baffled all the efforts of the proctors to maintain order, even the grave and reverend dons could not help joining in. CWN 09 07 02

Harry Johnson, senior partner of the St Andrew's Street firm of newsagents, was endued with gentle courtesy and had not the personality which enters upon public contests with joy. He was a member of the Free Library Committee from 1875 and supported the Liberal Club, Young Men's Christian Association and the Peace and Arbitration Society. He was one of the earliest directors of the General (Histon Road) Cemetery Committee and treasurer of the Cambridge Esperanto Society. A large number of townspeople attended his funeral, anxious to pay their respects. CWN 09 07 02

Heavy rains have set back the strawberry crop around Wisbech, growers have suffered severely and some of the army of casual fruit pickers who annual swarm the district have had a bad time. But newspapers reports of the countryside in a state approaching riots, with hundreds of starving and destitute pickers camping in muddy fen roads and raiding villages in order to obtain food, or of hundreds of miserable families bring turned from the casual wards of the workhouses clamouring for shelter and being accommodated in the town hall are sheer nonsense. 09 07 02

Licencing – includes Meldreth Bell, Melbourn Old Elm Tree, Orwell Red Lion, Fulbourn Royal Oak, Cottenham Lamb & Lord Nelson, Chesterton British Queen, Prince of Wales, Dry Drayton Queen's head, Swavesey Green Man, Over Hare & Hounds, Balsham Five Awls, Soham Fox-in-wood,

Cambridge Prince of Wales & White Horse – CWN 09 07 02
Cherry Hinton dairyman fined – 09 07 02
Wood Ditton Pig & Whistle publican drowned – 09 07 02
Swavesey pump – 09 07 02

1909 07 09 CWN

Reach church was built on the site of the old one in 1860 and for 40 years schooling has been held there. But the Board of Education had signified its intention of withdrawing recognition so a new school is being built on the site of the old Ship Inn to accommodate 80 children. The architect is Hubert Hunt of Burwell and the builder J.G. Cowell of Soham. CWN 09 07 09

The wife of a Cambridge umbrella maker went to the police station in a distressed condition saying she had poisoned him by putting mercury in his beer. But police found he had not drunk the mixture and told her to go home. She said she could not: he had beaten her with an umbrella and she was black and blue. She was charged with attempted murder. CWN 09 07 09

There had been an outcry after Cambridge Corporation destroyed eight tenements when improving Northampton Street. Now they wanted to erect houses for persons of the working class on land in Albion Row, Lady Margaret Road and the Haymarket. Some would be on the site of the old cattle market. This had previously been moved to St Andrew's Hill, then in 1842 to Pound Hill and in 1887 to its present site near the railway station, an Inspector was told. CWN 09 07 09

The news of the death of Charles Cole Ambrose of Barway was received at Ely with the deepest feelings of regret and quite a gloom was cast over Soham where he was particularly well-known. He was a son of Cole Ambrose of Stuntney the best-known agriculturalist in the Eastern Counties and reputed to be the largest wheat-grower in England. He will be greatly missed in the neighbourhood of Fordy Farm where he was regarded as a good master and a kind and genial gentleman. CWN 09 07 09

One of the most vital needs of St Ives is an adequate sewage scheme. But the Council has decided not to go ahead with a scheme after the Ministry of Housing has refused to make a grant and it would have involved an additional rate of 14/- (70p) in the pound. They are now considering other ways of dealing with the river pollution. 09 07 09

Since 1904 a great deal of restoration work has been carried out at Over church. The organ was restored, a new buying ground enclosed and now they needed to repair the church bells. It is 90 years since they were rehung and Mr Charles Robinson, the oldest inhabitant and churchwarden for 40 years, had been laid inside the big tenor bell by his nurse when it was being done. Now the clappers had worn the insides very flat and they would have to be quarter toned. CWN 09 07 09

Hills Road mystery – baby – CWN 09 07 09
Trinity student killed at Brooklands motor racing track – CWN 09 07 09

1909 07 16 CWN
Sir Charles Rose, MP for East Cambs, has purchased the ancient estate of Hardwick on the banks of the Thames of which he has been tenant for 20 years. During this period he has enlarged the house, built large hothouses and a very large covered tennis court (which cost £2,000), besides half-a-dozen cottages for his employees. On the estate is an inn run on temperance lines by the Refreshment House Association, of which he is a member. He has also just purchased Hill Lodge, Pangbourne for his daughter. CWN 09 07 16

Cricket matches were the chief attraction at Conington feast. The Tuesday match against Knapwell was sadly interfered with by a heavy downpour of rain during which the teams were entertained to tea at the White Swan. On Wednesday the opposition was Fen Drayton whose veteran, T. Johnson, is a bowler of the 'googly' order. Although the pitch was too wet and soft to suit him, he was practically unplayable. CWN 09 07 16

The Plough, a lonely two-storied brick house on the road from Swavesey to Fen Drayton, is in course of demolition. Built in the earlier part of last century for a wayside public house it became a private dwelling about 20 years ago but of late has been tenantless. Between the ceiling of the downstairs

room and the floor above a few copper coins, five or six clay pipes, two ancient thimbles, a reel of white cotton and the skeleton of a rat have been found. CWN 09 07 16

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Fen Drayton vicarage robbed – CWN 09 07 16
Col Thomas William Harding, High Steward – profile – CWN 09 07 16

1909 07 23 CWN
The first visit of the Cambridge Police Force band to Coton some years ago will not soon be forgotten. A resident had arranged for a wagonettte for their conveyance but when turning a corner by Gt St Mary's they were surprised to see a wheel careering along beside them and the wagon gracefully toppled over, depositing the bandsmen in the roadway. They continued by charabanc but their former driver was accosted by a policeman and ordered to 'clear that wreckage away' or he would be run in. Considering he had brought it over for the conveyance of the police band his indignation can be imagined. CWN 09 07 23

On the banks of the river at Mildenhall, with its barges and locks and cheerful suggestions of commerce, stands an imposing stone building quite new, evidently a corn warehouse. However it has an inscription engraved in the stone: 'Established 1066. Rebuilt 1908'. If it really was started when Duke William fought the Battle of Hastings it must be quite the most ancient thing in East Anglia. It stands on the banks of the historic Lark – but I am not going to suggest that the inscription is also an historic lark. CWN 09 07 23

A.G. Markham cycling record – CWN 09 07 23
Collier Young councillor and bible teacher at Zion Baptist church – CWN 09 07 23
Police band visit to Coton show – thrown off cart at Madingley hill – CWN 09 07 23

1909 07 30 CWN
Mr S.G. Wilkinson of Brooklands Avenue said that when he called in tradesmen the builder had a Scotch foreman, the electric light foremen were Scotch, the electric bells were muddled by two Englishmen and finally put right by a Scotsman! Cambridge men would be quite content to live on the dole and would exist in discomfort rather than exert themselves over much. Most lived for the enjoyment of the next pleasure. The fair, the excursion, the treat, the Hippodrome, the sweet shop or the public house was the matter of chief moment to them. CWN 09 07 30

Before last June newspapers were received in Swavesey through the railway or by post. They had to be fetched from the station or came by the midday delivery and few people indulged in the luxury of a daily paper. Then W.F. Gleaves of High Street became agent for the 'Daily Mail' and later supplied all newspapers. Daily papers are now delivered immediately after receipt by the 8.25 train and certain London dailies arrive earlier. Under the old arrangement postal or railway charges had to be added to the cost of the paper. Now even in Elsworth, six miles distant, papers are delivered for face value. CWN 09 07 30

It is a pity that the new Isle of Ely County Hall at March should be placed in such an obscure part of the town, but it is very convenient for members arriving by train. The building is in the Georgian style of architecture and is a very substantial structure. Electric bells and speaking tubes are provided for the use of officials between the various rooms while the council chamber has seating on the horseshoe plan with a table for reporters, which will be much appreciated by the Press. A gallery affords accommodation for 100 persons, the meetings being open to the public. CWN 09 07 30

Fisher Webster of Willingham was connected with Robert Sayle and Co for nearly 40 years. He took charge of the shipping business of their London branch in Aldersgate Street and became their agent after they gave up their London house. He was well-known locally and used to ride out regularly on an old-fashioned tricycle. He had much to do with the china trade and his supply of anecdotes was inexhaustible. 09 07 30
Speed of motors in Abington – CWN 09 07 30

August 1909 CWN

1909 08 06 CWN
The Eastern Counties boast the cleanest bill of cattle health in the world, despite the many restrictions. So farmers are interested in the latest Chinese importations: 2,000 tons of frozen pigs together with 1,345 carcases of deer, 8,418 cases of poultry and 20,002 cases of eggs. If this continues it will prejudice the British farmer. True the price of home-cured bacon is increasing but at Haverhill recently there was such a glut of young porkers that a wholesale merchant was able to buy the lot at twopence-halfpenny per lb. 09 08 06

A correspondent calls attention to certain dilapidated cottages on the high road from Swavesey station to Over. These ancient buildings of stud and clay are windowless and door-less, making them the happy hunting ground of schoolchildren and a nightly refuge for tramps. They are being pulled to pieces bit by bit and before long will collapse, he fears. 09 08 06

Commenting on plans for the Melbourn Place Schools the Board of Education thought whole building appeared to be designed on too lavish a scale. On one hand they kept an infants' department, though cutting it down to absurdly small dimensions, and built no laboratories. On the other hand they greatly exceeded the normal for the central hall. The size might be reduced and the external ornament omitted. But this was more than an ordinary elementary school and to get the facilities required money must be spent. CWN 09 08 06

The most serious fire known in Royston for the last 30 years completely gutted Phillip's brewery in Baldock Street. Only recently the most modern plant was installed, today the ruins present a doleful spectacle. The brewery offices face the road and adjoining them is Brewery House occupied by Mr W.J. Abbott, upholsterer. He had died on Tuesday and his body lay in the house all the time. Nearby are premises of Warren Bros, printers and stationers which was also threatened. CWN 09 08 06

Sir - Why cannot better arrangements be made for the early closure of village shops in Swavesey? During summer months it would be a great boon to younger assistants if an earlier hour than four o'clock were adopted. In Willingham business on Wednesdays is suspended at one o'clock and the public do not complain of inconvenience and in Cambridge on Thursdays business ceases at the same hour. – Correspondent. CWN 09 08 06

1909 08 13 CWN
A petrol-driven motor boat owned by Mr John Scudamore, boat-builder of Mill Lane, and occupied by a party of five undergraduates caught fire when at the back of King's College and was burnt down to the water's edge. They had experienced difficulties with the 3½ horse-power engine and Mr Scudamore went to their assistance. He was examining it when it burst into flame. The cause is a mystery: nobody was smoking, the engine-bearings were not overheated and there was no escape of petrol. CWN 09 08 13

The former County Surveyor had two sub-surveyors to assist him. Of these Mr Papworth, had given every satisfaction for 20 years. He had practically lived on the road and spared no time or trouble contending against many difficulties. Now they were to be got rid of – cast aside like old shoes – and their places filled by clerk – after giving the best years of their lives to the service of the County

Council. It seems a rather shabby way of encouraging the others, says 'The Surveyor' journal. CWN 09 08 13

The Directors of the Ouse Navigation Ltd have been unable to raise the necessary funds and deposits have been returned to those who subscribed for shares. They had offered £5,000 for the toll-rights and property belonging to the Navigation, which was declined. They expressed surprise at the indifference shown by people in Cambridgeshire. But few people knew about it. Looking through the Files of the C.D.N. and Cambridgeshire Weekly News we are unable to trace any reference to the enterprise. If the Directors did not take the trouble to explain their proposals to the public they can hardly blame the public for not being interested in them. CWN 09 08 13

Edwin Banks, captain of the Belmont Cycling Club created a record at the Mammoth sports by winning four championships in one afternoon. He became infatuated with the sport at the tender age of 13 and later became a member of the famous Manchester Wheelers, the wealthiest club in the world. He came to Cambridge in 1908 and last year won 17 prizes. He has had spills innumerable, suffering dislocated shoulders, a broken collar bone and a broken wrist. CWN 09 08 13

Harry Beaumont who went to Canada from Swavesey in 1907, has written to tell of a sad disaster. He acquired a piece of land near Nelson, British Columbia, and built a wooden hut. But while lighting a smoking fire in a tin to drive out mosquitoes a spark set some brushwood alight and the cabin was burnt down. He rescued a box containing his papers but everything else, including his carpentering tools, violin, camera and much-prized books have been destroyed. CWN 09 08 13

1909 08 20 CWN
Charles Robinson is regarded as the father of the parish of Over and for the whole of his 90 years he has taken an interest in his native parish. He went to see Queen Victoria on her first visit to Cambridge, remembers the hustings on Parker's Piece and vividly recalls travel by the old stage coach. In those days only three newspapers were taken in the parish, now 20 times that number are delivered daily. In 1839 he became landlord of the Admiral Vernon Inn, then an old clay and stud thatched building. It burnt down in 1889 when the present excellent premises were erected. 09 08 20

Since the opening of the Willingham Baptist Tabernacle, 35 years ago, the congregation has had to be content to sing their hymns to the accompaniment of an American organ. Now they have a new organ built by Porritt & Sons of Leicester which is blown by a petrol engine. At the opening shopkeepers closed their establishments at midday and people crowded in from near and far. CWN 09 08 20

Villagers at Little Abington have made a speciality of nicknames. They include Porky, Plucky, Dumpling, Bowsher, Dash It, Grimmy, Brusher, Cad, Snaggy, Squinky and Doddybird. So popular have some become that few know the proper Christian names until marriage or death. It has been stated that nicknames are more popular in Cambridgeshire than any other county. 09 08 20

The three well-known tumuli at the top of Alms Hill, Bourn, are being opened. A deep cutting has been made across the first one, but nothing of great value found. The chief discoveries include bones and teeth of domestic animals, oyster shells and bits of bronze. This may be due to it having been opened by Earl Delawan 50 years ago. It is hoped that the second tumuli will be more interesting. 09 08 20

About noon on Friday a mysterious object was observed in the sky hovering over Church End, Swavesey. People stopped and stared and wondered. Housewives rushed from their kitchen recklessly leaving pots and pans to boil over and their dinners at the mercy of the predatory cat, and men in the fields dropped their tools and gazed. The much talked-of airship had come at last. No it was too small: it must be an aeroplane with M. Bleriot aboard. At length a keen-eyed gazer detected a line connecting the flying object to the earth. It was a kite resembling an aeroplane sent up by some London visitors who were sitting quietly in Mr Twist's stack yard oblivious of the excitement they had caused. CWN 09 08 20

Boxworth boys thought drowned in pond, village pump out of order – CWN 09 08 20

1909 08 27 CWN
We deeply regret to record the death of John Austin Catchpole. Few men have struggled more bravely under physical infirmity. Born in Cambridge 65 years ago he showed promise of developing into a healthy boy when the carelessness of a servant girl crippled him for life. Left in her charge, he was seated upon wet grass, illness ensued and his lower limbs became permanently paralysed. Unable to go to school he was tutored at home and decided to become a schoolteacher. He started the Auckland School private school which at one time had 60 boys upon the register. CWN 09 08 27

A small-holder, horny-handed, weather beaten and obviously a hard worker, led the way to his oat field where the shocks of golden grain were awaiting carting. He was one of the pioneering Burwell Small Holdings scheme, a sturdy, independent and cheerful race springing up from the labouring and small tradesmen class thankful for the reform which has given them a share in the soil. Hall Farm, a white-washed homestead ringed by a fruitful orchard typifies country life at its best while eight cottages are now being built each with an acre of ground attached. CWN 09 08 27

Fatigued by an evening spent in picking fruit a Swavesey young lady sat down to supper when she felt a bite or sting. She searched for the intrusive insect, but it was something more terrifying. A mouse ran from her clothing and a mouse has terrors for the female mind. Even the boldest suffragette who has smacked the face of a gentleman clad in official blue or spent long hours on the roof of a public building is understood to quail before a mouse. So the Swavesey young lady's fright can well be imagined. CWN 09 08 27

Isleham Hospital Sunday parade a success – CWN 09 08 27
Swavesey tap-room clock, water baby – swims in pond – CWN 09 08 27
Willingham Tabernacle organ opened – CWN 09 08 27
Elsworth - Alfred Wilderspin emigrate to Texas, USA – CWN 09 08 27
Bourn vicar's return from honeymoon – carriage pulled through street – CWN 09 08 27

September 1909 CWN

1909 09 03
Dr George Cunningham told an International Congress in Berlin of the work of the Cambridge School Dental Clinic, the only one of its kind in England. Mr Sedley Taylor of Trinity College had been shocked at the state of children's teeth and funded a dentist to investigate. He found the condition of their temporary teeth was so bad that proper treatment was impossible. The best thing was to concentrate exclusively on permanent teeth which appear after the sixth year. The results were so convincing that the Town Council decided to fund the clinic. CEN 09 09 03

The advent of the motor has thrown upon the highway authority the burden of maintaining roads at a much higher pitch of efficiency with the result that county rates have increased by leaps and bounds. It is manifestly unfair that the average ratepayer should pay through the nose for the benefit of the wealthy motor car owner or that the motorist should defray the entire cost of improvements which benefit the whole community. Something must be done. Cycling for pleasure has become quite impossible for people of nervous temperament and even the pedestrian is attended by danger. Now the Government proposes new roads for the exclusive use of motorists to scorch along and the imposition of a ten mile an hour speed limit on the others. CWN 09 09 03

The unanimous opposition to the scheme to drive a road across Parker's Piece should have disposed of it for ever. Should some rash member of the Council wish to make his name by re-introducing it he should first study the indenture made on March 23rd 1612 between the Master and Fellows of Trinity College and the Mayor and Burgesses of Cambridge by which the Piece became the property of the people. One clause stipulates that either body 'consenting to any act to impeach this agreement'

should forfeit £300 to the other. It seems to me that the recent proposals would come under this head. CWN 09 09 03

'Charlie' Rowell, one of the greatest long-distance runners the world has ever seen, died at his residence in King Street. In the days when six-day races were popular Rowell was a name to conjure in two continents. He won races innumerable, won a cart-load of trophies and cash prizes to an enormous value. He paid several visits to America where on one occasions his opponents drugged his food. But he still finished second! CWN 09 09 03

The Boxworth policeman, whose proportions border on the gigantic, was proceeding home when he heard a mysterious knocking noise near some cottages. He discovered a wild-looking man carrying a knob stick. He wore no trousers or no coat and was clothed only in a shirt and a pair of heavy boots. Fortunately the constable knew the man: he is a horsekeeper and was calling up the other horsekeepers, who at this time of year have to get up early. Also other interesting notes on harvesting. CWN 09 09 03

A sad procession was seen wending its way towards Swavesey from the river. Surrounded by a company of young men was a four-wheeled trolley on which was borne the ancient boat which Mr Henry Beaumont, the far-famed Swavesey angler, has for many years used on his fishing expeditions. The old craft has been patched again and again but it now beyond repair. It may become a beehive or be set on end to form a garden seat. Or it may be broken up and add heat and cheerfulness to the room where trophies of its owner's rod and line are displayed. CWN 09 09 03

There was a serious fire in Back Lane, Balsham, when two cottages belonging to Mr Cornell were burnt down. Someone was trying to burn out a wasps' nest in the house-thatch which caught fire. There are some 20 cottages close together in Back Lane but P.C. Lovett and others directed their efforts to prevent the fire spreading. At Barley a young man was arrested for setting light to a hay stack near Broadmore Pond. CWN 09 09 03

1909 09 10 CWN
A shepherd from Oxlode, Little Downham, told the official receiver he had been in the habit of hiring grass land on the washes for the hay and also went half-shares with persons for growing potatoes. "Then in 1903 heavy floods carried a portion of my hay away and completely spoilt the remainder. The same year I lost considerably by the potato blight and my occupation as a shepherd I also lost". When he started he had about £15 in cash but several creditors obtained judgements again him. Now his effects will be sold, though his wife claims certain items of furniture. CWN 09 09 10

'Thornlea', a large house in Chaucer Road, was the scene of a daring burglary. Entry was gained by cutting away the wood of the kitchen window, outside which were blurred footprints, showing the burglar wore socks over his boots. He crawled through a small opening in the wall to get into the dining room and broke open a lady's work box with a poker. He then took food from the larder and smoked a cigar but ignored the silver candlesticks and other valuable ornaments. The owners were asleep upstairs at the time. CWN 09 09 10

A gramophone meeting was held at Fen Ditton in support of the Government's budget. Some delay was caused by the gramophone having gone wrong but Mr S. Mallyon lent his machine. First a musical selection was rendered and then recordings of speeches by the Prime Minister (H.H. Asquith), Chancellor of the Exchequer (Lloyd George) and President of the Board of Trade (Mr Winston Churchill) were heard. There was a good attendance of men and youth but the room was not full. CWN 09 09 10

Mr Barker, a well-known farmer of Clayway Drove, was driving down Ely High Street when he became ill and crashed into Mr Benson's baker's cart. His horse then went on, increasing his pace, collided with the lamp-post against Barclay's Bank and then ran into the cart of Mr R.W. King, butcher. The animal fell on its haunches, then freed itself from the cart before falling and skidding on

its side down Fore Hill. Mr Barker suffered concussion and cuts and did not recover consciousness for seven hours. CWN 09 09 10

Conington church nave and vestry have been thoroughly restored with a new nave roof, ceiling, and organ. The east wall has been underpinned but the walls of the tower are badly cracked, the spire needs strengthening and the bells rehung. The thatched church of St Michael, Longstanton, which has fallen into a bad state of disrepair, is now in the hands of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings who were responsible for the restoration of the Hatton Chapel at Longstanton All Saint's and Lolworth Church. CWN 09 09 10

1909 09 17
All Cambridge will soon be taking a deep personal interest in aviation. In a large barn at Oakington is the slim wooden skeleton of one of the first all-British monoplanes. The plane, which will soon be completed and ready for trial spins, is the joint work of Messrs A.M. Grose and N.A. Feary, two expert London engineers. It will be fitted with a 20 horse-power engine and has already been entered for the 'Daily Mail' £1,000 prize for the first circular flight by an all-British aeroplane. They selected Oakington for the express purpose of dodging inquisitive Press but gave a courteous interview to the News representative. CWN 09 09 17 & CWN 09 09 24

The staff and scholars of the Cambridge and County School for Girls have left the unpretentious and ninconvenient building in East Road and are safely ensconced in a brand new school built on the most scientific lines and equipped with everything the modern educational establishment requires. It is approached by a drive from Collier Road and surrounded by ample grounds. CWN 09 09 17

After leading an irregular life for years and having no settled place of abode, an agricultural labourer known as 'Lurcher' came to an untimely end. There were no relatives to identify the body but Aaron Hobbs from Lt Downham, who was an agricultural labourer until he had both feet cut off on the railway, said the deceased was about 32 and 'pretty good for drink at any time' who only worked when he liked. He'd been rather a 'rum' character all his life. CWN 09 09 17

A new religious house has been founded at Cambridge. It will have no official connection with the University and be used for serious study. Its head is Father Waggett who gave a series of lectures which attracted considerable attention. The house in Malting Lane is a beautiful structure whose deeds date back to the time of Charles I. Its delightful old-world garden of nearly two acres would permit of ample additions in future years. CWN 09 09 17

Ely cathedral lightning conductors fitted – CWN 09 09 17

The danger of fire at cinematographic exhibitions, such as that at Newmarket a couple of years ago which caused fatal panic, has now been eliminated. A demonstration of the new Mansell cinematographic machines was given at Cambridge Guildhall. The lantern is guaranteed fireproof and enclosed in an iron operating house. Even under circumstances of the grossest carelessness, which no operator would ever risk, all that would happen is that just two inches of film would be fired. 09 09 17

1909 09 24 CWN
An explosion occurred at the Cambridge Gasworks on Newmarket Road. Two men working on the top of the beds of the retorts were badly cut but managed safely to descend a ladder to the ground. Covered with tar and bleeding profusely they were conveyed in a cab to Addenbrooke's Hospital. One refused to be put under chloroform whilst his injuries were dressed as that would necessitate his detention in the Hospital. CWN 09 09 24

October 1909 CWN

1909 10 01
No paper at CUL

1909 10 08
Abington Pigotts parish church dedicated a new organ. It is a handsome instrument, built by Cousans of Lincoln, and will be a welcome addition to the interior of this pretty little church. It is enclosed in a case of fumed oak designed not to obscure the monument to the late William Foster-Pigott in whose memory it has been erected by his relatives and friends. CWN 09 10 08

The pretty little churchyard which surrounds the ancient parish church at Hinxton, dotted with weather-soiled tombstones marking the resting-places of many generations of villagers is no longer sufficient to meet the needs of the parish. Fortunately a piece of land was secured on the opposite side of the vicarage. There was a large congregation for its consecration by the Bishop. CWN 09 10 08

St Botolph's Church reopened after restoration. The old ceiling in the nave, which was in a very dilapidated condition, has been replastered and re-decorated. A new hot-water pipe heating apparatus has been installed by Messrs Headley and Edwards together with a hydraulic appliance for blowing the organ by Messrs Miller of Sidney Street. CWN 09 10 08

The smaller of two weights of the clock in the tower of Swavesey church fell with a crash on Sunday when the wire broke. There was nobody in the church at the time but Mr J. Bridgford, who was in the yard of the Manor opposite, heard the crash. It was repaired by Mr E. Trench Smith, clockmaker of Huntingdon, and set going again to the satisfaction of the dwellers in Church End and of persons hurrying to catch trains. CWN 09 10 08

Whitehead solicitor's clerk's fraud – 09 10 08
Oakington aircraft news – 09 10 08

1909 10 15 CWN
No paper at CUL

1909 10 22 CWN
In 1860 a 'school-church' was built on the site of the ancient chapel-of-ease dedicated to St Etheldreda at Reach. It was served for 49 years before in 1909 the Board of Education refused to allow it to continue. However villagers had meanwhile bought an inn from the Cambridge Brewery Company and decided to use the site to build a new school to accommodate 80 children. At the opening villagers were praised for their good work: it was an example to many other places. CWN 09 10 22

There were exciting scenes at the Pickerel Yard, Magdalene Street after a loud explosion was heard in the harness-room. Fred Silk had been cleaning his motor bicycle and in filling the tank had spilt petrol. He then lit the acetylene lamp and threw the match down. Immediately flames sprang from the floor and the petrol tank exploded. His arm was rather badly burned and bicycle left in a fearful state, though not damaged beyond repair: about half the back tyre was burned completely away. The fire was put out by Thomas Frohock, a porter at Magdalene College, using a Minimax patent extinguisher. CWN 09 10 22

Shoppers had the unusual opportunity of seeing an aeroplane in the streets of Cambridge. It was an all-British monoplane invented and designed by Jack Humphreys, founder of the British Aeroplane Syndicate and one-time Cambridge resident. He had worked day and night at Wivenhoe to get the machine ready for the Blackpool meeting and had hoped to put it on the train there. Instead he had it towed it to Cambridge but missed the turning at Station Road and had to drive through the narrow central streets until he could get back. A crowd of railway officials, crossing-sweepers and daintily-dressed ladies quickly clustered around it. CWN 09 10 22

The magnificent new home of the Cambridge and County School for Girls is compact and central, calm and commodious and includes laboratories for chemistry and domestic science together with a

hothouse for the study of botany. Its object is to provide a sound practical middle class education at a moderate fee. The adjacent School of Arts and Crafts has rooms for life-painting, modelling and geometrical drawing. They were opened by the American ambassador. CWN 09 10 22

A number of cyclists appeared in court for various offences. Undergraduates from Caius, Trinity and St John's Colleges were fined for causing obstructions with their bicycles. Geoffrey Clayton of Pembroke College was summonsed for wheeling his bike across Christ's Pieces; he said he was a Freshman and had not seen the warning notices. Harold Grace of Queens' was fined for a similar offence in Portugal Place as was Edgar Proctor, a tobacconist of Mill Road. Carey Palmer, a printer of Warkworth Street, was fined five shillings for riding a cycle with no lights on New Square. CWN 09 10 22

Wicken smallholdings inquiry, Upware Road – 09 10 22

An inquiry into County Council plans to acquire land for smallholdings at Thornhall Farm on the Upware Road, Wicken was told they needed 300 acres of land and this was suitable. They had opened negotiations but the trustees were not willing to let it for more than eight years so they'd decided on compulsory purchase. Since then the land had been leased by Robert Fuller and Henry Bailey for a period of ten years. It was so mixed up with the Spinney Estates that it would be hard to separate it. CDN 09 10 22

1909 10 29 CWN
George 'Fish' Smart, the prettiest and fastest skater Britain has ever produced, has died from injuries sustained in an accident at the new dock which is being constructed at Hull. He was the most famous of the three famous 'Welney Division' of fen skaters founded by the renowned 'Turkey' Smart. He started skating as a boy and beat his all-conquering cousin, George See in 1878. But he retired when beaten by his younger brother James. 'Fish', who was 51, had been completely lost sight of in sporting circles in recent years. CDN 09 10 29

A girl boarded-out at Brinkley had a peculiar disease described as a band of music within her. It sounded so loud that it could be heard throughout the school and when she was upstairs the sounds could be heard all through the house. She had been sent to the Workhouse Infirmary and after some months the band was silent. But then it had started again. It was no matter for joking, it was a very serious matter indeed, Newmarket Guardians were told. CDN 09 10 29

The Cambridge Gas Company's Employee's Institute includes hot and cold baths, a reading-room and a large hall heated by hot water pipes making it a place where they may find healthy recreation out of working hours. The Company hope to introduce a system of co-partnership, making every employee a shareholder and giving a bonus in shares every profit-making year. CDN 09 10 29

A terrible story of the most revolting cruelties imaginable was told by the secretary of the Congo Reform Association to a large audience at St Andrew's Street Chapel. He had seen natives with their little baskets of rubber being whipped by white men. The rules state they may be given 28 strokes in one day but this must stop if they bleed or faint away. Christian men and women should to use their influences to secure better conditions. CDN 09 10 29

A few playful little sparks from a passing traction engine ignited thatched roofs and caused a big fire at Hauxton. The Leather Gaiters public house together with two large barns and various stacks were destroyed and animals roasted alive. The engine was drawing several waggon loads of the University Officers Training Corps who were engaged in a sham fight in the neighbourhood. CDN 09 10 29

Cambridge Town Council – bathing places, water supply, fire brigade, library – 09 10 29

November 1909 CWN

1909 11 05 CWN
Some 18 years ago there was an outbreak of typhoid in Fen Ditton and most of the private wells were condemned. Two new wells were sunk at Green End and on the site of the old village Pound. For a while all went well but then the water grew dirty and began to fail until villagers had to eke out supplies by courtesy of those with private wells. They must sink another well or arrange a supply of piped water, a meeting was told. CWN 09 11 05

An old Fenlander walked to Cambridge seeking a good square meal. He searched a goodish few streets and wandered into colleges seeking a good juicy steak. Getting desperate he noticed a shop in Sidney Street where spread out on a gleaming white tablecloth was an amplitude of appetising cold viands. He entered only to emerge swearing: "That be a gas shop, and I am starving". He was right. It has been opened to demonstrate the popularity of gas for lighting, heating and cooking. CWN 09 11 05

Cottenham previously obtained its water from three surface wells and distributed it through earthenware pipes. But a soldier on furlough, who was a convalescent from typhoid fever but still a 'carrier' of the disease germs, came to visit his relatives in a cottages near one of the sources of supply and soon contaminated it. The infection was carried to 35 householders, six of whom died. Now many of the larger houses have water laid on, the Medical Officer reported. CWN 09 11 05

A school should be established at Childerley Gate in the centre of a thinly-populated district that was remote from all the surrounding villages. At present children were being conveyed to Bourn. If a school for 80 was built some children from Scotland Farm would go there, as it was nearer than Dry Drayton. But Ald Frohock maintained such a large school was not needed and it would be better to staff existing schools better. 09 11 05

Miss Constance Cochrane has designed and built a couple of 'Rest Houses' at Croxton as a gift to the parish. The first tenants will include an old agricultural labourer whose health has broken down and his wife who is 69 years of age and supports herself by needlework. They will have no rents to pay, merely the rates. Sixty schoolchildren sang special verses after which a hundred adults and the men who have worked on the buildings partook of tea at The Downs to mark the opening. CWN 09 11 05

Kettles Yard houses unfit for human habitation – CWN 09 11 05

Small Holdings experiments start – CWN 09 11 05

1909 11 12 CWN
Fire broke out close to the chimney of an old thatched house in Church Street, Willingham occupied by Joseph Housden. It quickly spread to the adjoining house, also thatched, tenanted by Mrs B. Wilson, who keepers a drapery and grocery shop. The two houses were doomed but the amateur firemen with the parish engine devoted their best efforts to preventing the flames spreading & fire hooks were found very useful. All that now remains is a heap of ruins. This is the second case within a few weeks of old thatched property in the village being destroyed by fire. CEN 09 11 12

An old lady over 80 years of age who lived alone in a house in Vicar's terrace leading from St Tibb's Row was found nearly asphyxiated from gas and never regained consciousness. Her son-in-law noticed that the blinds were drawn and broke a window to get in. He noticed a peculiar smell as if somebody had been using methylated spirit. The lady never regained consciousness. It seems that a main became broken from heavy traffic and the escaping gas got under the flooring of the house in the night. CWN 09 11 12

It was time the river Cam was dredged, Mr Whibley told the Cam Sailing Club Dinner. He did not mind telling them a secret: the Conservators always had their annual river outing and last year got stuck on the mud at the Horse Grind, Chesterton. He could not help thinking what a lovely postcard that would have made! As soon as the Mayor, Ald Spalding, had been appointed he had looked into

the matter. Of course they could not please everybody: a gentleman he knew who lived not far from Clayhithe had been complaining that there was a draught in his garden because the dredger had been taken away. (Laughter and applause). CWN 09 11 12

Damage was caused to the house of Mr A. Carter, cab proprietor and common lodging-house keeper on Honey Hill, formerly known as the Beehive beerhouse. Fire broke out in the former tap room, now used as a bedroom. It appears his wife went into the room for some wearing apparel and the flame from her candle ignited some fancy mats hanging on the chest of drawers. A quantity of shawls, dresses and bonnets which were hanging on the wall, some brushes and the ceiling were damaged. Another fire in the basement of a lodging house at 17 Market Hill was noticed by undergraduates and extinguished by buckets of water. CWN 09 11 12

An exciting incident occurred at the Mill Drove Railway Crossing near Soham. Charles Aspland was coming from his farm bringing a portable horse-drawn hen house filled with young fowls which had been turned out some days on a corn field. One of its wheels got jammed between the railway line and the wooden floor of the crossing and try as he would he could not get it free. Suddenly the Newmarket special train with racehorses for Liverpool dashed into the henhouse splintering it across the line and killing 35 of the fowls. The engine sustained no damage whatsoever. CWN 09 11 12

Stretham Harvest Home, Bailey & Tebbutt – CWN 09 11 12

Kirtling water supply – CWN 09 11 12

Bonfire night scenes – CWN 09 11 12

1909 11 19 CWN
One of the most successful undergraduate hoaxes ever perpetrated was carried out in the hall of Emmanuel College. Mr W.M. Malleson, a prominent member of the University Amateur Dramatic Club, disguised by a florid countenance with a grizzled grey moustache and beard impersonated Mr G. B. Haddock, the Liberal MP for North Lonsdale. He delivered a pithy address on Women's Suffrage. From first to last, despite the name of 'Haddock' there was no suspicion of 'cod' on the part of the audience who took the debate in real earnest. CWN 09 11 19

Frederic William Hodgson carried on the business as plumber and decorator for nearly 30 years. He was a life-long abstainer and the oldest Deputy Grand Worthy Patriarch of the Cambridge Sons of Temperance, having cycled some thousands of miles whilst engaged in propaganda work. The sad cortege proceeded from his house in Peas Hill to Mill Road cemetery where the first part of the funeral service was conducted in the chapel. The coffin was borne by fellow members of friendly societies. CEN 09 11 19

The position of Ale Conner at Over is still current. The present occupier of this ancient officer was told by the Lord of the Manor's representative when appointed that he should visit the public-houses in the village and taste the beer – though he need not visit all the houses on one night. Both the Ale Connor and Pindar received a shilling on appointment, just as Army recruits used to be given the 'Queen's Shilling' on enlistment in days gone by. CWN 09 11 19

On Friday night a man who has recently taken up his abode in Fen Drayton missed the bridge across the brook opposite the blacksmith's shop and walked into the water. The night was very dark and there are no street lamps. The brook, which runs the whole length of the main street, is unprotected and the banks are steep. Four years ago a man lost his life in consequence of a similar fall and last December an aged inhabitant also came to grief in the darkness. One or two generous inhabitants have offered to present lamps but the cost of up-keep proved an obstacle. CWN 09 11 19

Debt collector's bankruptcy - CEN 09 11 19

The latest addition to the numerous miniature rifle clubs has been formed in connection with the Loyal Suffolk Hussars at Ye Olde Castel Hotel, St Andrew's Street. - CWN 09 11 19

1909 11 26 CWN
Councillors considered a police report on the auctioneers or cheap-jacks who visit Cambridge Market Hill on Saturday evenings and the Peas Hill in daytime with 'mock' jewellery. It was agreed such persons be not allowed and that in future 'Hoop-la' stalls be not allowed on Market Hill. A suggestion from the Cambridge University Automobile Club as to the placing of mirrors at the Bridge Street end of Jesus Lane was rejected. Drains in City Road and Eden Street were a nuisance and injurious to health, owners should do the necessary work or it will be done by the Surveyor and charged to them. CWN 09 11 26

Harry William Wallis, auctioneer, said he taken over the business from his father in 1907 and paid off his debts. As well as the ordinary business of auctioneer he also bought furniture which he sold at his weekly auction sales. He got into difficulties after a man offered him very cheap bicycles for sale for auction but then had not supplied them. Amongst those to which he owed money was a bedstead make in Dudley, a furniture dealer from Bethnal Green, a cabinet-maker from Hackney and P.A. Stevenson a Cambridge outfitter. CWN 09 11 26

Mr Dennis, a man of the utmost credence in Isleham, states quite seriously that on Tuesday night he saw a floating light in the sky. Struck by the unusual spectacle he watched it proceed in a straight light across the railroad and on to Fordham. Mr Dilley, the Newmarket and Isleham carrier was on the road near Fordham at the same time but saw nothing. CWN 09 11 26

A clergyman who had ministered temporarily at Barrington in 1908 was cited as co-respondent in a divorce case. Mr K.W., not thinking there was anything between his wife and the cleric, had consented to his family staying with him but afterwards came to the conclusion there had been misconduct. He had thrashed the curate three times for visiting his wife during his absence but the man refused to cease his visits to her. The wife petitioned for a judicial separation on the grounds of cruelty. CWN 09 11 26

There had been a serious outbreak of diphtheria at Stapleford resulting in two deaths. The Sanitary Inspector has secured permission to use an old school for an Isolation Hospital and to move the nurses and the children there. Bedding had been secured from the Oakington Isolation Hospital but there were still one or two items of furniture needed. He could not use the Histon Isolation Hospital because there were so many cases of scarlet fever there and it would be impossible to allot separate wards for each disease. Also complaint about the Oakington hospital. CWN 09 11 26

December 1909 CWN

1909 12 03
Lacon's brewery should receive £143 in compensation for the closure of the Red Lion public house at Orwell, the tenant, George Everitt, £16 and the Lord of the Manor £5, councillors decided. They awarded £200 compensation for the Fox and Duck in South Street Cambridge and £325 for the White Horse in Coronation Street. Agreement was also reached on The Bell at Meldreth, The Old Elm Tree Melbourn and the British Queen and Prince of Wales in Chesterton. CWN 09 12 03

The Ortona Motor Bus Company, whose enterprise has proved such a boon in Cambridge and Chesterton, intend to commence a service to Sawston via Trumpington, Shelford and Stapleford. A fine new Maudsley bus has been obtained which will do the full journey in 50 minutes. Parcels as well as passengers will be carried. CWN 09 12 03

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1909 12 10
Sir – At one time there were 50 basket makers at work in Ely, today there are not more than 20. The sight of trolley loads of baskets being taken to the railway station for transit away has become a rarity. Many makers are now employed at butchering, cow keeping, chimney sweeping or on the railway. Recently an Ely basket maker went to London for orders and could have had an order for 300 baskets but for the fact that he could not compete with the foreign price – Walter Kirton, Ely. CWN 09 12 10

The new skating rink at the back of Hertford Street was constructed to avoid any noise nuisance. Rinking was a fashionable amusement and there would be a charge so it would not be overrun with the rough element. They wanted to have a string band, with no drums, to play at intervals. There was not the slightest intention of making it a dancing saloon but they would like a licence so it could be used for subscription dances during May Week. CWN 09 12 10

Farmers backed Huntingdonshire County Council's refusal to declare the county an infested swine fever area. It would deal very harshly with the small pig breeder whereas it was the large dealers who were the offenders. The recent disease was different from the old swine fever. But the Board of Agriculture may put the order in force themselves and charge the county with the cost. CWN 09 12 10

Following a prosecution of an undergraduate for alleged cruelty to a deer when hunted by the University Draghounds the Vice Chancellor has ordered that the stags kept by the hunt are to be sent away from Cambridge. In future the hunting of deer or other animals kept in confinement renders members of the University amenable to the Court of Discipline. The practice, therefore, so far as the University is concerned, is at an end. CWN 09 12 03

While a young woman was busily engaged at the back of her house in High Street, Willingham, she heard an ominous sound as if the roof was giving way. She rushed into the open, just managing to get out of the door when the roof and walls collapsed. Fortunately, though frightened, she sustained no injury, but had she been a moment later she must have been seriously hurt. CWN 09 12 10

The popularity of football is on the increase and the young men of Over have formed a football club. On Saturday they played their first match, manfully defying a snow storm. It was the first game of football in the village for many a long year at any rate. The visiting team came from Needingworth and a keenly-fought game resulted in a tie of one goal each, greatly pleasing and surprising their supporters. CWN 09 12 10

1909 12 17 CWN
It is highly desirable that the footways should be kept clean and it may come as news to many that there is a bye-law which requires occupiers of any premises fronting or adjoining any street to cleanse the adjoining footways and pavements at least once every day, when necessary, excepting Sunday. The Chief Constable has been informed so Cambridge householders had better look out in future. CWN 09 12 17

In the early hours when all Ely was sound asleep, a fire broke out in the stores of Messrs Sturton and Howard, oil and colour merchants and chemists, Fore Hill. On the ground floor were stored oils and brushes, on the first floor a large quantity of matches, mops and baskets and on the second drugs, stationery etc. There was fortunately little oil in the cisterns and a large quantity of Christmas goods had been recently removed. The whole store was gutted and the walls knocked down. One theory is that vermin might have ignited a box of matches. CWN 09 12 17

1909 12 24 CWN
People out shopping in Cambridge witness the curious site of 'six foot two' policeman walking toward the Police Station with a diminutive child toddling along by his side. Of course the child was lost, but he seemed utterly unconcerned. This was not the first time this little mite had landed safe in the hands of a policeman. He had been often brought into the town by older boys who ultimately left him to his own devices. Boys will be boys but this is a dangerous game to play. 09 12 24

1909 12 31 CWN
As polling dates are fixed both political parties have redoubled their vigour. In Cambridge Mr S.O. Buckmaster spoke at the Gladstone Centenary Dinner at the Cherry Hinton Liberal Club while Almeric Paget has meetings arranged at St Barnabas Institute. The fight in East and West Cambs bids fair to be especially keen with meetings some distance apart. The motor car is a wonderful ally and enables the candidates to set distance and bad roads at naught but it is not conducive to the best of health to be exposed to the vagaries of the climate while travelling at high speed from one hot and crowded meeting room to the next. CWN 09 12 31

Captain W.E. Morrison-Bell addressed one of the most remarkable meetings during the whole of his political campaign when he spoke at Cottenham. The audience was palpably out of all sympathy with the Conservative candidate but there was none of the disorder for which Cottenham is associated. Interruptions were confined to impromptu comments and occasionally the audience set up a discussion on their own account, but he received a fair hearing. CWN 09 12 31

A labourer and a French polisher of no fixed abode, were charged with travelling on the train from Newmarket to Cambridge without having previously paid their fare. The facts were stated by Ticket Collector G.E. Sanders and P.C. Evans of the G.E.R. police. They pleaded guilty and were fined five shillings, in default seven days in prison. They went to prison. CWN 09 12 31

The 250-year-old Tithe Barn in Shelley-Row, Castle End is to be pulled down to make way for new houses. It is still in good repair with patches of new straw used to mend the high and thickly-thatched roof. It was used as a resting-place by the French prisoners taken in the Peninsular War during their journey to the prison camp at Norman Cross. Many people bought objects such as dice and dominoes they made from the bones of the meat supplied to them. The 'True Blue' in Hobson Street was also one of the billets. CWN 09 12 31

The Misses Storey gave their annual ball in the Masonic Hall which was attended by about 90 of their pupils and friends. An excellent programme of dances was arranged. The music was in the capable hands of Messrs Oliver Clifton and J. Parkinson and with the floor in good condition dancing was kept up from nine until nearly three o'clock. Previously a children's ball had attracted 60 and the whole of the party had their photo taken by flashlight. CWN 09 12 31

On Tuesday evening a wall of the stables and granary owned by Mr Abraham Fordham at Swaffham Bulbeck fell to the ground. Owing to the collapse of the wall about 200 combs of barley and oats were precipitated into the yard. To add to his misfortune a heavy rain was falling at the time. Some horses stabled below had a very narrow escape from injury. A heavy portion of the flooring above crashed down on the manger, fortunately without causing any injury to the animals. CWN 09 12 31

The festivities of Christmas Day passed off in a most enjoyable manner at Caxton Workhouse. The chapel, dining hall and sick wards were tastefully decorated one dinner consisted of roast beef, mutton, pork, plum pudding, beer and mineral waters. In the evening a few friends and the officers amused the inmates with a gramophone, singing and dancing. On Boxing Day Mrs Briscoe of Longstowe Hall invited the children to tea and gave each a present. CWN 09 12 31

The people at Linton Union spent a happy Christmas. As usual they were given a good old-fashioned Christmas dinner of roast beef, pork and vegetables, plum-pudding and half-a-pint of ale or mineral water. The plum puddings disappeared with great rapidity and were evidently relished. During the day oranges, sweets, tobacco and pipes sent by Messrs Holttum were distributed. On Boxing Day the Master invited the officers to a whist drive as a solace for the hard work of Christmas Day. CWN 09 12 31

At Swaffham Bulbeck on Christmas Day a portion of a wall of a cottage the property of Edward Fordham, tenanted by Mr Sidney Butler and family and Mrs Thompson, widow, crashed down into

the adjoining garden. The contents of a bedroom and several other rooms were exposed to view. Owing to the mishap the families were compelled to pass the night as best they might on the ground floor, the bedrooms being considered too public and unsafe to make the night in the open a comfortable experience. CWN 09 12 31

The Costermongers Boxing Day Marathon race was run between East Road and Bottisham and back. It is open to men who earn their living by hawking and the fact that 17 came forward with their barrows in such unfavourable conditions says a good deal for their hardiness. Soon mud began to bespatter the runners. Tom Nunn took the lead in the outward journey but was finally beaten by Sam George. CWN 09 12 31

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January 1910 CWN

1910 01 07
The old-fashioned and, on hygienic grounds, objectionable practice of 'kissing the Book' in taking the oath in courts of law, was relegated to the limbo of obsolete custom on New Years' Day by the coming into force of the new Oaths Acts. Now a person being sworn has to take the Testament in his right hand and swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. The new oath was used in Cambridge courts on Saturday, the first witness to be sworn being Miss Florence Butler of Sturton Street. CWN 10 01 07g

An amusing story of how a Cambridge don achieved sartorial immortality has been forwarded to me by Mr G. White of Regent Street. Dr Lowther-Yates, master of St Catharine's College at the close of the 1700s, enjoyed the distinction of being the first Cambridge Don who dared to wear trousers in public. When he walked as Vice Chancellor to the University wearing trousers instead of the conventional knee-breeches, somebody shouted out of a window on King's Parade: "Gadzoons! Gadzoons! Lowther Yates in pantaloons". The mysterious word 'Gadzoons' was a favourite ejaculation of surprise that he used. CWN 10 01 07f

The Cambridge branch of the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies works on constitutional lines, using only lawful and orderly methods. Its meeting in the Romsey Council School was a decided success: the speeches were listed to by a crowded audience most attentively, although there were some interruptions and cat-calling from the back of the building. Mrs C.D. Rackham urged the candidates at the forthcoming General Election to support votes for women on the same terms as men. CWN 10 01 07c # c.33

The Hon E.S. Montagu, Liberal MP for the Chesterton division, must be added to the few living persons who have read a report of their own death. The 'Buenos Ayres Standard' reports that he died during the King's birthday celebration at Sandringham. Such a tragedy did happen but the gentleman who died was Mr Montagu Guest. Cablegrams are very expensive luxuries and are sent in abbreviated form to be expanded for publication by the sub-editor. On consulting his reference books he evidently came to the conclusion that this was the member for West Cambs. CWN 10 01 07c

A novel and very popular experiment has just been tried in a Cambridge elementary school. The infants have been receiving direction in the gentle art of plum pudding making and just before Christmas were invited to bring their small coins towards buying the ingredients for the manufacture of some real puddings 'all on their own'. Six were made and a grand feast was held. The children arrived with clean faces and hands and provided with spoons and plates or pieces of clean paper. Then amid tremendous excitement the steaming hot puddings were dished up, decorated and served round the impatient youngsters who speedily put every scrap out of sight. CWN 10 01 07h

Votes for women – suffrage meeting – 10 01 07b & c
Review of 1909 – 10 01 07e

1910 01 14

Captain Morrison-Bell addressed election meetings at Rampton and Longstanton. At Rampton the gathering was a somewhat noisy one, with a good many interruptions, but at Longstanton a number of youths indulged in actual rowdyism; they refused to give the speakers a fair chance to air their views

and blows were struck amongst some of the more noisy members of the audience. At both meetings a heavy missile struck one of the cars as the candidate and his helpers drove away 10 01 14

Mr Paget's supporters held a torchlight procession through Regent Street, Emmanuel Road, Fitzroy Street, King Street and St Andrew's Street. Torches of many kinds, some of an evidently hastily prepared character, were held aloft and Mr Paget rode in a carriage in the centre of the procession, which included about 30 horsemen who formed an imposing guard of honour. The Conservative candidate was accompanied by crowds of men, lads and even women and girls, bearing aloft torches, pink lights and Union Jacks, and blowing tin trumpets and whistles. CWN 10 01 14a # c.33

Scenes without parallel in the recent political history of Cambridge were witnessed in connection with the great Liberal demonstration in support of Mr Buckmaster's candidature. The Guildhall could contain but a fraction of the crowds and an overflow meeting had to be held in the Corn Exchange which itself was packed to capacity. At both Mr Buckmaster had a tremendous reception, the audiences rising en masse and waving hats, handkerchiefs and leaflets and cheering in deafening choruses for several minutes CWN 10 01 14b # c.33

To have filled the large hall at the Guildhall to the very doors and held the attention of a crowded audience for nearly two hours would have been a great score for the Cambridge Union of Women's Suffrage Societies at any time. But to have done so when both political parties are working at high pressure and three big political meetings were being held the same night, was a veritable triumph. Nobody who listed to the clear, forcible, eloquent speeches of the ladies could fail to have been impressed, the few interruptions from the back of the hall being of a very mild and harmless character. But few of those present backed a call for women to have the same right to vote as men. CWN 10 01 14e # c.33

The annual dinner of the Saxon Cement Works, the Norman Cement Works and the Atlas Stone Company took place at the Lion Hotel, Petty Cury. The cement industry was important for Cambridge. They had started with 128 men, today they employ over 300 with a permanent staff of 70 clerks and supervisors. They'd spent over £150,000 in coal and coke, another £150,000 in materials from machinery to stationery. Close on £200,000 had paid in wages, most in Cambridge, and the railway companies had received more than £300,000 over the last seven years. CWN 10 01 14i & j # c.23 # c.27

An inquest was held after the body of a Witchford shepherd was discovered on the Barway railway sidings with both legs cut off. It would appear that two trains must have passed over the unfortunate man, the driver of the second one having seen the body when it was too late to stop. He was still alive when picked up but died shortly afterwards. A verdict of accidental death was returned. The swearing of the jury by the new form of oath, each man being sworn separately, was a somewhat lengthy process, occupying nearly ten minutes. CWN 10 01 14l

Boarding out of pauper children, workhouse – 10 01 14f & g # c.32.9
King in Cambridge – brief stop station - 10 01 14h # c.02
Dullingham centenarian – 10 01 14k
Motorists and police trap – obtain maximum convictions – 10 01 14o
Votes for women 10 01 14b & c, campaign in Cambridge – 10 01 14d # c.33

1910 01 21
Crowds waited on Cambridge market hill for the results of the election. As the hands of the clock dragged with exasperating slowness, the excitement grew even keener. But by half-past ten even the cheering began to subside. "Wish I'd brought my breakfast" said one ruby-faced gentleman whose appearance suggested that he had dined exclusively on beer. "Blooming long time countin' up nine thawsan' votes" said a Barnwellian. Suddenly the Mayor appeared on the Guildhall balcony with the successful candidate. "Buckie's beaten" was the sentence spoken half unconsciously by scores of

Buckmaster's supporters as if the brain refused to grasp the significance of what the eye could see. CWN 10 01 21 & a # c.33

Exciting occurrences at Kingston on Boxing Day had their sequel in the police court. A village labourer was summonsed for refusing to quit the Rose and Crown public house and for assaulting the landlady's daughter by punching her nose. The landlord was summonsed for assaulting the labourer's mother who had held the door of the public house to prevent her son from returning. Defendant said "I was drunk and everybody else in the house was drunk except the landlady's daughters. The landlord was drunk, and his wife was drunk, and I was drunk, and we all got together". Both were fined CEN 10 01 21b

An old Bottisham man recalled: "I remember the time, 68 years ago, when I used to go bird scaring. I used to go past the church at four o'clock in the morning, and used to come home at sundown. I have ploughed scores of acres on a bit of bread and onions, and I have seen my poor old father crying while he's been thrashing wheat because he hadn't a bit of bread to eat. We don't want those times to come back again". He concluded: "God bless the Liberals, who gave us old age pensions. Look how I used to live, and how I've lived this year" CWN 10 01 21c & d

When Captain Morrison-Bell (Conservative candidate for West Cambs) arrived at Graveley the meeting at which he was to speak had already been broken up in consequence of constant interruptions and disorderly behaviour by a section of the audience. As his car drove up it was pelted with mud and a chorus of hooting and booing, so he drove away. Later he addressed orderly meetings at Great Eversden, Croydon and East Hatley. CWN 10 01 21e

During the last week there has been a widespread and fatal sickness among the cats in Cottenham. Only one case as been explained as being due to pneumonia, in others the cause remains obscure. But it is suggested that the excitement of the General Election may have been a contributory factor. At any rate several households are lamenting the loss of their domestic pets and pressing for an inquiry into the nature of the malady, as the prospect of a catless community is too serious to contemplate 10 01 21f

An attack was made on the Newmarket Liberal Club premises. Showers of stones smashed the windows and poured into the billiard room, where the members took refuge as best they could in the cupboards or under the table. The fusillade of stones continued for quite half-an-hour until scarcely a window was left unbroken. Earlier thirty school lads had been round the club beating cans with sticks and singing the chorus: 'Vote for Tariff Reforms, my boys, Vote for Tariff Reform', after which members of the Liberal Club had thrown water and ginger-beer bottles at them. 10 01 21g.

Counting the votes – Cambridge – 10 01 21h # c.33

1910 01 28
A meeting was held to encourage British breeders to supply the British Army with British horses. They were woefully short of them: the number required in case of mobilisation was 129,000. The bus horse had been the most valuable immediate supply but these were now almost entirely extinct so the army hired horses during the 14 days annual training. An Imperial Horse Society should be established, the Master of the Cambridgeshire Hounds told farmers. 10 01 28 & a # c.45.4

The General Election has been one of the keenest on record and it is with a feeling of relief that one realises the struggle is over. A number of election hoaxes have been perpetrated: rumours were circulated that a conflict had taken place between police and crowds at Cambridge and that the Riot Act had been read at St Ives. At Great Shelford a false result was announced before the counting was even finished. The whole village was taken in and rejoicings on quite an extensive scale were started. 10 01 28 b & c

Leon Rothschild, a Russian tailor's cutter and Israel Schnitzer a tailor of Prospect Row appeared in court. Leon said he worked from 8am to 8pm and earned two guineas a week, but had then been given the sack. Israel however said he gave Leon work when there was any for him to do and he was paid at the rate of seven pence an hour. He had lent Rothschild money for his wedding expenses, paying for a ring and a pair of ear-rings. An IOU was produced but there was dispute as to whether a Russian word on the document meant 'received' or not so an interpreter was called in. 10 01 28f # c.27

A large party of youths, women, girls and boys from Willingham and Over visited Swavesey on Saturday night and greatly disturbed people. They carried flags and a loaf of bread on a fork. They shouted, knocked and rang at the doors of Conservatives, but in two instances visited wrong houses. They tried to pull down flags. At Boxworth End they took a farmyard gate from its hinges and threw it into a garden. The arrival of the aged farmer on the scene prevented further damage 10 01 28g

On Tuesday morning whilst Mr Edward Warboys was delivering milk from a cart in High Street, Swavesey, his horse bolted. It collided with a cart belonging to Mrs John Mitham of Lolworth. The wheels of the two carts were locked and both horses raced through the village. At the corner of Market Street the milk cart struck Mr Scard's house, doing some slight damage to the wall. Both shafts of Mr Warboys' cart were broken off, a wheel spoke fractured, the axle bent and all the milk spilled. 10 01 28g

A shocking fatality occurred near Sturmer railway station when a hawker from Haverhill was decapitated on the line. His head had been completely severed from the body and a scarf was picked up some fifty yards from the place where the fatality occurred. It seems he was knocked down by the 5.28 train from Haverhill, portions of the head and hair being found on that train. 10 01 28h

February 1910 CWN

1910 02 04 CWN
Two brothers have established a record in plural voting during the General Election. Mr W.W. Walker voted seventeen times and Mr J.W. Walker thirteen. The former gave nine votes in three days – including Saffron Walden - and then moved to Ely, Cirencester and Farnham amongst others. He covered 1,315 miles by train and 110 miles in different motor cars. The two are proprietors of Walker's Stores and were entitled to fifty votes between them – 25 each. But they claim they lost three votes through the laxity of political agents at Windsor, Stroud and Warminster. CWN 10 02 04

The polling of the four Cambridgeshire constituencies shows how remarkably evenly balanced are the two great parties: 19,232 being given to the Liberals and 19,233 to the Conservatives – a majority of one! As the county returned members of each colour Cambridgeshire can fairly claim to have secured proportional representation. This curious fact was pointed out by a young schoolgirl who discovered it quite by herself. I have never been an advocate of women's suffrage but think she is much more deserving of a vote than many men I know. Probably by the time she is of age, votes for women will be an accomplished fact. CWN 10 02 04c # c.33

Luke Hosegood, the Master, told Guardians there were 26 children in Cambridge workhouse. A large number of men had brought in their wives and families simply because they had been evicted from their houses as the result of slum clearance. There were several cases from Cambridge Place and a number from Castle End and if they went in at this rate all Castle End would be pauperised soon. It was getting a very serious matter. 10 02 04g # c.23

An old Cambridgeshire custom says that an inhabitant who transgresses the conventions shall be accorded a 'tin-kettling'. One took place at Fen Ditton where 200 people assembled outside the house of a couple, many provided with tin-kettles, tin-pans and whistles. What noise could not be made by thumping these with pieces of wood was contributed by the yelling of many voices. Popular songs were also bawled out and a special chorus composed for the occasion was sung to the accompaniment

of much booing. This continued for an hour. Then effigies of the offending parties were carried high above the heads of the jeering crowd and set on fire in the middle of the roadway while the crowd danced round, jeering and shouting the names of the couple. 10 02 04h # c.39

The Chequers public house, Shudy Camps stood on a side road at the Horseheath end of the village. There was a house on the main road within about half-a-mile and only 18 private houses near. The pub was in good order, having been rebuilt 10 years ago. It sold a barrel of beer a week and had no spirit licence. It was not required, police told magistrates. They also objected to the George and Dragon at Linton, a beerhouse off the main thoroughfare. There was no trade done there, they were simply selling off stock. The Crown was about 130 yards away. also: Pampisford brewery and problems with pubs at West Wickham, West Wratting, Ickleton with note on number of pubs in each village. 10 02 04 I & j & k

Shepreth's new village hall near the railway station was used for the first time when 'The Masqueraders' under the direction of Mr H. Bedwell gave one of their excellent entertainments. An elaborate programme had been arranged but owing to the indisposition of one of the artistes a great number of alterations had to be made. Fred Grace, a Scotch comedian, kept the audience continually laughing, Mr R.R. Morris (King's College choir) gave 'Go to sea' and Miss D. Branch was heard to great advantage in 'The Motherland'. Several other events have been planned. CWN 10 02 04l

Since the Ortona Bus Company was established in Cambridge they have done much towards linking up the station and the town with outlying suburbs. A few weeks ago they commenced a service of motor 'buses to Trumpington, Shelford and Sawston and have now inaugurated another to Histon and Cottenham which has been well patronised by passengers 10 02 04m # c.26.46

Hillrow Haddenham Newman v Leach re worrying cow – 10 02 04a & b

Fordham voting incident – 10 02 04d

Licencing – Fox & Duck South St, White Horse Coronation St, Prince of Wales Church St, George IV East Road, Cardinal's Cap Guildhall Place, Borough Boys Northampton St, & others – 10 02 04e & f # c.27.4

Pampisford Brewery off licence. Chequers Shudy Camps, George & Dragon Linton – 10 02 04j

1910 02 11
Justices were told of problems at a riverside public house in Fen Ditton which had not been conducted satisfactorily. There were weekly gatherings of non-resident young people for dancing, the questionable behaviour of some rendering a continuation of it undesirable. Men have left the house in a drunken condition and it has been visited many times by young men, presumably undergraduates, in cabs, accompanied by females of doubtful reputation. The tenant has been warned previously, today they were given a second warning. Probably there would not be a third warning and some action would be taken. The Justices renewed the licence this time CWN 10 02 11

Cambridgeshire roads need improvement. It was not an altogether unheard of experience for a car to get stuck in the mud in some parts of this moist county during the last few weeks and I have a lively recollection of one or two motor rides over roads that would have paid for a little steam-rolling. I recall ruts which seemed filled with loose metal which flew up from under the wheels and rattled against the underside of the car like a miniature bombardment and bumps suggestive of a ride in a small boat on a choppy sea. I don't think I should care to ride a motor cycle over a road like that 10 02 11a

Harry Cox of King Street was an old pugilist who learnt in a hard school where gloves were regarded as unnecessary. He started in a travelling fairground booth but when he visited Midsummer Fair decided to settle in Cambridge. He took part in many open-air fights without the sanction of the law

which were witnessed by large numbers. Pupils from the University attended his rooms at the Green Lion in Short Street and later at the Royston Arms, Jesus Lane. "Professor Cox" also gave lessons at St John's and other colleges and several University champions passed through his hands including T. Milvain of Trinity Hall who was heavyweight champion of All England in 1868-69 and is now Judge Advocate General. 10 02 11c# c.38 : boxing

If the death rate for consumption continues to fall at the present rate it should be extinct in Cambridge in the next 20 years, said Dr Laird at the Tuberculosis Exhibition in the Corn Exchange. Last year there were about 200 cases and 65 deaths. If a patient stays at home a Health Visitor provides spittoons, proper handkerchiefs and disinfectant; if they go to the Sanatorium the house is disinfected, cleansed throughout, re-papered and limewashed. A new pavilion will be built for those who live in overcrowded rooms or who cannot have a bed to themselves. 10 02 11d & e # c.21.1

1910 02 18
The small piece of land next to the Grantchester churchyard, which has been acquired so that local people can be buried in their own parish, was consecrated by the Bishop of Ely. The proceedings began with a choral service in the church then the Bishop, followed by the choir, clergy and congregation walked round the ground. The Bishop offered up a prayer, the sentence of consecration was read and the Bishop signed it. The procession returned, singing a hymn on the way to the church where the Bishop delivered an address. 10 02 18d

Dr R. Vaughan Williams lectured on 'The Folk Songs of East Anglia" and the enjoyment was enhanced by Mr J. Steuart Wilson of King's College who gave expressive renderings of a number of Old English ballads. Vaughan Williams had discovered the early folk ballad 'Geordie' at Fen Ditton but whether there was a great deal more to be found he did not know. At Fowlmere the Rev Campbell Yorke had got the 'May Day Song' from an old gentleman who rejoiced in the name of 'Hoppy' who preferred to do odd jobs and sleep in sheds and outhouses. He often started the first verse of a song with an entirely different tune and only got into the right swing at the end. 10 02 18 & a # c.39 # c.69

A distressing scene was witnessed at the funeral of a young woman who died at Elm after giving birth to a child. A portion of the service was omitted at the graveside and the mourners hooted the clergyman. When the grave had been filled up he ordered the removal of certain artificial wreaths in glass cases and took them into his own house. If the parents will give a guarantee that no attempts will be made to place them on the grave he will hand them over. 10 02 18b

Grantchester churchyard consecrated – 10 02 18d

Willingham novel use for snow plough – 10 02 18e

Castle Camps election row sequel – 10 02 18g & h

Stapleford diphtheria outbreak – 10 02 18i

1910 02 25
Mr F.C. Pruden has been experimenting with a new cycloplane which he has invented and which he kept in a shed at Needham Hall, Elm. The machine embodied some very novel ideas and great care was observed in keeping the thing secret. It was all but completed and a trial trip had been arranged but about midnight flames were seen bursting from the shed where the machine was stored along with a motor car. Both were completely destroyed. It is believed the fire was the work of an incendiary as villagers saw a man riding quickly on an unlighted bicycle. CWN 10 02 25 # c.26.1

A hurricane with winds of 80 mph cased considerable damage. Hoardings in Belmont Place, King Street, belonging to the Billposting Company were unable to withstand the onslaught of the wind and fell while a large elm tree opposite Trinity Fellows' Garden was bespoiled of its top. At Ely Cathedral

a window depicting St John the Baptist was damaged; the apostle's head was blown out but falling upon the lawn, the glass was not broken. At St Ives the wind blew down the home signal on the railway line and caught the gable end of Mr Holloway's music shop in Bridge Street, blowing off four yards of tiles. CWN 10 02 25a & b # c.12

The heroine of the recent male impersonation escapade at Fen Ditton sat quietly in the stuffy little court room packed with pressmen and spectators. No one would imagine from her appearance that she was the sort of girl to wander about churchyards in the brother's clothes in the middle of the night or smash church windows. In her white blouse and her wealth of black hair tied back with a bow she presented a far different appearance from the dishevelled but picturesque boy seen at the police office the morning after her adventure. CWN 10 02 25 c & d # WOMEN

The high ground near Cherry Hinton was the scene of some interesting military operations. For several hours the Gogs resounded with the crackle of rifle fire and the thunder of artillery as the tide of battle rolled slowly from Reservoir Hill past the Golf Links until arrested at Limepit Hill. The operations supposed that the Great Eastern Railway line was the frontier between two states which had mobilised their troops. A cavalry brigade at Newmarket was reinforced by some infantry and guns and Fulbourn was fortified. 10 02 25m & n # c.45.4

On arriving by rail at Linton station the traveller has a pleasant drive of six miles to Balsham, a secluded old-world village where Time seems to pass with slow and reverent step, as if it is half-fearful of disturbing the sweet repose of that quaint archaic place. The square Norman tower of the old church rises grim and grey from amidst luxuriant foliage while the stately granite-built rectory stands in spacious grounds and the well-kept lawn slopes gradually down through a fairyland of flowers to a sylvan scene of much beauty. 10 02 25i

A fine aviation ground is to be established Huntingdon on the site of the old racecourse due to the enterprise of a syndicate to be known as 'Aviation Courses Limited' who hope to have flying in progress during the Whitsuntide holidays. It will be started under the aegis of the Royal Aero Club supported by Lord Sandwich and a Huntingdon and Midland Counties Aviation Club will be formed. A grandstand is being erected, the Humber Company are erecting workshops and they anticipate the co-operation of the Bleriot School of Aviation. There will be periodical race-meetings and international gatherings of aviators 10 02 25o # c.26.1

Nearly 1,000 people assembled in a field adjacent to Elm churchyard where the incumbent refused to allow the parents of a young girl to place artificial wreaths. Since then a feeling of indignation has been growing throughout the area. Numerous speeches were made advocating the establishment of a free burial ground for the people of the district. A resolution was passed protesting against the compulsory removal of wreaths and the vicar's statement that the district was shockingly immoral. 10 02 25p

Mammoth Show out of debt – 10 02 25e

Elm burial scandal – another scene – 10 02 25f

Cambridge University Waterworks Company important prosecution of dairyman – 10 02 25g & h

University and trade – chair of business wanted – 10 02 25j # c.36.9

Cottenham communal farming records – 10 02 25k

Agriculture lecture on ten years work on potatoes – 10 02 25l # c.22

March 1910 CWN

1910 03 04
The alarming outbreak of fires which occasioned such consternation in Alconbury was added to when a second farm belonging to George Bromhead was set alight. They started on 11th April last year at the farm of William Mitchell; six days later came the most serious when a range of buildings belonging to Mr Bromhead were destroyed. Fears were increased when Mr W.P. Theakston, the agent for a number of farms, received letters threatening further fires. In July there were two at Hartford, in August one at Alconbury and earlier this month one on the farm of Ernest Francis. A man has been arrested 10 03 04d

Since the inauguration of County Councils 21 years ago they have grown enormously in importance and in power. Their responsibilities over public health, sanitation, water supply and the administration of the Poor Law will probably be increased in the new future. This throws the administration more and more into the hands of the officials. Ratepayers should take care to select their representatives but unfortunately the absurd practice still prevails locally of voting for councillors according to their political predilections and the best man is frequently defeated. 10 03 04e # c.35.1

It was incredible to hear of the conditions that existed in Barnwell, said the Rev Gwinn. There was one road which in winter was almost knee-deep in mud. The children could not step from their doors without going ankle-deep and always went to school wet-footed. Five children in that street had been taken away with scarlet fever recently, partly owing to the sanitary arrangements and partly due to the stuff that was thrown out into the road. There was another street of 11 houses – or rather hovels – containing only two rooms apiece. In one of these lived seven people CWN 10 03 04f & g & h # c.23

Cherry Hinton was the most rapidly-increasing district in the neighbourhood. It was popularly believed that the dwellers in St John's parish were all well-to-do and able to supply their needs themselves, but that was quite a fallacy, said the Rector. There were a very large proportion of artisans and some who were very poor. One woman, whose husband was in the Asylum, had to work at a laundry to keep herself and three children on nine shillings a week. CWN 10 03 04g

Few have any clear idea of the variety and extent of the services which the police render. They see the policeman about the streets, patrolling his beat or standing on point duty and have no hesitation in appealing to him in almost any little dilemma. But their annual report shows they keep a watchful eye upon temporarily unoccupied houses, visit common lodging houses, attend fires, take charge of lost property, inspect stage and hackney carriages and attend to dangerous dogs. There are 54 constables, average age 36 years. CWN 10 03 04h & I # c.34.6

By the death of Charles Stearn of Brookfields Cambridge loses one of its few Crimean veterans. He was born at Barrington and joined the Cambridgeshire Regiment in 1846 with whom he fought at the Alma where at least 1,400 men lost their lives. At Inkerman the Russians came right up to the bayonets and the Russian dead numbered six to each Englishman. After a couple of years in the Crimea the Regiment was sent off to Canada where their boat struck a rock off Newfoundland and went down in half an hour. He had his wife and youngest son on board and got them into the lifeboats with difficulty. Later he was landlord of the Seven Stars on Newmarket Road CWN 10 03 04j & k # c.45.4

Mammoth Show out of debt 10 03 04 & a c.38
Public house trust 10 03 04b & c
OTC successful night attack 10 03 04j & k c.45.4

1910 03 11
Friday Bridge churchyard was not fit to bury a dog in. Mr Green said that at one funeral a man had to stand on one end of the coffin and another at the other to hold the coffin down until it was covered with earth, or it would have floated in the water. Another parishioner said one coffin was buried only

15 inches deep and many had been buried swimming in 18 inches. Mr Forster said he had seen some of the most disgraceful proceedings in connection with the churchyard that it has ever been the lot of human beings to witness. It was decided to apply for power to have a separate cemetery free from ecclesiastical control 10 03 11 # c.21.2

A stable in Water Street, Old Chesterton, was the scene of a shocking tragedy. A 50-year-old labourer had been living with a 58 year-old woman who earned her living by travelling about the county with a caravan in the summer, visiting fairs, and in the winter time she hawked coal and coke about local villages. When he appeared in court his complexion stamped him at once as a man used to working in the open air. His face and neck were alike brick red in colour and seamed with thousands of wrinkles, the black hair was cut fairly short, but the grizzled moustache was rather ragged. He was dressed in corduroys and heavy boots. He had no collar or neck wrap and his vivid red shirt showed at the top of the sleeved waistcoat he was wearing. 10 03 11a & b # c.34.6

The Coach and Horses pub at Fulbourn contained a bar, a parlour, smoke room, living room and five bedrooms upstairs. The yard had stabling for seven horses, a disused brewery, pigsties and a chaff-cutting house. The cellar in the basement was unfit for use and the premises generally in a bad state of repair. Next door was the Six Bells, a large house with extensive premises which could supply all the requirements of the neighbourhood. There are five fully-licensed houses and five beer 'on' licences to cater for 124 inhabitants as well as the 526 inmates of the asylum. 10 03 11b also Soham Black Horse – 10 03 11c

The inaugural meeting in support of a scheme for establishing a University in China attracted a great deal of interest. The Vice-Chancellor reflected on the stores of energy lying undeveloped in that great land and its great progress in sciences, art and manufactures. It would be advantageous to select graduates who should pass a few years in an English-speaking University in China to provide unbroken interchange of intellectual thought and scientific discovery between the two countries. The scheme would not be carried out cheaply but there were a great many who had made large fortunes in China who would contribute. 10 03 11e

A party of five undergraduates attempted to repeat the 'Merry Widow' hoax at the New Theatre but were sadly unsuccessful. It is a well-known rule that undergraduates may not purchase boxes unless accompanied by ladies or some elderly chaperone. A box was ordered in the name of the Hon Miss Neville of Magdalene College, which aroused suspicion. The party comprised three undergraduates and two 'ladies' who were very tall, walked with mannish strides and spoke in a quaint high-pitched falsetto. Mr Redfarn did not take many seconds to spot the disguise. 10 03 11f # c.36.9

St Ives was shocked by the news of the sudden death of Horatio Wadsworth of the Mineral Water and Beer Bottling Works in Bridge Street. He was very much respected both as a citizen and an employer of labour. He attended the monthly meeting of the Masonic Lodge and walked home where he was immediately seized with an attack of faintness which ended 20 minutes later in death from heart failure. He was 45 years of age and leaves a widow, four girls and three boys. 10 03 11g

Magnificent poplars which have stood opposite the Swan at Linton for many years have been felled. The execution of these noble trees, which were regarded with much affection, was ordered by the parish council as they have long been considered a danger in high winds and storms. The stumps stand as mournful relics. Whether in a revengeful spirit it is impossible to say, but one tree, in crashing to the ground, fell on Mrs Ficklin's wall and did some damage 10 03 11j

On Tuesday evening a motor cycle with trailer came to a standstill on the Huntingdon Road near Oakington because of a puncture. It was dark but three cottages were close by, so the cyclist and his passenger took the machine into the room of one of them to repair the damage. While searching for the puncture with the aid of a light, the petrol became ignited and the carpet and other contents of the room were damaged. Some of the occupants who had retired to rest hastily left their beds in alarm.

The cyclist and his friend then proceeded to the Five Bells and the landlord drove them, cycle and trailer in a pig float back to St Ives. 10 03 11i

Norman Cement works timekeeper threatened 10 03 11d c.27
Logan's boatyard 10 03 11h

1910 03 18
The County Council considered a highly-important report for bringing the main roads up-to-date to meet the demands of motor and other traffic. A journey on the Cambridge to Huntingdon Road involves jolting over innumerable and unavoidable patches of loose sharp stones and lingers in the memory of the wayfarer long after. This road should not cause phenomenal expense to bring it into a greatly improved state of repair. There is a busy, heavily-trafficked length of road at Sawston much used by motor buses and although the Cambridge to Haverhill Road does not carry heavy through traffic it needs to be made free from dust in summer and mud in winter. 10 03 18 & a

Newham Croft Institute has had its headquarters in Hardwick Street for some eight years, but the old premises were of a somewhat rough and ready character. The Club first purchased a building which had stood in Grantchester Meadow and had been used as a golf shed. It was built of wood and had a low roof of corrugated iron. In 1906 an appeal was raised and materials of a temporary building which had been used as the Combination Room of Selwyn College purchased. It was removed and re-erected on the present site. 10 03 18c

A grand fancy dress carnival at the University and Town Skating Rink attracted a large crowd and many ingenious costumes were seen. When a number of undergraduates were on the rink some wonderfully complete and extensive costumes were displayed. The rink presented a very pretty appearance when the ever-changing stream of skaters was illuminated with kaleidoscopic tints from the lime lights. Roller skating is not a sudden whim and the 'craze' has not died out. Young and old are trying to skate in thousands of rinks all over the country and the splendid floor of the Cambridge rink has been crowded almost every day since it was opened. 10 03 18g, photo 18d # c.38 : roller skating

Licensing meeting – Over Sow & Pig, Willingham Black Horse, Chesterton White Horse, Comberton Red Lion, Cottenham Boot, Longstanton Red Cow, Milton Three Tuns, Shelford Three Tuns 10 03 18b
C.P. Tebbutt tribute 10 03 18e & f
Canada talk 10 03 18e
Cambridgeshire roads survey 10 03 18h c.44.65

1910 03 25
PC Arnold told Saffron Walden court that he had been employed by Mr Cheffins to keep order at an auction sale in a private house. Afterwards he went to a pub where a number of dealers had gathered in a back room. He heard a voice saying 'How much this lot!' and a series of half-crown bids. When it got to thirty shillings he heard a tap on the table. He found nine men around a table with catalogues. One said 'We are doing business with a knock-out on our own'. They had been to the auction and were then disposing of purchased articles amongst themselves. 10 03 25a & b

Two London youths were charged with stealing and receiving cycles. A clerk in the booking office at Shelford station said one lad had come in with a cycle which he had sent to London by the 2.14 train. It had been collected from St Pancras station next morning and taken to a pawnbroker who was suspicious and informed a detective. The lad confessed: "Me and Wilson went to Cambridge on Saturday and stole two. We rode over to Shelford and booked them to London then walked back to Cambridge and I got another one" 10 03 25c # c.26.485

A meeting was held in a barn at Caldecote to consider establishing an egg depot under the National Poultry Organisation Society. Producers were at the mercy of 'middlemen' who cut up the profits and local co-operation would alter this. Eggs would be collected three times a week, stamped to guarantee they are new laid and delivered to the markets at the earliest possible date. At present the eggs are collected once a week and are often over eight days old before being put on the market. This is not as good as French eggs which are sold within four or five days. 10 03 25d & e
C. Douglas Newton profile 10 03 25

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1910 04 01
There was an accident at Dullingham Station when some wagons jumped the rails. Three timber trucks were thrown over and three cattle trucks overturned. Breakdown gangs were summoned and the up line was cleared in three-and-a-half hours. A number of sleepers, and chairs were smashed but these could be quickly replaced. The difficulty was to get rid of the overturned waggons before the down line could open. The Newmarket stationmaster sent passenger trains to Fordham and thence by the Quy and Swaffham line to Cambridge.10 04 01

Easter 1910 will be long remembered for its delightful holiday weather. The religious services both on Friday and Sunday were remarkably well attended and on Friday evening a large audience attended a performance of the 'Messiah' at the Guildhall. Many Cambridge people went out of town by train. Yarmouth, Lowestoft and Cromer were the most popular watering places, Hunstanton attracting fewer people than usual. There were scores of cyclists and motorists on the roads, all very cheerful in spite of the dust nuisance. The Territorials held a parade for 250 men and the 1st Eastern General Hospital were busy training at Haslingfield. A miniature rifle range was opened at the Working Men's Institute in Fitzroy Street. 10 04 01a

Boys attending Longstanton School accepted a challenge from Swavesey School for a football match. But on arrival they found a strong combination of larger boys from Swavesey, St Ives, Over and Houghton opposing them. An offer by Swavesey for them to discard their smaller boys for some of the spectators to make the teams more equal was dismissed by the little lads who determined to 'stick to their own men'. As expected Longstanton were beaten by nine goals to nil. Eight of the goals were scored by lads from Houghton and one by a lad from Over. The Longstanton juveniles have only been playing football for a month, a ball having been presented by the schoolmistress. 10 04 01b

On Easter Monday morning a tall and burly Swavesey resident was conveying manure to his allotment in a handcart when in Taylor's Lane one of the wheels collapsed. A young lady very kindly assisted in lifting the laden vehicle to the side of the road where it remained for some hours. Later the manure was tipped on the roadside and the cart ignominiously trundled home on one wheel. It is a striking example of inventive genius, the body being an old washing trough while the wheels once belonged to a perambulator. Another massive man was seen leading a small donkey which was dragging a harrow in one of the allotments. Its master stood by to see it was not overworked. 10 04 01c

1910 04 08
Mr C.P. Tebbutt of Bluntisham was a public speaker of exceptional gifts. He used few notes but never hesitated for a word or bungled a sentence. He spoke on the Gulf Stream, on earth worms and the drainage of the fens about which he was particularly conversant. He gave evidence to Royal Commissioners on topics including licensing saying that in Bluntisham there was one public house for every 50 persons and it was rare to see a man worse for drink. He carried out the widening of the Needingworth Road in St Ives, previously too narrow for the droves of cattle which came in from the fens ready for market. 10 04 08

The first real flying machine ever delivered in Cambridge arrived at the Hobson Street garage of Cambridge Automobile and Engineering Company. It is an exact counterpart of the monoplane with which M. Bleriot flew across the channel. On Friday the engine, tractor and ignition were tested. It worked splendidly and developed great power, the screw creating a tremendous draught and exerting such a force that, although the machine had not its wings and tail fitted, it took half-a-dozen men to hold it down. 10 04 08a # c.26.1

Free Library given Hattersley Bros ledger 1765-5 – 10 04 08a # c.77.4

Bargemen objected to proposed bylaws regarding lighting on barges saying they can travel more safely without them. Mr Charles Dyson of North Street Burwell said "My barges are required to carry oil, sedge, turf etc and the use of lights might prove dangerous. I have travelled on the river for 40 years and never seen any accident caused by not using lights". E.H. Godby of Littleport says he does a lot of hay and chaff work and cannot afford to have his cargo burnt while Colchester and Ball of Burwell says their boats do not travel at night and see no reason why they should show a light when stationery. Ferry boat owners also say it would be a serious expense to have to keep lights burning all night. 10 04 08 b & c # c.26.3

In September 1908 the Griffin beerhouse at Wixoe was destroyed by fire but the business was continued in a stable and the continuity of the licence thus ensured. It was the only one in the parish and there had never been any complaint. It was owned by Messrs Adams and Son of Halstead who had drawn up plans for its rebuilding. Magistrates wanted to close it but did not have funds to pay compensation. However when the tenant failed to apply for renewal at the proper time they decided closure should go ahead. 10 04 08d

Mark Wyatt of Waterbeach passive resister 10 04 08e

J. Carter applied to renew a hackney carriage licence for his brake to allow it to ply for hire in Newmarket as he had for 36 years. He was the father of 13 children, 11 of whom lived with him in Burwell, but they are fed and clothed with goods purchased in Newmarket. He purchased all his provisions, clothes and boots in the town and spent considerably more there than he earned from his trade. He'd had the brake made especially for the races and it was as good as any other. Police said brakes were useful but they were used by a certain class (pickpockets etc) who could not operate so well in landaus. The application was granted. 10 04 08e

1910 04 15
Two young men returning to Willingham from Haddenham on Saturday evening by the nearest route across the fens had an anxious and exciting walk. The night was intensely dark and they had difficulty keeping the proper path. With the aid of matches they managed for some time but soon the last match was struck. Then they reached a bridge over a drain. First one and then the other stepped over the side and dropped into the water. At length they struck the right track and reached home weary and wet. 10 04 15e

Cambridge Waterworks Company's Bill passed by select committee of the House of Lords. It would allow for the sinking of a new well outside the polluted area. But if the prehistoric methods of sewage disposal in villages been corrected the whole problem could have been ended. 10 04 15 # c.24.2

A verdict of suicide was returned on a Horningsea man who had cut his own throat. The inquest had been held in the Crown and Punchbowl inn although it was illegal for an inquest to be held in licensed premised. This was because the clergyman had previously refused permission for the use of the schoolroom and the school managers said they could not give permission without his approval. This was the only village in the district where the coroner had any difficulty getting use of the schoolroom. Many witnesses objected to going to a pub to give evidence 10 04 15a

Fen Ditton baby's death – 10 04 15b

Cambridge University & Town Waterworks Company Bill examined by House of Lords – 10 04 15c & d # c.24.2

1910 04 22
Saturday night's shopping was in full swing at Cambridge when the storm broke and scores of people were drenched before they could get to shelter. Many more who were fortunate enough to gain good cover were held up for hours, it being quite impossible to go many yards without getting wet through. The thunderstorm was followed by hail and a downpour of rain of quite unusual intensity lasting practically the greater part of the night. Happily the amount of damage done seems to have been small 10 04 22

Bottisham magistrates displayed considerable courage by ordering the birching of four youngsters who had been proved guilty of egg-stealing. If they inflicted a fine the punishment would fall not on the boys, but upon their parents who were respectable people who worked hard to keep their children neat and clean. The object of punishment is to act as a warning to others and serve as a deterrent for the future. There will be very little egg-stealing amongst Bottisham juveniles for some time 10 04 22a

A motorist told the court he was driving near Therfield when he saw a traction engine ahead of him going in the same direction. When he came up he sounded his hooter but it was no use as the trucks which the engine was drawing made such a noise. There was no one on the lookout so he had to stay behind the engine until he came to the Thrift where the engine stopped. The publican of the Horse and Groom and Sarah Ann Andrews both stated the motor could not pass as the engine was in the middle of the road. There were only two men with it and they were both riding. They were convicted of a breach of the Locomotives on Highway Act. 10 04 22c

1910 04 29
A decently-dressed woman called at a Willingham baker's shop and inquired about some respectable lodgings. She was recommended to apply at Mrs W. Ellwood's in Newtown. Thither she went and was provided with supper of bread and cheese before retiring to bed. Next morning Mrs Ellwood set out breakfast and then left to draw her old-age pension. On return she found the woman had had breakfast, washed up and put away the cups and saucers and then disappeared. Nothing was disturbed in the house. The police have been informed but can find no trace of the guest. 10 04 29

Frederick Hawkins, proprietor of the Picture Palace, Workman's Hall, Fitzroy Street appeared in court under the Gaming Act. He had distributed numbered handbills and given half-a-crown to the person whose number he showed on screen. On Saturday night there were other prizes of a silver-plated teapot, silver-plated cruet and six teaspoons in a case. Hawkins said he'd done it to test if advertising by handbills was any good. But it was a breach of the law and he was given a nominal fine. 10 04 29a # c.76.9

A professional singer from Old Chesterton told magistrates he was married at 18 but suffered a serious accident when working as a butcher's carman. His right arm was paralysed and he could do no manual labour. He earned a precarious living by singing at cinematograph shows and entertainments and was often 'one week in and two weeks out'. His wife said they had last lived together four years ago. She had gone out to service while he was trying to earn his living roaming about seeking engagements. He had contributed nothing to her support except in November when he gave her five shillings. But her application for a separation order on grounds of desertion was rejected. 10 04 29b # c.69

A Willingham labourer was charged with stealing £40 in gold from his mother. His parents had gone to work leaving him alone in the house and the money under the mattress of the bed. The neighbour saw the lad with a handful of gold and a search revealed it had gone. Police discovered he had been showing a lot of gold in a public house at Longstanton before leaving for Cambridge by train. When arrested at the Compasses lodging house in East Road he said "They should not leave the money lying

about in the house. I told her I should do her one. She always scrapped the last penny out of me and is always cadging money of me" 10 04 29c

Congregationalists assembled in large numbers to celebrate the centenary of the church at Fulbourn. Its origins can be traced to 1776 when worship was carried out in a barn. In 1810 they took possession of a small meeting house erected by Thomas Harlock. The Rev. S. Smoothy had been appointed in 1878 making him the longest-serving minister and no church had ever had a more faithful servant 10 04 29d & e # c.83

The University's new School of Agriculture in Downing Street was opened by the Duke of Devonshire. Designed by Arnold Mitchell it is built of dull red Dutch brick. The floors and staircase are of fireproof construction and the building is heated by hot water and lighted by electricity. It will accommodate 100 students with a lecture room, botanical laboratory, greenhouse and photographic darkroom. 10 04 29 f & g # c.36.9

Death of Alfred Marshall Robinson, Milton; Guardian & Chairman Chesterton RDC 10 04 29F

Death of George Metcalfe of Swavesey and Jonas Webb, farmer at Freckenham – 10 04 29h

May 1910 CWN

1910 05 06 CWN
Primitive Methodist Centenary assembly at Ely – 10 05 06 & a
County finances, big jump in rates – 10 05 06b

Under the new Midwives Act no woman can habitually attend women in childbirth unless she is certified. There were 54 midwives on the register of whom 30 were trained. Ten of the untrained women were between the ages of 65-75 and might need replacing before long by reason of death or infirmity. There was only one trained midwife at Willingham and an untrained woman at Landbeach. There were none at Isleham, Burwell, Wicken, Upware, Milton, Cottenham, Swavesey or Histon. Some mothers can afford the fee of a medical practitioner but are unable also to pay the full fee of a skilled nurse and so may turn to unregistered women 10 05 06b & c # c.21.1

Hilgay boy scorched by gunpowder – 10 05 06d

T.E. Foster rescues drowning child – 10 05 06d

Aviation meeting Portholme meadow Huntingdon – 10 05 06d

Inhabitants of Knapwell enjoyed the annual May Day Revels held at The Grange through the kindness of Mr Maurice Hawkes who entertained them to a tea, followed by a concert and winding up with a dance. A cricket match against Conington had been arranged but owing to the wet weather the visiting team did not put in an appearance. The players took tea in the barn which was decorated with primroses, cowslips and garden flowers 10 05 06e

Gt Eversden Polling District Conservative Association meeting 10 05 06f

Police children's boot fund – 10 05 06g

1910 05 13 CWN
Many in Cambridge had left home before the news of the Death of King Edward VII was known but in an hour or two there were signs of mourning everywhere. Many of the tradespeople draped their shutters, blinds were drawn at private residences, church bells were tolled and flags hoisted half-mast on the public buildings. During the morning when the streets were filled with crowds of country

people from the surrounding villages it was almost the exception to find anyone without some note of black in their attire 10 05 13c & d # c.02

On a certain day 49 years ago several undergraduates while walking along the Madingley Road were overtaken by a heavy rainstorm. They were not provided with any protection against such weather and there was every likelihood they would be thoroughly drenched. An old lady living in one of the brick-built cottages noticed their plight and they gladly took the opportunity to wait in her dwelling until the violence of the storm had abated. Before they left the kindly old dame insisted upon one of the young men accepting the loan of her umbrella. It was returned the next day with a substantial gift in recognition of her kindness. That undergraduate afterwards became King Edward VII 10 05 13h # c.02

With fitting ceremonial Prince George Frederick Ernest Albert was proclaimed to the University, the Borough and County of Cambridge, King of Great Britain and Ireland and Dominions beyond the Seas and Emperor of India, in succession to Edward VII. In the Guildhall the Mayor and Corporation assembled in the Large Room with the benign countenance of Queen Victoria looking down on them from the wall to acclaim her grandson as King George V 10 05 13e-g i j # c.02

Snugly housed in a shed in the rear of a house in St Barnabas' Road reposes a brand new flying machine of the monoplane variety which has been designed and built by the Bros Wallis. The CDN had an opportunity of inspecting the machine and seeing the engine and elevating and steering apparatus tested. We came away greatly impressed with the graceful and workmanlike lines on which it is built. The machine embodies a number of novel ideas and is one of the lightest and strongest yet made. If not exactly the first flying machine that has been seen in Cambridge it is certainly the first one built in the town 10 05 13 a & b # c.26.1

William Hockey was the founder of the well-known auctioneering firm based in Bene't Street. As the agent for the De Freville Estate he had much to do with the development and planning of that part of New Chesterton which has rapidly become of so much importance. He also held an important and confidential position at Trinity College, where he was highly regarded, and was Secretary of the Excelsior Building Society. For the past 20 years he was a very well-known and popular figure in the business life of Cambridge. 10 05 13k

There was great excitement in Willingham on Sunday at the report that the Rectory had been broken into and a large crowd collected outside the gates. It appears that a rough-looking man of the tramp class had made his way there as soon as the rector and household had gone to church, one maid only being left in charge of the house. When she discovered that food was missing from the larder Police Constable Breed was promptly informed. He found a man in a shed in a grass field in Long Lane. 10 05 13l

1910 05 20 CWN

Vagrants at Chesterton workhouse were kept for two nights, being given work according to their ability during the day and liberated at seven o'clock on the second morning. They had eight ounces of bread and water for breakfast and supper and eight ounces of bread and 1½ ounces of cheese for dinner. But is it fair to starve their poor wretches to this extent; not everyone is a rogue: many are just the failures of life and cannot help themselves, one Guardian said. 10 05 20

Sixty-eight cases of scarlet fever (none fatal) were recorded in Chesterton Rural District last year of which 50 were removed to the Isolation Hospital at Oakington together with 44 cases of diphtheria (6 fatal) some of which were removed to a temporary hospital in connection with the outbreak at Stapleford. There were ten cases of typhoid (3 fatal) and three of puerperal fever. During the year 156 new houses were erected and eight cases of overcrowding were dealt with, the Medical Officer reported – 10 05 20

The foundation stone of the first block of the new Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology at the corner of Downing Street and Tennis Court Road was laid by the Baroness Von Hugel whose husband is the curator. The ceremony was a very quiet one and the proceedings were very brief because of the death of the King. In a cavity under the stone was placed a bottle containing a couple of newspapers and a number of current coins of the realm. 10 05 20

The Leather Gaiters public house at Hauxton caught fire in October last year shortly after a steam wagon passed. It was supposed that some flying sparks had ignited the thatch and the flames spread with great rapidity until the house was gutted. The business has been carried on in a barn while the pub has been rebuilt to the satisfaction of the Parish Council. But rumours that there will be free beer on the reopening night are unfounded 10 05 20c

Residents from Cherryhinton Road complained that if linen were hung out to dry in the garden 'smuts' caused by smoke from the chimney of the Swiss Laundry made it so dirty that it had to be taken in and washed again. The air ought not to be polluted by this offensive smell and dirt and they suggested the chimney be carried up another 50 feet and the manager of the laundry be requested to use different fuel. 10 05 20a # c.27 Also Cottenham water supply

It would be desirable if a scheme of scavenging could be devised for Cottenham, Willingham and Fulbourn where some of the houses are situate in confined areas. There being no proper sewer, the pail system of closet is largely in use and the contents of the pails are frequently emptied with the house refuse in one corn of the small yards adjoining the houses and frequently cause a nuisance injurious to health 10 05 20a

Harston grocer Herbert Wm Burrows bankruptcy – had come from London 10 05 20

1910 05 27 CWN
The inaugural meeting of the Cambridge Town Fabian Society heard that members of the University group were scarcely in touch with practical politics being young people whose minds were in a state of flux. The townsfolk had maturer views, were more business-like and in a better position to explain how instalments of Socialism could be brought about immediately. 10 05 27 # c.33

An old woman named Mrs Dunn who had been living in a very dilapidated cottage at the Grip, Linton died aged 94. After the funeral the will was read which contained bequests to the value of £400! The house was in a filthy condition and to avoid jealousy the various bundles of rags were sold by Dutch auction. Coal, firewood, dresses and all sorts of odds and ends were disposed of including two pairs of corsets which were bought for twopence by Jenny Fordham of Hadstock. When she got home she found ten sovereigns wrapped up in them. 10 05 27a

Col Theodore Roosevelt, ex-President of the United States of America, was awarded an Honorary Degree in the Senate House. He arrived by train from London and was driven to Pembroke Lodge where he lunched with the Vice-Chancellor and 100 friends. Afterwards he was made an Honorary Member of the Union Society. Only Oliver Wendell Holmes, Lord Kitchener and Mr Waterhouse, the architect of the Union building had received this honour before him. The whole visit was very quietly carried out owing to the death of King Edward VII 10 05 27a # c.02

A Trinity College undergraduate was summoned for riding a motor cycle on the footway in Garret Hostel Lane. P.S. Merry said there were about 100 people on the bridge watching the boats when defendant rode down the lane and, without sounding his horn, went through the posts on to the bridge at a speed of five miles an hour. It was a public footpath and even if police had not prosecuted cyclists before, there was no reason why they should not if necessary. The lad said police had seen him do it before and he'd since asked at the Police Station and been told it was all right. The case was dismissed. 10 05 27b # c.44.7

Friday was kept as a day of mourning at Swavesey for the funeral of the King. All shops were closed with the exception of the butchers and pubs. During the morning a strange and solemn stillness held the village. Few carts passed along the streets. Even the children seemed to catch the spirit of the day and refrained from noisy play. Blinds were drawn in private houses and from the church tower the Union Jack floated in the breeze at half-mast 10 05 27c

The other morning I had occasion to go to Overcote Ferry. But in Middle Fen I found my way blocked by some 30 feet of sludge whilst on the footpath my progress was blocked by water and mud at the stile. I went through gaps in the hedges and got to the river only to find the footbridge had disappeared. I finally reached Overcote an hour behind time. Cannot our new District Councillor interest himself in the matter? 10 05 27d

Ingle Thoday florist and fruit grower of Willingham sues seed company – 10 05 27e

Massacre of Rats - During threshing operations at Samson's Barn, Boxworth, there was a great killing of rats, many of which were stated to have been as large as rabbits. Several pitch pole sticks were broken in butchering the gigantic rodents 10 05 27f

June 1910 CWN

1910 06 03 CWN
An Elm man told the court that two years ago he commenced to build a cycloplane. It ran on the lines of a bicycle or tricycle and if one pedalled hard enough it made it fly. It had planes and various things attached to it and was of considerable interest. But it was absolutely worthless as a flying machine. It was destroyed when its shed had been set on fire and now he was charged with defrauding his Insurance Company. 10 06 03 & a # c.26.1

The courtroom was packed for the trial of a man accused of murder at a stable in Water Street, Chesterton. A nearby house was lived in by a 58-year-old woman who earned her living by travelling about the country with a caravan in summer, visiting fairs, and in winter time she hawked coal and coke about local villages. A squabble with a 50-year-old labourer with whom she was living resulted in him cutting her brother's throat with a carving knife. He was sentenced to hang. 10 06 03 b & c # c.34.6

Many people around Cambridge have been collecting empty Wild Woodbine cigarette packets in the belief that W.D. & H.O. Wills of the Imperial Tobacco Company would offer annuities to cripples in return for them. Now Mr F. Frampton of the Alexandra Arms, Gwydir Street has received a letter from the firm saying they have never offered such rewards. The individual who started the collection has evidently more ingenuity than sense. But the idea is more plausible than the one of collecting disused penny stamps in order to benefit charity. 10 06 03d

Outwell bigamist trial – 10 06 03e

Mrs Pankhurst made her first acquaintance with the undergraduate at a meeting organised by the Cambridge University Men's League for Women's Suffrage at the Guildhall. She is used to lively meetings but usually there is some point to the interruptions to which she is subjected. This time the undergraduate section of the audience had come fully determined to turn the meeting into a sort of variety entertainment for their own delectation, and in this they succeeded. She stuck to her guns during her address which lasted, counting the interruptions, for about 70 minutes and then invited questions. About 9.30 a Proctor arrived and one man was led out of the hall, amidst much groaning. 10 06 03f & g # c.33

Willingham church tower is not haunted, although some people thought it was the other night. They heard some mysterious noises as though chains were being dragged along. They stood and wondered and shivered with fear. The noises ceased; then came a sound as of a door opening and closing, and

the frightened group prepared to run away. Whilst the were hesitating the sexton came towards them and told them he had been winding the clock 10 06 03h

Daniel Hayward senior was brother of Tom Hayward, the famous All England cricketer of the 1850s and 60s and father of the present Tom Hayward, the well-known Surrey batsman. His other sons include Dan, the present University custodian of Fenner's and Frank who frequently appears in local cricket. In his early youth he was a cricketer of more than ordinary ability as a wicket-keeper whose form gained him a place in some of the great matches. He was landlord of the Prince Regent for 42 years having entered into occupation on 24th June 1868. 10 06 03i # c.38 : cricket

1910 06 10
Owing to the rapid increase of the Boy Scout movement in Cambridge a meeting was held at the Perse School to inaugurate a Boy Scouts Association. It will nominate suitable persons to act as scoutmasters, register troops and patrols, encourage the movement and work in co-operation with other boys' organisations. The Chief Scout, Sir Robert Baden-Powell will be invited to inspect the Cambridge scouts in the autumn. 10 06 10 # c.37.9

Monday marked an important epoch in the history of Addenbrooke's Hospital when the electrical department, containing the new X-Rays and other appliances, was formally opened. The installation of the X-Rays is yet another evidence of the determined effort made by the Hospital Authorities to keep place with modern scientific discovery and have all the latest appliances. A 16-inch coil is used, with a motor generator and Wehnell brakes, and currents can be obtained up to 35 amps. By means of the Rays cases of bone disorder, injuries, cancer, rodent ulcer and ringworm can be dealt with. 10 06 10a & b # c.21.4

A.P. Thackeray had lived in Graveley for five years and done his best to brighten up the life of the village. He took some part in the last election and before then been subject to no annoyance. He was standing outside his house when some labourers used abusive language towards him. He wished to make an example of them in order to show the boys in the village that they could not do just what they liked. They boys were a terror to the village. The parish constable said he saw Mr Thackeray surrounded by a number of boys shouting. He fetched one of them a blow with a stick and they all disappeared. 10 06 10c

"Pretty Poll", the pet of the village post office, the autocrat of the counter and the terror of several generations of Bottisham children, passed away suddenly at the ripe age of 60 odd years. Few resident have secured by sheer force of personality such an abiding reputation for imperiousness combined with a haughty good temper. For the past 30 years the famous cockatoo had held undisputed sway, subject to occasional supervision by the Misses King. Anyone who entered was immediately made aware that it is not the essence of politeness to put one elbow on the counter and lounge as though in a public bar 10 06 10d

Amongst the wreaths of laurel leaves and evergreens sent to London to be hung up on the route of the funeral procession of the late King from Westminster Hall to Paddington Railway Station, was one contributed by the village of Conington. The idea originated with Mr P.T.L Gardner of Conington Hall and Mrs M.S. Kemmis, of The Rectory, who superintended the arrangements. The people were greatly gratified to read in the daily papers that the Queen Mother appreciated the sending of the wreaths 10 06 10e

1910 06 17
Saturday's bump suppers proved exceptionally popular. It is customary for bonfires to be held in college courts and the frequent discharge of fireworks kept the fun flowing until the early hours. Jesus, who retained their position as head of the river, held a magnificent bonfire on the Close. A large crowd attracted by an enormous pile of old boxes dumped near the tennis courts, assembled in anticipation of fun before the pile was set ablaze by firing Roman candles into the heart of the inflammable mass.10 06 17 # c.39 # c.38 : rowing # c.36.9

One of the biggest mock funerals for many years resulted as a difference of opinion between the authorities of Emmanuel and several junior members of the college as to the proper conduct of a 'bump supper' after which they had lit a bonfire on the lawn in the front court. Some ten undergraduates in their third year were rusticated for a week. A string of hansom cabs appeared at the gates, the 'corpses' clambered on to the roofs and mourners in evening dress and wearing old silk hats swathed with crape accompanied them to the station. 10 06 17a # c.39 # c.36.9

At the last stroke of eight o'clock in the morning James Henry Hancock paid the extreme penalty of the law for the murder of Alfred Doggett at Chesterton. The execution took place at the County Gaol, Castle Hill. Pierpoint was the executioner, assisted by his brother, and they accomplished their deadly work with marvellous celerity, death having been absolutely instantaneous. Only the Deputy Sheriff, the Governor of the Prison, the Prison Chaplain and Doctor were present but a crowd of several hundred assembled on the pavement opposite the Shire Hall. They kept their gaze fixed on the flag-staff, unaware that the practice of hoisting the black flag has been discontinued. Nor was the bell tolled. 10 06 17b # c.34.6

It is 12 years since the extreme penalty of the law was last paid within the walls of the County Gaol. The last culprit was Walter Horsford, the notorious St Neots poisoner, who was hanged on 28th June 1898 for the murder of his cousin. Prior to that there was a long period during which the hangman was not called upon for it was as far back as December 1876 that Robert Browning was executed for the murder of a woman on Midsummer Common. The last public execution in the county was in March 1864 when a man was hanged for the murder of a girl at Whittlesey. Shortly after this the law was passed putting a stop to executions in public and the tendency now is for complete privacy 10 06 17c # c.34.6

A serious accident happened to John Holley, farmer of Fenstanton who was driving from his home when the axle of his trap broke. The wheel came off and frightened the horse, causing it to bolt. Mr Holley was thrown to the ground though his fall was somewhat broken by his coming down on the cushion of the trap which was cut into two parts. The gig was practically demolished. The horse continued its wild course along the road until stopped by Mr Burgess's yardman, a man named Jefferies, at considerable risk to his own life 10 06 17h

Hangings – William Grimshaw 1801, Littleport rioters 1816, John Scare Whittlesford burglary 1817, Joshua Slade 1827 etc - 10 06 17d & e # c.34.6

Fire at Hall's fried fish shop, Kingston Street – 10 06 17f

1910 06 24
There are again no drinking booths at Midsummer Fair after magistrates refused permission. Up to 1874 certain people had the right to sell intoxicating liquor without an occasional licence and before 1908 the lowest number of licences had been 15. A large number of people – sometimes 10,000 – came from a distance and wanted a glass of beer and a sandwich in the evening. It was impossible for the nearest pubs to cater for them. Then there were the proprietors of shows & stallholders. Messrs Thurston and Barker employed no less than 100 hands with the roundabouts and they should be able to get food on the fairground. 10 06 24 & a # c.27.3

Archaeology: animal and human bones near Trinity Street – 10 06 24b

A good deal of interest has been aroused by the discovery of a large fossil animal at Barrington. It has turned out to be portions of a hippopotamus. Nearly the whole of the vertebrae and some of the ribs and other bones have been removed to the Sidgwick Geological Museum. Remains of rhinoceros, elephant, bison, lion and hyena have also been found in the area which has the oldest fossil-bearing gravel in the district. 10 06 24c

Some interesting relics were discovered while digging material for the new bridge over the River Ouse near the railway station at Ely. Twelve feet down a number of trees were found lying in a horizontal position, as if they had drifted down in time of flood. Remains of a horse and shells of fresh-water crustaceans were also found. Nearby Babylon, or 'Babblin' as local people call it, is covered with the debris of ancient potteries dating from the 15th to 18th centuries. The family of Merry have lived on this island for centuries and the present members are full of interesting information. 10 06 24d

The New Theatre being closed, the rowdy section of undergraduates have turned their attention to the Hippodrome, despite the fact that the house is 'out of bounds'. Last week some 40 or 50 attended nightly – of course without cap and gown – which made things generally uncomfortable. On Friday some beat time to the music on the backs of the musicians while others, spying some young ladies began, in full view of the audience, to make protestations of undying affection to them. Later they pelted artistes with bars of chocolate and lighted cigarette ends before the orchestra played 'God save the King' and the curtain was lowered to shrieks, whistling and shouting from the disappointed audience. 10 06 24e # c.76 # c.36.9

A sad accident occurred at Clay Way farm near Ely when a farmer's son was carting farm produce. He was standing on the shaft of a tumbrel proceeding down a drove which was very uneven when he slipped and fell. The wheel of the cart passed over his chest and as the vehicle contained a load of mangolds – a tremendous weight – he was terribly injured. A pathetic feature of the fatality is that the young man was soon to have been married and great sympathy is felt for his fiancée. 10 06 24f

Amongst those who took their degrees in Theology at the Senate House was G.A. Mackenzie the Missioner of the Church of England Deaf and Dumb Mission for Cambridge. He has attained his degree in spite of the fact that he was born deaf. He started the present mission in the Tracy Hall, Cockburn Street in 1906 where services and Bible-classes are held every Sunday in the finger and sign language. About 30 deaf persons attend regularly 10 06 24g # c.21.1

Swavesey accident with tricycle on railway, death of nurse Mary Edwards – 10 06 24h

A weird-looking object passed through Oakington the other day and people hurried into the streets thinking that at last they might see an aeroplane in action. On closer inspection, to their great disappointment, they discovered that the strange object was merely an ordinary farm water cart being towed by another cart, its unusual appearance being due to the stern end being foremost. The punders were fastened to the cart while the shafts stuck out behind. 10 06 24h

Suffrage rejection proposed by University MP – 10 06 24i

July 1910 CWN

1910 07 01 CWN
Licences for: Bassingbourn Beerhouse in the fen, Meldreth Green Man, Fulbourn Coach & Horses, Chesterton White Horse, Cottenham Boot, Fen Drayton Horse & Gate, Longstanton Red Cow, Milton Three Tuns, Shelford King William IV, Shudy Camps Chequers, Linton George & Dragon. Cambridge Star & Garter Petty Cury, Cardinal's Cap, Crown & Anchor, Borough Boys, Ship, Merry Boys, Prince Albert, Oxford – all refused. Melbourn White Lion & Swavesey Little Rose renewed 10 07 01 & a # c.27.4

There were 17 licensed houses in Melbourn, one to every 80 inhabitants, magistrates heard. The White Lion in Melbourn was near the Tailors' Arms and Anchor with another seven houses within a quarter of a mile. There was a barber's shop attached and this opened into the lobby leading to the bar. But the landlord said he allowed no beer to be sold there because children came to have their hair cut. It was in good structural repair and perfectly water tight. Eight beerhouses were doing a worse trade.

John Bullen, a wheelwright, said he visited occasionally and it was a very good house. Its licence was renewed #

Boy birched for stealing boots – 10 07 01b

A little boy named Clifford Dawson, aged 7, who lives with his grandfather in Mill Road, set out to see the Fair on Saturday and did not turn up again. At first people did not worry but on Sunday morning inquiries were made of the police. Nothing was heard until Sunday night when he was brought home by train from Foxton, where he had been to see his mother. The little boy, who was only wearing light clothes and must have been out in the pouring rain, had apparently started out to walk to the village and had got a lift on the way 10 07 01c

A roundabout proprietor was fined for damaging the grass at Burrough Green. The Parish council clerk produced minutes directing him to prevent persons from turning horses onto the village green. On morning he was called to 19 horses grazing there. He told the man to take them off, but he only laughed. It had always been a place of public recreation. The showman said the horses had been taken to the blacksmiths and went across the green, they had not grazed and he'd offered £4 for the horses' feed. The council did not wish to be vindictive and withdrew a second charge of doing damage to the green by driving in a stake 10 07 01d

1910 07 08 CWN
Bankruptcy W.J. Pink, ladies and gentlemen's hosier, St Andrews St - 10 07 08 & a

Merton College, Oxford, who are the owners of the well-known Pythagoras Gardens, have objected to the use of the gardens for public entertainments, and the lessee has therefore had to announce that the gardens are closed for the present, except for private parties. – 10 07 08aa # c.18

The new 'Wallbro' aeroplane built by P.V. & H.S. Wallis of 12, St Barnabas Road, met with a very remarkable mishap during the course of a trial run in a field near Abington. They intended to test the pulling powers of the engine and not attempt a flight but the machine suddenly rose completely off the ground and sailed along at a height of three or four feet. She continued to fly like this for several yards and then the back part was seen to rise in the air and the front to sink towards the ground. Finding himself unable to right the machine Mr Wallis stopped the engine and sprang out. The monoplane slowly turned a complete somersault, eventually landing upside down and there lay with its wheels in the air like some giant insect on its back. 10 07 08b # c.26.1

A foreigner, accompanied by a performing bear, stopped to refresh himself and his animal at the Bird Bolt public house, Newmarket Road. Sitting down on some straw next to another man the alien proceeded to break up a loaf of bread he had bought. The bear, who was held by a chain round his foot, evidently thinking the other chap was going to receive its share of the food, clawed hold of the man's leg and then sprang at and clawed his shoulder. The owner showing remarkable promptitude in pulling the animal off but. A performing bear badly mauled the landlady of a public house in Hertfordshire on Saturday. 10 07 08bb # c.19

Ferry boats to be lighted – 10 07 08c # c.44.7

Histon Feast, the largest in the county, began on Monday for three days. Thurston's Royal Show and steam motors did the lion's share of the business although the various hoop-la stalls, rifle-shooting saloons and a couple of small roundabouts came in for much attention as did the 'Live Teddy Bear' cave. Plenty of patrons congregated round a cheap jewellery auctioneer who was kept busy knocking down bargains to villagers. The scene was an animated one until close upon midnight – 10 07 08cc

The wife of the landlord of the Red Lion Inn, Boxworth End, Swavesey, recently had a surprise. Whilst engaged n household work at the back of the house she thought she heard the entrance of a

crowd of customers into the taproom. On hurrying thither she found the room full of sheep which had found their way in through the open door 10 07 08f

Court case over larks sent to London from Barnwell junction station – 10 07 08d & e # c.19

On Saturday an Oakington farmer lost a flock of 83 sheep but, like Little Bo-Peep, he left them alone and hoped they would come home. Then on Sunday he hired a motor car and scoured the country visiting Bottisham, Newmarket, Shelford and other places too numerous to mention. At length discouraged and with the petrol tank running how, he turned towards home and when nearing the Five Bells on the Huntingdon Road espied them in front of him. Had the farmer only had the faith of Miss Bo Peep he would have saved himself a long motor ride. 10 07 08g

There has been an exceptionally large attendance of show people at Boxworth feast, no less than 17 vans putting in an appearance. A roundabout, shooting gallery, cocoanut shies, stalls etc have all been well patronised. One inhabitant residing near the feast grounds cut his hedge so neatly and level that the proprietor of the roundabout asked permission to use it as a table on which to place cockshy bottles. The villagers and their friends have had a happy time, notwithstanding the unsettled weather. 10 07 08g

1910 07 15 CWN
The Master of the University Draghounds was accused by the RSPCA of abusing a hind. The keeper's house at Shelford Crossing is surrounded by a wooden palisade and the animal made its way into the yard. The men used poles and brooms to drive it out and flicked it with whips. Eventually it was dislodged, only to go back again. It finally left in so exhausted a condition that it fell down and died. 10 07 15 # c.38 : hunting

The proprietor of the Swiss Laundry, Cherry Hinton was summonsed for allowing the chimney to send forth black smoke, causing a nuisance to residents. Complaints went back to 1903 but had stopped when they put in a new boiler in 1908 and started burning Welsh coal. Since then it had started again. It was impossible to hang clothes out to dry. Mrs Robjent said she'd washed a tablecloth three times and eventually had to send it to the laundry. The fruit in the garden got covered with black smuts and those who worked there looked like sweeps. 10 07 15a # c.27

Henry James, a watercress seller from River Lane, was accused of searching for spent bullets in the soil at the Rifle Butts without having permission of the Commanding Officer of the Cambridgeshire Regiment. He'd got some girls to help to pick up about 6lbs of bullets that he'd sold to Mr Charles Carless, a marine store dealer of Broad Street. Two boys were also cautioned for picking up bullets. The Territorial Army said a good deal of damage had been done to the Rifle Butts by people picking up the bullets and they wanted to stop people buying them 10 07 15b

Swavesey Parish Council told an Inquiry into the village water supply they had never known a shortage and had one of the best springs for miles around. It might be impure just after flood but that was just once in 20 years and there had not been an instance of water causing an illness in the parish. But the RDC said there were four wells, all fed from the Black Horse well, which supplied the lower end of the village. It was highly polluted with sewage and quite unfit for drinking purposes. The rest had no public supply and in dry summers they had to cart water. 10 07 15d & 15f

Swavesey nonconformity cemetery flowers – 10 07 15e

1910 07 22 CWN
Ely High Bridge having recently been reconstructed by the Isle of Ely County Council they offered the whole of the ironwork of the old bridge to Cambridgeshire County Council, suggesting it could be re-erected at Twenty Pence Ferry. Cottenham parish council urged acceptance. The county considered the costs of extinguishing any ferry rights and the new road required but declined the offer 10 07 22

Fire broke out at Great Dumpling's Farm, Barton. A cyclist gave the alarm at the Ridley Hall post and a section of the Cambridge brigade under the command of Capt Greef soon had the flames under control. Farming implements including a self-binder, chaff-cutter and elevator were damaged. PC Evans saw two boys running away; he caught one who admitted they'd been playing with matches near some straw on the farm 10 07 22a

A double tenement thatched cottage near the King's Head, Kedington, was discovered to be on fire and Haverhill Volunteer Fire Brigade promptly set out. Little could be done to save the building because of the scarcity of water, which had to be brought by pail from three or four shallow wells and a ditch, put in a tank and pumped out. Two other thatched cottages within six yards were saved. The outbreak is believed to be caused by a boy going into an outbuilding with a lighted candle 10 07 22a

A Huntingdon hotel received a telephone message from Thrapston to say that the steward of the Earl and Countess of Dudley was anxious to arrange for them to stay in the district. A motor car was despatched to fetch him and he inspected the accommodation, asking for a spring mattress to be added to one of the beds. He also interviewed a hairdresser and arranged for a man to dress her ladyship's hair. As his luggage had not arrived he was compelled to go to an outfitter to purchase a nightshirt. But suspicions were aroused, the police were contacted and the 'steward' left suddenly, much more unostentatiously than he had arrived. 10 07 22e

Swavesey landlady of Black Horse pub burned dress - 10 07 22b

1910 07 29 CWN
Fen Ditton neighbours quarrel – 10 07 29

A cab man blamed his failure on the change from horse cabs to taxi cabs. He had started as a cab proprietor in January 1905, paying £118 for the cab, horse and harness. He paid his way until after the taxi-cabs came to Cambridge and then became a taxi driver. But he lost that position when his employer gave up the business. He had sold his horse, harness and cab at a considerable loss and now had nothing but a small quantity of furniture which was not enough to meet the landlord's claim. 10 07 29a # c.26.487

Cambridge Bank Holiday Mammoth Show in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital. 620 dog entries. The Horticultural Section is tremendous. Splendid array of cats. Fine bee and honey show. Wonderful sports entry. 17 motor riders including Martin the world's record holder and Dayrell the flying kilometre and mile champion at Brooklands. Exhibition of the 'Wallbro' Aeroplane fitted with engine complete but owning to lack of space and possible danger t the public a flight cannot be permitted. Thurston's electric bioscope. Firework Display – advert 10 07 29b & 29d # c.26.1 # c.27.3

The Cambridge Cooperative Bakery in James Street is now the best-equipped and most up-to-date in the country. The yard used for loading vans has been built upon and the old bread-room demolished and replaced with a spacious new model bakery. A large rotary mixer can covert four sacks of flour into perfectly mixed dough in ten minutes and an ingenious piece of machinery turns out 2,000 loaves an hour. After the opening a procession of the Society's 30 vans and carts preceded by a brass band paraded the principal streets 10 07 29d # c.27

Mammoth show – 10 07 29e 10 08 05a 10 08 05b

August 1910 CWN

1910 08 05 CWN
An assistant master at Gamlingay school was fined a sovereign for hitting an 11-year-old lad across the ear three times with a book. The hits were hard ones which drew blood and caused a headache. The mother had not the slightest objection to proper punishment being administered with a proper

instrument but no master was entitled to strike a boy on the head with the kind of book used in this case. The teacher said the lad had refused to give his number and made grimaces. 10 08 05

The attendance at the Mammoth Show on Bank Holiday was a record one. The triple ring of seats around the sports ground was occupied by a close-packed mass of humanity and behind them spectators stood six or seven deep. The grand stands by the river, capable of accommodating 2,000 persons, were filled to capacity while the sloping bank near the Victoria Bridge was also black with people. And outside the ring the exhibition tents, refreshment booths, band enclosure and the fair ground, where the great roundabouts whirled and spun, were crowded with sightseers. 10 08 05 & a # c.27.3

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1910 08 12 CWN
A tragedy was narrowly averted at Wentworth by the prompt action of a villager. Jonas Whetstone heard a noise in a well by the roadside and on looking in was surprised to find a young woman clinging desperately to the brick sides of the well and in imminent peril of drowning. It was no easy matter from him to effect her escape but he succeeded in doing so. She had come over to the village from Haddenham to see her lover but he had refused to speak to her. This rebuff proved too much for the girl who, losing all control, jumped into the well. When rescued she was handed over to police and appeared in court changed with attempting to commit suicide. 10 08 12a

Queen Alexandra, the Queen Mother accompanied by her sister, the Dowager Empress of Russia, passed through Cambridge en route for Sandringham. The train drew up at the far end of the station, which had been barriered off to ensure the privacy of the Royal travellers. As it slowed those waiting had a good view of the Royals, both of whom were attired in deep mourning. Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria will remain at Sandringham for some time before proceeding to Scotland, so that her Majesty's departure from Buckingham Palace was a farewell to her home as Queen Consort for eight years. 10 08 12j

Mr Bentick, shoemaker of Palace Street, Newmarket, was cycling near Fordham when his attention was attracted by the cries of a woman in a ditch. He questioned a man who said he had only known her a couple of days and they had tramped from Ely that morning. He added that she was ill and did not know what was the matter. Mr Bentick, who is the father of a family, grasped the situation immediately and rendered such assistance as he could until a couple of nurses arrived from the Infectious Hospital close by. Then the woman and her new-born child were conveyed to Newmarket Infirmary. 10 08 12k

A party of excursionists left a Cambridgeshire village last Thursday morning for a day at Yarmouth. The sun shone brightly and everyone had a very happy day by the sea. At last the time came to start for home. On arriving at the railway station it was found that four of the party were missing. Just as the train was starting two appeared and were pushed by the guard into a carriage but the other two – elderly ladies – were left behind. They came on by a later train and arrived at their destination on Friday morning, having spent the night in Cambridge station. They were none the worse for their adventure. 10 08 12b

A new road between Rock Estate and Romsey Town would greatly improve communication between these largely populated and widely-separated districts, Mr W.P. Fison suggests. Rustat Road, which is a private road belonging to Jesus College could be continued until it cuts into Marmora Road. It would have to cross some allotments and a farm with a bridge over the railway line. There should also

be a new road from East Road through Beche Road over a bridge into Old Chesterton. Both would provide work for the numbers of unemployed men in Cambridge 10 08 12e # c.49.62

The landlord of the Horse and Groom beer house Soham was summonsed for serving beer to six men on the afternoon of Hospital Sunday. Alfred Jefferies said they knocked at the gate at about 3.17 o'clock. He opened it and asked where they came from. One said 'Burwell', which was over the three mile limit, and others said 'the same'. But in fact they came from Fordham. The court dropped the charge against the landlord but police prosecuted the drinkers who had wrongly represented themselves to be travellers. 10 08 12f

For nearly half a century the Rev Henry Stone lived and laboured in the parish of Croydon, near Royston, and when he died about two years ago he was mourned by all classes. As a memorial a parish room is being erected by parishioners which can be used as a reading-room. Downing College has given the land together with the bricks and sand and the foundation stone was laid by the Master. There were a good many people living isolated lives and wanting company who thus got into bad habits. When they had a room everybody could meet together for amusement, he said 10 08 12c

A well-known travelling fishmonger from Cambridge, when watering his horse in a pond near Conington church, got stuck in the mud – at least his horse and cart did – and the services of men with ropes and a tumbrel cart were needed before they could be extricated. A quoits handicap played between members of Barton village club during the last few weeks was won by F. Pratt with C. Trundle and T. Disbrey runners up. At Girton the Rector presented watches to schoolchildren Gladys Nightingale and Victor Watson for nine years' perfect attendance 10 08 12

A poor widow woman at Boxworth End Swavesey lost her weekly little bit of meat in a mysterious way. Some distance from her cottage she met the butcher's lad and told him to put it in an empty milk pan outside her back door and to cover it with an inverted plate so no four-legged marauder could get it. But on her return she found no meat and the ticket had also disappeared. Pieces of bacon and other items of food have previously been missed from the same receptacle. 10 08 12h

Christ's Pieces affords a welcome glimpse of colour to hundreds of workers as they pass from one side of Cambridge to the other and numerous people in their spare time spend many a pleasant half-hour there. To tired mothers it is a boon unspeakable for there children can be allowed to run about at will, free from the imminent deadly peril of the recklessly-ridden bicycle and the death-dealing motor. The grass is as smooth as a tennis lawn, the trees and shrubs beautifully green and the garden plots a delight to the eye thanks to Mr Nunn who has been keeper of the Pieces for nearly 30 years. 10 08 19 # c.32.3

Trumpington amalgamation scheme discussed 10 08 12i 10 08 19b # c.35.7

1910 08 19 CWN
Henry and William Thurston, roundabout proprietors, were summoned for not having a supply of proper appliances at a cinematograph exhibition. Supt Lander said there were between 3,000 and 4,000 people at Histon Show. Messrs Thurston had a show there, which he visited. The machine was enclosed but the fire buckets were outside the tent, telescoped. Thurston's manager said they had hardly had time to put the fire appliances in the tent before the first show. It was a serious case and the public must be protected. They were fined £10 10 08 19a # c.76.9

The Crippen capture has caused Cambridge citizens to pay far more respect to the wireless telegraphy pole standing near the Huntingdon Road. More interest has been aroused by the fact that Crippen and Le Neve's whereabouts were note by wireless than has been manifested since the invention was first made. 10 08 19c & d # c.27.75

Mr W. Hutchinson, who was for seven years in the employ of the Cambridge Scientific Instrument Company, is now working as an electrical engineer in Brisbane. He has written a long and

exceedingly-interesting letter which gives an unbiased opinion of the possibilities the emigrant may expect. At Googee bathing in the surf was indulged in by old and young The flies were the biggest nuisance; they spot new 'chums' and they won't be shoved off. 10 08 19f

The Sturton Town Hall Company applied for cinematograph, music and dancing licences. At present the premises were used by the Salvation Army on Sundays and occasional week days but in future it would be used for entertainment, the chief part of which would be moving pictures. The cinematograph apparatus might be placed outside the hall by erecting a platform and making a hole in the wall, though the club billiard room made this impracticable, or the vestibule might be taken away and a platform erected there. 10 08 19f # c.76.9

Two fires have occurred at Linton this week. Monday's was the most serious with two cottages next to the Green Hill being burned down. The engine was brought up smartly from its home under the rooms of the Constitutional Club and a host of helpers lined up from the well and passed filled buckets from hand to hand to keep the ever-thirsty engine supplied. Unfortunately over-zealous individuals took their buckets straight to the cottage and tackled the flames themselves, thus the engine was allowed to get dry. A patrol of ten Boy Scouts was brought to the scene and seated on the roof of an adjoining house the Scoutmaster directed a stream of water on to the flames. 10 08 19g

George Fawcett Winter, the well-known boatbuilder, became the proprietor of the boatyard near Victoria Bridge in 1876, succeeding the late Edward Searle. Ten years later he was connected with the boat-building industry at Eton: he used to spend the summer there and the winter at Cambridge. In 1900 he decided to relinquish his Cambridge business which came into the hands of Mr F. Pocock who is now carrying it on. He was well-known amongst University and Town rowing men and took an interest in the affairs of Old Chesterton. 10 08 19h # c.26.2

Vicar charged with immorality and adultery on remarrying after wife deserted him – 10 08 19e

1910 08 26
The interior of Cambridge Roman Catholic Church has been enriched by several works of artistic and antiquarian interest. The decoration of the Chapel of the Sacred Heart has been beautifully carried out by Messrs F.R. Leach & Sons. The soft tones of the colour scheme have replaced the cold monotony of white walls and the roof features a choir of 20 angels with outspread wings of red, gleaming with gold. A pre-Reformation oak statue of the Virgin Mary, which originally belonged to an order of Dominicans, has also been displayed 10 08 26

The recent serious fires at Linton draw attention to the lack of efficient fire-fighting appliances in the villages. Many are of a pre-historic pattern and are useless from decay. In case of a large fire Cambridge brigade would turn out but what would then happen should a blaze break out here? A small up-to-date engine on the spot is worth half-a-dozen steamers and a corps of firemen two hours later. Parish Councils are empowered to buy an engine but this is expensive. Villages within some reasonable distance should share the cost. 10 08 26a & b

Ely has opened the first women's Conservative Club in the provinces. The building off Silver Street was previously used as a hospital by the Ely Militia with a reading room and excellent bathroom. A large room will be utilised for balls and general meetings. A fete in the grounds of Egremont House featured a display of trophies including a black bear shot in the Himalayas by Mrs Luddington. In the evening Ely City Band played music for dancing on the lawn 10 08 26c

Longstanton cottagers living in the vicinity of the public pump known locally as "Chapman's" have a grievance. There is another a pump on private property close by, fed from the same public supply and when there is a heavy call on this (it is used to fill a tank about three times a week) the yield from "Chapman's" is very scanty indeed. Both parties claim priority of usage and neither is inclined to give way. If the council want to avoid unpleasantness they should step in now 10 08 26d

Linton fire engine is a remarkable veteran in its vermilion coat but old age overcomes most things. Some years ago it was smartened up and new buckets obtained but since then outbreaks have been frequent and now many feel a new engine must be provided. Meanwhile the enterprising photographer who produced a series of picture postcards of the recent blaze has been hard at work keeping pace with orders. Several Boy Scouts who gave distinguished assistance have ridden over from Cambridge to purchase cards, one of which depicts the Scoutmaster seated on the roof of an adjoining building and directing a jet of water onto the flames. 10 08 26e

September 1910 CWN

1910 09 02 CEN
The Directory dodge is one of the oldest swindles to which the businessman is liable. A well-dressed man called on Miss Margaret Hurry and asked her to subscribe to "Spalding's Directory" which had done her a lot of good the previous year. But the firm said he had nothing to do with them. He had also called on two others claiming to represent the "Post Office Directory" and taken a shilling from each. It was a common trick and many preferred to lose the money rather than take the time to give evidence in court 10 09 02 # c.47.4

Two Englishmen, Brandon and Trench, accused of espionage in Germany might be Cambridge Varsity men. There are several of that name on the University books but they have refused to divulge their initials it is impossible to confirm. The notoriety that Cambridge undergraduates have gained as inventors of hoaxes causes people to attribute any daring exploit, either at home or abroad, to them 10 09 02a

An inquest was held at Longstowe on the body of a 16-year-old domestic servant at Dene Farm. Her employer went to the pond opposite the house where he saw the body There was four feet of water but also a good deal of mud and she could not have expected to be able to walk into the middle without getting stuck. His wife had given the girl her notice: she had been troublesome, sometimes running about and making such a noise; she had also had boys in the house when they were away. 10 09 02b

Fen Ditton overseers of poor appeal against auditor's criticism – 10 09 02b

Mr R.J. Tollit, architect of Primrose Croft, Cambridge took his sister-in-law for a spin in his fore-car, a De Dion. They went as far as St Ives and had just got past the statue in the High Street when Mr C. Giddens of Hemingford Abbots came down the road from the opposite side driving a trap at a fair pace. There was plenty of room for both to pass. But they collided and Mr Tollit was sent flying under the horse's feet. Before losing consciousness he managed to turn off the petrol and cut off the engine, thus averting a fire. This is the second similar accident which has befallen Mr Giddens recently. Last time his trap collided with the motor belonging to the Junior Bursar of Trinity College. 10 09 02c

The polecat, a wild animal that was supposed to be almost extinct in England, has reappeared, after many years, in the fens. It is the habit of people to cry out against vermin, but they have their part in the scheme of things. In some parts of the country keepers were paid for every polecat destroyed. There was a favourite haunt in a small wood, almost a spinney, on the borders of Huntingdonshire and Northamptonshire. It would be interesting to know if other observers have had sight of the polecat, or indeed of other animals though to be altogether vanished from old haunts 10 09 02d

Longstanton water pump problems – 10 09 02e

We regret to record the death of Mr Alfred Williams who had been in business at Swavesey for half-a-century, first as a tailor and subsequently as a grocer. Twenty-eight years ago he took over the premises of Mr Thomas Payne, and here he passed away. For the past two years he had been in failing health but was able to attend to his business until the last few days of his life. He attended his usual place of worship on Sunday morning but was then struck down with paralysis. The funeral took place in Swavesey cemetery 10 09 02f

1910 09 09 CWN
Eighty-year-old Henry Palmer of Bradmore Street had lively recollection of some of the old election fights between the Whigs and Tories. "I have seen the shop windows broken and the blood running in the streets and the paths all slippy and sloppy with it. They used to have barrels of beer on Parker's Piece and knock the head in and dip the beer out in pails and hand it round. The political parties used to be hot in those days" He also recalled how a man who lived in the end house of a row in Petersfield used to make cricket bats. He built a brick wall right across the path and the matter ended up in court. Every year afterward they commemorated the event by dancing in the streets 10 09 09 & a # c.33

Stourbridge Fair was proclaimed by the Mayor. Remembering that it was for many years one of the biggest fairs in England, the present function is one of the sorriest of sights. The carriages conveying the robed officials was but a gloomy procession and little knots of woman and children stood along the route out of curiosity. Though there are generally a few stalls for the sale of dubious delicacies on the Common, there was no sign of enterprise of any kind. The fair does not open for another three weeks. 10 09 09b # c.27.3

A painful sensation was caused in the village of Fulbourn when it became known that Mr James Edmund Freeman had passed away. He employed a large number of hands on several farms he owned in Huntingdonshire including one at Hemingford Grey where he resided 18 years. On his retirement was presented with a framed portrait by Dendy Sadler. He then devoted his time to the business of R.B. Webster Ltd, fruit, pea and potato salesmen of Spitalsfield Market. He had started as a porter and later purchased the firm. 10 09 09c

He was a dashing Boy Scout, she was a demure country lass. They met in a country lane and it was a case of 'love at first sight'. Their first walk together was one of unalloyed bliss and they arranged to meet again. But the girl's dream was rudely shattered for the secret leaked out that 'he' was not a Boy Scout at all, but one of her girl cousins masquerading in a scout uniform. Such is the story of a mischievous young miss living in a village not far from Cambridge, which has set the whole of the inhabitants laughing. 10 09 09d & e

Disgraceful scenes occurred during an open air meeting held by the Royston Independent Labour Party. Two of the speakers were listened to quietly but the third was interrupted by some youths who, finding that yelling failed to stop him, resorted to egg throwing. The missile however failed to reach the intended mark, hitting instead a spectator full in the ear, covering both him and his brother with the contents. At the conclusion of the meeting the promoters gathered up all the literature to stop it falling into the hands of the opposition 10 09 09f

1910 09 16 CWN
Licences for Oyster House during Stourbridge Fair – 10 09 16

Littleport girl killed in accident in Wood Fen – 10 09 16a & b

The past week has been marked by an unusual number of fatalities. At Huntingdon a poor woman in a fit of insanity cut the throat of her infant child and then committed suicide. At Littleport a little girl of six years of age was run over by a farm cart and killed. A Stansted carpenter was knocked down by an express train and the body of a St Ives man was found in the river at Huntingdon. The Over mail cart driver blew his nose and immediately fell to the ground dead, probably caused by the rupturing of a blood vessel in the brain 10 09 16c

Thetford object to vote for Stretham Rector Stitt – 10 09 16d

A customer who ordered half a ton of coal from an Over coal merchant was much surprised when he arrived at his premises dragging a cart containing the fuel. He sympathetically remarked "I'd only have had a couple of hundred had I known you'd no horse". But the merchant replied he did not

trouble to put his horse in for such a trifle as half a ton and that were it not for Over hill he could drawn all of his coal himself from Swavesey railway station. 10 09 16e

A stack fire occurred between Kneesworth and Meldreth. The alarm was given by rockets and soon a crowd gathered outside the fire station. The brigade turned out smartly but on arrival found the only water was from a small stream two inches deep and it was absolutely impossible to save them. The outbreak is supposed to have been caused by a boy who had been sent to burn some rubbish. Some other stacks caught fire at Barley but the brigade could not leave the Kneesworth blaze. It is supposed somebody had deliberately set them on fire. The police captured one man and are seeking another; he has a dark moustache and walks with a limp. 10 09 16f

1910 09 23 CWN
With the development of light motor traction the demands on highways is increasing. But they leave much to be desired. Many roads have only a small width in the middle that is pleasant for motorists to drive on, with the sides used for passing. But this is obstructed by covered carts and vans, the heavy two-horsed brewer's dray and especially traction engines with two or three wagons attached. The Highways Act states that if the driver of any wagon, cart or carriage shall not keep on the left side of the road he shall be guilty of obstruction and may be fined £5. The authorities should enforce this provision which at present is more honoured in the breach than the observance 10 09 23

Very quietly and unostentatiously the self-styled 'Messiah', Mr Smyth-Pigott of 'Abode of Love' fame revisited Cambridge and spend the day with what remains of the 'faithful few' of the sect who still go by the name of the Agapemonites. Some time ago there was quite a number but most of the younger members have fallen away and now they can be counted on the fingers of one hand. His arrival was a great contrast to his last visit when, clad in clerical garb, he dashed into town in a swagger motor car. There was no one to meet him at the station and he walked slowly into Devonshire Road where he entered a house. Later four ladies visited but no noise was heard except the clatter of knives and forks and the rattle of cups. 10 09 23a # c.83

An application was made for the transfer of the licence of the Quy Green, Swaffham. The outgoing tenant said he worked hard all the week but all the money had to go to the brewers. Police objected to the new applicant who had been landlord of the Waggon and Horses in Haslingfield. Whilst there inhabitants objected to the conduct of a member of his family so strongly that there was a 'tin-kettling' and they did not want a repetition of that kind of thing here. The Star Brewery said they knew nothing of the matter and would find a new applicant. 10 09 23b

A college guide assaulted – 10 09 23b # c.46.45

Walter Neman told the court that he earned £1 a week playing a street organ. It had cost him £18 10s.6d, he'd spent £5 for new tunes, twelve shillings on a new wheel and three-and-six on tuning. A motor car had run into the back of it, knocking it over and causing considerable damage. A four-year old boy who had been in the shafts was knocked over and his hands were cut. There was nobody in Cambridge who understood the instrument and it would have to go to London to be repaired. Repairs would cost at least £3. He had another organ which his son took out. He was awarded £5 for damage to the machine and £3 for loss of earnings. 10 09 23 c & d # c.69 # c.39

W.J. Pink, hosier, bankruptcy – 10 09 23e

J.W. Clark of Trinity College has resigned as University Registrary after being ill with heart trouble. He was for many years Superintendent of the Museums of Geology and Comparative Anatomy and is the author of many works including a Concise Guide to Cambridge which is the one generally used by visitors. He is a great authority on archaeology and one of the best known Dons to generations of undergraduates. He has taken a great interest in theatrical matters being chairman of the Directors of the New Theatre and the backbone of the ADC for a great many years – 10 09 23e # c.36.9

Swavesey people have reason to complain of the carelessness displayed by the men in charge of the traction engine and three huge trucks used to convey granite from the station for use on the County Council roads. On several occasions the main road has been strewn with granite dropped from the trucks. The engine with its heavy train shakes the houses in an alarming way. When they come through after nine in the evening babies and early bed-goers have been roused from their sleep and the domestic peace disturbed. Horse and carts did not damage the roads like the engine does and gave employment to local men. 10 09 23f

A vicar near Cambridge has been compelled to lock the church door. When it was opened people indulged in wanton mischief and sacrilege. Bell-ropes were cut, prayer-books torn and flowers stolen from the altar itself. The chief culprits are young people who walk or cycle out from Cambridge and do it without thinking, through lack of reverence but not through viciousness of nature. This reveals a most lamentable state of things which one can only trust is not general throughout the county 10 09 23g

Painful scenes were witnessed at Little Downham during an open-air baptism in the Pit Pond in Cannon Street. This is a shallow pond chiefly used for watering horses and washing carts. The Minister, who had a pair of waders reaching over the knees, was immersing a woman when her husband suddenly arrived and endeavoured to prevent the ceremony being performed. He walked into the water and great consternation prevailed among the members of the Baptist community present until he was restrained by the village policeman. Afterwards there was an angry scene as he upbraided his wife for acting so, against his wishes. The affair was witnessed by a large crowd and still remains almost the sole topic of conversation. 10 09 23h

1910 09 30 CWN
Signal success has attended the Cambridge Jubilee Church Congress. Fifty years ago when a few ardent Churchmen met together in the Hall of King's College, public interest in their proceedings was practically non-existent. Since then great changes of thought have taken place and this week three thousand members of Congress together with an Archbishop and 28 Bishops have attended. 10 09 30 & a # c.83

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1910 10 07 CWN
The venerable head of the Salvation Army, General Booth, revisited Cambridge. He has aged since his last visit. The burdens of years now rests heavily upon his venerable shoulders. His long hair and beard are white, his sight is dim, his shoulders are bowed, his voice has lost its volume and penetrating quality and he had to be assisted on and off the platform. But he is as eloquent and earnest as ever. For nearly an hour and a quarter he stood, his spare form closely buttoned up in his long military frock coat, upright and soldierly, a truly wonderful old man. 10 10 07 # c.83

The housing situation in Willingham is truly deplorable. In several cases a man with his wife and two or more children are living in a two-roomed cottage. One man complained the rooms were so small he could scarcely get into them and another was unable to get married as he could not get a house to which he could take his bride. In one house a father, mother, wife's father, two grown-up sons, a grown-up daughter and four children were herded together in three rooms. How any sort of decency can be maintained under such conditions it is difficult to imagine. No wonder dozens of young men are emigrating to the colonies 10 10 07b

An interesting personality passed away. Mrs Sarah Faircloth (98) was born at Royston three years before the Battle of Waterloo. She was the granddaughter of Henry Andrews, Astronomical Calculator to the Board of Longitude and the originator of the celebrated Old Moore's Almanack. In 1903 she sent his portrait to the Queen and Cambridge Free Library and received a gratifying acknowledgment from each. She was fond of reading and recently played a game of cribbage with her only surviving son. 10 10 07b

The scheme for extending the Borough boundaries so as to include Chesterton, Cherry Hinton and the urban portions of Grantchester, Trumpington and Fen Ditton was formally launched. The boundary with Chesterton is an imaginary line running down the centre of the river which presents legal difficulties over dredging. The river is used by member of the University for rowing but most of the boathouses are on the Chesterton side. The Corporation own a cemetery the parish of Fen Ditton. They have constructed a sewer and laid water mains along Newmarket Road and the land will no doubt be used for building. 10 10 07e & i & j

An extensive stack fire broke out on the premises of Messrs Pearson Bros, the well-known horse breeders at Mepal. Most of the men were working on the land but the women, greatly to their credit, proved equal to the occasion. Leaving their homes, they hurried to the fire equipped with pails and anything else that might answer the purpose. So hard did the women work that the wells were soon dried up and the river at Mepal Bridge was resorted to, several neighbours lending their water carts to fetch supplies. Stock including three valuable stud horses and 23 calves were rescue from the blazing stables. 10 10 07g

Although the Cambridge Workers' Hospital Fund has only been in operation for 13 weeks it has already collected £166. Great difficulty has been experienced with some employers: hundreds of firms have been written to but few had replied. More accommodation was needed at Addenbrooke's Hospital but this could not be undertaken unless the workers would raise an extra £1,000 a year to maintain the extensions. The hospital charges for bandages and medicine were very reasonable but although subscribing workers should have them, this could not apply to their family or relatives 10 10 07e

1910 10 14 CWN
There is only one topic in Linton this week – TAR. There is tar in the streets, tar in the houses and tar everywhere. The trouble commenced when the paths were 'made up'. Down went the tar in a thick, glossy coat, sticky and black and then a meagre overcoat of fine granite was thrown on in. But there was not enough to make the job entirely successful. Some say their houses are in such a condition that they don't know where the door mat begins and the road ends and everybody is unhappy over the manner in which the work was carried out 10 10 14d

Henry Palmer reminiscences of Cambridge in the 1850s, Burwell riots and public right-of-way from Petersfield into South Street - 10 09 09aaa

Ely shepherd's suicide – Daniel Clark – 10 10 14 & a

Death of J.W. Clark – 10 10 14b

Oddfellows centenary celebrations 10 10 14c

Isleham bird-catcher released from gaol – 10 10 14c

Relations and friends arrived in Willingham for the annual and much-looked-forward-to Feast. During the afternoon the yearly parade of the Friendly Societies marched round the village with the band of the People's Mission bringing up the rear. Young men collected on behalf of Addenbrooke's Hospital. The week has been given over to gaiety. Thurston's motor roundabouts and shows, swings, stalls etc were greatly in evidence but the weather was unfavourable and many visitors from surrounding villages were kept away - 10 10 14d

On Sunday evening people coming out of Over church were treated to an amusing incident. A cyclist with a trailer containing two passengers was proceedings along High Street when the trailer broke away and the two occupants were landed on the road with their feet in the air. No one was hurt. 10 10 14e

1910 10 21 CWN
A fire involving the loss of seven stacks occurred at River Farm, Haslingfield which has just been taken over by Messrs Chivers. It was noticed by Mr Hays of Harston who jumped from his trap and tried to tread out the flames before rushing into the village to give the alarm. While some men worked hard to save the stacks, two horse keepers got ten valuable horses from the stables while others removed valuable farm implements. The glow could be seen for many miles round and attracted crowds of people from neighbouring villages. Firemen cycled over from Cambridge and the steamer, which arrived after a fast run, was soon got to work. But for the splendid efforts of the villagers the whole farm would have been destroyed. 10 10 21

PC Keep, stationed at Newnham Croft, was on duty near the Hat and Feathers when he saw a pony attached to a governess cart lying in the road in a very exhausted state. It was very poor, nothing but a bag of bones and totally unfit to walk along the road alone. He put it in a meadow where it staggered about and the owner went away leaving the trap in the middle of the road. The man said he'd intended to work it until he was stopped. Now he would have it killed. 10 10 21

Thomas Hall, a motor bus driver, told the court he was driving to Cottenham at night when he heard a knocking beside the vehicle and saw two young ladies who told him to look out for a rope across the road. When he came to it he pulled up and put it on the side of the road so that no one else should run into it. It was a dangerous thing to do and might have caused serious injury to a cyclist. One teenage lad said they'd got a string and tied it to the railings. It would not reach across the road so they tied a can to it. They did not mean to do any harm and promised not to do it again. 10 10 21a

The court heard that an Elm man had bought a Swift motor car together with a number of spare parts for £202. He'd insured it for £250 with the London Guarantee Company. The shed in which it was stored later caught fire and the car was practically destroyed. He then went to a Wisbech cycle agent with a list of accessories which he had claimed had been with the vehicle, including non-skidding tyres. The insurance company alleged there had been fraud but the driver had been found not guilty of arson and the judge said it was not a criminal offence for a man to have charged rather too much. The case was dismissed. 10 10 21d

A public meeting agreed that the best Cambridge memorial to King Edward VII would be an extension to Addenbrooke's Hospital. At present there was a small ward where only eight infants could be accommodated and the outpatients department did more harm than good as people suffering from infectious diseases had to wait in company with others, increasing infection. The boiler needed replacement and there was need for a new room for X-ray apparatus as well as a new lift. There should also be a bust of the late King to be displayed in the Guildhall alongside that of his mother, Queen Victoria. 10 10 21e & f # c.02 # c.21.4

A serious outbreak of fire took place on the premises of John Jarvis, horticultural builder of Hills Road, Cambridge and a large carpenter's workshop which backed on to the stables of the Warwick Hotel was burnt to the ground. It had been filled with wood and a fire was always kept burning to boil down glue. The brigade was soon on the steam but the engine had such a short run it did not have a chance to get up steam. When the water did come the flames had abated. A group of those ever-invaluable little mortals, the Boy Scouts, rendered valuable assistance in keeping back the crowd and helping with the hoses 10 10 21 # c.34.75

1910 10 28 CWN
Three labourers were charged with stealing nine golf balls and an overcoat from Charles Willmott, a groundsman at the University Golf Links at Coton. The men went to the fields adjoining the course and picked up golf balls knocked some distance by players which they sold to an athletic outfitter of Downing Street. Willmott said he had left his overcoat in a shed on the links and it had gone missing. Later he found it in a ditch. Nine golf balls that had been in the pocket had gone. He went to the shop

and identified them because of peculiar marks, one of them was quite unique. If men could not sell the balls they would not trouble to pick them up. 10 10 28 # c.38 : golf

A Clare College undergraduate, Mr R. Chadwick Leach, had an exciting experience early on Saturday morning, his sitting room burning fiercely while he was fast asleep in the bedroom adjoining. The fire was discovered by a bedmaker who called some undergraduates and they at some risk to themselves roused Mr Leach from his sleep. The rooms on 'C' staircase comprise a bedroom and sitting room which are made secure by a door on the landing. He went to bed about midnight, leaving a small fire in the grate. The contents of the sitting room were completely destroyed and the damage must be considerable 10 10 28a # c.34.75 # c.44.5

Startling allegations against the Corporation were made by a Cambridge vicar. No man, least of all a minister of religion, would make such charges without being in possession of undeniable evidence which should be laid before the public. He said people laboured under great social difficulties in Barnwell. While the town authorities were busy with their scheme of enlargement and aggrandisement, it was always their paramount duty to purge the corruption in the heart of the town. There was squalor and overcrowding, insanitary dwellings and unhealthy courts and alleys which were a disgrace. 10 10 28b

The new motor fire tender is the very latest and embodies a number of new features. As well as a 45-foor fire escape it can carry seven firemen and a complement of life-saving equipment including smoke helmet, jumping sheets and 1,200 feet of hose. The acetylene headlights can be lit from the driver's seat while the vehicle is travelling by simply turning on the gas and moving an electric switch. Its extreme handiness, the rapidity with which it can be started and the speed at which it can travel – up to 30 mph - will render it of the utmost value.10 10 28c # c.34.75

Cambridge station railway worker decapitated by train – 10 10 28d # c.26.2

The National Telephone Company sought to recover rent for a telephone installed at the premises of Herbert Quinsee cycle and motor engineer, East Road. Quinsee said he'd wanted to be cut off immediately it was installed in 1909. It had been fixed in his workshop, whereas he'd asked for it in the showroom. The company said they would put on extra bells, which he would have to pay for. He could not take the apparatus down because it was not his property but as it was not removed people rang him up. 10 10 28e # c.27.75

November 1910 CWN

1910 11 04 CWN
Cottenham Parish Council discussed the condition of the fire engine. It should be mounted on wheels as a more convenient method of travelling than the van now in use, and two 40-feet length of canvas hose should be ordered. Heaps of street sweepings deposited in various parts of the village were unsightly and unsanitary and should be disposed of and the police should prohibit the discharge of fireworks on the public highway 10 11 04

Advocates of votes for women made their first platform appearance at Gamlingay, a crowded meeting being held in the Boys' Council Schoolroom. Mrs Rackham from Cambridge said she did not believe in the actions of the militant suffragettes. They were not asking for women to go to Parliament but women were taxed like the men and ought to vote like them. However Mrs Stanley of Merton Grange thought it would be terrible thing if in future England were governed by women. (Applause). It would mean 'petticoat government' and they did not want that. (Applause). The majority of ladies did not want the franchise and 400,000 of them had petitioned against 'votes for women'. The meeting rejected the idea. 10 11 04b # c.33

The County Council needed extra offices for its staff. At present departments were housed in different buildings and councillors often went to the wrong one. They could take space in the Guildhall but

would be paying rent that would assist the Borough to erect a very fine building in which they had no permanent share. It would be more economical to build on the Shirehall site, removing the Chief Constable's house and other police buildings, but most convenient to purchase a building on a more central site. However they must bear in mind the great difference in cost 10 11 04a & b # c.35.1

William Whitehead, solicitor v Arthur Radford over embezzlement 10 11 04d & e

A Salvation Army wedding was solemnized at the Wesleyan Chapel, Littleport. The parties wore Salvation Army costumes relieved in the case of the bride by a large cream sash. After the singing of 'What a Friend we have in Jesus' the bridal party took their place on the platform behind the pulpit. Two babies started crying but did not disturb the proceedings. The Army flag was held over the couple as the ceremony continued and a collection was taken as a marriage dowry. Afterwards the couple left by carriage for a wedding banquet. In the evening a 'bridal march' processed through the streets followed by a public gathering in the Salvation Army Hall. 10 11 04f

Manor Farm, Haslingfield, is an old family property. As it was convenient for military purposes the house was originally well fortified and a wide full moat still encompasses it on three sides. It was most useful when a stack fire broke out. Huge cloths were flung over the old barn roof and pail after pail emptied over it. The sky was glowing ruddily and hundreds of people were soon on the spot, most of them spectators. But a helpful few assisted to prevent the spread of the flames. It is supposed the stacks were fired intentionally by the same persons responsible for the River Farm fire two weeks ago. 10 11 04g

The County Council voted to spend £1,000 to oppose plans to enlarge the Cambridge boundaries and create a county borough. It was not in any sense a manufacturing town, though it was important as a railway centre and had important markets. The County Coroner's district would be reduced with his salary cut in consequence – the Borough would pay compensation for loss of remuneration – and the County police force would be reduced by one sergeant and four constables. In addition seven elementary schools and 2,700 children would be transferred to the Borough. But Cherry Hinton residents favoured amalgamation. 10 11 04h # c.35.1

A man selling boaters and a butcher's boy on a bicycle came into collision in High Street, Swavesey. Man, boy and cycle fell sprawling on the road, the bloaters went flying and the fishmonger's trousers were torn. There is also a hole near the public lamp in the middle of Market Street which is dangerous. The lamplighter might have an awkward fall one of these dark nights. It should have been filled with some of the surplus soil from the new drain which has recently been removed from the street.10 11 04j Charles Wood appointed headmaster

Cherry Hinton parish meeting supports Cambridge Borough boundary extension proposals 10 11 04i

1910 11 11 CWN
An undergraduate was fined for assaulting a policeman on Guy Fawkes night. A considerable amount of damage had been done, hoarding demolished, gas lamps broken, the railway station raided and milk churns overturned. The most serious incident occurred at Jesus Sluice footbridge where a battle royal took place between members of the County Constabulary and a large party of undergraduates and town roughs. They stoned the police, all of whom were hit, and PC Johnson was struck on the forehead by a piece of board and rendered unconscious. Only the arrival of police reinforcements had averted further trouble. 10 11 11 & a # c.39 # c.34.6

The importance of Mr Oscar Browning's literary and artistic treasures was exemplified when they were sold at auction. For upwards of 30 years his rooms at King's College have been the Mecca of University men with leanings towards literature, music and art and no visitor of note deemed his visit to Cambridge complete unless he paid his respects to the genial 'Don'. So it is not surprising that high

prices ruled throughout and several record figures were obtained. The sale concluded with the contents of the wine cellar which contained a nice selection of vintages. 10 11 11b

A convoy, broken-down and captured by the enemy near Cantelupe Farm Haslingfield formed the objective of some interesting operations by the University Officer Training Corps and a small force of public school boys from the Leys School. The Cambridge garrison were very short of fuses and a convoy of wagons, disguised as manure carts had tried to reach them. But the horses became exhausted and they'd been obliged to halt for the night. The commander sent out column 500 strong to bring them in but encountered the opposing cavalry. The Maxim gun detachment did good service, firing from near the inn at Barton 10 11 11c & d # c.45.4

An elderly man told Cambridge magistrates that he wished to give himself up to be hanged instead of Dr Crippen. He thought doctors did a great deal of good in the world and should not be allowed to suffer the extreme penalty. He was told that Dr Crippen would probably have no objection whatsoever to the exchange but that the application must be made in London, not in Cambridge. The applicant, an old soldier fairly well known as of rather eccentric habits, thanked the Bench and withdrew from the court. 10 11 11e

'The People' bioscope car arrived at the Three Horse Shoes Inn, Harston, on Monday evening and gave an excellent exhibition of pictures with gramophone selections. There was a large attendance & the military scenes especially aroused the enthusiasm of the local Territorials and Harston Boy Scouts. Those who cared to do so were, by the courtesy of the manager of the car, enabled to listen to further gramophone selections until closing hour when hearty cheers were given for 'The People' car. 10 11 11f # c.76.9

1910 11 18 CWN
The rising ground near Histon Station was the scene of operations by the C.U.O.T.C. It included an advance across country by the infantry battalion on a position near the windmill where a very strong gun emplacement had been constructed complete with communications trenches. The attackers crept cautiously to within 50 yards of the position without a sound being heard, then swarmed over the breastworks. A dummy gun was blown up with a thunderous boom which rolled away over the countryside. 10 11 18 & a. # c.45.4

Madingley Hall was the scene of a very picturesque function when 220 guests dressed in costumes of the Tudor and Stuart period took part in a fancy dress ball to mark the completion of the restoration of the north front of this charming old Tudor mansion. It was here that his late Majesty King Edward VII resided when at Trinity. In his bedroom is a portrait of the young prince in his undergraduate's cap and gown which the King signed only two years ago. 10 11 18b

The annual tea of the Swavesey Liberal Association was brought to an abrupt conclusion by the alarming intelligence that a fire had broken out in the village. At first the chairman, Mr Ebenezer Parish, thought it was a hoax and begged the audience to keep their seats but another messenger broke into the room with the news that the fire was on Mr Parish's own premises in Middle Watch. The village fire engine arrived and notwithstanding its great age – it is nearly 100 years old – it threw water with telling effect. Fire hooks hauled down the thatch while men scaled the roof and with forks and hands tore off the heated reed and straw 10 11 18c

On Saturday evening a traction engine belonging to Messrs Pamplin of Cherry Hinton was passing through Boxworth with two trucks of coal. When near the Brickyard Gate the plug was blown out, causing a stoppage of several hours near Soldier's Drove. Horses and a water cart had to be fetched from Elsworth to re-fill the engine and it was not until 11pm that a fresh start could be made. It returned at three in the morning. 10 11 18d

1910 11 25 CWN

A somewhat alarming accident took place at St Ives station. An engine was shunting a number of cattle trucks from the loading-up siding and received the signal from the shunter to proceed on to the down main road. The signalman, however, had his points open to receive another engine and although he could see what would happen was unable to attract the driver's attention. The trucks ran into the stop blocks at the end of the platform. The empty trucks were telescoped and raised on end causing considerable damage to the rolling stock. Fortunately there was little damage to the livestock, one cow being injured on the hip and a leg of a sheep broken. It was some hours before the side line could be cleared and the animals re-loaded into other trucks. 10 11 25

A postman named Hall noticed smoke issuing from the front door of a house at 7 Hobart Road. The kitchen window was open and in company with George Hills, a rag and bone dealer, he entered the house and found the chimney-place in the living room on fire. Another blaze broke out in Mr George Wesson's residence situated close to the brewery in Fitzroy Street. His wife had placed a portable gas stove in the bath-room which set light to the curtains and furniture. The amount of damage has been estimated at £20 and is covered by insurance. A number of constables and 13 firemen under Captain Greef were in attendance. 10 11 25a

The whole of the Barrington Cement Works was sold by public auction in August 1909 at which Arthur Titchmarsh, grocer of Saffron Walden purchased Mill House and various pieces of machinery. Then in October the freehold of the site was also sold before he'd had time to clear the extensive foundations. Now it was alleged he had removed fire-bricks, iron piping and other materials, digging deep trenches in the process and had made a roadway across the land. A large number of witnesses were summoned but both parties came to agreement to avoid heavy expenses. 10 11 25b

The RSPCA entertained 75 Cambridge cattle drovers to a tea and concert in St Paul's Institute. The Master of Trinity College said grace. The Mayor hoped he would not see any of them in the police court for cruelty to animals. Cattle driving was not an easy job; it needs patience, gentleness, skill and endurance. Sometimes they were greatly tried and tempted to be cruel to their animals but they should use forbearance. As the men were leaving each was given a packet of tobacco. 10 11 25c # c.19

A cook at Clare College claimed compensation for an injury sustained through a fall in the college kitchen. The man, who was a 'roast cook', had been carrying a double-handed boiler when he trod on a piece of stick and fell. The boiler struck him in the pit of the stomach exacerbating a rupture he'd sustained three years earlier. Since the accident he'd been paid sixteen shillings weekly, half his usual earnings. His claim was dismissed. 10 11 25d & e # c.28

The late Mr Alfred Simper was a well-known rope-maker who formerly carried on business at Great Shelford. For the past 21 years he lived at Rope Walk, New Street and visited all the markets around Cambridge. He had a stall in the Corn Exchange for 20 years and was highly respected by all with whom he came in contact. Mr Simper was a prominent Cambridge Christadelphian and the funeral service was conducted according to the custom of the Christadelphian community by Dr W.J. Young of Harston. 10 11 25f # c.27

December 1910 CWN

1910 12 02 CWN
General election adoption meetings, West Cambs – E.S. Montagu & Douglas Newton 10 12 02d

Rat plague – meeting – 10 02 02f

John Willis Clark, formerly Registrary has bequeathed to the University Library his books, pamphlets, manuscripts and views and photographs relating to Cambridge together with the manuscript of the Architectural History by Professor Willis and extracts from college account books and other documents. Any duplicates can be sold or exchanged. 10 12 02

Roller skating rink music licence objections – 10 12 02g

In spite of the discomfort and dangers of motoring in dense fog, Sir Charles Rose succeeded in addressing five meeting in his East Cambs constituency on Tuesday evening, finally arriving at Great Wilbraham with the assistance of a guide. But G.H. Verrall decided not to proceed with his motor to hustings at Stetchworth, Dullingham and Burrough Green, sending a telegram to say the fog made driving with motor impossible 10 12 02h – West Cambs 10 12 02i

The work of re-hanging the Over church bells has been in progress during the past month. Because of the work the chimes were stopped, there was no striking of the clock and the bells were not used for Sunday service. These things were much missed by the parishioners as no one seemed to know the time. The re-opening was marked by a public tea in the schools when nearly 200 of the parish were present and a peal of 720 changes was rung. 10 12 02j

The wife of the Master of the Cambridgeshire Foxhounds was killed in the hunting field at a meet in Croxton Park. A hard and dashing rider, she put her horse at a whitethorn fence but it failed to rise and fell heavily, breaking her neck. Death was instantaneous. The field was well together and the sad accident was witnessed by practically everyone. The body was laid reverently in a cart and taken back to Gransden Hall, the bereaved Master following in a motor car thoughtfully despatched from Croxton Hall by Mr Douglas Newton. The sad news has caused a most painful sensation in county society. She was a woman of great charm and beauty. 10 12 02k

John Crampton came to Sawston nearly 50 years ago where has developed the printing, publishing and mineral water business of Messrs Crampton and Son Ltd. A branch of the mineral water business has also been established at Newmarket. He was one of the promoters of the Eastern Counties Leather and Parchment Company as well as a councillor, Visitor of Fulbourn Asylum and member of the Old Age Pensions Committee. His death has caused a blank in the village life and on every hand expressions of sorrow testify to the regard in which he was held 10 12 02l

Sawston Rat Extermination Association urged the District Council to take measures for the destruction of rats. The Medical Officer said their fleas caused plague and recommended certain poisons should be used. Dead rats should be buried two feet under the ground or, better still, cremated. The council would have to bear expenses if they employed people to exterminate them and they asked farmers and gamekeepers to co-operate in their destruction. 10 12 02l

1910 12 09 CWN
Through the enterprise of Mr W.J. Ison, the Cambridge public is able to see the latest developments in bicycles as exhibited at the great cycle exhibition at Olympia, London. In the windows of his depots in Chesterton Road and St John's Street are to be seen samples of the all-steel Raleigh cycles which attained such wide fame. Doubtless many local cyclists will take the opportunity of inspecting these latest models of all that is best and most modern in the bicycle – 10 02 09c # c.26.485

Mr S.O. Buckmaster, the defeated candidate, left Cambridge by train for London. In deference to his wishes there was nothing in the nature of a demonstration, but a little band of faithful supporters gathered to see him off. He appeared to be in excellent spirits and laughed gaily as he stood on the platform. Mr Buckmaster was quickly recognised by a number of people who crowded round for a parting handshake. When the whistle sounded he took his seat in a first-class compartment. The last farewell was said by a railwayman who jumped on the footboard and rode for some yards with his head thrust in at the window. 10 12 09 also Almeric Paget # c.33

Two undergraduates were charged with stealing three surveying instruments, the property of Professor McKenny Hughes, curator of the University Geological Museum. A glass case had been broken open and two instruments taken. They had later been found in the students' pockets and their fingerprints were on the glass. The lads said "We had a bet of £5 that some instruments could not be got". The

Professor told the court he wished to offer no evidence: it was a matter that could be dealt with by the Vice Chancellor 10 12 09a # c.03

During the election campaign Mr Newton's meeting at Cottenham was interrupted by people making a tremendous din, hooting, shouting, singing popular songs and blowing mouth organs and tin whistles. Some rowdies resorted to the peculiarly offensive practice of throwing eggs but were unwise in their choice of targets for one egg struck the Deputy Chief Constable in the back of the neck. The disturbances were not confined to one side: during Mr Newton's meeting at Gamlingay a number of sparrows, decorated with the Liberal colours, were liberated and a cracker was thrown upon the platform which jumped about in the usual lively and erratic fashion before it was extinguished. 10 12 09b

All the low-lying land around Swavesey is under water. The roadway is completely submerged at the Swan Pond and foot passengers have to use the raised causeway, the gate openings in which are spanned by temporary bridges. Mr. J. Barnett, dealer of Fenstanton, came to grief when crossing with a horse and cart. One wheel sunk into the recently filled-in trench and became embedded for some time. Previously a cow had sunk in the soft soil near the same place and was with great difficulty dragged out. 10 12 09d The railway line to St Ives has been carefully watched by gangs of men armed with flag.

A chauffeur in charge of a motor car had a very unpleasant experience. He was driving from St Ives to Fenstanton but when he had got to the White Bridge the water in the road was so deep that his engine stopped and he had to remain in the flood all night. PC Beecham saw the car with its powerful light just before two o'clock but did not think anything was amiss as the chauffeur did not sound his horn to attract attention. The car was discovered next morning and a horse had to be obtained to drag it out of the water. 10 12 09g

Joseph Sturton funeral – 10 12 09e

Funeral Prof J.E.B. Mayor – 10 12 09f

George Storey was actively engaged in building operations in Romsey Town for many years. Later he conducted an ironmonger, painter and paperhanger's business in Mill Road and then traded as a cycle agent. He had been a member of the Liberal '400' for many years, was the first treasurer of the Cambridge Ratepayers' Association and served on the committee of the Mammoth Show, Wanderers' Cycle Club and National Skating Association. His widow is head of the toy and fancy business in Regent Street while his eldest daughters are founders of the first Cambridge Ladies' Cycling Club and conductor of dancing classes. 10 12 09f

1910 12 16 CWN
Roller skating racing holds a prominent position in the world of sport. In Cambridge a large crowd were attracted to the University and Town Rink in Magrath Avenue to witness a half-mile amateur championship. It is undoubtedly one of the largest rinks in the Eastern Counties and well suited for racing. The floor was in excellent condition and the times recorded very good indeed. H.P. Pilbeam, a youngster of much promise, was leading up to the last lap but lacked training and could not stay the course. It was won by A. Gray who skated very finely 10 12 16 # c.38 : roller skating

Messrs A.M. Robinson held their Christmas sale as usual at the Cattle Market. Amongst the prize-winners was Mr C. Butler of Swaffham Bulbeck whose five pigs were purchased by J. Prior, butcher of Burleigh Street. There was a fine show of hogs over ten stone which was won by W.A. Payne of Fulbourn with a special prize awarded to E. Gautrey of Cottenham. Mr Backler of Linton won in the sow class while Miss Camps of Chesterton was best in the cottagers' section, her hog being sold to Eastmans 10 12 16a

The crowds outside the Shire Hall assembled early for the results of the poll. They stamped their cold feet on the muddy, puddley ground and scowled at the hopeless sky that spread a light unpleasant drizzle. A little girl, doubtful of her right to stand on so important a site, cuddled up closely to a friendly shop window. An errand boy allowed his political ardour to overcome his sense of what is required of express deliveries. He was joined by a butcher's boy, with a liberal show of Conservative colours, who gave his willing assistance in doing noting to their mutual satisfaction. 10 12 16d # c.33

Haling way between Abbey & Priory road landslip 10 12 16c

East Cambs election – Charles Rose wins over Verrall – 10 12 16e

Linton electionitis & mud – 10 12 16f

Archdeacon Emery death – 10 12 16g & i

1910 12 23 CWN
A gruesome relic has been discovered during renovations at the Hoop Hotel. It is a human skeleton grimly suggestive of a crime committed in days gone bye, a victim's remains ingeniously hidden by a murderer. For hundreds of years generations of people have passed along Bridge Street recking nothing of the horrible trophy which lay some ten feet beneath the pavement. A workman discovered the bones of a woman placed just below the wall and floor of the wine cellar and above the foundations. 10 12 23 # c.27.4 # c.34.6

Two confections in East Road were fined for having penny-in-the-slot machines on their premises. When a penny was placed in the slot three balls came into play. By pulling a small lever the ball was shot around the machine and if it went into a cup the player received a ticket for groceries. There were hundreds of other machines in use in places where players got beer or tobacco. But these were aimed at children. Now the use of all such machines should cease 10 12 23a

The Medical Office said cottages in Graveley were kept in a clean and healthy condition and there was no case of overcrowding. The water supply was from a reservoir well though one or two on the Offord Road got their water from a spring. There was no regular system of drainage and the slop water passed into the dykes on the roadside. But there were some things that required attention such as unsound roofs and the levelling and paving of yards 10 12 23a b

The floods in Huntingdonshire are the worst for thirty years. The main road between Offord and Buckden was impassable and the Great North Road near Alconbury covered with two feet of water, entirely stopping motor car traffic. At St Ives water overflowed into the streets and backed up through the drains. The stabling at the White Horse Hotel yard was submerged and a motor car placed in a lock-up shed was found in a foot of water. The 38 houses on Victoria Terrace and along the London Road were cut off. while the railway at Fen Drayton level crossing was inundated, trains having to proceed at a very cautions pace. 10 12 23c

Floods at Cambridge & Swavesey – 10 12 23d

Mammoth Show financial details – 10 12 23d # c.38

'Lady Marcia Somerset', alias Bolingbroke of Hemingford Grey was accused of defrauding her creditors by removing certain goods, to wit a grand piano, a quantity of bedroom furniture, brass candlesticks, pair of staghorns, small cupboard with glass doors, two carriage lamps, a pair of horse bits, a couch, two easy chairs, eight small chairs, a piano, three carpets, one hearthrug, four chairs, fender and set of fire-irons, wardrobe, dressing chest, washstand, desk, dinner wagon, six hunting crops, cricket bats and stumps and two baskets containing glass and china. She disposed of them to pawnbrokers leaving practically nothing in the house but a few pots and pans. 10 12 23e

Dr George Cunningham, the dentist of King's Parade, conceived the idea a curling stone that could be used on roller skating rinks. He sought assistance from Henry Birch, a scientific instrument maker. At first the wheels carried the dust into the ball races and clogged them, so he invented a device to prevent the dust from getting in. Then he tried rubber wheels but these were a complete failure. Dr Cunningham never complained of the prices charged but disputed the number of hours it had taken. 10 12 23f # c.38 : skating

At Boxworth the Squire, Mr Arthur Thornhill, with his usual liberality, distributed tickets for Christmas cheer to each householder on his estate. The Christmas charities, coal and money were given out in the schoolroom according to the discretion of the trustees and Mrs A. Kirke Smith also gave tea and sugar to all over 60 years in the parish as usual. At an entertainment in the schoolroom Mr G. Hills of Swavesey amused the audience with comic ditties and his banjo. 10 12 23g Two stained glass windows added to church

Whittlesford parish council, after two years of strenuous labour, succeeded in obtaining a suitable burying ground. Having made provision for the dead they now turned attention to the living. The population of the village was falling due to the want of cottages. Every house was occupied and young people must either remain single or leave the village. When there was a death it was not unusual for application to be made for the house before the late tenant had been buried. The last death was that of an aged woman who died during the night and before breakfast there had been two applications for the house on the chance that the widower would give it up. 10 12 23h

1910 12 30 CWN
Christmas in Cambridge: how it was spent – 10 12 30

William Warren of Victoria Road, Chesterton, who was an old Volunteer, got into an argument in the Carpenter's Arms after a man spoke disrespectfully of the King. He was knocked down and fell on a glass which penetrated his thigh, severing the artery. Now he has received a letter from Sandringham which reads: 'The King regrets to hear that owing to your pluckily taking exception to disloyal language being used, you sustained deep cuts in the leg. His Majesty desires to be informed of your condition and hopes the injuries are not of a serious nature'. 10 12 30a

Death of Walter Edward Pain, chemist – 10 12 30b # c.21.1

Costers' Marathon on Boxing Day – 10 12 30c # c.38

Saffron Walden Baptist pastor fell into deep well – 10 12 30d

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I have scans of the full articles which appeared in the Cambridge Weekly News in 1911.

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1911 01 06 CWN
At the New Theatre Mr Milton Bode with the assistance of clever scene-painters, musicians with melodies, marvellous modistes and a tip-top cast has made nearly three hours of fun and spectacle out of the history of Cinderella, the prettiest fairy story ever dressed up in pantomime. The catchy music, dainty dresses and refreshing humour provide an evening of unflagging enjoyment. Never was there a Baronial hall so well stocked with entertaining people without the usual troublesome outsiders who stop the story because they want to ring bells or spin plates 11 01 06

Mr F.O. Chapman, commissioned by the Canadian Government is making a short tour of local villages calling attention to the enormous and almost limitless field which the Dominion holds out to British labour. He opened his campaign at Harston where he told hearers that if they were doing well over here they would be foolish to go to Canada. But if there were any who were not receiving sufficient return for their energies they would do well to try their fortunes in the colonies. His lecture was illustrated by a very fine series of photographic views shown by means of the oxy-hydrogen limelight lantern apparatus 11 01 06 # EMIGRATION

The tower of Bourn church is in great danger and the work of making it safe must be done at once. The vicar and churchwardens are doing their best to raise funds in the parish but feel it impossible, owing to the magnitude of the work, to raise the whole sum of £850 without help. They appeal to all who admire the ancient architecture of England to help them preserve this magnificent specimen of 13th-century work to future generations. A parish tea and social was attended with great success. After tea the floor was cleared for dancing and the proceeds were devoted to the appeal 11 01 06c

During 1910 there were only ten bankruptcies in the Cambridge district. Evidently trade is not so bad after all in this part of the country. Probably this is due to a little more wisdom on the part of tradesmen in the matter of giving credit. Previously they have allowed labourers, earning only a small weekly wage, to get into debt to an extent which renders it quite impossible for tradesmen to get their money back. Two of the failures have been builders, the others have included a hay merchant, baker, farmer, cabman, draper, bicycle dealer and a racing tout 11 01 06d

Legislative changes have removed the pauper disqualification in connection with the Old Age Pensions Act. At Cambridge workhouse 22 men and 16 women were eligible for the pension but only three have declared their intention of leaving the House. All three are men between 70 and 75 years of age who are going to live with relatives. At Chesterton Workhouse 48 inmates are entitled to the pension but again only three are leaving, one being over 80. Another old man has not yet made up his mind. Perhaps the coming of more genial weather will bring him to a decision to accept his pension and forsake the shelter of the House. 11 01 06f # c.32.9

1911 01 06 CIPof
Chesterton amalgamation? 11 01 06
New Year rockets – drinking 11 01 06 c.39
Old Age pensions extended 11 01 06
Unemployment bad 11 01 06 c.32.1
London Sidney Street siege 11 01 06

1911 01 13 CWN

It was recognised by musical men in St Ives that Arthur Giddins had a voice which, if properly trained, would be his fortune. So he placed himself in the hands of Joseph Reed of Trinity College Chapel, Cambridge, and after hard work became a tenor singer of no mean ability. Arthur obtained an appointment at Carlisle Cathedral where he has gained considerable fame and has now been appointed to a tenor lay clerkship in Manchester Cathedral. 11 01 13d

Petition calls for closure of 50 public houses – 11 01 06e & 11 01 13a & 11 01 13b # c.27.4

Will of Joseph Sturton – 11 01 13f

The court heard that the prisoner as employed as a platelayer at Meldreth Station. Mark Palmer was a coal dealer whose coal was stored near the station in the open – 11 01 13

In their report on the state of the property market in Cambridgeshire Messrs Rutter and Company say business has been disappointing during 1910. Only a small amount of property has changed hands in Cambridge for investment but with properties for occupation there had been a very fair demand at satisfactory prices. This has been caused by the scarcity of medium-sized available houses to rent. They have had a number of letters from buyers intimating that they intend to wait until the question of taxation has been straightened out. Prices for farms have been well maintained but the present harvest has been a poor one and the market must feel the effect 11 01 13e # c.06

P.C. Parker told the court that he was on duty at the Police Station when the door-bell rang. He saw the prisoner who said he wished to be locked up as he had nowhere to go. He was drunk, was staggering and would have fallen if not prevented. The man, a labourer from Manchester, said "It was all along of this Plough Monday do". Some men got him into a public house and a little beer got hold of him. They set his coat on trousers on fire and he went to the Police station as he was ashamed to walk about. The prisoner, whose clothes were hanging in tatters, was discharged. 11 01 13g

In his will Thomas Payne, a Swavesey boot dealer has decreed that every 29th January, on his birthday, his trustees should give half a pound of tea and one pound of sugar to each of the poor widows of the village. A brass tablet is to be placed on the wall of the church near to the seats he used to occupy in memory of his wife and himself. 11 01 13h

Stall holders on Cambridge Market have been troubled by repeated small thefts. The elusive genius of the pilfering urchin is well known but Cambridge boys have resorted to other devices. One favourite plan is for two boys to walk past and for one to throw the other's cap on the stall. In recovering the cap the boy generally manages to get an orange or two underneath it. Another is for a boy to have a piece of wood with a nail on the end and to spike an apple or other fruit with it. The police have been keeping a sharp look-out with the result that a lad of 14 was arrested for staling nougat from Mr Careless's sweet stall. 11 01 13g # c.27.3

The strike of Norfolk farm labourers, which has been waged since May last, has now ended. Thirty-three men returned to work on the same terms as they had come out, leaving 42 to be dealt with. It is feared the farmers will not take some of them back. The men's union had recommended acceptance of the farmers' terms and decided to withhold further strike pay. They had received thirteen shillings for working six days a week from 6am to 6pm with half an hour for breakfast and two hours rest in the middle of the day. Strike-breakers had been secured from Norwich and Cambridge, hence the protracted nature of the struggle. 11 01 13i # c.22

The observance of Plough Monday in Willingham has degenerated into parties of boys calling at houses and asking for coppers. This year an old custom has been revived. A party of young men, wearing top hats decorated with ribbons and carrying whips dragged a plough round the village. On their way they met an old ploughman and on his declining to assist them financially, they harnessed him to the plough and he drew it for some distance. He was soon released but not before he had afforded much amusement to the onlookers and the young men - 11 01 13j # c.39

Sir - At the recent fire on the premises of the chairman of Swavesey parish council, one of the men working on the engine had the misfortune to have a finger crushed. He had to call in a doctor and stay away from work for a fortnight. As compensation he has received fifteen shillings, the amount of the doctor's bill, but nothing whatever for loss of pay during incapacity. Will such treatment encourage others to help out at fires in the village? Are the parish councillors who have charge of the engine prepared to work it themselves at future fires? If not would it not be wise if they took steps to have the young man adequately compensated? – ' Poor Old Joe' – 11 01 13j

New Choir vestry at Swavesey church 11 01 13

On 'The Squire's annual tea party' the children of the Sawston Girls' Boy' and Infants' schools, numbering about 270, were given an half-day's holiday. This enabled the caterers to have one of the large schools cleared of its desks and replaced by three long rows of tables. At the Infant's School the little tots sat at their dual desks, their eyes sparkling as they beheld a huge Christmas tree laden will dolls, picture books and a variety of toys. Then they were entertained to a sumptuous tea, followed by an evening's entertainment. Afterward three cheers were given to Mr & Mrs Huddleston for their kindness. 11 01 13ggg

1911 01 13 CIPof

No crime	11 01 13
Will Prince of Wales come to Cambridge	11 01 13
Plough Monday marked Histon	11 01 13
Bourn church tower restoration	11 01 13
Recruits unable to read	11 01 13
Unwin new sweet peas, Histon	11 01 13
Emigration to Canada	11 01 13

1911 01 20 CWN

The children of Croxton School spent an enjoyable time in learning a number of the delightful old English Morris dances and singing games which were so popular with our great-grandparents. Teachers in elementary schools will probably be required to teach these dances in the near future as one of the happiest forms of physical exercise and Miss Cochrane hopes to arrange for a teachers' class to help those who live at too remote a distance from Cambridge to attend the winter classes there 11 01 20g # c.39

Theft of instruments from Geological Museum – 11 01 20 & a # c.03

Doddington pea merchant in court – 11 01 20b

Dr Jenkins of Gamlingay told the court that as a medical practitioner he had to go out in all weathers. His car had been 'laid up' so he'd biked to an urgent case. The mud on the road was up to the hubs of his bicycle so he had cycled on the pavement, otherwise his boots and trousers would have been in such a condition that he could not have presented himself at the patient's house. The ratepayers had protested against the condition of the road which had got worse every year since the County Council had had it. But the magistrates said that doctors must keep the laws the same as anyone else and fined him seven shillings. 11 01 20c

Chesterton poll on amalgamation with Cambridge 11 01 20d

Yaxley election disturbance – 11 01 20e

Ramsey Hollow farm arson – 11 01 20f

Undergraduates charged theft from Geological Museum – 11 01 20i & 20j # c.03

1911 01 20 CIPof
Chesterton refuse amalgamation 11 01 20 c.35.7
Ely diocese elections 11 01 20
Permanent Building Society busy 11 01 20 c.32.4
Cottenham longevity 11 01 20
Census enumerators problems 11 01 20

1911 01 27 CWN
The famous old bells in the chapel tower of Trinity College have been re-cast and lowered in tone by Messrs Taylor of Loughborough. They had not previously been taken down since their erection. The largest one bears the date 1610 and was made by Richard Holdeld, another is the work of Thomas Osborn of Downham and was put in the tower in 1795 while the third dates back to 1726. They have not been striking properly for some time past. The late Lord Grimthorpe left money for the provision of a new clock which was obtained in September. 11 01 27 # c.69.6

CUOTC field day, Gogs – 11 01 27a # c.45.4

A labourer told how on Plough Monday he had been with others collecting money round Woodhurst. Afterwards they went to the Half Moon and Star public house to share the money out. One, who had been a little the worse for drink, later went into his house and came out with a gun which he fired in the direction of the bend in the road, hitting Walter Cowlinge in the hand. The two men had settled the matter amicably and the case was dismissed. 11 01 27b

An NSPPC Inspector visited a cottage in Rectory Lane, Somersham. The bedrooms were in a filthy condition and the bed clothing very black. Four children were in the outhouse which was very cold and damp, only two yards square and had no window. Their clothing was all in rags and their flesh visible in several cases. The mother said she'd put them in the outhouse while she cleaned out the living room and they were playing in their old clothes as she kept the others to go to school in. She was sent to gaol for three week's hard labour. A woman in court offered to take charge of the eldest boy and the Inspector was asked to place the others. 11 01 27c

There are few better known figures in the Cambridge police force than Sergeant Merry who is retiring to take up farming in Brisbane, Australia. He has always shown as much kindness and consideration for those who have been unwise or unfortunate enough to come within the reach of the law as was compatible with the discharge of his duty. He is also bandmaster of the string band at the Barnwell Old Theatre Mission. When he first joined it comprised only a few instruments but now there are 18 efficient players. 11 01 27d

David Mordecai left school in 1839 and obtained a situation as 'reader' to the Cambridge Chronicle and Cambridge Independent Press newspapers. In 1864 he joined Fred Metcalfe in the founding of the Cambridge Express which was the only penny weekly paper in Cambridge for a number of years. The Cambridge Chronicle, which was regarded as the official Conservative organ, refused to consider reducing their price so some members of the party acquired the Express. It subsequently merged into the Cambridgeshire Weekly News 11 01 27d # c.04

1911 01 27 CIPof
Police rest days 11 01 27 c.34.7
University by-election candidates 11 01 27 c.33
Cambridgeshire Regiment recruitment 11 01 27 c.45.4
Dr Mann's Symphony concert 11 01 27
Oddfellows centenary 11 01 27 c.37

February 1911 CWN & CIPof

1911 02 03 CWN
Interesting developments have taken place in connection with the mysterious foreigner at St Ives Workhouse. The man was found on the road at Hilton but had kept his eyes closed and refused to give information about himself. The Guardians suggested the use of a galvanic battery might make him open his eyes and speak. The experiment was tried without success but the threat of a second dose had the desired effect. The man said he was a Lithuanian Russian and had left London 'because police and soldiers were shooting Russian foreigners'. 11 02 03

Joseph Warboys, Toft builder, had unguarded saw mill – 11 02 03a

The landlord of the Rising Sun, Somersham said a lodger with a camera told him that he was a photographer for picture postcards and was going to work the nearby villages. He had not paid his bill. The cook at Hemingford Abbots rectory said the servants had their picture taken in a group and had ordered a dozen postcard size prints. They had never been received. The man told the court he had been a travelling photographer for some years but trade had got so bad he was forced to resort to this sort of thing. He had been to every village in the district but not actually taken any photographs. 11 02 03b 11 01 27e William Ward, alias William Wilson # c.65.5

The Inquiry into the extension of Cambridge borough boundaries heard that Cherry Hinton was part of Chesterton Rural District and divided into two wards. St John's was obviously an outgrowth of the town while the old village was in St Andrew's ward. The parish had the expenses of sewerage as a result of which their rates were very considerably in excess of the Borough rates. But the old village had no sewerage at all, the drainage being by means of cesspools. 11 02 03c # c.35.7

Richard Wallace, actor of Soham, applied for a theatre licence for two months for the acting of stage plays in a fit-up theatre in Mr Gimson's meadow at Linton. He had played 'East Lynne' and 'The Silver King' and had a company of ten people. Any money that was taken would largely be spent with local tradespeople. But the Congregational Minister said he did not see why anyone should not spend his money at a theatre unless he was in debt. There was no need for these theatrical performances in the village. The magistrates refused to grant a licence. 11 02 03d

1911 02 03 CIPof
Churchill releases poachers 11 02 03
Boundary extension enquiry 11 02 03 c.35.7
King libelled 11 02 03

1911 02 10
There was skating on Mere Fen Swavesey. In the centre the ice was fairly good and safe but at the sides it was weak and many got their feet and legs wet. Three visitors from Cambridge afforded some amusement. Declining the services of the men with chairs they sat down on the bank after spreading out handkerchiefs to protect their clothing. They put on their skates and went boldly forward. But the thin ice near the bank gave way and one man dropped about two feet into the water. The chairmen laughed heartily and the visitors beat a hasty retreat – 11 02 10d # c.38 : skating

St Ives workhouse foreigner identified – 11 02 10

Linton theatrical licence – letter – 11 02 10a

Borough expansion inquiry – 11 02 10b # c.35.7

Cornwall County Council asked Cambridgeshire to back an approach to the Chancellor of the Exchequer calling for all mechanically propelled vehicles to pay an annual licence which should be used for the maintenance of the roads. At presence a great injustice is inflicted on local ratepayers by

the use of these vehicles, the owners of which only pay a registration fee of £1 for all time. But they decided to take no action. An application from Sawston parish council for a ten miles an hour speed limit in the village was also turned down. 11 02 10c

At Swavesey the high hedge at the corner of the Huntingdon Road, opposite the New Inn, has not yet been cut down to a proper height. With so many cars and motor cycles about it is a source of serious danger. But a motor caution post surmounted by a triangle has been erected this week in the yard of the National School at the corner of Carter's Lane, drivers are warned 11 02 10d

1911 02 10 CIPof
Boundary enquiry ends 11 02 10
Union debate defence 11 02 10
Barrington vicar inducted 11 02 10
Union debate socialism 11 02 10
University election 11 02 10
Downing site propose Dept Physiology & experimental psychology 11 02 10 c.36.9
King George opens parliament 11 02 10

1911 02 17
Elijah Moore of Dullingham won the Grand Prix Du Casino at Monte Carlo, consisting of a work of art and 1,000 sovereigns. In the final of a very close and exciting contest at the International Pigeon Shooting meeting he and M. Guimet killed bird for bird until the 18th when Mr Moore was enthusiastically hailed the winner. The win places England on terms of equality with Italy, each having won the championship on fourteen occasions 11 02 17

Sir Robert Baden-Powell is to inspect Cambridge boy scouts in May when troops will give demonstrations of their work. Cambridgeshire is a county in which the movement has made little progress and it is hoped his visit will arouse greater enthusiasm. A prize of a regulation B flat bugle will be awarded to the best patrol raised in a new centre. There are already twelve troops in Cambridge, which is now one of the best organised scout centres in the kingdom but more men are needed to volunteer as scoutmasters 11 02 17a # c.37.9

The death of Thomas Reynolds, cattle dealer, took place at his residence, Oak House, Hinxton. He was a member of an old Puritan family and the rows of gravestones placed in memories of his ancestors in Hinxton churchyard can still be seen. During the Civil War a John Reynolds was one of the best offices in Cromwell's regiment of Ironsides and a James Reynolds was Baron of the Exchequer to George II. 11 02 17e

The great scientist Alfred Russell Watson once accepted a challenge to prove that the earth was round and, after consultation with Prof Newton, selected six miles of the Old Bedford Canal as the scene of his experiment. But he did not satisfy all the parties concerned in the challenge. So H. Yule Oldham carried out a similar experiment by placing a mark 15 foot above the water between two bridges between Denver and Welney. A long-distance photograph showed it to be considerably above the line of sight. But an elderly lock-keeper who appeared in the photograph shown at New Chesterton Institute was still firmly convinced that the earth was flat 11 02 17c

There were 31 cowsheds in Cambridge and of these six should be pulled down at once. Some were ramshackle wooden buildings, badly lighted and ill-ventilated. They should have concrete floors, a supply of pure water for flushing and the manure should be a proper distance away. Each milkman should have fresh clothing each day and wash his hands before he went to milk. The milk should be immediately strained and cooled then placed in sterilised cans hermetically sealed to be sent to its destination, the medical offer reported 11 02 17d

The demand for tickets to hear Melba sing is very naturally heavy. At Millers seats are being continually booked by telephone and every post brings letters. Although Mr Miller only engages the

very best talent for his concerts he always tries to accommodate as many people as may be in the cheaper parts of the hall so the general public shall not be deprived of the pleasure of hearing famous singers. Some of these lower-priced seats will be sold at the door. 11 02 17 # c.69

A taxi driver was summoned for dangerous driving. Richard Glasscock, cabdriver was driving a horse attached to a brougham on King's Parade with three passengers when a taxi came out of Bene't Street on the wrong side of the road at about 12 mph. He had to pull the horse on to the middle of the road and hit it with the whip to get away. The taxi caught the hub of the hind wheel and smashed the springs. Its driver had said his steering gear had been locked for two days. The Mayor said taxi-cabs were driven too fast and fined the driver five shillings 11 02 17

1911 02 17 CIPof
University election results 11 02 17
Somerset winter employment fund 11 02 17 c.32.1
Tommy Loates, jockey's estate 11 02 17
Newmarket new Town Hall proposed 11 02 17
Rates threaten trade 11 02 17

1911 02 24
When an eleven-year-old schoolboy appeared in court the vicar of Harston testified that his daughter had been standing in front of the porch at the vicarage with his grandson in her arms. A heavy hoop came bounding against them with great force, bounced over a rockery and struck the lad in the back. There was a funeral going on at the time and he saw boys outside the gate. This sort of thing had been going on for two years. One lad had taken hold of the perambulator and tried to throw it over. This child should be removed for the benefit of the community at large. Magistrates were reluctant to convict but told the parents to ensure their son behaved properly 11 02 24b

The Cambridgeshire Public House Trust Association says that inns that are well conducted have to bear a much heavier burden of taxation than pubs which merely serve alcoholic liquors. To add refreshment rooms or bedrooms to existing houses is now impossible but improvements have been made to the Hardwicke Arms at Arrington and the Bell Inn, Kennett. Others including the Tharp Arms, Chippenham, George and Dragon Snailwell and the Spread Eagle at Croxton have been maintained in good condition though profits are down again 11 02 24

Employees of the St Ives firms of Parker and Son steam printers and motor engineers celebrated the 25th anniversary of the printing business. The cycle and motor department would increase and in a short time a large premises would be needed 11 02 24c

The ideas governing military manoeuvres are generally very practical and prosaic, if a trifle far-fetched. But those of the University Officers Training Corps are often diverting. General Stummakoffski had received a wound from the lance of one of his troops which prevented him sitting in the saddle and was forced to continue his flight in a litter, trying to reach Comberton. Firing was carried out at murderously short range and had ball cartridges been used they would have put enough bullets into the litter to have considerably alarmed 'The General' to say the least! 11 02 24c

Burial Rev J. Hamilton, vicar of Melbourn – 11 02 24e

A nasty accident took place in Histon High Street on Sunday evening. After church two elderly ladies walking in opposite directions collided in the darkness. The elder, who is over 80, was knocked down and broke a bone in her thigh. To an old lady such an accident is a serious matter. In a properly lighted streets such things would never occur and the moral that it points out to the ratepayers is obvious 11 02 24f

Swaffham Bulbeck parish council applied to borrow £800 to purchase 'Denny Close' for use as a recreation ground. An Inspector examined the proposals and was told that children were a nuisance in

the street as there was no where else for them to play while cricket and football clubs had difficulty as none of the tenant farmers were prepared to place any of their meadows at their service. 11 02 24g

1911 02 24 CIPof
Melba concert 11 02 24 c.69
Addenbrooke's Hospital extension plans 11 02 24 c.21.4
Baden Powell to visit scouts 11 02 24
Horticultural Society may cease 11 02 24 c.17

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1911 03 03
The County Education Committee recommended that an architect arrange for digging the garden and trimming the hedge in front of the site of the new school at Odsey. Major Stanley thought if the council dug this garden they would have to dig them in all the schools, such things mounted up and they should safeguard the need of the ratepayers. But the Chairman said that if he erected cottages in the fields he would certainly have the gardens dug before the tenants went in. Such work was usually done in the case of a new school. 11 03 03

A dental institute in connection with Stapleford Council School would cost £100 for the initial equipment and the dentist's fee. A similar scheme in Cambridge had been one of the best pieces of work done for the sake of children. It was a good thing to see to children's' teeth but if they did it for one school it must be done all round, which would mean a great expense. Councillors agreed to pay £25 for equipment provided children attending Shelford School were included in the scheme 11 03 03a

Hauxton Council School had 59 children on the books, which was too many for the space in which they were able to do their lessons. But six came from Shelford parish and there were seven under the age of five. If the managers excluded these, there would be sufficient room. The problem was due to the bad arrangement of the large room and Councillor Hurrell did not see why the parish should be asked to build a new school. Nor had the owner of the school, the Vicar, been approached with a view to enlarging it. The county should consider purchasing it from him. 11 03 03b

The Black Bear Press was started by Mr Dixon, a printer and stationer, with premises in Hills Road and machinery had been bought. It had been placed on the Paris Bourse stock exchange but this had proved unsuccessful and had accepted contracts at unremunerative prices. They had now sold the printing plant and machinery as well as "The Gownsman" but not "The Hairdresser" or "The Cambridge Directory" and there were shares in the Maxwell Publishing Company, for whom they did printing, creditors were told. 11 03 03b # c.25

A fire at Sutton destroyed three thatched cottages on the Green. The village brigade did what they could with their out-of-date fire apparatus and water was obtained from a nearby pond but the fire spread to two other cottages. Many villagers, including women, worked like Trojans to remove furniture and effects and a scene of indescribable confusion prevailed. The bedding and all sorts of oddments were thrown in a heap, some of the good being accidentally broken. When the occupants finally proceeded to take possession of their belongings they found everything so mixed up that difficulties were experienced in deciding the rightful owners. It was quite a case of topsy-turvydom. 11 03 03g

An undergraduate motor cyclist going down Fore Hill Ely at a terrific rate, with a college friend on the carrier, rode straight ahead in the direction of the river and did not realise the danger till it was too late. Within a few yards of the Quay the friend threw himself off the carrier, escaping with a few bruises, but the rider was unable to save himself. The weighty cycle fell over the Quay wall and sank immediately and the motorist, turning a somersault, struck the water about mid stream. Mr Merry's boat was moored at the spot and the machine was hauled up thanks to workers from the nearby

brewery. Mr Philip Cutlack kindly supplied the dripping driver with a dry suit of clothes and he proceeded to Cambridge by train. 11 03 03h

Hildersham death Sarah Gibson – 11 03 03c

Locker-Lampson MP hoaxed by Horace de Vere Cole – 11 03 03d # c.36.9 # c.75

Cock-crowing competitions suggested – 11 03 03f

Hemingford Abbots burglary – 11 03 031

Tom Wilson, a London bookmaker, told the court that he attended Cottenham Steeplechases and took a pitch near the course. He erected large boards with his name and picture on them, then stood on a stool and took bets despite being warned by police. There were 34 other bookmakers doing the same thing and none of them had been summoned: he had only been prosecuted because his banner was bigger than the rest. But a policeman said he'd approached each of the others and they'd all said they would not stop unless Wilson did. He was fined £20 – 11 03 03i & j

A Bassingbourn grocer's assistant told the court he'd left the premise with the horse and van containing groceries. The horse was in very good condition, although a bit stiff when it started. The van was an ordinary grocer's van and he had been driving horses 13 years. He denied any cruelty to the animal. But P.C. Frost noticed the horse was lame on the off-side leg and an RSPCA Inspector said it was unfit for work. The grocer said the animal had since been disposed of and he'd gone to London to buy a replacement. The charge of cruel ill-treatment was dismissed. 11 03 03j

The Cross Keys beer house stood on the main street at Sawston opposite the Morning Star and the Woolpack, both of which had more accommodation and did better trade. It consisted of a tap-room, small bar, sitting room, five bedrooms, a little back yard and stabling. Its trade was just over a barrel a week. There were 13 licensed houses in the village of 1,699 people and this one was not required. But others were worse: the Chequers was a little tumbled-down cottage. The magistrates renewed the license. 11 03 03k

1911 03 03 CIPof
Cottenham politics 11 03 03
Union debate 11 03 03
Consumption lectures 11 03 03
Cottenham races betting 11 03 03
Coronation gift King George collection 11 03 03
University sports 11 03 03

1911 03 10
Measles is very widely prevalent in Cambridge just now, largely due to the fact that it is nearly three years since there was an epidemic and a large population of susceptible children has grown up. Parents should be familiar with the symptoms which are similar to those of a common cold and should keep the children at home until quite certain measles will not develop. This is not a trifling complaint: the average deaths from measles is five to six times higher than from scarlet fever and a doctor should be called in immediately it is suspected 11 03 10 # c.21.1

Joel Stubbings, landlord of the Spade and Beckett, Littleport told an inquest that after the usual customers had gone away the deceased had said he felt weak and low and had asked permission to lie down in the chaff house. Joel said to get some chaff bags and wrap himself in them and pull some of the rough hay over him, adding that next day he should go back to the Workhouse. By morning the man was dead. Police-Sergt Wright said he found an old pocket handkerchief with a shilling tied up in one corner, an old clay pipe, some cough lozenges and a small tooth comb in his pocket. The jury decided he'd died from heart failure 11 03 10a

At the head of the funeral procession was a hansom. Seats on the top with legs dangling over the side, was the undertaker. His mournful calling seemed to have cast a settled gloom over his countenance. His eyes were mournful and sad, and his clothing was of the deepest black, save for his socks (he wore no shoes), which were of the brightest scarlet. In his hand he waved a long whip (an emblem of his mournful trade), with a bright handkerchief to match his wonderful socks tied to it. Behind the hearse were nine carriages filled with loudly lamenting mourners – extract from a report of a 'Mock Funeral' for an undergraduate sent down from university 11 03 10b # c.36.9 # c.39

A collision occurred between a motor van belonging to Messrs Lever of the Port Sunlight Soap Company and a motor car (CE 1037), at the junction of East Road and Newmarket Road. The back wheel of the motor car struck the back part of the van with the result that the front axle and steering gear were bent and the speedometer damaged. A spoke was broken from the nearside back wheel and a bolt smashed out of the hub of the wheel of the motor car. Fortunately the damage done was not very serious and no personal injuries were sustained. 11 03 10c

Fire broke out at Thorne Hall, Wicken, a farm residence formerly known as Rat Hall about a mile outside the village. Mrs Layton went to the stairs door and could see the bedrooms full of smoke, she sent for help and her husband and other men put out the fire with difficulty. It is an old-fashioned house and the chimneys have much wood in them. The damage is confined to the chimney beams, the floor and to the family washing which was being hung up to dry in front of the fire. 11 03 10d

There are still a number of houses at St Ives supplied by surface wells and after the late floods there were many cases of diarrhoea. In every case the water supply came from these surface wells. There is no doubt that the sewage is driven back by the rising water in the subsoil and contaminates the wells. It is fortunate that the drains were not infected with such a disease as typhoid or there would have been a bad epidemic. The wells should be inspected and if infected they should be closed, the Medical Officer reported. 11 03 10e

1911 03 10 CIPof
Mock funeral 11 03 10 c.36.9 # c.39
Rambling club 1st outing 11 03 10
OTC night operations 11 03 10 c.45.4
Motor cycle speeding 11 03 10
Union debate paying MPs 11 03 10
Boots for poor children – Police 11 03 10

1911 03 17
Rev S. Trerice Adams, the rector of Coton, has returned from New Zealand where he has been acting as vicar of St Mary's church in Timaru for 18 months. On his departure he was given a handsome album containing beautiful views of Canterbury and a purse of sovereigns. He arrived in Coton having travelled overland from Marseilles where he left the Orient line Ophir and was received most enthusiastically by parishioners. He is in excellent health and takes up his work at once, preaching morning and evening Sunday next in the village church 11 03 17

Several young Whittlesford people who are desirous of marrying have thought it wiser not to do so as there were no houses for them. The Parish Council possesses two cottages standing on the Town Lands and wished to pull these down and erect four new houses in their place. They applied to the Local Government Board for a loan to cover the building cost. The income would prevent any charge on to the rates and in time the new houses would become a valuable asset to the village, an Inspector was told. 11 03 17a & b

Over Mutual Insurance Society had been in existence since 1845. Members who paid two shillings a week were entitled to sick pay at the rate of twelve shillings a week for one year, six shillings for another year and three shillings a week for life if illness continued. Five people were now claiming

this amount and the Trustees wanted to alter the rules. One read: "No member shall be allowed to work" and another that a member was entitled to three shillings a week for life, whether he was ill or well. The judge said he would like to belong to such a club (Laughter). But there was no provision to alter them 11 03 17c

Public house licences: Willingham 'Rose & Crown' *& 'Black Lion', Swavesey 'Little Watch' & 'Black Horse', Dry Drayton 'Prince of Wales', Waterbeach 'Wheatsheaf', Impington 'Chequers', Cottenham 'Turks Head' – 11 03 17c & d

General French inspects CUOTC – 11 03 17f # c.45.4

Immediately facing the counter at Cambridge Post Office is a 'penny in the slot' telephone call-box, the property of the National Telephone Company. On Saturday it was discovered that the box containing the pennies had been forced open and emptied of just over eight shillings. The culprit must have been a very cool hand for there were clerks at work opposite as well as members of the public continually passing in and out. 11 03 17g # c.27.75

A Leicester jewellery firm sued a number of farm labourers over payment for watches. Their representative touted cheap watches thinly covered with silver and encouraged the men to buy them on instalments. Once the contract is signed the customer became liable, even if they stop working, and the judge had no option but to impose payment even though an expert had told him the watches were only worth 7/6. Excellent watches can be bought for a few shillings from any reputable local jeweller and it would be against their interests to supply shoddy goods at high prices as they had a reputation to maintain 11 03 17c & h & e

1911 03 17 CIPof

Tobacco growing at Cottenham	11 03 17	
General French inspects OTC	11 03 17	c.45.4
Borough extension agreed	11 03 17	c.35.7
Queen Mary coronation gift	11 03 17	
Clapham common murder	11 03 17	

1911 03 24

Serious accidents Vinery Row sewage trench, Fen Ditton tumbril cart, motor bus and GER van Hills Road, Soham tree-cutter – 11 03 24

Market Hill fire – 11 03 24a # c.34.75

A.E. Wright, Hillrow Causeway swine fever – 11 03 24b

Gloucester Street child neglect – 11 03 24c

Cambridge Labour Exchange to open – 11 03 24d # c.32.1

Histon Troop of Peace Scouts was inspected by Sir Francis Vane, President of the British Boy Scouts who said the Histon Troop was not only the First of All in England, but the First of All in the world (great applause). War is an awful thing and the Peace Scouts were an order whose role was to rescue and save, not destroy. Their ambulance work was performed with enthusiasm, the Morse signalling was good and the Swedish drill excellent. But they should be given training in Fire Brigade work so they could assist in passing buckets of water in an emergency. 11 03 24e # c.37.9

Mistletoe is the most beautiful berry-bearing plant in existence and Mr G.E. Cozens of Eltisley claims to have the finest and most beautiful bough in England. It is five feet across and bears thousands of pearl-white berries which remains until the new ones appear when the bough becomes even more

beautiful, clothed with green and white berries together. Queen Alexandra has accepted a spray and a photograph. Mr Cozens sells the seed with the money going to the Cambridge Hospital 11 03 24f

1911 03 24 CIPof
Borough extension 11 03 24
Town new rate 11 03 24
National Society centenary 11 03 24
MPs to be paid 11 03 24
Gamlingay smallholders club 11 03 24

1911 03 31
A lantern lecture organised by the Tariff Reform League at Castle Camps schoolroom was brought to a standstill by children who formed three-parts of the audience. When the speeches began they burst into the singing of the 'Land song'. They were eventually persuaded to be quiet but found something to knock about at the end of the room. Then one started coughing and the rest followed suit. Stamping was the next form of amusement and a number of adults joined in. At last the lecturer refused to go on. 11 03 31 & a

A crowd of about 500 people collected outside the residence of Mr J.A. Sturton, Gonville House at Hyde Park Corner. Nobody seemed to know quite what was going on, or why they were standing about watching the house. All sorts of theories were afloat, ranging from a ghastly murder to an escaped parrot. As a matter of fact it was a suspected housebreaker, not a parrot, that had escaped. The suspect had run down the drive and stumbled over the kennel where a large collie dog was calmly sleeping. It sprang up and seized in his teeth the first thing he happened to meet. Unfortunately it was the back of the police constable's coat who was pulled to the ground just as he was about to grab his man. 11 03 31b.

Fire broke out at the Hills Road branch of Mr B.T. Waits, the well-known tailor and outfitter. It appears that four of his workpeople left the workroom at the back of the shop for a few minutes and on returning found a wooden case standing by the fireplace had caught fire and a number of garments were burning. A dozen overcoats were completely destroyed before the flames were extinguished 11 03 31d

Two nursemaids appeared in court for walking side by side with perambulators. Several people had to get off the pavement or stand up against the wall on account of the obstruction caused. But one said "My Mistress, Lady Donaldson of Magdalene Lodge, told me to take no notice of the police as they could do nothing in the matter, and I shan't either. It's a pity you haven't got something better to do". Where were they to be wheeled: children must go somewhere and the path was the only safe place. They had not stopped to look in shop windows and nobody had complained. They were found guilty but no penalty was inflicted 11 03 31c # WOMEN

The new Labour Exchange in Guildhall Street was visited by large numbers of people, most of whom contented themselves with scanning the red-boarded notices of situations vacant posted up in the windows. But about 40 applicants for work gave their names and some were at once notified of vacancies. Exchanges all over the country are linked up and the Cambridge office communicated by telephone with the Aberdeen Exchange to help a Scottish man find work. There are vacancies for motor repairers, electrical fitters and shorthand typists and a good demand for healthy men expert in pick and shovel work who are willing to go to Australia as railway labourers. 11 03 31e # c.32.1

A scheme for the development of Port Holme, Huntingdon, as an aviation centre is virtually an established fact. Mr James Radley, who was the first aviator to use the meadow will play a prominent part in the undertaking. Hangars will be placed on the meadow near the Great Northern Railway where his original hangar was erected. Works have already been taken for the construction of aeroplanes and numerous sheds are expected to be erected shortly. Most aviators consider Port Holme

to be the best aviation ground in England, easily accessible from London and the North 11 03 31f # c.26.1

Lt Abington annual parish meeting was distinctly breezy. Last year the meeting was held in the school when the lighting arrangements were inadequate: there were no lamps and the parishioners had to see as best they could with the aid of two or three diminutive candles. This year it was the Mission Hall but the Vicar objected and the chairman threatened to call in the policeman to eject him. Reference was made to the excessive speed of motor cars through the village. The disused railway line from Gt Chesterford to Six Mile Bottom should be made into a motor track. 11 03 31g

The Swan with Two Necks is one of the oldest public houses in Swavesey. It is well-known to fishermen and skaters, being the nearest inn to the river, Mere Fen and the railway station. For many years it was the headquarters of the parish church bellringers and many a lively night has been spent within its walls on the occasion of the annual suppers. At Feast times the spacious upper room was utilised for dancing. The licence has been held by Mrs Jonas Thorp for 37 years without a single complaint but she has given it up following the death of her husband. 11 03 31h

1911 03 31 CIPof
Suffragettes plan evade census 11 03 31
Town football 11 03 31
Clapham common murder 11 03 31
Touting for employment on GER 11 03 31
Passive resisters11 03 31

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1911 04 07
Dr W.H. Rouse, headmaster of the Perse Grammar School was summoned for caning a pupil. The lad lived at Landbeach and cycled into Cambridge every day, a distance of about five miles. Ash Wednesday was a half-holiday but boys were required to attend in the afternoon. The lad had got ready but the day was very rough with a high wind. There was no train service and his mother, considering the weather told him not to go and she would send a note next morning. But next day he had been caned and sent to detention for two hours. He had told his parents and not been back to school. Dr Rouse said he did not know there was a valid excuse and expressed regret the boy was punished. 11 04 07 & a

Dry Drayton domestic discord – 11 04 07c

Girton Village Institute is designed to promote the religious, intellectual and social welfare of villagers. An evening class for men of the artesian and labouring classes has been established. A small library of interesting books and a billiard and bagatelle table have been provided and there will be lectures, concerts and entertainment. The Rector uses it for Sunday and Bible Classes and mothers' meetings in the day time. Such facilities are needed if we are to keep people on the land and make life in villages more interesting. 11 04 07d

Roller Skating Extraordinary. Last evening at the Victoria Rink on Market Hill, Monohan, the most remarkable skater in the world, gave an exhibition which evoked the greatest admiration. He performed many original turns, such as the candle maze, waltzing with a life-sized doll and concluded his wonderful display by jumping over five chairs. 11 04 07e

The Local Government Board is in favour of the extension of Cambridge to include parts of Chesterton, Cherry Hinton, Grantchester and Trumpington. 11 04 07f

Upware Ferry. At a meeting of County School Attendance Committee a letter was received from Mr Benjamin Read stating that he had obtained a new boat for ferrying the children across the river at

Upware and asking that the payment to him might be increased from £6 to £8 per annum. Seven-tenths of the cost will be charged to the parish of Waterbeach 11 04 07

Cambridge advocates of women's suffrage decided to protest against legislation without representation. A number of people of well-known name and position in the University and town spent the night at the houses of suffragists who had decided to defy the Census and not fill in their papers. One of these was Mrs Vulliamy of Maitland House, Barton Road who is on the Executive Committee of the Women's Freedom League. She wrote across her paper 'No vote, no Census' and entertained a house full of ladies. 11 04 07a # c.33

1911 04 07 CIPof
Boat race 11 04 07
Borough extension 11 04 07
Girton village institute opens 11 04 07
West Wratting chancel screen 11 04 07
Bassingbourn & Guilden Morden missionaries 11 04 07
Coronation festivities from rates 11 04 07
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1911 04 14
The condition of houses in the Linton Rural District is fairly good but several old dilapidated cottages have been pulled down and others need attention. About 64 new properties have been built by private enterprise and the first ten houses in the county to be erected under the Housing and Town Planning Act will be built at Linton. Each will have three bedrooms, parlour, living room and scullery with coal shed and earth closet. Others may be erected in Whittlesford and Balsham 11 04 14a

Training he received in the Cherry Hinton Boy Scouts allowed Herbert Stone of the Wood Pigeon Patrol to save his two little brothers and his little sister from being burnt to death at Rydal Villa, Hartington Grove. The window curtains caught alight in their bedroom and spread to a chair containing the youngsters' clothes, then to a chest of drawers. Herbert stamped and beat the flames out just in time: the iron work of the large double bed in which the three little ones lay asleep was scorched, as was the counterpane. His hands and feet were scorched and large holes were burnt in the feet of his stockings 11 04 14 # c.37.9

Parish constables appointed, Caxton area – 11 04 14b

Henry Odell, chimney sweep's child suffocated – 11 04 14c

Easter holidays, amusements, railway arrangements.

1911 04 14 CIPof
Boat race training 11 04 14
Town to play football in France 11 04 14
Clapham common murder 11 04 14
Holy Trinity safe from W.E.Pain 11 04 14
Stanley Road housing grant sought 11 04 14 c

1911 04 21
Edward Peters, veterinary surgeon from Haddenham claimed damages from A.J. Pell of Wilburton Manor, (chairman of the Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions) in respect of a collision at Witcham Toll. Peters had been sitting in his cart outside the Horse and Gate when his dog ran in front of a motor driven by Pell and got entangled between the bonnet and the off side wheel. The vehicle swerved and collided with the cart, carrying it 60 yards and throwing out Mr Peters who was injured. Other motorists said the dog has also chased their vehicles and the case was dismissed. 11 04 21

A serious accident occurred when a horse and trolley belonging to Mr H. Winter, contractor of Hills Road, was engaged in removing the luggage of the members of the 'Silver King', who are performing at the New Theatre, to their respective lodgings. The horse took fright either at a passing car or at one of the hampers on the trolley touching it and bolted. At the corner of Donkey Common the wheels collided with the kerb and the horse was thrown down, breaking a bone in its shoulder. Mr Runciman, veterinary surgeon attended to the animal which had to be carted away in a float. Mr Charles Grant, the property manager of the company cut his head badly. 11 04 21

At Cambridge Police Court three young men, whose names are too well known to the police, were charged with stealing a broom value one shilling from outside Frederick Friend's grocer's shop in Castle Street. They were each sentenced to seven days imprisonment and in addition two were fined for using obscene language and one sent to prison for a month for assaulting a policeman. The Mayor said one of them was a perfect pest to Castle End and it was beyond the comprehension of the magistrates to know what to do with him. It was a pity he could not get abroad. It was a thousand pities that a good-looking smart young man like him could not live a better life. 11 04 21b

Richard Borley was a fruiterer at Rattlesden who visited Stowmarket and surrounding villages on certain days each week to dispose of his produce. He also assisted his son in the conveyance of parcels to and from Stowmarket. Last Saturday he was returning home with several parcels when his donkey cart caught fire. It is thought a lighted pipe may have been put into one of the boxes containing lengths of flannelette and this caused them to ignite. It must have broken out some time before it was discovered as the back of the vehicle was nearly burnt through and the seat upon which Mr Borley was sitting had a hole burnt in it. 11 04 21c # carrier

It is nearly 50 years since the Wesleyan Church at Cottenham was built and the only Sunday School accommodation has been a tiny building at the back, holding just 30 children. Numbers have increased until there are nearly 100 scholars on the books and for a long time past the church has had to be utilised. Now the foundation stone of a new Sunday School has been laid by Mrs John Chivers. Even at Cottenham, a centre for nonconformity, the response to the appeal for funds has been remarkable 11 04 21d

Swavesey drove letting – 11 04 21e

Francis Nixon of Rectory Farm, Great Eversden had purchased the old British School with the intention of opening it as an institute and reading room for the parishes. After his death his widow completed the work and the Nixon Hall was now opened. It will be used for the social and intellectual wellbeing of the inhabitants. Afterwards 100 people sat down to a tea and a concert given by local friends, when the hall was packed. 11 04 21f

Chatteris brigade were on their way to deal with a farm fire when they received a call to another at the premises of Messrs Price and Company in Railway Lane. It originated in store rooms where there was a large stock of matting, mats and materials used in the company's manufactures. In a very few minutes the whole premises were ablaze and the adjoining Cricketers public house surrounded by flames. There was danger of the range of dilapidated buildings in King Edward's Lane and the new schools becoming involved but with a good supply of water these were saved. 11 04 21g
Also fire Upware fen

1911 04 21 CIPof
Sedley Taylor Honorary Freeman 11 04 21
Cottenham Wesleyan new Sunday school 11 04 21
Storeys Way building estate plans 11 04 21 c.23
W.P Spalding given watch 11 04 21
Gt St Mary's bell chimes 11 04 21

1911 04 28

Croxton School is carefully conducted and the good effects of the gardening, cookery, woodwork and Morris dancing extend to other subjects, an Inspector reported. On Wednesday afternoons boys can be seen sowing seeds and planting potatoes, pruning trees, applying manures or experimenting in growing grasses. The girls also do gardening during the summer months. In woodworking class the boys have just completed a substantial wheelbarrow and cooking is proving of great value to the girls. There is no difficulty in disposing of the cooked food at cost price and sometimes the children bring food from their homes to be cooked. One mother trusts her 13-year-old with the cooking of the whole dinner whilst she goes out for the day. The Morris dancing is an interest and delight to both children and teachers 11 04 28c

Train fatality at Clare station – 11 04 28a

Lode will dispute, a dozen litigants – John Harvey, Moors Farm 11 04 28b

Considerable damage was caused to the pumping engine which supplies water to the reservoir on Mr C.P. Allix's Swaffham House estate. One of the feed pipes to the oil engine broke and in an instant two gallons of oil burst into flame. Swaffham Prior fire engine was brought up as quickly as possible but the fire spread with great rapidity and the shed became a total wreck. The engine has suffered extensive damage and will not be in working order again for some time 11 04 28d

An Inspector's report on Cambridge Workhouse criticised arrangements in the sick ward, the dietary, bathing arrangements and care of children. The sick ward contained 25 male and 28 females with only one partially trained nurse and a woman who came in to sit up at night. The majority of the bed-ridden cases were helpless and a great deal of the actual nursing was done by paupers. There were no modern conveniences and the female side top floor had only a drinking water tap fixed over a basin. A new midwifery ward had been erected with no sink or hot and cold water 11 04 28e # c.32.9

1911 04 28 CIPof
Bernard Shaw visits Ely cathedral 11 04 28
W.R. Inge appointed dean of St Paul's 11 04 28
Moody's Grand Opera visits 11 04 28 c.69
Edward VII memorial fund 11 04 28
Stretham – Jacob's fire 11 04 28

May 1911 CWN & CIPof

1911 05 05
The landlady of the Rose public house, Rose Crescent was fined for allowing gambling. Detective Marsh said he went into a room at the back of the bar and saw a young man put money in a penny-in-the-slot machine. He pulled a lever and a ball was forced round. If it had got into a red compartment it paid out two pence but it fell into a white compartment and the money was lost. There was another machine of a different make in the bar. Police had received definite instructions to prosecute in all cases where the machines were found. But there was a similar machine at the Mitre, where it was allowed 11 05 05

An undergraduate from Trinity College was fined for playing golf on Jesus Green to the danger of passers-by. The lad said there was no notice and he had seen people playing there for the last two years. There could be a danger if anyone had been on the Green, but there was nobody there when he was playing. The constable had seen him with his club and could have stopped him but allowed him to play before asking for his name, college and year saying third year men generally got more heavily fined than Freshmen. But the Chief Constable said that Freshmen were often let off with a caution 11 05 05 # c.38 : golf # c.32.3

Mr A.T.N. Prevett is a bookbinder who lives at Vicarage Terrace, Sturton Street. He says: "Some years ago I had a severe attack of kidney complaint and for five weeks was laid up with terrible pains in my back and sides. I was so bad I could not move hand or foot; day and night I was in constant pain. I tried many remedies and medical treatment, but got no better. At last I tried Doan's backache kidney pills and by the time I had finished the first box I was ever so much better. I would advise all those who suffer as I did to try the medicine" Price 2s 9d a box from all dealers. Ask distinctly for Doan's backache kidney pills, the same as Mr Prevett had 11 05 05b

Swavesey health, milk supply – 11 05 05b

Suffrage meeting, Anti-Mormon meeting – 11 05 05c

Wamill Hall is a picturesque Elizabethan Manor House approached from West Row, Mildenhall by a drive of half-mile in length, with old fashioned gardens, and a lawn sloping to the river. Together with a farm of 260 acres with numerous buildings and shooting rights it failed to sell at auction, being withdrawn at £9,000. Another nearby sporting estate, 'The Woodlands', in the midst of pine woods did not attract a bid. They formed part of the most important auction sale ever remembered at Ely. 11 05 05d & e

Errand boy's theft from Trinity College – 11 05 05f

1911 05 05 CIPof
State insurance bill 11 05 05
Town football lose in France 11 05 05 c.38 : football
Votes for women supported by council 11 05 05 c.33
Chesterton to fund coronation 11 05 05
American reader of Shakespeare at Girton 11 05 05
Cricket season 11 05 05

1911 05 12
George IV pub, East Road theft – 11 05 12

A labourer of no fixed abode was charged with begging at Eltisley. James Carter said the man came to his house and asked for some dripping or butter then went next door where two old women lived. When Carter told him to go away the prisoner struck him, knocked his hat off, pulled his whiskers and used bad language. The man later called at the lodgings of P.C. Smith and again asked for dripping. On arrest he had a pound of bread in his possession that he'd got from the Workhouse. The tramp was sentenced to one month's imprisonment 11 05 12a

There are a number of patients from Cambridgeshire in the Royal Eastern Counties' Institution for Idiots, Imbeciles and the Feeble-Minded at Colchester which started in 1859. Many patients were so crippled and helpless that they needed individual attention. The youngest was only four, the oldest 65 and they were of every grade. They reserved a number of beds for life cases who remained on payment of £10 per annum. It was not merely a home but a training school were every ray of intelligence was welcomed. Older girls worked in the kitchen or laundry in the morning and then at basket work, rug making, cane-seating or on the knitting machine. Nearly 100 lads were employed in the basket, brush, tailor's or carpenter's shop or in wood carving. 11 05 12b # c.21.5

Longstowe funeral of Wakefield gamekeeper – 11 05 12c & d

The work of beautifying St John's Church in Wellington Street has been carried on steadily. The chancel curtains and all windows were thoroughly cleaned and the walls brushed down, the Holy Table has been restained, the communion rails polished and the ironwork regilded. It is hoped the organ may be cleaned and repaired and that a new lectern may be purchased. Mrs de Candole's kind gift of shrubs and plants has done much to beautify the churchyard 11 05 12e # c.83

Lt Bradley boy's fingers shot away – 11 05 12

The work of restoring the tower and spire of Conington church, which has been in progress for some months, has been completed this week. Restoration of other parts of the building cannot be proceeded with at present owing to lack of funds. The bells having had to be removed from the belfry during the recent work, one bell was hung in a tree in the churchyard and was rung for services 11 05 12g

The camp of the Loyal Suffolk Hussars Regiment of Yeomanry has been pitched in Grantchester Meadows and already the greater part of the canvas village has been erected and presents a very picturesque appearance. There is a large marquee where men will take their meals and portable wooden buildings for the officers' mess. But it is a long walk into Cambridge and local motor-bus and taxi-cab proprietors and waggonette and cab proprietors might find it worth their while to run a service. There will be something like 500 men in camp and many who will gladly pay to be taken in to town for the evening. 11 05 12h # c.45.4

1911 05 12 CIPof
Bible tercentenary 11 05 12
Last boat procession recalled 11 05 12
Fitzwilliam Sunday opening 11 05 12 c.03
Emmanuel college new Master welcomed 11 05 12 c.44.5 # c.39
S.O. Buckmaster honoured 11 05 12
Lois Dunning artist visits 11 05 12

1911 05 19
Cambridgeshire used to be notorious for the patches which were put on the road and left for the traffic to roll down. Now they are left above the height of the road with sharp edges all round so that anyone going over in a trap, motor car or bicycle bumped up and then bumped down. The surveyor had told roadmen to ease off the patches with small material but it had not a lasting effect. The roadmen had a beautiful little book with instructions printed to small they wanted glasses to read them, councillor Orlebar reported 11 05 19

During church time on Sunday evening Mr Arthur Lilley, whose farm is opposite Conington School, noticed a man hanging about the premises in a suspicious manner. He later saw him drawing down the blinds of the sitting room of the school mistress's house and, knowing Mrs Allen was at church, sent his daughter to call her. On opening the door he found a man who he secured and locked up in an old railway carriage while a policeman was summoned from Boxworth. It was found that every room had been ransacked, drawers had been pulled open and their contents scattered. 11 05 19a

George Leonard of Soham Fen was with his father carting straw. They stopped to tighten a rope and following a flash of lightning both were thrown to the ground along with their horses. Young Leonard was killed instantly. The crown of his straw hat was torn from the brim, a large piece of leather blown clean out of his right boot just above the ankle and the collar of his mackintosh had a long slit in it. The lightning also made strange markings on his back which resembled the branches of a tree. 11 05 19b

Greater Cambridge editorial: Chesterton UDC will cease to exist, parishes of Cherry Hinton, Trumpington and Grantchester will be divided and urban portions come into Cambridge 11 05 19c # c.35.7

In a little side passage in King Street a barrel organ was draped with black and mauve as hansoms, taxis and growlers arrived in their dozens. The coffin was covered with crepe surmounted by cap and gown while plumes barely concealed the lines of an express delivery van in which sat the 'corpse' smartly dressed in grey suit and felt bowler. There were about 100 horses and motor vehicles in the procession to the station where the tops of the railway carriages were filled with figures clad in

varying garb from pyjamas and rowing shorts to mourning suits and dress suits. It was the most imposing mock funeral ever seen in Cambridge 11 05 19d & e # c.36.69 # c.39

Stretham Sennitt family dispute – 11 05 19f

Lt Shelford political meeting pelted – 11 05 19g

Linton was shocked by the death of William Cowling. He had been the village assistant headmaster then left to become clerk at Prior's Brewery. When this came to an end six years ago he went into partnership with its brewer, Mr Siggs starting the Three Tuns Brewery in the main street. He was a parish councillor, secretary of the fire brigade and the Oddfellows and had been parish constable. Much of his popularity was gained by his willingness to do anything by way of correspondence for working people who did not have the ability to do it for themselves. 11 05 19h & i

1911 05 19 CIPof
Christ's Pieces bowling green 11 05 19 c.32.3 # c.38 : bowls
Hussars annual training canvas town 11 05 19 c.45.4
Mock funeral 11 05 19 c.36.9 # c.39
Extension order draft 11 05 19
William Saunders Histon veteran cricket 11 05 19

1911 05 26
Mr Turner, hairdresser of Burwell found in a new litter of seven pigs that one of them had six legs – two hind legs quiet perfect and two others jutting out behind. The extra legs were correctly formed and as long as usual. The suckling was healthy and vigorous; it took its part in the litter and was eager for the sow's milk. But it came to an untimely end by the sow accidentally stamping on its head. Mr Gillson has photographed this freak of nature – 11 05 26

The appearance of four young gentlemen with their golf clubs on the Royston Links was the cause of some excitement. There were a good number of people present who hindered them saying Sunday golf was not allowed. The game started without incident but at the third green spectators sat around the hole and refused to move. The golfers retired defeated. More demonstrations of the same kind are expected. 11 05 26

Sir Robert Baden-Powell inspected 500 Boy Scouts at a grand rally in Grange Road. The assembly was one of the most remarkable that has ever taken place in Cambridge, certainly nothing like it has ever been seen in the locality before. 'B.P.' has set in motion a mighty engine. Like an electric train it has gathered way with amazing swiftness and desolate is the place that has not heard the call of the Boy Scout engaged in an errand such seeking some lost child or succouring someone in danger or distress. 11 05 26b-d # c.37.9

Isleham woman suicide in river between Mepal and Sutton Gault – 11 05 26f

An impudent robbery was committed at Robinson's Motor Cycle Garage in Green Street. The lock was forced and a couple of 1911 Triumph motor-cycles stolen together with two complete suits of the most expensive motor-cycle waterproof clothing, sparking plugs, repair outfits and goggles. The thieves were evidently possessed of a nice discrimination for they took only the best they could lay their hands on. The Triumphs are the thoroughbred of the motor cycle word and would sell at sight for a large sum anywhere. They could easily average 30mph so that the thieves would have had no difficulty in getting to London before the loss was discovered. 11 05 26h

Scout rally cont – 11 05 26e # c.37.9

Mepal inquest on woman drowned in New Bedford river – 11 05 26g

Great excitement was caused in Hooper Street by an outbreak of fire in the stable and warehouse behind Mr Wheeler's shop. The lean-to erection built against some cottage property contained goods of an extremely inflammable nature and there was quickly a blaze of alarming dimensions and intensity. Police sergeant Leonard Savidge ran for the Mill Road hose reel and firemen arrived with the motor tender. Happily there was no horse in the stable and the paraffin tank was not touched by the flames 11 05 26i # c.34.75

Cottenham new burial ground enclosed – 11 05 26j

Empire Day celebrations Grantchester, Toft, Swavesey – 11 05 26k & l

Edmund Garrett Memorial Library at Union Society opened – 11 05 26k

1911 05 26 CIPof
Baden Powell visits scouts 11 05 26 c.37.9
Reach Fair proclaimed 11 05 26
Empire Day celebrated 11 05 26
Justice Avory hon degree 11 05 26
Edmund Garret library Union 11 05 26

June 1911 CWN & CIPof

1911 06 02
When the Senior Proctor (Mr H.F. Stewart) accompanied by the Junior Proctor, Mr Joseph Barecroft) left St John's College to attend the University service on Sunday afternoon, some 250 undergraduates fell in behind them. As the procession neared the church there was a considerable amount of 'booing' and other noises apparently indicative of displeasure 11 06 02

A serious rival to sailing on the river Cam has now to be reckoned with. This is 'botoring' which to the uninitiated stands for motor boating. There are today about 80 of this type of craft of various sizes and power. Now owners have formed the Cambridge Motor Boat Club to work with other river users to make the waterways even more safe and pleasant. Already membership has reached 35 which is proof of the popularity of the sport 11 06 02a # c.26.3

Histon Peace Scouts inspected by Vane – 11 06 02b

The Storey's Charity Estate occupies one of the most elevated and healthy positions in Cambridge. The greater portion of the sites front the new road known as Storey's Way which is likely to become a major thoroughfare between Huntingdon & Madingley roads. Gas, water and electric light mains are laid on. Given its proximity to the Backs of the Colleges it should become one of the most popular residential estates in the neighbourhood. Judging from the interest the plots should be readily disposed of. 11 06 02c # c.23

George Neal is regarded by Ely people as an interesting character. From the time of the siege of Mafeking 'George' has been a most ardent admirer of Sir R.S. Baden-Powell, and not long ago he received an autographed portrait of that well-known soldier in return for one of himself attired as a Scout. Notwithstanding his infirmities – he is deformed and paralysed – he preserves a cheerful disposition. The Scout Rally at Cambridge proved a great temptation, which he could not resist. Attired as a Scout, having purchased a khaki suit for the purpose, 'George' went to Cambridge hoping to see 'B.P.' It appears he found the exertion of marching too much for him and he returned to Ely somewhat disappointed. Now he has disappeared 11 06 02e

Swavesey feast cannot be recorded as having been a success. The attendance of visitors from neighbouring villages was unusually small and there was an absence of incidents of interest. One gentleman in his shirt sleeves drove a family round the feast in a small donkey cart and caused a little

amusement as every few yards the donkey declined to budge and had to be pushed or lifted by the kindly feast folk. On Monday a little child fell from its father's arms when riding a roundabout and struck the revolving platform. But the only injury was a small scratch on the leg 11 06 02d

The foundation stone of the first Co-operative Bacon Factory in England was laid close to the railway line at Elsmwell. It has been designed by a Danish architect and the walls of the curing, salting and offal rooms will be covered with cork for greater coolness. There will be a sausage factory and a room where the lard is boiled. Swine fever was a concern: pigs should be slaughtered immediately, the area disinfected and the farmer paid adequate compensation for his loss. 11 06 02f & g

1911 06 02 CIPof
Bernard Shaw visits Cambridge 11 06 02
Storm hits Soham, destroys Fenstanton pub, Wyton farm 11 06 02
University Athletic club appointments 11 06 02
Church Music Society choir 11 06 02 c.69
W.S. Gilbert death 11 06 02

1911 06 09
The Cambridge Horse Parade Society show on Midsummer Common attracted over 100 entries. Seldom were such glossy coats, spotless harness and glittering brasses seen in the streets of Cambridge on ordinary working days. The huge Shire horse attached to the brewers' drays, coal wagons and farm carts were in striking contrast to the high-stepping, spirited carriage and cab horses and dainty ponies drawing the smaller tradesmen's' carts. Donkeys had a class to themselves; one looked very plump and contented which made him incline towards sluggishness. 11 06 09 # c.18

The bursting of a motor tyre caused considerable consternation in Trumpington Street on Sunday morning. The car's tyres were filled with a kind of solution used to fill the tube instead of air which is supposed to increase the resiliency. Through being too tightly filled, or having expanded with the great heat of the sun, one burst and the solution was scattered far and wide with great force. The pavement was covered along the whole frontage of Peterhouse but most heart-breaking damage was the adhesion of the sticky reddish solution to ladies' dresses; ten were spoiled 11 06 09 # c.26.48

What were believed to be five aeroplanes passed over Cambridge for a few minutes on Thursday afternoon. They were at a great height and travelling at a rapid rate and were out of sight in about a minute and a half. When observed, two were first noticed. These were followed at some considerable interval by three others. One of the spectators suggested they were pieces of paper, and another that they were birds. But their colour – they looked perfectly white –the absence of lateral movement and their peculiar oscillating flight with occasional glides, seemed to contradict this idea. They crossed the town in a north-westerly direction, evidently moving at a great speed 11 06 09b # c.26.1

Four baptised by immersion at Willingham Tabernacle – 11 06 09b

Charles Robinson was born in Over 92 years ago. He left school aged 12 and later succeeded his father as landlord of the Admiral Vernon, then became the most successful farmer in the village. He was at various times Guardian, Parish Surveyor, tax collector, clerk of the Over Mutual Benefit Society and treasurer of the Cattle Club. He served on the first Parish Council, was a manager of the National School and life trustee of the Town Lands and Charities. He acted as executor to no less than twenty families, which testifies to the honour in which he was held. His family may justly be proud of the grand old man 11 06 09c

The garden of Caxton Vicarage was the scene of a very charming fete and fair, held to raise money with which to build a parish room. A piece of land, centrally situated, has already been purchased for £90 and something like £300 more is needed for the erection of the room itself. It would keep the young people in the village instead of going off to the towns. There was a handkerchief stall, Aunt

Sally and Hoop-la while Morris Dancers performed 'Speed the Plough', 'Bean setting',' Hunting the Squirrel' and others which delighted out forefathers 11 06 09d

1911 06 09 CIPof
May week 11 06 09 c.36.9
Varsity beat Yorks 11 06 09
Whit Monday horse parade 11 06 09 c.19

1911 06 16
A furniture pantechnicon belonging to Mr Winter was involved in a collision with a motor car near Bottisham. It was overturned and practically smashed up. The three horses drawing it were freed from the shafts, took fright and bolted while the driver and two other men, all of whom were seated on the top, were thrown off. The motor car, a valuable high-powered touring vehicle, was badly damaged and the passenger sent hurtling through the glass screen. Mr H.P. Storey, cycle and motor engineer of Bridge Street sent out his tackle and staff who brought the damaged car back to his garage for repairs estimated at £100. It was not insured. 11 06 16

An inquest into the death of a 17-year old labourer working in Mr Frost's clunch pits at Isleham were told it had been his job to fill the carts with top soil and drive them away. Three older men then felled the clunch with crowbars. The lad had gone under the 'lynch' (the wall of clunch) and started to undercut it with a pick. He'd only picked about half a barrow full before it fell, due to a sand vein in the clunch. He had no business to use a pick at all, but young fellows liked to bring down a lot of clunch with a few blows. Every precaution was taken at the pit, this was an accident. 11 06 16a

A disastrous fire at Ramsey destroyed half-a-dozen houses in the main street. It started in the chimney of a thatched house and the interior walls being of old-fashioned reed and plaster, the property was almost instantly ablaze. A lodger got out safely, though singed, as did the owner of the house, a small farmer. But his wife hurried upstairs to recover some trinkets and was not seen again. Her charred body was found at the foot of the stairs. By her side was a box containing a watch, rings and money. The town of Ramsey is largely composed of thatched cottages. 11 06 16b

Another serious fire broke out in Ashwell, the second within a fortnight and the cause remains a mystery. The labouring classes were returning from work and plenty of willing hands dealt with the blaze passing buckets of water. The well-organised Baldock Brigade arrived in quick time considering they had four miles of nearly all up hill country to cover. The parish pays five shillings to the man who gets to church and rings no.5 bell, which is the recognised fire bell. But people complain that one man keeps the keys and so always gets there first. The key should be hung in some conspicuous place and full encouragement given to all 11 06 16b

Motorists are notoriously selfish. They practically monopolise the highways, making walking or cycling on main roads both unpleasant and dangerous. And they have sent up the cost of road upkeep to a figure undreamt of a few years ago. But the motor has come to stay and local authorities must face the situation. Motorists are usually large ratepayers and are heavily taxed. Tyres are expensive articles and a car owner who is compelled to drive over a patch of unrolled and sharp stones is entitled to protest. 11 06 16d

May week celebrations – 11 06 16e # c.36.97

Every house should be furnished with a proper metal refuse container. At present all sorts of receptacles – pails, wooden boxes, tin pans etc – were stuck on the edge of pavements, without covers, so that the wind and dogs scattered their contents about the streets and children picked over the rubbish. In hot weather the refuse lay exposed to sun, fermenting, decaying and attracting swarms of flies. But who would provide for the damage done to receptacles: the dust carts were so high that dustmen had to throw them up to a man on top to catch as best he could. Wooden boxes would be cheaper and could be burnt in the destructor 11 06 16f # c.21.15

1911 06 16 CIPof
Cambridgeshire / Isle merger suggestion 11 06 16
Agha Khan honorary degree 11 06 16
May week reviewed 11 06 16 c.36.9
University v Indians cricket 11 06 16

1911 06 23
Fen Drayton has been in a mild state of ferment over who was to be asked in church on Sunday. From the gooseberry garden to every house the matter was eagerly talked over. Various couples were fixed upon but nothing could be discovered. At the parsonage the clergyman waited in patience for the bridegroom-elect to make a formal request for banns. But he waited in vain. The parish constable was disturbed three times whilst arraying himself in Sabbath raiment by knocks at his door enquiring as to the identity of the happy couple. A larger congregation than usual attended. But no banns were put up. It had just been a ploy to give the village a fresh subject to talk about. 11 06 23d

The Coronation of King George V and Queen Mary at Westminster Abbey was attended by scenes unprecedented in the history of the Empire. In Cambridge a strong wind struggled wildly with noble flags and dainty decorations alike. Immense crowds of people walked round the streets and endorsed the judges' choice of Stetchford Dairies' premises as having the premier decorative scheme. The Dorothy Café was a very fine second best 11 06 23 & a, b,c # c.02

1911 06 23 CIPof
Coronation celebrations 11 06 23 c.02

1911 06 30
A sad accident befell 'Charlie' Hines, known as 'Watercress Charlie'. Everyone knew this large man with his fat, rubicund face, his basket of watercress and his familiar call of "Watercreese, Sir". He was trying to earn a few extra pence by hanging some decorations for the Coronation celebrations. He had finished hanging the wire and fairy lamps on the 'G' and half the crown when his ladder slipped and he fell backward on some iron spikes between two houses 11 06 30

A labourer told the court that he had obtained a job at the Norman Cement Works and spent some of the money on food and lodgings at the George IV as well as on two bedsteads that he'd bought from a rag and bone man. But he had made no attempt to contribute to the maintenance of his wife and five children in the Workhouse. This was monstrous: he was imprisoned and kept to hard labour for 14 days. 11 06 30a

Great excitement was caused in Mill Road by the escapade of an old man, 76 years of age, who escaped from a first-floor window of the Cambridge Union Workhouse, climbed down a sharply-slanting roof, dropped ten feet into the garden and disappeared. Workhouse officials, neighbours and police joined in a search for the fugitive and after four hours seeking by lantern-light and daylight he was eventually found in the cemetery in a state of collapse. Police were able to treat the injury to the old man's shoulder which was fractured when he dropped to the ground from the roof 11 06 30b

The Red White and Blue Helping Hand Slade Club at Lt Downham raised funds by weekly subscriptions to render assistance to members unable to follow their employment. A man injured when working for the Littleport Drainage Commissioners said he had been incapacitated for seven weeks. After a fortnight the club refused him more sick pay and then threw him out for dinking. But the rules said the first time a claimant was intoxicated he should be fined sixpence so he took the case to court and was awarded judgement against them. 11 06 30b

Several skulls and other human bones were dug up when excavating for a new water supply at Swavesey and were re-buried in the churchyard. Mr J. Jillings, a hale and hearty veteran of 90, remembers that prior to the making of the present road 70 years ago the churchyard extended to

within a few yards of the Manor fence. A sister and two brothers who died young were buried in that part of the churchyard. The old road to Over meandered from Hog Pasture to the western side of Mill Pits and part is still in existence. 11 06 30g

Swavesey Baptist pastor farewell; serious smash E.J. Warboys, milk delivery man – 11 06 30e

Chesterton Horticultural and Sports Society held their first annual show in the pretty grounds of Meadow Croft. The extreme dryness of the weather accounted for the emptiness of some of the classes but still 500 entries were received. At Burwell the long, cold spring and droughty summer almost prevented the showing of some vegetables but at Stapleford flower show the cottagers' section was especially good in regard to potatoes and beans 11 06 30f

William Hepher, when engaged in stacking hay in a farm yard at Swavesey, hung up his coat and waistcoat on a wurtzel cutter. When he went to put them on, the waistcoat was missing: two half-grown pigs had dragged it down and torn it to pieces. Young Hepher missed his watch and chain which he had left in a pocket and a search was made. At length a piece of chain was seen hanging from the mouth of one of the pigs and the watch was found inside. The case was marked with impressions of the animal's teeth but it was still going 11 06 30g

The present opening hours of the Central Library Reading Room do not meet the needs of people who commence business at 9am or earlier and must wait until 10 before they can consult directories or other reference books. Persons in search of situations are also at a disadvantage through not being able to see the newspapers at an earlier hour. In future it will open daily from 8.30 am to 9.30 pm. The advantages would justify the small additional expense involve. 11 06 30c # c.77.4

1911 06 30 CIPof
Royal Show, Norwich 11 06 30
Edward VII memorial fund closed 11 06 30 c.02
Teachers pensions 11 06 30
Clergy pensions 11 06 30
No crime 11 06 30
University cricket team 11 06 30

July 1911 CWN & CIPof

1911 07 07
Carlton's Coronation celebrations began with a service in the church after which the school children and many parents adjourned to the schoolroom for the unveiling of the portraits of the King and Queen presented by the County Council. Coronation mugs or plates were presented before all sat down to an excellent tea in Mr Nice's barn. During the evening a good programme of sports was carried out and the proceedings concluded with the singing of the National Anthem 11 07 07b also Waterbeach

Some ten days ago a cat owned by Alfred Moule of Cottenham, being deprived of her new-born kitten, solaced herself by adopting a young wild rabbit. This on being discovered was promptly killed. A second one shared a similar fate. Still the cat persisted and introduced a third young bunny which has been allowed to remain and contentedly shares the nest with the one kitten that had been spared 11 07 07c

Cambridgeshire Amateur Football Association formed – 11 07 07a # c.38 : football

1911 07 07 CIPof
Croxton Park Cons garden party 11 07 07
Histon feast 11 07 07
Scouts at Windsor 11 07 07

OTC reviewed Windsor 11 07 07 c.45.4
Inter-Varsity cricket 11 07 07

1911 07 14
The Crystal Palace pub in Mill Road Cambridge was difficult to supervise, police reported. The only way to get to the back was down a narrow passage at the side, the door of which was always locked. The Bell in Northampton Street was in bad repair with terrible accommodation, the house was damp and the only cooking facilities were in an underground kitchen. The landlady of the Chequers Impington said it was the only place to get a good glass of beer and if it closed many a man would become a teetotaller. The Gravel Diggers was right down in Cottenham fen but there was a considerable amount of labour at certain seasons. The tenant had held the licence for 30 years. It was renewed 11 07 14 # c.27.4 also Priory Tap, Melbourn White Horse, Guilden Morden Black Swan, Dry Drayton Prince of Wales, Swavesey Middle Watch & Black Horse, Soham Black Horse

An unemployed man bivouacked undiscovered for three or four days in undergraduates' rooms at Jesus College. He lived on the provisions of the rightful occupants, drunk their wine, smoked their cigarettes, wore their clothes and slept in their beds. A bedmaker said she had found a bottle of port and one of sloe gin that had been consumed together with a quantity of soda water. A waistcoat and stockings were missing and later an old dirty undervest was found. The burglar was sentenced to two months hard labour 11 07 14a

The remains of five human bodies have been discovered by workmen driving a tunnel from the cellar to the garden of a house in Trumpington Street. The wall of the cellar was brickwork, about 14 inches thick, which had not been disturbed and the bones had been laid in a trench just outside the party wall. The remains, estimated at 100-200 years old have been removed to the Museum of Human Anatomy 11 07 14b # c.41

George Race, the oldest Master of Hounds in the Kingdom, died at his residence in Biggleswade aged 92. He was the son of John Race, better known as 'Thistle Whipper' of the old 'Sporting Magazine', who handed over his horn to this promising youngster in 1840. From that day he hunted hare, fox or deer as the chance presented. Undergraduates were wont to go and have a day with the Biggleswade Harriers for the best gallop to be found anywhere. He recounted his wonderful career in the book 'Seventy Years a Master' 11 07 14c

Men on John Bailey's farm at Wicken had built up a stack and were about to 'top it out' when two boys (children of a clergyman who was staying in the village) were observed to run away screaming and flames were seen coming from the top. Willing helpers, including the maids and matrons of the village, assisted with water from the wells and Soham brigade did its duty so smartly that they put out the flames using water from the pond on the Green leaving the centre of the stack standing 11 07 14d

Sir - A length of barbed wire stretched alone one side of Boxworth village green has been the cause of several accidents. Some people have torn their clothes and a man from Elsworth ran against the wire with the result that some of the spikes stuck into his body. A small Boxworth boy named Cyril Smith had both top and bottom lips badly torn and had to stay away from school. As this is on a public green it ought to be removed or replaced with ordinary wire – Correspondent 11 07 14e

Bailey & Tebbutt's Gold Medal Ales on draught and in bottles can still be obtained at the 'Hop Bind' (the Commercial House), the 'Jolly Millers' (Church End) and the 'King's Head' (known as the Red House) and 'Garden Gate' in Histon Road, Cottenham. Ales and Oatmeal Stout cost two shilling and sixpence per dozen pints – Advert 11 07 14e

No outing has ever been more enjoyed by the 152 people from Histon who attended the Croxton Park Garden Party. The sight on the St Neots Road will not be forgotten for many years. The road was one continuous stream of char-a-bancs, brakes, 'buses, waggonettes, farm wagons, traps, landaus, taxis

and motors. Even a traction engine was bravely wending its way drawing behind it three gaily-decorated farm wagons all heavily laden with a merry party 11 07 14e

1911 07 14 CIPof
Greater Cambridge bill 11 07 14
Agricultural Show success 11 07 14 c.22.8
Yarmouth not licence goat carriages 11 07 14
County Girls head presentation 11 07 14
University Press history 11 07 14

1911 07 21
The Little Rose in Trumpington Street was close to Addenbrooke's Hospital and the landlord believed that no matter what time of the day it was on a Sunday, if anybody came and said they had been to the Hospital he was perfectly justified in serving them liquor. If they had come from a longer distance than that required by law this was quite right. But a policeman said he had watched two men who neither came from or went to the Hospital and had been served with a drink. Next time anybody was brought to court they would be severely dealt with. 11 07 21 # c.27.4

Everyone concerned is to be congratulated on the construction of a light railway to link up the old-world Essex town of Thaxted with the Great Eastern system at Elsenham. It is 15 years since the project was mooted and now the first sod has been cut. The difficulties have been great: land was difficult to obtain and it was not easy to raise the money for a scheme which does not present the likelihood of profit. But the Treasury considered it would tend to the development of agriculture and made a substantial grant. Now the long-cherished dream is almost an accomplished fact 11 07 21b 11 07 28g & h # c.26.2

Harry Winter furniture removal contractor disputes Witham school fees – 11 07 21a

Brinkley Park church parade 11 07 21a

1911 07 21 CIPof
Harvest prospects 11 07 21
East Hatley best pupil 11 07 21
Smallholdings purchased council 11 07 21
Parker's Piece cricket spectators 11 07 21
Ant-motorist campaign 11 07 21

1911 07 28
Swaffham Bulbeck bricklayer stole peas 11 07 28

Scout rescues boy from Cam at Jesus Lock – 11 07 28

Band of Hope field day – 11 07 28

Manure heap fire Newmarket Road – 11 07 28b

Littleport Show held in the grounds of Highfield House was a gratifying success. A great many were attracted by the announcement that an aeroplane flight would be attempted and they were not disappointed. The machine – one of the Bleriot type belonging to the Midland Aviation Syndicate – was wheeled to an adjacent field and the aviator made several flights. He would have continued longer but for an accident to the propeller, one of the arms having broken in the course of a descent. The machine was exhibited in a tent until five o'clock when it was wheeled out. A force of police kept the crowd under control. A large field was selected for the start. The fen men, who had never seen an aeroplane before, described it as 'like a self-binder'. There was a large cheer when the aviator took his seat and started the engine. In the first attempt the machine travelled from one end of the field to the

other at a height of about 15 feet. It then headed towards Lt Downham and rose beautifully while the crowd cheered. It had travelled some hundreds of yards when the aviator, for reasons best known to himself, descended in a field of corn. In order to facilitate a start for another ascent the aeroplane was taken to a clover patch. There was a considerable delay and the majority of the crowd had returned to the show ground when the machine was seen again to rise to 50 feet but then the aviator planed down to earth again. It did not descend so well as on previous occasions and it was reported that an accident had happened. A proportion of the propeller had broken off. This put an end to the flying and the crowd dispersed, satisfied that a flight had really been made 11 07 28c # c.26.1

A slight outbreak of fire occurred at the Picture Palace, East Road. The heat during the day had been intense and the lantern operator, Harry Pink, became a little faint and accidentally knocked a small piece of film on to the lantern, the heat igniting it. The film flared up and Pink quickly turned off the light, pulled down the safety shutters of the box, which is a fire-proof structure, and jumped out. The film soon burnt out and the audience, consisting of 37 children and three adults, walked out without any panic 11 07 28d # c.76.9

Hildersham farm fire – 11 07 28e

Inhabitants of the beautiful village of Bourn have been turning the clock back to days before folk were choked with motor-made dust and dazzled by an air thick with flying machines. The old barn with great creaking doors and without a cobweb removed combined with the incomparable scent and music of a farmyard made a perfect setting for the performance of 'A Legend of Bourn' with scenes of 'Merrie England' when laughter and frolic went hand-in-hand 11 07 28f

A traction engine belonging to Charles Thurston, drawing three show vans was instrumental in setting fire to hedges in three places when passing along the Huntingdon Road near Boxworth. A spark from the engine set a hedge alight near the King William IV Inn, one around Mr Topper's grass field and another belonging to the New Inn where about 100 yards were completely destroyed. The landlord, Charles Poulter and two men grappled energetically with this outburst and P.C. Richardson of Boxworth, who was superintending sheep dipping at Manor Farm Swavesey was promptly on the spot 11 07 28i

Swavesey John Culpin, son of Charles Culpin, blacksmith, fell from coal van 11 07 28i

During a heavy thunderstorm a very vivid flash of lightning set alight to a large barn at Cook's Fen Farm at Hildersham. Rain was falling in torrents at the time, but the flames gained ground rapidly and it quickly became apparent that it would be quite impossible to save it. The barn was destroyed together with the farm implements, some machinery and a number of fowls. Linton Fire Brigade arrived very promptly and prevented the fire spreading to the hay stacks and other buildings which literally surround the barn and the house. Mr G.H. Potter lent horses and carts to bring water from the village after the supply at the farm quickly gave out. 11 07 28k

Pageant of Bourn – 11 07 28l

Fire manure heap back of Old Priory Tap, Newmarket Road 11 07 28m

Littleport show aeroplane flights – 11 07 28j

1911 07 28 CIPof
Victoria Assembly Rooms become Electric Theatre 11 07 28 c.76.9
Picture Place East Road fire 11 07 28 c.76.9
Farm sales, including Hiam Littleport 11 07 28
Licensees hard hit 11 07 28
Parliamentary crisis 11 07 28

August 1911 CWN & CIPof

1911 08 04
The Great Eastern Railway says that despite the increase in motor travelling, which renders wealthy people independent of railway trains, the first-class returns show a considerable increase. The third-class returns are also up which is more surprising for the development of tubes and trams in the London suburbs means keen competition. But the second-class passenger seems to be gradually dying out and on many lines has been abolished altogether 11 08 04 # c.26.2

Haverhill Parish Church was the scene of most disgraceful conduct on the part of an unknown itinerant musician. Two parishioners noticed a tramp stretched out on the altar sleeping heavily, while his violin stood propped up against the altar rails. The police were immediately communicated with but it was not till the sacrilegious intruder had been unceremoniously belaboured that he was aroused from his slumbers. When he came round he was advised by the police to get out of the town, which advise he wisely accepted 11 08 04a

Histon sweet peas – 11 08 04b

Everyone who visited the delightful 13th Century Fete at Bourn Manor or saw the unique musical play 'A Legend of Bourn' by the Vicar and Mrs Baker would like some souvenir. A series of postcards formed an admirable memento and now the News publishes the words of the songs. The first was entitled 'Sorry to give you away sir' and contains the verse 'This is the man who keeps the inn, And welcome thirsty souls within: He waters the whisky, brandy and gin.' Another gives a vision of life in 1912. 11 08 04c & d

Wicken farmhouse and homestead for sale – 11 08 04f

A public meeting was called to deal with objections over land that might be used during the forthcoming military manoeuvres. But no farmer or landowner attended. This was not due to apathy but to the methods adopted by the authorities for making the meeting known. No notice was inserted in Cambridge newspapers so the majority of the population remained ignorant. There would be danger of abortions in breeding ewes and any stock should be removed. Civil compensation offices will adjudicate in any dispute. Engineers will report on all roads before and after the manoeuvres and meet local authorities with regard to any damage caused. 11 08 04g # c.45.4

A serious fire broke out at Bank Farm, Waterbeach Fen when during the threshing operation the drum 'ran hot' and fired the rye passing through the machine. The exceptional dryness of the woodwork and crops made the fire spread with great rapidity and the threshing drum and elevator were destroyed, the engine narrowly escaping. Three or four haystacks were set alight and farm buildings soon caught fire. Men were able to save the house and a workman's cottage, although the blazing buildings ran right up to the walls of the house. But eleven pigs and 50 hens were burnt to death and about a ton of coal was consumed by the flames 11 08 11c

Fire Adeane's farm, Babraham – 11 08 04h

1911 08 04 CIPof
Chippenham park and shoot for sale 11 08 04
Cricket scores 11 08 04
Unwin wins Sweep Pea competition 11 08 04
Aeroplane no use for bombing 11 08 04

1911 08 11
A new attraction at the Cambridge Mammoth Show was one of Mr Spencer's captive balloons. Attached by a steel hawser to a powerful traction engine, it made a number of ascents giving passengers a magnificent view. The display culminated with a thrilling parachute descent from 1,600

feet by the famous aeronaut Captain Spencer. He dropped like a stone, then the parachute spread out and he floated down near Jesus College grounds. The balloon, freed from his weight sprang upwards, the sun glistening on its yellow casing before descending at Exning where it was the object of a great deal of attention from a large crowd 11 08 11 & a

Street widening Magdalene Street, Sidney St etc – 11 08 11b

A disastrous fire occurred at Gamlingay when seven houses at Honey Hill were destroyed and 31 persons rendered homeless. A spark from a passing engine ignited the thatch of a cottage, the flames spreading so rapidly that all attempts to save anything were hopeless. It engulfed other cottages in the row then quickly reached the Swan Inn which was completely gutted. The Potton Brigade arrived with their manual engine but their services were useless owing to a defective hose and the scarcity of the water supply. 11 08 11c

Fire broke out in a paint shop occupied by Hayward's wheelwrights in Queen Street, Haverhill. A number of newly-painted carriage wheels destroyed but two motor cars were pulled out just in time, both being severely damaged. Flames spread to the Woolpack Hotel where the club room is a total wreck and the roof suffered considerably. The origin of the fire is the carelessness of a little boy who, playing with a lighted candle upset it on some highly inflammable material. 11 08 11d

Horse killed at railway crossing Mow Fen Swavesey – 11 08 11f

A motorist dining at the Rutland Hotel, Newmarket, gave orders for petrol to be brought and the tank of his car filled. The order was undertaken by an assistant named 'Bert', who is temporarily taking the place of the usual boots. Having obtained the petrol he proceeded to fill the tank. He placed a lighted candle on the seat of the motor-car but in the very hot weather petrol vaporises rapidly and appears to have reached the flame of the candle igniting it. The assistants at the hotel did their best in pouring water on the motor to check the flames but the petrol burnt itself out 11 08 11c & e

Cottenham Wesleyans celebrated the completion of their new Sunday School with good attendances at all the meetings in spite of the fact that many were kept away through harvest. The up-to-date building consists of one large room having seating accommodation for 250 with a raised platform at one end. The children have played no small part in the project: at the laying of the foundation stone many of them presented guinea bricks while other gave chairs for the furnishing of the new building. A roll of honour hanging over the platform contains the names of those who contributed 11 08 11g

The Cambridge Electric Theatre Company applied for a cinematograph licence to show inflammable films at the Victoria Assembly Rooms on Market Hill. Only non-inflammable films are currently used but these do not give as clear a picture. The lantern chamber was situated outside the building and was fire-proof with iron shutters to block the two openings in the wall. The hall could seat 280 and be cleared in less than two minutes. But there was no back exit and magistrates refused the application 11 08 11h & 18c # c.76.9

Alphonso Smith, one of the passengers along with Messrs King, Pamplin and Wallis in Captain Spencer's balloon describes the landing in a field near Exning. 'Some horses were greatly frightened and rushed about frantically, one breaking down a fence and escaping. Some oxen proved more sensible. They looked quietly on and took it all in. Many willing villagers squeezed the gas out of the balloon and were rewarded for their services. After ten minutes one of Mr King's drivers arrived in a motor car and we were rapidly covered back to the Mammoth Show in time to witness the splendid display of fireworks' 11 08 11i # c.26.1

Girls at Eden Street school Cambridge should be taught domestic subjects and home making such as bed-making, plumbing and white-washing. Ald Campkin thought children ought to learn how to make beds at home and in poorer districts people had very little to cook. Ignorance of sanitation was appalling and when laundry classes were first started there had been considerable opposition, but they

had been a success. However councillors objected to spending more for a trained teacher: this could be done by the present staff 11 08 11k # c.36.5

The people of Elsworth need an organ in their parish church in place of a harmonium which has done duty for many years. The new instrument will cost £400, a large sum for a village with 500 inhabitants. Mr Andrew Carnegie has promised to give half of the sum and a bazaar and garden fete was held to raise funds. The male sex were poorly represented due in part to the urgent claims of the harvest field and in part to the sale of Mrs Hooley's property 11 08 11l

1911 08 11 CIPof
Hooley's Papworth Hall estate sale 11 08 11
Gamlingay fire 11 08 11
Mammoth show11 08 11
Atkinson, Clare master 92 11 08 11
London great strike 11 08 11

1911 08 18
A farmer from Clare told the court that he had been troubled by fowls and turkeys straying on his land and eating his barley and corn. But whenever he complained to the wife of the owner of one cottage she claimed the birds belonged to a neighbour. The neighbour said the same thing. One morning he saw a turkey in his barley and tried to drive it off, but as it would not go he got his gun and shot at it. The bird fluttered away, winged. But when he called at the Lion Inn for a gingerbeer he was assaulted and knocked to the ground. Neither the landlord not any of the customers made a move to assist him so he seized a poker and sent for his son. The case aroused much interest. 11 08 18 & a

Is smoking amongst ladies on the increase? At a leading Cambridge hotel the smoking room was filled with a dozen lady diners. After glancing round a smartly-dressed woman produced a cigarette case and handed it to her two female companions. Did the other ladies in the room look indignant? Not a bid of it. On the contrary, they looked intensely relieved and immediately proceeded to follow suit. The most significant feature was that most of the fair smokers possessed their own cases and smoking materials 11 08 18f

Grantchester used to be well patronised by tea parties. The landing place was quite a centre of attraction for the villagers. But the hobbledehoy element always asserts itself wherever a few rustics are gathered together with nothing to do and an element of rowdyism was introduced. Visitors have had to run the gauntlet of boorish wit and clownish laughter and boats were interfered with to such an extent that it was unsafe to leave them. One cannot expect the river to be patrolled by police but there are sufficient rowing men on the river on Sundays to put down with a strong hand such conduct as that complained of. 11 08 18 f & g

Addenbrooke's Hospital death under chloroform; anaesthetist exonerated. Richard Harris son of Newmarket licensee 11 08 18b

Wickambrook labourer set fire stack at Poslingford – 11 08 18d

The railway strike has begun and its effects are impossible to say. A complete stoppage would paralyse the trade of the country. Meat would be unobtainable and flour and corn exhausted in a week leaving cities starving for bread. No doubt road and river traction would bring some mitigation but fruit and fish would leap to famine prices and without coal no gas or electricity can be produced. Mills, factories and workshops would be closed down for lack of power and the great majority of people become dependent upon public relief. 11 08 18e

The effects of the rail strike are not seriously felt in Cambridge. All trains are running though supplies are considerably delayed with shortages in butter, bacon and petrol. Representatives of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants have been in town but only a very few local employees are

society men. Cambridge Station is looked upon as a 'fat job'; guards, porters and platform hands know when they are well off and there are plenty of reserve men to take the places of any who come out. 11 08 18h

Mr Stearn of the Railway Tavern, Longstanton, went rat-catching the other day and having killed several he retired indoors. A little later he felt something moving in his clothing in the region of his waist and to his dismay a full-sized rat ran out of the leg of his trousers. The rat raced round the house frightening the womenkind out of their wits before it was killed 11 08 18j

An Elsworth labourer recently on his way to work hung his basket of food while he called at his employer's for instructions. On his return he found that a pig had attacked his basked; it had eaten all the food and was running along the street with the empty dish in its mouth. Kind friends came to his rescue, but all that was retrieved was the empty dish. The labourer is of the opinion that hungry pigs should not be allowed to tray about the village 11 08 18k

An accident happened at some new houses in course of erection by Messrs Wayman Brothers opposite the Admiral Vernon Inn in Over High Street. The carpenters were preparing to put in the joists when a rough three-quarter brick accidentally fell from the scaffold and struck Mr Fred Payne, an elderly man, on the head, somewhat seriously injuring him. Mrs C.W. Hughes rendered first aid and he was conveyed home. Mr Payne, who suffered from shock and loss of blood, is progressing favourably. 11 08 18l

The dry weather has led to great scarcity of water in many parts and if the drought continues the Army planned manoeuvres might be abandoned. The brooks and ponds in many places are completely dry, rivers are running lower than in living memory and farmers are at their wits' end to know how to provide water for their cattle. Water trains will soon have to be organised thought unfortunately some of the worst villages on the clay hills of Huntingdonshire are remote from the railways. However at most seaside places nearly every room is occupied and the summer of 1911 will be long remembered as the best on record by boarding-house keepers 11 08 18m

1911 08 18 CIPof
Rail strike, Cambridge free 11 08 18
Water sold by pail due shortage 11 08 18
Electric Theatre attracts audiences 11 08 18
Cambridge extension delay 11 08 18 c.35.7

1911 08 25
The longest drought since 1887 has happily come to and end and heavy rains have reduced the torrid heat. In Cambridge the hottest day was August 9th when the temperature was 95 degrees in the shade. Messrs Pain's records go back 43 years and the only other record of that figure was on 15th August 1876. During violent thunderstorms lightning set fire to farm buildings at Friday Bridge but the brigade was powerless as there was no water due to the prolonged drought. 11 08 25a

There was considerable excitement near Histon railway station on Wednesday evening when the Army monoplane which has been manoeuvring in the district was seen flying towards the village. Not being at a great altitude, the queer-looking machine was seen quite plainly and the public had a good view of it as it hovered towards Dry Drayton before finally alighted at the military manoeuvres camp at Hardwick 11 08 25g # c.26.1

The proposed army manoeuvres have been abandoned due to the drought. This is a disappointment to local tradesmen. The tender of G.P. Hawkins had been accepted for the supply of bread to troops expected at Cambridge, Gt Wilbraham, Babraham, Fulbourn and elsewhere. Bicycles hired for the use of the advance party engaged in constructing telegraphs were returned to Robinson's bicycle showroom. The Royal Engineers encamped near Whittlesford station will take down the telegraph

posts and wires already erected. Landlords of village inns have cause to regret the abandonment for the advance party of troops had evidenced a liking for a variation of camp fare. 11 08 25b # c.45.4

Harris Norman bequest to needy Jews in disputed will settled. Addenbrooke's Hospital receive money 11 08 25c

Night in Cambridge Casual Ward (see Memories 5 Sep 2011). – 11 08 25d & e

Had the railway strike not been settled on Saturday there is little doubt that nearly 100 of the men employed at Cambridge station would have come out. The GER trains ran as usual and the London and North-Western Railway will give double pay to the men connected with the movement and handling of traffic who have remained loyally at their posts. Although no actual disturbances were feared the Chief Constable very properly took the precaution of stopping all leave in case of need. 11 08 25f # c.26.2 # c.32.5

On Wednesday evening Cambridge people saw for the first time an aeroplane flying over the town. It was a Bristol biplane flown by Lieut. Barrington Kennett of the Grenadier Guards. When he returned to the military camp at Hardwick about 100 people were assembled and there were crowds of cyclists. Before descending he gave an exhibition flight, swooping round, and although he shot towards the ground with alarming velocity he quickly steadied the machine and sailed gently to earth like a huge bird with a scarcely perceptible jerk as the skids touched the grass. 11 08 25i # c.26.1 # c.45.4

The trench filled with mud and weeds which runs from Hog Pasture Railway Gate House to the river at Swavesey is called 'Navigation Drain'. In times gone by barges laden with coal were able to come along and unload, now not even a child's toy boat could navigate its mud. All the large drains for carrying off flood water are terribly neglected apart from the one at Church Bridge where the new and much-needed sewer empties. The District Council do a bit of tinkering now and again but never attempt to clear the ends near the river 11 08 25h

1911 08 25 CIPof
Harris Jewish will case settled, Addenbrooke's 11 08 25
Barrington Kennett biplane over Cambridge 11 08 25 c.26.1
Rail strike ends 11 08 25

September 1911 CWN & CIPof

1911 09 01
William Marshall applied for a licence to allow him to perform stage plays in a portable theatre to be erected in the Prince of Wales yard, Haverhill. He had obtained one last year, but on applying for it again it was refused. He's also applied for the Corn Exchange, without success. He produced testimonials and a photo of the theatre. But Magistrates did not think the portable theatre was necessary. The Town Hall and Corn Exchange were accessible for theatrical performances and they refused permission. 11 09 01

Robert Fenn Taylor, coachbuilder came from London to Clay Street, Soham seven years ago; first meeting of creditors - 11 09 01a

Scarcely a day passes without a report of some sad fatality, of which a helpless child is generally the victim, due to clothing made of flannelette catching fire. Now the National League for Physical Education (which has an active branch in Cambridge) has issued a pamphlet warning about this material which becomes more and more dangerous each time it is washed. We can ill afford to waste a thousand lives a year and now some manufacturers have developed a flannelette treated with a chemical fire-proof process. 11 09 01d

Aviation is much too expensive to be enjoyed by the ordinary man. But Mr H.W. Holt, a graduate of King's College, has been building from his own patents a machine to carry one person. When finished the 'Dihehededral triplane biplane tandem' will be on of the lightest and smallest of flying machines. The greatest part of the metal work has been done by Mr Holt at the University Engineering Laboratory and the machine is being erected on the premises of Mr Harry Williams in Victoria Park. It should soon be complete and ready for flying 11 09 01e

Large crowds have witnessed successful flights during the week by the Army airmen encamped at Hardwick. Lieut. Cammell, flying his own Bleriot monoplane, was expected to arrive from Hendon shortly after dark on Friday night and petrol flares were lit on the camp ground which acted at once as beacons and as a guide to the most convenient place to land. But at Baldock he ran into a storm and was compelled to alight. 6 a.m. on Saturday. He got the machine out and arrived early next morning. He later made another flight when the sight of the aerial monster combined with the noise it created terrified some farm horses. 11 09 01f

A practical joker drove into Wisbech in a powerful racing car and announced that Grahame-White, the famous airman would fly into the town that evening. A large crowd gathered in a field selected for the landing but there was a high wind blowing and it was announced he had landed at St Ives. The crowds reassembled next morning and scores of cameras were placed in position. But the news broke that the whole thing was a hoax. The man had circulated the same story at March and crowds of people also waited there 11 09 01g

Lieut. Barrington Kennett in his aeroplane descended in a field midway between the villages of Elsworth and Papworth, his flight being interrupted by the wind. Many people went to see the machine, a Bristol biplane no.F8 of the Air Battalion. He resumed his flight next morning, six or seven people being interested enough to view the start at 5am. The aeroplane rose gracefully as a bird and was soon out of sight in the direction of Huntingdon 11 09 01h # c.26.1

1911 09 01 CIPof
Cricket 11 09 01
Electric Theatre popular 11 09 01
Football prospects 11 09 01

1911 09 08
Stourbridge Fair proclaimed – 11 09 08 # c.27.31

Fire at Black Hall Farm, Isleham fen – 11 09 08

Hundon waterworks failure – 11 09 08a

The absence of a proper water supply in many villages has long been a reproach to Sanitary Authorities. Fen villages have been hard put to find sufficient water for drinking, let alone for washing and sanitary purposes. Brooks and wells have failed and the precious liquid has had to be fetched from a distance and doled out at so much per bucketful. This has happened at Pampisford where fourpence a bucketful has been charged. Modern engineering ought to remedy this unsatisfactory state of affairs. 11 09 08c

Cambridge seems to afford congenial soil for the propagandists of peculiar religions. The Christian Scientists and Christadelphians have branches and even Smyth Pigott, the leader of the Agapemonites and founder of the notorious Abode of Lover, has followers. Now Mormons have made half a dozen converts and two young Romsey town women are leaving for America. But the Mormon missionaries deny they are going to Utah: they did not preach emigration but preferred them to stay and help build up churches here 11 09 08c & d # c.83

Shelford sports – 11 09 08e

1911 09 08 CIPof
Stourbridge Fair proclaimed 11 09 08
Gt St Mary's bells removed 11 09 08 c.69.
Channel swim 11 09 08
Windovers carriage works Huntingdon strike 11 09 08

1911 09 15
'Antiquary' article on Cambridge bygones – 11 09 15 & a # c.39

P.C. John Wallage heard a noise in St John's College garden, looked over the hedge and saw the prisoner pulling up beetroot and putting them in a sack. The man ran off down Madingley Road. When caught he used very bad language and threatened to 'bash his brains out' and shoot him. The language woke a gardener living 100 yards away. Frederick Hutt, gardener at St John's College found the place where some beetroot had been growing: they were very similar to the ones in the sack. The thief was fined ten shillings 11 09 15b # c.18

F.T. Hooley of Papworth Everard's affairs; meeting of creditors 11 09 15b

A number of Cambridge schoolboys 'came out' on strike, some because they had a half-holiday and others because they hadn't. Some say there were several hundred boys and girls carrying 'On Strike' banners and they had chalked the same on the doors of their schools. They held a mass meeting on Christ's Pieces then marched down Emmanuel Street where they came into contact with the police (one constable). The demonstration then collapsed. But teachers say there was no strike. They were not schoolboys but hooligans; they made a disturbance outside the school but the flashing eye of the schoolmaster made them retreat 11 09 15c # c.36.5 # c.32.5

Mr Edwin Saunders had 30 head of cattle on his farm at Nornea. An old cole seed straw stack stood nearly in the centre of the field and the beasts, by rubbing away the sides, had made a mushroom-shaped shelter. When the thunderstorm broke out most of the cattle retreated to the trees but one, a black cow, was huddled against the stack. Lightning struck the stack, firing it and killing the cow instantaneously. So fierce was the heat that it was impossible to drag it clear of the flames. Huge pieces of burning material were blown a considerable distance, some going right over the roof of the farmhouse. A great number of people flocked to the scene from Stuntney and Ely 11 09 15d

The want of water is being seriously felt in Swavesey. All the ponds are practically dry and private pumps are running short. Several farmers have had the new water supply laid on to their yards and fields, and have derived great benefit thereby. The public pumps of the old water supply, hitherto only allowed to be drawn upon for domestic purposes, have been used for farm purposes and have allowed many farmers to obtain water for stock which otherwise have to have been fetched from the river. 11 09 15e

Also Culpan, Swavesey blacksmith, pulls cow from drain
Ickleton miniature rifle club – 11 09 15e

A most welcome break in the long-sustained drought came when the first really wet day for months was hailed with the joy and gladness with which people generally welcome fine weather. Rain fell all day, having a marvellous effect in clearing the air and bringing down the temperature. It was like stepping from blazing August to chill gloomy November. Normally everyone would have been dismal and depressed. But everybody has been thoroughly saturated with sunshine and turned to the mud and drizzle with positive delight, splashing through puddles with utmost cheerfulness. This year has been the driest on record. 11 09 15g # c.12

1911 09 15 CIPof

Hayward charity cricket 11 09 15
Pay for MPs 11 09 15
Shoe-black dies 11 09 15 c.39
Boxing black v white banned 11 09 15
Cottenham Baptist organ Carnegie 11 09 15
New aerial post 11 09 15

1911 09 22
When Mr & Mrs George Verrall went to live at Sussex Lodge, Newmarket, they offered prizes for the best devices of wild flowers by local children. On May Day morning the grounds of the Lodge were full of garland-bearing youngsters. Mr Verrall was interested in the flora and would scan the garlands and note every bloom. He could tell at a glance where certain uncommon flowers, such as the Pasque or Eastern flower, had been gathered. He loved to come across something unusual. It is doubtful whether the prizes gave half the pleasure to the children that the flowers themselves gave to him. 11 09 22 & a

William Edward Broadribb has been sent to Canada in the care of the Barnardo agency, by the Cottenham Habitation of the Young Helpers' League. They paid his expenses from collections made by the President, Mrs C. Hayden Cox at meetings held in her garden. The Habitation has only been in existence since June and how has 54 members. Members signed their names on a paper which is to be forwarded as a memento to William c/o Boys Distributing Home, Toronto. 11 09 22b

With the exception of damson and late apples, the fruit gathering at Cottenham is nearly over and the trolley loads so numerous a week or two past, are becoming more rare. The season, especially in the Victoria plum pulling period, has been a heavy one for fruit carriers, over 50 tons a day being a frequent consignment from Oakington Station to London and other markets 11 09 22e

Cambridge folk will regret the death of Lieut Reginald Cammell, the gallant Army airman who was killed at Hendon while flying a new Valkyrie machine. He had extensive service with army dirigibles but then took up the heavier-than-air type of machine and had flown a Bleriot monoplane to the recent Army Air Battalion encampment at Hardwick where it had been in a hangar for several days 11 09 22c & d # c.26.1

The man in charge of a horse and cart belonging to Prime Godfrey went to the school pond, Swavesey, to water his animal. The pond is nearly empty, there being only a little water on the side farthest from the road. The horse got into the mud and in its struggles became embedded deeper and deeper in the thick mire the cart seeming to hold it down. But eight or nine men hauled for all they were worth and pulled it out. 11 09 22f

Break in drought – 11 09 22 # c.12

1911 09 22 CIPof
A.S. Campkin mayor 11 09 22
Tramways dividend 11 09 22
Railway nationalisation 11 09 22
Locomotive exceeds limit, Ely 11 09 22
Airman killed – Cammell ex Hardwick camp 11 09 22
Police reserves 11 09 22
Electric theatre films 11 09 22

1911 09 29
A terrible shock has been dealt to scouts in Cambridge by the death of Scoutmaster William Wright, a second year undergraduate of Queens' College. Joining when he first came to Cambridge he worked with Scoutmaster Spiller of the 7th and Scoutmaster Curzon of the 1st and had already attained the 24 highest honours badges which secured him the title of 'Silver Wolf'. To him is due the success of the

Cambridge Rally when Baden-Powell reviewed 500 scouts. At his home at Duffield he had a troop of his own including a patrol of fellows over 18 years of age. 11 09 29 # c.37.9

A case of considerable importance to motorists was heard at court. The issue was whether a motor car coming out of Tenison Road into Station Road took the corner in the proper manner by keeping well over to the left-hand side of the road, or whether the driver 'cut the corner' as many motorists do in order to make the turn as gradual as possible and minimise the strain on the tyres and the machine. This is a 'blind corner', the view being masked on the town side by a high wall and trees. Police looked at the wheel tracks and judged the motorist was at fault for colliding with a taxi cab. 11 09 29a

Cottenham Constitutional Club, formerly the Victoria Institute, has been in use for six years as the village social club. Now it has been thoroughly renovated and fitted up for meetings, concerts, billiards, games and reading, with a new piano installed. A large balcony facing the street provides a very convenient point for addressing open air meetings It will become a real centre of political work and activity 11 09 29b, 11 10 06a

The proposed way-ticket system would mean a casual who was really tramping for work would present his ticket at the workhouse manager on arrival and have his bath, his supper and bed in the ordinary way. Then in the morning he would be allowed to go on his way without doing any work. The manager would direct him to a place where he could, by showing the ticket, obtain bread and cheese for one meal. He would not need to beg. But 30 per cent of tramps were liars and wherever there was a 'soft place' it was smothered with vagrants, a Cambridge conference was told. 11 09 29 c d e # c.32.9

1911 09 29 CIPof
Hayward cricket stars 11 09 29
Fire-fighters due Farren fire 11 09 29 c.37.4 # c.65.5
Cottenham Conservative Club opened 11 09 29
Naval disaster 11 09 29

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1911 10 06
The Cambridge offices of the Board of Trade Labour Exchange have been removed from Guildhall Street to Regent Street and the work of finding and filling vacant situations is going on smoothly. The site near Hyde Park Corner most convenient with larger rooms for men and women. Every effort is made to encourage applicants to make use of the office as a waiting room – not a smoke room – with daily papers and magazines where they may remain in the hope they will be the right person in the right place when a job turns up. 11 10 06 # c.32.1

Hopkin brothers, Little Downham dispute over will 11 06 06b

Haddenham Pledger inquest 11 10 06c & e

Littleport doctor car accident with horse at Southery – 11 10 06c

Tons of blackberries have been wasted this year because people have not thought it worth while to gather them. There was an unusually bountiful crop and it would have provided a considerable souse of income for many cottagers. Addenbrooke's Hospital has received plenty of apples and plums and 1,500 lbs of jam have been made for them. Eggs, carrots, potatoes and green stuff are also most acceptable: last year quantities of potatoes and carrots were stored at the Hospital and were still in good condition last July 11 06 06f

Mr C.W. Cooke, coal dealer of Gwydir Street, had been hired to take some furniture to a house at Willingham. All went well until near Longstanton when the van burst into fire as though somebody had dropped gunpowder on it. Mr Cooke tried to get some of the furniture off the cart but the flames had too strong a hold and his coat caught light. The horse then ran off with the van but pulled up with its tail slightly burnt. The whole of the contents including carpet, flower stand, fender and horse brasses were utterly ruined. 11 10 06g

A fire broke out at a house in Hooper Street on Saturday evening. Mrs Sparkes, who lives with her husband at no.5, lighted a lamp which was without a globe. This was placed near the window and a sudden gust of wind caused the curtains to become ignited. Daniel Hobbs and George Earl, who were passing, obtained buckets of water and doused the flames before serious damage was done. Meantime while Edward Smith, baker of Kingston Street sent for the brigade. They arrived with their motor tender but their services were not required 11 10 06h

1911 10 06 CIPof
Bible Society centenary 11 10 06 c.83
Rootham plays at prom 11 10 06
Cottenham Conservative club 11 10 06
Newmarket memorial 11 10 06
Gale damage 11 10 06

1911 10 13
Mr Moorhouse, who was recently an undergraduate in Cambridge, caused a good deal of excitement by making an unexpected decent on in his monoplane on Parker's Piece. He was flying from Brooklands to Huntingdon and was making a good trip in perfect weather when, on nearing Cambridge, which he at first thought to be Huntingdon, he found himself short of petrol. At Trumpington his monoplane was flying at a height of 9,000 feet and then commenced gradually to decend. Mr Moorhouse alighted near the large central electric light standard on Parker's Piece. An immense crowd quickly ascended, the airman's visitors including the Mayor (Ald. George Stace). With some of his college friends, Mr Moorhouse attended a performance of 'Niobe' at the New Theatre and for some hours the monoplane was the centre of attraction. Wheeled up by the University Arms, it was temporarily housed under a tarpaulin and protected by police. The next morning, with 20 policemen keeping the crowd 'clear', Mr Moorhouse left for Huntingdon. 11 10 13 CIPof

Mr Moorhouse paid a second 'flying visit' to Cambridge. The footballers playing on Midsummer Common abandoned their game at once when the machine came into view over Castle Hill. The aeroplane looked as if it must come down among the crowd, but the airman managed the descent very cleverly, and, travelling a short distance only a few feet from the ground, eventually alighted very smoothly rather less than a hundred yards from the railings on the Maid's Causeway side. On his ascent the machine rose gracefully and easily over the trees and the river. It quickly attained a height of nearly 1,000 feet before he made a circle over Chesterton and then sped off towards Huntingdon, He is an intrepid young man of whom more will doubtless be heard in the future 11 10 13b # c.26.1

St Ives Michaelmas horse fair was held in East Road and Quadrant. The fraternity were very much in evidence and shouting excitedly over prospective deals. These were not very numerous as business was very slow. There was much better attendance in the Cattle Markets but the trade for store stock was very slow owing to the shortage of keep and having to buy feeding stuffs at greatly-increased prices. The pleasure part of the fair, with the various shows, was quite as large as usual 11 10 13

Sunday was the first day of the annual Willingham Feast and the village was visited by the largest crowd on record during Feast-time. The chief interest centred in the Salvation Army and the People's Mission bands who kept the village in a lively state from early morning until nine o'clock at night. There was a procession of 2,000 persons accompanied by an army of collectors wearing Addenbrooke's Hospital sashes who visited every house. In the evening the usual service was held in the Tabernacle, every inch of standing room being occupied 11 10 13a

Parishioners of Conington celebrated the restoration of their ancient church. The building had been in a dangerous condition when the Rev Kemmis was appointed. Now it has been re-roofed and reseated with new choir stalls and an excellent organ. The bells had not been pealed for 50 years, although one had been strung up in a tree in the churchyard and rung for services. Now they have been recast and re-hung. The restoration has been a good work well carried out, but there is still a heavy deficit to be funded. 11 10 13c

Another Swavesey young man has left to try his fortune beyond the seas. Fred Wilderspin is to sail from the Albert Docks, London, to Queensland. Brought up a farmer he intended to learn Australian methods and then go in for sugar and banana growing. He will be much missed: he was one of the founders of the dancing classes and their success was due to his efforts 11 10 13d # Emigration

A mysterious epidemic has broken out at Littleport. Eighteen cases of the disease, thought to be 'spotted fever', have occurred and four people have died. It has appeared in eleven households, attacking children from 18 months to eight years of age. The schools are being closed and the Littleport pupils of the Ely High School for Girls are not allowed to attend. A report that the disease has also made an appearance at Haddenham is without foundation 11 10 13e

1911 10 13 CIPof
Moorhouse lands Parker's Piece & Midsummer common 11 10 13 c.26.1
School attendance 11 10 13
King shoots at Chippenham 11 10 13
Court cases 11 10 13
Electric Theatre 11 10 13

1911 10 20
Tobacco growing at Methwold, description of visit – 11 10 20
Ernest Terence Hooley, Papworth and Dry Drayton, bankruptcy hearing – 11 10 20a

Dale's Brewery of Cambridge has been awarded the world's championship (and a 50-guinea cup) for the best bottled beer at the Brewers' International Exhibition held in London. The championship beer is selected from those entries winning first prizes in the various bottled beer classes. The first prize won by Dale's was for the best pale ale and this was unanimously judged as champion. They also won an award for their draught beer. Considering the firm is hardly 12 years old this is a remarkable achievement. 11 10 20b # c.27.41

A cow being brought home with others strayed un-noticed into the stack yard of Fred Cross at Cottenham. It was found firmly wedged between a brick wall and one of the Government telegraph posts. The release was a work of considerable difficulty, corn stacks preventing free access. Ropes were fixed to its body and she was dragged out by main force, much exhausted after 24 hour's struggle. Up to Wednesday the cow had not been able to move, except when helped by attendants 11 10 20c

The peaceful village of Buntingford was greatly shocked by a tragedy more serious than any other which had occurred for a great number of years. A five year-old boy who was on his way to school was attacked by a woman with a carving knife 11 20 20d

1911 10 20 CIPof
Special constables 11 10 20
Dale's world champion beer 11 10 20 c.27.4
St Etheldreda festival, Catholics 11 10 20 c.83.02
Hooley bankruptcy 11 10 20
Noisy newsboy fined 11 10 20
Judge's golden wedding 11 10 20

1911 10 27
The Medical Officer reported that the wife of the landlord of the Golden Lion at Bourn had fallen ill with typhoid. He had tested the water supply and found nothing wrong with it. He was told that she had eaten some mussels and was of the opinion that this was the cause. This was no uncommon occurrence. 11 10 27 also water supply Eltisley, Croxton, Papworth area 11 10 27

The annual gleaners' tea was held at the Anchor, Bottisham. The large club-room was prettily decorated and tea was served in a capital style. Upwards of 70 persons sat down. During the evening some good songs were rendered by several of the company and all seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly. Before separating each guest received a quarter of a pound of tea. They toasted the health of Sir Charles Rose, MP, who had liberally subscribed to the funds. 11 10 27d

The 1904 Licensing Act gave justices power to close pubs with compensation on grounds of redundancy. Then Cambridgeshire had 675 'on' licences, Cambridge 241; in six years 115 houses had closed, of which 35 were in Cambridge. The 1908 bill had suggested formula for the number of licenses. Under it Cambridge would have had entitlement of 82, a loss of 124 pubs. In Fen Ditton three of the existing pubs would have been closed and customers concentrated into the remaining two. But there was no evidence that a reduction in the number of pubs meant less drunkenness. Some people thought it was a crime for a working man visit to a pub to get a glass of beer but the drink is not the chief attraction: it is the social intercourse. 11 10 27a-c # c.27.4

The Cambridge Society for the Blind was established at a meeting attended by the Masters of several colleges. The number of blind were gradually tapering off as there were few diseases of the eye that were not understood and most were preventable or remediable. But there should be a society to watch over their interests. Sadly H.M. Taylor of Trinity was unwell. When his sight first failed he had the greatest difficulty in learning anything about the blind. He had given his powerful intellect for others who suffered the same trouble and had established a firm to publish embossed scientific works for the blind. 11 10 27e # c.21.1

1911 10 27 CIPof
Missions to seamen bazaar 11 10 27
Blind society formed 11 10 27 c.21.1
Clergy salaries low 11 10 27 c.83
Cabinet changes, Churchill Admiralty 11 10 27
Hayward, Hobbs cricket bat 11 10 27
Boundary extension order 11 10 27
University student numbers 11 10 27

November 1911 CWN & CIPof

1911 11 03
The airman who made two wide circuits of Cambridge on Wednesday evening was Mr W.B. Moorhouse, who had flown from Huntingdon, whither he returned in the dark, guided by the flarelights on Portholme. The journey of 40 miles occupied 42 minutes – 11 11 03 # c.26.1

Fire destroyed two cottages in Pope's Lane, Little Thetford. One, consisting of two rooms with no upstairs, was occupied by a man named Moden who succeeded in saving all his goods and chattels. The other comprising two rooms down and two up was tenanted by Richard Driver who was not at home and some of the furniture was consumed. Luckily there was no wind or some old buildings on the other side of the narrow village lane must have been involved. The blaze could be seen from Stretham Railway Station. 11 11 03a

The Bishop of Ely said 150 clergy had incomes of under £200. Many had to maintain very large houses. He'd just learned of a living of well under £100 where, owing to the dry weather, ominous

cracks had appeared in the wall of the vicarage which was absolutely unsafe. Yet the whole burden of putting it right rested on the incumbent. And when sickness attacked it was the vicar's duty to supply a replacement during his illness. But it was difficult for a minister to appeal to the congregation for assistance from his own pulpit 11 11 03b & c

The Cambridge stationmaster, Mr Holdich, was presented with a gold watch and a cheque for 100 guineas on his retirement. When he'd started with the Eastern Counties Railway in the 1850s the rolling stock was in a wretched state. He'd ridden in a carriage with no roof, others had a roof but no windows. In 1894 he'd been appointed to Cambridge, dealing with Masters of Colleges, learned Professors, royalty and other distinguished personages. Then there was the Royal Show. But they'd got through all right. 11 11 03d # c.26.2

Two unusual events occurred at Oakington. Several women had obtained employment in a neighbouring village gathering potatoes, but on Tuesday decided to strike for more wages. As they could not come to terms, they left the work and returned home. Much excitement was caused on Wednesday afternoon by the sight of an aeroplane flying over Oakington. This is the first one that has passed over this village. Many of the inhabitants had a good view of it 11 11 03f

Cambridge Town Council wanted Victoria Bridge and its approaches to be declared a main road and maintained by the County Council. But they did not agree: the Bridge had been built under an Act of Parliament at the expense of Chesterton UDC and Cambridge Town Council. After the bridge was built Victoria Avenue had been declared and made a main road. But there was already a main road from Chesterton to Cambridge via Magdalene Street and over the Great Bridge 11 11 03i & j # c.44.7

Balsham school now had 163 children in attendance and the time had come when a master should be appointed to take charge. So the mistress and her husband had received notice to quit. This was unfair: she had been at the school for 12 years and would shortly have been entitled to a pension. Her husband, although unqualified, taught gardening and wood-carving. Coun. Webb felt that if such teachers were to be cast adrift just to please school managers then heaven preserve anyone from being in their declining years at the mercy of Cambridgeshire Education Committee. 11 11 03g & h

1911 11 03 CIPof
Price of Wales to Cambridge University 11 11 03
Littleport plague of birds 11 11 03
Aeroplane over Cambridge 11 11 03 c.26.1
Romsey Town institute baths 11 11 03 c.21.1
University improve wheat 11 11 03
Smallholdings land 11 11 03
Histon school approved 11 11 03

1911 11 10
Serious 'ragging' took place in celebration of the 5th of November. A number of undergraduates carried 'life-preservers' and a violent assault made on the premises of Messrs Rattee and Kett where an employee was seriously injured. A mounted policeman was pulled from his horse and a police sergeant received a nasty cut over his eye. A member of the University was arrest for assault. But beyond the smashing of a number of street lamps little actual damage was done to property 11 11 10a & b # c.36.94

One of the worst fires in the Aldreth district for many years made such headway that the whole of the farm buildings together with three stacks belonging to farmer Henry Wilkin were totally destroyed. The Haddenham Fire Brigade did not turn out as their engine had been sent away for repair and by the time the Ely Brigade arrived it was useless to think of saving any of the property. Machinery and other effects blazed furiously, the occasional explosions caused by the bursting of boilers adding to the prevailing terror 11 11 10

A labourer was charged with stealing cultivated mushrooms from a field in Swavesey. The defendant claimed they were only meadow mushrooms: they'd not been covered with straw and there was no artificial heat. Field mushrooms sold for twopence a pound, cultivated ones were eighteen pence. But Arthur Norman said that he'd planted mushroom spawn and put up notices saying trespassers would be prosecuted. The man was found guilty and fined one pound plus costs 11 11 10c

Bonfire night battles – detailed account of disturbance – 11 11 10a & b # c.36.94

Steeple Bumpstead churchyard was declared full 50 years ago and villagers have since been interred in the cemetery. But twelve years ago John Wallet of Clay Wall was buried in the churchyard having made provision for his widow to be laid by his side when the time came. Recently a trusty family servant died and Mrs Wallet applied for permission to bury him beside of the family vault. But many were upset when old parishioners had been refused and filled in the newly-dug grave. It was soon cleared and the funeral took place. 11 11 10d

A motor car drove into Sawston with several undergraduates. They visited the Stores and bought women's hats then commenced their fun by knocking people's hats off in the street and replacing them with those they had bought. The lads next went to the Queen's Head where they compelled the landlord to sit down while they drew the beer. They took pictures from the wall and placed them in the car – but the chauffeur took them back - then quite upset a cinematograph show, one hanging by his toes from a crossbar in the tent. It was a relief to the villagers when the motor left for Cambridge. 11 11 10e # c.36.93

Undergraduate disrupt Saffron Walden fair, one received broken jaw from showman – 11 11 10e

Lolworth church has suffered severely from settlement: serious cracks in the walls of the nave show signs of recent movement; the porch, which is modern, has settled owing to the lack of proper foundations and two brick buttresses show signs of leaving the wall. The cost of repairs is £150. As the parish chiefly consists of farm hands, the Rector has appealed for funds. 11 11 10f

Two daring swindlers victimised a number of University tradesmen by representing themselves as 'Varsitymen and ordering goods to a small amount to be sent to their rooms. They paid with cheques for £5 'from their father' which they got the shopkeeper to cash. The swindlers looked typical undergraduates in grey flannel trousers and tweed jackets, one of them had a gown over his arm. They gave Magdalene as their college and their names were found on the University register. 11 11 10g # c.36.92

1911 11 10 CIPof
Guy Fawkes rowdyism 11 11 10 c.36.9
Balfour resigns 11 11 10
Campkin mayor11 11 10
Grantchester lighting 11 11 10
Wellbrook laundry strike 11 11 10 c.32.3

1911 11 17
'Charles Darwin lived here in 1828' is the inscription in red lettering on a stone tablet recently placed over Arthur Rutter's office in Sidney Street. This is the first tablet of its kind in Cambridge but another one has been put up over 22 Fitzwilliam Street recording that he also lived there. The idea is an excellent one and it is hoped that the example which has been set by the Master of Christ's and members of the Darwin family, will be followed by others 11 11 17 # c.46.45

Portraits of King George and Queen Mary presented to Lolworth School by the County Council were unveiled by Mrs Austin Keen. Mr Keen gave an address appropriate to the occasion after which patriotic songs were sung and each child was presented with a new halfpenny. 11 11 17a

Sidney Walter Lack, a Cambridge man and formerly a great prize-winner on the English cycling track, was an important witness at the Melbourne City Court, Australia when a doctor was charged with murder 11 11 17b

There are several inmates of the Linton Workhouse who the Lunacy Commissioners consider should be treated as lunatics. But the Medical Officer (Dr Palmer) contends they are not lunatics in the correct sense of the word and has not certified them 11 11 17c

1911 11 17 CIPof
Bible Society centenary 11 11 17
Bottisham magistrates 11 11 17
Sheriff appointment 11 11 17
King to India 11 11 17
Bonar Law Conservative leader 11 11 17

1911 11 24
The parish council of Holwell, Herts, has become defunct owing to the fact that of a population of 200 not a single person is willing to serve – 11 11 24

A new and beautiful organ was dedicated at Elsworth replacing a harmonium which has done service for many years but was unworthy of the noble 13th century church. The Rev C.W. Tibbitts raised the funds with half of the money coming from Andrew Carnegie. The builder, A Noterman of Shepherd's Bush, has produced an instrument powerful enough to fill the church with its melody and sweet in tone. The pneumatic action causes it to answer instantaneously to the touch of the player 11 11 24a

The University and Town Roller Skating Rink will open its doors as the County Rink Cinema, Magrath Avenue. A small portion of the large building is being converted into an up-to-date picture theatre where the very best films will be shown. The ticket will also give free entry to the rink and use of skates. The ring will certainly be smaller but still allow for racing and hockey. Gymkhanas and carnivals will continue to be held. 11 11 24b # c.76.5 # c.38 : roller

The Intelligence Department of the War Office have been busy making a minute return of everything likely to be of use in case of war. The number of horses available, places suitable for camps, locality of wells, blacksmiths' shops and farms have all been noted. Cambridge would be a great medical base and a Red Cross hospital would receive medical and surgical cases from all the county hospitals in East Anglia. The headquarters of the surgical division would be at King's College and the medical wards in the Senate House. The nurses would be quartered in Downing College. 11 11 24c # c.45.4 # c.21.4

An inquest was held on a Tadlow labourer accidentally killed by being run over by a cart loaded with coal. His brother said he'd driven one of three carts belonging to Mr Randall carrying coal from Potton station. It had been a quiet horse and deceased did not often ride on the shafts. After stopping at a blacksmith he saw his brother lying in the road and noticed a mark across the chest of the coat as if the wheels of a cart had passed over it. He was carried home but died ten minutes later. 11 11 24e

Sydney Walter Lack, famous Cambridge cyclist, gives evidence at trial in Melbourne – 11 11 24d

John Stanley, poulterer of Peas Hill sued the G.E.R. Company for damages sustained in the carriage of 84 ducklings and three geese from Liverpool Street to Cambridge. They were to have been sent by passenger train the same day. But instead they were taken on to Doncaster. He made numerous inquiries but it was not until 9pm that the birds arrived at the station but the GER could not deliver them until Monday, by which time they would have been bad. But he had an old contract that said the goods were sent at his risk and he lost his case. 11 11 24f # c.27.2 # c.26.2

On Wednesday afternoon a monoplane was observed to be flying over the fields to the west of the allotments at Bourn, going in a northerly direction and apparently following the Old North Road. The airman seemed to be flying at a height of three or four hundred feet. Meanwhile work on the church tower is progressing. Outside the spire had been nearly covered in new lead sheeting and inside workmen are shoring up the tower above the great western arch. 11 11 24g # c.26.1

Cottenham memento of great fire of 1850 unearthed – 11 11 24h

1911 11 24 CIPof
Elsworth organ dedicated 11 11 24
G.K. Chesterton lecture 11 11 24
Smallholding education proposed 11 11 24
Tram service poor 11 11 24
Birth-rate declines 11 11 24

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1911 12 01
The Vicar of Steeple Morden has discharged a good workman living with his wife in a neat cottage in the village simply and solely because he refused to attend church instead of chapel. Eight other employees have agreed to become compulsory church-goers and remain on. Rev Orlebar says: "I don't want anybody to change his religion for me but prefer to employ people who can worship together with me on Sunday. Church-going has become terribly slack in this village, yet these narrow-minded dissenters made an awful fuss because I said a man could play tennis on Sunday and still be a devout Christian" 11 12 01a

County licencing compensation authority meeting – 11 12 01 & a – includes Red Lion, Orwell

The young airman, W.B.R. Moorhouse flew over to Cambridge and alighted on Butt's Green, departing two hours later. He took with him a parcel of shoes made for him by Frank Dalton of Bridge Street that he'd ordered a week ago. Several improvements had been made in the monoplane since his last visit including a bottle labelled 'Cherry Brandy' fixed inside the 'conning tower' fitted up with a flexible tube with a mouthpiece so that he could take a 'nip' when so disposed. The news rapidly spread and several hundred spectators watched his take off. 11 12 01j # c.26.1

There is no doubt that lunacy is steadily increasing owing to the strenuousness of modern conditions. The asylums were never so full as they are today. We have a higher sense of duty to those bereft of reason than obtained fifty years ago and place under restraint cases that would formerly have been allowed to be at large. Fulbourn Asylum is overcrowded and there is no accommodation for further nurses which is especially important as the female side is understaffed. Unless there is some decrease in the number of patients additional expansion will be necessary 11 12 01c # c.21.5

The Cambridge Borough Extension Bill passed – 11 12 01b

Coulson not connected with management of County Rink Cinema - 11 12 01d

The trial of the men charged with burglary at Ashley Post Office heard that police had kept them under surveillance and posted officers at three large houses in the district. Nothing was reported during the night but in the morning the postmaster discovered the office had been broken into and money and postal orders stolen. Police were soon on the scene, armed with revolvers and a gun they raided a house where they found three of the prisoners sitting around the fire. 11 12 01f

The headmaster of Bottisham school, S.H. Hollis, was appointed in February 1873 and opened the school in March under the old School Board. He has taken a keen interest in local affairs, being secretary to the reading room since its opening 25 years ago as well as the annual show, cricket and

Conservative clubs. He was involved in Victoria's two Jubilee celebrations and two coronations, been parish councillor, churchwarden and choirmaster. He has been correspondent of the Cambridgeshire Weekly News since its commencement. 11 12 01g # c.04

F.T. Cross was a popular Ely tradesmen but more widely known as an antiquary. The very interesting museum attached to his tearoom on Fore Hill – the result of his own labour and enthusiasm – has been inspected by visitors from around the world. His death, aged 57, is a great loss. 11 02 01h

1911 12 01 CIPof
Welsh disestablishment 11 12 01
H.M. Butler portraits, Trinity 11 12 01
Moorhouse lands Butts Green 11 12 01 c.26.1
Red Cross Society to form 11 12 01
Senate House honorary degree, wax crest from gallery 11 12 01 c.39 # c.36.9

1911 12 08
The Cambridge Chapter of the Order of World Scouts was inaugurated in St Giles church. It is intended to bind Scoutmasters and officers more closely together in their great work and ensure good men for the positions. Every member swears solemnly to obey the Scout Law. The Histon Troop of the British Boy Scouts was present as were a patrol of the Cambridge B-P Scouts. The order was inaugurated in the Chapel Royal Savoy by the Grand Scoutmaster, Sir Francis Vane when the Cambridge British Boy Scouts were represented. 11 12 08 # c.37.9

Mr Moorhouse made a fine cross-country flight from Huntingdon aerodrome, landing at Northants County Golf Course. After lunch he made a circuit of several villages before returning. He found travelling slow and the cold was so intense he had to descend to a lower altitude. On Tuesday he made a flight by moonlight, making a number of circuits, descending safely by the light of petrol flares 11 12 08b # c.26.1

Trees damaged at Croydon – 11 12 08a

The large building known as Porter's Barn has been pulled down at Over and the appearance of Overcote Road has entirely changed. After the boards had been knocked off the sides and the thatch removed from the roof strong chains were fastened to the centre supports, binding them securely together. To these was attached the wire rope of a traction engine. When all was in readiness a few mighty 'puffs' from the engine brought the whole structure crashing to the ground. Villa residences will be erected upon the site 11 12 08c

1911 12 08 CIPof
Reach school appeal 11 12 08
Newnham to pay rates Cambridge not Grantchester 11 12 08 c.35.7
Moorhouse flies Huntingdon to Northampton 11 12 08 c.26.1
Rothschild honorary degree 11 12 08
Trial eights at Adelaide 11 12 08
Burwell curate appeal 11 12 08
Electric Theatre 11 12 08

1911 12 15
Cottenham ploughing society – 11 12 15

Cottenham housing problems are acute, in some six persons slept in one room. There are 20 people after each house that comes available and if you hear that a man's dying if you don't go before he's dead you don't get the house. The RDC has offered to erect three-bedroom houses if the Parish Council would bear a small burden of the cost. They would have a good garden to help a man pay the rent. But Landlords were concerned that their old cottages might then be left empty 11 12 15 & a

Hauxton School was built on land belonging to the Vicar but is now too small. The County Council offered to buy it or to erect an entirely new one. Instead the Vicar offered to rebuild the old one provided he could continue to provide religious instruction. Children of nonconformists could be withdrawn from these lessons. But the school was built by voluntary subscriptions, it should be returned to the people of Hauxton and instruction left to County Council teachers. 11 12 15h

Cinematographic films were shown in the Guildhall illustrating the Studebaker factory, Detroit where they make a complete car every three minutes. There were miles of aisles and millions of pounds' worth of machinery. Every man has a degree from some technical institute and stays at one machine, ensuring perfection. The finished cars were tested by rushing at break-neck speed over bad roads and ploughed fields. New tyres were substituted as those used in the tests are of little subsequent use. The company is going to take two English motors back to America and pull them to pieces on their machines. 11 12 15b

The problem of rural housing means that it is not only to the towns our youths are flowing, but in ever-growing volume to the colonies. Most villages have given up some of its most promising young men to these dominions beyond the seas. It is not the idlers and the wastrels who are leaving: it is the independent men of spirit who should be the backbone of life in England. Yet a small-holder here, working equally as hard as a Canadian emigrant, can obtain equal return for his labour combined with far greater home comforts and educational advantages for his children. For men prepared to work the old country is by no means played out yet. 11 12 15c

Motor car's fatal plunge into River Nene at Wisbech – photographically illustrated article – 11 12 15d & e # c.04

Hauxton school – vicar's offer – 11 12 15f

Canadian emigration – J.O. Vinter's doubts - 11 12 15g

1911 12 15 CIPof
Rates collected twice year 11 12 15
King in India 11 12 15
Police book fund 11 12 15
Christmas fat stock show 11 12 15
Horses fewer so less oats grown 11 12 15
Empire Theatre, Mill Road 11 12 15 c.76

1911 12 22
A painful incident occurred at St Luke's church. The vicar, Rev F. Hird, was baptising a child when its father rushed in, shouted at his wife to leave and declared he would not have the child christened. He forcibly prevented the vicar from performing the ceremony. The man's children had been baptised at the church and it appears that his objection this time was to his wife taking the boy to the church without his knowledge. 11 12 22

During the week 274 persons have been supplied by the Mayor's soup kitchen and 73 gallons of soup, nine lbs of dripping and six stone of bread have been distributed. Meat, bones etc have been received from Mr W. Robinson of Bene't Street and other butchers, while G.H. French of East Road has given pea flour and Mr Wallis of Haslingfield, swedes. The sale of bone has realised one shilling and tenpence. The mayor has promised to distribute oranges today and Mrs Prior, Furniss Lodge, has kindly promised 150 mince pies. 11 12 22a # c.32.9 # CHRISTMAS

Obituary – Cyril Dunn-Gardner, squire of Fordham – 11 12 22a

Farmers are notoriously suspicious of changes but the development of the telephone system will be welcomed. What long journeys it will save and what facilities it offers for transacting business. There is no need for a separate exchange line for each person. If a sufficient number of subscribers living on a country road will agree to use one line they can telephone as much as they like to the people on that exchange for the fixed charge of £3 a year 11 12 22a

William Macfarlane-Grieve of Impington Park sued the Great Eastern Railway over trees and shrubs which were destroyed by fire caused by sparks or cinders from locomotive engines used on the railway at Histon. During the abnormally dry season the plantations had been set alight eight or nine times. He had seen a train pulled by a red Midland engine, number 134. Directly it passed a fire broke out and he'd picked up cinders from the engine. He was awarded damages. It was the first action under the Railway Fires Act passed in 1905. 11 12 22b # c.26.2

Swavesey dispute over hedge between Bartley, solicitor and Worboys, farmer - refers to Enclosure award – 11 12 22c

1911 12 22 CIPof

Borough extension bill passed	11 12 22	c.35.7
Tobacco growing Methwold	11 12 22	c.22
Workhouse inmate does repairs	11 12 22	
Royston tramps supper	11 12 22	
Ely typhoid outbreak	11 12 22	
Ickleton & Hinxton club room	11 12 22	

1911 12 29
Review of Cambridgeshire in 1911 – 11 12 29

Two Fen Ditton labourers were charged with stealing a lead pump. John Thornton of Quy Water Farm said it had been taken from his yard. He went to a marine store dealer's on East Road and there saw the pump cut up in lengths. The dealer said he'd bought it from a man who said it was of no more use. The accused admitted the theft but claimed they'd been drunk at the time and dare not take it back. They recompensed the farmer for its loss. 11 12 29a

Melbourne Place school tenders – 11 12 29a

Christmas had not passed without a tragedy as the body of a woman was taken from the river at the Fort St George. She'd gone into Cambridge to fetch a plum pudding from a friend who gave her one every year, and to collect a parcel from the Ickleton carrier. Then she'd met her daughter, a wardmaid at Addenbrooke's Hospital. It is thought she was going home with her parcel along the towing path when she slipped into the water – it was a very dark night – and drowned. Her body was caught on the bottom chain of Walter Pauley's ferry. Thomas Reuben Hart, photographer, of 53 Humberstone Road, applied artificial respiration as an ambulance man 11 12 29

Rev H.L.C.V. de Candole leaving Holy Trinity – profile – 11 12 29b

Several Cambridge people cycled to Huntingdon to see the flying at Portholme Meadows. They saw two machines in the air and watched Mr Moorhouse make a beautiful spiral volplane (guide with the engine cut off), then give chase to some sea-gulls. The landing ground was practically flooded and when descending his machine entered the water, causing the tail to lift and turning it completely over. Down it went into the water with Mr Moorhouse in the well of the machine. Numbers rushed to help but before they arrived they saw the aviator come crawling out from under the plane and walk knee deep to a horse and trolley. He seemed none the worse for his involuntary cold plunge 11 12 29 also another plane crashes on landing

Serious accident to Sidney Gandy, formerly of Histon and now a well-known Society entertainer – 11 12 29d

The Saxon and Norman Portland Cement Company, whose works form a well-known landmark near Cambridge, is to sell its local factories to the British Portland Cement Manufacturers Ltd which has been formed to control most of the important cement works in Britain. It is gratifying to note that Mr A.C. Davis, to whose energy and business acumen the Saxon Works owe so much of its success, is to be the Managing Director of the new Company 11 12 29c

1911 12 29 CIPof
New Theatre playbill 11 12 29 c.76
Six-a-side football introduced 11 12 29 c.38 : football
Cambridge Town v France Christmas Day 11 12 29 c.38 : football

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1912 01 05
'Canada, the land of opportunities and work for all' was the title of a lecture at Orwell by Mr F.O. Chapman accompanied by Mr Alfred Suttle, the well-known shipping agent of Fitzroy Street. He has parties leaving every week and those desirous of emigrating should secure their berths with him. The schoolroom was packed with one of the largest audiences ever seen in the village and the lecture, illustrated by beautiful photographic views, was heartily applauded at the close. Cities were springing up like mushrooms, the wondrous fertility of the soil made husbandry enormously remunerative and the Canadian Government offered any man 160 acres of land free.12 01 05 & a

The need for a proper bathing place for St Ives has been discussed for years. Now a scheme had been formulated for acquiring a portion of the osier holt opposite the parish church with dressing sheds and a rustic bridge. The land had been offered by Mr Wright Ingle for £70. Some opposition was raised on the score of expense but this was silenced by the Mayor volunteering to pay any overspend out of his own pocket. An Inspector had visited the site and found it was flooded. However these floods never lasted more than three weeks, an enquiry was told. 12 01 05b

New Year welcomed by rockets – 12 01 05c # c.39

The business of William Bell and Son was founded in Cambridge in 1794 and has long been one of the leading builders & builders' merchants. It moved its headquarters to Saffron Walden in 1886 where the firm constructed many architectural adornments, notably the Town Hall, Hospital and Friends' School. They also opened up Victoria Avenue, Mandeville Road etc. Its senior partner, Alderman Joseph Bell, was associated with practically every public institution and was one of the oldest Freemasons. Six carriages and 60 employees followed his coffin at his funeral 12 01 05d

Worshippers at Barton parish church were greatly disappointed last Sunday. They waited patiently until about seven o'clock when, as no clergyman made his appearance, the choir began to leave, followed by the congregation. For the last two years the Rev A.L. Phillips has very kindly ministered, quite voluntarily and without payment, and held two services, morning and evening. But last Sunday he had an appointment to preach at Somersham. He found a friend to take the morning service but he could find nobody for the evening one. He accordingly sent word to that effect but owing to some misunderstanding, the congregation was not informed. 12 01 05f

The season of peace and goodwill at Aldreth was marred by a daring burglary on the premises of Martin Wilkin. On the night following Boxing Day the family had retired to bed. The doors and windows were all fastened, a tablecloth covered the remains of the supper and the lamp had been extinguished. But they were awakened by a noise and found the door had been opened, the food had disappeared, the whisky decanter been emptied and the floor was strewn with pieces of bread, meat and cheese together with crumbs from the mince-pies. 12 01 05g

The old year was tolled out at Swavesey and the New Year rung in by the bells of the parish church. At the evening service the Vicar made special reference to the loss the parish had sustained by the dead of Mr H. Beaumont and John Williams who had held the offices of schoolmaster and organist. The Black Horse Inn closed its doors as a public house for the last time having been closed under the Compensation Act. No less that eight licensed houses have been shut up within the last few years. And at Swavesey station yard a number of live queen wasps were found in some heaps of granite. They were promptly destroyed 12 01 05i

A distressing case came before magistrates at Newmarket court. Police were called to Dyson's lodging house where a woman had been told to leave because of her unpleasantness to other lodgers. She had taken her five children into the street where rain was falling in torrents. Police had suggested they go to the Union, out of the wet, but she'd refused, saying "Before I go there I will cut the throats of the lot of them". She was very excitable and had been drinking. They took her to the police station and the children were sent to the workhouse. The woman told the court that her husband had no regular work for two years. They had been turned out of a house in Cambridge as she could not pay the rent. A man had given her sixpence and they'd come by train to Newmarket 12 01 05h

An Excise officer walked into Thomas Hardy's sweet shop in Fitzroy Street at 10.30 one evening and bought a bottle of lemonade, which he drank on the premises. This rendered the shopkeeper liable to a penalty of £20 for 'keeping a refreshment house without a licence'. It is perfectly legal to drink lemonade in the shop until ten at night and after five in the morning but otherwise it is a serious offence. The magistrates dismissed the case. It will act as a warning to those who wish to oblige thirsty teetotallers after the mystic hour of ten 12 01 05j & k

1912 01 12
The new landlord of the Bridge Hotel, Clayhithe, is a Fellow of the Zoological Society. He had moved from a pub in Norfolk where he kept a menagerie including bears, monkeys, lemurs and a number of birds. He had previously been convicted for feeding a dead old swan to his wolves. He had brought some lemurs, monkeys and dingoes to Clayhithe but would be prepared to dispose of them if Magistrates felt it desirable. They did. He will now only keep a few of the small birds 12 01 12

The head teacher of Balsham School appealed against her dismissal. When she took charge of the school it was in too bad a state for any certified master to tackle. But Managers felt the school needed strengthening and that a master should be appointed. It was difficult to judge the work of the children because the syllabus, except for arithmetic, was so vague as to be of little value. Discipline was not satisfactory: there was a lot of talking and corporal punishment was by no means rare, there having been 38 cases since Christmas. 12 01 12b

A wedding of great interest took place at King's College Chapel, the first in the building for nearly 200 years. The bride, Miss Katharine Heycock, daughter of a Fellow, wore a beautiful dress of white brocade and a train of old lace made by Mrs Thompson of Panton Street. The six bridesmaids wore Kate Greenaway coats trimmed with swansdown and hats trimmed with mistletoe and holly. Amongst the presents were a silver hot-water kettle, silver egg-stand and toast-rack. Afterwards the bride and groom left for the Riviera. The earliest wedding in the chapel was in 1666. 12 01 12c

Aldreth burglar tried – 12 01 12d, confession – 12 01 12e

The year 1911 was notable in Swavesey. A new water supply was peacefully laid on in spite of meetings and threats of angry opposition. The water appears to have given satisfaction, but the cost of it does not. Farmers found it invaluable for the stock when ponds were empty in the prolonged summer drought. Mr C. Wood succeeded H. Beaumont as headmaster but the Bethel Baptist Chapel was pastorless for a lengthy period and the Parish Council was also without a chairman 12 01 12f

1912 01 19
Telephonic communication between the police-station and certain police-officers' houses was discussed. Some police houses were simply hired in an ordinary manner and they might have to move the telephone when a new policeman came to a village and took a different house to his predecessor. At Shelford the call office was only about 20 yards from the constable's house, but you couldn't call him. The Chief Constable said he didn't want a constable sitting in the house waiting to be called. His business is to be outside, looking after the property in the village. 12 01 19

Immense excitement was caused in Glisson Road when a bullock belonging to Charles Wright of Stretham became excited while being driven to the Cattle Market. It took an aversion to Mr J.S.

Palmer, attacking him from the rear. He grasped both horns but was lifted off the ground before slipping out of the way. The animal then dashed into the hall of the Warwick Hotel where Miss Baker closed the inner door just in time. The bullock butted it, then sat down on the mat. Mr Atkins, the butcher, sent two men with a rope and the animal was finally restrained 12 01 19a

Littleport blacksmith, Gotobed, in court – 12 01 19a

A splendid test of the safety of the New Theatre in the event of an alarm of fire was carried out on Saturday night when it was found that 1,400 people passed from the Theatre in less than four minutes. The audience had no knowledge that a test was taking place and the staff had no orders except to throw open all auditorium doors and emergency exits. The house was crowed to its fullest extent and, as it was pantomime week, there was an exceptional number of children. The result is of particular interest as the New Theatre is to be used periodically as a cinematograph and variety theatre in which people are needlessly nervous of fire 12 01 19b

Thomas Askham was one of the oldest and best-known of Cambridge tradesmen. As a young man he worked for Thomas Hunnybun, the coach builder of Sidney Street, and then founded the coach builder businesses on Newmarket Road, Regent Street and a house in London. But as the motor industry grew, there was less for him to do and he had to employ fewer men. Jointly with Mr Tudor, he built the Hippodrome on Auckland Road, of which he was proprietor at his death. Before the era of the picture palace this place of amusement was exceedingly popular and provided many with healthy enjoyment who would otherwise have been walking the street. 12 01 19c # c.76.9

Carlton choir and Sunday School treat – 12 01 19d

Everyone should be able to live in safety in their own homes without fear of being murdered or having their property stolen, Prof Ridgeway told a packed meeting at Fen Ditton. The object of the National Service League was to make sure of the defensive powers of this country, so that if any force should land the forces of this nation should be able to repel them and destroy them, and keep the homes of the people in safety. The audience expressed their approval. 12 01 19e # c.45.4

1912 01 26
On Plough Monday it was the custom at Bottisham for ploughboys to have half a gallon of beer at each of the five public houses. Police found two of them drunk in the road. One had collided with a wall and could not get up; he was taken home in a wheelbarrow. The landlord of the Swan Inn said he'd only supplied them with beer. But his wife said she'd served the men with whisky that farmer Woollard had paid for. He confirmed that he'd put sixpence in the ploughboys' box and treated them to whisky. He would be surprised to find men sober who had visited at the public houses in the village. But they were sober when they left. 12 01 26 & a # c.39

The long-sustained wet weather and recent snowfall have brought serious floods. Rising waters have caused the stoppage of the chain ferries to Chesterton, the towing path under Victoria Bridge was submerged and meadows between Grantchester and Newnham are under water. A ride on the Great Eastern Railway from Huntingdon to Cambridge presents a view of an immense lake studded with trees and the large Portholme Meadow is under water to a considerable depth. At St Ives basements in Bridge Terrace and kitchens at Filbert's Walk are flooded. 12 01 26b

Wesley church raises £15,500 for rebuilding – 12 01 26c # c.83

Dr Waldstein of Newton Hall says Cambridge is a place where there should be some industry where people who are often idle might be employed. There are women who work - bedmakers for instance - who have husbands who do not. Some years ago he tried a scheme for wood carving but it fell through and the local clay is not right for pottery. Now he proposed the establishment of a heraldic bureau to become a centre of inquiries from architects and provide private individuals with authoritative information on family coats of arms. 12 01 26f &g # c.58

The question of providing an adequate water supply to rural areas is attracting a great deal of attention. One cottage at Caxton stood a quarter of a mile from the village pump and, except for the rain water caught from the roof, they had to carry every drop of water from the pump. The family was a large one and they did their own laundry work, so one could guess how many journeys would be made in the course of a week in the hot, dry weather. Yet they refused to have water laid on and the Parish Meeting had unanimously opposed a supply. However it was the District, not the Parish Council, who was responsible. Old prejudices are deep rooted and a rural population notoriously slow in absorbing a new idea. If they neglected their duty the Medical Officer would bring pressure to bear on them. 12 01 26 d & e & h # c.24.2

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1912 02 02
Dickens Centenary, Guildhall, Cambridge, February 6th 1912. Messrs Grant & Lane beg to announce Frank Speaight Dickens Recitals. Pickwick. Tickets: reserved seats three shillings, second seats two shillings, admission one shilling. Schools, not less than 10, special terms. – Advertisement 12 02 02 # c.76

A conference on rural water supplies heard that many villages are supplied with drinking water from shallow wells just a few yards from a leaky cesspool or privy-pit. These often leak: the emptying of such receptacles is very unpleasant work and if they are made water-tight needs doing more frequently so it often happens that a crowbar is used to make a water-tight cesspool leaky. The roofs of average village cottages are scarcely desirable gathering grounds for drinking water but often the water thus collected and stored underground is infinitely safer than from wells and being soft is usually preferred for use in tea making and cooking 12 02 02a Constance Cochrane evidence – 12 02 02b # c.21.1 # c.24.2

Burwell small holdings – history and details – 12 02 02c & d

Ghostly rappings on the back door of a cottage at Tydd-street, St Mary, a village near Wisbech are causing great excitement. At first the noise was supposed to be the work of a practical joker, but constant watching disproved that theory. The noises occurred between nine in the morning and seven in the evening. On Wednesday fully 100 people assembled round the cottage and the noises were distinctly heard by all. The owner of the cottage has consulted two Wisbech spiritualists and nothing has been heard of the knocking since then. 12 02 02e # c.39

The accumulation of duties from which the County Council is suffering as increased the amount of work to be got through at the quarterly meetings. Yesterday's lasted from ten in the morning until half-past three in the afternoon and most of the members had drifted out long before the end. There is a tendency to rush things and a general spirit of indifference due to weariness of the flesh. Chairmen of committees tend to leave the chamber when they have piloted through their own reports. Some alteration must be made. 12 02 02g # c.35.2

A new County Hall is needed. The existing clerk, a solicitor in private practice, works from his own office. The Education and Medical departments are on opposite sides of Sidney Street, the Finance Clerk in is Regent Street, the Architect in Hobson Street and the Surveyor in Hills Road. This is inconvenient and uneconomical and leads to inefficiency. 12 02 02h # c.35.2

Cambridge Fire Brigade were called to a fire at a property in Chesterton Lane and turned out with the motor and fire engine. On arriving at the house, which is unoccupied and is one of a row which are being pulled down, they discovered the woodwork over the fire place and a cupboard adjoining were alight. The flames were quickly extinguished by the aid of the hand pump. Captain Greef, Lieut. Diver, Engineer Pearl and firemen Papworth, Brookman and others assisted. 12 02 02i

Dilley, Son & Read held their horse repository sale at St Ives when 130 animals came under the hammer. Judging now commences with the harness horses at 10 o'clock, the vanners and cart horses follow in order and the sale begins half an hour earlier. This alteration proved successful: the sale was well over in time for the buyers to get their horses loaded up by the two o'clock trains, getting the animals home that same afternoon. There was a large attendance and prices were most satisfactory 12 02 02j

A gruesome discovery was made by a man living in Deacon's Lane, Ely. He had been doing repairs in an empty cottage next door to his own and when in the garden noticed an air brick, partly covered with earth. Picking up a fork he uncovered what appeared to be a child's skull. Digging further he discovered wrapped in a bundle of discoloured linen the remains of a child's body. It had laid in the ground for about a year. 12 02 02k

1912 92 09
A new Fen decoy of eight acres is being made near Whittlesey for Mr Childers and Lord Rothschild has secured a large breadth of fenland at Woodwalton for something of a similar nature. During the last 30 or 40 years there has been a decoy in process of formation at Market Deeping. It is 40 acres in extent and is now perfect as a sporting or pleasure shoot. It is proposed to add another 60 or 70 acres and it will be known as the Deeping Fish Ponds or Mere 12 02 09 # c.44.2 # c.38 : wildfowling

Carpenter killed in fall from scaffolding at Scientific Instrument Works, Chesterton – 12 02 09a

Whittlesford needs four cottages for the working classes, but £800 was too dear, councillors decided. The Medical Officer said some people could not get married because they wanted cottages and some would not live in the present ones because they were insanitary. During the last 25 years only two new cottages and four bungalows had been built in the village. Sons and daughter of old residents had got married and gone to live outside the parish as had many single men. People had to wait two or three years before they can get a house – even the minister had to stay in lodgings for some months. – 12 02 09a

The manager of the Coronation Hotel, Newmarket was awakened by his dog and found smoke coming into the room through the chinks in the doorway. On opening the door he was met by a volume of smoke pouring in from the corridor. Finding the usual outlet to the street barred he went round to the back and lowered himself by a knotted sheet from a window. The heat of the flames cracked the liqueur and spirit bottles which added to the flames but six dozen bottles of Bass, when broken, assisted in extinguishing them. 12 02 09f

The weather was brilliant and the ice splendid for the race for Littleport Skating Club's 50-guinea challenge cup. There was a strong wind blowing down the course, the winner of the toss having the advantage of the shelter of the spectators after the last turn, this accounting for one or two wins. This wind made the necessity of three races a trying ordeal. After a dispute over the toss in the final round C. Brett lead all the way but Greenhall, by crossing over and finishing up on the wrong side of the course was placed fourth. 12 02 09c & d # c.38 : ice skating

Linton has been deprived of one of its most popular residents by the death of Charles Morley at the early age of 33 years. He passed away with tragic suddenness while auditing the books of the Ancient Shepherd's Lodge at his home. He had been the Linton agent for Messrs Coote and Warren, coal dealers, and been secretary of the Flower Show & Sparrow Club, past grand master of the Oddfellows' Lodge and a member of the Parish Council. 12 02 09e

Fire destroyed a large part of the first chicory factory in England, that of J.A. Wootten of Cambridge, at Fenstanton. The caretaker had been using an American oil stove in which he burnt paraffin oil and found the room was on fire. Thinking to extinguish the flames, he threw water on the stove, which caused the oil to run all over the room and enabled the flames to spread rapidly. The brigade tried to pump water from a pond but found the pipes were frozen and the work of saving the factory had to be

delayed while they were thawed with boiling water obtained in saucepans from neighbouring cottages. Fortunately the machinery was saved together with the bond room containing two tons of manufactured chicory. 12 02 09g

Wesley Church trustees hold important meeting to discuss plans - 12 02 09h # c.83.06
Conservators dredger to be repaired, University Boat Club would pay towards dredging 12 02 09b

1912 02 16
The former tenant of the Hoops at Kneesworth complained that when magistrates took away his licence they had taken away his living. They had said there were too many public houses in the village. But since then the building had been demolished and a handsome village clubroom built on the site where members could obtain intoxicating drinks. The Bench said they could not remedy the matter and if he wanted to get beer he should become a member of the club. He had since become licensee of the Rose at Bassingbourn. 12 02 16 Tenant of Green Man at Thriplow, a heavy drinker, jumped from bedroom window. Beehive beerhouse Litlington, Oak beerhouse Melbourn and Hill House beerhouse Steeple Morden closed.

A Cambridge man, Mr H.P. Allin, has recently invented a novel and ingenious indicator for taxicabs. Hitherto it has been difficult at night to ascertain whether an approaching taxi is engaged or not. His device consists of a metal case in the front of which is fixed a glass panel bearing the words 'For Hire' and illuminated from behind with a suitable artificial light. A hinged flap is connected by rods to the flag of the meter. On the cab being hired, and the flag lowered, the flap falls and hides the sign. 12 02 16b # c.26.47

Sidney Gandy was one of the ablest of our society entertainers. As a ventriloquist he had few equals and his skill in thought-reading was exceptional. He had been a keen sportsman, organist, choirmaster and schoolteacher at Histon before leaving in 1887 to take up the professional life. Strange to relate the directors of the Histon Institute wrote to engage Mr Gandy for their forthcoming annual entertainment on the very day he met with his accident – 12 02 16d & e # c.76

G.H. Verrall's will; Wicken Fen left to the National Trust – 12 02 16e

Joseph Marr, Meldreth farmer obituary – 12 02 16e

The biggest fire seen in Cambridge for nine years broke out at Clement Johnson's rope, sack and tarpaulin factory facing the railway station. The building was completely gutted. The walls which must have been very strongly built when the factory was erected nearly 50 years ago, remained intact, but everything inside - sacks, ropes, twine, tarpaulins and marquees - was totally destroyed. Mr Johnson knew nothing about the catastrophe until he left a train and walked out of the station when he saw the whole factory ablaze 12 02 16f & 16a # c.34.75

1912 02 23
The Cambridgeshire Weekly News has been permanently enlarged to twelve pages. This has been rendered possible by the installation of a new two-reel rotary press. We now have the capacity to turn out four-page papers like the CDN at the rate of 50,000 an hour and 12-page papers are delivered folded and counted. This is the first newspaper press in Cambridgeshire to be driven by electricity with a special transformer installed at the New Theatre substation. 12 02 23 # c.04

The funeral of Canon John William Cockshott was held at Burwell. After leaving Cambridge University he'd hoped never to return to the fens but was called to the curacy of Soham. From there he went to Burwell where he established the Mission Church. He built a school at Reach, which has since been consecrated, and also restored the church at Landwade. In 1885 he was appointed vicar of Stretham where he remained until 1906 when he felt unable to fulfil his duties to his satisfaction. On his retirement he went to live at Shelford where he did active pastoral work. 12 02 23a

In 1898 a number of men in the neighbourhood of Newmarket Road decided to form an allotment association to acquire land that the Co-operative Society were relinquishing. 12 02 23f # c.18

About 150 Boy Scouts took part in a convoy scheme at Histon. The idea was that a Blue Force, about 40 in number, was besieged in Histon village by a Red Force of over 60 Scouts, while a Blue relief column from Cambridge, some 40 strong, divided into two parts, each with a trek-cart, endeavoured to relive them. The relief party, under Scoutmaster Curzon, advanced via Milton but met with serious opposition at Impington. A detachment of the Red Force was sent to hold the level crossing on the Histon-Girton Road but was ambushed. After the 'Cease Fire' the scouts had tea at Histon Institute 12 02 23h # c.37.9

Ex-Supt William Allen joined Hunts police force in 1857. He was first stationed at Yaxley, then moved to Alwalton and Fletton. During Peterborough Bridge Fair they had no less than 23 drunken persons in the lock-up at one time. Later he was stationed at Stilton and Sawtry, a village which contained a very warm set of customers for the law to deal with. But a journey or two to Norman Cross police station (built in 1866) soon toned down the tendency of some of the villagers to break the law and Sawtry became as quiet as any other village. 12 02 23b & c

Pioneer credit society discussed at Steeple Morden – 12 02 23d

Window cleaner in collision with motor cart – 12 02 23d

Collision between cycle and 'sociable' at Waterbeach – 12 02 23g

Cottenham landlady & tenant – 12 02 23

Sir – In recent years many parishes have had their church bells re-hung in metal cages, instead of in oak cages, which was the old method. This is likely to harm old church towers. A properly-constructed bell-cage stands clear of the walls so that the timbers can spring and a minimum of jar is transmitted to the tower. When metal cages are fixed rigidly the vibration loosens the masonry and cracks the walls, causing damage not easily repaired. Old towers are valuable works of art: who is happy to risk damage coming to them? – A.R. Powys. 12 02 23i # c.69.6

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1912 03 01
St Ives licensed victuallers were told that under a new Act they had to give staff an afternoon off every week. In addition nobody could be employed for more than six hours without a break of at least 20 minutes while three-quarters of an hour had to be allowed for dinner – or an hour if the meal was not taken on the premises. One man complained that he kept a roadside house and was in private employ. If he had to give his wife a half-holiday each week he would either have to shut the house up or lose a half-day's work. 12 03 01

The bridge over the brook at Burrell's Walk should be replaced with one a foot higher so as to prevent it being covered with water in time of flood. A post should be placed at each end to compel cyclists who rode over it to do so at a moderate pace, councillors heard. But this was a waste of money: it only flooded once every five years and it was only a short diversion to come down by the tennis court. The scheme was dropped. 12 03 01a # c.44.7

Belmont Cycle and Motor Club is in a very flourishing condition with an increased membership and improving balance sheet. It will continue to support amalgamation of other clubs to promote the social side of cycling and to arrange the club fixture cards to fit in with amalgamated club runs for the coming season. This would foster friendly feeling and attract fresh members, members were told. 12 03 01c # c.26.485

The merry sound of children's voices and laughter brought many of the residents in Melbourne Place to their doors. A host of happy schoolboys were sporting on the greensward where the old tennis courts used to be and now forms the site of the new higher grade schools, just about to be erected. A file of girls was entering from the Eden Street end while a troop of Boy Schools was drawn up, colours fluttering in the breeze near a piece of ground marked out with surveyors measuring staves. They had come to see the Head Master and Head Mistress turn the first sods on the spot where the new schools are to be built. 12 03 01a # c.36.5

The way-ticket system: a tramp's impression – 12 03 01b # c.32.9

Church bells and church towers – H.B. Woolley – 12 03 01d # c.69.6

G.H. Pearson coal merchant of Milton and two or three men were carting firewood across the river in a boat from the Horningsea side, leaving a horse attached to a heavy tumbrel cart on the towing path at the point where the Milton Fen road branches off from the river. The horse took fright at something and backed down the bank – which is very steep – into the river. It got across to the Horningsea side, then turned round and came back as far as it could where it had to stay until the men reached it with the boat. They freed it from the cart when the animal scrambled out, none the worse for its cold bath. Eventually the cart was also got out. 12 03 01e

A slight mishap occurred at the Milton level crossing when the down gate was smashed by the 6.05 pm train from Cambridge to St Ives. Beyond the smashing of the gate and some slight damage to the brakes, due probably to the sudden stopping of the train, no damage was done. Immediately before this Chivers' work-girls train had passed on the up line. The gateman said that earlier he had let through some sheep and the gates were securely fastened. But the down gate became opened in some way and was run into by the train. This is the fourth accident at this crossing in the last three years. 12 03 01f # c.26.2

1912 03 08
A mock funeral started from the "corpse's" lodging in Lensfield Road. There was a long line of taxis, hansoms and even four-wheelers stretching some distance down Trumpington Street. There was no elaborate "hearse" as in previous funerals: the body was placed quite simply in a hansom bearing the words "Alas! My poor brother" and smoked cigars throughout. His "cabby's" hat was draped with crepe while the majority of the fancifully-dressed mourned wore complimentary black-eyes out of respect for the 'deceased'. There were an extraordinary number of "flappers" – quite stunning flappers some of them were too. One of the best was a suffragette and Mrs Pankhurst also figured in the procession. 12 03 08 # c.39 # c.36.96

Members of the University Officers' Training Corp together with the Leys, Perse and County School O.T.C. took part in night operations with the Honorary Artillery Company from London. A brisk engagement in the vicinity of Arbury Camp culminated in the capture and blowing-up of a gun posted at the windmill near Histon station. The night was not favourable for a surprise attack, the moon was shining brightly and the defenders opened fire. Soon a brisk musketry duel was in progress. 12 03 08b # c.45.4

Adult Suffrage big meeting – 12 03 08a # c.33

If the coal strike continues more than three weeks Cambridge will be faced with a bread famine. One of two of the leading bakers have supplies of fuel and flour to last about five weeks but a small baker consumes over a ton of coal a week and has little storage capacity. If the coal merchants cannot keep the bakers going, there will be no bread. Flour might be available and those people with stocks of coal or gas ovens might bake their own bread but the poor would be hit very hard. 12 03 08c # c.32.5

Whatever hardships may be inflicted on Cambridge inhabitants through the coal strike, it is improbable that their linen will have to go unwashed. Most laundries have a good supply of coke. The situation at Haverhill is generally favourable: Messrs Gurteen, the staple industry, has ample supplies but the coal merchants are nearing exhaustion. However at Saffron Walden the street lamps have not been lighted for two nights and the gas has been at a lower pressure. Ely has not been affected to any considerable extent. The governing factor is the supply of coal. In proportion to the size of the city the coal merchants are fairly numerous and they hold between them a stock of fuel which will meet requirements for four or five weeks. However prices are rising and the cost of a ton of coal at Littleport is nearing 40 shillings. Like the coal merchants, the local bakers are keeping well in touch with what is happening. The price of bread is at the moment as usual but it is becoming a serious question as to whether there should not be an advance and it cannot be delayed should the strike go on for a few days longer, for it is not the happy lot of every Ely baker to be well stocked with the necessary fuel. Gas and water are likely to hold out longer than perhaps anything else. The Gas Works say that under strike conditions, light will be available for some 12 or 13 weeks, if not longer. The Isleham Waterworks too are well off for fuel, sufficient to carry them on for a considerable period. This will come as a great relief to the citizens who still remember their plight at Christmas when water was cut off for nearly two days. The local brewers had taken the precaution to make in large stocks of coal. To sum up the situation in Ely, the city is not being as badly hit as many towns appear to beEly not alarmed – 12 03 08c 12 03 08d # c.32.5

Heraldic Bureau – progress of scheme 12 03 08e # c.58

Assistant Booksellers Association formed – 12 03 08e # c.25

The last meeting of the Chesterton Urban District Council recalled the changes during the last 40 years. Before 1880 there were no street lamps, no sewage system, no street watering and an imperfect water supply. The paths were unkerbed, there was no collection of house refuse, no medical officer, no sanitary inspector, no recreation ground and very few allotments. The population had risen from 5,000 to 12,000. Now councillors would help improve the Borough of Cambridge at large 12 03 08f # c.35.7

University lodging-house keepers have been venting their grievances. One woman has three sets of rooms; if she lets them all the year she gets £84. For rent, rates, taxes and wages of servant she pays £53; that leaves her £31 for whitewashing, papering, staircloth, carpet etc and for food and clothes for herself. But this term all the rooms are empty. However in Chesterton there are many householders who let rooms to undergraduates; when they come part of Cambridge will the rateable values of their houses be increased? Lodging housekeepers should form themselves into a trades union. 12 03 08f # c.27.45

1912 03 15
A School of Weaving has been established by one of the best-known of Cambridge artists, Miss Mary Greene at the Sign of the Pelican and Lilies in Botolph Lane. It is a most delightful little medieval house hung with beautiful works of art. The instructress is Miss Forsell, a Swedish lady, who has already started two schools of weaving. The chief object will be to execute customers' orders on the premises to their own designs. When the pupils have become accomplished spinners and weavers they will be anxious to possess looms themselves and in many houses the loom will be regarded as essential as a piano. 12 03 15d # c.63

Balfour Professorship of Genetics endowed for the experimental study of heredity and of development by decent. 12 03 15 # c.36.9

A Cambridge branch of the National Union of Women Workers would bring together the existing 60 societies. By uniting women of various religious and political opinions a higher standard of work in municipal, educational and philanthropic matters would be reached. It grew from the work of Miss Ellis Hopkins who formed the Care of Young Girls Societies 12 03 15 & a # c.37

Mrs S. Elbourn lives at 30 Stockwell Street, near the Mill Road Baptist Chapel, Cambridge. A year ago she said, "I have to be lifting and stooping about all day at my business and have suffered badly with my back, and with other symptoms of kidney disorder. I didn't know how to move sometimes, I had such pains. I could not get comfort in any position and used to be hours getting to sleep. But since using Doan's backache kidney pills I have not had any trouble" Now twelve months later she is better. "People have often asked me about my cure and I have always been glad to tell them how much good Doan's pills did me". Ask distinctly for Doan's backache kidney pills, the same as Mrs Elbourn had – Advert. 12 03 15a

Cambridge undergraduates formed a Strike Emergency Committee to avert the disaster with which the nation is threatened by the coal strike. The men were extremely enthusiastic and any reference to 'getting the coal' brought vociferous cheers. If they carried out their desire to work in the mines they would require protection: while half were underground the others should be on guard to see the cages and ventilation apparatus were not interfered with. Police would not be able to send help. Postcards were distributed on which students placed their names and addresses which would find them in the vacation if an emergency arose 12 03 15b & c # c.36.9 # c.33.5

Undergraduate plans to organise a strike emergency committee have been attacked by the 'Cambridge Magazine'. It reports: "The strike-smashing Saturnalia of Mr Calderon and his Comic Coal Heavers, which began in Cambridge to the mingled disgust and amusement of King's was continued on Friday night. We hope they will not take themselves seriously, and that their endeavours to make this ancient seat of learning ridiculous will soon cease" 12 03 15c

Ely Medical Officer reported that 18 dwellings in Muriel's Court, Willow Walk, Back Lane and Broad Street were unfit for habitation. They were horrible, some were in a filthy, ruinous and insanitary condition, dangerous to health and not fit for pigs or dogs to live in. On Back Hill a cottage with one room upstairs and one down was being rented for three shillings and sixpence a week. Analysis had found the only water available to tenants was highly polluted with sewage. Such conditions should not be allowed to exist 12 03 15e

Murderous assault, Hemingford Grey – 12 03 15f

The County Council is to purchase Hobson Street Wesleyan Chapel and the adjoining house to build a Council Chamber and offices. The site is central and quiet and although the cost might appear to be high it would eventually result in a saving. There would be much greater efficiency to have all officials under one roof instead of them running backwards and forwards from one place to another. They would also need four less telephones, saving £30 12 03 15f # c.35.1

Coal strike – local railway services – 12 03 15g # c.32.5

1912 03 22
The King has appointed Sir Joseph John Thomson, Cavendish Professor of Experimental Physics, to the Order of Merit. Throughout the world of science this recognition of one of the most eminent of living physicists will be received with satisfaction. His experiments and writings on electricity and magnetism have profoundly influenced scientific views. He has been honoured by innumerable societies and six years ago was awarded the Nobel Prize for Physics. 12 03 22 # c.36.9

Tramps were worthless idle people who did not want to work. They should be taken and dumped into the sea – but this would poison the fishes. Last weekend there were 172 of them in Cambridge. The majority of the men slept together in one common room and loved to be together. If they were separated the number of vagrants would decrease because tramps had a system of signs and would warn others 'That's a bad place, don't go there', a conference was told. 12 03 22a & b # c.32.9

At present a police constable is entitled to a pension after serving 25 or 26 years on the beat. This is as much as most men are able to stand, including as it does a share of night work in all weathers. Policemen who are past their prime, unless by unusual intelligence they have risen from the ranks, are of little use in the Force and the value of their retention is doubtful. But to reduce their pay is astounding. The present sum was fixed more than 30 years ago when living was much cheaper, duties were less exacting and men of a much lower grade of intelligence were considered suitable. A man must be hard put to it to accept such terms. – 12 03 22c # c.34.7

Polling opened in the three contested wards of the districts to be added to the Borough – Cambridge Without, North and West Chesterton - under the most depressing conditions. Rain fell heavily which had an adverse effect on turnout. A sharp thunderstorm came on about midday, a very unfortunate time for those who wished to record their votes during the dinner hour. Some of the flashes of lightning were so vivid and the peals of thunder so heavy that doors and windows rattled while the rainfall was almost tropical in its intensity. In Chesterton East John Bester, who has done more than any other for the amalgamation with Cambridge, was returned unopposed. 12 03 22d # c.35.7

A quiet wedding was solemnised in St George's Church, Penang, between Mr W. Leslie Wood, Superintendent Government Plantations, Perak, Federated Malay States, formerly of Balsham, and Miss Edith Cooper of Teddington. The staff on the Hill Station and caretakers of the Government Sanatoria Bungalows, over which Mr Wood has control, presented the bride with a gold chain necklace with pendants of amethysts and pearls. A luncheon was held on the cool verandah of the Runnymede Hotel, adjoining the sea. 12 03 22e

1912 03 29
Today the population of the Borough of Cambridge is 40.560. On Monday it will be 57,073. The extension of the boundary now brings in Chesterton and the urban portions of Trumpington, Cherry Hinton and Grantchester. These suburbs were inhabited almost entirely by people whose living lay in Cambridge but were separated from it by the River Cam or purely artificial borders. It means that the residents will now be under the care of the Cambridge Town Council. 12 03 29c # c.35.7

The last meeting of the old Town Council rejected proposals to reduce policemen's wages. Thirty years ago any burly ruffian that could knock a man down was supposed to be good enough for a policeman. Today police must be courteous and tactful, able to render first-aid and resourceful in emergency. The presence of thousands of undergraduates made the work more trying and it says much for the present Force that even during a 'rag' there is seldom any friction of a vicious character between the 'Varsityman and 'Robert'. They must be incorruptible: often a policeman is offered a bribe to 'say nothing about it'. Yet in Cambridge the commencing wage is lower than at Oxford or Peterborough. 12 03 29b # c.34.7

Amond Cannell, gamekeeper of Trumpington, told the court he had set three iron rat traps in a field near the road. When he returned next morning they had gone. Det-Serg Marsh went to the Butcher's Arms lodging house and asked two men how they accounted for hawking rat traps on East Road the previous day. They claimed to have bought them from a man near the Catholic Church for threepence. They were sent to gaol for a month. 12 03 29a

Two labourers were charged with stealing a shawl from an Arab pedlar. Rahmount Arab Benmenouar, a dealer in Oriental goods, said "One pinched me one white shawl in my left hand and the other broke me box with the necklace". When he'd asked for them back they'd threatened to strike him. Police said a box containing some imitation pearls had been broken. Nothing had been found on the accused and they were given the benefit of the doubt. 12 03 29

It was wicked for the council to pull down insanitary houses without building cottages for the people displaced. Where were the people turned out to go? Landlords were getting twelve shilling a week for a cottage divided up amongst seven families. In one house there were five occupiers of six rooms, one

family having two and the others one room each. They each paid four-shillings a week whereas the normal rent was only three shillings, councillors were told. 12 03 29d & e # c.23

Work on the new schools in Melbourne Place is practically at a standstill owing to the strike and 50 men are idle. The contractors cannot get delivery of the facing bricks they require. "We have several thousand blue bricks on the rail somewhere between Staffordshire and Cambridge" said Mr C. Kidman. "We are promised red bricks a month after the brickmakers receive coal but they cannot get any". An interesting little machine with massive steam-powered steel jaws was champing up bricks from the curious little row of cottages which had no back premises and no back windows. Five trees had been cut down to provide log for fuel for the engine. 12 03 29f # c.35.8 # c.36.5

Luke Hosegood is retiring from Cambridge Workhouse after 42 years, 36 as Master. During his long service he has made it a model institution as far as the limitation of the old-fashioned building will allow. He first came as school-master when 19-years old and married the schoolmistress, a girl from Bourn. When a vacancy for Master and Matron occurred in 1876 the Guardians, without advertising, selected them. Their daughter is assistant matron and their son honorary organist. Luke was award the 'Victoria Cross of Civil Life' for rescuing inmates from a fire in 1883. 12 03 29g # c.32.9

Football sweepstake at Sawston – 12 03 29h

Soham railway station master G.F. Vipan dies – 12 03 29i

Sergt Gilbey told magistrates he had visited James Chipperfield's cinematograph show at Gamlingay. The building, advertised to accommodate 1,000 people, was three-quarters full. Two men were working the cinematograph machine which was in an iron-lined case. He saw one bucket of sand and one of water, there was a blanket – a piece of horse cloth 15 inches square - but there was no grenade or fire extinguisher. Had there been an outbreak of fire the consequences might have been serious. The firm said they had more fire exits than required and nobody else had complained. But they were fined 16 shillings. 12 03 29j # c.76.9

Pennies wanted – 12 03 29k

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1912 04 05
Cambridge Automobile Co, Sidney Street; list of second-hand cars for sale – 12 04 05 # c.26.48

Cambridge councillors – photos & notes – H.F. Cook, R.H. Adie, W.P. Hollis, W.B. Westley, Jack French, W.E. Morrell – 12 04 05a; J. Bester, Ald Feast, Ald Johnson, H.G. Gray, Counc Conder, Counc Mills, P.J. Squires, W. Hawkins, Counc Lambert – 12 04 05b; # c.35.7

Sir –Milton cemetery is a disgrace to civilisation. There is so much water almost standing within three feet of the surface (it having never been drained) that it is impossible to dig a decent grave there at all. The graves are never dug more than five feet down. The gravedigger has thrown up his job in disgust as the stench that comes through from the other graves with the water. He has to bale out the water until the funeral procession enters the cemetery then put an armful of straw in the bottom to hide the water from the mourners. – Bertram Pearson 12 04 05c

Mr G. Carmichael was appointed resident engineer by the Middle Level Commissioners in 1863 following the flooding at St Germans. He became superintendent of the South Level, then Bedford Level Corporation, Padnal and Waterden and Roswell Pits Commissioners. In 1891 he was also appointed superintendent of the Ouse Outfall Board and Caudle Fen Commissioners, in 1900 of the Middle Fen and in 1909 the Norfolk Estuary Commissioners. After retirement he was elected to the Ely Urban District Council and any advice he gave on drainage matters was treated with importance. 12 04 05d # c.29

Histon – Harry Ward emigrates Canada – 12 04 05e

For some weeks a thick coat of very rough granite has made the centre of Cottenham High Street from Bank Corner practically impossible for vehicular and pedestrian traffic. Some wit caused a small garden roller to be placed on the granite. This so aroused the ire of the authorities that it was seized. The steam roller proper has now arrived and it is hoped that its smaller brother may now be released. 12 04 05f

1912 04 12
Soham church organist and choirmaster, William Feather, retires due deafness – 12 04 12 & a

A parade of past and present members of the Forces presented a very pretty spectacle. First came the Yeomanry in dark green uniforms with red and yellow facings, then came a blaze of scarlets – the 1st Cambridgeshires - followed by the Medicals in dark grey with maroon facings. Bringing up the rear the National Reserve with several veterans, including a Lancer, proudly wearing their uniforms, a fine body of men fit and ready to shoulder rifle again in defence of hearth and home if need be. Overnight they were accommodated in the Corn Exchange, where they were provided with straw palliasses and blankets. 12 04 12c # c.45.4

Complaints have been made that since the enlargement of the borough boundaries the dust and refuse from houses in Cambridge and Chesterton had been collected less punctually. Also different street light times 12 04 12d

A disastrous fire resulting in the complete destruction of two cottages occurred at Lode. The building, which was very old, was of stud and plaster with a thatched roof. It was in the occupation of Mrs Abbott, widow of a former schoolmaster; one room was used by the Lode Institute. Mr Newman and John Fletcher brought out the antiquated Bottisham fire engine, drawn by a slow-going agricultural horse which arrived after an hour. The engine has seen over a century's service, being presented by Miss Jenyns of Bottisham Hall in 1796. It has, of course, been renovated more than once and is still of use in an emergency. 12 04 12g

Easter Vestries were the governing body of rural parish until Local Government Act of 1894 when civil powers transferred to parish councils. The Vestry elected the parish officers including churchwardens, assessors, way-wardens and overseers. In urban areas the Vestry Meetings still exists as a secular body and inhabitants of the parish who have paid their rates are entitled to be present. Their functions are, however very limited. 12 04 12e

Borough health statistics improve with addition of Chesterton – 12 04 12f

The novel sight of log-rolling was recently witnessed on the river at Great Wilbraham. Mr P.C. Brown, having bought some trees from Fulbourn Manor Park, conveyed them down the river from the Park to Great Wilbraham Bridge (quay), where they were landed. 12 04 12h

1912 04 19
Newmarket was only 53 miles from the sea. If a hostile force landed on the Suffolk coast a stand might be made at Needham Market and a battle might take place at Bury St Edmunds resulting in 1,100 casualties. Where would they be taken, fed and nursed? Voluntary Aid Detachments trained men and women to give aid to the sick and wounded in the event of this country being invaded. Otherwise they would be neglected and left to look after themselves, Newmarket section of the British Red Cross Society was told 12 04 19 & a # c.45.4

One of the ancient University privileges is the power to grant licences for the sale of foreign wines. Licences have been granted to Bursars or stewards of colleges, college butlers or managers of college kitchens and to the custodian of Fitzwilliam Hall. Hotel keepers, grocers, chemists, confectioners,

restaurant keepers, the manager of the refreshment room at the railway station and wine merchants also have a Vice-Chancellor's licence which is free. But a wine-dealers licence costs ten guineas annually. Now this last relic of University control over the market and sale of provisions in Cambridge may be abolished 12 04 19b & c # c.36.9 # c.27.4

The eclipse of the sun will be long remembered by school children at Histon. Every child seemed to be carrying a piece of candle-smoked glass and was busy sun-gazing. One old lady retired to bed during the semi-darkness. Upon being told it was only 2 o'clock she could not believe it, saying her hens had gone to roost and she always went to bed when they perched for the night. The strangeness of the phenomenon had evidently deceived the old lady's hens as well as herself 12 04 19h

Titanic sinking – 12 04 19d

Titanic Cambridgeshire victims – 12 04 19e

Sir – Cambridge Corporation have instructed all persons in the out-lying parts to telephone the Central Fire Station in case of fire. We in Chesterton are in a very awkward position. We have no telephones for public use. The nearest fire alarm post is at Quayside and one would have to walk, run or cycle there, and then fumble about in a very poor light trying to find out how to work the apparatus. We need a telephone call office instead. A doctor might be sent for, goods ordered from various tradesmen or one might even ring up his best girl – Philip Clare 12 04 19f # c.34.75 # c.27.75

Soham smallholders association annual meeting – 12 04 19g

E.P. Frost letter of appreciation from Aeronautical Society on his retirement as president – 12 04 19h # c.26.1

Ada Mansfield watch for school attendance – 12 04 19h

1912 04 26
Jack Hobbs dinner at Lion Hotel – 12 04 26 & a # c.38 : cricket

Monsignor Provost Scott anniversary ordination as priest 50 years ago – 12 04 26b # c.83

Romsey Town children had been in court charged with playing in Ross Street or St Philip's Road to the annoyance of the householders. Efforts had been made for 14 years to secure a public recreation ground; now land between the Council School and Mill Road is advertised for sale. It represents one of the last chances to secure an open space. The children of Romsey Town are on the whole healthy and strong and should have an opportunity of breathing fresh air on this open space, a meeting was told. 12 04 26c # c.37.9

Auctioneers' Institute meeting – 12 04 26d

Arthur Tress Grain, founder of firm of auctioneers & estate agents – funeral – 12 04 26d # c.06

A serious accident occurred to an employee of Messrs Watts and Son, timber merchants, on Newmarket Road. He was working at his tile machine when he caught his right hand in the gault knives, which drew his arm into the machine. His fellow worker was able to stop the machine at once. Drs Naish and Pain were called and it was found necessary to chloroform him and take the machine to pieces before the arm could be extricated. He was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital where the arm was amputated speedily. He is doing as well as can be expected 12 04 26e # c.27

Mr W.B.R. Moorhouse covered the 80 miles between Huntingdon and Brooklands at a speed of a mile a minute. Steering a 50 h.p. Gnome engined Bleriot monoplane, the aviator started at 7.05 am, the weather being perfect. A little more than an hour later he was passing over Hendon but then ran into a

thick mist at Hampton Court and had to descend to within 60ft of the earth in order to steer a good course. He made a safe landing at Brooklands at 8.25am. 12 04 26f # c.26.1

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Two ancient and honoured families were joined together when Lieut Francis Percy Campbell Pemberton, 2nd Life Guards, only son of the Rev Canon and Mrs Pemberton of Trumpington Hall was married to Miss Winifred Worsley of Hovington Hall, Yorkshire. The wedding was a fashionable and brilliant function. Amongst the presents was a handsome silver tea tray from the 19 servants at Trumpington Hall including Miss Frederica Thomas (30 years in service), Miss Harriet Stalley (19 years), Miss Florence Attlesey, James Dayle (chauffeur), Arthur Haslop (coachman) and Albert Negus (groom) 12 05 03

Three labourers were summonsed for being drunk and disorderly in the Cherry Tree Inn, Swaffham Prior Fen. Henry Oakman, the landlord, told the court they'd had a quart of beer and then began speaking about the coal strike, saying it was a good thing for labourers and talking about starting a Labourer's Union. They used bad language so he asked them to leave, then sent for the parish constable. John Howe said they'd refused to go, "The fact of the matter is these men come down to the Fen because it's a little bit quiet and they think they can do as they like", he said. The men were fined. But the mother of two of them said the decision was very cruel. 12 05 03a

Two Cambridge 13-year-old boys were summonsed after P.C. Moss saw them with pistols in Fen Ditton Lane. The boys, who were in Scouts' uniform, said they'd gone there to try them and did not know they were doing wrong. The guns contained loaded cartridges which they'd bought at a shop in Sussex Street. The magistrates said he would write to the Scoutmaster. The Scouts' movement was a good one and it was bad for the corps that they should do this in uniform. The pistols were forfeited. 12 05 03b # c.37.9

The new Shops Acts means all workers in shops are secured one legal half-holiday in the working week. This has been the case locally for several years with the majority of shops closing voluntarily. Now the others must fall into line whether they like it or not. Certain businesses are exempt such as licensed premises, railway refreshment rooms, cycle shops and purveyors of milk, flowers and similar articles of a perishable character. It is desirable that the University traders should close on the same day and a petition is being signed asking for Congregation Day to be moved from Thursday. 12 05 03c & d # c.27.2

Caxton water supply inquiry – 12 05 03e & f

Impington school want to collect on May Day for a picture – 12 05 03g

Police force report 12 05 03i # c.34.7

Owing to the drought last summer there is a shortage of straw and small men are finding difficulty in getting litter for their pigs. One cold evening an Over man saw his three little piggies shivering in their strawless sty. His tender heart was touched. He rummaged amongst his stock of clothing and by means of several coats and a pair of trousers he made a warm and comfortable bed for them. Still not satisfied he obtained another coat with which he covered the porcine family. Then he retired to his own bed and slept the sleep of the just 12 05 03i

A Cambridge man, Percy Wilson, has written from Montreal painting a gloomy view of the situation in Canada. It is not what it is cracked up to be. Starvation and poverty is rife during the very severe winters and many immigrants are misled by glowing and exaggerated accounts of the country and climate. One is constantly told there are no poor in Canada. Yet the 'Morning Albertian' reports that the number of nameless graves of unknown people who have died of starvation would astonish the

inhabitants. The truth is that the man who more or less starves all the time in Britain will more or less starve at times in Canada. People requiring more facts can write to Mr Wilson at his parent's address, 4 Auckland Terrace, Cambridge. 12 05 03j # EMIGRATION

1912 05 10
Miss Mary Elizabeth Hargood of The Tiled House, Panton Street took an interest in various movements on behalf of women and was a great educationalist, being one of the first members of the Borough Education Committee. She was a founder of the Order of United Sisters Insurance Society, instilling into women principles of thriftiness. She also supported the Association for the Care of Girls and the Charity Organisation Society and was an ardent supporter of the women's suffrage movement. Her death will be deeply deplored by all 12 05 10 & a

Isleham High Street Baptist Church celebrated its centenary when a thousand people gathered in a marquee in a meadow in the centre of the village. A sensation was caused when the pastor, Rev S.B. Newling, kissed the Rev John Clifford to thank him for being present. Dr Clifford said he did not know what his wife would say. He had made it a rule through his ministerial life never to kiss anybody over 13 except his wife and daughters. He had sent Mr Newling into the ministry; he'd also sent two women and felt that when the women got into the pulpit the men would have a bad time. He was glad he would not have to compete when the women came along. 12 05 10b & c

The West Wratting parish constable was dismissed: a man had used abusive language to Fred Pitts, bailiff to Mr E.P. Frost. But when Pitts complained to the constable he'd taken no action and used bad language himself. Parish constables were bound to act in the same way as ordinary constables. They were public servants and must 'come out' when called upon. To behave as this man did was scandalous. Many parish constables were very loyal; one had even 'gone against' his own son and carried out his duties without fear or favour. 12 05 10d # c.34.7

Ex police-sergt Merry describes life in Sidney, Australia – 12 05 10e
Prince Ranjitsinhji to visit Cambridge – 12 05 10f

Death Charles W. Stubbs, formerly Bishop of Ely – 12 05 10g

"New Tunes to Hymns, Ancient and Modern" is the title of a little collection composed by the Rev Richard Owen of St Giles' Vicarage and published by Mr A.J. Gillson of Cambridge. In these days of multitudinous hymnals, when every church, sect and connection has its own original compilation of hymn tunes, cribbed and purloined from each other, one seeks the reason for any fresh one. This one is intended for a practiced body of choir singers, the stanzas are unsymmetrical and the rhythm is unconventional. We cordially recommend it to the attention of up-to-date choirs. 12 05 10h # c.83 # c.69

1912 05 17
Cambridge tobacconists are organising a petition in favour of compulsory closing. Many wish to close but a tobacconist in St Andrew's Street complains that although he would be glad of a rest on Thursday afternoons he cannot afford to do so as shops on either side of him are doing a good trade and his regular customers would desert him. College kitchens have stores of tobacco which they will sell to members of the University and this will have to be fought out in the future. Amongst the signatures are John Kitteridge, A.J. Ransom, Albert Maile, S.P. Ora and Bacon Bros. 12 05 17

The third officer of the Californian, Charles Victor Groves, who gave sensational evidence at the Titanic inquiry, is an old Cambridge man formerly residing in Glisson Road. A few years ago he was a scholar at the Perse School and has since then seen much of the world. He was in St Petersburg during the Black Sunday Massacre and also saw the wreck of the Berlin off the Hook of Holland. He had seen the lights of a steamer that he was sure was the Titanic; they seemed to go out at 11.40 the time she struck the iceberg. 12 05 17a

Romsey Town residents presented a memorial containing 1,018 signatures suggesting the council should purchase a piece of land for use as a recreation ground. In March 1898 a committee had backed the idea and various efforts had been made to secure a suitable site without result. Romsey Town residents contributed to the upkeep of other open spaces and felt it was their turn to have one. It was too far for the young children and old folk to go to Parker's Piece. Meanwhile a public-spirited individual had offered to buy a piece of building land in Castle End to be kept open for perpetuity. 12 05 17b

Assistant dentist to be appointed to look after children's teeth – 12 05 17c

Councillors should consider a footbridge over river near Fort St George ferry. If anyone saw the large amount of people who passed over the ferries and the waste of time entailed they would agree that a bridge was most desirable. The system was antiquated and in times of flood they had to rely on Victoria Bridge only. Last winter when the river was running high, the custodian had chained the ferry up to the lamp post. There had been a sum of money guaranteed when it was proposed to put the bridge opposite the end of De Freville Avenue but the scheme fell through because of the large sum required to purchase the land to get through Jesus College boat yard. – 12 05 17c & d

Boy Scout annual church parade – 12 05 17e

Swavesey parish council considered whether to postpone the village feast in view of the outbreak of scarlet fever in Market Street. It was their duty to prevent the spread of the disease by visitors and the show people carrying infection away with them. Perhaps Thurston's could sprinkle the platforms of their roundabouts with disinfectant and disinfect the money given them. It was agreed to place advertisements in the Weekly News warning visitors and urging parents not to allow their children to attend. 12 05 17f

1912 05 24
The warnings about scarlet fever had the effect of keeping both visitors and show people away and Swavesey feast can hardly be said to have taken place at all. On Sunday the streets were quieter than usual, on Monday just three stalls and a cocoanut shy were erected. An enterprising tradesman from Cambridge put in an appearance but soon packed up, disappointed. With the exception of a religious meeting in Market Street on Sunday night, cricket matches at which the attendance was small, were the only gatherings of interest. The team from Hilton arrived four men short but played well. Despite rumours that five persons had died of the fever it has only been the mildest infection. 12 05 24j

Terah Franklin Hooley application for discharge from bankruptcy – 12 05 24

Cambridge Research Hospital elevation – 12 05 24a

Cambridge Automobile & Engineering Company, Sidney St action against George Dash, motor and garage proprietor, Jesus Lane for work done - 12 05 24b # c.26.48

Edward Dorkings, son of the late Ted Dorkings, a well-known professional boxer at Cambridge, told a thrilling story of how he was saved from the Titanic disaster. He was a steerage passenger and was in his quarters when the shock came. The boilers burst as he ran upstairs. "I went to the stern, mounted the rail and plunged over just before the decks began to disappear. The water was frightfully cold. I saw something bobbing in the distance and made for it. It proved to be a raft. I will never forget the awful sight as those left on the Titanic appeared again on the surface after the big ship sank. Their screams struck terror into us as they sank" 12 05 24c

Harry Payne, 'the literary tramp' says that Cambridge is one of the best towns in Britain for 'needies' (travellers). "The 'beaks' are our best 'pals'. When we are 'pinched' for 'gagging' (begging) we ought to get seven days. The 'rozzers' will snap us up but might as well spare their 'trilbies'. Magistrates understand us, they do. They know what we require. No seven, 14 or 21 days 'hard', not even a

reprimand. Just a polite request that we leave town within 12 hours. We do not contrive to get 'pinched' until we have 'worked' the town to a standstill and it is no hardship to get on to another 'uhie'" 12 05 24c # c.32.9

Novelists in Cambridge – lecture – 12 05 24c # c.74

Mrs H. Bonnett of Lensfield Road has offered to build, equip and endow a Clinical Laboratory for the benefit of Addenbrooke's Hospital as a memorial to her son, the late Mr John Bonnett, who was for many years secretary and legal adviser to the Hospital and one of its most earnest advocates and supporters. It is not often that such a generous, one might almost say princely, benefaction is offered for such an invaluable object. It is a most generous gift at a time when the Governors are about to decide on plans for a new Children's Ward and out-patients' department. 12 05 24f # c.21.4

The wealth of Cambridge in scientific fields seems to grow almost daily. Today is to be opened the new Cambridge Research Hospital for the study of rheumatoid arthritis. The condition can be one of almost ceaseless pain but it arouses less sympathy and lacks the sentimental element that helps hospitals for children and the consumptive. Success will bring about a greater diminution in human misery than the discovery of a cure of cancer. 12 05 24g # c.21.4

Messrs Holttum and Sons, the Linton grocers, offered a halfpenny for every queen wasp taken to them during April and May with a view to decreasing the number of wasps which are particularly troublesome at this time of the year. Over 885 have been received, helping to rid the village of these pests and proving profitable to those with a capacity to catch them. 12 05 24k

Ickleton's new Conservative club house was opened. A large barn near the church has been almost completely reconstructed with a room 55 feet long and an annexe suitable for a dressing-room, making it convenient for concerts, dances and other entertainments. It will be furnished with a bagatelle board, billiards table, newspapers and periodicals. The club will be open every weeknight except in the summer when most of the members will be busy in their gardens. 12 05 24h & i

Swavesey feast – 12 05 24j

Dr Charles Waldstein's scheme for the establishment of a Heraldic Bureau in Cambridge has been abandoned through lack of support. 12 05 24l # c.58

1912 05 31
The County Council sued Messrs Pepper and Hollis, gravel pit proprietors of Cambridge and Lt Abington for damage caused to the public highway by their heavy traction engines and trucks loaded with gravel. They had hauled 1,000 tons of gravel on the road from Abington to Pampisford, cutting it up. But Linton Council's steam tractor also used it, as did Pamplin's engines, commercial motors from Chaplin of Fulbourn, Christmas of Haverhill and Hudsons from Pampisford. 12 05 31

Mr Strangeways was the heart and soul of the Cambridge Research Hospital which was opened on Hills Road. There has been a remarkable progress of science. It is now possible to examine bones and joints as if the flesh was transparent and to take photographs of them. The position of bullets and needles can be ascertained and diseases of internal organs elucidated by the X-rays. 12 05 31a & b # c.21.4

Cambridge police are dealing with the question of dangerous driving in the town. Our narrow and crowded streets are ill-fitted for fast traffic, yet motorists and motor-cyclists tear about them as though they were on a racing track. A speed that is safe on the open road may be dangerous in narrow streets. Indeed it is questionable whether any speed over eight miles an hour is ever safe in Cambridge. There have been several prosecutions this week, including that of a chauffeur fined for driving at 12mph who knocked over an old man who was crossing the road. Undergraduate motorists

frequently career up and down the town with no apparent purpose than personal amusement. The University might do something to stop this nuisance 12 05 31c # c.26.48

The need of a better playground for the children of St Giles' Infants School has long been felt and no real surprise was occasioned when the Board of Education insisted the youngsters cease to play in the ill-adapted yard adjoining the school and that a new ground should be provided. A piece of ground was purchased and made into an excellent playground, part of it being converted into a grass plot. It was officially opened by Lady Albinia Donaldson when the opportunity was also taken to celebrate Empire Day. 12 05 31e

The landlord of the Dog and Pheasant Inn, Old Chesterton told police that four bagatelle balls had been stolen from the taproom of the pub. Inquiries showed that a Fen Ditton man who'd been drinking there had offered some balls for sale next morning. He claimed to have bought them three weeks earlier from a man named 'Capp' against the Corn Exchange, saying he'd paid tenpence and a pint for them. A dealer in Regent Street said he'd bought them for eight shillings and sixpence – though the accused said he'd only got one-and-six. The landlady identified them as the ones stolen. 12 05 31f

Cambridge Horse Parade show on Midsummer Common – 12 05 31g

Sara Stanley of Scroope Terrace wills that her jewellery to be placed in a room and named children take their pick – 12 05 31h

Gamlingay – death has been very busy, six dying at same time – 12 05 31i

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1912 06 07
Our little motor took us over a nice piece of tarred road towards Girton College but all too soon it ended and we were wending our way over some choice examples of the celebrated Cambridgeshire patches. Just outside Fenstanton a sudden improvement in the road surface was so marked that I looked round to see the reason, and espied the post marking the county boundary. The reason was at once apparent – I had left Cambs and was now in Hunts. But an abrupt turn to the right took us on the road to St Ives, and I began to wonder if I was back in Cambridgeshire. 12 06 07a & b

University reform petition to Prime Minister – 12 06 07c

Mr I.G. Elworthy told a meeting at Morley School that he had been one of the first members of Cherry Hinton parish council in 1894. When he first came there were only 50 houses but the district had developed enormously and the need for a recreation ground was very urgent. With the enormous increase of motor traffic it became more and more dangerous for children to play in the streets. The Council should purchase a site between Cherryhinton Road and Mill Road and in the meantime the Cattle Market field should be laid out as a temporary playground. It could be planted with trees like Christ's Pieces and would preserve the beauty of the district 12 06 07d & e

People who visit Linton church on the occasion of a wedding will be denied the pleasure of distributing quantities of rice and confetti within the precincts of the church. The Rev J.H. Rutter is determined to put a stop to the practice; he writes "A perhaps pardonable piece of somewhat barbaric buffoonery at the home festivals, the throwing of confetti is nothing but an utter profanity when bought into close contact with the beautiful and solemn marriage ceremony, and cannot be too sternly suppressed". 12 06 07g

Chatteris Urban Council has decided that the houses in the town should be numbered and have already issued notices requesting the occupiers to number their properties. It is a very desirable improvement as great confusion is caused, especially where people of the same surname (of which there are many) live in the same street. The town was very quiet recently as the Great Eastern Railway

Company ran a special cheap day trip from Chatteris station to London and back for the Derby. This being the half-holiday day several shops took the opportunity of closing for the whole of the day 12 06 07l

Frank Ward grocers successful year; Mill Road was once of the best centres for shopping with plenty of competition making prices competitive – 12 06 07h

An unusually violent thunderstorm broke over Longstanton with a blinding flash of lightning being followed by a tremendous clap of thunder. Near the railway station a horse belonging to Mr T Langan of Willingham was so alarmed it dropped down in the road and after getting up trembled for some time afterwards. At Hatton's Farm considerable damage was done, sixteen panes of glass being smashed by the concussion. The lightning struck the garden, made a hole in the soil and passing underneath it ploughed up two rows of potatoes. Mr W.J. Wayman of Over, who was erecting some cottages near by, took shelter in a hovel and was knocked backwards while Mrs Few was so much upset that she has since been ill 12 06 07i

During the thunderstorm at Fowlmere Frederick Smith, employed by Mr F.S. Woodcock, farmer, had a narrow escape. He was ploughing on the Bury Road when he and the team seemed enveloped in a sheet of flame. He was rendered unconscious by the shock and when he recovered the horses had travelled some 30 yards or more. One of them seemed paralysed and the sight of one eye is damaged. It has still not regained the use of its limbs and there seems little hope of its recovery. Two other labourers were so dazed by the flash of lightning that they state they never heard any thunder at all – 12 06 07n

Spring Close, Burwell, which includes the site of Burwell Castle which was held for King Stephen against the rebellious Mandeville, will be offered for sale by auction. It should be purchased by the Parish Council and preserved as an open space to remind future generations of the part played by the village in the history of England in the days when High Town was a Norman residence and Newnham a Saxon village, when the church stood where the boys' school now stands and the dead were buried where schoolboys now cultivate their beds of garden. Should the cost – about £500 – be too great the council should ensure the site is preserved from any interference 12 06 07o

When retiring Stationmaster, George Kimm, first came to Cambridge the Superintendent's office was on the old island platform that stood opposite the present platform before it was lengthened. There was a bridge by which passengers reached it but all luggage was transferred by means of a trolley and then shouldered by porters to a cab or van for conveyance to its destination. This caused very great delay, especially at the beginning or end of term, and it was largely for the convenience of the University that the present long single platform was made. It was opened in October 1863. He has seen the opening of the Haverhill and Sudbury line amongst others, welcomed Royalty. Stretham fen accident described: the balance-weight of the engine of an express train fell off just as a down express was approaching, and, the weight rolling on to the line, threw the down train into the dyke. A number of people were injured. Litigation followed and the company were found liable 12 06 07k # c.26.2

Oakington man fell off horse into pond; narrow escape thunderstorm Arthur Ellsdon – 12 06 07m

Fowlmere thunderstorm – 12 06 07n

1912 06 14
No paper

1912 06 21
Wasp shooting is to be the pastime of the summer and the Queen has accepted a wasp gun, the deadly weapon invented for the new sport. It is a simple but wonderful contrivance. It has neither powder nor shot – but it has jaws. It is cocked by pulling back a lever till it is caught by the trigger. You then pursue your wasp, wait until it is in front of the open jaws, jump the gun forward and pull the trigger.

Your wasp should be found flattened between the gun's jaws. Doubtless before the season is over we shall have country house wasp-shooting parties and in the fruit-growing districts championship meeting with gold cups for prizes. The wasp has never had many friends and it is only to be expected that the summer will see a terrible massacre. 12 06 21

The Cottenham miller said that when the landlord gave up in 1916 he'd rented the windmill from him but began to get behind with the payments about 12 years ago. One of his men embezzled money and then hung himself. That took all the money he was using for trading purposes and he never recovered. In Cottenham they'd taken to growing fruit instead of corn and that had made pounds of difference to him. Latterly business had got so bad he could not find the cash to send his cart out to get a load of stuff to keep at work so he thought it was time to do something. 12 06 21

Police Inspector Chevill testified that he saw a traction engine drawing three empty wagons travelling at a fast rate and got on his bike to follow. The driver went through Caxton village at about ten miles an hour – the limit was two mph. When he stopped at the bridge to take on water the driver said he'd put the brakes on when going down the hill but they were a bit greasy. If there had been anybody in the way they must have been run over. There had been several narrow escapes from accidents in the village through the defendant's negligent driving. He was fined twenty five shillings. 12 06 21b

Histon Chequers inn, now unlicensed, sold by auction 12 06 21c

Willingham house struck by lightning – 12 06 21d

Swavesey thunderstorm; cricket match men v wives – 12 06 21e

For the first time in Cambridge a service under the auspice of the Showman's Guild was held at Midsummer Fair when about 650 people assembled in Mr Charles Thurston's tent. The Rev T. Horner, preacher, began life as a showman and after taking Holy Orders his heart was still with the showmen and he had given himself to the work. At the Midsummer Horse Fair trade was none too brisk. Mr Pink had a drove of 80 unbroken Welsh cobs and ponies, there were a few cart horses, half-a-dozen mares and a good number of nondescript cart and nag horses 12 06 21f # c.27.3

1912 06 28
Poorer Cambridge used to house itself in courts tucked away behind the streets. Some of them are now mere empty sites from which the wretched buildings have been cleared away. They are not even building sites. The requisite amount of space under the present laws is lacking even for one dwelling where they may perhaps have been half a dozen. Others contain old cottages which will come down when others can be built for the occupants. In the meantime disposed families herd in with other families. The Borough Council have applied for a loan to provide new dwellings but the amount of bricks and mortar bears no proportion to that applied to the University 12 06 28 & a # c.23 # c.30

A crowd of about 10,000 watched Mr H. Ewen, the 'Daily Mail' airman give a flying demonstration from the University O.T.C. parade ground. The Caudron biplane was wheeled out of the enclosure and the engine started up. He ran along the ground for about 150 yards then rose into the air amidst the cheers of the crowd. On reaching a height of 600 feet he flew over Grantchester and Trumpington. The wind was too treacherous for him to attempt any risky manoeuvres but the public were quite satisfied and cheered as he landed. Mr Ewen was called upon for a speech but felt he had given a 20 minutes exhibition and had done his task. 12 06 28e

William Thomas Kirkup was the pioneer of the modern scientific system of chimney-sweeping and his business extended to nearly all of the colleges, notably Trinity and St John's. He formerly resided at King Street, then at Bottisham before returning to Chesterton Road where he passed away at the age of 67. He was an active member of the old Volunteer force and served 22 years as a bandsman. 12 06 28b

Damage to road caused by traction engine – 12 06 28d

The Unemployment Insurance Scheme provides for payment of contributions by all employers and workpeople in certain trades and for the payment of benefit to the workpeople when unemployed. In Cambridge it will be administered by the Labour Exchange in Regent Street who are distributing leaflets. The scheme covers house building, railway construction and shipbuilding – but this also covers local boat builders – while 'vehicle construction 'will include people repairing cars and bicycles. 12 06 28f

Terah Franklin Hooley, formerly of Dry Drayton, bankruptcy discharge refused – 12 06 28g

Theft of mangolds from farm at Ashley – 12 06 28g

An important change in railway administration means that the whole of the G.E.R. and G.N.R. work at Cambridge station will now be carried out by the Great Eastern staff. All passengers will obtain their tickets in the central booking hall while all parcel traffic will now be dealt with in the former Great Northern booking hall which will provide cloak room accommodation as well. A total of 50 G.N.R. men will be found new employment, some as far away as Doncaster or St Neots. 12 06 28i

During a meeting at Linton Workhouse a member of the Board of Guardians placed his straw hat on the hat stand before entering the Board Room. When the meeting was over he was astonished to find that it had been taken and that a disreputable-looking cap had been left in its place. No one had been seen to enter the building and the occurrence surprised all. Fortunately he was able to borrow a cap to wear home. During the past fortnight 63 tramps had visited the home against 27 in the same period last year. 12 06 28j

Some little excitement was caused on Saturday evening by several balloons travelling over Gamlingay in a northerly direction. One dropped within shouting distance and having ascertained its whereabouts, rose and floated away. The aeronauts were taking part in a long-distance contest from Hurlingham and some reached Yorkshire before descending. 12 06 28k

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1912 07 12
Four labourers appeared in court for using a net at Somersham and taking a jack value one shilling. Sometimes the river had to be dammed and the Lower District Commissioners considered that fishing, such as spearing for eels, damaged the dams. There was a notice prohibiting angling and it had been publicly cried at Chatteris. Just one man, Michael Gray, had permission to use a rod and line in return for certain favours he performed for the Commissioners. The accused said they had fished the drain for 20 years river and knew nothing about a ban. They were each fined half-a-crown (about £12 at today's values) 12 07 12a

Hinchingbrooke pageant – 12 07 12

Long Meadow Gate Inn licensing offence – 12 07 12

Fen Ditton milkman fined – 12 07 12

At an Inquest held at the Anchor Inn, Lt Downham, the Coroner said a man had threatened to 'shoot the coroner if he came on his premises.' He was very reluctant to order a post mortem since he did not want to obtrude upon the sacred sorrow of those who had suffered bereavement. But he would imprison anybody who tried to obstruct him. Two women had taken the liberty of laying the body out before the jury had viewed it. They said the doctor had told them to do it. But they must not touch a body awaiting inquest until they had an order from the coroner 12 07 12b

Insurance act, servants and farmers – will be hit – 12 07 12c

Chesterton workhouse has been criticised by a lady inspector. The nursing staff was totally inadequate at the time of her visit with a solitary nurse on duty in the sick wards doing the work of three. Another complaint was that the young children were relegated to the care of incapables or undesirables. The lady visitor may be somewhat faddy but there must be some foundation for her strictures. 12 07 12d # c.32.9

Since Midsummer Fair there has been a very great increase in the number of cases of scarlet fever. The disease had been epidemic in Cambridge for a long time and owing to the mildness of the cases it is proving most difficult to cope with. Many are only discovered during the 'peeling' stage. Numbers of children in an infectious state attended the fair resulting in the sudden jump of reported cases 12 07 23e Interview with a victim – describes symptoms – 12 07 12l # c.21.4

New Cinema Theatre in Mill Road, Covent Garden, should be set back – 12 07 12f # c.76.9
Women's suffrage meeting, Market Hill – 12 07 12g # c.33

Nardini, the Italian airman, landed at Huntingdon after an adventurous journey from Birmingham. His destination was Hendon but he lost his way in the Midlands and ran into a terrific thunderstorm, his machine being buffeted in an alarming manner by the hurricane. Suddenly he observed an open space, and making a volplane landed by pure luck in the centre of Huntingdon aerodrome. The airman was almost frozen and his hands were numbed. The monoplane suffered some slight damage in the storm 12 07 12h # c.26.1

A whirligig proprietor was fined for driving stakes into the soil of the village green at Burrough Green. Alfred Ward, (69), said the Green had been a recreation ground as long as he could remember. The fair followed the public houses: 40 years ago it was near the White Hart but when that closed it moved to the Bull. The showmen had pitched on both side of the Green from time immemorial. Landowner Robert Lacey said that when he bought his estate the Green was measured in with it and he paid tithes on it. He had no objection to its use. The Parish Clerk had refused permission but the man had ignored him and a swinging boat proprietor had also parked wagons on the Green. It was only a pleasure fair and had no fairstead rights. 12 07 12i

Cottenham road improvement – 12 07 12j

Dr Barnardo's Homes – 12 07 12j

Impington Feast – solitary stall – 12 07 12k

Balsham feast thrives – 12 07 12k

A Swavesey victim of scarlet fever describes her experiences: I passed into an atmosphere of disinfectants, then followed a few days in bed and a diet of 'slops', which I was not very keen on. I

awaited the rash, which gradually appeared, and then the interesting stage called 'peeling' after which I was allowed to get up and view the world from the upper windows. The last three weeks is spent in quiet seclusion in the garden until at last comes the order for release and the whole house (including the recent invalid) reeks with the aroma of disinfectants. You are free from infection and can once more mix with the world. 12 07 12l

Waterbeach women's suffrage meeting – 12 07 12m

P.C. Newell, stationed at Coveney, told the court he had received a complaint regarding the loss of a bottle of whisky from the Rev Turner's bedroom cupboard. It was found hidden beneath some planks in the removal van which was taking the Rector's furniture to Sutton station. A removal man said he'd discovered the bottle beneath a mattress and the Rector had said he could have it. Nobody knew where the rector was now; he had resigned the living of Coveney and left no address. Defendant was bound over to be of good behaviour for three months. 12 07 12n

1912 07 19
Motor lorry accident at Croxton – 12 07 19

Saturday was Joy Day at Newton. It was not a national event that brought the villagers together, old and young. They were happy because others were happy, to rejoice with those that were rejoicing. A son and heir had been born to Sir Charles and Lady Waldstein, and because they are loved and honoured by the village, the village were eager to join with them in their great happiness and their proudest joy. In the beautiful grounds under the walls of the most magnificent house in the county, Sir Charles, his lady and family were surrounded by their friends – the servants and the villagers. 12 07 19a

Whippet racing evening meeting – 12 07 19a

Scarlet fever outbreak statistics, started Castle End – 12 07 19b # c.21.1

The Medical Officer's report on pure milk supplies includes excellent photographs showing the good caused by pulling down old cow sheds and their replacement with up-to-date buildings. There are 305 milch cows in Cambridge, kept by 30 cowkeepers, but a large number of purveyors buy supplies from Huntingdon, Norfolk and Buckingham while cream is brought from as far away as Wiltshire or Somerset. The average consumption is less than half-a-pint per head per day. Amongst the poorest milk is a luxury and used chiefly in tea. The practice of ladling out milk from a deep can is a source of contamination: the milkman's hand may enter it or rain and dust get in when the lid is removed. 12 07 19b # c.27

P.C. Newell, stationed at Coveney, told the court he had received a complaint regarding the loss of a bottle of whisky from the Rev Turner's bedroom cupboard. It was found hidden beneath some planks in the removal van which was taking the Rector's furniture to Sutton station. A removal man said he'd discovered the bottle beneath a mattress and the Rector had said he could have it. Nobody knew where the rector was now; he had resigned the living of Coveney and left no address. Defendant was bound over to be of good behaviour for three months.

Croxton motor accident – 12 07 19

A disastrous fire at Bourn destroyed three cottages opposite the school. They were of stud and plaster with thatched roofs and had an inscription reading 'E.W.M., 1751'. Schoolmaster F.C. Rowe raised the alarm. Bourn Hall fire engine, a piece of apparatus dating from 1813, was fetched and attached to a pipe in the school playground. Meanwhile willing workers removed most of the furniture which was taken to a place of greater safety. Danger was caused through the upper part of an end wall leaning outwards so men with a scaffolding pole knocked it into the burning houses. Now and then the crashes could be heard from the interior as a mass of masonry or timber fell 12 07 19c

Grantchester milk man embezzled – 12 07 19d

The National Insurance Act has seen a great rush of insurable people to join approved societies and applications for cards have reached stupendous figures. Cambridge General Benefit Society was one of the first to be approved and have admitted 100 new members. To their disgust members of the Cambridge Police Force have been called on to contribute their fourpence a week under the Act. This is difficult to understand as they get almost full pay during sickness and receive free medical attendance from the Police Surgeons 12 07 19f & g #c.34.7 # c.37.2

A motor mechanic told the Receiver he had taken the management of the University Automobile Club in Jesus Lane. Finding that the membership of the club was not large enough the garage had been given up by them and he opened it on his own four years ago. He had no money but some of the members of the club continued to use the garage and paid deposits. He had entered into partnership and paid the first instalment on a motor landaulette. But they'd had a row and he'd continued on his own. 12 07 19h # c.26.48

Soham sale estates of Frederick Owers – 12 07 19i

Mrs Mary Ann Wright of Linton took a deep religious interest in all religious work in the village. She helped establish the Gospel Mission Band and it was out of this that the Salvation Army corps originated. She was also organiser of the Good Templars and took a deep interest in the work of the Brethren, who assembled at a house for prayer and public worship without the aid of a paid minister. Her funeral took place at the cemetery after a Brethren's meeting at the house of the diseased lady. 12 07 19i

The old windmill which for more than a century has been a familiar feature on the Rampton Road at Cottenham is being pulled down. It is the last of the four mills which up to about 25 years ago did a fairly good business in the flour and grist trade. Truly the old order changeth and milling as a village industry had departed. Cheese-making has long been abandoned, the malting business and the numerous local breweries are all closed and other industries, principally fruit, have taken their place. 12 07 19j

Histon railway station improvements – 12 07 19k

1912 07 26
Ditton Walk and Horningsea wives seek court action over husbands cruelty – 12 07 26 & a

"Expect 40 wounded men 3 o'clock" read the telegram received by Croxton detachment of the British Red Cross Society. It appeared the army had been engaged with a force of the enemy near St Neots and as a result 40 men were wounded. When they arrived at Croxton Park the hospital camp had been pitched and everything was in readiness – stores, a kitchen and operating tent. The sufferers – members of the Croxton and Eltisley Boy Scouts - were treated by 80 men and women who had turned up. There was only one real casualty during the exercise – a child was bitten by a dog.12 07 26b & c

Cambridgeshire County Council does not appoint its own clerk even though he has supreme control of the whole of the county business. Some councillors felt this would cause friction with various heads of department. But it should check extravagance, waste and overlapping which has been almost inevitable in the present state of affairs with separate departments based in different buildings around Cambridge. The new clerk will be a whole-time officer and the whole of the scattered staff will be directly under his supervision in the new County Hall to be constructed in Hobson Street. 12 07 26e

Clayhithe Zoological Gardens have just added four beautiful silver seals from the Arctic oceans to the recent pythons and boa constrictors which have proved an immense attraction. The lemurs, apes,

baboons, kangaroos, Syrian rats, cockatoos, Mangaby monkey with baby (the only one in Europe) are also much appreciated while the Shetland ponies are available for boys and girls to ride. Great crowds were here last week but under no consideration can more than 5,000 people be admitted in one day. In addition there are skittles, billiards, swings, and boats with dancing on the lawns or ballroom every evening. Grounds illuminated on Thursdays and Sundays. Everything high class at moderate price 12 07 26

The Army Manoeuvres centred on Cambridge are the most important in the country for a considerable time. They will be a searching test of the scheme for the defence of London from an invading army landing on the East Coast. Some 80,000 troops will be engaged so people will see more soldiers and gain a better idea of modern warfare than ever before in their lives. All arms of the service will be involved with a large body of Territorials moving on bicycles to oppose the invaders, demonstrating their mobility and capacity for swift action. These wheelmen would bear the brunt of the earliest fighting and are capable of covering long distances. 12 07 26g & h # c.45.4

The last speech day of the Higher Girls School in Eden Street was held; soon staff and scholars will be at work in the magnificent new buildings in Melbourn-Place. History of school reviewed. 12 07 26 I & j # c.36.5

Caxton Guardians entertained by Miss Cochrane – 12 07 26k

Housemaid tries to save invalid mistress, Miss Apthorpe - 12 08 26m

Shelford & Stapleford dental clinic report – 12 07 26m

Mr Lloyd ex-manager, pianist and vocalist of the East Road Picture Palace told the court that Mr Hawkins had informed him he would close it for a month but that he should move to a new hall in Herne Bay. But he did not give notice or fill in the month as promised. Mr Hawkins, the proprietor of this and other halls in Cambridge, said he had tried to find Lloyd work and he'd be pleased for him to open at the Picture Palace again on August Bank Holiday Monday. Lloyd was a very able and competent man and it was astonishing he should cut his throat in this way. The case was dismissed. 12 07 26n # c.76.9

Kirtling had three public houses, the Beehive, Queen's Head and the Red Lion with a licensed house in the hamlet of Upend nearly a mile away. Dr Wikins had his surgery at the Beehive and some of his patients had their meals there, Methodist preachers left their horses there – although most now cycle. It was the most convenient for the men visiting Perrin's smithy and the allotments. All the principal people of the village – apart from the parson – had signed a memorial to keep it, licensing magistrates were told. Also : Licensing: Steeple Morden Hill House, Cherry Hinton Russian Arms, Swavesey Red Lion, Cambridge: Duke of Gloucester Prospect Row, Rose & Crown & Windmill in Russell St, Danish Flag in Fitzroy St, Lamb in Guildhall St (details), Compasses in East Road 12 07 26 o&p # c.27.4

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1912 08 02
Fulbourn barn fire – 12 08 02

New Theatre annual report – 12 08 02a # c.76

Whether one is in favour of militancy or not, the courage of those ladies who use it as a means for gaining the vote for women cannot be denied. Two ladies stood on Market Hill on Friday evening and faced the jeers and derision of a gang of rowdy youths who did all they could to make the meeting a farce. Popular songs formed the favourite medium employed for drowning the voices of the speakers

and the confusion was heightened by the use of cycle bells and whistles. But Miss Roff and Miss Kate Jarvis persisted and managed to make their arguments audible 12 08 02a # c.33

Mr A.G. Markham, the ex-holder of the 100 miles' world's tricycle record and present holder of the 24 hours' Eastern Counties tricycle record, covered the splendid distance of 192 miles in twelve hours. For over 60 miles he had to struggle with a dead head wind which blew with tremendous strength across the open fenland. To make things worse, at 140 miles his stomach went wrong and he went all to pieces. Four times he gave up the ride as hopeless but his followers would not let him rest and after dosing him with brandy and bathing his head they managed to keep him at it. It is doubtful if any other man of his age – he is 44 and has been taking part in violent athletics for 26 years – would have done such a ride. 12 08 02aa

When the Women's Suffrage Association held open-air meetings at Abington and Linton numbers attending were noticeably large in proportion to the size of the village and a good many have their names as 'friends of Women's Suffrage'. At St Ives a meeting was held on the Market Place where about 300 listened with sympathetic attention to Miss H. Frazer, a well-known speaker for the cause who has come to help in Suffrage propaganda. She also addressed a similar meeting at Huntingdon where a large and orderly crowd of men showed deep interest and a resolution in favour of women's suffrage was passed without a single dissentient 12 08 02 c d

Great excitement was caused by a noisy scene that took place on Parker's Piece when Mrs Brailsford, the militant suffragist, spoke from a lorry. A large crowd gathered, mostly composed of youths of about 18 years of age who shouted themselves hoarse, then pushed and pulled the lorry about the Piece. When the ride came to an end Mrs Brailsford got off and was followed through the streets by the crowd of boys and children, booing and shouting. 12 08 02c, d # c.33

Mr W. Cutlack of Littleport had generously offered his house, The Grange as a sanatorium to accommodate 100 patients suffering from tuberculosis. He and his family had lived happily there for 14 years and now they'd decided to leave they though its only proper use would be the prevention of the scourge of consumption. Some years ago if a man became stricken he was regarded as dead, but now with proper treatment he might recover. Medical officers had been over to see it and considered it better than any other place in Cambridgeshire. But two-thirds of the local villagers were against it. 12 08 02b, bb, c, ccc

Army manoeuvres – 12 08 02 & a

1912 08 09
The County Council had considered various sites for a new County Hall. The purchase price of Hobson Street Methodist Chapel was £3,500 (£324,000 today) which was fair. In the chapel they had a good deal of material and the shell and outside walls would stand and be utilised. But it would not be sufficient. So they needed to purchase a house from Christ's College; they were not desirous of selling and the price of £2,500 was the least they would accept. The erection of county hall would increase the value of the other buildings in Hobson Street and help to bring a much-needed town improvement through the widening of Sussex Street. 12 08 09 # c.35.1

Ever since his undergraduate days Mr Will Moorhouse of Huntingdon has devoted himself with unremitting zeal and undaunted pluck to mastering the science of aviation. Now he has set a new record. With his newly-married wife and the aeronautical correspondent of the Daily Telegraph he has flown the channel starting from Douai and arriving at Ashford two hours later. This is the first time the Channel has been crossed by an aviator with two passengers. A serious accident attended the forced descent owing to a storm. The airman and his passengers escaped, but the new Breguet airplane was badly damaged. 12 08 09a & b# c.26.1

A new scheme for relieving the traffic in Silver Street recommends a new road and bridge connecting to Coe Fen Lane, passing on the east side of the old mill and along the wall of Peterhouse at a total

cost of £14,246 (£1.3m today). The Corporation had purchased Mr Foster's mill. It was at present broken down and would never be used as a mill again. But there was a strong feeling against a road across Coe Fen and Sheep's Green; it ought to be more in line with Mill Lane. An alternative would take a road from Barton Road corner to Belvoir Terrace but this would destroy the bathing place. However some councillors said the congestion had been greatly exaggerated and there was no urgent need at present. 12 08 09c & d

1912 08 16
James Collis, the old V.C. hero at Cambridge Workhouse, asked for permission to leave the House so he might go to Hunstanton Convalescent Home. He hoped to get his strength up as he wanted to get back to work. He'd had a very severe illness and thought three weeks by the seaside would do him good. He had appreciated being in the infirmary – he would have lost his life had it not been for the doctor. Guardians heard there were over 40 people waiting to go. They agreed to grant his application and would return twelve shillings that he'd had on him when he'd been admitted 12 08 16

King's visit to Cambridge for the army manoeuvres will be private and unattended by any public welcome – 12 08 16a

Caxton water scheme – 12 08 16aa, bb

A meeting of the Women's Social and Political Union was being held and soon after Miss Kathleen Jarvis began her speech the bells of Great St Mary's struck up a deafening peal. The fair speaker's voice, pleasing but not powerful, was almost completely lost and it was only by her gesticulations that the crowd could see she was still expounding her principles. For something like an hour the unequal contest was maintained. And Miss Jarvis was the winner. A woman who had earned three periods of imprisonment was not to be daunted and was still pouring out a stream of argumentative bullets when the ringers retired - 12 08 16aa & b # c.33

Professor Humphrey Owen Jones, Fellow of Clare College, was one of the most competent researchers and author of some 50 papers on chemistry. He was also a famous climber and had scaled several peaks not before accomplished. A fortnight ago he was married at Bangor to Miss Muriel Edwards, a student at the Chemical Laboratory, and gone to Switzerland on his honeymoon, telling his friends that he intended breaking fresh ground. Yesterday a foreign message received in the News office stated 'Professor H.O. Jones, of Clare College, and his wife, travelling in the Alps, have been killed'. He was extremely popular amongst the students and news of his death has produced a painful sensation throughout the university. 12 08 16c

Coton parochial institute – appeal for funds 12 08 16cc

An open air meeting was held at Swavesey in the cause of women's suffrage. The gathering should have been in a field but in consequence of the damp grass it was held on the road. The platform was a chair placed against a gate in Middle Watch and about 70 people attended, young ladies being mainly in evidence. Mrs Rackham's speech was eloquent and moderate in tone but it evoked no enthusiasm; there were no interruptions and no questions at the end. But a few gave in their names as 'friends of women's suffrage' and leaflets were distributed 12 08 16d

1912 08 23
The great disappointment experienced by members of the fair sex in Linton last year when the Army Manoeuvres were abandoned has made their excitement this year very much keener. Tremendous rivalry exists amongst some of the damsels as to which shall be the first to sight the coming of the khaki coast and above all to be the first to welcome the gallant men. Some officers are dashing around in a motor car but it will be some time before any of the soldiers are actually stationed in a large camp in the field below the station 12 08 23m

Silver Street traffic – Meik's scheme – 12 08 16dd & ee # c.49.4 c.49.6

Raleigh bicycle advertisement – 12 08 23a

Aerial navigation lecture at Summer meeting – 12 08 23b & c # c.26.1

Aeroplanes and war – second lecture – 12 08 23d
Summer meeting concluding gathering – 12 08 23e # c.27.9

At the University Extension Summer Meeting Dr Alex Hill gave a lecture on 'Universities of the Empire'. After speaking in a most interesting way on the origin, functions, privileges and customs of universities for 55 minutes, the lecturer suddenly took out his watch and said, "I came here to lecture on the Universities of the Empire, and I haven't got there yet". He then asked for the hall to be darkened and showed a number of lantern slides. 12 08 23 f & g; lessons of the meeting 12 08 23n # c.27.9

Youths and children clustered closely to the lorry from which Mrs Brailsford was speaking to the crowds on Parker's Piece; they pushed it six inches in one direction, then a foot back. The crowd moved with it. Then it was pushed right across towards Park Terrace. She thanked the boys for the nice ride and picked up her speech exactly where she'd left it. The lads then pushed her into the middle of a cricket match before a policeman chained up one of the back wheels. Later they scrambled on to the lorry and tore up the 'Votes for Women' papers. "For a University town, it is absolutely disgraceful, I never had such a thing happen before, not even in Whitechapel", she said before heading down Regent Street followed by a crowd, booing and shouting 12 08 23i # c.33

Cambridge Repertory Theatre movement 12 08 23j # c.76

Local nonconformity history by Reuben Heffer and Guy Maynard – 12 08 23k & l # c.83

Jones climber funeral 12 08 23h

1912 08 30
A remarkable exhibition of scientific instruments at the Cavendish Laboratory excited amazement amongst professors. The possibilities of the computating machine are amazing; the handling of an indicator and the turning of a crank accomplishes feats of addition, multiplication, division and subtraction in a manner that would confound a Senior Wrangler. One would not imagine that a machine could be produced that would deal as easily with English coinage as with decimal. It makes man wonder whether in time he will not make something in all respects superior to himself 12 08 30 & a # c.27.5

Three skulls and a number of bones dug up on the site of the new Wesleyan Church at the Four Lamps have given rise to some interesting speculations. The site was open space until Mr Clayton built a house in comparatively recent times. It is probable that a gallows stood very near as there were four cross roads and an ancient charter mentions 'ubi homo suspendus fuit'. It seems the skeletons may be the remains of three people who met an untimely death in medieval times. 12 08 30b # c.41

Many men who have been thrown out of work at Fen Drayton owing to the floods have found time hanging heavily. About a dozen of them were seen amusing themselves by playing a game of marbles on a dry spot at the side of the main street. Many families are obliged to live in upstairs rooms. One cottager, the lower part of whose property is under water and who had to live upstairs in rooms without a fireplace, got over the difficulty of cooking by using a ladder as a bridge to the kitchen stove, where the fire burned brightly. On Wednesday daily newspapers were delivered by means of a raft. 12 08 30m

Littleport suffered badly in the heavy and continuous rain. The rushing water from the Hemp field flooded the main street between the Granby Hotel and Hitches Street, running into the shops of Mr

Fitch and Mr Secker. The steam fire engine made some attempt to pump the water away, but was not very successful. At Haddenham the inhabitants were aroused by the 'Town Crier', Mr Pope, who called upon every man to go down to the Cut Bank or the fen would be 'drownded'. After toiling for hours with railway sleepers the danger was averted. But the crops were partly submerged and the water entered farm cottages forcing several families to beat a retreat 12 08 30n

The Mile Bank at Littleport has been flooded as never before since the draining of the fens has been carried out by machinery. When the Fen engines needs overhauling the work is invariably carried out in the summer when, under normal circumstances, their services are not required. It is a slice of bad luck that it is undergoing repair just when it is wanted and hence water is remaining on thousands of acres. The Commissioners are taking steps to substitute another kind of engine. Meanwhile harvest operations are out of the question except where the labourers are working in top-boots 12 08 30o

Bodger attempted fraud – 12 08 30c

Landbeach smallholdings petition – 12 08 30c

Titanic fund is closed – 12 08 30d

The school attendance officer gave evidence against a Hildersham mother who had not sent her child to school. Despite his objections the rector of Hildersham insisted on speaking on the woman's behalf. She had seven children and there had been no previous complaints. One girl had been send home because of the verminous state of her head; she had also been taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital suffering from adenoids and was under the doctor some days. The attendance officer was wrong to attack a poor widow woman in this way Magistrates made an order for the child to be sent to school 12 08 30e & f

Floods Swavesey, Cottenham, Royston, Melbourn, Arrington, Histon, St Ives – 12 08 30h

Army manoeuvres; hostilities next week – 12 08 30i & j

Football meetings – Cottenham, 12 08 30l

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1912 09 06
Clayhithe zoo – detailed article – 12 09 06

Members of the Belmont Cycle Club were proceeding to Upware on board the motor-launch Victory when it ran aground on the submerged bank of the river, the water was very high at the time, the floods extending for a considerable distance over the washes making it difficult to pick out the proper course. Patrol Leader Howard Swift of the Boy Scouts saw the party were in difficulty and the swollen stream was running with great power. He at once launched a boat and rowed over a mile to the stranded vessel and conveyed a dozen passengers to land. The members were so appreciative of his pluck that they presented him with a handsome silver medal, 12 09 06a & b

A few nights ago the guard of the motor mail van from Cambridge to London saw a number of women on telegraph poles near Potter's Bar. He reported what he'd seen when he arrived at the General Post Office and an electrician was despatched. He found fourteen trunk telegraph wires had been cut. A notice in printed letters had been affixed to one of the poles where the women had been seen, stating that the damage was entirely due to the attitude of the Liberal Government towards the Suffragists. Thanks to the guard's vigilance the wires were repaired within a few hours. 12 09 06e

Street lights and direction signs for motorists – 12 09 06c

Steeple Bumpstead dog fight – 12 09 06d
Bassingbourn tragedy – inquest – 12 09 06d

The big white cockatoo on the lawn at the Bridge Hotel, Clayhithe, was having an altercation with the toucan. With her crest erect and her head close to the bars of her cage she was glaring and shrieking at the toucan that shares with several marmosets the big cage hard by. One young lady of 18 months had a biscuit in her chubby fist and presently toddled up to the cockatoo's cage and held it out. Cockie promptly stopped her scolding and accepted the proffered tit-bit. Soon the morsel was devoured. A low, chattering noise from the toucan's cage attracted attention to several of the prettiest little monkeys imaginable; they were not impressed with our English climate and refused to come out of their snug nest. All the animals and birds are in beautiful condition and the cages being in to open, there is no disagreeable smell 12 09 06f & g

Manoeuvres begin – Stourbridge common, Linton – 12 09 06h & i

An Ely Diocesan report on the amusements of the working classes records that people in small parishes 'Dulled with monotony, and weary with the day's toil, find the slow gossip of the public house less of a strain that even the simplest lectures or music. Feasts d o a great deal of harm and cinematograph shows do nothing to cultivate the intelligence. The apathy of village life rests like a fog upon the young men. Most of the girls are away in service, and for those who remain the lanes are not safe in the evenings' 12 09 06j & k

Cambridge Prison warden, C. Corby – interesting reminiscences of 30 years – 12 09 06l & m
Mr C. Corby of Beaconsfield Terrace, Victoria Road, is retiring as Chief Warder of H.M. Prison at Cambridge. He transferred to Cambridge prison on August 25th 1882. At that time structural alterations were taking place. He took charge of the 10 to 12 prisoners at the work of excavation, levelling the ground and filling in the old moat running from Castle Hill around the back of the governor's garden and towards the County Police Station. There was also the work of digging the foundations for a new boundary wall adding about an acre of ground to the prison premises.
New hospitals for both males and female prisoners were also added and the prison gateway, which up to that time had only been large enough to allow a barrow to pass through, was replaced by the present one. This added a great deal to the convenience of the prison with regard to the transport of both prisoners and goods. D wing, which was at that time the debtors' part was altered for the reception of female prisoners, which up to that time had been lodged at Huntington Jam which was afterwards closed. For six or seven years he was in charge of some 15 prisoners both inside and outside at their work. The average number of prisoners at Cambridge at that time was about 80 but that number must often have been exceeded for the accommodation of the prison was 103 or 413, including the reception wards, and transfers had often to be made to Bedford and elsewhere.
During this time, there was only one prisoner who escaped from Cambridge. He had been employed scraping lime wash off the walls and manage to hide his scraper in his cell. During the night he removed several bricks with his scraper and made a hole in the roof of his cell, placing his blankets on the floor to dead and the sound of any falling material. Early next morning an Officer found it impossible to enter the cell, the bed having been placed against the door. I got up on the roof in the dark and found that the prisoner had got over the boundary wall with a ladder which he had found. He had let himself down the other side with a rope, which he had also managed to hide in his cell and escaped by means way of Hartford Street. He was rearrested at Dunmow, brought back in handcuffs and leg irons and was ordered to receive 18 strokes with the cat. Considerable changes have been made in prison routine. Punishments for misbehaviour inside the prison were more severe than they are now. The Dark Cells have been abolished for 20 years. Conditions of service are better. The hours of duty for the lower ranks are shorter though warders all over the country are complaining with regard to their pay. 12 09 06l&m

Willingham flood, scarlet fever death, late General Booth, Salvation Army – 12 09 06n

Great flooding – harvest by boat – 12 09 06o & p (see Memories 3rd Sep 2012)

1912 09 13
Fighting – detailed report – 12 09 13

Luke Hosegood had been Master of Cambridge Workhouse since 1876 and was most assiduous in his duties; inspectors had commented favourably on the improvements he'd made. No fault had been found with his work and although he was some 60 years of age, he had a good ten years of work in him yet. There was not a gentleman's house in Cambridge which was cleaner and better kept and regulated than the Workhouse. But he had submitted his resignation, Guardians were told 12 09 13a & b

Hasse Road Soham in bad state with ruts, drainage into Mere defective – 12 09 13a

Walter Barnes, carman employed by Mr Winter, furniture remover was driving two horses in single file drawing a lorry down Madingley Hill when a motor car passed him. The noise of the car frightened the horses and they set off in a mad career down the steep incline. Barnes made strenuous efforts to rein them in but they only became more frantic. On nearing the Coton corner the lorry overturned and he was thrown out. Mr J.A. Venn rushed Barnes to Addenbrooke's Hospital in his motor car, leaving his wife at the scene of the accident. 12 09 13b

Death headmaster of High Grade School, Paradise Street – 12 09 13c # c.36.5

Newmarket street light battle, gas v electricity – 12 09 13c

The station master at Old North Road, Bourn told the court the defendant was in the habit of sending poultry by the railway to other stations. The man had left a box containing seven fowls that the stationmaster considered too small, so he'd transferred them into a larger box. Next day the man and his wife had visited and become abusive, striking him with a stick. There was a scuffle during which his shirt was torn before defendant was put out of the office. The accused, who is very deaf, strongly denied the charges in stentorian tones and owing to his excitable temperament had to be frequently restrained by his wife. When found guilty he refused to pay the fine 12 09 13d & e

Sir - Cambridge fruit costs more on Cambridge market than in London since most cannot be sold locally at any price and is sent to larger towns. Good apples were sent from Histon to Manchester that were sold for a shilling per half bushel. Expenses consumed 10d and the grower got only 2d. But in his own market the grower tries to sell at remunerative prices. The only people who can sell cheaper than market traders are the hawkers. There are dozens of large lorries that hawk all over Cambridge and pay not one penny towards the expenses of the town. Yet market stallholders have to pay a very heavy toll – John Hall 12 09 13f # c.27.3

'Manoeuvreitis' – reflections – 12 09 13g
Manoeuvres – Dash on Grantchester, aircraft crashes, Trumpington Street fighting,
Newmarket operations – 12 09 13i & j & l training near Fen Ditton, Airship camp, John French visit, cavalry at Royston – 12 09 13h; photos arrival Liverpool Territorials at station, camp at Linton – 12 09 13m; air scouts, Col Cody biplane photo – 12 09 20 # c.45.4

Fen Drayton floods, sheaves washed away; also child falls in brook – 12 09 13n

Linton Schoolroom has become a reading room for the soldiers taking part in the army manoeuvres and is crowded each night by appreciative 'Khakis'. A party of soldiers passing the Dog and Duck saw flames in an upstairs window where a little girl had set light to her bedclothes and succeeded in extinguishing them just as they were licking the roof. And soldiers came to the rescue of pear growers who'd had such an abundant crop they'd feared good fruit would be wasted, buying the juiciest of pears for a penny a quarter. 12 09 13o

1912 09 20
Bankruptcy – Arthur Clarke, stationer in Trinity Street, Kirtling builder. Lt Downham smallholder -12 09 20a

A Hildersham miller and baker told the bankruptcy court he'd started in 1886 with a windmill at Ickleton, then worked as a baker in London. In 1904 he bought Hildersham mill with two cottages from Mr French for £150 and built a bakehouse. He'd ground and sold the new Standard bread, advertising a great deal and got special vans and extra horses. But his attempts to sell in Cambridge had failed. So he started a shop in Linton for a few months but could not make it pay 12 09 20a & b

Hobson Street chapel was opened in 1849 by Wesleyans had previously met in a chapel in Fitzroy Street and a room in Green Street. It became a spiritual home for residents and undergraduates and was improved in 1891. But it has become inadequate. The Fitzroy Street chapel had become a jam warehouse but Hobson Street will be replaced by the new County Council offices. They will now meet in the Victoria Assembly Room until the new Wesley Chapel on Christ's Pieces is ready. 12 09 20c # c.83

His Majesty the King visited the Hardwick aero camp where he spoke to Colonel S.F. Cody, and inspected his famous biplane. He showed much interest in the position of the propeller, which is behind the pilot and not in front, as in the other biplanes at the camp. The King then commanded Col Cody to make a short exhibition flight. In a few seconds the plane was in the air, making several circuits, flying both high and low before pulling up gracefully within a few yards of the Royal party. The King then inspected the naval biplanes before leaving. Shortly afterwards Mr de Havilland arrived in a biplane from the 'seat of war' – the manoeuvres around Linton 12 09 20e also 20d, photos 20f, g. Airmen's triumph, Mutlow Hill taken etc – 20h; fighting Horseheath – 20i, Castle Camps – 20j, airship 20k 20l 20n # c.45.4

A great feature of the army manoeuvres has been the work of the air-scouts. Large crowds visited the Hardwick aero-camp and were rewarded when a biplane was spotted which was not of the ordinary pattern. "That's Cody on the machine he won the War Office competition with the other day", said a Sergeant. Planing gracefully down he approached at a great speed and alighted exactly opposite the sheds erected for storing the aircraft. His plane has no long tail and the pilot sits right in front with the engine and propeller behind him, giving a clear view for observation purposes. 12 09 20m # c.26.1

Swaffham Bulbeck see plane, troops based on the Green, Histon – 12 09 20o # c.45.4

Swavesey has been little affected by the grand manoeuvres; a plane passed over and on three armed cyclists scouts rode through. But a village man driving a load of crates of empty beer bottles along the Huntingdon Road was captured by a detachment of soldiers. When first challenged he was not inclined to stop, but speedily did so when he had to look down the barrels of rifles. After the cart was overhauled he was allowed to proceed 12 09 20n # c.45.4

1912 09 27
Sidney Campkin, the Mayor, recalled when photographs of family groups were taken on glass plate negatives. It took the greater part of the day and the result was not satisfactory. One advantage was that if one recognised people, they soon faded away. Dr Haddon told the Cambridge Photographic Club dinner that natives on a tropical island had cried when he'd shown the photographs of somebody who had since died but laughed to see someone who was alive. While developing in the tropics in a close atmosphere it was possible to wash your plates from the drippings off your nose! 12 09 27 & a # c.65.5

Chesterton Road was the scene of a very remarkable fire. A motor lorry belonging to Messrs Sturton of Fitzroy Street, laden with cans of petrol was totally destroyed. The highly-inflammable spirit became ignited and a fire of extraordinary fierceness blocked the road with a sheet of flame. Can after

can exploded flinging its contents in a blazing shower in all directions. The flames leapt to an astonishing height, reaching above the tops of houses and were accompanied by volumes of black, oily smoke. The paint on the door of a house on the river side began to blister and trees in the garden began to shrivel and smoke. It was impossible for the fire brigade to get near and it had to be left to burn itself out 12 09 27 # c.34.75

A hay stack and some straw belonging to Thomas Steadman, butcher, Elsworth, was destroyed by fire. Mr John Judson, who was thatching the stack, accidentally caused the blaze by placing his pipe, which he had been smoking during his dinner interval, in his pocket without having first knocked out the burning tobacco. On resuming work he laid his coat on the straw and was soon horrified to discover that the stack on the top of which he was engaged was well alight. Mr Judson did his utmost to beat out the flames, and in doing so burnt his face. Two nearby corn stacks were for a time in serious jeopardy but were fortunately saved by the smart action of a party of Boy Scouts on their way to Elsworth. 12 09 27k

Councillors debated the proposed scheme for relieving traffic in Silver Street. A bridge from Silver Street to Mill Lane with one road across Coe Fen and another taking traffic from Newnham Croft to the Station would be a very large expenditure and ruin Sheep's Green, one of the most delightful bits of country in the town. The problem could be adequately met by widening Laundress Lane from Silver Street to Mill Lane and diverting the traffic in that direction. 12 09 27b & c # c.49.62

Linton's Indian Mutiny veteran – memories of Robert Lindsell & his meeting with the King – 12 09 27d & e

Scott & Wilkinson & Stearn & Sons both received commands to take photographic groups of the King and his friends in the grounds of Trinity College – 12 09 27g, photo 12 09 27j # c.65.5

Caxton water supply opposed by village – 12 09 27h

St Ives workhouse flooding – 12 09 27h

Tramways company complain at costs of maintaining track – 12 09 27h # c.26.44

The epidemic of diphtheria at Willingham lasted eleven weeks and was complicated by an outbreak of scarlet fever at the same time – out of 22 households, 12 had both. It had been spread by school assemblage and social intercourse, not by milk or other food stuff. The infection had travelled from London by way of Hauxton and the Isolation Hospital at Oakington. A house had been made into a temporary hospital to which 20 cases were admitted and this, together with swabbing of all known contacts and the disinfection of houses and clothing meant the outbreak had now practically ceased. 12 09 27i

Haddenham – Hillrow mission hall – accept Burkitt's offer of land – 12 09 27k

Great excitement was caused in Carlton by the Army Manoeuvres. Several airships and aeroplanes passed over and one 'plane came down in a field at Willingham Green, crowds of people rushing to have a close view. Thousands of soldiers marched through the village and large numbers camped for the night, some in fields, some in yards and some in the school playground. The school was closed for two days as no work could possibly be done while it was so surrounded with traffic and the children were, of course, receiving instruction by watching the manoeuvres 12 09 27k

October 1912 CWN

1912 10 04
Laurie & McConnal firms outing by boat to Ely – 12 10 04

Thomas Preston was best known as a cowkeeper and dairyman and had a remarkably good memory. In 1838, as a lad of 15, he carried the flag in front of a procession of St Botolph's people to the feast on Parker's Piece in honour of the Coronation of Queen Victoria. He related anecdotes about that church and its rectors, or of the musicians who supplied the music at the services before the erection of an organ in 1833. His death has snapped one of the few links which connect our modern town with the Cambridge of pre-railway days 12 10 04a

Brooklands Avenue residents happy to repair road once council makes decision about scheme for including it as part of a thoroughfare from Newnham Croft to Hills Road - 12 10 04b # c.44.6

The Medical Superintendent of Fulbourn Asylum had applied for an increase of salary, pointing out the increase in the number of patients. But one of the Visitors claimed this was not due to any increase in lunacy but to the fact that fewer patients had been discharged. He suggested either that the Superintendent was less successful that his predecessor in the treatment of his patients or that he retarded their dismissal to run up the figures in order to justify his salary increased. This is unthinkable. Recently an unusual number of incurable cases have been admitted. Such a disagreeable misunderstanding should not have arisen. 12 10 04c

A serious collision in Silver Street between two motor buses was only averted by the skill of the drivers. A horse and cart were standing in the road near the Capital and Counties Bank, opposite the Automobile Garage where alterations are taking place. The bus to Chesterton made a sharp angle to clear the cart but the on-coming heavily laden bus had approached a little too far. The mudguards came in contact and the front wheels were inter-locked. The passengers were much alarmed but little damage was done. Ortona have not had a single serious accident since they have been established in Cambridge. 12 11 04d # c.26.46

A review of the recent army manoeuvres recognises the value of cyclists as a screen. The Welsh cyclists biked the whole distance from Cardiff in two days. One of the first cyclist corps was started in Cambridge under Major Rhodes. Those of the Cambridgeshire Territorial Battalion are now drawn from Ely but are only a few in number. There are probably more cyclists in Cambridgeshire than any other county and could easily furnish a whole battalion of wheelman. The number of civilian cyclists noticed at the Manoeuvres was really remarkable and they seemed able to follow the troops anywhere and everywhere. 12 10 04e # c.45.4

Cambridge Women's Suffrage meeting & petition against forcible feeding – 12 10 04f # c.33

Samuel Crouch of Manea, respected agriculturalist. Methodist and councillor – dies in river 12 10 04g

An inquest into the death of the licensee of the Boot Inn, Histon, heard that it was his custom to wash at the water tub which stood in the yard. He went out, as usual, about 6.30am but when he did not come for breakfast his wife looked out of the bedroom window and saw him in the tub. A box that he used to stand on upset and he had apparently slipped and pitched in. It was half-full and he could not have got out by himself. Death was due to apoplexy but falling into the tub produced drowning and accelerated death. The jury passed a vote of sympathy to the widow and her family 12 10 04g 12 10 04g

Queens' College new building stands on the site of a row of almshouses founded by the first President of the college, Andrew Dokett. Architecturally they were of no value and their removal can scarcely be regretted. His charitable bequest will be continued as weekly pensions. Planned on traditional lines forming three sides of a court with the main façade to Queens' Lane, they provide accommodation for 26 undergraduates as well as the Bursar's rooms, guest room and clerks' offices. They were built by Rattee and Kett in a remarkably short time for such first-class work. 12 10 04h # c.32.9 # c.44.5

Chelmsford Board of Guardians passed a resolution in favour of the bodies of paupers who die in the Workhouse and are not claimed by relatives being sent to the University Medical School, Cambridge,

for experimental purposes. One Guardian described the proposal as a scandal, but others, including two clergymen, said they would be willing to allow their own bodies to be used for a similar purpose. 12 10 04j

Cambridge Prison Governor's annual report – 12 10 04i

1912 10 11
Messrs Gurteen, the Haverhill textile manufacturers, employs 500 married women outworkers. There were three units in the trade: ready-made clothing, textile work and hair weaving and glove making. If the women qualified for benefit it would pay them better to rest than to work, an inquiry into the Insurance Act was told. But Union officials said there should be no distinction between inside workers and those outside. If the outworkers were exempt from the Act they would be employed in preference to the single inside workers who would have to be insured. 12 10 11

An Over grocer was summoned for giving a cinematograph exhibition without adequate fire appliances. Police had visited a show in the British Schoolroom and found neither wet blankets not sand had been provided. The grocer said he'd got up the show for the benefit of a clothing club but the bioscope had been delayed on the railway and in the rush to get ready he forgot to get them out. The room would hold about 150 people with two doors that opened inwardly. Had fire occurred there was no telling what might have happened. He was fined £2. 12 10 11a

An Ely Diocesan report on housing conditions says that the greatest sufferers are the mothers of families. The fathers go out all the day to work, the children are in school but the women are anchored in the house. The combined effect of insufficient space, bad sanitation, poor water supply and air deprived of oxygen produces a kind of torpor which disinclines her to any exertion and she cannot control high-spirited children who seek amusement in the streets. Many women allow their homes to remain dirty but an untidy house drives the husband to the tavern where he spends the money which might make the house more comfortable 12 10 11b & c

The fen mustard crop was sown in favourable circumstances but the dry spring was not right for the plant and later there was little sunshine. It ripened before it had fully matured but most was harvested before the heavy rains came. The yield was not so good as had been hoped for. Amongst buyers at the Wisbech mustard market was Sir Jeremiah Colman when the price for brown seed was the same as last year. However very little white seed was on offer 12 10 11d

Willingham Feast has been a 'full' one. The Green was packed with attractions including Thurston's cinematograph show, roundabouts, ostriches, shooting galleries and a joy-wheel which caused great fun and was fully appreciated. Sunday being the first day of the feast special services were held by the People's Mission. The local band was assisted by a mission band from Cambridge and a large number of people were attracted to the open-air gatherings. Collections were taken on behalf of Addenbrooke's Hospital 12 10 11h

Willingham school heating apparatus; new school at North Hill similar to that at Stetchworth – 12 10 11e

The laying of the foundation stone of the new Wesleyan Chapel adjoining Christ's Pieces to replace the old Hobson Street church marks an important epoch in Cambridge history. Built of white Bath stone, the style is Late Perpendicular and all the seats will be of oak. Thomas Ferns was handed a silver trowel by Mr Gunton, the architect, as a memento of the occasion but he did not use such a lovely object and took another to perform the ceremony. He was followed by Mrs Lavender, who was a young girl teacher when the stone was originally laid in Hobson Street. A bottle placed under the main stone states that the site was purchased in on 7th August 1903. 12 10 11 f & g 12 10 18b & c # c.83

Swaffham Bulbeck Parish Council took possession of the Denny Close and Plantation which was purchased as a recreation ground in 1911 to mark the Coronation of King George V. The site is delightfully studded with ancient elms and oaks, forming a charming spot for children out of reach of the cricket balls and footballs on the old pasture. The formal opening will be commemorated by a fancy-dress football match. The feed of the recreation ground will be offered to Mr Fison on condition public can use the meadow for recreation as often as required 12 10 11

1912 10 18
A platelayer laying fog signals on the railway line near Creswell's Bridge, Ely, was knocked down by a light engine and instantly killed. At the time there was patchy fog. A train driver said he had passed the bridge travelling at 35 mph but had not noticed anything. However when he arrived at Peterborough the engine was examined and there were traces of blood on the back of the left-hand side buffer beam and along the engine frame. The man was not deaf, was not drunk but may not have heard the engine, which was very quiet. A verdict of 'Accidental Death' was recorded 12 10 18 & a

Chatteris policeman offered bribe – 12 10 118d
Ashley Tabrum appointed Clerk to County Council – 12 10 18e # c.35.1
Bridegroom suicide, Thurlow – 12 10 18f

Mildenhall workhouse inmate tries stab man in bus at Ely – 12 10 18g

Charles Sharpe, furniture dealer Fitzroy St bankruptcy – 12 10 18h

Cambridge Medical Schools recently applied to Chelmsford Guardians for unclaimed bodies of paupers for dissecting purposes. These are indispensable for the education of a surgeon. Prof Courtney Kenny refutes the belief that a person has no legal right to bequeath his own body for anatomical examinations. If he directs that after death his body shall be examined anatomically then the person having lawful possession of the corpse shall direct such an examination to be made. However the deceased relatives can require the body to be interred without such examination 12 10 18i # c.21.2

Charles Lack, head of the well-known firm of Messrs Lack & Son, engineers of Cottenham, died peacefully. He possessed an intimate knowledge of the geological strata and has advised various bodies in matters relating to water supply and sewage. A native of Willingham, he showed mechanical abilities of a high order and commenced business in 1871 on the same spot where the works enlarged and equipped on modern lines now stand. Conscientious in all his dealings, he was respected alike by employers and employed. In his home a devoted husband and father, he leaves five daughters and five sons to mourn an irreparable loss 12 10 18l

St Ives Midsummer Fair, Swavesey Swan Pond horse – 12 10 18l

Workmen digging at the rear of a shop in Peas Hill discovered the skeleton of a man and women, lying side by side. Nearby is the site of an old monastery and the assumption is that the remains were found in a former burying-ground. If so it knocks the bottom out of one of the best ghost stories in Cambridge, involving a wealthy banker whose young, beautiful wife took a lover who then disappeared. Half a body was later discovered in excavations at the Bijou Theatre Club's cellars. Now it appears they may all be linked. 12 10 18j # c.39 # c.43

1912 10 25
Messrs King and Harper's magnificent new motor garage and showroom in Bridge Street is one of the most commodious in the Eastern Counties. It has accommodation for over 100 motor cars and several hundred motor cycles, there is a large stock of new and second-hand machines and the workshops are completely equipped with up-to-date plant driven by electric power. It is on three storeys with an electric lift capable of conveying the largest car to the top floor in a few seconds. The architect is Sidney French and the builder J. Brignell of Newmarket Road. 12 10 25 # c.26.484

Rev Newling drew attention to the state of a cottage at Isleham in which an old man and woman lived. It was built of clunch, was about 100 years old & the walls had no foundation. When the woman was going to bed the floor of the bedroom sank down to the basement. The owner was giving the matter his attention - he is rebuilding that part of the cottage that fell down. But there are numerous other cottages in similar condition. 12 10 25a

P.C. Smith told the court he was in plain clothes in Trinity Street when he saw an eleven-year-old boy carrying his cap in his hands. It looked rather bulky and was found to contain walnuts. The lad admitted he'd put his hand through a hole at the back of Whitehead's stall on the market and taken them. His mother said he was unruly at home and went out in the evening when he had no business to do so. Magistrates sentenced him to six strokes of the birch. If he re-offended he would be sent to the reformatory school 12 10 25aa

A resident of Fletcher's Yard, off Abbey Street, told the court he was sitting in his house late on a Friday night when two bricks and two pails full of ashes were thrown through the window, smashing it and breaking a mirror, some pictures and ornaments. He saw his neighbour throw the second pail. The accused admitted breaking the windows, but not breaking the ornaments saying the man and the woman he lived with were always fighting on Friday nights. He was fined ten shillings 12 10 25b

Church Pastoral Aid Society – clergy poorly paid – 12 10 25c

Alterations to Castle End Institute Mission Hall mean that rooms are now well ventilated, brilliantly lighted with incandescent gas and have hot water heating apparatus. Two classrooms have been fitted up as a billiard room with a reading cum smoke room and a games room upstairs. The mission had begun at Frost's Passage and Kettle's Yard Night School where they had to tell the boys that soap was cheap and water was cheaper. The first site had proved unsuitable so the present site with a tiny grocer's shop at the corner and some back-to-back cottages had been bought. Now it would meet the needs of the neighbourhood and make residents lives more beautiful 12 10 25c # c.83

The non-militant Cambridge Association for Women's Suffrage held a well-attended meeting in the Guildhall. 12 10 25d # c.33

Histon needs street lights; Swavesey church new stove – 12 10 25e

November 1912 CWN

1912 11 01
A tragic and dramatic occurrence took place at a funeral at Over. On the way to the church one of the bearers suddenly fell to the ground, dropping the corner of the coffin. Thinking he had only fainted the procession continued on the way to the church, one or two friends remaining behind to render what aid they could. However the man never regained consciousness and died within a few minutes. A platelayer on the Great Eastern Railway, he was always thought to be a strong man of perfect health. No inquest is to be held, Dr Ellis of Swavesey having certified that death was due to heart failure 12 11 01

Price of pauperism – poor law expenditure – 12 11 01

New Wesleyan church – picture 12 11 01a

Bird Bros' chemical manure factory at Duxford was partially destroyed by fire which started in the bone mill. A cyclist messenger was despatched for the Whittlesford Fire Brigade, attached to Mr Maynard's works, which turned out very promptly. The building was formerly a brewery made of trellised woodwork which offered a ready start for the flames. The brigades stuck to the manuals hour

after hour but all the woodwork was destroyed and the iron part of the machinery was bent and twisted. However the engine driving the whole plant and the electric dynamo was saved. 12 11 01b

Swavesey tradesmen, who are compelled by law to close their shops on Thursday afternoon, are inquiring why traders from other places are allowed to hawk goods in the village at that time. Last week men with a large van belonging to a Cambridge tradesmen, who presumably had to close his shop on Thursdays, went from end to end selling oil, soap, candles, tin ware and other commodities, all of which Swavesey tradesmen supply. This is unjust. The County Council should fix one early-closing day for the whole county instead of leaving every parish to choose its own. 12 11 011

Bernard Nutter – Story of Cambridge Baptists – review 12 11 01c & d # c.83

W.A. Briscoe of Longstowe Hall, Three Allegorical plays – review 12 11 01c & d

Women's social & political union meeting Market Hill on suffrage – 12 11 01e # c.33

Sir – the Territorial cyclist has been used for the first time during the army manoeuvres. There is a battalion in Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex who would be distributed along the coast to repel any enemy landings or fight a delaying action until troops largely dependent upon the railway can arrive. Should there not be a cyclist battalion in Cambs who could proceed to any threatened place as reinforcements? Despite their shortcomings on open ground, the cyclist is the ideal mobile fighting man for home defence and should take his proper place in our military system – A Cyclist Sergeant 12 11 01f # c.45.4

The new vestry at St Mark's Church, Newnham Croft, given by Mr & Mrs C.F. Foster in memory of their two sons, was dedicated. The vestry, which is the work of Mr W. Sindall, is built with ordinary red brick and stone, with oak wood. It is partitioned off with a moveable screen allowing the choir to use one side and the clergy the other. A heating chamber is situated beneath it. The architects were Mess James, Laycock and Bellamy of London. 12 11 01g # c.83

Wesley church bazaar raises final funds; publication of a shilling souvenir with all chapels in circuit and on Hobson Street Sunday School. The other compiled by Mrs Ryder, Hobson Street, who wrote to old ministers and asked for a shilling and a quotation. – 12 11 01h & i # c.83

The County Council discussed the establishment of a farm institute to specialise in fenland farming, fruit-growing, poultry and bee-keeping. Coun. Wootten said he'd started life as a small holder 55 years ago and it was nothing more or less than hard work from morning till night. 'Agricultural Amateurs' were always trying experiments to do away with hard work. But you could not succeed in farming unless you worked jolly hard. There was a great demand for experts and advisers – men who were discovering what farmers had found out 50 years before. The idea was rejected. 12 11 01j

Impington school improvements cause controversy – 12 11 01k

Over death wife Charles Robinson, blacksmith – 12 11 01l

1912 11 08
It was one of the noisiest 'rags' seen for some years, for the introduction of a variety of bomb-firework, which gives a report louder than a rifle shot, more than compensated for the fewer Varsity men than usual. The liveliest scene occurred in King Street where the crowd were attracted by the sight of the hoarding outside the partly-demolished Hobson Street Chapel. Instead they turned their attention array of woodwork in connection with the building of the new Wesleyan Chapel near Christ's Pieces, but this was strongly guarded by police. Another battle broke out in Grange Road where some 400 undergraduates damaged the fence around Mr Ebenezer Smith's garden. 12 11 08a & b # c.36.94 # c.83

The Great Eastern Railway Company accomplished great work during the army manoeuvres running 200 trains to move troops, horses and guns. An engine in steam with an accident van and steam crane was made ready, carpenters prepared to perform any services and the edges of all platforms were whitened with lime. No less than 45 type-written special train notices had to be prepared involving the reproduction of many thousand copies by means of hand rotary machines. Blue paper was used for the inward travel and yellow for the outward. All this without interfering with ordinary passenger traffic 12 11 08 # c.26.2 # c.45.4

Willingham Tabernacle has a reputation for activity which puts it amongst the foremost Nonconformist institutions in the county. Since 1909 a new organ has been fitted and now electric light has been installed with fifty-one metallic filament lamps of high efficiency all over the building. The electricity supply is derived from a dynamo driven by the Crossley petrol engine which was installed some time ago for the purpose of blowing the organ. The work was carried out by Messrs Lack of Cottenham at a cost of £170 (£15,700 now) 12 11 08e & f

Zoological Library offered to University by Alfred Norman – 12 11 08c

Ugley gamekeeper tussle – 12 11 08d

Histon bonfire night – 12 11 08g

1912 11 15
Licensing compensation for Steeple Morden Hill House, Cherry Hinton Russian Arms, Swavesey Red Lion, Cambridge Duke of Gloucester, Windmill, Danish Flag & Compasses – 12 11 15

Fire at Still & Sugar Loaf, Market Hill – 12 11 15a

Brandon – Paget Hall given Unionist association – 12 11 15b

Balsham's new Church Institute fills a long-felt want. It consists of a single large hall attached to which is a small kitchen and the former parish room removed from its old position. The walls have been pink washed with high wainscoting of olive green. Besides socials and concerts it will be used as a men's club, for classes in cookery and laundry work, Red Cross lectures and other functions. There have been few days on which it has not been used. The parish was not rich but people who did not live there had put their shoulders to the wheel 12 11 15c

Ely butcher Reginald King failure – 12 11 15d & e

Occupiers of low-lying land in Swavesey will be glad to learn that important steps have been taken to lessen the damage caused by floods at the Swan Pond and High Street. Doors will be erected at Over Bridge to stop the Bedford water from flowing into Cow Fen. The six cottages at Turn Bridge, the occupants of which have to flit on the occasion of a high flood, will no longer be in danger of inundation. But four cottages at Church End and another at Ramper Road have been condemned as insanitary although there is no other housing available and so the disturbed residents will be offered the hospitality of the workhouse 12 11 15f also Trinity College farm fire caused by Pamplins traction engine driving threshing machine

1912 11 22
Pumps of the new engine installed at Ten Mile Bank by Littleport and Downham Commissioners were started for the first time. It was 1819 when they erected their first engine here, it was of 30 hp driving a water wheel. This was replaced by an 80 hp engine in 1840 with new boilers in 1878 and bigger scoop wheels two years later. The drainage of the future would be more difficult owing to the land settling in some places and several drains would have to be diverted to avoid the hills. 12 11 22

Caxton water scheme – 12 11 22

Votes for women debate at Union Society – 12 11 22a

Battle of Grantchester over swampy meadows – CUOTC night operations cross river by boat bridge – 12 11 22b # c.45.4

UOTC Battle of Grantchester – 12 11 22c

Longstanton All Saints' Church held a service of dedication of the five new bells which have been added to the three originals. They were founded by Messrs Taylor of Loughborough and Mr Taylor himself came to ring in the ceremony. The bells are set in an iron frame in place of the previous one of timber. They also celebrated the restoration of the tower which has been pointed inside, the first floor has been lowered and another put in. The total cost is about £330 (about £30,500 today) of which a large sum remains to be cleared off. 12 11 22d

1912 11 29
Mr Michael Rowell was the oldest victualler in either town or county. He had been at the Scales Hotel (the Portland Arms) for over 26 years having previously kept the Bleeding Heart in Old Chesterton. He also farmed and carried on a milk and contractors business. He was an elder brother of the once-famous Charles Rowell, the champion long-distance runner of the world who smashed all records on the path is a famous six days and nights 'go-as-you-please' race. 12 11 29e

The vote to abolish restrictions on Divinity Degrees was a great surprise to both sides. The scene at the Senate House had been extremely animated with 800 dons casting their votes in 20 minutes. Candidates need no longer preach before the University or declare their assent to the Thirty-nine Articles and the Book of Common Prayer. Previously many of the most distinguished theological scholars have been unable to obtain a Divinity Degree at Cambridge including well-known Free Churchmen such as Dr Barber, the present Headmaster of the Leys School. 12 11 29 & a # c.36.9

An Inquiry heard that a new footpath had been laid from The Crofts to the Mereside, Soham, and the old one stopped up. Benjamin Bradshaw, a basket maker of Pratt Street, said there was no right of way over the land but it was just for people who had allotments. But James Westley, auctioneer, said he had used it frequently and it had never been obstructed. Rev J.A. Wilson said the land had belonged to the church and congregation of Isleham for 200 years. The Parish Council should come to an agreement to take it over. 12 11 29b & c

Sophocles' 'Oedipus Tyrannus' was performed in the original Greek at the New Theatre by members of the University. The performance was in every way beautiful and intensely impressive. How much time and work it must have cost everyone concerned can only be guessed. There was a distinguished audience and a sincere enthusiasm which stamped the performance as a true success. 12 11 29d # c.76

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1912 12 06
Wamil Hall, the historic pile of buildings near Worlington was discovered to be on fire. The nurse raised the alarm and staff made efforts to stop it; Mr Munns the butler sustained injuries to his foot and Mr Davies got his hand and fingers burnt. Mildenhall & West Row firemen turned out promptly but the back part of the house was well alight with flames coming through the window. The kitchen, day nursery, night nursery and other room were consumed. Wamil Hall was partially burnt about 14 years ago but the fire was then at the other end of the building. 12 12 06a

Women's suffrage meeting addressed by Rackham – 12 12 06b # c.33

Mrs Pankhurst visit to Guildhall – opposition – 12 12 06c; advert 12 12 12aa # c.33

The Cambridge Home of Mercy (Female Refuge) afforded women who have been following a sinful court of life a home where they may be usefully employed and instructed in religion. The Mission House on Newmarket Road provided temporary shelter for girls and women while inquiries were made, then placed them in homes and situations. It was unfortunate that men led women astray and women led men astray and the blame must be borne by both. The girls were grateful to be rescued; one who had led a notorious and openly evil life had married and now leads a respectable life 12 12 06e # WOMEN # c.32.9

Cambridge should be constituted a County Borough with power to manage its own affairs, an Inquiry was told. There had been a great deal of friction and dispute over roads At present if permission was required to open a drain the matter had to go first to the Borough and then the County. There was a considerable amount of overlapping of responsibilities and the whole thing was almost unworkable. As for schools: many county pupils were the sons of farmers and others engaged in agriculture and so education was designed for that class of scholar. 12 12 06 e & f 12 12 12b # c.35.7

Cottenham materials of old windmill on Rampton Road sold by auction – 12 12 06g

1912 12 13
William Dobson, successor to the late Mr A.H. Hawke as Governor of the Cambridge Prison, was born in a police station in 1859 and has been connected with crime and criminals all his life. He was previously Chief Warder in the Borstal Institution at Feltham and believes that even judges do not realise what the system is doing to reduce crime. Mr Dobson married 25 years ago and has six children. His two eldest sons are soldiers and one of his brothers is Chief Inspector of the Newcastle City Police. 12 12 13f # c.34.9

Cam University Musical Society 500th concert – 12 12 13 # c.69

R.C. Lehmann told the Authors' Club that when he was at University a Trinity Hall undergraduate with plenty of money had published a paper called the 'Gadfly' containing an irreverent account of a Cambridge institution, Mr Oscar Browning, who was then responsible for its closure. Later they'd heard that Browning was planning a serious and thoughtful magazine to be called the 'Granta'. So they immediately launched their own journal of that name before his could come out. Their most brilliant scoop was to publish the answers to the problem paper in the Mathematical Tripos 12 12 13 & a # c.04 # c.36.92

Miss M.B. Thomas, M.A. of Huntingdon Road has the distinction of being the first lady in Cambridge to resist paying her taxes on the ground that taxation and representation should go together. At the Spring Inn, Chesterton Road an antique pendant and two gold bracelets will be sold by auction by the Collector of Taxes. This is very unusual: R.B. Catling, the well-known auctioneer was approached but was unwilling to conduct the sale under such circumstances. A few years ago a farmer in Burnt Fen objected to paying the education portion of the poor rate and bought a new wagon to hand over for the purpose of distraint. It was painted red and he intended to have a record of each distraint recorded on a panel in black lettering, buying it back himself. He was convinced that by the time all the panels were filled in, he would be no longer called upon to pay the rate 12 12 13c # c.33

Sir - The condition of one of the footbridge leading from Market Street to the path at Swavesey is giving cause for concern. The planks are rotten and spring dangerously though a support having broken away by reason of old age. The brook is now full of water and I tremble to think of what might happen if it gave way under the weight of a massive person – there are some in the village. The bridge is used every winter night by the parish lamp-lighter and we value this active official too highly to wish him to endanger his life in the public service, or even get a ducking. – Correspondent – 12 12 13h

When Mrs Pankhurst arrived for a Suffragette meeting at the Guildhall the streets were impassable, 20 policemen were on duty at the entrance and the air was filled with the horrible stench of stink-bombs.

Although the audience comprised a large opposition who created a good deal of uproar, the noise gradually diminished as her speech advanced and she was perfectly audible. Georgina Brackbenbury who took the chair had more interruption by the sound of a penny trumpet; its owner was a musician who produced notes mournful or joyous according to her words and achieved a flourishing Reveille. Afterwards crowds ringed a motor car waiting outside the Wheeler Street entrance, which had one of its tyres deflated. But Mrs Pankhurst was quietly conducted out by the Guildhall Street entrance and to the Lion Hotel. 12 12 13c & d & e # c.33

Obituary Sir George Darwin & P.H. Mason of St John's 12 12 13g

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A conference on rural housing was told that were a number of corporate landowners doing their duty by providing cottages on their estates but others were not doing so well. There was not a single college which would not bring its property up to the proper standard if the difficulties were brought before them. The railway companies did not provide houses in anything like the same proportion as they introduced labour into the rural districts. Some village charities owned houses which were unsuitable for human habitation. But they could not afford to forego the rents and they could not borrow money for repairs. So they had to go on getting all they could for them. 12 12 20

Private enterprise could not cope with the rural housing problem, Miss Constance Cochrane warned. Cottages with three bedrooms could not be built for less than £150 and the rent labourers paid would not cover the cost. But Rural District Councils should not compete with private building. Many agricultural labourers could pay three shillings a week – it was just that they had got into the habit of thinking they could not afford it. If any landowner would give half-an-acre of land to their RDC to build cottages on then she would build an old-age cottage in her district. They were greatly needed as elderly often had to leave their homes as soon as their last day's work was done 12 12 20a

Canada, the land of freedom and light taxation. You cannot obtain a more desirable home that in the fertile valleys of New Brunswick. Only six days' sail from England. The ideal country for fruit, dairy and mixed farming, also for hunting and fishing. The rent of an English farm will purchase one outright here. Write to New Brunswick Government Office, Southampton Street, London - Advertisement. 12 12 20 # EMIGRATION

The Cambridge branch of the Friends of the Soviet Union held an enjoyable social at the new Left Book Club rooms in Falcon Yard at which two Russian silent films were shown. The first, 'Oil Symphony' gave an account of the tapping of some of the country's vast oil resources, while the second recounted the construction of the Baltic-White sea canal. There was also an interesting exhibition of modern Russian craft work. Copies of photographs sent to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Socialist regime were given as prizes in competitions and dances 12 12 20e # c.33
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The Meldreth Portland Cement Company's works have been purchased by the Standard Cement Company Ltd and will be reopened for the manufacture of Portland Cement. It is proposed to put down suction gas plant, new kilns and grinding machinery and generally overhaul the works. The old machinery has been adapted for the manufacture of ground lias lime which the company is now marketing. The reopening of these works after two years closure has naturally affected favourably the employment of workers and mechanics in the district. 12 12 20aa # c.27

Mr Herbert Reynolds was presented with a street piano purchased following a benefit concert in the Beaconsfield Hall. Many local gentlemen had subscribed to alleviate the misfortune of Reynolds'

blindness by giving him a means of an honest livelihood. The piano would prove a boom to him in his affliction and – they hoped – he would always conduct himself as befits an Englishman. The first tune was then played on the instrument which was made by Pasquale and Co and has a round of ten of the latest melodies. An explanatory board is being gratuitously painted and with the collecting-box and the piano cover the outfit is complete. 12 12 20b # c.69 # c.32.9

Edward Few of Willingham was a successful corn merchant and always to the fore in every good cause. He was a prime mover in the building of the Baptist Tabernacle and the foundation of the British School which was built in 1856. One of the original members of the Cambridgeshire County Council, he retired as an Alderman only when advancing years made it impossible for him to attend and also served on many village and drainage bodies. His loss will be greatly felt. 12 12 20aa

The Mart in King Street has been constructed Mr J. Winship, the well-known auctioneer who has transformed what was originally a bare and ill-lighted bottling store into a fine salesroom. Soon 'The Mart' in 16-inch gold lettering will form a fitting crown to the red and gold colour scheme of the front of the premises. It is intended for the sale of furniture with a large skylight and powerful gas burners, adequate ventilation and heating. From the rostrum the auctioneer can easily see buyers and no serious bidder will fail to catch his eye 12 12 20b # c.06

John Vail, ironmonger of Post Office Terrace and oldest East Anglia Freemason dies 12 12 20bb

Brooklands Avenue is a private road with a gate at the Trumpington Road end, which is sometimes closed, though one footpath, it is claimed, is a public path. Part of the road is invariably in a disgraceful state of repair and during bad weather is little better than a quagmire with mud up to one's ankles. Yet if a cyclist, to avoid the ruts and filth, takes to the public footpath he is liable to be pounced upon by a policeman. The road connects up Trumpington and Cherry Hinton, important parts of the extended Borough, and should be taken over by the Corporation. 12 12 20c # c.44.6

Oscar Browning replies on origin of the Granta – 12 12 20i

An inquest into a man who died at Cambridge gaol while awaiting trial was told he was a wheelwright who'd complained of pains in his insides for a long time. He'd suffered a haemorrhage. His wife said she'd had every opportunity to see him and that he'd been as kindly treated 'as though he had been a gentleman'. The officers, governor and doctor had spared nothing to save his life 12 12 20j

Christmas of 1912 promises to be as happy as any of its predecessors. The complaint of 'low wages and high prices' is heard in many quarters but evidence of material prosperity is afforded by the increased bulk of trade. Cambridge tradesmen have seldom shown such enterprise in regard to the stock exhibited and their reward promises to be forthcoming in the hearty response of shoppers. The football match on the Town grounds on Christmas Day is sure to prove a great attraction and the 'Barnwell Derby' race for costermongers pushing their barrows from Cambridge to Bottisham Swan will take place on Boxing Day 12 12 20c

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Robert Farren, the well-known Cambridge artist, died at Highgate. Farren, who was born in Cambridge about 80 years ago, lived in Cambridge all his life with the exception of a few years' residence at Scarborough until August last when he went to live in Highgate. He was a very clever water colour artist but best known for his work in oils and his etchings. His fen pictures were well-known and his series of etchings of cathedral cities amongst his most famous work. He also produced fine etchings of the Cambridge Greek plays. His 'Degree Day' was published as a photo by Wm Farren when he lived in Rose Crescent. Farren loved to paint Cambridge & Cambridgeshire scenery and there is scarcely a picturesque 'bit' in the town or county that has not been reproduced by him. At one time he had his studios at the top of which are now the University offices but were formerly a Liberal Club. A good many years ago he resided at Mayfield, Hills Road but during the last three

years lived at no.1 Station Road. In his younger days he was a very handsome figure, tall and well-built. He was a skilful fencer and attained some note as a geologist. Me married Miss Mason, a Cambridge lady and had a family of 14 children, none of whom are now living in Cambridge, his only relatives being his nephew William Farren, the naturalist, of Regent Street and his brother. Two of his daughters have inherited their father's artistic skill in no small degree. The funeral will take lace at Old Chesterton churchyard where his wife is buried. – 12 12 20bb # c.63 Robert Farren's funeral at Old Chesterton. Three children of his eldest son, the late Ernest Farren live with their mother in Herbert Street 12 12 27b

A verdict of accidental death was given at an inquest into the death of George Selwyn, only son of the former Master of Selwyn College. He had had a motor cycle for some time and was a rider of experience. George Hammond, a labourer, saw a motor bus coming down Castle Hill when a motor cycle came out of Northampton Street and collide with it. The bus driver said the first thing he knew was when he felt the wheels bump over something. The lad had lost control and no blame was attached to the bus driver. He'd done all he could. 12 12 27a

A serious case of overcrowding was reported at a lodging house at 57 Fitzroy Street. The Medical Officer said there were four rooms, two of which were bedrooms. The front sitting room was used as a bedroom by night. It was occupied by the owner, his wife and five-month-old baby, a man and 10-year-old daughter and Mr & Mrs Smith with two girls aged 14 & 12 and three boys of seven, five and two years. Such overcrowding was injurious to the people and a danger to neighbours as infectious diseases could easily spread 12 12 27c

The first sugar-beet factory which was opened in October near Norwich might almost be called a philanthropic concern, so keen and unselfish has been the interest of certain gentlemen in his promotion. Everything seemed to conspire to give it a bad start: the weather was unfavourable, the erection of the factory was hindered by unprecedented floods and the inevitable postponement of the opening delayed the lifting of the crop which was done largely with Dutch labour imported for the occasion. Nevertheless a very satisfactory output of sugar has been made. It is hoped next year will prove favourable as the future of the industry in Britain may be said to depend upon it – 12 12 27

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Huntingdonshire magistrates were often simply country farmers whose hostility to the car had not been tempered by the teaching of the times, Max Pemberton alleges in a letter to 'The Field'. One of his friends who'd met 'one of these shallows' going home after the police court on a day when some £60 had 'been bagged' said the magistrate showed him the money taken and declared it was about to become a nest egg for the county. Yokels used to be hired week by week to go into the witness box and swear to the narrow escapes they had had. But nowadays it was sufficient for two constables to swear that a car was being driven dangerously to secure a conviction. 1913 01 03 p10 13 01 03a

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Gamlingay slate clubs
This has been one of the quietest and dullest Christmases ever known in Gt Gransden. It practically rained all the week. Two football matches were played on Christmas Day and Boxing Day against Everton and Sandy Reserves but the state of the ground made it more a matter of luck than play. The usual services were held in the parish church, which was nicely decorated. The carol singers paraded the village at midnight on Christmas Even and again on Christmas Day. No fewer than six Canadians have returned home to spend Christmas in their native village 13 01 03

Histon – 4th Cambridge Troop (BPs), formerly known as the 'Histon Peace Scouts' attended church where they were instituted; have been carol-singing
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Provisions.—Saturday's prices in Cambridge will be: butter 1s. 4d. per lb.; eggs nine a shilling.

New Cambridge Knight.—Among the new knights (in the New Year Honours List) appears the name of Hr. Francis Darwin, D.Sc., M.B., F.R.S. of 10, Madingley Road, Cambridge, and Hon. Fellow of Christ's College. Sir Francis, to whom heartiest congratulations will be extended on all hands, is the third son of the late Professor Charles Darwin, and is in his 65th year. ;

Ely Pastor Married. A wedding of great local interest took place at the Wimpole Road Wesleyan Church, Colchester, on Boxing Day, when the Rev. J, Wesley Green, the esteemed pastor of the

Countess of Huntingdon Church, Ely, was married to Miss Helen Mary Mason, daughter of Mr. J. H. Mason, of Military Road, Colchester

Mr. Denison-Pender Takes the Field.-—Mr. J, C, Denison-Pender took an eleven to Ely on Saturday to play the Ely City F.C. He is a thorough sportsman and several journeyed to Paradise Recreation Ground especially to see him play. Many good performances on the football field stand to the credit of the prospective Conservative: candidate. Although he does not play very often now, he still possesses a fine knowledge of the game, and his every movement was watched with the greatest interest, he appeared at inside left, and occasionally put in some good work. He was fast and tricky, but was opposed to a couple of smart men in Goodin and Holland. The game was well-contested throughout, but at one period it looked as though the City would win by a most convincing margin. Play at the outset was all in their favour and at half-time Ely led by four goals to one. Half an hour of the second half went by without any addition to the score, but then the visitors put on a couple of goals, and were only beaten 4—3. The Rev. R. M. Nicholls (2), Holland and Brislin scored for Ely and Shore (2) and Shepherd for Mr. Denison-Pender's eleven.

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It seems practically certain that Cambridge United will lose their popular captain, Jack Rowell, for he has gone into business on his own account which will necessitate him giving up playing on Saturdays. Visiting clubs should note that Jack has taken over at the Hopbine in Fair Street where he will be able to accommodate them when playing in Cambridge. It is a great thing for teams to have somewhere to go where they will be well looked after and he understands their requirements. Jack is about to assume other responsibilities, for in a very short time he will have taken unto himself a wife. 1913 01 24 p3 CIP

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Cottenham working class housing – Church Hill*,

Cambridge University Boat Club discussed Captain Gibbon's scheme for the improvement of the river Cam. It suggests the river be made 75 feet all over, that banks be protected with concrete sheeting and the depth increased to seven feet in the centre. . The total costs, including improvement to Grassy Corner is £25,000 Improvement Scheme – widen and deepen & p10 # c.46.5

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The Allotment Committee regulations say holders should keep plots free from weeds and not plant any fruit trees or bushes, strawberry plants, asparagus, rhubarb or any other market garden crops which produce for two or more years They could erect a tool house, greenhouse, fowlhouse or pigsty with permission but not keep more than two pigs nor take any dog on the allotment.

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A man took lodgings with a deaf and dumb couple. He said he was an engineer employed by King and Harper and brought round a motor car in which he took them for drives, saying it came from the garage. He disappeared taking money and clothes which did not belong to him. The man is himself deaf and can only speak a little. He can talk in the finger language and also read the lips. He looks like an American, has a tendency to squint and was wearing shabby clothes and a dark blue coat too small for him. Anyone seeing him should contact the police.

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The heavy and almost continuous rains are having a serious effect in Soham. The whole countryside is saturated and ditches full to overflowing. At Greenhills water is level with the cottagers' gardens and paths and roads are impassable, the outlook is extremely serious. A hundred acres are flooded due to the unsafe condition of the river bank which is in a state of collapse. Farmers fear grain will rot in the ground, some having bee covered with water since before Christmas. The roads are in shocking condition, the heavy farm traffic having cut them up to such an extent it is impossible to cycle over them

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Castle End Institute is carrying out splendid work in this thickly-populated area. There is a first-rate billiard room for men, with reading and games room upstairs; boys have a gymnasium and there are weekly sewing classes for girls. A pulpit will shortly be added to the mission room which presents very bright appearance after its redecoration. # c.83.

Jabez Parnell, pastor Strict Baptist Church in London, preaches Chittering,
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The wife of the level crossing gate keeper at Mile End, Prickwillow told the inquest that when a train left from Shippea Hill station, a bell rang in the cottage. It was a very distinct ring. The gates were both closed and nobody had they right to open them unless they called her. John Mead, G.E.R. engine driver on the express from Norwich, said as he approached the crossing he saw a horse's head coming on the railway. He sounded the whistle and no sooner had he done so than the engine struck the horse, travelling at 60 mph. The collision had killed both the horsed and the driver, leaving the cart standing but upsetting the coal with which it was laden. 13 01 31 p8 CIP
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Edith Cattel, a student at Newham College told the court she'd engaged a cab from the Bull Hotel to take her to the Market Hill. She had two purses, one contained English money, the other had two ten-dollar bills but she'd lost it
Stolen golf balls

The Pumping Station of the Burwell Lode at Upware was completely gutted by fire, the building and machinery, with the exception of the pump being destroyed and the whole station render useless. The

building was about 72 years old and consisted of three rooms with the engine in the centre. The work had been done by a steam engine up till 17 years ago when the present 32 h.p. oil engine was installed. It is believed the fire was due to the floor becoming overheated through the working of the engine and there might have been a slight leak of paraffin, which suddenly caught fire. Charles Bell, the engineer, was severely singed about the head and face, his hair, beard, moustache and eyebrows being burned. 13 10 31 p8 CIP

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Alderman A.S. Campkin presentation to mark 40 years on council

William Barnard Rhodes Moorhouse, the well-known Huntingdon airman, was accused of driving a powerful racing car near Gloucester in such a reckless way that it frightened two horses being driven by a farm labourer. In trying to control them the man had been knocked down and killed. The car was travelling at great pace and made a terrific noise. Moorhouse admitted excessive speed but there was nothing to show this had made the horses shy. He knew nothing of the accident until he'd reached Gloucester. The jury found him guilty but with a strong recommendation to mercy. He was fined £20 13 01 31 p9 CIP

Band of Hope Union annual meeting head that David Moore ('Uncle David') had given 78 addresses and 75 lantern lectures which had been attended by 5,198 adults and 10,865 children. The lantern shows had been very popular and were an excellent method for giving effective teaching in a pleasant way. Numerous visits had been paid to villages and Wood Ditton, Cheveley, Dulling and Soham Fen had joined the Union. Numerous pledges to abstain from drinking had been given. 13 01 31 p9 CIPof

A serious fire, caused by the overheating of a grate occurred at rooms occupied by the undergraduate son the Colonial Secretary, the Rt Hon A. Lyttelton in Bridge Street. It spread along the floor, burning away the wall facing the street and had reached within a yard of the bed before occupant woke up. Frank Dalton, who has a boot and shoe shop on the ground floor dashed around to find the place full of undergraduates in all conditions of undress, who volunteered assistance. The basement containing 3,000 pairs of customers' lasts was flooded by the water used to fight the fire 13 01 31 p9

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Most of the passengers had left the G.N.R. train from King's Cross at Cambridge station when an official noticed a gentleman, apparently asleep. He opened the carriage door and gently shook him by the knee. As he did so he was startled to see a revolver lying on the floor of the carriage and a small trickle of blood. Examination showed that the passenger was dead, apparently from a bullet wound in the head. The body was identified as that of Longstanton man. The village stationmaster was told to break the news to his wife. The news caused great consternation in the area 13 01 31 p12 CIP

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During the trial of the manager of Lacon's Cambridge brewery magistrates were shown copies of an illustrated paper containing photographs of the accused taken in the court. But a large notice states 'Photographing in Court is strictly forbidden. Police have instructions to eject anyone attempting to take photographs'. The senior Press representative assured the Court that the reporters present knew nothing whatever about the matter. 13 02 07 p9 CIP # c.04

Deaf & dumb case
Discharged prisoners' aid society heard that sixteen-year-old girls presented the greatest difficulty. In the past Proctors had the Spinning House where the reform and improvement had been carried out effectively. But it had been abolished for fear of wrongful arrest of women. Another problem was people suffering from 'ergophobia'. They were the type who slept well and ate well, but 'came over all of a tremble' if they were shown a piece of work 13 02 07 p9 CIP
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Newmarket licensing magistrates heard there were two public houses at Dullingham Ley, one to only 20 cottages. The landlord of the Rising Sun beerhouse had been asked not to supply a woman with drink. But she'd drunk until closing at lunch time, and then left with men who'd been drinking. She fell down on the road very drunk, was lifted on to a bicycle, held there, wheeled to the farmyard of Mr Holland, pitched on some straw, hay and water thrown on her, made sport of and indecently assaulted. This was a very unseemly exhibition for a Sunday. 13 02 07
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Not within living memory have the famous Wicken Fens been so completely flooded as they are at present. The district presents and appearance reminiscent of the Broads, for as far as the eye can see in many directions only the top rails of the fens and the hedgerow tops are visible. It is feared that much damage has been done in this "entomologist's paradise" 13 07 02 p11

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Coal merchant Frank Luddington said when the flap of a truck of coal standing on the line at Littleport station was let down a quantity fell on to the road. He went to pick it up next day, but it had gone. Then he noticed a G.E.R. condemned sawdust sack standing near a weighbridge and nearby were two bags of Bentinck Best Derby House coal, the same as had fallen from the truck. A coal

hawker working for Thomas Summerlee had collected them. The man said it was a mistake, and the case was dismissed. 13 02 07 p11
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Two tiny coffins have recently been found in the monastic burial ground of Peterborough, and have been placed in Peterborough Cathedral. One is 2ft 6ins in length and the other 2ft 8ins. They are said locally to be the coffins of the twin children of King Canute (995-1035) who were drowned in Whittlesey Mere as they were crossing to be educated at Peterborough Abbey 13 02 14 p4 CIP

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Gospel progress in China
Last year's rainfall exceeded the average by more than 30 per cent. Inevitably this has left a legacy of damp walls, blotched pictures, mouldy wallpaper and similar housing problems. But a powder has been developed which prevents any dampness or moisture penetrating cement plaster as when the wall is wet owing to the damp-course having perished. Large quantities of the powder, known as Pudlo, manufactured by Kerner-Greenwood and Company of King's Lynn are also being used for damp cellars and flat roofs 13 02 13 p5 CIP

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Captain Scott tragedy, includes Cambridge man
The master of Cambridge workhouse reported that one girl refused to take food – whether she had the suffragettes' complaint or not he did not know – and could only be persuaded to take milk. She was once a plump, comely young woman but was fast reducing to a shadow. It was distressing. He had even provided special food and inmates often tempted her to eat, but she obstinately refused. It might be case for compulsory feeding and the medical officer should be consulted – 13 02 14 p6 CIP
Mrs Lavington Hart, missionary to China

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Melbourne Place School soon ready
It was with a thrill of horror that Cambridge received the news of the death of Captain Scott and the four comrades who had accompanied him on his final dash to the South Pole. Amongst them was Dr Edward Wilson, a former student of Caius College, whose talent as a water-colour artist was well-known in his Cambridge days. Another Caius man, C.W. Wright, was not among the party that met with disaster. Scott had received an honorary degree in June 1905 when the Public Orator spoke of his achievements. Mrs Keating of Chesterton Road is a sister of Mrs Scott who was on her way to New Zealand to meet her husband and was unaware of his death as the ship was out of the wireless zone. 13 02 14 p6 & 7 CIP

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Caxton licensing cmte object to Gamlingay Three Horse Shoes, Elsworth Three Horse Shoes & Bourn King William IV

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Cambridge licensing – pubs closed Crystal Palace in Mill Rd, Priory Tap Newmarket Road, Bell in Northampton St; are 250 licences, Star Brewery apply sell smaller quantities of beer from brewery 13 02 14 p9 CIP # c.27.4
County pubs closed: Cottenham Red Lion, Dry Drayton Five Bells, Girton White Horse, Harston Pemberton Arms, Over Black Horse & Sow & Pigs, Swavesey Little Rose & Willingham Black Lion
Nellie Melba visits Guildhall
Girton cruelty to cow
PC Law said he was on duty in Hills Road when he noticed the pavements outside no.36 were in a filthy condition: there were pools of water and refuse lying about. He's asked the occupant to clean them up, but the man had refused. The bye-law said occupiers should cleanse the footway adjoining their property once a day. But this had taken place at 9.10 am and that was too early; there was no evidence it was not clean at 10 o'clock. The case was dismissed. 14 02 14 p9 CIP # c.21.15

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An unusual feature of the Mock Funeral (of an undergraduate 'sent down' from college) was a miniature coffin borne by a Chinaman. It was, like the 'corpse' completely hidden in the 'hearse', for the hansom was covered by men who seemed to cling to it as bees swarm on a tree. The procession was preceded by a two-seater car driven by an old fellow with a red beard and enormous straw hat sitting beside his 'spouse', a lady with a high complexion, a shawl alone betraying her age. The 'cortege' numbered nearly 50 vehicles including a 'flapper' riding a bicycle meant for three men. Her green hobble skirt was not as demurely worn as are the dresses of typical Cambridge girls. 13 02 14 p10 CIP # c.36.96

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The Grange at Littleport had been offered to the County Council as a sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis. But the situation is unsuitable and the water supply inadequate. Mr Cutlack should be thanked for his generous offer. 13 02 14 p11 CIP
Mepal Hiam's Farm wanted as small-holdings
Ely land on New Barns Road suitable for building
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Cambridge Steam Laundry advert, established 1881
Soham parent kept sick children at school for fear of attendance officer, died
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Additional cottages should be erected in Stanley Road. In the first instance the council to decided to erect one block of twelve tenements, each having one single living room and a scullery. It would be advisable to erect two more blocks of six cottages each with two or more bedrooms. This kind of property was not built by private owners. Even though the cottages were not the very best that could be put up, it would be some small step towards providing a great need. 13 02 21 p7 CIP
Storey's Way extension
Now the council had acquired land adjoining the Infectious Diseases Hospital, work on two new isolation blocks should be started. Each would have twelve beds in a sort of cubicle closed in with glass partitions, so that it would be quite possible to have in one bed a patient suffering from scarlet fever and diphtheria and only a few yards away, but separated by glass, another patient for whom it was extremely important that there should be no risk of catching diphtheria. This needed a skilled architect to design 13 02 21 p7 CIP # c.21.4
The Trustees of the 'Hope' Classroom in Paradise Street have offered to present it to the Education Committee for educational purposes. The Trustees of Eden Street Higher Grade School also offered their site and building for educational purposes on payment of £200 to be invested in maintaining the St Andrew the Less Parish Institute in Fitzroy Street. The school had been closed down because the buildings were too bad and a new one built in Melbourne Place but could be used for instruction in domestic subjects 13 02 21 p7 CIP # c.36.5
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A fifteen-year-old flower seller was summoned at the Children's Court for causing an obstruction in Market Street. He was offering a bunch of flowers to some ladies and had put his basket on the pavement. There were numbers of people who had shops and sold flowers and it did not seem fair competition for these others to sell in front of their shops. He was cautioned. There had been complaints of hawkers blocking thoroughfares. Another obstruction was caused by empty perambulators being wheeled on the pavements. That was clearly a breach of the law, the Chief Constable told magistrates 13 02 21 p8 CIP
Dangerous driving cases
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The new scheme for the administration of charities at Bottisham & Lode was the subject of protest meetings of a very lively character. The Charities Commissioners did not know the local needs as well as the Trustees. One scheme provided apprenticeship for a poor boy who wanted something different from farming, others provided blankets and flour. Money from the Poor's Fen charity should continue to be distributed in the form of coal as many villagers were very poor and could not afford it. The

Vicar of Lode said they didn't want people from Bottisham to tell them what they should have – the rest of his sentence was lost in the uproar 13 02 21 p10
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The Court heard that an agricultural labourer had been working for F.G. Coy at St John's Farm, Ely, when the steel hawser round the drum of the engine came off. Instead of putting it on with a crowbar, he used his hand, badly cutting it. He'd been awarded 9s a week under the Workmen's Compensation Fund. The hand had healed up and would get stronger with use. The farmer had offered him light work. But the man was in the Oddfellows and in receipt of sick pay for a year. If he took any work he would lose this. He was better off staying at home. The judge decided he could do some work and reduced his compensation payments to five shillings a week. 13 02 21 p11 CIP
Moorhouse fined for speeding

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Dr Naylor first performance his 'Pax Dei'
Linton boy scouts extinguished a fire at the Crown Inn. At the close of their weekly meeting one the patrol leaders were putting out the lamp when it fell to the ground. The paraffin poured out, ignited and flared up so that the flames reached the ceiling. Scoutmaster Barber ordered the boys to fetch the fire engine but Patrol Leader W. Dison threw sacks on the floor and jumped on them, extinguishing the blaze. Two lads' overcoats were seriously scorched 13 02 21 p12
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St Luke's was a district lying between the Chesterton & Huntingdon roads, intersected by small streets in which were houses of working class persons. Victoria Road was an important thoroughfare with a great deal of traffic especially since the Victoria Bridge was opened. The bulk of the population was artisan and the parish was more or less a happy one to work in, the Rev Hird told Barnwell Clergy Fund 13 02 28 p5 CIP

Respectable women found it difficult to get lodgings in Cambridge at a low price. There were three common lodging houses but they were mixed, taking both men and women. They were all in the Barnwell district and all on licensed premises. There were also furnished rooms often let for the night, but they were not under inspection and presented a serious problem from the moral point of view. Nearly a third of the women and girls were engaged in some sort of industrial occupation and made their own living to that extent, moving about the country and needed lodgings 13 02 28 p5 CIP # c.27.4 # WOMEN

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Cambridgeshire has been chosen for a series of experiments with the new patent wireless telegraphy apparatus invented by Senor Marconi, which can be fitted on four pack horses and erected in six minutes. The first experiment was made at Saffron Walden when the new 'Pack Station' consisting of a small petrol motor, transmitter and receiver and 30ft high aerial mast was erected on the common and wireless messages were received from Chelmsford. Next day it was erected at Somersham where experiments were continued. It will be moved across Cambridgeshire 13 02 28 p8 CIP # c.27.8
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Cambridge Autocar Company told the court that the manager for Messrs Lacon, the well-known brewer, told them he had been supplied with a motor car to visit & supply licensed houses across the region and that they would have the orders for petrol and oil. But Lacons had refused to pay the monthly bill, saying the car did not belong to them. Almost every brewer in the district had a motor car and it was reasonable to suppose this belonged to them although there was no sign saying 'Lacon's Pale Ale' on it. However they agreed to pay a part of the bill the man had run up. 13 02 28 p9 CIP # c.27.4 # c.26.48
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Newmarket magistrates heard that a motor car had run into a racehorse near the Jubilee Clock Tower late at night. A bone in the animal's leg was fractured. The driver admitted negligent driving but disputed the amount of the damages. The owners say the horse was worth £1,000 before the accident,

now just £25. But it had never won a race. It was a curious thing that whenever there was an accident with a motor, the value seemed to appreciate. A cab horse run into by a motor bus was sure to be a most wonderful horse. The value had only depreciated by £200. The jury awarded £350. 13 02 28 CIP
Suffrage meeting Soham

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Mr J. Winship junior conducted his first furniture sale at The Mart, the splendid new auction rooms in King Street. They would conduct the business on business lines. They would have a sale when there was anything to sell and would not buy stuff to sell again. Furniture not sold would be stored and insured against fire free of cost and as the place was heated throughout by hot water pipes, the furniture would be kept in good condition. 13 02 28 CIP # c.06

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Mrs Pankhurst, leader of the militant suffragists addressed a meeting at the Blue Boar Hotel. A gramophone in the window of an undergraduate's room was playing the Dead March as she entered the hotel but there was no demonstration. A vigorous anti-suffrage campaign has also been conducted with meetings at Newnham Croft and Fen Ditton disagreeing with votes for women. If women ever sat in Parliament they would insist on a debate on the flannelette question before consideration of foreign policy. 13 03 07 p4 CIP # c.33
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The Vicar of Holy Sepulchre, Rev P. Greeves and his wife were the recipients of handsome presents at their farewell meeting. It was ten years ago that he came amongst them almost as a stranger. They had no children then, but they brought one small bird in a cage. That was all the livestock they had. To their great distress it died after a week and they buried it in the parish wrapped in his wife's best pocket handkerchief. That was the only interment in the parish since he'd been there, the churchyard being closed. 13 03 07 p5 CIP
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The Bishop of Peterborough was involved in a motor mishap. His lordship's car was entering the Palace ground when a milk cart emerged and the vehicles collided with some force. The car was

swung round, the horse's head going through the window of the vehicle. No personal injuries, however, were sustained, and the Bishop was present at evensong at the Cathedral 13 03 07 p6 CIP
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Proposals to change Stretham charities met strong opposition. At present money is distributed to poor widows twice a year with the remainder spent on clothing and coal. But the Charity Commissioners proposed payment to infirmaries and hospitals, provision of midwives or maintenance of a reading room. The Rev Jabez Parnell said they should not come to the village and interfere, it was scandalous. Once the Commissioners got their hands on the money it would be gone from parish control for ever. He did not believe in humbugging nonsense. He received an ovation from the crowd in the street outside. 13 03 07 p11 CIP
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Huntingdon Chamber of Commerce discussed the need for a more adequate supply of artisans' dwellings in connection with the Town Council's proposal to construct a new road to open up the Lammas Lands at the back of the Cromwell House Estate. A local company might be formed to develop a portion of the land or, alternatively, there could be a co-partnership housing scheme. There was also concern about delays in serving customers at Huntingdon Post Office owing to only one clerk being at the counter. 13 03 07 p12 CIP

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Rural housing – Miss Cochrane - conditions changed and required higher standard of comfort, slides, A.C. Campkin . The living room should face east or south-east; in the country larger pantries were required because larger supplies had to be purchased at one time. The pantry should face the north. A small scullery was also wanted. Three bedrooms were required and a parlour was a great delight to housewives, but it meant more on the rent. Four cottages had been built at Whittlesford for £520. At Swavesey 50 cottages had been removed and new ones not built. It was no use pulling down places without new ones being put up. The population had gone down and until they had more houses the young men would not come back from the town, and many of them were unable to marry because they had no houses to go to 13 03 14 p5 CIP

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Licensing sessions - Over Black Horse – Frederick Webster, farmer employed a number of men who used the house; the yard was a great convenience for traffic, Sow & Pigs. Harston Pemberton Arms – people left horses when went away by train. Swavesey Little Rose. Dry Drayton Five Bells. Willingham Black Lion. Cottenham Red Lion. Girton White Horse
Magistrates discussed pubs at Bourn. The King William was a beerhouse and belonged to Messrs Phillips of Royston It was built of plaster and thatch with four rooms downstairs, one sub-let as a butcher's shop. The tap-room was very small. The Greyhound, a fully-licensed house opposite was a much better hour while the Golden Lion had much better accommodation and stabling. The Duke of Wellington beerhouse was also better constructed. The population was 655 with 108 children on the school books. Gamlingay Three Horseshoes, Elsworth Three Horseshoes., Papworth Everard Kisby's Hut destroyed by fire
Cambridge pubs – Newmarket Road - Bird Bolt; East Road, Shakespeare; Norwich Street – Norwich Arms; Cambridge Place – Three Pigeons; Fitzroy Street – Old English Gentleman adjoined Wesson's Brewery and had been in the Wesson family for 70 years. The accommodation was good, the rooms were spacious, lofty and airy. It had a good bottle and jug department, a good bar, billiard room, smoke room, cellar and bedroom accommodation.
Lacons brewers applied for the renewal of the licence for the Turnstile on East Road. This was a small cottage before it became a licensed house. It had been in the same family for over 40 years and the tenant, James Hobbs was anxious to continue. The pub was near the tram terminus and when people were waiting for the trams they did so in his house. He got a good lot of customers and sold a good deal of wine. 13 03 14 p8 CIP # c.27.4

An alarming fire which broke out at Wicken afforded further evidence of the danger of thatched cottages. As the result of a spark from a chimney falling on to a thatched kitchen roof, a house and shop, a detached kitchen and a thatched cottage adjoining were totally destroyed. In view of the high wind it was fortunate the damage was not greater. The fire started at Arthur Bullman's shop where Mrs Bullman was boiling down some fat. Mr Morley Houghton, the postman noticed the flames and raised the alarm. Within minutes there was a large number of helpers on the scene with pails, buckets and baths. 13 03 14 p8 CIP
Cheshunt College proposed new building
Four Cabmen were summonsed for taking their cabs on to the Senate House rank when it was already fully occupied and leaving their horses and cabs unattended. Pc Pettitt said there were four unattended cabs standing two abreast facing the reverse way to the other five waiting for business. The rank was authorised for two cabs during the week and three extra on Saturday because the Market Hill rank could not be used then. One man said he'd gone to the lavatory on Market Hill and had asked others

to look after his horse. More had been to the coffee shop or had gone to breakfast. They must obey the byelaws. 13 03 14 p8 CIP # c.26.47

Magistrates heard that the four rooms of a Pidley house were in a state of absolute filth likely to cause fever. The mother was also in a very dirty condition. The man was an honest, hard-working labourer; he gave all his earnings to his wife but she would not keep the house clean. The man had broken his leg and been laid up two years. The past harvest his wife was confined and the baby died so he had a lot of expense. He could not get any clothes for the three children. People would not trust him. But he had a good character and was not convicted. 13 03 14 p8 CIP

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Cambridge Independent Press, Ely Gazette, Soham Gazette, Huntingdonshire Herald, established over 100 years. Advertise your wants in old-established papers which are thoroughly well-known and have a genuine and increasing circulation. Classified columns include situations vacant and wanted, domestic servants and horses, carriages and cycles. Charge for 16 words, one insertion sixpence, three for a shilling. Miscellaneous: Conjuring entertainments – apply Boleyn Entertainments Bureau, Magdalene Street.. Pig Fattening recipe, sixpence – Tulin, Herne Bay. False Teeth Bought, any condition, sixpence per platinum tooth given on vulcanite, 2s.6d on gold – S.Cann, Manchester 13 03 21 p1 CIP # c.04

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Hoppett's fine concert
Caraway plant, little-known crop
Most profitable rabbit

The Senior Steward of the Jockey Club laid the foundation-stone of the King Edward VII Memorial Hall to be erected on a site in Newmarket High Street presented by Sir Ernest Cassel. It will be a handsome red-brick building, seating about 700, designed by A.S. Manning. Their lamented Sovereign always felt an affection towards Newmarket that was deeply reciprocated by the townspeople. It gave great satisfaction to know that King George feels the same way. 13 03 21 p2 CIP

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The Cambridge County Borough Question is occupying attention to the exclusion of everything else. The Chamber of Agriculture says it would be disastrous to the county; they should urge the Government to raise the minimum population for a county borough to 100,000. Some voluntary

arrangement would have been more economical and preserved the amicable relations between the two authorise. Now there is no reason to hope that there can be anything but a fight to the finish. 13 03 21 p4 & p6 CIP # c.35.7 # c.35.2

Cambridge rowing coach Capt J.H. Gibbon featured in 'The World' magazine 13 03 21 p4 CIP # c.38 : rowing
Swavesey housing problems

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Messrs Hockey, the well-known Cambridge house agents testified that the owner of no.15 Lyndewode Road had asked them to sell her house. They sent particulars to 26 clients including Mr Neal who asked them to establish the lowest price, which was £1,000. Later the owner said she had sold it privately and disputed payment of their commission, offering three guineas instead. Hockey's agreed, providing it was not sold to Mr Neal. But he had bought it for £900 13 03 24 p5 CIP # c.06

Swavesey fire – parish meeting discuss housing & wages for those who fought fire *
Swavesey parish council discussed the late disastrous fire. The village engine was in good working order, but the pipes were defective. The landlord of The Swan presented a bill for 13 shillings for beer supplied to the fire fighters. They must pay the 31 men who had fought the fire to get them to work again if required. A number had left the Swavesey fire engine and worked on the St Ives one instead. 13 03 24 p5 CIP

Kingston charities accounts not presented to parish meeting *
Shippea Hill fire *
A fierce fire occurred at North Fen Farm, Waterbeach, deep in the fen. The alarm was given by members of the Stretham Fen platelayers' gang who carried bucket after bucket of water from the wide drains. The battle seemed hopeless. The tar on the nearest side of the shed was melted and streamed down the sides. It was burnt out with its contents, including a self-binder, grass mower, horse hoe and three bags of artificial manure. Waterbeach fire brigade got within a mile of the scene but were told the fire had been extinguished and turned back. 13 03 24 p5 CIP

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Ely Militia barracks, hospital and 12 cottages on the north side Silver Street, Ely should be sold. With regard to the drill ground, eleven cottages, house & offices on the south side, let to Ely UDC, the front gardens may be used as a footpath as part of a street improvement. 13 03 24 p7 CIP *

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Tramp steals soap from Saffron Walden co-op

Wyatt, Landbeach passive resister
On Easter Monday Richard Harvey, of Isleham, made an attempt to walk 50 miles in ten hours on the road between the Crown Hotel Newmarket and the July course toll bar. But after 24 miles he complained of a stitch in his side and gave up. Later he continued the walk, covering another ten miles. He attributes his failure to drinking port wine with eggs. Had he stuck to beer he thinks he would have succeeded 13 03 28 p4 CIP
Whittlesford level crossing narrow escape as car crashed through gates
Bishop of Ely's car in accident

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Easter Holiday, how spent around Cambridge – Good Friday skipping
The weather was far from ideal for the Easter Holidays. There was the usual crowd of young people engaged in the traditional Good Friday skipping on Parker's Piece until rain drove them away but the football matches attracted large crowds. On Saturday the wind was strong and a very sharp thunderstorm passed over. Sunday saw brilliant sunshine but it was rather too early in the season for much boating and the rough winds of the last few days had rather discouraged cycling. On Easter Monday a good number of people went off by the excursion trains or by motor launch to Clayhithe and bowling was in full swing on Christ's Pieces 13 03 28 p5 CIP # c.39
Easter at churches
Sale farming stock William Ambrose, Manor House Farm, Swaffham Prior

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A Haverhill boy fell from a train at Hedingham railway station and was killed instantly. The train was packed with football enthusiasts returning from a match at Haverhill. The carriage contained 15 grown ups, there was no larking at all and only a little singing and talk about football. The lad stood by the door which suddenly flew open. Cecil Candler tried to catch him as he fell, but he was gone too far. The communication chord was pulled but the train went a long way before it pulled up. An inspection showed that the lock was faulty. The door had come open twice before 13 03 28 p7 CIP
Workhouse manager Hosegood resigns
Chesterton workhouse new master

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Easter vestries – Gt St Mary's vicar resigns pressure
Huntingdonshire migration into towns stopped by building houses
Magpies concert party
Hempstead Hall fall from ladder
Stallion show

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Town council – Agricultural society show Midsummer Common, wrong to allow Mammoth Show; early closing of shops*, Romsey Town recreation ground, School travelling expenses

Cambridge Corporation should take full control of the river and its landing stages and wharfs. But some people did not care twopence about the Corporation and would stick to what they'd got. One house boat was drawn up beside the steps and filled with men sent there by the boat proprietor to defend his position if necessary. This was a humiliating position for the council. It meant that the biggest bully won, the man of most bodily strength would oust his neighbours. 13 03 28 p9 CIP[# c.45.6
Bottisham school changes

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ASLEF tea & meeting, rail strike

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Stretham Mission Hall entertainment, girls guild
Godmanchester new Salvation Army Hall being erected,
This year may see the end of the once noted Godmanchester fair which has been declining for some time. Once the streets were crowed with horned cattle, sheep and horses.Mr Hooper's hostelry was at the heart where hunters, carriage horses and nags exchanged hands freely. Now only a few horses are left. There were the usual display of stalls, roundabouts, swing boats and shooting ranges which seemed well patronised. 13 03 28 p11 CIP

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MP Montagu returns after six-month tour India

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Congregational union – villages, Burwell, Castle Camps, Chatteris, Eversden, Fordham, Whittlesey, Balsham, West Wratting. Cheveley, Shelford, Six Mile Bottom *
St Ives schoolboy's death allegations against teacher unfounded
The Congregational Union heard that. West Wratting chapel had been renovated and a new hall built at Cheveley but the chapel at Reach, built in 1863, needed to be put in repair before it celebrated its jubilee. At Castle Camps the work was becoming increasingly difficult though the pastor has not lost heart after 24 years in the ministry. Chrishall congregations are steadily strengthening, Gt Eversden had celebrated the wedding of the minister and young people continued to meet at the Nixon Hall. The most difficult station was Stetchworth where the spiritual indifference of the people was a great obstacle to progress
Cambridge Men's Brotherhood

Kingston parochial charities *
County Borough Bill deputation to PM
Captain Heal – Lacons, first meeting creditors # c.27.4

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Harston drowning – don't wait for police
Taxi driver dangerous driving
The new light railway between Elsenham & Thaxted was officially opened. The line runs for 5½ miles with three stopping places, Sibley Station, Henham & Cutler's Green. In 1896 it was proposed that the line should go as far as Bardsfield but in 1906 it was decided to terminate at Thaxted. The GER undertook to find half the cost of construction if the Treasury provided the rest and landowners gave the land.. There can be very limited revenue with the GER carrying farm and market garden produce cheaply and quickly to London. # c.26.2

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The Chamber of Agriculture dinner heard that Arthur Bull had discovered a document showing the agricultural condition of Cottenham before inclosure. The largest farmer had 59 acres in 139 separate pieces scattered all over the parish with no two plots joining. Three quarters of the parish was grass; a farmer sent his cows on to the common in the morning and could then amuse himself all day as long as he was ready to milk it in the evening. The cow did the rest. But it did not produce wool, so people had to keep a flock of sheep, most of which died of rot.

By the establishment of the University Farm Cambridge University had identified itself with the greatest industry without. It had a very large landed interest and a greater proportion of the land of Cambridgeshire than any single landlord. But Mr A. Gray, the Master of Jesus said few knew academics much about agriculture: undergraduates were examined in the Corn Exchange at the feet of the statue of Jonas Webb without having the remotest idea as to who he was.
American student loses dollars

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Fulbourn asylum proposed extension
St Andrew the Great cricket club annual meeting
Territorials meeting
Kingston charities, vigorous protest *

P11
Fordham new classroom completed
Stretham Bible Society, Parish Meeting, Cricket Club
Soham Senior Girls School teacher leaves
St Luke's church vestry – needs *

P12
H.S. Aldred, grocer and draper at Swavesey, has sold postage stamps for 17 years, saving people a long walk to the post office. But after the village post office closed on Saturday afternoon people were told to journey to Over for stamps. When the postal authorities were told Mr Aldred was a licensed vendor of stamps he was asked to produce his licence. But it had been mislaid and he must now produce a bond of £100 for a new one. This he declines to do as he has to buy the stamps with hard cash at the same price he sells them; he gains no profit but is put to inconvenience by doing the work of the Post Office and obliging the public. Now residents of Boxworth End will have a long walk to obtain a stamp.

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A pathetic tragedy occurred in Cambridge when a German teacher committed suicide after killing his two children by shooting them with a revolver. His wife, to whom he was devoted, had died in February. He was an advanced Spiritualist and had written to the coroner stating that by the time he received the letter he and his children would have rejoined their loved one. He was firmly of the belief that the step he was taking was merely a means of reuniting the family. 13 04 11 p9 CIP # c.83 # c.34.6
The man
Passive resistance
Mr W.L. Raynes applied for a cinematograph and music licence for the new Picture Playhouse being erected in Mill Road. The building, which is fireproof, will accommodate 167 in the gallery and 602 in the body of the hall. The architect, Mr Baines, said the walls, which were 25 feet high, complied with byelaws and steel stanchions had been embedded in the brickwork which could not possibly bend as the result of a strong wind. 13 04 11 p9 CIP # c.76.9

P10
Parish council elections – all-night count at Cottenham

P11
Ely council elections
Since the recent outbreaks of fire in Wicken a number of people, as an additional safeguard against the fatal spark, have adopted the principle of having the thatched roofs covered with galvanised iron sheets. A number of houses in the village have been treated in this manner including the cottage occupied by Mr David Fuller which, although on the opposite side of the road to the burning shop, took fire owing to ashes being carried by the wind on to the thatch. 13 04 11 p11 CIP
Many people will regret to learn of the misfortune that has befallen Mr Martin Frost who left Isleham for Australia several years ago. He settled about seven miles north of Melbourne and recently lost the whole of his household furniture and effects through fire. It appears that owing to the illness of his wife he was living in a canvas dwelling and as the contents were not insured (no company would accept the risk), the loss is total. 13 04 11 p11 CIP
Isleham Horse Club has been in existence for nearly 30 years and has done much good work in the locality. It has a good reserve in hand, amounting to £300. The annual dinner at the Red Lion was enjoyed by over 30 members and afterwards the horses were paraded and valued. But a familiar figure, Noah Turford of the Pits, who for many years acted as a carrier to and from the station, has passed away, aged 70. 13 04 11 p11
Soham grange school

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Oakington off to Canada # EMIGRATION
Swaffham Bulbeck technical evening classes
The Hundred Foot River was in a deplorable condition and had not been cleaned out for over 40 years, causing flooding in St Ives. The damage caused has in recent years substantially increased.
A new water plane designed and constructed at the Huntingdon Aeroplane Works by Messrs J. Radley and Gordon England was taken to the Port Holme in the hope of a trial flight. High winds made this

impossible until Tuesday morning, when the breaking of a driving chain just as a start was being made, still further delayed operations. The first flight was made on Thursday, Mr England, covering about two miles at 20 to 30 feet from the ground, and demonstrating the power of the machine to remain in the air with only two of the three engines running 13 04 11 p12 CIP # c.26.1
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Godmanchester Salvation Army hall opened *
Lead paint poisoning
Caxton RD Medical officer's report *

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Councillor W.J. Green of Childerley Gate says that the old type of landowner have passed away and the estates bought by commercial men who have allowed many cottages to become dilapidated and untenantable. In this area clays and clunch were used to construct good substantial cottages thatched with straw or reed which are the envy of many town dwellers. But too often the Council do not trouble to see they are kept in good condition which is why many are uninhabitable. Men working for the state and county council are occupying cottages where the farm hands have been turned out, because they can afford to pay more rent. The state should build cottages for their employees 13 04 18 p3 CIP

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The strained relations between the Superintendent of the Zion Sunday School and other church officers have resulted in a definite split. When the Sunday School was closed three weeks ago the local Press were asked to make no mention of the trouble in the hope that a peaceful settlement might be reached without publicity. But negotiations have failed and a new Prospect Sunday School and Mission Room has now been started in the former 'Express' Printing Works in Eden Street. 13 04 18 p5 CIP # c.83
Eglantyne Jebb lecture on Macedonia and the Balkan War

P6
Undergraduate fashion
Wedding and gifts
Conscription opposed at New Chesterton Institute debate

P7
Alexandra Garden public convenience debated 13 04 18 p7 CIP
Additional fire alarms
Jesus Green stock banned
Corn Exchange motor sales banned because of petrol on floor
Sir – A visitor to the Mill Road Picture Palace of Varieties complained that a song with a refrain "But I'm not satisfied, and you're not satisfied" was very suggestive and the entertainment was too much of that class. This song is sung in every music hall in the country. It is my aim to provide an entertainment to which men can bring their wives and daughters without embarrassment. My patrons number the most respectable families and if I were to allow anything questionable, they would cease to patronise me – Fred Hawkins, The Empire, Mill Road. 13 04 18 p7 CIP # c.76
Linton RD road roller

P8
Spiritualist tragedy, inquest 13 04 18 p8 CIP # c.83
Percival Spenser was the first balloonist to take an active part in military aeronautics when his balloon was attached to an armoured-plated train drawn through dense tropical forests then released to rise so he could give the position of the enemy's forces. He made balloon ascents at the last two Mammoth Shows which will be long remembered. On the first occasion the balloon was carried to Exning and on the second Mr Spencer and Miss Spencer made a double parachute ascent and later ascended again, coming down near Manea Station. 13 04 18 p8 CIP # c.26.1

P9
Thefts from colleges by boy
Cottenham cesspool
Boy Scout movement report
Boys' Brigade report
The handsome new Electric Picture Palace being erected on the corner of Covent Garden, Mill Road, is making excellent progress with up to 35 men working on the job. When complete it will have the handsomest front of any place of entertainment in Cambridge. There will be a vestibule where 60 people can wait under shelter and the seats will be of the tip-up variety, upholstered in plush. The Electric Theatre, as well as that on Market Hill, will be under the management of Mr Adrian Jordan but the programmes will be quite distinct. 13 04 18 p9 CIP # c.76.9
Band of Hope pageant on Cromwell – David Moore

P10
Haddenham theft of trestle table from Church Hall

P11
The enterprising Newmarket and District 'Bus Company plans a motor bus service for Soham on market days departing from the Crown Hotel at 12.30 on Tuesdays and arriving at Newmarket an hour later . On Thursdays they leave from the Market Square for Ely. The vehicles, supplied by the London General 'Bus Companies, present an exceedingly smart appearance, being painted yellow picked out with dark blue. They have electric light and are exceptionally quiet running. The company has already started a service of buses between Burwell and Newmarket, doing three journeys a day 13 04 18 p11 CIP # c.26.46
Stretham Mission Hall, death Edwin Driver in USA, Parish council
Burwell parish meeting
Wicken bells restored # c.69.6

P12
Bottisham scout group formed
Some excitement was caused at Cottenham by the descent of a balloon in a field of Mr Lewin's on the Oakington Road. There were two occupants who hailed from Farnborough and were out for military practicing purposes. The balloon was packed up and conveyed to Cambridge station by Mr F. Norman 13 04 18 p12 CIP # c.26.1
Histon March's charity

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Local inventions patents – W.G. Pye, G. Maddox, Steam Works, Hartford Road Huntingdon have applied for a patent relating to a folding hood for motor vehicles
Ely horse sale

P3
John Clee, assistant to Morley, pawnbrokers of Fitzroy Street, testified he had hung up a new suit outside the shop but when he went to take it in he found just the coat and waistcoat – the trousers were missing. An assistant at Norman Bradley, pawnbrokers, said a regular customer had come in and pledged them for three shillings and sixpence. The prisoner said he'd met a man in Fitzroy Street who'd asked him to pledge the trousers and had received sixpence for doing so. But the Mayor read over a list of convictions dating back to 1893. He was convicted and sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour 13 04 25 p3 CIP

P4
Suffragette outrage – tries burn down tree on Backs? *
It would appear that the shortest road to fortune is to acquire a picture palace, for it seems impossible to keep the public away from them. But the 'boom' has created a rise in land values and some landlords will not only grant a lease on their property provided they participate in the profits. Why? 13 04 25 p4 CIP

P5 /6
University Proctors give notice that any innkeeper, dealer, livery-stable keeper, motor warehouse keeper, boat-keeper, keeper of a place of entertainment or other person who has any dealings with members of the University who admits to his premises, or to the use of any vehicle or boat in his charge, any woman who he knows to be of loose character in circumstances which may lead her to associate with any student, shall be liable to be discommuned and forbidden to trade with the University. 13 04 24 p5 CIP # c.36.9
Murdoch's piano advertisement

P06
East Cambs parliamentary election 1900 review
County Nursing Association proposed *

P07
East Cambs by-election
Sir Charles Rose MP funeral
Victoria Road Congregational Church annual meeting
Mrs Emma Hosegood was Matron of workhouse, for 36 years. As Miss Porter she started as schoolmistress at Caxton workhouse before moving to Cambridge where Luke Hosegood was schoolmaster. They married and were offered the posts of Master and Matron at Mill Road. All her life was devoted to her work, striving to improve and maintain the high standard of efficiency she set up. 13 04 25 p10 CIP # c.32.9 *
Abington postman & naturalist Wm Goodes dies

P08
A Pembroke undergraduate, the son of the editor of the Daily Mail, was killed in a shocking accident near Harston when his new Bedford car was in collision with a light spring cart. Both vehicles were badly damaged. The pony was forced over the bonnet, one of its hind legs being jammed between the steering column and the side of the car and the shaft of the cart was driven right through the unfortunate motorist's head like a lance. A half-sovereign which was found in his waistcoat pocket was broken in three pieces. The occupants of the cart were returning from Haslingfield with a number of ducklings, some of which were also killed 13 04 25 CIP p8 photo p10
Hawkers summoned for calling out
Rob Roy Boat Club a/m
Camden Cricket Club a/m
Cheshunt College foundation stone to be laid # c.44.5

P09
Cottenham – Ivatt and improper glazed drains at cottages *

County police annual report
Kingston charities
Kingston school managers – friction

P10
Sir Charles Rose, the Liberal MP for East Cambs, died with tragic suddenness in his motor car as he was returning from Hendon Aerodrome where he had taken a flight in a biplane. It had circled at a moderate height for seven minutes and on landing he said he had enjoyed the trip. The Coroner ruled that the excitement and exhaustion of the new experience had brought on a heart failure. An aeroplane was not suitable for those getting on in years. Aeroplaning should be left to the young, vigorous and robust. Sir Charles might have survived many years had he lived a placid and quiet existence. 13 04 25 p10 CIP # c.33 # c.26.1

An Inquiry into plans to acquire land adjoining Vinery Road as a recreation ground for Romsey heard that it was quite a new neighbourhood; 35 years ago there were very few houses. But one of the streets was only 27 feet wide. Children had to play in the street and there a large number of police and railway men living in the area who needed to sleep during the daytime. They needed a recreation ground: it was not safe for youngsters to go to Parker's Piece while Coldham's Common had two rifle ranges and burgesses could pasture cattle there 13 04 25 p10 CIP # c.32.3

P11
Ely cricket club
Ely RDC – Stretham sewer, houses Stretham & Lt Downham- 11 new houses, people wanted houses
Under Soham 'Commons Rights' people who rent at house for less than £5 a year can place stock on the commons from April 21st for a nominal charge. For geese the fee is two shillings and twopence, donkeys and cows twice that and horses six-and-six. The stock is in the charge of the Fen Reeves. The commons available are East Fen, Qua Fen and Angle Common. Owing to the Shade being unprotected and the road to Ely running across it, a keeper is appointed to stop the stock from straying.
Wicken parish council chairman, lively discussion
Captain Heals affairs

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Waterbeach death Henry Brooks, local correspondent of CIP

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Addenbrooke's Hospital John Bonnet memorial clinic stone-laying 13 05 02 p2 CIP # c.21.4

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George Nicholls, Liberal bye-election candidate, profile; born Whittlesey
John Scambler, Conington, summoned for non-payment insurance for his men

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Sport
Servant to Mrs Apthorpe suicide after dismissed
Teversham egg stealing
Fen Ditton landlord of Globe Inn charged selling liquor on Sunday
Gas Lane dealer summoned for neglect of children

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Liberals plan to win Cambridge – issues

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East Cambs bye-election, meetings Burwell, Whittlesford, Ely, Wicken, Soham. Ely, Sawston, Cherry Hinton

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Stacks on a farm at Kennett had been sold before the farmer was made bankrupt and should not be claimed by the Official Receiver, a court heard. It was a custom to allow sold sacks to remain on the farm until it suited the convenience of the purchaser to remove them. Stacks of barley and pea straw had been threshed but not sainfoin or clover. But a farmer scarcely ever sold corn unthreshed in the stack because nobody would tell the exact quantity or quality and one was bound to make a bad bargain. Various estate agents said they had never heard of such a 'custom' but F.F. Doggett, a farmer from Cherry Hinton said it had existed locally for the last 30 years 13 05 02 p9 CIP
Theft of coal
Housing problem discussed Diocese
A man entered Scott & Wilkinson's photographic premises and tried to steal money from the safe, but it was empty. He then visited Mr Mason's studios nearby and stole 25 shillings from the cash box before going to Kidd & Baker's photographer's studio to book a sitting, saying he would pay about 25 shillings for the photograph. Being suspicious, Mr Kidd followed him as he went into various shops, then called a policeman. But the suspect gave a satisfactory account of himself and disappeared. Had they known of the earlier thefts he would have found it much more difficult to satisfy the officer. 13 05 02 p9 CIP # c.65.5

Reach fair proclaimed; Corporation spend £17 to collect £1.18.9d 13 05 02 p9 CIP # c.27.3
Women Workers Union first meeting *

P10
County Borough Bill, deputation to Prime Minister 13 05 02 p10 CIP # c.35.7
Builders working on the new Mill Road Picture Palace were taking their dinner on planks near the wall when a man rushed up and, pointing to the sky, called their attention to a passing aeroplane. Whilst they were gazing in astonishment at this interesting object he suddenly seized a dinner bag from one of them and bolted. A cry of 'Stop thief' was raised and a policeman gave chase, speedily joined by a fireman and a boy scout who captured his quarry with a lasso. The whole thing was a 'put up job' by the manager of the Electric Theatre whose operators took a cinematograph picture of the event to be shown at the cinema on Market Hill. 13 05 02 p10 CIP # c.76.9
Pamplin's sue Fen Drayton farmer for ploughing or threshing
Lion Hotel sue undergraduate for debts
Star Brewery sue for rent for the Oak, Lensfield Rd
Bag of sovereigns found in street

P11
Aldreth feast
Walter Newman Hillrow threatening language, Long Drove
Wicken news of James Rooney now in Ohio USA
Snailwell theft sheepskins

P12
Sturton Town Post Office to be renamed Norfolk Street

St John's church, Wellington Street organ reopening 13 05 02 p12 CIP # c.69.4
Wesley church progresses
Perse Morris Men festival Parker's Piece 13 05 02 p12 CIP # c.39

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Yes! It is true! Perfectly true! That the new Picture Playhouse in Mill Road will open at 2.30 on Whit Monday, and present the strongest picture programme ever seen in Cambridge. It is also true, that an equally strong programme will be presented at the Electric Theatre, Market Hill 13 05 09 p01 CIP # c.76.9

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Ashley Plough Inn child death
Caxton water supply, Eltisley withdraws from scheme

P03
Sport
An undergraduate motorist was charged with driving to the danger of the public. Supt Webb was cycling along Harston Road, Trumpington when he saw a motor car driven more furiously than he had ever seen before. The speed would be at the very least forty miles an hour. It created a great deal of dust and it was impossible to see who was driving, but he took the number. When tracked down the defendant said "I don't like these summonses, Robert. They take such a lot of money to meet. If they fine me, I shall make the other three chaps who were with me help to pay for the fine". He then asked "Robert" to have a drink, which he refused. The lad had two previous convictions and was fined £10 13 05 09 p03 CIP
Landbeach Black Bull landlord drunk
Jonas Housden, Willingham, school attendance

P04
Politics – women's suffrage bill defeated; women vote speaker heckled by undergraduate 13 05 09 p04 CIP # c.33

P05
Cam Conservators consider new Act, motor boats, not to load vessels more than 3ft 9in and have white load-line drawn 13 05 09 p04 CIP * # c.46.5
Boy Scouts rally, Downing
Nursing Association to be formed
Degrees conditional on military training – progress

P06
Wesley, Stretham advert, second-hand cars

P07
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Wesley church Sunday schools opened
Picture Playhouse has been put up in record time. Films will include one taken by Mr Adrian Jordan's operators, 'Hustling at Cambridge' shows the remarkable rapidity with which the new Picture Playhouse has been erected # c.76.9
Addenbrooke's Hospital approve building scheme
Insurance Act meeting
Warboys accident, Pidley
Ridley Hall thefts

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Election meetings, Linton, Castle Camps, Shudy Camps, Soham, Fordham, Newmarket , Fen Ditton etc

P09
Election meetings
County council – road maintenance, motor lorries, Bottisham school house.
There was a huge increase in heavy motor traffic carrying goods that had previously gone by train. In prosperous Cambridge there were 26 heavy motor lorries, including the motor-'buses, and 21 motor drays. Most of their running was done on the county roads at a fairly high speed. It was important to have good roads, not only for the ordinary motor-cars but for the heavy commercial vehicles, because they helped to promote industry in various parts of the county, councillors were told. 13 05 09 p09 CIP

P10
Harston fatal motor smash inquest
Student drowned 'shooting the rapids' in Newnham Mill Pit *
Band of Hope pageant
St Ives workhouse inquiry
Chesterton vicar's daughter missing

P11
Ely diaries inspected *
Littleport death Ald Joseph Martin
Littleport cycle dealers
Isleham Ascension Day tea for old people over 70 and widows is quite a village institution, this being its 24th anniversary.
Wicken peat digging. It is to be hoped that the new turf digging season will prove more successful than last year when, owing to the continuous and torrential raid, hundreds of tons of turf were dug and no opportunity was afforded for drying. In fact some of the turf dug in July last is still unfit for burning. A great deal was also lost through the floods in August. It was feared a late start would have to be made this year owing to the rains in the latter part of the winter, but thanks t the high and drying winds, the work was proceeded with and will be continued throughout the summer 13 05 09 p11 CIP
Suffrage meeting broken up at Soham, Sawston, Fulbourn

P12
Cottenham 'Gothic House' home of Ivatt family sold
Royston pauper's coffins
Cottenham housing

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Police were called to F. Gunter's jeweller's shop in Burleigh Street when a clock was spotted resting on the guttering. The attic window was open and display cases disarranged. Rumours spread that it had been burgled and a crowd assembled, grateful for anything that promised relief from the tedium of Whit Monday. Finding the back door locked, police borrowed a ladder and entered through the attic window. Inside they found a servant girl who explained that she'd dropped the clock out of the window. Returning from an excursion, Mr Gunter and his family were surprised at the commotion 1913 05 16 p2 CIP
Roman Catholic man converts to CoE

P03

Close of campaign, East Cambs bye-election – rotten eggs at Waterside Ely, uproar at Fen Ditton
Port George Nicholls, Denison-Pender

P04
Campaign
Suffragists speaking at the Rutland Hall Newmarket were interrupted by shouting, booing and the singing of 'I want to go to Dixie' and 'Have a banana'. Then a percussion cracker was thrown against the wall, sounding like a revolver shot. Afterwards the ladies were escorted out of the back door by police to where a motor was waiting. In Cambridge an attempt was made to set fire to the Varsity Rugby pavilion using an improvised bomb in a mustard tin. A card reading 'Votes for Women' was found near by together with a ladies shoe, left when she hurried away after lighting the fuse. And a sensation was caused at a leading Cambridge hotel when a square paper parcel labelled 'Votes for Women' was discovered in the lounge. It was quickly removed to a place of safety but on examination was found to contain nothing more explosive than a block of wood 13 05 16 p4, 7, 12 CIP # c.33

P05
Friendly Societies Council for mutual protection formed
Christian Science meeting
Eastern Counties Asylum local candidates elected

P06
Motor Cars Act, 1903. Cambridge Borough Council have made application for a regulation to be made under the act to prohibit the driving or motor bicycles in Senate House Passage, Garret Hostel Lane & Burrell's Walk 13 05 16 p6 CIP # c.26.48 # c.49.62
Prince of Wales not to come to Cambridge, to stay at Oxford
Death William Eaden Lilley 13 05 16 p6 & p7 CIP # c.27.2
Stockholders and Midsummer Common – need safeguard milk supplies

P07
Poll in East Cambs
Suffragettes attempt set fire Varsity Rugby pavilion *
Council – tramways closure foreshadowed, Brooklands Avenue to be made up, Photographers exempted from early closing, Midsummer Common changes

The newly-opened Picture Playhouse in Mill Road is the most comfortable in Cambridge. From the imposing frontage with its domes and balcony, through the hall, brightly lit and tastefully furnished, to the magnificent proscenium, everything is of the very best. A small orchestra adds much to the attractiveness of the entertainment. All the nearly 800 seats were filled on the first night and hundreds had to be turned away. The films included some taken by the Company's own operator and 'The 13th Man', about an undergraduate club whose reunion leads to some remarkable incidents. The show is continuous and the programme changed twice a week. . 13 05 16 p7 CIP # c.76.9

P08
Insurance Act false claims, prosecution
Motor cycle catches fire
Unregistered car
Clare College fire, library in danger
Rural education in crisis
Photographers visit

P09
Proposals to turn Jesus Green into a recreation ground and exclude animals met with protests from stockholders. It was important to maintain the standard and quality of milk and their animals preferred that part of the common because it was quieter and more shaded. If they had to move their cows off

on to other commons these would become congested. They should fight to maintain their ancient grazing rights. Sportsmen had already got Parker's Piece for cricket and football, Christ's Pieces for bowls and tennis with Donkey Common and Petersfield for resting in. If the Corporation wanted another recreation ground they should buy one. 13 05 16 p9 CIP # c.32.3
Dog run over by undergrad car
Shops act, weekly half-holiday fixed villages
Remaking Royston - Newmarket Rd

P10
Election
Man drowned after fall from railway bridge nr Whittlesford Station
Horse parade

P11
Ely Workhouse inspection
The housing situation was in a serious state, councillors were told. Some people wanted to get married, but there were no homes for them. In Wilburton there were three families living in two-roomed cottages. Some dwelling houses in Downham parish were so bad that the people suffered through living in them. But Mr Darby said that one old parishioner had suffered so much at the Hundred Foot Bank through living in a cottage having one only room down and one up, that he reached the age of 96, and his wife, who was still living, was now 94. 13 05 16 p11 CIP
The Medical Officer
Suffragettes, Burwell
Soham families leave for Australia
Racoon captured, Soham *
Three Soham men observed an animal lying on some sticks upon the top of a hedge in House Fen Drove. It showed quite a fighting disposition on being disturbed and almost caught one of them with its teeth and claws. It was eventually killed with sticks and stones. On examination it proved to be a fine specimen of the American racoon, weighing 8lbs. It was the size of a fox and had a pretty ringed, bushy tail. It is thought to have escaped from a passing menagerie 13 05 16 p11 CIP

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'Votes for women' bomb hoax
Cottenham fire engine practice
Ridley Hall thefts

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Reclamation of land from sea
Future of Newmarket – incorporation into county
Hiring statute fair held at Sleaford – milkmaid has disappeared
Constipation relief
Caxton lack of houses

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Sport – ladies cricket

P04
Mrs Spender and women's suffrage

P05

The Cambridge Association for the Feeble-minded was formed in 1908 to gather information on the number of feeble-minded children in schools. It was difficult to find vacancies in suitable homes for special cases. Some were so far from Cambridge that parents were unwilling to send their children to them and had made application for the care and protection they were unable to give their mentally-deficient youngsters. The Eastern Counties Institution is the only one taking unimprovable imbeciles and idiots from this district and was already full with a long waiting list. So there was no alternative but a pauper lunatic asylum or the Workhouse 13 05 23 p05 CIP # c.21.5
Ordination in Jesus College chapel 13 05 23 p5 CIP # c.83

P06
Ratepayers' Association formed 13 05 23 p6 CIP # c.33

P07
Suffragette incendiarism, Storeys Way *
Catherine Street Schools to open 13 05 23 p7 CIP # c.36.5

P08
Two fires attributed to suffragettes occurred in the small hours of Saturday morning in the newly-completed houses in Storey's Way. One was almost completely destroyed but the other, being erected for the Balfour Professor of Genetics, was extinguished before much damage was done. In it were found clues which led to the arrest of a Norwich school teacher. One was a gold watch and the other blood stains on the broken glass of window. The suspect had a cut on her finger 13 05 23 p7 & 8 CIP # c.33 # c.34.7
East Cambs bye-election – Denison-Pender returned

P09
Dangerous motoring by students
Whittlesford crash cars
Picture Playhouse builder summoned for working on Sunday
Car obstruction at Playhouse
Ratepayers Association formed
Magistrates heard two cases involving the new Picture Playhouse in Mill Road. Messrs Picture and Sons, the builders, were summonsed under the Lords Day Observance Act for working there on Whit Sunday. There was no evidence and the case was dismissed. But the Manager of the Electric Light Company was fined for parking his car across the footway in Covent Garden at the back of the cinema. He claimed it was in the entrance-yard that was filled with parking materials. He had pushed it in as far as he could and pedestrians could pass easily. He was there for 20 minutes and had moved as soon as he'd been asked by a policeman. 13 04 23 p9 CIP # c.76.9

P10
Future of children in the Workhouse
Thursday League football annual report

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Stretham cricket
Haddenham Feast and Friendly Society parade
Soham motor bus trip to London
Soham parish council hand bier
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Over telephone installed at Post Office
Royston badgers
Croxton fire, 3 cottages burnt
Picture Playhouse performances

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Denison Pender takes seat parliament
Gladstone Club

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Romsey Town Wesleyans 21st anniversary
Waterbeach Friendly Societies parade – Feast
Willingham Wesleyans visit from Gipsy Smith

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P07
Hunts Agricultural Society show – lace, long-service
Cambridge Workhouse new Master
St Philips Schools dedicated 13 05 30 p7 CIP # c.36.5

P08
Cambridgeshire assizes – thefts from colleges by errand boy
Lacons sued by Sayle for goods for Capt Heal
Ebenezer Driver, an Isleham gravel and shingle merchant told the court he owned 16 lighters and a steam tug. He'd delivered eleven lighter loads of sand and gravel to Southery for the Methwold & Feltwell Drainage Board to use as concrete at the pumping station. Heber Martin, surveyor of Littleport said he'd measured the barges and worked out the amount supplied. Joseph Whitehead said he'd carted it from the lighters. But the Board disputed the quantity. The suggestion that being fenland it had acted as a quick-sand and swallowed up the materials could not be accepted since the ground was so hard people could not get a pick into it. It was possible more sand and gravel had been used in making the concrete than they'd allowed for. 13 05 30 p8 CIP # c.29 # c.26.3

Gorefield amusing slander case

P09
Assizes cont.
Undergraduates dangerous driving
Professor's wife dangerous driving
Swaffham Prior Red Lion assault
Dr Strangeway's house, Luard Road broken into
Tramp dies at Prickwillow
Empire Day
Kirkup postman Imperial Service Medal

P10
Two undergraduates told the court they were coming up the Cam in light sculling boats when they met a tug towing a string of six barges belonging to Colchester and Ball of Burwell. The barges smashed their boat and threw them in the river. The bargee said the wind had blown the rear barges across the river and the scull had got nipped between them and the bank, despite attempts by two men

with poles to avoid the accident. But a Met Office witness testified there had been little wind that day. The judge said were too many barges in the chain and the back ones would always swing. He spoke from personal experience as an old oarsman on the Cam 13 05 30 p10 CIP # c.26.3 # c.38 : rowing
Ivett & Reed stonemasons noisy stone-cutting machine 13 05 30 p10 CIP # c.62
Kennett dispute over stacks

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Prickwillow death Pc Tingey
Bradshaw Bros Stretham summoned for employing Charles Russell, 15
Wesley School bazaar
Severe thunderstorms with hailstones as large as walnuts caused considerable damage. Houses on the north side of Linton High Street caught the full force of the storm and scarcely a whole pane of glass remained. The railway and police stations suffered heavily. 134 panes were broken at the Workhouse and Mr Burgess's greenhouse was one mass of broken glass mixed up with plants of all descriptions. It resembled the scene of a Suffragette outrage. 13 05 30 p11
Thomas Jacob's horse killed, Stretham
Wicken new carrier service to Soham
Stretham Friendly Society parade
Suffragettes attempted to blow up a railway crossing gate at Granhams Road, Shelford. The gatekeeper found a treacle tin with a bootlace through the lid connecting with a long red squib inside. It was surrounded by cotton wool soaked in oil and lumps of charcoal. On the outside was written 'Votes for Women'. There is little doubt it was a genuine article that could have set fire to the gate had the lighted lace not gone out. It was immersed in a bucket of water. Rumours said that two strange women had been seen near the site 13 05 30 p11 CIP # c.26.2 # c.33
Suffrage pilgrimage
A blaze broke out at Messrs Macintosh's foundry in Thompson's Lane. After the days work is done the men draw the furnace to allow the fire to die out. When this is done huge sparks fly up, giving the impression that the place is on fire. But one of these sparks was blown on to the roof and set light to a beam. Had it been left the entire premises would have burnt down. But firemen, aided by undergraduates, put it out. 13 05 30 p11 CIP # c.34.75 # c.27

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Cottenham purchase four acres land for erection 16 new houses
Hunts Militia Barracks purchased by council for artisans' dwellings
Perse Morris dancers

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cricket
Cambridge Town Football Club progress

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Holy Sepulchre Rev S.T. Adams instituted vicar
Barnwell Theatre Mission farewell sermon

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Picture Playhouse packed
Swavesey fire fund *
Sir – considerable dissatisfaction has been expressed that the distribution of wearing apparel collected by the Swavesey Fire Relief Fund, was not carried out in a fair and just manner. Clothes which were given for distribution amongst the sufferers were sold at a rummage sale, held before the men had returned from the fields, at ridiculous prices. A lady's costume in perfectly good condition was sold for half-a-crown and coats and jackets for a shilling or sixpence. Cash is more easily distributed than clothes but would not a costume worth at the very least 15 shillings be of more value to a woman who wanted clothes than the half-crown it realised. – A Subscriber. Site for erection of house agreed
Cambridge school medical inspections
Kingston housing *

P07
County Borough Bill petition to Prime Minister – make new county with Ely at centre

'If you want to spend a gay week, Come to Cambridge for the May Week, And we'll promise lots of merriment and fun'. Cambridge May Week is now in full swing. We have long ceased to wonder at the anomaly of a May Week which comes in June and lasts a fortnight. According to the 'Onlooker' it was in the year 1882 that the May Races, around which all the festivities have grown up, changed their date from May to June. But custom dies had and people would be horrified if anyone were so bold as to suggest an alteration now 13 06 06 p7 CIP # c.36.97
Death Henry Hitzman, sub-postmaster, Trinity Street 13 06 06 p7 CIP # c.27.7

P08
St Matthew's Church, Littleport was built in 1878 to accommodate some 250 persons, but on Sunday the seats were nearly all empty. The congregation numbered 17 in all with only two grown-ups, Miss Gilbert who plays the harmonium and a young man, the remainder being children. The bell was rung by one of the children, the parishioner who usually undertook that duty having stayed away. The vicar's churchwarden was also conspicuous by his absence and the choir seats were empty. The vicar has been charged with writing an obscene letter to the unmarried daughter of a well-known fen farmer. 13 06 06 p8 CIP
A.W. Ward, Master of Peterhouse, made knight
Fulbourn asylum
Histon Boy's Brigade
Suffragette Pratt trial for Storeys Way fires 13 06 06 p8 CIP # c.33
Strangeways House robbery trial

P09
Captain Heal, Lacon's bankruptcy examination – took pubs to increase business; Black Swan, Sidar. Victoria Bar Newmarket & White Horse St Ives
The former manager of Lacon's Cambridge Brewery told the bankruptcy court he had purchased licensed houses as ventures on his own account as a way of increasing the brewery's business. But the Black Swan and the Sirdah in Cambridge lost money, as did the Victoria Bar in Newmarket and the White Horse at St Ives. He was a Town Councillor and Guardian and had been extravagant 13 06 06 p9 CIP # c.27.4
Considerable sensation has been occasioned at Cottenham by the story of a servant girl being attacked, gagged and bound in broad daylight in her master's house, by a strange man who stole a purse and decamped without leaving a trace behind him. The attack took place at the residence of Ephraim Gautrey, a well-known farmer and seed-grower. She had gone to her master's bedroom with two pairs of boots when a man threw something over her head and tied her to the bedpost with a pair of Mr Gautrey's pants. He then ransacked every drawer. Mrs Gautrey was downstairs but heard nothing as she was washing a dress and the pump squeaked. 13 06 06 p9 CIP
Boys Brigade inspection
Fulbourn Hospital extensions

Hauxton pond useless

P10
Co-operative conference
Cambridgeshire Rowing Association annual meeting
Cambridge Sea scouts opened their new riverside headquarters at Pocock's Boatyard. It consists of two capital rooms like cabins on board ship, one fitted up as a workshop, the other containing various games. They also launched their new boat, named The Albert, built of pine and elm with six oars and a mast, capable of carrying 10 boys. 13 06 06 p10 CIP # c.26.3 # c.37.9
Fish preservation association meeting
Caxton parish water supply

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Histon pigeon flying
Histon - Cambridge Labour Party visit, Tom Orrey
In 1823 Mr Edward Ball procured a coal shed near the waterside at Reach and had it fitted up as a place of worship. Numbers increased and in 1830 the first Congregational chapel was opened. It was enlarged several times and a burial ground secured. Then two cottages at the back were purchased and the old chapel taken down in 1863. The replacement is now sadly out of repair but is being renovated and will soon be reopened 13 06 06 p12

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Claims of Ontario, Canada
Saffron Walden grocer theft

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Sport
Warboys Red Tile Farm sale

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May Week military tournament # c.36.97
Upwards of 400 guests attended the Cavalry & Artillery Ball at the Corn Exchange and Guildhall which were beautifully decorated. The ballroom was fitted up in the Corn Exchange where a capital floor had been prepared. The room handsomely and luxuriously upholstered and decorated by Eaden Lilley & Co. A striped canopy set off with festoons of artificial flowers hit the roof and large mirrors on the walls reflected the light of hundreds of electric lamps. 13 06 13 p5 CIP # c.69.2
May Bumping races

P06
Cambridge Steam Laundry advertisement
Wesley, Stretham advertisement, farm implements
Cheshunt College foundation stone
Miss Emily Wilding Davison, the suffragette who has died as the result of her terrible act at Epsom, wrote several letters to the Cambridge Independent Press 13 06 13 p6 CIP
Swavesey fire relief

P07
Corporation to enlarge Guildhall while County Borough question unsettled – opposition;
Lammas Land should be made into Newnham recreation ground 13 06 13 p7 CIP # c.32.3
Wesley church give land if tree removed
Two sites were considered for the erection of a footbridge over the river; one at Ferry Path and the other at Pretoria Road. It was undesirable to land the steps of the bridge at the front door of the Fort St George public house – however welcome that might be to the landlord. In addition Ferry Path landowners demanded a great deal of money for a strip of land to give access. The Pretoria Road site could not be as expensive so councillors agreed to a bridge 8ft 6inches wide there 13 06 13 p7 CIP # c.44.7

P08
The foundation stone of the new Cheshunt College buildings in Bateman Street was laid by the Lord Chancellor. The college was formed in 1768 by Selina Countess of Huntingdon to prepare men for evangelistic work and its students can enter any church. It moved to Hills Road Cambridge in 1905 and is now attached to the University. Most of its students take the Theological Tripos. A number have risen to eminence as missionaries in the foreign field 13 06 13 p7 CIP # c.83 # c.44.5

Printers urged join Typographical Association, every Trade Union in Cambridge was organising
An Elsworth poulterer testified that he came out of the Dolphin Yard, St Ives, paid two pence for the toll and asked the gatekeeper to let him through. But the man refused, claiming he'd owed another eight pence for arrears. So he gently pushed the gate open at which the keeper threatened to strike him. He had been through the gate for some years. He did not owe eight pence but there was two pence owing for a pig he took through for a Mr Braybrook. The man had no right to shut the gate after the toll had been paid, any arrears should be recovered in court. 13 06 13 p9 CIP

P10
Honorary degree day
May activities
Slepe Hall school prizes

P11
Soham mail trap accident
The famous American preacher, Dr A.C. Dixon paid a brief visit to the famous Isleham Ferry where the late Rev Charles Haddon Spurgeon was baptised in May 1850 and showed great interest in the scene of the immersion. He also visited Mrs Petch of West Street who was baptised at the same time and has a very vivid recollection of the event. After a stay of three hours he motored back to Cambridge 13 06 13 p11 CIP
Wicken Coronation Band photographed by Starr & Rignall
Mathematical tripos, one woman wrangler

P12
Graveley marriage registers transcribed
Agricultural Labourers Union branch as result Labour Party

The new St Ives bathing place was opened with considerable éclat, the Town Band playing an excellent programme of music. It has been constructed on the osier holt with an inlet from the main river and an outlet in the back water, ensuring a constant running stream. It is provided with cubicles and attendant's offices and is approached by an ornamental bridge near the church. The proceedings concluded with a water polo match 13 06 13 p12 CIP

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New Zealand emigration advertisement
Wimpole Park cart overturned
War Office prize for all-British made aeroplane engine
Boy Scout colours consecrated

P3
Cricket
Football Association annual meeting

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Women's suffrage pilgrimage

P5
Military parade, open-air service Parker's Piece 13 06 20 p5 CIP # c.45.4
Cambridge General Benefit Society annual meeting
Cambridge Provident Medical Institution was established in 1883 to secure medical assistance during illness for the working classes, domestic servants and others unable to pay the usual professional fees. At one time 2,000 names were on the books but this declined as other friendly societies were established and now the Insurance Act means it must be wound up. W.R. Brown served as assistant collector and secretary till disabled by an illness which ultimately proved fatal 13 06 20 p5 CIP # c.21.8

P6
Isleham parish council party politics
Chesterton Guardians way ticket system
Workhouse master Luke Hosegood retirement & p7 13 06 20 p6 CIP # c.32.9

P7
Welsh Church bill protest, Parker's Piece 13 06 20 p7 CIP # c.83
Co-operative Society anniversary, parade decorated vehicles
Chesterton baker bankruptcy
Ratepayers Association inaugural meeting, Guildhall extension
Prospect Sunday School egg & flower services

P8
Upware inquest on barmaid Castel Hotel
A servant of Trinity College, employed as a Gyp, died suddenly on the staircase at Whewell's Court. A Porter saw him standing on the carpet fetching up blood, then start to go to the gyp room to get a cup of water, but he could not manage it. The job was an active one, involving a lot of running up and down staircases and he had been advised not to over-exert himself. A few weeks ago he'd attempted to stop a runaway horse drawing a trap containing several children in Trumpington Street and the exertion probably hastened his death. 13 06 20 p8 CIP # c.44.5

An alarming fire occurred on the Qua Fen Common, Soham which resulted in the destruction of two thatched cottages. The roofs were burned quite away and only the walls of the buildings left standing. They were of the ordinary four-roomed type of house with wooden lodges at the back and the thatch upon the roofs had been covered with galvanised iron sheeting. Mrs Clark had raked out ashes from the fire but the flames ran up the boarding into the thatch with extraordinary rapidity. Firemen stripped the roof of its iron sheeting with considerable difficulty but the roof was completely destroyed. 13 06 20 p8 CIP
Kerridge & Shaw builders, Sturton St, fire
Peterhouse kitchen fire 13 06 20 p8 CIP # c.34.75 # c.44.5
Kingston ill-treating horse

Suffrage attack St John's College library 13 06 20 p8 CIP # c.33 # c.77.8
Horse dead Coldham's Common

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Ely Diocesan Conference

P11
With the opening of the fruit picking season in the Wisbech district comes the migration from Soham of a large number of people who year by year visit the fields. No few than 34 left on Wednesday and others are leaving day by day. But the advent of hot weather has brought fires caused by sparks from railway engines igniting crops along the line from Soham to Ely; no fewer than five broke out on Sunday evening when half-an-acre of hay was burnt. 16 06 13 CIP
Soham bee swam on church 13 06 20 p11 CIP
Soham balloon
Soham river silted up
Soham fires on railway, Barway
Isleham parish council

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Oakington blacksmith accident
Thunderstorm damage

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Workhouse inmate's tribute to Hosegood

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Agricultural experts
School improvements tenders
Sir Ernest Cassell had offered to sell the schools and school-houses at Six-Mile-Bottom, Weston Colville and Westley Waterless to the County Council. This was accepted.
Ex-councillor H.J. Linsey, Romsey, bankruptcy; by-election; meeting p09

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Willingham farmer suicide
Midsummer Fair proclaimed *
Tramp drowned Brandon Creek
Skull unearthed King Street
Terrifying horses Coldham's Common
St Ives theft of handcart *
Watermill – grating to trap fish

P09
William Harding testified he'd had charge of a tug and string of six barges belonging to Messrs Colchester and Ball. There were two men on the tug and two more on the hind lighter who were shoving with poles as hard as they could. He'd shouted to warn two undergraduates in a scull to stop, but they just rowed on and been struck. Walter Parr said he knew the 'Nancy'. At one time there had been as many as 20 barges in a string on the river. The keeper at Jesus Lock said he'd known a lot more than six barges in a string and three men were quiet sufficient. 13 06 27 p09 CIP # c.26.3
International correspondence schools

P10
Farmers & insurance for workers
Soham feast parade *
Wicken funeral scene – burial service not read
Death William Gurteen, Haverhill *

P11
Pymooe land sale
P.S. Haylock testified he was near the Cock Inn, Isleham Fen when he heard talking and laughing. He saw the landlord coming from the tap room with four mugs of beer in his hand at 10.27 pm, which was after hours. One man nipped out of the back door but there were six inside, with the lodger. It was a lonely place, six miles from both Soham and Isleham. They didn't often get visits from the police. The landlord claimed they'd refused to leave; they were big fellows and he could not bundle them out. He was fined. 13 06 27 p11 CIP
The Church of England's service on Midsummer Common was about to begin and the clergy and choir had taken their places when one side of the platform gave way and those standing on it were thrown down. The people on the other side were about to go to their assistant when that side also collapsed and they disappeared from view. The Rev F.B. Gwinn had one leg caught between two boards and Councillor Hawkin's face was cut. The service was proceeded with as soon as possible. The platform had only been put up during the day and insufficient props had been placed under it 13 06 27 p11 CIP # c.83 # c.27.31

P12
Mrs Elizabeth Pont and her late husband were familiar figures at fairs and feasts for miles around where their stall of feast rock etc was always to be found. For over 40 years she took her stall on Histon village green at exactly the same place where her goods were always sought by a large number of visitors 13 06 27 p12 CIP # c.27.31
Linton workhouse disputes
Huntingdon – J.N. Heathcote farm sale, Steeple Gidding

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Patent F.T. Vine, Regent St re advertising
Sale of estates Ely, Witchford, Haddenham & Grunty Fen

P03
Waresley milk man cooler leaked
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An important development in local football took place when the Cambridge Town F.C. was elected a member of the Southern Amateur League together with Weybridge. This was the fourth time they had

applied and their success is largely due to their excellent performances in the last two seasons. This means they will compete against some of the leading amateur teams in the country on the Hills Road bridge ground with a home match practically every Saturday 13 07 04 p3 CIP

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Women's suffrage meeting Market Hill

P05
Coton's new rector, Adams leaves

P06
Haddenham first foal show
Castle End allotments & p9
Soham small holdings & p10
Isleham workmen's cottages & p10

P07
County Borough bill, 2nd reading carried
The automatic boxes on the doors of a number of Cambridge public conveniences have been rifled lately, the last to receive attention being the convenience on the corner of Mill Road and Hyde Park corner. One attendance is in charge of several of these places and the thefts have been committed during his absence 13 07 04 p37 CIP
Jurors – same people called
Town & county cycling club sports
Workhouse new master, G. Foden

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H.J. Linsey creditors meeting
Gransden theft of horse brasses
Willingham grocer's fall

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Newnham Croft school plans
Guildhall extension ratepayers petition
Prisoner dies in County Gaol *
Fulbourn sleep walker falls in well
Boy fires catapult at train
Huntingdonshire flood, state of Ouse

P10
Fulbourn asylum overcrowding, women sleep on floor *
Trumpington feast

P11
Chatteris mail cart driver death on line
Soham pigeon flight
Fordham hospital parade

P12
Cottenham drainage commissioners report that a large amount of coal has been consumed due to the heavy rains and floods. The driver of the Smithy Fen engine had about 60 tons of coal in stock and the engine needed repairing. Some drains were in poor condition: on one occasion while water was lowered two feet nine inches in the drain at the engine it was only reduced three inches at Half Moon Bridge. Both engines should be repaired 13 07 04 p12 CIP

Some astonishment was caused in Histon one evening by the appearance in the village of two cyclists, mounted not upon the ordinary 'safety' so common nowadays, but astride the high velocipede, with the large and smaller wheels, which were much in vogue some two decades ago. The Friendly Societies' Hospital Parade will take place as usual on Sunday afternoon and be followed by a meeting on the Green at which Ald John Chivers will preside. 13 07 04 p12 CIP

Friends of the Bethel Baptist Chapel Swavesey held services in the spacious barn of Trinity College Farm. Renovations at the Chapel were discontinued last week owing to the discovery that much extra work would be necessary and rumours spread that work has been abandoned. But it will definitely go ahead and a thoroughly substantial building will be the result 13 07 04 p12 CIP
Linton school master charged assault

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Fen Ditton sewage Inquiry
Bottisham Boy Scouts enrolment service
P. Schick, Fitzroy St patent for bakers' ovens
W. Eaden Lilley estate £134.975. will p7

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CIP the only Liberal paper – advert

P07
Renaming of streets, Thompson's Lane
Market Street wood paving not satisfactory – expensive & smelly
Police shelters
ASLEF applied for permission to hold a meeting on Parker's Piece on a Sunday. Engineers and firemen were engaged during the week on their journeys and it was the only day they could meet. But this was not a meeting: this was a demonstration and procession and in view of the quiet way in which Sunday was spent in Cambridge it would be a disgrace. It should be kept as a Holy day. Permission was refused 13 05 11 p7 CIP

Cambridge councillors discussed proposals to allow local authorities to advertise their attractions. Harold Spender had said he hoped to see Cambridge shake off some of its medieval appearance and acquire something of the beauty of the delightful garden city of Letchworth which he passed on his way down from Cambridge. "Ye gods!" said Alderman Spalding. "Shoddy built Letchworth! Cambridge to assimilate with shoddy-built Letchworth!" (Laughter). Cambridge does not need advertising 13 05 11 p7 CIP
Women's suffrage pageant, Lodge Mill Rd

P08
British Archaeological Congress meets, visit Sawston Hall

P09
Flower shows, Thriplow *
Balsham feast
James Toller said Waterbeach Baptists had bought a thatched dove house and converted it into a chapel with high-backed pews so worshippers could sleep in them if they wished. A woman living nearby turned out a few cinders, the roof caught fire and it burned down. Some believed in the old place and worshipped the very smoke when it was burning. C.H. Spurgeon, the pastor was asked what was to be done. "Build another one" was his answer and a new place was built for £800. It became packed and began to fall apart to it was restored in 1894 13 05 11 p9 CIP
Huntingdon car through shop window

P10
School Medical Officer report, Stapleford dental clinic *
East Anglia tobacco
Histon hospital parade
Ely railwaymen meeting

P11
Chatteris pageant
Littleport St Matthew vicar's case
William Martin of the Shade, Soham, met with a serious accident whilst corking bottles of stout at Treadway and Percy's brewery. The operation necessitates a considerable amount of effort and while screwing in a cork he wrenched the neck off the bottle. The broken glass cut deeply into the back of his hand. As Dr Cory was away he was taken to Mr C.C. Greensmith's shop who applied first aid. 13 05 11 p11 CIP
Burwell boy rescues lad from Lode

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Cottenham fashionable wedding Clarke – Cox – long account

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Sunday closing of public houses – Waterbeach Baptist
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Cambridge Guardians way-ticket scheme
Whittlesford carter's cruel conduct lover *

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Cambridge Women in Suffrage Pilgrimage
County administration re-organisation
Cottenham haystacks fire
Butchers' annual outing

P10
Trade Union demonstration, Parker's Piece *
Insurance committee elections
Ely sanatoria treatment
Boys still birds from cage
Horse dealer allegations ill-treatment quashed
Mayor fines himself *

P11
Flower shows, Chesterton, Sawston, Duxford, Swaffhams, Melbourn & Meldreth, West Wratting, Cottenham foal show
Over garden fete
Soham swimming club sports

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Histon emigrant death, California
Addenbrooke's Hospital lift *
Mrs Almeric Paget has again shown her support for Addenbrooke's Hospital. A new lift is required to replace the existing one for moving patients from one floor to another or to the operating theatre on the top storey. The cost is £1,000 and she promised £500 with a further £250 if the remainder could be raised. Lord Peckover immediately wrote the cheque needed to match the generous offer
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Burwell Charity inquiry, Trustees exonerated *

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A serious crisis has occurred in the building trade in Cambridge owing to the men's dissatisfaction with the present working conditions. Negotiations have been going on between the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners and the Master Builders' Association but without agreement. Among the demands is for walking time allowed to jobs to be paid at twenty minutes a mile and not less than 3s 6d for lodgings. Wages should be 9d per hour (£3.66 at today's values). Now a strike will start on Monday. 13 07 25 p7 CIP # c.32.5 # c.23
Littleport vicar guilty of offence *
A film of great interest is being shown at the Picture Playhouse. Mill Road, special pictures having been taken by the theatre's own operator of the suffrage procession in Cambridge. The film is 230 feet long and depicts incidents of the arrival of the pilgrims on Saturday and the departure from Cambridge on Monday. Many other attractive pictures are included in the week's programme and the fine selection of classical and popular music played by Max Bennett and his clever orchestra adds much to the enjoyment of the audience 13 07 25 p7 CIP # c.33 # c.65.6

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Insurance Committee meeting
Lode man assaulted bailiff
Undergraduate fined for furious riding at Fen Ditton, attempted bribe
Cambridgeshire licensing; includes Melbourn Tailor's Arms, Over Black Horse, Swavesey Lt Rose, Cambridge Place Three Pigeons 13 07 25 p8 CIP # c.27.4
St Ives indecent post cards
Undergraduate rescued from drowning
Duxford suicide

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County borough bill confirmed by chairman's casting vote
Colchester and Ball barge collision undergrad rowers – judgement for the undergrads 13 07 25 CIP # c.26.3
Newton shepherd compensation
William Macintosh, a director of Messrs A. Macintosh & Sons told the court the landlord of the Spring public house, Chesterton Road had selected a bath and other things to be fixed at the pub, saying he would get the brewers, Lacons to pay it. But no payment was forthcoming. The defendant's solicitor said it was a most expensive piece of luxury. The judge: 'Do you call a bath a luxury'. 'It is here in Cambridge. We have no public baths here'. Judgement was given for the plaintiffs. 13 07 25 p9

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Swavesey 'new town' springing up following fire
Red Cross Society inspection

Grantchester Baptist Sunday School centenary
The proposed co-partnership scheme for the provision of artisans' dwellings in Huntingdon would buy a field in American Lane from Mr G. Montagu at half the proper price. Five pairs of cottages would be built on half the field at a total cost of £2,000. The Government would advance £1,300 leaving the society to find £700. The tenants would have fixity of tenure and by purchase of shares they could live rent free. 13 07 25 p12 CIP
P.C. Squires testified that a car passed through Huntingdon Market Place at a very slow pace, making a tremendous noise. There was a suffragette meeting on at the time. The driver, a cinematograph proprietor, said the lever which controlled the half-compression had slipped back and stuck which caused the car to make such a noise. He drove slowly because it would have been dangerous to do otherwise. An employee of Murkett Bros, motor engineers, said the cut-out was open allowing the exhaust gasses to escape without passing through the silencer. The driver was fined. 13 07 25 p12
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Lower Hare Park, Six Mile Bottom fete
Red Cross VAD detachments had a field day at Newton Hall Park. Shepreth send a complete detachment of both men and women. The village has a pensioned R.A.M.C., Mr A. Smith, who they made Quartermaster and threw himself heartily into the work. He improvised stretchers using ash poles but slings. These are necessary for it is quite impossible for bearers to carry wounded men long distances without them 13 08 01 p2 CIP # c.45.4 # c.21.4

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Guilden Morden cottages *

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Mechanical Engineers summer meeting
Stanley Road corporation property damaged *
A jelly which has been mislaid in a grocer's shop was sent to Chivers as a curiosity. It was enclosed in a kind of package that has not been used for over 20 years. When made up it proved to be as excellent in colour and flavour as if it were one of this season's jellies. This keeping power is more remarkable when it is remembered that they use no artificial preservatives whatever 13 08 01 p09 CIP
PC. Law told the court he was on duty in St Tibbs Row at 11pm and heard singing of the ragtime song 'Dixie' going on inside the Carriers Arms. He told the landlord it was time to close and showed him his watch, which was 1½ minutes slow. The landlord said he had a clock in the bar which he compared with the one in Downing Street and kept eight minutes fast. He'd seen the policeman outside and warned his wife not to serve beer after eleven. The young constable had been a little too zealous in his duty. Magistrates warned him to close on time in future. 13 08 01 p9 CIP
Dry Drayton serious farm fire
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Temperance wedding – David Moore & Flossie Legerton *
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Ely railwaymen consider NUR union
Ely militia barracks sale cottages
The unfamiliar sounds of wooden clogs have been heard on the pavements of Soham for a large number of holidaymakers from Rotten Stile, Lancashire, have been staying at various houses. The women wore the customary shawls over their heads. Many trippers come year by year, putting up at farmhouses and enjoy the peace and quiet of the fen and farm land after the hurry and bustle of the manufacturing towns – 13 08 01 p11 CUP
Soham Grammar School Rennard leaves – English master

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Cottenham flag staff threaded
The village feast at Brampton has been marred by a shocking tragedy, a labourer named Frederick Seekings having, it is alleged, murdered a woman who passed as his wife, on the way home. Two men noticed something on the grass at the side of the road. It was Mrs Seekings, dead with a terrible wound in her throat. The man lay on the grass beside her. Both were under the influence of drink. The pair were not married, the woman really being the wife of a man at Kettering 13 08 01 CIPof
Brampton murder – Seekings
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A white-haired 86-year-old old lady came before Linton Guardian to lay a grievance. The Master said she had been insubordinate, had conveyed messages between and old man and an imbecile woman. She had had her tea and sugar stopped and been prevented from going into the fields. The woman said she's broken the rules in complete ignorance. She'd accepted some apples over the hedge and for that her tea and sugar were stopped. Although 86 she was active and wanted to get in the fields. Guardians must support the Master but they would allow the tea and sugar now she'd apologised. 13 08 08 p3 CIP
Sawston church parade
Atlas stone company burglary

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Mr E. Saville Peck was honoured by the British Society Pharmacists for whom secretary. He'd been apprentice to his father in the old-established pharmacists in Trumpington Street. At present there are no less than four apprentices in his employ. They are allowed access to his own analytical laboratory and allowed to use all solutions except a few reserved for his own use. He does his best to turn out apprentices fully equipped with theoretical and practical knowledge 13 08 08 p4 CIP

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The British Dental Association conference heard of the work of the Cambridge Dental Clinic 13 08 08 p5,6,10 CIP # c.21.1

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July and August used to be the quietest months of the year in Cambridge. But now they are regarded as months for conferences and hotels, lodging houses and tradesmen are reaping the benefit. Last week it was the Institution of Mechanical Engineers for their summer meeting, now the British Dental Association. Those who arrange the programmes always combine business with pleasure in a delightful way and invariable one of the first items is a Reception on behalf of the Town and University. Cambridge is always ready to welcome strangers and has raised the reception of conferences to a fine art 13 08 08 p06 CIP # c.27.9

P07
Three fine fireplaces had been given to the Corporation by Mr Bishop to be built into the new addition to the Guildhall and Library. Although they could find a suitable place for one, they could not find space for two more. They had agreed to lend one fireplace to the new Archaeological Museum for six months but that was no use to the Museum: they wanted to incorporate it into their building. But the Council had few such valuable things and it was hard to part with them. They would be asked for one of the maces next. If one of the college buildings was pulled down, would they present the town with anything? 13 08 08 p7 CIP
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Colonel Cody killed, Cambridge visits recalled

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Littleport St Matthew vicar deprived
Isleham Baptist minister resigns

It was the dying wish of a Lode nonconformist that he be buried in a vacant spot adjacent to his mother and that the service was conducted by a minister of his own denomination. But the grave was dug some yards away. The family were incensed and threatened to stop the burial. The vicar said he'd been concerned that another body may have been disturbed. The churchyard was not well kept and the

sexton had before now thrown up pieces of coffin when digging a new grave. He wanted a metal cross to be placed at the foot of each grave to prevent future misunderstanding. 13 08 08 p11 CIP

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German Prof killed while cycling –
Seeking accused
Waterbeach baby burnt to death
J. Noel Moden, former oil and colour business, dies US
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Medical officer of health annual report
Cambridge Free Library reports an increase in use with as many as 3-400 visitors in one hour. The cultivation of interest in local history shows every probability of the future Reference Room being well used. It possesses a very fine collection of books, maps and plans on local subjects for which there is considerable demand. John E. Foster had been a generous donor and presented many volumes of local and antiquarian interest. 13 08 15 p9 CIP # c.77.4

P10
Wicken parish want a railway siding near the bridge in Soham Field - Barway already had one. It was four miles to the station and would be a considerable advantage to farmers. There would be more goods traffic and much that went to Upware would go by rail. Despite recent fires a fire engine was out of the question. But Soham had purchased fire extinguishers which have out a stream of gas instead of water. They might get flames under control and prevent a serious outbreak. It might be possible to buy them by public subscription 13 08 15 p10
St Ives football club a/m
Expensive journey *

University wine privileges

P11
Ely R.D.C. heard that a cottage on the Mildenhall Road, Littleport was thatched with rotten straw and the rain came through the roof. The sides of the building were boarded and in a bad state. It was also overcrowded. There was a large manure heap placed near a drain, the water in which was used for drinking purposes. At Lt Downham the rent of cottages with a fair amount of garden, suitable for the working classes, was too high for those engaged in agricultural pursuits. It was impossible to build a six-roomed house to let for only £7. But cottages could be built cheaper on waste land. 13 08 15 p11 CIP
Ely fire Curries
Burwell Poor's Fen inquiry
Wicken has received its usual quota of visitors who make an annual holiday in the village. The holiday season usually extends to August and a large number of inhabitants reap a harvest by providing accommodation for them. Many are ardent entomologists and visit Wicken Fen in search of specimens to add to their collections. But the Sedge Fen has had one of its worst seasons and the taking of butterflies and moths have been almost negligible. None of the better class specimens, for which the fen is famous, have been secured. 13 08 15 p11 CIP
Soham Empire cinema start films Conservative Hall

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The Romsey Town holiday play centres organised by the National Union of Women Workers have met with great approval. The centre for girls and infants is the Cambridge United Football Ground. It is a pretty sight to enter the spacious well-shaded field and see the children all at their happy occupations, crayoning, building castles out of bricks or tugging toy engines about. On the grandstand children dress dolls or knit while in a shady spot there are swings. Games such as cricket, shuttlecock and the maypole have been arranged. 13 08 15 p12 CIP # c.37.9
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Infectious disease hospital may be extended by two additional blocks, one a twelve-bed observation ward, the other a twelve-bed pavilion with two single-bed wards, a convalescent room & additions to the administration block 13 08 22 p4 CIP # c.21.4
Harvest 1913 report

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Police sports
Jack Hulbert of Ely & Gonville & Caius, who made a 'hit' both in Cambridge and London in 'Cheer-Oh Cambridge' the musical comedy of his own construction, has been engaged by Mr Robert Courtneidge for the forthcoming production of his new musical play at the Shaftsbury Theatre. Miss

Cicely Courtneidge (fresh from a holiday in South Africa) is another member of the notable company. 13 08 22 p5 CIP # c.76
Albion fishing match, St Ives
Mill Rd flower show
School broken into *

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Overturned motor bus *
Shippea Hill fatality *
A young Italian waiter from Citta Di Torino was accused of stealing carpenter's tools from a house in course of erection in Church Rate Walk. Det-Segt Marsh said he went on his bike to Norman Bradley's pawnbrokers and found accused in the pledge office with two of the assistants. The man was unable to understand English but when searched he had two two-foot rules in his pocket, two pocket knives and a new strap. He admitted stealing them 13 08 22 p6 CIP
First Cambridge Peers Economic Building Society report

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New Theatre Company – few new productions but growth revivals, competition from picture shows and variety undergraduates' conduct 13 08 22 p7 CIP # c.76
Rev Mee Welseyan work in Romsey Town including Recreation Ground *

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Great Chesterford Brewery comprising the steam brewery, two maltings and seven licensed houses were sold by auction. Lots included the Plough at Birdbrook, the Five Bells in Saffron Walden, the King William IV beerhouse and Queen's Head Inn, Balsham, Comberton's Tailors Arms with cottage, which fetched £730 and the Plough beerhouse in Chesterford. The Brewery itself with a malting beerhouse raised £2,700 with the plant to be paid by valuation.
Godmanchester memorial Emma Baumgartner

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Insanitary dustbins – men rake through them early in the morning and take treasures
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Romsey Town play centre was the first time an effort has been made to provide organised games for elementary school children during the summer vacation and had more than justified itself with over 9,000 youngsters at various times. Romsey was essentially a working class district where children are unable to spend a week by the sea. Two centres had been opened, the girls using Cambridge United

Football Club's ground, the boys on a field near the allotment. It was much better than street games which are dangerous because of motor cars and the youngsters were not running wild about the streets.13 08 29 p6 CIP
Police funeral – Rayment
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New Suffolk bishopric, effect on Ely Diocese

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Harvest fatality Lt Thetford on Kisby's farm
Arthur Bultitaft of Bedwell Hey, Lt Thetford fined over sheep dipping
Abington blacksmith *
Stack fires Milton & Wimpole
Italian waiter theft tools
Wilburton lodger theft, station*
Ely council heard the Padnal Road was being made up with clunch but some of the gravel sent had been totally unsuitable and not inspected by the Surveyor. Parts of the road had not been rolled and there were ruts about nine inches deep, making it dangerous for motor and light traffic and likely to cause lameness for animals dragging a heavy load. This must now be removed adding to costs 13 08 29 p7 CIP
Prickwillow water main would be laid along the north side of Prickwillow Bank with water tanks and pumps. But the source of supply – somewhere up the River Lark – was unreliable owing to the varying condition of the water and the cost was a good deal more than expected. About 120 children attended Prickwillow school and had no water except what the schoolmaster carried there. Village water contained microbes and smelt very bad but bread was made with it 13 08 29 p7 CIP
Prickwillow Bridge repairs needed
Mr J. Fear of Waterside, Ely, complained of the filthy state of the old ditch opposite his workshop in Willow Walk. It was very bed indeed and his workpeople had complained very much about it. It was more than he could stand – it made him feel quite ill. The ditch was mainly used as a place to soak bundles of rods and for keeping a boat. It was entirely a matter for Mr Fear and Mr Scott. 13 08 29 p7 CIP
A Lt Chishill labourer summoned for not sending his eight-year old daughter to school said the doctor had ordered her to stay at home as she had a rash. It was three miles from his house to the school. It was a bad road across the fields, nothing was ever done to it and the grass came up to his knees. P.C. Brooks agreed but reported there a good road to Barley, which was about a mile nearer. She might be sent to school there, but this was in another county. The attendance officer said he could do the walk in 19 minutes 13 08 29 p7 CIP

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Linton – Morley rescued from river by scouts
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Motor cyclists at Cambridge

Cambridge United have every reason to believe the coming season will be a successful one. It is a matter of regret they have had to resign from the Spartan League but the impossibility of taking anything like a full team away owing to the long journeys has made it necessary. Instead they've entered the Haverhill and District League. They will not run two teams this year, though most of the old players have again signed on and if Jack Rowell finds his old form he will considerably strengthen the defence. 13 09 05 p3 CIP
Lilley Football Club
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Territorials on Coldham's Common
Markham cycling performance

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Cambridge Street Tramways Company has reported a loss of revenue. The reason is obvious: it is the terribly slow rate at which the trams travel - it is almost as quick to walk. Horse trams were all right years ago when there were no motor buses, but their day has long past. London has a new tram with a petrol-driven engine under the stairs connected with a dynamo which drives an electric motor. Its acceleration is slower and it cannot pull up so quickly but this would not concern us here in Cambridge. 13 09 05 p4 CIP # c.26.44
Market men & market methods

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Workers hospital fund
Guildhall extension ratepayer's opposition – any money spent on libraries should provide reading rooms for Chesterton, Cherry Hinton and Newnham: when a man got home from business he doesn't feel inclined to walk down to the town again – if you look into the Mill Road reading room at night you will see how much it is appreciated. 13 09 05 p5 CIP # c.77.4
Weekend storm

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Latin teaching reform conference
The Vicar of Gamlingay and his wife were entering their grounds when he thought he saw two figures moving about. Fearing that burglars had designs on the Vicarage chickens he rang the alarm bell twice. There was no response so he fired a pistol. Two neighbours were so alarmed by the shot that they bolted. The dog was let loose and searched but found no one. Police could find no traces and the scare subsided. One neighbour feared suffragettes had attempted to set fire to the parish church 13 09 05 p6 CIP
Salvation Army anti-drink march *
Shelford corn & coal summons

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Cambridge actor-manager, Greig laws leader of Cambridge Repertory Theatre movement 13 09 05 p7 CIP # c.76
Pankhurst's sentence

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Historic Stourbridge fair was the cause of many disputes between the University and the Town. Now there is nothing left to fight over. The Town Clerk, accompanied by the Mayor and ten members of the Corporation read the proclamation to an audience consisting mainly of urchins at the Leper Chapel. Standing on a carriage he commanded silence 'under pain of imprisonment', a penalty to which only a horse and a motor cycle laid themselves open. The procession then drove back to Garlic Row where, beside some old houses which must have seen the Fair in its flourishing state, the same formality was gone through. A single caravan was the only sign of the forthcoming fair. 13 09 05 p8 CIP # c.27.31
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Playhouse fire drill
Workhouse increasing number guardians
Isleham parish council cottages

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Prickwillow fire *
Ely cathedral fire protection scheme *
Old houses in Wentworth were dangerous, especially if a heavy wind arose from the south-west, when the gable end and chimney of one dilapidated building would probably fall in the road. It was used as a cart lodge and piggeries but estimates were being obtained for pulling it down and erecting a new shed. Others owned by Peterhouse were in a most dangerous condition, one had been unoccupied for 25 years, the other forty. They should be put in order 13 09 12 p11 CIP
Soham accidents – horse *
Soham farmer Driver invents grass seed dresser

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Harvest festivals, Wesley, Sturton Street Methodists
Funeral J. Pierson, Mill Road, director of Sturton Town Hall
College girls should consider careers in shops. In three months the healthy-minded, attractive college girl would become a shop assistant able to earn her own living. In a year she could be absolutely independent. If they would pocket their pride, brave the disapproval of friends and start on a business career Lady Boot will train them to be happy self-supporting shop girls. 13 09 12 p5 CIP
Godmanchester councils
Aird & co Cambridge contracts – laying pipes to sewage station on Milton Road and water mains in Cambridge and from Fleam Dyke works to Fulbourn

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Bankruptcy court – Alfred Rye, Cambridge builder. Charles Dixon tailor, Elian Anthony baker, Castle Camps grocer
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Branch fall Trumpington St *
Bakers agitate for living wage *
Olympic athletics club formed
Meldreth lad run over by truck
Saxon Street publican fined

P10
Court – limited companies *
Harry Harper of Fern House, Witcham said he worked as a tailor and had a wife and five children. He earned very little money: last week it amounted to seven-and-six, the week before thirteen shillings; it averaged ten shilling a week. He had written to a Cardiff company to order chicken food but they'd sent a second batch he did not order
Linton Guardians discussed the work of the lady inspector who'd been going round to all the homes were children were boarded out. Her inspection had not only been very full, it was inquisitorial;. She inspected everything about the child and then examined the whole of the house. That was an offence against an Englishman's liberty. Several foster parents had refused to have any more children under any circumstances and there would be difficulty in getting children boarded out in the future is this was allowed to go on 13 09 19 p10
Education in Isle, medical inspection

Ely baby found in trunk
George Fordham on 1902 Education Act progress
Houghton pastor inaugurated

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Burwell lighting the Row
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Isleham vicars list
Considerable excitement was caused in Wicken through the bursting of the boiler of a traction engine which was proceeding along the High Street with full thrashing tackle. Many were roused from their slumbers by the noise of escaping steam which rendered the engine helpless. The drum and straw elevator were taken away by horses but the engine was too weighty and another had to be procured. A crowd of children and adults watched the proceedings with interest. 13 09 12 p11 CIP
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Barton parish council consider council houses, shooting over the allotment land and the parish award
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Gaiety Theatre, Auckland Road advert 13 09 26 p6 CIP # c.76
Girton college book by Constance Jones
Miss Cochrane's attends international housing conference in The Hague, impressed at German housing
Harrods are offering 12 positions to girls educated at Girton College, though they are not sure such a class of women are appropriate: "I cannot imagine the Girton girl selling woollens over the counter", a manager says. Their temperament is altogether unsuitable and they would find it difficult to adapt to the surroundings. The girls agree: their training fits them for professions. They could do no good in a shop and their knowledge would be wasted. They lead a healthy outdoor life and do not want to be boxed up with just a fortnight's holiday. 13 09 28 p6 CIP # c.36.98

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Cambridge Street Tramways Company owed a considerable amount to the Council for the repair of the road. It was a large amount and was rising week by week. The only thing was to present a petition to wind-up the company 13 09 26 p7 CIP # c.26.44
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Stoakley, head porter, Pembroke
Coldham's Common death of horse claim
Lacon's brewery had 132 pubs in Cambridge; one of the best was the Spring Hotel Chesterton but a bath was essential if it was to do a good trade. Running and boating men were constantly complaining that saucer baths were inconvenient. So Lacon's Manager ordered a new one from Messrs Macintosh and they also replaced the lavatory which gave off a most offensive smell. But the brewery disputed payment and said it was up to the tenant to meet the cost. 13 09 26 p10 CIP # c.27.4

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Prickwillow water supply and bridge
Wilburton longevity

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Fen Drayton church steeple, which was in bad condition, is being repaired. Always known as a small feast, this year there was not even a lollipop stall or a coconut shy, no dancing at the Three Tuns and a cricket match fell through, only five men putting in an appearance. At the end of a day's work a man left his scythe at the side of a field, covered with barley he had been cutting. For a few days there was no reaping on account of the rain and when he at last went for his scythe he found chits of barley an inch long sprouting from one of the 'kegs' round which he had wrapped a handkerchief. 13 09 26 p12 CIP
Stourbridge fair horse sales were up to the average but the amusements consisted of a dozen swing boats, two coconut shies, a shooting gallery and a few stalls laden with gaudy trifles. Doubtful-looking sweetmeats attracted the younger generation who predominated after the horse fair was over. Any 'grown-ups' came from curiosity rather than a desire for amusement. One burly policeman said he has seen more attractions at village flower shows that at this fair, which was once one of the largest in Europe. 13 09 26 p12 CIP # c.27.31

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Miniature rifle association prize giving *
A new Church Army mission van was dedicated, replacing one that had been on the road for 18 years. Called the Ely No.1 van, it bears the name 'Mary Ann' and is much more convenient for those who have to pass their lives in it. There is larger floor space with two bunks instead of three, giving greater comfort. Mounting the steps there is a hall which can be turned into a covered-in platform to address open-air meetings. The living part is cosy and comfortably furnished with a cooking range and a chest of drawers which opens to make a fair-size table. Folding chairs and cushions make it as home-like as possible. 13 10 03 p7 CIP # c.83
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Earith postmaster
P.C. Thirkettle told that court that while on Newmarket Road he received a complaint from Mrs Manning, a stall-keeper on the fair ground, that her stall had been entered and she had lost a toy fire engine, three rubber balls and a quantity of chocolate cream and butterscotch. A 20-year-old painter from Stanley Road had admitted to stealing the engine. He said he rolled up the canvas from the bottom. He'd produced one of the rubber balls but said he only took two butterscotches. He'd not been in trouble before. He was fined £5 13 10 03 p8 CIP
Passive resisters

P09
Luke Hosegood was at Cambridge workhouse for 42 years, most as manager. When appointed the Union ad not been attended to and he set to work most energetically to get it into perfect condition, making it home-like. There were many poor old people and it was the Guardians' wish that they should be treated with the greatest kindness and their somewhat grey lives made brighter. The Master was a disciplinarian and quelled the most turbulent inmate without undue severity. When his wife, the Matron, died, he resigned, even though not at a pensionable age. They hoped he would find something to supplement his pension. 13 10 03 p6 & 9 CIP # c.32.9
Weston Colville manoeuvres
Burwell lighting

P10
Gransden show
Photographic Club speeches

P11
Stage property ablaze
Stretham harvest festival
Soham parish council considered buying a new hand bier to carry coffins from the hearse to the cemetery chapel. There was one once but it stood unused and rotted away. But that was a very heavy and clumsy thing. There were several places where they are used – one in Cottenham cemetery. However councillors decided it was an unnecessary expense 13 10 03 p11

Following the destruction by fire of the Burwell Lode pumping engine at Upware in January the old engine was overhauled. It was restarted after six weeks and the pump kept going meanwhile by two heavy traction engines. But it was not quite strong enough to work the huge pump and in times of heavier floods difficulty had been experienced in coping with the water. Now a new one made by Ruston and Proctor of Lincoln has been delivered to Upware by road. Considerable difficulty was met with installing it as the station has not yet been rebuilt from the fire. The engine is much smaller so the walls have been lowered and a temporary roof erected. It worked very smoothly although the pump had been standing for over three months it raised the water in half the ordinary time. 13 10 03 p11 CIP #c.29

P12
Advertising hoardings have been rendered very gay by the exceeding fine posters announcing the visit of Kinemacolor to the Guildhall, striking pictures of Egypt, Panama Canal etc.
Histon new church institute opened 13 10 03 p12 # c.76.9

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Gipsy Smith in America
Bottisham invention of mould for making concrete blocks

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Cambridge pocket diary

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Borough Liberal campaign

P05
Cambridge Ratepayers Association is to adopt two candidates for the November council elections. The greatest thing was that they were non-political. It was ridiculous to see all the Conservatives on one side voting one way and the Liberals the other. Voting should be done according to the good a councillor thought would be done to the ratepayers. It was hardly the thing that when a man got too old for business he should think it was time to start in public life. They were some who had lost some of their faculties and could not hear. 13 10 10 p5 CIP # c.35.7
Church Missionary Society meeting
Wesleyan missionary society
Cambridgeshire Territorials machine gun section inspected
Sin rampant in Cambridge

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Territorial recruiting week
Free Trade slump, meeting

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Quarter sessions
Tyre in loft Blackamore Head Yard P

P08
Political meetings in villages
Rural housing problems – Miss Cochrane
Christ Church, Newmarket Road, has undergone a much-needed transformation. An ugly roof of matchboarding has been decorated, the east end has been enclosed by panelling which will form two new vestries and the stone work of the pillars, hitherto painted brown, has been restored. The cumbrous pulpit staircase has been brought under the gallery, giving space for the choir stalls. It gives a feeling of lightness and beauty to a church hitherto not marked by these characteristics, with evident regard to modern taste 13 10 10 p8 CIP # c.83

P09
Ex-councillor Linsey charges
Hauxton willow tree stolen
Stone pounding in Linton Union

P10
County education committee – examination reports; Stetchworth school house
New Chesterton Institute report
The Gaiety Theatre in Auckland Road has been opened and a large audience attracted by the excellent programme presented. The Gaiety Players gave a comic song 'Naughty Boy', popular London comedienne Miss May Mars sang two pretty songs and the eccentric comedian, Charles Cranston contributed to the entertainment. The inside of the building has been made very comfortable. Electric lights hang from the false ceiling, there a plush tip-ups in the orchestra stalls and the curtains with which the gallery is hung give a pleasing air of warmth and colour. 13 10 10 p10 CIP # c.76

P11
Stretham concert, Harvest Thanksgiving
Swavesey Bethel Baptist Chapel reopened after an extensive and costly restoration. The building, erected in 1868, has of late years shown signs of serious decay. A few years ago extensive repairs were carried out on the flooring which was badly affected with dry rot. But this was unavailing and the chapel was found to be in a dangerous condition as regards both walls and floors. The whole had to be removed and replaced which cost a great deal of money. Now concrete foundations have been put in, the floor relaid and windows filled with tinted leaded lights. A new boiler and seats have also been installed. During the closure services have been held in a large barn at Trinity College Farm 13 10 10 p11 CIP

There was until recently in Wilburton a large increase in the number of rats on the premises of Major Hudson, dealer and farmer. They ate the food that was given to pigs and other animals so it was found imperative to destroy them. John Sadler, rat catcher of Stretham was engaged with dogs and ferrets. The number killed was 104 13 10 10 p11 CIP
Wicken railway siding

P12
On Sunday evening whilst Mr Arber, the verger, was putting the numbers on one of the hymn board at Bottisham church, the chair on which he was standing slipped and he fell with considerable violence on the back of another chair, sustaining a nasty cut on the left cheek. He went to the surgery of Dr Wood who bound up the wound and is progressing as favourably as possible 13 10 10 p12 CIP

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Magpie concert party * # c.69

P03
Football, rugby

P04
Big public baths were really a luxury but the council should spend money on cottage baths in the poorer quarters of Cambridge. They were necessities for those who had not opportunities in their own private houses to wash themselves. In Germany schools were built with baths and the children were required to bathe once a week. In backward Russia there was the village bath for everyone. Bradford had seven different types. Could not the Corn Exchange be put to double use by making a bath at the bottom and have the corn merchants above? 13 10 17 p4 CIP # c.21.1
The appointment of a new teacher to St Peter's Boys School seemed like a put-up job, one councillor claimed. The first question on the application form was 'Can you play the piano or other musical instrument' but of those called for interview only one could play the organ and he was appointed. The Vicar had broken his holiday to be present. He'd met the successful candidate in London, took him to

his house, took him to the meeting and got him appointed. He then took him over to see about the organ in St Giles' church. But they were not advertising for a man who could play the organ, they were wanting somebody who could manage the school. 13 10 17 p4 CIP

P05
Foresters meeting
Cottenham parade

P06
The report of the Land Inquiry Committee shows country labourers' wages have decreased since 1907; many of the most energetic are emigrating or moving to towns, depressing the wages of town labourers. There should be a legal minimum wage. The lack of cottages mean young couples are prevented from marrying or live in their parents' overcrowded homes, lowering the standards of comfort. Other labourers are in tied houses and farmers can dictate what men should grow in their garden. Parish Councils should acquire allotments. Many cottages are unfit for human habitation Land report 13 10 17 p5 & 7 CIP
Prof James Stuart death

P07
Cambridge Photographic Club opened new rooms in Park Place fitted up with enlarging and developing rooms together with a reference library. There is a permanent lantern screen over the mantel piece and beautiful specimens of photographic art are hung on the walls. Coton Church Institute also opened its new buildings with pictures of local celebrities on the wall. Games of bagatelle are provided and it is hoped to get a billiards table. 13 10 17 p7 CIP # c.65.5
Chesterton Good Templars first anniversary

P08
At the Assizes the top gallery was filled with women when a suffragette was accused of setting fire to a house in Storey's Way. She denied having started the blaze but had been at the site and dropped her watch. It was identified by her uncle, a Norwich policeman. Pink flannelette smelling strongly of paraffin had been wound round a ladder and set alight. Her coat smelled of paraffin. She asked the jury: "Do I look like a person who would go about with flannelette and cans of petrol and set fire to houses". She was convicted. 13 10 17 p8 # c.34.75 # c.33
Earith sub-postmaster fraud
Frederick Seekings, Brampton murder 13 10 17 p8 &.9 CIP # c.34.6

P09
Maypole dairy – carrier passes margarine as butter
H.J. Linsey gas fitter, went on town council, added to pressure
Gamlingay suicide

P10
Police report, accidents increase
Gt Chesterford brewery purchased by Dale 13 10 17 p10 CIP * # c.27.41
Soham literary institute meeting
Y.M.C.A. meeting
Billiard league first annual meeting 13 10 17 p10 CIP # c.38 : billiards

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Kinemacolor visit 13 10 17 p11 CIP # c.76.9
Watercress seller fined for crying his wares
Boy Scout movement needs officers
Gaiety theatre licence application
Park Street school prizes
Christ Church reopening 13 10 17 p11 CIP # c.83

Fireworks sale to child
Parcel left on train, Soham

P12
Saint railway works football club formed
National Union of Journalists meeting 13 10 17 p12 CIP # c.04
Dry Drayton reading room in Baptist chapel
Fen Drayton honey *
Willingham labourers' union meeting

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Ely Cathedral St Etheldreda Festival
Mepal and Sutton land sale

P03
Football

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Buckmaster appointed Solicitor-General
Romsey Town Institute report
Death Mrs G. Kett
Ely Free Church Council demonstration

P05
Church Pastoral Aid Society meeting

Future of aeroplanes – their part in war, lecture by Hiram Maxim, inventor of Maxim guns, to University Engineering Society.
Sir Hiram Maxim lectured to the University Engineering Society on "Early experiments with steam-driven aeroplanes." The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides.
Sir Hiram said that in the winter of 1856-7, when he was 16 years of age, his father worked out a plan of a flying machine. It consisted of a small platform which he proposed to lift directly into the air by the action of two screw propellers, revolving in reverse directions. For a motor he proposed to employ some kind of explosive material, gunpowder preferred. If such an apparatus could be successfully navigated through the air, it would be such inestimable value as a military engine that no matter how much it might cost to run it, it would used by Governments, even if the engines had be driven by explosive as costly as pulminate of mercury. year or two later the well-known Peter Cooper, of New York, actually commenced a series of experiments with a view to constructing a machine to lift itself directly into the air by means of screw propellers on vertical shafts. He proposed to drive his screws by means of engines utilising the explosive force of chloride of nitrogen. He had not got very far with his experiments when a premature explosion injured the sight of one of his eyes, and he seemed to have abandoned the whole thing. He believed that almost everyone, when they commenced to study the question of aerial navigation by means machines heavier than the air, first thought of lifting the machines directly into the air, either by the agency of wings, or of screw propellers working vertical shafts. He remembered some 40 years ago, when he commenced to think of the subject, that was his first idea, and he actually commenced drawings, and made calculations for a machine this plan, using an oil motor something like Brayton engine for his motive power. However, he was quite unable work out any system which would not be too heavy to lift itself directly into the air, and it was only when he commenced to study the aeroplane system that it became apparent to him that it would be possible make a machine light enough and powerful enough to raise itself without the agency of a balloon. From the very first he was convinced that it would be quite out the question to employ a balloon in

any form, for he found that if it were large enough to be any practical value lifting a machine, it would large enough prevent its progress through the air. "A flying machine," said Sir Hiram, "to be any value must of necessity be able to propel itself through the air at a velocity greater than that of an ordinary high wind. It ought at least to able travel at a velocity of 35 miles hour. At this speed I discovered that a small and cheap aeroplane would lift more for its weight than a balloon, and would require vastly less to propel it. Therefore, in an actual flying machine, the balloon appeared to me not only useless, but impossible". If large machines could be made with sufficient power to lift themselves vertically into the air, experimenting with them would be comparatively simple, because no large field would be required. But with the aeroplane system, in which the machine might be considered as a kite, or perhaps a system of kites which must rise at an angle, it was necessary it should have long run order to attain the required velocity. At the time these calculations were made the light, high speed petrol motor had no existence. The only power then available being the steam engine, he made all his calculations with a view to using steam as his motive power. "While I was deeply studying the question of the possibility making flying machine that would actually fly," continued Sir Hiram, "I became convinced that there was but one system to work on, and that was the aeroplane system. While this subject was my mind I met with accident in Spain and was confined to my room the hotel for about two weeks, and to amuse myself I made many calculations and found that an aeroplane machine driven by a steam engine ought to lift itself into the air.
"I had had considerable experience the States in making small and light steam engines, but nothing practical was done until sometime later, when one day I was approached by three gentlemen who asked me if it would be possible for me to build a flying machine —how long would it take and how much would it cost? My reply was: would take five years and it would cost £50.000. The first three years would devoted to developing a light internal combustion engine and the remaining two years to making a flying machine". Later on a considerable amount of money was placed his disposal and experiments commenced. He obtained possession of large mansion near Dartford Heath with about 40 acres land, and put up a large building for constructing the machine. Although he had thought much of the internal combustion engine, it seemed to him that it would take too long to develop one, so he decided that his first experiments, at least, would use a steam engine. He therefore designed and made a steam engine and boiler which developed more energy for its weight than any other heat engine ever made. Unfortunately, there were many large trees the park, which he would not cut down; this made it unsafe to run the machine except on a railway track so he had to vacate. The question has often been asked "what use can flying machines be put to?" The reply is very simple. They will at first all be used for military purposes, and also to a much less degree for sporting purposes. They may also be used, to some small extent, to carry the mails, but as to carrying passengers and freight a paying basis, that altogether out the question. They can never compete with the railways. The value of flying machines in warfare is so great as to beyond computation. One Dreadnought costs over one million pounds, and for this sum, 500 large and powerful aeroplanes could be made. Suppose now that we should be at war with a continental nation on or near the British Channel. Each of the enemy's machines would be able to visit London and return twice in the darkness of one night, each time bringing and dropping half a ton of nitre-glycerine. How would London look after a week this kind of treatment? There only one way to protect ourselves against attacks by aeroplanes, and that is by other aeroplanes. The aeroplane must necessarily mark the beginning of a new epoch in the relations of civilised nations with each other. Kings and Emperors will not be disposed to war with their neighbours if they know that their own capital may be attacked and destroyed in a few hours after the declaration of war. The aeroplane will therefore do much to stop war altogether between the highly civilised nations the world, a thing very much desired. – 13 10 24

Considered helicopters, balloons and aircraft powered by steam engine 13 10 24 p5 CIP # c.26.1
Christ Church reopened, first men's service 13 10 24 p5 CIP # c.83

Coton new rector

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Leys School extension opening 13 10 24 p6 CIP
Freshmen – large entry, college figures
Is Cambridge musical – no – more whist drives
Balsham cross and litany desk dedicated

P07
Land Inquiry report – CIP edition, great demand
The idea of growing tobacco in England seems absurd. But at Elveden there are acres of healthy tobacco plants with leaves large enough to cover a rabbit and several sheds filled with yellow-coloured leaves. Messrs J.S. Banyard of East Road has purchased the entire crop of 25 acres grown by Lord Iveagh and have it made up both as pipe tobacco and in cigarettes. The cigarettes are similar to Virginia but have a slight Havana flavour.
Canon Thornton dies during service St Edward's church
The Isolation Hospital should have a discharging hut. The hut provided two compartments. The patient to be discharged was taken into one, stripped and bathed, the clothes were taken away and disinfected, then taken to the second compartment where the patient dressed. This was one way of avoiding the carrying back of disease to the villages and was absolutely essential. Longstanton residents complained about their water. Fifteen people used a pump fed by water from a spring which required cleaning out. They had to go half-a-mile to obtain drinking water from a public supply 13 10 24 p7 CIP

P08
Ely baby in trunk, Pledger's shop
'Flying Dutchman' deported
An alarming accident occurred during the building operations at Addenbrooke's Hospital. An iron girder which had been hoisted to the roof slipped and crashed through the roof and the floor of the topmost ward into the ward below. Considerable alarm was naturally caused, particularly as the second ward was occupied by patients, but providently the girder fell clear of the beds and nobody was injured. It was quickly hoisted out and the holes in the roof were temporally boarded up 13 10 24 p8 CIP # c.21.4
Suffragette Pratt released after hunger strike 13 10 24 p8 CIP # c.33
Prospect Row house defective

P09
Councillors discussed the state of Cambridge footpaths. More than half of the people kept the pavements clean but the rest did not touch them at all. There is filth three includes wide and one inch thick on some pavements, sheer filth and then we talk about hygiene, said Ald Wootten. He had seen people living in a £40 house sweeping their house dirt on to the pavement. The police should prosecute everyone who failed to comply with the byelaw. 13 10 24 p8 CIP
Town council – dirty pavements, baths, Wallis Court Jesus lane cottages unfit, overcrowding Castle End, Trade Union demonstration Parker's Piece on Sunday opposed
Linsey's bankruptcy, Castle Camps grocer
Cottages needed in villages *
Workhouse & Miss Hosegood

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Cambridge Tramways future – long report 13 10 24 p10 CIP # c.26.44
Leys School extension foundation stone 13 10 24 p10 CIP # c.36.5
Boy Scouts appeal scoutmasters

P11

Lt Downham Parish Council have hired footpaths for the children to get to St Owen's school; they had to cross the railway lines – about 40 feet wide – no less than four times a day. This was dangerous. Work has started repairing roads in Wicken, commencing on the Padney Road. But Church Lane is in a much worse condition. In bad weather it is almost impassable on account of mud and cart ruts; it should be done without delay so the village can be reached by foot passengers and vehicles in a better manner than at present
Soham woman burnt to death
Wedding presents stolen on railway

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Gamlingay see Bovril airship
Oakington butcher leaves for Canada
Foresters Miscellany for Oct 1913 has biography of Bro W.J. Hyer born Swaffham Prior
Kinemacolor visit Guildhall – includes colour pictures of Cambridge 13 10 24 p12 CIP # c.76.9
St Ives as holiday resort

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Croxton Park experiment for potatoes on heavy land

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Sport
Swaffham Bulbeck game trespass
Special constables list for Cambridge

P04
Histon Liberals
Stanley Buckmaster knighted
Hunts Insurance Committee
Indenture to tailor cancelled *

P05
Cambs Insurance Committee
A Trades Union demonstration Parkers Piece was marred by heavy rain but some 400 unionists marched in procession through the rain and mire. The Bakers' Union was the latest to be formed. Members of the Labour Party cycled out into the villages and set up branches. The formation of the Labour Party had led to far greater interest in municipal seats. Before that the Liberals and Tories used to arrange the seats between themselves. 13 10 31 p5 CIPof

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Wesley church opening *

P08
Fulbourn Asylum extension deferred, include camera to photo patients; females not know if dead or alive, fed with spoons; feeble-minded should be sent to institutions
Pratt, suffragette ordered to take complete rest
Workhouse way-ticket system debate
Territorial Forces recruits needed

P09
An inquest was held into the death of Dr Horace Dimock who had been sent to Wisbech after several local doctors refused to serve under the Insurance Act. He had been very popular with his patients but ostracised by other doctors who brought allegations against him. He'd returned to his father's home at Stretham where he was found dead in bed. Great excitement was caused at Wisbech following a demonstration of sympathy. The large crow became unmanageable and police were telephoned for from King's Lynn. The Mayor was brought from his residence and read the Riot Act amid tumultuous scenes. 13 10 31 p9 CIP
Dr Dimock, Wisbech death; inquest with Stretham witnesses; riots **
Tragic end to lovers walk, drowned Coe Fen

P10
Ernest Tanner new Liberal candidate profile
Swavesey stack fire
Indian in Cambridge; plea for equality
College Servants formed a VAD so they could train to join the First Eastern Hospital. This was at a skeleton stage. Cambridge was an ideal place with all its colleges capable of holding a large number of people. It needed to be run on military lines 13 10 31 p10 CIP

P11
County council, pay higher wages than average; could not take more burdens from government *, houses on small holdings. New County offices furniture; Ely militia barracks
A new Act of Parliament imposed further duties on County Councils. The best thing they could do was to go on strike and say they were not going to take any more burdens on or find more money for various things the Government send down, unless the Government paid a good proportion of the expense. But then they might come down, do the work and charge the Council with the expense. 13 10 31 p11 CIP
Councillors queried the cost of furnishing the new County Hall. It was not a club and should not be furnished as if it were. It was suggested the Clerk should have a Turkey carpet costing £22 10s. and a writing table costing £35. This was extravagant. Councillors' seats would be of oak and covered with pigskin. But they should be cheap and uncomfortable since they would only spend a few hours there during the year. But the whole thing was already finished, and nothing could be done, they were told. 13 10 31 p12 CIP
New Drill Hall sanctioned
Wilburton Baptists new organ opened

P12
A little child named Albert Wayman, aged one year and seven months, went missing from his home at Elsworth. Search was made on all sides but the little one could not be found. At length his voice was faintly heard coming from well above the searchers' heads. The previous evening a 30-round ladder had been left resting against an apple tree and the baby had managed to climb to the top rung. An aunt climbed up to the rescue, but half-way her courage failed. Then the mother mounted and safely brought her child to the ground 11 10 31 p12 CIP

Swavesey payment to workers at stack fire

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Cricket Association presentation

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Ernest Tanner candidate Liberals

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River Cam Sailing Club – improvements needed re sewage, weeds, as vehicle of traffic 13 11 07 p5 CIP # c.46.5
Cycling Club dinner, Markham & Skeel
Wesley Church opening services 13 11 07 p5, 10 CIP # c.83
Suffragettes interrupt church services
Cheshunt college progress

P06
Wesley Stretham advertisement
Scarlet fever in Cambridge, expansion Infectious Diseases hospital needed
D'Oyly Carte production Mikado clashes with Guildhall concert

P07
'Fifth' celebrations, undergraduate rag and its police court sequel. Station Yard scene, mounted police charge, Homerton college attacked 13 11 07 p7 CIP # c.36.94
Horticultural Society show
Agricultural Society history reviewed
Workhouse nurses block planned
Prospect Baptist Church Sunday School – 13 11 07 07 CIP # c.83

P08
Seekings execution; record of other hangings *
A Brampton man was hanged in Cambridge Gaol for the murder of his wife. Mr T.W. Pierpoint was the executioner and the hanging was expeditiously carried out, death being instantaneous. Very little interest in the execution was shown by the public. There was but a mere handful of people outside the Shire Hall, chiefly composed of errand boys and youths. The black flag was not hoisted nor was the prison bell tolled, and there was nothing whatever to indicate that anything unusual was taking place. 13 11 07 p08 CIP # c.34.6 # c.34.9
List of other hangings
Hangings at Cambridge County Gaol & elsewhere

1801 03	William Grimshaw, house breaking
1802 04	William Wright & John Bullock, arson
1812 03 28	William Nightingale, alias Bird, forgery
1812 08 08	Daniel Dawson, poisoning horse at Newmarket
1816 06 28	John Dennis, Isaac Harley, Thomas Smith, William Beamiss & George Crow, Littleport riots, at Ely
1817	John Scare, burglary Whittlesford
1819 08 06	Thomas Weems, murdered wife Arrington
1824 04 03	John Lane, rape
1827 09 31	Joshua Slade, murder rector Stukely, at Huntingdon
1829	James Bishop, sheep stealing, at Huntingdon
1829 04	William Osborn, of Boxworth for highway robbery
1830 04 03	William Reader, William Turner & David Howard, arson Linton
1833 03 29	William Westnot & Charles Carter, attempted murder of gamekeeper
1833 12	John Stallan, arson, Sawston
1850 04 30	Elias Lucas & Mary Reeder, poisoning wife at Castle Camps
1861 08 10	Augustus Hilton, murder wife at Parson Drove

1864 03 11 John Green, murder of girl at Whittlesey, last public execution
1876 12 14 Robert Browning, private execution
1878 11 25 Henry Gilbert, murder of child at Hail Weston, at Huntingdon
1898 06 Walter Horsford, St Neots poisoner
1910 06 14 James Henry Hancock, murdered Alfred Doggett at Chesterton
1913 11 02 Frederick Seekings, murdered wife at Brampton
13 11 07 p8 CIP # c.34.6 # c.34.9

P09
The Perse School was in crisis, they had acquired Pendene House to expand their boarders but to pay for it they had to sell Fratinghall Farm at a heavy loss on the original value of the property due to the depression in agriculture. In 1882 it was worth at least £10,000 but they had received just £4,600. To get any rent at all they'd had to build new cottages and make improvements, all of which money was lost. But next year marked the 300th anniversary of their foundation and they were launching an Endowment Fund, the Speech Day audience heard. 13 11 07 p9 CIP # c.36.5

It was expected that the funeral of the late Dr Horace Dimock would be largely attended but the villagers at Stretham were scarcely prepared for the crowds that trooped into their midst. Many came from Wisbech where Doctor Dimock had served his patients faithfully. The proceedings were orderly and police, of whom two were in plain clothes, had an easy task. But in Wisbech there was further rioting in front of the houses of the doctors blamed for his death 13 11 07 p9 CIP
Addenbrooke's Hospital quarterly court

P10
Cambridge council elections
Wesley church opening, photo
Suffrage Association discuss problems of child life
Weights & Measures report
Mill Road flower show
The Rink Picture Palace, Hertford Street plans to show Dante's 'Inferno' was attacked by the Mayor: he had received many letters from residents; if shown any renewal of the licence by justices would be refused at once, he warned. The manager, Syd Byron wrote to the Presiding Magistrate. He offered to give a private performance and cut any objectionable scenes. Magistrates were equally divided and could not therefore prohibit the showing. They hoped he would not show it. But Mr Byron decided to go ahead 13 11 07 p10 CIP # c.76.9

P11
Stretham wedding Elsie Hazel to Arthur Hammond;
Charles Spicer was working alone at the windmill, Ely Road, Stretham; his wife took his tea up to him but as he had not returned home by nine, she went with her young son in search of him. The mill was all in darkness but was still grinding corn. Mr Mason, the owner of the mill came with a light and eventually Mr Spicer was discovered dead. Excepting a short interval he had worked in the same mill for about 40 years. No inquest was deemed necessary 13 11 07 p11
Dr Dimock's successor
George Huddleston, father of Orwell Methodism & wheelwright dies
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Histon station footbridge needed

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Heffer's issue Cambridge directory

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Sport
Captain Scott polar expedition – lecture

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Insurance Act position in Cambridge

P05
County Medical Officer report includes water supply & well improvements
Agricultural Society meeting

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University wine privileges abolition notice 13 11 14 p6 CIP # c.27.4

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County Boys School speech day
Red Cross field days
Photographic Club exhibition – Prof McKenny Hughes uses photos 13 11 14 p7 CIP # c.65.5
Suffrage meeting at Malting House, Newnham

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Mayor-making – J.A. Sturton (photo p10)
The Bovril airship encountered a strong headwind while passing over St Ives and the pilots decided to land. But it was impossible to bring the machine to earth. Repeated efforts were made to descend but the airship refused to answer to the landing gear and they were compelled to remain aloft in a wind sufficiently strong to render the situation distinctly dangerous. It was not until within six miles of Cambridge that they were at length able to come to ground. The pilots set it down to some extraordinary atmospheric phenomena which cannot be explained. 13 11 14 p8 CIP # c.26.1

P9
General Booth's daughter to visit Salvation Army
William Pink funeral
Charles Kerridge, builder, fall

P10
An undergraduate told the court that he was a relative of the Khedive of Egypt and living at Shelford with a private tutor. He told his valet to get tickets for the New Theatre. But when refused admission he'd got involved in a struggle with an attendant and fell to the ground. The manager said he'd been drunk and had used bad language. But this was a serious matter from a moral point of view and would affect his career here and in his own country if upheld. He was convicted. 13 11 14 p10 CIP # c.36.9 # c.76
Public houses compensation awards: Melbourn Tailors Arms, Over Sow & Pigs & Black Horse, Dry Drayton Five Bells, Gamlingay Three Horse Shoes, Elsworth Three Horse Shoes, Bourn King William IV, Girton White Horse, Cottenham Red Lion, Willingham Black Lion, Shakespeare Newmarket Rd
Boy Scouts' field day

P11
Burwell benefaction – Gardiner
Fordham Old Age Pension fraud
George Pond had been a seaman on the Titanic who'd lost his life when it struck an iceberg. The sum of £100 had been paid into Court as compensation and now his sister, Hannah Pond asked for the sum of eight shillings. Her father Joseph was 73, she had two brothers, one an agricultural labourer, the other worked in a mill in Lancashire. They used to receive some of the deceased wages when he was

employed on the steamship. Granting the application, the judge said the money would not last for ever and they ought to be able to do with less in some way. 13 11 14 p11
Titanic pension, Wilburton
Dr Dimock Stretham inquest *
A roan horse driven in Lipton's cart standing near Mr Laurence's blacksmith's shop, Burwell bolted when a locomotive engine came towards it and struck the Summer Light oil van. Both axles were severely wrenched, the spokes were forced out of the felloes and the wheels rendered so untrue that it is impossible to drive the cart even with a new shaft. Mr Guyatt lent a cart and the horse, being unhurt was driven away. This is the second time the same horse has bolted in Burwell 13 11 14 p11
Burwell runaway horse
Soham fire old lady rescued from bedroom window
Gt Wilbraham cottage fire

P12
Gt Chesterford Brewery, successfully carried on by Messrs Pilgrim for over half a century, has been acquired by Dales Brewery of Cambridge. They intended carrying it on as before. There was no better barley-growing district and with good barley they could ensure good beers such as those brewed by Dale which won the championship gold cup for bottled beers at the International Brewers Exhibition in 1911. 13 11 14 p12 CIP # c.27.41

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Newnham college new Fellows and scholars
Caxton Guardians need for housing Gamlingay, Lt Gransden
George Cunningham selects films of medical interest

P03
Sport
New Theatre student fined
Violinist Mischa Elman at Cambridge

P04
Bourn Liberals meeting insurance act and housing
South Africa – Mudd's impressions
Feminist movement Union debate women, suffrage
Chivers Cambridge soups advert
Conscription opposition
Newmarket Guardians received a letter from Fred Starling of East End, Isleham which read: "I, the said Frederick Starling, kindly ask the Board to find me a wife between 65 and 70. I am a bird-catcher, and have a comfortable room for a respectable woman". Mr Robins said he must be difficult to please if he could not find a wife in Isleham. The Master said he had no one to recommend 13 11 21 p4

P05
Cambridgeshire Nursing Association first council meeting
Band of Hope Union use of kinematograph
Herr Simon Wurm's Imperial Viennese band

P06
Wesley now offer farm implements
Territorial recruiting week

P07
Borough council – Kett resigns as Alderman
River Cam dredged from Jesus Sluice to above Railway Bridge; to continue to Long Reach; wood blocks for paving from Hyde Park Corner to station and around Market Hill; 16 Sussex Street to be pulled down; 18 Peas Hill rebuild – a wretched, verminous house; Fair Street widening, 13 11 21 p7 CIP # c.46.5
Cottages were recently erected under the Housing of Working Classes Act in Stanley Road. One block of 12 tenements for old people consists of a living room with bed recess, scullery, larder and w.c.. Costs were higher than expected due to problems with the foundations meaning rents had to be higher. No ordinary person would have built such horrible houses. But they had been erected as an experiment to see what was needed and been successful, councillors heard. 13 11 21 p7 CIP # c.23

Police pay rates
Mrs Pankhurst, suffragette, invited to speak Cambridge, refused use Guildhall 13 11 21 p7 CIP # c.33
Picture Playhouse show 'A message from Mars' and film of Cottenham steeplechase
Wilbraham fire victims living in stable at Vicarage
John Chivers' car damaged Pembroke St

P08
Friendly Societies and Insurance scheme lecture
GER Ambulance Corps work
Bread prices reduced
Suffragette protest at Corporation service 13 11 21 p8 CIP
Scarlet fever figures
Photographic exhibition
Fire Fulbourn & Histon

P09
Isle of Ely County Council – smallholdings report including Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Stretham, Police cottage at Wilburton
It would be a disastrous thing if the buildings on the Militia Barracks on the north side of Silver Street, Ely, which cost £10,000 to build, were sold to individual citizens at scrap price.. No one knew what the future was going to be: they may be needed again for military occupation. The barracks were in perfectly safe hands – Ely Urban Council. But this sale related to the hospital and cottages on the north side and had nothing to do with them, councillors heard. 13 11 21 p9 CIP
Mrs Rackham speaks on suffragettes 13 11 21 p9 CIP
Kirtling Queen's Head licensee bankruptcy; Saffron Walden butcher
Ickleton dramatic entertainment school room
Balsham fireworks thrown
Burwell Gardiner's will

P10
Sessions – Dorrington charged theft
Fordham insurance act case
Dipsomaniac stole wood Mill Road as impressed by undergraduate bonfire rag
Chatteris child plays matches, death

P11
Prickwillow bridge approach; Ely parade ground
No silencer on motor cycle
Dr Dimock, call for inquiry
Death Lindsell, Linton mutiny veteran who chatted to King at manoeuvres
Soham Salvation Army wedding

The Fire escape and engine responded to the alarm of a blaze at St John's College where they found a bonfire burning in second court to celebrate the victory of a rower in the Colquhoun Sculls. Fireworks were discharged and a crowd gathered to watch the glare through the chapel windows. Later a fire broke out in a wicker chair in an undergraduate's room. It is thought a spark from the bonfire may have blown through the window, or a lighted cigarette dropped in the chair. 13 11 21 p11 CIP # c.44.5 # c.34.75 # c.39 # c.38 : rowing

P12
Misses King have retired from the business carried on by their family on Stocks Hill Bottisham for more than 40 years and the post office which has been there since 1881 has moved next door to the Anchor. It was noted for the picturesque telegraph pole at the back of the house which was literally covered with ivy up to the wires and had to be cut away before another wire could be attached 13 11 21 p12 CIP

Sir – during the heavy rain Cottenham council school play yard was like a duck pond and unless infants could climb a six-foot spiked fence they had to wade through water over their shoe-tops. It is not every parent who can buy stilts or watertight boots for their children. If electors had put one mother on the parish council it would have been sorted out long ago rather than have children have to sit through winter lessons with damp cold feet. – 'Healthicus' 13 11 21 p12 CIP
Cottenham Ebenezer Baptist chapel reopens
Swavesey relief fund criticisms

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Various outlying portions of the Wimpole Estate in Whaddon & Gt Eversden were sold by auction with many being sold to tenants. In Eversden Mr G. Ellis bought a residence with modern bakehouse and shop, three rough-cast and thatched cottages while Holbein Farm sold to Mr Banks. A block of six modern cottages at Whaddon fetched £2,000, three thatched cottages £140 and a small-holding at Whaddon Green £550. Cambridgeshire County Council bought Pickering and Town Farms with various cottages. Only one lot was withdrawn 13 11 28 p2 CIP

J.C. Wilkin of Pymore has patented a 'Root-Washing Machine" comprising an oscillating table arranged n conjunction with a rubber in a water tank

P03
Sport

P04
Barnwell Mission anniversary – at last performance in theatre some of scenery got on fire and scribbled all over were the words: "A parcel of fanatics have bought this place, and acting will not cease; review development of religion in region 13 11 28 p4 CIP # c.76
William Thrussell funeral, boot maker and prominent Congregationalist
David Flack former Borough auditor death
Edward Rickard, a builder, was probably the greatest amateur natural historian outside the University and published a book on Leaves containing actual specimens. He was an entomologist, a botanist, geologist and taxidermist who had a collection of nearly 2,000 insects, 800 beetles and over 300 ferns. He had stuffed thousands of birds with one case containing 129 small British examples. A few years ago he had over 6,000 specimens of various kinds but lack of room had recently compelled a reduction 13 11 28 p4 CIP # c.17
Elinor Dalrymple Hay confined couch 30 years, made garments for children

P05

Histon Liberal Association meeting
Bottisham woman cut throat but nobody helped as thought must wait for police & p8

P06
Philip Carylon oldest member of University, Emmanuel
Sir Robert Hall, director Cambridge Observatory

p07
Frederick W. Metcalfe was head of the printing and publishing firm of Metcalfe & Son on the corner of Green Street which at one time produced most of the publications emanating from Cambridge. Soon after he joined the firm the Cambridge Express was started and he had charge of this popular newspaper until his father's death when it was purchased by the Conservative party. He ran a local troupe of Christy Minstrels including the finest voices amongst the senior members of college choirs. It had a very successful career for several seasons and visited all the principal towns in the area 13 11 28 p7 CIP # c.04 # c.25 # c.69
Women policemen discussed
Church Missionary Society bazaar
A demonstration of the humane slaughtering of animals for food was organised by the RSPCA. The instruments employed were their own cattle killer and the Behr captive-bolt pistol. Three sheep, two pigs and a large bullock were despatched. Mr Rose, butcher of Milton Road, said he had used the humane killer for four years and it had never gone wrong. He kept a poleaxe in case of emergency but had never needed it. Several butchers ordered the new instrument. 13 11 28 p8
Miniature Rifle Club formed 13 11 28 P7 CIP # c.38 : shooting

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John Conway told the Inquest he was a mat-mender of no fixed abode, lodging at the Butcher's Arms on Newmarket Road with the deceased who was the wife of a travelling musician. They had enjoyed a little jollification on the way home and she was under the influence of beer. When they woke in the morning she said she was cold. He put a coat around her and got twopennyworth of rum which she drank. Soon after she frothed at the mouth and died later. There was no question of foul play. 13 11 28 p8 CIP
Burglary Station Rd
Bottisham poacher
Swaffham Bulbeck Crown Inn transfer refused

P09
Chesterton baker bankruptcy
Ornithological society 20th annual exhibition

P10
Woman admitted Fulbourn Hospital without husband's consent
Territorial recruiting week
Deaf & dumb mission
Cambridge Town Silver Band band contest 13 11 28 p10 CIP # c.69
Fen Ditton Boy Scouts troop flag consecrated
St John's college Master's portrait presented – R.F. Scott

P11
National Service league proposes every man of sound physique legally liable for service in Territorial Force for home defence only – Ely men not doing their duty 13 11 28
Burwell parish council lighting streets
Soham fire Moden's shop
As the day for removing horses and horned cattle from Godmanchester commons and Port Holme fell on a Sunday, the stock was removed the previous day to make way for the sheep. It has been one of the best stocking seasons on record for there has been an entire absence of floods and there was no

lack of pasturage. On Port Holme the cattle and horses had splendid feeding and watering for three months, the almost inevitable November floods being absent and no part of the meadow at all waterlogged. 13 11 28 p11 CIP

P12
Haslingfield death M. Mason., Methodist preacher, gave site for chapel in 1867

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Mayor visits Higher Grade Boy scouts

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Eglantyne Jebb told a meeting that farming was in a very unsatisfactory state and a great deal of land was now waste. Since 1881 the population had increased by a quarter but the number of agricultural labourers had decreased by more than a quarter. Country children fell victim to diseases due to ill-nourishment caused by the bad condition of cottages and the evil of low pay. Wages were better in areas where there were factories to add competition for workforce 13 12 05 p4 CIP # c.22

P05
Land Inquiry report – Chamber Agriculture debate – takes all corn to pay labour bill
Following a battle on the Gog Magog Hills an enemy force have camped on Parker's Piece. They know the defeated English volunteers have hidden large supplies of ammunition near between Green End and Biggin Abbey and intend capturing it. But Cambridge Scouts will stop them. Assembling at Barnwell Railway footbridge with marksmen, matches, cycles and signal flags they will find the explosives first and blow it up rather than allow them to get it while Sea Scouts attack the enemy from the river. It should be an interesting field day. 13 12 05 p5 CIP # c.45.4 # c.37.9
Peace & Arbitration Society meeting

P06
Autograph Christmas cards with Judge's real photographic views of Cambridge 13 12 05 p5 CIP # c.65.5
Huntingdonshire & Cambridgeshire are amongst the most serious cancer localities in England, research over the period 1901-1910 shows. 13 12 05 p5 CIP # c.21.1
Foxton school managers not properly appointed
Cottenham cottage erection protest

P07
Dr Horace Dimock inquest – suicide; inquiry demanded *
Coldham's Common railway crossing accident, woman killed
Cambridge NSPCC Inspector leaves
Drink problem conference

P08
Huntingdon arson
Plantation Farm, Burnt Fen youth stabbing
Dimock inquest jury fees

P09
Guardians discuss children's home for those in workhouse
Ladies Recruiting Committee meeting
Mrs H.J. Gray appreciation
William Purchas death
T. Hunnybun death
Two Ickleton boys aged 11 and eight were charged with stealing two plough wheels, one plough stalk and a shoulder from a field. They had tied the wheel to a piece of string and dashed it against a wall before selling the bits to a man for twopence. Their mother asked the court for leniency but magistrate said it was her responsibility to bring up her children. They would be birched. On the sentence the mother and lads burst into tears. But it was no use making a row about it: it would do the boys good. They were removed from the court, howling loudly

P10
Lady Walstein, Newton Hall, will dispute
Whittlesford children concert
Prof E.C. Clarke, Prof Civil Law 40 years, portrait
Home of Mercy annual meeting

P11
Littleport diphtheria
Mepal new road
A report on payment for rats destroyed showed about 6,000 rats had been killed in Stretham, Haddenham, and Little Downham, but nearly ten-times that number in Littleport – as usual. It was unfair that other parishes should have to pay for Littleport rats. But they were the only parish to do its duty thoroughly. Mr G. Darby said the rats came to his mill and did a lot of damage. But Mr A. Darby said ratepayers were paying for the tails more than once. His brother who kept a mill at Pymore would not pay a penny for rat killing as long as the Council did it for him 13 12 05
Mr Murfitt plan Stretham referred
Lt Downham pump
Isleham Starling who applied for wife, fell in ditch

P12
Wade Chinese library addition
Christmas holiday shop closing
Histon Homing Pigeon Society
Mr J. Ivatt had tendered £10 to clean out Wennington pond and the work was being well done. But it was a much bigger job than they had anticipated. It would take three men and a boy, with two horses and carts, 12 days to do the work and the contractor should be given a bonus, councillors heard. But it would create a bad precedent to accept a tender and then pay more: a collection might be made in the parish to compensate the man.

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Share-out clubs meetings
Suffragette militant methods defended

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Sport

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Tragedy of sweated women – sad stories

P05
At the North Terrace School prize giving the Master of Downing said education had very much improved of later years. He remembered when his sisters were drilled at their French grammar like so many soldiers and there was 'thimble pie' in reserve. Education nowadays was very much less formal and more happy. Two things he was pleased to see at Miss Keen's school were Swedish drill and swimming. The girls should educate themselves, train their hands in embroidery and sewing and learn to darn their own socks. They should keep their tempers and be kind to everyone. The school was run purely by Miss Keen and run by the side of schools which were subsidised 13 12 12 p05 CIP

Miss Street was appointed the first headmistress of the Perse when the school opened in January 1881 and retired in July 1909. She was signally successful: the numbers rising from 16 to 206. That was before the founding of the Girls' County School and then there was a slight decrease: appreciation 13 12 12 p5

Ely council apply money build workmen's dwellings: 23 houses had been pulled down as unfit for human habitation but difficulties had arisen about getting proper accommodation for those displaced. Some were successful in getting other cottages, some when out of the district and others drifted into the workhouse. A site had been procured on New Barns Road for 16 cottages in two blocks of eight and the inquiry was held with a view to getting the money to pay for them. There were 303 houses that need substantial repairs which could not be done with the tenants in them 13 12 12 p5

P06
Stanley Buckmaster profile
Cunningham to show dental film to teachers; attendance of children at cinematograph shows detrimental

P07
Christmas holiday & shop assistants

P08
Coldham's common crossing fatality inquest on two ladies employed at Coldham Model Laundry 13 12 12 p7 CIP
Home Secretary says no public inquiry into Dr Horace Dimock

P09
Suffrage meeting at Romsey town
Linton Guardians report
Toy Dog society show
Sawston butcher bad meat
Soham boating fatality, Hamey Farm, Barway

P10
Mammoth show donation 110 guineas to Addenbrooke's Hospital
Kingston Poor's Land charity inquiry

P11
Stretham mission hall entertainment
Political meeting
Ely ratepayers oppose plans by the Ely Gas and Light Company to be allowed to produce electricity. This would grant them a monopoly so far as lighting is concerned. The price of gas is already very high – more through the slot meters used in the homes of the working classes. In other towns where there is competition prices are lower. They had seen the evil of one company having a monopoly. The company directors did not want competition. Should the Council undertook to supply electricity. Mr Harlock had installed electricity privately and was now paying almost half what he had before. It

would cost about £7,500 for the council to install an electricity plant in Ely, leading to a heavy outlay. They were stifling the Gas Company who were ready to put them right up-to-date in the matter of electric light 13 12 12 p11
Burnt Fen stabbing over girl
Burwell yeomanry uniforms distributed
Isleham smallholdings presentation
Insurance committee Sanatorium benefits

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I.J. Aronowitz of Lyndewode Road has been granted a patent for a process in which printed pictures are treated to resemble oil paintings by mounting them on canvas and embossing them with a die prepared so as to produce marks on the picture in imitation both of the canvas and of the brush and other marks of an original painting. The effects are produced by applying a liquid which solidifies quickly and from which a second electrotype die is produced which bears in reverse the required markings. 13 12 19 p2 CIP # c.64

P03
Motor Boat Club dinner – motor boats and May races; reflections on Conservators – difficult to work with; navigation for commercial interest now practically dead 13 12 19 p3 CIP # c.26.3

P04
Foot & mouth disease
Swine fever
Walstein, Newton hall will case

P05
Perse Girls' speech day
Melbourne Place Girls' School headmistress, Miss Blair, said they had been very much inspected this year and as they had the best building in the district, the Inspector expected from them the best work. Every girl now had a course of cookery and laundry work before she left and they were hoping to add housewifery. Of course many mothers preferred to teach their girls cookery themselves and could do it much better but there were some who did not have the advantages and the girls liked it. 13 12 19 p5
George Cunningham dental film
Suffrage pageant performed Lodge Mill Road

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The existing horse tram service was absolutely obsolete and should be wound up, councillors were told. Under the Cambridge Tramways Act of 1879 the Corporation had laid out the roads with the tracks and expected to recover £325 a year from the Company. But they now had no money to pay and no balance in hand. The cost of taking up the rails and making good the road would not be less than £2,550. (Sensation). From this was to be deducted about £750, the value of the rails. But the moment the rails were up the road would become a main road and the County would have to pay for its maintenance. 13 12 19 p7 CIP # c.26.44
Plans for alterations at the rear of the Guildhall were shelved after the Ratepayers Association raised a petition. They had to face a loss on the trams, the Borough Bill, Chesterton footbridge and other improvements and as the Colleges were building rapidly the town landladies found it hard to pay their rates. Now the County Council had decided to build their new offices in Hobson Street. They had

been debating since 1907 and all the expense and time had been worthless. But the Free Library was over-crowded and disease was spread in libraries where people were constantly sitting together 13 12 19 p7 CIP # c.35.7
Lt Downham incendiarism
The tolls at Reach fair have been steadily diminishing but the cost of proclaiming it and collecting the money were increasing. The time had come to discontinue it or for members of the Council to throw away their own coppers. But the deficit was trivial for such a historically important event that dated back to the time of King John. What would Americans think if they recklessly dispensed with such an interesting custom for the sake of a few pounds? 13 12 19 p7 CIP # c.39 # c.27.3
Milton Road council school prize giving

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Cambridge women's suffrage deputation to prospective Cambridge Liberal candidate 13 12 19 p8 CIP # c.33
Insurance committee – tuberculosis dispensary
Commercial travellers

p09
county court
East Anglian shepherds new state district formed at Ely
Rev C.D. Kingdom seriously ill
Norman Cross memorial French prisoners planned
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Christmas shopping hints for housewives

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Christmas closing
Littleport inquest Robert Norman, labourer

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Isleham Houghton catches fire

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Salvation Army citadel planned, Tenison Rd 13 12 19 p12 # c.83

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Storeys Way to be taken over as public highway
Lighting church clocks *
Territorials to make Drill Hall East Road in Technical Institute
Concern was expressed about the petroleum tanks on the Great Eastern Railway Company's yard in Devonshire Road. If there were an explosion all the station would be blown down and Tenison Road as well. There had been great trepidation when Mr Clement Johnson's sack factory caught fire because of the danger of the wind blowing parks towards the tanks. But the Inspector of Explosives

had examined them and nothing short of wilful determination would set them alight. It was petroleum, not explosive oil gas. The tanks in the ground would not be affected even if a man lit a pipe whilst pumping it out from the tank 13 12 26 p3
Tennis court to be made on Shearman's Ground
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P04
George Fordham as parliamentary candidate
Addenbrooke's Finances. In the exhaustive report of Addenbrooke's Hospital Committee for 1913 appear statements which are both gratifying and otherwise. Gratifying on account of the insight once again given to the vast amount of work done mainly amongst the poorer members of the community in the alleviation of suffering and pain. Year after year one learns that this Institution of the ever open door is extending its multifarious duties in all directions. One cannot therefore but read with feelings akin to dismay that public support has not kept pace with the increasing efforts of those upon whose shoulders the management of this invaluable institution revolves. One gleans from this latest report that financial support from the general public during the past 12 months has decreased by no less a sum than £1,000. The significance of this is scarcely realisable by the full statement of facts and figures and this decrease is all the more regrettable when it is pointed out that church collections alone fell by about £500. This disquieting feature of hospital finances comes at a time when the committee has on hand one of the most formid¬able tasks ever undertaken in the large and expensive building extension scheme, which comes out at a total cost of £25,000. The portion of the work which is now being carried out will absorb the £18,000 already subscribed and on top of this a further £7,000 is necessary before the contract can be further carried along. Even then, a sum bordering on £2.000 will be required for interior furnishing. It is plainly evident that the Hospital Committee in the im¬mediate future has on hand a task which cannot have been surpassed by previous managements.

P05
Christmas in Cambridge, costermonger's marathon
Territorial Recruiting Week. "Let Cambridge lead the way" is one of the appeals issued in connection with the Territorial Recruiting Week effort - an endeavour to bring the local Territorial Force up to its establishment strength. A series of meetings is being held and arranged, in order to secure the active support and interest of local ladies in the movement and so far the meetings have been attended by a remarkable degree of success. Many recruits have already been obtained, but more are required.
Lensfield rifle club

P06
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Red Cross practice
There were people who did not like the Catholic school on Union Road and wanted to turn the Catholics out so they could bring people in to teach anything but the Faith for which it had been built. If parents rallied the school could be retained. But every child taken away was a power and interest lost future. How could anyone say the school was not efficient: they had never had a set of boys so nicely behaved and intelligent? Every parent ought to be proud to say their children went there, Monsignor Scott said at prize giving. 13 12 26 p6 CIP

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The Cambridge Society for the Blind held a Christmas party for 30 blind men and women with the friends who bought them.
Bottisham share out club

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A shocking fatality occurred in the early hours of Christmas morning on the road between Great Wilbraham and Fulbourn. A driver for the Provincial Motor Cab Company overturned the taxicab he was driving and was pinned underneath in his seat, sustaining fatal injuries to his head. The accident occurred about one o'clock in the morning and he lay in the road until found by the Wilbraham mail driver at 6.40. The car was badly knocked about. The offside front wheel was broken completely and thrown several yards up the road. 14 01 02 & a

A slight outbreak of fire occurred at a fried fish shop in Kingston Street. The shop is occupied by Mr John Brookes, who has just taken it over, and this was only the second time of his using the frying stoves. His daughter on opening the furnace door found that the fat pan had been burning through and the fat was running on the floor. The flames belched forth in a volume and ignited a pan of fish near by, and also burned the fish in the pan above the stove. Edward Matthews, a Corporation employee, secured a barrow of sand and this was used with great effect and the outbreak was soon overcome 14 01 02e

There were animated scenes along the road between Cambridge and Bottisham on Boxing Day when the annual Costers' Marathon took place. A big crowd saw the 14 competitors start from Abbey Street. They had to travel to Bottisham and back, a distance of 11 miles, pushing a coster's barrow before them. Ben Warren led practically all the way covering the distance to Bottisham rapidly, but facing the wind on the return leg left all competitors severely tired. Most finished and received half-a-crown. 14 01 02c pic 14 01 02d

Hauxton Christmas festivities - 14 01 02e

Swavesey Parish Council, who got into trouble over the stack fire in August through their desire to save the rates at the expense of the workers, seem to be pursuing a similar policy. The cheque from the insurance company for payment of helpers at the fire in Market Street earlier in October was handed over to them three weeks ago, yet no steps have been taken to disburse the money. Meanwhile the new fire hose, hydrant etc have been received from the manufacturer and inquiries are being made as t when members of the new Fire Brigade will be instructed in their use. An absolutely untrained brigade will be of little practical use in case of fire 14 01 02f

New Cambridgeshire Knight — One resident of Cambridgeshire figures amongst the New Year Honours, Mr. William Henry Clarke, of Bank House, Chatteris, receiving a knighthood. The new knight is well-known in the Isle of Ely, where he takes a prominent part in local government, being an Alderman of the County Council, Chairman of the County Finance Committee and of the Insurance Committee. He holds the position of steward to Lord Peckover, of Wisbech. A keen supporter of the Liberal Party, he has taken no small part in the work which has enabled the Hon. Neil Primrose to hold the seat for the North of the County (writes Free Lance). 14 01 02 CIP

Missing Bicycles.—My attention (writes a Cambridge contributor) has been drawn to the large number of bicycles reported as missing in the town. I am informed that in this respect Cambridge easily holds the record amongst places of a similar size. 14 01 02 CIP

A Hearty Welcome to 1914.—The Bellringers at the Parish Church of St. Andrew at Histon tolled out the passing of 1913, and heartily welcomed in 1914 with a merry peal. The year 1913, has, to say the least, been an unlucky year for many families, and it is to be hoped that the year we have just entered upon will bring in its train a better state 'of affairs. The figures "13" are considered to be unlucky numbers, but so far as the Histon Show and Sports Society is concerned, the members have cause to flout this idea, as they set up a big record in their "gate" of over £150 in the "unlucky" year. 14 01 02 CIP

Ice Grip.—The one topic of conversation in Cambridge last evening which absorbed all others was the weather. For the past two or three days Fenland has been in the grip of the ice, and the prospects of good skating until the afternoon were indeed rosy, but with the announcement that the dates had been fixed for deciding some of the championships on Lingay Fen, a thaw set in, and now the question was, would this continue or would further degrees of frost be registered? There was some, skating in Cambridge yesterday. 14 01 02 CIP

1914 01 09
Lolworth Working Men's Institute opened on New Years Day in a building that was once a blacksmith's shop. It was converted at considerable cost by Mr Jacob Frohock who expressed regret

at what had happened in the past. A public meeting had made up their mind to try for a room where they could meet and enjoy themselves and he'd promised to fit it up. His payment would be that the people would find plenty of pleasure and enjoyment and the club would lead to the betterment of the social and moral conditions of the village 14 01 09f, g

Conington man accused arson Houghton stack – 14 01 09
Review of year – 14 01 09a-d
Robinson's Bicycle and Motor Works dinner for employees – photo – 14 01 09e
Sawston miniature rifle club concert – 14 01 09f

Great annoyance is being caused to Lode Cricket Club by some person doing wilful damage to the village cricket pitch by making a path across the centre. The club posted notices in the village in the spring of last year which put a stop to it until the cricket season was over, when it was renewed to such an extent that the pitch is now almost as bare as a public path. The club will prosecute if notices do no good 14 01 09h

Swavesey church to issue appeal for urgent repairs 14 01 09i

About four weeks ago the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Office sent a cheque to Swavesey Parish Council for payment of workers at a stack fire in Market Street early in October. Still none of them have been paid and no explanation for the delay issued. The small sum would have been useful during the Christmas season. The Councillors' inaction seems inexplicable coming as it does after the trouble caused by their attempt to retain for other purposes more than half the money granted by the Liverpool, London and Globe Fire Office for remuneration of helpers at a stack fire in August. Has the Parish Council retired? 14 01 09i

Healthy Cambridge. — A contributor writes: I notice from the Registrar-General's returns that Cambridge last week had the lowest death rate in England. This is a matter of great congratulation and it is especially gratifying when one remembers that this has been the case twice during the past two months. Last week's death rate for Cambridge was 5.5 per thousand. 14 01 09 CIP

New Vicar Appointed.—The living of Ickleton has been offered by the Lord Chancellor to the Rev. Philip Henry Cooke, who has accepted the preferment. Mr. Cooke is curate of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton. He took his B.A. degree at London University in 1881, and was ordained in 1889, and has held curacies in the East End of London. The present Vicar, the Rev. F. J. Tackley, enters on his new duties at Greenwich in February. 14 01 09 CIP

Church Windows,— Some old stained glass, which was taken out of the Church (at Bourn) 43 years ago at the Restoration, has been replaced in the Lancet Window on the South aide of the tower. The glass is valuable and is probably between 300 and 400 years old. It has made a very pretty little window, and the work of putting it in has been extremely well done. 14 01 09 CIP

Tramway Company's Stern Struggle.—When the Cambridge horse trams cease to run (writes Free Lance) not a few of the town and county will lament the closing down of a Company which has for over 20 years struggled hard against overpowering opposition to maintain a service of conveyance for the general public along some of the main thoroughfares of the Borough. None will deny that the horse-drawn tram today is as out-of-date as it is rare, but it is well to recollect that at the time of their introduction (and for many years subsequently) into Cambridge, they were hailed as a "boon and a blessing" by all classes. Despite keen competition - they have seen the decease of three horse bus companies and one motor bus company - the Transport Co. have managed to survive until now and a perusal of a brief sketch of its history will show that those who have borne the burden of management for 34 years have carried out their by no means easy task with commendable consideration for the interests of the shareholders and the convenience of the general public. 14 01 09 CIP

Death of Mr. John Woolhouse. —The death occurred on Wednesday week at The Lodge. Clayhithe, of Mr. John Woolhouse. Deceased, whose age was 66, was well-known in Cambridge and district. He was born at Wellingmore, near Lincoln, where his father was a large landowner, and came into the district about 29 years ago, and occupied Honey Hill Farm, Manea. For many years prior to going to March, where he resided from 1890 to 1906. Mr. Woolhouse was known throughout the county as a seed merchant and acted as representative for a Sleaford firm. He was the first secretary of the March and District Foal Show Society, an office he held for three years prior to his leaving the town and removing to Clayhithe. He was very popular among the agricultural community 14 01 09 CIP

1914 01 16

Three thatched, stud and plaster cottages in Middle Watch, Swavesey, were destroyed by fire on Friday night. One had been recently faced with brick and rethatched – the thatchers had not quite completed their work. The other two were part of the Docksey estate. The alarm was quickly given and the parish fire engine arrived about 40 minutes later. It was got to work soon afterwards but was not manned by the usual force of men, the team including several lads and boys. The men who usually work the engine were unwilling to do so as they have not been paid by the Parish Council for previous fires. 14 01 16

Sir – I wish to correct some reports referring to the fire in Middle Watch, Swavesey. I was at the engine house where men were so eager to get to the scene of the fire they wanted to leave before all the hose could be packed and pulled the engine along themselves, declining the use of a horse thinking it would waste time to harness it. The engine was kept working for an hour without a stop which proves they were sufficiently strong and capable for the work. And no Parish Councillor warned your reporter not to publish any more 'sneering remarks over this fire'; if the full conversation had been published it would have altered the sense altogether – E. Clark 14 01 16

Cam Conservators investments reviewed – 14 01 16b # c.46.5

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Marion Grace Kennedy, Newnham College founder – obituaries – 14 01 16e

Swavesey fire relief fund charity – new provision – 14 01 16f

Jack Binns, whose home is in Cambridge, was the wireless operator on the Republic who saved the lives of those on board in 1909, sitting waist deep in water for hours sending out the 'C.Q.D.' signal. Three weeks later a film was made, the part of Binns being taken by an actor name Philips which was advertised by a picture captioned 'Jack Binns and his good American smile'. Now Jack has won a suit against the Vitagraph Company of America and been awarded $12,500, the largest sum ever under the 'Right of Privacy' statute. The film was shown during the trial, the first moving picture exhibition in a Supreme Court 14 01 16h

Territorial recruiting week has seen the Cambridgeshire Regiment up to full strength proving patriotic feeling remains strong and true. The wave of enthusiasm is spreading with recruits coming forward in gratifying numbers in Ely, March and Soham, proving Fenmen are determined not to be outdone in sturdy patriotism by the men of Cambridge. March is experiencing a wonderful revival of military fervour; the numbers had sunk very low but now there is every prospect the Company will be brought

up to full strength. – pic Col Louis Tebbutt & Capt H. Littledale, parade outside Gt St Mary's – 14 01 16 j,k,l # c.45.4

Too Old. The ladies have thrown themselves into the Recruiting Week effort with much enthusiasm and their work has been pleasing feature. A rather food story is told of a lady who called at various houses in Cambridge, and asked several wives whether their husbands were Territorials. The lady in question asked one comely young wife if her husband was at home, and received a negative answer. She was also informed that the husband was not a Territorial, and the wife expressed her doubts as to whether he would join the citizen army. The lady canvasser noted the number of the house and promised to call on the husband, despite the fact that the housewife continued to express grave doubts as to whether her husband would enlist. On the occasion of the next visit to the house, the wife's dubious views were realised - he man of the house was an old age pensioner! 14 01 16 CIP

Mr. Hamer Towgood,—During the week, agriculture has sustained a severe loss by the death of Mr. Hamer Twogood of Sanfoins. Little Shelford, and the tidings of the demise of this prominent breeder of shire horses will be received with general regret in the agricultural counties of England. A son of Mr. Edward Towgood, of Paxton Hall, St. Neots, the deceased gentleman took up residence at Santfoins about 50 years ago. On the death of his father, he inherited a considerable interest in the Sawston paper mills, and for a long period he controlled this business. Agriculture, however, made a strong appeal to him, and he devoted; much of his time to the study of shire horses, and to the breeding of first-class animals. As judge, prize donor or exhibitor, Mr. Hamer Towgood was known to agricultural societies throughout the country, and the Cambs. and Isle of Ely Agricultural Society, of which he was a Vice-President and a generous supporter, has lost a great friend by reason of his death. The deceased gentleman was one of the original members of the Cambridgeshire County Council, representing the Sawston electoral division until his resignation in 1900. He was 71. 14 01 16 CIP

Chesterton's Oldest inhabitant. — The death occurred at Chesterton on Friday of Mrs. Elizabeth Beaumont, who was in her 99th year. She had the distinction of being the oldest inhabitant of Chesterton. 14 01 16 CIP

Next Please. A man at Boxworth last week was digging in his garden by moonlight, and had found that light from the moon was hardly bright enough for his requirements. He called to his wife to bring his spectacles. When he had finished his work he found his wife had sent him the wrong pair, those which he had been wearing having no glasses in them. 14 01 16 CIP

Plough Monday. This was observed in the usual manner at Toft. The labourers first paraded the village with their whips, etc., their collections round the village being very good. An adjournment was then made to the Black Bull where an excellent supper was provided by Host and Hostess Allen, about 50 sitting down. The meat was supplied by Mr. John Chapman. The wives of the labourers assisted in servingthe supper. During the evening songs were sung. 14 01 16 CIP

Another Fire at Swavesey.—A portion of the village of Swavesey was involved in a fire on Friday night, when three cottages in Middle Watch were destroyed and 16 persons were rendered homeless. But for the fact that the wind was light and was blowing the sparks and flames away from other property, the village must have suffered more seriously from the effects of the blaze. The district cannot be described as a congested area, but flying sparks are at times a menace to surrounding property, particularly in a neighbourhood where many of the cottages are thatched, and are composed largely of stud and plaster. But the greatest menace to Swavesey's safety on Friday was the fact that the men of the village, considering that they had a grievance with the Parish Council in respect to the non-payment to them of money received from fire insurance companies in acknowledgement of services rendered by local men at a previous fire, refused to assist with the pumping of the manual engine 14 01 16 CIP

1914 01 23

Cambridge milk supply – inspection of cattle and dairies 14 01 23

The headmistress of Foxton Council School having retired, the vacancy was advertised and Miss Hunnibell was selected by a majority vote of Managers. But when it became known she was a 'Roman' Catholic one Manager protested and the County Education Committee vetoed the appointment. However the other Managers confirmed their decision. Now the County has reopened the school with the retired headmistress once more in charge and have appointed one of the other candidates. Foxton Managers are now taking steps to have that decision quashed. 14 01 23

Tom Hayward's Marriage.—Mr.Tom Hayward, of Cambridge, the Surrey cricketer, was on Tuesday married at the Registrar's Office, Wandsworth, to Miss Matilda Emma Mitchell, daughter of Mr. Sydney Edward Mitchell, of Putney. Elaborate preparations had been made to keep the wedding a secret, and only about half a dozen people, including a Press photographer, saw Mr, and Mrs. Hayward leave the register office. Mrs. Hayward told a Pressman that she had known "Tom" for 18 years, but that they had lost sight of one another for a long time. In 1911 it was by chance that they met again, and she agreed to marry him. "The bride is one of the most famous women detectives," says the "Daily Mail." At times dressed as a man, looking and acting the part, as actors say, she did work for the South-Western Railway Company, and then entered the service of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, riding about the country on horses to detect unlicensed "vets." Afterwards she became head of the secret service staff at Selfridge's. "Divorce has really been my speciality in the past," said Mrs. Hayward, smiling, "but I have finished with it now. Tom and I go to Paris tomorrow, and we are going to be very happy." After next season Tom will retire from cricket – Mrs Hayward says so. And it is for this reason it is to be feared that the oft-deferred farewell will at last be made, to the regret of cricketing England. 14 01 23 CIP

New Minister.—The Rev, John Day Thompson has been appointed to succeed the Rev. G. Windram as senior minister of the Cambridge Primitive Methodists, and will probably take over duties in July next. Mr. Windram having announced his desire to retire on superannuation upon the completion of the new St. Peter's Street chapel. The Rev. J. Day Thompson has for over four years held the position of General Secretary of the Church. 14 01 23 CIP

"Scotched," — The Cambridge Ratepayers' Association (writes Free Lance) are patting themselves on the back, and proclaiming that they have been the means of "scotching" the Borough Council's scheme for the enlargement of the Guildhall. If the deferment of the proposal is not entirely due to the big opposition put forth by this organisation, at any rate the members are justly entitled to take a good deal of the credit for it, the number of signatures obtained for their monster petition being a plain indication that the great majority of the ratepayers were against such a costly proceeding. Whilst I have on several occasions expressed my opposition to such an extensive scheme, one cannot but realise the need which exists for better Public Library accommodation, and it is to be hoped the dropping of the larger scheme will not prevent the work of extending and improving the Library being carried through. # c.35.7 14 01 23 CIP

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Cambridge milk supply explained – 14 01 23a
Foxton school dispute over headmistress – history and Miss Hunnibell's letter – considers it on account of her religion and will take before NUT – 14 01 23a

Sir – three years ago the County Council made up the road between Cambridge cross-roads and Pampisford station using slag, as an experiment. It has failed utterly. The road has ground up and is a perfect disgrace. Both horse and mechanically-driven vehicles have been held up by its pulpy and broken condition. Had it not been for the very dry season the road would have been impassable. Ratepayers' money should be spent on proper material: granite would have lasted for years. – Thomas Nesbitt, Abington Grange 14 01 23c

Swavesey parish council lively discussions on fire relief scheme – let the village burn – 14 01 23d
Swavesey rebuilt: photo showing repairs after fire – 14 01 23g

Kingston parish council had been using the school room for their meeting and had burned lights and had a fire, but at what cost? A poor woman had to come in and clean up after the meeting without any reward or fee. She had also bought oil, because they, poor distressed people, could not provide for themselves. She was paid for cleaning the school for the children and should be paid a shilling out of the parish fund for extra meeting. The coals they used belonged to the Education Committee. The parish council should be capable of financing their parish affairs. If not they should make way for somebody else, Mr Ingle said. 14 01 23 e & f

1914 01 30

Dr Dimock, formerly of the Manor House, Stretham, leaves property valued at £3,519 (about £340,000 today) – 14 01 30

The former Cambridge manager of Lacon's Brewery told the bankruptcy court that when the Black Swan had come on market he'd reported to the company and they'd favourably considered it. But the owner received another offer from the Star Brewery; so he signed to take the property on Lacon's behalf. However Mr Lacon refused to back him and said he'd better take the place himself. So he'd borrowed £600 from his wife. This was the beginning of events which had led to his downfall. He'd bought pubs on his own account to try and increase the firm's business. Now he was a broken man 14 01 30b # c.27.4

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High January rainfall adds pressure on pumping station; adoption of gas stoves has led to smaller proportion of ashes in the refuse during summer months, Newnham Walk may be made up, possible Chesterton carriage bridge – 14 01 30c

Lode stack fires – four set alight – 14 01 30d

Foxton school headmistress-ship – 14 01 30d

The old Primitive Methodist Chapel in St Peter's Street is now in the hands of the house-breaker and is fast disappearing, together with the adjoining cottages. From the ruins will rise new, handsome and commodious buildings. The old premises have been altogether inadequate and only a lack of funds have prevented the work starting earlier. Now work can be commenced and we are witnessing the passing of the old meeting house that for nearly 50 years has been the home of Primitive Methodism in this part of the town. It was used for the last time on Sunday week, when impressive farewell services were held. 14 01 30f pics of ext & int. # c.83

Comberton new reading room opened – 14 01 30g

Frederic Jewson of Earith was a member of the large firm of timber importers; at one time he carried on a very large business of brick making at Haddenham, employing a considerable number of hands. 14 01 30h

It is not surprising that the bad example set by the militant suffragists should incite young village people to mischievous pranks. 'Votes for Women' decorate the rail of a bridge on the road to Milton. Now daubs of black discovered on property at Landbeach would lead one to think that supporters of the feminist cause had been paying a visit. Great annoyance has been caused by the smearing of gates and walls with tar. The iron gates leading into the churchyard have been freely daubed and users of the village pump have, on seizing the handle, found it black and sticky. But the acts have been traced to two lads of previous good character 14 01 30j

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1914 02 06
At the opening of the new County Hall in Hobson Street the chairman thanked the Town Council for allowing them to use their council chamber and committee rooms for the past 25 years. In 1747 the old Shire Hall had been built on Market Hill above arches where butchers had their stalls on market days. In 1842 this passed to the town when a new Shire Hall at Castle Hill was ready for occupation. But the enormous development of administrative business had now brought the County Council again into the centre to this new commodious and economical building, finally bringing together departments previously distributed in all parts of the town. 14 02 06, a-c # c.35.1 # c.35.7

Chittering death Thomas Brown 14 02 06d

A small fire occurred at the 'Live and Let Live', Newton. Mr Kidman, the proprietor, went upstairs to dress for evening service at the church, and soon afterwards the room was found to be in flames. The fire was overcome, but the room was quite burned out, a large amount of clothing being amongst the articles destroyed. The loss was not covered by insurance - 14 02 06e

County Ball.—The Cambridge County Ball took place at the Guildhall, Cambridge, on Friday evening, when a company of about 300 assembled. The large room was used for dancing, and the decorative scheme was in red and white. The colours proved most effective, and were quite a change from the decorations of years past. The scene in the ballroom was one of splendour, the dress suits of the gentlemen and the scarlet coats of the members of the Cambridgeshire Hunt providing a marked contrast to the magnificent evening gowns worn by the ladies. The Small Room and the Aldermen's Parlour were utilised as supper rooms, and the rooms beneath the orchestra were fitted as a buffet. The Rate Room was elaborately furnished as a drawing room 14 02 06

Dean Of Ely.—The Very Rev. A. F. Kirkpatrick, D.D., Dean of Ely, has been appointed by the Council or the Senate (Cambridge University) to be a Governor of Harpur's Charity, Bedford, for five years. 14 02 06

Hunting Accident—On Monday, Mrs. Purkis, wife of Mr. Thomas Purkis of Basham Hall, Linton, met with a nasty accident while following the hounds near Haverhill. Mrs. Purkis's horse failed to take a hedge, and fell, throwing her to the ground. She sustained a fractured collar bone, and was taken to Linton by Dr. Palmer. She is making good and steady progress. 1402 06

Wedding of a Famous Pigeon Shot. The marriage was very quietly solemnised on Tuesday morning at the Parish Church, Wood Ditton, of Mr. Elijah Moore, the well-known racing commission agent, and a famous pigeon shot, of Dullingham, to Miss Florence Day, a daughter of Mr. F. W. Day, who retired a year or two ago as a trainer of racehorses. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Reginald Day, trainer. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Moore left in the bridegroom's motor car for Cambridge, en route for Monte Carlo. 14 02 06

Stack Catches Fire. — Considerable excitement was caused in Bottisham Lode last night by a stack fire which broke out a little on the Cambridge side of the village. Three stacks, one belonging to Mr. Cornwell, were almost totally destroyed. Mr. J. C. Denison-Pender, M.P., who was motoring from Lower Hare Park to Teversham, saw the reflections of the flames and upon being informed that some dwellings were alight, at once motored to the scene of the conflagration to see what assistance he might render. Upon arrival he found the fire was confined to the stacks, and so proceeded to his meetings. 14 02 06

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A long-felt want will be supplied by the presentation by Clare College of a plot of ground for the enlargement of Lolworth churchyard. The work of draining, hedge-planting and enclosing will shortly be completed, the expense of which is being met by a house-to-house collection in the village, which has raised £2, and by a series of dances arranged by the Rector 14 02 06f

Joseph Jillings, 89, was one of those unfortunate persons who were burned out in the great Swavesey fire of March 1913 and, being in a very feeble state of health and having no relatives to look after him, was removed to St Ives infirmary. He was the oldest parishioner and returned to the village 20 years ago after many years as a gentleman's servant. Through the generosity of the Vicar collections were made so that the old man's desire that he should not be buried by the parish could be complied with. 14 02 06g

A meeting of Foxton Parish Council was held to consider the Headmistress-ship of the Council School, where a candidate elected by the Managers had been vetoed by the County. Only four councillors were present, not including the chairman who refused to attend saying this was a matter for the Managers. A resolution was seconded by the acting chairman when nobody else would do so. He did not like to do it but was acting on the precedent set at the last Council meeting when the chairman had voted twice for himself. 14 02 06h & i

After negotiations lasting 18 months work has finally started on digging the foundations of the new Drill Hall and miniature rifle range on the site of the Technical Institute in East Road. It will have offices for the three Territorial units, stores for the large quantity of mobilisation equipment now needed, lecture rooms and messes. The drill hall will be the largest allowed and the range will allow a good number of targets to be used simultaneously. 14 02 06j

Linton Guardians want steam roller; are tramps on the way out? – 14 02 06j

Church Hall.—Fen Ditton Church Hall was opened on Wednesday afternoon by Archdeacon Cunningham. For many years a parish room has been a requirement of the village, but the Vicar and his committee did not feel justified in going to the expense of considerably over £300 without having a prospect of being able to pay for the work. Collections have been made from time to time on behalf of the Hall Fund, however, and as a result of generous donation and social events the money was raised with the exception of about £20. This sum is chiefly on account of the heating apparatus and was placed in the original scheme after the work had been commenced by Mr. F. Mills, the architect and builder. The hall has been erected on a piece of land which was formerly part of the Vicarage garden and is constructed in white brick with red tiled roof. The large hall will accommodate about 300 people. 14 02 06 CIP

Four Generations at a Baptism. —The following appears in the parish magazine of St. Andrew's (Chesterton): "An interesting event occurred in Chesterton Church on a recent Sunday afternoon. A

little child was christened and there were standing round the font, the father, the grandfather and the great-grandfather — four generations present. This is such an. unusual occurrence that it is worthy of record." 14 02 06 CIP

Split Healed.—Cambridge sportsmen generally will rejoice to hear that at last the split between the Football Association and the Amateur Football Association has been healed. At their meeting, held on Monday, the Football Association Council unanimously agreed to the condition arranged for affiliation of the Amateur Association to the F.A. The settlement will undoubtedly have a considerable effect upon local soccer circles. It is probable that we shall again have the pleasure of seeing some of the "crack" professional teams paying a visit to the 'Varsity, while Cambridge Town, the A.F.A. club, will be in a position to accept the challenge thrown down in the past by Cambridge United, the F.A. club. That is, of course, if the challenge is repeated. # c.38 : football 14 02 06 CIP

Licenses considered for Fen Ditton Globe Inn, Somersham Rising Sun & Crown & Punchbowl, Isleham Queens Head closed 14 02 06k

Kingston parish meeting lively discussions over charities; parish documents should be taken care of, in safe – 14 02 06l

Trams winding up petition granted – increasing number of motor buses hit passenger numbers, cost of maintaining roads – 14 02 06m, n # c.26.44

County Council first meeting in new County Hall – 14 02 06o

Suffragette demonstrations Ely Cathedral & Holy Trinity Cambridge – 14 02 06o, p

1914 02 13

Cambridge licenses – Duke of Gloucester Prospect Row, Rose and Crown & Windmill in Russell St, Danish Flag in Fitzroy St, Compasses on East Rd have closed; are 233 licensed for sale intoxicating liquor on premises and 36 off – 14 02 13, a # c.27.4

Addenbrooke's Hospital John Bonnett Clinical Laboratory completed – 14 02 13b, c # c.21.4

Lighters owned by West Norfolk Manure and Chemical Co had touched the lower sill at Baits Bite Lock. They were carrying about 42 tons but if this was reduced it would not be economical and they would abandon the river and take the materials by rail. The sills could not be lowered without putting in new doors. The uprights are practically decayed and the two ploughs are never used except in emergency. The keeper was fearful of opening the doors and if there were a flood the whole might go. Urgent repairs were needed, the Conservators heard – 14 02 13d # c.46.5

David Reader is one of the oldest servants of the Cambridge Street Tramways Company by whom he has been employed since 1888 until recently, when ill-health compelled him to relinquish his duties. Prior to coming to Cambridge he drove horse trams in London between Stamford Hill and Holborn. Only one driver has served the Company longer, Mr E. Skinner. Another old servant is Harry Willis, the horse keeper 14 02 13 # c.26.44

Now there are several motor ‘buses running daily through Longstanton, in addition to the other ever-increasing motor traffic, it is to be hoped the authorities will take steps to improve the corner between All Saints’ Church and the blacksmith’s shop. The day school being situated within a few yards of this dangerous spot, improvements are urgently needed. In the meantime school signs are urgently needed at each approach in addition to the present ordinary motor cautions – 14 02 13g

Moses Johnson was born at Over in 1830, long before the days of compulsory schools, and felt grateful throughout his life to Mr Dennis Hall who gave him help in learning to read and write at the

age of 18, finding him books and anything he required. He started farm service at Overcourt before walking to London and finding work at the East India Docks. Later he entered a coal mine where he stayed for 36 years. He saw many collieries established and much progress made 14 02 13h

New Cathedral.—On Sunday afternoon, the Bishop of Ely addressed a large congregation of men in St. James' Church, Chelmsford, which has been chosen for a Cathedral. His Lordship incidentally referred to his having been their Bishop for nearly nine years. His Lordship delivered an address on the petition in the Lord's Prayer—"Thy Will be done." The service for the consecration of the: Bishops of Chelmsford and St. Edmundsbury is fixed to take place in St. Paul's Cathedral on Shrove Tuesday (the Festival of St. Matthias) the 24th inst. 14 02 13 CIPof

Blaze. — On Monday evening, about 10.40, a big stack fire was only averted by a prompt alarm given by Mr. J. Scott, of Fordham, who was returning home from Isleham. Near the Hall Barn Road he noticed a glow of fire dangerously near two stacks belonging to Mr. F. G. Robins. Quickly giving the alarm, many helpers were soon present, including Supt Winter, P.c.s Rowlinson, Whitwood and Poole. After two hours' hard work, the fire was put out, but the stacks only just escaped. It seems that after thrashing, some mustard litter was ignited and left to burn. This smouldered longer than was expected, and when the wind increased, became a danger to the other stacks. 14 02 13 CIPof

Effects to be Sold. Within a week, the street tramway cars which had been a feature of Cambridge for 30 years will have ceased to run. Auctioneers have received instructions from the Official Receiver to sell the whole of the effects of the Cambridge Street Tramways Company, which has been compulsorily wound up on the application of the Cambridge Corporation. The sale will take place at the Company's headquarters, East Road, at noon on Friday next. On inquiry yesterday a Press representative was informed that the date on which the trams will cease to run will be announced within a few days, but it is probable that Wednesday next will be the last day of running. The effects for sale include 24 draught horses, 8 tramway cars (4ft. gauge), including six-double-deck cars to carry 18 persons inside, and 22 to 25 outside, two single-deck cars to carry 18 persons inside, 10 sets of harness, a Crossley 2 h.p. engine and oat-crushing machines etc. # c.26.44 14 02 13 CIPof

1914 02 20

The end of the trams – 14 02 20, 14 02 20c-e [see Memories 24 February 2014] # c.26.44

The laying of the foundation stone of the new Primitive Methodist Church in Castle Street was well attended in spite of the unpleasant weather. The site was gaily decorated with flags and a platform erected for those taking part in the ceremony. The layers of stones were presented with small silver trowels as mementoes of the event and those who wished were invited to purchase the privilege of laying a brick. Amongst those who did so was Mrs David Moore of the Band of Hope Union 14 02 20a & b # c.83

Hundon parish church was gutted by fire on Sunday evening and nothing now remains but the walls and the tower. The building had been closed after evensong that afternoon but just before eight Mr Jolley noticed a glare near the organ. Being unable to enter he hurried for assistance but within fifteen minutes the church was ablaze from end to end. Soon there was a great crash of falling masonry as the roof collapsed. As the fire reached the woodwork in the belfry the bells fell to the ground with resounding crashes and now lie in an indescribable heap. A new organ and clock were destroyed but fortunately the parish registers and the pulpit were saved. 14 02 20f

About 500 working men attended a parish meeting at Cottenham to discuss allotments. They hoped to acquire Christ College Farm as the college was willing to help the working people. Preference would be given to the young: it was them they wanted to get in the villages and if they were given a piece of land, they would stop at home. If the farm were let out it would maintain three times the people it currently did. It would bring more people back on the land than any other way 14 02 20g

Longstanton electors considered selling the gravel pit allotment to the County Council for the purpose of opening up a roadway from the small holdings to the station end of the village. But the majority were opposed 14 02 20h

Sparrow Club. — The annual meeting of the Sawston. Whittlesford and Pampisford Sparrow Club was held at the Bull Hotel, Sawston, on Monday. Mr. Gingell was re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. D. L. Huddleston, J.P. President. The total number of sparrows killed during the last year amounted to 2,500. The prize of 10s, for farms over 200 acres was awarded to Mr. Allen for 291 sparrows. The prize of 7s. 6d. for farms of 100 acres was awarded to Mr. Arnell. The prize of 5s. was awarded to Mr. W Auger, junior, for allotment holders for a total of 400 sparrows. Mr. F. Ward was appointed receiver for Sawston, Mr. Fordham for Pampisford and Mr. Sullen for Whittlesford. 1914 02 20 CIPof

Racing at Cottenham.—The Cambridge University Steeplechases were held at Cottenham yesterday before a large attendance. A capital day's sport was much enjoyed, and the weather conditions during the greater part of the afternoon were all that could be desired. Shortly before the end of the programme, however, a drizzling rain commenced to fall. There were no serious accidents, but the open ditch brought many of the riders to grief. The going was heavy over some parts of the steeplechase course. 1914 02 20 CIPof

Cricket on the Piece.—At yesterday's meeting of the Town Council, the Commons Committee reported that a letter had been received from Mr. O. Papworth, on behalf of the Cambridge County Cricket Club, with regard to the reservation of pitches on Parker's Piece for the club's matches, and it was agreed that the application be referred to the custodian of Parker's Piece. 1914 02 20 CIPof

"Brawling" in Church. Interruptions in Divine Service were made at Holy Trinity Church, St. Matthew's Church and the Friends' Meeting House by militant suffragettes who chanted the prayer: "O Lord, our God, strengthen and comfort those women who are suffering in prison for conscience sake. Rouse Thy Church. O God, to protest against this evil." I can imagine nothing which is more likely to alienate sympathy than this recurrent brawling in church. Militant methods of madness have already put a brake on the advancement of an excellent movement, and my sympathy is with those ladies whose constitutional methods and forcible arguments are suffering as the result of window smashing, arson, church brawling and similar idiotic tactics. Thereare those who hold that militancy was justified in order to open the eyes of the country to the cause of the voteless woman but that time is long since past. Public opinion in the country needs education on the subject of the women's suffrage question, and the man in the street now requires argument. Spoliation of property and the disturbance of church worshippers is no argument in favour of votes for women # c.83 # c.33 1914 02 20 CIPof

1914 02 27

Foxton school dispute continues and the senior assistant has now handed in her resignation – 14 02 27

The number of people coming forward to train as teachers was dropping and soon the supply of competent staff would be insufficient to meet the demand. The salaries in Cambridgeshire are the worst in East Anglia. It is a blind-alley occupation where people find their progress barred and their careers as wage-earners almost irretrievably ruined. Teachers would never get adequate salaries if left to the tender mercies of the local education authorities and the N.U.T. should take concerted action, a meeting was told 14 02 27a

Croxton parish meeting to discuss housing was well attended. At first there was evidence they would like to have cottages. But when it came to the cost and the rent to be charged the feeling of the meeting changed, for men did not like the idea of paying extra. If cottages were built at three shillings a week they would be occupied by the better-off people. They would be jeered at for living in cottages which the poorer-people were paying for 14 02 27b

Sale of tram cars – 14 02 27d # c.26.44

Abbey Road only suitable site for a bridge for Chesterton – 14 02 27f

Helions Bumpstead was all excitement when 17 farmworkers were locked out by their employers because they refused to leave the National Agricultural Workers' Union. It is simply because employers object to trade unionists working for them. The National Executive agreed lock-out pay and further workers enrolled. Now practically every man in the parish is a member. A mass meeting on the green was veritably a Hyde Park demonstration in miniature (less the bands). There were banners and flags and men wore their badges. A torchlight procession followed 14 02 27g

Two brothers named Wright, engineers of Cottenham, met with an alarming experience whilst sinking a well at Arrington. The work had been going on continuously for a month and a depth of 200 feet had been reached. One brother was lowered in a bucket but it became evident something was wrong. The second brother was lowered but he too was overcome by the foul air. Men on the top caused a draught of air by briskly raising and lowering the bucket which revived one of the men who was able to rescue the other 14 02 27h

The undulating country between Lord's Bridge and Old North Road Stations was the scene of a sharp engagement between troops of the University Officers' Training Corps and a number of public school OTC contingents. The actual fighting was of a very heavy and determined character with one battle near Quarry Farm, Lt Eversden. The crisp crackle of rifle fire swelled in volume until it became continuous 14 02 27l # c.45.4

Tram Company staff photo - 14 02 27j # c.26.44

Oxygen and "Cambrigen."—The keenness (writes Free Lance) with which the Inter-Varsity Boat Race is followed by all sections of the general public is aptly and amusingly exemplified in a story told by Lord Avebury. It refers to a small boy attending an East End school, and the class had been receiving instruction on elementary science such as that air is composed of oxygen and nitrogen. Towards the close of the lesson, the question was put "What is air composed of?" "Please, sir," came the unexpected reply, "Oxygen and Cambrigen." 1914 02 27 CIPof

Appointment.—Mr. F. E. Fordham, managing clerk for Messrs. Papworth and French, has been appointed chairman for the ensuing year of the Council of the Eastern Counties Law Clerks Association. 1914 02 27 CIPof

Fitzwilliam Museum. The necessity for enlarging the Fitzwilliam Museum has long been apparent, and by the munificence of the late Mr. Marlay this enlargement has now been brought within the range of realisation. The Financial Board have for some time been negotiating with the Master and Fellows of Peterhouse for the purchase of the site, nearly two acres, adjoining the Fitzwilliam Museum on the south, known as Grove Lodge, and they now recommend its purchase for £12,000. They further suggest that only one-half of this sum be taken from the Marlay bequest of £80,000 the balance being charged to the fund from the sale of Mr. Marlay's house, known as St. Katharine's Lodge, Regent's Park. # c.03 1914 02 27 CIPof

Cup Victory.—Histon footballers attained one of the goals of their ambition on Saturday last, when, for the first time in its history, the Cambs. Junior Cup found its way to Histon. The village was almost deserted on Saturday afternoon, practically the whole population having gone to see the 'Stutes win the Cup, which they did by defeating St. Matthew's by the odd goal in three. Great excitement prevailed in the village on Saturday evening, and the players, who journeyed home by the seven o'clock train, were given an enthusiastic reception. The cup was taken in the midst of a cheering throng to the headquarters of the club, stops being made on the way at the residences of vice-presidents where short speeches were given. During the evening a number of supporters of the club, in which the juvenile

element was very prominent, procured some oil, and a bonfire was lit on the green to celebrate the event. Now it is all over and the Cup rests quietly in the Institute, everyone is looking forward to the semi-final and final of the Chatteris Cup, which, it is hoped, will remain in Histon. 1914 02 27 CIPof

King's Visit.—The King's visit to the Leys School, Cambridge, has been definitely fixed for April 30. The visit is, by the King's wishes, to be regarded as being specially made to the school. His Majesty will not be accompanied by the Queen. The new school building will not be completed by the end of April, but the work is being pressed on and it is hoped to have it so far advanced that His Majesty may be the first formal entrant by the new gateway. The King will be staying at Newmarket for the First Spring Meeting, and he will probably motor over to the Leys. 1914 02 27 CIPof

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1914 03 06
New rules have been introduced in Cambridge under the Cinematograph Act. 14 03 06aa

Two old thatched cottages on the village green at Lolworth destroyed by fire – 14 03 06b

Somersham railway accident – 14 03 06b

Hildersham gun accident – man's fingers blown off – 14 03 06b

Litlington archaeology – Roman remains – 14 03 06

Picture palaces and the young – cinema matinee – 14 03 06c

The London, City and Midland Bank opened a new branch in Petty Cury next door to the Head Post Office. The offices are handsomely fitted up; the counters and doors are of fumed oak and the electroliers and other fittings are of brass. The walls are panelled and the floor paved with tessellated marble. The exterior is finished in freestone with marble columns and the offices warmed by hot water radiators and lighted by electricity. 14 03 06a # c.32.8

Two old thatched cottages on the village green at Lolworth were destroyed by fire. Only one was occupied, the tenant being Mr Peppercorn. With the exception of the bedsteads, all the furniture was safely removed. It is believed the fire was caused through an old beam in the chimney. Two adjoining cottages were fortunately saved as what little wind there was carried the flames away from them. The property belongs to Mr Jacob Frohock, of Lolworth Grange 14 03 06c

Somersham railway line inquest – 14 03 06b

1914 03 13

Gifts for the Church. The late Rector, Col. Pearson, Dr. Pearson, Mr. Charles Pearson and Mrs. Bankes have presented handsome candlesticks to the church at Castle Camps in memory of their late sister. These candlesticks are a fitting accompaniment to the altar cross, which was given to the church by Miss Pearson. 1914 03 13 CIPof

Postal Promotion. The many friends of Mr. A. Sirett, Superintendent at Cambridge Post Office, will learn with pleasure of his selection by the Postmaster-Gen¬eral to fill the position of Assis¬tant Postmaster at Sheffield. 1914 03 13 CIPof

Urban Council Elections. Owing to the resignation of the chairman, Mr. D. B. Balding, one of the first members elected to the Council in 1897 there will be five vacancies on the Royston Urban District Council this year. The members retiring in the ordinary course of things are Messrs. J. R. Booth,

Simon Camps, P. Goodman (vice-chairman.) and W. C. Titchmarsh. These four will seek re-election and there is likely to be a contest owing to the Independent Labour Party having announced their intention of running two or three candidates. 1914 03 13 CIPof

Fire. Swavesey was alarmed on Sunday by the rumour of fire, and according to the story, a big blaze was in progress. However, rumour appeared to be very wide of the mark, the tremendous fire being a chimney beam blaze at the New Inn which was quickly extinguished 1914 03 13 CIPof

Accident. An accident, which might have had a serious and even fatal ending, happened to Mr. A. Fisher (at Swavesey) on Saturday. While engaged in lopping some large elms belonging to Mr. J. Wells Mr. Fisher over-balanced and fell a distance of 40 feet to the ground. His fall was partly broken by a branch and the ladder and he fell on fairly soft ground and was happily not so seriously hurt as was at first imagined a badly sprained wrist and bruises being the worst effects. 1914 03 13 CIPof

1914 03 20

Peak motor van advertisement – 14 03 20

Amongst those who took their M.A. was Mr G.A. Mackenzie who is the first to attain the degree despite being born deaf. For some years he was a well-known artist in Liverpool, then became a diocesan missioner in Oxford. In 1906 he came to Cambridge and founded the Ely Diocesan Association in aid of the Deaf and Dumb. At the same time he read for his degree, attaining his B.A. in 1910. He learned to speak with the aid of his mother and an elocutionist and can now conduct all his business by speech. 14 03 20a # c.21.1 # c.36.9

There is a great need for a footbridge across the Cam near Snob's Point, a meeting heard. It would open up one of the finest rambles and be the nearest route to the railway station. But it would interfere with the ladies' bathing place; there would be such publicity they would have to shift it. And they already had one footbridge and if they wanted the area developed they must have a road bridge 14 03 20b # c.44.7

Exciting scenes were witnessed when a man escaped from custody at the bottom of Wellington Street, bolted up the Newmarket Road, crossed the G.E. Railway and got beyond the Rifle Butts on Coldham's Common before being recaptured. Many people followed the fortunes of the chase for a considerable distance. A rag-and-bone collector had been arrested but managed to wriggle out of the constable's grasp and bolt off. After leading police a pretty dance he was handcuffed and conveyed to the police station. Officers were subjected to a considerable amount of shouting and booing from the crowd.14 03 20c

We give a drawing of Miss Diana Craft of Suez Road who has been missing from her home since Sunday evening. Her parents inform us that nothing has yet been heard of her, despite many rumours. She was in service in Willis Road, visited her home on the evening of March 8th and remained until nine o'clock when she left in her usual spirits to return to Willis Road. From that moment all trace of her is lost. She had recently had the eight front teeth in her upper jaw removed 14 03 20d

The Bishop of Ely received a deputation of Suffragettes at his Palace. They arrived in a 'Bell' bus, the door was promptly opened and they were ushered into one of the beautiful old rooms where his Lordship received them most courteously. They wished to protest against the forcible feeding of suffragette prisoners in Holloway. The public were unaware of the presence of the militant suffragettes and as it was raining hard, the streets were practically deserted. 14 03 20e

Dullingham coal dealer's bankruptcy – 14 03 20f
Death of G.P. Sennitt – 14 03 20f

A new 'Puncture Seal' cure was demonstrated at Saint's garage, Hyde Park Corner; 250 spectators attended. A heavy motor car was driven over a board through which 40 sharp-pointed nails had been driven. Although it came to rest with the nails completely penetrating the tyre, no deflation resulted. More nails were driven in. The preparation consists of a semi-solid black mass including pure Para rubber. It can be applied though any cycle or motor agent 14 03 20g # c.26.48

George Perry Sennitt, Stretham, funeral – 14 03 20h

The Official Receiver's report on the Cambridge Street Tramways Company shows they were obliged to repair and maintain the road where the tramways were laid. In 1892 the Council had agreed to do this on payment of £367 per annum. But the company failed to pay in 1912 claiming their receipts had been greatly reduced by the motor omnibuses the council had licensed. They'd also prevented them employing mechanical traction in place of horses. 14 03 20i # c.26.44

1914 03 27
The Grazing on the Green. Great excitement has been caused in the village of Barrington through the Council endeavouring - as the villagers consider - to take away the right of grazing horse and cattle on the Green. It was thought that a certain resident was responsible for this, and a trench was dug in front of his house by some of the villagers, and an effigy was placed on the Green, together with a notice, with a Union Jack flying over the same, urging the villagers to stand up for their rights. The whole village was in an uproar. This culminated in a discussion, after the ordinary meeting of the councillors, held in the Barrington Schoolroom on Tuesday evening last, when there was a very large gathering. At first there was some little disturbance caused by one of the villagers, but fortunately, under the influence of the able chairmanship of Mr. Rate, this was quelled. Later Capt Fanshawe explained the scheme as formulated by the councillors, but he emphatically informed the gathering — and this was borne, out by the minutes of the previous meeting — that he had been, and still was, averse to the new scheme, inasmuch as he did not consider it would be to the advantage of the villagers of Barrington. Up to the present, the villagers have grazed their cattle, etc., upon the Green without any payment, but the councillors, excluding Captain Fanshawe, have, now applied for authority to make certain charges, which, as previously mentioned, has been greatly resented. At the end of the meeting one of the villagers asked that the matter should not be allowed to rest, and it was suggested that a further meeting, should be called at an early date to discuss the matter more fully 1914 03 27 CIPof

New Borough Rates "Postponed" - :'Free Lance" writes: There is something approaching consterna-tion amongst Cambridge, ratepay¬ers at the staggering intelligence that the rates of the Borough are likely to be increased by several pence in the £. Yesterday, the Finance Committee brought: for-ward a resolution asking the Council to agree to what was tan¬tamount to an increase of 3d, on the Borough rate and 2d. on the District rate, a jump of 5d. at one "go." No wonder there was strong opposition to such a substantial rise and although towards the end of the debate Councillor Raynes offered to accept a reduction of £1,000, the Council decided to defer further consideration of the matter for a fortnight, in order that the various committees may have the opportunity of going through their estimates and cur¬tailing, wherever possible, their expenditure for the coming year. 1914 03 27 CIPof

Mr. G. P. Sennitt.—The sad news of the death of Mr, George Perry Sennitt, which was announced to neighbours and friends over a wide area during the weekend, has been received with the deepest regret. It is about eight weeks since Mr. Sennitt's health necessitated confinement to his room, and since then his constitution has gradually yielded. Death ensued at 2.30 a.m. on Saturday, and it cast a gloom over the village of Stretham, with which the deceased gentleman has had a life-long association. As farmer and friend the villagers had learned to love and revere George Sennitt, and the loss to the village, occasioned by his death, will be keenly felt. He was a recognised authority on poultry, butter and eggs, and for many years officiated as judge in this section of the county shows. He was a regular worshipper at the little Baptist Chapel of the village. He inherited the strict Nonconformist principles of his family. 1914 03 27 CIPof

Cambridge Town Planning Committee had been in existence only a few months and had not yet decided anything in the way of town planning or building houses, the Mayor told a conference on Rural Housing. The Public Health Committee had erected dwellings for the poorer class in one part of town, some people thought them ideal and some otherwise. Some of the houses he would be sorry to lose from an antiquarian point of view but others, from a public health point of view, they would be exceedingly glad to lose 14 03 27, aa # c.49.4 # c.23

The court heard that men employed by the Cambridge Antiquarian Society on excavating Roman remains at Litlington had gone on strike for more money. But one had kept on working. When he left his house a man who'd been crouching under the wall struck him in the face. Other men used obscene language for half an hour. They issued threats as to what they would do to him and would put his tools down the well. The judge said if men did not want to work they need not do so. But they should not interfere with others who were working. 14 03 27a

It would be fatal to erect houses in Cambridge without a parlour. It was the place where the family relics were kept and was needed when daughters started courting. They wanted to end the building of brick boxes with slate lids on them, but builders were the most conservative people on the face of the earth. If they were going to put baths in at great expense they would do more harm than good, said Mr Campkin. But people were rapidly realising the amenity of the bath and were using it properly, said others. 14 03 27aa # c.23

Kingston annual parish meeting stormy scenes – 14 03 27a

Miss Ethel Sargent, the well-known botanist of Girton College, enjoys the distinction of being the first woman to hold the office of President of any section of the British Association. But she is refusing to pay the King's Taxes as a protest against being taxed without having a vote. Articles, including microscopic accessories and Zeiss lenses were seized and sold by auction on the Green at Girton. It is the third such sale since 1912 14 03 27b & c # c.33 # c.36.98

No telephone service for Abington as not enough business – 14 07 27e

The Cambridge County Borough Bill (with which were included Wakefield and Luton) was defeated in the House of Commons. It would inflict great hardship on the county. If it were taken away the rest of the area would be almost entirely agricultural, some MPs said. But the County Council would be more efficient if all members represented agricultural interests rather than the urban interests of the Borough, the Cambridge MP contended. 14 03 27f; A farce – editorial – 14 03 27d # c.35.1 # c.35.7

Grantchester housing – more cottages required – 14 03 27f

The foundation stones of the Salvation Army Citadel in Tenison Road were laid by several prominent people and a large crowd gathered to witness the ceremony. The citadel will consist of a large hall accommodating 400 people with a band room, tea room etc. The bands of the Cambridge and Cottenham corps were present and accompanied the hymns. The weather was threatening but fortunately the rain held off until the final vote of thanks 14 03 27g # c.83

Proposals for extra accommodation for the Library, Education Department, Juvenile Employment Exchange and Weights and Measures Department on the site now occupied by houses in Wheeler Street prompted long discussions Nearly every councillor found it incumbent to express his opinions and an hour was passed away more or less pleasantly and profitably in this fashion. 14 03 27h # c.77.4

H.G. Whibley resigns leadership of the Liberal party in the borough – profile – 14 03 27h # c.33.9

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more efficient if all members represented agricultural interests rather than the urban interests of the Borough, the Cambridge MP contended. 14 03 27
County Borough Bill Rejected. — So after all (writes Free Lance) Cambridge is not to be a County Borough. At least, that was the verdict of the House of Commons last night when the Bill came up for its third and final reading. News of the majority of 54 against will, of course, be read with great jubilation on the part of those in the County, who led in so judicious and able a manner by Sir George Fordham, have left no stone unturned to see that what they regarded as nothing more or less than a ruinous proposition so far as the rural districts were concerned should not become an Order of Parliament. On the other hand, disappointment deep and grave will be felt by those in the Borough, who for years past, have cherished the idea and have looked forward with no small amount of pride to the day when Cambridge would be able to boast of what they considered to be its due and proper dignity, namely, of being a County Borough. It was with this view that the great amalgamation scheme was brought forward and carried through al¬most innumerable difficulties and one cannot but commiserate with those who have been so earnest in their endeavours in this respect, at the turn the final event has taken. # c.35.7 # c.35.1 - 1914 03 27 CIPof

Mr John Edmund Thornely, the 17-year-old son of Thomas Thornely of Merton Hall, 'looped the loop' at the Eastbourne airdrome. He is believed to be the youngest airman to perform this feat and the first Englishman to do so on a biplane. He intends to do so again, with and without passengers. A native of Cambridge, he was educated on the Army side of Malvern College and began training a year ago. He has always been interested in all forms of sport and is a good rider, a good shot and has driven motor cars in races at Brooklands – 14 03 27i & j

Death of ex-Sergeant Carter. We regret to record the death of ex-Sergeant Samuel Carter which occurred at his residence, 61, Newmarket Road, at the age of 70 years. Mr. Carter was a native of Melbourn and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carter, of the village. Up to the age of 20 years, he followed the occupation of a farm labourer with his father and joined the Borough Police Force in 1863, ultimately retiring in 1895 as a Sergeant after 32 years' faithful service. On his retirement from the force, Mr. Carter was appointed custodian of the Botanic Gardens and remained in that situation up to the time of his death. He has also been on the staff of the New Theatre since its opening in 1896 and his face will be missed at the pit door. In all, he has worn uniform for 51 years, which is indeed a record. - 1914 03 27 CIPof

Stallion Show. — The annual stallion show in connection with Cambs and Isle of Ely Agricultural Society was held in the Mews, Ely, yesterday. Entries were about the same as last year and the gate was a record one. The popular President of the Society (Mr. J. C. Denison-Pender, M.P.) attended and entertained officials to lunch at the Bell Hotel. The show compared very favourably with that last year as regards the quality of the horses. The Challenge Cup for the best stallion in the show was awarded to Messrs. Chivers and Son, of Histon, with "Sreeby Victor," and Mr. W. C. Enson's "Borough Forest Prince" (Saffron Walden) secured the reserve card - 1914 03 27 CIPof

April 1914 CWN

1914 04 03
Speaking at a conference on housing and planning, Miss Cochrane said her council would not allow cottages to be occupied unless fit for habitation. Sometimes rabbits, fowls and pigs were kept in them and it would be better to demolish them. Some advocated grouping houses in quadrangles but this meant they would be overlooked and neighbours would come into collision. The upkeep would be a source of discomfort, especially if neighbours were not on the best of terms. 14 04 03 & a

Ecclesiastical commissioners had leased Ely council land for building cottages on a 999 year lease

Australian emigration advertisement and lectures – 14 04 03b

The foundation stones of the new Primitive Methodist Church Sundays Schools in Castle Street were laid when a large crowd gathered. A public tea was held afterwards in the Palace Rink, Magrath Avenue, when 350 attended. 14 04 03d

Tramways Company winding up meeting of contributors – 14 04 03e

Swavesey Parish Council had a well-attended long and lively meeting after the village crier had given notice that the workers at the fire in Middle Watch would be paid. About 30 men and youths received sums of up to 24 shillings. The question of the wholesale resignation of the Fire Brigade led to trouble between the Chairman and a councillor who bluntly told him to mind his own business. The sole remaining member of the Fire Brigade Committee said it was unfair to leave him alone to deal with a fire. He was assured none would break out. 14 04 03e & f

The extensive green of the pleasant village of Barrington, which has for many years been a source of prosperity and enjoyment to the inhabitants, has lately become the source of disputes and discord. A number of abuses have arisen and a sub-committee was appointed to go into the question. A draft scheme was drawn up by the Charity Commissioners allowing horses, assess, mules and goats to be grazed, which caused heated discussion and was rejected 14 04 03 e & f-h

Barrington Differences. A meeting held at Barrington to consider matters connected with, the administration of the village green has resulted in the rejection by the villagers of the proposed scheme for the better control and management of the property (says Free Lance). The sequel to the meeting is a somewhat unsatisfactory one in view of the fact that without some definite rule, the present abuses of the Common and state of chaos will continue to prevail. The villagers declared themselves against a scheme which certainly had some satisfactory features in it, but they made no attempt to define the lines of a system of control which would be acceptable to them. I; congratulate Mr. M. V. J. Webber on his lucid explanation with respect to the Green, and on his courageous defence of the scheme —even when he was deserted by those members of the Parish Council who had previously expressed their approval of it. Mr. Webber emphasised the point that he was speaking as the mouthpiece of the Council—which had endorsed the proposals—but at Wednesday's meeting his colleagues left him to bear the brunt of the attack by the villagers. It is regrettable that personalities were introduced into the discussion, but the suggestions made can; only be regarded as paltry when … - 1914 04 03 CIPof

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Fen Ditton has a number of charities. One is a sort of Tom Tiddler's ground where a parishioner can get one shilling and threepence by coming and asking for it. This is open to abuse by people earning good money who 'had the cheek' to apply for the dole. But this method of distribution has proved the most satisfactory of any yet hit upon. Last year 107 had applied including some who earned 50 shillings a week. 14 04 03

Cambridge passive resisters against education rate – 14 04 03j

Rag and bone man stole mangold wurtzels 14 04 03k

King's college workmen poisoned after drinking rhubarb wine – 14 04 30m, 14 04 10a, b

Several workman engaged in tarring the road were placidly eating their mid-day meal between Alpha and Carlyle Roads when one of their two tar boilers burst into flames. Apparently the tar boiled over, pouring into the furnace and so caught fire. A barrel of tar resting on top of the boiler also caught

alight and the flames rose well above the high chimney. Dense volumes of smoke darkened the road for some distance. It burned with a continuously crackling sound caused by the explosion of the granite kerbing which kept flying off in large flakes like stars from a Roman candle and showered down on the road for a distance of 15 yards 14 04 03n

Chivers fight insects with sprays – 14 04 03o

Long Service.—On Tuesday, Miss S. J, Francis celebrated her jubilee at Clare College Lodge. A supper was given by the Master in the spacious dining room of the Lodge to several relatives and friends, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. Miss Francis was the recipient of many congratulatory letters and several handsome presents. May she be spared to fulfil her duties as friend and housekeeper to the venerable Master who is at the advanced age of 94. - 1914 04 03 CIPof

Early Birds. A thrush's nest has been' found in Mr. Sam Long's orchard (Fulbourn), and the young birds flew from the nest on Wednesday last. - 1914 04 03 CIPof

Personal. Congratulations to Mr, Arthur Wilson, locally known as "Rugger," one of the Histon sharpshooters, who has been picked to represent Cambridgeshire against Suffolk at Newmarket, this being the first time a Histon footballer has been asked to play for his County. - 1914 04 03 CIPof

New Leader. Professor James Smith Reid, M.A., LL.M., Litt.D., was, at the annual meeting of the Borough Liberal Association, held last Friday, unanimously chosen to succeed Aid H. G. Whibley as President for the ensuing year. Although not actively connected with the Party in the Borough previously, Prof. Reid has for many years been one of its supporters, and has shown a keen sympathy with the Radical cause. His work, however, has been generally confined to University circles. He has been Professor of Ancient History at Cambridge since 1899. - 1914 04 03 CIPof

Departure of Mr. J. E, Pullen. - Many will read with regret of the pending departure of Mr. F. J. E. Pullen, of "Roseneath," Histon Road. He is engineer at the Cambridge Prison, and has been promoted to Leicester Gaol in the same capacity, the Cambridge Prison losing one of its prominent officers through his appointment. # c.34.9 - 1914 04 03 CIPof

1914 04 10
Swavesey parish council – 14 04 10b

The fire at Lt Chesterford practically repast the disaster that occurred at Swavesey last year. In these days of slated and tiled roofs, fires of this magnitude are comparatively rare but in the ‘good of days’ it was not uncommon for a dozen cottages to be destroyed in a single outbreak. Villages like Chesterford have been largely left alone by the modern builder and are still open to the danger of annihilation. Only on Monday a public house and two cottages were burned down at Newport. Soon perhaps the thatched cottages will have disappeared altogether save for isolated specimens regarded as curiosities. 14 04 10c

Chesterton need for new traffic bridge, footbridge Ferry Path or Pretoria Road – 14 04 10c, e
Barrington green dispute – 14 04 10d

Under the proposed new regulation every cinematograph house should have a fireman in uniform to attend to the fire appliances and take precaution against fire. But when the Cambridge Picture Playhouse was built on Mill Road it met all the regulations and they had blankets and appliances with a fire drill each week. To have a fireman in uniform would be expensive and was apt to produce a panic in the even of a fire, magistrates were told 14 04 10f

Swavesey drove letting – animals driven by children not under proper control – 14 04 10g

A most disastrous fire broke out at Little Chesterford: eleven houses have been gutted and ten families, numbering 43 persons, are rendered homeless. It started at a stack at Bordeaux Farm then wind carried large pieces of burning straw on to the roofs of three thatched cottages which were razed to the ground. Other balls of fire fell on roofs of houses up the street and those which were thatched fell easy prey to the flames. The Crown Inn and Bushel and Strike beerhouse were gutted. When the smoke cleared the village presented a strange spectacle for nothing remained but the chimney stacks 14 04 10h

Opposition; to Guildhall Enlargement.—In response to a petition by 80 ratepayers of Cambridge, the Mayor called a town's meeting at the Guildhall on Tuesday evening, when the following resolution was passed by a large majority. "That this meeting condemns the resolution passed by the Council at the March meeting with reference to the; Guildhall extension, and if the Corporation find they require further accommodation for their officials, they should hire offices outside for the Education Department." With reference to a proposed carriage bridge at Chesterton the meeting carried, with less than a dozen opposing: "That this meeting, having considered the .question of the postponement of the building of the bridge directed by the Cambridge Order 1911 to be built by April 1 1917, sees at this juncture no reason for such action." # c.35.7 # c.44.7 - 1914 04 10 CIPof

Sir George Fordham Honoured. —We are informed that Sir George Fordham has recently, in connection with his work as Chairman of the British Committee for the Tenth International Congress of Agriculture, held at Ghent in June last, and in recognition of his services in the organisation and proceedings of the Congress, received from the King of the Belgians the Decoration Speciale Agricole de ', Premiere Classe, a distinction which has, at the same time, been conferred on M. Meline and a small number of other leading promoters of the Congress. - 1914 04 10 CIPof

New Organ Opened. The opening by Mr. El G. Wilson of a new pipe organ took place at the Baptist Chapel (Barton) on Thursday last before a full attendance Mr. Wilson spoke of the great improvement the new organ was over the old one, and also of the great help it would be to the organist (Miss White) in leading the singing. - 1914 04 10 CIPof

Emigration. Mr. Reginald Fyson, youngest son of Mr. Wm. Fyson, Senior, farmer and corn merchant in this village (Isleham), left England for Melbourne, Australia, and sailed by the Osterly Orient Line. We are pleased to state that he arrived safely, and had a pleasant voyage. He is an electrical engineer by profession, and since his arrival has met Mr. Sydney Rudland, son of Mr. J. J.; Rudland, corn merchant (Isleham), who went out to Australia some two or three years ago, and Mr. John Driver, son of Mr. Benjamin Driver, fruit grower (Isleham). The keenest interest among their many friends will be taken in their welfare. - 1914 04 10 CIPof

Received into Roman Catholic Church.—The Rev. J. K. McDowell, who recently resigned the living of Barrington, has been received into the Roman Catholic Church at Cambridge. Mr. McDowell has announced his intention of settling in Cambridge and taking up "coaching" work. Mr. McDowell was received into the Roman Catholic Church at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs by the Very Rev. Mgr Barnes. It is interesting to note that Mr. Conybeare, a former Vicar of Barrington, also went over to the Catholic Church during recent years. - 1914 04 10 CIPof

1914 04 17

Girton man found hanging in burning cottage – 14 04 17a

Fire broke out in the warehouse and yards of Robert Brown, 32 Gwydir Street. The stock which caught fire consisted of paraffin and other oils, matches and other general stores and five loaded vans and a pony trap were completely destroyed. The warehouses were built from tarred boarding and adjoined the house. Fives horses were stabled at the back of the premises and helpers pulled down a fence to get them out, placing them in Mr Cock's stables. Stock which could be reached was thrown

into the street and policemen controlled crowds of spectators numbering several thousand. 14 04 17b & c # c.34.75
Warehouse Fire.—A large crowd assembled in Gwydir Street, Cambridge, On Monday afternoon, when fire broke out at Mr. Robert Charles Brown's warehouse and yards. Mr. Brown held a large stock of paraffin and other oils, matches and general stores, and in the warehouse were five loaded vans and a pony trap. The contents of the warehouse were completely destroyed and the premises were gutted. # c.34.75 – 1914 04 17 CIPof

Barrington – councillors resign Barrington has achieved the unusual double distinction of being without a Vicar and without a Parish Council after the resignation of the chairman and five of the other seven members. The clerk turned up for the annual meeting of the council with his case of books though he knew no meeting could be held as three members are required to form a quorum and there were only two members left. It did not seem worth getting the key for the school so an informal meeting was held outside in the presence of two reporters and three villagers who strolled up to see what was happening. The situation was irresistibly funny and merry laughter rose with the tobacco smoke – for smoking was permitted 14 04 17e, d – editorial

Barrington's Difficulties. Today (writes Free Lance) the parish of Barrington is in the unfortunate position of being without a Vicar and a Parish Council. This "double event" was the cause of a good deal of good-humoured comment on Wednesday night, when a meeting of the Council should have taken place, but had to stand adjourned on account of the wholesale resignation of the members. The two events, of course, have no relationship to each other and it is anticipated within a very short time a new Vicar will be offered the living, which is, I believe, in the gift of Trinity College. Matters connected with the Parish Council and the Village Green, however, are not likely to be settled so quickly, judging by the general tone adopted by the two sets of contending parties. What has happened is that since the recent parish meeting the whole of the councillors, with two exceptions, have tendered their resignations, and as three constitutes a quorum, it is impossible for the present two members to transact any parish business. As a matter of fact, in response to the notice calling this week's meeting, only one turned up. - 1914 04 17 CIPof

Villages have changed dates of feast since 1753 – 14 04 17f

The unhappy conjunction of the name Sadd and Greef on King's Parade has been a well-worn joke. Now it is about to be broken. Mr Sadd is soon to move to premises in St Edward's Passage while Mr Greef is moving further up the Parade. The Sadds began business last century as dealer in antiques and a hairdresser in one of a row of old-fashioned houses standing in front of King's College. When the cottages were pulled down they moved opposite. His son made a sketch of the old houses 14 04 17g # c.44.6 # c.27.2

Lt Chesterford fire – photo – 14 04 17h

Scientific lodge of Freemasons – history – 14 04 17i # c.37.1

Easter vestry meetings – 14 04 17j

Tragedy at Girton.—A dreadful tragedy was enacted at Girton on Saturday night, when a labourer set fire to his cottage and afterwards hanged himself. On the discovery of the fire a local man showed conspicuous courage in entering the house and cutting down the body. At the time the labourer was carried from the burning cottage he was alive, but he expired a few minutes afterwards. An inquest jury on Monday returned a verdict of "Suicide during temporary insanity" on the deceased. – 1914 04 17 CIPof

Death of Mr. John Peacock. We regret to announce the death at the advanced age of 79 years of Mr. J Peacock, which took place at his residence, the Cross Keys, Caxton, on Sunday. For some months he had been in failing health, which gave great anxiety to his friends, but he only took to his bed on

Thursday last. Although suffering from a complication of diseases, he was cheerful to the last. His familiar figure will be greatly missed at Cambridge, St. Neots and other local .markets, which he attended when in his usual health. As a keen sportsman, no one was better known to the members of the Cambridgeshire Hunt, in which he always took the keenest interest. In politics, he was a staunch Conservative, although not taking a prominent part. For many years he was Sanitary Inspector under the Caxton and Arrington Rural District Council and also a member of the Caxton Parish Council, being also Overseer. These offices he relinquished quite recently, owing to failing health. – 1914 04 17 CIPof

1914 04 24
Motor Bus Service. — On Wednesday a motor bus service between Cambridge and Royston was commenced. At present the buses are making three journeys each way, calling at the intermediate villages. # c.26.46 – 1914 04 24 CIPof

Presentation. — An interesting presentation took place at the Conservative Club (Soham) on Saturday night, when the Vicar (the Rev. J. C. Rust) on behalf of a number of subscribers, handed to Mr. Robert Price a cheque, subscribed by his many friends, as a token of their goodwill. Mr. Price, who is leaving Soham for British Columbia, until recently farmed the Barcham Farm. He and seven members of his family have for many years been closely associated with the social life of the district and Mr. Price's pending departure is a matter of keen regret to his many friends. His eldest son (Robert) is settled in British Columbia. – 1914 04 24 CIPof

The Housing Difficulty. — The Cambridge housing problem again came before the Cambridge Town Council at its meeting yesterday and the Town Planning Committee submitted plans for the erection of six roomed cottages on the Victoria Road estate (writes Free Lance). The estimated cost of the houses will be £200 each and the Council gave authority to the committee to consider further details of the scheme. The Stanley Road experiment in the erection of cottages was once more criticised and the committee was empowered to invite offers for the lease of the ground in Stanley Road for a term of 75 years. # c.23 – 1914 04 24 CIPof

King's Visit. — Six thousand Cambridge schoolchildren, with flags gaily flying, will next Thursday line the Cambridge streets and with hearty voices join their elders in bidding welcome to their King. Although the King's visit is to be regarded as one specially made to the Leys School, the townspeople are naturally taking a keen interest in the event. His Majesty will motor from Newmarket and is due to arrive at the Leys at 11 a.m. It is probable he will reach the outskirts a few minutes before that hour and will proceed to the school via Newmarket Road, East Road, Lensfield Road and Trumpington Road. Upon arrival at the school, the King will be received by a guard of honour consisting of members of the school's Junior Officers' Training Corps and met by Dr. Barber, the headmaster and members of the governing body He will then be conducted to the chapel to view the memorial erected to the memory of the Old Leysians who fell in the South African War. Following this he will proceed to the large hall and receive an address of welcome. Then His Majesty will inspect the gymnasium, swimming baths, science buildings, etc. In accordance with a request made by the Mayor of Cambridge (Mr. J. A. Sturton), the royal car will be slowed down when passing the junction of New-market Road and East Road. This is perhaps, the most convenient spot for the schoolchildren to as-semble and they will line up on either side. # c.02 # c.36.5 – 1914 04 24 CIPof

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1914 05 01
Swavesey hand-hearse secured by Swavesey undertaker – 14 05 01

G.P.O. workmen have been busy erecting poles for the extension of the telephone in Cottenham. Although this village was one of the first to have a public call office, thanks to the late Mr R. Ivatt, very little has been done recently to extend or popularise it, one of the obstacles being the cost of

installation and the last of free calls. Shortly we hope to 'ring up' Mr W.W. Phillips, G. Trundley and A.J. Sargeant 14 05 01a

The little child of Mr A.G. Prime had a narrow escape from death by drowning at Swavesey. His mother was wheeling the babe in a perambulator near Moor Fen Gatehouse and stopped to tie the bootlace of her small son who was walking beside her. The roadway sloped from the railway gates so she turned the perambulator crossways to prevent it running away. But a goods train passed and shook the carriage which ran into a deep ditch close by. The strap broke and the child fell out. Without a moment's hesitation Mrs Prime jumped into the mud and water to rescue her son 14 05 01a

King in Cambridge for foundation stone Moulton chapel Leys school – photos – 14 05 01b # c.02 # c.36.5

Even the casual observer cannot fail to have noticed the remarkable increase in the number and variety of motor cycles and their greatly increased popularity not only among the young bloods of the Varsity but among staid and sober individuals of maturer ages and less agility. At Robinson's Motor Cycle Garage in Green Street one can have one's machine stored, cleaned and kept in tune and where, should occasion unfortunately arise, have it repaired by workmen who are not mere 'bodgers' but really skilled in this class of work 14 05 01c # c.26.48

Crowds of children lined Newmarket Road to see the King make his way to the Leys School. The vice-chairman of the Education Committee rode along the route on his bicycle to see the children looking happy and not at all tired. The NSPCC inspector was also on duty. A kindly gentleman was standing outside the Jolly Butchers entertaining the children with a cockatoo. The little ones laughed very heartily as the comical bird flapped its wings and laid down the law with its beak whilst conversing with its master. Presently a large Daimler car was seen. "Here comes the King" shouted someone and the shrilling cheering and waving of flags told those at Page's Corner that his Majesty had come 14 05 01d # c.02

King's visit to Leys School – 14 05 01i, j, k, l
Royal Visit.—Cambridge people, young and old, rose to the occasion splendidly, and in manner right royal, in according His Majesty King George V a right hearty Fen-man's welcome yesterday on the occasion of his private visit to the Leys School (writes Free Lance). Had the visit been of an official character, the populace could not have given greater evidence of their love and esteem for the Throne and its occupant, and in view of its private nature. His Majesty cannot have been other than extremely gratified at his cordial reception. After the continued spell of brilliant weather which we have been experiencing for the past few weeks, the dull sky brought with it just a touch of disappointment that the royal weather could not have continued, at any rate, for just one day longer. Still, the rain which threatened in the early morning held off and the whole proceedings passed off in capital fashion. It was certainly a Red Letter Day in the annals of the Leys School, which has made such headway in the higher educational world of recent years, and it was also a day which will be remembered by the younger generation of the Borough, who were privileged to see their Sovereign and give proof of their loyalty. # c.02 – 1914 05 01 CIPof

Appeals for people to decorate their houses along the King's route to the Leys School were effective. Along Newmarket Road and East Road houses vary in size but an elaborate display of flags and bunting had been arranged. The favourite plan was a Union Jack hung from the bedroom window or bunting arranged along the window ledges, busin3esses were tastefully embellished while scores of streamers were hung across the road with a tremendous banner inscribed 'Cambridge Working Men's Club'. Many of the side streets made good displays 14 05 01e

Two petitions were thrown at the King's car as he made his way to the Leys School, one landed on top of the car, the other struck the chauffeur in the face. That the King would be in a closed car was obviously not anticipated. Very few people observed the actions of the suffragettes, so quietly were

they carried out. The petitions begged the King to reconsider his refusal to receive Mrs Pankhurst's deputation. 14 05 01f

The King's car slowed down near Bottisham Vicarage where the schoolchildren had assembled. Bugler Bowers, of the Boy Scouts, gave the signal of the King's approach and the children sang the National Anthem. The well-known house, 'The Swan' was beautifully decorated and the church flag floated proudly in the breeze from the tower. Quite a crowd of people from adjacent villages lined the road towards Cambridge 14 05 01g

Suffragettes parade with sandwich boards – 14 05 01h # c.01 # c.36.5

Mr. Hamer Towgood's Will.—Mr. Hamer Towgood, whose death occurred in January, left estate valued at £106,049 2s, 2d., with net personalty of £85,804 3s. 9d. – 1914 05 01 CIPof

Departure of Headmistress. - Miss Etheldreda Fleet, the Headmistress of the Infants' Department of the Linton Schools, leaves today (Friday). She has held that situation five years, having been appointed in March 1909. Previous to coming to Linton, Miss Fleet held the post of assistant teacher at Eden Street Higher Grade School, Cambridge, and she has also held posts in other parts of the County. Yesterday (Thursday) Miss Fleet was presented with a marble clock and breakfast cruet from t he School Managers, teachers and children. As is already known, Miss Fleet is to marry Mr, J. H. Clarke, of Trinity College, Cambridge, shortly, and a number of' local people have already sent presents. Her duties at the School will be taken up by Miss Houseman, from Yorkshire– 1914 05 01 CIPof

Death of a Crimean Veteran. — We regret to record the death of Mr. Holden Wesnutt, which occurred at Caldecote at the age of 75 years. Mr. Wesnutt went through the Crimean War. – 1914 05 01 CIPof

A Guineas Victim.—"Guineas" week, and one recalls (says a writer), perhaps, the most unforgiving enemy Newmarket ever made. Coke o' Norfolk went to the races there when a young man, lost his money and never forgave the scene of his discomfiture to the end of his days. He went further. He taught his son to regard the place with abhorrence. Whenever he was obliged to cross the Heath he made a point of drawing the blinds of his chariot, and would say to his son: "Tom, remember, when you pass over Newmarket, don't omit to draw the blind: never look at the place".– 1914 05 01 CIPof

Twin Goslings.—Two goslings have just been hatched from a single egg on one of the farms of Messrs. Chivers and Sons. Such an event is almost unprecedented, the birds from double-yoked eggs if they hatch out at all, which is rarely the case, usually being deformed. These twins are well-shaped and healthily developed, and there is every indication that they are going to grow into fine vigorous birds. The egg that produced the twin birds was hatched out by a hen who is devoted to her foster children – 1914 05 01 CIPof

1914 05 08
The large majority of cottagers would like to see Barrington Green properly regulated and if horses are to be permitted to graze the green, they are to be looked after by those who turn them on, and not allowed to roam wild, a meeting was told. They heard, probably for the first time, a lucid explanation of the conditions under which they hold the green. It should never be ploughed up for allotments. 14 05 08, a

The Cam Conservators had written to the West Norfolk Chemical Company concerning damage done to the sills at the locks by their barges, owing to their bumping when heavy laden. The Company replied that if they lightened their barges to such an extent that they no longer bumped, if would become cheaper for them to transfer the residuals from the gasworks by rail, which would ruin the traffic on the Cam. They could not lighten the tugs, which were heavier than the barges. The barge Charles, which has been running on the Cam for more than 50 years, drew two inches more water than the present barges 14 05 08, b c # c.26.3 # c.46.5

The Cam Conservators were told that if they relaid the floor of Jesus Green Bridge in reinforced concrete, the council would pay half the cost. It had been put up to replace an old wooden bridge. There was formerly a lock and weir at Fort St George, and a bridge there. When the lock was moved to Jesus Green the liability attached to the old bridge was moved on to the new bridge. There was a public right of way over the bridge and the Conservators thought it more convenient to build an iron bridge 14 05 08 # c.44.7

State of Baitsbite lock – 14 05 08c # c.46.5

Although there was a crowd of 2,000 at the annual demonstration of the Cambridge Trades Union on Parker's Piece on Sunday afternoon, everything was exceedingly quiet and orderly, the speeches were mild almost to dullness and did not provoke the smallest opposition. The resolution in favour of a 48 hours' working week and a minimum wage of thirty shillings was carried. It remained for the irrepressible suffragettes to create the only diversion, but even that was mild.14 05 08d # c.33 # c.32.3

Death of Mr. George Kett.—It is with much regret that we record the death of Mr. George Kett, which occurred at his residence, Wymondham House, Cambridge, on Wednesday. During the last two years or so, Mr. Kett had been in failing health, but it was not until about five or six weeks ago that pronounced weakness necessitated his remaining at home. Death was due to heart failure. The passing of Mr. George Kett removes a notable figure from Cambridge municipal and ecclesiastical circles. His public career was most noteworthy, for on no fewer than three occasions was he the Mayor of the town. Both as civic head of the Borough and in the more limited capacity of an Alderman of the Corporation, Mr. Kett discharged his duties with a uniform courtesy which won for him the admiration of his colleagues in municipal government and a legion of friends in the town. It was in April, 1882, that the deceased gentleman entered the Council Chamber, and after seven years' sterling service on the Corporation and in committee work his claims to an Aldermanic seat were recognised, and up to last November he was regularly re-elected an Alderman of the Corporation. Last year, however, Mr. Kett expressed a desire to retire from municipal life, and it was with the deepest regret that all members of the Council received the intimation of Aid. Kett's retirement. For many years he was head of the firm of Rattee and Kett, ecclesiastical masons, and there is hardly a church of note in England to which the firm has not contributed some work. – 1914 05 08 CIPof

It is with deep regret we record the death of ex-Alderman George Kett, J.P. It was only in November he resigned his sear after long and valued service, having been Mayor three times. The firm of Rattee & Kett, ecclesiastical builders was founded in 1854 and he became head on the death of his father in 1872. The Catholic Church was erected under his direction but the work of his life was the restoration of Arundel Castle where 400-500 men were employed at one time. He retired in 1904 and his son, G.R. Kett is now head of the firm 14 05 08f

Another Death at "The Three Horse Shoes."—The death of Mrs. Marie Cornell at "The Three Horse Shoes," Madingley, on Thursday last, makes the third death at this house inside of three weeks. The late tenant and his wife (Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chapman) both died of pneumonia and pleurisy. The husband was taken ill on the Sunday before Easter and expired the Saturday before Easter Sunday; the wife was stricken down with the same complaint on the Saturday that her husband died, and passed away on the following Thursday; and now it is our sad duty to chronicle the deafen of Mrs. Chapman's aged mother, who passed away at the age of 77. – 1914 05 08 CIPof

Prolific Cow. On June 11 1913, a heifer owned by Mr. S. J, Smith, of Ridgeley House, Bourn, presented its owner with two fine calves, which were soon disposed of at a good marketable price. On Sunday last, the same animal went one better, presenting its owner with three calves, all apparently well developed. Unfortunately for Mr. Smith, they are all dead, but the cow is doing well. Surely this must be a record for one cow to produce five calves in less than 11 months. – 1914 05 08 CIPof

Double Military Funeral. A remarkable coincidence occurred at Caldecote last week, two ex-Army men, who had been great friends, passing away at the same date and hour. They were accorded a double military funeral on Saturday afternoon. – 1914 05 08 CIPof

Damage has been done to the sills at the locks by West Norfolk Chemical Company's barges bumping when heavy laden. But that if they lightened them it would become cheaper for them to transfer the residuals from the gasworks by rail, which would ruin the traffic on the Cam. The barge Charles, which has been running on the Cam for more than 50 years, drew two inches more water than the present barges. And they could not lighten the tugs, which were heavier than the barges. 14 05 08

Suffragette meeting on Parker's Piece told Government employs women at lesser wages than men – 14 05 08e

Mrs L. Missing of 9 Romsey Terrace, Mill Road, says: I had a very large uric acid stone removed from my bladder and hoped I would be cured of the serious kidney problems I had suffered for years. But six months ago the trouble came on as badly as ever and I was doubled up with pain. I could not do my housework and was obliged to have a woman to do my work. But I took Doan's backache kidney pills and by the time I had finished the third box all the pain had gone. Ask distinctly for Doan's pills, the same as Mrs Missing had – Advert 14 05 08e

The Provincial Motor Cab Co.Ltd. (In liquidation). The Receiver is authorised to receive tenders for the business of Motor Cab and Automobile Garage Proprietors recently carried on by the Provincial Motor Cab Company Ltd at is garage on East Road and for the cabs, tools, plant and accessories of a Motor Cab Garage therein. The number of cabs at the garage is nine, of which eight are in use. – Notice. 14 05 08f

County health visitors scheme – district nurses not qualified – 14 05 08f

The court heard that the head teacher of the North Hall School, near Royston had slapped a child's hand with her own hand for using improper language. There was no question of a cane, as there was no cane in the school. The eight-year old boy went home and told his mother. Next morning she'd come to the school and struck the teacher violently with her fist, striking twelve blows while in the lobby and ten more in the yard. Magistrates decided not to imprison her but imposed a sovereign fine. 14 05 08g

The remains of William Westnutt and William Nicholas, military pensioners and firm friends were laid to rest in the pretty little churchyard at Caldecote. The two old soldiers had been great friends for years, and in death they were not divided, for they died within a few hours of each other and were buried, with military honours, side by side in adjoining graves. Mr Westnutt had served in India during the time of the mutiny while Mr Nicholas served for 21 years in the band of the Leinster Regiment and retired with the rank of sergeant 14 05 08i

Colne May Day festivities – detailed report – 1914 05 08k

May Day celebrations have been a feature in the village of Colne as far back as the oldest inhabitants can remember. In the old time garlands of flowers surrounding a doll were suspended across the streets over which the children threw balls. In more recent years the school children have chosen one of their number by ballot to be crowned as Queen and in 1914 an elaborate ceremony took place in the schoolyard. The children, who had been most efficiently trained by the Headmistress (Miss Newman) and the Infant School Teacher (Miss James) with the help of the monitoresses (the Misses O. Fear & E. Brown) assembled in the infant room for the purpose of dressing. The Queen wore a white dress, train and veil and her crown and garland were of white and pink flowers. The maids of honour train-bearers and flower girls were also dressed in white and wore wreaths and carried garlands of apple blossom. The herald was suitably attired in a green suit, with three-cornered hat. The school boys had been grouped on either side of the playground and joined in the May songs. A large number of parents

and friends assembled outside the school to witness the ceremony. … ceremony described in detail … paraded … after which the Queen with attendants took their seats in a van lent by Mr J. Pomfret and the other children in a large van lent by Mr King. Both vans were prettily decorated with flowers and drawn by horses. The Coronation group and the two vans were photographed by Stanley Christmas before starting round the villages of Colne, Somersham, Bluntisham & Earith. The children proceeded slowly through the streets singing appropriate May songs and escorted by four young collectors. Contributions went towards 'The Children's Summer Outing Fund'. In spite of the unfavourable weather the festival was a great success and the processionists arrived back at school at 5 pm with light hearts and heavy money boxes. The proceeds amounted to £3 16 6 which has been supplemented by a donate of 10s 6d from Mr Richardson 14 05 08k # c.39

Reach fair proclamation – new arrangements mean no more free carriage rides for councillors – 14 05 08l # c.27.31

1914 05 15
Many Cambridge people were surprised to receive their Sunday papers at breakfast time, instead of about noon as hitherto. After a meeting of London Sunday newspapers proprietors with the new American general manager of G.E.R. trains will in future leave Liverpool Street for the East of England arriving in Cambridge at 6.49 a.m. thus enabling papers to be delivered before many people are out of bed. 14 05 15

A pair of little brown owls have laid their eggs in the furnace of a portable boiler used for washing beehives on Chivers farm at Histon. Of course the fire has not been lighted recently but the copper is used every day, and when the owls are at home they do not mind this at all. They find their way in and out by the small iron chimney attached to the copper. These owls are not indigenous: Lord Lilford brought a pair from Spain and kept them in captivity near Thrapston. They thrived and he turned them into the open. They have multiplied and are now fairly common 14 05 15a # c.19

A disastrous fire occurred at Stephen Parson's farm in Horselode Fen, Chatteris. A straw stack was struck by lightning and in a short time the stackyard was in flames. The Fire Brigade was hampered by the scarcity of water on these fen farms. Two of three buildings were destroyed. Great praise is due to the men on the farm who moved twelve fat beasts and some valuable horses into a grass field.& worked hard to save the most substantial buildings 14 05 15b

The Fear of Rates. At Tuesday's meeting of the Cambridge Education Committee (writes Free Lance), a satisfactory report was received from Dr. Andrew Laird with regard to the medical inspection of school children. One is gratified to know that such excellent work is being accomplished but it seems that the Education Committee is moving rather too rapidly, in order to bolster up grandmotherly legislation, largely at the expense of the ratepayers. The cost of elementary education is rapidly growing — at Tuesday's meeting a substantial increase in salary was recommended for the Education Secretary — and I think the Education Committee might well call a halt at the present juncture. A new school is to be erected, salaries are increasing all round, and the rates are leaping up at an alarming rate. Dr. Fletcher suggested that even the fear of rates should not deter the Committee from its work in connection with medical inspection, but I imagine that his sentiments will not be cordially re-echoed by the great majority of ratepayers, who constantly feel the pinch of the increased burden of taxation. - 1914 05 15 CIPof

Owls' Strange Home.—A pair of little brown owls have made their home in a remarkable place on one of the farms of Messrs. Chivers and Sons, Histon. They have laid their eggs in the furnace of a portable boiler used for washing beehives, and their larder is well-stocked. Of course, the fire has not been lit recently, but the copper is used every day, and when the owls are at home they do not mind this at all. The find their way in and out of their home by means of the small iron chimney attached to the copper. Nature lovers are intensely interested in this species of owl as it is not indigenous to Great Britain. - 1914 05 15 CIPof

One - Legged Swimming Champion,—Cambridge swimmers have given a cordial welcome during the last few months to Mr. J. F. Resleure, a clever Colonial who has carried off innumerable prizes for aquatics in Australia, America, Germany and Austria (including championships). Mr. Resleure is an Australian, and despite the great handicap of having-lost one of his legs as the result of a street accident, he is an accomplished swimmer and cyclist. Mr. Resleure is studying law at Fitzwilliam Hall. - 1914 05 15 CIPof

"The Rose of Persia." — Those residents of Cambridge and district who attended the New Theatre last night have but one opinion on this year's production by the Cambridge Amateur Operatic Society, and that opinion is a highly complimentary one. "The Rose of Persia" is a worthy successor to "The Mikado," "The Yeoman of the Guard," "The Sorcerer," "Trial by Jury" and "Les Cloches de Cornville," which have been produced with conspicuous success by this talented company of amateurs. "The Rose of Persia," full of clever lyrics, has a delightfully entertaining and unique plot, and the music has all the irresistible appeal of Sullivan. The singing throughout was quite up to the high standard which has come to be associated with the Society. The chorus work was excellent, and the whole production reflected the greatest credit on all concerned. There was every evidence of thorough training and conscientious work, and the Society came … - 1914 05 15 CIPof

1914 05 22
A meeting was called at Barrington to fill the six vacancies on the parish council caused by the resignation of members due to the dispute over the Green, leaving Mr H. Bedford as the only remaining councillor. They must choose members who would fight and not indiarubber men who would stretch and say 'yes' to everything. There were eight nominations for six places but it was found that many people voted seven times. The Clerk read a section of the Corrupt Practices Act. No results were announced and a poll will now take place 14 05 22, a

Wimpole Park was the scene of a fight for an imaginary buried treasure between members of the C.U. and Leys School O.T.C.s and the 1st Battalion Cambridgeshire Regiment. All the troops travelled from Cambridge in motor cars and motor wagonettes or on motor cycles and bicycles on Saturday night. They carried out a lengthy programme of operations, had breakfast and were back by six next morning. But the exercise was marred by the lack of independent umpires. Nobody knew how things worked out. 14 05 22b & c # c.45.5

Reach fair procession made by motor car, councillors paid own expenses in view small amount raised from tolls – 14 05 22d, 14 05 22h # c.27.31

Nursing Association - 1st annual report – 14 05 22e

Cambridge Library was one of the finest in the country but all available floor space was utilised and extensions must be made, especially to relieve congestion in the Reference department. They should develop the site now occupied by houses in Wheeler Street and adjoining vacant land, councillors heard. But a library was a luxury and ratepayers did not want it. The plan was agreed 14 05 22f & g # c.77.4

Sir – our village pump, the main water supply for Fen Drayton, has been out of order for two months. In order to get water a pailful carried from home or taken from the polluted brook close by, as to be poured down. We do not know who is responsible for the pump but we hope that if attention is called in the 'News' the Council concerned will have the defect remedied without delay – Correspondent. 14 05 22i

Gustav Hamel sensational air display, Cherryhinton Road – 14 05 22k, l # c.26.1

Football Amalgamation. Considerable interest was attached to the annual meetings of the Cambridge Town and Cambridge United Football Clubs, held last Monday night. At both meetings the members had under consideration the suggestion that the clubs should amalgamate, and the proposal being

agreed upon, a joint meeting is to be held at the Castle Hotel this (Friday) evening, when the officers will foe elected. There was some opposition at the United meeting, but no one seconded a motion that the clubs should continue on its own. At the Town meeting Dr. Apthorpe Webb said if there were any individual feelings, they must sink them. If they were to succeed in the bigger competitions they were going in for next season they must play better football, and to that end they must get the best men possible. This was what they could do through amalgamation. # c.38 : football – 14 05 22 CIPof

Daily Occurrence. An interesting little scene takes place daily at Harston. A dog comes out of his kennel and waits while a family hen produces her contribution to the provisions of the Three Horse-shoes inn and coolly walks in and takes his nap beside the egg until one or other of the family fetches it in, daring all other hens to enter his house, although they watch their chance. This is an everyday occurrence and very amusing. – 14 05 22 CIPof

The Wheel Came Off. On Monday last, as one of Mr. Godfrey's trucks loaded with granite was being drawn by a traction engine up the causeway (Dry Drayton) one of the wheels came off, causing the whole to topple over. Fortunately no one was near at the time. – 14 05 22 CIPof

Off to Australia. Mr. Ken Layton left his (Stapleford) home yesterday to take up business with his brother in Sydney (Australia). He was a prominent member of the Church Choir, and esteemed by a large circle of friends. – 14 05 22 CIPof

Our First Local Fliers. The principal attraction for Cambridge residents yesterday (Thursday) afternoon was the visit of Mr. Gustav Hamel, the well known aviator, with his monoplane, and 6,000 people assembled in the Rock Meadow, Cherry Hinton, over which Mr. Hamel gave a sensational .exhibition of flying. Mr. Hamel showed that he was a complete master of his machine, an 80 h.p. Morane-Saulnier of compact build. He circled above the field, skimmed the ground and then looped the loop to the accompaniment of loud cheering. Opportunity was given to fly with Mr. Hamel and the fee fixed with £5 5s. There were six bookings. # c.26.1– 14 05 22 CIPof

Guildhall to be Enlarged. More than half of the members of the Cambridge Town Council had left yesterday's meeting of that body when Ald. Spalding rose to move that authority be given to the Law and Property Committee to proceed with the £4,500 scheme for the enlargement of the Guildhall. There were little more than a Quorum of members left, but of those remaining, a large majority favoured the proposal which was carried. – 14 05 22 CIPof

1914 05 29
Hamel lost on a channel flight, Cambridge memorial suggested – 14 05 29a, 8

Lost in the Channel. - All hope has now been abandoned of again seeing Mr. Gustav Hamel, the famous aviator, alive. Mr. Hamel, after his brilliant display of flying and looping at Cambridge on Thursday last, departed for Paris with the intention of bringing back a new Morane-Saulnier monoplane, driven by a 160 m.p.h Gnome motor with which he intended to compete in the Aerial Derby round London on Saturday, Owing to the weather conditions the race was postponed, but Mr. Hamel was not aware of this, and he started from Villacoublay at half past four o'clock on Saturday morning, and landed at Le Crotoy, near Lille, about an hour later. He was afterwards reported as having landed at Hardelot and later at Boulogne. He is said to have left Boulogne at half past one o'clock, and afterwards to have been seen at Calais, but after that all traces of his flight have been lost. The weather in the Channel on Saturday was extremely unfavourable for flying. Search was made in the Channel and the North Sea by ships, but on Tuesday all hope was given up. # c.26.1 – 14 05 29a,8 - 14 05 29 CIPod

A May Morris and Country Festival opened in the grounds of 'Elterholm', Madingley Road. A display of country dances was given by Miss Kerley's classes and tea served. A fine rain fell during the entertainment but a large audience sitting with umbrellas and raincoats buttoned to the chin seemed to appreciate the dances and music. The babies dancing 'Hot Cockles' were loudly applauded

and the orchestra, under Miss Fletcher, did yeoman service from the kindly shelter of a tree 14 05 29b # c.69 # c.39

The work of Suffrage Societies in the Eastern Federation has grown so much that reorganisation is needed. The Hon Sec for Cambridgeshire is Mrs Heitland, who with Miss Garlick as organiser is arranging meetings in North Cambs villages represented in Parliament by an anti-suffragist, the Hon. Neil Primrose. At Chatteris the Picture Palace was filled with other meetings in Whittlesey & Wisbech. Two ardent Cambridge suffragists, Miss Ida Freud, later lecture at Newnham College and Miss Smith of Hills Road, are much missed. Nine labourers were fined for disturbing a meeting at St Neots by shouting, dancing and singing. 14 05 29c

Cambridge Scientific Instrument Company welcomed visitors to their workshops, test room, drawing office and stores. They were also shown the manufacture and operation of the various instruments made. Many are of great commercial value. The extension is the fourth addition since the works were moved from Panton Street to Chesterton Road. It is the chief of the few manufacturing concerns in Cambridge and now employs 180 hands 14 05 29d & e

A mysterious illness, believed to be ptomaine poisoning, attacked 50 people who attended the Cambridge Scientific Instrument Company's dinner. A considerable number of the employees had to quit work and go home, several are still seriously ill. The dinner had been given to 300 employees and their wives and was attended by the Chairman, Horace Darwin and other directors. One of their wives is amongst the sufferers. Suspicion had fallen upon the salmon served as the second dish at the dinner which included Ox-Tail soup, roast lamb, gooseberry tarts and ginger beer. 14 05 29f

Barrington Green was in a better condition today than it was 50-years ago. The villagers managed their own affairs and did not want the proposed Charity Commissioners scheme, an inquiry heard. It was entirely the emanation of one or two parish councillors. Many smallholders moved on to own small quantities of land. If a labourer scraped together a few pounds to buy a couple of acres, yet continued in manual labour and lived in a cottage he would have to pay for his stock on the green while others would be allowed to graze freely. It would be a hardship. -14 05 29g, h

Waterbeach feast – 14 05 29g, h

Wonderful cycling feat - Wonderful (writes Freelance) is the energy of youth! A few days ago when cycling down past Magdalene College (Cambridge) I was overtaken by an undergraduate riding an ordinary bike. He had only one leg—the left one, which propelled the machine on which he rode. In his right hand he clutched his crutch, and at the same time steered a second push bicycle! This, too, up the Castle Hill, and a gale of wind blowing, and at the same time he almost exceeded the speed limit ! ! ! – 14 05 29 CIPof

Wasps.—Queen wasps have been seen very frequently in the village (Isleham) during the past few weeks, and many of the residents have been very successful in their capture. Mr J. C. Sparke caught over 70 in a very short time in a small bottle, and in all probability this invention of his would be a great and beneficial remedy if adopted by the district at large.

After the Luncheon. — Doctor Andrew Laird, the Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Cambridge, is investigating the cause of the illness of about 30 Cambridge people who became indisposed after attending luncheon last week. Fortunately the majority of the attacks were comparatively mild, and all the patients have either recovered or are progressing satisfactorily. Sickness and shivering are stated to be included in the symptoms, but in most cases the attacks have been brief. – 14 05 29 CIPof

Death of Well-known Farmer. Mr. James Russell, late of Road Farm, Wendy, passed away suddenly on Thursday last at his residence, St. Swithin, Royston. Mr. Russell was born at Road Farm, Wendy, 80 years ago, the farm having been in the hands of the Russell family since the year 1700, when his grandfather migrated there from Litlington. Owing to age and failing health, Mr. Russell retired seven

years ago, and went to live at Royston. He was well-known throughout the country as a rearer of fat stock, and used to show at Birmingham, Islington and other shows throughout the country. The funeral took place at Royston on Monday – 14 05 29 CIPof

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London children come to Burwell in two batches for a fortnight's holiday; there is need for someone to arrange lodgings for them but nobody wants the job. There has been so much mischief done by these holiday children that they cannot get a person to look after them. People take these children who have no room for them and the children are huddled up any how, Poor Law guardians were told. 14 06 04 p8

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An alarming accident happened in Petty Cury. Outside Mr A.E. Nichol's shop at the corner of Guildhall Street there are large incandescent globes suspended. One of these globes, which was illuminated, suddenly collapsed and struck the pavement with an alarming crash. The street was crowded at the time and it was marvellous that no one was hurt. The globe fell at the feet of a bystander who luckily was not injured, though glass was scattered in all directions 14 06 04 p9

Lucille Love the girl of mystery and the heroine of a serial story has arrived in Cambridge. She has had and thrilling and adventurous career but now is tired of adventure and desires to settle in the peaceful calm of matrimony. She is beautiful and cultured and her features are half hidden by a black silk scarf. Accompanying her are pressmen searching for 'copy' and a cameraman who is forever taking photographs of the huge crowd that welcome her wherever she goes 14 06 04. p9

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During the steam rolling of Hall Street, Soham, an old well was discovered in a peculiar way. When opposite Mr Shaw's premises the ground suddenly gave way beneath the engine and the driver found he had run over an old well which was covered by a flag stone. The stone broke and below was 18 feet of water and two feet of mud. Had it been a smaller vehicle some damage might have been done. The well was covered over again 14 06 04 p11

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Nest Beside Door,—A blue cap has made her nest and hatched five young ones beside the door of a cottage inhabited by one of the oldest men in the village (Harston), paying no attention to the people passing in and out – 14 06 04 CIPof

Departure.—Mr. Geoffrey Barber, who has been with Messrs. Holttum and Son, grocers and provision merchants Linton, for 7½ years, left on Saturday prior to going to Australia to join some friends on a sheep farm. – 14 06 04 CIPof

Presentation.The members of the congregation of St. Philip's, Romsey Town, Cambridge, assembled in large numbers in Tracy Hall yesterday evening to do honour to the Rev. E. Lloyd Rees, the senior curate, who is leaving this week to take up his appointment as Vicar of Brightside, Sheffield. Mr. Rees was, prior to coming to Cambridge, curate at Brightside and his appointment has given the greatest satisfaction among his old parishioners, although his departure from Cambridge is regarded as a great loss to St, Philip's parish, where for nearly 2½ years he has worked loyally, and his efforts among the men being especially appreciated. The new Vicar of Brightside will be accompanied north by Mr. H. W Flory, who has been in charge of the mission church of St. John's. Mr. Flory will carry with him the best wishes of the parishioners of St. Andrew-the-Less, where he has worked zealously and with much success. He will sit for his exam in Sheffield, and will probably be ordained on the third Sunday in September. He will then be appointed curate at Brightside. # c.83– 14 06 04 CIPof

Mr. H. B. Irving at Cambridge. Mr. H. B. Irving appeared at the New Theatre, Cambridge, last night and was cordially received by a large audience. Mr. Irving's first appearance was the signal for loud cheers from the University men in the house and applause from the townsfolk, and on his return to the stage later on in the evening the demonstrations of enthusiasm were renewed. – 14 06 04 CIPof

Suffolk Show. The Suffolk Show, the first of East Anglian farmers' festivals of the year, opened in glorious weather yesterday afternoon. The numbers in previous years was surpassed in every particular and the show will easily create a record in regard to quality. The entries this year were 311 horses, 161 cattle and 201 sheep. There were no swine at the show, all classes having been cancelled by the order of the Board of Agriculture since the show is situated in a swine fever infected area. Last year at Gorleston there were 240 horses, 161 cattle, 145 sheep, 232 pigs, 1,500 implements and 29 dairy competitions. There was a record gate in the morning. – 14 06 04 CIPof

Death of Mr. J. H. B. Maris. The inhabitants of Duxford, and friends in a much wider area heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. J. H. B. Maris, J.P., on Monday, aged 74. The greater part of his life was spent in Duxford. He was descended from an old Cambridgeshire family, many of his ancestors being associated with Shelford. In his earlier life he was a farmer and corn merchant, and his business brought him into contact with a large number of those who attended the Cambridge and Bishops Stortford markets. For the last 18 years, I however, he had practically retired from business but he continued to devote a large portion of his time to public business and religious work. He was an Alderman of the Cambs. County Council for 12 years, sat as a County Magistrate at Linton, and was Chairman of the Duxford Parish Council. He was President of the Duxford and District Liberal Association, a member of the Duxford Congregational Church for 54 years and a deacon there for 40 years. 14 06 04 CIPof

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Wages of roadmen, Clare 1914 06 12 p2

Cam improvements discussed, Pike & Eel to first post, dredging shoals & rounding sharp corners, especially Grassy 1914 06 12 p3 # c.46.5

The field day and inspection of the Red Cross Voluntary Aid Detachments was held at Linton. At the station railway wagons or carriages were prepared as for the reception of the wounded and the waiting room was fitted up with half a dozen beds with a field kitchen in the goods yard. The platform in the goods shed became a ward for less serious cases and in a siding stood the carriages used for the stretchers containing the wounded. 1914 06 12 p4 # c.45.5

Chesterton carriage bridge poll, 1914 06 12 p4

J.W. Clark dies Thriplow, 1914 06 12 p5
Wood Ditton hospital parade, 1914 06 12 p5

After the Haddenham Friendly Society parade the Bishop proceeded to Hillrow to open the new Mission Hall, a useful room where good instruction would be given and people would meet their neighbours and try to be more neighbourly than they had before. It was a place of worship as well as fellowship and training which would be a real blessing in their parish life and meetings would be held on week days, 1914 06 12 p5

Something of a sensation was caused when it became know that the plan of campaign of the Suffragettes included the burning down of King's College chapel together with the Bodleian Library at Oxford, Lichfield Cathedral and Stratford-upon-Avon church. This was revealed by 'The Standard' which claims to have possession of important information relating to the militants' plans, 1914 06 12 p6 # c.33

May week opens, 1914 06 12 p7

Farm labourers employed by Messrs Jennings at Whittlesford were told they must give up the Union or take a week's notice. But they all decided to remain loyal to the Union. The agricultural labourers' union had come to stay and since it started men had had two wage rises and were now earning two shillings a week more. All farm workers should join. It was very well for Jennings to say he can get on without Union labour but he'd be glad to have them back 1914 06 12 p7

Theft partridge eggs, Lt Wilbraham, 1914 06 12 p8

Union Society supports women's suffrage, 1914 06 12 p9 # c.33

The new School of Physiology school presented to the University by the Worshipful Company of Drapers was opened by Prince Arthur. It includes research rooms, library, x-ray room and a demonstration theatre which can be rapidly darkened. One room is given over to photographic work and includes a kinematograph which projects moving pictures on to a screen. This has a great value for teaching purposes as raid movements can be slowed and their analysis facilitated. 1914 06 12 p10, p6 # c.36.9

Hillrow land sale 1914 06 12 p10

Stretham lecture, Baptist anniversary, d Sarah Wesley1914 06 12 p11

In 1905 Bluntisham overseers assessed five acres of land in Sutton parish, including two cottages and a tollhouse, but they refused to pay. The property did not abut on Sutton parish as it did on Earith or Haddenham. Old maps showed a portion of Huntingdonshire lay on the eastern side of the Hundred Foot River. This was an artificial cut and took the place of the ancient river which was the county

boundary. Any criminal offence committed in the area could not be tried anywhere until the areas had been properly assigned to a parish. No coroner had jurisdiction and no police had powers, no education attendance could be enforced and no rates collected. 1914 06 12 p11

Soham fen Methodist chapel anniversary 1914 06 12 p11

A new pump has just been placed on the Orwell Road at Barrington by Mr Edward Conybeare who has always taken a great interest in the water supply of the village. Residents in the lower part have hitherto been obliged to go some distance for their water. The pump is the fourth and finest that he has presented to the village. Constructed by Mr H. Newton of Regent Street, Cambridge, it is of lead with a case of oak. Thee is a rest for buckets under the spout and the water drains off into a ditch near by 1914 06 12 p12

Ex-Alderman of County Council. —The death of Mr. W. J. Clark occurred at his residence, the Manor House, Thriplow, on Thursday afternoon. He had been in failing health for some years. Mr. Clark was well-known throughout the counties of Cambridge and Hertfordshire as a zealous public servant, and his genial manner won for him the highest regard and esteem of all. He was one of the first members of the Cambridgeshire County Council, and subsequently his claims to an aldermanic seat were recognised by the Council. Considerations of health resulted in Ald. Clark giving up a work which was very dear to him. As a Justice of the Peace, a Guardian member of the Melbourn Rural District Council and a member of the Thriplow Parish Council, Mr. Clark's work was performed with .a commendable thoroughness, and the public life of the district has sustained a great loss by the removal of this strong personality. For some considerable period. Mr. Clark was Chairman of the local Parish Council, and at the time of his death he held the office of overseer. Church affairs also appealed to Mr. Clark and for the past 20 years he had been intimately associated with the well-being of St. George's as a churchwarden. The deceased gentleman was a native of Thriplow, and had lived in the village for the greater part of his life. The farm occupied by Mr. Clark has been in the possession of the family for about 85 years. - 1914 06 12 CIPof

Royal Visit.—His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught paid a visit to Cambridge on Tuesday, and was accorded an enthusiastic reception. He opened the new School of Physiology which has been erected on the Downing Street site by the Worshipful Company of Drapers at a cost of £23,500. # c.02 # c.36.9- 1914 06 12 CIPof

New Vicar.—The Rev G. J Foster, the new Vicar of Barrington, has arrived in the village, and takes up residence at the Vicarage during the weekend. For some weeks Barrington has been without a parish council and without a Vicar, and the date of the election of the Council and the arrival of the Vicar coincided !!! - 1914 06 12 CIPof

Weekend Visit. — During last week - end distinguished visitors from Uganda, Prince Joseph (cousin of the King of Uganda), and Stanislaus Muganys (one of the three Regents during the minority of the young King) were accorded a hearty welcome to Cambridge. Bishop Hanlon (the first Vicar Apostolic of Uganda), who accompanied the Prince and the Regent to Cambridge, preached at Sunday evening's service at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs to a large congregation. Outside the Church, large numbers of townspeople assembled in order to get a glimpse of the visitors, who wore their picturesque native robes. # c.02 - 1914 06 12 CIPof

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OTC military tournament, Parade Ground, Grange Road p3

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Maintain roads – Chaucer Road & Corona Road objections. If Chaucer Road was a newly-made road the council would not allow the owners to build until they had made the road up to the required standard. But if the residents wanted to keep the road private and did not want water and the other benefits of civilisation they had a right to keep as they were, one councillor said. Owners had petitioned against council plans to have the road made up. But in Grange Road, Brooklands Avenue and Selwyn Gardens householders had paid and it was unfair to treat one set of ratepayers differently from another 14 06 19 p3

When the caretaker opened Linton church he found two planks in the belfry tower had been torn from the roof above, several chairs were broken and a large lump of lead lay on the floor. He suspected a visit from the suffragettes as other outrages have been frequent. It was found that the piece of lead was not a bomb but one of the clock weights which hung high in the tower. It had crashed through the belfry floor, chipped an oak beam and caused the disorder. The clock was still going. 14 06 19 p4

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Exning church parade

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May Week visitors not stay so long

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Pampisford motor crash
Information was received early on Sunday morning that suffragettes were approaching Royston by motor car so police attended both services in the parish church, the doors being locked when the service began. Police were also present in neighbouring village churches but no suffragettes appeared, though a rumour circulated that suspicious looking women were seen in the early hours. At Barkway a parcel was found in the church. PC Cross took it into the churchyard but it was found to contain nothing dangerous. 14 06 19 p7
Russian's ingratitude

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May Week gaiety

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No compulsory Greek proposals
An Inquiry was held into council proposals to borrow money to purchase a recreation ground in Newnham. It was Lammas Land where people had common rights to pasture a cow between August and April. At present it was being used for cricket, football and golf. There was no golf course, play being with a club and ball. But they had no business there which is why it should become a recreation ground giving access to the whole of the river. At present the lands belonged to colleges and others and were fenced only by hedges 14 06 19 p10 # c.32.3

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The caravan of the Women's Health Association visited Lt Ouse where an address with cinematograph pictures was given by Miss Faithful Davis in a hall at the White House Farm, kindly lent by Mrs Luddington. Next morning she gave two lectures to children at the Little Ouse and Feltwell Fen schools. All the lectures were well attended 14 06 19 p11 p11

Burwell band newly formed

Isleham residents complained to the Local Government Board about Newmarket RDC's failure to provide dwellings for the working classes. There are scores of cottages with only one bedroom and many others are empty, having been condemned as utterly unfit for habitation. Most are built of clunch, are from 80 to 100 years old and are damp and rotten. Rev Newling, when he was pastor of

the Baptist Chapel had obtained a site for cottages to be built by the RDC but since he left the matter had ceased to engage attention 14 06 19 p11

P12
Shepreth cement works accident – labourer completely buried
Godmanchester new river wall is practically complete; concrete blocks on pedestals will be placed at intervals along the top of the wall with an iron road running through holes

May Week's Decline. May Week closed on Wednesday night (writes a correspondent) and it will be remembered as the low-water mark in the long series of "Mays" which had brightened Cambridge for so many years. Tradesmen who had been interviewed were unanimous in the view that business has never been so dull during May Week as it has been this year. The gaiety and brightness which has for so long been associated with the annual social week has diminished, and it is an undeniable fact that the number of visitors to the town shows a considerable decrease as compared with that of last year. The question, "Do you think May Week is declining?" was put to many people during the past few days and the reply invariably received was "Without a doubt it is". # c.36.97 – 1914 06 19 CIPof

The Curfew Bell. At the monthly meeting of the Haverhill Urban Council on Monday, Mr.W.C. Scott said he would like to ask if there was any information about the early morning bell. He would like to ask if it cost 2s, per week. Did they not think it was time in an enlightened age to drop such ringing? He thought it was an absolute waste of money to have that bell tinkling. Mr. Unwin replied that the curfew bell has been ringing a good many years. When the Council took up the duties of the Burial Board they continued the curfew. He was sorry to say that owing to illness the ringing of the bell had recently been discontinued, but it had been rung in the evenings. Mr. Scott gave notice that at the next meeting a resolution would be proposed that the ringing of the bell be discontinued. – 1914 06 19 CIPof

Scarce. Hay carting and gooseberry picking is now the order of the day (at the Eversdens) it being splendid weather for both. It is feared plums of all kinds will be very scarce again this year, but we hear of more fortunate neighbours– 1914 06 19 CIPof

Feast. The feast was held at Lolworth this week, and many friends and relatives of the villagers assembled as usual to greet old friends and acquaintances. There were the usual stalls and swingboats for the edification of the younger generation. On Monday, Lolworth played Swavesey at home in a cricket match, and were defeated by one run. – 1914 06 19 CIPof

Whippet Racing. The Cambridge Whippet Racing Club held a meeting on the clubs grounds, Milton Road, Chesterton last evening. The attendance was up to the average, and some keen racing was witnessed, especially in the finals. 1914 06 19 CIPof

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Cambridge death rate lowest on record p4
There is no lodging house accommodation for women only in Cambridge. Two licensed houses cater for only the painted or vagrant classes. There is a need for some place to which respectable women

and girls in need of a night's lodgings could go. Formerly they were taken at the White Ribbon Coffee Tavern on East Road but this has stopped. Now the council have purchased a house for the purpose and plans for conversion are underway 14 06 26 p4 # c.27.4

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A wife said her husband had been an engine driver and in 1904 went to Canada. He returned in 1913 and settled at Fenstanton on an income of 500 dollars from a farm in Manitoba. He accused her of spying on him and gave her a box on the ears. Then he got a stick and gave her a good thrashing. He was usually kind but when in drink used to threaten her. He said he had to be master in his own house. 14 06 26 p8
Reach Vicar thrashed youth p8
There were two rescues from drowning at the Ladies Bathing Sheds. There were about 200 ladies and children when one lady tried to stand and found she was out of her depth, this unnerved her and she sank. The assistant, Miss King jumped in fully dressed and swan to her aid but could do little until the custodian, Mrs Alden, came to her assistance. So far gone was she that artificial respiration had to be resorted to. Later Mrs Alden, who had changed into her swimming costume, jumped in and pulled out another lady. 14 06 26 p8 # c.38 : swimming

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It was the practice for bodies of paupers who had died at Linton workhouse to be taken by bearers straight to the grave on the hearse. But relatives of a Duxford person had wanted to take the body before it went to the graveyard for interment so they could put handles and a breastplate on the coffin to give the impression the funeral was a private one. This would be allowed in future but the body must be buried that day. Otherwise relatives would be keeping it for several days. 14 06 26 p12

The Storms. During the past week Cambridge has been visited by two severe thunderstorms. On Friday the lightning was very vivid at times, and following one vivid flash, a horse, belonging to Mr. Lander, Merton Cottage, Grantchester, fell down on the Mill Road and expired. The animal had been killed by the lightning. Another storm burst over the town on Sunday afternoon and although of short duration, was very sharp while it lasted. Some hours before the storm burst the sky had been overcast.

About 2 o'clock several heavy claps of thunder were heard, and rain began to descend in torrents. In places large hall-stones fell. Vivid flashes of forked lightning preceded each crash of thunder. A house in Histon Road was struck, damage being done to a chimney. Two ladies, Mrs. Lumb and her daughter, who were standing opposite, received a bad shock, the elder lady being knocked down and rendered unconscious. Another flash appears to have struck the Queen's Arms public house in Histon Road. Two chimneys were damaged and a signboard destroyed. Several things inside the house were destroyed, including a looking glass, which, although thrown several feet away, remained intact. There were many instances of basements being flooded. The storm was all over in half an hour, and the remainder of the day was fine. – 1914 06 26 CIPof

Cambridge Man Knighted. Among those who receive the honour of Knighthood in the Birthday Honours List is James George Frazer, Esq. LL.D., D.C.L. Mr. Frazer is a Fellow of Trinity College, and has been Professor of Social Anthropology at Liverpool since 1907. He is the author of "The Golden Bough," and of works on Oriental religions, the customs and beliefs of savages, etc. He is a Fellow of the British Academy, and holds Honorary Degrees at Oxford, Glasgow and Durham. He was born at Glasgow in 1854. – 1914 06 26 CIPof

A Much Esteemed Incumbent. The death of the Rev. Arthur J. Edmonds, Vicar of Great Gransden, is a matter of deep regret to his many friends in the neighbourhood. Mr. Edmonds, who was a scholar of Clare College, Cambridge, was presented to the living of Great Gransden by his college in 1884, so that he has been Vicar of that parish for 30 years. Soon after his appointment he set himself to work to raise the necessary funds to purchase the present handsome organ, which is such a valuable addition to the church. Mr. Edmonds took much interest in various matters being especially fond of archaeology and antiquities generally, and was a member of the Cambs. and Hunts. Archaeological Society, of which he was at one time hon. secretary. – 1914 06 26 CIPof

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railwaymen's union meeting 14 07 03 # c.26.2

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Mr Ablewhite described a visit to a shelter provided by the Insurance Committee for a consumptive patient at Cheveley. He had expected to find a fine building, well provided with medical officers, nurses and equipment, instead of which he found a small wooden building, only capable of holding a bed and a chair, set up in the backyard of a cottage. But such shelters in cottage gardens are giving excellent results and consumption is cured by fresh air and food, not by bricks and mortar. 14 07 03

Sir – some weeks ago Toft School Managers petitioned the County Council to erect a danger sign to warn motorists of the proximity of the school. Last week the Surveyor's employee called to ask this signal be erected on the grass bordering my rectory hedge. I demurred and suggested it be placed on the opposite side of the road. Now I have been sent a bill for payment of the labour work since I declined to have it placed on the rectory roadside. I have paid the shilling charged but surely those of us who pay heavy rates are entitled to a little consideration without incurring the penalty of a fine – Rev T. Orbell, Toft 14 07 03

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Land & housing campaign
Lightning strikes houses Histon, St Ives, Kingston, Toft, Comberton, Wimpole, Elsworth

Oakington houses poor: Inspector of nuisances reported a bad case of overcrowding at Oakington where a small cottage with one lean-to bedroom was occupied by a man and wife and six children. There was also said to be a lodger. There were no other houses in the village at all. They had been trying to build some cottages for six months but had been unable to do so. Under the present circumstances it looked as if no cottage would be built for at least twelve months. The landlord would not spend a penny on the place. The Medical officer applied for a closing order. In another house occupied by an elderly couple the landlord did not care whether it was closed or not. His tenants did not Pay much rent and he would probably use it as stables or warehousing. Three houses adjoining one another were extremely old and very dilapidated and the inspector felt almost afraid to walk across the bedroom floor. Mr Rowley asked if they could not have a good fire there. It would be a good thing provided no one was hurt. But it was a serious thing to close five houses in one parish. The people could not find houses. But these could be repaired and put in order but the landlord objected to do any repairs and unofficially he declined to do any. A closing order did not mean ejectment. It gave the landlord warning to repair the houses and make them habitable or close them. 14 07 03

Open air meeting in Cambridge: A thousand men engaged in agriculture would automatically provide for at lease another thousand in various manufacturing industries. By enabling a greater number of people to live on the land they would provide more work for people in the towns. That was the only way to find a permanent solution to the problems of unemployment. 14 07 03

The Government had decided to build 120,000 cottages in rural districts to supply the present shortage and they would continue to build to meet the growing demand. Such cottages would be provided with gardens as large as the applicants could cultivate and would be available not only for farm labourers but for town workers as well. Cheap transit would be established so that townsmen could travel a few miles to and from their work at fares they could well afford to pay. The municipalities would still have the duty of housing the working classes in their areas satisfactorily and unless they did not do so they would not receive grants of many millions per annum which Mr Lloyd George was doing to set aside for the relief of local rates. They would be able to purchase land for this and all other public purposes at its fair market value, the price being set by Commissioners. That would bring to any end the extortionate prices which public authorities had been compelled t pay for land in the past. Speeches were cut short by the rain. 14 07 03
Teversham Free Church reopens after restoration

P8
Crime committed by youths has always been common in Cambridge. If thieving is more common here, it is because of the much greater temptations. The stealing of bicycles and their accessories is one of the commonest crimes, due largely to the careless manner in which the machines are left about by undergraduates. It is sad to think that robberies by youths are becoming more frequent but this is due to greater laxity on the part of parents in the control of their children p8
The Eastern Counties Circus Company, better know as the Gaiety Theatre, Auckland Road, was incorporated in September 1913. The management spent lavishly on fittings, furniture & advertising but expenditure always exceeded receipts. Then the managing director resigned and Torben Ltd worked it as a cinematograph theatre and variety show. But they made no money and left. Since then it has been empty. Now it is to close 14 07 03 # c.76
Fulbourn asylum extension

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Colne potato grower

Several striking agricultural labourers at Ashwell were accused of assault and preventing work. They deprived Alfred Hagger of his fork to compel him to abstain from haymaking. He ran through a field of corn for the police but the men followed, swearing and saying they would knock his head in. The constable had to draw his truncheon. He told the court the men had been going about with flags and with so much shouting that labourers had left work. They were mad with excitement and all in drink.

P10
Cambridge Workhouse needed a new boiler and pipes for the kitchen. There were serious structural defects. The cooking arrangements were antiquated, the stove out of repair, and the boiler liable to burst at any moment. The smell of cooking and heat from the kitchen made the Master's room most unpleasant. Greasy water overflowed on to the floor, the drain grease trap had partially rotted away. A large boiler in a shed supplied the hot water for cleaning the House and was a meeting place for all the male and female cleaners. The laundry had insufficient space and had no labour saving contrivances 14 07 03 # c.32.9

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Thunderstorm Ely area
Haddenham foal show
Burwell Gardiner Memorial Hall to be erected - details

P12
Godmanchester pubs closed
Barrington houses inquiry into housing accommodation found many cases of insanitary conditions and overcrowding and difficulties had been experienced in dealing with such cottages because they had problems finding better accommodation or indeed accommodation at all. The cottages they had at present were not large enough for their families, or the young men wanted to be married and could not find accommodation. If the public authority were to build cottages they could not work them at the present rents and wanted to know what rent applicant felt himself able to pay. If thje council were to build some cottages and let them at a rent what was not sufficient to pay the cost, the ratepayers would make up the deficiency.. 14 07 03

Dr Anningson said he and the Health Inspector had been handicapped in dealing with questions of overcrowding owing to dilapidated houses. There were houses which were unfit, but because there were no others to live in they were occupied. If a better class of cottages were built there would be a move up from the smaller and worse cottages on the part of those who could afford to pay the higher rent and set the smaller houses free for smaller families and for those who could not afford a small rent. Mr Douglas said he was living in a cottage that was not big enough for the family, and he did not know where to get another one. Barrington parish council wrote twelve months ago saying there were sufficient cottages for the need of the parish under normal conditions. It was not apparent that newly-married couples had any difficulty in getting accommodation. That might be altered now There were forty people in Barrington who worked in Shepreth; were they going to provide cottages for them in Shepreth. William Hunt said his wife had to live in one room, and he in another, because they could not get a house. H. Neve wanted a cottage. He was a single man and wanted to get married. Mr Conder said each cottage ought to have a little piece of ground to go with it. They wanted a garden, a fair-sized one where they could grown vegetables. There ought to be a quarter of an acre with every house, and never less. If you allow a quarter of an acre, you will make the rents more. The council could not build cottages at half-a-crown a week. Nothing less than 3/6 would cover the expense of building. They would consider making them worth a little more by adding a piece of ground. They could build lath and plaster houses cheaper. They would last a couple of hundred years. They are much more comfortable and much drier that brick houses and they will last a sufficient length of time. But it is the Local Government Board who have a fixed idea as to what cottages should be 14 07 03

Squire of Bartlow. I know (writes Free Lance) I shall be voicing the feeling of the whole district in extending to the Squire of Bartlow and his gracious lady all felicitous wishes on their 25th matrimonial anniversary. Amongst all sections of the community, the Rev. C. H. and Mrs.

Brocklebank are as highly esteemed as they are popular, and the generous and lovable nature of both has endeared them not only to those who reside on the Bartlow estate, but also to the residents in a wide district around. That they may be spared to reach the Golden Wedding era is a wish that will find a ready echo in the heart of all – 1914 07 03 CIPof

Marriage. A large congregation assembled at Pampisford Church on Monday when the wedding of Mr. J. J. Bailey, of Sawston, and Miss Bass, of Pampisford was solemnised. Considerable local interest was taken in the marriage. For many years Mr. Bailey has been associated with local political and religious life, and his prowess in the cricket field is well-known- During the past ten years, Mr. Bailey has been secretary to the Babraham, Pampisford and Sawston Conservative Association. He has also been closely identified with the work of the Congregational Sunday School, of which he has been a secretary, and has captained the Sawston Cricket Club. He is also a manager of the local schools. Mr. John James Bailey is a son of the late Mr. John Bailey and Mrs. Bailey, and Miss Ethel Laura Kate Bass, of Pampisford, is a daughter of the late Mr, and Mrs. Henry Bass of Victoria Park, Cambridge. There was a large attendance of members of the Babraham, Pampisford and Sawston Conservative Association at the White Lion. Sawston, when a presentation of a canteen of table silver and cutlery and a cheque was made to Mr. Bailey. At a special general meeting of the Sawston Church Institute Cricket Club, a silver mounted tray, suitably inscribed, was also presented to him. – 1914 07 03 CIPof

New Knight. At a levee held on Monday, among those who were introduced into the King's presence and had conferred upon them the honour of knighthood was Professor J. Frazer, of Trinity and St. Keyne's, Grange. Road, Cambridge. – 1914 07 03 CIPof

Lamb Sale. The 32nd annual lamb sale was held by Mr. R. T. Simpson at Newmarket on Friday, when 2,200 Suffolk ewe and wether and 450 half-breds were penned from noted flocks in the district. The numbers were about 500 short of last year, partly accounted for, of course, by the smaller fall of lambs this season. The quality, however, was a marked improvement upon the previous year, the lambs, taken all through, being full of condition and strong. There was a very large attendance of buyers from Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambs and Herts. Trade was sharp, with an advance on last year's sale of 6s to 7s per head for best lambs and 2s on middle-class. The top price obtained for Suffolk was 53s. which was paid for a pen of two-score wether from Mr. J. E. Clover's flock. The highest figure for half-breds was reached in 43s. given for 50 first-cross from Mr. P. Holland, Kennett– 1914 07 03 CIPof

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Bradley’s teeth: 27 years steadily increasing reputation. Time has proved Bradley’s Teeth to be satisfactory right from the beginning. If you require Artificial Teeth send for a free book to F.W. Bradley who attends at Llandaff Chambers, 4 Regent Street on Mondays and Saturdays. Also at Thompson’s chemist Fore Hill Ely, W.H. Clayton’s saddler Huntingdon, G.A. Smith’s St Ives and Bobby’s chemists at Soham: advertisement
Balsham flower show
Newmarket hospital parade

P4
Joseph Chamberlain, statesman, his Cambridge visit

Cambridge Voluntary Aid Detachments and Red Cross held an exercise at Newnham College. It assumed severe fighting had been going on in Norfolk and a large number of casualties had been sent to the First Eastern General Hospital. When another train load of wounded arrived they received orders to convert Sidgwick Hall into a temporary hospital where eleven beds were provided and patients were treated for crushed hands and fractured tibia Other nurses were prepared splints and bandages and a sceptic ward was set up 14 07 10 p4 # c.45.5

Gaol closure female side: The Chief Constable reported that as there were so few prisoners, the female side of Cambridge Prison had been closed, and in future all commitments of women will have to be made to the prisons at Ipswich and Northampton 14 07 10 p4 # c.37.9

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Land & housing campaign
Suffragette campaign Market Hill: Cambridge Women's Suffrage Association organising a series of open-air meetings on Market Hill every Tuesday evening during July.
Cartoon women bathing

P6
Miss P.H. Peckover's Wisbech Local Peace Campaign comprised eight thousand men women and children bound by the declaration that war is contrary to the mind of Christ. She had spent a little fortune in helping the movement, publishing a quarterly magazine, Peace & Goodwill' and her beautiful home had long been a place of pilgrimage

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Women's work in Cambridge
Cycling club sports
Red Cross Field Day: a hostile force had landed at Cromer and much fighting was taking place, forcing the First Eastern General Hospital, normally stationed here to transfer to Bedford. Wounded from a make-believe battle near Duxford … were taken by field ambulances to a field hospital at Whittlesford Station where he platform was used for refreshment and for re-bandaging the less serious wounded. Temporary wards were erected in the station yard to be filled with the 'wounded', represented by Perse School Boy Scouts who arrived in railway goods van. 14 07 10 # c.45.5

P8
Barrington feast sequel
At Wicken Henry Houghton spotted something floating in the river. It was a body wrapped up in a white blanket, nightgown and man's coat. He had not seen it earlier but passing barges may have moved it or it could have floated down the river for miles. The baby girl had been born alive and had lived a month. There was nothing to show whether it died a natural death or was murdered. It was the third time in a month that the body of a young baby has been found in the Cam.

Eight Ashdon men convicted of disturbances during the agricultural workers' strike refused to pay the fines, saying they preferred prison. The union expressed its willingness to pay the fines but the men refused the offer. 200 strikers from Helions Bumpstead, Sturmer and other places marched to Saffron Walden carrying flags, hayrakes and sticks and singling labour songs to devotional tunes. Several officers were stationed outside the police station to prevent them entering. The invasion caused much excitement

Waterbeach disturbance – Gotobed
Swine fever treatment

P9
Cambridge Corporation had taken a strip of land from Sidney Sussex College for the widening of Sidney Street and Jesus Lane. They built a 12-high wall in place of the existing one, part of the old Franciscan Priory. The college claimed £1,763 compensation for the rebuilding of their old fives

court. But it had been very seldom used and was very dilapidated. The Corporation claimed the land taken was worth much less as there was never any prospect of its sale for building purposes 14 07 10 # c.44.6

Perse school teaching of Greek
Grantchester mill pit accident: A visitor took his wife for a peaceful evening excursion to Grantchester mill pool. But then without any warning the mill sluice was opened, releasing a torrent of water. The canoe was capsized immediately and the couple thrown into the water. Although the wife could swim the modern fashion in skirts did not allow any freedom of movement and she found herself in difficulties. While onlookers gawped a butcher's lad waded into the river and drew her out and a passing nurse rendered assistance.

P10
Territorial drill hall, Ely rifle range no good

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Hardwick houses struck by lightning
Histon feast : Police banned the abominable water squirt with which young ladies attracted the attention of the lads. But there was no lack of frivolity, the paper reported with gay 'flappers' greatly assisting the merriment. Who minded a tickle under the chin with a feather or a handful of confetti in one's face when it came from a pretty young Miss? Thurston's 'switch-back railway' and 'jolly joy wheel' were on the green together with photographers and artists supplying pencil portraits. Every merchant seemed to be doing a big business. & p4

Farmhouse Struck by lightning. —During the heavy storm which passed over this village (Hardwick) on Wednesday week, a farmhouse occupied by Mr. Miller was struck by lightning, damaging the house in certain places Mrs. Miller was inside with her sister-in-law, who was struck by a brick which fell from the chimney, being cut severely about the head Mrs. Miller was also stunned. The house was at first thought to be on fire, but no further damage was done – 1914 07 10 CIPof

"Merrie England."—The Cambridge Choral Society are to be highly congratulated on the excellent performance of the Concert Version of "Merrie England" which they save last evening in the Cambridge Guildhall. Without disparagement to the previous efforts of the Society this showed a distinct advance, and great praise is due to Mr. Harry Bedwell for the work he has put in in training both chorus and orchestra. We feel sure he feels amply repaid by the excellent rendering secured. The chorus work, with the exception of some weak leads in the first part, was very creditable, though at times there was a tendency to sacrifice quality for quantity among the sopranos. The balance of parts was good. The orchestra too showed improvement. Faulty Intonation was somewhat frequent among the wood wind, and in the accompaniments to the songs, the most difficult part of the orchestral work, there was sometimes noticed a lack of sympathy with the soloist. The Rustic dance and jig gave a good opportunity, which was taken full advantage of. Of the soloists, nothing but praise can be said, and their part singing, duet and quartet, was admirable. – 1914 07 10 CIPof

Female Side Closed.—At Friday's meeting of the Cambs. Quarter Sessions, it was reported that the female side of the Cambridge Prison had been closed # c.34.9– 1914 07 10 CIPof

Borough Council Sued. At the Surveyors' Institution, St. George's Street, London, S.W. on Friday, the arbitration was opened in the matter of "The Masters, Fellows and Scholars of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Cambridge."It was stated that the claim was made by the College authorities in respect to the taking (compulsorily) of a strip of land by the latter in connection with the widening of Sidney Street and Jesus Lane. Cambridge. The total claim on behalf of the College authorities amounted to about £2.650. The award was reserved. # c.35.7– 1914 07 10 CIPof

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Stretham sale land G.P. Sennitt, Brook Lane

P2
Red Cross field day, Old North Road

P4
Flower shows, Sawston, Coton, Shelford, Haslingfield
Over garden fete
Balfour portrait presented Trinity

P5
Workhouse defects
The parishes of St Philip and St Barnabas have been enriched by the gift of six new almshouses which Mrs Waters has recently endowed and built on her land in Seymour Street, Vinery Road. They are intended for old age pensions of 70 upwards; three will be occupied by old ladies from each parish. They are of good quality red brick with a living room, bedroom and scullery fitted with a sink. The coal hole and lavatory adjoin the scullery. Mrs Waters selected the first tenants.14 07 17 p5 # c.32.9
Women's franchise meeting
Death W.H. Apthorpe, brewer 14 07 17 p5 # c.27.41
Farrier-Major Hagger funeral

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The Ortona Motor Bus Company agreed to make payment to the council for every mile their buses travelled on their roads to cover wear and tear. This meant where traffic was very heavy the motor buses would pay for all expense and something over. Both recognised that the council had no real legal claim but Mr Walford was most anxious to meet them. However the Motor Bus Company was not prepared to give them anything whatever. The huge 'buses running an almost continuous stream every six or seven minutes were sufficient for public service but their speed should be regulated 14 07 17 p7 # c.26.46

Carriage bridge – footbridge preferred
Over funeral Ridley Richardson

Sir – do Ely tradesmen and licensed victuallers want to lose the fishermen? The state of the river on match day eclipsed all records for weeds. Fishing and boating was absolutely impossible. Men who had come over a hundred miles to fish their match could not do so and hundreds who would have stopped in the town cleared off disgusted. It is time something was done to get rid of the weeds, if we are to retain our visitors - Elian

P8
South African farms include Albert Peake

Women constables were needed in Cambridge to look after the girls. It would be a most valuable innovation if they had one or two women to go about at night and influence the young girls about in the streets and take them home. There was a need of them in public parks and open spaces. Their work would be entirely in connection with women, girls and young children, Miss Cochrane said. But no other Guardians agreed. 14 07 17 p8 # c.34.7

P9
Over bathing fatality

An attendance officer testified that he'd found a 12-year-old lad employed in picking up potatoes in a field when he should be at Gamlingay school. The boy had gone with his father's breakfast and begged to be allowed to stay and help him. His mother alleged the schoolmaster employed boys to dig his private garden when they were marked as in attendance at school. Magistrates said that perhaps the schoolmaster was teaching them gardening. "I don't think he was. He was in school at the time", she relied

A serious fire at Cherry Hinton razed Stevens and Harvey's carpenter's shop to the ground and gutted an adjoining cottage occupied by John Cooper, a labourer. The heat had dried the thatch to tinder and the wind was sufficient to carry sparks to the roof of a cottage adjacent to the shop. The workshop was beyond salvation, being stocked with wood, paints and turpentine. The whole population of the village turned out to see the fire but could give no help

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Agricultural show Ely

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Stretham mission hall
Sutton Wesleyan chapel foundation stone *

P12
Rampton manor house not sold with estate
Haddenham sale H.T. Camps estate

County Show.—The 51st annual show of the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Agricultural Society was held at Ely on Tuesday in glorious weather. This year's exhibition will certainly rank among the Society's successes, for not only were the entries well up to the average, but, thanks to the fine weather, the attendance was very satisfactory, whilst the quality of the exhibits was high The show was held in a paddock just off the Littleport road, kindly placed at the disposal of the Society by Mr T, B. Granger. There was an unusually fine display of implements. So far as the entries were concerned there was a good average in the Shires and Hackneys, some of the classes being very strong. Quite a record was set up in the cattle section, the dairy cattle being an especially fine lot. In one class there were 19 entries, although in some of the others the numbers were not so satisfactory. After an interval of 12 years pigs were re-introduced, but probably owing to the fact not being very widely known, the entries were not so .large as might have been expected. If the restrictions permit, the prizes will be continued another year, when it may be confidently anticipated the section will be better supported. The arrangements were admirably carried out, while the judging gave very general satisfaction – 1914 07 17 CIPof

Death of the Earl of Ellesmere. The death occurred on Monday morning of the Earl of Ellesmere at Bridgewater, where he had been lying for some days in a critical condition The news was received with great regret at Stetchworth and Newmarket, where His Lordship was very popular and always regarded as a first rate sportsman and landlord He was born in 1847, and while he was still at school his father died, and he succeeded to the family titles and estates as third Earl of Ellesmere. The Earl took a comparatively small part in politics, his chief interest, apart from the many claims his wealth and position made upon him. Being given to racing, Lord Ellesmere leaves surviving four sons and five daughters. His eldest son, Viscount Brackley, who succeeds to the title, was born in 1872, is married and has three daughters – 1914 07 17 CIPof

101 Years Old.—In a little cottage, situated on the Cambridge Road close to the Great Northern Railway Bridge, Great Shelford, there lives today a wonderful old lady. Mrs. Mary Ann Moor, a native of Cambridge, but who has spent very many years at Shelford, celebrated her 101st birthday on Tuesday. She is, unfortunately, suffering from a fractured shoulder and this has necessitated her spending her birthday in her bedroom For all this she was cheerful, chatted with her friends, helped to

eat her birthday cake, enjoyed some fruit and partook of a glass of port in celebration of the event. – 1914 07 17 CIPof

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Littleport show
Histon show

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Melbourn & Meldreth show
Orwell Nags Head pub new plan

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Ely Wanderers football club

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Suffragette meeting
Diocesan Mission lectures
Cheshunt College to open October - & p6
Littleport Methodist convention

P5
National Union of Vehicular Workers trade union meeting on Parker's Piece heard many workers were underpaid and underfed. When taxis came to Cambridge the old cab-drivers should have been given the chance of leaning the new trade. Instead the taxies were the property of private firms 14 07 24 # c.32.5 # c.26.47
New Theatre & Redfern; since he had been a little boy at school in Dorset he founded theatres. In the old days they had to put up with rowdy entertainments in the Town Hall and the town had appreciated his efforts. They had done very well on the bars – not so much on sale of drink but sweets, chocolates and temperance drinks. Picture palaces on wane, university behaviour getting better 14 07 24 # c.76
Burwell hospital parade

P6
Gamlingay school gardens
Ely river

P7
Playhouse stopped showing boxing film
Cottenham foal show & sports
Saville Peck president Brit Pharmaceutical Conference

The whole of the Watts' Timber Yard on Newmarket Road., including sawmills, drying sheds and kilns were destroyed by fire. The blaze started in the stoke hole from which flames spread to the engine room and brick-making shed adjoining. The saw-mill nearby, containing a lot of wood, was soon alight and the wind blowing from Newmarket Road swept the blaze to the drying sheds and kilns where workmen removed the bricks. The tall chimney was expected to fall at any moment but the gable end of the saw-mill fell outwards, just missing firemen standing beneath it. However sheds holding valuable stock of flooring boards were put out. 14 07 24 # c.34.75

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Licences – Butchers Arms, Rutland Arms, Ram, Rose, Red House 14 07 24 # c.27.4
Balsham vet Westgate inquest

P9
Shows & sports

P10
When W.H. Moult took up the position of head at Soham Grammar School in 1855 it consisted of one room divided by a partition. Only one part was occupied owing to the small number of pupils. That one room had to be used as a dining room and a sitting room for the masters. Mr Mould came from Suffolk and a large number of pupils followed him, many of whom came from Germany, Bordeaux, Normandy and Paris. Within six months he had to have an assistant. Today instead of 12 pupils there is an average of 65. There is a laboratory and woodwork department and a row of cottages alongside have been purchased. No corporal punishment has ever been administered

Burwell bargee to Lynn, lives Upware

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John Titterton, the artist, sportsman, photographer came to Ely as a young man where he lived for nearly 60 years. His father had been the Governor of Peterborough Gaol and Superintendent of rural police at Cambridge; he had taken part in the Battle of Waterloo and rescued the Duke of Wellington when mobbed at Apsley House. John became fascinated by astronomy and took photographs of solar spots, receiving encouragement from Sir John Herschel. He was a successful photographer in the time of the wet plate process and it was pathetic to look through thousands of old negatives and realised how many Ely friends had passed away. Titterton was a racy and versatile writer and as a representative of the Press he wrote a great deal of copy relating to old Ely. He was also a clever artist and his painting were greatly admired. Many were of an historical character, the most famous being 'The building of Ely Minster'. 14 07 24 # c.65.5

Lt Downham show & sports

The farm labourers strike is continuing and in view of the nearness of the harvest steps are being taken to import labour. Mr Webb of Streetly End has charge of recruiting and has been to Cambridge on market days endeavouring to secure 150 men, offering £8 a month plus lodgings. All classes of men are being taken on. At Weston Colville practically all workers reconsidered their decision and accepted the harvest upon the terms offered. But then they were advised by a Union official and again 'downed tools' leaving farmers with only a dozen hands between them. On Wednesday many of the strikers were enjoying a game of cricket 14 07 24 # c.22

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Cottenham VAD
Whittlesford festival

Disastrous Fire. Considerable damage was done at Cambridge on Wednesday by a serious outbreak of fire at the premises of Messrs. Watts and Sons Ltd. Newmarket Road. The firm's works, which include timber sawmills, drying sheds and kilns, were almost entirely destroyed by the flames, and the damage to property is estimated at several thousands of pounds. # c.34.75 – 1914 07 24 CIPof

Sunstroke. Owing to the excessive heat on Tuesday Mr. Frederick Lofts, a farm labourer, working for Mr. Robert Brand, of the Grange Farm, Duxford, was taken ill with sunstroke. He also had a lucky escape from being burnt to death, for Lofts and Mr. Sayers were burning some rubbish in the farmyard when Lofts became unconscious and fell on the fire. Mr. Sayers, who was close by, ran up and pulled him off. He then called for assistance, and Mr. Lofts was sent home in a cart. He had sunstroke 24 years ago. We are pleased to say he is progressing very favourably. – 1914 07 24 CIPof

Large Eggs. A hen, the property of Mr. W. Housden (Gt. Shelford) has laid some large eggs of late. One last week weighed 4½ ozs. and measured 7 in. round. Another, laid the following day, weighed 320ZS- and measured 6½ ins. round. – 1914 07 24 CIPof

Field Day. The Voluntary Aid Detachments from Over, Willingham, Cottenham, Swavesey and Fen Drayton held a field day at Swavesey on Saturday last. The school was turned into a field hospital and a goods shed at the station into an entraining depot. Field kitchens were erected on the Green, and nurses in uniform were busily engaged in relieving the wounded. As the cases were operated and dressed, the field ambulance wagon removed them to the entraining station. – 1914 07 24 CIPof

Cottenham Foal Show. The Cottenham Shire and Hackney Foal Show, held in the grounds of Mr. T. lvatt and Mr. W. Coxall at Cottenham yesterday, was attended by a large company. Although the entries at this, the 29th exhibition under the auspices of the Society, showed a slight decrease in those of last year, the quality of the animals left nothing to be desired. The weather conditions were dull, but the threatening rain fortunately held off and considerable interest was manifested in the judging by those who lined the ropes of the ring– 1914 07 24 CIPof

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Stetchworth Park Estate

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Lower Hare Park fete
Littleport swimming sport
Isleham flower show
Territorials in camp

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Aldreth causeway should be reinstated
County Council officials should only be present at meetings when matters directly referring to their duties are discussed. Now they were all together at County Hall they could be quickly found in their offices if needed. What interest had the Education Secretary in Roads and Bridges? “Uses a motor car” said a voice. It was a waste of time. Sometimes there were nearly as many officials as members of council. If he was an official he would long to get away rather than be bored hour, after hour, Coun Adams said. 14 07 31

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Gipsy Smith first meeting Ely as missioner
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Bottisham drowning in well, Boy Scout

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Stuntney polling station
Ely speed motors
An accident occurred at Lt Downham to the wife of an old Army pensioner. Mrs Margaret Moxon, who is 60 years of age, has a wooden leg and while in her yard the leg broke and she fell, breaking her sound leg. She was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital by motor
Soham water supply
Sir Charles Waldstein wrote to the RDC respecting condemned cottages at Newton. Two where inhabited by men in his employ. He considered it his duty to provide his men with sanitary dwellings and was considering how to do this, but asked for proceedings to be delayed. But there was danger of the inhabitants being crushed under the roofs of the houses and they should not continue to be inhabited.

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Linton speed limit
Histon aeroplane seen
Histon rail crossing repaired, footbridge wanted

One corner of Histon green has been cultivated by residents living opposite for a good many years. But now the council has purchased the manorial rights they are anxious to have all their property and asked tenants what rights they had to use it. Now a board has been erected saying ‘for sale as a building site’. But as it is so near the brook such development is ridiculous.

The first batch of imported labourers left Cambridge when eight men travelled to Walter Price’s farm at Rylands, Steeple Bumpstead. The news soon spread and the premises became the centre of demonstration by striking farm labourers. The occupation of a tenement near the estate was resented and the tiles and windows were smashed. The demonstrations continued next day, the strikers booing and shouting outside the gates which were guarded by police 14 07 31 # c.22

Friendly Society Worker. Of the many Friendly Society stalwarts in Cambridgeshire, few are held in higher esteem than Mr. J. M. Taylor, of Histon, Past Patriarch, etc., of the Sons of Temperance Friendly Society. It can be said of Bro. Taylor more, perhaps, than of most friendly society men, that he is a born organiser. Few are more gifted in this respect, and the growth of the S.O.T. Order throughout the Country can be traced largely to his unbounded enthusiasm and keenness in spreading the friendly society gospel and to his great interest in the temperance cause. Thoroughness characterises his work, for he believes firmly in the old adage that what is worth doing is worth doing well. He is a native of Camberwell.- 1914 07 31 CIPof

Death of Mr. J, A. P. Titterton. We regret to record the death, which occurred after a long illness, of Mr. John Titterton, one of Ely's oldest and respected citizens. The deceased gentleman, who was 84 years of age, was the only son of the late Mr. John Titterton who was Governor of Peterborough Gaol and previously Chief Constable and Superintendent of the Rural Police at Cambridge, of which he was the organiser. An artist, sportsman, photographer, antiquarian and astronomer, the deceased went to Ely as a young man, residing there for nearly 60 years. He was assisted in scientific matters by Professor Selwyn. He became fascinated by astronomy and did good work under the Royal Astronomical Society in completing an entire series of photographs of the solar system. Mr. Titterton had also the reputation of being a clever artist, his oil and water colour paintings being much admired

by all who viewed them. A well-known, and even famous picture, "The building of Ely Minster", was from his brush, and he also possessed several others of an historical character. # c.65 .- 1914 07 31 CIPof

Aeroplane.—On Tuesday morning, the residents of this village (Eversden) were greatly excited at seeing a biplane soaring overhead in a north-easterly direction. .- 1914 07 31 CIPof

Teachers' Scale Criticised. A meeting of the Cambs. Teachers' Association was held at Cambridge on Saturday to consider the new scale of salaries for the County. Mr. H. G. Powell, who spoke on "The Salaries Movement in Cambridgeshire", said the increase in teachers' salaries had been anticipated for a long while. Teachers in Cambridge could not congratulate themselves on the generosity of their salaries. Class teachers were not paid well enough to enable them to fulfil their proper duties. It was impossible to obtain a man's highest standard for a paltry £120 a year, and it was unfair to pay fully qualified teachers that amount (Applause). A member of the Education Committee has expressed the opinion that it was impossible for a secondary school teacher (then grammar school) to live decently on £160 to £170 a year. # c.36 - 1914 07 31 CIPof

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The army reservists, including a dozen members of the police force, received orders to join the colours without delay. About 20 left Cambridge station that evening by the mail trail. They received a hearty send off from a crowd of 250 which included a cornet player from the Salisbury Club. The train was a little late and the men had a long wait which was enlivened when the crowd sang patriotic songs. When the train steamed out the crowd sang ‘Auld Lang Syne’ and cheered till it was out of sight

The Cambridge squadron of the Royal Suffolk Yeomanry paraded and were sent to their billets at Ross Street school and the County Girls School. A number of others were quartered in the Corn Exchange. The streets presented a military appearance. Territorials in uniform carrying their kit bags and rifles were to be seen. Officers in motorcars or motor cycles and orderlies on bicycles were hurrying to and fro, sentries with fixed bayonets were posted at the Corn Exchange and vehicular traffic stopped by the police 14 08 07

Men of the First Eastern General Hospital were quartered in Corn Exchange Street. An elaborate scheme was drawn up fir constituting Cambridge a great hospital centre and the various college buildings were mapped out for conversion into wards. But this scheme is intended in case of invasion and it is to be hoped will never be needed. At present the need is for accommodation at places were wounded men are likely to be landed 14 08 07

Local farmers have expressed fears they will not be able to get through their harvest because the Government wants their horses for military purposes. But definite instructions have been given not to take any horses required for harvest. At the same time horses are greatly needed and the public will be

doing a great and patriotic service if they will place all they can possibly spare at the disposal of the government by notifying the nearest police station. Major Phillips of the Hussars is in Newmarket purchasing hacks for the Government. Prices offered are as high as £50 for anything special. Army officers and men are similarly engaged in Cambridge

Prices of provisions have been forced up almost to famine pitch by the selfish actions of people who are laying in large supplies. The cost of all foodstuffs have gone up by leaps and bounds: on Tuesday sugar and butter rose a halfpenny a pound, flour four pence a stone and butter to one shilling and sixpence. Cambridge Co-op admits there was a temporary shortage but there is sufficient stuff at the docks and there should be no real shortage. Butchers decided to raise the price of meat due to the increased cost of cattle and pigs. Mt Adkins said he was selling the bone with the meat at the same price for which he previously sold the meat alone

On the news of German and French mobilisation there was a general exodus of students of both nationalities who were attending the Summer Meeting. On Sunday morning a group of about a dozen German students were on the station platform early, waiting for the first train to London

J.M. Keynes, lecturer in Political Economy and a specialist on questions of currency and finance, was summoned to the Treasury to confer with the Government on the financial crisis. The Hon Neil Primrose, MP, is one of nearly a hundred members of Parliament who have left for active service

Rise in food prices
Colleges simplify dinners
Newmarket horses for army
Foreign students leave
Scouts prepare
John Wesley letter Belgium

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Summer meeting

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Mammoth show double parachute descent from balloon owned by Spencer Brothers; descended in field near Milton Road level crossing; balloon landed near Baitsbite Lock. Ascents for passengers

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Several young men from Fulbourn, including Reservists and Territorials left to serve their country. Others were seen making their way from Sawston to Whittlesford station, a great crowd assembled at Willingham station to see their men leave men leave. At Swaffham Prior James Fordham, a labourer, was summoned for leaving his employer without notice. But he was a reservist who had been called up to serve his country and the charge was dropped.
Linton war hospital *

The European Blaze,—The long anticipated crisis has come and Cambridge and Cambridgeshire in common with the rest of the Empire is in the grip of a patriotic war fever. The temperature of the loyalists' stands higher to-day than it has ever done in history, not only of the British Empire, but of the world. The fever-heat engendered by the South African War is as nothing compared with the ardour and enthusiasm shown during the past week by Britishers both at home and abroad. Of panic there is none. A few scaremongers there may be, and the voice of the Little Englander is once more to be heard. Thank goodness it comes, as it always has, and as we trust it always will, from the wilderness. This mean section of the populace we shall always have with us even in stirring times like the present, but their screeching and squealing are only to be faintly heard in the brief lulls which occur between the surging roar of the intensely loyal, patriotic, confident band of Britishers who have placed their faith in the heads of the Empire, from King George V down to the most humble Minister of the Crown, and with the motto "God defend the right" were never more sanguine of

complete victory, to be followed by a lasting peace. As in the past, we are proud of our Cambridge-shire men. Many are in the front rank of the battle, which, at the time of writing, is being waged in the North Sea and the Mediterranean. Others are in the main Army which is ready for offensive or defensive purposes. We have been amazed at the number who have .responded to the call for Reservists both on sea and land, and we are confident that not one of us had any idea that in our midst so many of those dwelt following their daily avocations ready at a moment's warning to take up arms for their country. It is scarce six months since the County Territorials responded to an appeal to bring the Battalion up to full strength. How nobly they responded to the appeal we all know, and little did we dream at the time that the call to arms | would come so soon. It is good to note with what eagerness and cheerfulness our Cambridgeshire lads have come forward for the mobilisation, and how anxious they are to be allowed to take at least some share, be it great or small, in the defence of our Island home. – 1914 08 07 CIPof

How Cambridge Mobilised. Throughout the first two or three days of the week Cambridge residents experienced the feeling of tension which has been typical of the country. Large crowds of townspeople have assembled outside newspaper offices during the week, in order to learn the latest war news, and such anxiety has not been displayed since the dark days of the South African War. Until the early hours of Wednesday morning, large numbers of Cambridge people paraded the streets in the hope of hearing some news as to the reply of Germany to the British ultimatum, and when the intelligence of war with Germany became known, the tension of the previous few days was partially relieved. Late on Sunday, and early on Monday morning, Cambridge members of the Naval Reserve received notices calling upon them to report themselves at their respective headquarters. There was a large number of Naval Reservists in Cambridge, and the men immediately proceeded to Portsmouth, Chatham and other important naval centres. While the effect of the withdrawal of the naval men did not have so drastic an effect as the orders had in coast towns, it was rather surprising to find that in Cambridge there were so many ex-naval men and Marines who had settled down to landsmen's work in the inland town. The calling up of the Army Reserve had an even wider operation, employees in colleges, railwaymen, policemen, postal officials, Vanmen, etc., abandoning their civil occupations at the call of the State. The ailway station presented an animated scene, hundreds of Reservists arriving from all parts of the townand district and proceeding to their regimental headquarters. The local Staff officers of the Territorial Force lso responded to the summons, and rejoined their regiments. # c.45.5 – 1914 08 07 CIPof

At a special meeting of the Cambridge and District Butchers Association, held at the Bath Hotel, Bene't Street, Cambridge, last evening, it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Mr. C. Adkins seconded by Mr. A. R. Nichols, that the price of all meat should be advanced 1d. per lb - 1914 08 07 CIPof

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3 European war… German aggression … England & German opposed …demonstration of patriotism
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Ely war excitement – notices posted up
March war topic of conversation
Littleport news will be posted Conservative Club
Downham – horrible news received, several local men join colours
8 Gt War .. Great Belgian victory … territorials mobilised
departures from Wisbech, March, Benwick, Ely, Whittlesey, Chatteris, Outwell, Soham, Littleport, Sutton
army purchase local horses
Wisbech wireless station dismantled so cannot become acquainted with various communications transmitted
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Cottenham Red Lion sale

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Harvest reports
John Tebbs bankruptcy

Harry Cottage of Linton has five sons on service. Two are members of the Regular Army and are with the British forces and two others old Army men. Being Reservists they have been called up to rejoin and left Linton last week. The fifth is a Territorial. At Cottenham Mrs Cundel is proud to have all her sons servicing. One is on a warship, another is returning from Canada, four are with their regiments and the seventh has just joined the colours. A sister is married to a blue-jacket serving in the war. The mother is making flannel garments for the soldiers 14 08 14

Cambridge scouts guard telephone exchange - 14 08 14 p2 # c.37.9
Suffragette amnesty - 14 08 14 p2 # c.33

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Camps Hall, Castle Camps sold
Miss Cochrane asked Caxton Guardians if the workhouse could be used as a temporary Red Cross hospital if required. There was no water and that was a great handicap. If necessary the hospital would have to be used as well. She would provide her own beds but asked whether the housing bedding and pillows could be used.

Comberton housing

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Jesus Lane widening, Sidney Sussex awarded £1,471 - 14 08 14 p4 # c.44.6

Tom Jolley acted as ferryman at Caron's Ferry at the Pike & Eel, Old Chesterton for 39 years. The ferry is a small punt boat near the larger ferry and is used by members of the University boat clubs who pay the ferryman a termly allowance. It was worked by his father and grandfather before him. Mr Jolley was universally known as 'Caron' and his cheery good nature made him a great favourite. 14 08 14 p4 # c.44.7

Slot machines

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Hospital arrangements

Arrangements are in hand for the accommodation of a very large number of wounded in the event of Cambridge being established as a base hospital and completely equipped wards have been fitted up in many of the colleges. Nearly 100 Army Nursing Corps nurses have been quartered at Downing College and a large number of beds lent by various colleges. Scores of voluntary workers are making clothing. Accommodation for 500 wounded may be required when the Great Court of Trinity College would become a huge temporary hospital 14 08 14 p5 # c.45.5 # c.21.4

Shepreth VAD could have a hospital for 26 patients ready within 24 hours.

There has been a splendid response to Lord Kitchener's appeal for men; each day large numbers have signed on at the Corn Exchange including Jack Child, the well-known boxer
Langley as despatch rider 14 08 14 p5 # c.45.5

Histon women working party wounded

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Cambridge Yeomanry marched from the stores in Panton Street to the railway station where they loaded their baggage into luggage vans. A number of horses were requisitioned in the station yard, including a cab horse which was taken out of the cab, unharnessed, then placed in a horse van. A butcher's horse was handed over. A country trap came into the yard to convey sad tidings to three of the men that their father had died. It was impossible for them to return home and they had to remain with their comrades. Finally a special train including vans loaded with machine guns and ammunition pulled out while the crowd sang 'Rule Britannia' 14 08 14 p6 # c.45.5 # c.19

Territorials paraded on Parker's Piece then marched at ease, their rifles slung or at the slope as it pleased them off to the station
Reservist distress *

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Relief committee former Cambridge & county

Rumours of the presence of spies have been circulating during the last few days. At Warboys the telegraph wire which rings the signal bell at the station on the Somersham to Ramsey branch line was cut during the night and another partially severed. Two foreign gentlemen were seen by Mr W.J. Unwin acting in a suspicious manner at Histon. He followed them to Girton and at each of the three bridges they stopped and examined them. At Girton he phoned the police and a constable was sent out. The men were requested to go to the police station which they did without demure and after questioning were liberated at once. Meanwhile police have been issued with rifles 14 08 14 p7 # c.45.5

Drop in food prices

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Police issued with rifles
Warboys telegraph cut

Red Cross hospitals have been equipped throughout the county. At Cottenham 40 beds are ready at one hour's notice, 25 are ready for wounded at Histon Council School, Oakington has 15. At Waterbeach the Baptist Sunday Schoolroom is equipped as a hospital with nurses in uniform presenting a neat appearance. At Newmarket thirty beds are fitted in the King Edward VII Memorial Hall. Should 100 wounded men be sent further beds will be fitted in the Astley Institute, Town Hall and Technical Institute. 14 08 14 p8 # c.21.4 # c.45.5

Godmanchester territorials

How Long Wilt the War Last?— The question of how long this great war is likely to last interests every soul in Europe, but it is astonishing to see how wide apart are the different estimates. From three weeks to three years have been suggested as the probable duration of the contest, with every variety of intermediate estimate, and it is evident that few people have given the matter much serious thought (says the "Times" military correspondent). This whirlpool of wars, in which we are suddenly engulfed, we must regard from the German point of view, because Germany has been the aggressor and would be the peacemaker. For Germany a long dragging war is sheer disaster. Her position between two great and hostile military states, the closing of the sea and the paralysis of her whole maritime industries together with the danger which her overseas colonies will incur, absolutely prohibits any German from thinking of a dragging war. There are certainly four, it may he six, million Germans in arms, counting garrisons, depots and reserve, and though German financial experts who have written on war have suggested ways and means for raising the wind for a period of six months, no one has been

able to see beyond that term, and moreover the calculation has not been considered that more than three million men will be in the field. – 1914 08 14 CIPof

Seven Brothers for the Front. Another instance of a whole family of brothers serving in the war has just come to notice. The family belongs to Cottenham. One brother is serving on a warship; another, who emigrated some time ago, is coming back with the Canadian contingent, four are already with their regiments, and the seventh has just left his employment with Messrs. Chivers and Sons, Histon, to join the colours. A sister is married to a bluejacket serving in the war. The mother, Mrs. Cundell, is naturally proud to give her sons for their country's service, and she herself is making flannel garments for the soldiers. – 1914 08 14 CIPof

Wages of Men on Active Service. At a meeting of the Cambridge Town Council yesterday, Councillor Raynes, on behalf of the Paving, etc., Committee, said that 13 men of the permanent staff had been called up for active service. Their wages varied from 3s. 4d. to 3s. 10d. per day, and it was suggested that during their absence, their position be kept open, and that half-pay should be given. Ald Stace said that other Committees were similarly affected, and he hoped that they would bear this in mind, and treat their employees in the way suggested. Councillor Negus: "It is important that all Committees should act on the same lines, and it is just a question as to whether this ought not to be referred to the General Purposes Committee so that uniform action may be taken (hear, hear). The question was referred to the General Purposes Committee, with power to act. – 1914 08 14 CIPof

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3 war & harvest – Sunday work suggested
County district committee, defence before harvest
Prickwillow news posted
Carrier pigeon shot at Downham
Lt Thetford call up
Haddenham committee render help
Sutton united service, call to prayer in cricket field
4 war news

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Boy scouts watch Ely water tower
Percy Langford, labourer, drowned Lt Thetford
Death Mrs Kempton, Ely
Ely & war – speeches, hospital work wounded

Personal – we are asked to deny the statement that Mr Knight, one of the most loyal residents of Soham, is a German. He served 17 years in the Volunteers and did 18 months' active service in the Boer War, for which he received a medal. Recently he has been on duty guarding the bridges at Ely during the night. Mr Knight is not the only resident concerning whom false statements have been made – 14 08 21 p2

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The woman in the box office of the picture theatre at the Workman's Hall said she had been told not to let in any child under 14 unless accompanied by someone over 14. She had to turn away a great number. After they passed her they were questioned by the manager, Mr Billings. She could see the seats in the hall and children were supposed to sit together. Henry Kelly said he went with his brother and sister Blanche, 11. The boys sat at the back but she went to the front because she could not see. This was against the new regulations and a technical offence had been committed. 14 08 21 p3 # c.76.5

John George, photographer gives evidence divorce 14 08 21 p3 # c.65.5

Thompson's Lane fire, St Clements Gardens 14 08 21 p3 # c.34.75

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Masseurs – Paget & p 6 *
East Coast resorts are recovering from the panic which, when the war broke out, caused many Cambridge people to abandon their holidays. Rumours have circulated that visitors to Gt Yarmouth and Gorleston-on-Sea have been requested to leave and no persons are allowed on the sands. Steamships are running along the coast between London and ports in the north of England, proof that no danger exists either to shipping or coastal towns. There is no shortage of food.

Cambridge pubs are to close at 9pm during the presence of the military in the town. It is important that all who are in training here should be guarded against excesses. Cambridge residents are largely to blame for the drunkenness seen during the past few days. They have been encouraging drinking by treating the soldiers, causing a great deal of trouble to the military

David Moore letter temperance

P5
Recruiting for the Second Army is going on well with centres set up at Cambridge Corn Exchange and the Prince Albert, Ely. The troops encamped in Cambridge appreciate the way patriotic men and women have welcomed them and ministered to their comforts. Every camp has a tent where tea and coffee, bread and cakes can be obtained with another for reading or writing letters. A post box is cleared every two hours and a stall set up selling envelopes and pencils. It is one of the finest camping grounds they have ever been upon and the large well-kept open spaces are well suited to their new use. 14 08 21 p5 # c.45.5

Cambridge as hospital base, Leys school *
Messages dropped from planes to be opened

No shops need close half day
Cottenham Red Lion sale

P6
Bishop preaches 'A just war'
Chivers get large army contracts for jam
Linton recruiting
Bim Hodden despatch rider – letter
Scouts activities

P7
Soldier fatalities, Midsummer Common
Godmanchester manslaughter

P8

Last Sunday Mr Arthur Savidge of Cottenham ran his bus to Cambridge to give the people an opportunity of seeing the large number of troops in the town. There was a full load of passengers and he has handed the proceeds to Mrs Hayden Cox for the Cottenham Red Cross Society's fund. The village of Rampton is doing its best and will equip beds while Miss Ivatt of the Manor House will provide rooms, fully equipped, if necessary

Gt Chishill fire
Soldiers fund those left behind
Red Cross work villages
Food price panic over

Suffragist establish hospital wounded, Harwich

Busy Histon Factory. A brisk time is being experienced at the Histon factory of Messrs Chivers and Sons, jam and preserve manufacturers, and the greater number of employees who were recently temporarily suspended have been re-engaged in order to cope with demands which have been made on the factory. The sudden mobilisation of the British Army has resulted in an enormous increase of business to the large firms who manufacture and deal in food products. It is almost impossible for the general public to realise what the feeding and equipment of a great army really involves, but the resources of reputable firms throughout the country are being taxed to the full in order to fulfil the large contracts which are being given out. Fortunately a large share of this business is being participated in locally, Messrs. Chivers having received some substantial Army contracts for jams. In order to execute these orders and to meet the increase of general business which has resulted from the declaration of war, Messrs. Chivers' factory at Histon is working at high pressure, thus giving beneficial employment to a large amount of Cambridge labour which would otherwise have been idle. – 1914 08 21 CIPof

Death of General Grierson. The following message was released by the Press Bureau on Monday: "General Grierson died this morning from heart failure while travelling in the train." The death of General Grierson has caused widespread regret throughout the country, and especially in East Anglia where he was well known, having been since 1912 in charge of the Eastern Command. He paid several visits to Cambridge in this capacity. . – 1914 08 21 CIPof

Shirts for the Wounded. Several ladies in the village (Linton) are making shirts for the wounded soldiers. A collection was made last week, and with the sum raised a quantity of material was bought. A working party is held at the house of Mrs. H. P. Chalk, whilst those who are unable to attend the party do the work at home. – 1914 08 21 CIPof

Doing its Share. Histon is doing and evidently means to do its share of the work entailed by the war. Red Cross meetings are frequently taking place for the purpose of stretcher drills, bandaging, etc., and a great deal of interest is being taken in the work. The United Ladies Working Party met in the Wesleyan Schoolroom on Monday for the first time whilst the Boys' Brigade are collecting money for the purchase of material to make garments for the wounded. In addition to this, Messrs Chivers have contributed the magnificent sum of 250 gns to the Prince of Wales' Fund. – 1914 08 21 CIPof

Ickleton Church. — New lamps have just been given to the church, with money provided by a few subscribers, the Needlework Guild, the Mothers Union and house-to-house collections made by Mr. Carver. Twelve new lamps have been supplied, and it is hoped that when the collections are finished at least two more may be added. – 1914 08 21 CIPof

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3 news, schemes for those thrown out of work – draining fens
4 Ely prepares
4 Soham rumours spread that some tradesmen of German nationality

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Pubs close 9pm
Ely Forehill Brewery emergency squad
Haddenham view Cambridge troops, Peacock’s motor
W. Haylock, Ely death
Rev T. Scott, Fen Ditton, death

P3
The Cambridge Summer Meeting concluded with an enjoyable social meeting. The attendance was not large, many of the students having been compelled to leave prematurely because of the war, while some are unable to return to their own countries. Hospitality for these unfortunate students is being kindly provided by Cambridge friends.

Mr W. Jaggard of Tenison Road said he visited the Empire Musical Hall. It was an exceptionally large house and people were sitting on the hot water pipes. During an exciting portion the film suddenly stopped; he saw a piece of the film burning in the operator's box and someone called out 'fire'. The result was a general stampede and the hall was quickly cleared. But two tables had been placed in the exit to the right of the stage. The management was fined

Laurie & McConnal theft of nails, chase in basement

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Instructions soldiers *
Workers' hospital fund
Soldiers' thanks *

Cambridge people are adding to the comfort of the soldiers encamped here. A refreshment tent has been set up for the artillerymen on the Polo Ground at Trumpington with another on Mr Matthew's meadow, Cherryhinton Road. The Church Institute allows soldiers the use of their billiard table. There is a reading room in the Newnham School for the camp on Lammas Ground and a games room at the Prospect Church in Eden Street with writing material and picture postcards. Many socks for soldiers are being taken to the small striped tent on Midsummer Common and shirts would also be appreciated

Wm Wolfe, Stretham engine driver summonsed Linton *

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Stourbridge camp drowning

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Recruiting meetings

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Wimbish farm fire
A novel concert was given for men encamped on Midsummer Common: the motor launch Viscountess Bury was moored beside the bank at Stourbridge Common and its top deck used by the Magpies Concert Party was a platform. The launch was a pretty sight, decorated with vari-coloured lights and hundreds of men, including officers, sat on the sloping bank. Each song was enthusiastically enjoyed. The vicar of Chesterton gave an address during the interval and invited the men to attend Holy Communion on Sunday morning

A respectable Chesterton chimney sweep was charged with buying two pairs of woollen pants from soldiers camped on Midsummer Common. A constable on duty in plain clothes saw a soldier put something in a white pillowslip he was carrying; when challenged accused said it was food for his children. He found banana, meat and some mackerel, but there were also two pairs of pants with a regimental number – 6178, also W.D. and the broad arrow. The soldier said he was short of money and did not want them; they were hot, woollen things and not necessary at this time of year. Other men stole pants soldiers had washed and put on railings to dry

Undergraduate arrested as spy in Germany

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Willingham fire

Patriotic firms – list men

Patriotic Cambridge has furnished a squadron of Yeomanry and 129 recruits for Lord Kitchener's Second Army. Many firms are making provision for wives and families left behind, supplementing the men's army wages. The University Press has sent 61 men, the Gas Company 35, Eaden Lilley 18 and William Saint the builder 17. (The paper lists the names of the men). Several men have left Sawston and at Reach Jack Ridgell offered his services but was not accepted, he being just over the age lime of 42 years. But at Linton men were asked not to join up until the harvest has been gathered in. also Fulbourn, Histon, Fen Drayton,

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Red Cross work

The War and Cambridge Trade. S far as Cambridge and the war is concerned (writes Free Lance), I am glad to notice that trade has not suffered in any greater proportion than in other parts of the country; as a matter of fact, I believe I should be right in saying that, compared with other places of its size, Cambridge has suffered less in this respect. This is to be accounted for by the fact that August and September are months looked upon as to all intents and purposes dead so far as Cambridge business is concerned, so that with the advent of the troops many of our tradespeople are in the happy position of being able to boast of a larger turn-over than is usual at this time of the year. The various Relief Funds are coming in splendidly, both in town and county. What I should like to see however is a larger response to Lord Kitchener's appeal for his Second Army. Hitherto, Cambridge could never be accused of lack of patriotism as at the beginning of the year was amply demonstrated by the large number who flocked to enrol in the Territorial Force. Now it is up to our young men to come forward and give further evidence of Cambridgeshire's loyalty and patriotism by offering their service to the Empire in its hour of need. # c.45.5 – 1914 08 28 CIPof

Serving with the Colours. Several men have left the village (Sawston) this week to join the Army. Sawston has a lot of men serving in the Army and Navy and Territorials, several of whom are at the front. It is estimated that there are about 70 Sawston men serving with the colours. – 1914 08 28 CIPof

Obituary. We regret to announce the death of Mr, Charles Carter, which took place at his (Histon) home on Saturday morning. Deceased had not been in the best state of health for a considerable time, but the end came suddenly. Mr. Carter was well-known in the village and also in Cambridge, having until recently, carried on the business of market gardening. He was undoubtedly one of the best draught players in the district, having been cham¬pion of Histon Institute several times. Mr. Carter leaves a widow and small family, for whom much sympathy is felt. The interment took place at the cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, a large number being present at the graveside. – 1914 08 28 CIPof

Red Cross Society.The Linton Union has been approved as a temporary hospital and the neces-sary arrangements are being made. The second lecture in connection with the above Society was delivered by Dr. Palmer on "First Aid to the Wounded" on Tuesday afternoon. The Ladies' Working Party is still meeting and doing good work. – 1914 08 28 CIPof

1914 08 28 ES
3 military monoplane descends at Downham – lost way
County distress committee
4 Ely cinema reduces prices from 4d to 3d
Education committee – war – schools not wanted for hospitals
Downham put beds in school, had nurses – 'could not imagine wounded sent to village' … foolish
In Cambridge 500 beds arranged for
Possible a few convalescents sent to Ely & Wisbech – unthinkable would use village schools

Teachers called up

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Wounded arrive Cambridge – photo 14 09 04 # c.45.5
Linton tarring

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Newton housing

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Perse school fees
Tyre shortage refuted
Territorials enlist at Bury
Roll-up – call to enlist
Wounded from Mons *
Cambridge is one of the principal base hospitals to which the brave men wounded at Mons have been brought, 150 are now being cared for at King's College, to which the First Eastern General Hospital has been transferred from the Leys School. They include a Cambridge man, Leonard Cornwell of Gwydir Street, who was the very last to be placed in the train. So within a month of his departure he is back in his own town bearing marks of the terrible conflict. 14 09 04 # c.21.4 # c.45.5

Clothes needed for Belgians
Fulbourn hospital enlargement
Ball cartridges to be handed in if found

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Ladies & recruiting
Industry – effect of the war *
The presence of the military has greatly improved the trade prospects of Cambridge and there is no immediate fear of unemployment. The end of the Long Vacation is always a slack time but at the moment the town is busier than usual. It is not certain the town can rely on the continued presence of troops throughout the war and many firms are not sure how they can keep going. The printing trade has been hit by the stoppage of trade circulars and advertisements, builders say contracts have been postponed putting plasterers & stonemasons out of work and the position of college servants and is being considered. The problems of lodging house keepers may be overcome by the billeting of officers and the presence of relatives of the men in the hospitals. But they may no get the rent usually paid by undergraduates. In laundry work the hospitals and military have gone to the larger laundries and demand from ordinary householders has decreased due to motives of economy. Tailors have sufficient work owing to the army orders but women's outfitting department report a shortage of custom. Several jobbing gardeners are out of work & owners of unused plots should consider putting them into cultivation to grown vegetables. 14 09 04 p5 # c.45.5 # c.27.4 # c.27

GER men enlist – names
Thriplow recruiting

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Territorials – 600 volunteer – names
Recruiting Royston, Shelford, Bourn, Wicken, Soham, Gamlingay

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The train with wounded from the front was delayed. Rooms on the Great Northern platform were converted into wards for serious cases before being taken to hospital. Outside a fleet of motor cars and

tradesmen's vans converted to ambulances were ready to take the men to the First Eastern Hospital now at Trinity College. It was not easy to lift the badly-wounded men out of the carriages but stretchers were placed on luggage trolleys and wheeled slowly along the platform. There were tears in the eyes of onlookers 14 09 04 p7 # c.45.5 # c.21.4

Stourbridge common camp soldier drowns, Longley rescue
Cambridge lady's journey through France
EGH two deaths

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Over – Papworth has five out of 8 sons fighting
Already nine promising and stalwart lads from Histon have left good situations and enlisted. They include George Oakman and Arthur Pettit (former members of the Impington Boy's brigade) the brothers Wilfred and Albert Biggs, two 'crack' members of the 'Stutes' Football Club and Travers Brett (the local bicycle champion). Charles Unwin and Stan Moore of the V.A.D. have volunteered for ambulance work at the front. In all there are 33 serving with the colours from this neighbourhood.
Balsham war work
George Pegler was Willingham teacher – dispute recalled
Roll of Honour – recruits – names
Hildersham soldier kia

Private Duthie, a Yeomanry private, was at Ellington when he asked the name of the village. Sam Heathcote, a dealer, said "I am afraid you are a German" and, taking a gun out of his cart, pointed it at him and threatened to shoot. Duthie said he had the King's uniform on, "So had those four German spies they arrested the other day", Heathcote replied. Duthie had no rifle and informed his companions what had taken place. They then took a rifle from a passing Cyclist Territorial and, although it had no ammunition, told Heathcote to put up his arms or be shot. They took his gun from the cart. The trigger was at full cock with a cartridge in the barrel. He was sentenced to a month's hard labour

Heroes of Mons. - Stirring scenes were witnessed at Cam-bridge on Monday evening, when, with thrilling cheers and tears of sympathy, a large crowd welcomed to the University town, now one of the most important Red Cross Hospital centres, 150 wounded soldiers. The wounded were mostly from the regiments which took part in the fierce fighting at Mons (Belgium) and were brought up from Southampton, where they were landed on Monday. # c.45.5 - 1914 09 04 CIPof

"A Righteous and Holy War". Preaching at a drumhead service on Jesus Green, Cambridge, on Sunday morning, the Bishop of Ely (Dr. F. H. Chase) said: "We believe—I have thought about it a great deal—that this is a righteous and holy war. It is that God's rule may come in ways which we cannot understand. And we are as sure as sure can be that God hates as you and I hate, only infinitely more, these acts of cowardly cruelty of which we read in the papers, and He would have these acts—these cowardly and cruel acts—stopped. So you are going out as deliverers in God's Name . . . You are going out, it may be, in God's Providence, as deliverers to take your part in making God's Will done on earth. He may not give us victory so soon as we could wish, but I am certain that never has a prayer been offered which God has not heard, and in His own time, has answered. And so, my Brothers, remember to pray at the beginning of the day and at the end of the day of hard work and danger." - 1914 09 04 CIPof

600 Volunteer for the Front. — At a meeting -of the Cambs. and Isle of Ely Territorial Force Association held at the County Hall, Cambridge, on Monday, at which the Lord Lieutenant was present, and Mr. C. R. W. Adeane in the chair, the following resolution was passed unanimously, amidst applause: "That the County Association has heard with pride and satisfaction that Col.. Tebbutt the officers, the N.C.O.'s and 600 men of the Cambridgeshire, Regiment had volunteered for foreign service, and assures Col. Tebbutt that it will do its utmost to bring the regiment up to war strength." - 1914 09 04 CIPof

A Query. A correspondent writes,—"The question is being asked by many in Sawston. "What was the Rifle Club formed for? Was it for sport- only? "What are the members doing at this critical time[1]"- 1914 09 04 CIPof

1914 09 04 ES
2 National Reservists leave – names
Soham – 2 brothers leave parents without means of support
Wicken – welcome visit of Enlistment men
Littleport – 5 with army – names
Prickwillow railway bridge guarded by single policeman at times who also guarding line Shippea Hill to Padnal
Paper up to 6 pages
3 Wisbech preparations for wounded soldiers
130 wounded arrive Cambridge
Soham bill poster removed Defence of the Realm notices erected by policeman – 'only he had the right to put up notices' – fined
4 list recruits
meetings at Littleport, Sutton, Soham

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Wesley advert

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Battle of Mons report

P3
Caxton workhouse unsuitable VAD hospital

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All troops departed from Cambridge
Cambridge as a training centre
Revision courts

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War news
When the war began Cambridge Scouts were anxious to help and a committee was formed. Requests came from every quarter. For the first fortnight Scout patrols, aided by members of the C.U.O.T.C., guarded by day and night the important telegraph wires on the Newmarket to London road. Some were sent to Ramsgate and Sandwich to do coastguard work until replaced by military authorities. Others assisted in the recreation and refreshment tents for the military camps on Midsummer Common, Coldham's Common, Coe Fen, Parker's Piece, Huntingdon Road and Stourbridge Common. They have provided a secretary and bugler for Major Comber at Pembroke College and at Corpus the Board of Military Studies has used them as messengers. They have collected large quantities of magazines and papers for the military hospitals at the Leys School and Trinity College. Now they are returning to school # c.37.9 # c.45.5

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Territorials – response, Caxton, Foxton, Meldreth, Eltisley, Godmanchester, Swaffham Prior, Whittlesford,
Lieut R MacLeod of Cambridge, who was wounded during the fighting at Mons, gave an interesting account of his 'holiday' at a recruiting meeting in Waterbeach. The Germans outnumbered us by five to one. They came on in masses and we mowed them down. But still they kept coming. They burned

our transport so we got no breakfast but locals gave us eggs and fruit. We hung on to the position as long as we could but they got up to the right and left and enfiladed us from both flanks. We managed to save all our guns, though lots of teams were shot down. I was wounded in trying to get a team, he said. The cavalry did very fine work as did the aeroplanes
German barbarities – letter from Cambridge Hospital
Miniature rifle association

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D Sadd, from roof King's chapel
Eynesbury soldier drowns
Fulbourn water cart
Harston men bought army cycles
Stourbridge Fair
Cement Company cuts single men
Enlistment – Lolworth, Boxworth, Over, Bourn, Linton, Cottenham, Elsworth, Swavesey, Bottisham, Longstanton, Sawston, Comberton, Waterbeach

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Sawston Hall was attacked by some of the troops based in Cambridge. The crack of rifles was heard about midnight and patrols were seen crawling along by the roadside; cycles and foot passengers were challenged. One man was frightened out of his wits, fearing the Germans were upon him. At dawn the attackers bore down on the defenders' left but they held their positions stubbornly until a large body of cavalry plunged into their midst 'wiping them out'. Victory was declared in favour of the attackers who then took breakfast with Mr Huddleston at the Hall. Sawston Co-operative Society arranged the catering.
Cambridge recruits

Irene Russell arrived home at Huntingdon after an adventurous journey from Germany. She was at a school at Goslar, in the Hartz Mountains, when war broke out and had to stay in a hotel for three weeks before she had a chance to get away. She made for the Dutch frontier and after four days of wearisome travelling got through via Flushing and Folkestone. She was politely treated by the German officials but they are very bitter against England

Killed in Motoring Accident. — The death occurred on Tuesday after a motor accident the previous day at his Scottish residence at Inneshewan, in Aberdeenshire, of Col. Robert Townley Caldwell, Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. It appears that on Monday night he was leaving his house in a motor car and came into collision with another car. Col. Caldwell was thrown into the road and fractured the base of his skull. From the first his condition was hopeless, and he succumbed to his injuries on Tuesday morning. # c.27.2 – 1914 09 11 CIPof

Fall From Roof of King's. The tragic death of Mr. A. H. Sadd (63) the well-known dealer in antiques, which occurred on Monday morning, caused widespread regret throughout the town. Shortly before five o'clock the deceased body was found lying on the gravel path at the West end of King's College Chapel, Mr. Sadd having apparently fallen from the roof of the chapel. At an inquest a verdict that the deceased died from injuries received by falling from King's College Chapel and that there was not sufficient evidence to show the state of his mind at the time was returned by the jury. – 1914 09 11 CIPof

Fire. On September 2 a fire occurred in a meadow (at Duxford) belonging to Mr. A. Keeble, burning a hay stack and straw stack, both of which were entirely consumed. The fire was supposed to have been caused by children playing with matches. Fortunately there were plenty of willing helpers, including Boy Scouts, and the Whittlesford Fire Brigade also attended, so that the fire was confined to these premises. At one time it looked very dangerous to the adjoining thatched cottages. – 1914 09 11 CIPof

Five Sons with the Colours. Mr. George Hills, a roadman, of Linton, has five sons, James, Arthur, Walter, Charles and Edward, serving with the Colours. The first four are in the Suffolk Regiment, whilst Edward has joined the Second Regular Army. – 1914 09 11 CIPof

Histon Footballers for the Front. The war is affecting Histon very considerably. The Red Cross Society, which, now numbers over 30 members, is still enthusiastically carrying on the stretcher, drill etc practices being held three or four times a week. During the past week, several more young men have left to join the Forces, among them being "Rugger" Wilson, Bandmaster of the 1st Histon and Impington Company of the Boys' Brigade. Others who have left are W. Dawson, the 'Stutes' Reserves' centre-half and formerly of the Boys' Brigade, and Messrs. S. Peck and S. Foster, who are also old Boys Brigade members. – 1914 09 11 CIPof

"The Cambridgeshires." At a meeting held at Cambridge last (Thursday) evening, over which the Mayor (Mr. J. A. Sturton) presided, and addresses were given by the Hon. E. S. Montagu, M.P., Mr. Almeric Paget, M.P., Mr. H. Spender and others, the following resolution was carried: "That this meeting is of strong opinion that the recruits now being raised' in Cambridgeshire shall form part of a regiment of the line to be called the Cambridgeshires." – 1914 09 11 CIPof

1914 09 11 ES
2 pro-German at Wisbech nearly causes riot
6 roll of honour March, Wisbech, Ely, Littleport, Soham, Chatteris
7 successful recruiting – Wisbech, March, Ely, Haddenham, Witchford, Littleport, Lt Downham, Coates, Whittlesey
8 wounded in war – Mons – Prickwillow, Downham, Soham, Manea
war relief funds
recruits leave Wisbech, Littleport, Downham, Haddenham, Sutton

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Sale stock Worts Farm, Landbeach which taken by Cambs County council

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Cambridge man in Heligoland battle
Ditton Lane expense of sewage and make up as road. Absurd expense for 45 cottages
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Pampisford Hal gamekeeper
Guyhirn death

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Belgian refugees & p5
Lodging house keepers problems due lack undergraduates
Cheshunt college formal opening cancelled

P5
Theft from stations, Mildenhall line *
Snailwell signalman suicide
New military hospital to be constructed on King's playing fields
Red Cross provide clothing for wounded
Bottisham labourer dies in well
Hadstock cottage fire

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Cambridgeshire Regiment & Second Army roll honour – names
Recruiting Oakington
The coroner heard that an officer had been admitted to the 1st Eastern General Hospital suffering from a bladder complaint that meant he was unable to march. He was given a tent to himself and an orderly to attend him. Officers retained their clothes and kit, including a service revolver. He was found lying on the floor bleeding from the mouth with the loaded revolver across his chest.

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The proprietor of the Old Castle Inn, Cambridge, said he supplied horses to the army; he had sold all his animals and visited Histon men seeking more. He'd told them the army wanted the horses and would take them; they would pay less than he offered and they'd have to wait for the money. He made it clear he was buying to sell again and wanted to make a bit of profit. But the farmer got the impression he was buying on behalf of the Government and complained to the police.

A Petroleum inspector said Mr Moss, motor proprietor of Hills Road was licensed for 200 gallons of petrol. There was none in the garage but in the yard there were five barrels, some were leaking and there was a danger of fire. In the stable were tanks containing petrol with more at the Bell Hotel. Mr Moss said there was a tremendous demand from the military and it had to be supplied. He'd risked future business by refusing petrol to his private customers. All the petrol was confiscated and he was fined. 14 09 18

Moss petrol stores
J.K. Stevens, old Persean, despatch rider experiences
Bruce letter re experiences in battle

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Village enlistment – Newton, Quy, Ickleton, Gransden, Boxworth, Fen Drayton, Elsworth, Abington, Willingham, Linton, Histon, Conington

There were at present about 1,000 soldiers based in Cambridge with another 1,000 expected. All the tents were being used by other troops and winter was coming. The Corn Exchange was unsatisfactory because of the small sanitary arrangements. The Girls' and Boys county school were already being used and now the military wanted Morley Memorial and the Melbourne Place schools for the training of recruits. Emmanuel Church was prepared to give the free use of their schoolroom for the education of the children. The alternative was billeting troops on the better class houses where better class people could supervise them. But the University had been approached and the schools might not be needed, councillors heard. 14 09 18

Cambridge Provisions.—Yesterday's prices of provisions at Cambridge were: Sugar—granulated 3£d. -per lb.; lump 4Jd. per lb.; Demerara 4d, per lb.; moist (suitable for almost any purpose) 3s. 6d. per stone. Flour—1s. lb. to 2s. 1d. Tea—1s. 4d. per lb. upwards. Cocoa — normal. Bacon—Prime cut best meat 1s, 2d. per lb. Other joints lower. By the side ll£d. and 1s. per Ib. Butter — 1s. 3d., per lb (best imported), also 1s. 2d. and 1s. 1d. Lard — 8d. per lb. Cheese— 9d. per lb. Eggs — Ten a shilling. Fruit (imported) —Cheap. Prices quoted by other firms are: Bread— 3d. half-quartern loaf; 6d. quartern; l£d, small. Brown and currant bread as usual. Standard 2d. and 3d. Meat (English) — Beef (for roasting) lid. and 1s. per lb; mutton, ditto; 1s. per lb.; pork, l0d. per lb.; rougher meat lower in proportion. 14 09 18

Golden Wedding. Amid congratulations and heartiest good wishes from friends in a wide area, Mr. and Mrs. John Ardley, of Rose Villa, Boxford, celebrated their golden wedding on Tuesday. They were the recipients of many presents, letters and telegrams. . The golden wedding two-tier cake was a triumph of local art. Mr. Ardley was master at Dry Drayton Schools and organist of the Parish Church in 1896. 14 09 18

Gale.—On Monday a violent gale blew over the village (Ickleton). A tall poplar tree in Hinxton Street was blown right across the road doing damage to a wall and stopping traffic till it could be re-moved. A large part of a tall tree in a meadow opposite the church was torn down. In different parts of the village thatch was partly blown off some of the newly-made corn stacks. The gale also saved a good deal of fruit picking. 14 09 18

Patriotic Action. Several recruits have left Newton to join. Lord Kitchener's Army, and among them are five from Newton Hall Estate. Sir Charles Waldstein is making up the difference in the pay of his men, and is keeping open their places until they return. Sawston has responded nobly to the country's call for recruits. Through the efforts of Mr. Huddle-stone, 20 young fellows left by one bus last week. The occasion was marked by a demonstration of goodwill by the inhabitants, and a hearty cheer was raised as the conveyance left Sawston. There are already 80 names on the Roll of Honour, which is placed in a conspicuous position in the centre of the village. Ex-Sgt.-Major S. Hillyard, of High Street, Linton, has enrolled 80 recruits in three weeks. 14 09 18

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5 scarcity farm labourers – editorial
6 shameful German cruelties
7 roll of honour – further names
8 Soham war concert

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Stretham mission hall harvest thanksgiving
Ely sewage: road water was conveyed to river by separate channels and the bulk of the sewers converged into small settlement tanks at Common Muckhill and the tank effluent passed into the river without further treatment. They were in close proximity to the population and apart from river pollution considerable local nuisance was created, especially during the emptying operations. There were three district sewage outfalls into roadside dykes, creating considerable nuisance and it would be necessary to connect them to the man system and concentrated at one sewage purification works; this meant pumping. It was an abominable nuisance, *
Soham train times
Rev Hughes, preaching at Soham Baptist Chapel on the war said there were national sins and national punishments. There was desecration of the Sabbath, the mania for gambling and the great thirst for wealth and pleasure. It might be that God had permitted that Great War to bring them to their knees and he hoped that afterwards people would be flocking to the House of the Lord. Germany would reap her punishment for cruelty and deception. England must never withhold her hand until Wilhelm was unseated and his fleet sunk to the bottom of the sea... Militarism and despotism would be put down by England so that Germany could never lift her head again.
Ely military middle, scouts watch water tower – did not want two units in one county; although recruits wanted to come to Ely they could not be granted the use of the barracks; scouts aged 14 should not be allowed to do night duty at Water Tower
Fordham nursing association

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Ely sergeant suicide barracks
Hat & Feathers Barton Rd disturbance
Isleham housing problems

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Military occupation of schools & Melbourne Place school soldiers p7
Cambridge & Louvain
Ranji commits 1000 from his estates for war
Fisher brothers, Ely, are Germans, had returned Germany, should not vote

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A complete military hospital to accommodate 520 patients is to be built on college playing fields, Burrell's Walk. The hospital has to be completed within a month – indeed a considerable part is required within a fortnight so that the present hospital at Trinity College may be vacated before term commences. It will comprise of five wards with 100 beds in each, a supply block, operating theatre, mortuary kitchens etc. This means working at top pressure, night and day. When complete it will be one of the largest of its kind, 14 09 25

County roads must be improved for military transport. Some need to be widened and corners rounded off with the War Office paying much of the cost. At Coton the road will run through Mr Hunt's stackyard, Grantchester church corner needs taking off; the road at Cherry Hinton needs widening near the Robin Hood with more widening in Fulbourn village. All will be strengthened to carry artillery. The idea is to get the military from the west top east without going through Cambridge.
Rail timetables cut times London
Swavesey butcher, Williamson, hurt

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Cruiser sunk, Cambridge sailor
Hodder despatch rider Expeditionary Force, letter
Nearly 200 wounded soldiers arrived at Cambridge in two specially-fitted ambulance trains. They had come straight off the hospital ship that had brought them from France; some had been travelling for four days. They lay on beds arranged in two tiers along the sides of long compartments and were carried on stretchers to the ambulance vans waiting outside the station. Quite a large crowd waiting patiently for several hours to see them arrive and give them a cheer as they were brought out.
Mr & Mrs Kerry of Mill Road have received news of the death of their son, serving with the 16th Lancers. His sergeant wrote: 'Walter was shot about one o'clock and died three-and-a-half hours later. He was conscious up to the finish. He told me to tell you that his last thoughts were with you all and that he died like a man. Poor young Horlock, of Cambridge, was thrown from his horse and hurt at the same time, but he is not seriously injured'
Hopwood experiences, Kitchener's army

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Recruitment – Castle Camps, Soham, Fulbourn, Horseheath
King inspects soldiers, Huntingdon

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Recruits Bottisham
Hemingford Grey man kia
Cambridge man on Aboukir
Belgians arrive, Newnham – Baroness von Hugel
Pell commission, Wilburton

Wounded Soldiers. About 200 wounded soldiers arrived in Cambridge in the early hours of Wednesday morning after a long and tiring journey by rail and sea from the front. There were comparatively few Cambridge people at the railway station when the special trains arrived, and with all possible speed under the circumstances the wounded men were conveyed to the East Anglian Divisional Hospital at Trinity College. # c.45.5 – 14 09 25

Cambridge Men on Torpedoed Ships. News of the disaster to three of the cruisers of the British Fleet was officially known on Tuesday. Cambridge men are stated to have been on each of the; three cruisers. H.M. ships Aboukir, Hogue and Cressy were each torpedoed by German submarines and sank. The local men known to have been on board are: H.M.S.; Aboukir: Midshipman C. A. G. Cooke, son of Dr. K. Cooke, Bridge Street, Cambridge. Mr. Cooke was among those saved. HMS Hogue: First Class P.O. Percy James Warrington, Union Road, Cambridge (reported to be safe and to have been landed at Harwich), Signalman John Toombs, East Road, Cambridge and Naval. Reservist

J. L. Claydon, 6, Benson Street, Cambridge; H.M.S, Cressy: Naval Reservist O. Hinson, 57, Garden Walk, Cambridge: Mr. Hinson, who is a married man with one child, has been employed at King's College as a gate porter for about six years. Midshipman Cooke said he was in the water for three quarters of an hour before being picked up by one of the Cressy's cutters. He was afterwards taken on a fishing trawler, later transferred to H.M.S. Legion and landed at Harwich. He is now home in Cambridge on a short leave. Mr. W. Maskell of Sawston, who had a son serving on the Aboukir, received a telegram from him on Wednesday morning to inform him he was among those saved. # c.45.5 14 09 25

Fire. In the early hours of Wednesday morning a fire broke out at the house occupied by Mr. W. Lane in Chapel Yard, Great Shelford. Considerable damage was done, one side of the kitchen being burnt out. But for the efforts of Mr. Whitechurch and Mr V Brunning the whole block of ten houses would have been razed to the ground. It is supposed that the fire was caused by a beam catching fire in the chimney. 14 09 25

A Novel Application. The Chesterton Guardians had a novel application before them at their meeting held yesterday (Thursday), when the Master (Mr. A. Wild) informed the Board that there was a man waiting downstairs who wanted to know if the Board could supply him with a young lady as a wife. During the past month the man had twice been to see him on the same question. He had told the man that he could not help him in the matter, but he wished to see the Board. Mr. Cross: Does he come from Histon? The Master: Yes. He is downstairs. I have not sent him away, but I told him I did not think you could, assist him. Mr. Hawkins: There is no one in the House who would like to, take this post? The Master: I think not, sir. 14 09 25

1914 09 25 ES
2 Ely recruit suicide
3 Prickwillow recruiting meeting
6 life in Kitchener's army – Chatteris recruit's experiences
6 March men at front

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p2
A waterman employed by Feltwell Drainage Commissioners said he was leading a horse which was drawing four barges down the river to Ely. Near Littleport bridge his companion shouted that Fred had fallen overboard. He immediately stopped the horse but the barges went on for another 50 yards. He ran back but failed to reach the man with a hook. If they had a 'cock-boat' they might have saved him, but the Commissioners did not supply one. 14 10 02

There was a great need of a mortuary for the Littleport area together with a post-mortem room. At present bodies have to be placed in barns and outhouses where they are liable to be gnawed by rats and bitten by fleas and other insects. A proper hygienic place should be provided for the reception of bodies upon which it is necessary to hold inquests, Ely RDC was told. 14 10 02

John Whitstead, Braham Farm, dies

P3
Cambridge Automobile Company was charged with storing petrol in Sturton Street without a licence. People had become panicky and were buying petrol and storing it in their gardens and elsewhere. So the company purchased the petrol for use of military and medical men to be sold at ordinary pre-war prices lest a shortage should arise. They'd asked the Chief Constable if they could store it in Sturton Street. They did not know there was a petroleum inspector but there was, and he seized it. They were fined but the petrol was returned 14 10 02

Passive resisters
R.L. Player, Cambridge cyclist to Australia
George Kett will

P4
It was hoped that Cambridge municipal elections would pass off without a contest but the Labour Party, who are still without a seat, have decided to attack two seats. One of these is Romsey Town where Tom Orrey will again be the candidate for the sixth time. In Fitzwilliam Ward we have the novel experience of a lady candidate for the first time under the new Qualification Act., Mrs J.M. Keynes, chairman of the National Union of Women Workers 14 10 02 # c.35.7

Cambridge Battalion regular army raised
EA Field Hospital men inoculated

P5
Half men up this term – impact on lodging house keepers
More wounded arrive, including a number of men recently at Cambridge who expressed their delight at returning to the place they were so well treated. Amongst them was the Haslingfield postman who cheerfully called 'I told you I should come back'. At Trinity College bugler Edwin Royston, who was on duty at the gate, suddenly recognised his half-brother, Serg. Hubert Wootten, among the wounded. He did not know he'd gone to the front, much less that he was returned. Both brothers belong to Cambridge, their relatives living in Willow Walk 14 10 02 # c.45.5

Trumpington Drift to be widened and strengthened for military purposes and will be known as Queen Edith's Way # c.45.5
Military in schools
Guildhall extension for library, education offices, juvenile bureau and Medical Officer of Health # c.77.4
Signaller Toombs account submarine attack

P6
Casualties amongst regiments camped in Cambridge # c.45.5
P.H. Taylor, Chesterton kia
Recruiting Wimpole, Arrington, Linton, Abington
Affect on academic year # c.45.5 # c.36.9
Trumpington Drift improved *

P7
Military road, Stretham - & p6
Tragedy wife Serg Humberstone, had visited him at Bury but he'd had to join regiment, which upset her; she fell down stairs at the hotel
Boy scouts, Grantchester
Stourbridge Fair & horse fair – few booths. Regular horse sales have diminished the importance of the horse fair and with no other attractions than gazing on stalls displaying doubtful-looking sweetmeats, trying to knock cocoanuts off a stand and taking a swing or a roundabout, very few are likely to go for pleasure 14 10 02 # c.27.31

P8
Gamlingay statute fair
More recruits wanted

1914 10 02 CIPof
Wounded Soldiers Return. About five weeks ago, thousands of British soldiers, summoned from all parts of the United Kingdom, were under canvas at Cambridge in readiness for departure to the Front. Their destination was unknown, and it was naturally surmised by the men that they would be going to

Belgium. Yesterday afternoon some of these soldiers returned to Cambridge, maimed in some cases and badly wounded in other cases. The ambulance train arrived at Cambridge about 5 p.m., and contained 130 wounded men from infantry, cavalry and artillery regiments. In 30 cases the soldiers were unable to walk, and were carried from the train on stretchers by the local members of the Voluntary Aid Detachments, and thence to Trinity College, the headquarters of the 1st Eastern General Hospital (T). Included in the wounded were men of the East and West Yorks. Regiments, Royal Fusiliers, R.H.A., Norfolks and Suffolks, and a large pro-portion of them were men of the Brigade which was encamped in Cambridge recently. 14 10 02 # c.45.5

Vice-Chancellor re-elected.—Dr. Montagu R. James. Provost of King's was, at a Congregation held yesterday (Thursday) morn¬ing, re-elected Vice-Chancellor of the University.

Alderman.—At a special meeting of the Cambridge Borough Council held yesterday, Mr. Walter Hamond Francis was elected an Alderman of the Borough for the remainder of the term of six years to end November 9, 1916, in place of Mr. Alfred Henry Peart, resigned. There were two nominations for the vacancy, and the result of the voting was Councillor W. H. Francis 22 votes; Councillor J. A. Sturton 15. There was one spoilt voting paper.

Squire of Barrington.—It is with regret that we record the death of the Rev. Richard Bendyshe, which occurred at his residence at Barrington Hall on Thursday week. The deceased gentleman was 92 years of age, and for about six years he had been an invalid. Reserved and unostentatious he was, nevertheless, associated with all good works in the parish; his name rarely came before the public as an ardent supporter of the Church, but those who have been behind the scenes can testify to the large degree of assistance which he gave in parochial matters. And the Villagers realise that in the death of the squire they have lost a friend to whom they could appeal in their hours of trouble. The late squire was ordained in 1848, and subsequently held various curacies. We understand that he never held a living. He was the only surviving son of Mr. John Bendyshe, a former High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, and succeeded to the estate in 1865. His mother was a niece of Admiral Lord Nelson. His heir Col. Bendyshe, of the Royal Marines, is at present on active service. 14 10 02

1914 10 02 ES
6 wounded Chatteris, March
8 new Military Road Wicken – Stretham
8 Downham Belgian Refugees meet
8 Manea soldier missing

1914 10 09
P2
Civilian rifle club
Stretham harvest festival
Military road from Stretham to Newmarket proposed but road Witchford - Haddenham & Sutton – Earith Bridge not needed *
Sutton petrol store
Littleport house breaking
Soham killed or missing
Burwell Gardiner Memorial Hall meeting
Isleham war effort

P3
Langley tried rescue drowning soldier, Cambridge
Conington Scambler sheep
Indecent postcards St Ives
Old West dredging to continue

P4

Cambridgeshire recruit training, Melbourne Place *
The work of raising and training the new Cambridgeshire Battalions is proceeding very satisfactorily. Recruits are being treated well, comfortably houses, warmly clothed and well fed. Their physical improvement has been great and they have mastered the rudiments of drill and learned fixing and unfixing bayonets. When rifles arrive they will be well fitted to bear them.

Troops are based at Melbourne Place School and the County Girls' School where classrooms make admirable barrack rooms. The men sleep on the floor in straw palliasses – canvas bags filled with straw – and a blanket apiece. The kitchens are well equipped and the catering in the hands of Mr G.P. Hawkins of the Dorothy Café.

At Melbourne Place school canteens have been installed adjoining the dining hall. Mr Dodds of the Abbey Stores, Abbey Road has one counter where soldiers can obtain all kinds of groceries, sardines, apples and walnuts together with writing materials, boot polish, braces and bachelors' buttons. Everything is sold at moderate prices. A penny will purchase almost anything in stock. At the wet canteens men can obtain beer or minerals and hot coffee is supplied night and morning.

At Melbourne Place School 'reveille' is sounded at 6 a.m. and, after coffee, men have a spell of Swedish exercises before breakfast. Then there are lectures on musketry or guard-mounting by NCOs, all old soldiers, followed by drill. After dinner there is a short period for a smoke or a look at the papers. Afternoon parade and drill follows, then a lecture before the men go for a short route march during which they are allowed to smoke and exercise their vocal abilities in 'Tipperary'. After tea they are free until 9 pm

Uniform and boots for the soldiers based at Melbourne Place School are expected to arrive shortly. Meanwhile they are wearing their civilian attire but have been issued with shirts and socks. The men seem happy and well-pleased with their lot. One farm labourer from Wood Ditton says "I'm better off now than I ever was. My guvnor's paying me seven shillings a week and I'm getting seven bob here and board and lodgings and clothes". He was contemplating marriage before the call to arms came but he and his sweetheart have patriotically agreed to wait until the war is over. Let us hope their happiness may not long be deferred. 14 10 09

Mrs Keynes walkover Fitzwilliam Ward

P5
County Boys' roll of honour

P6
Military roads - Stretham to Soham, one of four to allow different armies to move from west to east at same time without going through Cambridge. The first from Potton though Harston to Whittlesford and Pampisford and on to London Road near Hildersham.
Sinuous road through Grantchester and Trumpington on to Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn and away on the Newmarket Road.
Another down Huntingdon Road, across Midsummer Common and along Newmarket Road
Huntingdon, Wilburton & Stretham where new road would start
Newmarket RDC to make and improve road from Cam through Wicken. At one point there was a green track where the whole of the road would be constructed. At Wicken there was another piece of road about eight feet wide where flint would need to be pressed in. Through Wicken the road was a good second class decent road.
Ruth Lang leaves for missionary work
Billiards league
Chess club

P7
Hodder despatch rider reports *

A soldier from the Gloucester Regiment, lying in Trinity College, writes "I am a wounded soldier who has lost his leg whilst fighting at the front. I had it taken off by Lieut.-Col. Deighton at Cambridge Hospital, which was a great relief to me and saved my life. I wish to thank all the visitors who came in to see us wounded soldiers and for the presents I have received. We get treated very well and the nurses and sisters are so kind and gentle. A choir comes to sing on two evenings. It is lovely and we enjoy it so much. I am proud to say that I lost my leg for King and country. Others including Sawston

P8
Willingham Feast Sunday
Ivatts leave Rampton Manor House *

CIPof October 9, 1914

Mayoralty.—Councillor William Luard Raynes, of West Point, Adams Road, a partner of the firm of Messrs. Eaden, Spearing and Raynes, has been offered and has accepted the Mayoralty of the Borough. The invitation to succeed Mr. J. A. Sturton in the Chief Magistracy of Cambridge was ex-tended to Mr. Raynes on Wednesday at a meeting of the Conserva¬tive members of the Corporation, with whom the choice this year, in accordance with the agreement arrived at between the two political parties, rested. Mr. Raynes having accepted the invitation, his nomina¬tion will be submitted to the Liberal members; there is not the least likelihood of any opposition on their part. Mr. Raynes, an M.A. of Cambridge University, has an intimate knowledge of a wide range of subjects, and is an authority on financial matters, and the present sound financial basis of the Corporation's investments are a striking, tribute to his efforts. Few members of the Corpora¬tion worked harder in connection with Town's application for County Borough powers than Mr. Raynes, who was one of the witnesses to give evidence before the House of Commons Select Committee.

Specials:—The special constables sworn in at Royston, numbering 50, commenced duties on Tuesday. Four men are on duty each night from 9 a.m. till midnight. Yester¬day (Thursday) evening all the specials paraded at the Drill Hall for inspection and instructions by Superintendent Reed.

Killed at the Front—Lt.- Col. Richard Eric Benson has died of wounds in hospital in France. He was the fourth son of the late General Benson. He became lieutenant in 1884, and served in the South African War as Adjutant to the 4th Battalion of the East Surrey Regiment in the operations in Cape Colony, receiving the Queen's Medal with two clasps.

Sawston Men Wounded and Missing.—Corporal J. Barker, of the Rifle Brigade, is lying seriously wounded at the base in France. The relatives of Pte. F. Matthews of the Suffolk Regiment have been notified that he has been missing since August 26.

Bourn and the Cambs. Regi¬ment.—A collection has been made among the men of Bourn for special objects connected with the Cam¬bridgeshire Regiment. The sum of £5 2s. has been collected, and of this sum £1 goes to the special fund for providing socks and shirts for the Cambridgeshire Territorials, and £4 2s. to the fund for providing blankets and other winter comforts for Cambridgeshire troops.

1914 10 09 ES
5 Isle would be first part assailed – if landed would blast banks & flood land
8 blanket appeal
casualties (& Photos) Witcham, March, Wimblington, Chatteris, Prickwillow, Wilburton, Whittlesey, Soham
Belgian refugees at Wisbech

1914 10 16 CIP
P2
Chesterton soldier's leave

Ely Belgian family arrives
Carriage licence case
The small school at Stetchworth, near the July course, has been opened a year. As several prizes and medals have been awarded by the Education Committee a prize distribution was held. There were ten medals for attendance. The children have knotted a great quantity of woollen socks and scarves which are being sent to soldiers. Meanwhile Mr Hart of The Lodge, Stetchworth learned that his son, who went out with the first Expeditionary Force, has been severely wounded

Soham – Gilbey kia, identity disk sent home, wounded return
Burwell – Parr wounded
Isleham kia

P3
Higher Grade Pupils based elsewhere as soldiers have school
Stretham suicide Sennitt
Ridley Hall chapel extension & memorial windows opened
Cherry Hinton recruiting
Victoria Road working class houses

P4
The handsome new Castle Street Methodist chapel was formally opened. The Mayor referred to the 'tie rods' of the building which might detract from the artistic appearance but were needed because of the traffic which passed. When they laid the foundation stone no one thought that before it was completed the nations of Europe would be in deadly conflict. In Cambridge they had no forts or ramparts against their human foes, but this was a defence against spiritual enemies. 14 10 16

Comforts for soldiers

P5
A wounded soldier lying at Cambridge Military Hospital has a nightmare every night. "We had captured eight German guns when the enemy were reinforced with 4,000 more men. One of the shells we call 'coal boxes' came amongst us, killing 60 of us and leaving just me and a Coldstream Guard. We were wounded but pretended to be dead. German cavalry rode over where we lay, the wheels of one of the gun carriages going over my foot. Next morning we found our comrades all cut to pieces. Every time I close my eyes I go through it again" 14 10 16

Another trainload of wounded Belgian soldiers arrived at the station and were taken to the Hospital at Trinity College. Now 100 Belgian refugees are expected who will be housed temporarily in the Corn Exchange before they are found homes. Not many households can take a whole family but streets might share them. Professors from the University of Louvain professors have arrived and a room at the Engineering Laboratory made available for lectures. 14 10 16

FEGH to be enlarged
Reservists include T. Fletcher, Stretham
Mr G.W. Hodder has received a letter from his son with a German bullet hole clean through it. He was carrying it in his jacket pocket at the time. 'Bim' writes: "We are quartered in a lay-loft; it is a bit smelly but its warm and dry after nights spent under the stars. We have got Roger Hepburn of Magdalene with us. He is one of the best. There have been things to see which re not good for human sight – men torn to pieces. The only thing I have been really badly off for is boots." 14 10 16
Troops may be based Parker's Piece

P6
New Theatre directors & staff photo
Caxton school closure
Houses for teachers

Two military funerals took place from the First Eastern General Hospital at Trinity College. One body was sent in a coffin wrapped in a Union Jack to the station and put on a train to Durham. The railway expenses were generously defrayed by Nurse Keep. The funeral of other, Arthur Larkin of the Royal Scots, was held at Newmarket Road cemetery. He'd been wounded at Mons and the cause of death was tetanus. Bugler Royston sounded the 'Last Post'

P7
Hammond acquitted re horse acquisition for army
New Chesterton institute
Suffragette's goods sold

P8
Harston station danger children
Willingham pc a German rumour
Bottisham news of troops
Stretham horkey
Haddenham miller trial

1914 10 16 CIPof
A Call to Civilians.—I am asked (writes Free Lance) to call the attention of all civilians to the fact that a general meeting under the auspices of the Cambridge Civilian Drill and Sporting Club is called for Monday evening at 8.15 at the Castle Hotel. It will certainly not reflect to the credit of the Borough of Cambridge unless we can secure a total enrolment of several thousands of civilians not eligible for the Regular Army, and who are willing to put themselves into training so that they may be of service to their country should the necessity arise. # c.45.5

Had Britain Winked at Germany's Cruelty?—Speaking at the Free Church (Cherry Hinton) on Sunday evening. Gipsy Smith, referring to the war, said: "There are some people whose minds become confused when they think of the war and see the amount of suffering. It is not of great importance whether we live or not, but it is of great importance whether we do right or wrong. If England had winked at Germany's Cruelty and murder, we should; have been cruel murderers ourselves. I, for myself, would rather die.

Belgian Refugees at Royston. — By the generosity of the townspeople, a house on the Old North Road has been furnished and provision made for the reception of Belgian refugees. The first contingent arrived on Saturday and were met by the Chairman of the District Council and others. The family now in residence consists of a father with his two sons, a daughter and a daughter-in-law. They had a large butcher's business in Malines, and have left everything they possessed. Two more families are expected to arrive shortly. There are also two families from Antwerp, who are guests of ladies and gentlemen in the town.

1914 10 16 ES
2 tobacco for soldiers – Cambridgeshire Times promotion
5 missing men prove to be prisoners & casualties Coates, March, Downham, Chatteris, Littleport
Soham soldier returns
Chatteris gunner's experiences
March wounded men home
Benwick patriotic committee meeting
6 war news
8 Littleport man's experiences – reluctant to describe experiences
Soham kia
Downham Belgian refugees appeal
Sutton women knit
Prickwillow war effort

1914 10 23

p2
Belgian refugees Sawston, Histon, concert, Huntingdon, list Cambridge names & where billeted; p3
Caxton Infectious Diseases Hospital to be used
Holmes God Street letter

P3
Cottenham Hospital Parade
Red Cross Society needs ambulances
Railway man killed
Horses were urgently needed for the army: the Army had gone to Belgium without anything to ride and 400 had to be found by the coming Thursday, two men told Samuel Crawley of Hadstock Hall. He asked if they were dealers, they said not – they were buying for the army. They would not make a profit but receive a small commission on them. However the official army buyer, Major Phillips, said they were not authorised and did not give cheques drawn on the Paymaster of the Eastern Command.
Police housing, special constables

P4
Under the 1912 boundary extension proposals Cambridge had to erect a bridge over the Cam to Chesterton within five years. Walnut Tree Avenue was the best site but whether this was the best time was a matter of debate. An Inspector from London had told them what they had to do and it was now the Law of the Land. Chesterton people had voted against it - in fact nobody wanted it. The only way to overturn the order was by going though all the expense of obtaining another Act of Parliament.

Athletes Volunteer Force is non-combatant
When the war broke out a number of German women were in Cambridge for the University Extension Course. One of them has described her experiences in the 'Cologne Gazette' which is strictly anti-English. She says that they had been cut off from their families and were without money. They were taken into families who helped them, then raised funds, took them to the station and arranged for their journey home. They were treated courteously in every respect.

The Cambridge Borough Council meeting was notable for the fact that for the first time in the history a lady took her seat. Mrs Keynes, the new representative of Fitzwilliam Ward, was cordially welcomed by the Mayor. Being the first lady councillor she had not have to contest the election, but others should not take this as a precedent. If in the future a lady ever became Mayor then she would have the first call
Boy Scouts, Grantchester

P5
A new barracks is to be erected on the flying ground on Cherryhinton Road, recently used by Gustaf Hamel. It will provide for 1,000 men, thirty to a hut. It needs to be completed in six weeks and work will be found for 400 men, working day and night. The builders are W. Sindall. It will include officers' mess, cookhouses, shower baths, horse shelters, stores and guard houses together with a comfortable institute with reading room and canteen.

Recruiting Histon, names, Orwell
Bethune inspects troops Parkers Piece & EGH

After the Home Officeordered the arrest of all German of military age 14 were detained in Cambridge. The arrests were effected very quietly, the prisoners being conveyed in taxi-cabs to the Police Station where they slept on the floor of the recreation room. Two are undergraduates. Then were removed to the railway station in a motor bus and sent off to an internment camp under the

charge of Det-Serg Marsh. Their destination is secret, but the train goes to Doncaster. One or two of their relatives were able to say good-bye to them.

Mansfield kia

P6
Belgian badge day, refugees, Louvain arrive, Soham, Burwell, Whittlesford
Photo Patriotic Concert artistes
Private Jellyman of Soham experiences gives a thrilling account of his experiences as a Royal Marine at Antwerp. He was saved from death by an enamel plate his wife had bought for him which he had strapped to his back. A piece of shrapnel struck him but the plate stopped it.

P7
George Fordham presentation
Hodder letter re Waggett
Civilian Drill club inaugural meeting

P8
R.H. Benson death
Casualties – Bottisham, Gt Shelford
Recruiting – Steeple Morden
New workhouse opposed
Chesterton RDC Military roads

1914 10 23 CIPof
Gift to Sir George Fordham.—A pleasing function took place at the County Hall, Cambridge, on Saturday afternoon, when a representative company assembled on the occasion of a presentation to Sir George Fordham on his marriage. The gifts to Sir George consisted of a large silver salver, a two-handled loving cup and a pair of coffee and hot milk jugs.

Railway Tragedy. — A fatality occurred on the Great Eastern Railway line at Cambridge on Saturday, when a platelayer named William James Thurlow was knocked down by a truck while engaged in oiling points near Mill Road Bridge. Thurlow was work¬ing with a man named Jack Andrews, who was also knocked down and injured. Thurlow died after admission to hospital, and at an inquest the jury returned a verdict of "accidental death." # c.26.2

Death of Mgr. Benson.—It is with regret that we record the death of the Very Rev. R. H. Benson, which occurred after a brief illness at Salford in Monday morning. The eminent preacher and novelist, who was in his 43rd year, was well known to a large number of Cambridge people. He had preached on many occasions in the town before joining the Catholic Church, and subsequently he worked as assistant priest at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs. The cause of death is believed to be a heart attack. Mgr. Benson was the youngest of three sons of Edward White Benson, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Alien Enemies at Cambridge. — Fourteen alien enemies have been arrested in Cambridge, and the men have been dispatched to a military camp. The arrests were made by the local police in pur¬suance of an order of the Home Office directing the police to arrest all Germans, Austrians and Hungarians of military age and to hand them over to the military authorities. This order followed on Wednesday's announcement that the measures hitherto adopted by the Government for the detection and suppression of espionage were being reconsidered in the light of later

1914 10 23 ES
2 Belgian refugees Wisbech
Isle Quarter sessions ‘men who have failed in their duty’
5 Ely soldier’s heroism – half leg blown off

Haddenham man at Antwerp
Ely & Belgians, Cutlack offers The Grange, Littleport
7 Soham refugees – special home to be provided
8 reservists called up
Downham – 2 Belgian families settled

1914 10 30
p2
Ely bonfire fireworks banned
Ely fair – recruiting parties and sale of Belgian favours

Pows – Fordham & Soham – Boyce
Mepal – death Albert Rayner, farmer
Soham make socks & shirts for troops
Soham Red Cross help wounded soldiers from trains, Cambridge

P3
Fulbourn Asylum extension, Isolation Hospital plans

Sergt Lander told magistrates he visited Charles Thurston's cinematograph show on the Green at Cottenham Feast. There were 200 people inside but the five fire exists were covered with thick curtains and not illuminated. Mr Thurston said it was only a temporary building but was one of the best constructed in the country. Next night the lights had been put up. Another proprietor, William Biddall from London, was summoned for a similar offence. Both were fined

P4
Cambridge Women Suffragette Association has published a leaflet 'How to Help in Cambridge in time of war' listing organisations rendering public service. It includes the local branches of the National Relief Fund Committee and the Soldiers and Sailors' Families Association, relieving distress and supporting dependents of men serving. The Red Cross Society conveys wounded to the First Eastern Hospital and supplies blankets. Others are the Ladies' Recruiting Committee, the Sidgwick School of Needlework and the Charity Organisation Society. # c.33

Belgians – Waterbeach not help, Soham arrivals, Burwell, Bourn, Cottenham, Duxford, Gamlingay, Gt Eversden, Histon, Linton, Over, Sawston, Swavesey, Chatteris, Cheveley
Belgians – 170 here

P5
More wounded – two trains
Recruiting
Wounded entertained at New Theatre
Belgians entertained at Playhouse
The Costermongers Marathon will be held as usual on Boxing Day. Distress was greater this winter on account of the war and the substantial money prizes would be especially welcome. A suggestion that the soldiers lying in Cambridge should be invited to compete was deferred as was another that the funds collected should be allocated to Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Belgian Refugees Fund. # c.39

P6
County MoH report on children
The dentist of the Stapleford & Sawston clinic said that at Stapleford, where the children were re-inspected annually, no teeth were found to be unsaveable. But at Shelford, where work had been interrupted for a year, some children had teeth so decayed as to be beyond saving. This emphasises the importance of annual inspections. Only one treatment was refused at Stapleford where there is no

charge, but at Shelford, where payment is sought, treatment was refused for 25 out of 82 children for whom it was advised.

Gramophone records damaged – court
Romsey Town Institute billiard team had done well, the ladies had organised concerts and a garden party. When the 6th Division were in camp the club was thrown open to soldiers who enjoyed the games and were supplied with free writing material. Nineteen members are serving with the colours. But membership was declining due to slackness of trade and the war. The time has arrived when they needed a bar. This had been blocked in the past by the Temperance Party but some of them had not been in the building since it opened. They could not keep going with teetotallers. # c.37

Haynes on German atrocities

P7
More wounded, description of fighting, spies
Horses for army, Hildersham
Captain Francis Percy Campbell Pemberton of Trumpington Hall has been killed in action while serving with the Life Guards. He was educated at Trinity College and entered the army in 1907. He was seconded to become a cavalry instructor to the Oxford & Cambridge O.T.C. but recalled on the declaration of war. He was a keen sportsman, excellent shot and bold huntsman who was popular with his officers and men. Like every other member of his family he was greatly beloved in Trumpington and great sympathy goes to his widow in this great bereavement # c.45.5
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Recruiting, Harston

P8
Histon recruiting meeting addressed by E.S. Montagu MP, alleged it was for political purposes*
Enlistment Hardwick, Histon, Oakington, Litlington, Guilden Morden,
At St Ives a lady and gentlemen were making themselves efficient as revolver shots in view of the threatened invasion. A target was placed on a wooden shed and the practice proceeded well until a loud crash was heard. Investigations showed their shots had gone through the two sides of the building, across another 25 ft of ground and through a thick door into a quantity of glass windows stored in a brick building. Cattle Market requisitioned for military.

As motor ambulances are much needed Cambridge Red Cross have decided to hire a chassis from the Cambridge Automobile and Engineering Company and build an ambulance upon it. Other chassis have been lent by Mr Briscoe of Longstowe, Lady Inchcape and Mr Douglas Newton while Lady Waldstein has also converted one of her cars into an ambulance. These, together with those lent by Messrs King & Harper will convey wounded with increased comfort from the station to the First Eastern General Hospital. # c.21.4
Arrington Red Cross
Cottenham – seven sons serving

1914 10 30 CIPof

First Cambs. Officer to Fall. Deep regret has been caused throughout Cambridgeshire by the official news that Captain Francis Percy Campbell Pemberton, of the 2nd Life Guards, of Trumpington Hall, was killed in action near Roulers on Monday, October 19. The news was conveyed to members of the deceased officer's family on Friday evening. His Majesty the King, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment, and Her Majesty the Queen have telegraphed their deep sympathy to Canon and Mrs. Pemberton. Captain Pemberton, who was 29 years of age, was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge. He entered the Army in 1907, and received a captaincy in August last. In May, 1912, he was seconded from his regiment (the 2nd Life Guards) to take up duties of cavalry instructor to the Oxford and Cambridge Officers' Training Corps. The appointment would have expired next March, but on the declaration of war he was recalled to his regiment. Capt. Pemberton was extremely popular

and at both Oxford and Cambridge had a large circle of friends. Widespread sympathy is felt for the Canon, Mrs. Pemberton, Miss Pemberton and the widow in their great loss. The news was received with, the deepest regret in Trumpington, where Capt. Pemberton was much beloved. He was a fine all-round sportsman, a splendid cricketer, a keen huntsman and an extraordinarily good shot. He was a member of the County Cricket Club, and Vice-President and mem¬ber of the Trumpington Cricket Club. Shortly before the declara¬tion of war he played for the Village cricket club in their county cup-tie against New Chesterton Institute. He had a great natural gift for music. Capt. Pemberton is the first Trumpington man who has fallen in the war. He is also the first Cambridgeshire officer who has died for his country in this great struggle. The Trumpington estate has been in the Pemberton family since 1675, when it was bought by Francis Pemberton, who became Chief Justice of England and presided at the state trial of Lord Russell. From Francis Pemberton the Trumpington estate has come down in direct line to Captain Pemberton's mother. # c.45.5

Serving in the Forces. Out of a population now under 300, Croydon can boast of four serving in the Navy, six in the Regular Army, 13 in Kitchener's Army, one in the Territorials and Yeomanry and six others offered themselves, but were not accepted. Mr. Isaac Titchmarsh has four sons serving.

More Wounded Arrive. A Great Western Red Cross train arrived at Cambridge on Monday evening with a number of wounded soldiers from the front, including many men of the 6th Division, who were recently at Cambridge. There were 174 patients, including 33 cot cases, and 156 of the men were taken to the 1st Eastern General Hospital in Burrell's Walk, and the re¬mainder to the Research Hospital, Hills Road. 14 10 23 # c.45.5

1914 10 30 ES

5	Upwell no refugees, Norfolk a prohibited area
	Soham Belgian refugees – photo
	Ely Belgian refugees, local fund started
7	farmers & war – direct purchase of produce for forces
8	Wisbech Belgian wounded – photo
	Haddenham refugees – six to come
	Downham refugees meet

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Ely Countess Huntingdon church pastor leaves
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Ely relief widows

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Cambridge Labour Party meeting – housing, Chivers stop paying workers' train fares
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Romsey recruiting
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Belgians – Littleport, Burwell, Chatteris, Duxford, Comberton, Sawston, Elsworth, Fen Drayton, Swavesey, Fordham, West Wickham, Wicken, Gamlingay, Willingham, Madingley, Isleham, Landbeach, Linton, Lode, Oakington,
Gt Stukeley poisoning, Mr Maddison kept potassium for photographs

James Toller of Waterbeach had lived a long life and come to a beautiful end. He was the only remaining original county councillor and served up to his death. He was the last link with young C.H. Spurgeon when he was pastor of Waterbeach and did all he could to help him. Mr Toller had laboured to make the agricultural labourer's conditions better and there were poor people in the village who would never forget him. , pic p6 *

The whole of the village of Trumpington was in mourning for Captain Francis Percy Campbell Pemberton of the 2nd Life Guards who was killed in action on October 19th. # c.45.5

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Letters from front, include Swavesey – Goad *
Wounded – Hudson of Pampisford, Douglas-Pennard of Newmarket, Heal

The new Territorial Forces headquarters in East Road are nearly completed and have been occupied by troops training in Cambridge. But the formal opening has been postponed. It stands on the site of the Technical Schools which have been adapted and added to and includes a spacious drill hall and miniature rifle range abutting on to Adam and Eve Row. The Quartermaster's stores include a wooden gallery for use as a saddlery store for the Yeomanry. # c.45.5
Northfield six sons – letter from King
Medcalfe, son of Cambridge Express proprietor, rejoins

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Belgian Minister visits
240 more wounded including Belgians
Suffragette on women's war work *
Mrs Keynes photo
Cambridgeshire Battalion inspected Parkers Piece, Woollcombe
Histon patriotic concert
The new hut barracks on Cherry Hinton Meadows are making remarkable progress: all the frames and roofs have been erected and it presents the appearance of a miniature town. The guard house is a long oblong building with offices for the Commanding Officer and clerks, a large detention room, guard-room and a number of cells lined with sheet steel. The regimental institute contains a games and reading room, supper room and canteen, nearby is a coal yard and shower baths. A parade ground and miniature rifle range are to follow. # c.45.5

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Insurance Committee
Special police constables list
Electricity supply accounts
Caxton workhouse takes Belgians

Sergeant-Major Longley went to war as a despatch rider, landing in August. He was transferred for mounted duty and is now in charge of 200 men and 150 horses. He has been mentioned in despatches. He fought at Mons and helps the R.A.M.C. in Field Hospitals in his spare time "I do not want to talk of the horrors which I've witnessed and should be only too pleased to forget it, if possible", he says.. *, Hodder, shelling

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Orwell working party soldiers

It is with much regret we find that the ‘bus service which has been such a great convenience to Willingham villages has been discontinued for a time owing to the Ortona ‘Bus Company having some of their buses seized for military purposes. It is hoped that these may be very soon replaced

Addenbrooke's Hospital & war, nurses to EGH

A Grantham glue manufacturing business said he contracted for house bones and butchers bones from Bird’s bone works at Duxford. Several consignments were satisfactory but then the bones sent were of inferior quality. And they came with fat. He did not want it but was obliged to take it and could not send it back. So he reduced the price paid. G. Wheatley, bone merchant said the bones were sold in Cambridge market, he helped load them on the train. Birds said until war came they were not working at a profit; but then their contracts were broken, as their stuff went abroad. They could not get rid of it, meaning prices fell, so he put in his own degreasing plant.

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Memorial Service.—How widespread is the sympathy extended to Canon and Mrs. Pemberton, of Trumpington Hall, in the loss of their only son, Capt. P. F. C. Pemberton, 2nd Life Guards, who was killed in action near Roulers on October 19, and with the gallant officer's widow, was man¬ifest on Wednesday, when a large congregation, representative of Town, University and County, attended a memorial service held in the church of St. Mary and St. Michael, Trumpington. The service was a most impressive one, and will never be forgotten by those present. The chancel of the church was adorned with white chrysanthemums and ferns, whilst a cross of similar Mowers, which hung from the chancel rails, bore the inscription: "With most loving sympathy."

Provisions. — Prices. — Eggs (new laid) 6 a shilling; butter l/3d and l/4d per pound.

Buried under fall of chalk. An inquest was held on Monday on the body of a man named George Reed, 34 years of age, who was killed on Thursday whilst at work in a chalk pit at Royston. Deceased was spiking chalk, and suddenly a large piece, weighing some 15 cwts, fell from above, hitting the man on the head and knocking him down. A further fall of 30 to 40 tons took place, and buried the man, who, when extricated, was quite dead, with fearful injuries to his head. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

Long Career of Public Service, —The death of Mr. James Toller, (83) of Winfield, Waterbeach, occurred at his residence on Friday after a short illness. He had been indisposed for about three weeks, but it was not until about a week ago that he was compelled to keep to his bed. Mr. Toller was well-known in Cambridgeshire, and for 45 years was a familiar figure in Waterbeach. For practically the whole of his life he was in business as a farmer and corn merchant, and he also performed numerous public duties to the satisfaction of the district and to his own credit during a long period. He was one of the original members of the County Council, and by his death the County loses its only link with the first Cambridgeshire Council. He was also a member of the Chesterton Board of Guardians for considerably over 20 years. In the village he took an active part in local affairs. He was an original member of the Parish Council. Mr. Toller endeavoured to secure a seat in Parliament immediately after the introduction of the Home Rule Bill by Mr. Gladstone. He fought the Mid-Norfolk constituency in the Liberal interest and succeeded in considerably reducing his opponent's majority. In later years Mr. Toller was associated with the local Conservative and Unionist cause. For about 50 years he has been senior deacon of the Baptist Church, and was a generous supporter. He was a close friend of C. H. Spurgeon, who had often stayed at Mr. Toller's residence in Waterbeach. Mr. Toller's wife pre- deceased him, and two sons and two daughters are left.

Missing Histon Men. — The following residents of Histon, who are in the Suffolk Regiment, have now been officially reported as missing. — F. Young, S. Wilder-spin, W. Pettit and G. Pettit.

1914 11 06 ES
3 refugees to be housed Littleport
5 Ely Lance-Copr .K Marne memorial service
8 pow including Wilburton
Stretham letter
Soham letter, soldiers at front
Downham send clothing
Witchford schoolmaster now Lance Corporal
Wilburton 4 men join
Prickwillow 13 fresh recruits – now over 50
Belgian refugees – Witcham, Mepal, Haddenham

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sale horses

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It is the duty of vets to go round and examine wounded horses after a battle and those they find capable of bandaging or plugging up are taken to the rear and have their wounds attended to, while those too badly injured and put out of their pain – the officers carrying pistols for the purpose. There is a terrible wastage of horse life as there is of human life in a war and this is the most frightful campaign that has ever been wages. But the veterinary officers have saved an immense number of animals which were fit again after a short rest.

Cyril Wright of Chesterton Road, a motor cyclist attached to the 1st Cavalry Division writes to his mother: Christmas is getting nearer and the war has not ended yet. I don't think it will last very much longer because of the terrible slaughter going on. I was in a village when the Germans opened a heavy artillery barrage, blowing the houses up as if they were made of putty. I was completely cut off so ran into a trench and had to stop there ten hours. After dark I crawled out under heavy rifle fire to my motor cycle only to find it smothered with broken glass and bricks. I was glad to get out of if. 14 11 13

Mrs Marcus Dimsdale's chauffeur meets her sister 14 11 13

Corp. L. Stoakley from Victoria Road writes to say he has been relieved: "We did look a crowd of tramps. Fancy ten days without a wash or shave, covered with mud and nearly dropping from want of sleep. Nobody can imagine what it is like to crouch in the trenches and hear the shells bursting overhead. It is awful. The enemy are suffering heavy losses and General French says it will just be a matter of days to see it through. There is a change of being home for Christmas yet.

Paul Gilroy writes: one British regiment crept up to the enemy's advanced trenches and bayoneted the whole lot without arousing the trench behind them. They then quietly filled them in so that the Germans could not occupy them. One Ghurkha officer attacked another trench in the night and kukried the whole lot, about 150 in all. The terrified howls of the Germans were dreadful to hear – but the Ghurkhas killed them all, and came grinning back

Corp. H. Simpson of the 6th Division of the Royal Field Artillery who were in tents on Midsummer Common writes: When I was in Cambridge growling because we were kept in England I did not realise how terrible war was. I think that nearly a quarter of the men that were at Cambridge are either killed or wounded. Capt Scholey writes to Mr Dockrill of Marlowe Road: A great number of those where on the Meadows have been killed or wounded while Pte Layfield, writing to Miss Smart, asks for a bit of home-made cake

Belgian refugees – Carlton, Waterbeach, Bassingbourn, Sawston, Willingham, Horningsea, Elsworth, Fowlmere, Ickleton, Cheveley
Burwell nurses fund

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W.L. Raynes, Mayor

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Sturton Mayor appreciation, conscription
A double military funeral of soldiers who died at the 1st Eastern General Hospital took place at Newmarket Road cemetery. Both coffins were conveyed in one cortege. One was a Belgian soldier whose funeral service in the Catholic Church was attended by many Belgian wounded. The service for Ernest Thorne of the Coldstream Guards was held at Christ Church. He had been a fine strapping fellow standing over 6ft 3". His leg was amputated in France. Despite the fierce rainstorm many assembled at the cemetery where the solders were accorded full military honours and interred in separate graves. Meanwhile 200 more wounded soldiers arrived at Cambridge station. Reading and refreshment rooms for soldiers have opened in Cintra Terrrace. A gramophone has been donated but they would welcome presents of records

200 more wounded
Mill Road amateur gardeners
Cambridgeshire Territorials at full strength
Cintra Terrace reading room for soldiers

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Mrs Hinson of Merton Street has received from a photograph of her husband's grave at Angers, France, together with a translation of the speech delivered over the graves of the English soldiers who lie buried there. They were sent by Major Stoney Archer's wife who enclosed a very kind letter expressing deepest sympathy. The hospital in which he was treated is beautifully equipped and he received the best of care and nursing. It is such kindly actions which make our British officers beloved by their men and which cements the good feeling between all classes in this country.

Special constables sworn – list
Joe Baker, timekeeper Corporation, obit including military experience, photo p6
Fred Christmas, Gt Gransden biog
Ditton Lane made up

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Spy peril *

The County Council should be granted power to deal with the espionage suspected to exist in Cambridgeshire. We had German professors in the University who had laboratories and carried on experiments. We had traders who were born Germans and remained Germans on whom our troops were being billeted. We had sons of Prussian officers in the Officers' Training Corps. There were thousands of cases of people being naturalised and then going back to Germany to fight against us.
Corp. C. Heals experiences – letter

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Dimock's Cote bridge
Working class homes, Newton & Comberton
Shortage of farm labour
County Education Officer's salary

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Bourn – water, Caxton End

Belgians, Ickleton
Baitsbite Lock in very bad state, to repair in reinforced concrete
Histon Institute Rifle range
Second Army recruits list
Dale Brewery medals – wins silver medals for best stout & best bottled ale at Brewers' Exhibition; has acquired a maltings and brewery stores at Gt Chesterford & improved machinery

1914 11 13 CIPof
High Commissioner for South Africa.—The Hon. William Philip Schreiner. K.C., member of the South African Senate and form¬erly Premier of Cape Colony, on Wednesday became High Commissioner in London for the Union of South Africa, replacing Sir David Graaf, who will return to South Africa Mm November 21. Mr. Schreiner has been residing in Silver Street, Cambridge, for some time past. Mr. Schreiner is a politician and barrister. He was born in Cape Colony in 1857.

Wounded Soldiers Entertained. —Striking scenes were witnessed at the Playhouse, Mill Road, Cambridge, on Thursday afternoon, when about a 100 wounded British soldiers, who were being entertained by the Directors, rose to a man and cheered lustily 50 Belgian comrades, who were also guests of the management. The Belgians returned the com¬pliment by giving three hearty cheers for their British friends. Tea, chocolates arid cigarettes were handed to the soldiers by a number of ladies, who volunteered their assistance. # c.45.5 # c.76.9

Important War Post.—Mr. T. S. Ablewhite, Conservative Agent for East Cambs., says he has heard from the Member for the Division, Mr. J. C. Denison-Pender, and that the latter has been appointed by the Government as Honorary Secretary to the British Red Cross Society Detachment at the Front. Mr. Denison-Pender is in the best of health, and is fully employed in dealing with the supervision of the motor ambulance transports, etc. He has no time for letter writing, but in the course of a message to Mr. Ablewhite, he ex¬presses the intention of "sticking it to the end." Every good wish will go to Mr. Denison-Pender in the arduous and patriotic mission which he has undertaken in a voluntary capacity. Cordial congratulations will also be ex¬tended to the Member and his wife on the birth of a son, which took place at 16, Hans Crescent, London, S.W., on Friday last. They have now a family of two sons and one daughter.

Letter From France. Corporal A. G. Pointer, of the 1st Buffs (East Kent Regiment) serving with the Expeditionary Force in France, writing to his wife, who is at present staying at Grantchester, says: "I thought a lot about South Africa, but one at home does not realise what we are having to put up with here. I have seen more this last three months than I ever saw in South Africa; in fact, it is only murder, and not fighting. The sights are enough for one to see - some of the poor fellows blown to pieces. May God spare me to come back. The fellows pray of a night. No doubt you think I am telling you wrong, but to see shells bursting a few yards away makes your blood go cold. We know no fear, but our thoughts are for the ones we have left behind."

1914 11 13 ES
2 Manea man on sunk hospital ship
Diocesan conference Bishop & war
3 Tommy Atkins only needs something to smoke
5 free medical attendance for dependants of soldiers & sailors
Ely vicar's son kia – Lieut Punchard (?) – photo
8 new hut barracks erecting Cherry Hinton meadows
sluices guarded
several Soham soldiers on leave
Littleport refugees arrive

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GER new railway – act to be sought; includes line crossing River Cam near Sawston, stopping up stream, Ely land
Your King & Country Need You record, Sturton sludge advert

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Atkins, Mepal, potato case
Littleport – invalid, recruiting, Belgians
Military Road work stopped pending bridge Old West, opposed by South Level Commissioners who want bridge 70 feet wide, & p6
Stuntney polling station

The Home Office has authorised the Isle of Ely Chief Constable to enrol up to 300 special constables, some of whom could carry and use firearms. He was to take 'certain actions' on the roads in consequence of the war; the nature of the obstructions to be utilised on the roads left to his discretion and he could obtain additional equipment as necessary. Payment was to be made for subsistence of Boy Scouts rendering assistance to the police. Ely Water Tower continues to be guarded, but what of the bridge – the water main runs across it

Erhmann supplied whisky to W.F. Wilkinson of Ely; but were they Germans as cannot trade with enemy; they could be imprisoned.
Lt Downham street lighting installed to celebrate Coronation not lighted this season

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Cambridge Health last 20 years – MoH report 14 11 20 # c.21.1
Photographers club – W.C. Squires

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Recruiting census

People in Shelford and Stapleford are worried about mysterious lights shining on the Gogs and are concerned that there are spies. But Dr Henry Bond says the light came from his house. There is concrete in the foundations and the removal of the house might provide a base from which a German gun could demolish King's College chapel. He admits he speaks German and has had holidays there. But he is not a spy and honest folk are quite safe. However given the present alarm nobody who has electric light in his house, a bottle of German wine in his cellar, or worse of all (like our Royal Family) German blood in his veins, will be safe. 14 11 20 # c.45.5

There is no more potent cause of disease amongst soldiers than impure water. When Cambridge became a mobilisation centre and the Sixth Division was camped along the Cam from Jesus Lock to the Pike & Eel, Sims Woodhouse, the Prof of Pathology, took a bucketful of river water, from a spot where the soldiers were bathing and washing their clothes and by experiment turned it into perfectly pure and palatable drinking water. Even water polluted by corpses is made innocuous. It will be surprising if the whole army does not benefit by his research 14 11 20 # c.45.5 # c.36.9

University student numbers have almost halved as some 2,000 undergraduates have been commissioned into the army. This has led to nearly 1,500 empty lodgings, meaning difficulties for lodging-house keepers. They saw the grey uniforms of Universitymen about the town and soon they would have another lot of undergraduates going away. All this affected tradesmen. It was time to rebuild the workhouse 14 11 20 # c.45.5
University lodging houses
Holy Sepulchre covered in ivy

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Belgian subscriptions

Another trainload of wounded soldiers arrived at Cambridge station. Owing to the inclement weather and having to remain for hours at a stretch up to their waist in water in the trenches, many of the men had to be invalided home suffering from rheumatism. The new wards at the Military Hospital in Burrell's Walk are practically completed and at present there are about 900 wounded soldiers receiving treatment there. 14 11 20 # c.45.5 # c.21.4
Casualties – Parsons of Frenchs Road, Simpkins Ely, Tibbet Histon,
Memorial service University & Town

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Lt Shelford fire 'Sainfoin'
Experiences – Housden of Peterhouse, Traylen, Fulbourn Taylor w., Horlock of St John's Rd - Lancers letter *.
Mr E.E. Paine of Derby Street has received a letter from Pte Hutchins of the Royal Engineers: "We have put up many miles of barbed wire in front of our trenches and after the Germans have charged during the night the morning shows their bodies hanging on the wire like clothes left out to dry. I have seen many German prisoners and wounded and they all appear to be 16 to 18 years of age or else very old men"
PoW letter *
Suffolk Regiment experiences
Kidmans build church, Colchester

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The Germans had a great network of spies, County Councillors were told. The county should be purged of all spies or people of treasonable actions. The Emergency committees which were being formed should ensure people were not installing secret petrol stores for Zeppelins or watch for partisans with carrier pigeons or wireless apparatus. University Laboratories were doing much undisclosed research involving explosives and chemicals and employed a high proportion of aliens. A man who had watched army evolutions on Parker's Piece was pursued and arrested by two police constables after an old lady denounced him as a spy. A large number of naturalised German people lived locally but in the zeal to put down espionage an enormous amount of injustice had been done. 14 11 20 # c.45.5

Fen Ditton Belgian concert

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Linton VAD hospital
Horningsea – eight serving, two wounded
St Ives yeomanry depart
Belgians – Balsham, Milton, Fulbourn, Burwell
Histon VAD Hospital Firs prepared, comforts, walking sticks
Cottenham & Grantchester – housing working classes

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Wounded arrive from the War - Shortly before 9 o'clock on Wednesday night another train-load of wounded soldiers arrived at Cambridge. There were in all 173 wounded, and of these 25 were stretcher cases. Included in the party were members of the 6th Division which had laid at Cambridge in August last. # c.45.5

Promoted. — Capt. George R. Bowes, of the Cambridgeshire Regiment has been promoted to the rank of Major, and Capt. D. Grafton Pryor has been appointed Adjutant. The appointments were announced in a supplement to the London Gazette, issued on Saturday night. R. V. Burrows and F. L. Templest have also been gazetted temporary Second Lieutenants in the same regiment.

Death of Lord Roberts.—Field Marshal Earl Roberts passed away on Saturday evening, and the whole Empire mourns the loss of a great commander. Lord Roberts was in his 83rd year, and died as the result of a chill contracted while visiting the Indian troops at the front. Pneumonia super-vened. Cambridge University on June 3, 1893, conferred the honor¬ary degree of LL.D. on Lord Roberts. His visit to Cambridge on that occasion of the manoeuvres in the Eastern Counties (in 1912) is well remembered by residents. Lord Roberts was cordially received in the town.

Suspected Espionage in Cambs. —"That this Council makes urgent representations to the Home Office that powers be granted to local authorities to deal with the espionage suspected to exist in Cambridgeshire, and that such powers be more practical and stringent than those already possessed by the police with regard to aliens and recently naturalised persons." The above is the text of a resolution which formed the subject of a good deal of discussion at a special meeting of the Cambs. County Council held at the County Hall on Saturday afternoon. There was some opposition to the motion which was eventually carried by a majority of 26 to 15. # c.45.5

Death of Mr. A. W. Rose.—The news of the death of Mr. Arthur William Rose, of Market Hill, and Peas Hill, Cambridge, was received with widespread regret on Tuesday by a large number of friends. Mr. Rose had suffered from heart trouble for a considerable time, but he had been able to attend to his business up to Wednesday of last week. On that day he was caught in a rainstorm and contracted a chill, from the effects of which he never recovered. Death ensued at 6.30 on Monday morning. Mr. Rose. was born at Cottenham on November 1, 1868. He entered into partnership with Mr. Lawrence about 20 years ago, and together they carried on the business of a butcher at 37, Market Hill, and 22 Peas Hill. The partnership lasted for about two years, and on the death of Mr. Lawrence the business passed into the possession of Mr. Rose. Open-hearted and generous, Mr. Rose made a wide circle of friends in Cambridge, and he was held in the greatest respect by local tradesmen. About 15 years ago he interested himself in the formation of a Butchers' Association in Cambridge, and he was one of the foundation members. For a considerable time he was treasurer of the Association. He was a sidesman of Great St. Mary's Church. Mr. Rose leaves a widow and one son.

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6 aliens in Cambridgeshire
8 letter ‘heartily glad when it all over’
Soham soldiers at Ypres
Smokes – 2289 gift parcels

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Stuntney vicar Mowbray Smith leaves, Cole Ambrose made a gift of Institute to parish and he would give furniture and effects
Ely recruiting, Littleport Constitutional Hall patriotic songs*, Lt Downham
Lt Ouse School House costs
Casualties – Soham
Haddenham – Belgians
Soham Flying Fund letter
Soham mother refused send son to school because schoolmistress had caned him on the head and doctor certified he unfit to go
P3
There is urgent need for food and increasing shortage of labour as men enlist. Motor plough needed that is self-propelling and light so can be used for winter and summer ploughing. It is more economical than horse-drawn plough – can do same work at one-third of the cost. Price is within reach of farmer, can average five acres a day which would require five single ploughs each with team of three horses on heavy land – other figures – that’s five men compared with one for motor plough; and horses require grooming, housing & feeding. County council should buy one and rent to smaller farmers. They could also be used for haulage and pulling binders on the road. But they cost £350 and

would become obsolete in five years. Horses were difficult to get and almost prohibitive in price. 14 11 27
Stanley Road pit drowning
William Dennis, roadman drowned in drain on Mildenhall Road, Littleport; had visited Rising Sun where had three pints
Scout field day & parade
Rose butcher, Peas Hill death
Chess extraordinary

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'Hospitals' article on EGH pressures
Leonard Alston poems [downloaded]
The Hospitality Committee for Belgian refugees has equipped four houses in which 55 refugees have been accommodated. They are 'Scotsdale' on Grantchester Rd where a Flemish priest has been lodged with nine members of his family and 'South House' Barton Road which houses 14 members of doctor's family. A young lace maker and a family of eight from Louvain lodges at No.4 West View Newnham while at No.11 Brookside there are 22 refugees from Malines and Ostend. In Regent Street a studio has been converted into a fair-sized reading room where Dutch, French and English papers are supplied. * & p5 14 11 27
Swavesey Red Cross depot

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Exning has furnished 120 men for the forces, 28% of the male population. Mr George Townsend has had the names inscribed and illuminated on vellum and framed in oak. It is entirely hand-painted and has taken the artist 260 hours of labour. The church is beautifully painted and true in every detail except the roof of the chancel is shown with red tiles. It contains the names of all Exning soldiers with their private address and the regiments they belong to.

The first VC of the war has been won by a Cambridge man, Sergt Papworth of 15th Hussars. His parents formerly lived at Chesterton and now live at Hayward's Heath. He was with a small troop of 10 men that suddenly came across a large force of 6-700 Germans. Undaunted by the fearful odds the Hussars retired in good order, inflicting severe losses on the enemy. The Hon. E.C. Hardinge was injured and Serg Parish remained behind and kept the Germans at bay while his officer reached a point of safety. Cambridge will be proud to learn that the gallantry of a local man has won the first VC of the war
Lights on Gogs – amateur spy hunt

New machinery installed at the Hundred Foot pumping station just beyond Pymore was formally opened. The new plant supplied by Gwynnes cost £3,000 with another £1,100 for work on the engine house. It is a high-pressure compound engine and a vast improvement on the old engine and scoop wheel. The fens had subsided and got so low for the old scoop wheel and it became impossible to grow potatoes. Decision hastened by the great flood of 1912 when water rose to the bands of the wheat shocks, potatoes and onions completely covered. . Had been pumping plant since 1829. In 1881 the scoopwheel was enlarged. Now had two good sets of pumping machinery, one at Ten Mile Bank

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Civilian Drill club & p7
Chaucer Road
Stanley Road – more cottages
Ortona buses for war
Cam Sailing Club a/m
Cottenham Constitutional Club billiards

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Hodder wounded despatch rider experiences

Histon Firs Belgian wounded, Biggs enlists

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Casualties – Gt Wilbraham, Ely PC Chaney
Enlistment – Carlton, Duxford,
Fulbourn VAD – 25 wounded arrive from EGH & now accommodated in Assembly Room, form VAD detachment to relieve Red Cross nurses at night
Traylen letter
More wounded arrive
Huntingdon telephone improvement

1914 11 27 CIPof
Fellowship for Dr. Rootham.-— Dr. Cyril Bradley Rootham, M.A., Mus.D., was on Friday ejected .to a Fellowship at St. John's College, Cambridge. Dr. Rootham, who is well-known as a musical composer, is organist at the College and Director of the University Musical Society. This is the first fellowship for music ever given by St. John's College, and we believe there are only two other instances in the University of Cambridge viz. Dr. Wood, of Gonville and Caius, and Mr. Dent, of King's College. At Oxford only one Fellowship has even been awarded for music, Dr. H. P. Allen being elected! a Fellow of New College. There are however, two Honorary Fellowships held by eminent musicians, Sir Hubert Parry and Sir Walter Parratt being Hon. Fellows of their respective colleges. Dr. Rootham is the University Lecturer on "Form and Analysis of Music"— the Lectureship founded last year by Mr. Sedley Taylor. The high honour conferred upon him by his college has been received with great satisfaction by his numerous friends. Dr. Rootham's compositions are very numerous and of great importance. He is an original thinker, and has the power of expressing his thoughts in a scholarly and artistic way # c.69

Athletes' Volunteer Force,—The Duxford Athletes' Volunteer Force which was formed on November17, held their first drill on Tuesday in a barn which has been lent by Mr. Hughes for the purpose. The following members were drilled by Drill Instructor Pearce. — Messrs. E. Hughes, W. G. Pike, A, Webb, T. Harding, C. G. Greaves W. Angell, A. W. Cullum, s. Woodley, F. Ward, S. Wilson, J. Plumb, T. Plumb and A. Proud.

Muffled Peal. — On Monday the church bells (at Dry Drayton) rang a muffled peal in memory of our brave soldiers and sailors who have so heroically lost their lives in the present war. The ringers were W. Blunt, J. Doggett, Harry Impey, F. Blunt and P. Williams. The village has responded fairly well to its country's call, but there are still a few strong healthy young men left who ought to enlist.

Growth.—A curious growth has taken place in the upper part of Dry Drayton during the last week. A number of toad-stools grew from the ceiling of a kitchen, there being about one dozen full-grown ones and some hundreds of young ones suspended from the plaster of the ceiling.

No Politics. Politics being tabooed for the season (or while the war lasts) the Unionist Committees of the two villages, Grantchester and Trumpington, met in friendly rivalry at cards recently. Playing at Grantchester, Trumpington won by one game, 15 to 14. The return match will be played shortly at Trumpington.

1914 11 27 ES
5 Chatteris – 10 Belgian refugees arrive
recruiting at Ely – public meeting
7 recruiting at Littleport, Chatteris
8 Soham soldier killed
Littleport PC Cheyney (?) killed
Witcham men wounded
If German comes civilians will fight
Soham man at front

Mepal lantern lecture – pics of devastation

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Belgian fund, Ely house, Stretham collection
Stuntney church hall presented by Ambrose, vicar thanks for leaving gifts
Haddenham Lovell kia, recruits
The proposed Military Road bridge across the Cam should cross at right angle, otherwise it might hold up the water, South Level Commissioners say. But that might cause the abandonment of the whole scheme. There was also the question of the level crossing
Stretham Mission Hall service of song
Soham kia Allen, Beaumont; commission
Cheveley water hydrant

P3
The Safety of Realm Act gives power to army to take possession of land and construct military works, including roads and bridges. They can take possession of any buildings for supply of gas electric and water, put buildings in a state of defence or remove them. They may order people to leave any area needed for military use and order the removal of vehicles and boats. No person may communicate information about disposition of forces, communicate with the enemy, spread false reports or prejudice recruiting, training or discipline; nor to sell drink to soldiers on duty. # c45.5
Belgians educational needs, Minister's visit
Caxton water supply

P4
Cambridgeshire Battalion inspection Parker's Piece
George Lucas, a taxi driver, was driving along Huntingdon Road, when after passing the Traveller's Rest, he saw a large portion of an elm tree that had been blown across the road. He could not stop in time and the car crashed into the tree. The windscreen and headlights were shattered but no occupant was hurt. Immediately afterwards another large piece of the tree fell and the road was completely blocked. Police in a taxi hurried to the scene. They removed the side-lamps of their motor and put one each side of the obstruction to warn traffic of the danger. Then with saws and pickaxes borrowed from people in the vicinity they cut a way through the obstruction

P5
The Cambridge Corps of Guides is composed of men with an intimate knowledge of their locality, its roads, bridges, blacksmith and wheelwright's shops, camping grounds and billeting accommodation. They will not bear arms or wear uniforms but have been supplied with button-hole badges. In event of invasion they will act as a guide to troops. They include F.W. Crain of Fen Ditton, Frank Muncey from Fordham and George Watson from Babraham 14 12 04 # c.45.5

With so many regular troops abroad any man trained to defend the homeland in as emergency will be invaluable, the Chief Scout says. We are driven to be on our defence lest we come under the heel of the Prussian bully and it is the duty of every patriot to take up arms in a good cause. If Scouts can supply a few thousand 16-year-old boys, trained to discipline and marksmanship will be worth a dozen men trained to nothing in particular. It will not be a permanent policy for the scout movement, # c.45.5 # c.37.9

Effect of war on Cambridge

A deserter from the Liverpool Regiment has been arrested on a charge of bogus billeting at various villages. Dressed in khaki, he called at Gt Chesterford and said he was seeking billets for 3,000 troops. He found lodgings with a poor woman who took him in out of sympathy. He had bed supper and breakfast and then left, saying his superiors would pay his account. Nothing has since been heard of him. He then visited Newmarket where he saw the Vicar and made arrangement for the Church House rooms for the use of the troops. The rooms were cleared and made ready for the arrival of the soldiers, but none have arrived.

Bishop no public functions due illness
Linton fire, Mallyon's shop
Price of beer

P6
Stephen Marshall of Cambridge was one of the three survivors when HMS Bulwark was destroyed at Sheerness. He was drinking tea when he was blown 100 feet up into the air then found himself in the sea which was swirling tempestuously. There was no wreckage to which he could cling and he was obliged to start swimming until picked up by a boat. He is being treated in Chatham Hospital. His family, in Trinity Place, rejoice to hear of his lucky escape. But Joseph Ellis, a stoker on the ship, was killed. His father is a hairdresser almost opposite Burwell church # c.45.5

Cambridge Home of Mercy a/m
Archaeological finds Kings ditch

P8
Belgians Gamlingay
Hinxton – Searle dies wounds

Pte George Ashley was greatly liked in his home village of Exning. Aged 30 and unmarried he had been a Reservist and gladly obeyed the mobilisation order. He had just finished his pipe sitting down in the trench when he put it away and saying 'Well I must do my duty' jumped up and looked out towards the German lines. Almost at the moment a bullet struck him. His hat fell back in the trench and Ashley fell beside it, quite dead. It was a hero's death, quick and painless, his parents were told.

County School Boys – 200 with colours

1914 12 04 CIPof

Chance for Women Policemen. — It is not so long ago (writes Free Lance) since Lady Darwin suggested the appointment of one or two women policemen for the Borough of Cambridge, and if only part of what I hear is correct, there would be plenty of scope for the services of such an official in Cambridge Just now. Reports reach me of a most undesirable state of things existing after nightfall on Parker's Piece and other open spaces and it is suggested that clergy and ministers should take the matter up with a view to asking the military authorities whether it would not be possible to keep these places under keen surveillance at night. The Women's Franchise Association, too, now that they are experiencing a time of more or less inactivity, might with advantage, exercise their in¬fluence upon the young girls to be found in these spots at such un¬desirable hours.

Cat's Long Journey. — Mr. J. Charles, who until recently resided in this village (Oakington), moved a few weeks a so to Chelmsford, where he is employed by the G.E.R. Strange to say, the other day the he took with him his cat, and animal suddenly made its appear¬ance in its old home, having found its way back.

New Provincial Grand Master.— At the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Cambridgeshire Freemasons, held at Wisbech Town Hall yester¬day, it was officially announced that

the Grand Master of England had appointed the Rev. J. H. Gray as Provincial Grand Master of this Province, in succession to the late Colonel Caldwell, Master of Corpus Christi. The announcement was received with enthusiasm. The Rev. H. J. Gray has been Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Cambridgeshire for a number of years.

Bishop's Health.—Regret at the indisposition of the Bishop of Ely (Dr. F. H. Chase) will be general (says Free Lance), and His Lord¬ship now announces that he has been forbidden to undertake any public duties until after the end of the year. It will be remembered that he was taken ill at the con-clusion of the first day's proceedings at the Ely Diocesan Confer¬ence, and was unable to attend on the second day. This proved to be a slight attack of appendicitis. The Bishop has had a very arduous year, the re-modelling of the diocese and other matters throwing an exceptionally heavy burden upon his shoulders. It is to be hoped the New Year will see him com¬pletely restored to health once more.

Linton Postman's Six Bayonet Wounds.—A lady at Linton has re¬ceived a letter from Corporal C. Jaggard, a Linton postman attached to the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons, who is a prisoner of war lying seriously wounded in a German hospital. It appears that he was one of four who escaped out of a total of 40, all the others being killed. He received six bayonet wounds— two in the back, two in the neck, one in the chest, and one in the thumb. He also had his forefinger shattered. The corporal owes his life to a woollen trench helmet which he was wearing at the time. It prevented a bayonet thrust from going deep into his neck. He was lying two days before being picked up by the Germans. Later it was reported that his wounds were healing satisfactory, and he is pro¬gressing slowly.

1914 12 04 ES
5 Belgians – 3 in Ely
8 Soham solider killed, bugler killed – photo
Haddenham Belgian refugees move from rectory to Aldreth
Downham recruiting meeting

1914 12 11
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Needham's School & Belgians
Burwell burglary Anchor Lane
At the opening of the new Sutton Wesleyan Chapel the Rev Bryant said he felt ashamed that people had previously been worshiping in a building whose ceiling has to be kept together by large planks. The new one was an imposing structure seating 300 people designed by Mr Fovargue of March and built by Mr Giddens of St Ives

Soham Johnson kia
Soham elm tree falls on Rose's cycle shop
Isleham diphtheria
Prisoner of War letters rules
Soham rifle range at mills proposed

P3

P.C. Lander told the inquest he had been called to the yard of Mr Webb's blacksmith shop at Cherry Hinton where he found the body of a girl lying on the ground. There was a ring of iron, a cart tyre, resting across her neck. He lifted it off and tried artificial respiration in front of the fire at the Red Lion Hotel. The tyre had been lodged against the grindstone. Children knew they were not allowed there. There was probably no more risk at this place than at many others in the village.

Fishmonger's child scarlet fever, Peas Hill stall

Soldiers billeted at Melbourne Place School would move to the hutments on Cherryhinton Road shortly but others have arrived and could take their place The Drill Hall in East Road and the Girls' County School are already overcrowded. It would mean that East Road and King Street Schools would no longer be required. The military would pay £400, about one-tenth of the cost of billeting. But billeting would relieve the hardship of lodging house keepers now fewer undergraduates were studying at university.

A serious fire broke out in New Court, Trinity College. One room was burnt out and a large hole made in the roof; others were damaged by heat & smoke
Newmarket council contacted Lord Kitchener at the War Office over news that the yeomanry would had to leave the town following agitation by two or three trainers. The great majority of people would be sorry if they left. Most trainers had no objection to the horses of the yeomanry coming there but they had to undergo medical inspection. Newmarket Heath had been placed at their disposal by the Jockey Club. The order was withdrawn *
Cambridge en poche guide for Belgians *

P4
In case of invasion
The term which has just ended has been described as perhaps the most wonderful on record. At the beginning some 1,800 men were up, of these abouit 500 joined the O.T.C. some 400 training for commissions but we may still expect between 1,200 and 1,500 men back after Christmas; then there are 183 Belgian students in residence & plenty more non-combatants may be expected
Lodging house keepers' problems
Deighton Bell now a limited company
Trade & employment in Cambridge have not been hit by the war. But with nearly 600 students missing, colleges that are hardest hit will be unable to keep on all their servants. Twenty per cent of builders are now out of work. Many women are employed in the jam factory at Histon and in the two knitting factories where War Office order shave provided more work than usual. Women have obtained posts vacated by men clerks who have gone to war but a large number of day girls are out of work owning to the light of the lodging-house keepers. As these girls are in man cases the daughters of women who are themselves injured by the war, this state of affairs means a further depletion of an already scanty income. For good general servants there is a greater demand than supply, but there is very little demand for the services of any of the better class of servants and the number of between-maids out of employment is especially large. Hand laundresses have been very hard hit by the war. The great majority of these women are normally engaged in working for the colleges and, owing the the stoppages of games, the amount of washing sent per man is much less this term. When the woman is the chief breadwinner of the family their position is extremely serious. The laundresses themselves are not in such a bad plight, for many have made considerable sums during the busy six months of the yea and many of them have savings laid by. Buy only in very few cases have they got husbands in independent work. A large number of tailoresses are entirely unemployed and the remainder are working short time. Some have gone to Leeds to work making khaki uniforms and others will probably follow. The better class dressmakers seem more affected than the inferior ones Business is slack just now and is expected to be much worse after Christmas when business is usually slack. The dressmakers and milliners' hand employed in shops seem to be on short time. Here too the better class shops are worse hit than the cheapest establishments and several employees say they will be unable to keep their hands for a prolonged period without a considerable improvement, Shirt makers are busy at present but their usual work is almost entirely replaced by the making of shirts for officers' outfits and there is apprehension that at the end of this term this work will be to a large extent cease

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Tipperary Room fund
Wounded – 400 arrive
Territorial Army Battalion strength raised
Parker's Piece parade cancelled due state ground
First Eastern General Hospital Christmas appeal

Scout Langley rescues soldier Cam

P6
Emergency committees have been appointed to act in concert with the military authorities in case of invasion. That for the Isle of Ely is headed by Mr C. Bidwell and includes Mr Luddington of Littleport, F. Harlock, of Ely A.E. Wright of Haddenham & Owen Ambrose of Stuntney. Their powers include the removal of livestock, vehicles and foodstuffs from the scene of operations and facilitating the passage of troops through the area. Every man should take his part in the struggle; if he is not employed in permanent work he should enlist or join the nearest Volunteer Corps; he will be provided with a badge and counted as a combatant though no arms, ammunition or clothing will be supplied. Anyone who declines to enlist must not take part in the defence of his country and incase of invasion must surrender any arms he has in his possession. He will be liable to duties such as digging trenches or burying the dead. The public should not carry arms on any account. This applies to some local gentlemen who have threatened to use arms in case of invasion: such steps would provoke reprisals on inhabitants and destruction of buildings.
War weddings.

P7
Insurance committee
Sir John Lubbock biog, Cambridge connections

A Steeple Morden labourer was summonsed for using threatening language in the village Reading Room. William Chance, the caretaker, said the man had been playing billiards with another member and because he was losing began to use bad language. When he complained the man used very bad language and threatened to give him a good hiding. Defendant said he'd ordered cocoa and had to wait 40 minutes for it. The rules said no one should swear but nearly all the members did. He was fined ten shillings

P8
Ickleton, Gamlingay Belgians
Longstanton Crisp kia
Swavesey gale damages railway
Burwell Gardiner Hall stone laying
Soham Pte Gillson war experiences

1914 12 11 CIPof
Sinking of the Nurnberg.—Late on Wednesday night the British squadron, following up its brilliant success off the Falkland Islands— when three German cruisers were sunk after a bombardment— cap¬tured and sank the enemy war¬ship Nurnberg, which had steamed off when the German Squadron was defeated. British vessels are now in close pursuit of the Dres¬den, which was engaged in the battle. This morning, off the coast of Dover, two enemy submarines were sunk by the British Navy. At Frieburgan Breisgan, airmen of the Allied forces dropped 18 bombs on a Zeppelin factory and on railway works. The aviators returned in safety.

War Wedding at Babraham.—A large congregation assembled at St. Peter's Church, Babraham, on Saturday morning, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Sibell Eleanor Maud Adeane and the Hon. Edward James Kay-Shuttleworth. The bride is the second daughter of Mr. C. R. W. Adeane, Chairman of the Cambs. and Isle of Ely Territorial Force Associa¬tion, and a prominent worker in the county, and Mrs. Adeane, of Babraham Hall. The bridegroom is the younger son of Lord and Lady Shuttleworth, of Gawthorpe Hall, Burnley, and Barbon Manor, Kirkby Lonsdale. Mr. Shuttleworth, who is a barrister-at-law, .has received a commission in the 7th Rifle Brigade. The ceremony was of a private nature, the num¬ber of guests in attendance being somewhat limited. 14 12 11

Fire at Trinity College. Fire broke out in the rooms of Mr. J. Kershaw, on the third and top floors of L block in the New Court of Trinity College, Cam¬bridge, early on Sunday morning. The outbreak

was discovered by Mr. Kershaw on his return to his rooms about 1 a.m., and the alarm was at once given. Prompt measure were taken to cope with the fire, college porters attaching a hosepipe to the hydrant and directing a steady stream of water on the flames. The Borough Fire Brigade were called and 20 fire¬men were in attendance. The upstairs rooms became fiercely ablaze, and the flames attacked the landing of the staircase. Another hosepipe was attached to a hydrant and in about half-an-hour the fire was mastered. The room where the outbreak occurred was completely burnt out and a hole was made in the roof. The fire pene¬trated to other rooms in K block of buildings and two sets were destroyed and the roof was considerably damaged. Other rooms in L and K blocks were damaged by heat, smoke and water. The damage was covered by insurance # c.34.75 # c.44.

1914 12 11 ES
5 Ely Belgians provision for 40
6 Kitchener belongs Lakenheath
emergency committee constitutions
8 Littleport pows
experiences Soham, Ely, Chatteris
Littleport soldier kia – Lord
Soham – Johnson kia (photo)
Mepal – Long died wounds
Prickwillow non-enlisted scorned

1914 12 18
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Charles Brown oil & hardware merchant bankruptcy & p7
'Belgian refugee' claims lodgings, Histon
Tramways end litigation # c.26.44
Burwell Gardiner Memorial Hall stone laying

P3
Suffolk Yeomanry billeted in Ely

Fire resulted in the destruction of a large barn containing chaff and corn at Thorney Farm, Ely. Quanea Drove was in a very bad condition and it took four horses to drive the fire engine along there. On arrival they found the buildings, occupied by Cole Ambrose, were well alight. But they succeeded in saving the stables and a stack

Ely New Barns Road trees
Ely dispensary a/m/
Witchford church 538th anniversary
Wilburton – Hudson's contract horseshoes
Wilburton – Christmas gifts for front
Isleham fen diphtheria, Whitehead wounded, Belgians arrive

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Cambridge to get more troops
Linton d. Wm Farrow, Indian Mutiny veteran

P5
Swavesey Crisp letter front
Royal visit Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein to First Eastern General Hospital # c.02 # c.45.5
Guildhall concert full

P6
Chaucer Road making up
Taxis allowed Market Hill near GSM # c.26.47

St John's church institution
The Mayor and Vice Chancellor had appealed to the War Office to send more troops. They could be billeted in lodging houses, two in the living room and two in the bedroom. As there would be no vacation they would be better off than they would be letting to University men. But troops would be billeted first on the outer parts of the town and work towards the centre to give some margin for emergency by having the central part to fall back on

Mr Stearn said that it was not troops that Cambridge required but something to take the place of gentlemen undergraduates. There were 'crack' regiments like the Honorable Artillery Company, sportsmen's brigades and gentlemen's brigades. But they could not put troops from mining districts in rooms fitted with electric lights and Smyrna carpets. But the Mayor said they could not dictate to the War Office what troops they got and no purpose would be served by debating their quality # c.45.5

Joe Humphries Haslingfield
Parcels for front

P7
An inquiry was held into the Guildhall extension. The Librarian said at present they had two rooms for lending purposes and a reading room on the ground floor. Part of the Reference Library was in the reading room and it was very overcrowded. The basement would be used for storage. But the Ratepayers Association asked for it to be postponed until after the war. The University had practically ceased to exist, there are no pupils, the tutors have no fees and the lodging house keepers no tenants. Poor people were selling furniture to buy bread # c.77.4

Tuberculosis patients work?

Professor Sims Woodhead, said while members of the Sixth Division were based in Cambridge, before going to the front, one man was found dead in his tent. There were rumours he had succumbed to typhoid inoculation but a post-mortem showed he had not been given one. To get the best results from inoculation men should be rested and given light food. Then they would be well again after one or two days. But a man who would not rest and have his arm in a sling was four of six days in a very uncomfortable condition. # c.21.1 # c.45.5

P8
Gransden Belgians
Histon March's charity scheme

A fountain in the ditch by the side of the main road at Harston was originally intended to supply six houses adjacent, but two cottages on the other side of the road and some cottages further away have been in the habit of obtaining water from it. The supply has now failed but the erection of a pump would probably produce a good supply

1914 12 18 CIPof
Royal Visit. — Their Royal Highnesses Princess Christian and Princess Victoria visited Cambridge on Thursday afternoon and spent a considerable time at the 1st Eastern General Hospital, where they spoke to a large num¬ber of patients, both British and Belgian.# c.45.5

Death of Lady Alice Newton. The death of Lady Alice Laura Sophia Newton, widow of the late George Onslow Newton, of Croxton Park, occurred at her Sussex home on Tuesday week. Lady Alice was a daughter of the eleventh Earl of Dundonald, and was 65 year of age. For some considerable time she had been an invalid. The funeral took place at Croxton on Friday, when the little parish church was filled by those resi¬dents of the district who came to pay a last tribute of affection. The body was conveyed by motor hearse from Sussex, and reached Croxton Church at 2.30 p.m. It was met by the Rector (the Rev.W. Symonds) and the choir. The hymn "Abide with me" was sung at the graveside. The body was interred in the family vault.

Three Persons in a Pond. — A curious accident occurred on Thursday afternoon last (at Balsham). As the children were coming home from school, one boy pushed another into the pond. The boy at once disappeared. The chapel minister (the Rev. A. Shaw) who lives opposite rushed into the pond. The thick mud at the bottom, however, clung to his feet, and he tripped over and disappeared also. His wife then rushed to his assistance. A man named George Plumb, who happened to be passing held out a stick to which Mrs. Shaw clung. Mr. Shaw and the little boy took hold of her and were then "hauled in" to safety.

Shelford Man Wounded. Pte. Robert Dean returned to his home at Gt. Shelford on Tuesday from the front, being wounded in both legs. His mother had not heard from him for 15 months and did not know he had rejoined his regiment. Pte. Dean was abroad at the outbreak of the war, and returned to England and re-enlisted. He was amongst the Second Division to go to France. His brother. Sgt. Fred Dean, of the A.S.C., was quite well at the time of writing.

Shot During a Bayonet Charge. — Mrs. A. Shinn. of 20, Suez Road, Romsey Town. Cambridge has received an official communication of the death of her husband. Pte, Arthur Shinn, at the front. Upon the outbreak of war, the deceased soldier, who was a Reservist, joined his Regiment the 2nd Duke of Wellington's ('A' Company), at Halifax, which was one of the first to proceed to France. He went through the Battle of Mons. and had a marvellous escape, a bullet going through his hat and leaving him unscathed. He was also in several other engagements. On Sunday, November 8, at Ypres, his regiment made a bayonet charge, and it was here that he was shot through the heart, death being instantaneous.

1914 12 18 ES
6 Littleport Crabb (photo p8) experiences front –
8 Haddenham, Pte H.J. Whetstone soldier returns
Wicken soldier on leave
Sutton recruits home
Isleham Belgian refugees – Ferry House offered rent free, arrive
Wilburton, Witcham comforts for soldiers

1914 12 25
p2
W. Peacock had been landlord of the Woolpack at Ely for 20 years. The poultry market was formerly held on the premises
Ely – Yeomanry at Cathedral
In accordance with custom the widows of Haddenham made their house-to-house call on St Thomas' Day to receive their contributions. Several years ago there were upwards of 70, this year only 22 made their appearance. The youngest was 30 and the oldest 50. Notwithstanding age the senior old lady managed the tramp through the village with as much vigour as the younger ones. It is gratifying to know that this mark of respect paid to the needy poor has not fallen off

Newmarket Rifle Range free for soldiers
Soham Clark pow, Canham returns wounded

P4
Boys Brigade & colours
Christmas at Cambridge promises to be the quietest ever known, with the shadow of war hanging over the land. But everything possible will be done to brighten the lot of the wounded soldiers at the Military Hospital. On Christmas Eve carols will be sung in the recreation room. The distribution of Princess Mary's gifts will take place next morning and a turkey and plum pudding served. The 180 nurses will have their Christmas dinner in the recreation room in the evening. At the Belgian's Rest

House on Hills Road presents will be distributed to all men but the public are asked to refrain from treating the soldiers to alcoholic liquors. They are suffering from wounds and even a small quantity of alcohol will retard recovery 14 12 25

Spender remains on coast

P5
Nurse Boutle of South Street volunteered for foreign service with the Red Cross Society. She was taken prisoner in Brussels and sent to nurse wounded German and French soldiers. When the Germans refused to let them go she disguised herself and after a risky journey and an exciting incident with a German sentry – three minutes afterwards a man was shot at the same spot – she reached the coast. On the crossing the steamer passed two floating mines. She had no complaints about the conduct of the Germans who saluted nurses in the street.

The Red Lion public house at Trumpington was completely gutted but the landlord and his family escaped out of the bedroom window. Flames burst through every window and the inside was completely burnt out but the roof was hardly damaged. Very little commotion was caused in the village and people living in a cottage opposite were not aware of the fire until the following morning. The contents were completely destroyed, including £50 in notes of Slate Club money. But gold and silver were recovered from the ruins

Vane propaganda – pro German letters from Cambridge
Wounded – 150 more
Marriott, Sturton St, kia
Laurie & McConnal oven mending

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Review of the Year & p7

P8
Gamlingay cottages Heath Rd & Cinque Rd
St Ives Rifle Range accident, lad killed
Jane Pegg, wife of an Impington coal merchant, said she saw a man at Histon station wearing a blue overcoat similar to the greatcoats of the Belgian soldiers. He told he was from Hills Road Hospital; he'd been wounded at Liege where his father was killed by his side. Felling sorry, she'd given him a meal and invited him to stay for the weekend. But really he was a butcher from St Ives. The lad said he'd return to his mother and promise to be a good boy. But he was sent to prison with hard labour. 14 12 25

Haverhill soldier's experience, German football *
Jack Stevens motor cyclist experiences 14 12 25
Prior experiences
White, York St, letter
Billeting – where the military authorities take an empty room in a house, the amount paid is 3d per night per man. Where bed and attendance is provided this is 9d. The War Office will accept as a 'bed' a mattress on the floor, with bedclothes, so a householder can get the extra sixpence. For this he is expected to cook the men's rations – they can draw their meat ration twice a week and so get a decent joint. Corn Exchange requisitioned,
Porter, Northampton St, DCM

1914 12 25 ES
8 Soham pow, Ypres experience & Ely

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1915 01 01
Cartoons of 1914
Nightmare of undergraduates before appearing before magistrates on charge of motor scorching – 15 01 01b

1915 01 01 ES
8 Witcham man at front – letter
Soham sailor letter
Adelaide – most eligible have joined; comforts for soldiers

1915 01 08
Friendly society workers – Bro G.H. Kirkup – 15 01 08a
Death son of William Saint, builder, at Salisbury Plain training camp; photo military funeral – 15 01 08b

1915 01 08 ES
But it was too much water that prompted local concern - in January the Cam burst its banks and the road between Grantchester and Trumpington became impassable, at Linton and Pampisford the fields were nothing more than great expanses of water … but in fens near Ely … Littleport flooding, Mepal, Prickwillow, Brandon Creek burst 15 01 08ES & a,b,c

1915 01 08 ES
8 Littleport PC Dobson kia
Witcham Corp Pake kia
Prickwillow letter – Edwards
Manea letter – Clarke
In case of air raids
Wilburton refugees cottage prepared

1915 01 15 CIP
Floods.—Round about and in Linton the fact of the recent wet weather was evident during the week. On the line from Pampisford, ditches are overflowing, and some of the fields are nothing less that a great expanse of water …. the drained for the water to run of directly. 15 01 15 CIP

A Prisoner.—Charles Free, of Linton, is officially stated to be a prisoner of war in Germany, Free, who was in the 1st Suffolk Regiment, which recently suffered heavy losses, went through the battles of Mons and the Aisne, also fighting in subsequent battles. It is not known when he was taken prisoner, or if he is wounded 15 01 15 CIP

Territorial Battalions. East Anglian Territorial battalions are now being organised into four instead of eight companies, as is the case with regular battalions. Last year, before the war, it was officially notified that the four company organisations would not be extended to the Territorial infantry until the next individual training season, but it is considered that now is a most suitable time for making the change. Each company will be, as in the regular service, divided into four platoons, commanded

respectively by a lieutenant and a senior non-commissioned officer of a company will be a Company Sergeant-Major instead of a Colour Sergeant. 15 01 15 CIP

1915 01 15 ES
5 Ely Belgian refugees cmte
7 Cambridgeshire Territorial Association report on work during war
8 Ely Private Cooper wounded
Ely Private Hammond kia
Washday at front – Littleport men – photo

1915 01 22 Cambridge Chronicle
Bankruptcy Christopher Charles Brown, oil and hardware merchant, Hills Rd – 15 01 22a
Corp Frederick Potter, Northampton St, awarded DSM – profile, photo – 15 01 22b

1915 01 22 CIP
German Aircraft Raid.—German aircraft made a raid on the East Coast on Tuesday evening and dropped bombs on Gt. Yarmouth. Sandringham, King's Lynn, Cromer and Sheringham. The accounts of the attacks vary in details, notably in regard to the number of people killed, but they agree on the main facts. The first attack would seem to have been made on Yarmouth at about half-past eight o'clock. It was too dark to discern the hostile craft, but nine bombs appear to have been dropped on the town and two people killed. A soldier was also injured, and several of the townspeople sustained wounds from broken glass. The damage to buildings does not seem to have been extensive. Subsequent raids were made on Sandringham and King's Lynn, and on Cromer and Sheringham, where bombs were dropped. Two people were killed at Lynn. The accounts in this case speak definitely of a Zeppelin. Whether the raids were made by the same aircraft cannot be said but a telegram from Amsterdam speaks of four German airships passing over the Dutch islands earlier in the day. 15 01 22 CIP # c.26.1 # c.45.5

Troops Inspected.—General Sir Ian Hamilton, on Wednesday inspected the troops quartered in Cambridge. Accompanied by General Bruce Hamilton and a number of staff officers, the Inspecting Officer took up a position in Gonville Place and the troops marched past the saluting base in column of route. Earlier in the day the men had marched by various routes, and on their return they concentrated in three columns on Hyde Park Corner and then marched down Gonville Place past General Sir Ian Hamilton. A large crowd assembled on Parker's Piece to witness the imposing military scene, and townspeople assembled in large numbers at other points of vantage 15 01 22 CIP
c.45.5

Fatally Wounded by Bomb. Sergeant Jarvis, son of Mr. Robert, Jarvis, and brother of Mrs. Potter, of the Anchor, Bottisham, died in hospital at Boulogne on Sunday last. He was dangerously wounded in the legs and right arm a few days previously by a bomb, and though taken to the hospital, where everything was done that could be done, he passed away as stated above. 15 01 22 CIP

Military Hospital Concert. The New Theatre Company and the variety artistes who were appearing at the Theatre gave an enjoyable performance at the 1st Eastern General Hospital on Friday afternoon. The arrangements were made by Mr. P. H. Adams, the box office manager, and Mr. J. Lindsell .superintended the staging. The full orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Gilbey Briggs, was in attendance. The large company of wounded .soldiers, nurses, semi-convalescents, and members of the R.A.M.C. showed the greatest appreciation of the programme provided. 15 01 22 CIP

1915 01 22 ES
A Commercial Traveller told how he heard the tremendous buzzing of engines of the zeppelins which they thought to be motor cars getting ready to start. They were playing cards when a terrific explosion occurred breaking all the windows, knocking the party over and sending the cards flying out of their hands. The electricity went off and they dashed to the kitchen where all 40 guests together with servants and staff stayed in total darkness listening to the airships buzzing overhead and loud

explosions taking place all round them. Next morning there were great holes in the ground near the station, houses and streets smashed and windows broken 15 01 22Aes

1915 01 22 ES
Flooded fenland: scenes at Brandon Creek & Southery 15 01 22ES, a

1915 01 22 ES
Littleport gunner's gallant act – W.E. Cross – 15 01 22Aes

1915 01 22 ES
8 air raid King's Lynn – photo
letter trenches from Ely man
Littleport gunner's gallant act – Cross
Haddenham 2 Belgians depart for Ely
Witcham funeral Pate
Downham Pte Hill kia
Littleport wireless installation by soldiers

1915 01 29 CIP
Cambridge Floods. A heavy downpour of rain experienced last week caused the River Cam to overflow its banks, and the low lands adjoining the river were extensively flooded. At Grantchester the road from the mill to Trumpington was submerged for a distance of about 400 yards on Friday and Saturday, the road being impassable except in a vehicle. The water rose very rapidly on Friday, Sheep's Green, Newnham and Coe Fen became impassable, whilst Chesterton Meadows became inundated the water encroaching halfway across the roadway at Water Street, Old Chesterton. The ferries below Victoria Bridge were unable to be worked during the weekend, but were able to resume on Monday. Although the commons were not flooded to anything like the extent they were following the blizzard towards the end of last month, large pools of water existed at places. At Jesus Sluice there was only a difference of about a foot between the levels of the water above and below the locks The river has now gone down, and is almost at its normal level 15 01 29 CIP, 15 01 29a

Death of Mr. H. B Wootten. - We regret to record the death from pneumonia of Mr. Horatio Bonnett Wootten, of the Shrubbery Whittlesford which occurred at his residence on Saturday afternoon, in his 61st year. Mr, Wootten had lived in Whittlesford since his marriage about 30 years ago. He was agent for Hudson's Brewery, and developed an ex-tensive business in the district. His generosity to those villagers who were unfortunately placed will be greatly missed. He was a great-hearted man of wide sympathies, but his beneficent actions were performed unostentatiously. He was a staunch Conservative and had worked enthusiastically for the cause throughout his residence in Whittlesford. A good all-round sportsman, he was particularly fond of hunting. Hor¬ticulture was one of his favourite pursuits, and he spent hours in his garden at the Shrubbery. He was estimator of crops for Cambridgeshire to the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries. 15 01 29 CIP

Re-appearance of summer insects. Although yet somewhat distant from summer, a butterfly was seen flitting about in Mr Peake's stackyard enjoying itself in the sun, which has not been shining very frequently lately. Some queen wasps have also been seen, and were destroyed. 15 01 29 CIP

Lights Out. An order was received (in Linton) on Wednesday to the effect that no lights were to be visible from any house or public building, with the result that all public lights were extinguished. 15 01 29 CIP

1915 01 29 ES
2 Soham debate billeting trios
Ely & air raids – special meeting
5 Soham Rifleman Boyce kia – photo

armoured motor car passed through Ely
deserters at Ely
8 no visible lights 5pm-7.30 am
Lt Thetford concert refugees
Haddenham new family arrive

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1915 02 05 CIP._
Hon. E. S. Montagu in the Cabinet. —Whether we had been living in the mist of a political truce or not, I should have felt bound (writes Free Lance) to have extended my congratulations to the Member for West Cambs. (Hon. E. S. Montagu) on his entrance into the Cabinet at the age of 35 (as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster). Differ as not a few of us may from Mr. Montagu on many of the chief topics con¬cerning the country and the Empire, it behoves us in common fairness to recognise the astuteness of Mr. Montagu as a Parliamentarian. It is given to few men at such an early age to attain Cabinet rank. That Mr. Montagu has earned it from the point of view of his own party goes without ques¬tion when one bears in mind the spade work that he has put in as henchman both to the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer. His political friends may consider that his knowledge of finance, National Insurance and matters pertaining to the govern¬ment of our Indian Empire entitles him to be classed as one fully en¬titled to deal with such important matters as a Minister of the Crown 15 02 05 CIP

Cheshunt College, — The dedication of new building's at Cheshunt College, Cambridge, took place on Tuesday afternoon. A service was held in the Lecture Room, and an address was given by the Rev. Principal Selbie. The total cost of the buildings, apart from the cost of the land, including all expenses, is just over £18,000 and the total donations paid and those promised amount to £14,500. 15 02 05 CIP # c.45.5

Presentation. — On Thursday a presentation was made to Mr. W, B. Allen, for ten years London and North-Western and Midland Stationmaster at Cambridge. The gifts consisted of an easy chair, a case of pipes and a tin of tobacco. A welcome was extended to Mr. Bradley, the successor to Mr. Allen. 15 02 05 CIP # c.26.2

Well-known G.E.R. Stationmaster —It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. John Ablitt, the Gt. Eastern Railway stationmaster at Cambridge, which occurred at his residence. Morecambe House, Mill Road, on Thurs¬day. The news of his demise will be received with universal regret throughout the whole of the Gt. Eastern system. Mr. Ablitt was in his 58th year. At the age of 21, he was appointed relief Stationmaster in the London district, and when Huntingdon joint railway station was opened, he took up duties there as stationmaster. He was after¬wards transferred to Shelford, where he remained for 10 years, proceeding to Hunstanton (two years), St. Ives (two years), and Wisbech (six years) as stationmaster. In 1911 he secured the appointment at Cambridge railway station. 15 02 05 CIP # c.26.2

1915 02 05 ES
5 Ely – deserted twice in week
souvenirs tastefully mounted
Soham Pte Turner wounded
Prickwillow – Bonnett wounded
Soham Pte Peacock wounded & home
Cambridgeshire National Reserve Guards formed
7 Volunteer Training Corps Ely meet
8 Thorney blackout: As fear of air raids intensified so blackout was imposed - no lights could be visible in Cambridge after March; street lamps were turned out which made it so dark at Thorney

that one resident walked straight into the lamppost - blast he was annoyed - as they were at Lt Thetford when they had to postpone their concert ... d..ed old Germans, mucking us about ES 5.2 p8

Pymore Belgian fund
Lt Thetford postpone concert due blackout
Sutton memorial service Pte Giddens – letter
Wicken blackout

1915 02 12 CIP
New Headmistress, — The managers of St. Luke's Girls' School reported to the Education Commit¬tee for the Borough of Cambridge that they had appointed Miss Jessie Grant, of Ravensthorp, Shrewsbury, headmistress at the salary of £130 rising to £150

No Contest. — There is to be no contest in the West Cambs. by-election caused by the elevation to the Cabinet of the Hon. E. S. .Montagu and tomorrow (Saturday) he latter will be the only person for that vacancy. 15 02 12 CIP

1915 02 12
King inspects Troops. The King visited Cambridge yesterday and inspected the Welsh Division which has been stationed in the town during the past few weeks. The Cambs Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment and members of B Company, Cambs. National Reserve paraded with the Welsh Division and were also inspected by His Majesty. The King was accompanied by General Sir Ian Hamilton, the Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces, one of his equerries (Major Clive Wigram) and members of the staff of the 1st Army Corps and of the Welsh Division Staff. Having inspected the troops and taken the salute at the march past, the King paid a surprise visit to the 1st Eastern Hospital 15 02 12 CIP. King inspects troops, Parker's Piece; visits wounded – photo feature – 15 02 12a # c.45.5

1915 02 12 ES
6 in case of invasion – instructions civilians

1915 02 19
8 Littleport Serg Vincent wounded
Soham – Robinson letter
Downham spies – two foreigners in village, perhaps Germans looking at aircraft defences – incorrect rumours that aircraft guns placed near Downham
Wicken – public lamps removed from frames and stored in old Unitarian Chapel
Prickwillow military guard increased

1915 02 19
An evening spent with the YMCA: tour round five Cambridge centres; photo Emmanuel Congregational church schoolroom – 15 02 19c
King at First Eastern – photo – 15 02 19d

1915 02 19 CIP
New Stationmaster. The vacancy caused at the Cambridge Station (G.E.R,) by the death of Mr. J. S. A Witt has been filled by the appointment (made by Mr. Win. C. May, the Chief Traffic Manager of the G.E.R.) of Mr. Frederick Randall, Stationmaster at Ely. Mr. Randall, who this week took up his duties as stationmaster at Cambridge, has been in the service of the company for 28 years. He succeeded Mr. Bedford (now District Superintendent at Ipswich) as stationmaster at Ely in 1911. By his large and varied experience in the practical working of a railway, he is particularly well-fitted to discharge the responsible duties which the management of so important a junction will devolve upon him. Cambridge is regarded, as the most difficult to work of the company's provincial stations. 15 02 19 CIP. Cambridge new stationmaster, F. Randall of Ely – profile, photo – 15 02 19a

Home From Trenches to Wed. A Wedding of exceptional interest was witnessed at Cambridge on Wednesday of last week, the bridegroom, Sergeant H. J. Mynott, having obtained special leave from the trenches in order to return home for the marriage. Previous to the war, Sgt. Mynott was on the reserve, and in August last he was called up to join his old regiment, the 15th (King's Own) Hussars, and with them went over with the first British Expeditionary Force. The bride was Miss Annie Ellen (Nellie) Maltby daughter of the late Mr. Augustus John Maltby and of Mrs. Maltby, of 27, South Street, Cambridge. The scene of the wedding was Little St. Mary's Church. A highly interesting in¬cident in connection with Sgt. Mynott's homecoming is the fact that he brought home with him the helmet of a German soldier (a sniper) whom he had shotSerg H.J. Mynott returns for wedding, brings German cap as trophy, how he shot a sniper – 15 02 19 CIP, 15 02 19b

1915 02 26
Tipperary rooms open – centre for women and girls; completion of Fitzroy Hall – 15 02 26a

Sweet Singers of Wales. On Tuesday evening, members of the 5th Battalion, Welsh Fusiliers, billeted in the town, gave an entertainment in the Town Hall in aid of the funds of the Royston Knitting Club and the Y.M.C.A. coal distribution. The hall was packed and so many people were unable to gain admission that the concert was repeated on Wednesday evening. 15 02 26 CIP

V.C. Hero. Among the wounded soldiers who arrived at Cambridge on Christmas day was Pte Henry H. Robson. of the 2nd Battn, Royal Scots (Lothian) Regt., as brave a hero as ever walked in two shoes. His gallant conduct in rescuing a comrade under heavy fire, and attempting a second rescue has met with a fitting reward, for the King has been graciously pleased to bestow upon him the Victoria Cross, the most coveted of all honours. Pte Robson has been at 1st Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge, for about seven weeks re¬covering from wounds received while performing the particular brave deed for which he was awarded the V.C., but last week he was removed to the 1st Borough Red Cross Hospital, Hills Road, convalescent, and we are happy to state he is on the high road to recovery 15 02 26 CIP

Institution. The Rev. E. K. Tottenham (new Vicar of Shepreth) was instituted and inducted at the 12ih century church of All Saints on Saturday week. The institution was performed by the Bishop of Ely and the induction by Arch¬deacon Cunningham. The church was almost filled. 15 02 26 CIP

Union Society Centenary—Before announcing the subject of the fifth debate of the term by the Cambridge Union Society on Tuesday evening, the President (Mr. H. D. Barnard) said that he could not help referring to the fact that on February 20, 1815, the Society held its first meeting in the Lion Hotel. Therefore that was the first debate in the second century. 15 02 26 CIP

1915 02 26 ES

2	Huntingdonshire Battalion Magazine	
	Witcham	Vye narrow escape – letter
8	Sutton	Pte Fuller awarded DCM
	National Reservists called up	

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1915 03 05
St Tibbs' Row fire, soldiers help fight – photo – 15 03 05a # B.Tib # T.
Dr Edward Atkinson, Master of Clare obit, photo – 15 03 05b
St David's Day marked by football match Royal Garrison Artillery v Royal Engineers; goat being lead by soldier in guise of a suffragette – photo – 15 03 05c

1915 03 05 CIP
Record Headship. It is with regret that we record the death of the Rev. Dr. Edward Atkinson, which occurred on Monday night following an attack of bronchitis. Dr. Atkinson was 95 years of age and

had presided over Clare College for 59 years. His tenure of the headship of the college was the longest on record at Cambridge although at Magdalene Lord Braybrooke was Master for 51 years (1853-1904) and Dr. Ashton was Master of Jesus from 1701 to 1752. Since 1781 Clare has had only three Masters. Dr. Torkington, who took office in that year being succeeded in 1815 by Dr. Webb, who was followed 41 years later by Dr Atkinson. 15 03 05 CIP

Death of Councillor H. J. Gray. We regret to record the death of Councillor Henry John Gray, which occurred at his residence, 'Roslyn' St. Barnabas Road, Cambridge, on Thursday. For some time Mr. Gray had suffered from an internal complaint and this recently became acute, and an operation was performed on Sunday. He made progress for a time but suffered a relapse from which he never rallied. The death of Mr. Gray will be deeply regretted by a wide circle of friends, and particularly by the older generation of sportsmen in the town. He was in his 79th year. In his younger days the deceased gentleman was an all-round athlete, and he won considerable renown in many classes of sport. He was born in Cambridge and in 1855 he started business on his own account, subsequently establishing the firm of H. J. Gray and Son, athletic outfitters. He was head of the firm until about 19 years ago. Mr. Gray was the oldest of five brothers. He held the Professional Racquets Championship from 1868 for several years, and he trained two of his brothers, who were also champions. Between the three brothers the Gray family retained the championship for 22 years. He was an exceptionally fine coach and established a famous racquet school. He was also a prominent local cricketer, and was a member of the Cambridgeshire team which played against All England in a match on Parker's Piece some years ago. In November 1894 Mr. H. J. Gray was elected Town Councillor for the Petersfield Ward, and since then he has done useful work on the Corporation and on some of its committees. 15 03 05 CIP # c.38

New Archdeacons.- At evensong at Ely Cathedral on Saturday, the Rev. C. A. F. Campbell, Rector of Feltwell, was installed to the Arch¬deaconry of Wisbech (created by the Order in Council on February 5) and the Rev. Canon Thomas Hodgson, Vicar and Rural Dean of St. Neots, to the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon, in succession to Arch-deacon Vesey, who recently resigned the office after holding it for over 40 years. The ceremony of installation, which only lasted a few minutes, was performed by the Dean of Ely, the Very Rev. A. F. Kirkpatrick. 15 03 05 CIP

1915 03 05 ES
5 Ely form Volunteer Training Corps for home defence
8 Soham discuss lighting in church – no blackout
Soham Pte Boyce letter,

1915 03 12 CIP
First Casualties. Intimation has been received this week of the first casualties in the 1st Cambridgeshire Regiment, which went to the front three weeks ago and it is with regret that we record the death of Corporal Noble Dewey, of B Company. No. 5 Section, who was shot by a sniper on Wednesday week. Pte. James Nortfield was wounded in the arm. Certain companies of the 1st Cambs. Regiment have been sent up to the front in order to gain experience of the general conditions, and Corporal Dewey accompanied his company to the reserve trenches. While getting into the trench he was shot through the lungs by a sniper. It was evident to his companions that he was severely wounded, and Corporal Dewey was removed to hospital, where he expired a few hours afterwards. Dewey was known at sports meetings over a wide area as the trainer of Reg Player, the Cambridge racing cyclist. He was a member of the Town and County Cycling Club. 15 03 12 CIP
Corporal Noble Dewey kia – photo – 15 03 12, a

Extinguishing of Lights. A new order, dated March 10, has been issued by the military directing the extinguishing of lights in the Borough. The order is issued by the Competent Military Authority for the district under the powers conferred upon him by Regulation12 of the Defence of the Realm (Consolidation) Regulations, 1914. The order directs that all lights in the Borough other than lights not visible from the outside of any house, and such public street lamps as a Compe¬tent Military

Authority, in writing, conditionally permit to be lighted, shall from the 10th inst. and until otherwise ordered, be kept extinguished or obscured between the hours of 7 p.m and 6 a.m. 15 03 12 CIP

Bishop Richardson.Deep regret will be felt, in Cambridge at the death, which occurred on Saturday morning of the Rt. Rev. William Moore Richardson, M.A., D.D., formerly Bishop of Zanzibar and East Africa, and, at the time of his death, chaplain of St. Anselm's House, Brookside. Bishop Richardson was 70. 15 03 12 CIP

Rabbits. The warrener employed upon the Duke of Rutland's Cheveley estate for the last few weeks has succeeded in killing between 2,000 and 3,000 rabbits. Last year about the same number were destroyed. 15 03 12 CIP

Seasonable Benevolence.—During the late inclement weather large quantities of coals, the gift of the gentleman who hires the park and manor, have been distributed among the labouring classes of this village (Stetchworth) 15 03 12 CIP

Celebration. Our readers will remember the announcement of the marriage of Miss Paley (Freckenham) to Henry Hoare, Esq. On Wednesday our villagers were on the qui vive. it having been whispered that the happy pair would return to Freckenham that evening from a tour of Naples. On their arrival at the end of the village they were re-ceived with great cheering, and the horses having been removed, the carnage was drawn by the working people to the rectory, the residence of the parents of the bride, whose kindness and hospitality to the poor is well-known in the neighbourhood. The people were regaled with plenty of "home brew" and they "kept it up" until a late hour 15 03 12 CIP

Schools Closed. The Sawston schools are closed owing to an outbreak of diphtheria. 15 03 12 CIP

1915 03 12 ES

5 Cambridgeshire's in France – 1st casualties

8 Wentworth – 2 serving

Ely Pte Layton kia & 26th p8

Soham patriotic mother – 4 sons in army

Sutton letter Pte Knight

Soham A. Clark POW 4 months – letter

1915 03 19

Impending by-elections; candidates William Saint, William Lofts. Mrs Mellish Clark – 15 03 19a

1915 03 19 CIP

Smart-Work by Fire Brigade. Some particularly smart work was accomplished by the Borough Fire Brigade on Thursday afternoon when they were called to an outbreak of fire at the premises occupied by Mr. Livesmore, oil and hardware merchant, Mill Road, Cambridge. The brigade answered the call with extreme smartness and so effectively did they work on the burning building that in shortly over an hour they had the fire under control, having succeeded in confining the outbreak to the premises where it originated. 15 03 19 CIP

Obituary. The death occurred at Ely of Mr. W. Punchard Snell, one of the best known florists and gardeners in the Isle and County. The deceased gentleman, who was in his 80th year, had been President of the Ely Conservative Club for the last 11 years. He also sat for some time on the Urban Council. 15 03 19 CIP

Borough Policeman Killed. Great regret will be felt throughout Cambridge at the news of the death at the Front of Sgt. John Wallage, of the 1st. Suffolk's, which occurred on Friday. March 5. Sgt. Wallage was a native of Wood Ditton, near Newmarket, where he was born in 1886. His parents still reside in

the village. Sgt. Wallage served for four years as a constable in the Borough Police Force, but rejoined his old regiment on August 4 last. Soon after being recalled to the colours he was promoted to the rank of sergeant. As a member of the Borough Police Force, P.c. Wallage was very popular, not only with his colleagues, but generally throughout the town. He was regarded as one of the most promising members of the force. He was an all-round athlete, and, besides being a splendid runner was one of the "crack" shots in the Police Miniature Rifle Club. He took a great interest in his work, and displayed considerable astuteness He was shot through the head while in the trenches, and his death was immediate. 15 03 19 CIP

Mentioned in Despatches. Bandsman Charles E. Morley, 2nd Royal Irish Rifles, who was among those mentioned in Field Marshal Sir John French's despatch of the 14th January for distinguished conduct in the field, is well known at Great Shelford, where his parents reside. At the time his conduct came under notice Bandsman Morley was acting as a stretcher-bearer. During a particularly sharp engagement he carried an officer named Ray from the place where he was wounded to a temporary hospital under heavy fire. The bandsman writes thanking all good people of Shelford who dispatched such useful parcels to him since he has been at the front. 15 03 19 CIP

1915 03 19 ES

5	Cambridgeshire Territorials casualties	
	Ely Volunteer Training Corps 1st meet	
7	farm problems & war – women on farm	
6	Soham soldier,	Boyce wounded
8	Soham soldiers,	Steadman kia
	photos – Soham –	Clark & Steadman
	Ely National Reservist	Fendick kia (pic 26th p8)
	Haddenham special constables	

1915 03 26 CIP

Cambs Regiment in Action. During the past week vivid stories have come to hand in the shape of letters from the men themselves, which give a pretty good idea of the fierce fighting the 1st Cambs. Regiment went through nearly a fortnight ago. By many it is stated that Regulars have admitted that the engagement concerned was worse than the retreat from Mons and under such circumstances a certain number of casualties must be expected. No official list of these is yet to hand, and the numbers in the various letters vary considerably. It is regrettable to have to record thus early after their departure for the Front the deaths of two promising young officers in Capt. O. N. Tebbutt, of Cambridge, and Lt. J. D, Smalley of Whittlesey. Capt. Tebbutt was the eldest son of Col. Louis Tebbutt, Station Road, the former Commanding Officer of the 1st Cambridgeshire's. Capt. Tebbutt was 24 years of age. 15 03 26 CIP

Stallion Show. The annual stallion show in connection with the Cambs. and Isle of Ely Agri¬cultural Society was held at Cambridge on Monday. As a result of the beautiful weather, the attendance was fairly good, better, in fact, than at the previous Cambridge show, although not so large as at Ely last year. On the whole, the show must be described as a fairly good one. A large number of breeders attended 15 03 26 CIP

No Competitive Cricket. The annual meeting of the Cambs. Cricket Association was held at the Castle Hotel. Cambridge, on Wednesday evening, when it was decided, on account of the war, not to run any of the Association's competitions during the coming season. The question of friendly games was left to the clubs themselves, an opinion being expressed that matches must be arranged for juniors under service age and for others ineligible for active service. 15 03 26 CIP

1915 03 23 ES

2	Ely	Pte Creak kia
	Upware	Pte Sennitt kia
5	Ely remains	Serg Baker conveyed Cambridge & p7

7 motorist's headlamps too bright – order applies Suffolk but rescinded Cambridgeshire, happened Newmarket

8 Cambridgeshire Territorials in action

Ely	Pte Bird kia (pic)
Wentworth	Serg Purell missing
Littleport	Pte Wenn wounded
	Capt Tebbutt kia
Ely	Neal wounded & Pte Bowd pic 2nd p8
Wicken	Pte Sennitt kia – pic
Ely	Pte Copeland wounded
Littleport	Wenn narrow escape
Stretham privates in Germany	
Witchford –	Barber pow

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1915 04 02 CIP

Cambridgeshire Regiment's First Knock. A letter received from Lt Col. C. K. F. Copeman, commanding the 1st Battalion of the Cambridgeshire Regiment by Mr. C. Adeane, Chairman. Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Territorial Force Association, conveys the first authentic information, as to the exact loss sustained by the Regiment in recent fighting in France. It says: "Many thanks for your letter of the 9th. Since receiving it, the Regiment has received a very serious knock. We were in the thick of the great fighting last Sunday, and I am proud to tell you that the Regiment did very well, so the General told me. It was an unexpected attack, and we were hurled into it in the midst of terrific shell and rifle fire, which lasted from 4.30 on Sunday to about 5 on Monday morning. I thought it impossible that we could escape without most terrible losses; as it is, they are bad enough—two officers killed, two sergeants reported missing, but, I fear, six men killed, 20 wounded and three missing. Bad and sad enough indeed for a first start, but had you been there you would have wondered it was not ten times more. I don't want a similar experience just yet. Two men are temporarily deranged, but will doubtless recover at home. The Regiment is now resting for six days about five miles from the firing line." 15 04 02 CIP

"Active Humbugs". Three passive resistors who still persist in their refusal to pay the educational portion of the Poor Rate, appeared at the Cambridge Borough Police Court on Wednesday summoned for the non-payment of the same, and received little sympathy from the Bench. The appearance of their names among the rate defaulters was the subject of strong magisterial com¬ment, the Mayor (Mr. W. L. Raynes) on one occasion remark¬ing: "Passive resisters are better described as 'active humbugs'." 15 04 02 CIP # c.36.5

Cost of Household Commodities. On inquiry, a Press representative was informed that the current prices of coal are 34s. per ton (kitchen) and 36s. per ton (house). These prices have now been pre¬vailing for some time. At the Corn Exchange on Saturday there was much wheat on offer, and the prices quoted were about late rates. Bread remains at 8d. per quartern loaf. Best butter is 1s. 5d. per lb. and eggs are 10 a shilling. 15 04 02 CIP

1915 04 02 ES

5 Cambridgeshire Regiment battles

Ely	Pte Bird kia – letter
Littleport letter	Serg Hall

6 Prickwillow soldier saved by Princess Mary's gift box

8

Witcham	Serg Purell missing – pic & letter 9th p8
Prickwillow	Corp King pow
Downham	Pte H. Martin kia
Littleport 4 brothers –	Brislin – pic

1915 04 09

1915 04 09 ES
6 pic RAOB ambulance
8 soldier football – pic
Sutton vicar's son, Capt Marshall kia – pic & service 16th p5

1915 04 16
Richard Marsh bankruptcy 15 04 16a
Volunteer Corps – Civilian Drill and Rifle Club leaving Jesus Grove on route march – photo – 15 04 16a
Hundred of soldiers have enjoyed spell of boating on Cam, during fine weather – photo – 15 04 16b

1915 04 16 CIP
Dedication Service. A dedication service was held at the Parish Church of All Saints, Wendy on Thursday evening on occasion of the re-opening of the organ, restored and renovated by Messrs. Miller and Son, Cambridge 15 04 16 CIP

Head Gardener. In the presence of a large number of sympathising friends, the remains of the late Mr. Thomas Todd (65) were laid to rest in Longstowe churchyard on Monday last. For upwards of 15 years he had been gardener at Longstowe Hall. He was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. His cheery countenance will be greatly missed. In his capacity as gardener, he was frequently called on to judge at various shows 15 04 16 CIP

Measles. Like most villages in the neighbourhood, Caxton is suffering from an epidemic of measles in consequence of which it has been thought necessary to close the school 15 04 16 CIP

Narrow Escape. On Friday at Oakington a little boy named Douglas Stearn was playing near a pond in Mr. Doggett's yard when he fell in. The water at that spot is very deep and all that could be seen of him was his hand above water. A lad named J. Kester, who was at work at once went to his rescue & promptly pulled him out. He appeared little the worse for his adventure 15 04 16 CIP

1915 04 16 ES
They had anti-aircraft guns in Lt Downham fen - or so the rumours went - and German spies were chased when they went to investigate ... ES 16.4

1915 04 16 ES
2 new lighting order
how can befriend somebody in trenches
5 Soham L/C Robinson kia – pic
Prickwillow – letter Gage
Littleport Pte Porter kia - pic & details p6
Soham narrow escape – Sizer
6 Downham air raid – lights out order
8 Wilburton Warren commissioned

1915 04 23 ES
Benwick: two more dead: J.W. Sutton & Arthur Bedford – 15 04 23ES

1915 04 23 ES
An Adelaide father got the latter that was repeated thousands of times:
Dear Sir

I am very sorry to be the sender of bad tidings to you of your son, Pte B. Lee 15470 of the 2nd Suffolks. He came into the hospital this morning with a wound in the head. He was unconscious all the time and passed away about 11 am. I was able to be with him and say the last prayers for him. We bury him this afternoon in our little cemetery" ES 23.4.15

1915 04 23 ES
5 Ely Pte Cox – burial service deserted
Prickwillow resident describes Zeppelin raid over Lowestoft – 15 04 23ES
Adelaide Pte Lee kia – pic
8 Downham recruiting party to visit, details 30th p6

1915 04 30
Histon Red Cross Hospital ward – pic – 15 04 30a

1915 04 30 CIP
Royal Visit. On Wednesday, HRH Princess Henry of Battenberg and HRH Princess Marie Louise of Schleswig Holstein visited the Research Hospital, Hills Road, and the First Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge. Mr. Victor Cochran accompanied their royal Highnesses, who arrived during the morning by motor car from London. They were guests of the Master of Christ's College (Dr. A. E. Shipley), with whom they lunched and had tea later. 15 04 30 CIP

Premises destroyed. Considerable damage was done in the early hours of Sunday morning by a fire which broke out at the builder's premises of Mr. H. E. Ambrose, in Gwydir Street (Cambridge). A daughter of Mr. G. F. Harrison, coach builder of Gwydir Street, informed her father that fire had broken out in the builder's yard and premises, and Mr. Harrison promptly gave the alarm. The outbreak occurred in the paint shop, and on the arrival of the police, they discovered that the fire was blazing furiously, and had gained a strong hold. Residents in the vicinity were aroused and the firemen speedily got to work from two hydrants. An excellent pressure of water was available, but it was about an hour before the firemen had the outbreak under control, A joiner's shop, a carpenter's shed and tools and fowl sheds, as well as Mr, Harrison's premises, where the fire originated, were destroyed. The damage is estimated at £2.000, and is only partly covered by insurance. About 20 firemen were on duty, in addition to police. 15 04 30 CIP

Retirement of Mr. Denison-Pender, M.P. Considerable surprise and regret will be expressed at the news of the impending retirement from Parliament of Mr. J. C. Denison-Pender, the Member for East Cambridgeshire. We understand that a short time ago Mr. Denison-Pender carne to the conclusion that on purely personal grounds he would be unable to continue his political connection with the Division, This news was conveyed to the Executive of the East Cambridgeshire Conservative and Unionist Association and several meetings have been held. Efforts were made to induce Mr. Denison-Pender to reconsider the matter, but he was, unfortunately, unable to alter his decision. It is under¬stood that Mr. Denison-Pender will retain the seat during the existence of the present Parlia¬ment. It is hoped an announcement with regard to a new Conservative candidate will be possible in the near future. 15 04 30 CIP

1915 04 30 ES
Ruridecanal Conference … lessons of war – 15 04 30ES

1915 04 30 ES
3 New Explosives Company Stowmarket was advertising for workers 100 men wanted at once to carry out urgent government orders for war materials ... wages 4½d to 6½ per hour - 20/5 to 29/6 per week of 54½ hours - overtime at time and a quarter - sleeping accommodation available at 2/- per week need 100 men – adv
5 Germans at Ely – 4 trainloads (2000 Germans) passed through, stopped at station & give water
Littleport Harwood family – 5 in forces – pic

6 recruiting party visits
8 not Haddenham recruiting
Witcham rifleman Giles wounded
8 Soham soldier letter – Stittle
Prickwillow– letter Pte Pake appeal from trenches

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1915 05 07 CIP
Cambridge and the Military. For a few days past (writes Free Lance) Cambridge has been practically denuded of troops and the "emptiness" of the town after their departure could not fail to strike us all. With no military and no undergraduates, the town bears a deserted appearance, indeed for Easter Term, and on all hands the hope is expressed for the speedy arrival of another batch of troops. It speaks well for the behaviour of the men that the residents generally should regret their going, and look forward to the reception of another division. Tradespeople have, of course, benefited considerably by their presence, and are trusting to see a number continuously in the town, in order to counteract the loss of trade which will be the outcome of the abandonment of the May races. 15 05 07 CIP

River Fatality. A sad fatality occurred at Cambridge on Wednesday afternoon, when a little boy named Douglas William Ward, aged 4, son of Police Constable William Ward, 29, Beche Road, Cambridge, was drowned in the River Cam. It appears that the little chap was playing near the bottom of Priory Road with a younger child named Flack, aged about 2½ years. Just how he came to get into the water nobody knows, but it is thought he must have descended the steps leading to the water and fell in. 15 05 07 CIP

Vicar Instituted. The institution and induction of the new Vicar of Madingley (the Rev. J. E. Stodart) took place at Madingley Church on Wednesday afternoon before a large congregation. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Ely, and among others present were the Venerable Archdeacon Cunningham, the Rural Dean and other clergy. The living is in the gift of the Bishop of Ely, who appointed Mr. Stodart in January last. At that time, Mr. Stodart was chaplain at Alassio, in Italy, and he could not leave the chaplaincy until after Easter. Mr. Stodart succeeds Canon Doxat, who was at Mading¬ley for 11 years, and who has retired into private life at Malvern. Canon Doxat was much respected by the villagers, and on the occasion of his leaving he was presented with an address which expressed to him the affection of the people, and the gratitude they felt for his services. 15 05 07 CIP

Outbreak of Measles. Measles has broken out in Linton, and in consequence, the National School and all the Sunday Schools has been closed. An order has been issued by the County Council Medical Officer (Dr. Robinson) that the school would not reopen until after the Whitsun holidays. The outbreak is only mild, but the order has been issued as a preventative to the spreading of the disease. 15 05 07 CIP

Fire at Kirtling. A large portion of the extensive farm premises and workshops at The Moat, Upend, Kirtling, owned and occupied by Mr. S. G. Howard, J.P. (prospective Liberal candidate for the Sudbury Division) was destroyed by a fire which broke out on Tuesday afternoon. The damage is estimated at several thousand pounds, and is covered by insurance 15 05 07 CIP

1915 05 07 ES
5 deserter arrested Downham Fen
4th Suffolks at Oulton Broad – pic
8 Adelaide – Bird & Lee kia
Sutton Belgian refugees return London
Witcham fresh eggs for wounded
Ely corps & Battle Ypres – letter

1915 05 14
Cambridge Isolation Hospital new wards opened; description of building – 15 05 14a
Pte Charles Butler, of Histon Road, dies of wounds – photo – 15 05 14b

1915 05 14 CIP
Heavy Losses. We understand that the Cambridgeshire Regiment has recently been in some heavy fighting in France and evidence of this is seen from the fact that of the officers who went out with the regiment, only two or three remain at the front, including Major Saint and Major G. L. Archer. The casualties among the rank and file has also been severe within the last few weeks, and we learn on good authority, which we are prepared to take as absolutely trustworthy, that in a recent engagement, out of three platoons, only 30 men re¬turned unscathed. In a letter, a Wisbech private said: "I am sorry to say that the poor old Cambridgeshires are only now about 500 strong, instead of 1,000 when landing in France". 15 05 14 CIP

New President – Bro F. Bunnett T.C.D.C.R..C of the Ancient Order of Foresters who was last Friday elected President of the Cambridge & District Friendly Society Council is Court Book Examiner of the Director of the Cambridge District and is Secretary of Court "Foresters' Hope", Gt Shelford. He occupied the district chair in 1910. He is a Director of the Cambs Foresters' Building Benefit Society, and acts as hon secretary to the local Foresters' Secretaries Association. 15 05 14 CIP

Barrington Squire Killed. A gloom was cast over Barrington on Saturday night, when the villagers received intimation of the death in action of the Squire - Brevet Lt.-Col. Richard Nelson Bendyshe, of the Royal Marine Light Infantry. Although Col. Bendyshe has never actually resided in Barrington the family is probably the oldest in the County, and the Bendyshes from time immemorial have been in¬timately associated with all matters pertaining to the welfare of the village. Col. Bendyshe succeeded to the large estates in Barrington and the district in September of last year on the death of his uncle, the Rev. Richard Bendyshe, at an advanced age. Mrs. Bendyshe and her daughter have only recently come to reside at the Hall. Col. Bendyshe retired from the Marines on July 1 1910 and was appointed to the Reserve of Officers. On the outbreak of the present war, Col, Bendyshe was called to the service of his country and served in the 12th Battalion, Marine Brigade, Royal Naval Division. At the time of his death he was in command of the Deal Battalion, and was engaged in the Dardanelles 15 05 14 CIP

Officer Casualties. Capt. M. C. Clayton of the 1st Cambridgeshire Regiment, who has been wounded in action, is a son of Mr. Collins Clayton, the Mayor of Wisbech. He is in the Second London General Hospital, St. Mary's College. Chelsea. Lt. E. W. Saunders: of "C" Company, who was killed in action near Hill 60, was 21 years of age. He was the elder son of the late Walter Saunders, of Glassmoor House. Whittlesey. Lt. Walter Montagu West (died of wounds) was 19 years of age. On leaving Oundle School, he returned home to take up farming with his father, Mr. Walter W, West, JP, of Needham Hall. 15 05 14 CIP

1915 05 14 ES
3 Littleport Belgian colony & workshops for refugees – now 50
2 Soham recruiting
5 casualties – many killed & wounded
Stuntney Pte Burns wounded
Patriotic rhymes Frank Green pub'd
6 Manea officers vivid war pictures
Ely fear Zeppelin attack – perhaps high-angle gun Cherry Hill
8 Lt Thetford – Lowe – 6 sons
Prickwillow – Gage letter
Soham – Rouse thrilling experiences
Prickwillow – Edwards letter
Soham – Steadman kia, pic 21st p8

Stretham – Lythell d
Downham – Belgian Cmte details

1915 05 21
Corp Dobson, son of Governor of County Gaol – cartridge saved life – photo – 15 05 21a

1915 05 21 CIP
Cambs. and the War. Messages from the Front received during the last few days speak of the Cambridgeshires as being well in health and full of spirit, in spite of their hard gruelling of late. The casualties have, unfortunately been very heavy but the morale of those still serving with the regiment "somewhere in France" is magnificent. The men have cheerfully done their duty in the trenches and have won golden opinions for their splendid behaviour under fire. Cambridge people will be particularly pleased to hear that Major E. T. Saint, who is still with the troops, is safe and in good health. His letters home are full of praise for the magnificent conduct of his men. Major G. D. Archer, of Ely, is at present, in command of the regiment. News has been received by Mrs. Naylor of 102, Russell Street, Cambridge, that her youngest son, Pte. Leslie Naylor, has been killed in action. He was shot through the head. 15 05 21CIP

Brothers Killed. Intimation has been received by Mr. John Moore of Cottenham of the death of two grandsons — Sgt. Sidney Arthur Moore and Pte. Richard Henry Trim Moore, of the London Rifle Brigade. Pte. Moore was killed in action in Ypres on May 3, a day before his 20th birthday and his brother, aged 23, died in hospital at Boulogne on May 8 from a shrapnel wound in the spine 15 05 21CIP

Rates Rise. The Cambs. County Council at their meeting on Saturday fixed the total rate for the area at 2s.9½d. instead of 2s 7½ d as recommended by the Finance Committee. It shows an increase of 4¼d over last year's rate. In the last two years the County rate has risen from 2s. 2½ d in the £ to 2s.9d — an increase since 1914 of no less than 7d. 15 05 21CIP

Interesting Engraving. The Cambridge Borough Librarian has been authorised to purchase, at cost of 35s. a local engraving, entitled the Dinner given to 15,000 persons on Parker's Piece, Cambridge. Thursday 28th June, 1838 in honour of the Coronation of her most gracious Majesty Queen Victoria. The engraving is by Harraden 15 05 21CIP # c.77.4

1915 05 21 ES
5 Soham – Rouse now dies pic p8, service 28th p2
8 casualties
Haddenham – Pte Ramsome kia
Wardy Hill – Pte Parson dies hospital
Sutton – 400 eggs wounded
Prickwillow – Jakes, Mile End – 2 sons wounded

1915 05 28

1915 05 28 ES
5 Haddenham – Pte Rutherford wounded
Chatteris call conscription instead of recruitment
5 R.M.A. sports – pic (acc p3)
Ely – Pte Cross k – details
8 Soham – Geo Cook, Fred Sizer wounded
Prickwillow – Harding wounded, Pake letter from hospital
Witchford – Allen – letter about
Ely – Serg-Major Black kia – pic
Soham – J. Cook k, nursing wounded, ‘buck up Soham’ letter

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1915 06 04 CIP
Cambridge Men Lost. Two Cambridge men lost their lives on the Princess Irene, which was blown up in Sheerness Harbour last week. First Class Stoker H. C. Yorke, of 86 Sturton Street, Cambridge, and Second Class Stoker E. A. Gawthrop, of 325, Newmarket Road, Cambridge. Stoker Yorke had only just joined the ill-fated vessel. He has two other brothers with the colours. Stoker Gawthrop, who was 24 years old, was married. He joined the Navy in December. A plasterer by trade, he was formerly employed by Mr. T. J. Royall, of Tenison Road, Cambridge. 15 06 04 CIP

Zeppelin Raid.The Secretary of the Admiralty, in a statement on Tuesday, said: Zeppelins are reported to have been seen near Ramsgate and Brentwood, and in certain outlying districts of London. Many fires are reported. Later it was stated that about 90 bombs were dropped, mostly of an incendiary character. All fires were promptly and effectively dealt with—only one of the fires necessitated a district call. No public building was damaged, but a number of private premises were damaged by fire or water. "So far as at present ascertained", it was stated, "one infant, one boy, one man and one woman were killed and another woman was so seriously injured that her life is despaired of." 15 06 04 CIP # c.45.5

New Vice-chancellor. The President of Queens' College, the Rev. T. C. Fitzpatrick, was on Tuesday elected Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, in succession to the Provost of King's (Dr. Montague R. James). He has taken a prominent part in University and town affairs. 15 06 04 CIP

1915 06 04 ES
2 cricket on battle field letter: reminiscences of Gunner W.C. Longley 15 06 04
5 compulsory service urged
rumour that soldiers Reading & Recreation Room 'is on a good thing'
6 recruiting tour – 400 recruits obtained
Sutton - roll of honour has 92 names, no names of pressed men will be put on roll
8 casualties
Soham – Baker wounded
Witcham – role of honour, list casualties
Soham – Wells brothers at Ypres, one pow
Littleport – Theobald k

1915 06 11 CIP
D.C.M. Award. Sgt. Bert Daldry, 11 Thoday Street, Cambridge, has been recommended by his General for the Distinguished Conduct Medal. Sgt. Daldry, who was called up on reserve when war broke out, was among the first to land in France, and was employed in the Passenger Traffic Department on the G.E.R. at Cambridge. He is the son of Mr. arid Mrs James Daldry of 1 Wetenhall Road, Cambridge. He has been invalided as unfit to fight, and now works at the base offices after convalescence waiting to go back to the front. 15 06 11 CIP

Over 50,000 Killed. Mr. Asquith stated in the House of Common on Wednesday that the total number of British Army casualties up to May 31 in the French and Mediterranean Expeditionary forces, including the Territorial Forces and the Colonial and Indian contingents, was 258.069, including 50,342 killed. 153,980 wounded and 53,747 missing. 15 06 11 CIP

Hospital. During the week ending June 5, there were 185 Home Forces admissions to the 1st Eastern General Hospital (Cambridge) and 141 admissions from the Expeditionary Force. There were 388 discharges and transfers to convalescent homes. On June 5 the number of patients in the hospital was 1,321. 15 06 11 CIP

Death of Verger.Much regret will be felt at the death, which occurred after a short illness on Friday last. of Mr. G. L. King, of Newnham, Cambridge. The deceased for the past eight years has acted as verger at St. Michael's. Cambridge, whilst he was a member of the choir for 23 years. 15 06 11 CIP

Torpedo Boats Sunk. Yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, two British torpedo boats were sunk by a German submarine off the East Coast. Forty-one of the crews are known to have been saved, and probably more have been picked up 15 06 11 CIP

1915 06 11 ES
Trooper Edwards of Prickwillow wrote home "We have had a rough time of it ... The regiment went up for the start 300 strong and then we had two lots of reinforcements, but when they came back the other night there were 72 ... I was out when the Germans started sending the gas which came over in great clouds. I managed to get in a house but was just inside when bang! came a gas shell right in the door and it filled the house. You have no idea how gas affects one. I had two lungfuls of it before I could get out but was cut off from the Regiment. By this time I was nearly done but as luck would have it I came across an old bike ... I chanced getting hit by the shells and rode out of it safe and sound - bar of course the gas ... Es 11.6.15 p5

1915 06 11 ES
Pte A. Jakes, Prickwillow writes home from American Women's War Hospital, Paignton
Coates prisoner's letter, G.W. Bedford
J.W. Crabb, Littleport prisoner - 15 06 11ES

5	Prickwillow –	Bonnett letter, Jakes wounded lettler
	Littleport –	Crabb pow letter
	Prickwillow –	W. Gage writes to parents, Shippea Hill re poison gas sufferings
6	'These boys didn't shirk' – adv showing casualties	
7	Suffolk Yeomanry leave Ely	
8	Littleport – refugees meet	
	Col Archer pic	
	Soham –	Stittle kia pic
	Littleport –	Theobald kia
	Stuntney –	Osborne kia, 1st Stuntney man killed, pic 18th p8
	Mepal – roll of honour	
	Black Horse Drove – German helmet exhibited	

1915 06 12 CDN
Volunteer Training Corps bridge guarding – 15 06 12CDN

1915 06 18 CIP
Presentation. A large number of the parishioners of St. Philip's (Cambridge) assembled at Tracy Hall last (Thursday) evening to bid farewell to the Rev. R. S Cripps, who is leaving the parish to take up a curacy at Eastbourne. The occasion was marked by a presentation to Mr. Cripps, the gift which was made by members of the congregation as an expression pf their affection and esteem taking the form of a very handsome silver teapot sugar basin, cream jug and a set of tea knives, the teapot being suitably inscribed, 15 06 18 CIP

Golden Wedding. The Rev. C. E Graves and Mrs. Graves of St Martin's, Grange Road, the father and mother of the Mayoress of Cambridge (Mrs. W. L. Raynes) celebrate their golden wedding on Sunday (writes Free Lance). Mr. Graves was formerly Tutor at St John s College Cambridge, and is still a Fellow of the Foundation. Mrs. Graves was the daughter of a former Tutor of St. John's. Her brothers are Mr Thomas Gwatkin and Professor Gwatkin of Cambridge and her sister is Mrs Bradbury the wife of Professor Bradbury. The Rev. C, E. & Mrs Graves were married on June 20 1865, at Torquay, and have resided at Grange Road ever since their marriage 15 06 18 CIP

Lord Chancellor's Title. The following is from the "London Gazette" on Friday.—The King has been pleased by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, bearing date the 14th inst, to confer the dignity of a Baron of the said United Kingdom upon the Rt. Hon. Sir Stanley Owen Buckmaster Lord Chancellor and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, by the name style and title of Baron Buckmaster master of Cheddington in the county of Buckingham. 15 06 18 CIP

Nuisance to be abated. At yesterday's meeting of the Cambridge Town Council, the Paving Committee reported the receipt of a letter as to the nuisance arising from the use of carts without covers for collecting ashes The Borough Surveyor informed the Committee that four new vans were required and it was agreed that he be asked to obtain estimates for the supply of the necessary vans 15 06 18 CIP

1915 06 18
5 Ely – guarding High Bridge
6 Mepal – men pictured in 'didn't shirk' advert
8 Soham Pte Sergeant pic
Littleport – Dade wounded
Haddenham – refugee ill

1915 06 19 CDN
Tennis balls for nurses at Sanatorium
Volunteer Training Corps activity – 15 06 19(1)CDN

1915 06 19 CDN
Air raid dangers & precautions – 15 06 19(2)CDN

1915 06 25
Departure of Cambridgeshire Regiment from station - photo – 15 06 25a
Undergraduates in khaki enter Senate House to collect degree – photo – 15 06 25b

1915 06 25 CIP
Enthusiastic Send-off. The 11th Battalion (Cambridgeshire) Suffolk Regt. of the Regular Army had an enthusiastic send-off on Saturday when they left Cambridge to join the Division to which they have been appointed. The men left in two parties, and were played to the G.E-R. yard in Tenison Road by the Cambridge Town Silver Band. They were also accompanied by the band of the 2/5 Suffolk Regt. 15 06 25 CIP

Master of Downing. It is with regret we record the death of the Master of Downing, Prof. Frederick Howard Marsh which occurred at the Lodge, Downing College, on Thursday morning. The news was received with profound sorrow by members of the University and townsfolk alike, for Professor Howard Marsh was held in the highest esteem throughout the University, town and county. The professor won eminence as a surgeon and his reputation was world-wide. He had been Professor of Surgery in the University of Cambridge since 1903. He was elected Master of Downing in 1907 and his loss will be keenly felt by the Foundation. Only those who were intimately associated with the late Master can fully appreciate the extent of the work he did for the College and estimate its value. Before he was elected Master of Downing, Prof Howard Marsh was a Professorial Fellow of King's College. He was a member of King's at the time of his death. Apart from his University labour - and his duties were heavy - Prof. Howard Marsh found time in which to devote himself to local affairs. He evinced the greatest interest in matters pertaining to the welfare of the town of Cambridge, and for many years he had been a zealous worker on the Cambridge Town Council. The Boy Scout movement received his wholehearted and cordial support, and as District Commissioner he was ever among the various Boy Scout units locally, aiding them with his friendly advice and ever ready with a help¬ful word. He was born in 1839. 15 06 25 CIP

Frost Damage. Considerable damage was done in the Cambridge district during Friday night and the early morning of Saturday by a sharp frost. From observations made at the Botanic Gardens, the lowest temperature four feet from the ground during Friday night was 44.9 degrees, On the ground the temperature was -29.9 degrees, or rather more than two degrees of frost. The principal damage was sustained by market gardeners and allotment holders and in conversation with several of the latter at Chesterton this week, a reporter was told that potatoes have suffered severely. The effects of the frost are most discouraging to the large number of working men who devote their spare time to the cultivation of potatoes and vegetables for their own tables. In the Cherry Hinton district gardeners suffered rather severely. Potatoes and beans were blackened and cut down to a great extent but so far as can be ascertained the effects of the frost were not felt so severely in the Cottenham district. Potatoes and beans suffered in some instances, but damage was not general. Ice was formed at Hauxton. The frost will have disastrous effects in the districts where the wheat is on blossom. The prospects of the wheat yield were about the average, but it is not possible to gauge the extent of the damage by the frost. Little, if any effect will be caused to the fruit by the frosts, as the produce is too far advanced. 15 06 25 CIP

1915 06 25 ES
5 Ely – deserter
8 Haddenham – await recruiting party
Sutton – Clark missing
Sennitt kia – pic 2nd p9
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1915 07 02 CIP
Interference with Recruiting. The smart sentence (three months hard labour) passed upon a man at Cambridge this week for influencing young men not to join the Forces of the Crown will be pronounced ay the general public as quite just. It should act as a warning to those ne'er-do-wells who, too indolent and unpatriotic to offer their services for their country, hang about street corners and endeavour to dissuade other willing loyalists from doing their duty. A more dastardly or cowardly action at the present time it is difficult to imagine and anyone indulging in such practices may be sure of but little leniency at the hands of the magistrates if brought to book.15 07 02 CIP

Munitions Work. The Ministry of Munitions has sanctioned the organisation of a small munitions factory in the Cambridge district. An opportunity is thus afforded Cambridge people to assist in the production of munitions of war, and it is a well-known fact that a large number of local men have recently expressed a desire to take part in this most important work. In many instances these men are already engaged in skilled and necessary work at. Cambridge, and they feel that they cannot give their entire time to munitions work. The opportunity thus afforded them to give of their leisure time to the manufacture of war munitions in Cambridge has accordingly been warmly received 15 07 02 CIP

Youthful Recipient of D.C.M. Lance-Corporal Laurence A. Austin of "A" Company 1st Cambs Regiment has been awarded the D.C.M. for gallant conduct in the field. Lance-Corporal Austin was with many others of the Cambridgeshire Regiment attached to the Leinster Regiment when a certain position was heavily attacked by the Germans. Full details are lacking, all that is known is that he was recommended for the medal by the Colonel of the Leinster Regiment himself. Lance Corporal Austin, who is not yet 18 years of age, is probably the youngest recipient in the British Army of the coveted medal. His parents reside at 8 Rathmore Road, Cambridge. 15 07 02 CIP

Narrow Escape From Drowning. While the King's College choristers under their master, were bathing in the river at the bathing sheds on Monday morning, one of the boys, Reginald Walker, got into difficulties, whereupon Mr. Charles Driver, the custodian jumped in, fully dressed, and succeeded in bringing the boy safely to the bank. 15 07 02 CIP

1915 07 02 ES
5 Ely – bridge guarding a waste of money – how fight German spy?; military stopped guarding 2 months ago
7 National register to be compiled
8 Downham – Fordham gallantry – pic 9th p6
Isleham – King's congratulations Whitehead 6 sons in army
Recruiting tour, Stretham, Wilburton, Haddenham
Stretham – Murfitt bravery, Baxter wounded – pic 16th p8
Soham – Peacock wounded
Littleport – Pledger missing, Peake wounded

1915 07 09
County Boys OTC inspection – photo – 15 07 09a

1915 07 09 CIP
Famous Cyclist. Considerable regret has been occasioned in Cambridge, and especially in athletic circles, at the news that Mr. R. L. Player, 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade, one of the most brilliant of East Anglian amateur cyclists, has been killed in action. It was a little over ten months ago, to the very great regret of a large circle of friends, he left Cambridge and sailed to Australia. Soon after arrival there he joined the 2nd Infantry Brigade, in which he was serving at the Dardanelles when he fell. Player was for some time captain of the Cambridge Town and County Cycling Club. He won several N.C.U. championships, broke records and won several trophies. 1915 07 09 CIP

A Novel Occurrence. On Monday evening, a party of bathers in the Brook (at Bourn) noticed a large animal disporting itself on the bank and diving into the water. After pursuit, it was eventually shot by Mr. F. Crow. It proved to be a large, well-developed male otter in splendid condition, weighing 11½ lbs and measuring 40' inches from the tip of its nose to the tip of its tail. It was a most unusual visitor to this neighbourhood, an otter never having been known to have been taken here before. If the creature found its way up from the Cam at Byron's Pool, it must have made a journey of over ten miles. 15 07 09 CIP # c.19

A Good Brood. Mr. Peake, a farmer at Little Eversden, had a hen come off with 18 chicks. This must be a record. 15 07 09 CIP

Measles. No fresh cases of measles are reported (at Linton) and practically all the scholars have returned to school. They have lost some few weeks tuition, but are working hard "'to make up for lost time." 15 07 09 CIP

Storm. A violent storm broke over Bourn on Sunday evening. In church during divine service, it became too dark that candles had to be lit. Much hail fell while the rain, thunder and lighting were very heavy. Another similar storm broke over the village at midnight on Tuesday. 15 07 09 CIP

Death of Captain R.E. Sindall. It is with deep regret that we record the death of Captain R. E. Sindall, of the 1st Cambridgeshire Regiment, which occurred on July 2. Captain Sindall sustained severe injuries through the bursting of a shell in the trenches on June 26, and from the time of his admission to the Clearing Station the surgeons regarded his condi¬tion as very grave. Capt. Sindall was 26 years of age and was the second son of Mr. and Mrs, W. Sindall of The Elms, Great Shelford. Captain Sindall was educated at the Perse School, Cambridge. Prior to the outbreak of war he was engaged in his father's business as a builder and contractor. 15 07 09 CIP

1915 07 09 ES
3 proposed that on approach hostile aircraft Ely jam hooter should be sounded
5 Lt Thetford – Pte Lowe kia
8 Soham – yeomanry, 1st since war

Sutton – now 100 serving
Prickwillow – l Edwards letter

1915 07 16 CIP
With the Colours. Free Lance, referring to a letter from Mr. C. K. V. Adeane, Chairman of the County Territorial Association, giving figures relating to local recruitment to the forces, says: "We get an approximate estimate of 11,000 Cambridgeshire men serving with the colours, viz, 8,197 from the County and Isle and 2,777 from the Borough. A glance at the table (quoted in the letter) shows how many parts which have not nearly come up to scratch, and where there must be hundreds of men still content to remain at home when they should be taking their places beside their fellow countrymen on the training ground or in the trenches. The parish figuring best in the percentage column is Madingley, which, with 20 out of 83, comes out with 22.4 and Girton, Pampisford, Sawston and Cheveley, all top the 21 per cent, but of these 1 think Sawston shows up to the best advantage, having sent 166 out of a total male population of 789. Out of a total of 18, Shingay can boast four with the colours, which gives the place a percent¬age of 22.2. Barton and Conington are other villages to have done exceedingly well. Ely can boast of having sent the largest actual number, 753 having gone out of a male population of 3,909, which gives the excellent percentage for a place of this size of 19.2 15 07 16 CIP

Presentation. The departure this week of the Rev. H. R. Whitehead, curate of St. Luke's Chesterton, occasioned much regret throughout the parish, where since October 1910 he has laboured with so much zeal and energy. Church officials and members of the congregation generally bade Mr. Whitehead an official goodbye on Monday evening, when they assembled in the boys' schoolroom, and a presentation of a cheque for £21 was made by the Vicar (the Rev. Hird) on their behalf, to the departing gentleman. The Rev. H. R. Whitehead is leaving St. Luke's to take up an appointment at Wellington College Mission at Walworth. 15 07 16 CIP

Wounded entertained. On Thursday last, at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. P. Papworth, of Westwick Hall, Cottenham, the wounded soldiers and nurses from Cottenham Red Cross Hospital were invited to tea at the Hall. There were about 100 present, including Dr. R. Ellis from Swavesey, who is home for a short rest from the Dardanelles. After tea, a very pleasant time was spent, Mr. H. Bedwell's concert party entertaining the company, and at the close cheers were given for Mr and Mrs. Papworth. 15 07 16 CIP

1915 07 16 ES
3 Soham –soldier's miraculous escape – bullet through letter, Frank Boyce – pic – 15 07 17ES
Sutton – Pte Fuller DCM – pic p8
5 Stretham – Pte Winter missing – pic p8
6 Downham – Pte Fryett missing – pic
8 Prickwillow – letters

1915 07 23
Cambridge milkmaid, Stetchworth Dairy Co – photo – 15 07 23a.

1915 07 23 CIP
Peck Transferred. Major E, S. Peck, of Cambridge, has left the Command of the Administrative Centre of the Cambridgeshire Regt. and has taken up the post of second in command of the 3rd-lst Cambs. Regt. He is succeeded at the Adminis¬trative Centre by Capt. J. W, A. Ollard of Wisbech, who has been invalided home from the front. Capt. Ollard was in charge of the Machine Gun Section of the 1st Cambs. Regt. in France. 15 07 23 CIP

River Trip. On Monday afternoon, the wounded at The Firs hospital (Histon) had a trip up the river on a steam launch. They took their tea with them and picnicked on the bank of the river beyond Baitsbite. They left Victoria Bridge (Cambridge) at 2.30 p.m. and returned at 8 p.m., the journey to

and from Cambridge being made by bus. The outing was very greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all the men 15 07 23

Doing His Bit in France. All will learn with much appreciation that the Rev. F. S. Lawrence, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Cambridge, is spending his holiday this year in France, aiding the French Red Cross. Mr. Lawrence has had his own private motor ear converted into an ambulance car and has undertaken the work of fetching in the French wounded presumably from the firing line and conveying them to the French hospital in the Compeigne district. He expects to re¬main in France for about six weeks and all will wish him a safe return from "doing his bit" for the allied cause. 15 07 23 CIP

Wedding. Great interest was created in the marriage which was solemnised at Sawston on Wednesday between Mr. Alan Herapath Todd, surgeon to King George's Hospital and Registrar of Guy's Hospital, elder son of Dr. and. Mrs, Todd, of Torquay and Miss Constance Alice Edwards, daughter of the late Dr. Frank Edwards, of Sawston and of Mrs. Edwards, 55 St. Andrew's Street, Cambridge, There was a large congregation at the church. The officiating clergymen were Archdeacon Westcott. of Norwich and the Vicar of Sawston (the Rev. Lancelot Smith). The bride was given away by her mother. 15 07 23 CIP

Institution. The institution and induction of the Rev. George Richards Christies as Rector of Fen Ditton took place on Monday evening. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. E. Turner of Teversham and the lessons were read by the Hey. Thorpe of Horningsea and Archdeacon Cunningham. The ceremony of institution was performed by the Lord Bishop of Ely and the new Rector was inducted by Archdeacon Cunningham. 15 07 23 CIP

1915 07 23 ES
Pte James Brown from Chatteris was one of 40 men who set out for the landing in one boat, 34 never got to shore; his chum by his side was riddled with nine bullets and Brown had his boot heel shot off, a bullet through his cap and 2 through his pack. Three days later he was wounded in the face; one eye was blown right out and the other has since been removed; half of one ear is missing ... otherwise he is well ... 15 07 23(2)ES

1915 07 23 ES
Pte Walter Gotobed, Littleport, account of Dardanelles – 15 07 23 &(2)ES

1915 07 23 ES

5	labour in harvest time	
	Littleport –	Gotobed letter re Dardanelles, Bacon missing
	Soham –	Ames wounded
7	Cambridgeshire quota men, percentage serving	
8	Sutton –	R. Clark pow, C. Clark missing – pics
	Prickwillow –	White missing – pic

1915 07 30 CIP
Five sons with the colours. Mrs. R. Hewlett, of 89 Beche Road, Cambridge, who has five sons serving with the colours, has re¬ceived a letter from the Keeper of the Privy Purse on behalf of the King, which said: "I am commanded by the King to convey to you an expression of His Majesty's appreciation of the patriotic spirit which has prompted your five sons to give their services at the present time to the Army. The King was much gratified to hear of the manner in which they had so readily re¬sponded to the call of the Sovereign and their country, and I am to express to them and to you His Majesty's congratulations on having contributed in so full a measure to the great cause for which all the people of the British Empire are so bravely fighting." 15 07 30 CIP

Sewage Works complaint. At Tuesday's meeting of the Chesterton Rural District Council, it was decided to request the Borough Sewage Disposal Committee to confer with them as to the possibility of abating objectionable smells arising from the Milton sewage beds. The matter has been under the

consideration of the Sanitary Committee of the Rural Council who at Thursday's meeting recommended to the council that Mr. C. B. Kershaw be appointed to visit the sewage works at Milton and report on what measures should be taken by the Cambridge Corporation to abate the nuisance complained of, at a fee of 10 gns, to include all travelling and out-of-pocket expenses 15 07 30 CIP

Storm Damage. Considerable damage was done to wheat crops in the (Milton) district particularly at Landbeach, by the hailstorm of Saturday last. A smallholder, whose first year of farming it was had his crop of wheat stripped by the hailstones. 15 07 30 CIP
Capt. Keenlyside Killed. Capt. Cecil Alexander Headlam Keenlyside of the 1st Cambs. Regt, is unofficially reported as having been killed in action in Flanders on July 20, and intimation of his death has been published in the London Press. Capt. Keenlyside was the third son of the late Mr. F H. Keenlyside, barrister-at-law, of Gally Law, Weybridge and was 33 years of age. Capt. Keenlyside joined the regiment about October 1913, and was in command of 'H' Company (Ely) after Major Archer obtained his majority. He became second-in-command of 'D' company which included March, on the double-company system being introduced intothe regiment, and eventually commanded it on the death of Capt. R. E. Sindall. He was a well-known cricketer. He played for Oxford while up at the university, and he was in every way a very good sportsman. 15 07 30 CIP

Dean of Ely's son wounded. Second Lt. Roger M. Kirkpatrick, of the Rifle Brigade, third son of the Dean of Ely, has been wounded in Flanders. An operation was necessary, as the right foot had been twisted through being hit by a piece of shell. 15 07 30 CIP

Inn struck. During the heavy thunderstorms that passed over Fulbourn on Tuesday afternoon, the New Asylum Inn was struck by lightning. One gable end and the chimney were demolished and the grate in the taproom was blown partly out. The bedroom ceiling came down. Happily no-one was injured. 15 07 30 CIP

1915 07 30 ES

5	Ely –	Capt Keenlyside killed – pic
8	Littleport –	Starling killed – pic & notes
	Soham –	Brown k
	Stretham –	late Pte Sennitt

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1915 08 06
Photos of fallen soldiers
G.D. Salmon, Wisbech; G.C. Coote, Foxton; Capt R.E. Sindall, Cambridge; A.J. Coote, Barrington; L. Tuck; L/C Ryder; B. Rolph; S. Trotman; A.D. McPherson; H.H. Bendall; E.C. Colchester, Shelford; R.N. Bendyshe, Barrington; Capt Tebbutt; Hodson; W.J. Blane; E. Freeman; B. Carter, Bourn; Dunnett; - 15 08 06a

A.E. Seagrott; E.H. Cawthrop; W.F. Taylor, Lt Shelford; W.Gee, Sawston; A. Davis, T. Kimmence; C.L. Wayman; E. Clarke, Bourn; H.C. Yorke, J.H. Caldecoat, Bourn; F.J. Gipp, Chesterton; N.W. Fielding; O.J. Goddard, Dewey; G. Pamplin, Fen Ditton; J. Wallage; Phillips; C. Richmond, Fulbourn; W.E. Jones; J.J. Mayle; L.J. Naylor; S. Phillips; R.L. Player; C. Butler – 15 08 06b

A Twin Wedding. There was a remarkable coincidence at a wedding which took place at Harston Baptist Chapel on Saturday, when the bride was a twin, the two bridesmaids were twins and the bridegroom's name was Twin, so that the twin bride is now Mrs. Twin, The wedding was that between Mr. Alfred Twin of Chesterton, and Miss Rhoda Ison, of Harston. The bride was given away by her brother (Mr. James Ison), and was attended by three bridesmaids — the Misses Rose and Grace Ison. of London, nieces of the bride, and Miss Twin, sister of the bridegroom. Mr. Arthur Twin acted as best man. 15 08 06 CIP

Promoted. — The appointment, dated May 30, of Major Goodwyn L. Archer (of Ely), commanding 1st Cambridgeshires to be temporary Lt.-Colonel, has just been gazetted: Lt.-Col. Archer has been in command of the Regiment since Lt.-Col. Copeman came home on sick leave. 15 08 06 CIP

New Master of Downing. The appointment of Prof. Albert Charles Steward, Professor of Botany at Cambridge, as Master of Downing College, in succession to the late Prof. Howard Marsh, is announced this week. Professor. Seward was born in 1863. His researches and writings have borne chiefly on the geological side of his subject, but he has for some years lectured on general botany for the Natural Science Tripos, and he was until recently associated also with the teaching of biology to students of medicine, He has taken an active part in University affairs, and has been a member of the Council of the Senate since 1909, in which year he won the admiration of the University by his able organisation (as secretary with the late Registrary) of the great meeting held at Cambridge to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Charles Darwin. 15 08 06 CIP

Local Cycling Champion. The wedding took place at St. Luke's Church, Cambridge, on Monday of Sapper H. F. Townsend. Cambs. Regt, second son of Mr. Robert Townsend, and Miss Florence Daisy Peters, fourth daughter of the late Mr. George Peters, of Cambridge. The bridegroom is a well-known cyclist of Cambridge and District, and member of the Town and County and Belmont C.C., holder of the Cambs, one mile championship and Belmont Cup, 1910. 15 08 06 CIP

1915 08 06 ES
5 Sutton – Gimbert missing – pic

1915 08 13
Photos of wounded soldiers
T. Hornsby, A.J. Ince; G. Stevens; P. Stubbings, Sawston; W. Maltby; G.W. Naylor; Northfield; P.G. Pope; R. O'Brien; A.R. Skeel; Pull; C. Cockerill, Sawston; T.E. Foreman, Fulbourn; W. Foreman, Fulbourn; Dobson; 15 08 13a
S. Allen; A.R. Sewell; Medway; A.E. Taylor, Chesterton; H.W. Whitmore, Chesterton; J. Clark; R. Silk; S.T. Burr; F.W. Freeman, Sawston; A.S. Kirkup; W. Gladwell; Dean; Dant; Dodd; G. Osbourn, Fulbourn; H.B. Stevens; A. Plump, Fulbourn; S. Mott; R. Clifton; H.C. Clark; J.E. Orton; E. Tiplady; C. Dockerill, Sawston; F. Cracknell; A.A. Spillman; C. Walker; A.E. Whybrow; P. Coleman, Sawston 15 08 13b

Lopping of Trees.In consequence of a letter to the Corporation (of Cambridge) from Lady Darwin, the trees near Queens' Green, which overhang the carriageway at Newnham are to be lopped and any other trees in the Borough which belong to the Corporation which impede traffic are also to be lopped. 15 08 13 CIP

Covers en Bus Seats. The attention of the Cambridge Watch Committee has been called to the fact that the Ortona Motor Bus Company has not provided covers for the seats of the omnibuses and it was agreed that the Town Clerk write to the Company requesting them to provide waterproof aprons for the seats on top of the buses. 15 08 13 CIP # c.26.46

Appointment of a Headmistress. I must confess to a good deal of sympathy (writes Free Lance) with the remarks of those councillors who, at yesterday's Town Council meeting, expressed disapproval of the Education Committee's action in passing over local talent in appointing a new headmistress. If there had been a lack of suitable applicants from Cambridge one could have understood the Committee looking elsewhere for a lady to fill the post, but no such circumstances existed. They had an opportunity of accepting the services of one who had held the post of headmistress for 20 years, and whose credentials were of the highest order. Why, in the face of this a "foreign" appointment should be made will baffle a good many of us . . . but it certainly is not encouraging to local teachers. 15 08 13 CIP

Lieutenant's Death. Lt. H. A. R. Crookham 1st Battalion, Cambridgeshire Regiment, has died of wounds. He was appointed second lieutenant in this Territorial Regiment on October 8 last year, and has since received promotion. He was a son of a Wisbech vicar.

Presentation of D.C.M. Lance-Corporal L. A. Austin, of the 1st Cambridgeshire Regiment, who recently won-the D.C.M., has been presented with a silver watch by Messrs. Peters, Elsworthy and Moore, of Cambridge, his former employers. Lance-Corporal Austin is at present in East Leigh Clearing Hospital as the result of an accident. 15 08 13 CIP

1915 08 13 ES
7 GER hospital train described
8 Soham – Starling (2) injured
Downham – volunteer training corps described

1915 08 20
Photos of scenes and happenings
Lady French leaves Tipperary rooms; King visits EGH; war-time degrees, Senate House; Lady Jellicoe's visit; departure 1st Battalion, station; Red Cross auction sale; V.T.C. men on route march; St David's day scene; Cambs recruiting party leaving Cambridge; German helmet trophy; wounded soldiers at Waterbeach; Histon Red Cross Hospital ward 15 08 20a
Men who have distinguished themselves on battlefield
W. Ralph, Bottisham; E.T. Saint; Daldry; O.W. Parkinson; C.E. Morley, Gt Shelford; S. Freestone, Sawston; L.A. Austin; F. Potter DCM; F.J. Gatward – 15 08 20b
Good work of the VAD
Ladies detachment; Men's detachment - photos – 15 08 20c
Cambridge aviator lands in dyke – Lieut Broughton lands in Thuring – photo – 15 08 20d # Q.C. Liner Torpedoed. A message received shortly after midnight indicates that news has been received by the White-Star agent, by wireless, that the liner Arabic has been torpedoed, From information available, it would appear that the vessel, which was bound from .Liverpool to New York, sank in about 11 minutes. Several boats managed to get away, but it is clear that a number of passengers have been lost. 15 08 20 CIP

Tusk of a Mammoth Elephant. The other day, an interesting addition to the many geological specimens found on the estate of Mr. William Cardo at Barrington was discovered by a party of well-known geologists. The find was the tusk of a mammoth elephant, some four feet of which was exposed on the occasion of the visit. The tusk is of great thickness and has not been fully exposed. 15 08 20 CIP

Ladles as Postmen. Owing to a relaxation of the rules, the two postmen - Messrs. A. Arber and S. Howard (Bottisham) are at work in the harvest; their places … and Miss S. King and they may be seen daily going their rounds. 15 08 20 CIP

Down in field. An Army plane came down recently at Thurling, in the neighbouring county of Northamptonshire. The pilot was Lt. Broughton, said to hail from Cambridge, who was on his way from Farnborough to Cambridge, and descended at Thurlng to ascertain the locality. By a piece of bad luck he landed in a ditch, in the middle of a field. 15 08 20 CIP # c.26.1

Home from the front. Major E. T. Saint, of the 1st Cambs. Regt. who has been serving with such distinction with his regiment in France, being for some time in temporary command, is at present spending a short leave in Cambridge. Major Saint returns to France in about three weeks and meanwhile is spending a good deal of his time with the 3rd/lst Cambs. Major Saint said the men serving with the regiment in France are very cheerful and happy. They are having a quieter time of it just at present. Col. Archer is in command 15 08 20 CIP

1915 08 20 ES

7 village war food societies
6 with 1st Cambridgeshires at the front
8 Wilburton – Belgian refugees leave for Yorks, there since January
Soham – Talbot letter
Witcham – Giles on leave

1915 08 27
Recruiting visit of Cambs Royal Engineers – digging trenches Coe Fen, on route march – photo

Regiment's Departure. The 3/1st Cambridgeshire Regiment had an enthusiastic send-off on Wednesday morning, when they left Cambridge en route for a beautiful park situated "somewhere in England," where they are now encamped for field training. The Battalion, which is about 700 strong, has been practically raised and trained in Cambridge. The men have made rapid and almost wonderful progress, both in regard to their physical fitness and all their drills. In every sense of the word they are a credit to the town and county which have reared them. As they marched along on Wednesday morning with a fine swinging stride, upright and manly, they looked a picture of health and happiness. No wonder people cheered. The departure of the Battalion from Cambridge must, of course, mean a considerable financial loss to the town - a loss of probably over £1,000 a week which the town can ill-afford. The men have been billeted in the Borough, and their departure has left Cambridge with hardly any troops at all. 15 08 27 CIP

Departures of 3/1st Cambs Regt station – L & NW sidings as train steamed out – photo. 15 08 27a

Vicar's impending Departure. The Rev. J. Hagley Flutter, who the past 10 years has been Vicar of Linton, announced from the pulpit of the Parish Church on Sunday that he had accepted the living of Gorefield, near Wisbech, which is in the gift of the Bishop of Ely. General regret has expressed at the announcement for the Vicar is deservedly held in high esteem throughout the district. It is not his intention to take his departure from Linton for some time. Previous to his coming to Linton in 1905, he was for five years Vicar of Haverhill, his earlier places of ministry being Hendford, in Somerset, Ilminster and Holy Trinity, Hastings. 15 08 27 CIP

Fall of Brest Litowsk. An official communication issued by the German General Headquarters, received On Thursday evening stated that under the attack of the Army of Marshal von Mackensen the stronghold of Brest Litowsk had fallen. The outer fortifications were carried by storm, whereupon the Russians abandoned the stronghold 15 08 27 CIP

1915 08 27 ES
5 Ely – volunteer training corps take on guarding of bridges
8 Soham – Boyce home
Littleport – Thornhill home
PoWs Doeberitz camp pic

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Young girls as war workers – 13-yr-old drives three horses in reaper and cuts acres of barley & milks three cows
Ely VTC men guarding bridges named
Walter Curtis prop portable theatre applies licence Soham
Littleport vicar Rogers to retire
Soham in 14th century – Olorenshaw notes

Stuntney Rumsey wounded in head
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Soham: Rouse letter
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New billeting rates
Baptism of fire: how 5th Suffolks went into action for first time
Photo : George Turner, Mayor-elect
G. Tiplady, Gwydir St has five serving
Suicide Newmarket deaf & dumb consumptive
148 wounded soldiers arrive
Hinxton patriotic concerts
Fitzroy St fire, shops – Peake's, Waller tailoring, Rouse outfitters
P7
Insurance act inquiry Dr Naish, Newmarket Road
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Trumpington roll of honour board unveiled at church
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Fall in wheat prices due new crops

Tsar's Honour for Cambridge Soldier. Sergt. Bertram Daldry of the 1st Rifle Brigade, has been awarded, the Cross of the Order of St. George. 3rd class, by the Tsar of Russia. He is a Cambridge man and his home is at 17 Thoday Street, Prior to the war, he worked on the platform at the G.E.R. station. He was called up on Reserve when the war broke out, and is at present at Rouen 15 09 03 1915 09 03

Trumpington's Roll of Honour. In the presence of a crowded congregation, the Vicar of Trumpington (the Rev. Dr. R, G, Bury) unveiled in the parish church of S.S. Mary and Michael, Trumpington, on Sunday afternoon, the village roll of honour. The names of 69 Trumpington men are in¬scribed on the roll which has been erected near the west door of the church to perpetuate the memory of the men of Trumpington who "went over in the Great War of 1914-15 to defend the honour of England and to preserve unscathed for future generations the great inheritance of British justice and British liberty." 15 09 03 CIP

Fires at Cambridge. The Fire Brigade received three calls to borough fires during the past week. In the early hours of Wednesday morning they were called to a serious outbreak in Fitzroy Street, and on the following day they were called upon to pay two visits to the London and North-Western Railway, where an engine shed had caught fire. Only the alertness of a police constable prevented something in the nature of a catastrophe in Fitzroy Street. Three business premises were involved in the outbreak. The fire, it appears, originated in a shed, situated at the rear of Messrs Peak's stores and used as a warehouse for the storage of empty boxes. The large quantity of wood caused the flames to ascend to a great height, and set fire to the middle room of Messrs. Peaks' stores. The flames then appear to have travelled along a beam over Mr. E. Rouse's premises and joining the stores on the New Square

side. Considerable damage was done to both shops, both by the fire and the water. Premises occupied by Mr. Waller were also damaged, the staircase being badly charred and the roof ruined in one place. 15 09 03 CIP # c.34.75 # c.26.2

Presentation to Vicar. A large-number of parishioners and friends assembled in the schoolroom on Monday evening to bid farewell to the Rev. W. A. Baker and Mrs. Baker, who are leaving Bourn for the suburb of Handsworth, near Sheffield. Sir John Briscoe presided and in the name of the subscribers, presented Mr. Baker with a silver revolving breakfast dish engraved with a suitable inscription, together with a purse of money. The children of the Sunday School presented him with a travelling suitcase, and Mrs. Baker was the recipient of a pretty and useful handbag. 15 09 03 CIP

1915 09 03 ES
5 Women helped out in the farm - that's astonishing what is being done by them. One, girl of13 years has driven three horses in a reaper and cut down some acres of barley; she also milks three cows daily. Another - clergyman's daughter - works all day tying and shocking ... two young girls pulling apples on a ladder 20 feet high called out to me "Old Gov-nor, are we down-hearted? No No! God bless the women and girls of England 15 09 03ES
6 production of munitions – amateur ordnance volunteers
8 Stuntney – Rumsey wounded
Soham – Gilbey severely wounded – pic
Littleport – Pond, 4 sons away
Soham – letter, Rouse letter
Coveney – make 50 sandbags
Littleport – Hall & Sallis sick leave
Prickwillow – special constables guard railway bridge

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Ely VTC appeal disappointing, wounded soldiers shown around cathedral
Jack Gibbins, Ely, started a drum and fife band in conjunction Wesleyan chapel when war broke out
Chatteris shops now closing 1-2pm for meal break
Ely workhouse should be insured against zeppelin attacks
Sadd antiques sold
P4
Hauxton new vicar, from Burwell – Colebrooke
Sunday School festival, Parker's Piece
Wounded soldiers river trip on Viscountess Bury
Constance Wilmott was on torpedoed liner Hesperian
P5
Zeppelin raids, Eastern counties
RAMC men on missing ship – include Rogers, Haslop, Rule of City Road – list of men of East Anglian Casualty Clearing Station & Field Ambulance
Ministry of Munitions war service badge will be limited to those whose work justifies it
Linton rifle range miniature rifle meeting
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P6
Death Alfred Brockett, University Marshal
Ely St Mary vicar, Punchard, retires
War and agriculture – boy labour
Alfred Hutcherson retires as District Goods Manager, railway
St Mark's roll of honour
P7
Littleport harvest accident, Pettit killed on reaper

Dewsbury, Lt Thetford child scalded
Mail cart accident near Soham
Servant stole from Three Tuns, Peas Hill
Stourbridge fair proclaimed – no stalls or booths, audience just band of urchins who had chased the motor cars in hope of pennies # c.27.31
Wounded soldiers boat trip, Motor Boat Club
Soham stack fire, Hasse Road
P8
Burwell VTC guard bridges at night
Wright, Doric Street – six sons serving
Casualties include Soham: Peacock kia
Huntingdon Gem cinema extension agreed
Ickleton Red Cross Hospital – more wounded arrive
Shelford Red Cross Hospital river trip
Casualties include Wayman, Ely

Flying Visit. Despite the many calls made upon him for he and Mrs. Paget are carrying through an immense amount of work in connection with the relief of wounded soldiers, the Member for the Borough of Cambridge (Mr. Almeric Paget) found time to pay a visit to Cambridge on Saturday. Accompanied by the Leader of the Conservative Party in the Borough (Ald. G. Stace), Mr. Paget saw many of his friends and was most cordially received. During the day he visited the First Eastern General Hospital. 15 09 10 CIP

Proclaiming Stourbridge Fair. Stourbridge Fair was proclaimed on Saturday, six members of the Corporation, with the Town Clerk (Mr. J. E. L. Whitehead), the Town Crier and the mace bearers attending the ceremony. . . . The civic procession left the Guildhall about 10.30 in three motor cars. Coppers were distributed en Road. On arrival at the fair ground the usual proclamation was read by the Town Clerk 15 09 10 CIP # c.27.3

University Marshall – It is with sincere regret that we have to record the death of Mr Alfred Brockett, the University Marshall at Cambridge, which took place at his residence, 5 Emmanuel Road, Cambridge on Friday night. Mr. Brockett was taken ill with peritonitis when spending a few days at Earith Bridge. Mr. Brockett was 51 and was appointed University Marshal on April 30, 1902. Previous to receiving this appointment, Mr. Brockett was engaged as a clerk in the Museums and Lecture Rooms Syndicate. 15 09 10 CIP

Zeppelin Raid. The Press Bureau on Wednesday issued the following report; Three Zeppelins visited the Eastern Counties last night and dropped bombs. Anti-aircraft guns were in action. Aeroplanes went up, but were unable to locate the airships. Fifteen small dwelling houses were demolished or seriously damaged and a large number of doors, windows, etc., were broken. Several fires were caused but were promptly extinguished. There was no other serious damage. The following casualties have been reported: Killed 10, seriously wounded 20, slightly wounded 23, missing (believed buried in debris) 3. Incendiary and explosive bombs were also dropped in London. Total casualties in all areas: Killed 20, seriously injured 14, slightly injured 72 15 09 10 CIP # c.26.1 # c.45.5

1915 09 10 ES
5 Littleport – Belgian subscriptions decline
8 War Office will not transport crosses for overseas graves
Soham – Murfitt – pic intrenches
Littleport – Knightall kia, pic 17th p8
Soham – Peacock kia pic

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Motor cyclists testing machines on Huntingdon Road
p3
Ely – some houses not black out windows
Stretham whist drive to show appreciation detachment of East Anglian Royal Engineers billeted in parish for last few weeks, several came over from Wicken
49 wounded from Gallipoli arrive
Volunteer movement, new corps at Soham
P4
Sadd final sale antiques
W.V. Gilbert invents new breech mechanism rifles
Palmer, Herbert St six sons fighting
P5
Wisbech hiring fair memorable for remarkable success of recruiting appeals
Lt Gidding crucifix presented as memorial Nicholas Ferrar banned altar
Cambridge Men's Brotherhood started 10 years ago, meetings St Andrew's Street Baptist, now to meet Playhouse, Mill Rd # c.37.
Death Rev Banham, Ashdon
Creditors E. Willmott, builders
Horticultural show
P6
Passengers on Enterprise motor boat shot by accident
Photos soldiers kia: Capt Seaton, Pte Everitt of Exning, Haslop of Trumpington
Other photos; Samuel Malyon, P.C. Unwin, A.C. Hutcherson GER
J. Veal, Ely wounded when trench blown up, Swavesey letters Beaumont, Girling
P7
Death Samuel Malyon, Gt Shelford, butcher, farmer & grazier
Death F.R. Morgan, Kimberley Rd – sportsman
Fire Kidman, builders, Abbey Walk # c.34.75 # c.23
Fire Christ Church parish room # c.83
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Fulbourn VTC formed

Notable Hebrew Scholar. We regret to announce the death, which took place at a nursing home in London on Friday of the Rev. Dr. Annesley Williams Streane, Fellow of Corpus Christi College and formerly Vicar of Grantchester. He was 70. A Hebrew scholar of great repute, the late Dr. Streane produced a large amount of work, his chief publications being an edition of Jeremiah and Lamentations, a translation with notes of the treatise Chagigah from the Babylonian Talmud and the Double Text from Jeremiah. His parishioners found him an earnest and kind-hearted parish priest, and in college, as Dean of Corpus (for 12 years) he treated the undergraduates with even-handed justice. He was Hebrew and Divinity Lecturer at Corpus 1875-97 and 1906 and was Senior Proctor in 1891-2. He took the degree of Doctor of Divinity 20 years ago 15 09 17 CIP

Presentation to Church Organist. Mr. W, E. Mowton, organist of St. Philip's Church, Cambridge, was the recipient of a handsome travelling clock at a farewell gathering held at the Tracy Hall on Thursday last on the occasion of his leaving to take up a position as Science Master at Christ's Hospital, London, Mr. Mowton who had been organist at St. Philip's Church for the past five years, graduated at St. John's College, gaining honours in the Natural Science Tripos. After taking his degree, he gained a further diploma in agriculture. During his connection with St. Philip's parish he won the esteem and regard of all with whom he came into contact. 15 09 17 CIP

Increase in Food Prices. According to an article appearing in the "Board of Trade Labour Gazette", retail prices in the United Kingdom advanced about one per cent, during the month of August, the articles which showed marked increases being bacon, butter, fish and eggs. In the case of eggs the movement was seasonal. As compared with a year ago the general level of prices showed an increase of about 23 per cent. Taking all articles together and making allowance for their relative importance in

working-class households, the average increase in food prices may be put at about 35 per cent. The latest available data concerning food prices in Berlin show that after a sharp rise in the first month of the war, prices declined somewhat last September, but from that month moved steadily upward until July, in which month they reached a figure representing an increase of nearly 70 per cent, on the prices of July 1914. In Vienna, taking food prices in July, 1914, as equal to 100, the index number in July this year was 178.6 15 09 17 CIP

1915 09 17 ES
2 Ely – bridge guard account night on duty – interesting
3 Soham – Taylor missing – pic
5 Cathedral and air raid
7 Soham – Volunteer Training Corps formed
8 Littleport – Taylor kia, pic 24th pg
Wicken – Jenkinson joins RFC, Royal Engineers parade

1915 09 24
p1
p2
Lighting prosecutions
Ely workman falls from new Co-op Society building Soham
Ely deserter – Underwood
VTC guards named
Stretham Wesleyan chapel harvest thanks
Ely danger from zeppelin raids – lights should be extinguished early at the fair; edges of paths should be whitened to lesser dangers
Haddenham new vicar Kermode inducted
Haddenham accident Pake near Globe Inn
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Grand recruiting rally – advertisement # c.45.5
P5
Lighting prosecution – professor fined
Juvenile employment report
Dairyman's Association to be formed
Runaway Horse killed, wall Sir Isaac Newton, Castle Hill
Munitions tribunal first meeting at Cambridge
P6
Recruiting rally preparations
Duxford baker deficient bread
P7
Chedworth Street school to be named Newnham Croft # c.36.5
Four boys left alone without food, mother neglectful, Suez Rd
Shepreth VAD hospital scandals and false accusations lead to application to dismantle hospital – Ald Webber, Wimbish Manor
Hauxton Rev Swann leaves
Over vicar Beckett resigns
Red Cross nurse fined after motor smash
Godmanchester boy working in harvest field hurt

Death of Mr. W. J. Aspinall. We regret to record the death, which took place at his residence, The Limes. Benson Street, Cambridge, on Tuesday, of Mr. William John Aspinall, a retired printer and farmer, at one time in business at Chntteris. Mr. Aspinall was 67 years of age and had been in failing health for some little time. He came to Cambridge in 1908 and resided ever since at the Limes. Before coming to Cambridge, he was in business at Chatteris as a printer and stationer, whilst he was also engaged in farming. He was for some years a member of the Chatteris Urban District Council. In politics, Mr. Aspinall was a strong Conservative. He did considerable work for the party whilst

residing in Chatteris. Since being in Cambridge he has not taken any part in public affairs. He leaves a widow and two children by his first wife, 15 09 24 CIP

Farewell la Vicar.A very interesting gathering of the villagers of Hauxton took place at the school on Wednesday week at which goodbye was said to the Vicar, who has left to take up the living of Wentworth. Parishioners showed in a concrete form the esteem and respect in which Mr. and Mrs. Swann had been held in the village. Mr. Lionel January, on behalf of the subscribers, made a presentation in a few appropriate words, expressing regret at the loss of Mr. and Mrs. Swann. He spoke of the good work they had both done in the parish during the past 15 years. The Rev. Swann replied suitably, and expressed sincere thanks for the handsome present received (this took the form of a silver-plated tea kettle and a tray of silver-plated egg cups), and for the kindness shown him during his .stay. The presents would always be a reminder of the happy days spent at Hauxton. 15 09 24 CIP

Horse killed. An accident, resulting in a horse being killed, occurred at Cambridge yesterday (Thursday) afternoon. A boy named William Rayment of Vinery Road was in charge of a trolley belonging to Messrs. Sol Green and Sons, fruiterers, Mill Road. Whilst unloading a quantity of fruit at the Five Bells inn, a motor car passed, and the horse taking fright bolted towards Cambridge. At the corner of Gloucester Street, it dashed into the brickwork of the "'Sir Isaac Newton". The horse received terrible injuries to the head, and died almost instanteously. 15 09 24 CIP

1915 09 24 ES
2 Ely privates Gallipoli diary
8 Ely – deserter
Soham – Reeve on leave

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1915 10 01
Never Absent, Never Late. At the National School (Oakington) on Tuesday morning, Clara Whitehead was presented by Miss Chandler (schoolmistress) with a silver watch for eight years "never absent, never late". The parents and the girl are to be congratulated on such a record. 15 10 01

Coachmaker's Death. The interment took place on Monday at Newmarket Cemetery of Mr. Charles Deeks head of the firm of Deeks and Son, coachbuilders etc. Mr. Deeks was one of the oldest tradesmen in the town and was for many years a very active member of the Newmarket coursing company. He was also a trustee and Past Grand of the "Beacon" Lodge of Odd Fellows. He was 76 years of ape and leaves a son and daughter. 15 10 01

Vicar Married. The marriage took place on Tuesday at Sefton Parish Church, Liverpool, of the Rev. Francis Hawtrey Morgan May (Trinity College, Cambridge, and Ridley Hall), Vicar of St. Matthew's with St. James', Cambridge, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan May, and Miss Jane Hunter Radcliffe, eldest daughter of the late Mr Heber Radcliffe and Mrs. Heber Radcliffe, of Thornton Wood, Liverpool. The ceremony was of a quiet nature owing to the recent death of the bride's father. The honeymoon will be spent at Torquay. A present of a useful shaving set has been received by the bridegroom from the choir of St. Matthew's Church, and gifts are also to be made by the Church Committee and the communicants of the church. 15 10 01

1915 10 01 ES
3 Haddenham – Volunteer Corps formed
5 Ely – war work depot to be opened
6 women in military hospitals wanted to release men
Cambridgeshire Regiment Diary
8 Lt Thetford – T. Mason missing, k – pic; J. Mason PoW – pic; poem
Sutton – feast observation disappearing

Soham – Peacock home

1915 10 06
Who's who – Viscount Clifden, Thos Agar-Robartes, Lord Lieut – profile – 15 10 08a
Cambridge Chronicle detailed history – 15 10 06b # c.04

Bijou Amateur Dramatic Club – history – W.B. Redfern - 15 10 06c # c.76.8

With the VTC – column giving details; picts of guarding bridges – 15 10 0cd # c.45.5

1915 10 08
Bereavement. Widespread and deep will be the sympathy extended to Lord and Lady Clifden on the death, which occurred in France, of their son and heir Captain the Hon. T. C Agar-Robartes (writes Free Lance). It is only a fortnight since he returned to resume his duties with his regiment, the Coldstreamers, after a short leave, and previous to this he had been wounded. Possessed of a charming personality, Captain Robartes was one of the most popular Members of the House of Commons. His genial manner and his transparent honesty of purpose brought him esteem from all quarters' of the House and his unbiased outlook caused him to be respected by politicians of all shades. 15 10 08 CIP

Retirement. Mr. Wallace Porter, one of Little Eversden's oldest inhabitants, is retiring from farming and leaving the village for Harston, For nearly 50 years he has been Rector's Warden, and has helped several rectors. During vacancies a lot of correspondence and trouble has fallen on him. As a school manager, he has discharged his many duties faithfully and well, and has always taken great interest in the school. He will be very much missed in all public businesses. Our best wishes go with him and Mrs. Porter on their well-earned rest at Harston. 15 10 08 CIP

1915 10 08 ES
3 Ely – war work depot; blackout
5 War Agricultural Cmte first meet
8 Prickwillow – Gooch letter
Stuntney – roll of honour names
Littleport – Pettit – 3 brothers pic
Stuntney – Crick, Payton, Norden, Venney, Taylor wounded
Downham – Fuller promoted; Volunteer Training Corps
Prickwillow – roll of honour over 50 names

1915 10 13
Who's who – Rev Thomas Cecil Fitzpatrick, President Queens' – 15 10 13a

Cambridge newspaper press – history feature – 15 10 13b; pt2 – 15 10 20b

Bijou amateurs – pt2 – 15 10 13c; pt3 – 15 10 20c
Balsham Red Cross Hospital nurses & patients – photo – 15 10 13d
George Turner, steeplekeeper Gt St Marys – photo – 15 10 13e

1915 10 15 ES
5 Ely – publication war poems E.H. Blakeney, head Kings
Ely – wounded soldiers – military hospital Silver St opened last weekend; 14 wounded arrive; formerly headquarters Women's Conservative Association & used as club until war. Hospital built in days of old Militia under management Ely VAD … considerable expense … now familiar sight to see heroes from battlefields walking streets in their blue suits & Army hats & overcoats. Despite wounds cheerful … seek gifts … Dingle organises motor drives in county … Appleyard offers free use of boats
8 Haddenham – Driver kia, ladies sewing meetings
Lt Thetord – Dewsbury kia

Littleport – Crabb pow – pic
Stretham – Murfitt kia
Downham – VTC meet
Wicken – soldier's wedding, L/c Turner of Isleham

1915 10 20
W.P. Spalding profile – 15 10 20a
Nearly 10,000 wounded conveyed to military hospital y Red Cross – 15 10 20c
Motor plough demonstration at University farm – photo – 15 10 20d # c.22 # w.22
Assizes – trumpeters in khaki – photo – 15 10 20e # T

1915 10 22 ES
2 new recruiting campaign – single men first
'half-filled churches & broken Sabbaths' address
Ely – 'still too much light', street corner to be whitened
8 Haddenham – nursing association formed
Soham - : Lieut Morbey wounded. Crabb Pow, Gammon next in picture
Wicken – Kettle unfit for active service again
Burwell – Prewar kia
Sutton – Gimbert kia

1915 10 27
Rev C.H. Brocklebank – 15 10 27a
Newnham Croft school opening – photo – 15 10 27b
Tipperary Club workers – photo including interior – 15 10 27c
Casualties – photos
Flack, H.T. Tyrrell; F. Mansfield pow; Horace Reed, Sawston – 15 10 27da
Our Lady & English Martyrs 25th anniversary – story by Provost Scott – 15 20 37e; his reminiscences – 15 11 03 # c.83
Cambridge Loyal Association, 1797 – volunteers of 100 years ago by Arthur B. Gray – 15 10 27f # c.45.4

Death of Dr. R. Assheton.The death took place at Grantchester on Saturday from heart failure, following influenza, of Dr. Richard Assheton, D.Sc., F.R.S., lecturer in Animal Embryology at Cambridge University since 1911. Dr. Assheton was 51. He had done a good deal of research work and was one of the few remaining embryologists in England. He was the greatest living authority on the early stages of mammalia development and on the foetal membranes of mammals. He was an extensive contributor to scientific literature and published the results of his research work in books and papers. The death of Dr. Assheton will be keenly felt throughout the parish of Grantchester. He was greatly interested in the wellbeing of the district and acted as chairman of the parish council. He was one of the managers of Grantchester Schools and was the chairman of the Town Lands Trust. For the past six years he has been one of the churchwardens of the parish church of St. Mary and St Andrew. 15 10 27 CIP

Lord Lieut's daughter married. The wedding of Miss Madeline Adeane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adeane, of Babraham, and Capt, Denis Grey Wigan, 60th Rifles (brother of Sir Robert Wigan. Bart.) was solemnised at St. Peter's Church Babraham on Thursday last. The service was largely attended by county people, great interest being centred on the happy event. It was a military wedding. The bride's father, besides being the Lord Lieutenant of the County, is the chairman of the Cambs. and Isle of Ely Territorial Force Association, and has as such, perhaps, done more than any other man to obtain such a splendid rally of Cambridgeshire men to the Flag, whilst Mrs. Adeane is the President of the County branch of the British Bed Cross Society. The bridegroom, who joined the 60th Rifles in August, 1914, went to the Front in the following November. He was educated at Eton and Oxford, played cricket for Eton in 1910 and 1911 and was captain of the Eton eleven in 1912. 15 10 27 CIP

Tribute to Chief Constable. Before commencing business at Linton Petty Sessions on Wednesday, the chairman (Mr. G. W. H. Bowen), on behalf of the magistrates, said they all regretted very much to hear of the retirement of the Chief Constable. Mr. Charles Stretten. Mr. Stretten had served the county most faithfully and ably. He had always treated the Linton Bench, and everybody else, with the greatest courtesy. He had earned his rest and they hoped he might have many years to enjoy it, and that, though not in his official capacity, they would have the pleasure of seeing him again. 15 10 27 CIP

1915 10 29 ES
2 People flocked to a War Work depot at Ely opened by the Bishop in October, making bandages for hospitals, knitted & flannel garments – work of the very best – putting their whole heart and mind, not worrying about themselves & if they were properly recognised volunteers 15 10 29ES
5 Ely – soldiers at hospital thank for entertainment
8 Haddenham VTC
Wilburton VTC
Littleport – war work party

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1915 11 03
Mrs Elizabeth Fanny Pryor has assisted Belgian refugees and organised flag days for other causes; warden of Primrose League – 15 11 03d
Naval vessel stationed in middle of road – speculation – cartoon – 15 11 03a
Military marathon from Cherryhinton Road camp - photos – 15 11 03b # H.Che
Concert and stage gossip column – Harry Bedwell, organist – 15 11 03cd

Sawston Man Killed.News has been received that Pte. W. Rowlinson, 8th Battalion, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, of Sawston, was killed in action at the Dardanelles on October 7. Writing to Pte. Rowlinson's parents, Capt. Scott Powell says that death was due to a shrapnel wound in the head. He died (says the captain) as befits a soldier performing his duty for his country. 15 11 03 CIP

Death of Dr B.A. Donaldson. The death occurred at Magdalene Lodge early on Friday morning in his 61st year of the Rev. Dr. S. A. Donaldson. The deceased had been in indifferent health for the last two years. On Sunday morning he attended the Holy Communion in the College Chapel and. was about to open the service, which he had intended to conduct, when he had a stroke and fell down at the altar. He was removed to the Lodge, but remained practically unconscious until his death. Dr. Donaldson had closely identified himself with social reform and religious missionary work in Cambridge since his return in 1904, and he will be greatly missed by his colleagues. His keenness to serve his country and generation to the utmost led him to offer his services to the civil power after the out-break of war, and for some time he had been a special constable 15 11 03 CIP

Cathedral Wedding. The marriage took place by special licence at Peterborough Cathedral on Saturday week of Dr. James Victor Fiddian, Sutton Veny, Wilts., and Miss Elizabeth Mary Doris White, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs. George White, of Barnsbury's Farm, Fulbourn. The bridegroom is a lieutenant in the R.A.M.C. attached to the 11th Suffolks, and is under orders to leave shortly for Serbia. He is the eldest son of the late Mr. James Fiddian, M.A., I.C.S. who was an Indian Judge. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Clayton. The bride, who was married in her travelling dress, was given away by Her father. She has been a pupil at Miss Gibson's School, Laurel Court, Minster Precincts, where the reception was held. Later in the day Mr. and Mrs. Fiddian left to spend their honeymoon at Brighton. There was a large array of presents. 15 11 03 CIP

1915 11 05 ES
3 scheme vol. obtaining recruits to start; tribunals to be set up … determine who cannot be spared due special skills etc
Ely – VTC interesting criticism

5 Ely – lighting order, first prosecution of van dweller for not screening his light
8 Ely – war hospital supply depot
Littleport – postcard from PoW Crabbe; Thos Crabb kia, pic 12th p8
Prickwillow – Nicholas enlist – pic, sends poem home
Soham – Reeve w
Stretham – memorial service dead S & Thetford

1915 11 10
George W. Turner, Mayor, profile – 15 11 10a & b
Canon Bourne at St Edmund's House – photo – 15 11 10c
Trumpington VTC – photo – 15 11 10d
Women manure-spreading on Avenue Farm, Elsworth – photo – 15 11 10e # w.22
Serbia Day – street collection – photos – 15 11 10f
Pte A.E. Clarke, 88th Field Ambulance in Gallipoli dug-out – photo – 15 11 10g
Cardinal Bourne at Cambridge – visit to St Edmund's House for laying foundation stone – 15 11 10h # c.83
With VTC column – can attend University lectures – 15 11 10i

Cardinal Bourne at Cambridge. His Eminence Cardinal Bourne. Archbishop of Westminster, visited Cambridge on Friday and blessed the foundation stone of the chapel being erected at St. Edmund's House. St. Edmund's House, Cambridge was established in 1896. The purpose is to provide an extended university course for Roman Catholic priests and ecclesiastical students. The Duke of Norfolk is the founder and St. Edmund's is under the control of the Hierarchy being managed by a body composed of Clergy and laity of which the Duke of Norfolk is the president. The present master is the Rev. Father T. L. Williams. 15 10 11 CIP # c.83 # c.44.5

Fireman's Narrow Escape. A mysterious outbreak of fire in the boilerhouse and blacksmith's of the Stourbridge Brick Co. Newmarket Road (Cambridge) on Thursday evening resulted in injury to a fireman and the total destruction of a large portion of the premises concerned. So far as can be ascertained, no one was working on the premises after 5 p.m, and the outbreak was discovered by the foreman Mr James Ingle, at 7,30 p.m. The Fire Brigade were telephoned and when they arrived with the motor escape and tender, the flames had got a grip on the buildings. Shortly after, the engine arrived. The roofs of the blacksmith's shop and the boilerhouse were burnt off and practically the whole of the contents of the building destroyed. Fireman Papworth, of the Cambridge Fire Brigade had a narrow escape. On entering a burning room, he fell into a deep pit, but fortunately sustained only slight bruises. The premises, we understand, were not insured. 15 10 11 CIP # c.23

27 Relatives in the Forces. Mr. and Mrs. Collis, of 74, Hemingford Road, Cambridge, possess a very proud record; for, besides having five sons serving in the Army, Mr. Collis has on his side, two brothers, three brothers-in-law, one son-in-law, two grandsons and 14 nephews in H.M. forces, thus making a total of 27 relatives serving their King and country. Mr. and Mrs. Coins have received the customary letter from the King. Mr. Collis is s retired warrant officer. He has served 33 years in the Army, of which 30 were spent in India15 10 11 CIP # c.45.5

Death of Mr. Sam Long. The death occurred on Friday of Mr. Sam Long, wheelwright and carpenter, of Pearce's Lane, Fulbourn. He was in his usual health and strength on Friday, October 29, but about dinner time, as he was feeling unwell. Dr. Nicholls was called in. During the next week he became worse and passed away on Friday last. The cause of death was double pneumonia. Mr, Long will be much missed in the village. In politics he was a keen and enthusiastic worker for the Unionist cause and for many years was well known on the political platform all over the county. He was also a member of the choir of the Congregational Church for some years past and was a most regular attendant. 15 10 11 CIP

1915 11 12 ES
5 little Belgians bring gifts Ely hospital

8 Stretham – Ayres wounded
Wilburton – Belgian refugees statement account
Soham – Jarrold kia, Sizer, Webb – pics; recruiting
Downham recruiting
Littleport – recruiting
Haddenham – recruiting

1915 11 17
Sidney Stearn, Dry Drayton missing – photo – 15 11 17a
Trumpington VTC on duty guarding railway bridge – photo -15 11 17b
A.C. Benson – profile – 15 11 17c, d
Concert gossip – Percy Piggott, stage manager Bijou Amateurs – 15 11 17e

1915 11 19 ES
3 Isle War Ag Cmte
5 Ely – lighting prosecution; wounded entertained
recently band arrives – includes Lieut Barker former of Haddenham
women at work – voluntary service at hospital
appeal for Christmas pudding
8 Prickwillow – Carpenter wounded, letter
Soham – Belgian refugees, years excellent work; recruiting campaign
Soham Reeve & Johnson on leave;
Wicken – Jenkinson leave
Wicken military entertainment for REAE
Haddenham – recruiting
Prickwillow – 10 more recruits

1915 11 24
A. Sidney Campkin – profile – council involvement, includes sewage disposal scheme 15 11 24a, b, c # c.29.8
VTC column – 15 11 24d
Concert gossip – Miss Irene Flanders 15 11 24e

County Wedding. The marriage was solemnised at Trumpington Parish Church on Thursday afternoon between Mr. Wm. Warburton Wingate, of Scroope House, Cambridge, and Miss Viola Patience Campbell Pemberton, only daughter of Canon and Mrs. Pemberton of Trumpington Hall. Great interest centred in the happy event, and in addition to the congregation in the church, which was crowded, a large crowd of well-wishers lined the approaches and also gathered outside on the road. A canopy had been erected from the south door of the church to the highway, and this was lined on either side by inhabitants of the village and many people who had journeyed, over from Cambridge. The bride, who was given away by her father, was charmingly attired in a gown of ivory soft wove satin and ninon, the corsage being arranged in fichu effect with Brussels lace hung from the shoulders, and she wore a long tulle veil. She was attended by four bridesmaids. The officialising clergy were the Very Rev. the Dean of St. Paul's, The Rev. Austin le Strange (Rector of Ringstead, Norfolk), and the Vicar of Trumpington (the Rev. R. G. Bury. Litt.D.) The Trumpington Church choir was present. 15 11 24 CIP

Histon Hero. A local man, Frederick Carpenter, of Histon, who left Messrs. Chivers factory to join Kitcheners' Army only a few months ago, has had a thrilling experience while on his way back to England, wounded. He received his wound at Loos, and after being in hospital at the base, was put on board the Anglia. He was lying in bed at the time the ship struck a mine, the first intimation being a terrific explosion. Carpenter got up and went on deck, where, as he explains, an awful sight greeted him. The ship was sinking fast, but within five minutes a destroyer came to the rescue and was alongside. A nurse tried to get Carpenter on board, but he gallantly took her up and threw her on to

the deck of the destroyer. Two badly wounded men he also rescued and put overboard on to the destroyer. Then he was unable to save himself by the same means, for the destroyer had to move away from the wreck. Carpenter now helped to lower the only boat and in doing so he broke an arm. He had a lifebelt, but bravely handed this over to a man with only one leg, and got on to the stern of the boat which was high, in the air. Then he fell into the water, only just missing the whirling propellers of the sinking vessel. With one arm he swam for half an hour until at last he was picked up by a destroyer and reached England safely. Carpenter is now suffering from the broken arm and a bad chest, but his wound is better. 15 11 24 CIP

1915 11 26 ES
3 tribunals – how applications considered
5 Sutton - Red Cross sale & VC Cockerell
Ely – gift day Pows; what hospital supply depot doing
8 Soham – Lockwood, gallant soldier
Haddenham – ladies deliver garments hospital
PoW group includes Mason of Grunty Fen
Prickwillow – hero, Carpenter, pic
Witcham – war workers
Wicken – RE leave after Military Bridge work
Downham – entertain Ely wounded soldiers, VTC
Littleport – parcels prisoners

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1915 12 01
Zeppelin raids – are we fully prepared. The 'elaborate precautions' examined - 15 12 01a, b # c.45.5
Major Albert Julian Pell of Wilburton Manor – profile – 15 12 01c, d
L/C R. Ingrey pow in camp Doeberitz – photo – 15 12 01e
VTC detachments – photos with names of soldiers 15 12 01f
1st Borough Red Cross Sewing Club, Masonic Hall – photo – 15 12 01g
Red Cross – what the VADs are doing – collect wounded from railway station – 15 12 01h # c.21.4 # c.45.7
J.S. Horobin, cab-driver, kia – 15 12 01i

Well-known Cab Driver. Mrs. Horobin, 1, Perowne Street, Mill Road, Cambridge, has received news of the death of her husband, Pte. J. S. Horobin, A.S.C., Field Bakery Camp, Rouen. Deceased, who died on November 24, .of pneumonia was a well-known Cambridge cab driver. Mrs. Horobin received notification of her husband's death from Capt. B. O'Gorman, C.O. No. 8, Labour Company at Rouen. In expressing his sympathies, he says: "I am sure you will like to know that your husband received a soldier's funeral, being accompanied by the two officers of the company and 25 of his comrades. Floral wreaths were given by the officers and by the N.C.O's and by the men of the company. It will comfort you to know that your husband always did his duty nobly and well, and died a soldier's death for his country." Lt. H. de C. Duggan, to whose section Private Horobin belonged, also wrote to say that "in losing him we lost a good worker, one of the best of his section, and a man who was popular with his comrades." 15 12 01 CIP

Forthcoming Departure. The Rev. N. W. Shelton, vicar of St. Andrew's Church. Old Chesterton, has been offered, and has accepted, the living of St. George's, Littleport of the net value of £750 per annum. The living will be shortly vacated by the Rev. F. E. Rogers, who is retiring owing to ill-health. Mr, Shelton was educated at Cheltenham and Dublin University. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, and also a member of the Chesterton Guardians and Rural District Council. His departure will be much regretted for he is held in the highest esteem by all classes in the parish. Mr Shelton has three sons serving in the Army 15 12 01 CIP

Invalided home. After about five months in the trenches in France, Lt A.P.H. Squires of the 7th Leicestershire Regiment, son of Councillor P.J. Squires has been invalided home. After receiving attention at an officers' hospital he has now returned to his parents' home on convalescent leave at De Freville Avenue, Chesterton 15 12 01 CIP

1915 12 03 ES
3 VTC will be placed under military law
5 Ely – wounded, whist & entertainment
7 memorial service at Ely
8 Lt Thetford – Dewsbury kia pic
Haddenham – war workers
Downham – rector's son Thornton kia
Littleport – brothers Banyard pic
Col Archer appeal – letter
Soham – loyalty A. Clark, Pte Lockwood recommended DCM
Sutton – 1st work meeting new-formed war work depot

1915 12 08
Mrs Amelia Stace profile – helped at Soldiers institutes, wounded soldiers; wife George Stace, mayor – 15 12 08a
'Whitehead Bob' Swornsbourne musician, leader orchestra at ADC – 15 12 08b
V.T.C. church parade at Melbourne Place school, march KP to GSM – 15 12 08c
VTC guarding bridge over river – sketch – 15 12 08d # T.G.

Former Postmaster. The death of Mr, Walter Haggar took place at the age of 76 years, after a brief illness at his residence at Fernlea, Great Shelford. He formerly carried on a grocery business, and was postmaster for many years. He was also one of the overseers, and was a deacon at the chapel. Mr. Haggar belonged to an old Shelford family and retired from business some 11 years ago. He was well-known in the neighbourhood for his upright character. He held strong Nonconformist principles. 15 12 08 CIP

D.C.M. for Corporal. Corporal W. W, Macfarlane, 13th Coy., R.E., who is recuperating at the Red Cross Hospital, Shelford, has been awarded, the D.C.M. for great gallantry and devotion to duty on October 13, 1915. During a gas attack, Cpl, Macfarlane was working with others at the spot which was being shelled. A shell landed in his bay, wounding one man and burying most of the cylinders. He stuck to his post, covering up the exposed cylinders with sandbags, and while dressing the wounded man, he himself was wounded 15 12 08 CIP

Barnwell Mission Anniversary. The 37th anniversary meeting of Barnwell Mission was held at the Theatre Royal, Newmarket Road (Cambridge) on Thursday evening. The Mayor (Mr. G. Turner) presided, and addresses by Mr. R. J, Mowll (Trinity) and Ald. A. S. Campkin. The Rev. W R. Mowll and Mr. W. K, Vawser (Hon. Supt.) wrote regretting inability to be present owing to ill- health. During the evening solos were rendered by Miss Florence Atkin. In the course of a short statement, Mr. R. J. Mowll said things might seem rather dull and black at present, his uncle (the Rev. W. R. Mowll) and Mr, Vawser being ill, but he believed with God's grace, there was a great future before the mission 15 12 08 CIP

"Whiteheaded Bob." There were few more familiar figures in Cambridge 20 or 30 years ago than' "Whiteheaded Bob" Swornsbourne, so-called for his enormous shock of white hair and bushy eyebrows. By profession a violinist, the late Mr. C. H. Swornsbourne was particularly well-known in A.D.C. circles, where he was leader of the orchestra, whilst he also played at a great many of the Varsity halls. In other days, when it was the custom to have professional musicians at every public dinner of any pretensions, Mr. 'Swornsbourne was in great request and usually contributed to the post-

prandial harmony a remarkable violin solo. He was a frequent visitor at the Conservative and Beaconsfleld Club and had a host of friends throughout the district. 15 12 08 CIP

1915 12 10 ES
2 Ely – 'most light-saving town'
3 recruiting for county battalion
5 Ely – comforts for Territorials, 200 new recruits
6 Cambridgeshire Regiment – verse by Kingdon
8 Witcham – Giles kia
Downham – recruiting canvass – 120 single men 'backwards in coming forwards'; final meeting VTC – a failure, few attended
Lt Ouse – roll honour
Stretham – gets Gallipoli letter

1915 12 15
Albert Charles Seward, Master Downing – profile – 15 12 15a
First Eastern General Hospital, opening of new recreation room m- 15 12 15b # c.21.4
Cottenham VAD – group picture with names – 15 12 15c
Winter morning scene 1st EGH ; Cambridge V.T.C. cyclists – named – 15 12 15d
Joseph Fenton, Chesterton, killed by bursting of a fuse of a German shell he was keeping as war relic in his workshop – 15 12 15e; photo – 15 12 22d# c.45.7

Memorial Tablet. A tablet erected in Trumpington Church to the memory of the late Captain Francis Percy Campbell Pemberton, of Trinity College, Cambridge, only son of Canon and Mrs. Pemberton, of Trumpington Hall, was unveiled at the morning service on Sunday. Capt. Pemberton who was killed in action near Roulers in Belgium, hile serving with his regiment, the 2nd Life Guards, on October 19, 1914, was greatly beloved by a wide circle of friends 15 12 15 CIP
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Recruiting. The Derby recruits have presented themselves in satisfactory numbers in this district, a big rush of (Sawston) eleventh-hour recruits being obtained on Saturday evening. Sawston Hall was quite besieged with eager applicants for enlistment which kept Mr. Huddlestone and the officials busy till a late hour' 15 12 15 CIP

1915 12 17 ES
5 recruiting boom – detailed article, Ely, Littleport, Soham
Ely – no troops billeted
8 Ely – war depot 'at home'
Haddenham war workers send to c40 men training in the this country parcel –
Haddenham Gifford on leave;
Witcham – Giles died of wounds – pic
Soham – Taylor kia
Prickwillow all attested; Jas Bennett twice wounded, on leave

1915 12 22
Willingham VAD group photo with names – 15 12 22a # WH
Female postmen start duties – photos (including march past poster 'Grand Varieties' – 15 12 22b # S
Three heroes meet at Cottenham VAD hospital – photo – 15 12 22c
RAMC officer's funeral – Nelson Johnstone – photo – 15 12 22d
VTC Guard Room – interior – drawing – 15 12 22e # T.G.
Vc Cockerel photo – 15 12 22f # s.

1915 12 23
V.C. Hero. Although the wedding was to have taken place without much ostentation last Thursday, the news of a V.C. getting married at St. Botolph's Church (Cambridge) quickly circulated and there was not only a large congregation to witness the ceremony, but a crowd assembled at the church doors

to see the bridal pair leave. The bridegroom was Lt. James E, Leach, V.C., of the 2nd Manchester Regt, son of Mr. Leach of Leicester and the bride was Miss Gladys M. Digby, daughter of Mr, William Digby, of Queens' Cottages, Cambridge. The bride was given away by her father, while Lt, Turner, of the Royal Fusiliers, was best man. The congregation included many other officers and men. The service was choral. 15 12 23 CIP # c.45.5

Thrilling Experiences. The Rev. David Howard (a son of the Rev. C. Howard, Vicar of St. Phillip's, Cambridge) was on the steamer "The City of Marseilles" on its way to India as a missionary when it was attacked by an enemy submarine. Mr. Howard and another missionary were walking on the deck when they observed the conning tower of a submarine. The captain warned them to keep down below and as they went a shot from the submarine went over the vessel. The submarine fired seven shots and the gun, excellently manned by two gunners, replied with, eight. The submarine then submerged and was seen no more. During this time the passengers had gathered together and adjusted their lifebelts, prepared for the worst. The Army Chaplain (the Rev. Mortimer) conducted a short service, during which the hymn "Jesu, Lover of my Soul" and all three verses of the National Anthem were sung. By the time the service was over the danger had passed and another service — this time of thanksgiving — was held in the saloon. The crew, from the captain downwards, were afterwards rewarded by the passengers with handsome sums for the manner and way they had acted during the danger. 15 12 23 CIP

1915 12 24 ES
5 Ely – whitened posts; Red Cross Hospital pic staff & patients
6 Army reservists called up
new lighting orders
7 Littleport – Belgian colony, interesting report
8 Prickwillow – Rice news
Soham – volunteer procession as enrolled body; zeppelin piquet now stationed
Wicken – village smithy, poem
Downham- Hull appointed 2nd Lieut

1915 12 29
Review of 1915 – 15 12 29a, b
Histon VAD – staff and Firs photo – 15 12 29c – names – 15 12 29c
Wounded Cambridgeshires return to front – photo – 15 12 29c
S.B. Andrews of Milton Road awarded Medaille Militaire – photo – 15 12 29d
Gale causes damage, gable end of house Mill Road blown down, Robert Sayle window and others damage – 14 12 29e # c.12

1915 12 31 ES
3 years roll of honour – list
5 Ely – armlets issued recruits; how wounded spent Christmas

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1916 01 05 Ch
Mons Arthur Stapylton Barnes, Catholic Chaplain and Llandaff House – profile - 16 01 05a # c.83
Karl Nuefeld, used by Germans to influence Mohammedan sentiment against allies, visited Cambridge Nov 1899 – 16 01 05a

Service of intercession, Gt St Mary's: Mayor, Dr Alex Wood, with umbrella inspects V.A.D.'s attached to St Chad's and Wordsworth Grove Red Cross Hospital sand lines of Red Cross and troops on Senate House Hill – photo - 16 01 05b
Pte E.E.H. Wright in uniform of Women's Volunteer Reserve – photo – 16 01 05c

1916 01 05 CIP
Death. A well-known Cambridge character passed away at the infirmary on Monday morning in the person of Jack Pain, who is believed to have been 60 years old. He was a familiar figure in Conservative circles as an odd-man in elections and was always seen at Lingay when skating was in progress
Gale Damage, — During the severe gale which passed over the village (Fulbourn) on Monday week the large elm tree against the Red Cross Hospital was blown down.. The tree had been standing there for 260 year
A Fighting Histon Family. Congratulations to Mr. Fred Wilderspin, of High Street, Histon and his five fighting sons. Charles is with the Royal Artillery in the fighting line, Frank (2nd Suffolks) is a prisoner of war in Germany. William, Albert and Archie are in training with the Cambs. Regt "somewhere in England."
Nature awakening. — The mild, weather we are experiencing (writes a correspondent) is having a marked effect on nature, which is especially noticeable at the 'Backs.' Birds are singing and the weeping willows are changing from brown to green, indicating the bursting of the leaf buds. Spring is still a long way off, but Nature is feeling its approach.

1916 01 07 ES
2 losses from Wisbech district during 1915
5 Soham soldier's letter
Ely L/C Morris kia – pic
6 war & agriculture
Cambridgeshire soldier's diary – cont
Recruiting campaign
Soham tradesman fined over lighting regulations
7 indiscriminate use of flashlight
8 Witcham collection for Ely war hospital supply depot
Downham – list of men joined army

1916 01 12 Ch
Ald George Stace, Mayor & freemason – profile – 16 01 12a # c.37.1
Large tree snapped off by gale on Christ's Pieces – photo – 16 01 12b
Mount Blow, Gt Shelford, VAD Hospital & staff – photo – 16 01 12c # c.21.4 # WH.She.K16 # Y.She.K16
Haydn Inwards, violinist and instructor CUMS – profile – 16 01 12d
Bijou amateurs cannot perform due number of men in forces – 16 01 12d

1916 01 12 CIP
Presentation - A presentation was made to Mr. C. J. D. Stretten, M.CV.O in recognition of his long service as Chief Constable of the County, which post Mr. Stretten resigned nearly three months ago. The gift took the form of a cheque and a handsome silver kettle. # c.34.7
Outbreak of Glanders -An outbreak of glanders among the military horses at Cambridge has resulted in several having to be slaughtered. # c.45.5
Horse's Escapade - At about. 12.30 p.m. on Monday, a horse attached to a spring cart belonging to Mr. J. Papworth, of Landbeach which was being driven along Hills Road by a boy got out of control and bolted up the bridge. It first collided with a perambulator containing a child, but no personal injury was sustained. Continuing on its wild escapade, the horse smashed into a lamppost, which was completely overturned. The animal was shortly afterwards brought to a standstill by several pedestrians. 16 01 12

1916 01 14 ES
2 Ely Volunteer training corps concert: address
3 War agricultural committee – duties
Cambridgeshire men PoWs – list
C.D. Kingdon's war hymn
5 deserter arrested Ely
Ely billeting – no troops arrived yet
8 casualties
Haddenham Serg. Steel wounded – pic 21st p8
Prickwillow letter
Stuntney – Pte Saberton kia – pic
Soham lantern lecture on war
Pymore woman takes man's job ploughing
Downham – deserter delivering letters
Littleport distribute khaki armlets
Stuntney – Fretwell on leave
Haddenham war workers

1916 01 19 Ch
Sir George Fordham, chairman County Council, born Odsey – profile – 16 01 19a
Star Brewery annual report – 16 01 19b
Gilbert Woollard Hattersley – obituary; cricketer, organised Diamond Jubilee celebrations – 16 01 19c

1916 01 19 CIP
Major's D.S.O. — Major Percy Hudson of the King's Liverpool Regiment has been awarded the D.S.O. He is the youngest son of the late Mr. P. L. Hudson. His distinction has been gained "for consistent good work, gallantry and devotion to duty, both as adjutant of his Battalion till March, 1915, and subsequently as Staff Captain, 6th Infantry Brigade. He was wounded at Ypres on October 24, but refused to leave his Battalion. During the attack on October 26, 1914, he showed great gallantry and devotion to duty by the manner in which, though wounded, he re-organised two companies when all their officers had either been killed or wounded. Bt.-Major Hudson has on several occasions performed 'acts of courage, initiative and leading which had a direct influence upon operations'. Major Hudson went out to the Front in August, 1914, with the Aldershot Command as an Adjutant of the 1st King's Liverpool Regiment. He has been wounded three times and three times mentioned in dispatches. He is at present Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General and Quartermaster General of the 4th Division. He served in the South African War, going out as lieutenant in the old Cambridge Volunteer Company of the Suffolk Regiment. He obtained his commission in the King's Liverpool Regiment whilst in South Africa. He has been through all the big battles in France with the exception of Neuve Chappelle, at the time of which he was in hospital.

Death of Lady Biddulph. — General regret has been felt throughout the county at the bereavement sustained by the Lord Lieutenant, Mr C. R. W. Adeane by the death of his mother, Lady Biddulph, who passed away on Wednesday night. Her ladyship was a well-known figure in society for many years. Born in 1834, she was the eldest child of the fourth Earl of Hardwicke. She left her father's house, historic Wimpole, in 1860, to marry Mr. H. J. Adeane and live at Babraham, only a few miles distant. 16 01 19

1916 01 21 ES
3 'Men who stayed at home' – poem by Littleport soldier
4 Ely Belgians thank for collection
8 casualties
Sutton – Wayman – distinguished service

Wicken – Siddell – kia
A sketch at the front – pic
Enlistment – men called – groups
Soham letter from front
Wicken Belgian refugee committee
Isleham family moving Letchworth
Littleport group recruits Nunn on leave,
Patriotic family – Fyson – 8 sons
Downham blackout now effective
Haddenham Volunteer Training Corps abandoned, Wilburton flourishes
Sutton – Wayman & Haddock on leave

1916 01 26 Ch
Recruiting in East Cambs – list secretaries – 16 01 26a
Hanslip Long – obituary – farmed at Shippea Hill, moved Balsham Manor – 16 01 26a
Albina Lucy Wherry, wife of Lieut-Col Wherry of RAMC & surgeon, organiser of Red Cross VAD activity; author of pamphlets on various subjects – profile – 16 01 26b # c.21.4 # c.45.5
Fulbourn VAD hospital - photo nurses, ward – 16 01 26c # WH.Ful.K16 # Y.Ful.K16 # c.21.4
Joseph Reed, musician – 16 01 26d
Wordsworth Grove Hospital new recreation room opened – 16 01 26a – c.21.4

1916 01 26 CIP
Returned Unopposed,—Mr. E. S. Montagu was returned unopposed as Member of Parliament for the Western Division of Cambridgeshire. The by-election had been e necessitated by the appointment of Mr. Montagu as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.
Freemason's Death. We deeply regret to hear of the death of Capt. H. P. Shaw who was a member of a Cambridge Lodge of Freemasons. It appears that one of Bro. Shaw's lieutenants was wounded by a sniper. Capt. Shaw immediately went to see what he could do for him and was shot dead.

Mr. Hanslip Long,—The death occurred at his residence on Friday morning of Mr. Hanslip Long, of. Balsham Manor.

1916 01 28 ES
Col. Archer on horse – pic
Casualties
Witcham – Dewey – kia – pic
Ely – Serg Fenn mentioned despatches
Ely Butcher died hospital ship
Soham soldier letter
Haddenham War Relief Committee –one family Aldreth
- Captain Barker – promotion
Downham roll of honour
Sutton hospital supply depot
Manea memorial service - Newman

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1916 02 02 Ch
Whittlesford VAD Hospital – photos – nurses, ward – 16 02 02a
Arthur Everett Shipley, Master Christ's College – profile – 16 02 02b

1916 02 02 CIP
D.C.M. Awarded. Signalman James T, Turner has been awarded the D.C.M. He enlisted in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve at the outbreak of the war, and received his training at the Crystal Palace

and Devonport In June, 1915, he was transferred to the minesweeper St. Elvies. He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turner, Fulbourn, and is 19 years of age. He is an old scholar of the Cambridge County School for Boys.

Farewell. The Rev. N. W. Shelton, who has accepted the living of the parish of Littleport, preached his farewell sermon to the parishioners of St. Andrew's, Chesterton, on Sunday. Mr. Shelton has been at Chesterton for 13 years, and there were large congregations at both morning and evening services.

Accident. An accident occurred to Mr. Ashman (Shelford), a railwayman, who, with others, was doing repairs on the G.E.R. near Haverhill. He was crushed between the brake van and the wall. He was very much hurt and is now in Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he lies in a precarious condition.

91st Birthday. Congratulations to the veteran musician. Mr. Robert Hague Ingram, who on Tuesday celebrated his 91st birthday. We understand that he has accepted an invitation to play at a concert on Thursday evening.

1916 02 04 ES
3 PoW help cmte report
war savings association set up
5 Ely war funds committee meet
Zeppelin raid – detailed censored - & p6
6 women as farm workers
8 casualties
Manea – Smarte – kia – pic 11th p8
Ely – Jones – wounded, Barnard – kia
Littleport – Lewis – bravery
Goodge – kia – pic 11th p8
Ely – Stittle – leave
Soham men receive tobacco – list
Downham roll of honour

1916 02 09 Ch
Addenbrooke's Hospital extensions and alterations completed – roof had been bad, parapet taken down – 16 02 09a # c.21.4
Prison – some have hardly any prisoners and to close as war-time economy; Cambridge to close – 15 02 09b # c.37.9
Rev William Percy Hutton, Methodist minister; includes history Methodist churches in Cambridge – 16 02 09c # c.73
Linton VAD Hospital – feature – 16 02 09d # WH.lin.K16 # Y.Lin.k16 # c.21.4
Up-to-date Cambs. Farmer. Mr Fred Hiam of Redlands, Hills Road, Cambridge has built a light railway upon one of his farms, which in these days of shortage of manual and team labour, facilitates the collection and loading of the produce in no small degree. We reproduce a picture of a scene on the farm where this railway is working. 16 02 09e # W.22.K16
Walter Poole Littlechild, 50 years King's College chapel clerk; regular visit to Free Library to increase his knowledge – 16 02 09f # c.44.5

1916 02 09 CIP
50 years at King's College Chapel. On. Monday next, February 14, Mr Walter Poole Littlechild, Chapel Clerk at King's College, Cambridge, will attain his jubilee as a servant of that royal and religious foundation. The completion of: such a long period of continuous service with one employer would, in any connection, be an interesting event, but it is doubly so in the case of Mr Littlechild, who, owing to the personal prominence given to him by his official attendance at the services at the "cathedral" of Cambridge, is known far and wide, even to the confines of Empire and beyond

Farm railway,—Mr. Fred Hiam, of Raylands, Hills Road, has built a light railway on one of his farms which in these days of shortage of manual and team labour, facilitates the collection and loading of the produce in no small degree. 16 02 09

Closing Cambridge prison. One of the most astonishing results of the war—perhaps the most astonishing—is the effect it has, had on crime (says the writer of Town and Country Topics). This matter has been commented upon at every Assize and Quarter Sessions for the last twelve months or so. The calendars have been so light as to cause astonishment. Serious crime seems almost to have come to an end, and the presentation to the Chairmen of Quarter Sessions of white gloves as evidence of there being no prisoners for trial has become quite a common occurrence. As a consequence of this change in our normal conditions, some of His Majesty's prisons have hardly any prisoners, in them, and as a wartime economy, it is proposed to close some of them for the time being. Four or five of them have already been shut up in different parts of the country, and we understand that the prison at Cambridge is to be added to the number closed during the period of the war. It is a remarkable proposition, although we should kike to that that we could get along without a prison in our midst. 16 02 09 # c.34.9

1916 02 11 ES
2 Isle war agriculture problems – arrangements with soldiers
Military Service Act 1916 – notice farmers – exemptions etc
Employment of girls on land
Ely – death Pte Clarke on parade
5 Lessons of Zeppelin raid – one man took lantern & went out looking for zeppelins
8 casualties
Sutton – Wayman – DCM
PoW letters of thanks
Cambridgeshire Regiment concert party – pics
Prickwillow – rumour Rev Scaresbrook a German – Baptist minister

1916 02 16 Ch
Ely railway accident, Willow Walk, when signal falls on track – 16 09 16a
Swavesey VAD photo feature – 16 09 16b # WH.Swav.K16 # Y.Swav.K16 # c.21.4
First Eastern Hospital new bath ward – 16 02 16c

1916 02 16 CIP
A fortunate escape. The fortunate escape of the Norwich and London express on Monday afternoon (says the writer of Town and County topics) when the engine was derailed after charging a fallen signal-post which obstructed the line near Ely, recalled the more serious accident to a similar train many years ago, through a balance weight falling in front of it from off the engine of a down express train. Then some passengers were very seriously injured and the train rendered almost a total wreck. The heavier engine which was drawing Monday's train, and the prompt action of the engine-driver appear to have been the main causes of preventing a repetition of the distressing results of the earlier accident. Everybody may be congratulated that matters were not worse than they were.

Soldiers in the Workhouse. The Cambridge public (says the service writer) were very much shocked by the report made at the last meeting of the Cambridge Board of Guardians that three soldiers recently discharged, from the Army had been admitted to the casual ward within the previous fortnight, and the greater public outside the Borough has since manifested a good deal of interest in the case. It is a lamentable thing that the Workhouse should become the abode of so many old soldiers towards the close of their lives, and the country is quite right in endeavouring at this time to break the neck of such a bad system. We shall be ingrates indeed if we let the men who have engaged in this great war for world liberty end their days as paupers, if any effort of the community can save them from that fate. # c.45.5 # c.32.9

Shortage of Labour. Although the advent of ladies to positions which had formerly been occupied by men has not become very general locally, yet several posts are being filled temporarily by members of the fair sex (according to a Histon paragraph). The chief place where this is noticeable is the G.E.R. goods office, where two lady clerks are now employed.

1916 02 18 ES
5 Ely lighting cases – military hospital
soldiers wives 'well off' – reply
6 on active service – diary by R.W. Softly
summons to single men – all called up on March 18th
8 eggs for wounded – organisation
casualties
Prickwillow – Fletcher – kia – pic 25th p8
Coveney – Cox – kia – pic 25th p8
Cambridgeshire Regiment clerical staff – pic
Soham lighting reductions, letter of thanks from France
Isleham – Belgian family thanks
Littleport – Relief of Allies fund

1916 02 23 Ch
Henry Charles Phupps, butler of Clare College completes 50 years; butler has rooms in college; seen many changes ; in 1878 Prince of Wales drove carriage and pair through college courts and was first person to smoke in the hall – 16 02 23a # c.44.5 # c.28
Thomas Percy Pemberton, canon, Trumpington Hall – profile – 16 02 23b
Chesterton local tribunal first sitting – 16 02 23c

1916 02 23 CIP
Protection against raids,—There are signs (says the writer of Town and Country Topics) that the matter of our protection against Zeppelin raids is being taken up much more seriously than was the case until quite recently. Cambridge has had its scare, and that has stimulated action. Our protest against supineness has been emphasised by our townsmen hearing the sounds of exploding bombs by night, and the increased stringency of the light restrictions, and the heavy fines imposed by transgressors by the Borough magistrates show that we have arrived at a realisation that we are not immune, or, at any rate, that it is wisest to lock the stable door betimes. A walk through Cambridge on an average evening reveals, however, that a good deal still remains to be done, and we believe the present temper of authority is such that it will see to the doing of it. We hope it may be so, for we think experience has proved beyond question that darkness is the best safeguard against attack. We believe also that Cambridge is about to follow the example of other East Anglian towns, and issue more particular instructions to persons as to what to do, and what to avoid doing, should we be so unfortunate as to find ourselves being bombed. That is another step in the right direction, and one which will be appreciated by all good citizens. Perhaps now we shall hear no more taunts of scare-mongering hurled at those who have felt it their duty to offer warnings # c.45.5

Gale damage. — In the recent heavy gales many trees have been blown down (at Eversden), providing plenty of firewood. Mr. Freestone has lost 36 fruit trees in this way

Military wedding. The marriage took place at St. Bene't's Church Cambridge, on Wednesday week of Capt. Dalton Mallam, R.A.M.C-(T), formerly house surgeon at Addenbrooke's Hospital, son of the late Dr G. B. Mallam, of Oxford, and Mrs Mallam, of Wantage, Berks., and Miss Jessie Muirhead niece of Mr and Mrs. Robert Store, of Peldon Lodge, Colchester, formerly Sister of Victoria Ward, Addenbrooke's Hospital.

1916 02 25 ES
5 Ely VTC – like uniform … possibility of invasion
- lighting prosecutions

8 Exemptions tribunals now public – Chatteris
casualties
Ely – Fenn – promoted [wedding 2nd June p5]
Ely – letter re voyage home Dardanelles
- Pamment dies hospital – pic 2 March p8
Soham – rumours death 4 Soham soldiers
- Peacock – lucky escape – letter
Wicken – Lieut-Col. Slack death
Cambridgeshire in furs – pic
Downham entertain wounded
Littleport – Lawrence on leave
Wilburton – war funds society meeting
Haddenham war workers
Sutton war workers – parcel sent

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1916 03 01 Ch
St Chad's V**A**D Hospital – photo profile – 16 03 01 # c.21.4 # H.Cha.K16
Snow photos: snow plough, clearing snow Market St, bus, snow balling – 16 03 01a
James Binney, Pampisford Hall – profile – 16 03 01b
Cambridge Borough Tribunal – Matthew of Trinity St have had 60 men enlist, only one left in hardware department; Cambridge Chronicle apply for machine minder – 16 03 01c # c.04; # c.45.5
Cherryhinton Road military hospital patient dies alcoholic poisoning in detention ward – 16 03 01d # c.21.4 # c.45.5

1916 03 01 CIP
Miraculous Escape. Among the passengers on the P and O liner Maloja which was mined between Folkestone and Dover on Sunday morning and went down with a loss of about 150 lives was Miss Lily Dockerill daughter of Mr. Walter Dockerill, Little Shelford. Miss Dockerill had a marvellous escape and her parents were greatly relieved on Tuesday to hear of her safety. She was on her way to Bombay to be married and among her luggage, which has been entirely lost was the whole of her wedding trousseau and presents.

Regulation of Lights - To avoid any unpleasantness (says a Histon paragraph) the special constables wish to draw particularly the attention of householders, shopkeepers and all others whom it may concern to the fact that the strictest attention must be given to lights in their homes, etc. Dark blinds are not sufficient to meet the requirements of the Act. All blinds must be shaded with some dark material (green for preference) and no crevices may show at the top, bottom or sides. Red Blinds with no shading are not sufficient. If these regulations are not carried out the defaulters will only have them-selves to blame if trouble is brought upon their shoulders. In the case of hostile aircraft approaching the county all motor cars, motor cycles, pedal cycles and carts will be stopped and the drivers ordered to put out their front white lights and get on the side of the road and remain there until the danger is past. The rear red light must not be extinguished and they must not travel without lights. Further all lights in houses and buildings which cannot be absolutely darkened must be extinguished. # c.45.5

1916 03 03 ES
2 VTCs officially recognised by Government
E.H. Blakeney publishes collected war poems
3 Tribunals – Walsoken, Marshland, Wisbech rural, Wisbech Borough & p6
5 Ely VTC address at annual meeting
Ely lighting prosecutions
8 casualties

Soham – Jones – wounded
Littleport – Taylor – wounded – pic
Ely – Pamment RN – pic
Soham – German steel used in razor

1916 03 08 Ch
Licensing sessions – King's Arms, Union Rd; Horse & Gate, Victoria Rd; Cross Keys, Saxon St; Swan & Pool, New St. – all referred – 16 03 08a # c.27.4
Small businesses will be forced to close down owing to tribunals – letter – 16 03 08b
George Plume Hawkins profile – fought small-pox epidemic 1903; advised troops over catering – 16 03 08c
Wordsworth Grove VAD Hospital – photo feature – 16 03 08d # c.21.4 # H.Wor.K16
Flood scenes in Cambridge following heavy snow – Midsummer Common, Riverside – 16 03 08e # c.12
Military Isolation Hospitals – grave danger; men escaped Newmarket Road and plundered orchards, indecent assault; guards should be increased – 16 03 08f # c.21.4 # c.45.5
Arthur Marsh, Bottisham has four fighting sons – photo – 16 03 08f
Egg stall on Market for wounded – 16 03 08f
Cambridge Automobile & Engineering Company, new showrooms, Sidney St: advert – 16 03 08g

1916 03 08 CIP
Sudden Death of Schoolmistress. On Wednesday last the villagers of Cottenham and Histon were shocked to hear that Miss Florence Todd, assistant mistress at the Cottenham County School, had died under somewhat tragic circumstances, being found dead in bed at her sister's house at Histon. The deceased (a native of Cottenham) had made her home with her married sister and brother-in-law (Mr. and Mrs. Albert Todd). Deceased was also attached to the nursing staff at "The Firs" Red Cross Hospital at Histon. She was apparently in her usual good health and bright and cheerful spirits when she retired to bed on Tuesday night. She slept with her niece, who, upon waking, was startled to find her aunt cold and looking very pale. She rushed into her mother's bedroom and exclaimed that her Aunt Florrie was very cold and looked funny in the face. She was found to be dead. Upon Dr. C. H. Cox, of Cottenham, and Dr. L. Davis, of Histon, conferring, it was deemed unnecessary to hold an inquest. Deceased was 40 years of age.

Local Man Wounded. Mr. Octavius Moore has received a letter from his son, Pte. Herbert E. Moore, stating that Pte. Charles Papworth, of his regiment, has been wounded. It appears that the company were constructing some wire entanglements one night when Pte Papworth was shot, presumably by a sniper. We are glad, however, to say that the letter says the wound is not of a serious nature.

Summer Shows. The Cambridgeshire Agricultural Society has no doubt come to a wise decision (says the writer of Town and Country Topics) in abandoning its summer show. The condition of the labour market by next July may be such as to render it very undesirable that there should be even the mild disturbance which the holding of a show might occasion. But we are disposed to question equal wisdom of local horticultural societies abandoning their exhibitions, and especially those which are chiefly supported by cottage gardeners and allotment holders. There was a great demand at the beginning of the war that the land should be made to increase and multiply to a previously unrealised extent the production of foodstuffs, and especially vegetables. We have not heard much of this outcry of late, although, with the threatened stoppage of importations, we should have thought that the need of such cultivation was more urgent today than a year ago. Competition undoubtedly stimulates the amateur gardener to do his best, and we hope that the managers of the various industrial horticultural societies will carefully consider the local situation: and the bearing of their action upon it before deciding not to hold; their shows this year. 16 03 08

1916 03 10 ES
2 Isle committee help for disabled soldiers

salaries officers
Mepal musical war masque – pic 24th p5
3 Tribunals – Ely Urban
includes Prickwillow – Butcher – milkman, Fryett – horse keeper, Cornwell – shepherd
Adelaide – Day – horseman
Tribunals – Wisbech
5 Ely air raid precautions
6 call to married men 19-26
8 casualties
Stuntney lady home from Serbia
Adelaide – Pate – kia – pic 17th p8
Haddenham – poem
Ely letters gratitude
Wentworth war working party fund concert

1916 03 15 Ch
Florence Ada Keynes, founded Charity Organisation Society – profile – 15 03 15a # c.32.9
Ontario Military Hospital designed by C.F. Skipper, architect of Cambridge & erected by William Sindall; others on similar lines include First Eastern, Canadian Red Cross, Scottish National Red Cross Hospital Glasgow – 16 03 15b # c.21.4
The Jolly Anglers was a fully licensed house, situated at Waterbeach Fen, about a mile from Upware and three-and-a-half miles from Bottisham Lock. The registered owners were Messrs A. & B. Hall of Ely. The house had been closed for trade since February 10th, 1915. The previous tenant had been there from 1892-1907 but was now doing his duty to the country by making munitions. He went away in February with the hope that he would return. The brewery had, public-spiritedly, not filled the vacancy. It was a house that did a good trade in normal times, being much-used by anglers. But the angling and river traffic was not so much because of the war.The population of Waterbeach was 1,430 and there were 12 licensed houses, being one every 119 inhabitants. There was not another house nearer on the river than the Green Man at Bottisham Locks. The magistrates decided to refer the house to the Compensation Authority.– 16 03 15c
King's Hedges farm fire – 16 03 15c
Tuberculosis colony, Bourn – detailed feature – 16 03 15d,e, f # c.21.4
Local tribunals at work – names members; includes Higher Grade School, Warkworth St, head; Flack & sons bootmakers; Hayward, marquee provider for soldiers - other trades – 16 03 15g # c.45.5
Cambridge Automobile and Engineering Company new works on corner Hobson St & Sidney Street – profile – 16 03 15h, advert 16 03 08g # c.26.48

1916 03 15 CIP
Farm Fire. A serious outbreak of fire occurred at King's Hedges, near Milton, on Wednesday evening on a farm in the occupation of three smallholders, Messrs. Hawkes, Curtis and Tuffin. The fire was first observed shortly before nine o'clock, and before the flames were got under control great damage had been done to the outhouses, all of which were practically burnt, whilst a pony and two pigs were also destroyed. A good deal of concern was felt in Cambridge, the reflection of the flames in the sky being plainly seen from the town. Helpers from Histon and Milton and a party of soldiers, led by an officer who had noticed the glare in the sky, rendered valuable assistance in fighting the flames, whilst the County Police, under the direction of the Deputy Chief Constable (.Supt. Webb), also afforded valuable aid. The house and several stacks and a good deal of livestock were thus saved. The loss, we understand, was covered by insurance.

Prolific. A sow belonging to Mr. Fred Negus, of Duxford, has a litter of pigs, 21 in number, all alive. Two are being brought up by hand. This is a most unusual number to keep alive, and very useful now in view of the price of pork.

Personal, Mrs. Fred Moore (Histon) has had the honour of being appointed a member of the panel constituted by the Minister of Munitions for the purpose of a local Munitions Tribunal for the

Cambridge District. Mrs. Moore is well-known in friendly society circles, being one of the trustees of the Foresters' Court Star of Histon. She is also a member of the Trade Board

Mother's Second Loss. A few weeks ago we chronicle the death on the battlefield in Flanders of Pte David Gillson, 2nd Beds, son of Mrs. Gillson, of Fulbourn. The sad intelligence has now been received that another son, Pte Charles Gillson, 2nd Suffolks, has met his death whilst bomb throwing at the Front. Mrs. Gillson has two other sons, one in training and the other included in Lord Derby's group system.

1916 03 17 ES
2 North Witchford tribunal
3 Ladies recruiting committee – annual report
4 Ely rural tribunals
Coveney – Neal, horse keeper, 3 months exemption, Sandford, Poole refused, Baker – 3 months Walker – refused
Downham Miller – no, Shelton – no, Parsons, horse keeper – 2 months, Parsons – no (2nd son) , Hall – no, Pate – 6 months, Flanders – cowman etc – no, Taylor – horse keeper – no, Hobbs – farmer – exempt, Starling – total exemption, Thompson – 6 months, Chambers – 6 months, Pate – farmer – 6 months, Graham – 6 months, Vye – horse keeper – no, Flanders – no, Others not listed
Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Witcham, Lt Thetford, Wilburton, Witchford
5 Soham lighting
6 Cambridgeshire & Isle appeal tribunal – constitution
Soham – Elsden – letter
Sutton – Clark – kia, pic
Littleport - biplane descends Laws – in big charge, wounded
Soham – list where parcels sent to troops
Littleport – war week – list items
Downham – war funds – public meeting

1916 03 22 Ch
Pruning giant trees in front of Emmanuel College – photo – 16 03 22
Huntley VAD Hospital – photo feature – 16 03 22a # c.21.4
Tribunals at work – objectors, 'conscientious' and otherwise – members of university – 16 03 22b

William Potter Spalding – obituary – 16 03 22c
John Clay, University printer. Lord of Manor of Lt Shelford – obituary – 16 03 22d

1916 03 22 CIP
Death of Ald. W. P. Spalding. We regret to have to record the death of Alderman William Potter Spalding, J.P., which took place on Tuesday morning in the midst of his family, in his 69th year. He was the eldest son of a printer, stationer and bookseller, Mr. William Spalding (Ipswich), and was apprenticed to his father. He started business in Cambridge on his own account in Sidney Street, Cambridge, in 1873. This prospered and was enlarged in many ways, and in 1881 he became a member of the Cambridge Town Council, proving an expert debater and administrator. Mr. Spalding was elected to the aldermanic bench and in 1908 was chosen Mayor in succession to his friend, Mr. H. G. Whibley. He had been appointed a J.P. in 1897. During 35 years of faithful public service, Ald. Spalding left his mark in many ways upon the affairs of the borough. # c.35.7 # c.25

Professorship. The Board of Directors to the Ely Professorship of Divinity yesterday (Tuesday) elected the Rev. A. E. Brooke, D.D., Fellow and Dean of King's College, into the Professorship.

Sexton. The funeral of Mr. John Robert Peck took place at Mill Road Cemetery on Saturday afternoon. The deceased was a well-known Cambridge man, having been sexton at St. Andrew's the Less for about 29 years. He passed away after a painful illness at his home, 79, Norfolk Street,

Cambridge. It was impossible to visit the cemetery without seeing Mr. Peck, and having been there for so many years he knew the situation of every grave. Six of the sextons from other churches offered to act as bearers. The deceased was one of the oldest Foresters, having been a member of Court "Loyal Cantab" for 49 years. He was clerk of St. Matthew's, having served under three vicars of that parish # c.21.2

Presentation. Mr. Thomas Lunn, secretary of the Cambridge and District Licensed Victuallers' Protection and Benevolent Association, was entertained by members of the Association to a complimentary dinner at Ye Olde Castel Hotel on Tuesday evening, when the opportunity was taken to present him with a gold repeater watch in appreciation of his services as hon. secretary.

1916 03 24 ES
2 tribunals – Wisbech borough
3 tribunals – Ely Urban, North Witchford appeals, Whittlesey rural, Newmarket rural – Soham, Isleham, Wicken
5 heaviest batches of appeals over
Haddenham Red Cross sale, £350
Ely stretcher display
6 Soham pastor criticises tribunal
8 Casualties

Coveney	Ding believed killed - pic
Soham	Edwards – d - pic
Littleport	Johnson kia – pic
Downham	Fuller – wounded – pic

1916 03 29 Ch
Borough tribunal – 16 03 29
Blizzards cause havoc, trees felled – 16 03 29a
Thomas Walter Harding, High Sheriff – of Madingley – profile – 16 03 29b
1st Balsham VAD – photo feature – 16 03 29c # WH.Bal.K16 # Y.Bal.K16 # c.21.4
Protest march by attested married men – single men should be called-up first – 16 03 29d - # c.45.5

1916 03 29 CIP
March blizzards. Following two delightful spring days, another extraordinary spell of rough wintry weather set in at Cambridge on Monday evening. The wind, which had been boisterous during the day, developed into a heavy gale, accompanied by snow. A good deal of damage was done to telegraph and telephone wires in various parts of the county, and communication with London and other parts was interrupted. Telegraph posts on the Trumpington Road, Shelford Road and Huntingdon Road were blown down, whilst on the Histon Road were blown down just beyond Cambridge. Several trees were uprooted and. the mail cart from Cambridge to St. Ives was delayed for a time owing to obstructions on the road. On Tuesday morning the ground was covered with snow. Trains were late owing to wires being down. Rain set in during the day, but towards the close of the afternoon this turned to snow. The wind, too, increased in violence until it was blowing quite a hurricane. Huge trees gave way before the violence of the wind, chimney pots and slates came crashing down, whilst many fences collapsed. The Corporation workmen had to be called out to assist m clearing away fallen trees, and to assist the police in warning vehicles. Several pedestrians had narrow escapes. Among the many trees which fell was the famous plane tree in the Catholic Rectory grounds, which has been visited by arboriculturists from all over the world. # c.12 # c.18

Knocked down by Express. On Monday, a railway employee, Sidney Frederick Lofts, aged 19, of Thoday Street, Cambridge, was engaged in shunting operations on the G.E.R. at Barnwell Junction when he was knocked down by an up express. The down express train had just passed, and this Lofts had noticed approaching. In avoiding it, however, he did not notice the other train. A motor ambulance was telephoned for and obtained from the military hospital, the man being taken to

Addenbrooke's Hospital. Here it was found necessary to amputate both legs. We were informed at the hospital, last (Tuesday) night that Lofts was going on as well as could be expected. # c.26.2

1916 03 31 ES
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Tribunals – Ely rural, Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Wilburton, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Thetford, Witcham, Witchford
Newmarket rural – Soham, Isleham, Wicken
5
shorter lighting
Ely barracks taken over by troops – VTC drills suspended
Naval dinner
7
appeal tribunals – 1st sitting Isle – uphold decisions mostly; includes Soham, Wicken, Burwell
8
Wilburton Red Cross sale – long account:
Soham – 1st batch Middlesex Imperial Yeomanry arrive by train Sunday, Billeted in Churchgate Street & High Street; City of London roughriders billeted one night; Middlesex main batch Tuesday; reception; Wednesday all left for Ely 2 am
Wicken – conscientious objector – Robert Hawes, late of Wicken, in London
Isleham – Pte Payne w.
Littleport – 1st real sight of soldiers – hundreds cavalry with heavy guns pass through
Sutton war depot
Haddenham Belgian families in Haddenham 1ast 18 months left for London & employment

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1916 04 05 Ch
In the wake of the blizzard – photo feature – clearing trees – 16 04 05 # c.12 # c.18
William Cunningham, Archdeacon of Ely – profile – 16 04 05e
Balsham Park House VAD – photo feature 0 16 04 05f # WH.Bal.K16 # Y.Bal.K16 # c.21.4
Lady window cleaners, Cambridge Window Cleaning Company – photo feature – 16 04 05a # PC.Win.K16 # T.W.K16
Oriental plane tree in grounds of Catholic Rectory one of those damaged in gale, was planted 90 years ago – 16 04 05b, c # c.18
Rock Allotment Society formed – 16 04 05c
Tribunal – 170 claims; includes Winton Smith providing 3,000 sausages for army; Coote & Warren, coal merchants; Christadelphians;

1916 04 05 CIP
Cattle Buried Under Debris. At Fulbourn last week, a blizzard played havoc all over Fulbourn. The Manor Walk Wall was demolished by large trees which were uprooted, stopping traffic. About 200 trees were uprooted in the Manor grounds, and also one in Mr. Wright's one at Mr. F. J. Chaplin's, five at Mrs. B. J. Chaplin's', 14 in one field of Mr. Wright's, 21 beautiful fir trees in the grounds of Mr. John Gardiner, and the orchard at the Baker's Arms is completely wrecked, a great loss to Mrs. Giddens, as all were fruit trees. At Mr. H. E. Brown's farm, a shed 84 feet long, with 14 head of cattle, including five new-born calves with the cows, was blown from its foundation, and the whole of the cattle were buried under the debris. The extraordinary thing is that none of them was seriously hurt. After moving all the debris it was found that about 12 fowls were killed. One calf has since died from shock.

Shelford Damage. The great blizzard last week did an immense amount of damage in the village of Great Shelford, and neighbourhood. A number of trees were blown down. The drains had been blocked consequently the road in Sunnett's Lane has been impassable for a considerable distance, and

many gardens have also been flooded. In Little Shelford over 100 trees have been laid low. The road from Whittlesford through Little Shelford was blocked by a large elm tree that stood in the garden of King's Farm. It fell across the road, obstructing the traffic. The road between the two bridges was also rendered impassable by trees, the walls and fences being damaged. In Stapleford a number of trees were blown down; one fell on the school house, knocking in the window. A large arm of a tree belonging to Mr. Linton, Stapleford House, fell on the telegraph wires, breaking them through.

Rate Defaulters. The Borough Justices had a large number of rate defaulters before them on Wednesday and Thursday many of whom were lodging-house keepers and others affected by the war. Extension of time was granted in many cases under the Courts Emergency Act, and orders made for payment by instalments spread over the next six months.

1916 04 07 ES
3 appeal tribunal – Isle Ely – 56 cases & results p5
5 Ely – what war workers doing
8 Wilburton – Red Cross sale
tribunals: Newmarket rural, Soham, Burwell
PoW pictures include Ely – Bowles
Casualties Sutton – Nichols w.
Witcham – Atkin, believed d.
Witchford – Young w.
Littleport – Knightall – kia – pic

Tribunals North Witchford
Soham – aeroplane seen canvassing – fully equipped model, Fitch on leave
Wicken – Belgian fund, military visitor – Norman – after wounds
Isleham – war pictures exhibited, Clarke & Collen leave
Littleport – no buns on Good Friday due war, Murfitt Royal Field Artillery, 7 days leave

1916 04 12 Ch
Funeral of wife of Lieut J. Leach, VC, 13 Fulbrooke Road – 16 04 12a; photo - `6 04 19b # c.45.5
'Their country's future defenders' – photo of lads with wooden swords in Castle Hill 1908 with names – 16 04 12b # T

1916 04 12 CIP
Leaving Histon. Another well-known resident is shortly expected to leave the village (Histon) in the person of Mr. H. J. Pratt. Mr Pratt came to Histon about seven years ago, and has since been a teacher at the Histon School. He leaves the district for Boston, near Peterborough, upon which appointment he is to be heartily congratulated. He will, however, be greatly missed in the locality, as he was connected with several local organisations. He is a prominent member of the Institute, and was on the General Committee, the Library Committee and the Games Committee. He was chess champion for 1915. He takes up his new engagement immediately after Easter, and leaves with the best wishes of his many friends.

Sergeant wounded. Sgt. Cecil A Savidge, Suffolk Regt., son of Mr. Arthur Savidge, market gardener, of Cottenham, was wounded on March 28. A bullet passed through, his left hand breaking three small bones. He was engaged m putting up barbed wire entanglements. He had been in hospital at Boulogne, and is progressing favourably

Linton Man's Death. Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Morley, of Linton, had been notified of the death at Chatham of their son, Sapper Sydney Morley. It is only five weeks' since he was called up in his group, and he was serving in the Royal Engineers. Deceased was very popular in the locality, and was connected with the Linton Cricket and Dramatic clubs.

Appointments. The High Sheriff Mr Alfred Edwin Wright, of Ivy Lodge, Haddenham, has appointed Mr. William Beldam, solicitor of Littlehampton, Sussex, his Under Sheriff. Mr. J. Percy Maule solicitor, Huntingdon, as his Acting Under Sheriff, and the Rev. S.A. P. Kermode, M.A. (Vicar of Haddenham) his chaplain.

1916 04 14 ES
2 appeal tribunals include Prickwillow, Littleport, Downham, Witcham, Wilburton, Haddenham, Stretham, Sutton, Witchford
3 Newmarket rural tribunal
8 casualties
Downham Easy bros – pic
PoW, one Boyce, Soham – pic
Littleport Barber awarded Mc – pic
Stretham conscientious objectors – letter about
Witchford Young – w – pic
Isleham Fleet on leave
Wilburton memorial brass late L/c Croft unveiled

1916 04 19 Ch
Auctioneers and estate agents institution meeting; R.T. Catling elected chairman – 16 04 19a

1916 04 19 CIP
Cambridge Chairman. The members of the East Anglian branch of the Auctioneers' Estate Agents' Institute of United Kingdom met, at Cambridge on Thursday for the purpose of holding their eighth annual meeting. The branch by a unanimous vote, elected Mr. R. T. V. Catling of Cambridge their chairman for the ensuing year

Late Master of Trinity Hall. Cambridge will greatly miss Mr. E. A, Beck, the late Master of Trinity Hall. He was a "gem" among University dons, possessing an irrepressible fund of humour, which could burst forth on all occasions, and it was a thing to be remembered when at some solemn meeting or other of grave University dignitaries he could crack a quite unexpected and most apposite joke, and watch the efforts to suppress the responsive smile. Mr. Beck, however, was never undignified, although towards the end of a long degree ceremony, the most trying of functions, his appearance did remind one strongly of the merry monarch who maintained three fiddlers. He had the kindliest heart, and was adored by the young men of his college, who, however, frequently tried him to the utmost.

More Postal Restrictions—With a view to economy, the Postmaster-General has decided that, except in the largest towns, the number of deliveries of letters per day is to be restricted to two. We are informed by Mr. A. Bell, the Cambridge Postmaster, that this would take effect in Cambridge as from Monday, May 1, when the number of deliveries will be reduced from three, as at present to two. # c.27.7

1916 04 21 ES
2 appeal tribunals include, Littleport, Downham, Witcham, Wilburton, Haddenham, Stretham, Sutton, Witchford, Mepal, Coveney
3 Ely rural tribunal – dissatisfaction in appeal results, members revolt, ‘making asses of tribunal, threatened to leave – Coveney, Ely munitions worker, Downham, Stretham, Sutton, Littleport, Witchford, Witcham, Wilburton
Newmarket rural tribunal – Isleham
Ely patriotic sale
5 Ely urban tribunal
Russian flag day
French thanks for gifts
6 Littleport parish council nervous re zeppelin raids

8 Sutton Canon Marshall's son kia
Prickwillow Wilding kia – pic
Cambridgeshire soldiers & conscientious objectors
Wicken - roll honour – men join
Prickwillow Leonard kia – letter, pic 28th p8
Isleham - houses for wounded to hospital Cambridge, PoW collection

1916 04 26 Ch
V.C. Cockerel at auction sale Agricultural Relief of Allies Fund – advert – 16 04 26a

1916 04 26 CIP
Grave Situation in Ireland.—In the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, Mr. Birrell stated: About noon yesterday grave disturbances broke out in Dublin. The Post Office was forcibly taken possession of. Soldiers arrived from the Curragh, and the situation is now well in hand. About 12 lives were lost. Telegraphic communications were difficult. He was unable to give further particulars,

Lowestoft Bombarded.—Yesterday afternoon the Secretary to the Admiralty made the following announcement: About 4.30 this morning a German battle cruiser squadron, accompanied by light cruisers and destroyers, appeared off Lowestoft. The local naval forces engaged it, and in 20 minutes it returned to Germany, chased by our light cruisers and destroyers. On shore, two men, one woman and a child were killed. The material damage seems to have been insignificant. So far as is known at present, two British cruisers and a destroyer were hit. None was sunk.

East Coast Zeppelin Raid. Yesterday the War Office issued the following: Three Zeppelins are reported to have come in from seawards over the Eastern Counties last night. Two crossed the coast of Norfolk shortly after half-past ten, and another followed at about 11 o'clock. A few incendiary bombs have been dropped up to the time of issue of this communiqué. Later in the day the following announcement was made: Last night's air raid on the Norfolk and Suffolk coasts appears to have been carried out by four Zeppelins, only two of which made any serious attempt to penetrate, inland. About 70 bombs appear to have been dropped. One man is reported seriouslyinjured. No further details as to casualties are yet available in Cambridge

Rookeries. The rookeries in Cambridge have been a good deal upset by the recent gales. Trees, which for generations have yearly been occupied by rooks, have been blown down, and some of the college grounds most frequented by them are now almost deserted, the silence being I most remarkable to those accustomed to the "cawing" of the sable birds. This is particularly noticeable at St. John's, formerly one of the most favourable nesting centres, and generally at the Backs there are fewer nests than usual. # c.18 # c.19

1916 04 28 ES
5 Ely - soldier arrested for theft, War hospital supply depot – details
8 Soham - lighting prosecutions
Wicken -Northants detachment arrive, located on Green, many witness arrival & departure after rested; on route march from Newmarket. When new road finished many will pass through & possibly halt as good water supply
Wicken Pte Hawes missing
Littleport Rayner on leave

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1916 05 03 Ch
The Walbro sidecar screen, Walbro Motor Company, Ely – 16 05 03a
W. Foot Mitchell, Quendon Hall, prospective MP – profile – 16 05 03b
VTC Easter Monday field day – photos – 16 05 03c

Shelford VADs working on land while hospital closed – photo – 16 05 03d

1916 05 03 CIP
Military Wedding. Great interest centred in the wedding at the Wesley Church, Christ's Pieces, Cambridge, on Saturday between Miss Lucy Irene Lavender; eldest daughter of Councillor and Mrs. G. H. Lavender, of 84 Chesterton Road. Cambridge, and Mr. Charles Arthur Shrubbs, 2nd Lieut., A.S.C.. son of Mr. A. Shrubbs, of Hinxton. The church was filled by friends of the bride and the bride's parents, who are well-known and highly respected in the town. The bridegroom is a Downing man, and was at one time in the University O.T.C. The officiating clergy were the Rev. R. Winboult Harding and the Rev-Dr. T. A. Barber, Headmaster of The Leys School. The service was choral. Afterwards a reception was held in the library of Wesley Church. The honeymoon is being spent on the South Coast.

New Parliamentary Candidate. Some time ago (said a special report) we announced that Mr. J. C. Denison-Pender did not intend to offer himself for re-election as the Member for East Cambridgeshire, and on Saturday the Conservative and Unionist Association adopted Mr. W. Foot Mitchell as the prospective candidate to contest the seat whenever an election may occur. Mr. Foot Mitchell, who resides at Quendon Hall, Newport, Essex, only a few miles outside the borders of East Cambridgeshire, attended the meeting and delivered a speech which must be admired for its frankness and outspokenness. At the same time, it stamps him as a gentleman of sound business acumen and training and his references to topics of the hour prove that he is not a party hack.

Fire. Yesterday (Tuesday) morning a fire was discovered at about two o'clock in the Church Charity Cottages (Pampisford) by a special constable. Before the flames were extinguished three cottages were almost completely destroyed, only the chimneys being left standing.

1916 05 05 ES
2 Appeal tribunal – Isle, majority dismissed; includes Littleport, Coveney, Haddenham – Ivatt, Mepal, Stretham, Thetford
3 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham & Fordham, many refusals
5 revision of certified occupations
Stuntney lighting prosecutions
6 certified occupations – farmers – details
8 Soham 3 soldiers killed – Rouse, Aveling, Gilby – pic & funeral
Sutton Smith d wounds, pic 12th p6, Bradshaw promoted

1916 05 10 Ch
Tribunal appeals – 16 05 10a
Southery flooded and 20,000 acres submerged – photos – 16 05 10b # c.29 # W.12.5 # Y.Sou Reference Library and Education department, Peas Hill The latest addition to Cambridge Municipal Buildings, the annexe to the Public Library in Wheeler Street and the new supplemental Corporation offices, have their entrance on Peas Hill. The greater part of the ground floor is allotted to the Reference Library, where the Shakespeare exhibition is now on view, and which will be opened for its permanent purpose shortly. There will be six alcoves, each with tables to accommodate two readers, who will sit adjacent to the bookshelves they wish to consult. There will also be a general table for Reference Books, in which will be included the Free Library's fine collection of encyclopaedias, dictionaries and the like. The directories and railway timetables will remain as at present in the Reading Room. Another room on the ground floor will be occupied by the Inspector of Weights and Measures. The first floor will be in the exclusive possession of the Borough Education Department. The basement is used for book storage and also contains the heating apparatus. The building is completed but the opening has been delayed pending furnishing and equipment, a protracted business owing to the war. The work has been carried out by Messrs Kidman and Sons, builders, of Abbey Walk, Cambridge, upon whom it reflects the greatest credit 16 05 10c– photo & details – 16 05 10c # c.77.4 # F.D # B.Pea

Hugel homes for Belgian refugees – detailed report – 16 05 10d # c.45.5

1916 05 10 CIP
Missing

1916 05 12 ES
2 North Witchford tribunal
5 Newmarket rural tribunal
cinema tickets taxed
Ely men summonsed failing to report – await trial 30 Jun p5
Women on land – farmers pleased
6 daylight savings change
War Ag – use women
8 casualties
conscientious objectors letter
Downham war work, ½-yearly meeting
Soham – cavalry regiment 400 halted, arrived 7pm & to Angle common for night,
Flying Fund – 9 parcels of tobacco sent
Stretham patriotic spirit
Isleham Clarke. Lieut Aldous on leave

1916 05 17 Ch
County appeal tribunal; Cambridge tribunal includes Shrive, basket maker; Emmanuel Fellow – 16 05 17a
Miss E.C. Jones, Mistress of Girton – profile – 16 05 17b # c.44.5 # c.36.98
Seat on Market Hill for use of wounded soldiers – photo – 16 05 17b

1916 05 17 CIP
Sequel to Milton Feast. At Cambs Divisional Bench on Saturday, a Biggleswade man was summoned for selling cigarettes to a boy under the age of 16 years at Milton on May 9. Evidence was given by the boy, who said his age was 13. He stated that defendant was in charge of a stall at Milton Feast. There was a board at the back of the stall to which cigarette packets were fastened. By throwing darts, sold at two a penny and transfixing the packets they might be won. He won 10 packets but did not smoke any of the cigarettes. A constable said he saw defendant and told him that cigarettes must not be sold to boys under 16. Ten other boys, whose ages ranged from seven to 13, were seen smoking in the village. Defendant said he thought the boys took the cigarettes home to their fathers. The magistrates imposed a fine of 10s.

Chicks. — Now that the chick season is in full swing, it would be interesting to know if the following achievement can be beaten. Mr. W. Woodroff, of Saffron Road, Histon set 15 eggs under one hen and 13 under another, and has successfully brought off the whole 28 chicks.

1916 05 19 ES
2 Sutton Wayman suicide whilst under arrest [16 05 19 CIP]
Isle Education – 12 exemptions wanted for headmasters
3 Newmarket rural tribunals – Soham, Isleham, Fordham, many conditional exemptions
North Witchford tribunal
Chatteris tribunal appeals – letter
5 daylight savings
Appeal tribunals – Coveney, Haddenham, Stuntney, Ely, Downham, Shippea Hill
Appeal for women war service – advert
8 casualties
Stretham Wheeler wounded
Pymore - war work class meets

Wicken - feast but no bright lights
Isleham - parcel for PoWs, 11 men joined up during week

1916 05 24 Ch
Jack Hobbs' third brother wounded – 16 05 24a
St Chad's Red Cross Hospital celebrate first anniversary by an outing to Ely – photos – 16 05 24b # c.21.4
University exemptions appealed against, military unsuccessful – Thomas Bedford, secretary to Examinations syndicate; Walter Williams; Prof Arthur Pigou – 16 05 24c
Borough tribunal – Co-operative Society; Francis Addison, photographer for Stearn & sons – 16 05 24d
Albert Wilkins, five Barrington brothers in the army – 16 05 24c

1916 05 24 CIP
Bad Potatoes. At the Quarterly meeting of the Cambridge Town Council, Ald. P. H. Young drew attention to the remarks of the Commissioners of the Board of Control contained in the annual report of the Fulbourn Asylum Visitors respecting the potatoes served as part of the patients' dinner. The potatoes, it was stated, were cooked in the stew in their "jackets" and no attempt had been made to detect and discard bad ones. Many were absolutely black and uneatable and there was no margin to permit bad ones being replaced by good ones. Still worse, they saw, in one ward a mincing machine, into which unpeeled potatoes, good and bad, were indiscriminately placed and passed through the machine, so that the compound produced and served out was quite unfit for consumption. Ald. Young said he did not think this should be passed over without some explanation. Dr. Dalton said he did not wish in any way to justify the Visitors in this matter, but the report related to July 5 which was about the worst time of the year for potatoes. The Visitors, as soon as the matter was brought to their notice, had the matter remedied and had taken steps to see that it did not occur again.

Wounded. — Three sons of Mrs, Hobbs, of 4 Rivar Place, Sleaford Street. Cambridge and brothers to Mr. Jack Hobbs, the famous Surrey and Cambridge cricketer have been wounded within the last 12 months. Mr. Jack Hobbs is engaged in a munitions factory. # c.45.7

1916 05 26 ES
2 Ely Rural Tribunal – married men * PM's pledge; interesting Littleport cases, decisions altered; also Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Wilburton, Mepal, Stretham, Wentworth, Witchford
3 farm labour shortage
Ely urban tribunal
Newmarket rural tribunal – librating men for harvest
5 Ely Russian flag day
Ely PoWs gifts received
Daylight saving – little grumbling
8 Soham Beeton kia – pic
Littleport Cross wounded
Stuntney West wounded
Ely failure to report – case, Littleport & Downham
Ely & Chatteris tribunals
Soham - lying fund – list recipients, PoWs got tobacco from Ely Standard, boxes in shops
Adelaide – school collects 10/- prisoners
Stretham Stubbings wounded – letter
Prickwillow Carpenter returns from 1st EGH, & We … on train by ladies who thought them shirkers

1916 05 31 Ch

Reach Fair half a dozen horses and one ice-cream barrow 16 05 31a
University cyclists 1875 photo, includes Keith Falconer, F.L. Dodds & H.M. Bowyer – 16 05 31b # Q.Am.J75

1916 05 31 CIP
Tailors Busy. We understand that' the result of the agitation carried; on some months ago to secure work, for Cambridge has been the placing of a large order for officers' uniforms with Cambridge tailors. The initiative was taken by the Cambridge Master 'Tailors' Association, who are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts. We hear an order for at least 800 uniforms has been distributed between the tailors of the town. No doubt a little difficulty is being experienced in getting labour at the present time, so many tailors having long since patriotically responded to the call. # c.45.5 # c.27

Comrades Killed. — News has been received of two Cambridge men, of the 11th Suffolks, who joined the regiment together, slept together and died within a few hours of each other. Pte George Casey was killed, while his comrade, Pte Alfred Reynolds, had part of an arm and part of a leg blown off, and died five minutes after he had been taken into the casualty clearing hospital.

D.C.M. Presented. — Home on leave from the battlefields of France, Corporal Ernest Day of the 1/1st Battalion, Cambridgeshire Regiment, who was awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty, attended the headquarters of the Territorial Association, East Road, on Wednesday last, when the Lord Lieutenant (Ald. C. R. Adeane), King's representative in the Bounty, pinned the medal on the gallant corporal's breast, and offered him the warmest congratulations on the honour ;so bravely won. The extract from Army orders relating to his act read.—"He crawled to the German trenches and did useful reconnoitring work, and after his patrol had been discovered, volunteered in an attempt to rescue a wounded officer who was lying near the German lines. He made three attempts, but without success, and during the whole time he exhibited the greatest bravery, and was subject to heavy machine-gun and rifle fire from the enemy's trenches".

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1916 06 02 ES
2 North Witchford tribunal – only one application refused
Newmarket rural tribunal – results of cases, figures; Soham, Isleham, Burwell
Ely tribunal – letter – anomalies
3 Wisbech rural tribunals
5 Ely Theological College & war – how affected
military wedding – Fenn
new ambulance train on view Ely station
6 Ely Russian Flag Day – record
8 tribunals – 'to be more lenient small businessmen & conscientious objectors
casualties
Soham Edmunds missing
Ely Cutlack promoted Lieut-Col
Soham Langley kia – pic
Witchford Barnes military funeral – pic
Downham - letters from soldiers
Lt Thetford – war work fund
Isleham Audus on leave
Stretham Stubbings lost eye
Prickwillow – Russian Flag Day

1916 06 07

Rev Harry Stovell Cronin, Commanding Officer of Cambridge Volunteer Corps; had served CUOTC; history of volunteers from 1859 – 16 06 07a # c.45.5 # c.45.4

1916 06 07 CIP
Lord Kitchener Drowned. Yesterday afternoon the following message was issued by the Press Bureau. The Secretary to the Admiralty announces that the following telegram has been received from the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet at 10.30 this morning: I have to announce with deep regret that His Majesty's ship Hampshire (Captain Herbert) with Lord Kitchener and his staff on board, was sunk last night about 8 p.m. to the west of the Orkneys, either by a mine or torpedo. Four boats were seen by observers on shore to leave the ship. The wind was blowing W.N.W., and a heavy sea was running. Patrol vessels and destroyers at once proceeded to the spot, and parties were sent along to search, but only some bodies and capsized boats had been found up to the present. As the whole shore has been searched from the seaward, I greatly fear there is little hope of there being any survivors. No report has yet been received from the search parties on shore. H.M.S. Hampshire was on her way to Russia. The news was received with greatest sorrow throughout the country, and in Cambridge there was evidence of profound grief. The Guildhall flag was flown at half-mast. On board ship, among others, were Sir H. F. Donaldson, brother of the late Master of Magdalene, Dr. S. A. Donaldson. # c.45.5

Congratulations. At a meeting of the County Territorial Association, held on Saturday last, the following resolution was passed unanimously.—The County Association wishes to congratulate Col. G. L. Archer on his recovery from the wound he received in the trenches. It regrets to hear of the heavy casualties recently suffered by the Cambridgeshire Regiment, arid wishes to express through him its high appreciation of the gallantry always shown by the officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the 1/lst Cambridgeshire Regiment. A resolution was also passed congratulating Pte F. Drage, 1/lst Cambridgeshire Regiment, upon the honour conferred upon him on being awarded the Military Cross.

1916 06 09 ES
2 war pensions – Isle committee first meeting
Newmarket rural tribunals – many conditional exemptions – farmers & women; include Soham, Isleham, Fordham, Burwell
Adelaide farmer fails to report – tribunals criticised
Cambridgeshire Regiment shooting competition
Wisbech rural tribunal – agriculture claims
6 Cambs appeal tribunal – Soham, Haddenham exemptions, Fordham exemptions, Isleham turf digger temporary exemption
8 right to re-appeal; Have appeal tribunals exceeded powers?

1916 06 14 Ch
Cambridge tribute to late Lord Kitchen – photos – 16 06 14a
Bottisham cottage, Ness Road, struck by lightning – photos – 16 06 14b # Y.Bot.K16 # W.12.K16
Heavy convoy of wounded from all parts of the Empire, Canada, Australia, New Zealand – 16 06 14c

1916 06 14 CIP
Cottage struck by lightning. A cottage in Bell Road, Bottisham, was considerably damaged by lightning during a storm last week. The gable end was wrecked and the lightning appears to have passed through the floor and across the downstairs room. In the room, Mrs. G. Hiner and Mrs. A. Brown, her daughter, were sitting, and the lightning passed between the two without injuring either — a remarkable escape. Considerable damage was done to the furniture in the bedroom. A singular thing was that the occurrence took place on the same day as the sad news was received of: the loss of Lord Kitchener, and a picture of the Secretary for War, which was hanging on the wall of the downstairs room, was split by the lightning.

Scout Medal. Scout Frank Keepin, Patrol Leader, Balsham, was recently awarded a medal of merit for gallantry in stopping a pair-horse wagon on the A.S.C., which was dashing unattended down the street, several children being in the way. The medal was presented at a meeting of the Cambridge Association by Professor Stanley Gardiner, District Commissioner.

Trumpington Man as Mayor.— Mr. Charles Harradine, principal verger and sub-sacrist of Lichfleld Cathedral, has accepted the unanimous invitation of the Lichfield City Council to become Mayor in succession to the late Aid. J. T. Raby, whose death took place suddenly last week. Coun. Harradine who is a native of Trumpington, filled the office of Sheriff of Lichfield in 1904 and 1905, his colleague as Mayor being Ald. D. Harrison, Vicar Choral of Lichfield Cathedral.

1916 06 16 ES
2 Ely rural tribunals – single men still loafing about; Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Mepal, Littleport, Stretham, Sutton
Ely city tribunal
5 Kitchener memorial service
War Hospital supply depot 'at home'
Position RDC members on tribunal
6 Isle War Ag Committee – notice to farmers
7 Appeal tribunals – right to re-appeal; Ely urban, Littleport, Soham
8 Ely Serg Oakey gets French medal
Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Fordham, Burwell
Soham memorial service Kitchener
Wicken Hall kia
Downham feast – Russian accused being German – trial 30th June p8
War work distribution badges
Littleport Pettiitt prisoner returns – 21 months in camp; first in batch of exchange prisoners tells of hardship
Sutton - acknowledgement of gifts, Kitchener memorial
Stretham - Kitchener memorial

1916 06 21 Ch
Suggested Open Air School; how scheme is working elsewhere – feature – 16 06 21a
New Ruston drainage pump at Cottenham – photo feature – 16 06 21b # c.28 # WKC.Cot.K16

1916 06 21 CIP
Wounded Arrive. Another heavy convoy of wounded arrived on Saturday night. The train, which steamed in about 8 o'clock, contained.107 cot cases and 93 sitting cases, 200 in all. The work was smartly carried out by Cambs. 13 V.A.D., assisted by members of Fulbourn detachment. The work was supervised by Commandant Percy Alger, and the train was unloaded in an hour and 20 minutes. # c.45.5 # c.26.2

Decorated.—Lt. Alex E. Bonham. 11th Royal Warwicks, who was when war broke out, a class master at East Road Boys' School, .has been awarded the Military Cross. Lance Corporal W. Hassock, London Rifles (who, previous to joining up was employed by Messrs. W and R. Fletcher, Ltd., Peas Hill) has been awarded the D.C.M He was attached to a machine-gun section and continued to work his gun when all his comrades had fallen

County Heroes—We are indebted to the Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire (Lieut. Col. Alan Chichester) for the following list of casualties among Cambridgeshire men since the commencement of the war. As pointed out by Col Chichester, in an accompanying letter, the heavy casualties should bring home to all the seriousness or the conflict and the need for men. It is well to remember in considering the list, that it applies only to the Administrative County of Cambridge, and not to the

Borough or the Isle of Ely. The total casualties amount to 835 of whom 222 had been killed and 30 had died of wounds. # c.45.5

Manure in Milk.—A case of considerable public importance came before the Cambridge Justices on Tuesday, when proceedings were taken against a farmer respecting dirty milk. The summons against the defendant alleged that "on the 20th May he did sell ... a certain article of food, to wit, milk . . . which . . . contained dirt, consisting of hairs, vegetable fibres and cow dung to the extent of 0.55 gr. per pint, and was not of the nature, substance and quality demanded." A fine of £5 was imposed.

1916 06 23 ES
2 North Witchford rural tribunal
Newmarket rural tribunal – Burwell cement work employee
Soldier labour – employment on agricultural work
7 war pensions
8 casualties
Ely Bennett – shell shock
Prickwillow Cross died wounds, pic
Sutton Wayman, how won DCN
Littleport Pettitt PoW details
Soham – memorial service Kitchener
Isleham Goodchild & Whitehead on leave
Littleport Jones lucky escape, bullet through pack
Downham – aeroplane forced to land due engine trouble; detained all day, many examined, 200 watched take off

1916 06 28 Ch
Serbian boys at Cambridge – 150 from six years old; pathetic story of their home leaving – 16 06 28a # c.45

1916 06 28 CIP
Lord Mayor's Visit. The Lord Mayor of London (Sir Charles Wakefield) was the chief guest at Leys School Speech Day on Friday. He delivered an address and presented the prizes.

Milton Man's Noble Death. The death occurred in France between June 2 and 5 of Pte. Walter John Froment, third son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Froment, of Milton. The deceased soldier, who met his death in a noble fashion - for he fell while dressing a fallen comrade's wounds - went to Canada in 1913. He joined the Medical section of the 2nd C.M.R. Battalion. 8th Infantry Brigade, and returning to England in October last, finished his training at Bramshott Camp, Surrey. He went to France at the beginning of this year. 16 06 28

Police Dogs. A question of some interest was raised at last Thursday's meeting of the Cambridge Town Council, when Coun. A. R. Hills sought information respecting four items in an account for the keep of dogs. These items totalled £7 14s., and were "for the keep of dogs for three months." The Town Clerk said certain members of the police force were paid so much per week for keeping certain police dogs. He believed there were four dogs and they were kept by the policemen living in outlying parts of the town. Replying to a member, the Town Clerk said the dogs were Airedales, and came from Major Richardson. Mr. Hill inquired if they were pets. The Town Clerk explained the dogs were used for police purposes at night. Mr. W. W. Rouse Ball pointed out that these were specially trained dogs. The police constables who had care of them reported that the dogs were extremely useful. They were only used in the outlying parts of the town, and gave warning to the police if anyone was skulking behind hedges, etc. They were not in any way pets, but trained dogs, which enabled a smaller force of police to do the work.16 06 28 # c.19 # c.34.7

1916 06 30 ES

2 appeal tribunal – Burwell, Isleham, Haddenham, Littleport, Stretham, Witchford, Wilburton
North Witchford tribunal
3 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Wicken, Isleham, Fordham
5 Ely – soldier fined obscene language
appeal tribunal – Ely urban, Ely rural – Mepal, Coveney, Lt Downham
conscientious objectors – Ely man – Lowe
8 no pictures of casualties
Ely Fenn gets DCM
Soham – Red Cross sale includes nose of German shell
Sutton – War Hospital supply depot – details goods despatched
Prickwillow – aeroplane crash – 'aeroplanes becoming such a common sight that few take notice; last Saturday afternoon nine flew over'
Witcham – Ely war hospital weekly collections

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1916 07 05 Ch
Lord French at Cambridge, inspects Volunteers on Parker's Piece, speech in Guildhall; history of the Volunteer movement – 16 07 05a; photos 16 07 05b # c.45.5 # T.G.K16

1916 07 05 CIP
Visit of Viscount French. Field Marshal Viscount French, Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces, visited Cambridge on Wednesday. He and his party drove from the station to Parker's Piece, where Lord French inspected the Cambridgeshire Territorials from the Administrative centre, Cambridge; the Cambridge University Training Corps and the 2nd and 5th Battalion Officer Cadet Corps. Many hundreds of inhabitants had assembled to witness the event, and a roar of cheering greeted the Field Marshal's appearance. He was received with the General Salute, and when he inspected the Cambridgeshire Territorials, he told them they belonged to a regiment in which he took the utmost interest, as he had the honour of being their Colonel. He had watched the behaviour of the 1/1st Battalion in France, and had been proud of his connection with the regiment whenever he had heard of the good work and brilliant actions they had performed in France. Before leaving, Lord French congratulated the officers and instructors on the splendid appearance of the men on parade, and said that great credit was due to them for the men's appearance, steadiness and marching (the recruits had been at the Administrative : Centre, Cambridgeshire Regiment Drill Hall, East Road, for periods varying between a few days and five weeks). The troops later formed in column and left Parker's Piece for the University Arms entrance, Lord French taking the salute. Subsequently he was entertained to dinner by the Mayor (Mr. G. Turner) at the Lion Hotel. Later he addressed a meeting at the Guildhall. # c.45.5

Histon Feast Sunday. That there was a smaller attendance than in previous years at the Histon Parade held on Feast Sunday was not a matter to be wondered at, so many Histon and Impington lads- husbands, fathers, sweethearts - having voluntarily answered the call and come forward to take their part in the titanic struggle being waged on the Continent. There was hardly a man of military age to be seen on Sunday, but the older people, and the younger, too, gave ungrudgingly in response to this annual appeal on behalf of Addenbrooke's Hospital. The parade was well organised and the officials deserve heartiest congratulation on the success of the efforts.

1916 07 07 ES
3 Ely rural tribunal – 300 applications – Lt Downham, Coveney, Wilburton, Thetford, Stretham, Sutton, Wentworth, Witcham, Witchford, Haddenham, Mepal, Littleport
Newmarket rural tribunal – several young Soham men exempted; Wicken, Isleham, Burwell
5 Mrs Greenstreet matron Ely military hospital for seven months, appointed matron larger hospital Royston. Presented with wallet & pen

War Funds Society distributes money including Ladies Recruiting and Comforts for Troops committee, established 1914 – details of work
6 Ely urban tribunal – includes Vernon Cross
8 casualties
Ely drummer Gotobed wounded
Wilburton Pte Hopkin wins Military Medal – letter & pic; wounded 14th p8
Ely Moden kia, Tingey wounded - pic
Stuntney Rev Mowbray Smith, formerly curate, under fire
Soham letters appreciation re cigarettes; Flying fund details
Isleham Webber on sick leave
Wilburton – Volunteer Training Corps shooting match

1916 07 12 Ch

1916 07 12 CIP
Big Push Casualties. -This week there was a long list of casualties or local men to record, a. not unexpected result of the Big Push, which is now progressing so satisfactorily. Large numbers of wounded have arrived at the First Eastern Hospital—as many as 460 reached Cambridge in two days— and a number of medical officers have left the hospital for service at, a daughter hospital in Egypt. # c.45.5

Hero's Father—John Cornwall, H.MS. Chester's boy hero, who stood at his post, though mortally wounded, was a member of a Cambridgeshire family. His father is a native of Bottisham Lode and is at present fighting in France. He wears the South African medal and the Egyptian Star and medal.

Golden Wedding. The following appeared in the "Sydney Morning Herald" (N.S.W.) on May 2; "Golden Wedding. — Preston-Looker. May 1, 1886, at St Mary's, Comberton, Cambridgeshire, England, by the Rev. Drew; Harvey Preston of Cambridge, England, to Lydia, third daughter of the late Mr. Edward Looker, Manor Farm, Comberton. Present address, Airlie, Herbert Street, Summer Hill."

Good News—The directors of the Gas Company give notice this week of a reduction in the price of gas, to take effect after the readings of meters for the quarter ending Midsummer, 1916. The new charge is to be 2s l0d per 1,000 cubic feet, which is a reduction on the present price of 2d. The price of gas, it will be remembered, was advanced as from Midsummer, 1915, from 2s 7d to 3s per 1,000 cubic feet, the cause of the advance being the high price of coal.

1916 07 14 ES
2 Newmarket rural tribunal – 30 Soham men exempted; Wicken, Burwell
3 Chatteris – conscientious objector; those exempted to join VTC; conscientious objector H.W. Near, 31, married, no family, draper, Society of Friends – would rather be killed than kill. The chairman said applicant ought to live in a country by himself, willing to take all the benefits of the country without doing anything for it. Applicant said could not put even his business before his conscience. Allowed till October 11th
5 "This is War Savings Week" advert
Ely Military Hospital reopened after cleaning; 14 patients arrive by 5.20 train & drive in motor cars to Silver Street
Russian bed fund – establish and Ely bed in Petrograd Hospital
6 North Witchford rural tribunal
7 Ely appeal tribunal
8 heavy casualties Cambridgeshire men – wounded very numerous – list
Ely
Littleport Sallis died wounded – both legs cut off;
Butcher wounded - received postcard

Soham fourteen wounded – brief details; all but3 11th Suffolks - Fuller, Coulson, West (2), Gammon, Bailey, Murfitt, Audus, Challis, Badcock (2), Peacock, Johnson, Preston, Woodruffe, Sizer, Isaccson
Prickwillow – men suffer severely
Lee letter home –'it was murder', pic 21 p8, Preston wounded, Watts wounded – letter, Norman, Palmer, White
Haddenham Hostler kia
Wilburton Hopkin wounded, previously Military Medal
Stuntney West kia – details & pic 21st p8
Prisoners worse off, no parcels get through; stop sending the
Downham – 2 epidemics – bronchial affections & war exemptions for children
Prickwillow – news from troops
Isleham, leave Curtis & Fuller (2), Houghton wounded, Balls wounded

1916 07 19 Ch
100th ambulance train arrives – 15 07 19a # c.21.4 # c.45.5
Tipperary Club roll of honour, Fitzroy Hall, Wellington Street – names – 16 07 19b; photo of unveiling – 16 07 26a # c.45.5
Tribunal includes Gas Company; H.J. Gray men on war work 16 07 19b
Cambridgeshire men who have fought and fell: photos of: Swift, Ingle, Hatterseley, Pryor, Bendall, Willis, Marsh, Dockerill, Rose, Johnson, Newman, Pearman, Richmond, Huyler, Renshaw, Goody, Stearn, Ellis, Chapman, Robinson, Barber, White, Benstead, Richmond, Ellis, Cousins, Lack, Smart, Monk, Foreman, King, Gifford – 16 07 19c # c.45.5
Police group photo, names – 16 07 19d # T.H.K16

1916 07 19 CIP
Another Heavy List Of Casualties. - Many additional casualties - the price which must be paid for all great victories - among Cambs. men at the Front, has come to hand during the past week. Mingled, however, with the expression of deep sympathy with the relatives of those who have fallen and the earnest hope for the recovery of the wounded, is a feeling of great pride in our gallant county lads and their valiant conduct in the Great Push. Fearlessly "and in a storm of shell, rifle bullets and machine gun bullets" to use the words of one of them - the lads of Cambridgeshire leaped out of their trenches when the word was given in the early hours of the morning of July 1. Many fell, but "most of the boys got there and gloriously did they acquit themselves". Town and county have cause to be proud of the part played by their sons on this memorable July morning. And before then, too, and since. In addition to the local casualties published last week, further casualties include five killed in action (including Capt. the. Hon. Roland E. Phillips, Royal Fusiliers, only surviving son of Lord St. Davids), six died of wounds, one missing believed killed, four missing, including Capt. G. W. Deighton, son of Dr. Deighton, of Hills Road, Cambridge and over 40 wounded.

New Theatre's Coming Of Age. Our musical and dramatic correspondent, "Onlooker," writes: The 21st annual meeting of the shareholders of the New Theatre Co, Ltd. will be held on Friday next, and it is gratifying to note that at the "coming of age" gathering of the company, the veteran managing director (Mr. W. B. Redfern) will be able to present a highly satisfactory balance sheet. Twenty-one years of theatrical enterprise will, naturally, to a very great degree, reflect the history of the town during this period and incidentally go a long way to prove the fact that consistent and well-directed effort invariably succeeds.

1916 07 21 ES
2 Soham Badcock kia, pic p8, Murfitt kia pic p8
Littleport Sallis dies wounds, his poem, pic p8
Newmarket rural tribunal, Soham, Fordham, Isleham, Wicken, Burwell, Swaffham
3 Wisbech rural tribunal – 400 applications
4 Ely cinema – 'An insult to the flag' – patriotic drama
farmers to apply for soldier labour – advert

5 Ely war hospital supply depot needs workers
French wounded – letter of thanks
Cambridgeshire appeal tribunal, Isleham, Soham
Ely rural tribunal – many exemptions, 'thoroughly considered by Advisory Committee'; Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Lt Thetford, Wilburton, Witcham, Witchford
6 'Sunday Schools as munitions factories' – lecture
'War costing £6 million a day'
8 more casualties – list & pic
Ely Stockdale missing – pic
Stuntney
Sutton –aeroplane descent
Isleham on leave Cornwell, Brown (2), Talbot, Fleet

1916 07 26 Ch
Cambridgeshire men who fought and fell: photos of: Golding, Butler, Brown (4 from one family), Bird, Upchurch, Osborne, Parsons, Skipper, Martin, Mansfield, Martin, Holmes, Osborn, Fallowes, Flood – 16 07 26b # c.45.5
New Theatre's coming of age; Ald W.B. Refern's unique record – feature – 16 07 26c # c.76
Clifford Allbutt – biog – 16 07 26c
Grange Farm stack set alight by lightning – 16 07 26d
Bushel Anningson, Medical Officer of Health - port, obituary – 16 07 26e, f # c.21.1 # c.35.7

1916 07 26 CIP
Stationmaster Honoured. – All Cambridge will join in extending heartiest congratulations to Mr. A. Peacocke, the new stationmaster at Cambridge, upon the honour conferred upon him by His Majesty the King, who has graciously awarded him the Royal Victorian Medal in recognition of long and faithful personal service rendered during the period he was travelling inspector in charge of the Royal train on the G.E.R's system. Although Mr. Peacocke only took over the duties of stationmaster at Cambridge at the beginning of the present month, he was well-known in the town, having, up to two years ago, resided in Mill Road for upwards of 15 years. The presentation was made at Buckingham Palace last Friday.

Heroic Officer. Cambridge has sustained some heavy losses during the present month, and prominent among them has been the death, through wounds, of Captain Robert W. Michell, R.A.M.C., better known to Cambridge people as Dr. Michell, he having been in practice here for some years, occupying premises in Trinity Street, nearly opposite Caius College, of which he was a member. An accomplished oarsman, he was in much request as a rowing coach. Every afternoon during Term he was to be met down the river advising either the crews of his own college or others, for Dr. Michell was always ready to give instruction to those who wished for it. He possessed a charming personality and was extremely popular with everyone who frequented the riverside. His death occurred in a private nursing home in London on Wednesday last from wounds received at the Front on July 3. Capt. Michell was wounded whilst performing an act of great gallantry, for which, we understand, he had been recommended the Victoria Cross. 16 07 26 # c.45.5

New Vicar of Grantchester. The living of Grantchester (patrons, Corpus Christi College) has been offered to the Rev. W. R. Harrison, Rector of Shelfanger, Diss, who has accepted the appointment. Mr. Harrison, who was a Mawson Scholar of Corpus Christi, held curacies at Portsea, Stradfteldsaye and Byfleet. The living of Grantchester has been vacant since Easter, when the Rev. M.J. Sutton, who was Vicar for over 12 years, resigned on account of ill-health

1916 07 28 ES
3 Ely Rural tribunal – Coveney, Downham, Mepal, Sutton, Witchford, Haddenham, Littleport, Stretham, Thetford, Wilburton, Witcham

Newmarket rural – Cole Ambrose & his men – a few recruit
5 Littleport – hospitals £178 raised
Ely – seats for wounded soldiers
6 Ely urban tribunal – over 100 applications
7 Appeal tribunal
Chatteris – conscientious = Near, willing do work Friends Ambulance Unit; a Friend since 1895, sincere in views; 'what would you do if Germans attacked wife?' 'would not kill him'; exemption provided joined Ambulance unit
8 man more killed & wounded – list
Ely
Littleport Glover kia, pic 4th p8, Woods missing, pic 4th p8, Fyson died wounds, Cross kia
Soham Challis died pneumonia – pic
Sutton Marshall mentioned despatches, kia – Dardanelles – pic
Downham Missin kia, pic 4th p8
Prickwillow Norman 'sick'
Isleham Houghton died wounds
Territorial Association meeting

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1916 08 02
VTC leave from Market for march to Trumpington – photo – 16 08 02a # T.G.
Cambridgeshire men who fought and fell: photos of : Lowings, Townsend, Taylor, Nightingale, Thompson, Baker, Coote – 16 08 02b

1916 08 02 CIP
Dog's Tea. A certain person was having tea in the garden (at Eversden) when an aeroplane attracted her attention. When she returned it was to find a neighbour's dog had run off with the contents of her plate.

An Unpleasant Visitor. A somewhat unusual visitor put in an appearance at the house of Miss E. Chivers, of Cottenham Road, Histon, on Friday afternoon in the form of a snake. It was over three feet long, and appears to have been in the house for some time before it was noticed and its discovery caused a mild sensation in the house. It was, however, ejected before any damage was done.

Runaway Horse. Female workers from Chivers' fruit farms in a lorry had an alarming experience corning through Milton on Monday evening. The horse bolted and went about a mile before being pulled up. A Mrs. Benstead, of Horningsea, who jumped off the lorry and sustained rather severe injuries, was unconscious for some time. Mr. Scriven, who was passing, took her in his sidecar to Dr. Robson's, where she received attention and was conveyed home.

Plucky Rescue, — A very commendable act was performed by Mr. S. J. Dunn, of Aylestone Road, Cambridge last week. A young child, named Dora Clark, whose parents live in De Freville Avenue, was playing on the river bank when she fell into the water. Hearing cries for help, Mr. Dunn, who was in the neighbourhood, ran to the spot, and at once plunged in to the rescue. He succeeded in reaching the child, and brought her safely to the bank, losing his pocket book, eyeglasses and fountain, pen while in the water.

Another Son Lost. — Mrs. Chapman of Shelford, has received news that he son, Pte. A. Chapman (Suffolk Regiment) has been killed in action. This is the second son Mrs. Chapman, has lost during the war, and a third son is reported missing.

1916 08 04 ES

5 Zeppelin raid on Cambridgeshire; raider heard approaching some little time before three incendiary bombs dropped which burned brightly & lit up neighbourhood, but the two explosive bombs bell in hedge & potato field – each made hole four feet deep, 12' diameter; no damage except cracked windows. Another raid England, anti-aircraft guns in action & one ship hit – the L11

casualties

Ely	Royston died wounds
Littleport	Pledger killed Gallipoli
Stretham	Baxter killed

6 Littleport Cross kia, pic p8

7 appeal tribunal – Littleport, Stretham, other local

8 Newmarket rural tribunal

Soham Leonard home after treatment wounds eyes; appreciation letter from front

Haddenham – aeroplane descent, Orris Brown field, airman in distress; trophy left behind – tyre fell in crowd

1916 08 09 Ch
Rev Harry Ellis, Vicar of Lode suicide – inquest – 16 08 09a
Casualties photos: Billing, Redrup, Wilderspin, Wheston, Wick, Johnson, Hancock, Barker, Brand, Cooke, Taylor – 16 08 09b
Visit of King, watches cadets, visits Trinity cadets, 1st Eastern 16 08 09d – photos – 16 08 09c # c.02

1916 08 09 CIP
General Closing Order Suggested - A very large number of shopkeepers have expressed a wish that a general closing order should be made compelling all shops to close at 1 p.m. on Thursdays, states Mr. J. H. Phillips, Inspector in the Borough of Cambridge, under the Shops Acts, in the course of his annual report. He adds: "In the opinion of many, of those who are responsible for the Acts being carried out, considerable amendment is required. A committee of the Incorporated Society of Inspectors of Weights and Measures has given the matter very careful consideration, and drawn up suggested amendments, which have been filed until after the war or until a more favourable legislative outlook presents itself.

Pathos. — Considerable pathos attaches to the death of Pte. W. Brand, of Sawston (Suffolk Regt,). He was killed in action (in France) on July 7, and the bullet which ended his life perforated a photograph of his two children which he carried with him.

King's private tour. His Majesty the King crowded a good deal into a short stay at Cambridge last Thursday. The visit being of a private character, there was little public demonstration of any sort. Few townspeople apparently knew the King was coming, and fewer still were aware of the time of his arrival. The objects of His Majesty's Visit, were to inspect the various military units in the town and to visit the 1st Eastern General Hospital, where so many of his : brave soldiers, wounded in the recent fighting, are being nursed back to health. His Majesty evinced the keenest interest in everything he saw at the hospital, and stayed for a moment or so by the side of many a wounded hero, with a thoughtful inquiry as to progress and with a wish for recovery. The King's stay in Cambridge lasted exactly 2 ¾ hours. His Majesty was in khaki, and looked fit and well. 16 08 09 # c.45.4 # c.02

1916 08 11 ES

2 North Witchford tribunal

Wisbech rural tribunal

Ely Cathedral war anniversary service

Newmarket rural tribunal – Isleham, Fordham, Soham

5 casualties list

Littleport	Furnell wounded, pic 11th p8
Stretham	Baxter official notification, Constable wounded
Soham	Papworth kia, pic 8th p8, King kia, pic 8th p8, Gilby kia, pic 8th p8
Ely	Covill, Military Medal

Soldier labour for harvest, 27,000 soldiers allocated

6 Zeppelin raid on Cambridgeshire – 'this way to Zeppelin pits, admission 3d' said town constable at gate field – enormous queue – farmer's wife sat at table counting money & in centre top explosive bomb; pub closed as beer all drunk. Guided through trampled potato parch to field of oats & pit just deep enough for children to play hide & seek. 20 yards further on another. One cow struck by fragments of metal & needed vet. Had seen zeppelin before & had good warning but most went to bed. Half-hour after midnight heard faint buzz of engine, then incendiary on edge of ditch causing fire … then two explosive bombs & two more incendiaries fell on meadow land. Airship came from SE hovered for few minutes, described a circle & made off NE. Station master showed in office an incendiary bomb, structure intact & little damaged – said saw airship from station platform – thin black pencil in starry sky, was much brighter than last Zeppelin & thinks improved silencers in engines as noise faint. Felt quite helpless. Incendiary bombs each made big blaze. Just after bombs dropped a mist came up & saw northing more of airship

soldiers for harvest – wage rates

7 Ely war hero's funeral Royston

8 Cambridgeshire Regiment changes – Major Archer transferred reserves

Appeal tribunal, Ely, Downham

Littleport church death march in hour of Ellis, Blunt etc

Soham pulpit reference to war & memorial service fallen

Isleham Cornwell missing

Isleham aeroplane descent, East Fen Drove, soon left

Littleport Missin missing – pic

Mepal Giddens wounded – pic

1916 08 16 Ch

Tribunal includes: Macintosh applies for cutler and grinder; Sturton St grocery stores; Higher Grade School master; Roff, grocer and furniture dealer St Philip's Rd; Verlander of Fitzroy St, china dealer; Histon Road cemetery curator; Saints garage; Cambridge Brick Company; Panton Brewery; Fabb & Tyler; 16 08 16a

Men who fought and fell; photos of: Staples, Fox, Bester, Smith, Fairweather, White, Carter, Farrow, Cornwell, Free, Carpenter, Newman, Sanderson, Worland, Thompson 16 09 16b

Serbian boys at Clayhithe: photo – 16 08 16c

1916 08 16 CIP

New Vicar. - The patrons (Christ's College, Cambridge) have offered the living of Fen Drayton, vacated by the appointment of the Rev. E. Young to the combined livings of Toft and Caldecote, to the Rev. A. S. Senior, formerly curate at Great Driffield, Yorks. who has accepted the appointment.

Stack Fire. On Saturday, shortly before 8 a.m., a haystack, the produce of 30 acres, on Mr. H. Gardner's premises, Church Hall, Wood Ditton, was found to be on fire. Mr. Gardner, with all the assistance that could be mustered, set to work at once to prevent the flames spreading to adjoining stacks and this effort was happily successful. The Newmarket Rural District Fire Brigade (under Foreman R. Forrester) arrived in good time, and succeeded in extinguishing the flames, but practically the whole of the stack was destroyed or rendered useless. The cause of the fire was overheating. Supt. Winter and the local constables attended. 16 08 16

Safe Journey. — Members of the 1st Eastern General Hospital (Cambridge) staff, who volunteered for foreign service, have arrived safely at Salonica. A cablegram states: "All well after splendid voyage." # c.45.5

Departure of a Local Minister. — The Rev. F. H. Watkin-Jones, who for the past three years has been in charge of the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Romsey Town. Cambridge, has been appointed to Hassle. Hull. Mr. Watkin-Jones left Cambridge this week for Chester, where he is to be married today (Wednesday). His place at Cambridge will be filled by the Rev. G. W. Alway, or Norwich.

Brothers Killed. — Two brothers, Pte. Harry Worland and Pte. Herbert Worland, of the Suffolk Regt, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Worland, of Cottenham, both fell in the war on July 1. Another brother was killed last December and another is lying wounded in hospital.

Golden Wedding. — Mr. and Mrs. C, P. Allix, of Swaffham Prior House, celebrated their golden wedding on August 2.

1916 08 18 ES
5 Ely surprise no military honours at funeral Royston; gifts for soldiers – letter thanks for clean clothes; letter from South Africa – Negus
Ely rural tribunal – exemptions young single men; Mepal, Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Sutton, Wilburton
Ely urban tribunal
Chatteris tribunal – exemptions
6 many more casualties
Ely Drake kia, Jugg military medal, Gent - hospital
Soham, four more Clements k, pic p8, Bailey, pic p8 & obit, Leonard pic p8, Cook pic p8
7 North Witchford Tribunal
8 casualties – long lost
Ely
Littleport Thornhill missing, Rayner, w. pic 25th p8, Johnson w
Wilburton Hopkins w, Sulman w,
Sutton Wright kia, pic
Littleport Freazer kia, pic
Soham Edwards – letter

1916 08 23 Ch
captured German aeroplane presented to Engineering Laboratory – 16 08 23a # c.45.5 # c.26.1
tribunal; includes: Co-operative Society; conscientious objectors; Whybro & Walker; Vinter coal merchants; Dog & Pheasant landlord; master of School House, Pound Hill; Ortona; Robert C Brown, oil & hardware; Scudamore boat maker; 16 08 23b
casualties photos: Clark, Laurence, Peachey, Button, Buttress, Cooper, Allgood, Carter, Bissett, Darnwell, Goodhall, Preston, Barclay, Cornwell – 16 08 23c

1916 08 23 CIP
Captured German Plane. There arrived in Cambridge on Thursday last a captured German aeroplane of the Albatross type, the gift of the Government to the University. When the aeroplane is erected it is to be housed in the Engineering Laboratories. Just at the moment, however, the staff is too busy to take this work in hand. It is hoped to have it in its place in the laboratories in October, when we believe it is intended to make a small charge at first to view this interesting trophy of the war, for the benefit of the Red Cross, or some other war funds, the machine, of course, is to remain in Cambridge as the property of the university. All the parts are here and the machine appears to be in good condition. # c.45.5 # c.26.1

Mill Road Cemetery, — A few weeks ago (says the writer of Town and Country topics) we called attention to the lamentable condition of a considerable part of the Mill Road Cemetery. We have abstained so far from further comment in the hope that it might be rendered unnecessary by some attempt being made to effect an improvement, but as nothing whatever has been done, we must point out that the part referred to is under the jurisdiction of the parish of Christ Church. The present state of things must have escaped the observation of the persons concerned. The whole area is a howling wilderness with grass reaching to a tall man's waist and we cannot think that the parish is content to let things bide as they are. We appreciate the labour and other difficulties which have to be

encountered at this time and we are prepared to make reasonable allowances, but the present state of things in the Christ Church portion of Mill Road Cemetery is past all excuse. # c.21.2

1916 08 25 ES
3 'sweated women war workers', Wisbech
5 Ely more wounded arrive, hospital extended into Theological College; 15 wounded soldiers – now 30 receiving treatment in Ely
6 casualties – another big list
Ely Lee, policeman, w, Stockdale, Lieut, now d, Beer missing
Doddington
Littleport lady's voluntary work – Miss Heygate at YMCA hut near Paddington

1916 08 30 Ch
death Major Albert Julian Pell of Wilburton Manor, instructor of musketry – 16 08 30a photo – 16 08 30c
casualties photos: Jarvis, Kitson, Pearson, Rickwood, Newling, Livermore, Barlow, Blunt, Langford, Edwards, Miller, Thorner, Arnold, Bowles, Clark, Brawn, Howard – 16 08 30b
Highworth Estate tithe charge dispute – 16 08 30d
The military cyclist: Cambridge pioneers of the past and present – feature – 16 08 30d # c.45.5 # c.45.4 # c.26.485

1916 08 30 CIP
Death of Major A. J. Pell. The death occurred suddenly on Monday at Tattenham, near Chester, where he was officiating as instructor of musketry, of Major Albert Julian Pell, J.P., of Wilburton Manor. Major Pell had a long record of public service in the County and the Isle of Ely, in which he had resided since 1891. At the time of his death he was holding the office of chairman of the Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions, vice-chairman of the County Council of the Isle of Ely, chairman of the Fulbourn Asylum Visitors, chairman of the Haddenham Level Commissioners, chair of the Grunty Fen Drainage Committee, chairman of the General Committee of the Governors of Addenbrooke's Hospital, vice-chairman of the Territorial Force Association, a Deputy Lieutenant of the County and Lord of the Manor of Wilburton. He was High Sheriff in 1909. He was called to the Bar of Lincoln's Inn in 1890.

New Catholic Church at Royston. Between 400 and 500 people attended the ceremony on Saturday of the blessing of the foundation stone of the new Catholic Church at Royston, which is being erected on the Melbourn Road. The ceremony was an interesting and impressive one and one that has not been witnessed since the 12th century, about which time the Priory Church was built. The new church, which .is cruciform in design, is being built in the Renaissance style and is situate in the Park Paddock, on the Melbourn Road. The Park House and grounds and the adjoining house and residence have been acquired and are being adapted as a convent. The Sisters of Providence, who have been in the town about four years, use the Park House as an educational establishment and another Close Order of Sisters will be in the house in the adjoining grounds. The ceremony of the blessing of the stone was performed in brilliant weather by Cardinal Bourne.

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1916 09 01 ES
5 Fordham Pryke kia
Thetford Dewsbury wounded, pic p8
Stretham Wesley kia, pic 16th p8
6 casualties
Stuntney Mayle kia
Ely roll of honour, killed or wounded
Zeppelin raid on coast
8 Ely lighting prosecutions

Oxlode Powers wounded
Sutton war hospital supply depot
Haddenham Whetstone wounded
Haddenham - Aeroplane descends storm, 3rd recently landed
Prickwillow White missing, presumed d
Littleport volunteer force formed
Ely Lee wounded, pic
Little Ouse Bendle wounded, pic

1916 09 06 Ch
Zeppelin raid – Cambridge received warning that enemy airships had crossed the coast but undisturbed by the sound of their engines; airman who shot one down awarded VC – 16 09 06a
Cambs men who fell; photos: Johnson, Talbot, Huckle, Rowney; Kirkup sons – 16 09 06b
Newly commissioned officers in Trinity dining room – photo – 16 09 06c # E.T.K16 # T.G.K16

1916 09 06 CIP
Jolly Tars. Although a very large number of local men have joined up with the Forces since the war, very few appear to have become sailors. Recently, however, two local (Histon) lads have become "jolly tars". The first is Bert Diver, who not long: ago left the village, and is now on his first voyage, his ship being bound for the West Indies. The other "tar" is Bert Sneesby, who left on Tuesday last. Although not a native of Histon, he has lived in the village for a considerable time and was employed as a clerk at Messrs. Chivers.

Accident. A serious accident occurred to George Benstead, a (Great Shelford) lad of six years. He was walking beside a wagon in Mr. Wright's field and stumbled and .fell, the wheel passing over his arm, breaking it in three places. He also hurt his ankle, the shoe being torn off his foot. Dr Magoris was called in, and sent the boy to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he is progressing slowly.

Killed in action. Capt. J. V. Byrne-Johnson has been killed in action. Coming from Charterhouse to Clare College, Cambridge where he took his B.A., he became secretary of the University Athletic Club. He developed into a first class long-distance runner, and created a surprise in 1914 by doing the three miles in 14 min. 54-4.5 sec, beating J. K. Bousfield, who was considered to have an excellent chance of winning. This time was the fastest recorded at Cambridge for a number of years, and Byrne-Johnson was given his Blue. At the outbreak of war he was a member of the University O.T.C., and obtained a commission in the Rifle Brigade, getting his captaincy last autumn. Later he was appointed adjutant of his battalion. He was mentioned in dispatches.

1916 09 08 ES
3 Littleport volunteers, elect secretary & committee
Ely – Lee poem ‘Great Adventure’
Casualties
Manea Hill kia, pic p8
Ely Pamment awarded DCM, pic p8
‘rats as big as terrier dogs’ letter
Wilburton Alsop brothers one killed, one wounded pic 15th p8
Ely lighting – enforcement still necessary
Thetford Gent visited in hospital
Soham wounded soldiers concert
6 Zeppelin shot down near London, 13 attacked; another damaged; gondola found in East Anglia
8 casualties list
Stretham Constable kia, pic 15th p8
Oxlode Pearson missing
Soham thanks from front

Wicken on leave Beane, Bailey
Isleham on leave Cornwell wounded
Isleham - Prisoners of war parcels, meeting, collection
Littleport Volunteers first drill in Public Hall, Band starts fund assist wives visit wounded sons
Downham school given pictures Kitchener & Jellicoe

1916 09 13Ch
Orwell works closed during war – Cundall Folding Machine Co – 16 09 13a
Heroes all: photos – Wilson, Alsop, Runham, Sutherland, Mowlam, Brown, Fordham, Brown, Monk; three sons out of five of Madingley family Saxon killed – 16 09 13b

1916 09 13 CIP
Adopted from Germany. What has induced our working class women in Cambridge to dress their hair with the Gretchen braid plaited over their heads? This is entirely a German fashion, and one would have thought German fashions were out of favour, particularly with women. It has simplicity to recommend it, and it is becoming to a certain type of beauty, but it is a German style, and we do not wish to copy German ways of doing things. Surely our women can find some different manner of doing their hair. The adoption of the fashion at this moment is another illustration of the insinuating way in which German ideas are spread amongst the people of this country. # c.45.5

Vicar of Impington Resigns. During the afternoon service at Impington Parish Church on Sunday, the Vicar (the Rev. Dennis Hall) announced that the harvest festival would be held on the last Sunday in this month, and owing to the lighting restrictions, it would be held in the afternoon. He trusted the church would be decorated in the same manner this year as in past years. On this occasion, the Vicar said, it would be the last time he would occupy that pulpit as their Vicar. The Rev. Dennis Hall, who resides at Newnham, Cam-bridge, has been Vicar of Impington since 1882. He was formerly curate of Stow-cum-Quy. He is Honorary Assistant Under Librarian of the Cambridge University Library. A very good amateur carpenter, one of the first things Mr. Hall did at Impington was to buy a small organ from a parish church in Leicestershire, enlarge it, and fit it up in the church entirely by himself. He has evinced a keen interest in music, and himself possessed a fine tenor voice. The living is in the gift of the Archdeacon of Ely. 16 09 13

Presentation to Schoolmistress. On Thursday evening the parishioners of Little Wilbraham met together in the school to show their regard and esteem for Miss. Taylor, headmistress, by presenting her with a very pretty pompadour tea service and tray to mark the occasion of her approaching marriage. The Rector (the Rev. S. Streeten), in a suitable speech, presented the gift, and also a purse of money from the school managers. Mrs. Streeten, on behalf of the schoolchildren, presented Miss F Taylor with two large blue and white china fern bowls

1916 09 15 ES

2	war pensions – Isle committee meet	
5	Ely man, Dimmock, appointed Commandant Mitcham Hospital	
	Chatteris - airship passed over	
6	casualties	
	Ely	
	Downham	Jefferson wounded
8	Ely	Dr Harris' son kia
	Stretham	Bullman kia, pic 22nd p8
	Prickwillow	Lambert kia, Stearman wounded, White details, Bonnett wounded again
	Haddenham	Lown wounded, pic 22nd p8
	Downham	Hobbs wounded, pic 22nd p8, Green, Smith in hospital

Littleport Titchmarsh wounded, letter from chaplain, pic 22nd p8, Stute wounded pic 22nd p8
Ely Fielding Military Medal
March tribunal – military press for businessmen
Soham blind soldier makes collecting box
Wicken soldiers from Fordham military hospital visit
Isleham on leave Balls, Cornwell, Smith, Owers
Soham Prike kia

1916 09 20 Ch
Heroes: photos – Banyard, Anable, Gifford, Robert Wilson of Trumpington, Few, Porter, Nunn, King

1916 09 20a
Mrs Kidman, Giron widow, has six sons serving – 16 09 20b
Cherry Hinton soldier's funeral – Monk – photos – 16 09 20b

1916 09 20 CIP
Lights Out. The more we gain experience from others as well as ourselves the more we are able to appreciate the soundness of darkened streets and windows as, a precaution against Zeppelin attacks. There is little doubt that we have been helped in our time of peril by the obscurity which has been carefully and wisely prepared, and instead of being censured or railed at, all the people who have been concerned in enforcing the lighting regulations ought to be regarded as public benefactors, and made much of. The little personal inconvenience which has resulted from these precautions is nothing compared with the strain and anxiety which would be passed through under an actual raid. Some Cambridge people have had this unpleasant experience, and will be able to render public services by telling their irritable friends what a raid is really like, and warning them of the probable consequences to themselves and their neighbours of disregarding regulations framed really for their safety, and not, as so many of them profess to believe merely of their, annoyance. The writer has seen at a number of places in East Anglia the results of Zeppelin bombing, when the raiders, by accident, have managed to hit a building, usually some humble cottage, and can assure readers that such results are no trifling matters, whilst the shock to nervous people is lamentable. So we hope that in place of grumblings at the powers that be we shall all do our best during the coming .long dark nights loyally and wholeheartedly to second the efforts of those who are trying to protect Cambridge from aerial assault, and to safeguard the lives and limbs of their fellow townsmen. # c.45.5

Six Sons in Forces. Mrs. Harriet Kidman, a widow of High Street, Girton, has six sons serving in H.M. Forces. They are Pte. Frederick Kitson Kidman, 10th Suffolks; Pte, Alfred Wilfred Kidman, 11th Suffolks, wounded in the left ankle by a bullet and now at the 1st Eastern General Hospital; Pte. Jesse Kidman, West Kents; Pte. Isaac Kidman. 2nd Suffolks, who had two ribs broken in consequence of being buried by the explosion of a shell; Pte, Harry Richard Kidman, 11th Suffolks; Pte. George Kidman, 1st Cheshire Regt. wounded in the right thigh and foot and now in a convalescent home in Wales. 16 09 20

1916 09 22 ES
2 appeals tribunal, Burwell
3 Wisbech Borough tribunal
British graves in France – how they will be looked after
6 fear of the new 'tanks'
casualties – Ely
8 Ely – six seats for wounded soldiers
casualties list
Soham Powson, Mann, Lockwood k; pic p8
Prickwillow Gage died wounds, pic 6th p8
Coveney Coulson missing, pic 6th p8
Littleport Thornhill prisoner, Thompson kia, pic 6th p8

Manea Mason military medal
Ely Jones military medal
Downham news of Green, Moxon, Wright

1916 09 27 Ch
heroes – photos: Tyler, Whitehead, Kent, Watts, Chanter, Christmas, Northfield, Hines, Newman – 16 09 27a
tribunal – includes: conscientious objectors; Palmer, hatter, Petty Cury; Stockbridge, antique dealer; Ellis Merry, mail contractor; University Library assistant in charge of periodicals and binding – still obtained from Germany - 16 09 27b

1916 09 27 CIP
New Mayor.—The choice of the Conservative members of the Cambridge Town Council, with whom the nomination of this year's Mayor rests, has fallen upon Coun. Lt. Col. B. W. Beales. He has consented to accept the nomination. In order to secure a unanimous vote of November 9 the nomination will have to be assented to by the Liberal members of the Council, and there is no doubt whatever that the approval will be forthcoming, and that the Town and University will welcome heartily the appointment of Coun. Beales to be Mayer of Cambridge. Coun. Barnet Wm Beales is the son of a late Alderman of the Borough, who, like himself, was a Volunteer officer and also a Freemason. The Mayor-nominee was elected on the Council as a representative of the Market Ward in November, 1903, and is the second senior Conservative councillor. He is Chairman of the Fire Brigade Committee and this year was elected a bailiff of the Borough on the elevation of Mr. Owen to the aldermanic bench. He is also a member of the County Council and churchman, and has been churchwarden of All Saints. But he is best known to the general public as a former Volunteer and Territorial officer. Entering the Cambridge Volunteer Corps as a private, he finished up by commanding the 1st Cambridgeshire Territorial Battalion and retired a few years before the war with the rank of Lt. Col. He is a member of the Territorial Force Association and of the War Pensions Committee.

Death of Mr. C.T. Holt. The death took place yesterday (Tuesday) morning of Mr. Cuthbert Thomas Holt, the well-known leather merchant of 64 Sidney Street, Cambridge. Although of a. quiet and retiring disposition, the late Mr. C. T. Holt was particularly well-known throughout the district, and was a man greatly respected and esteemed. A son of the late Mr. Henry Holt, the deceased gentleman was born in Cambridge 72 years ago, and succeeded his father in the business in 1888. This he carried on until his death, with the assistance of two of his sons. For several years he was an overseer for the Borough. He was a regular worshipper at Holy Trinity Church and for 14 years held the position of churchwarden. 16 09 27

1916 09 29 ES
2 appeal tribunal, Wisbech conscientious objector
Newmarket rural
Ely rural – Sutton, Lt Downham, Littleport
Ely urban
3 Ely urban tribunal – tradesmen
Ely rural tribunal – Coveney, Haddenham, Lt Downham, Wilburton, Littleport, Sutton, Stretham, Witcham, Witchford
Sutton farmer employs unexempted men – 1st case under new act
5 editorial – Zeppelin raids ineffective
deserters hiding Chettisham
procuring beer for soldiers
Littleport deserter
6 Zeppelin raid details (not Cambs)
8 casualties list
Ely

Adelaide Gathercole kia
Soham Turner, Hitch wounded, pic 13th p8
Downham Hull wounded
Stuntney Moden died wounds
Isleham Taylor on leave
Littleport debate whether to have a Feast next year
Downham Carter in hospital
Sutton Pte Herbert Law military funeral
Stuntney church 'war corner' gets extra photo

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1916 10 04 Ch
tribunal; includes: Bodger for book keeper; Eaden Lilley – 118 men have joined up; Cambridge Automobile Co making parts of motor lorries for carrying flying machines; Stearn for photographic operator & dark room developer

1916 10 04 CIP
October as Usual. October opened as usual at Cambridge. Whatever other accompaniments of the beginning of the academic year may have been absent from the commencement of the present week, the weather was faithful to traditions, and offered the usual damp and dismal welcome to newcomers to the University. Many a Cambridge man in the past has had his early enthusiasms chilled by our uncongenial climate, but has stayed on to become a devoted son Of Alma Mater, and to realise that though external circumstances may minister to one's happiness, they can neither altogether make it or mar it, and that the great charm of Cambridge is its internal associations. It is to be feared that Freshmen this year will be fewer even than the diminished numbers of last-year, but few or many, we extend to them a cordial greeting, and the heartiest wishes that their stay with us may be pleasant and profitable.

Killed in action. We are pleased to say that our local casualty list is the shortest we have been able to publish for some time past, but regret to have to record the death of Lt. Edward Spearing, son of Mr. James Spearing (of the firm of Messrs. Eaden, Spearing and Raynes. solicitor, Cambridge) and Mrs. Spearing, Troodos, Great Shelford. Great sympathy will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Spearing in the loss of their only son, who promised in due course to achieve considerable success in local legal circles.

Won D.C.M. Another Cambridge man to win battlefield honours is Company Sergeant Major Wm. North, of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, who has been awarded the D.C.M. for bravery, having crawled to the German trenches and carried his Company officer, who was badly wounded, back to our trenches. Having done up his wounds he gallantly went back and led his company to the attack. C.S.M. North enlisted in the Regular Army in 1912 at the age of 18. He was formerly in the employ of Messrs. Headly and Edwards, Newmarket Road, Cambridge, and has been in France and Belgium for two years. He is well-known in Cambridge.

1916 10 06 ES
2 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Fordham, Wicken
letter re cycle lights during blackout
3 comforts for soldiers – renewed appeal, list garments
5 casualties list
Ely
Mepal Pearson w. pic 13th p8
Witchford Adeane w. pic 20th p8
Littleport Crabb d.w. pic 20th p8, Knightall kia pic 13th p8
Soham Mann m., brother d.w, two others serving, pic 13th p8; Reeve m

6 Zeppelins – 4th brought down, fell in Essex
7 North Witchford tribunal
8 Soham women workers earn 18/- to £1 per week, scaremongering re zeppelins
Littleport mother help visit wounded son
Stuntney Taylor has fever, Macedonia, Burns promoted corporal
Prickwillow news Taylor, Edwards, Stearman pic 20th p8, Taylor, Lee
Soham volunteers – plain speaking a public meeting, men who rest behind their exemptions
Chettisham volunteers inspected
Advert Sunlight Soap – reduce price due navy
Women workers series - cocoa

1916 10 11 Ch
Casualties; includes Cherry Hinton soldiers killed by shell fire; Girton men in the Great Fight; suffering from gas poisoning
death Alfred Paget Humphry, deputy Lieutenant … fame as a rifle shot; fired from tower of Pitt Press aiming at the targets on University range at Backs of colleges; won Queen's Prize at Wimbledon; represented England etc 16 10 11a # c.38 : shooting
Stourbridge Fair one of the has beens: some memories of its busy days 16 10 11b # c.27.3
Pratt & co, tailor established 1865, 28 Trinity Street premises have been refurbished – 16 10 11c
Heroes: photos of Smith, Anderson, Pattern, Young, Ingle, Brown, Long, Hopkins, Parr, Knightley – 16 10 11d
Great Eastern Railway campaign for egg and poultry development; demonstration train with models of poultry houses, hatching and rearing. Other branches of agriculture might follow – 16 10 11e # c.26.2 # c.22.
German aeroplane displayed at Engineering Labs – 16 10 11f
1st Balsham VAD Hospital closed following adverse report from Surgeon-General; have been 250 patients – 16 10 11g

1916 10 11 CIP
"Petrol Plague" "Resident," in a letter to the Editor, writes: "Are we to realise that the unfortunate dwellers in towns are to be condemned in perpetuity to endure the fate of inhaling an atmosphere of noxious petrol fumes owing to the supineness and neglect of the so-called authorities? At any moment our narrow streets can be poisoned from end to end by dirty and callous motorists. Can it be wondered that rates are paid with great reluctance when the ratepayer reflects that what he gets for his money is a preventable horrid nuisance, not to mention other discomforts? # c.26.48

German Aeroplane. At the Engineering Laboratory (Cambridge) there is to be seen an aeroplane captured from the Germans exactly a year ago today It is in perfect condition, with the exception of the propeller, which was smashed, and a British one substituted for use in this country. The aeroplane is a two-seater Mercedes six-cylinder, 130 horse-power machine, and was used: for observation purposes only. The number is A374, and it weighs exactly a ton # c.26.1 # c.45.5

Personal. Congratulations to Mr. Cecil Robinson (Histon), who has been elected Sub-Chief Ranger of the Cambridge District of the Ancient Order of Foresters. Mr. Robinson was chosen at the recent District meeting at Cambridge defeating for the position some ardent and prominent Foresters. Mr. Robinson is a keen Forester and will be remembered as the brother of Mr. W. F. Robinson, now a lance-corporal with the colours, who was the D.C.R. a year or so ago and who admirably filled the position. Mr J Robinson has for some time been Beadle of the Cambridge District, is a prominent member of the Court Pride of Histon, and is secretary of the juvenile branch and also of the Histon Women, Foresters.

1916 10 13 ES
3 Newmarket Rural tribunal, many conditional exemptions: Soham, Fordham, Wicken Isleham
5 Oxlode man absentee arrested
Soham man – Whitely commits suicide, depressed on having to join army

Casualty lists
Ely Sellers, once of Curry's Cycle shop
Downham Hall w., pic 20th pg
Haddenham Pettengell w., pic 20th p8
6 County tribunal – many appeals dismissed
8 casualties
Littleport Pearson kia
Prickwillow Palmer kia
Soham - Volunteer movement going strong
Isleham Curtis kia
Littleport - price increase die labour costs
Prickwillow - collect for Xmas presents soldiers
Adelaide Gathercole kia – pic
Littleport Warely kia – pic

1916 10 18 Ch
St Edmund's House chapel for Catholic priests opened by Cardinal Bourne – details – 16 10 18a # c.83
soldiers portraits: Stout, King, Perrin, Thurston, Northfield, Coe, Barrett, Ashman, Barker, Saddington, Thurlbourn, Peters, Arber, Godlington, Maxim, Cockerton – 16 10 18b
GER campaign for agricultural development, more eggs; poultry pointers – 16 10 18c
women's war employment – Cambridge girls join munition workers at Woolwich Arsenal – 16 10 18d

1916 10 20 ES
2 Newmarket rural tribunal – smallholders refused exemption; Soham, Isleham, Fordham, Wicken, Burwell, Upware
2 North Witchford Tribunal
Military medals to Cambridgeshire and Suffolk man – list
3 Isle War pensions committee
8 casualties
Ely Serg Newby gets military medal
Mepal Sykes w.pic 27th p8
Prickwillow Butcher w., Dew w pic 27th p8, Palmer missing pic p8
Littleport Plant, (10 Mile Bank) w. pic 27th p8, Walls kia, pic 12th p8, Perry kia
Soham Newman previously missing, now dead
Soham - Send parcels to 13 prisoners of war, Zeppelin relic – wire to be sold 1/- piece, Volunteer company – 42 parade, Earlier shopping
Isleham Balls discharged unfit following wound
Downham Green wounded
Stuntney McGee wounded
Littleport Crabb dies wounds, pic
Peacock killed, pic
Sutton Lowe dies wounds – pic

1916 10 25 Ch
tribunal; includes – county council staff; coffin maker; assistant photographer for D.J. Scott; 16 10 25a
Red Cross – activities of year, VAD hospitals, 26 10 25b # c.21.4 # c.45.5
soldier portraits: Moline, Nunn, Bendall, Wick, Harding, Litchfield, Matthews, Utteridge, Thaxter, Shipp, Noble, Ruse, Hall, Poulter, Gray, Golding, Day – 16 10 25c
GER campaign stimulate food production, eggs – 16 10 25d
VAD nurse at First EGH, occupied rooms at Selwyn where large number of nurses have been accommodated; dies after dressing gown catches fire – 16 10 25e # c.21.4
Call to women – what girls earn at Woolwich Arsenal – 16 10 25f

1916 10 25 CIP
Position of the University. Matriculation concluded on Tuesday and showed that the number of Freshmen who have entered this Term is 156. Three years ago we had become accustomed to count the new members of the University in four figures, but we must be grateful for small mercies. We badly miss the stream of vigorous youth, whose annual incursions rejuvenated Cambridge and kept us from remarking the advance of age or becoming fossilised in ways or opinions. The stream is running so small now that we hardly notice its presence, but it has not altogether stopped, and is helping the University to carry on the work of the intellectual mill. The "Cambridge Review" publishes some greatly interesting figures in its current issue. It estimates that the number of undergraduates who will be in residence this Term - men of all years - will be 444. In the Michaelmas Term of 1913 there were 3,263 undergraduates in residence, and the total had remained around these figures for several years, so it would seem that the war has reduced the roll of students of this University to nearly seven-eighths below the normal, and we are afraid we have not yet touched bottom. In spite of the numerical and financial difficulties, the teaching staff are making heroic endeavours to maintain the standards, and the course of lectures which have been arranged are really wonderful under the circumstances. # c.45.5 # c.36.9

Juvenile Parish Clerk and Postman.The 11-year-old son of Mr. Alfred Arber, of Bottisham (one of the village postmen for 24 years and church clerk) is, as far as possible, carrying on the duties of his father, who has joined the Colours. The boy rings the bells at 9 o'clock on Sundays, and starts the chiming of the bells for Divine Service. He also looks after the church clock, and most of the work which was carried on by his father. Possibly he is the youngest church clerk on record. The mother also takes her husband's place in minding the children, in church.

1916 10 27 ES
3 Ely rural tribunal, 'the most lenient in England'; Coveney, Lt Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Thetford, Witchford
Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Isleham, Wicken, Fordham, Upware, Swaffham Prior, Burwell
conscientious objector Frank Woodroffe, Primitive Methodist
County appeals tribunal; Burwell – Colchester & Ball appeal for men in fertiliser works
regulations for despatch PoW parcels
5 Ely urban tribunal
Cambridgeshire Regiment in action – German redoubt captured
Casualties list, Ely
6 North Witchford tribunal – another big list of applications
8 casualties
Soham Palmer kia, Webb w. pic 3rd p8, Edmunds w, Beeton w. Canham w. pic 10th p8
Sutton Dunklin – two sons wounded, Low w.
Littleport Lofts w. pic p8, Smith w.
Downham Jordan kia, pic p8
Stuntney McGee kia, Burns w. pic 3rd p8
Soham volunteers now in sections
PoW thanks for gifts
'Our Day' – 225 Zeppelin wire mementos sold
Littleport - Zeppelin souvenirs
Downham – all Downham soldiers items published in columns are being preserved and will be presented in book form to parish for a lasting reference; correspondent Sedley investigating every rumour
War Work Association half-yearly meeting
Wilburton collect for wounded
Haddenham war work to restart
Chatteris man walks into lamp post during blackout

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1916 11 01
Papworth Estate sold at St Ives; only three of the 37 lots changed hands – 16 11 01a
Tribunal; includes: Pollard & co, manufacturing confectioners; Arthur Almond master tailor; coffin maker – 16 11 01
glove making – a new industry; when undergraduates left there was grave unemployment and Rutherford & Clothier of King's Parade introduced glove making, now producing 600 pairs a meek by women working at home on machines provided by the firm; are difficulties obtaining fabric – 16 11 01b # c.45.5 # c.27.2
soldiers portraits: Naylor, Hobson, Granger, Scarr, Walker, Flack, Sutherland, Biggs, Foreman, Dant, Farrow, Wilderspin, Curtis, Bailey, Human, Foreman, Papworth, Matthews, Bailey – 16 11 01c
wounded soldiers at Huntley Red Cross Hospital – 16 11 01c # H.Hun

1916 11 01 CIP
Conscientious Tribunals. The Cambridge Borough Tribunal and the Cambridge County Appeal Tribunal appear to be doing their work in a manner which should be an example to others. They realise that every interest has to be seconded to the imperative necessity of winning the war, and that if for the winning of the war practically every able-bodied man in the country has to be taken from his occupation it has to be done, no matter how great the personal or financial inconvenience, for if we lose the war we have lost ever thing. The last sittings of the two above-mentioned tribunals were remarkable for the few, the very few, exemptions allowed, and if every tribunal did its duty as conscientiously as these two are doing theirs, the scandals of which we have heard so much of late would soon be a thing of the past, equity would prevail, and the Army would get the men it wants, the young vigorous men, and not the inferior substitutes it now has to take. # c.45.5

Presentation of D.C.M. An interesting ceremony took place at the 1st Eastern General Hospital on Sunday, when Colonel Griffiths, the Commanding Officer, presented the D.C.M. for bravery in the field that has been awarded to Corporal W. Morris of the 2nd Battalion of the Welsh Regiment. The presentation was made on the Colonel's lawn in the presence of a large number of the staff & patients. The D.C.M. was awarded to Corporal Morris "for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in action. By his fine leadership a sap was held against hostile attacks. Though wounded he remained throwing bombs for two hours. He displayed great bravery on other occasion"

1916 11 03 ES
2 Wisbech Borough Tribunal
Newmarket Rural Tribunal – Wicken, Isleham, Fordham, Burwell, Soham minister & a conscientious objector, scoffs & jeers
Conscientious objector Woodroffe refused by allowed appeal
5 air raid precautions details
March Tribunal
Casualty list
Ely
Soham Ames w. pic p8, Johnson, w,
Stuntney McGee died wounded, other son 'missing' same day pic.p8, Norden died wounds pic p8
Downham Martin w. pic 10th p8
Littleport Cox died wounds
Manea Mann wins Military Medal, pic 10th p8
Sutton Marshall mentioned in despatches
6 appeals tribunal – Ely & Newmarket rural cases; majority dismissed; Downham, Sutton, Haddenham, Littleport, Soham, Isleham
8 Soham early closing observed
Wicken volunteers 1st drill
Downham Hall promoted

1916 11 08 Ch
Photographic club exhibition including Cliff Squires, J.L. Haynes 16 11 08a # c.65.5
Danger to adjoining land by raising the waterway at Dimock's Cote. They had contracted the waterway by 70 or 80 foot more than agreed upon. Some of banks were on the point of breaking in the last floods and if there had been no relief lower down they would have had a large area under water at the present moment – 16 11 08b #
Chamber of Commerce to be formed following meeting of traders; had been accustomed to give very long credit … would have to shorten terms– 16 10 08c # c.27.2
B.W. Beales, Mayor – profile; original member Junior Conservative Club, Bijou Amateur Dramatic Club, Volunteer – 16 11 08d
portraits soldiers: Ivens, Colchester, Stearn, Medlock, Offley, Rayner, Radford, Norden, Stranward, Mayes, Lanham, Bridge, Hancock, Cowling, Back, Nunn; Howlett brothers – 16 11 08e

1916 11 08 CIP
New Mayor. Tomorrow morning at noon, the Cambridge Town Council will assemble for the election of the Mayor of the Borough. The choice has already been made, and nothing remains but for the completion of the statutory and ceremonial formalities, tinder the agreement, which has been in force since 1892, and which enables the political majority and minority on the council to nominate in turn a candidate for the office, the right .of selection this year devolves Upon the Conservative members, who have nominated Councillor Barnet William Beales, the senior representative of the Market Ward, and the nomination has been approved by the Liberal members, so that Mr. Beales' election will be unanimous, the University members always concurring in these agreements. Mr. Beales, a consistent churchman and Conservative, has been a borough member of the County Council since 1904, sitting for Bridge Ward

Induction of New Vicar. The induction of the Rev. W. R. Harrison to the living of St. Andrew's Church, Grantchester, took place on Sunday morning. There was a large congregation to witness the ceremony in spite of the inclement weather. The service was taken by the Ven. Archdeacon Cunningham, who also preached the sermon. The churchwardens, who conducted the new Vicar round, were Mr. J. Nutter, junr., and Mrs. Assheton. Evening service was held in the church on Sunday for the first time since the Lighting Order, the windows being darkened by dark material fastened to a framework

The Gale. The windy weather experienced for some days culminated on Sunday in a terrific south-easterly gale which played havoc among tiles, etc. (at Bottisham). In several places branches of trees, as well as trees themselves, were snapped, but fortunately no one was hurt.

1916 11 10 ES
2 appeal tribunal, North Witchford rural, Whittlesey, Wisbech
3 Wisbech rural tribunal
5 County tribunal force association meeting
6 Newmarket rural tribunal, many Isleham cases
8 casualties
Soham Fellingham w., pic 17th p8, Bailey w , Shaw w, Brown w. pic p8
Littleport Jones kia
Stuntney McGee, news of 3 sons same day, pic p8
Stretham Howe kia, pic 17th p8
Manea Phillips dead
Downham Hopkin experiences, letter pic 17th p9
Soham appeal for information and photos casualties; volunteer drill
Stuntney Burns, corp. almost recovered from wound in left arm but arm practically useless; getting special electrical treatment

1916 11 15 Ch
soldiers pictures: Edwards, Waller, North, Cooke, Skeet, Pitman, Sexton, Rouse, Thompson, Stone, Christian, Gifford, Berrym Gibb, Allgood – 16 11 15a

1916 11 15 CIP
Unanimously Elected. — By the unanimous vote of the Cambridge Town Council, Lt.Col. B. W. Beales was last Thursday elected Mayor of the ancient Borough of Cambridge for the year ensuing. That the choice was a popular one was evidenced by the interest taken in the event by the public, who crowded the public gallery, and the heartiness of the congratulations showered upon the new Mayor by his colleagues on the Council.

Golden Wedding Gift. — At a meeting of the Quarterly Court of the Governors of Addenbrooke's Hospital on Monday, the Chairman (the Rev. J. B. Lock) mentioned the interesting fact that Mr. and Mrs. Charles Finch Foster had given to the Hospital the sum of £1,000 commemoration of their golden wedding. Mr. Foster had asked that the Hospital should assign a bed, in consequence of this gift, in accordance with their by-laws. The General Committee had gratefully accepted this very liberal donation, and the inscription on the bed would be as follows: "A Golden Wedding Gift. 1866. October 2. 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Finch Foster endow this bed to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding day". This was, added Mr Lock a very valuable present and he ventured to say it was an example which they might hope others would follow # c.21.4

Master of Sidney. — The death occurred early on Monday morning of Mr. Charles Smith, M.A., Master of Sidney Sussex College, since 1890, and second senior head in the University, the doyen amongst whom is the Master of Trinity, the Rev. Dr. Montagu Butler, whose appointment dates back in 1886. Mr. Smith was elected Vice-Chancellor in 1895 and again in 1896, and carried out the duties with the quiet dignity which was his great personal characteristic. His health has not permitted of his taking any prominent part in University affairs of late years. He was a Governor of Eton College from 1896 to 1909.

1916 11 17 ES

3 Wisbech Borough tribunal
Newmarket rural tribunal, several Soham claimants, Fordham, Wicken
5 absentee arrested
Ely rally of Red Cross nurses & voluntary stretcher bearers
War hospital supply depot, Barton Road
Ely city band lost drum – details
Isleham Clarke – 6 of 9 brothers in army
Ely – 9 charged absent without leave
6 North Witchford Tribunal
8 casualties
Pymore Jordan w.
Littleport Tuck kia
Downham Barrett kia, pic 24th p8
Manea Clarke died wounded, pic 24th p8
Isleham Cornwell now dead

Littleport - gifts PoWs

1916 11 22 Ch
Food prices protest meeting condemns profiteers; wholesale exploitation since war began – 16 11 22a # c.45.5
Treatment of mental defectives conference – 16 11 22a
Tribunal; includes: firemen & man who drove their horses; Whybro & Waller, civil and military tailors – 16 11 22b

Portraits of soldiers: Feath, Oates, Dilley, Diver, Ladds, Froment, Newman, Mason, Howard, Dawson, Brawn, Smith, Lloyd, Wonfor, Smith, Dawson, Cornwell, Freeman, Lister, Collins – 16 11 22c
New Zealand premier, W.F. Massey, honorary degree – 16 11 22d
Photo women on land, Milton women – 16 11 22e #

1916 11 22 CIP
Degree for New Zealand Premier —The Rt. Hon W. F. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand, visited Cambridge on Saturday and received the honorary degree of Ll.D. It was a typical November day, sleet and rain falling continuously. A large number of ladies were present, and the attendance included over a score of wounded Colonials and other wearers of khaki.

G.E.R. Egg Train.—In response to the invitation of the Great Eastern Railway Company, representatives of the Board of Trade, Board of Agriculture and members of various agricultural societies, War Agricultural Committees, educational authorities, Co-operative Egg Societies and other organisations in the Eastern Counties assembled at the Cambridge Room, Liverpool Street Station Hotel, on Monday, and met representatives of the company, together with the demonstrators and lecturers who accompanied the G.E.R. Egg and Poultry Demonstration Train during its tour of East Anglia. The train, which began on October 9 at Mildenhall, concluded on Saturday last at Bishops Stortford. A total of nearly 46,000 persons, of whom by far the great number were adults, visited the train during the tour 16 11 22

Former Mayoress of Cambridge.— There passed away at her residence, Manor House, Chesterton, on Monday, Mrs. Louisa Bell, a former Mayoress of Cambridge, and the oldest resident of Chesterton. Her death will be regretted by many. Mrs. Bell was the widow of Mr. Edward Bell, corn and seed merchant, who was twice elected Mayor of the Borough. He was first elected Mayor in November, 1887, and was re-elected the following year. He died, however, in March, 1889, during his second year of office. Of a kind and charitable disposition, the late Mrs. Bell was beloved by all who knew her. During her husband's lifetime she interested herself in parochial work in St. Edward's parish. She afterwards moved to Chesterton, and here she has been an active church worker in St. Andrew's parish for many years past.

1916 11 24 ES
2 appeal tribunal Wisbech
Elm conscientious objector – appeal dismissed
Appeals tribunal Ely, Witchford, Fordham, Soham, Isleham, Coveney, Downham
3 war & agriculture – strong criticism of military authorities
Chatteris tribunal
Ely rural tribunal – Downham, Haddenham, Aldreth, Littleport, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Wilburton, Witchford, Witcham Gravel
5 Ely aeronaut loops loop
Ely urban tribunal
'smokes' for soldiers – big push of local fund
casualties list in attack October 10th – long list
6 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Isleham, Wicken, Fordham exempted
8 casualties
Soham Turner w. pic p8, Coulson medal pic 1st p8
Prickwillow Bonnett w., Jakes w, Sindhall ill
Downham M'Laren kia, pic 1st p8
Littleport Tuck kia (detail) pic
Haddenham Hawes w
Stretham Hitch m (pic)
Pymore Jordham w
Coates 8 wounded soldiers pic

Appeal tribunal – Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal, Stretham
Littleport luxuries for local soldiers; volunteers drill
Sutton aeroplane crashes on descent; volunteer force newly formed

1916 11 29 Ch
Tribunal; includes: conditional exemptions – 16 11 29a

Soldier portraits: Tabor, Endersby, Beedom, Carr, Carpenter, Potts, Walker, Smith, Gautrey, Clarke, Ellis, Peters – 16 11 29b
Over Exhibition pub licence not transferred as applicant of military service age – 16 11 29c
Death Arthur Robert Edwards, managing director of Headley & Edwards – 16 11 20d

1916 11 29 CIP
Diamond Wedding. Mr and Mrs. J. A. Holmes, of 57 Abbey Road. Cambridge, have just celebrated their diamond wedding, having been married on November 28, 1856. They have two sons and six daughters living. One son died in Hong Kong; he took part in the Sudan War and held the medal and the Khedive Star. Their eldest son is serving with the R.D.C., having joined up soon after war was declared. They have four grandsons (all brothers) at the Front, one in the 1st North Staffs, (of the now famous Sixth Division, who were at Cambridge in 1914) having been gassed and wounded. They have one daughter, a V.A.D. nurse, connected with the Uppingham Section. Their eldest son has also three stepsons, who have been serving since the beginning of the war in Mesopotamia. They have two daughters munitions-making. They have reached the ripe old age of 83 and 80 respectively, and enjoy fairly good health, and have 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. # c.45.5

Volunteers,—Major Howard, O.C. 2nd Battalion. Cambs, Volunteer Regiment, visited Sawston on Sunday to inspect the local volunteers. Detachments came over from Duxford. Whittlesford, and France, Hinxton and Ickleton while Mr. F. W, Green and Sergt. Instructor Gall brought a strong contingent from Shelford. The inspection took place in Sawston Hall grounds, the number on parade being 110. Following the inspection, the Major addressed the men, and said he was very pleased with the appearance, and with the way the various movements were being carried out

Home on Leave. — Our readers will be interested to learn that Private F. J. Priest, of the Civil Service Rifles, which he joined some, months ago, has recently been home on leave, on the completion of his training, and is looking fit and well.

Pachmann at the Guildhall.—A large audience was present at the Guildhall on Monday evening to hear a pianoforte recital by this wonderful performer. Pachmann is quite unlike any musician at present before the public: in his playing there is none of that "con furore" playing that the modern pianoforte lends itself so much to, but just a quiet delicate rendering, which holds the listeners spellbound, until one could hear the proverbial pin drop.

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1916 12 01 ES
1 Chemico body shield, bullet resisting, bayonet proof, on display Wallbro window
3 Wisbech rural tribunal
4 Ely hospital entertainment
5 Newmarket tribunal act re volunteers
6 appeal tribunal – Ely, Haddenham, Sutton, Lt Thetford, Witchford
8 casualties

Adelaide	Seekings died wounds pic 8 p8
Prickwillow	Weller w pic 8th p8
Witchford	Watson kia pic 8th p8
Littleport	Howlett died wounded pic 8th p8

Manea Youngs letter, Moate w, Smith DCM pic 8th p8
Sutton Johnson kia pic, Nunn k
Soham thanks from front for cigarettes
Downham air raid – insure before it happens, one £80 claim already paid through L.W. Sedley – advert

1916 12 06 Ch
Casualties portraits: Billinger, Cowling, Bruce, Cooley, Cook, Dean, Jones, Newman, Hopkins, Plumb, Yaxley, Barrell – 5 sons, Starnell, Gifford, Stubbings, Stearn – 16 12 06a
Cam Sailing Club annual meeting – 16 12 06b
growing popularity of King's Parade as a shopping centre; a war-time evolution; traders have to adapt to loss of undergraduates and impression of high-price goods; notes on traders: A.R. Crossman, Ryder & Amies, Rutherford & Clothier, A.W. Smith, Lily Masters, Tredgett – 16 12 06c, d # c.27.2 # B.Kin

1916 12 06 CIP
9 p.m. Closure. A special meeting of the Licensing Justices for the Petty Sessional Division of Cambridge was held at the Shire Hall, Cambridge, on Saturday, when an order was made closing public houses in the division at 9 p.m.

Railway Tragedy, — An inquest was held at the White Lion, Sawston, last (Tuesday) evening touching the tragic death of Mr. James Ward, head of the firm of Messrs. J. Ward and Co.. bakers, of Whittlesford. The body of the deceased gentleman was found at 12.20 p.m. on Monday on the side of the railway track near the Whittlesford footpath between Sawston and Whittlesford. It is surmised that the rail guard of a passing engine had struck the deceased's neck, in which there was a deep gash. The left arm was badly shattered. Death was apparently instantaneous. Mr. Ward was nearly 70 years of age.

Headmaster Appointed Rector. — The Rev. C. J. N. Child;-Headmaster of the Cambridge and County School for Boys, has been offered and has accepted the living of Moulton, near Newmarket, in succession to the Rev. H. Smith. Mr. Child will be leaving Cambridge next March. The resignation of Mr. Child as Headmaster of the school will be a distinct loss to the cause of education. No man was more fitted for the headship of this important school and his departure will be regretted not only by the present scholars, who have, a warm regard and affection for their headmaster, but by the managers and local educationalists generally. Mr. Child was appointed to the headmastership in 1900. He was Chaplain of Emmanuel College from 1898-1903 and curate of St. Botolph's, Cambridge, from 1897 until 1904. He was educated at Christ's College, Cambridge and was Winchester Prizeman in 1898. The living of Moulton is in the gift of Christ's College, and is worth £450 with a rectory. # c.36.5

1916 12 08 ES
2 substitution scheme for agricultural labour – swap men for those called up; complaints against military appeals
Coates soldier describes attach
3 Newmarket rural tribunal, butcher refused exemption through declining to join volunteers; Soham, Wicken, Isleham, Burwell
Wisbech all wounded soldiers ordered from VAD Hospital to Cambridge following outbreak of typhoid
5 Shippea Hill man arrested as deserter
Ely farewell concerns for four wounded soldiers receiving treatment at Ely
Stonea Aveling memorial service
6 Ely Crofts funeral l/c

1916 12 13 Ch
Tribunals; includes: Verlander, hardware dealer; Borough Surveyor's clerk; - 16 12 13a

Photos casualties: Nightingale, Gladwell, Sylvester, Stubbings, Rookes, Scarr, Long, Sewell, Smith, Brown, Jacob – 16 12 13b
Photo: inspection D company, 2nd Batt Cambridgeshire Volunteers, at Cottenham – 16 12 13c
Photo: Cambridge Railway Rifle Club miniature range – 16 12 13d
Cambridge Chronicle to increase price to 1½ d due cost of paper supply – three times as much as in August 1914 the CWN and CIP doing likewise – 16 12 13e # c.04
Shopping on King's Parade does not mean paying high prices – advert – 16 12 13f
Scouts night attack on Coton – details – 16 12 13g

1916 12 13 CIP
Temperance Worker. His many friends in Cambridge and district have learned with considerable regret of the pending departure of Mr. Horace Brown, the known temperance worker and advocate, a regret which is shared by Town, County and University residents who have, in business matters, been brought into contact with him. Mr. Horace Brown has been a member of the Cambs. Band of Hope Union Executive Committee, representing the Eastern Division for the past three years, whilst he took a leading part in the Band of Hope pageants which were presented at Cambridge with so much success, his role being respectively Oliver Cromwell and the Mayor in "Stourbridge Fair". He has been in the employ of the Midland and. L. and N.W. Railways for 17 years and during the past ten years has been in charge of the joint inquiry office at Market Hill, Cambridge.

Thirty Years Hallkeeper.—Many, especially the older generation of Cambridge, will hear with deep regret of the death of Mr. James Jacob, who for 30 years (up to September, 1900) held the post of hallkeeper at the Guildhall, Cambridge. For many years past he had been residing at 15, Hertford Street, Chesterton. He was 83| years of age

Surprise Visit. — Mr. and Mrs John Flack. King's Head Inn Great Wilbraham, had a surprise visit last week from two of their' sons from the Front. Lance-Corporal C. H. Flack, who has had about 17 years' service and Trooper Ernest Flack, convalescent from hospital. The two brothers met at Liverpool Street Station quite unexpectedly, and had not seen each other for five years

1916 12 15 ES
3 Wisbech hospital, why the soldiers went
8 casualties

Soham	Bailey kia pic
Sutton	Faux w, pic
Haddenham	Clark not missing, wounded
Littleport	Lawrence kia pic 22nd p8
Stretham	Wheeler kia pic 22nd p8, Hazel w. pic 22nd p8, Swan Military Medal
Downham	Shelton convalescing, Fuller wounded
Littleport	Rogers promoted
Thetford	Wright Military Medal pic

Littleport - opening of rifle range
Pymore - patriotic jumble sale

1916 12 20 Ch
Round the shops – Matthew, G.P. Hawkins, George Stace, Robert Sayle, Laurie & McConnal – 16 12 29a; W.K. Vawser and others – 16 12 20b
Longstowe war shrine dedicated; first to be erected – 16 12 20c, e
Casualties photos: Squires, Banks, Benstead, Bell, Wallis, Thaxter, Orris, Scout Wallis, Wallis – 16 12 20d
Nursing the wounded – University & Town Gas Light Co advertisement – 16 12 20f

1916 12 20 CIP

Died at the age of 102. Much regret will be felt at the news of the death of Mr. Sawyer Simpson Foote, which took place at Teversham on Sunday at the age of 102 years. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Foote, of Teversham and was the last surviving member of their family. Mr. Foote lived in Teversham all his life. When a young man he helped his father with the farming, and he was present when the late Rev. C. H. Spurgeon preached his first sermon in a thatched cottage in the village. Mr. Foote was well-known in the district for his upright and, straightforward character and. his determination to do good. He was married over 70 years ago, and brought up a family of 11, six of whom are now living. His wife died at the end of July, 1889, and up to about five years ago, Mr. Foote carried on a small carrier's business.

Dedication of War Shrine.—An interesting ceremony was performed on Thursday in the village of Longstowe, when Archdeacon Cunningham dedicated a "War Shrine" in memory of the soldiers, past and present, who, from that district, had joined His Majesty's forces. The shrine is the gift of Mrs. Briscoe, of Longstowe Hall, and the design was executed by Messrs Coals, Lovell and Company, Stoke Newington, and the painting, and lettering by Messrs Rattee and Kett, Cambridge. The shrine is of polished oak, and is Gothic in design and of great beauty. Just below the eaves is the inscription: "Greater love hath no man" while, at the head of the Roll of Honour 1 are the words "For God, King and Country

1916 12 22 ES
3 Wisbech rural tribunal
North Witchford rural tribunal
5 Ely blackout – problems seeing lamp posts; sewing party send presents Cambridgeshire Regiment
Newmarket rural tribunal – Isleham merchant's great loss, Soham, Fordham, Burwell, Wicken
Ely urban tribunal – all day sitting
6 Cambridgeshire Regiment – brilliant achievements
war savings – Isle Committee formed
8 casualties – a light list
Soham Eley w pic
Witcham Saberton missing pic
Mepal Hall kia
Soham 'circumstances have made familiar Christmas parties almost a fiasco … hope for peace'
Downham – spherical balloon passed over – a shock similar to finding dodo amongst poultry

1916 12 27 Ch
Cambridge in 1916 – 20 12 27a
Cambridge Chronicle prices – previous prices charged – 16 12 27b # c.04
Christmas at Cambridge; wounded colonial soldiers book beds for next year; includes Huntley Red Cross Hospital , Wordsworth Grove VAD & Serbian boy refugees – 16 12 27c
Photos; Borough Red Cross Needlework Workers, Corn Exchange – 16 12 27d # S.1916 # V.W.K16
Casualties: Stubbings, Childerley, Curtis, Purkis, Manders, Blatch – 16 12 27d
Military wedding, Lt Wilbraham – 16 12 27d
Review of 1916 – 16 12 27e, f
War agricultural committee, scheme for increasing food production – 16 12 27g

1916 12 27 CIP
Cambridge in 1916. The year 1916 (says a leading article) is very, near its end, the remainder of its allotted span being numbered almost by hours. It has been an eventful, but also a most trying year, and few will mourn its departure, uncertain though the coming days may be. The shadow of the war had rested heavily upon Cambridge, and the depression. In our material condition has deepened. The University has almost ceased to exist. Our normal industries are at a standstill. Agriculture has been

crippled, trade, has been upset and homes ravaged by the necessity of withdrawing men of serviceable age to supply the manpower needed for the fighting forces. Many families have been bereaved through the toll of human life taken by this awful war and anxiety has bitten more and more into our hearts with the passage of months. Yet there has been no faltering of purpose ... no whining for an end to be put to the struggle. Cambridge has been more bitterly tried than at any period in its modern history and never have its people shown themselves more courageous. What we have lost in prosperity, we have gained in character and thus it may be that this gloomy year of 1916 has left a happier impress upon our future than at the moment seems apparent. # c.45.5

"Arabia" Survivor. — Amongst the survivors of R.M.S. Arabia, recently torpedoed in the Mediterranean, was Mr. J. M. P. Muirhead, the Dunlop Rubber Company's General Manager for India and Ceylon. Mr. Muirhead, who, was landed at Malta, was on his way to London in connection, with, the Indian business of the company

Christmas Railway traffic. — Altogether this year the Christmas traffic on the G.E.R. has been slacker than usual at Cambridge. There was, in the early part of last week, a good deal of passenger traffic, particularly among munition workers and soldiers. The general public, evidently responding to the appeal made to them, did not travel as in previous years. The extra trains on Sunday, however, were well filled. There were fewer passengers than usual, and the pressure on this department therefore was not so great as in previous years.

1916 12 29 ES
7 Ely volunteers inspection
8 casualties – light list
Soham West w
Downham Hull on home from hospital
Stretham Asplin on home leave
Stretham patriotic carol singers

1917 Cambridge Chronicle & Cambridge Independent Press, Ely Standard & Wisbech Standard

I have copies of the Cambridge Chronicle articles

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1917 01 03 Ch
Boys at St Luke's school at work in the garden and the workshop and on drill – photos – 17 01 03a
Inquest into elderly woman of Shelly Terrace, died in deplorable state of neglect – 17 01 03b

1917 01 03 CIP
Captain J.C. Lauder killed – The death of Capt J, C. Lauder, Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, only son of Mr. Harry Lauder the well-known comedian will be regretted by many in Cambridge. Capt. Lauder was educated at the City of London School, and continued his studies at Jesus College, Cambridge. He had taken his B.A., and intended to adopt law as a career. When war broke out he was visiting Australia during the vacation. He immediately decided to join the Army, returned to England and went into the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders. For some months he trained with the regiment at Bedford, and during this period the gaiety of the camp was considerably ably added to by the fact that. Mr. Harry Lauder used to visit his son, and always made a point of singing to the men, Capt Lauder was wounded at Festubert and was invalided home suffering from gas poisoning in September, 1915. Last year he was again wounded and he had not been back with his regiment for more than a few weeks at the time of his death on Friday last. He was an unusually popular officer with all ranks, and his loss will be deeply felt.

Fire at Nursery — Damage estimated at about £200 was occasioned by fire which broke out on Thursday evening on the premises of Mr. C. Townsend, of Fordham Nurseries. The fire originated in some wheat straw which had been stored next to a corrugated iron shed. There were about nine tons of straw, the whole of which was destroyed, together with some 25,000 bamboo canes. Firemen's efforts to prevent the flames from spreading were successful.

1917 01 05 ES
3 Ely Rural tribunals – Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Thetford, Wentworth, Wilburton, Witcham, Witchford
5 Ely military funeral Pte Gathercole
Soham flying fund successful effort
6 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Fordham, Isleham, Burwell
8 casualties
Thetford Newman m
Manea Edwards Military Medal
Haddenham Carman dw pic
Prickwillow Paine w pic
Soham West w pic
Downham Hull slightly better
Littleport - war work party
Isleham Prisoner of war collection from Jan-Aug 7 men from Isleham on the list and each had monthly parcel of food worth 6/- sent. On 30 August L/C Whitehead added & Thursday last L/C Pitty wrote to say that he PoW

1917 01 05 WS
Death John Kennerell, retired photographer p3

1917 01 10 Ch
Tribunal; includes: University Farm employees; County land agent; University library assistant; slaughter men; 17 01 10b

Death Frederick Grounds, auctioneer; established March market and ran Griffin Hotel – 17 01 10c
Intercession parade to Gt St Mary's – special constables and nurses - photo feature – 17 01 10d

1917 01 10 CIP
Well Known Farmer and Auctioneer – many will learn with regret of the death of Mr Frederick Grounds of Elwyn House March, a member of an old and respected North Cambs family. Deceased, who passed away at the age of 65 years, had in failing health for some time past. A native of March, Mr. Frederick Grounds was the son of Ambrose Grounds who owned and kept the Griffin Hotel also carried on the business of a brewer. The hotel was sold upon the death of Mr. Ambrose Grounds but his son continued to carry on the brewery until 1900 when it was discontinued. The family chief pursuits of Mr. Ambrose Grounds were those of a farmer and auctioneer and to these Mr Frederick Grounds finally devoted himself. As an auctioneer, Mr. F. Grounds was very successful. He established the March market some 30 years ago and under big control the business considerably increased. In recent years the conduct of the business has devolved upon his eldest son, Mr. F. D. Grounds', who was in partnership with his father. The late Mr Grounds took a keen interest in public affairs and rendered great service to his native place in many capacities.

Cambridge Vicar's Marriage — At the church of All Saints, Milton on Monday morning the wedding took place very quietly of the Rev A.C. Allen, Rural Dean, Vicar of Little St Mary's Cambridge and Miss Mary Elizabeth Hawson (Sissy) Pryor, elder daughter of Mr. J. V. and Mrs Pryor of Furness Lodge, Cambridge. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. G. A. Weekes, Dean and Fellow of Sidney Susses College. The bride, who was given away by her father, was married in her travelling dress. There were no bridesmaids or best man. A family breakfast was held at Furness Lodge and later the Rev. and Mrs. Allen left en route for Bournemouth, where the honeymoon is being spent. The presents were numerous and costly.

1917 01 12 ES
– the WAR stories NOT FOUND
3 Increasing food supply, German prisoner labour
Isleham's family's fine record - 6 in service
Military labour - farmer had 4 soldiers, 3 dare not stand on corn stack, work too hard
8 Littleport - meteor

1917 10 17 Ch
What is to be the future of Cambridge?
Since the war began we have seen the position and character of the place more and more changing and the material prospects of us all becoming less and less clear and assured.
The war may terminate this year or it may not and it is uncertain if the ending will bring any immediate relief
We have to realise that the Cambridge of the future will be a very different Cambridge to that we knew before the war
A complete generation of undergraduate life has been lost to us. The university tradition of many families has been broken and perhaps destroyed. The fortunes of ancient houses have been seriously encroached upon. The easy leisured marking time of the immediate past has closed.
In the building up processes which are to come we shall have to face a time of strenuousness and new ways which we shall be wise to prepare for.
When the war altered all things there were four sources of revenue upon which Cambridge was principally dependent for its prosperity: the university, the building and allied trades, agriculture the residential population.
The majority of the undergraduates disappeared at once on the declaration of war; their seniors have followed one by one in response to various demands for scientifically trained men and patriotic workers. Today a mere remnant of every class is left.
The effect of on the trading and industrial population of the town has been serious. The bulk of the university business has been interrupted. The university and the colleges have been obliged to reduce

their establishments and members of families which for generations have served in many capacities and become identified with various institutions have been dispersed in all directions.
The university lodging-house keeping industry was in an advanced stage of decay in 1914 due to the extension of the colleges and the change in undergraduate taste and in 1917 has absolutely disappeared. In fact we hardly know the University and the University hardly knows itself.
Agricultural should be more prosperous at present prices but is badly handicapped by the withdrawal of labour, and the reduction in the labouring class population has had an effect upon shop-keeping traders.
Building has come to a standstill and the majority of the workers are under arms. Enterprising firms have kept their yards open by undertaking munitions work and erection of huts and have found a great deal of employment for women but the regular courses of the trade have been suspended and the various allied institutions such as brickmaking are injuriously affected.
The residential population, leisured and commercial, which the municipality has been at much pains to attract have largely disappeared. The great advantage of a liberal train service over four lines of railway and an exceptional freedom of communication with London have ceased to exist under present war conditions and we cannot doubt that this element of the residential population deriving its wealth from elsewhere has been dissolved.
With regard to numerous shop-keeping classes, they have found they need not necessarily depend upon the university for its existence, although the prosperity of the town must always to a very considerable extent be bound up with that of the University. The practical suspension of university life as obliged traders to turn their attention elsewhere which may render Cambridge more stable than it used to be under the seasonal impulses and depressions of the university terms and vacations.
As for the future the University we hope always to have with us and great as has been the shock we hope the university will recover its position though it will be a matter of time. More strenuousness, more attention to the business of study and less to play, more economy in living and more practical purposefulness whilst at the same time preserving the fundamentals of education are amongst the things which are seen as essential provisions at a truly national university. More room must be found for brains and less given to wealth and influence
In any case there will be more 'poor' men at Cambridge than there have been in the past and this change of circumstances will materially affect the university traders and the numerous college servant class.
In most respects the position of Cambridge academically and commercially will be very different from that what it was before the war and it is highly improbable that the old state of things will ever return. Full term will unquestionably be longer, the qualifying residents for a degree may be shortened and from the commercial point of view it seems probable that the university will be a less important factor.
Can industries be established?
Consideration must be given as to the possibility of introducing and establishing a certain number of industries in Cambridge. The advantage to the town would be enormous both economically and socially.
This would not interfere with university life; the colleges and university buildings are placed on the west side of town the work and working-class populations have no choice but to go to the east side.
That great businesses and great factories can be developed and maintained is shown by the history of Messrs Chivers and any person can speak of what an advantage the growth of this firm has been to labour in the district where an improvement in the condition of one class readily affects the condition of all.
We hope the foundation of a Chamber of Commerce may lead to the setting up of a Town Development Committee on which capital and labour will be represented and that its deliberations may lead to Cambridge regaining its ancient place as an important commercial centre.
We need more commercial and industrial opportunity. Now is a favourable time for taking this matter up. We invite opinions and suggestions and hope a practical scheme may be involved to the lasting good of our ancient borough. 17 01 17a

Vanished Cambridge: display of water-colour drawings by W.B. Redfern in Fitzwilliam Museum - 17 01 17b

1917 01 17 CIP
Schoolmistress resigns - Miss Theobald, the respected headmistress, has resigned her office as teacher of the village school, after a period of service extending to nearly 37 years; she is probably the oldest teacher in Cambs. in years of service under one body of managers, A movement is being promoted in the village and among old scholars to present her with some mark of recognition for her work in the village during that long time,

"All Wrong" . The proposal that young girls might be trained for milking and feeding cows, that is "turned from, domestic employment on to a farm to work among boys and men without any supervision" is declared by the Cambs. County Education Secretary to be a system "that is all wrong." The opinion is contained in an interesting report which comes before the Cambs. Education Committee today, when the Agricultural Sub-committee will report that they have considered the resolution passed by the Cambs. War Agricultural Committee to put in hand at once a scheme of training for women in milking and other agricultural work, together with a report by the Education Secretary on training girls as milkers.

Heating the Church. The large sum of £50 10s, has been collected from the residents in the two villages (Eversdens) for the purpose of erecting a new heating apparatus for Great Eversden Church. It is hoped to have it fixed as soon as possible, as it is much needed

Capital.—The total proceeds of the recent gift sale in aid of the recent British Farmers' Red Cross Ambulance United amounted to £113.16s.

1917 01 19 ES
3 Ely teacher sues man who called him slacker
Downham proposed cultivation of common
Correspondents to confine reports to not more than a quarter of a column
5 Women & the war - public meet, Ely
8 war savings meetings
casualties list
Soham Challis kia
Wicken Bailey w pic 26th p8
Stretham Lowe d
Ely Wayman DCC pic 26 p8
Soham thanks from Salonika, Volunteers presentation
Wicken volunteers inspected

1917 01 24 Ch
missing from bound volume

1917 01 24 CIP
Dearer Milk - At a meeting of fee Cambridge Retail Dairyman's, Association, at the Red Lion Hotel, it was decided that on and after Sunday next, the price of milk should be raised (from 5d.) to 6d. a quart,

Combing Out, — We are glad to see that, the "combing out process" has reacted Cambridge, and that several snug retreats of comfort-loving young men are being put under inspection. Some adverse comments were; made by members at a late meeting of the Town Council and by ourselves concerning the presence of men of military age and fitness in one of its departments, and we find this week that they did not fall upon stony ground. The (military service)Tribune has reviewed one of these cases, and notwithstanding the pleas and protests of his chief, the young man has to go and do his duty, not only to his country, but to the other young men who have voluntarily gone before him. Town Councils and other public bodies should set an example, and| it is really remarkable that after

two and half years of war and the reiterated statements of Lord Derby and our generals as to needs of men, any corporation should be found retaining in its service a single person qualified for military service, unless that person can be shown in fact, and in the clearest possible manner to be indispensable in his position in the national interest # c.45.5 # c.35.7

Battlefield Honours—The Military Medal has been, awarded to Pte J. W, Spriggs son of: Mr, and Mrs Spriggs of 115 Ross Street, Cambridge, for gallantry in the field. Prior to joining the Colours, Pte. Spriggs was in the employ of Messrs. Bailey and Tebbutt (brewers)

1917 01 26 ES
2 North Witchford tribunals – applicants to joint volunteers
3 food production – war ag meeting
5 Ely war hospital supply depot wants workers
Absent without leave
Military funeral Pte Everett
6 call up at 18, previously 18 yrs 7 months
war savings meeting
Ely urban tribunal – long sitting
8 casualties lists
Downham Carter kia pic 2nd p8
Ely Skeels Military Medal pic 2nd p8
Haddenham war work meeting
Littleport men not joining volunteers
Mepal Hall kia pic

1917 01 31 Ch
skating at Newnham – photo feature – 17 01 31a # U.Ska
St Chad's Red Cross Hospital: soldier repaints the hospital board – photo – 17 01 31b
Cambridge trade – pre-war problems and post-war prospects; the average trader knows nothing of advertising or window-dressing; need to publicise – Cambridge for generations has been a comfortable place to potter along in; convenience of Cambridge for factories such as making of incandescent burners for electric light bulbs – 17 01 31c # c.49.4 # c.27

1917 01 31 CIP
Killed in naval battle.—Mr. and Mrs .A. Madison, of Stapleford, have received official notification that their second son, Sub Lieut. Bryant A. Maddison, R.N.R., was killed in the naval action in the North Sea on January 23rd. The deceased officer was 20 years of age and secured an apprenticeship in: the Merchant Service before joining the Navy. This is the second son Mr. and Mrs. Maddison have lost in the war.

Margarine. - Mr. J. West Knights Public Analyst, of The Laboratory, 57 Tenison Road, Cambridge, writes: The rule of a "g" before "a" is always hard. The word margarine is derived from a Greek word signifying a pearl in allusion to the pearl-like appearance of that particular fat before it is coloured in imitation of butter. It has the same derivation as the Christian name Margaret; which means a pearl among women.

Golden Wedding.—Mr. and Mrs. W. Saunders, of Brook Cottage, Histon, celebrated their golden wedding on Wednesday, January 24. They were the recipients of many letters and telegrams congratulating them upon their 50 years of married life. We are sure that every member of the various town and village cricket clubs will unite with us in our own warm congratulations to Mr. Saunders, the erstwhile redoubtable county cricketer and well-known captain of the Histon Cricket Club. Owing to the illness of Mrs, Saunders there was no house party to celebrate the event. Many old inhabitants of the village have cause to remember the marriage of Mr. arid Mrs. W. Saunders, as they were granted a half-holiday from the Church Voluntary School to witness the unique event of a double wedding in the parish church. A sister of Mrs. Saunders (now Mrs. John Newman, of Leicester) was

also married on the same day. The officiating clergyman was the late Canon C. W. Underwood, the then Vicar of Histon. Mr, W. Saunders is well-known in cricket circles throughout the county. His unbroken cricketing career extended over 50 years - probably a record never beaten in England - and was captain of the famous cup-fighting, village cricket club (Histon and Impington) for 25 years. He was presented with a silver rose bowl to commemorate the event. The first time an England XI returned from Australia (in the sixties) they were opposed by another team, picked from all England, on Parker's Piece. The latter side, for whom Mr. Saunders made 22 and took a number of wickets with his slow bowling, won. In those days, playing for Cambridgeshire against such sides as Yorkshire and other counties, Mr. Saunders - an amateur, was a successful bowler. Cambridgeshire at that time had some of the finest cricketers in England, including Bob, Carter, George Tarrant, Tom and Dan Hayward (uncle and father respectively of Tom, of Surrey fame), F. Pryor, J. Fordham and Mr, Saunders. # c.38 : cricket

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1917 02 02 ES
2 Ely volunteers recruiting meeting
6 soldiers for farm work – how they man be obtained
Cambridgeshire Regiment medals
8 casualties – brief list
Ely appeal tribunal
Lt Thetford – 6 join Stretham company Volunteer force
Lt Thetford Newman 'missing' now prisoner

1917 02 02 WS
Wisbech VAD reopened p8

1917 02 07 Ch
The Battle of the Ancre and the advance of the tanks: advertisement for film coming to Victoria Cinema – includes sketch of tank – 17 02 07
Dorothy Nicholls of Fulbourn – nurse on Russian front; description of journey – 17 02 07a
Transportation – transport to farmers of agricultural requirements, distribution to various markets and effect on consumers – feature – 17 02 07b

1917 02 07 CIP
Germany's last effort – by the declaration of unrestricted submarine warfare Germany has declared that she feels unable to continue the present land war beyond a very limited time, and so has staked everything on a despairing attempt to starve out this country by sinking all our food ships. That this police, if carried out with the ruthlessness which no doubt we may expect, will cause her considerable in convenience is undoubted, but that it will force us to yield and sue for peace is a ridiculous assumption quite on a par with that extraordinary inability to gauge the mentality of her opponents which has characterised Germany all through this war.

Lady Fordham. The deepest possible sympathy will be extended to Sir H.G. Fordham in the death of his wife Lady Fordham which occurred at Odsey after a long illness on Saturday last. Lady Ethel Maude Elizabeth Fordham, who was 47 years of age, was a daughter of the late Rev. Thomas B. Berry, M.A., and the widow of Commander Stewart Carnac Weigall, R.N. She was Sir George's second wife, the marriage taking place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on August 4, 1914. Lady Fordham formerly resided at Redlands Grange, Ashwell. She took a keen, interest in her husband's public work, and since her marriage rarely missed being present at the meetings of Cambs, County Council, of which Sir George, is of course, the chairman. She was one of the three lady members of the Child Welfare Committee for the county, which carries on a very important work under the new Notification of Births Act. She had a warm place in her heart for the County Nursing Association and served on the Governing body of the Cambridge and County School for Girls. Lady Fordham did a lot

of good in a quiet, unassuming manner, and although her association with organisations in this county had been of comparatively short duration, she will be greatly missed. A gifted lady, she recently published a book for children which gained considerable popularity.

1917 02 09 ES
2 Ely rural tribunal appeal by military representative – Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Wentworth, Stretham, Sutton, Thetford, Wicken, Witchford
5 Ely military hospital wants gramophone – rec'd 16th p5
M.C. Fielding, field ambulance transfers RFC
Wilburton - death Mrs Claude Pell, funeral 16th p6
8 casualties
Manea Haylett kia
Downham Saberton lost leg, pic 16th p8, Saberton & Flanders on leave
Downham - Volunteer movement extended
Littleport Cross w pic
Witcham war savings committee
Volunteer training corps - figures for villages
Witcham – retirement Mary Dickerson, postmistress for 45 years

1917 02 14 Ch
How our prisoners are helped; strenuous voluntary work in Cambridge; three parcels a fortnight for 135 men: special report – 17 02 14a; photo feature – 17 02 14b # c.45.5

1917 02 14 CIP
Mr. Adeane, C.B. The Year's Honours list has been published without revealing the supposed secret of a new knight for Cambridge. There is no Knight therein, but we have the great pleasure of congratulating the Lord Lieutenant of the County. Mr. C. R. W. Adeane, upon being appointed a Commander of the Bath. Mr. Adeane has well earned the modest honour by the work he has done on behalf of the Territorials and the Volunteers, and we may reasonably expect that it is a stepping stone to something higher.

Killed in Action. -A smart capture was made by Mr, P. Matthews (Impington) on Friday last, when he shot a magnificent fox on Mr. Macfarlane Grieve's estate. Master Reynard had made some successful midnight raids prior to his being shot, and had done considerable damage. This is the seventh fox that has been shot by Mr. Matthews, some of which have wrought much havoc in the neighbouring poultry houses.

Gas Explosion. A gas explosion under the floor of the bar of the The Jolly Butchers public house, Newmarket Road, Cambridge, caused a fire to break out on Thursday morning. The landlord, Mr. A. W. Hawes, had a narrow escape, for, although knocked down by the force of the explosion, he escaped injury. The cause of the explosion was apparently a leakage of gas, but exactly how it occurred is unknown. The gas meter was blown from its position, and three large windows and a quantity of glass in the bar were broken. The floor boards became ignited, and although the licensee took prompt action, he found it impossible to extinguish the flames with buckets of water, and so gave the alarm to the Fire Station. The firemen, with motor tender and escape, were speedily on the scene, and the fire was soon extinguished. An examination of the gas pipes failed to reveal from where the gas escaped. # c.24.4 # c.27.4

1917 02 16 ES
2 Appeal tribunal Ely & Newmarket
North Witchford tribunal
5 Ely's teacher's experiences in France, many absentees arrested
Soham lot of soldiers receive parcels
8 Soham Bailey DCM, Seal MM pic 23rd p8

Haddenham Steel DCM
Littleport Spring on leave
Pymore - war savings committee
Manea - Volunteer corps formed

1917 02 21 Ch
"Averting coal-less days": GER clerical staff unloaded truck of coal, bag and delivering – photo feature – 17 02 21a # PC.Coa

1917 02 21 CIP
Averting coal-less days - Many expedients had been adopted to overcome the difficulty of coal delivery. In many instances people had been down to their last shovelful and in some cases there had been coal-less days even among the well-to-do. Some of the G.E.R. staff at Cambridge determined to run no such risks so they devoted a Saturday afternoon to unloading a truck of coal, filling bags, loading them onto lorries, and taking them home. This energetic band of "amateur" coal heavers evidently enjoyed their "afternoon out", assisted by one or two "professionals". We understand one lorry delivered nine tons of coal in one day.

Successful season — The Histon Juniors football team have just completed a most successful season. They have the following remarkable record: - Matches played 17, won 16, lost 1; goals scored for 63 against 13. We expect to hear more of these young sportsmen when once again we get into the full swing of sport and when the piping times of peace return.

Col. A. J. V. Durrell - Congratulations are due to the Rev, J. V. Durell and Mrs. Durell, of Fulbourn, on the recent honour conferred upon their second son, Col. Arthur J, V. Durell. Chief Paymaster at the War Office, Whitehall, who has been appointed u Commander of the Bath.

Vicar Volunteers - In his sermon on Sunday morning, the Rev. W. W, Partridge, Vicar of St. Luke's, Cambridge, in making an appeal to church people generally to volunteer for national service, announced that he himself had offered his services.

1917 02 23 ES
2 appeal tribunal – very few exemptions, including Sutton – Drake threshing tackle, Downham, Littleport
6 Newmarket Rural Tribunal – Soham, Wicken, Fordham, Burwell, Lode
Soham family's sad war record, 5 brothers enlisted, 4 killed, one PoW
8 Downham Green kia pic 2nd p8
Manea Sears w
Soham Flying Fund affected by new customs regulations - smallest amount sent is 200 cigs; Ed can no longer give names for parcels
Haddenham war work fortnightly meeting
Littleport concert features artists returned from entertaining troops, France
Prickwillow – 40 drill
Downham Hobs recovering wound, soon expected on leave
Stretham Cambridge Volunteers concert

1917 02 28 Ch
Consistory court orders removal of two altars at All Saints' Church St Ives for devotional purposes in connection with war – 17 02 28a
Cherry Hinton military hospital – suicide of soldier, gassed – 17 02 28b – c.45.5 # c.21.4
County Schoolboys stake out allotments on land of Barton Road, originally Queens' College Cricket Ground – photo feature – 17 02 28c # c.18 # c.45.5

1917 02 28 CIP

Fire at Histon. A fire broke out at Messrs. Chivers' factory at Histon on Sunday, and although involving considerable damage, it was, thanks to the efficiency of the appliances which were to hand, and the energetic steps taken by many willing helpers, fortunately prevented from assuming alarming proportions. The outbreak occurred in the temporary gas engine house attached to the drying floor which has recently been erected in connection with the new vegetable drying plant at the factory. The damage to the building and. plant probably amounts to about £200.

Women Scavengers. The following is an extract from the minutes of the Paving (etc.) Committee which will come before the Cambridge Town Council, tomorrow. — The chairman reported that Mrs. Keynes, Chairman of the Advisory Committee for Women's War Employment, had suggested that some of the workmen employed by the Corporation might be released for National Service and the scavenging of the streets be carried out by women. The Borough Surveyor explained that he had placed no obstacle in the way of the men going, but he had not pressed any men to go. The Committee approved the action taken by the Borough Surveyor. # c.21.15

Military Cross for old County Boy. Lt. (Acting Captain) Everett, of the Bedford Regt., an old County School boy, son of Mr. E. Everett, of 27, Richmond Road, Cambridge, has been awarded the Military Cross for conspicuous gallantry. Lt. Everett joined the Public School Corps in September, 1914, and gained his commission in April, 1915. He went to France in August last. 17 02 28

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1917 03 02 ES
2 War savings - what Ely & villages are doing
North Witchford tribunal
5 Ely rural tribunal – Littleport, Mepal, Stretham, Sutton, Thetford, Wentworth, Wilburton, Witcham, Witchford
Mepal - porpoise captured at bridge
6 tribunal – Coveney, Downham, Haddenham Littleport
8 Littleport asked adopt Pow -, 2/6 week for parcel
Littleport band hard hit by war - all eligible called up, no drums
Coveney war savings association formed
Sutton war savings association formed
Littleport Goodge d pic
Ely Vale MM
Downham Yardy w
Wicken – R. Aspland correspondent for 50 years, ill

1917 03 02 WS
Should volunteers drill on Sunday - cinema influence on young p5 & 9th p5

1917 03 07 Ch
portrait W.P. Spalding presented to Borough council – 17 03 07a, d
licenses of pubs transferred from men serving in forces to their wives; objections to Spotted Cow, Northampton Street & Jolly Butchers, Newmarket Road – 17 03 07b
St Philip's School pupils cultivate playing field – photo feature – 17 03 07c # G.Phi.K16
Tribunal; includes: Harry Barham, brush maker – had extended his business buying wood, but it no longer considered of national importance; G.P. Hawkins baker – 17 03 07e

1917 03 07 CIP
The Mail Cart - On Wednesday evening last the mail cart, which has been running for about 20 years between Cambridge and Willingham, via Milton. Landbeach, Cottenham and Hampton, could be seen making its last journey. Arrangements have now been made for the Cottenham and Rampton mail in future to come from Cambridge to Oakington station by train. Mr. Albert Young, of Rampton, has

been appointed to fetch the mail from Oakington in the morning and to carry it to Oakington in the evening, Owing to these alterations, the Cottenham letters will be delivered an hour later than usual. The mail in the evening will so out at 8.45 instead of 8 o'clock, necessitating the posting of letters an hour and a quarter earlier than usual. The mid-day delivery will remain as before. 'There will in future be no delivery or dispatch on Sundays. # c.27.7

Portrait Presented — An interesting event, which took place at the opening of last Thursday's meeting of the Cambridge Borough Council, was the presentation to the Council, by a few old friends, of a portrait, painted in oils, of the late Alderman W. P. Spalding. The portrait shows the late Alderman in mayoral robes standing in a familiar position, with a sheaf of papers in one-hand and the other resting on a desk—an attitude he often assumed in debate. It is the work of the eminent artist, Mr. C. E. Brock, and is from a photograph by Messrs. Palmer Clark. Throughout the meeting it rested on an easel placed close by the spot where for so many years Ald. Spalding sat in the Council Chamber. The work was greatly admired, and the gift much appreciated by the whole council.

1917 03 09 ES
2 Appeal tribunal – Littleport, Wilburton, Haddenham Witchford, Lt Downham; adjourned, Soham, Lt Downham, Oxlode, Sutton, Lt Thetford
Ely Rural tribunal – Sutton, Witcham, Witchford, Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal
Ely urban
Wisbech rural
Prickwillow – Kingdon to resign, account of accident in London
3 Soldiers for land, War Office to release 22,500, prisoners not to be used
5 Ely war savings association
Sunday postal delivery likely to be abolished
6 Ely volunteers annual meeting
8 casualties
Downham Rudderham d pneumonia pic 23rd p8, Bye exposure, Yardy w pic
Guyhirn Norman kia
Territorial Regiment 3,000 strong
Witchford discuss war savings
Littleport Furnell returns front, twice wounded, once gassed
Littleport memorial board to be unveiled
Downham Smith on leave
Downham - War savings – good start

1917 03 14 Ch
Cambridge Magazine has had no change of ownership since 1912 and not 'fallen into the hands of a pacifist clique' but its extracts from foreign press are taken from obscure and extremist papers – letter; Lowes Dickinson article on Russian Government - 17 03 14b # c.05

Motor ploughing demonstration at University Farm – ploughs with motor power directly attached to them; ladies being trained for farm-gangers; will plough, sow seed and harvest the grain but will take it to market in a train of wagons – 17 03 14c, photo 17 03 14d # c.22 # c.45.5 # w.22.K16
Henry Thurston, great showman, funeral – 17 03 14e

1917 03 16 ES
2 Wisbech rural tribunal
3 appeal tribunals
Newmarket rural – Soham, Fordham, Ashley, Wicken, Isleham, Coveney
Ely urban
Ely rural – Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Stretham, Wentworth
North Witchford
5 appeals – 55 appeals, all but 3 fresh
Ely RDC consider interviewing for volunteers National Industrial Service

8 Newmarket tribunal – Soham, Isleham, Fordham
casualties
Littleport Elsegood d w pic 23 p8, Sickerson dw pic 23rd p8, Hawkes convalescing pic 30 p9
Littleport Memorial unveiled, 39 names
Prickwillow Bonnett letter
Downham Saveal, Cornwell on leave, Butcher
Sutton war savings association starts

1917 03 21 Ch
Newspaper difficulties: price of materials risen 100-300%, Chronicle has lost 15 men to army and called in older men such as A.R. Hill, a former editor of Chronicle and Express. But hopes to continue – 17 03 21a # c.04
Volunteers practice bomb-throwing on Gogs – photo feature – 17 03 21b # T.G.K16

1917 03 21 CIP
Wonderful Billiards. Mr. W.Thurston, the veteran exponent of the art of billiards, when playing in the final of the Ranjitsinjhi Silver Cup Handicap at the Cambridge and County Liberal Club, scored 700 in 2|¼ hours, making breaks of 82, 73, 59, 56, 50, 43, 41, 25, 22 and 21. He was set to make 700 to his opponent's 380 and ran out a winner by 120. Almost the whole of the 73 break was made off the red after his opponent's White had gone down.

St. Patrick's Day at Hospital. - —-The wounded Irish soldiers are not likely to forget the celebration of the great festival of St. Patrick, which took place at the 1st Eastern General Hospital (Cambridge) on Saturday, as, through the generosity of a committee of ladies and kind friends, they were entertained in a right royal fashion. The day commenced with the celebration of the Mass by the Bishop of Northampton (Dr. Keating) in the Hospital chapel, and his Lordship addressed the large congregation on the subject of St. Patrick. At the close of the service, the Bishop confirmed one of the boys. In the afternoon a tea was given to the soldiers and Irish nurses in the hospital recreation room. Crackers, cigars and sprigs of shamrock were presented to the soldiers. After tea, the tables were cleared and a fine concert was given to the guests. The room was packed.

1917 03 23 ES
2 appeal tribunals – Wisbech rural, North Witchford, Chatteris, Ely Urban
National Service recruiting campaign
3 Tribunal Newmarket Rural – Soham, Burwell, Wicken Fordham
5 aeroplane lands between Ely & Lt Thetford
6 National service and agriculture: how farmers can obtain labour
8 casualties
Soham Frost kia
Mustard growing prohibited, no demand for soldier labour
Haddenham war work meeting
Wilburton war savings
Adelaide war savings association formed

1917 03 28 Ch
James Guyatt Liberal Agent for 14 years – 17 03 28b
St Chad's Red Cross Hospital patients cultivating ground for allotments – photo – 17 03 28c
Cambs VAD attend funeral one of their members – photo – 17 03 28d
Women attend meeting on war housekeeping and voluntary rationing – 17 03 28e # c.45.5

1917 03 28 CIP

Road, Cambridge, on Saturday, when Private J. J. Caffrey, V.C. of Nottingham, was married to Miss Florence Avey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Avey. 69 Great Eastern Street, Cambridge. Like all heroes. Pte. Caffrey is very disinclined to say much about himself. It was on November 15th. 1915, when Pte. Caffrey (who is a stretcher bearer in the R.A.M.C. attached to the York and Lancaster Regiment) was sent with a corporal into "No man's land" in order to rescue a wounded comrade. After bandaging the man the corporal was shot in the head whilst endeavouring to put him on Pte. Caffrey's back. Our hero then placed the man down again, bandaged the corporal and brought the former into our own lines. He then returned for the corporal and also reached our lines with him. Pte. Caffrey is also the possessor of the Cross of St. George given by the Tsar of Russia on October 23, 1914 which he won by carrying a wounded Brigadier-General to the base, which was two miles away, and all the time exposed to heavy shell-fire. # c.45.5

Retirement After holding the position of Liberal Agent for West Cambs. for 14 years, Mr. James Guyatt has relinquished his office, and has left the district and retired into private life. Mr. Guyatt leaves a host of friends in the constituency where he has been so actively engaged as well as in the Borough of Cambridge. By members of his own party generally he is held in the highest esteem, and it is fully recognised that his work of thorough organisation has played no minor part in the successes which have fallen to the present Member for West Cambs. in the contests that have taken place during Mr. Guyatt's attachment to the division.

1917 03 30 ES
2 North Witchford tribunal
Ely – more absentees, volunteer news, War Hospital supply depot get letter
No private petrol – drastic new restrictions
6 Littleport Parish Council oppose National Service
8 casualties
Littleport Hawkins w again, Stimson w, Barrett distinguished service pic
Prickwillow war savings association

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1917 04 04 Ch
Volunteer inspection in blizzard – photos – 17 04 04a

1917 04 06 ES
2 appeal tribunals, North Witchford, Chatteris, Ely – Downham, Coveney, Witcham, Stretham, Wilburton, Sutton, Haddenham, Littleport, Ely urban
4 Prickwillow – Kingdon's resignation
6 Ely A Company volunteer force drill together for first time
5 Sutton Wright on mined ship – letter
8 casualties
Soham Brown kia
Littleport Murfitt w, pic 20th p8
Thetford Taylor w, pic 20th p8
Witchford - war work party have made 311 garments

1917 04 06 WS
No time for experiments - insufficient female labour in district p5

1917 04 11
Volunteer Inspection in a Blizzard. - The 1st (Cambridge) Battalion. Cambs. Volunteers were inspected by the County Commandant, Col. T. W. Harding on Jesus Close on Sunday morning. The weather was most trying, and for part of the time a regular blizzard was blowing. Under these adverse

circumstances the proceedings were shorter than customary. There was a good muster, and the men stood the ordeal excellently. # c.45.5

A Drastic Resolution. The following resolution has been passed by the Allotments Subcommittee for Newnham and Castle End: "That inasmuch as they have received 50 applications for allotments, which they are unable to satisfy, they beg to re-quest the Town Council to break up the Lammas Land at Newnham without delay, viz., without waiting for formal authority from any higher authority". As a result the Borough Member is to be asked to interview the Authorities of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries with regard to the application of the committee for permission to use the Lammas Land and Empty Common for allotments. # c.32.3

Stallion Show.—There was quite a good entry for the Stallion Show of the County Agricultural Society, held at Ely on Thursday. Carlton What's Wanted, the shire hired by the Society for the season, carried off the Champion ribbon. Adbolton St. George, the property of Mr. H. C. Callaby, was the champion hackney, and the three-year-old class was won by Mr. G. E. Gittus' shire, Eaton Top Gallant.

1917 04 11 Ch
W.A. Macfarlane-Grieve, Impington Hall, death – 17 04 11a
Gt Shelford church reredos dedicated – 17 04 11b
Pleasant Sunday evenings at Cherryhinton Road huts organised by CEMS – 17 04 11c
The girl on the motor plough – descriptive letter – 17 04 11d

1917 04 11 CIP
A Religious Non-observance. The Bishop of Ely (says the writer of Town and Country Topics) has addressed a very sensible letter to the diocese upon the subject of Sunday labour. He admits that under the present great emergency a man may go and work in his garden or on his allotment without offending any law, human or divine, but he pleads that the nonobservance must be a religious non-observance. We must not permit ourselves to lapse into paganism, but must regard our work as a response to the great and urgent duty, a practical form of Christian effort. Thus considered and carried out our working on the seventh day may help us to become a more Christian and not a less Christian nation. We commend the Bishop's letter to the very careful consideration of all thinking men and women.

Mr W.A. Macfarlane-Grieve. The death took place of Mr. William Alexander Macfarlane-Grieve at 9.40 on Sunday night at his Cambridge residence 35 Trinity Street, at the age of 72 years. The deceased gentleman was educated at St. John's College, Oxford, where he proceeded to the degrees of M.A. and Sc.L. In the year 1896 he became an incorporated M.A. of the University of Cambridge. He also held the degree of F.S.A. of Scotland of which he was always very proud. Mr. Macfarlane-Grieve bought Impington Park shortly before joining Clare College. He was known to be a staunch Conservative, although he had never taken any active part in the various campaigns, nor did he take any active part in the public life of the district. He was, however, an active member of the County Bench, being created a magistrate in 1903. It was only a fortnight ago since deceased's eldest son, Lieut. A. R. Macfarlane-Grieve of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, was killed in action (March 17) and he also lost his daughter recently. He leaves a widow and three sons, all holding commissions in the Army. 17 04 11

1917 04 13 ES
2 Ely district war funds society
Chatteris tribunal, agricultural men to work 10 hours a day
3 North Witchford tribunal
5 volunteer parade
Ely rural tribunal, many military reviews, long day's sitting – Downham, Lt Thetford, Littleport, Wilburton, Mepal, Stretham, Witcham, Witchford, Coveney, Haddenham
Ely district war savings committee – list villages

6 aeroplane descends ay Ely, Littleport, Coates
Sutton patriotic sale
8 casualties
Littleport Hawkins previously w now kia
Stretham Ambrose w, pic 27th p8
Soham PoW concert
Littleport patriotic jumble sale
Downham war savings

1917 04 18 Ch
"The battle of the Gogs". Unknown to practically everybody in Cambridge, the cadets in training and some of the colleges carried out a series of fine manoeuvres on the Gog Magog Hills. Now following the enterprise of Mr A.J. Pointer, of the Victoria cinema, Market Hill, it will be possible for people to follow the progress of what has been described by a high military authority as a fine piece of work. The film commences with the picture of the cadets preparing for 'knife and fork' drill in the great dining hall of Trinity College and another scene in the grounds depicts the number of cadets at work on filling bombs. Vivid interest is awakened in the scene depicting the battalions marching along Kings Parade on route for the battlefield. Arriving at the scene of operations we are treated to a spectacle of a realistic attack, followed by a rigorous bombing counter attack by the enemy. Aeroplanes from a neighbouring aerodrome are shown in action and drop bombs with deadly precision in the enemy lines. Gas is also used with wonderful effect and this really up-to-date battle includes an attack by one of the now familiar 'Tanks'. Trench inspections are also depicted and the erection of wire entanglements, blowing up a mine, and persistent attacks and counter attacks arouse the greatest interest. The film is really a wonderful production and should be seen by all interested in the welfare of the sturdy young men who are receiving their training in our midst 17 04 18a; photos – 18c # c.45.5 # T.G.. # J.Gog
Haslingfield sale of work – 17 04 18b
Volunteer inspection at Longstowe Hall – photos – 17 04 18d

1917 04 18 CIP
Explosive Found on Gogs - On Thursday evening an accident occurred at Cherry Hinton in which a boy named Edwin Jennings, of 55 Hartington Grove, had three of his fingers on one hand blown off and the other hand injured. It appears that a brother had been to the "sham fight" (cadet manoeuvres) on the Gog Magog Hills in the afternoon and had brought borne a bag. Edwin opened it and inside was a small metal tube embedded in sand. Whilst examining it, it exploded. The boy's mother, who was standing near, was knocked down by the force of the explosion but escaped injury. Dr. Coombes was called in and he dressed the wounds and ordered the boy's removal to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he is still lying. On inquiry, we were told he was fairly comfortable. As a result of what the injured boy's brother said that other boys had similar bags. Inquiries were at once set afoot by the police. It was found that boys had picked up various articles and cartridge cases. One boy, Onyett by name, had taken another of the (canvas) bags home, and with other boys, had actually been using it as a ball. On hearing of the accident, Mr. Archer, chemist, of Cherryhinton Road, went to Mr. Onyett's house, and advised that the bag should be put into water, and this was done. The accident will probably serve as a warning to others. # c.45.5

South Pole – last week John Lachlan Cooper, a member of Christ's College, who was paying his first visit to his old University since the outbreak of the war after being away 2½ years as surgeon and biologist to the Shackleton Antarctic Expedition, a period which has cut him off from personal acquaintance with the war, but not from his friends, of whom he has many in Cambridge. Mr. Cooper was one of the party who were marooned for two years on Ross Island through the "Aurora" breaking away from her moorings during a gale, and. he had many surprising adventures

1917 04 20 ES
2 Wisbech rural tribunal

5 seven absentees arrested
help for Ely prisoners
Littleport patriotic sale
8 casualties
Downham Thornton (son rector) kia
Prickwillow Peachey kia
Littleport volunteer "Your letter very personal, needs toning down" - ed
"Hiding behind volunteer corps"- letter
Stretham Routledge praised
Manea Moate kia
Soham Ellingham m pic
Soham volunteers 100 strong

1917 04 20 WS
Publican charged - served refreshment travellers less than three miles p3
Carrier tried for theft p5
Food control cmte formed p5

1917 04 25 Ch
Battle of Wimpole and Lord's Bridge – photo feature – 17 04 25a # T.G. # Y.Wim.K17
Volunteer notes – posted away from Cambridge; uniforms to be issued, special service men issued with army rifle; account of preparations for the great push of last July – 17 04 25b
The latest big push – local men in casualty list; Bottisham casualties – 17 04 25c
Appeal tribunal – very few exceptions – 17 04 25c

1917 04 25 CIP
Bishop of Ely and British Reprisals - The following letter from the Bishop of Ely (Dr. F. H. Chase) appeared on Monday's "Times". — Sir. Some expression ought, I think, to be given to the profound regret at the news that Allied airmen have dropped bombs on the open town of Freiburg, and have killed and injured women and children. Those who speak with me believe that, unspeakably great as has been the provocation (1) a policy of reprisals is useless, for the German Government will care nothing for the death of a few civilians, and, further, we shall have started a competition in frightfulness in which we shall not contend on equal terms. (2) a policy of reprisals will prove disastrous, for we cannot now appear with clean hands at the great assize which will follow the war; we shall have had our share in lowering the standard of international morality. (3) a policy of reprisals is essentially wrong, Yours faithfully, F H. Ely, The Palace, Ely, April 19.

Great Push, — With the recommencement of fierce fighting on the Western Front the casualty lists; have assumed larger proportions, and as might well be, expected, Cambridgeshire men figure amongst, those who have fallen in the great cause of liberty. Numerous names are published. # c.45.5

1917 04 27 ES
2 Sutton patriotic sale - £400
Ely isolation hospital opening in fields behind Witchford Road & St John's Road, gift Cutlack
3 Isle insurance company meeting - "all Isle doctors indispensable"
national service – how works
5 consignment of potatoes from Chatteris – pic
Huntingdon Kermode, vicar's son, flying accident
8 casualties
Littleport Bell w pic
Downham Green w, pic 4th p8
Prickwillow Peachey kia pic
Soham Barber kia pic, Beeton m – further info, Hitch w pic 4th p8, Peacock w. pic, Frost k pic, Brown k pic

1917 04 27 WS
All Isle doctors indispensable p8

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1917 05 02 Ch
Corn Exchange – no business done, farmers practically on trike against Government fixed prices – 17 05 02

1917 05 02 CIP
Fire coincidences — On Saturday, about 7.30 p.m., the electric wires in the cellar of Hobby s restaurant, Hitchin, fired, setting fire to a beam. Smoke, issuing from the fire alarm box outside the shops attracted attention. One or two firemen near were verbally informed, and put out the fire promptly. Then, a curious thing happened - the fused wires fell across the fire alarm box wires underground, and set all the alarm bells at the firemen's homes ringing. The brigade turned up in uniform to find "everything over but the laugh."

Unusual Accident. An extraordinary accident occurred at the top of Victoria Road and Histon Road on Friday afternoon. A horse belonging to Mr. Edward Bolton, attached to a Corporation water-cart, which was about to flush a sewer, suddenly backed, it's off hind leg going down the manhole. Assistance was soon forthcoming, and the harness was removed from the animal. With the aid of some poles and a rein, which had been buckled around the leg, the horse was raised from its unfortunate position after several attempts. Luckily, the animal was apparently none the worse for its adventure.

Killed. — A further number of local men were reported to have been killed on the field of battle. The latest published list included six names, a Histon couple losing a second son.

1917 05 04 ES
2 appeal tribunal
North Witchford tribunal
3 Women farm labour - Isle organisation set up
5 Prickwillow – Kingdon's sale, including blacksmith's premises
6 Wisbech rural tribunal
Sutton Painter letter, India
8 casualties
Soham Long w pic p8
Prickwillow Thorpe kia, Norman w (2)
Downham Missin w pic 11th p8, Barnes w
Littleport – Belgian woman robbed
Prickwillow aeroplane descends
Downham Sennitt dw

1917 05 04 WS
Manea man's letter from America p7
Cromwell death mask found p7

1917 05 09 Ch
Cherryhinton Road Hospital Sunday concert – 17 05 09a
St John's church Band of Hope entertainment – 17 05 09b
Lord Hood inspects volunteers – includes cyclists – photos – 17 05 09d, 17 05 09c # T.G.
Cambridge Choir Mutual Aid Society founded in 1880; members lay clerks of college choirs, now finishes – photo – 17 05 09e # c.37
Tribunal includes licensees – 17 05 09f

1917 05 09 CIP
Lady Bellringers - Owing to the shortage of men bellringers at the Sawston Parish Church, four young ladies are learning the art, and are making good progress.

Killed In Action, — News has been received that Lt. Clifford H. Butler, who, previous to the war, was assistant solicitor to Mr. Ashley Tabrum, Clerk of the Peace and Clerk to the County Council, has been, killed in action. Lt. Butler was an M.A. of Jesus College, Oxford. He was placed first in the 1st Class Honours List of the Solicitors' Final Examination and was awarded the Clements Inn and Daniel Reardon Prize. After serving some years as assistant to the Clerk of the Peace for the East Riding of Yorkshire he came to Cambridge as assistant to Mr. Ashley Tabrum in 1913. In October, 1914, he joined the ranks of the Public Schools Battalion and in December, 1915, he was awarded a commission in the Black Watch. He went out to France with his regiment early in 1916 and was shot through the head while leading his men on. Death was instantaneous. Lieut. Gerald S. French, of the Royal Flying Corps, son of Mr. Sidney French, of Llandaff Chambers, Cambridge, is reported missing. Mr. French has no official news at present, but he heard unofficially that his son was shot down.

1917 05 11 ES
3 war savings Ely – Friendly Society form association
Soham Flying Fund successful effort
Ely rural tribunal – more single men for army, complaint against Volunteers – Lt Downham, Sutton, Haddenham, Wilburton, Littleport, Witchford, Stretham
5 Ely's PoWs, now 20 send parcels
Littleport private, lent by army for farm work, no bike lights
6 calling up farm hands – agreement with Board Agriculture
Prickwillow - Baptist pastor Scaresbrook enlists, Rev Kingdon's farewell
8 casualties
Littleport Crabb w pic 18 p8
Soham Ames w. pic, Porter m pic, Darnell m
Witcham Norman dw pic
Downham Yardy serious, Barnes w, nurse Harding leaving for France
Prickwillow Norman letter
Soham Talbot k pic

1917 05 11 WS
With camel corps in Palestine - letter p2
Kingdon leaves as Prickwillow vicar p6

1917 05 16 Ch
St Luke's church revives Rogation Sunday procession through allotment, bless crops – 17 05 16a, photo – 17 05 23b
Reach Fair – to be no lunch; the fair as a commercial proposition has died on inanition – 17 05 16b
War and treatment of animals – work of the Cambridge RSPCA ; new home for stray dogs and cats – 17 05 16c
Volunteer fireman H. Glover funeral – photos – 17 05 16d
Corp. G.H. Pedley, RAMC, military funeral – 17 05 16e
Vinery Road allotments set out – photos – 17 05 16f # c.18
Flight Serg. Frederic Slingsby, RFC, awarded Military Medal – was attacked by German, he fired 140 rounds then landed plane after pilot killed – 17 05 16g # c.45.5 # c.26.1

1917 05 16 CIP
Cottenham Man Honoured.—At the conference of the London Teachers Association, on Saturday, May 5, the resignation of Mr. T. Gautrey, the General Secretary since 1879, was announced. He was thanked for his services and granted a superannuation allowance of £100 per annum. Mr. W. J Pincombe was appointed to succeed him at a salary of £400 per annum, rising to £600. Mr. Gautrey

was one of the first pupil teachers in the British School Cottenham commencing his apprenticeship about 50 years ago. He worked under the Cottenham School Board for about 5½ years, commencing with a salary of fifty shillings per annum, rising 50/-each year, so that at the end of his apprenticeship he received for the last half year of his service the handsome sum of £7 10s. After serving under the Board at Cottenham, he had two years' college training at Borough Road., London. Since then he has spent the greater part of his life in London.

1917 05 18 ES
2 appeal tribunal – Littleport, Sutton, Downham, Mepal
"Splendid Suffolks" –how charged Hindenburg line, 'prisoners who would not surrender
Vimy Ridge described by Benwick soldier
3 Age limit raised to 50
5 British airship over Ely
Volunteers signing on
PoW help committee
20,000 acres of pastures to be cropped 'can it be done;
war pensions – meet Isle committee
8 casualties
Soham Badcock m - pic 25 p8
Littleport Townsend died wounds – pic 25 p8
Wilburton Hopkins m – pic 25 p8
Prickwillow Watts k – pic 25 p8, Cross k
Sutton Knight kia
Pymore Powers w, Warren w – pics 8th Jun p8
Lt Thetford Gent kia, Dewsbury k – pics 25 p8, Scarrow kia
Soham PoW parcels to 13, Food economy meeting
Downham Barnes visited in hospital – pic
Haddenham - shops now close 1-2
Stretham – A.E. Wright died of shock on hearing death of two sons in France

1917 05 18 WS
Vimy ridge action - Benwick interesting letter p2
Chatteris rebut tribunal criticisms p6

1917 05 23 Ch
General Smuts and Dr Page, American Ambassador, at Cambridge, inspect troops – photo -17 05 23a
Ancient church bells in Cambridge by A..H.F. Boughey – history – 17 05 23c # c.69.6

1917 05 23 CIP
A Petition. - At the evening service at the Baptist Church (Histon) on Sunday, a petition was read by the Pastor and approved, unanimously by the congregation. The petition was to His Majesty the King, and has been forwarded to him by the Home Secretary. It was to the effect that those present pledged themselves to obey the recent proclamation of His Majesty as loyal subjects, but whilst doing so, they would petition His Majesty to take such measures as are right to prevent the waste of food by the consumption of alcoholic liquors.

Death of a Surgeon, - The death took place on Wednesday, April 25th at Saffron Walden, of Mr. Henry Steer, M.R.C.S., at the age of 87years. The funeral took place at Saffron Walden Cemetery, and was attended by a number of townsmen.

Rogation Sunday.—An old custom in the shape of the blessing of the crops was revived in St. Luke's parish, Cambridge, on Rogation Sunday, when the Vicar (Rev. W, W. Partridge), choir and congregation perambulated local allotments. # c.39

General Smuts' Visit,—The visit of General Smuts and Dr. Page (American Ambassador) to receive honorary degrees (Doctor of Laws) at the hands of the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University (the President of Queens') created quite .a wave of excitement in the town. There were large gatherings both inside and outside the Senate House on Wednesday afternoon, and the distinguished visitors were accorded a hearty welcome.

1915 05 25 ES
2 Ely urban tribunal
3 Wisbech borough tribunal
5 Ely girl d., took ill during war work, Salisbury Plain – Miss P. Tuck
Ely soldier describes attack
King's proclamation frugality and economy
8 Casualties - 3 lines of pics "heroes fallen in war"
Littleport Jordan kia pic, Jordan kia
Black Horse Drove Crabb now d.w.
Soham Mothersole kia, Audus kia pic, Fordham de pic, Porter m, now kia, Fuller w pic 8 Jun p8, Martin m pic, King w pic
Prickwillow Watts d
Downham Cornwell kia, Saberton dw pics 8th p8,
War Ag Committee meet
Soham soldier letter - "to be sold, dug out"
Littleport Peake leaves for training
Wicken – feast died out, only stall of fish vendor

1917 05 30 Ch
Empire Day; all elder children march to Market Place with Scouts & Guides; Mayor reads King's proclamation – 17 05 30a; photo 17 05 30c # c.39
Future of aviation, E.P. Frost envisages transatlantic aerial ship with ten engines, fuel being picked up mid ocean; had been writing about such things in 1883 – 17 05 30b # c.26.1
St Chad's Red Cross Hospital celebrate anniversary by boat trip to Upware – 17 05 30d
Capt Hugh Chaplin buried with military honours, Trumpington – photo – 17 05 30e

1917 05 30 CIP
Empire Day,—Empire Day was officially celebrated at Cambridge by the assembling of a large number of schoolchildren on the Market Place, where the Mayor (Lieut.-Col. B. W. Beales) read the King's Proclamation on food rationing, and the children sang a hymn and the National Anthem and raised three hearty cheers for His Majesty. # c.39

Seven Days Labour. Five Cottenham representatives attended the East Anglian Wesleyan Synod at Wisbech. The recent resolution of the Men's Own at Cottenham was referred to, and after an interesting debate, the following resolution was passed: "This Synod, representing large agricultural areas in Norfolk, Suffolk rind Cambs, desires to place on record its strong opinion that Sunday labour is no more necessary or beneficial in agriculture than it has proved to be in munitions. It protests on grounds of religious and social economy against the breaking down of the observance of the Lord's Day 17 05 30

Sawston Paper Mills - We are informed that Messrs. Spicer Brothers Ltd have purchased the old-established business of Edward Towgood and Sons, paper manufacturers, of the Sawston Paper Mills, Sawston. The business was announced to be sold by auction, but it was subsequently stated that it had been disposed of privately.

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1917 06 01 ES
2 Mepal patriotic sale
6 North Witchford tribunal
8 casualties
Soham Murfet w
Littleport Neal m, Parker kia – pics 8th p8
Upware Creek kia pic 8th p8
Downham Rudderham kia pic 8th p8
Prickwillow Crane escape from death – letter
Littleport Murfitt, Cobb, Harwood on leave
Ely urban tribunal

1917 06 06
Cambridge School of Flying and Aerodrome Company Ltd at Hardwick is equipped with hangars and workshops and all the necessary adjuncts to a well-equipped aerodrome. Within the hangars are housed five Tractor Dual Control biplanes of Government types and adjacent to the hangar are the workshop replete with every requirement of aviation. The skilled pilots under the supervision of Mr Assehton Salton include B.J. Curry and T.H. Drew, the first civilian to receive his pilot's ticket at the Cambridge School of Flying. Until recently the school has only been open to military pupils but now have decided to admit a limited number of pupils for immediate tuition, a speedy training being given for pupils intending to enter the Royal Flying Corps or Royal Naval Air Service. The machines are Cauldron biplanes, the safest and best machine for school and tuition work. In spite of the fact that practically every pupil had no previous experience with aeroplanes it is highly creditable that not a single accident has occurred to any pupil during the past six months. The aerodrome is frequently open for the public to witness exhibition flights – 17 06 06a; illustrated advert 17 06 06b

1917 06 06 CIP
Lost In Mediterranean. Among those on board the British transport Transylvania, which was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on Many 4 were two Cambridge men, one of whom survived and the other was drowned. The latter was Private Ernest William Taylor of Brookside Cottage, Burnside, Cambridge, and the survivor is Private Edward Brown, of 5 North Terrace. Cherryhinton Road, Cambridge, Another victim of the Transylvania was Sgt W. H. Norman, of the R.A.M.C. (the Rev. W, H, Norman, formerly superintendent of the Castle End Mission). Mr. M, Norman entered the Ministry some years ago, and was superintendent of the Castle End Mission for a good period. Shortly before the outbreak of war he accepted a call to the pastorate of a Glasgow Congregational Church, but he obtained leave from his church and joined the R.A.M.C., feeling that it was his duty. In this regiment he rapidly gained promotion. He had served in Ireland and France, and was going out to Egypt when his ship was torpedoed. # c.45.5

Feast. In common with other villages, there is a poor show this year (at Bottisham); the old custom will no doubt remain in abeyance during the war. On Sunday there were not so many visitors as usual, though the weather was gloriously fine. On Monday and Tuesday there were a few stalls, but the roundabouts were conspicuous by their absence.

1917 06 08 ES
2 Tribunal - members resignation - after unsuccessful appeal son; Littleport, Sutton, Haddenham, Witcham, Downham, North Witchford
Littleport food control committee
3 Newmarket rural tribunal
Training disabled soldiers
Prickwillow – Rev Kingdon resignation, p.8 marries
5 photo soldiers honoured
Man fined for feeding bread to dogs Ely
Huntingdon Whetstone charged as absentee
Downham patriotic soldier

Ely khaki concert
8 casualties
Prickwillow Day dw pic
Littleport Porter m pic
Downham Wright military medal
Wicken Military Road becoming overgrown, pontoon bridge removed
Downham women's war work meeting
` Littleport food control committee
Upware Creek memorial service
Chettisham Oakey m pic
Haddenham Everitt W pic
Downham Powers w pic
Littleport Rogers w pic
Haddenham – feast held, Friendly Societies parade

1917 06 08 WS
Tribunal members resignation after unsuccessful appeal for his son p2
Wisbechians experiences in Folkestone raid - worse than trenches p8

1917 06 13 Ch
Crosses erected over graves of those died in service buried at Newmarket Road cemetery – photo – 17 06 13a # c.21.2 # M
Prof T. McKenny Hughes – obit – 17 06 13b

1917 06 13 CIP
Allotments, - A walk round the various allotment grounds in the Borough of Cambridge is distinctly encouraging ('says the' writer of Town and Country Topics), for the most unpromising plots of the newly-cultivated land are turning out better than the most optimistic might have expected. The crops are through the soil, and show splendid promise, and the allotment holders must feel greatly encouraged and well rewarded for their labours, which have not been light. We hope that as the result of war-time measures the gardening habit may be re-¬established at Cambridge. A quarter of a century or so ago gardening was practised very extensively in Cambridge, and amateur horticulturists and college gardeners were produced who accomplished wonders in the way of intensive cultivation and carried off prizes even in All-England shows. The growth of Cambridge and other causes checked the gardening habits, which has now another opportunity, and we hope it may now progress. # c.18

Anniversary. - The celebration of the 42nd anniversary of St. Giles' Church (Cambridge) took place on Tuesday week. During the morning there were three celebrations of Holy Communion and in the evening there was festal evensong, attended by a good, congregation

1917 06 15 ES
2 patriotic sales Ely, Mepal, Witcham
5 wounded soldiers war work sold Ely
war ag reports on breaking up grass land
Isle farmers union breaking up pasture
6 Downham patriotic sale
8 casualties
Littleport Wilmot PoW pic, Furnell w 3rd time
Prickwillow Sadler dw pic
Littleport PoW help committee, volunteer news
Downham nurse Harding leaves for military nursing, Food control meeting
Haddenham Ainger kia
Manea Carter m, Hamilton letter
Soham letter from PoWs

Wicken Rumbelow funeral from Kitchen Terrace
Wilburton food control campaign
Witchford food economy meeting
Littleport food economy meeting
Haddenham war savings association
Mepal food control meeting

1917 06 20 Ch
Boy scouts rally on Sheeps Green visited by Baden Powell – 171 06 20a; pictures 20c # c.37.9 # RA.Sco

1917 06 20 CIP
Chief Scout at Rally. Although some disappointment was felt at the non-appearance at the appointed time of General Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout, the rally of Cambridge, Newmarket and Ely Boy Scouts on Sheep's Green, Cambridge last Wednesday was carried through with great success. "The Chief," after being delayed several hours through an air raid over London, turned up later in the afternoon, accompanied by the Member for the Borough (Mr. Almeric Paget). # c.37.5

Honour for Postal Servant - In a recent supplement of the London Gazette, it was announced that Mr. William Manners Hills, ex-postman, acting as stamper at Cambridge, has been awarded, an Imperial Service Medal on his retirement after 35 years' service. The presentation of the medal was made at the Cambridge Post Office on Saturday in the presence of the recipient's colleagues, by the Postmaster (Mr. A. Bell).

Death of Mr, Arthur Matthew. — The death occurred on Friday night of Mr. Arthur Matthew, head of the well-known firm of Messrs. Matthew and Son. It took place at his private resident, The Garden House, Mount Pleasant, Cambridge, where he had been lying seriously ill for some weeks. Mr. Matthew was elected to the Town Council in 1835 and in 1903 was made an alderman.

1917 06 22 ES
2 Ely rural tribunal – war ag committee criticised, Littleport detailed case, Witchford, Coveney, Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Mepal, Sutton, Thetford, Wilburton
6 Ely food campaign
8 casualties
Soham Barker kia
Wicken Bailey m pic, Bailey w
Littleport Johnson w, Cole w & m
Downham Jugg w
Soham Red Cross fete, "Feast" in name only
Wicken - German curios exhibited, vicar helps on farm
Littleport PoW help committee
Volunteer news
Downham - nurse Harding leaves for military nursing, Food control meeting
Prickwillow Sadler dw pic
Prickwillow – welcome for Red Kingdon and his bride at St Teath, Cornwall

1917 06 27 Ch
First Cambridge War Kitchen on corner of Church Street opened; to promote economy by cooking on a large scale and enabling people to purchase food at small prices – 17 06 20b, photo 17 06 27c # c.27.3 # c.45.5
Arthur Matthew, head of firm, obituary – 17 06 27d
Lt-Col. Henry William Hurrell – obituary – 17 06 27a
National Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Sailors and Soldiers meeting; thousands of finest lads in the world now back at home, shattered. Found their jobs held by foreigners. Now government

says they will recall these sick and lame men. But the army wanted men, not cripples – 17 06 27b # c.45.5

1917 06 27 CIP
Death of Lt.-CoL H. W. Hurrell the death occurred rather suddenly at Shelford on Wednesday of …. of their village. The presence of the bishop in the village was announced by a peal of welcome from the church bells.

Little boy sent to prison. At the usual meeting of the magistrates in Ely on Thursday, J. Cropley Esq., presiding, a little boy, about 8 years of age, was sent to prison for 14 days and to have a whipping for stealing some bread. It appears that his father, a very respectable tradesman, sent the boy for some bread, giving him some money. The boy, not seeing anyone in the shop, took the bread and kept the money, afterwards saying that he had meant to pay. Some persons may imagine that the whipping and one day's imprisonment for child of such tender years would have been sufficient; others may have a contrary opinion.

1917 06 29 ES
2 appeal tribunal – one man business contention fails, Littleport, Downham, Mepal, Haddenham, Manea, Ely urban
3 Wisbech rural tribunal – farmers and tradesmen wanted
Manea & hospitals – another record despite rain
5 Airship over Ely - finest view had
Ely war shrine to be unveiled
6 North Witchford tribunal
war pensions
Newmarket rural tribunal – Isleham, Swaffham Prior, Soham, Burwell
8 casualties
Littleport Woods w pic 6 p8, Dennis kia pic, Mann kia, Thorby w
Newspaper staffs not to be denuded further for war
Sutton Clarke kia pic
Downham awkward aeroplane descent
Burnt Fen parcels for soldiers
Prickwillow St Teath welcome Kingdom
Littleport volunteers receive 30 1914 rifles

1917 06 29 WS
Serous outbreak of measles, London schoolboy the cause p8

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1917 07 04 Ch

1917 07 04 CIP
Double Funeral. A double funeral took place at Chesterton on Thursday afternoon when the remains of Mr. and Mrs. F, W. Simpson were laid to rest in Old Chesterton Churchyard. Mr. and Mrs. Simpson celebrated their golden wedding four years ago. They had lived most of their married- life in Peekshill, U.S.A., 14 years being spent in Cambridge, On June 23rd. Mr. Simpson died in Addenbrooke's Hospital, and two days later, Mrs. Simpson, who had been in weak health, died also. Deceased were buried in the same grave.

Sir Beerbohm Tree. Cambridge (says the writer of Town and Country Topics) heard with very great regret of the death of Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree, which occurred from heart failure on Monday night. The truly great actor was associated with the renaissance of the drama in Cambridge, typified by the provision of what is still known as the New Theatre. Then Mr. Beerbohm Tree, he laid the foundation

stone the inscribed face of which forms part of the wall of the entrance lobby, and he gave a memorable performance of Hamlet on the afternoon of the opening day. His death at the age of 63 leaves a very conspicuous gap in the ranks of our first-rate British actors.

1917 07 06 ES
2 Ely war shrine unveiled (pic p5)
Ely urban tribunal
Patriotic sale - £1,200
8 casualties
Soham Beeton reported k 12 months after m
Littleport Long w, Chapman kia pic,
Witchford Dunham kia, pic
Downham Rudderham kia, Wright w. pic 3rd p8
Soham Horsley medal, Matherson kia pic,
Soham aeroplane descends Shade
Wicken – military road, activity near Cam
Haddenham war ag committee
Wilburton feast – no stalls of any kind, 'will soon die away'

1917 07 06 WS
Serious fire, March aerated water works gutted p2
Ely war shrine unveiled p2
Why not utilise the specials p3

1917 07 11 Ch
Fen drainage and the Ouse outfall – to consider report by A.H. Case but not refer to one by E.G. Crocker; urgent need of improvement, should be new body to deal with river above Denver – 17 07 11a, 17 07 18b # c.29
Cherry Hinton military hospital concert – 17 07 11b

1917 07 11 CIP
Presentation.—Mr. A. S, Orlebar, Chairman of the County Education Committee, presided at a meeting held at the County Hall on Wednesday afternoon, when a presentation was made to the Rev. C. J. N. Child, late Headmaster of the County Boys' School, of a beautifully illuminated address and a cheque for £64 on his retirement after having held the appointment for 17 years.

War Bonus Snowball. The warning we gave in these columns recently of the possible extension of the demands for war bonuses and similar increases from public officials continues to be justified (says the writer of Town and Country Topics). A month ago the salaries of certain of the officers of the Cambridge Guardians were advanced in this way. At the last meeting of the Town Council, further members of the Corporation staff received additions to their pay. Today the Cambridge Guardians are being asked to allow war bonuses to two more of their officials. And so the thing goes on, ever increasing like a snowball, and most certainly never diminishing for to all intents and purposes these are permanent increases. We do not wish to appear mean in any way and we agree that public bodies should set an example to other employers, but we plead that consideration should also be shown for the poor ratepayers. The public official has his salary guaranteed to him. The average ratepayer has not. Is the average ratepayer to be the only person? Who is to be called upon to make sacrifices, and is bureaucracy to go free?

1917 07 13 ES
5 PoWs parcels - letter
Ely military hospital - sports & concert
6 Women's land army - more recruits wanted
8 casualties
Soham Mann kia, letter, pic

Soham POW parcels being received

1917 07 13 WS
Bogus MA woman married Whittlesey soldier - most dangerous woman criminal p8

1917 07 18 Ch
Jolly Butchers in Newmarket Road, 'Magpie & Stump' Chesterton and 'Spotted Cow' Northampton Street to close – 17 07 18a

1917 07 18 CIP
Awarded Military Medal - Private F. Jones of 10, Shelley Row, Cambridge, a regimental stretcher bearer in the Norfolk Regiment, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry and devotion to duty when attending to the wounded under very heavy fire during an attack east of Givenchy in September last. Private Jones, who is 21 years of age, enlisted in September 1914, and was for ten weeks in France and then in hospital in England for 15 weeks with frostbite. In March, 1915, he returned to France, and he now lies in a Chester hospital with a poisoned leg and foot. Previous to enlisting, Pte. Jones was employed at a Norwich hotel. # c.45.5

Burning Fatality at Ely. A shocking affair occurred in the early hours of July 4th at Ely, when Mrs. Jemima Chapman, aged 80, was burnt to death in her bedroom'. The old lady who lived at Bohemond Street, was an old-age pensioner. Miss F. Chapman, deceased's daughter said she slept with her mother. On the night in question, she woke up to find the room in flames, and rushed downstairs to get palls of water. She thought deceased must have knocked the lamp over. They were in the habit of burning a light all night

1917 07 20 ES
5 Ely hospital acknowledges pillows
War funds society report
Women farm workers – Isle Committee meet
8 Soham Collen joins US army – account, Howe kia pic 24th Aug p3, Collinson k in ship explosion

1917 07 25 Ch
Wireless telegraph mast Huntingdon Road damaged by high winds, old sailor climbed to top, 214 ft to repair – 17 07 25a # c.27.7
Stearn Junior, photographer, will open an art studio in Bridge Street – advert – 17 07 25b # c.65.5

1917 07 25 CIP
A Warning,—A Fulbourn correspondent writes: Will those persons who have been robbing the allotments and school gardens of their produce stop their little game at once, or proceedings will be taken-against them. They are well known.

M.P. Resigns, — We live in stirring times (says a leader writer), and when we went to Press last week no one in Cambridge had the least idea that in 24 hours our Member (Mr Almeric Paget) would have resigned his seat in order to make way for Sir Eric Geddes, the newly-appointed First Lord of the Admiralty. However it has come to pass and we are assured that the extreme haste with which this momentous change has come about was entirely due to political necessity, and in no way can our retiring Member be blamed for not taking his constituents into his confidence any earlier. Mr. Paget carries with him the cordial good wishes of all the Unionists, and, we venture to think, of nearly all the Radical Party, in his retirement from the Membership of this historic Borough, which he has so ably represented for nearly eight years. # c.33

1917 07 27 ES
2 Soham paint letter boxes with luminous paint
Littleport feast

6 training disabled soldiers, East Anglian committee
8 Soham Concert aid VAD work Fordham
Wicken Coronation Band still practices
casualties
Witchford Young kia
Littleport Hines PoW
Soham Collinson m, navy stoker, pic
Prickwillow Crunkhorn kia, pic

1917 07 27 WS
Sale beerhouse known as Bridge House with 14a sold 880 p6

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1917 08 01 Ch

1917 08 03 ES
paper smaller in size
2 appeal tribunal – new procedure in farm cases – Downham, Mepal, Littleport
5 Ely volunteer inspection – 50
Ely dispensary appeals for funds
8 casualties

1917 08 03 WS
Terrington horses being sent to Manchester for human consumption p3

1917 08 08 Ch

1917 08 10 ES
3 war intercession, Ely
5 Cricket wounded soldiers Ely v Fulbourn
Ely & Downham volunteers
Prickwillow patriotic sale, magnificent effort
Stuntney vicar compiles a volume of Stuntney Records, will be left in safe
6 Proposed war museum
8 Littleport cinema – new gas engine & motor power
casualties
Littleport Weldon kia, Conn w pic
Downham Taylor PoW, pic
Soham Steggles kia 1916 – info: went Canada, pic
Haddenham Coatman, Benton on leave

1917 08 10 WS
War's toll on Oddfel1ows p 3
Farmers and tractor p7

1917 08 15 Ch
Diamond wedding of Mr & Mrs John Wheeler of Stretham 17 08 15a
Motor bus overturns – driver swerved to avaoid lady cyclist – 17 08 15b

1917 08 17 ES
2 appeal tribunal, Ely urban
5 Haddenham discuss problems transport Ely station

Food economy campaign committee, Ely area, wound up
Soham Capt Morbey kia
Soldiers home-coming, problems transport from Ely station to Haddenham – letter
6 Cambridgeshire Regiment losses, many officers knocked out
8 Pidley man sunk U-boat
8 Prickwillow – patriotic effort raises £500, DCM Cockerel
casualties
Littleport Cooper kia, Wells kia pics 17th p8, Gross w & sent England, Warren kia pic
Soham Lawrence w
Downham Fincham w
Coveney Coulson m presumed d
Manea Mason kia, Clarke w, Elliner w.
Stuntney McGee family "3 killed in one day", 4th w
Haddenham Burling w, Charles w, Burgess & Pettengell missing now presumed dead, Porter wounded 2nd time, came home for funeral of mother but three hours too late, Whetstone, Chapman, Baker, Rutherford, Everitt, Pope, Jackson on leave

1917 08 17 WS
Trade unionism at March – union of farm labourers and rural workers formed p2
House prices p3

1917 08 22 Ch
Shocking discovery at military hospital - patient found hanging behind shed at First Eastern General Hospital – 17 08 22a

1917 08 24 ES
5 RFC men at funeral Mrs Oakey, she catered RFC men in her tea-room
6 casualties
Isleham Clarke w
Littleport Hudson dw pic p8, Sallis kia pic p8
Soham Howe kia pic p8
7 Newmarket rural tribunal – Soham, Isleham, Fordham
8 casualties
Stretham Wheeler kia pic
Stuntney - McGee d.w
Sutton - Clay d. heat stroke, Egypt
Downham Swaine kia letter
Soham Morbey kia pic, Nunn kia pic, Peacock dw pic, Meeks sailed Egypt
Soham – harvest – women workers
Wicken – harvest women workers & vicar
Military Road – County Council not take over till bridge completed

1917 08 24 WS
Death Capt Charles Morbey, Soham p5

1917 08 29 Ch
Chesterton RDC meeting – Local Government board entrusting distribution of essential foodstuffs to local authorities – 17 08 29
The work of the tanks described – 17 08 29

1917 08 31 ES
3 Cs Regiment - record of some engagements, importance of training at home
5 Ely war hospital supply depot - large parcel goes to the casualty clearing station every fortnight
7 Farm workers wage - 25/- week now payable

8 Sugar now available for preserving, (tremendous response)
Soham - cigs, letter from Macedonia "smoking prevents mosquitoes pulling us out of dug-outs"
Downham men on sick leave – Wright, Young, Jefferson, Bidwell
casualties
Soham Clark kia, Human kia, Beeton kia soon after brother, pic 7th Sep p8
Littleport Rogers dw pic, Lock presumed dead, Simpson w
Haddenham Wordingham m, Patterson missing but is PoW Turkey, Ambrose kia, Hall kia, Acred w.
Haddenham leave - Webster on leave, Salmons on sick leave, Kermode on leave after aircraft accident, Russell, Few, Miller, Bearcock
Wilburton Sneesby w now d, Sharpe d
Stretham Fitch discharged after wounds, Boyce former PoW now home
Mepal Constable four sons, three wounded
Downham Swaine kia pic

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1917 09 05 Ch
First Eastern General sports on King's ground – photos – 17 09 05c

1917 09 05 CIP
Chaplain Killed. Capt the Rev. Herbert Green, M.C., Chaplain to the Forces, and fourth son of Mr, Henry Green, C.C., of Linton, fell in action, on August 24. He gained the Military Cross at the second Battle of Arras for devotion to duty and care for the wounded under very heavy fire. The late Captain Green was born on January 16, 1889 and after entering business at Cambridge, offered himself for the Wesleyan Ministry in 1912, entering the Richmond Theological College. The outbreak of war found him in his last year at college, and with several other brother students he joined the Royal Naval Division, being stationed at the Crystal Palace and Blandford. In the following year he was given a lieutenancy, and in the year after that he was transferred to the Chaplains' Department, being ordained in September and proceeding to France. He married in November, 1915, Miss Olive Barugh Barugh of Linton to whom the deepest sympathy is extended. On the very day that her husband was expected home on leave, she received the sad tidings of his death in action.

Partridge Season. The partridge shooting season opened on Saturday. In many districts farmers had not yet completed harvesting operations, so it is difficult to form any reliable estimate of the condition of the birds.

1917 09 07 ES
2 casualties
Soham Gilbey m now d, Jobson dw
County Regiment recent heroic attack
3 Mrs. Hughes, VAD, serving important military hospital 13 months, given red efficiency stripe
5 death Henry Hamit, engineer Isleham water works, 64, father drove Haddenham engine, son succeeds 14th Sep p2
8 Stretham – war-work room reopened, 334 articles sent
casualties
Stretham Beasley kia, Wheeler Bros memorial service
Littleport Webb w, Leverington kia, Sparrow two sons k pic 14th p8, Laws w sixth time,
Burnt Fen Gipp PoW pic
Downham Hurd of Oxlode w, Chambers w pic 14th p8, Peacock w
Soham Human memorial service

Downham Smith gazetted Manchester, Moxon lost leg accident, Missin w at home, Gilbert & Russell released for harvest work
Soham man "m", now "kia" & buried (muddle)

1917 09 07 WS
March to lay more railway tracks p6

1917 09 12 Ch
Industries for Cambridge attract attention; is no reason they should not be developed side by side with university – 17 09 12a
Capt Harold Ackroyd of Royston, who died in action, awarded Victoria Cross – 17 09 12b

1917 09 12 CIP
Heavy Fruit Crops.There have been exceptionally heavy crops of gages and plums in this district (Eversden), and fruit growers have been glad of the help of soldiers, public schoolboys, College girls etc., quite a number of whom have been employed. It has thus been impossible to avoid a great deal of waste. The absence of wasps was almost pleasantly noticeable when the plums were ripe. The longed-for sugar has arrived—nine bags of 100 pounds each. It was distributed on Satur¬day morning and a good lot of it has been converted into jam by now. Most people got what they ordered and were grateful.

Awarded Military Medal. — Corporal E. Porter, R.E., son of' Mrs. Mitchell, who was awarded The D.C.M. in September last for gallantry in action during an enemy counter-attack has now been awarded the Military Medal. Corporal Porter, who is 28 years of age, was formerly a fireman on the Great Northern Railway at Cambridge, and enlisted m January. 1915. He has been in France just over two years.

1917 09 14 ES
2 Ely food control committee
6 Medal issued for 1914 troops
casualties
Prickwillow Rice kia pic p8
Soham Fisk w
8 Soham - shabbily dressed "woman" arrested as escaped German Pow
Downham - Gunner Hull at war received bale clover for horse from Cooke of Downham, Volunteers - some neglect to attend minimum drills
Casualties
Haddenham Ambrose kia letter, on leave Chapman, Collins
Stretham Baxter kia
Littleport Cross w pic
Downham Hull returns hospital after leave, Hard wounded – pic

1917 09 19 Ch

1917 09 19 CIP
Pigeons. A notice issued by Lt-Col Alan Chichester, Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire, states; As it is all-important that carrier and homing pigeons should not be shot, the public are to retrain from shooting which all pigeons which are flying singly. If a carrier or homing pigeon should be shot by accident, the bird should be taken to the nearest police station.

Stained Glass Window. An interesting little ceremony was performed at St. Philip's Church, Romsey Town, Cambridge, on Thursday afternoon, when a stained glass; window, given by a former member of the choir, was dedicated. The Vicar (the Rev. C, Howard) read the dedica¬tion prayers. The window, which is a single figure panel, has for its subject St, Philip, and is a very beautiful piece of work. It was designed, made and presented to the church by Mr. Thomas C. Eastwell, son of Mr. and

Mrs. T. Eastwell of 93, Sedgwick Street, Cambridge, who has for the last, three years been studying at the Royal College of Art, South Kensington. Mr. Eastwell was for a number of years a chorister at St. Philip's Church. # c.83 # c.67

1917 09 21 ES
3 Chatteris airman killed, how Lieut Angood died
5 Ely bakers charge 9d per loaf, provided customers pay once a week, otherwise 1/2d more, co-op absolutely cash trade
6 Ely - butchers excessive prices. Lieut Blakeman Military Cross
national service reorganisation of work
7 ploughing of pastures, position in Isle, committee avoid compulsion if possible
8 casualties
Haddenham Weeks dw, Green Military Medal, Starkey commissioned, Hawkins & Russell 10 days leave, Green month leave for harvest
Littleport Mann – seaman DSM, Webb w pic
Prickwillow Day Military Medal
Downham Fuller narrow escape
Stretham Baxter, Beasley, Wesley memorial service
Haddenham - Red Cross effort
Littleport – need to husband food
Manea Cooper, Cox memorial service, now 19 fallen, 2 missing

1917 09 26 Ch
Scenes at Papworth Hall and the Bourn Colony – feature and photo feature – 17 09 26a,b
King & Harper Baico … converting a Ford car into a one-ton lorry – advert – 17 09 26c

1917 09 26 CIP
Working man J.P. We have to record the death of a highlyesteemed townsman and a prominent figure in Friendly Society circles in the person of Mr G. H. Barnsdale, J.P., who passed away at his residence in Cherryhinton Road, Cambridge, on Wednesday morning last. For some time deceased had been suffering from an internal complaint (cancer) and the end came quite peacefully. A Hearts of Oak man, he took part in the founding of the Friendly Societies Institute at Cambridge and the Friendly Societies Council. He was born in 1851 and on May26, 1906, had the honour of being presented to the King at the opening of the new offices of the Hearts of Oak Society in Euston Road, London. In November, 1915, he was appointed a J.P. for the Borough of Cambridge, which appointment he faithfully filled up to the time of his death. He was the first, working man to be made a J.P. for the Borough.

Stackyard fire at Eversden. At about 1.30 on Friday afternoon the alarm was given that a fire had broken out in the stackyard at the Manor Farm, Great Eversden. The fire brigade were sent for and arrived at 3 p.m. from Royston. The firemen soon got to work, and so relieved the many willing workers, of whom a great number were women. It was sad to see the corn stacks burning, and the stables and granary were burnt to the ground. A heap of nine ton of coal also caught fire. To add to the excitement, an aeroplane was seen hovering around, and descended in a field behind the fire. The airman had lost his bearings and thought the fire was an aero¬drome. The volunteers were put on guard while the airman had a night's rest, and next day he started off for has destination. # c.26.1

1917 09 28 ES
2 North Witchford Tribunal
3 ejectment order against soldier's wife
6 zeppelin raids SE England, Lincs
8 casualties
Soham Low w
Stretham Jarman w
Haddenham Cockle on leave – walked from Ely, Hart on leave

Prickwillow Day, Gooch awarded Military Medal
Soham - PoW fund
Downham – d Mrs Goodge, widow late Pte Jack Goodge, leaves six-year-old daughter orphan
Prickwillow – cadets based in Prickwillow
Littleport – VTC, 30 shoot at Ely

1917 09 28 WS
Parents responsibility - a whipping the best thing p 6

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1917 10 03 CIP
New Vice-Chancellor. Dr. A. E. Shipley Master of Christ's College, entered upon the office of Vice-Chancellor of the University on Monday.

Serbian Colony. An interesting reception, at which 100 people were present, was hold in Westminster College, Cambridge, on Saturday evening to celebrate the closing of the temporary Serbian colony at the College. This colony has been running for the past three months under the care of the Serbian Relief Fund, to enable students to pass a matriculation examination at a standard set by the Serbians, and which the British Universities had agreed shall take the place of Responsions and Little-go. Thirty Serbian students had taken part in the exam. # c.45.5 # c.36.9

Gold amongst the potatoes, Mr. William Anderson, of Teversham Road, Fulbourn, was digging up some potatoes in his garden when he found, amongst one good root a golden sovereign. Anderson has had several orders for seed potatoes from that root, for next year.

1917 10 05 ES
2 Ely Pow concert – details of experiences prisoners
Soham - objections to luminous paint
3 Ely - rumours that 3 escaped German prisoners chased through fen with fixed bayonets
Retail coal prices
5 Bronco Bill wild west exhibition coming to Ely
Prickwillow motor car in river, new vicar T.G. Pearson of London
8 casualties
Soham Hobbs w now d, Audus w pic 12th p8
Littleport Bell w 2nd time pic, Cheeswright Military Medal
Soham – VTC get new uniforms
Downham – VTC 16 parade
Littleport – aeroplane descends damaging propellers, wedding Pettit – discharged soldier, w PoW, returned
Haddenham - leave – Miller, Howes, Metcalfe, Rutherford, Wolfe after w, Plater – Barnardo's boy visiting foster mother; VTC 48 parade

1917 10 10 CIP
Heroic Action Last week we recorded the heroic action of Dr Alex Wood. Commandant, of Cambs. V.A.D., 7, in diving off Silver Street Bridge and rescuing a lad who was in difficulties in the water. This week Dr. Wood gave an exhibition of lifesaving at a V.A.D. inspection in the grounds of Emmanuel College.

Lady Bellringer. Mrs. Percy Taylor is acting as bellringer at Great St. Mary's Church. She is thus continuing the unique record of her husband's family in connection with the belfry of the University Church. For 38 years the late Mr. George Taylor, who died in 1915, was steeple-keeper at the church, and on his death his son Alfred took over the duties. He has since passed away, and succeeded by a

younger brother, Mr, Percy Taylor. The latter has now joined the Colours, and his wife is serving in the belfry during her husband's absence. # c.69.6

Awarded Military Medal. —Pte. Fred Blythe of the R.A.M.C., of Oakington, has been awarded the Military Medal for attending to wounded under heavy fire.

1917 10 12 ES

3 Wisbech rural tribunal
Ely food control committee – butchers to be interviewed

5 casualties
Soham Brown kia

8 Wilburton - apply faculty for stained glass window Mrs Pell
Littleport - town band general meeting
Downham – Rev Smith lectures on 'Our Village' shall be preserved, given 1909, War work committee review

Casualties

Coveney	Spencer w
Witchford	Coulson kia pic 19th p8
Stuntney	McGee kia pic 26th p8
Haddenham	Bristow kia pic 19th p8, Whetstone shellshock & abrasion
Downham	several men on leave including Saberton – lost leg
Witcham	Corp Powell promoted sergeant
Haddenham	Lord, Burling on leave, Thaxter gone rest camp

1917 10 17 CIP

Black Saturday. The last day of last week (says the writer of Town and Country Topics) was a Black Saturday for a good many housekeepers, who flitted vainly from shop to shop in an endeavour to obtain a supply of lea. The threatened shortage had become an actual one, and it is to be feared that in many households on Sunday all manner of makeshifts had to be adopted to provide a substitute for the comforting beverage the present generation of English people have come to regard as an indispensable and common accompaniment to the breakfast and the tea table. It is by such homely crises that the fact that we are at war, and what war means, is being brought home to us even more effectually than by the terrible sacrifices of human life and physical powers we have been called upon to make in the great struggle for freedom. The experience of Saturday last was not peculiar to Cambridge. It was general throughout the country. # c.45.5

An Excellent Custom. Mr. and Mrs. Fison kept up the old custom of entertaining the men of Primrose Farm, Little Wilbraham, and the men from the Quy Farm to a splendid harvest supper. Mr, Fison killed one of his lambs, and with Yorkshire pudding, it was enjoyed by all. After supper a most enjoyable evening was spent in Primrose Hall, several of the men rendering songs. The guests expressed their best thanks for the hospitality shown to them by Mr. and Mrs. Fison.

1917 10 19 ES

2 Norfolk man destroys memorial to his son erected by uncle

3 Wisbech borough memorial
Wilburton – late Major Pell impressive service
Haddenham sale Hinton Hall & North Fen farms

8 Soham - Luminous paint on lampposts effective, volunteer inspection, 'Our Day' patriotic collection
Prickwillow – Pearson inducted
Casualties

Littleport	Fitch kia
Downham	Lee PoW, Palmer has final leave before war – delayed by illness

Soham Badcock, Bullman PoWs, Fordham m
Haddenham Clark & Howard on leave, Starkey returns

1917 10 19 WS
Father wrecks tablet to dead son in church p3

1917 10 24 CIP
Post Office Veteran.—Mr. Kenneth Mackintosh has been the recipient of an Imperial Service Medal and a valedictory letter from the Postmaster-General after serving 32 years in the postal service. He came to Cambridge from Inverness in 1895.

The Zeppelins, - Cambridge (says the writer of Town and Country Topics) was disturbed from its long immunity from air raid warnings on Friday, when Zeppelins "made an unwelcome reappearance in this part of the country."It was gratifying to find that immunity had not rendered our people in any way intractable. The police instructions were carried out in most cases without any protests even when those instructions went to the extreme length of directing men to extinguish their pipes or cigarettes. A few householders were a little difficult to manage with regard to lights, but that was probably due more to ignorance than from obstinacy, and now that those householders know that the danger was really near, and that carelessness on their part might have produced a calamity similar to the kind which befell two or three London areas, they will probably show more prudence in the future. The streets were extremely quiet as well as dark, and we congratulate both police and public upon the success of the measure adopted for our protection. # c.45.5

1917 10 26 ES
2 standardised dwellings, state to build 150,000 workmen's dwellings
4 Ely wounded entertained, letter from PoW thanks for gifts
5 Soham - Fitch lost both legs presented hand-propelled chair from Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund
6 Zeppelins raid E & NE counties
letter on behalf PoW & comforts for troops fund
casualties
Sutton Dunkling w pic 2nd p8
Littleport Neal was m now kia pic p8, Bell kia pic p8
Mepal Constable kia pic p8, Whitehead w pic p8
8 Stretham – egg collection continues
Mepal – war work depot meet
casualties
Haddenham Coulson m; on leave Hostler, Thulborne, Southgate, Chapman discharged after w, Thaxter, 55, has been road-making in France, now ill
Soham Aspland sailor on HMS Mary Rose drowned when sunk pic 9th
Wicken Norman kia
Burnt Fen Butcher kia, details 2nd p8 & pic
Sutton Dewey dw, memorial service Croxon, Clay, Dewey
Witchford Adams w, Gedney w pics 2nd p8
Thetford Wright awarded DCM

1917 10 31 CIP
Municipal Year. The municipal year (says the writer of Town and country Topics) is drawing to a conclusion. The year has been a more active one in municipal affairs than its predecessor. There has been less disposition to carry on marking time, and an impatience to do things, which is probably a local expression of confidence that we are winning the war. We still hold firmly to the faith that while ensuring the most efficient administration possible economy should be most severely studied; but there are certain members of our bodies who had an itch for spending money and a passion for starting new ventures and new and expensive ways of directing old ones, and they certainly are not being suppressed as rigorously as they ought to be. Disturbing influences should be discouraged in

every possible way. We ought to take upon ourselves no new burdens until the war is ended and we are able to take stock of how we stand at Cambridge and what are our immediate prospects.

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1917 11 02 ES
2 Ely Food Control – meat, tea & butter prices, committee in favour of compulsory rationing
5 Pymore water polluted with sewage
PoW flag day
Ely rural food control fixing the price of meat, butchers interviewed
8 Haddenham correspondent is A.E.R. Bearcock
Downham – volunteer orders, soldier's wedding – Canham
Littleport – Mawby promoted captain

casualties
Downham Green w pic 9th p8
Soham Freeman kia
Littleport Coulson kia pic 9th p8
Haddenham on leave Searle, Barham, Porter, Miles, Coxall – been road making, now ill
Soham Jobson kia pic

1917 11 07 CIP
Allegations against smallholders - A report of the Smallholdings and Allotments Committee, moved for adoption at the quarterly meeting of the Cambs. County Council on Saturday contained a paragraph regarding notices to quit or cautions given to smallholdings were not properly cultivated. Ald. Redfern said it appeared from the report that out of 73 tenants 61 were not satisfactory. He thought it was time they had the assurance that things were not so bad as they looked.—Coun, H. G, Few said they had 400-odd tenants and of that number they had 58 in the Western and 15 in the Eastern Division who were not entirely satisfactory with regard to their cultivation. Nine tenants were to have notice to quit and they occupied 65 acres 3 roods 31 poles out of 10,408 acres. No man could point to any private estate which, in the same piece of land there was as little complaint as that. They must be reasonable in their attitude towards the smallholders who had great difficulties to master. Ald Refern said he had served his purpose in obtaining the information he wanted # c.18

Price of Coal - The Rural District Council, of Linton, in an with announcement made under the Retail Coal Prices Order, 1917, announced maximum prices chargeable for the sale of coal by retail for domestic purposes in certain parishes in their area. At certain railway stations the prices fixed were 37s, per ton for best house coal and 36s. for kitchen cobbles. The prices per cwt. (delivered) varied as follows Best house coal 2s. to 2s. 4d. cobbles 1s 11d, to 2s. 3d.

1917 11 09 ES
2 North Witchford Tribunal
3 Coates defence of "frivolity" & "merry making"
more potato cases – seed sold at excessive prices
flash lamps are nuisance & dangerous
appeal tribunals – Stretham, Littleport, Haddenham, Sutton
4 retail price list of meal
5 Ely food control committee – shortage of milk
Territorial Association, many casualties in Cambridgeshire Regiment reported
8 Prickwillow - quite a number of soldiers at work on farm, 1st time for 60 years no pork in W.G. Edward's shop
Sutton – war savings committee
Haddenham – war work meet
Casualties

Downham Fuller w 3rd time, Wright dangerously ill
Soham Clarke kia letter pic, Brown awarded Military Medal pic
Haddenham Bishop awarded Military Medal; on leave – Shipp, Taylor, Watts, Southgate
Prickwillow Sindall ill, Hopkin w, Bonnett & Pratt on leave

1917 11 14 CIP
Histon Comedian Killed — We regret to announce that news has been received that Mr. Bere Carter, of Histon, has been killed in action in France. The news was conveyed home in a letter to his wife. Bere was a sapper in the Royal Engineers and had been in France for a few months. He is the eldest son of Mr. Alfred Carter, of School Lane, Histon, who has two other sons serving. It appears Bere was killed instantaneously by a shell which dropped almost at his feet, and he has been buried at an English cemetery in France. Bere was undoubtedly one of Histon's finest productions and had a brilliant future. He was one of the finest comedians in the country hand had been "on the boards" for a considerable time ere he joined the colours. He had been with two theatrical companies and had become assistant stage manager of the company with which he was connected. He was only recently married to a member of his company. Bere was well known in Cambridgeshire before he left home for the stage and had appeared in many concerts in the districts. He was a general favourite in Histon.

Diamond Wedding, — Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Banyard, a worthy old couple of Vine Cottage, Home End, Fulbourn, celebrated their diamond wedding on October 31.

1917 11 16 ES
3 Doddington potato merchant fined £1,400 for illegal profit
4 Ely funeral sapper Everson
5 Ely war hospital supply depot anniversary meeting
6 Isle County Council discuss training disabled men
8 Prickwillow – distribution war funds
Downham - VTC orders
casualties
Soham Murfet dw, Hobbs kia
Thetford Gage kia pic 22nd p8
Haddenham Pake w pic 23rd p8, Hart w; on leave – Lown, Emery after amongst wounded horses, Holmes, Thaxter, Green, Bearcock, Tebbutt commissioned RFC
Downham Wright kia pic 23rd p8
Manea Edwards kia pic 23rd p8

1917 11 21 CIP
M.P. dies of wounds. General regret will be felt at the news which was received on Saturday , that Lord Rosebery's second son, the Hon. Neil Primrose, member for North Cambs, has died of wounds received during the operations m Palestine. Mr. Neil Prim-rose gave brilliant promise of making for himself a distinguished place in political life, and the news of his death will be received both in and out of Parliament with the utmost regret. It is but seven years since he entered the House of Commons, in which his father never sat, and he quickly won from the members respect for his abilities and affection for his personality. He was born in 1882, and after distinguishing himself at Eton and Oxford, he was elected M.P. for North Cambs in January, 1910. In the following December he was again returned, defeating Lord Robert Cecil, the son of another ex Prime Minister.

Saved by New Testament On October 12, at the Ypres front, a bullet went through the knapsack on the back of Pte. F. Jelks, of the Surrey Regiment, passed through a copy of the New Testament, and entered his back. In the opinion of the medical officer who extracted the bullet, the Testament undoubtedly saved the man's life. If the bullet had not passed through the Testament it would have gone much deeper in his body and killed him. The Testament was like those distributed by the Y.M.C.A. in France. Pte, Jelks is in Ward B at the 1st Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge.

1917 11 23 ES
2 Wentworth -school to continue
3 death Neil Primrose in Palestine MP, North Cambs Parliamentary Constituency – pic p5, funeral 30th p3
4 Ely soldiers letter re clothing sent out from Ely
5 urgent need to break up pastures
Ely Rural Tribunal – Downham, Haddenham, Littleport, Stretham, Sutton, Wilburton
7 Ely urban tribunal
8 Prickwillow – two aeroplanes land
casualties
Littleport Kirby m from May now presumed d pic, Cracknell kia pic, Newton ill
Haddenham Clements w, on leave: Porter, Howard, Pettengell
Prickwillow Day Military Medal pic
Thetford Wright DCM
Burnt Fen Neal kia pic 30th p8
Downham Hull, Cornwell, Skinner, Langford on leave
Sutton Meaks d of chill when on leave

1917 11 23 WS
Capt Primrose killed - MP for N Cambs p3

1917 11 28 CIP
Awarded Medal. Corporal George Gifford, R.G.A., of Great Shelford, has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery. A fire broke out in a gun pit which contained large quantities of ammunition, and at great risk, Corporal Gifford entered the pit, and single-handed, extinguished the flames, thus averting what, would have probably been a disastrous explosion.

Canonry, — We are very pleased to notice that the Honorary Canonry in Ely Cathedral, vacated by the death of the Rev. Professor Swete has been conferred by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on the Rector of Little Wilbraham, the Rev. Dr. Stokes, until recently Vicar of St. Paul's, Cambridge. It is an honour richly deserved, for few clergy have worked harder or more indefatigably in the diocese of Ely than the recipient

1917 11 30 ES
2 Burnt Fen – socials in schoolroom, reply to gossip
3 Wisbech borough tribunal
4 new scheme for parcels to PoWs
5 Ely food conference, 10 week old child fed on flour & water
Soham flying fund ‘big push’ for cigarettes
Mepal – successful effort for PoWs
Soham disastrous fire, six cottages St John’s Square
Pymore & Downham water supply
6 appeal tribunals – Manea
8 Haddenham – war work party started Hill Row Mission room
Downham – war savings low, ‘Votes for Women’ meeting
casualties
Littleport Mawby w
Downham Taylor kia, Wright appreciation,
Soham Mote gassed pic
Haddenham Jackson on leave
Sutton death of mother of Meeks - shock

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1917 12 05 CIP
Caution Needed, — The Food Control Committee (says the writer of Town and Country Topics) really must move more cautiously, or they will add to domestic troubles instead of decreasing them. They were asked to help in the milk difficulty, and their reply is to propose that there should be only one delivery of milk a day. Then on Monday evening they voted in favour of stopping the delivery of bread from house to house, and obliging the already jaded and bewildered housewife to fetch the daily supply. This action might release a few men and would save the burning of a comparatively small quantity of petrol, but it would enormously increase anxieties in the homes of our fighting men as well as of those who are carrying on the business of the nation, without affording any compensation whatever, for we do not notice that it is proposed that the price of the loaf should be lowered or the quantity or the quality of the supply of bread increased. We wish to help and not hinder the Committee in their work, but they really must remember that their chief duty lies in protecting the interest of the consumer. The producer and the shopkeeper can look after themselves.

1917 12 07 ES
2 Sutton – correspondence re exemption etc
4 PoWs thank for parcels
Letter "they will want men up to 90 if this goes on much longer"
By-election, Coote nominated, Republican party threatens to appoint candidate
Ely St Mary's memorial tablet Rev Punchard
6 Ely urban food committee
7 Have you helped your country - buy war bonds – advert
8 Sutton – concert at Christmas for soldiers
Haddenham – war working party Hill Row
casualties
Soham Norman kia pic, Brown Military Medal pic
Prickwillow Norman w
Manea Sears PoW, Guy dw
Thetford Dewsbury DCM
Haddenham Peacock gassed, Saberton in hospital, Whetstone seriously ill, Pettengell w, Rutherford shell shock, Jackson returning France, Whetstone now to Italy, Hayden returned Australia await discharge
Downham Leach on leave
Thetford Yarrow commissioned

1917 12 07 WS
By-election, 'republican' threatens candidate, Lieut Coote selected by Liberals p5

1917 12 12 CIP
Mayor a D.D. A most animated spectacle was provided in the Senate House on Friday afternoon, when the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon the Rev. E. C. Pearce. Master of Corpus and Mayor of Cambridge, in the presence of a large gathering of members of the University and of the aldermen and councillors of the Borough Council, who attended at the invitation of the Vice-Chancellor. The occasion was unique, as there is no record of any previous Mayor of Cambridge having been an official member, and certainly not one of the presiding chiefs of the municipality receiving a degree, honorary or otherwise from the University during his year of office. It also had further interest from the fact that the Mayor's brother, the Ven. E, H. Pearce, Archdeacon of Westminster, was to receive from the same Congregation the degree of Doctor of Letters. # c.35.7

Married at Cottenham - an interesting wedding took place at Cottenham Parish Church on Wednesday last and attracted considerable attention. The bridegroom was Sergeant Cecil A. Savidge, son of Mr, and Mrs. A. Savidge, Denmark Road, Cottenham, and the bride was Miss Tessa M. Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs, F. Brown, Pepys Terrace, Impington. Sergeant Savidge joined the 11th Suffolks (Kitchener's Army) at Cambridge, and was wounded in France last year. He now holds a position as sergeant-instructor and is stationed in this country

1917 12 14 ES
3 butchers combine form association
Col Goodwyn Luddington Archer granted divorce due misconduct of wife Phyllis with Capt Allan Morris – letters describe circumstances
4 More wounded arrive Ely - 20, several badly wounded arrive at Red Cross Hospital, bring number up to 38
5 "Why do married tradesmen have to undertake VTC duties while young single men are absolutely free"
Photo "Good cheer from home" - Chatteris is Pow with parcel
Bye-election no news of Republican candidate
Casualties
Littleport Fletcher w
Downham Flanders w, Culpin dw, Martin kia – pics p8
6 "Over the top" - Chatteris guardsman's letter
8 Sutton – arrangements conveying soldiers to Ely
PoWs - £3,000 wanted in Isle
casualties
Haddenham Miller shell shock, Lown in hospital
Stretham Swan kia
Littleport Benton w pic

1917 12 19 CIP
A Hare Raid. — Histon had a hare raid of its own on Tuesday afternoon. One of these animals made its appearance in the High Street, near the "Gables" and ran the length of the street to the Green, where it took refuge by swimming the brook, It was compelled to swim back across the brook by dogs, and after an exciting chase was eventually killed by one of the soldiers engaged in cleaning operations there

Fall of Jerusalem. The bells were rung at the Parish Church (Oakington) when the news was received of the fall of Jerusalem, and a thanksgiving service was held.

Meat Shortage. — On Tuesday morning the newspapers published Sir Arthur Yapp's announcement that there is a definite shortage of tea, butter, margarine, ham, bacon, and meat, and the meat shortage looks very serious. Cambridge householders have realised all these things throughout the month of December, and now they have a special trouble of their own looming before them. The local butchers have publicly declared their intention, of closing down their shops on Saturday next "unless some higher selling price satisfactory to the butchers is fixed by the Local Food Control Committee," and this we understand the Local Food Control Committee have declined to do. The trouble is one of some standing, and has been gradually accentuated. The shortage of the supply of meat in the London markets has sent the buyers into the provincial cattle markets, and the competition of the London-men has forced prices up to a point which renders it impossible for them to sell at the maximum price fixed by the Local Food Control Committee except by incurring heavy financial loss.

1917 12 21 ES
3 bye-election uncontested, Coote unopposed
4 RFC social & athletic club concert, Ely
'War on earth but goodwill to men' editorial
Capt Neil Primrose MP buried at Jewish cemetery near Jerusalem, ("incorrect, in French convent" 28th p4)
Royal Flying Corps social & athletic club concert, Ely
Infant scholars & our prisoners – entertainment
5 casualties list

6 VAD hospital - large no. beds vacant & majority need no medical attention, but 1st EGH overcrowded
8 Wicken – Aspland agent Ely Standard nearly 50 years to relinquish due to eye strain
Haddenham – Clements sick leave

1917 12 26 CIP
Margarine Queues - The queues, which have been getting larger day by day in Petty Cury, assumed such alarming dimensions on Saturday that one person at least was injured and others fainted. Margarine was the chief commodity sought, a supply having been delayed the day before owing to the fog. The Borough Food Control Committee took commendable action to consider how best to relieve the situation. They suggested that traders should transfer their stocks of margarine to the Corn Exchange and sell it there, and the Committee would give them every facility; they also suggested the margarine should only be sold in 1lbs, or multiples of 1lb. Some was transferred and between 2 and 4 o'clock 1,000 transactions in margarine had taken place. The people were arranged in queues outside the hall. The margarine was put up in 1lb and 2 lb packages, the limit to each person being 2 lb. Everything went off without a hitch # c.45.5

Consecration of Church. There was a large congregation at St. Mark's Church, Newnham on Thursday afternoon when the Bishop of Ely consecrated the building as a chapel of ease to Grantchester.

1917 12 28 ES
3 The war in 1917 by military expert
The year's story
4 Christmastide - 40 wounded soldiers spent happy Xmas at local Red Cross hospital
5 aircraft crashes as taking off at Ely having descended through lack petrol
North Witchford tribunal
6 Neil Primrose tribute
8 appeal to farmers to increase production
casualties
Sutton Nunn kia
Littleport Cooper kia letter

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I have scans of these articles

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1918 01 02 Ch
Incident – horse dashes into window Norman Bradley pawnbroker's shop, Fitzroy St – 18 01 02a
Death Thomas Frohock, potato, fruit and vegetable merchant 18 01 02b
Death Ald J. Bester, work with families of soldiers & local government – 18 01 02c
Review of the year 1917 – 18 01 02d
Coprolite workers wanted : advert Ch 1918 Jan 2 p1
Almeric Paget granted peerage Ch 1918 Jan 2 p3
Communal kitchens may be extended Ch 1918 Jan 2 p3
Death: Tomas Frohock, potato merchant Ch 1918 Jan 2 p3
How Christmas was spent - includes First Eastern General, Home of Mercy, Serbians Ch 1918 Jan 2 p4
Death of Belgian hero, funeral at Histon Ch 1918 Jan 2 p5
Death: Ald John Bester Ch 1918 Jan 2 p6 photo p7 & 9th p7
Christmas day swimmers photo Ch 1918 Jan 2 p7
Diary of year Ch 1918 Jan 2 p8
Miss Pamela Adeane mentioned in despatches Ch 1918 Jan 2 p10 (photo 9th p7)

1918 01 02 CIP
Death of Countess. We regret to record the death of Florence Cecilia, Countess of Dysart, of Weald House, St. Neots, which occurred at Hyde, Isle of Wight, from the effects of a stroke, with which she was seized on the previous Friday. She was a daughter of the late Mr. George Onslow Newton, of Croxton Park, and was married to the ninth Earl of Dysart in 1885. She was sister to Mr. W. Douglas Newton, of Croxton Park, and she showed considerable interest in various good works in South Huntingdonshire. The funeral took place at Croxton Church on Saturday afternoon. 18 10 02 CIP

Valuable work. Included in a dispatch of fair Douglas Haig of November 7, submitting names deserving of special mention is the name of Miss Pamela Adeane, eldest daughter of the Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire and Mrs. Adeane, After a year's work in hospitals in England, Miss Adeane went to France in July, 1916, spending a year doing valuable work at No. 6 General Hospital, Rouen. Whilst in this country she went to Tredegar House, and was for three months at the London Hospital, and nine months at the Military Hospital, Colchester. She is now working at the Queen's Hospital for Jaws and Facial Cases at Fragnal, Sidcup
18 10 02 CIP

1918 01 04 ES
3 Soham military funeral
5 Ely soldier deserts on arrival Italy
5 Benwick incendiary bomb unearthed
6 Shire Horse outlook - how will tractors affect breeding

Ely Food Control Committee – 18 01 04(2) ES

Stretham: Pte Ernest Routledge, Roy Sussex, kia; son of Pastor A.R. Routledge of the Mission Hall, 19. Joined army on March 26th 1917, went to France on June 26th. Mr Routledge had three other sons serving with the army in France 18 01 04(3) ES

1918 01 09 Ch
Star Brewery report – 18 01 09a
Empty VAD Hospitals, hope to use – 18 01 09b
Tribunal – cases of military tailors – 18 01 09c
Last weekend a shortage of meat developed Ch 1918 Jan 9 p3
Private Arthur John (Jack) Littlechild PoW Ch 1918 Jan 9 p10 photo 16th p7

1918 01 09 CIP
Patriotic Publicans. We are glad to notice that the publicans of this village (Cottenham) were patriotic arid willing enough to make sacrifice by closing their houses for the sale of drink during Sunday 18 01 09 CIP

Four Military Crosses. The latest honours list includes the names of four Cambridge officers among the Military Cross awards. Two are sons of Borough Councillors. They are Captain Bernard E. King. Norfolk Regiment; Captain A. P. H. Squires, Lincolnshire Regiment; Captain C. V, Canning. Suffolk Regiment; and Lieut. R. H. H. Whitehead, Leicestershire R.H.A. 18 01 09 CIP

An Anxious Weekend. — Cambridge housewives, in common with those of other towns, says the writer of Town and Country Topics) are unlikely to forget their experiences of last weekend, when a shortage of meat developed. For the first time a realisation of what war really means was brought home to family circles who before had suffered slight inconveniences, without any serious effect, and now stared blankly upon the dire possibilities of encountering want amongst plenty, through the power of money being overmastered by scarcity. Some Sunday dinners were of a very unusual character, and everybody felt uncomfortable as to the future. Official statements have been made that

the matter will right itself after a little while, but the state of the markets does not allay anxiety, and cattle breeders are seen to be in an ugly mood and to be stubbornly resisting the attempt to place them under a rule. The domestic Chancellor of the Exchequer needs to be a person of no mean ability in these days to "carry on" the family affairs with smoothness and efficiency, and we must all have sympathy for her. 18 01 09 CIP # c.45.5

1918 01 11 ES
3 "Air raid bargains" - heading used to advertise motorbikes
5 German PoWs considered for reclaiming wetlands near Isleham

Stretham: Rainfall, New Year's services, Intercession day 18 01 11 ES

1918 01 16 Ch
Casualties photos: Stocks, Fuller, Hobbs, Whitehead, Littlechild, Dann, Winter, Scott, Wright, Amon, Ferguson, Ranner, Parfrey, Long – 18 01 16a
Fun on the ice photos: skating at Newnham = 18 01 16b # U.Ska
Diamond-cutting industry may be established – 18 01 16c
Royal visit to Papworth Hospital & First EGH marred by bad weather p3,7,8
Story of American patient chasing queen, cheque for £1,000 to Papworth
Germans are beaten but we are weary p3
Communal kitchens needed for various areas of Cambridge p3
Cottenham: feast parade p5
Police salaries fixed p8.
Tribunal: p9
Casualties- died of wounds p10
County consider reconstruction after war p10
Bourn open air tuberculosis colony to be closed Ch 1918 Jan 16 p3
Serbian entertainment at Westminster college Ch 1918 Jan 16 p4
Death: Dr Henry Montagu Butler, Trinity Ch 1918 Jan 16 p6 photo p8 (funeral 23rd p6, photo p7)
Photo: fun on the ice - soldiers skating at Newnham Ch 1918 Jan 16 p7 # c.38 : ice
W.H. Martin of Shelford imports South African meat - pioneer in overseas food supply Ch 1918 Jan 16 p7

1918 01 16 CIP
New Appointment. The many friends of Mr. A. Ball have learnt with pleasure of his selection by the Postmaster-General to fill the important position of the Postmastership of York. Mr Bell is an East Anglian, and entered the Postal Service at Norwich in 1880. His abilities there were quickly recognised, and he rose to the position of Chief Clerk. In 1910 he was promoted to the Postmastership of Great Yarmouth. In 1913 the Postmaster-General further recognised his abilities by promoting him Postmaster of Cambridge. During his comparatively short time in Cambridge he has shown himself skilful in the management of the work that falls so heavily upon administrative shoulders owing to abnormal conditions now prevailing. At a representative gathering of both the indoor and outside staffs at the Post Office on Monday afternoon a presentation of a silver table set was made on their behalf by the superintendent (Mr E. G. Poulter). Mr. Bell left on Tuesday for York. 18 01 16 CIP

Death of Dr H. M. Butler. The death of Dr. Henry Montagu Butler, the venerated Master of Trinity, in his 85th year, which occurred at the Lodge at midday on Tuesday, has left a blank in the life of Cambridge which no surviving resident can fill. For over 30 years, during which he held the mastership, Dr. Butler had been the admitted head intellectual of the entire community, for he entered thoroughly into the activities of the whole place, whether of the University or the town. A brilliant speaker, he was in great request at meetings of all kinds, and intensely interested in social problems and progress. He gathered at the Lodge on many occasions men and women engaged in social and literary work of many kinds and of diverse classes. To all he was the hospitable, courteous and kindly host which made him so much loved. 18 01 16 CIP

1918 01 23 Ch
Record floods due heavy fall of snow, Jan 15-16; commons covered; Sawston, Ickleton, St Ives – 18 01 23a # c.12
Star Brewery annual meeting – 18 01 23b
Anzac's snow fight – Colonial cadets make most of wintry conditions – photo – 18 01 23c # T.G.
OTC assist at Gas works due shortage of labour – photos – 18 01 23c # P.Gas
Licensed victuallers protection associate report difficulty carrying on – 18 01 23d
The Manor House, Jesus Lane; boarding and day school for girls – advert – 18 01 23e # c.36.5
County casualty figures to end 1917 Ch 1918 Jan 23 p5

1918 01 23 CIP
Record Floods,—As a result of the heavy fall of snow on the evening of January 15-16, Cambridge was visited during the weekend by such high floods as have not been known for many years. With the melting of the snow the Rivers Cam and Granta assumed a very muddy and turbulent appearance, and the water gradually increased in volume until in places it overflowed its banks and inundated many of the low-lying lands in the district. Since Sunday morning, however, when the floods were at their height, the waters have subsided with remarkable rapidity.—Great havoc and distress was caused by flooding to houses situate in Mill Lane, Sawston, the houses being under water some four or five deep from Saturday midday until Monday morning. The deepest flood for 15 or 20 years was experienced at Ickleton on Saturday. The river began to overflow on Friday afternoon, so that several meadows were under water, but by early Saturday morning the meadows between Ickleton and Chesterford were inundated. The people in Mill Street had a very unpleasant experience, as the street was flooded from one end to the other to the depth of several feet. Most of the people had to keep in their houses, and in some cases the basements of the houses had about six or more inches of water . . . If the river had been banked up along the meadow at the bottom of the street much inconvenience would have been saved. 18 01 23 CIP # c.12

1918 01 25 ES
5 Spherical balloon descends Stuntney. "the whirring of aeroplane engine has become common sound by night & day
8 Pymore soldiers feel forgotten by villagers

aeroplane week, Stretham raises £970 (ES 25.1.18)

1918 01 30 Ch
Floods at Cambridge – photos – 18 01 30a # W.12
Australia Day – Officer Cadet Corps parade – 18 01 30b # T.G.
Margarine queues Ch 1918 Jan 30 p3
"Women's weapons in winning the war" - meeting Ch 1918 Jan 30 p3
Death: Ald Thomas Coulson Ch 1918 Jan 30 p6 photo p7
Cambridge tribunal Ch 1918 Jan 30 p9
Fowlmere aerodrome rumours over construction, concrete etc Ch 1918 Jan 30 p9
Australia day: high commissioner inspects Ch 1918 Jan 30 p10

1910 01 30 CIP
Floods. Tthe severe weather and the thaw of last week has had further detrimental effects upon the trees at the Backs of the Colleges and our riverside walks (says the writer of Town and Country Topics). Many old familiar arborial friends have been dismembered, notably the veteran weeping willow on the south-west side of Trinity College Bridge. The floods which followed the thaw rose to a considerable height and considerable damage is now seen to have been done to the river banks at Sheep's Green. Part of the trouble here is said to have been caused through the flood gates at the Apron being out of repair, and a casual inspection shows them, to be in a very dilapidated condition. The condition of the streets this weekend has been deplorable, presumably owing to the shortage of

labour and haulage, but an improvement is now being effected. We hear rumours of further demands from labour, which appear to be due to the irresponsible way in which workpeople are being attracted to some new enterprise. We think that representations should be made to the Government as to the mischief that is being done and a more rational system introduced. 18 01 23 CIP # c.18

New Postmaster. Mr. C. R. Thomas, Postmaster of Guildford, has been appointed Postmaster at Cambridge in the place of Mr. A. Bell, who left the town to take up his new position at York. Mr. Thomas has been 35 years in the service of the Post Office. 18 01 23 CIP

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1918 02 01 ES
6 March nurse's experiences - went to Egypt with hospital staff from Cambridge

1918 02 06 Ch
County licensing sessions – 18 02 06a
Borough tribunal includes dentists, coal merchants, newspaper & printing trades including Morley Stuart sub-editor CDN, medically rejected – 18 02 06b
Communal dinner for children at East Road School, supplied by Fitzroy Street Communal Kitchen – 18 02 06c # G.Eas. # T.R. # c.45.5
Chamber of Commerce; three new industries to be started – aeroplane industry, Miss Clarke's toys and tapestry – 18 02 06d
Photo: cadets at Rugger Ch 1918 Feb 6 p7
Aeroplanes: a local firm has secured contract; Aeronautical Inspection Directorate established resident station at Cambridge, may see extension aeroplane work Ch 1918 Feb 6 p7 # c.26.1

1918 02 06 CIP
Communal Dinners. — Young children enjoy midday meals at the East Road schools now. The meals, which were started on January 14, are supplied by the Fitzroy Street communal kitchen, and each child pays a small sum per week for five dinners. When the school was first started there were only 23 children who availed themselves of the opportunity of taking their dinner at the school, but now the number has increased to about 40. The dinner is served in a room which was formerly the baby room of the old school, but which for a number of years has been used as a .storeroom. The room has been cleaned, distempered and decorated, and presents quite a cheery appearance. 18 02 06 CIP # c.36.5

Saved from Torpedoed Ship, — various rumours have been afloat with reference to Pte. Wm. Muncey, of Histon, .who is with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force. It appears that the company of which Pte. Muncey was a member, had neared the end of a sea voyage when their vessel was torpedoed, and all had to take to the water. Pte Muncey managed, however, to reach the land but lost all his kit and his personal belongings; in fact, everything except the clothes he had on. He appears to be none the worse for his experience, however, and. writes home very cheerfully. 18 02 06 CIP

1918 02 13 Ch
Borough licences; closure Horse & Gate on Victoria Rd; King's Arms Union Road, Swan Pool in New Street – 18 02 13a # c.27.4
Schoolchildren miss school to stand in queues for food Ch 1918 Feb 13 p2
Taxi owner drivers decide to form branch of union Ch 1918 Feb 13 p3
Cambridge man saved from torpedoed "Arragon" Ch 1918 Feb 13 p3
Dispute of will of Joseph Bailey, including Earl of Beaconsfield pub Ch 1918 Feb 13 p5 # c.27.4
Cambs tuberculosis colony (Papworth) report Ch 1918 Feb 13 p7
Photo: VAD wedding, Shelford Ch 1918 Feb 13 p7

1918 02 13 CIP
Rats and Sparrows. Fierce rages the war on rats and sparrows in the locality (Histon and Impington). Statistics show that for the months of December and January some 251 sparrows and 308 rats' tails were handed to the collector under the scheme as arranged by the Histon and Impington Parish Councils. The rates recently published are still in vogue. 18 02 13 CIP

New Master of Trinity College, —It was officially announced last weekend that the King had been pleased to approve the appointment of Sir Joseph John Thomson, O.M.. D.Sc., F.R.S.. to be Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. Sir Joseph Thomson is one of the best known residents in this, university, and one of the most distinguished members of Trinity College, the college which produced Sir Isaac Newton. He has a world reputation as a physicist and holds honorary degrees received from a multitude of universities. He is devoted to science and to his work, and more at home in the laboratory than anywhere else. He has produced work which will live long after him and which has been of national service during the war. He may be regarded as the creator of the now famous Cavendish Laboratory. 18 02 13 CIP

1918 02 15 ES
5 Ely try get street lights on, provided can be dimmed in Zeppelin attack
"aeroplanes galore" - £242,703 collected - 96 planes
Sutton raised £117,840 - 47 planes
8 Haddenham. Butchers shut Mon & Tues as shortage meat

1918 02 20 Ch
Chesterton Communal Kitchen, St Luke's vicarage, opens – 18 02 20a # c.45.5
Cambridgeshire Tuberculosis Colony movement has made good – first general meeting – 18 02 20b
Tribunal – printers and newspapers, firemen exempted, bootmakers – 18 02 20c
Death: Henry Saunders French, borough coroner & conservative agent Ch 1918 Feb 20 p3 (funeral 27th p6, photo p7)

1918 02 20 CIP
Fulbourn Nurse Honoured. Nurse Dorothy Nicholls, daughter of Dr and Mrs. Nicholls, of Fulbourn, has been awarded the 1914 Bronze Star by the Red Cross Society, which has been forwarded with notice from the War Office. Nurse Nicholls has been in France for six months. Previous to that she was for 18 months on the Russian Front, and has had some wonderful experiences and marvellous escapes. 18 02 20 CIP

Hunting stopped. — At a largely attended meeting of the Masters of Foxhounds Association, held on Thursday at Tattersall's, the following resolution was passed unanimously.—"That owing to the short supply of cereals and to assist in economising the stock of provender in the country, this meeting of the Masters of Foxhounds association has voluntarily agreed to stop hunting on Saturday, March 2, for this season." All masters of hounds are requested to notify their followers that their licences for rationing hunters will expire on Saturday, March 2. 18 02 20 CIP

Triple Bill. — Officer Cadet Battalions presented a delightful triple bill at the New Theatre, Cambridge, on Tuesday week, as a result of which the sum of over £230 has been handed to the local funds of the Red Cross Society. The theatre was packed at both the matinee and the evening performance. 18 02 20 CIP

1918 02 22 ES
Stretham parish council; tracings of old maps to be kept in Parish Council safe; ask permission for weather vane from Cross to be erected on west front of Infants' School – 18 02 22(2) ES

1918 02 27 Ch

Aeroplanes of the future – lantern lecture by G.P. Bailey – would be a passenger carrier, flying Atlantic18 02 27a, b # c.26.1
Tribunal includes Brimley, Whibley & sons, grocers; Lion Hotel, motor garages – 18 02 27c
Cambridge Volunteers field day, Gogs include trench attack – 18 02 27d # c.45.5
Funeral of instructor at No 2 Officer Cadel Battalion at Emmanuel College – photos – 18 02 27e
Promotion for Flight-Command E.J. Burling, airman – 18 02 27f
H.G. Gray Playfair Athletic Works, Benson Street gutted by fire – 18 02 27g 18 03 06d # c.34.75 # c.27
Cambs Nursing Association annual meeting Ch 1918 Feb 27 p8
K.I.A. Salonika Ch 1918 Feb 27 p10

1918 02 27 CIP
The Floods,—we understand that a special committee has been appointed to find out the cause of the recent flooding of Mill Lane Sawston where damage was done to homes of people and other property. A preliminary meeting has already been held, and it has been decided that a thorough inspection of the river is to be made shortly to find out the cause and to suggest, if possible, a remedy to prevent floods of a similar description. The Special Committee consists of representatives of the Linton Rural District Council, the Sawston, Whittlesford, Duxford and Ickleton Parish Councils, and Mr. H. G. Spicer of the Sawston Paper Mill together with the District Surveyor. 18 02 27 CIP

Factory Blaze.—A fire, which did a great deal of damage, broke out about six o'clock on Tuesday morning in the main building of Mr. H. G. Gray's Athletic Works, Benson Street, Cambridge. This building, which is a three-storeyed place, used partly as a workshop and partly as a storehouse, stands a few feet back from the road and adjoins a row of cottages. The flames, however, were confined to the building and the cottages escaped damage. 18 02 27 CIP

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1918 03 01 ES
5 Aeroplane week, Isle asked for 8 planes, Ely tries for 8

1918 03 01 ES
At the Ely Rural Tribunal [to decide whether a man should be exempted from the war due to the needs of food production] John Catchpole, 34, a farm labourer of Cage Lane, Stretham , married with seven children and a member of Agricultural Labourers' Union, applied for himself.
He was classified in B2 in 1916 and worked where he got the biggest penny. He added that a certain gentleman, George Driver, had offered his men £1 to dip him in the pond. Mr Davies – "Because you belong to the Trade Union?" Applicant: "Yes". Asked who the gentleman was, applicant said it was Mr George Driver. Mr Driver – "I shall be obliged if you prove it. It is the first word I have heard about it". The Chairman remarked that they did not want to introduce personalities. Mr Davies said the applicant ought to have had conditional exemption when he last appeared before them. Mr Driver again denied the accusation made by the applicant. Mr Davies said he was prepared to prove it was correct, and mentioned something about paying £50 to Addenbrooke's Hospital if it were not. Later, Catchpole said he did not object to work for Mr Driver or anyone else. Mr Luddington (National Service representative) pointed out that the man had been released by the War Agricultural Committee. Mr Driver said he should not think the man had done a week's work in Stretham since harvest. Mr Darby: "No farmer appeals for the man". Four members voted for dismissal and four for conditional exemption, and the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of him remaining in civil life – 18 03 01(2)(3) ES

1918 03 06 Ch
Furniture sale Mrs Emily Fawcett, Scroop Terrace – 17th & 18th century English furniture, paintings etc – 18 03 06e
Fen drainage and Ouse outfall – Crocker disagrees with Case report – 18 03 06a # c.29

County licensing – Tailor's Arms Comberton, Garden Gate at Histon, Horseshoe Fen Drayton, Swan with Two Necks Swavesey, Harvest Home Oakington referred – 18 03 06b, c
New master of Trinity installed - J.J. Thomson Ch 1918 Mar 6 p6 photo Ch 1918 Mar 13 p7
Clara Butt concert Ch 1918 Mar 6 p9

1918 03 06 CIP
"Setting" an example. The setting of hens for chicks is now in full swing in the locality (Histon), and broods are coming off with varied success. One local enthusiast set a hen on 13 eggs, and the hen, after sitting like a rock for a fortnight, died. He was now in a quandary, but overcame the difficulty by putting the eggs into his oven, and a friend nobly came to the rescue soon afterwards with his incubator. As a result of the setting there were ten chicks, who are now doing well. 18 03 06 CIP

Personal. His many friends will be pleased to hear of the success attained by Mr Charles Fletcher, a former resident of the village (Histon), Mr Fletcher has secured an important position with Messrs. Butterworth and Co, legal and medical publishers, whose head office is in London. In his new position, Mr Fletcher will tour the whole of Australasia to interview medical men. Prior to leaving his old firm, Mr Fletcher was presented with a cheque for £20 and a handsome gift. 18 03 06 CIP

1918 03 08 ES
Lt Thetford woman jumped into river; left letters for her mother and George Dewsberry. Wife of landlord of Ship Inn, Quayside, said she was returning to Ely from Cambridge by river in a steamboat and saw woman in water. She was rescued. She said 'It is all over George, she was very much in love with George Dewsberry and would do it again when she got up – 18 03 08 ES

Stretham: letter from John Catchpole: I see George Driver states to the Ely Tribunal that I have not done a week's work in Stretham since harvest. Mr Darby also states that no farmers appeal for me. I have object when farmers have asked me if they should appeal for me, plainly telling to them the reasons. I do not agree with it. This is a free country. I shall go where they are willing to pay their labourers most. I am prepared to prove that since harvest I have been employed by three farmers in the parish – 18 03 08(3) ES

1918 03 13 Ch
Cambridge pubs referred: Earl of Durham, Newmarket Road; Johnnie Gilpin, Gold Street; Racehorse, Newmarket Road; Brickmaker's Arms, Newmarket Road – 18 03 13a
Cambridge Photographic Club exhibition includes floods scenes by R. Kentgens, X-ray photos of shrapnel, Miss Shillington-Scales fenland scenes – 18 03 13b
Air crash a few miles from Cambridge; RFC officer killed – 18 03 13c
Margarine distribution discussed Ch 1918 Mar 13 p10
Trumpington third roll of honour board unveiled Ch 1918 Mar 13 p10

1918 03 13 CIP
Historic ceremony. The installation of Sir J. J. Thomson, O. M., to the Mastership of Trinity College, Cambridge, was marked by an historic ceremony, which entails the new Master gaining admission by knocking at the front gates of the college, presenting his Letters Patent, and waiting for the formal opening of the gates by the Vice-Master. The ceremony had not been performed for 32 years, when the late Dr Butler was admitted to the Mastership. 18 03 13 CIP

Egg collection.we feel we must make special mention of the work done by a Cottenham schoolboy named Frank Piggott in the way of collecting eggs for the wounded. He has done his round nine times and has gathered in 353 eggs. 18 03 13 CIP

Military Wedding. A Military wedding of considerable local interest took place at Amesbury, Wiltshire, last Monday week, when Sergeant Philip C. Butler, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Fred Butler, of Histon, was married to Miss Constance May Silk, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Bert Silk, of

Coton. The bride is now engaged on V.A.D. work at Fargo Military Hospital, Salisbury Plain, whilst the bridegroom is at the First Military Hospital, Cambridge, The bridegroom is well-known in Histon and district in various sporting circles. 18 03 13 CIP

1918 03 15 ES
5 "Aeroplanes galore"
8 Haddenham's butchers shut shops as shortages

1918 03 20 Ch
Trumpington unveil third Roll of Honour board – 18 03 20b
Robert Bowes receives Hon MA, biography and notes on publications – 18 03 20c, photo – 18 03 20e # c.25
Eric Milner White elected fellow Kings College; until recently chaplain to forces; was sometime Senior Chaplain 7th Division & awarded DSO in that capacity Ch 1918 Mar 20 p3
Death: Ambrose Basil Whibley Ch 1918 Mar 20 p3 photo 27 p7
A.C. Moule inducted vicar Trumpington Ch 1918 Mar 20 p5
Mutual Property Company meeting Ch 1918 Mar 20 p5
Photo: Lord Derby at 1st EGH Ch 1918 Mar 20 p7 & 10

1918 03 20 CIP
Too much for twist. – a tobacconist was summoned at Cambridge on Friday for selling one ounce of twist tobacco in excess of the maximum retail price of 6d as fixed by the Tobacco Control Board, viz 7½d. Defendant was fined 30s including costs 18 03 20 CIP

Minister visits Hospital. The Secretary of State for War, Lord Derby, made an unofficial inspection of the 1st Eastern Hospital on Saturday afternoon last. He visited the administrative offices, the Nurses' Mess and went round several of the wards. He spoke to each patient and was much gratified when he found a Lancashire man. He also found time to visit the recreation room, where the Irish ladies of the town had provided a sumptuous tea on the eve of St. Patrick's Day—all outside rationed food—for the Irish patients. This pleased him much. The kitchen and operating theatre were then inspected, and on the termination of his visit, Lord Derby expressed himself as being extremely satisfied with the arrangements, and especially with the open-air wards. 18 03 20 CIP # c.21.4 # c.45.5

Dr Butler's will.—the will has been proved of Dr. Montagu Butler, late Master of Trinity. He left estate valued at £12,656 12s 1d, with net personality £10,224 8s. 4d. He left the Insignia of the Order of the Crown of Italy, given to him by the King of Italy to Harrow School, and to Trinity, College certain oil paintings and seals and biographies of Dr. Whewell. 18 03 20 CIP

1918 03 27 Ch
Princess Mary royal visits; meets Land Girls – 18 03 27a,b # c.02 # c.45.5
Women scavengers – photo – 18 03 27e # V.W. # PC.Dus
Paper restriction order affects price and size of Cambridge Chronicle but the picture page will continue as one of the chief features – 18 03 27c # c.04
Tribunal includes J.G. Runciman, vet; Foster Bros apply workers; J.H. Priest, stationery and fine art dealer; 18 03 27d
Wordsworth Grove Hospital use Newnham gymnasium for massage and electrical department – photos – 18 03 27f # c.21.4 # H.Wor
Fight against VD : Histon meeting Ch 1918 Mar 27 p5
Histon nurse gives own blood for patient - needed stitches in arm Ch 1918 Mar 27 p5
Paper restriction order reduces size of Chronicle Ch 1918 Mar 27 p10 # c.04
Flying accident: airman falls on St Ives church Ch 1918 Mar 27 p10 # c.26.1

1918 03 27 CIP
Princess Mary at Cambridge. Princess Mary paid her first visit to Cambridge on Saturday afternoon, and saw the old University town under its most modern conditions, its begowned undergraduates

replaced by brown uniformed officer cadets and its men in many cases supplemented by women. It was in recognition of the women to the winning of the war that Her Royal Highness honoured the town with her presence. Her task was to present badges of various kinds to the Women of the Land Army and the Village Workers and to encourage more to come forward in "support of the food line" 18 03 27 CIP # c.45.5 # c.02

War Savings. Cambridge is one of 74 towns exceeding 10,000 inhabitants which have over the whole period of 23 weeks from the day of issue, exceeded their weekly quota of subscriptions to the National War Bonds. The quota established is 10s per head per week, man, woman and child. If everyone subscribed the required 25 millions per week would be raised. Cambridge is one of the 74 towns which has not been visited by a tank 18 03 27 CIP

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1918 04 03
Anzac Day at Cambridge mark 3rd anniversary - photos – 18 04 03 # T.G.K18
National Union of Teachers conference Ch 1918 Apr 3 p4
Death: James Newton Digby Ch 1918 Apr 3 p6
Photo: Wordsworth Grove Hospital use Newnham gymnasium for massage work Ch 1918 Apr 3 p7
Photo: women street scavengers Ch 1918 Apr 3 p7

1918 04 05 ES
4 Compulsory rationing meat, butter & margarine next week
8 Farm labourer's wages 30/- per week (min), 54 hrs
Hill Row mission room new organ dedicated Pte Bristowe
Expect raise age limit to 50 soon

1918 04 10
Casualties photos: Cockerton, Perkins, Hutcherson, Jordan, Wheaton, Stangward, Townsend,, Fox, Leach, Hiner, Miller, Coe, Bass, Biggs – 18 04 10a
Death: A.S. Orlebar Ch 1918 Apr 10 p3
Photo: officer cadet sports Ch 1918 Apr 10 p7
Upware ferry bridge discontinued - a private concern connected with public house Ch 1918 Apr 10 p8

1918 04 12 ES
5 Cambridgeshire Regt. 10 days of heaviest fighting
7 Cambridgeshire volunteers application gas masks & shrapnel helmets
8 …… many parents anxiously waiting postman's rat - tat
Quite a normal notice is "no beer"
Haddenham war work, last of season, cont. during summer

Stretham: Sec-Lieut Stitt is reported missing after the regiment's heroic stand at Towey Point. Letters testify to the great courage of Lieut Stitt and all the party – 18 04 12(2) ES

1918 04 17
Following granting of votes to women graduates, a movement to admit women to full membership of the University has been started – 18 04 17a # c.36.98
Woman labour candidate addresses meeting of National federation women workers Ch 1918 Apr 17 p3

1918 04 19 ES
5 Ely - more wounded arrive, total 47
Ely PoWs "no. increasing immensely
8 Prickwillow, meat "obsolete word"

8 Haddenham boy writes "Hymn for airman"
Second-Lieutenant Innes d'Auvergne Steward Stitt, son of the Rev S. Stewart Stitt, Rector of Stretham was reported missing after Regiment's heroic stand at Towey Post on March 28th.
The Captain of the company to which he was attached, who is now lying wounded in a London hospital writes: "B Company were holding a front line post called Toyew Post. Innes was there with me for the three trying days & still more trying nights which preceded the attack. When the barrage started at 3 o'clock on the 28th I withdrew all my remaining men who were not absolutely indispensable at their posts to two deep dug-outs & sent the officers down there too. When the attack came at 7am everyone fought heroically. Innes was splendid, he stuck to me all the way through. When we had used all out bombs and nearly all our ammunition we went back to Naval Trench about 1,000 yards back. Innes was quite all right when I last saw him, unwounded and fairly fresh, but I had to leave them when I got back to Naval Trench as I knew I couldn't afford to lose much more blood & my revolver had been shot out of my hand". Another officer wrote: "I have discovered that he was wounded towards the end, but not seriously. Nobody who saw him wounded has survived, but his batman, since killed, told one of the few surviving NCOs of his platoon that he had seen Innes wounded, but not badly. So we are all hoping before long we shall have news of him from Germany" 18 04 19 ES
Stretham casualty: Stitt – 18 04 19(3) ES

1918 04 24
Diamond cutting industry proposed to train discharged soldiers; erect building for 36 students with the hope that a factory would be established; taking some ground belonging to County School for Girls – details – 18 04 24a # c.45.5 # c.27
VC cockerel raises £8,000 at Driffield – 18 04 24b
Great flood - highest since 1879 Ch 1918 Apr 24 p3 # c.12
Photo: Serbians in "Bluebeard" Ch 1918 Apr 24 p7
Agricultural workers wage board meeting Ch 1918 Apr 24 p9
I.S. Stitt reported wounded & missing Ch 1918 Apr 24 p10

1918 04 26 ES
6 Exceptions - up to 23 yr olds cancelled

Stretham: George Marquis Stewart Stitt passed special entrance examination for Royal Navy – 18 04 26(3) ES

Tribunal: George Lowe (26), shoeing and general smith. Mr Hudson appeared and said he did not want to put any obstacle in the way of a man going into the army but the business would be affected if he had to join up – claim disallowed – 18 04 26 ES

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1918 05 01
Another aeroplane smash: two airmen die when parts of wing break away while stunting – 18 05 01a
Horticultural sub-committee discuss food production and marketing for more inhabitants – 18 05 01b
Agricultural labourers cottages - want abolition tied cottages Ch 1918 May 1 p2
ANZAC day celebrations Ch 1918 May 1 p4 photo p7
Castle Hotel closed during war circumstances but want to keep licence alive Ch 1918 May 1 p5 # c.27.45

1918 05 03 ES
3 "Is March to have a hospital, if not why not"
8 Thetford labourers union, decide form branch
Wicken volunteers make good progress, most uniformed

Pte Alfred Routledge has been gassed in France and is now in hospital at Leicester, slowly recovering – 18 05 03 ES

Mr H. Hazel of Tiled House Farm has received news that his son, Pte Heber G. Hazel was killed in action on April 13th. A comrade wrote: we were old comrades, having been together for over 12 months. I was beside him when he died and trust you will find a consolation in knowing that he suffered no pain. A piece of shell entered his brain, killing him instantly" – 18 05 03

Tribunal : John Catchpole, member of District Wages Cmte (ES 3.5.18)

1918 05 08
Women at Cambridge: full membership opposed by Masters of Colleges – 18 05 08a # c.36.98
Casualties photos: Mowlam, Pleasant, Chapman, Penton, Cowell, Marfleet, Goodwin, Burr, Murfitt, King, Jarvis, Maltby – 18 05 08b
Nurse Sister Whitmore presented with medal by King for four years' work at Fulbourn VAD Hospital – 18 05 08c
Protest over claims of prostitution Ch 1918 May 8 p3 & p6
Propose reduction of labour in coprolite work Ch 1918 May 8 p4
Rats becoming numerous at Histon Ch 1918 May 8 p5
Casualties photo Ch 1918 May 8 p7
Boys Brigade muster - photo Ch 1918 May 8 p9
Cambs Regiment - fresh laurels but heavy casualties Ch 1918 May 8 p10

1918 05 10 ES
5 War savings - village totals
8 Soham pay ½ gas bill due blackout

Rev Stitt writes: "The war is drawing us all together more than anything else could, for so many of us now are knit together by the common fellowship of suffering and anxiety, as well as uplifted with pride in the bravery and devotion of our boys. I suppose it is but fair that while they bravely endure inconceivable hardships at the Front in order to uphold the banner of Freedom, we, too, at home must suffer in our hearts and minds for the same glorious cause. And so we, too, if we take our sufferings manfully, shall share in the ultimate triumph of Good over Evil. This thought should cause us to keep up our courage and carry on. This month we have to record: Innes Stitt, missing (supposed to be wounded), Charles Porter, wounded and a prisoner; Charles Asplin, wounded and it hospital at home; Albert Routledge, badly gassed and in hospital at home; Thomas Cross, dangerously ill … Mr George Stitt will soon be leaving us for Keyham, where he will go through a course of training for the Royal Navy, as he has successfully passed the necessary examination with credit. We hope his loss to us and the parish will be to his country's gain" 18 05 10(3) ES

Appeal tribunal; includes Stretham: Thomas Laurence, single, miller – millers were not being called up – 18 05 10 ES

1918 05 15
The American is upon us. In the streets of Cambridge and in villages he is already a familiar figure. . The air of strangeness he exhibited on his first arrival is wearing off. A society has been formed by ladies 'Association of Cambridgeshire for Entertainment of American Airmen' – 18 05 15a # c.45.5 # c.46.45
Hours and wages on the land for women, girl and boy labour – meeting – 18 05 15b
Overtime tractors – advertisement – 18 05 15c
Casualties pictures: Gatward, Peach, Ward, Woodcock, Dean, Fairey, Long, Coe, Goward, Burrell, Bynge, Tunwell, Marshall, Coote, Pearson, Randall – 18 05 15d
Diamond polishing industry might be established to employ disabled soldiers Ch 1918 May 15 p6
Reginald Deck, chemist, in India photo Ch 1918 May 15 p7
Tribunals - appeal & borough Ch 1918 May 15 p8

YMCA & CEYMS amalgamate Ch 1918 May 15 p9
Manager of University Raquets court kia Ch 1918 May 15 p10

1918 05 17 ES
3 Ely PC assaulted by 6 men, discharged army, who working airfield, Norfolk
5 Ag. wages, new minimum rate starts
Prayers for dead, Rector's retort to Baptists, Downham

1918 05 22
Inquest on pilot killed when flying over Cambs; flying same machine as that in which airman killed earlier; engine stalled – 18 05 22a
Rook shooting in Brookside and Brooklands Avenue – photos – 18 05 22b
Fulbourn first rector for 50 years – 18 05 22c
National Union of women workers meet - want it an offence for any person knowingly to convey VD to another person Ch 1918 May 22 p3 # c.21.1
Tracy Hall: photo unveiled of Mrs Howard Ch 1918 May 22 p3
Beaconsfield club annual meeting Ch 1918 May 22 p3
Death: Robert Cresswell Burrows Ch 1918 May 22 p6
Threshing difficulties: meeting of owners of threshing sets, 25,000 acres more corn Ch 1918 May 22 p9
English church union annual festival Ch 1918 May 22 p10

1918 05 24 ES
6 Prayers - letter
7 Exemptions - guide to applicants

1918 05 29
Tram line removal necessary as were becoming dangerous except in King's Parade and past the side of Gt St Mary's – 18 05 29a # c.26.44
Women's Land Army demonstration – 200 parade with motor tractor and traction engine; demonstration of hay bailing on Parker's Piece; need for more labour – 18 05 29b, c # c.45.5 # c.22
Airman killed when plane fell and burst into flames – 18 05 29c
Sir Charles Walston fined for storing too much petrol and paraffin at Newton Hall– 18 05 29c
Balsham farm fire – 18 05 29d
Girl Guides celebrate Empire Day – photos – 18 05 29e
Impressive rally p4
Conscientious objector charged with absentee from military service Ch 1918 May 29 p4
Bottisham feast : not a single van Ch 1918 May 29 p5
Empire day celebrations Ch 1918 May 29 p6
Photo: Shelford Red Cross concert Ch 1918 May 29 p7
Italian Universities delegation visits Ch 1918 May 29 p8
Combating VD : annual meeting Ch 1918 May 29 p9

1918 05 31 ES
4 Very small proportion men 18-23 employed ag. exempted - 26 out of 360
8 Soham tobacco appreciated - letter
Haddenham. Feast - nothing like old times

Stretham
Tribunal : Percy Hazel – his father had 199 acres and employed 2 other men, one son had been kia, another in France & two others stone deaf; Albert Wright had 16 acres, had lost his left eye (ES 31.5.18)

Stretham: Baptist anniversary, when chapel opened in 1818 the famous preacher Rev Robert Hall of St Andrew's Street, Cambridge preached a sermon 18 05 31(2) ES
Annual Parade … headed by Foresters' Band from Haddenham followed by the banner; collection, service – 18 05 31(2) ES

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1918 06 05
Accident at Trumpington coprolite works – 18 06 05a
Women's Land Army recruiting rally – photos – 18 06 05b # c.45.5 # s.1918
Fen drainage: editorial Ch 1918 June 5 p3
Inquest on airman following accident Ch 1918 June 5 p4
National union of scientific workers Cambridge committee formed Ch 1918 June 5 p6
US President Wilson hon degree - photos interior Senate House - never before photographed Ch 1918 June 5 p8 # c.36.9

1918 06 12
Whittlesford congregational church schoolroom destroyed by fire – 18 06 12a
Tribunal; includes tailors – six businesses would be closed altogether, Runciman blacksmith – 18 06 12b
Books for the wounded appeal – 18 06 12b
American baseball players at Fenners – photo – 18 06 12c # c.45.5 # U.Bas. # T.G.
Wedding Histon Cred Cross hospital nurse – photos – 18 06 12d
Lieut Frank Banks, Milton Road, killed on first solo flight – 18 06 12e
Horace Darwin knighted Ch 1918 June 12 p3 & p10
Corporation supplied useless seed potatoes for allotments Ch 1918 June 12 p3 & p5
Parkers Piece a neglected mess Ch 1918 June 12 p3
Cadet club rooms, Downing street : anniversary concert Ch 1918 June 12 p8

1918 06 19
Casualties pics: Driver, Nightingale, Elwood, Baker, Docwra, Earl, Roberts, Blogg – 18 06 19a
Women police make appearance on streets Ch 1918 June 19 p3 # c.34.7
Photo: cadet sports at Fenners Ch 1918 June 19 p7

1918 06 21 ES
4 Ag. labs union "new force in Isle"
Tribunal decisions "hard but dictated need …."
5 Comrades of Great War soc starts, Ely

Stretham: John Hopkins, 42, butter merchant, poulterer and land worker; had 180 registered customers for butter and had dairy produce stall at Cambridge market. He cultivated nearly half-an-acre of fruit garden and spend all the spare time he could on the land. Ought not to be sent when there are so many young men about. Exempted – 18 06 21 ES

1918 06 26
Sterndale Burrows succeeds father as Clerk of Peace Ch 1918 June 26 p3
New Theatre: Herbert Hall retires as secretary Ch 1918 June 26 p3
Belgian refugees return to Histon on visit Ch 1918 June 26 p5

1918 06 28 ES
7 Isle Labour party inaugural demo "a bloodless revolution after the war"

Stretham Citizenship- drawing room meeting at John Wesley's house; urged women to vote wisely – 18 06 28(3) ES

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1918 07 03
Sayle's summer sale: advertisement with large photo shop front – 18 07 03a # P.Say
Another airman killed Ch 1918 July 3 p4
Robert Sayle summer Sale - photo Ch 1918 July 3 p7

1918 07 05 ES
8 25 German prisoners work Upware

1918 07 10
Library report says people have turned to reading as distraction from war – 18 07 10a
Motor car nearly overturns bus on St Andrew's Street – 18 07 10b # c.26.46
Americans celebrate 4th July, airmen marched from railway station, service at King's then marched behind band to Fenner's for baseball match – 18 07 10c, photos 10e # c.45.5 # U.Bas
Women road sweepers photo – 18 07 10d # PC.Dus # T.W.
Anti-vivisectionist meeting - Cambridge branch funded last December Ch 1918 July 10 p3
Photo: Histon feast Sunday Ch 1918 July 10 p7

1918 07 17
Tribunal includes George Wootten, coroner; only 27 solicitors left in Cambridge – 18 07 17a # c.35.7
American soldiers thanks for Cambridge hospitality – 18 10 17b
Four airmen's death Ch 1918 July 17 p4

1918 07 19 ES
2 Ely war hospital supply depot "at home"
3 Ely soldier's experiences, Italian front

1918 07 24
Licensing meeting; Star Brewery's Racehorse renewed, Earl of Durham on Newmarket Road; Johnny Gilpin, Gold Street; Horseshoe, Fen Drayton; Swan with two necks, Swavesey; Garden Gate, Histon closed; Harvest Home, Oakington renewed – 18 07 24a # c.27.4
Death Edward Compton, formerly New Theatre play company Ch 1918 July 24 p3 # c.76
Airman's funeral Ch 1918 July 24 p6
Cambridge Daily News editor, A.R. Brooks, retires Ch 1918 July 24 p6 # c.04
Photo: degree for Canadian premier Borden Ch 1918 July 24 p7
Noisy Co-op meeting; president & committee reinstated Ch 1918 July 24 p9

1918 07 26 ES
3 Funeral Mons hero, Ely

1918 07 31
Council appoint Sterndale Burrows as solicitor after debate – 18 07 31a # c.35.7
Two airmen killed in flying accident – 18 07 31b
Cambridgeshire Volunteer Regiment training camp at Madingley – 18 07 31c # c.45.5
J.W. Jacob resigns as Guildhall hall keeper, reminisces about conferences – 18 07 31d # c.35.7
Herbert Isley, baker, obit – 18 07 31d
Jack Littlechild a prisoner - good news Ch 1918 July 31 p3
Photo: Histon's war weapons week Ch 1918 July 31 p7

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1918 08 02 ES
Stretham: Y.M.C.A. concert – 18 08 02(2) ES

1918 08 07
Compensation notice for Earl of Durham & Johnny Gilpin – 18 08 07a
Cambridge and America – lectures – 18 08 07b
Women workers at gas works – photo feature – 18 08 07c # c.24.4 # P.Gas. # T.W. # c.45.5
New Theatre presentation to W.B. Redfern marking 20 years – 18 08 07d # c.76
Chief of USA forces at inaugural meeting of Extension Students course Ch 1918 Aug 7 p3
Local lecture students - 3rd meeting (1st 1914 when war started & had 49 Germans enrolled); theme America & various account their war activity Ch 1918 Aug 7 p4
Intercession day; gathering on Parkers Piece Ch 1918 Aug 7 p6
Ancient Order of Foresters court at Cambridge after 26 years Ch 1918 Aug 7 p6 photo p7
Photo: Volunteer camp at Madingley Ch 1918 Aug 7 p7

1918 08 09 ES
3 German PoWs accomodation Ely - discussion
4 Land settlement for ex-service men

Stretham
Exemption: Sidney Leach, 42, White Lion, bricklayer was refused exemption, to join up on October 1st; William K. Gautrey (44), Green End, grocer at Swann's Stores also refused. The certificate granted to Percival Bradshaw, baker, was reviewed by the National Service representative but as he has been passed in grade three, Mr Oliard agreed to six months' exemption. Ernest J. Swann (39), single, Front Street, grocer with 600 registered customers belonging to three villages was exempted for three months 18 08 09 ES

Stretham: Remembrance Day united service, 350 attend; shrine in the War Corner was covered with beautiful flowers; a second group of photographs of those who have given their lives has recently been added – 18 08 09(2) ES

1918 08 14
First case by policewoman - cycling on path Ch 1918 Aug 14 p4
Airman killed at Soham Ch 1918 Aug 14 p4
First Eastern General Hospital sports Ch 1918 Aug 14 p6 photo p7
Photo: Foresters and Corporation at Gt St Mary's Ch 1918 Aug 14 p7
Photo: intercession Sunday Ch 1918 Aug 14 p8

1918 08 16 ES
3 Farmer pros. Neglect horses hired War ag.

1918 08 21
Flying fatality inquest – 18 08 21a
Grocers ask to be able to cancel coupons by stamping them with a rubber stamp or indelible pencil instead of cutting them out as at present – 18 08 21b # c.45.5
Joseph Prior, Senior Fellow of Trinity reported dead; is not Ch 1918 Aug 21 p6
Soldiers adventures; how his German captors were captured Ch 1918 Aug 21 p10

1918 08 28
Litlington fire destroys three cottages, Royston Road – 18 08 28a
Reminiscence by Thomas Catling of working at Cambridge Chronicle in 1850 – 18 08 28b # c.04
Airmen's sports meeting at Fowlmere – photo feature – 18 08 28c # T.G. # Y.Fow.
Heat wave sees motor boats towed by horses Ch 1918 Aug 28 p3
Volunteer battalions report Ch 1918 Aug 28 p6
Chronicle in 1850 : how it was produced by hand power Ch 1918 Aug 28 p8
Fulbourn hospital to use female nurses on male wards Ch 1918 Aug 28 p10

1918 08 30 ES
3 War-time farming, arable increased by million acres

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1918 09 04
Major Bertram Hopkinson, Prof of Mechanism at Kings, killed in flying accident; worked with RAF carrying out many experiments resulting in vast mechanical improvements – 18 09 04a # c.45.5 # c.26.1
'Cambridge Magazine' publishes Bolshevik newspaper cuttings … honours German spies … good name of Cambridge being imperilled by this alien production … 18 09 04b # c.05 # c.45.5
Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of Admiralty – profile – 18 09 04c
Casualties biographies, includes junior bursar of Trinity, Capt Tebbutt etc – 18 09 04d # c.45.5
"War terribly discriminating in way it has demanded fearful sacrifices from some and made the fortunes of others Ch 1918 Sep 4 p3
Cadets Trinity gymkhana - photo Ch 1918 Sep 4 p7
Military awards on Parkers Piece - photo Ch 1918 Sep 4 p7

1918 09 06 ES
3 March tribunal strike in protest against decisions not being given effect to
Cambridgeshire Regt. - tribute to fallen officers
Casualties include Thetford: Creek – 18 09 06 ES

1918 09 11
Discharged and demobilised soldiers meeting … train disabled; proposed hostel in Cambridge – 18 09 11a # c.45.5
Tribunal; includes: printers, bootmakers, J.B. Walford of Ortona – 18 09 11b

1918 09 13 ES
Pte Cyril Seymour severely wounded in back and right thigh (ES 13.9.18)

Rector of Stretham and the Labourers' Union. An alleged statement and a challenge. A meeting of the Labourers' Union was held when there was a good attendance to listen to Mr Stubbs and other leaders of the Labour movement. A somewhat violent attack was made on the Rector of Stretham, the Rev S.S. Stitt, for a statement alleged to have been made that the Board of Trade alone was responsible for the advance of the wages of the agricultural labourer to 30s. per week, and that the Labourers' Union could claim no credit for securing the workers this benefit. In consequence of his assertion it was said that several members were deserting the Union. Mr Stubbs openly challenged the Rev gentleman to come forward and prove his contention that the Board of Trade had anything to do with the Corn Production Act or for the setting up of Wages Boards for the various districts. "It is disgraceful", he said, "that a representative of the Church, who knows the conditions under which the poor labourers have lived in the past under his very eyes, who has seen their wives and children badly clothed, badly fed and housed owing to the miserable conditions under which they have been compelled to live, but has never lifted a finger or uttered a word against this, or many any attempt to better their conditions, should now come forward to destroy the work of the Union in its efforts to give to the working man a ray of sunshine in his monotonous existence and to better the conditions under which he has to work" – 18 09 13 ES

1918 09 18
Distributors of hay and fodder to register customers - 18 09 18a
Jacobs, Guildhall hall-keeper, reminiscences – 18 09 18b # c.35.7
Low wages of shop assistants Ch 1918 Sep 18 p4
Captured German machine gun to be sent to Cambridge Ch 1918 Sep 18 p5

Cambridge at the front: letter to a fighting soldier Ch 1918 Sep 18 p6
Photo: garden fete for British & French funds Ch 1918 Sep 18 p7

1918 09 20 ES
5 New peace move "a trick" - editorial
Ely lamps get luminous paint
6 Soham soldier lost arm, now expert needlework

1918 09 25
Fatal air crash – 18 09 25a
College of nursing centre debated at meeting – 18 09 25b
Tribunal; includes: Joseph Reed, worried that might damage his singing voice, sings at charity concerts, F.W. Smith butcher, Jenkins fishmonger, – 18 09 25c
"Silver Badge Men" (discharged) branch formed, Babraham Hall Ch 1918 Sep 25 p6, photo p7

1918 09 27 ES
5 Capt. Coote gets DSO
8 Soham - war pictures shown

Stretham:
News had been received that Pte Elijah Constable, K.S.L.L., son of Mr & Mrs Constable, Wilburton Road, has been wounded in the head and is now in hospital in France. A letter from the Salvation Army Captain, who has visited him in hospital, states that he is improving slowly – 18 09 27(3) ES
Tribunal: John Hopkin (43), poulterer, butter merchant and land worker applied for renewal but did not appear. He stated he had the only dairy produce stall in Ca market, cultivated half-acre of fruit garden for his mother and sister – refused. A letter which was overlooked when his case came on, was subsequently read, stating he had received a voucher from the War Agriculture Executive Committee – 18 09 27 ES

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1918 10 02
Rates much too low think some, much work to be done Ch 1918 Oct 2 p3
Many farmers selling up Ch 1918 Oct. 2 p3
The coming winter will be trying and we shall have many discomforts but our problems trivial compared to France, Belgium, Russia Ch 1918 Oct 2
Cambridge volunteers battalion reopening its cyclist training, signalling and machine gun work Ch 1918 Oct 2 p3
Stourbridge horse fair was deserted, first time in 50 years Ch 1918 Oct 2 p3 # c.27.31
Exemption tribunals Ch 1918 Oct 2 p4 & p10
Cottenham farmer averages 16lb potatoes from each tuber "Trumpington hero" Oct 2 p5
Ickleton memorial service L/Corp Alfred Hopwood kia Ch 1918, Oct 2 p5
Historic In Memoriam service GSM in memory County officers & men kia -photos; Ch 1918 Oct 2.p7 & 8
House prices Ch 1918 Oct 2 p8
Casualties & medals Ch 1918 Oct 2 p10

1918 10 04 ES
5 "One of results of war great revival in spiritualism"
6 "On a searchlight" by volunteer

1918 10 09
Huge fire at Mott's Farm, Cherry Hinton; Harry Pink was lighting an engine and as it did not seem to draw one opened the fire box to put in some straw. Immediately a flame shot out which ignited a stack of barley. In a short time the stacks and farm buildings were ablaze – 18 10 09a

Borough food control committee; protests against winter price of milk – large amount coming in to Cambridge; does not allow margin for producers – 18 10 09b
Castle End roll of honour recently unveiled – 18 10 09c
Women's Institutes work in Cambridgeshire, various industries – cobbling, hurdle-making, pig keeping; are over 200 National Service girls working on farms in Cambridgeshire
Ralph Starr nominated mayor - biographical details Ch 1918 Oct 9 p2
Peace anticipated, despite German stubboness Ch 1918 Oct. 9 p3
Queen Mary's visit; pictures will be shown at Victoria & Kinema cinemas Ch 1918 Oct 9 # c.02
Ancient Order of Foresters annual meeting — heavy war losses Ch 1918 Oct 9 p4
Women citizens association on warpath - year had seen enfranchisement of women & so form committees to work in wards to find candidates for elections; problems of women gaining membership county council — even when no opposition councillors elected somebody else Ch 1918 Oct 9 p5 – 18 10 09d # c.33
Robert Sayle fur coats - smaller pieces now so fashionable p5:
Borough food control committee - prices of milk attacked Ch 1918 Oct 9 p6 & p8
Women's institutes work in Cambs Ch 1918 Oct 9 p7
Tribunal p8
Red Cross depot needs help Ch 1918 Oct 9 p8
St. Mary Stourbridge chapel rededicated for use of troops in area p9 # c.83
Casualties - include Histon Ch 1918 Oct 9 p10

1918 10 11 ES
5 "British breakthrough a great victory"
6 Germany asks for armistice

1918 10 16 Ch
Volunteers of the Cambridgeshire Service Company who undertook whole-time defence duties in the early summer when country being denuded of troops have returned home – 18 10 16a
Petersfield, Sturton Town communal kitchen proposed – 18 10 16a
Royal visit by Queen and Princess Victoria to Papworth Hospital & First Eastern General Hospital marred by bad weather - photos p3,7,8 – 18 10 16b, c # c.02 # S.1918
Story of American patient chasing queen, cheque for £1,000 to Papworth
Germans are beaten but we are weary p3
Communal kitchens needed for Petersfield, Sturton Town and Romsey Townareas of Cambridge 18 10 16a
Cottenham: feast parade p5
Police salaries fixed p8.
Tribunal: p9
Casualties- died of wounds p10
County consider reconstruction after war p10

1918 10 18 ES
Military Road Bridge: Road Board had agreed to pay ¾ cost of bridge over Cam after war, and pontoons provided; now they wanted to shuffle out of the undertaking. Road will not be maintained until bridge built (ES 18.10.18)

1918 10 23 Ch
When Tuberculosis colony established at Papworth a gardener's cottage sold with it; he appeals to be allowed to stay – 18 10 23a
Fatal accident at aerodrome – inquest at EGH – 18 10 23b
Babraham war memorial unveiled – 18 10 23c
Casualties photos: Boughey, Benstead, Cottam, Long, Rule, Horspool, Watson, Radford, Loker, Cutting, Webb, Vail, Rich, Gentle, Cowell, Blincoe – 18 10 23d
Drainage district for watershed of rivers Cam and Ouse needed – Beds and Hunts would improve their streams which would cause flooding here – 18 10 23e # c.29

Croydon postmaster has seven sons serving, six have been wounded – 18 10 23f

VC cockerel p3
Church Missionary Society centenary history published p3
Cambridge & district food culture society to amalgamate with Govt society Ch 1918 Oct 23 p3
Death Rev Thomas Gwatkin p3
Bicycle thief imprisoned 6 weeks p4
Tractors advert - £292.5.0 p5
Registrar of births seeks compensation for loss of salary due to falling off of birth rate during war p7
Red cross annual report Ch 1918 Oct 23 p8
Chesterton road po1ice station bought by council :for £350 at auction p10 # c.34.7

1918 10 30 Ch
Two airmen killed in flying accident – 18 10 30a
Photographic club lecture by F Stoakley on making negatives using dyes made at University chemical laboratories p3 # c.65.5
Influenza epidemic continues p3
New Zealand cadets departing from Trinity college p3
Soldiers as small owners of land p3
Bassingbourn stacks, overrun by rats - court case p5
Town crier appointed p5
National kitchen Mill Rd approved p8
If ladies admitted as MPs, will need to be many mirrors so they can check their hats on straight p6
Military funerals - photos p7
Shops to close an hour earlier to save fuel p8
Casualties p10

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1918 11 01 ES
8 Littleport Grange - 40 soldiers billeted
Coal stocks very short, position at Stretham has been awful but now got five trucks in (ES 1.11.18)

Stretham:
Stretham Red Cross Concert – 18 11 01(3) ES
Tunnel at Stretham had been broken in and Sanitary Inspector had had it repaired on account of danger to foot passengers – 18 11 01 ES

1918 11 06
First Cambridge war shrine at St Mary the Less unveiled – 18 11 06a; photo 18 11 13f # c.62
Fitzroy Street communal kitchen started in June, now sells 2,000 portions of food daily – photo feature – 18 11 06b # c.45.5

General election imminent; Cambridge has had little time to get to know Sir Eric Geddes - elected him on his war reputation First Lord of Admiralty .... talk about a Labour opposition but this ungrateful and injudicious p3
Littleport volunteers court marshalled for not drilling p4
Labour and Socialist Societies hear address on The International p8
Waiter Malden - a memoir p6
First Cambridge war shrine, St Mary the Less p6
Fitzroy street communal kitchen – photos p7
Reconstruction - county council recommendations p8
Tribunals p9
Ralph Starr - biographical article pl0

Agricultural labourers wages, proposed 40/- minimum p10

1918 11 13 Ch
The great news that the war which has raged for over four years had come to an end, reached Cambridge just before 11 o'clock on Monday morning. People were stunned. After the terrible ordeal we have gone through – the enormous sacrifices, the untold anguish … It did not take long for enthusiasm to reach boiling point and very quickly men and women were scurrying hither and thither conveying the news to all quarters of the town. Flags appears from goodness knows where in their thousands and soon the centre was gay with bunting … Union Jack hoisted at Town Hall and soon youngsters cheering in the streets … bells were rung, instruments of known and unknown descriptions gave forth sounds melodious and otherwise. A large number of cadets quickly arrived on the scene and soon some of the most daring spirits had mounted the highest pinnacle on the conduit, which was soon flying the flags of the Allies. Undergraduates commandeered any vehicle which chanced to be in the vicinity. Taxi-cabs and motor cycles with sidecars were run round and round the Market Square … Unhappily undergraduates degenerated into a vulgar rag … broke windows, wrecked old police courts and put bells of Great St Mary's out of action … Union Jack hoisted at Town Hall and soon youngsters cheering in the streets … bunting … rush to post office to despatch telegrams … unhappily undergraduates degenerated into a vulgar rag … broke windows, wrecked old police courts and put bells of GSM out of action – 18 11 13a, b
Gt St Mary's bells did not ring – some foolish person smashed the lock on the door and tried to pull them up and chime at the same time. Chiming hammers forced out of position and wooden supports smashed – 18 11 13c # c.69.6
Undergraduate rag at New Theatre – 18 11 13d
Corporation motor lorry – body built on Ford chassis – photo – 18 11 13e # Q.Ad
St Mary the Less War Shrine dedicated – photo – 18 111 13f
Casualties photos: Linsey, Wehrle, Redfarn, Mallows, Tomson, Elliott, Arnold, Carlton – 18 11 13g
Serbian fund – are 11 undergraduates in residence – 18 11 13h
Casualties pl0

1918 11 15 ES
3 Reconstruction in Isle - 537 new cottages required, many young people have married during the war, the husbands are serving while wives remaining with their parents – Stretham five - 18 11 15 &(2) ES
4 Ely war shrine service Market Square
5 War ending - how villages rejoiced
Street lights lit
6 Farmers & discharged soldiers - letter
8 Littleport - death Belgian refugee

Stretham
Death Reginald Acred died of pneumonia; although many in Stretham have been stricken with the prevailing epidemic, this was the first fatal case and the fact that his five sisters and elder brother are also seriously ill calls forth the deepest sympathy. He was just over 18 and had passed for the army. Worked on father's farm – 18 11 15(7) ES

1918 11 20
Roll of Honour – lists of men who joined forces from local firms: Ortona motor co, G.P. Hawkins – 18 11 20a; Macintosh – 18 11 20f; Cambridge Scientific Instrument Co – 18 11 20g; Robert Sayle – 18 11 20i; Hallack & Bond – 18 11 20o; Chivers 18 11 20r; Winton Smith – 18 11 20w; Co-op – 1811 20x, Matthew & son – 18 11 20zf # c.45.5
Photos of 6th Division stationed in Cambridge for training in 1914 – 18 11 20b # T.G.K14
Cheveley Church Terrace cottages fire – 18 11 20c
Photos of mobilisation at start of war – Market Hill, leaving from railway station for training, French inspects troops – 18 11 20d # T.G.K14
Cambridgeshire Regiment colours in GSM at service fallen – photo – 18 11 20e

Photos: intercession service on Parker's Piece Aug 1918, degree for President Wilson, despatched food parcels, U-Boat poster – 18 11 20h
Our part in the war – what Cambridgeshire has done; a notable record by A.R. Hill; detailed summary – 18 11 20j, p, q, s, t, u, y # c.45.5
Photos; Royal visitors – 20 11 20k; notable visitors – 18 11 20l; war-time mayors – 18 11 20m, n
Photos: scenes on Market Hill at news of armistice; Kaiser effigy, Cambridge Magazine ragged – 18 11 20v # S.1918
Photos: first batch of wounded arrive 1914; armistice thanksgiving – 18 11 20z
Comforts for troops and prisoners of war help committee: report on its activities during war by Mrs Mellish Clark – 18 11 20za # c.45.5
Cambridge Serbian colony: report on its activities from 1916, were admitted as undergraduates, by A.C. Seward – 18 11 20zb # c.45.5 # c.36.9
Cambridge food economy committee set up 1917: report on its work, by Mrs Keynes – 18 11 20zc # c.45.5
Tipperary club: report on activities – 18 11 20zc # c.45.5
Belgian hospitality committee: report on activities – 181 11 20zd # c.45.5
Red Cross Society – report of activities during war, hospitals etc – 18 11 20zd # c.45.5 # c.21.4
Food control committee – report of activities during war – 18 11 20ze # c.45.5
Eaden Lilley whole page advert listing names staff who fought- framed with Swastika device p1
Ortona & G. P.Hawkins rolls of honour p4
6th division in training - photos from 1914 p5
First to fall – Corp. N. Dewey p6
Early recruits - photo p5
Cottenham nursing association report p7
Photos of mobilisation at start war, include station p7
Scientific Instrument Co & Macintosh roll of honour p8
Degree for President Wilson - photo p9
Sayle roll p10
Our part in the war - what Cambs has done p11 & 15
Notable visitors - photos p11 .-
War mayors & war workers – photo p14-15
Victoria cinema roll pl3
Stace & Hallack roll pl4
Chivers roll p14
Celebrating final surrender - photos p17
Winton Smith & Co-op rolls p18
Providing comforts for PoWs p19
Casualties p19
Serbian colony p20
Food economy & national kitchens p20
Work of Tipperary club p20
Work of Belgian hospitality committees p21
Under Red Cross p21
Controlling peoples food supply p22
Perse tercentenary p23
Matthew roll p24

1918 11 22 ES
Stretham inquest Mary, wife of John Sadler, a vermin killer, 66. They were getting a heifer into the yard and she fell on some old rubbish; a finger bled a little but went potato picking. . After a week complained … doctor performed an operation but she passed away. John Henry Sadler gave evidence. Died of tetanus – 18 11 22 ES

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Free Library popular – 1,000 borrowers on Saturday; does not have the convenience of the open shelves which is a popular feature of the most up-to-date libraries but have put up a counter and wall cases in which a selection of books is placed; the recently added reference library appreciated. The reading room is literally crowded in the evening. The Librarian, Mr Fenton, who is in khaki, has reached France and will soon be back to resume his duties which are being ably discharged by his chief assistant – 18 11 27a & b # c.77.4
Children's play centre at Barnwell Abbey school leads to improvement in behaviour of children – 18 11 27c
Terrible barbarities upon British prisoners – account of seaman and H.J. Ranner of Catharine St – 18 11 27d # c.45.5
George Stace – obituary, councillor, freemason – 18 11 27e
Prisoner of war help committee – named group photo – 18 11 27g # S.1918
Cambridge Free Library accession stamp – 18 11 27h # c.77.4
Dearth of working-class dwellings – deplorable; at least 150 needed – 18 11 27i # c.23
Comrades of Great War club to be opened, Sidney St – 18 11 27j

Parkers Piece: need work to get it back in order p3
Election notes p3
Play area for children in evenings p3
Some war-time controls still in place, how long before petty officials ousted p3
Terrible barbarities upon British prisoners p5
Death George Stace p6
Casualties p6
St Ives church restoration - plane crashed into spire p6
1st local PoW experiences – account conditions p6
Houses for working men - account conditions p6
Comrades of Gt War club room opened above Halford's, Sidney St p9
Sir Eric Geddes adopted as coalition candidate p10

1918 11 29 ES
5 Tribunal suggest early release essential men
5 PoWs home
8 Soham lights lit

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1918 12 04 Ch
Prisoner of war experiences of Arthur Kidd – 18 12 04a # c.45.5
Scientific Instrument Company girls in fancy dress – photo – 18 12 04b
Ernest Crampton music composer of four plays – 18 12 04c

Victory dance in Cavendish Hall p3
Labour adopt Rev Rhondda Williams p5
Bottisham PoW Pettit returns, also PoWs Eversden, Histon p5
Military funeral Miss Sillitoe, WRAF at Shelford p5
Pte Jack Littlechild arrives in Canterbury p6:
A.E. Stubbs, labour candidate county visits Cottenham p6
Arthur Kidd describes PoW life p7
Cambridge Scientific Instrument company girl workers fancy dress - photo p7, 11th p9 & 25 p7
Composer, Ernest Crampton p7
Labour candidate makes promises galore! P9
Election topics p10

1918 12 06 ES

2 Ely recreation ground, RAF proposal commandeer it for men employed "Flying Park" Station road
5 Littleport protest at German prisoners on land

Stretham:
Man summonsed for keeping dog without a licence; had bought it at Red Cross sale, it was knocked down to him 2 or 3 times for the benefit of the fund (ES 6.12.18)

George Stitt was in "Iron Duke" at pageant of surrender of Hun fleet 18 12 06(2) ES

Casualties include Thetford: Gnr A.J. Dewsbury R.F.A. killed, Pte A.M. Dewsbury, Northants Regt, wounded A – 18 12 06 ES

1918 12 11 Ch
Vote for Geddes – full front-page page advertisement – 18 12 11a; vote for Montagu, the coalition candidate – 18 12 11e # c.33
Scientific Instrument Company war workers – group photos – 18 12 11b # P.Sci.K18

Election nominations p4
Montagu coalition candidate - better housing, agricultural programme p8
Recruiting staff farewell party p9
Cottenham airman's military funeral p9
American soldier's ruse to get money p10

1918 12 13 ES
4 Ely RAF proposal - protest
8 Littleport PoWs retrained station - several speak English, marched to Grange

Stretham:
Labourers' Union conference held at Stretham … to link up workers in area to help one another … great dissatisfaction with wholly inadequate wage to meet present high cost of living – 18 12 12(3) ES

1918 12 18 Ch
5th officer cadet battalion disbanded p3
Pte A.J. Littlechild home, taken PoW 1918 p3 :
Election day pictures - Mrs Percy Muggleton whose husband is in Francs was the first woman to record her vote at stroke of 8 at Richmond Rd school p7 # c.33
Blackberry collecting under Government scheme - results by parish p8 i^
Polling day - never such apathy & rained, few ladies, surprised if turnout 60% p10

1918 12 20 ES
2 Education - worst attendance on record
5 Ely infectious diseases hospital used for 32 German PoWs

1918 12 25
Life one continual persecution: Cambridge woman's experience at Lille during German occupation – 18 12 25a
New parliamentary divisions of Cambs into Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely – 18 12 25b # c.35.1
New communal kitchen for Petersfield, Romsey Town & Sturton St opened – 18 12 25c
Comrades of the Great War new Headquarters club opened Sidney St – 18 12 25d # c.45.5

Principal streets absolutely crowded but emergency munitions shutting down …food controller criticised p3
Children potato pickers sue employers

Cambridge woman's experiences as prisoner at Lille p7
New communal kitchens opened Mill Rd - photo p7 & 10
List prisoners p7
New parliamentary divisionsp9
Comrades club opened p10

1918 12 27 ES
3 Topical cartoons - aircraft, returning men, rationing
5 German PoWs, Ely - 50 due, note employment Haddenham & Ely
8 Downham drainage work by 40 German PoWs, people visit

1919 Cambridge Chronicle & Cambridge Independent Press & Ely Standard

I have scans of these articles

January 1919 Ch & CIP & Ely Standard

1919 01 01 Ch
Boxing Day cross country run – photo feature – 19 01 01

1919 01 01 CIP
Solid for the Coalition, — Cambridgeshire people, as elsewhere focussed their attention on Saturday upon the results of the poll in their Parliamentary Divisions, and the results were as staggering in the Coalition majorities obtained is in other parts of the kingdom Even the most optimistic did not dream that Sir Eric Geddes would obtain a majority of more than 7,000 in the Borough, nor that Mr Montagu would nearly reach the 6,000 mark m the County. The results were — Borough: Rt. Hon. Sir Eric Geddes (Coalition Unionist) 11,553; Rev. Rhondda Williams (Lab.) 3.789; Coalition Unionist majority. 7,784. County: Rt. Hon. E. S. Montagu (Coalition Lib.) 12,497; Mr. A. E. Stubbs (Lab.) 6,686; Coalition majority 1811. # c.33

Busy Day for the Mayor, — The Mayor of Cambridge (Mr. Ralph Starr) had a busy day on Christmas Day, when, in company with the Mayoress and their son and laughter, they paid visits to most if the institutions in the town, including the Borough Sanatorium, the Children's Home in Ross St. the Workhouse, Mill Road, the 1st Eastern General Hospital, York House, Newmarket Road, which is the Children's Home of the Chesterton Union and (in the afternoon) Addenbrooke's Hospital. At the hospital, the Mayor visited every ward, speaking kindly words of greeting and comfort to the patients, finishing up at the soldiers' (Bowtell) ward. This visit concluded the Mayor's programme and he returned home for a well-earned rest after what he described as a happy and pleasing experience.
19 01 01 CIP

1919 01 03 ES
Meeting discuss forming a Farmers' Federation - 19 01 03 ES

Threatened strike of farm labourers; minimum wage of 45/- demanded at Chatteris - 19 01 03 ES

1919 01 08 Ch
Star brewery report – 19 01 08a
Corporation truck for collecting household refuse and general haulage; the first electrically-driven vehicle for Cambridge – photo – 19 01 08b # c.26.48 # Q.Al

1919 01 08 CIP

Influenza at Fulbourn Hospital. – At the monthly meeting of the Visitors in Fulbourn Hospital it was reported that there had been a considerable epidemic of influenza on the premises. It began among the nurses on the female side, and spread to the women patients. Prompt measures were taken, and it was almost entirely confined to two wards. During the last two weeks the male side had become infected, and nearly all the cases were from two wards. The numbers affected were: Female side: Staff 20, patients 34 Male side: Staff 4, patients 27. A doctor said they had the situation well in hand. There had been three deaths from the malady on the female side.

Mayor as Freemason. The Masonic festival season at Cambridge commenced on Monday, when Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 441 held its installation meeting. There was a very large attendance of members and visiting brethren. Among four candidates initiated was the Mayor of Cambridge, Councillor R. Starr, who is thus added to the very long list of the Masonic Mayors of' Cambridge. The sum of 30 guineas was voted to the Masonic Benevolent Association. 19 01 08 CIP

1919 01 10 ES
Surplus army horses sale at Cambridge
A consignment of exceptionally useful light and heavy draught horses were sold at Cambridge Cattle Market. Every horse had been graded as fit for service overseas and but for the signing of the armistice they would now be working with the troops in France. There were 12 of the heavy draught class which met with keen competition from London and local buyers while the 37 light draught horses comprise some very useful strong trotting vanners suitable for land or town work, and a few nice quality riding horses up to weight. There was a good steady trade and satisfactory prices were realised. Amongst the buyers was R. Law of Littleport. Taking them all round the horses constituted one of the best of the consignment sent to Cambridge. They were practically all sound and afforded an excellent opportunity for local people to purchase good horses fit for to do any sort of hard work they might like to put them to. The auctioneers will offer another consignment at the Ely sale yard on January 13th - 19 01 10 ES

German Prison Labour. Sir. I read that Lance Corporal W. Newton, Royal Fusiliers, was released from the army in order to resume civilian employment. On making application for work to his former employer, a well-known farmer of Littleport, he was refused, the agent telling him that he had already had more men than work for them. The majority of them are German prisoners point. If this is true I must say that I am absolutely ashamed of the way in which Tommy has been treated. I have lived in Cambridgeshire nearly all my life before the war and I hope all the Cambridgeshire people are not fixed up with German prisoners. If they are, could not something be done to dispense with them at an early date? I think there is plenty of work could be done by German prisoners elsewhere without being employed on farm work. Yours, Corporal Jefferies, B.E.F, France 19 01 10 ES

1919 01 15 Ch
Chatteris farm labourers on strike for minimum wage of 45s. – 19 01 15a

1919 01 15 CIP
Cambs Farm Labourers' strike, -The farm labourers of Chatteris are out on strike with the object of enforcing their demand of a minimum wage of 45s. per week. The trouble originated in some of employers attempting to lower the wages for the winter months from 42s. to 36s. - and the dissatisfaction occasionally led to a meeting of the union at which a resolution was adopted declaring that unless the farmers were prepared to grant a minimum wage of 45s, for all able-bodied men, the members would cease work. At a subsequent farmers' meeting, it was agreed to pay the following wages: Ordinary labourers £2, single horsekeepers £2 4s., casual labourers for threshing 9s. per-day and root labourers 8s. per day. This was published in the Press, but the workers met and said they did not recognise it as the proper medium of the farmers reply and decided to strike. Most of the Union men are out, and had been very peaceable. There has been no rowdyism, although a fair amount of passive picketing has been going on. 19 01 15 CIP # c.22 # c.32.5

Boy Housebreakers. At a Cambridge juvenile court, a boy aged 14 and another aged 13 were charged with breaking into a dwelling house and stealing a pair of lady's boots valued at 35s. A detective said the younger boy admitted they had committed the theft and had pawned the boots. The elder boy was committed to a reformatory until the age of 19 and the younger one to an industrial school until he is 16 19 01 15 CIP

1919 01 17
Surplus army horses sale at Cambridge. A consignment of exceptionally useful light and heavy draught horses were sold at Cambridge cattle Market. Every horse had been graded as fit for service overseas and but for the signing of the armistice they would now be working with the troops in France. There were 12 of the heavy draught class which met with keen competition from London and local buyers while the 37 light draught horses comprise some very useful strong trotting vanners suitable for land or town work, and a few nice quality riding horses up to weight. There was a good steady trade and satisfactory prices were realised. Amongst the buyers was R. Law of Littleport. Taking them all round the horses constituted one of the best of the consignment sent to Cambridge. They were practically all sound and afforded an excellent opportunity for local people to purchase good horses fit for to do any sort of hard work they might like to put them to. The auctioneers will offer another consignment at the Ely sale yard on January 13th - 19 01 17 ES

The names of over 12,000 agriculturalists have been forwarded to the Department of Demobilization for early release from the colours as pivotal men in agriculture, and it is understood that the demobilization of these men will now be immediately expedited. Agriculture is now one of the industries open for general demobilization as regards men who have jobs awaiting them. Every farmer should take measures at once to get back any man whom he desires to employ and who is now with the forces 19 10 17 ES

1919 01 22 Ch
Cambridgeshire Hunt saved from extinction; Master offers to hunt county for £800, against £1,100 before the war. Could not keep a pack of hounds at that price before the war and needed more – 19 01 22a # c.38 : hunting

Returned prisoners of war; great demonstration - thousands assembled on Parker's Piece and lined streets to watch men pass. 850 paraded, most in uniform. Started in Guildhall. List of names – 19 01 22b; photo – 19 01 22c # c.45.5

1919 01 22 CIP
Returned Prisoners Welcomed. Cambridge gave an enthusiastic welcome home to the returned prisoners of war on Wednesday last. A ready response was made to the request that the Inhabitants should hang out flags and decorations and thousands of people assembled on Parker's Piece and lined the streets to watch the men pass. The proceedings commenced with a general muster on the Piece, which was fortunately favoured by fine weather. Invitations had been issued to some 900 men, and the parade, when assembled, showed a response of about 850. Most of the men were in khaki, and were members of the Cambridgeshire Regiment, the Cambs. Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment (Kitchener's) or the Suffolk Regiment. A few were in plain clothes or in naval uniform. The men paraded through the streets to the Guildhall, where the Lord Lieutenant gave a heart-to-heart address, saying "Welcome, home to England," and adding that the country was proud of them. He wished them, on behalf of the county, a happy return to their homes, great prosperity in the future, and forgetfulness of the horrors they had been through. 19 01 22 CIP # c.45.5

Presentation. At the closing of the Red Cross Hospital in Ickleton, Mrs. G. Bowen, the Commandant, presented Mr. W. J. Carver, with a travelling clock as a. mark of her appreciation of his work in keeping the hospital accounts for nearly three years. 19 01 22 CIP

1919 01 29 Ch
Cottenham funeral Mrs Haydon Cox, Red Cross worker – 19 01 29a

400 cadets from naval educational expeditionary party to be based in colleges; were cadets in 1914 who were mobilised from Dartmouth when war declared. Will remain from 5-6 months. They will study mathematics and science at Cavendish and Engineering Laboratories and range of subjects. HQ at Trinity – 19 01 29b # c.45.6 # c.36.9

1919 01 29 CIP
65 Years at the Pitt Press,—Mr. Alfred Mason, manager to the Cambridge University Press died at his residence. 18 Mill Lane Cambridge, after a short illness. Employed for 65 years at the Pitt Press, Mr. Mason was educated at the Perse School, On leaving school, he became an apprentice at the Press with Mr. Charles Clay, who was the University Printer When Mr. Clay died he became manager to the University Printer, which position he held at the time of his death. 19 01 29 CIP

Minister's Visit. An interesting visit was paid to Cambridge by the Rt. Hon. H. A. L. Fisher, President of the Board of Education, on Saturday, when he inspected the School of Education recently established by the Educational Department of the War Office at Corpus Christi College for the purpose of preparing officers and, N.C.O.'s as instructors in connection with the educational work which is to be carried on In the Army ere demobilisation takes place—and afterwards delivered an address to members of the school. 19 01 29 CIP # c.45.5

Personal. His many friends will in many ways regret the departure for Belgium of Monsieur Fr. De Loose, who is returning to his native land and to his old home in Antwerp. Monsieur De Loose has been engaged at Messrs Olivers office (Histon) for a considerable time, where his polite and genial character has won for him the esteem of all. He has made many friends in Histon and Cambridge during his stay. 19 01 29 CIP

1919 01 31
Returned Soham prisoners: dinner and concert -19 10 31(2) ES

A shocking tragedy occurred at Ely. Mr Frederick Craven, a promising young electrical engineer, who lived with his parents on Prickwillow Road, was in the workshop at the rear of the house, examining the nose cap of an Austrian shell, which was given to his brother while on his way home from the Italian front, when the detonator exploded, inflicting wounds from which he died a few minutes later. The distressing occurrence cast quite a gloom over the city, where the family is very well known and highly respected. The nose cap was picked up in a shell-hole hold on the Italian front- 19 01 31(3) ES
Returned Ely prisoners feted: supper and entertainment – 19 01 31 ES

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1919 02 05 Ch
VAD nurses gathering in Guildhall – photo – 19 02 05a # T.L
Chivers motor car involved fatal accident in Arbury Rd – photo – 19 02 05b # Q.Al.
Heavy snowfall, Garret Hostel bridge – many more people have passed over this bridge during the past four years on their way to First Eastern General Hospital that throughout the whole of its previous existence – 19 02 05c # c.44.7

1919 02 05 CIP
Magistrate Summoned. At the Cambridge Borough Court, a County magistrate living in Hills Road, Cambridge, was summoned that, as occupier of premises, he did not as soon as conveniently may be after the cessation of a fall of snow, remove or cause to be removed from the footway and pavement all snow on such footway and pavement. He did not appear, but sent a letter to the Bench explaining that he only had one domestic, and could not call on her to clear the snow away. An odd man, who was called, wanted art extravagant sum for removing it. The Mayor said the case was a proper one for the police to bring before the court. It was a considerable comfort to the public if every householder cleared away the snow from his own frontage. He warned the public that cases of this kind would be

dealt with more severely in the future, but as this was the first of the kind to come before the Bench this year, they had decided to dismiss it on payment of costs. 19 02 05 CIP # c.12

1919 02 07 ES
River Ouse drainage, commissioners report on Lynn inquiry, Sidney Preston says Ten Mile River and its tributaries, the Hundred Foot and river above Earith should be put into good order; repairing and raising of the existing training banks, dredging Eau Brink; does not approve of extension of the Stone Banks nor cutting of the Magdalene Bend nor straightening and widening of the river between Denver and Free Bridge. But if measured do not effect desired improvements in drainage, a sluice should be erected near the Free Bridge to eliminate the tide - 19 02 17(2)(3) ES

Air Ministry to sale surplus R.A.F. material, including 2,000 aeroplanes – 19 02 07 RS

The County Council would take over the Ely to Prickwillow road as a main road provided the Soham or Middle Fen Commissioners were willing to move the collection of the tolls from the present situation at Prickwillow Bridge. These were let to Mr J.W. Taylor for a period expiring in October 1920. They would agree provided that the Ely Urban Council agreed to make and maintain a hard road for one-and-a-half miles along the back of the Commissioners' bank of the River Lark from Prickwillow to the boundary of Isleham parish. They would provide a foundation of 14 inches of clunch for the road for the purpose of strengthening the river bank. Mr Clarke, who is one of the Commissioners, said he had great difficulty in getting them to say that they would be willing to move the toll. They thought they would be handing over £14,000. The bank was a high one and was dangerous, and a hard road would considerably strengthen it. He spoke of what they would lose in rates should the bank give way and the land be flooded.It was in the interests of the children who went that way to school that there should be a good road. It would open up a main road to Isleham and Soham Fen. If the toll was cleared out of the way the County Council might consider the question of taking the Prickwillow Road over. Mr Harvey said they would be making a good road all round Mr Clarke's property, and he did not see why, without consideration, they should benefit any individual farmer in that way. But Cole Ambrose, Mr Worth and Mr Hiam all pay rates. Mr Clark said that the toll would not be abolished, but there would only be a hailing toll - 19 02 07 ES

1919 02 12 Ch
Fen drainage; report of Sidney Preston on merits of rival schemes; condemns Case's scheme of training walls seawards and points out inefficiency of number of drainage authorities each working alone. Problem is a national one; suggests put Ten Mile and Hundred Foot Rivers in good condition, repair banks at outfall, dredge Eau Brink and Marsh Cuts, shut out tides by locks – 19 02 12a # c.29

Brewster sessions – 206 licensed premises; 19 02 12b
Pc William Johnson dies influenza – 19 02 12c; photo – 19 02 19b
Robert Bowes, bookseller – obituary – 19 02 12d, photo 12g # c.25
Rowing restarts; photos of naval officers crossing Dant's Ferry, Jesus Crew etc – 19 02 12e # U.Row
Skating at Newnham – photos – 19 02 12f # U.Ska

1919 02 19 Ch
Floods highest since 1879; homes inundated Riverside & Newnham, parapet of house in Parker St collapses – 19 02 19a # c.12.5
Col Griffiths of EGH criticises Cardiff hospital; is criticised in return: EGH wards improvised stables, patients suffered pneumonia, nurses blue with cold – 19 02 19c # c.21.4

Cambridge has accepted the new conditions in which it finds itself. The undergraduates roam the streets once more in sufficient numbers to make their presence notable. The colleges are pursuing their pre-war courses. The river again rings with the music of the rowlock and the discord of the rowing coaches. University clubs are re-opening their doors, University tradesmen have dug out their venerable notices of "University Requisites" and hung them in their windows alongside caps and

gowns, socks and sweaters, ties and blazers. But the old times are not back. University life has replaced military life but it is a different sort of University life to that of before the war. The men are up for work and not for play. They are out for degrees and not for blues. Most who are 'up' are largely being educated at the expense of the State. That will not go on forever. The claims that sons of war profiteers will come up on papa's millions are untrue. The University does not want undergraduate spendthrifts and extravagance will be discouraged. Men must now show educational fitness and that is unlikely to be possessed by the existing progeny of the general run of war profiteer. We believe undergraduates will come in numbers which far exceed all previous experience, but they will come with the fixed intention of obtaining a degree as cheaply as possible. During the war the shortest cut to getting a commission was to have been at a public school or to University and in public services Varsity men got the best berths. People realise that education pays and will want their sons to obtain it. However the nation wants the best brains, irrespective of class or parental banking accounts. So the University is cheapening and quickening the pathway to degrees and the undergraduates of the future will have less money to spend and less time to spend it in. Thus while the volume of trade the University brings to Cambridge will be considerable in the bulk, it is not through such channels that fortunes will be made. We need a scheme for establishing an industrial area without detriment to the University. Cambridge is in the midst of a wide agricultural area with good railway communication and possessing a waterway direct to the sea which was a source of much profit in the past and might be again. There is ample room on the railway side of the town for works and for dwellings for the workers who can offer well-supplied markets and an abundance of healthy amusements. The need it to find the means of starting a 'boom'. What is the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce doing? – 19 02 19d # c.36.9 # c.45.6 # c.49.4

Presentation of colours to Suffolk Regiment, recruited in Cambridgeshire in a small French village in Somme valley – 19 02 19e # c.45.5

1919 02 19 CIP
Out of Work.—We are very much concerned (says the writer of Town and Country Topics) at the announcement made to the Mayor last week-end that there are some 1,031 people out of employment at Cambridge. This is a very serious matter, and the question we should like to have decided at once is whether this unemployment is a matter of necessity or choice— in other words, whether it is due to lack of opportunities of work or is being fostered and maintained by the unemployment pay. We are disposed to believe that the latter is the case, especially with regard to the unemployment of women. Everywhere one hears of women being wanted in domestic service, but apparently the majority of them have: made up their minds not to take up such service, except upon terms and conditions which they cannot seriously hope to obtain. We believe that the out of work pay is responsible for a good deal of the (existing) trouble and we hope and believe that the nation will insist upon a prompt and thorough revision of the situation. 19 02 19 CIP # c.32.1

Lately returned prisoners.—A small party was given by the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Prisoners of War Help Committee in the Small Room of the Cambridge Guildhall to those prisoners of war repatriated since January 15. The afternoon began with a short concert. The Mayor spoke a few words to the men before tea, and afterwards they adjourned to the Victoria Cinema, where, through the kindness of Mr. A, J. Pointer, a delightful entertainment was provided. 19 02 19 CIP

1919 02 21 ES
The River Ouse is in full flood following the recent thaw and rain. Men were busily piling up earth where the water had washed over the pavement from river to the railway crossing and were also engaged in similar work on the end of the bank which protects the G.E.R. allotments, the wavelets threatening to overflow the bank. The sight at Annesdale was extraordinary. The water had completely isolated the riverside cottages and the roadway outside the Cutter Inn was submerged, the water being very near the entrance to the public house. The few inhabitants of Babylon are imprisoned on the first floor. The Quay had been obliterated and the portion of the path outside the rod yard, Willow Walk, was under water. On Tuesday the river began to overflow the banks at Waterbeach fen. Farmers began hurriedly to remove their stock to places of comparative safety, while gang of 30 or 40

men set to work on the bank to try and check the rush. But they were unable to do much in face of the tremendous presence of water pressure. Their efforts, unfortunately, proved unavailing and on Wednesday morning, a portion of the bank gave way and practically the whole of the fen was inundated. Some eight farms are involved, and nearly all the houses and cottages on the fen are flooded. The flood was stated to be the worst within the memory of the oldest inhabitants of the village. The floods at St Ives were two inches higher than the 1875 record. The streets in the town are inundated and a terrace of 38 houses flooded out, the inhabitants are living upstairs. The railway lines between St Ives and Cambridge are under water and traffic is stopped. – 19 02 21 ES

1919 02 22 CIP
Severe Weather. — The severe weather has given local skaters the opportunity of donning their "pattens" once again and good sport has been enjoyed throughout the district 19 02 22 CIP
c.38 : skating

Crimean veteran. — Sergeant James Crissall, a Crimean and Indian Mutiny veteran, and one of Florence Nightingale's patients, has passed away at Cambridge at the age of 84. 19 02 22 CIP

Newsboys in Court. At the Cambridge Borough Juvenile Court, two errand boys were summoned for shouting newspapers to the annoyance of inhabitants in Trinity Street and Bene't Street, Cambridge. They pleaded guilty. The cases were dismissed. 19 02 22

Widow of Former Lord Lieutenant.—The death took place rather suddenly at her residence, St. Mary's Court, Ely, on Tuesday last at the ripe old age of 89 years of Mrs. C. W. Townley, widow of Mr. Charles Watson Townley, M.A. for nearly 20 years Lord Lieutenant, and Custos Rotulorum of Cambridgeshire. Mrs. Townley resided with her husband at Fulbourn Manor till his death in 1893, and remained there for several years afterwards, but she has spent the last ten years of her life at Ely. We understand that she was out and about right up to within a few days of her decease, and only on the previous Sunday was present at divine service at Ely Cathedral. 19 02 22 CIP

1919 02 26 Ch
Serious floods, river bank gives way between Waterbeach and Upware, worst in living memory, men cradging on Stretham bank and Old West. One cause is clearing of streams above Cambridge last summer and accumulation in the river-beds below. Dredging scheme needed; photos – 19 022 26a & b # c.12.5 # c.29 # W.12.5

1919 02 26 CIP
Serious Floods. Not for many years has the County of. Cambridge been visited by floods of such magnitude or of so serious a nature as those experienced within the last ten days. Thousands of| acres are under water, and at Cambridge the water rose at one time to within six inches of the height reached by the memorable flood of 1879. At Ely the river touched a depth beyond any previously attained within the memory of the oldest inhabitants. It is good news to hear that since Sunday the water has been steadily falling. A serious break in the river bank midway between Waterbeach and Upware last Wednesday resulted in the disastrous flooding of hundreds of acres of low-lying land in the vicinity, the temporary isolation of several farms and cottages and considerable damage to stacks. On Tuesday night … above the banks at Waterbeach Fen where the break in the river bank occurred, and farmers took prompt steps to remove their stock to safety, but on Wednesday morning a break occurred, and the breach rapidly becoming wider, the water poured through. Farm buildings and cottages were surrounded, and the Inhabitants in some cases were forced to seek shelter in the village. All Wednesday farm workers and other helpers from Waterbeach and district worked up to their knees in water, but the gap widened, and it was found necessary to sink two barges in the breach. Thousands of sandbags were requisitioned and by this means the hole was filled and the inflow of water at this spot checked. Men have been employed night and day in "cradging" along the banks and strengthening the places where any water was found overflowing, this also being done on the Stretham bank of the Old West # c.29

1919 02 28 ES
Floods water was as high as it had ever been, invading Victoria Street and Annandale, and flooding houses. Suddenly on Monday morning the water went down a couple of feet and the subsidence was accounted for by the fact that the bank had burst midway between Ely and Little Thetford, flooding hundreds of acres of land on the Cambridge Road side of the river. It looked as though another river was running parallel with the Ouse. A portion of the bank was blown in for a short distance and the escaping water flowed towards Ely. No time was lost in raising a mound of on the Station Road end of Angel Drove as a protection for the Ely Stores Distribution Park. Land on both sides of the railway were flooded, but happily there are very few dwellings in the affected area - 19 02 28 ES

Serious floods at Soham, hundreds of acres under water between Barway & Wicken, bank burst, gap 20 yards; A.J. Randall land resembled sea, large mountains of earth blown along by tremendous outrush of water. Water on the village side of the river, which was over the high road, was quickly carried back only to rush with renewed force through the bank on the other side. Occupants of low-lying farm cottages compelled to leave all furniture. Fears for gates at Lode-End Bridge, concern their durability to stand the increased tension caused by return of water in Soham Lode. German prison labour has arrived on scene and every effort made to repair the bank – 19 02 28(2) ES

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1919 03 05 Ch
Research on oxygen treatment for gas poisoning is an example of one of the ways in which the University has been of helped the country during the war. Its application to warfare was started in the Cambridge Physiological Laboratories early in 1917 under the direction of Mr Joseph Bancroft to whom the credit for so much of the research work so successfully undertaken. About 30 cases have been treated. All except perhaps two have derive more or less benefit, many have been completely cured and others have relapsed somewhat, but their condition has never gone back to what it was before they entered the hospital. 'Springfield', Sidgwick Avenue, which is being run as a special ward of the First Eastern General Hospital has beds for 30 patients. The treatment requires a certain amount of exercise and physical training and for this the spacious grounds can be utilised.There are 14 beds in the oxygen chamber which has been constructed in the grounds. It consists of a chamber within a chamber, the outer one serving to protect the inner from the weather. The inner is constructed of iron and glass to render it completely air tight. Access is by means of air-locks, one being one being for the use of stretcher cases. The chamber is arranged for 14 beds each provided with an electric bell and telephone. The treatment consists of adding oxygen so as to increase the amount to 50% as against the normal 20%. The air is drawn off through tubes fixed near the bottom of the chamber by means of an air circulator which forces the air through a purifier for the extraction of the carbon dioxide and organic matter; through another purifier for extracting moisture and then through an apparatus for either adding to or extracting heat from the air so that the temperature of the chamber was kept constant. The air is then returned through tubes fixed at the top of the chamber and thus the air circulation is downwards.The pressure of the air in the chamber is maintained at atmospheric pressure by means of air containers and automatic valves. There is a most interesting contrivance for ascertaining the results of the treatment; patients are required to undergo certain physical exercise with the pedals, their respiration the whole time being registered by means of an extremely clever device. The designs for the chamber and apparatus were prepared by Messrs Bailey Grundy and Barrett of Saint Mary's Passage who also carried out the works. 19 03 05a # c.45.5 # c.21.4 # c.36.9

Histon raised £13,800 and had plane named after it; account of its service when piloted by Cambridge man – 19 05 05b # c.45.5 # c.26.1

1919 03 05 CIP
Boy of 16 gaoled—Five lads appeared before the Cambridge Justices on Tuesday on a charge of stealing seven pigeons of the value of £10. Three were aged 14, one 16 and the other 17. The Mayor said he regretted three of the boys had been before the magistrate previously. The boy, aged 16, had

been before the court on five occasions for similar offences. They regretted to have to take the course they had decided upon; they did not like to send a boy so young to prison, and personally he felt it very keenly. They felt, however, there was no chance for the lad unless they marked this offence and made the boy realise how serious it was. They wished to preserve the boy from himself and he decided to send him to prison for a month with hard labour. They trusted when he came out he would be a better youth. Fines were imposed in the other cases, the Mayor saying the boys concerned were too old to be birched. 19 03 05 CIP

New G.E.R. Official.—Mr. John B. Rogers, chief of the general and rolling stock office of the Department of the Supt. of Operation at Liverpool Street, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Fitzjohn as Divisional Supt, at Cambridge. Mr. Rogers has been a member of the headquarters staff since May 1888 and prior to 1893, when he undertook mineral rates work, he had gained valuable experience in Works and Tenancy matters. 19 03 05 CIP

1919 03 12 ch
Licences referred: do not renew Butcher's Arms, White Swan in Castle St, Corn Exchange Inn and beer houses White Swan Staffordshire St, Grafton Arms, Dog & Pheasant, Bird in Hand, Salmon on Newmarket Road; also Five Bells Cherry Hinton, Chequers at Harston and Bell, Histon – 19 03 12a
Bus service allegations of inadequacy, irregularity and overcrowding; interview with J.B. Walford of Ortona with details, including wartime when ran buses to Ministry of Munitions works at Hauxton and Grantchester – 19 03 12b # c.26.46 # c.45.5
First ladies 'eight' on Cam – Newnham college; photos – 19 03 12c # c.38 : rowing # U.Row.K19

1919 03 12 CIP
5,000 Acres Under Water. In consequence of three serious breaks in the banks caused by the recent floods, it is estimated that about 5,000 acres of farm land, including some smallholdings, are still under water to a depth of from 2ft. to 5ft. in Cambridgeshire. In places the water stretches as far as the eye can see, cottages, farm buildings, stacks and just the top rails of gates showing out of the water. The breaks which occurred in the banks holding back the water resulted in large areas, hitherto regarded as safe from the inroads of flood water, becoming inundated. The damage has been most extensive and in some cases tons of produce, particularly potato crops, have been rendered almost valueless. The places where the banks gave way were (1) at Barway, on the Soham Lode, (2) at Waterbeach Fen, on the river Cam, (3) at Stretham and Thetford Fen, on the Old West River. The worst break was probably at Barway, where the bank apparently gave way from underneath, after being undermined by the water. Huge portions of the bank were torn away by the rush of water and can be seen now dotted about in the floods like little islands. 19 03 12 CIP # c.29

Retirement. — Many of the inhabitants of Cottenham will hear with regret of the retirement of P c Sanford which takes place on March 31. P.c. Sanford's service in the Cambridgeshire Constabulary covers a period of about 30 years, 12 of which were spent at … 19 03 12 CIP

1919 03 14 ES
Ely RDC Surveyor reported that during the heavy floods the Ten Mile Bank Road, Littleport, had been badly blown and the surface broken by the traffic. So he had allowed a much larger quantity of granite for this road. A letter was read from the Littleport and Downham District Drainage Commissioners on the expense they had incurred in metalling a portion of the Ten Mile Bank Road as a preventative against flooding and suggesting the council appoint a committee to consider the advisability of strengthening the road. Mr Martens pointed out that as an emergency the Commissioners obtained 55 tons of granite from the County Council. In some places he could get his leg in up to his knee - 19 03 14 ES

River Ouse and tributaries – meeting urges immediate steps to minimise danger flood; had not been such a flood between Ely and Waterbeach since 1852. Under scheme would be a single body for channels and banks of the main rivers but not the internal drains. Ask Board to take over Denver Sluice and the Ten Mile, called No Man's Land which had been the cause of great damage and ruin to

the fen for many years. The danger of floods in the Ouse Valley will not be mitigated unless the whole of the banks of the Ouse and its tributaries are under one authority - 19 03 14 ES

1919 03 19 Ch
Problem of the Ouse Valley and impact of recent floods; detailed report – 19 03 19a # c.29

1919 03 19 CIP
Schools re-open after flu. Forty-three of the elementary schools in the county of Cambridgeshire, which had been closed for varying periods, owing to the widespread epidemic of influenza resumed work on Monday, A few still remain closed, but it is expected these will open next week. Altogether schools in about 60 parishes were closed, the epidemic having invaded practically every parish in the county. The epidemic commenced in the early days of February, but was limited to a few parishes until the end of the month. Many of the schools were closed as a precautionary measure. A few deaths occurred among young children. 19 03 19 CIP

To police station on barrow. "We cannot understand how it is, with the shortage of drink, that you men get into this condition," said the Mayor at the Borough Court when a labourer was charged with being drunk and disorderly. A police constable said that by the way the man was staggering about with a barrow in Hills Road he could see he was drunk. Thinking he might cause an accident, he took him in charge. Defendant became very violent, but with assistance, witness got the handcuffs on, and putting him on his own barrow, took him to the police station. Defendant was fined 20s., or 14 days' imprisonment.' 19 03 19

1919 03 21 ES
Important Drainage Proposals editorial … at present time Isle of Ely is more like an island than it has been for several years – 19 03 21 ES

Fen drainage. New Board for the main rivers. Important scheme in preparation. Memories of break near Thetford in 1852, the land beyond Thetford crossing all under water. Should be one board; uplands should pay as they were sending the water down – 19 03 21(2) ES

Stretham war working party, closes; Mrs F. Jacobs and Mrs R.T. Wesley organised since November 1916. Work been for the Ely Hospital Supply Depot, 1,000 articles besides 115 pairs of socks made and given to the soldiers of the village – 19 03 21(3) ES

1919 03 26 Ch
Cambridge after the war – County Life article by Bernard Darwin … officers have vanished, tailors windows no longer full uniform, undergraduates in Norfolk jackets and grey flannel trousers; lodging difficulties; no more idlers; more agricultural students – 19 03 26a # c.36.9

1919 03 26 CIP
Hospital for disabled Suggested – among questions discussed at Saturday's meeting of the County War Pensions Committee a suggestion that application should be made to the Medical Services Department for the establishment at a subsequent date of a separate hospital in the County for the treatment of disabled ex-servicemen. The suggestion, however, was not persisted in, many considering it not feasible and un-necessary. It was evident, too, that such a scheme would not commend itself to the disabled, the military aspect, which, it was suggested, such a hospital would have being their principal objection 19 03 26 CIP

His Honour Judge Wheeler. We learn with regret that His Honour Judge Wheeler, K.C., of many years, until, recently, Judge of the Cambridge County Court, is lying seriously ill at his residence , in Warwick Gardens (London). A memorial from the Registrars of Courts in the circuit has been privately presented to him, consisting of a solid silver salver bearing the Judge's crest, together with an illuminated address containing the signatures of the Registrars in the' district. The presentation gave great pleasure to His Honour 19 03 26

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1919 04 02 Ch
Cambridge industries: what firms have done during the war; how to encourage factories; address by H.S. Whipple. Includes: Chivers for jam and food stuffs, W. Saint made heavy crates and repaired ammunition boxes; Coulson & Lofts – locker cabinets for munitions; C. Kerridge – crates for jam and doors for huts; H.J. Gray – signal flag poles; P.H. Allin - Stokes shells and Mills grenades; Engineering Labs – high-explosive shells and gauges for manufacture other war equipment' Gas Light Company – benzol for high explosive and ammonical liquor for agriculture, tar for distilling for navy; CUP printed 1.6M copies of New Testament for troops; Suttle made chevrons and badges, part of 15,000 officers' uniforms; Mackintosh made gas chambers for treatment of those gassed in France, includes order from American army; King & Harper controlled all the mechanical tractors and implements within 15 miles which ploughed 16,000 acres in 1918; first two had been intended for hauling Russian guns but ploughed eight furrows at time; W.G. Pye made height finders for aeroplanes, special telescopes, sights for guns, electrical instruments etc; Cambridge Scientific Instrument Co made pyrometers for controlling temperature in manufacturing of war materials such as cartridge brass, manufacture of cordite etc; optical pyrometers formerly only made in Germany; special workshop for thermometers for aircraft ensuring water did not freeze in high-flying planes as well as instruments to determine height and special experimental work. Also considers future industries, need for housing etc – 19 04 02a # c.45.5 # c.27.1
Barrington-Foxton light railway – public inquiry; detailed report – 19 04 02b # c.26.1
Willliam Varney Webb appointed county chief constable – profile – 19 04 02d
club life for ex-service men – Federation of Discharged and Demobilised Soldiers & Comrades of Great War – 19 04 02e # c.45.5

1919 04 02 CIP
New County "Chief," Few appointments have met with more general approval than the promotion of Mr. William Varney Webb to the office of Chief Constable of the County of Cambridge. It is a promotion richly and thoroughly deserved, and is but fitting recognition of the services of an officer who has conscientiously and with great ability discharged his duties to the general advantage of the whole County besides which, his attainment to the highest Police rank in the County must be an incentive to the most humble member of the Force. Mr. Webb, who celebrated his 50th birthday a fortnight ago, joined the Cambridgeshire Constabulary nearly a quarter of a century ago, and he has risen to his present position solely by his own energy and ability. 19 04 02 CIP # c.34.7

New magistrates. Mr. Ebenezer William Diver, of Isleham, and Mr. Sidney Augustus Taylor, of Dullingham, have been appointed Justices of the Peace for the County of Cambridgeshire, it is announced. 19 04 02 CIP
Fire. A fire, caused by some children smoking, broke out on the premises of Mr, James Dickerson, hurdle maker. Little Shelford, on Tuesday at 12.40 p.m. Mr. Bright Smith and Mr. Granville Austin (gateman at the railway station) both rendered valuable assistance and succeeded in saving a spring cart, which, together with a four-wheel van and a quantity of straw were in a burning shed. The van, straw, and shed were destroyed 19 04 02 CIP

County wedding. — At the church of St. Peter, Babraham, on Thursday, the marriage took place of the Hon. George Lyttelton, son of Viscount and Viscountess Cobham, and Miss Pamela Adeane, eldest daughter of Mr. C. R. W. Adeane, Lord Lieutenant of the County, and Mrs. Adeane, Babraham Hall. The church was beautifully decorated and the ceremony took place in the presence of a large congregation. A reception was afterwards held at Babraham Hall, and later the bride and bridegroom left for "Normanton," Wiltshire, lent by Lord and Lady Glenconner. 19 04 02 CIP

1919 04 09 Ch
Lady Baden Powell inspects scouts & guides – photo – 19 04 09a, # c.37.9

John Rayment, Nelson St & East Road, rag and metal merchant – advert showing premises – 19 04 09b, 19 04 30e # P.Ray # B.Eas
Leys School headmaster W.T.A. Barber resigns – profile – 19 04 09d

1919 04 09 CIP
Influenza. On account of the several cases of influenza in the village (Ickleton), the school was closed on Monday last, April 14, and is to remain closed until after the Easter Holidays. 19 04 09 CIP

Sale of Middle Whites. Messrs. John Thornton and Co. commenced a two-days' sale at Calcutt's Farm, Histon, on Tuesday afternoon, when about 60 pure-bred Middle White pigs from the celebrated herd of Mr, John Chivers were sold. There was a splendid attendance of buyers from all over the country, and as was expected, much keen bidding for such valuable stock. Mr. Chivers' herd has attained great honours at some .of the first-class shows, including the Royal Agricultural Society's show at Manchester in 1916. The first day's sale brought in the fine total of 2,228 guineas. Top individual price was 90 gns. for the gilt, Histon Peeress. 19 04 09 CIP

1919 04 11 ES
Captain Coote and Land Settlement, 'Small men must own the land' article – 19 04 11 ES

Stretham W.I. branch recently inaugurated in the Mission Hall presided by Mrs Stitt to stimulate an interest in agriculture, develop co-operative enterprise, encourage home and local industries, study home economics and provide a centre for educational and social intercourse and all local activity. Mr J. Wesley is hon sec.
War Working Party now ceased – 19 04 11(2) ES

1919 04 16 Ch
Girl Guides inspected by Lady Baden Powell – photos – 19 04 16a # c.37.9 # RA.Gir.K19
The difficulties of the returned soldier; county council staff who left as boys, came back as men – 19 04 16b # c.35.1

1919 04 16 CIP
Girl Guides inspected. The rally of the Cambridge and District Girl Guides in the grounds of Homerton College (Cambridge) and the inspection by Lady Baden-Powell, proved a highly attractive and successful venture. After the inspection the Guides sang, "For ', she's a jolly good Fellow," 19 04 16 # c.37.9

1919 04 23 Ch
Training the disabled soldier, includes diamond cutting – detailed article – 19 04 23a
The future of cricket – cricket association – detailed article – 19 04 23b # c.38 : cricket
Sir Eric Geddes MP for Cambridge – cartoon and appreciation – 19 04 23b # c.33
How Cambridgeshire men fought in 1918; great gallantry and splendid bravery – detailed article – 19 04 23c # c.45.5

1919 04 23 CIP
Captured German Guns. Two captured German field guns are being exhibited on the Market Hill Cambridge but are however attracting comparatively little attention. 19 04 23 CIP # c.45.6

Gallant Cambridgeshire Men, — In presenting their fifth War Report, Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Territorial Force Association place on record their great pride in the gallant and distinguished services again rendered in France and Belgium last year by those units which were raised in the County, viz, 1st Cambs, 11th Suffolks (Cambs Battalion), 203rd Field Co, R.E., (Cambs Company) and the Suffolk Yeomanry. The Cambridgeshire Regt has again added to the great name it has made for itself on the battlefield of. France, and the long list of honours awarded to the regiment is striking testimony to the great gallantry of the officers, non-¬commissioned officers and men. The Association had to mourn the loss of one of its members, Lt-Col E. -T. Saint, D.S.O., Officer commanding 1/lst

Battalion, the Cambridgeshire Regt, who died of wounds received in August last. Col. Saint was a distinguished officer, and his death was a great loss to the Regt. Col Saint was succeeded in the Command by Major M. C. Clayton, D.S.Q. 19 04 23 CIP # c.45.6

1919 04 25 ES
Ely Cricket Club restarted – 19 04 25 ES
Story of a haunted house – William Clayton of Welney claimed Arthur Carter of Magdalene induced William Smith to break his contract of employment. Had been engaged as yard man and groom Oct 1918-Oct 1919. Had got replacement but needed extra men to do the work. Smith pleaded the house was haunted – 19 04 25 ES

1919 04 30 Ch
Town planning scheme selected – Romsey Town, Cherry Hinton, Coldham's Lane area – detailed article – 19 04 30a # c.49.4
Waterbeach entertains demobbed men – photo feature – 19 04 30b
Hot cross buns and new-laid eggs distributed in Fitzroy Street – 19 04 30c # c.39
Alleged German guns on view Market Hill; these samples of scrap iron should be consigned rubbish heap – photo – 19 04 30d # c.45.5 # S.1919 # B.Mar.K19
United war memorial for University Town and County; Addenbrooke's Hospital to be enlarged; names of fallen in Ely Cathedral – proposals at Lord Lieutenant's Committee meeting – 19 04 30f # c.45.5 # c.62
Red Cross Society; closing down the hospitals, most closed this month – 19
04 30g # c.45.5 # c.21.4

1919 04 30 CIP
United War Memorial.There was really very little difference of opinion at a meeting of the Lord Lieutenants Committee, held on Saturday at the Cambridge Guildhall, respecting the form of the proposed united University, Town and County memorial to our fallen should take, two proposals respecting visible memorials meeting with unanimous approval and the adopted scheme for the utility memorial receiving the support of the overwhelming majority of the committee. The proposals which it was decided to put forward for consideration by the public were Visible memorials: (1) That a record of the names of all Cambs and Isle of Ely men who have fallen in the war be kept in Ely Cathedral, (2) That the sub-committee be asked to consider the question of a. Monument of Victory in Cambridge or elsewhere. Utility Memorial (3) That Addenbrooke's Hospital be extended and made more complete # c.62

Nine inches of snow,—Snow fell in Linton on Sunday to a depth of over nine inches, and it is a curious coincidence that on April 27 eleven years ago, there was a similar heavy snowfall

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1919 05 07 Ch
Opening of new University Catholic Oratory, Round Church Street; Fisher Sunday – 19 05 07a
Sawston extensive floods, cottages collapse, Granta bursts banks – 19 05 07b photos – 19 05 14b # Y.She. # W
Higher Grade School girls platting the Maypole – photo – 19 05 07c, 19 05 14c
Stanley Road cottages, council decide not to proceed with the scheme; was error in tender price – 19 05 07d # c.23
Fifty years Varsity waterman; reminiscences of 'Ted' Phillips – 19 05 07e # c.38 : rowing
Freemasonry – Cambridge's peculiar history – feature – 19 05 07f # c.37.

1919 05 07 CIP
Death of Sir John Briscoe.The death occurred at Bourn Hall on Thursday morning of Sir John James Briscoe, Bart, Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Cambridge. Failing health for some time past prevented Sir John from attending to his public duties but he had been able to get about until the

previous Monday when he was attacked with bronchitis and had to take to his bed. Pneumonia followed and he passed away about 1.30 am. on Thursday. The late Sir John Briscoe was a native of Liverpool, where he was born on December 18, 1835, being the only surviving son of Mr. John Briscoe. He purchased the Bourn Hall estate about 40 years ago and entering into the public life of the County, was made a Justice of the Peace in 1884 and became a member of the Cambridgeshire County Council four years later, serving as an Alderman from the inception of the council until March. 1910. He was High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire and Hunts in 1883.

1919 05 09 ES
Ely Public Room application for cinema licence – 19 05 09 ES

Ely Allotment Association show – 19 05 09 ES

Fen Drainage: scheme for dealing with Ouse basin: propose single Drainage Board, acquire navigation rights except King's Lynn Conservancy Board – 19 05 09 ES

1919 05 14 Ch
Shelford VAD Hospital winding up ceremony – 19 05 14a # c.21.4 # c.45.5
Wordsworth Grove VAD disbanding – photos – 19 05 14d # c.21.4 # c.45.5 # H.Wor
Prevention of floods; drainage of basin of Gt Ouse; scheme proposed by Board of Agriculture; propose form single Drainage Board – 19 05 14e # c.29
Child filled by explosion of a shell fuse on Newmarket Road; four others injured – 19 05 14f

1919 05 14 CIP
Houses Collapse, The recent floods had had serious effects upon houses in the neighbourhood of Sawston and Whittlesford, where floods have had serious effects on a number that had become uninhabitable, and some have collapsed altogether. A row of cottages between the two villages had been flooded and are expected to collapse at any moment

Killed by Shell fuse.—A mystery, unsolved in spite a searching inquiry by the Cambridge Coroner and exhaustive inquiries by the Borough Police, attaches to the tragic death of Ernest Arthur Kitchener Ketch, a four-year-old child (whose parents reside at 6 Cheddars Lane, Cambridge) who died as the result of the explosion of a shell fuse on the Newmarket Road on Saturday morning. The child was seen playing with the fuse; where it obtained this deadly plaything remains a mystery. The fuse is described as "the most dangerous kind known," being of very high explosive and particularly sensitive. Four persons, in addition to the deceased child, were admitted to Addenbrooke's Hospital on Saturday morning, suffering from injuries caused by the explosion. 19 05 14 CIP # c.45.6

1919 05 21 Ch
Corporation reject offer of a tank as memorial; but two guns purchased, one is in store yard, the other in a little piece of garden in Tenison Road – 19 05 21a # c.45.5 # c.62
'cottages of the future; workmen's dwellings in Stanley Road; four-roomed houses better than six as men who had been in the army could not furnish larger houses – 19 05 21b # c.23
Hunts & Isle of Ely Farmers' Supply Association to be wound up – 19 05 21b

1919 05 21 CIP
Child Performers. Seven children of Whittlesford have given several concerts in the village, with the result that over £8 has been netted for the Memorial Fund Their names are Misses Evelyn Phyllis and J. Arnold, D. Cann, M. Vale and Ida Merry. 19 05 21 CIP

Presentations. At the annual meeting or the Salisbury Club, Cambridge, presentations were made to two assiduous workers. They were Mr. George Germany, for some years an energetic and successful treasurer of the club, and Mr. William Pugh, a foremost member, who is leaving the town. 19 05 21 CIP

Headmaster's Death—Mr. A. W. Sutherland, Headmaster of the Great Wilbraham Church of England School for six and a half years and assistant organist at the parish church, died in St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, on Friday week after a short illness. He was buried on the following Tuesday at Chariton, near Oxford, where he had once been headmaster for 13 years. The children of Great Wilbraham School sent a wreath. His varied and useful work in the parish was alluded to on Sunday by the Vicar. The Dead March in Saul was played at the close of the service. 19 05 21 CIP

1919 05 23 ES
Soham floods. Dangerous and unsanitary condition of river. Public protest meeting. Consider Clipsall River from Fordham to Brook Dam – stench unbearable, banks bad – 19 05 23 ES

1919 05 28 Ch
Cambridgeshire Regiment home-coming; enthusiastic scenes; account of actions etc – 19 05 28a-f; pictures # c.45.5

1919 05 28 CIP
Welcome Home. Histon and Impington gave their warriors a warm welcome home on Saturday last. The proceedings took the form of a tea and entertainment. The tea took place in Messrs Chivers' men's diningroom, 166 men attending. The entertainment was in the beautiful grounds of the Firs. It was provided by the well-known Cambridge concert party, the Magpies, under the supervision of Mr. H. Godwin Hunt. The programme was very enjoyable throughout. 19 05 28 CIP

Floods. It is a great relief to the inhabitants of Sawston to know that the authorities are taking steps to minimise the danger of floods in the district. The work of removing trees and all obstructions from the river in the vicinity is progressing. 19 05 28 CIP

Fruit Yield. The fruit yield in Cottenham this year promises to be an abnormal one and many buyers from Covent Garden have already been visiting the district. Although Cottenham fruit is supposed to be always a fortnight behind Kent, and other southern counties owing to the dry weather things are just as forward in this district. Gooseberries sent to market have been in splendid condition and very large for the time of year. Strawberries also show great promise. 19 05 28 CIP

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1919 06 04 Ch
Attempted escape from custody – Detective Marsh's struggle in a train – 19 06 04a
Anna Maria Babington – tribute – 19 06 04a
West Wratting welcome returned soldiers – 19 06 04b; photo – 19 06 11a
Fulbourn's Empire pageant – photos – 19 06 04c
The Mays: a glimpse of the past; a view of the present – feature – 19 06 04d # c.38 : rowing # c.36.98

1919 06 04 CIP
New Head of The Leys, — The new headmaster of The Leys School, the Rev. Harry Bisseker, who is to succeed the Rev. Dr Barber when the September Term opens, has been a frequent visitor to The Leys of recent years, and has annually preached in the school chapel. He was Chaplain and Assistant Master at The Leys from 1901 to 1904. 19 06 04 CIP # c.36.5

Women's Land Army, — The County Land Girls (Women's Land Army) were given an "At Home" at the Lion Hotel. A number received Good Service Ribbons from Mrs. Adeane and eight were presented with special badges for meritorious service. 19 06 04 CIP

Parents' loss third son in war— The sympathy of the whole village (Comberton) goes out to Mr. and Mrs. David Day in the sad loss of their son, Pte Henry John Day, of the 3rd North Staffordshire Rest at the Curragh Camp (Ireland) after a brief illness. Pte Day joined the Army at the age of 18, and after

several months' fighting in France was taken prisoner by the Germans. As a prisoner he endured great hardship, which greatly undermined his health. Two of his brothers, were killed in action in July, 1918. 19 06 04 CIP

1919 06 06 ES
Ely farmers and co-operation meeting – 19 06 06 ES
Old Ely Band proposal to rename it Comrades of the War Band – 19 06 06 ES

1919 06 11 Ch
Fulbourn fighting men and their wives and mothers – photo – 19 06 11a

1919 08 11 CIP
Rats! A well-known Linton resident had an unfortunate weekend with big poultry and stock. On Thursday he discovered that eight ducklings had been taken by rats, and eight others, together with the hen foster-mother, lay dead in the nest. On Thursday two of his rabbits were missing. But disaster did not end there, as the family goat got into the kitchen garden, demolishing a whole bed of asparagus, several rows of peas and other edibles. 19 08 11 CIP
May Week Revival. Favoured with brilliant weather, without even the proverbial thunderstorm, May Week, revived in Cambridge this year with all its glory, has been one great success. The festivities have been very much as in pre-war days. There have been the usual brilliant and select functions, including balls, college Concerts, garden parties, etc. The revival has been welcomed by University and Town people alike but the number of visitors has not been as great as had been anticipated generally. 19 08 11 CIP # c.36.97

1919 06 13 ES
V.C. Cockerel owner found with wife shot at Cambridge – Frank Fyson. Shot her with revolver on Christ's Pieces, then himself. His first wife had died two years ago and remarried a few months ago.- 19 06 13 ES

Cambridge officer tarred and feathered – 1919 06 13(4) ES

1919 06 18 Ch
Midsummer Fair to be the largest for half a century – 19 06 18
Housing the county police; scheme being prepared for police houses – 19 06 18b # c.34.7
County VAD's, over 21,000 patients received in hospital – 19 06 18b
Balsham big gathering of mothers – photo – 19 06 18c
Cottenham eviction scenes – returned soldier removed from cottage to make way for another who is son of the owner – 19 06 18d, e
Memories of Albina Wherry, VAD nurse on station and aircraft precaution squads; describes scenes on Red Cross railway trains full of wounded soldiers – 19 06 18f # c.45.5 # c.21.4 # c.221.3

1919 06 18 CIP
Big gathering of mothers – About 400 members of the Mothers Union in the Camps Rural Deanery assembled at Balsham Rectory. They hailed from Whittlesford, Sawston, Pampisford, Ickleton, Duxford, Castle Camps, Horseheath, Linton, Bartlow and Balsham. They partook of tea, and were addressed by the Bishop of Ely and Mrs. Eager, from the Central Mothers' Union, London. 19 06 18 CIP

Eviction,—Considerable stir has been caused at Cottenham by the eviction, from his cottage of a returned soldier to make room for anther returned soldier, who is a son of the owner of the premises. The evicted man served with the Suffolk Yeomanry, and with his wife and child is now without a home of his own. The new tenant of the cottage was in the Hussars. The eviction was carried out under an order granted by the magistrates. 19 06 18 CIP

1919 06 25 Ch

Archdeacon William Cunningham – tribute – 19 06 25a
Property market _ Sidney Street estate includes Price of Wales' Hotel, Dorothy Café, True Blue and Nag's Head, shops in Sussex Street and premises Hobson Street; bought by G.P. Hawkins; also houses, Duxford airfield machinery and plant – 19 06 25b # c.06 # c.44.6
War pensions committee; 100 discharged soldiers unemployed; old-fashioned village shoemaker disappearing – 19 06 25c
New milk control board; end of freedom for the dairy farmer – opposition – 19 06 25d

1919 06 25 CIP
Jubilee Tour. Cambridge was the first town of importance visited by Mrs, General Booth of the Salvation Army, on her Jubilee tour, which commenced on Friday. The "Generaless" arrived at Cambridge by motor on Saturday evening and was received on the Market Hill by Alderman Sidney Campkin, who delivered an address of welcome. Mrs. Booth spoke to a large crowd who had assembled. 19 06 25 CIP # c.83.08

Military Cross for Lieutenant.— Lt. E. E. Miller, of the Wilts. Rgt (attached to the Gloucester Regt.), of 82 Sturton Street, Cambridge, has been awarded the Military Cross for services on the Italian Front. Lt. Miller, who was an old Cambridgeshire Territorial, was called up at the outbreak of war, and has seen service on three fronts. He trained at Cambridge as a cadet and was subsequently gazetted to the Wilts. Regt, being later attached to the Royal Berks. He is now attached to the Gloucesters. 19 06 25 CIP

1919 06 27 ES
Ely War Hospital Supply Depot – review of activity – 19 06 27 ES
Ely consider scheme for temporary supply water to Prickwillow – should cart Ely water or sterilise river water. Rev Kingland said water was not fit to drink; he had sterilised some – children would think it was lemonade. Had been schemes in 1913 – 19 06 27 ES

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1919 07 02 CIP
Fruit harvest. The recent rains have quite transformed the out look as regards both fruit and vegetables at Cottenham. Even raspberries, which were looked on as being hopeless before the rain came, promise a good return. Strawberries also are much improved and with the high prices obtaining, are very remunerative. Much interest is being shown in the Christ's College Farm, which is let out in small tenements of acres and half acres. The scheme, when originated some four years ago, as will be remembered, met with a great deal of opposition from large landowners, and was generally considered a "white elephant." The success of the scheme, however, has exceeded all expectations, and the results of careful cultivation on the farm are enormous. In fact, the "white elephant" has grown feathers, and is now the "Goose that lays the golden eggs."

1919 07 09 Ch
Peace Sunday proclamation on Market Hill – 19 07 09a # c.45.5
Cambridge from the air: King's College central – 19 09 09b # A.1919
Cambridge Bedmakers' and helps outing – group photo; National Federation of Women Workers number 2,000 including wood-workers, tin-workers, scientific instrument, laundry, hosiery and glove workers; settle terms of work, pay – 19 07 08c # c.32.5 # WOMEN
County Agricultural Show, successful post-war revival – 19 07 09d
VC Cockerel sold for £100 at Cattle Market, probably his last appearance – 19 07 09e # c.45.5

1919 07 09 CIP

Local man's success, — His friends in Histon will be glad to hear of the success attained by Mr. William Handley in California. He has been awarded his B.A. degree with high honours from the College of the Pacific, He is commencing at once to study for his M.A. degree. Mr, Handley left the village for California some years ago. 19 07 09 CIP

County Agricultural Show. The annual show of the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Agricultural Society, which, during the war, has not been held, had a successful revival at Cambridge on Thursday. There was a large attendance of visitors, and compared with the show at Ely in 1914 the gate receipts showed an increase of something like 100 per cent, nearly £500 being taken at the pay boxes. This year a new feature was introduced by the president (the Rev. C. H. Brocklebank) who gave champion prizes of £20 each for the best horse, the best beast, the best sheep, and the best pig in the show. The winners of these prizes were judged one against the other — which was by no means an easy task for the adjudicators — in order to ascertain which was the best animal in the show and for this choice the president, offered … 20 guineas. This unique competition was open to all England and great interest was manifested 19 07 09 CIP

1919 07 11 ES
Stretham funeral G.H. Sennitt of Peas Hill, Cambridge. Born in Stretham 1866, succeeded his father in business and founder of Cambridge Butchers' Association – 19 07 11 ES

1919 07 16 Ch
Licenses refused: White Swan, Castle St; Corn Exchange Inn, Grafton Arms, Salmon on Newmarket Road; White Swan, Staffordshire St; granted Butcher's Arms, Newmarket Rd, Bird in Hand, Newmarket Rd – 19 07 16a # c.27.4
From air: across West Road to First Eastern General – 19 07 16b # A.1919 # H.Eas.K19
Death R.U. Penrose Fitzgerald, MP for 20 years – 19 07 16c
Victory loans – Cambridge subscribe over £1m. – 19 07 16d
Railwaymen commemorate staff who died – 19 07 16d, photos – 19 07 23l # c.26.2
Landbeach estate sale, county council buy 300 acres – 19 07 16e

1919 07 16 CIP
Victory Loan Race. — No-one anticipated that anything like the million mark would be reached by Cambridge in the Victory Loan Week effort; indeed, it was thought that if half a million was subscribed the Borough would be doing wonderfully well. The result, which must be highly gratifying to all concerned, placed Cambridge far ahead of Oxford in the Victory Loan race, the figures being: Cambridge £913.290; Oxford £485,300. This represents all new money; with conversions the Cambridge total reached £1,116,710. Such a large sum, besides indicating that Cambridge is in a prosperous state, also shows that those who had any money to spare invested it, no doubt with a view, not so much to take advantage of a sound investment in gilt-edged securities, as to assist in the work of reconstruction of the trade of the country. 19 07 16 CIP # c.32.8

"Some" Bowling, — Playing for Histon on Tuesday against Willingham, when Histon won by 49 runs, Harry Christmas put up a remarkable bowling performance. In the two Willingham innings he took no less than sixteen wickets for 13 runs. Is this a record? 19 07 16 CIP

Farming Outlook -There is no doubt that the recent rainfall which proved such a blessing to market gardeners and fruit growers in Cottenham, has benefited farmers but little. The crops are exceedingly small and farmers are also alarmed by the fact that there is an agitation going on for the control of hay and straw, which, if it succeeds, will reduce their profits to almost nil owing to the high wages. 19 07 16 CIP

1919 07 23 Ch
Famous Generals & Admirals honoured by University – Sturdee, King-Hall, Wemyss, Pershing, Rawlingson, Birdwood, Wilson, Horne, Cavan, Currie, Monash – 19 07 23 # c.45.5

Attempted escape from custody – Det Marsh's struggle in a train – 19 07 23a, 19
How Cambridge celebrated Peace Day – 19 07 23f-k, photo 19 07 23e # c.45.5 # s.1919
Scout secretary, A.J. Green, presented with swastika – 19 07 23b
Cambridgeshire Regiment – how it fought in the Great War, exclusive story by 'Fen Tiger' – 19 07 23c, d, e
Chief constable Cambridge, C.E. Holland resigns – profile – 19 07 23k # c.34.7

1919 07 23 CIP
Peace Day Festival. The Peace Day Festival in Cambridge may be written down as a decided success. In the main event of the day—a huge dinner on Parker's Piece to the discharged and demobilised men of the Borough—there was not a hitch of any kind. The arrangements were as near perfect as could be secured and the men seemed thoroughly to enjoy themselves. The town presented a gay appearance, all the principal thoroughfares being decorated with flags, streamers, etc. Nearly every side-street, too, had its decorations - there were flags and bunting everywhere. Immediately under the Guildhall clock was a large laurel wreath in the centre of which were the words "Their name liveth for evermore." At intervals during the day peals were rung on church bells. Several of the business premises in the town were illuminated with coloured lights during the evening. 19 07 23 CIP
c.45.6

Chief Constable Resigns. Mr Charles Edward Holland, Chief Constable of the Borough of Cambridge since 1894, has placed his resignation in the hands of the Watch Committee of the Borough of Cambridge, to take effect from! September 29. Mr. Holland has been away for some time on account of ill-health, but was in Cambridge last week to make the necessary police arrangements for the Peace Celebrations. 19 07 23 CIP # c.34.7

1919 07 25 ES
Peace Day celebrations – Prickwillow, Sutton, Witchford, Elm, Mepal, Wentworth, Burnt Fen, Aldreth, Hill Row, Coates, Downham, Soham, Haddenham, Wicken – 19 07 25, (2) ES

1919 07 30 Ch
Double tragedy in Cottenham; husband murders wife with hatchet and kills baby with his fist – 19 07 30a, b
Tragic death Marcus Southwell Dimsdale, Fellow of Kings, at Coton; dead from gunshot wounds – 19 07 30c

1919 07 30 CIP
Double Tragedy.Cottenham was thrown into a state of great consternation last weekend by the discovery of a shocking tragedy, wife of a small-holder being found in her kitchen at the pointof death with terrible wounds in her head and her 13-day-old child lying in the same room dead from the effects of a blow on the head. The scene of the tragedy was a neat little thatched cottage a few minutes' walk from the Cottenham main street. A hatchet, which was used for chopping wood, was found on the floor near to where the woman lay. Upon this were bloodstains and human hairs, and it was with this, apparently, that the woman had been struck, down. The baby was found dead in a linen basket, close to the mother, who died in Addenbrooke's Hospital later. At the inquests on the woman and baby, 'Wilful murder' verdicts were returned. A man was remanded at Cambridge on a charge of murdering the baby.

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1919 08 06 Ch
Effigy of Kaiser on Caxton gibbet – 19 08 06a
Prince Albert and Prince Henry visit Cambridge before coming up to University – 19 08 06b # c.02
Discharged soldiers undergoing treatment at Papworth Tuberculosis Hospital strike because of food – 19 08 06c # c.21.4 # c.45.5
Girton College jubilee celebration – detailed article – 19 08 06d # c.44.5

Sewage in Cam; reports says pollution in river near sewage farm. More land needed for filter beds. German labour had been asked for; hope that profits from growing crops will pay for disposal of sewage – 19 08 06e # c.46.5 # c.29.9
Refreshment hut on Parker's Piece proposed; should acquire an army hut and place at back of University Arms – debate – 19 08 06f # c.32.3 # c.27.47
Aerial photo over Trumpington – 19 08 06g # Y.Tru.K19

1919 08 06 CIP
On the Gibbet. Great amusement has been caused among residents in the neighbourhood and hundreds of passers-by at the hanging of the "Kaiser from the Caxton Gibbet. Here, where, in days gone by, murderers and miscreants were said to have been hanged, the "Mad Dog of Europe" is now suspended by the neck Attached to the effigy, which swings in the breeze, is the guilty admission, "I deserve it—Kaiser Bill." 19 08 06 CIP

Soldiers on strike. At a meeting of the Cambridge War Pensions Committee, the story was told of a strike of discharged soldiers undergoing treatment, at the Papworth Tuberculosis Colony. Dr Aldren Wright told the committee that on July 2 something not quite satisfactory occurred with regard to the food. There had been a little dissatisfaction before, and on this occasion they asked the Superintendent. (Dr. Varrier-Jones) to receive a deputation. Mr Varrier-Jones said he would quite willing to listen to the individual complaints but would not interview them collectively. Three representatives however went in to see him and discussed with him the food situation and some words took place with the result that two of the men were dismissed, and this incident was followed by the whole of the discharged soldiers in the building, with one or two exceptions leaving the same day. 19 08 06 CIP # c.45.6 # c.21.4

1919 08 13 Ch
Walter Layton of Caius College made Director of National Federation of Iron and Steel Manufacturers – account of the industry – 19 08 13a

1919 08 13 CIP
Mentioned in dispatches. Son of the Mayor-Elect of Cambridge Coun. G. P. Hawkins, Captain George Hawkins, O.B.E, has again been mentioned in dispatches, this time by Sir Douglas Haig (on March 6 last). Captain Hawkins, who is a Senior Supply Officer with the 3rd Division R.A.S.C. at Cologne, expects to return shortly to take up the position of Managing Director of Messrs. G. P. Hawkins, Ltd.

1918 08 20 Ch
War Memorial. There was a large and representative gathering at a joint meeting of the inhabitants of Histon and Impington for the purpose of discussing and definitely settling upon what form the war — or peace — memorial for these two villages should take. It was eventually moved - and unanimously agreed - that the permanent peace memorial should take the form of a recreation ground with a memorial stone, and that at the same time as the people collected for that, they should also collect for the fund for the benefit of the dependents of the fallen and the men who had been disabled in the war

Lucy Harriet Walker worked as VAD nurse – obit – 19 08 20a
Cambridge Chronicle Peace number sold out, reprint issued; 60-page illustrated souvenir with record of Cambridgeshire Regiment and exclusive photos – 19 08 20b # c.04
Improving land drainage; Board of Agriculture is about to lose the German prisoner labour used to good effect on agricultural drainage. Was lent to the Board free of cost and cannot be replaced. Work will be carried on by the local drainage authorities with rating powers. They worked in districts were was no drainage authorities. Worked on Upper Ouse and tributaries, on Anglesey marshes, Blackwater and other Essex rivers. More will have to be done with machinery of Canadian type. River Ouse is badly shoaled and sections between Denver Sluice and Brandon Creek extremely congested. Preliminary had labour well in hand and three dredgers will soon be working. New Ouse Drainage Board will continue work – 19 08 20c # c.29

Victoria Friendly Asylum tea, photos - set up in 1837 – history – 19 08 20d # c.37.2
Christ Church war memorial – design – 19 08 20e # c.62
Cambridge from air shows Hills Road with Catholic Church centre – 19 08 20f # A.1919
Rev Herbert Charles Brown born in Sturton Street; was first man to drive a Co-op grocery van, was engine driver on GER and leader of People's Mission, Abbey Walk; moved to Canada – 19 08 20g
Open mart for sale of fruit and vegetables under auspices of Cambs Fruit and Vegetable Society in Bridge Street; first auction – 19 08 20h # c.27.3
Death Arthur Wallis Bishop, Managing Director of Hallack and Bond & Sir William Hope, antiquary – 19 08 20h

1919 08 20 CIP
Hunter. A Histon cat has developed into a mighty hunter. It finds nothing too difficult to tackle. During a recent week it brought home the following to its master, Mr. J. M. Taylor, three wild rabbits, four full-sized rats, two stoats, 20 mice, eight sparrows, one mole, one thrush. The rabbits were brought home alive, but the others, including even the stoats, had been killed. The cat has never been trained, but if it had what a wonderful retriever it might have proved 19 08 20 CIP

Jack Hobbs' Benefit. The match between Surrey and Kent at the Oval on Monday and Tuesday was allotted by the Surrey club to Jack Hobbs for his benefit. Hobbs originally chose the match between these two famous county elevens which was transferred to Lord's when the military authorities took possession of the Oval in 1914. With everybody's thoughts centred on the war, public support proved so meagre in 1914 that the Surrey club cancelled the agreement and Hobbs' benefit was delayed until this year. Hobbs was our best batsman before the war, and he is by common consent, the finest batsman in the world at the present time. 19 08 20 CIP

1919 08 22 ES
Land drainage. Ouse and tributaries. Board of Agriculture to lose the German prison labour for drainage work. Was lent to them free of cost. The work will be carried on by local drainage authorities. They have done a great deal of work on Upper Ouse and tributaries and policy to get schemes finished before prison labour ceases. Owing to rising price of labour and lack skilled drainage men more and more will have to be done with machinery of the Canadian type. River Ouse is very badly shoaled, grant for draining Ten Mile section and sections between Denver Sluice and Brandon Creek … three dredgers will soon be at work. Many tributaries are in congested condition meaning floods. Food production campaign during the war called attention to need for proper river cleaning to avoid floods. Board set up a drainage branch and appointed an inspector of agricultural drainage. No single authority in charge of the whole of any river. In 1918 Land Drainage Act passed to facilitate the establishment of drainage boards – 19 08 22 ES

1919 08 29 ES
For some time past there has been considerable feeling amongst the farm labourers for Littleport over the long stay of German prisoners who are engaged on farms. The prisoners were introduced into the district towards the end of last year at a time when adequate local labour was not available. The number at that time was between 30 and 40, but later it was increased to about 100. The Germans have continued in employment, on various farms and with the increase of local labour through demobilization it has been felt that the justification for their presence has passed and that their services should be dispensed with. As the result of representations by farm workers. Captain Coop MP for the Ilse of Ely had an interview with Mr. Winston Churchill as a result of which the employment of the prisoners was suspended for 48 hours pending investigation. Afterwards, however, they resumed work. The matter was taken up by the Littleport branch of the Labourers Union who telegraphed the Board of Agriculture that serious trouble is brewing if steps are not taken. The prisoners are taking work from our men and their wives on the farms. A crowd of several hundred assembled in rain when Mr. Stubbings, a gangmaster, declared they must do their utmost to get rid of the Germans and urging the men to strike as a protest. After the meeting had been in progress for some time a Telegram was red from the Board of Agriculture. It read "Prisoners withheld pending inspector's investigations" and was received with cheers. The Board has suspended all German labour

in the district except for drainage purposes. 19 08 22 ES. Labour might be withdrawn altogether – 19 08 29 & (2) ES

1919 08 27 Ch
The mining of oil shale on a commercial scale has already been begun by the sinking of a shaft at West Winch which is to have an output of 500 tons of shale daily. A second shaft is to be put down some few 100 yards distance and the combined output will be aerially conveyed to the three retorting plants situated at Setchey. There the first of an improved kind of brick retort has been completed and its fires were lighted for testing last week. A series of such retorts is to be erected as soon as possible and sites have been chosen at Blackborough End, Narborough, Runcton Holme, Shouldham, Wimbotham and Tottenhill which will be fed by the oil shales obtained from shafts in the immediate neighbourhood. The chief Refining Plant for treating the resulting crude oil from the destructive distillation of the shakes is to be erected at Stow Bridge on a site between the Great Ouse and the main Great Eastern Line from Kings Lynn to London. The crude from the retorts will be conveyed by pipelines from the various plants to the Central Refinery. Suitable storage accommodation will be constructed at Stow Bridge but many of the more valuable refined products will be taken down the Ouse to a central depot at Purfleet Quay, Kings Lynn. The whole of the mines and the retorting plants will be connected with the Great Eastern Railway by a special line which will leave the main line at St Germans Junction. At Setchey the line will divide and one portion will precede to West Winch where apart from the first retorting plart a brickfield is to be operated. The other section will run to the various mining and retorting centres. At West Winch numerous workman's dwellings have been completed while the finishing touches are now being given to a laboratory. A staff of nearly 200 is regularly employed. Although 16 test bores have been completed on various parts of the shale areas others are today either being drilled or decided upon. The most recent one is to be started at Wormegay and it is here that free liquid shale oil was met with at a depth or 28 feet. 19 08 27a

Long vacation brings problems of seasonal unemployment; far-sighted men planned scheme for employment not dependent on University with industry and advertising Cambridge as holiday town. Town Planning Scheme formulated – feature – 19 08 27b # c.49.4 # c.32.1
Charles Stretton, former Chief Constable – reviews development of police – obituary – 19 08 27b # c.34.7
Cambridge from air, based over Newnham and Grantchester Street allotments – 19 08 27c # A.1919 # B.Bart.K19
Alfred Charles Mansfield, head of Eaden Lilley, councillor etc – appreciation – 19 08 27d
Littleport agricultural labourers protest at German prisoners of war, threatens serious trouble – 19 08 27d

1919 08 27 CIP
Retirement from public life. Mr. Alfred Charles Mansfield, of Park-side, Cambridge, has resigned his membership of the Cambridge Town Council and the Cambridge Board of Guardians for health reasons, and has also severed his connection with certain of the local institutions and organisations with which he has been associated for a number of years. This is due to health reasons. Head of the firm of Messrs. W. Eaden Lilley and Co. since the death of Mr, W. E. Lilley, Mr. Mansfield had already retired from active business life prior to the outbreak of war.

New Assistant Bishop. The Rt Rev. Horace McCartie Eyre Price, formerly Bishop of Fuh Kien, China, has been appointed by the Bishop as Assistant Bishop to the diocese of Ely and Archdeacon of Ely. He was until recently Episcopal Chaplain to the Forces in the East, and comes to his new important post with some 20 years' experience in the missionary field.

1919 08 29 ES
Littleport public meeting to get rid of German prisoners – labour might be withdrawn altogether – 19 08 29 & (2) ES

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1919 09 03 Ch
Food control committee, instead of ration books card would be issued with counterfoils for meat, butter and sugar – 19 09 03a; new shopping cards to replace ration books – 19 09 03b # c.45.5
Sale of army horses at Cattle Market. The present shed was erected in 1908; Grain & Son increasing their horse sale but object to them allowing purchasers to try horses and mules in harness on Sundays – 19 09 03a # c.27.3

1909 09 03 CIP
New Minister. The Cherry Hinton group of Free Churches, including Cherry Hinton, Swaffham, Prior, Teversham and Wilbraham, being without a minister, the pastorate has been offered to the Rev. Charles John Fowler, of West Row, Mildenhall, and it is now announced that he has accepted. Mr, Fowler has had about 34 years' experience of ministerial and evangelical experience, and has been at West Row for more than a quarter of a century. 09 09 03 CIP

Constable's Promotion.The many friends of Pc. A. E. Payne, of Cottenham, will be glad to learn that he has been promoted to the rank of sergeant, and will take up his duties at Stapleford in October, P.c. Payne joined the Cambs Constabulary in June, 1907 and was first stationed at Toft. He joined the Army on Sept. 23 1916, and proceeded to France, being severely wounded near Ypres in Nov. 1917 and spending several months in hospital. He was demobilised on March 11 this year, when he was stationed at Cottenham. Although the time he has spent there has been short, P.c. Payne has made many friends and become exceedingly popular both as a constable and in private life. 19 09 03 CIP

1919 09 10 Ch
Cambridge market as now conducted is of no value to town … it is a waste of expensive shoe leather. Previously one could purchase a fowl or duck ready for table at a reasonable price, the famous Cambridge 'yard' of butter was available for sale and eggs, fruit, meat etc were to be purchased at fair competitive prices which allowed reasonable profits to the vendors. Now it is a dump where high prices are rule. Its principal patrons are those of fairly comfortable means who desire freshly-produced vegetables and fruit and are prepared to pay for them at prices dearer than in shops. On Saturday there was fairly brisk competition in fish, and meat stalls were doing good business but fruit prices were almost identical to those in the shops. An open market is wanted every day on Market Hill to bring down prices and dispose of tons of produce which will otherwise go rotten. The Cambs Fruit and Vegetable Society in Bridge Street has organised an 'open market' with locally-grown produce at prices favourable both to grower and purchaser. In Cambridge there are already hawkers of fruit and vegetables who sell produce at the door. During trade depression some traders had a hard struggle; their employees now coming back but require more wages to meet the rising cost of living. Fair competition doesn't cause anxiety but the open market is unfair. They buy wholesale, hire a stall for a negligible sum and sell at small margin of profit, market traders say. 19 09 10a # c.27.2 # c.27.3

First Eastern General huts to be converted into houses; 120 applications already received. One long ward to accommodate 16 small families; divided by concrete slabs – 19 09 10b # c.23 # c.21.4
Corporation building schemes; observations on supply of milk to children – 19 09 10d

1919 09 10 CIP
Fruit Harvest. There is a heavy crop of plums (at Cottenham) at exceptional prices Rain and sunshine came at the right, time and the harvest is an extraordinary one. From one large grower we learn that whereas his gathering last season was only six half bushels, this season it is 100 tons from the same acreage and the price per ton is from £34 to £35. The apple crop promises to be a splendid one both as to quantity and quality. The yield of corn is only moderate. Threshed oats are yielding about 16 sacks per acre, although there are many farms in the district which are only averaging ten sacks. 19 09 10 CIP

Tried to Square a Constable. A Castle Camps man, stated to be a dealer, was summoned at Linton court for driving a horse and cart without a light on August 20. He pleaded guilty. A constable stated

that when he accosted the defendant, the latter tried to square him. The chairman stated that owing to the defendant's behaviour to the constable he would be fined £1 19 09 10 CIP

Rats. The Sawston Parish Council have decided to offer l½ d for the body of every rat caught in Sawston. 19 09 10 CIP

1919 09 12 ES
War memorial progress: Chatteris, Downham, Benwick, Stretham – 19 09 12 ES

1919 09 17 Ch
Naval officer staying at a College was stripped, tarred and feathered and chained to a tree in Harvey Goodwin Road; cause was relationship with another sailor's wife; court martial at EGH – 19 09 10c; photos – 19 09 17a; trial 19 09 17b # c.45.6

1919 09 17 CIP
Tar and Feathers Case. A further incident in what is known popularly as the "tar and feathering case" aroused widespread interest on Wednesday. A lieutenant of the Royal Engineers appeared before a court martial at Cambridge on a charge of assaulting a civilian on or about June 6. The nature of the assault alleged against the accused was that he stripped the civilian of his clothing tarred and feathered him, fastened a heavy chain round his neck and with this chain fastened him to a tree in Harvey Road, Cambridge. The drama of the eternal triangle was submitted by the defence. It was slated that the finding of the court would be promulgated. 19 09 17 CIP

Only policemen need apply. A protracted meeting of the Cambridge Watch committee was held in the Guildhall on Monday, when the business before the committee included the consideration of the question of the appointment of a successor to Mr. Charles Edward Holland, the retiring Chief Constable. The committee decided to advertise the post and in fixing the salary at £450 per annum with house, light and fuel, decided to restrict applicants to those who have served through all the grades in a civilian Police Force and attained the rank of Inspector or a superior rank. The age of the applicants must be not less than 35 years. The present Chief Constable also acts as Inspector of Hackney Carriages and Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts, and for these duties is paid additional remuneration, but the appointment lo these offices is in the hands of the Town Council. 19 09 17 CIP

1919 09 24 Ch
Rural housing – suggested garden city at Waterbeach – 19 09 24a
Days of Peace and War by Alex Wood: Cambridge past snips September 24th 1919

Cambridge Newspapers were restricted from reporting during wartime. But once the conflict was over, their columns carried articles giving the first-hand experiences of those who served.
On 24th September 1919 the Cambridge Chronicle devoted several columns to a description by Alex Wood of one of the Voluntary Aid Detachments, painting notable record of work in days of peace and of war. It had started in 1912 with a course of lectures on First Aid to members of the St Columba's Mission Young Men's Club. But with the arrival of War in August 1914 a Voluntary Aid Detachment was formed. It was necessary to obtain and train at least 45 men, as Wood recalled
They were trained in first aid, stretcher drill, tent pitching, field sanitation construction and use camp kitchens. They had no uniforms and only one regulation stretcher but provided themselves with a second stretcher a cap and haversack for each member. Recruits poured in and training had to be organised. It soon became clear that the first duty would be to transport wounded soldiers from the station to the first Eastern General Hospital. No ambulances were available, so a list of motor lorries and spring vans, which could be used for transport was made and the detachment carpenters were set to prepare fittings of larch poles, which could be inserted and used to sling the stretchers. One ambulance was available and in a quite creditable time the train was cleared and the men safely conveyed to Neville's Court at Trinity College. During the war the Detachment met 106 trains and unloaded 12,516 cases. It soon became clear that the War Office had nothing more heroic for them

than the unloading of wounded at Cambridge Station so that the great majority of the original members of the detachment transferred to the R.A.M.C. and to combatant units and their place was taken by an excellent body of older men from the University Press. As the requirements of the Military Service Acts became more and more stringent men previously exempted were continually being called up for the army and in the end, the Detachment consisted for the most part of lads under 18 and men over 40. In July 1915 Wordsworth Grove Red Cross Hospital was opened and assistance was willingly given. There was no fancy nursing or bandaging included in the duties which consisted for the most part of scrubbing and washing up. There was also the bathing of the patients, as a special treat and occasionally the carrying of a patient from the operating theatre to the wards as a giddy pinnacle of excitement. Exalted social position was no bar to membership but it carried no exemption from the most menial duties. Every member did his bit once a week and a member of the University 'washing up', or a prominent local dentist or laying and serving breakfast were by no means uncommon sites. Then there was air raid duty:Few in Cambridge knew how elaborate were the preparations made for their succour and treatment if an air raid had chanced to develop. On many occasions, little bands of men were posted throughout the town with first aid appliances and a motor ambulance service was ready. Nor were the surroundings in these aid posts always of the cheeriest. On one occasion the night had to be spent sitting around an empty coffin in the workshop of our local undertaker. Thus first and last aid work equally available. All through the war new recruits were being trained. Several old members of the detachment made the Supreme Sacrifice. At the end of his article Alex Wood wondered what would come next: "What the future holds it is difficult to say. But we are carrying on and if we are wanted in peace or in war we shall be ready" 19 09 24b # c.21.4 # c.21.1 # c.45.5
Cambridge from the air – University bathing place in Grantchester Meadows – 19 09 24c # A.1919
Cambridge fire fighters; Volunteer Brigade inspires confidence – detailed account – 19 09 24d # c.34.75

1919 09 24 CIP
Tar and Feather Court Martial. Sentence was promulgated at Cambridge on Saturday in the recent "Tar and Feathering" court martial. The court found Lt. Wright guilty of the offence and sentenced him to be reprimanded. Lt. Wright, who received a message over the phone from the A.P.M. that the finding of the court had been sent on from Eastern Command, arrived at the A.P.M, offices in Regent Street about midday. In the presence of Major Minchener, O.C., 6th Company, Royal Fusiliers (to which company Lt. Wright was attached for the purpose of the court martial) the finding of the court was read out by Major Braithwaite-Wallis. Both officers shook hands with Lt. Wright, who expressed himself very satisfied with the result. He said later: "From beginning to end the tar and feathering cost me £12. I have never spent £12 so satisfactorily." 19 09 24 CIP

Epidemic Among Pigs. The March district has been unfortunate in an epidemic of sickness among pigs and there has been considerable resultant mortality during the past few weeks. The sickness spread among the animals at rather an alarming rate, chiefly on the west side of the town, and swine fever has been ascertained as the cause of death in some cases. The illness is now abating. Cambridgeshire is free from swine fever and the healthy state has been in existence for everal months. The March epidemic has not in any way affected Cambridgeshire. 19 09 24 CIP

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1919 10 01 Ch
Rail strike; military at station; food supplies assured but shortage inevitable; road transport development, strikers interfere with volunteers – 19 10 01b # c.32.5 # c.26.2
Linton Women's Institute stall – photos – 19 10 01c # Y.Lin. # RA.WI
Riot at Isleham, effigies publicly burned and windows smashed; revolver fired – Co-op stores damaged – 19 10 01d
First Eastern General Hospital huts – work progresses – 19 10 01e

1919 10 01 CIP
Rail Strike. The action of the N.U.R. Executive in forcing on the country, without warning, a national railway strike, bound up as it is with so many evil consequences and endangering the country's food supply, met with universal condemnation in Cambridge, as indeed it has throughout the British Isles. The situation is being met with calmness and fortitude. Cambridge railway station went to sleep on Friday night at the behest of the N.U.R. Goods traffic and perishable articles were held up, cattle suffered similarly and the mere man in the street was faced with the necessity of arranging his own transport if he wished to get home during the week-end. Four or five passenger trains were handled at Cambridge on Saturday. About 90 per cent of the men are out. A few trains have been run daily during the week. The Divisional Superintendent of Operations said a large number of Cambridge civilians had volunteered for service on the railway. The strike affected the gas supply and postal services and food rations were reduced to the following amounts: Meat 1s. 8d. worth per-week, bacon 6 ozs. sugar 8 ozs. butter 1 oz, margarine 4 ozs, lard 2 ozs. An old lady walked ten miles on Saturday to fetch margarine. Coal deliveries were restricted to deliveries of one cwt. # c.32.5 # c.26.2

1919 10 03 ES
Railway strike – country's transport service paralysed – 19 10 03 ES
March railwaymen and dispute: fighting the Government and determined to win. Wisbech railwaymen meet – 19 10 03(2) ES
Ely station – was a little life as many passengers stranded, including several sailors; some taken by motor – 19 10 03(3) ES

1919 10 08 Ch
Drainage of the fens; Board of Agriculture & River Ouse order for single drainage authority drafted – 19 10 08a
Papworth Colony progressive work – photos – 19 10 08b
Strike scenes – Royal Engineers arrive in readiness; Milk dump at Cattle Market; Mass meeting of railwaymen – photos – 19 10 08c # c.32.5 # T.G.K19
Presentation to C.E. Holland, Cambridge chief constable retires; the strain of war – 19 10 08f # c.34.7
Termination of the railway strike; marching back to work, Ortona under pressure but bring in more supplies of petrol – 19 10 08g # c.32.5 # c.26.2 # c.26.46

1919 10 08 CIP
Railway Strike Ends. The railway strike terminated on Sunday after an existence of nine days. Speaking generally, Cambridge felt but little ill effect from the national railway stoppage. Volunteers and loyal employees carried on a skeleton passenger service and voluntary effort in connection with road transport proved an invaluable asset in the movement of food supplies for the community. Travellers were incommoded, the public generally showed annoyance and anxiety in turn, and the man in the street exercised a Briton's privilege of "grousing" and carrying on the best he could, Cambridge railway employees returned to work on Monday, and about 8 a.m. 500 of the strikers marched to the station to report for duty. Others arrived in the course of the day, but owing to some misunderstanding in connection with the re-instatement of certain labour, the goods operatives declined to resume work. A deputation waited upon the local railway authorities and subsequently returned to the strike headquarters in Devonshire Road. Here the goods men were told to report for work next morning, the difficulties having been overcome. The men received the instruction with general pleasure, and one enthusiast called for cheers for the "brothers" who had settled the matter. A member of deputation discountenanced any form of demonstration, and the men dispersed quietly. # c.32.5 # c.26.2

1919 10 10 ES
Strike scenes at March station – photos – 19 10 10 ES
Railway strike settled, Nation must be master, lessons of the strike; March railway men demonstration – 19 10 10(3) ES
Coveney tragedy – Emma Poole, farmer's wife, found in a cistern – 19 10 10(3) ES

Witchford war memorial tablet unveiled – 19 10 10(4) ES

Disbanding the Women's Land Army.
The Land Army will be disbanded by November 30th by which time the potato harvest should be gathered in. The 8000 women who remain will be encouraged to remain as employees of the farmers in the ordinary way. The women have been quick to learn all sides of farming operations, they have been specially successful as milkers, and in charge of stock. Starting as they did in the face of such prejudice or scepticism the women of the land army have won the gratitude of their employers and the admiration of the country. The first recruits were enrolled in March 1917. Since that time 23,000 have been selected and placed. The uniform has given complete satisfaction and one complete outfit has been issued every 6 months. Two awards of merit have been inaugurated for exceptional skill in such unaccustomed work for women as driving tractors. The extraordinary way in which these women have adapted themselves to this unusual work is impressive and there are many ploughwomen who with tractors have ploughed more acres with less petrol than any man in their county 19 10 10(2) ES

1919 10 15 Ch
Coming up – influx of students – during past few days has shown all the pre-war activity; students whose study interrupted by war have resumed education; arrival undergraduates coincided with ending of rail strike; Prince Albert and Prince Henry motored from Buckingham Palace to 'Southacre', Latham Road – 19 10 15a photo Royals 19 10 15b # c.36.9
Homing pigeons which have worked as message carriers during war have been wantonly shot – protest by Cambridge Flying Society – 19 10 15a
Scenes during railway strike – lorries, traction engine, milk churn in motor cycle sidecar – photos – 19 10 15c # c.32.5

1919 10 15 CIP
Valuable Pigeons Shot. Horning pigeons, which had done useful work as message carriers in the naval and military pigeon services during the war, had recently been wantonly shot, and a strong protest was made by the local owners at the annual general meeting of the Cambridge and District Flying Society on Saturday evening. The National Homing Union have had the matter of this destruction of the birds under consideration for some time, and the co-operation of the public is sought in connection with their protection. It is pointed out that the shooting of the pigeons constitutes an offence under the Defence of the Realm Regulations. # c.45.6

What is a Friend?—Before the County Justices at the Cambs Divisional Bench on Saturday, a licensee was summoned for allowing liquor to be consumed on his premises during closing hours. Mr. S. J Miller appeared for the defendant, who pleaded not guilty, contending that he was entertaining bona fide friends. Supt. Allen, however, challenged this, maintaining that these persons were customers of the defendant—nothing more or nothing less. Alter a lengthy hearing, the Bench ruled that an offence had been committed and imposed a penalty of £1. The whole case turned on the definition of "a friend." 19 10 15 CIP

1919 10 17 ES
Wooden houses building bylaws relaxed to permit use of army huts to encourage new forms of building construction and immediate provision of additional housing – 19 10 17 ES

1919 10 22 Ch
Rural housing, proposed garden city at Waterbeach for 50 houses – 19 10 22a
Perse school investigation into financial position – report of committee – 19 10 22a # c.36.5
Cottenham murder trial – Kidman murdered 12-year-old child – 19 10 22b
Cambridge chief constable – R.J. Pearson of Wallasey appointed – 19 10 22c # c.34.7
First Eastern General Hospital huts being converted to dwellings - photos – 19 10 22d # H.Eas.K19
Frank Fyson on trial for attempted murder of his wife and attempted suicide Christ's Pieces; he from Warboys and had toured with the VC Cockerel – 19 10 22e # c.34.6 # c.45.5

Two new cinemas proposed, Sidney Street by Cambridge Picture Playhouse Ltd and Guildhall Street by A.J. Pointer – 19 10 22f

The drainage of almost half a million acres of land, extending through 10 counties is covered by the Draft Order for the Ouse Drainage District which has been formulated by the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries. It provides for establishment of the single drainage Board, which will take charge of all the main channels and banks of the Ouse and its tributaries from Buckinghamshire to Kings Lynn. An enquiry was held at Cambridge Guildhall. The Commissioner said it had been the opinion of many skilled engineers and people with the knowledge of agriculture and drainage that in order to get this extremely fertile part of England well administered from the point of view of artificial drainage it was highly advisable that there should be a single drainage board. Under the general law applying to sewers and drains no land could be rated for the purpose of the works of drainage authorities unless that land derived benefit from the works of that authority.It was an attempt to pull together legislation, which had been carried on in a piece meal manner for the last 300 years. Unless some general and comprehensive scheme of the administration was arranged the drainage of those valuable land would not be adequately dealt with. All the old powers of the various drainage bodies would be transferred to the new one. But Littleport and Downham District said the scheme was so hopelessly bad that it could not be worked. 19 10 22f; conclusion – 19 10 29c # c.29

1919 10 22 CIP
New Chief Constable. At a special meeting of the Borough Watch Committee, held on Monday the question of the appointment of a Chief Constable in succession to Mr. C.E. Holland, who retired at the end of last month, was considered. The committee further interviewed the two final candidates, Supt. A. Hargreaves, who is at present carrying out the duties of Chief Constable at Cambridge, and Supt. John Pearson, of the Wallesey County Borough Constabulary. By a majority, the committee decided to appoint Supt. Pearson. # c.34.7

Jumped from Moving Train. William Joseph Kidman (36), smallholder at Cottenham, jumped from a moving train when being conveyed to Bedford after being found insane and unfit to plead at Cambs Assizes to the charge of murdering his wife and 12 days old child at Cottenham. He had a cut on the left side of the head, but was found to be quite conscious, and said he would go quietly. He walked from the spot where he had been found lying face downwards, and was assisted aboard and the interrupted journey was resumed. 19 10 22 CIP

1919 10 24 ES
Deplorable condition of fen droves, Soham & Isleham petition. Coffin tied to a cart. Funerals by water. Inquiry into Soham Tunnel Mill Road and Great Fen Drove, Isleham, land adjacent River Lark. Tradespeople are unable during winter months and the wet season to bring goods to their customers and children have great difficulty getting to school. At times no doctor can go down the fen and many children have died for want of medical attention. Dead bodies have to be taken by water to the place of burial and sometimes these bodies have to be taken over the lands of others to get to some spot where it is possible to proceed. … Middle Fen Commissioners put clunch on road. There were gates across the road. Was a lawsuit some 65 years ago and found to be a public way. A man called Collins thought he had a right to go to law over the bridge but had to pay £1,600 damages. A wife of a man employed at Bank Farm was taken seriously ill. They wanted to remove her to Newmarket Infirmary. Mr Manning came down with a car but it was impossible to go down the drove. The woman had to be conveyed by water and she died. Parents could not send children to school – 19 10 24 ES

1919 10 29 Ch
Trumpington coprolite works robbed of blankets by former residents and offered to landlord of Red Lion – detailed trial – 19 10 29a # c.45.5 # c.34.6
Cambridgeshire Regiment reunion parade and Guildhall dinner – photos – 19 10 29b # T.G.K19

1919 10 29 CIP

Wholesale thefts of Government property were described at the Shire Hall, Cambridge, on Saturday morning, when four prisoners were charged with stealing bedding, bedsteads, and various other articles the property of the Ministry of Munitions. In the corridors outside the County Divisional Police Court were heaps of blankets, sheets, pillows, bed ticks and iron bedsteads, and inside the court was another miscellaneous collection of articles, which were exhibits in the case. The bulk of the property was stolen from the Coprolite Works at Trumpington, but a number of the articles had been removed from, the munitions works at Gretna Green, and conveyed by the prisoners to Trumpington. Married men who were employed at the Coprolite Works were permitted to bring their families to live in the huts at the works. The goods were stolen from a store hut practically next door to the hut in which the accused lived. The wife had called at the Red Lion, Trumpington and asked the landlord if he would buy some blankets. She said she had kept the huts on Hauxton Road and let lodgings, now people were leaving the district she had a surplus supply. But Army blankets were a kind of their own and nobody had a right to sell them without authority. Three of the prisoners were sent to gaol. The fourth offender—a lad of 15—was bound over. 19 10 29 Ch 19 10 29 CIP # c.34.6 # c.45.6

For the Hospital. Remarkable success attended the efforts of the Cottenham Parade Committee in organising a collection of fruit and vegetables for Addenbrooke's Hospital, the produce collected including 87 bags of potatoes, 10 bags of carrots, three bags of beetroot, three bags of onions, one bag of turnips, 22 eggs and 75 bushels of apples. 19 10 29 CIP

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1919 11 05 Ch
Railwaymen's leader J.H. Thomas visits, speaks of loyalty and enthusiasm of railwaymen during strike and how Labour was determined to soon run the country – 19 11 05a photo – 19 11 05c # c.33.2 # c.26.2
Cambridge provisional limb depot began last January, a workshop established by Red Cross Society; provides light peg legs for amputees – 19 11 05b # c.21.4 # c.45.5
Cambridge Building Strike settled, new pay rates; strike called on July 1st; men working on conversion of EGH stopped for a while – 19 11 05d
Newnham institute unveil war memorial – 19 11 05d # c.62

1919 11 05 CIP
"Our Jimmy" at Cambridge. The Rt Hon. J. H. (Jimmy) Thomas, P.C., M.P., visited Cambridge on Sunday and received a cordial welcome from railwaymen. He was met at the station by an enthusiastic crowd, who hauled his Carriage through the streets of the town, and in the afternoon the Guildhall was crowded when Mr. Thomas, introduced to the gathering as "Our Jimmy," gave an address. He referred to the future of the railwayman's union from the political and industrial standpoints, and spoke of the strain which he underwent during the railway strike, coming as it did upon five years of war-time anxieties. 19 11 05 CIP
Is this a record? A dish of potatoes, weighting 10½ lbs., was obtained from one root of the King Edward VII variety by Mr, Alfred Carpenter, of 32 Argyle Street, Cambridge. They were grown on the Romsey Town allotments. 19 11 05 CIP

Settlement. Mr. R. S. Whipple, President of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, presided over a meeting on Monday of employers and employed, when a settlement of a local building trade dispute was arrived at. 19 11 05 CIP

1919 11 07 ES
Stretham Lance Corporal Bert Dimmock, formerly wounded on March 28th 1918 now officially killed. Was member of Metropolitan Police Force before joining 4th London Royal Fusiliers. Good athlete and fine scores for Stretham cricket club. Member of Social Club, Football and Tennis Clubs. Had hoped he prisoner of war – photo – 19 11 07 ES

Littleport war memorial clock heard as far away as Burnt Fen station – 19 11 07 ES

1919 11 12 Ch
No paper on file

1919 11 12 CIP
Princes at dinner. — The Old Persian tercentenary dinner was held in the Perse School Hall on Friday evening, the Bishop of Woolwich presiding. He was supported by Prince Albert, Prince Henry and others. The toast of "The King" having been honoured, the Bishop of Woolwich submitted “The Royal Family." Prince Albert, replying, said: "My brother and I feel at present like two simple minnows among a number of Tritons in a sea of knowledge." He congratulated the school on the prominent position it had taken in the pioneer work of modern education, "due, in so large a measure, to the brilliant and energetic efforts of Dr Rouse (headmaster) and his colleagues". “Your war record," he went on is one you may well be proud of. Your losses have been I fear heavy, and with you I mourn the brave men from your school who have given their lives for country and Empire." # c.02 # c.36.5

"Fifth" fizzles at Cambridge,--The stage was set on Wednesday evening for an old-time celebration of the 5th of November. Proctors, "bulldogs," special constables, mounted police, mere “Roberts”, undergraduates, townspeople and schoolboys turned out to play their respective roles, but nothing happened. A few fire-works - cannons, crackers etc — were discharged on Market Hill but the proceedings were almost as tame as the original affair arranged by Mr. Guy Fawkes and a few of his fanatical friends. 19 11 12 # c.36.94

1919 11 14 ES
Stretham War Memorial public meeting for memorial to 25 men; after long discussion decided to erect a granite memorial in Cemetery. Committee formed
Mons Hero, Jack Asplin, one of the first to be called up in August 1914, crossing with the first Expeditionary Force sent to France and taking part in the retreat from Mons, marries Miss Rose Wesley – 19 11 14 ES

1919 11 19 Ch
F. Winton Smith’s new food factory, Wellington House, East Road – detailed feature article – 19 11 19a ; formally opened – 19 11 26b # c.27
Cambridgeshire Suffolk Regiment homecoming – a splendid fighting record – 10 11 19b; photos – 19c # c.45.5
Undergraduate killed in aeroplane accident at Fowlmere – 19 11 10d # c.26.1
University Officers Training Corps; valuable work in peace and war; Col Edwards’ long service record – feature – 19 11 26a # c.45.4 # c.45.5
Installation of Lord Rayleigh as University Chancellor in 1908 – feature – 19 11 26c

1919 11 19 CIP
Retirement. The announcement of the retirement of Mr. John Bowers, who has for 27 years been bandmaster of the Cottenham Salvation Army Band, has been received with general regret. He is to be succeeded by Mr. Leslie Norman, who has recently been released from military duties. 19 11 19 CIP

Discovery at Fulbourn. An interesting discovery was recently made at the house of Mr. Webb, newsagent of Fulbourn. While rebuilding the interior of the front room chimney, which, had partially collapsed, the workmen came across a number of letters, discoloured with age, lying in a crevice of the brickwork. About half a dozen of the missives are quite legible, and two of these bear the dates July 1. 1841 and April 5, 1851. Another is dated June 3 1050", but as it is written by a child to her grandmother, it is thought that probably that the child made a mistake of about eight centuries in the date. There is also a collection of recipes, and a window bill advertising a coming auction sale of household furniture upwards of 100 bushels of coals, baker's cart and tilt, three useful cart horses,

etc., by Elliot Smith, at the Coach and Horses public house, Fulbourn, on Friday, November 25, 1814. The finding of the papers has aroused considerable interest in the village. 19 11 19 CIP

1919 11 21 ES
Ely Belgian Refugees; history of their stay at winding-up meeting. First meeting October 24 1914 for food, clothing. Two free offers of house accommodation over F.S. Boucher's shop in High Street and house in Chapel Street; later Clare Villa and The Limes. Ladies committee to furnish homes and attend personal comforts. Difficulties in selecting suitable Refugees from the all crowed rooms in Aldwych into which vast numbers poured. Food store established, coal, clothing. First refugees were three young women in October 1914 under control of another organisation; by December 16 refugees under their organisation, up to 27 by January. At first to be treated entirely as guests but soon asked to find work for able-bodied and encourage them to do it, withholding to of wages in exchange for the charity. Soon all became self-supporting. Free instruction at schools, sent eight boys and four girls and language difficulty soon disappeared. One became head boy at Needham's. They soon able to manage own shopping so store closed but grants per head for them to buy material. Collecting weekly subscriptions stopped due to other appeals and they had become more self-supporting. Mr Theobald's organisation closed down, balance passed over. Two who had been at Palace placed in Mr Bowsher's house, then went to Glasgow. During 1915 36 fresh arrivals, 39 departures and gave up house in Silver Street. In 1916 final three arrivals, nine departures. Insufficient funds to meet rent at Clare Villa, moved out. Vermorckens and Suetens remained until March when returned to own country. Other aid provided privately, bringing number to 60. Medical men gave service free – 19 11 21, (2) ES

1919 11 26 CIP
Presentation, — Col. H J. Edwards, C.B., C.B.E., has retired 'from the command of the Cambridge University Officers Training Corps, He has been associated with the Volunteer movement for 31 years, and for 18 years commanded the C.U.O.T.C. Col. L. H. Thornton has succeeded Colonel Edwards in the command of the Corps.

Presentation. A concert in connection with the Cambridge and District Co-operative Society was given at the Guildhall, Cambridge, on Thursday, when an illuminated address and a gold watch were presented to Mr. W. T. Charter, on the occasion of his election to the directorate of the C.W.S. Ltd., and in recognition of his services to the Cambridge Society for the past 25 years. The Guildhall was crowded in every part by members and friends. A gold bracelet was presented to Mrs. Charter. Mr. Charter was secretary and manager of the Society and later general manager. 19 11 26 CIP

Poultry keeper's success. At the recent egg-laying test in connection with the National Utility Society (1918-18), Mr. Albert Sanderson, Croft House, Cottenham, was successful in winning the bronze medal in Section 1 with five White Leghorn pullets. 19 11 26 CIP

1919 11 28 ES
Changes in Isle Police Force: retirements and promotions; include Supt Bunn, Inspector Lilley, Sergeants J.W. & A.E. Shaw who served in Chatteris and area – 19 11 28 ES

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1919 12 03 Ch
Installation of A.J. Balfour as University Chancellor – photos – 19 12 03a
Women's Land Army demobilisation conference at Cambridge; National Association of Land Women set up as successor and to assist in agriculture – 19 12 03b # c.45.5 # c.22

1919 12 03 CIP
University Chancellor. With befitting dignity, and amid enthusiastic scenes, the Right - Hon. A. J, Balfour was installed as Chancellor of Cambridge University on Thursday. On his leaving the Senate

House, the police were hard put to it to prevent enthusiastic undergraduate from mounting the roof of the Chancellor's car. # c.36.9

Resigned after 38 years, - Upon reaching the age of 65, and after 38 years' service, Col. A. J, Lyon has resigned his appointment of Supt.-Registrar for the Borough of Cambridge. Colonel Lyon was appointed to the office on November 25, 1881 in succession to Mr. J. D. Fetch, and his resignation takes effect from the 13th inst. We understand that his son, Mr. Jasper Lyon, is a candidate for the position, so it is quite probable that the association of the post with Mr. Lyon's office may be continued. Mr. Jasper Lyon, who is in partnership with his father, has been practising at Cambridge for some time, and has had considerable experience as deputy to the office 19 12 03 CIP

1919 12 05 ES
Spiritualism v orthodox religion – talk at March – 19 12 05(2) ES

1919 12 10 Ch
Cambridgeshire Suffolk's undying faming – three years continuous fighting; splendid war record – feature – 19 12 10a, 10b # c.45.5
GER motor service between Cambridge & London, 30 huge lorries operating each day – 19 12 10e # c.26.2

1919 12 10 CIP
Publican fined for drunkenness. Before the Cambridge justices on Monday, a local publican was charged with being drunk and incapable at St. Andrew's Street on December 7. The offence was admitted. A constable said he saw him coming down the street from the direction of the police station. He was staggering and fell down is the middle of the road. Had he (witness) not rushed and stopped a motor car, defendant would have been run over. A fine of 5s was imposed.

Hounds meet again. - After a lapse of six years, the Cambridgeshire Hounds met at Anstey Hall, Trumpington, the residence of Mr. G. R. C. Foster, last week. There was a good muster. 19 12 10 CIP # c.38 : hunting

Histon Church Clock.—"Parishioner" writes: "May I be allowed to call attention to the old church clock? Residents, chiefly those living and working at the Church End, do miss and more than miss the old clock striking out the hour which has always been a great boon and convenience. The clock and, if necessary, the wherewithal would be raised in less than a trice. If the churchwardens or responsible authorities could remedy this small matter it could doubtless be put in order, many would be grateful 19 12 10 CIP

1919 12 17 Ch
First Eastern General Hospital – first tenants move in – 19 12 17a photos – 19 12 17c # c.21.4 # c.23 # H.Eas
Munitions tribunal – carpenters claim arrears of pay – 19 12 17b
Possibilities of tractor in agriculture discussed at Lion Hotel – 19 12 17b
Bolshevik propaganda in Cambridge; was meeting … tissue of lies … extract from pamphlet – 19 12 17d # c.33.2
Two new cinema plans rejected – surprise decision – 19 12 17e # c.76.9

1919 12 17 CIP
Tenants,-The work of adapting the First Eastern General into dwelling houses proceeds apace and on Saturday morning the first of the new tenants entered into possession

Glamour of an old sword. Three schoolboys were summoned at a Juvenile Court at Cambridge Guildhall for committing damage to property to the amount of 25s. Defendants pleaded guilty. A constable stated that in consequence of a report about damage having been done to a garden seat and the pavilion on Alexandra Gardens, he made inquiries, and subsequently saw the defendants one of

whom said, "Yes, I did it when I left Sunday School. We did it with an old sword that we had hid under the bushes in the Alexandra Gardens." The Mayor said they had decided not to convict the boys, but they thought they had been very naughty boys. They, with their parents, would be bound over to be of good behaviour for six months, and they would have to pay the costs - 10s 8d each. As a sequel to this case, a fourth schoolboy was summoned for stealing the sword, valued at nine shillings. The Mayor reprimanded the boy, and said he must be a good boy in future. He would be bound over to be of good behaviour for 12 months. 19 12 17 CIP

1919 12 19 ES
Joint War Memorial Contribution appeal – front page appeal – 19 12 19 ES
Ely rural water scheme: replies from parishes; include Haddenham, Stretham 19 12 19(2)(3) ES

1919 12 24 Ch
Cambridge and the Belgians – account of refugees – detailed report – 19 12 24a # c.45.5

1919 12 24 CIP
Gales at Bottisham. One of the worst gales of late years occurred at Bottisham on Thursday evening. Much damage was done at the outlying farm of Mr. Tebbit, situated on the Old Field Road. Here four mustard stacks in a row of six were completely overturned and their contents scattered in every direction, involving a considerable loss. At Bendyshe Hall, Mr. Bedford's shop and at the residence of Mrs. F. E. Newman, much damage was done by falling .masonry. A garden wall at Bottisham Place was levelled to the ground. Rain for a short time fell in torrents, and was accompanied by thunder and lightning.

Willingham in darkness. Much dissatisfaction is expressed by the inhabitants of Willingham over the fact that the lighting in the streets, which was cut off during the war, has not been resumed. Much inconvenience is being experienced, especially by those attending the pacts of worship. 19 12 24 CIP
1919 12 31 Ch
Review of year – 19 12 31b

1919 12 31 CIP
Medical Superintendent. Dr.T.C. Graves has been appointed Medical Superintendent of the Ruhr Hill Asylum under the Birmingham Corporation. He is the eldest son of Mr. Wight Graves, M.R.C.V.S., of Cottenham, and an Old Persean.

A Real Peace Christmas. Quite the old Christmas spirit — absent during the terrible years of war — seemed to prevail everywhere this Yuletide, our first real Peace Christmas for five years. The only noticeable change from pre-war festivals was the dwindling popularity of Christmas cards, small gifts apparently taking their place. Another feature was the exceptionally large number of carol parties who went round this Christmas collecting on behalf of benevolent and philanthropic objects. Most church choirs organised parties and the response met was most generous and encouraging. More than ever, the festive season appealed to the children. It was the first Christmas upon, which many had had their fathers home with them during the period since the war broke out. The delights of Christmas shopping, or the rollicking Christmas parties, and of Boxing Day visits, were never the same when "daddy was away," and with him home again everything tended to make the present occasion the happiest of their lives. 19 12 31 CIP

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Rats Killed, Up to December 3rd last the number of rats killed in the county and paid for by Cambs County Council under the Rats Order, was 35,516. The districts concerned were: Little Abington (number of rats killed 504), Ashley (980), Balsham (2,718), Borough Green (358), Bottisham (999), Cheveley (631). Chippenham (838), Great Chishill (322), Croxton (225), Dullingham (1,205), Duxford (754), Elsworth (39), Fordham (8,072), Fowlmere (489), Harston (322), Hauxton (186). Heydon (1,593), Hildersham (236). Horseheath (324), Ickleton (1,095), Isleham (3.809), Kennett (1,422). Kirtling (396), Kneesworth (549), Linton (584), Lode (548), Melbourn (442), Newton (160), Pampisford (429), Sawston (332), Shepreth (313). Shudy Camps (1.38), Snailwell (786), Soham (2,896), Stetchworth (1,105) Swaffham Prior (1,032), Thriplow (464), Waterbeach (967), West Wickham (995), Whittlesford (324), Great Wilbraham (846), Wood Ditton (2,017).

Sunday Concerts. At the Borough Police Court on Wednesday, Mr. W, L. Raynes applied for a temporary music licence permitting concerts to be given at the Playhouse on Sunday evenings, : January 4th and January llth. This was granted.

1920 01 07 Ch
Bottisham & Swaffham Drainage, commissioners' financial difficulties; £10.000 flood damage last year; interesting inquiry; former owner of Anglesey Abbey had made arrangements to divert certain water which passed in front of his house … Swaffham drainage system the most expensive … in 1853 the fen people promised the high land people they could conduct the water along the Lodes instead of allowing it to run into the Fen- 20 01 07 # c.29
Borough Brush and Broom Works failure – 20 01 07a
Impington fire premises Joshua Unwin corner Impington Lane – 20 01 07b; photo – 20 01 14b

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Promotion for Wybrew, Stretham stationmaster for 7½ years, to go to Burwell; courteous and genial manner won esteem of all

1920 01 14 CIP
Fighting Man. The actions of George Pilgrim, aged 23, of Histon Road, Cambridge, were the cause of the assembly of a large crowd in St. Andrew's Street on Saturday night. Pilgrim first took too much to drink and then took off his coat as a preliminary to his persuasion of the fighting element in the crowd to try conclusions with him. Constable Orriss came upon the scene, and hustled the young man into the lock-up. The martial spirit did not immediately subside, however and Pilgrim gave vent to his feelings in the cell, knocking out one of the windows! At the Borough Police Court on Monday, Pilgrim pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly in St. Andrew's Street, and also to doing five shillings worth of damage to a cell window at the police station. P.c. Orriss and P.c. Barrell proved the cases, and Pilgrim's father said this was the first trouble he had had with his son. The young man was recently demobilised from the Army, and is at present following no occupation. Pilgrim was bound over to be of good behaviour for twelve months, his father consenting to become a surety.He was further ordered to pay for the damage to the cell window, and 4s. in respect to the cost of the bond.

1920 01 14 Ch
Railway carriages as dwellings; urgent cases at Histon; family of 13 in two rooms – could put carriage in garden – 20 01 14; photo – 20 02 11b
Cambridge Picture Playhouse Ltd annual, meeting to alter articles of Association; have acquired site in Sidney St & Hobson St where propose to erect fine new building – 20 01 14a # c.76.9
Chesterton war orphans – 70 children entertained by Women's Liberal Association – photo – 20 01 14c

1920 01 16 ES
Ely water scheme shelves, Stretham, Haddenham opposed p5
Stretham RDC election. Porter withdrew and Brown defeated Wesley; fought on water supply question which Brown opposed – one of the most exciting contests in village. Parish Council had, without public meeting, pledged support to costly RDC scheme. Wesley held public meeting, Brown published address saying would cost 2/9d rate and place burden for next 30 years, p5
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Soham miller's death – Henry Butcher, senior partner Clark and Butcher for 40 years – 20 01 16 ES

1920 01 16 WS
Proposed sale of Ely militia barracks - borough approach County to see if they agree
Squabble over ownership of the ancient documents of Whittlesey - old oak chest containing the town's archives - tithe map and Inclosure award; at present held by vicar and churchwardens of Whittlesey St Mary but claimed it is property of overseers of town. Many years ago placed in church for safe keeping & people paid 2/6 to consult items but new vicar claimed as it was in the church they belonged to church and demanded keys from overseer - who refused. Vicar then locked chest in coke cellar in crypt. Overseers petitions for Isle of Ely County Council to arbitrate - they found in favour of overseers - but vicar still not too sure WS 16.1.20 p5

1920 01 21 CIP
Cyclist with no light—At the Cambs. Divisional Bench on Saturday morning, Archie Ward, of Cottenham, was summoned for riding a bicycle without a light, at Willingham, on January 5th, at 10.30 p.m. He did not appear. P.c. French, stating the facts, said that when he stopped the defendant the latter replied that he could not get the lamps to burn, and thought that someone had been having a game with them When he lit them, however they burnt all right.—A fine of 5s was imposed.

University Servants. We are all keenly alive to the domestic service troubles at Cambridge (University) within and without \ college walls, but I am informed that they are a good deal more acute at Oxford, where no female labour is admissible. Oxford college servants, like those at Cambridge, have sprung a Trades Union upon an astonished and bewildered University. Presumably a satisfactory arrangement has been come to here, as no one has heard more of the rumblings of the revolt which threatened during the Long Vacation, but at Oxford they have the whole of the thorny and difficult road to tread. # c.32.5

1920 01 21 Ch
Photographic Club activities curtailed by war; Mayor referred to old photos taken by Nicholls in the 50's or 60's and reproduced by Messrs Palmer Clarke; R. Starr recalls going as lad to Hills and Saunders to carry old silver bath. The old wet-plate process was just going out then, soon after dry-plates came in; several processes, one never gained popularity, collodio-chloride which were most permanent but needed delicate handling. Had ladies been engaged it would have increased in popularity. Photography had developed due to war. By means of aeroplanes and the camera they had been able to locate various enemy positions. Had been difficult to get professional photographers to

combine. W. Farren, secretary, recalled in pre-war days when T. Snowden was secretary, they had a membership of over 200. This dropped during war, now 170. Important work at University Chemical Laboratories in which Mr Stoakley had a very great hand. Manufacturing dyes necessary for aerial photography which had previously been obtained from Germany – 20 01 21 # c.65.5
Plans for new cinema in Guildhall St & Guildhall Place to be erected by A.J. Pointer of Victoria Cinema considered – 20 01 21a

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Cherryhinton road barracks – fresh cases of men breaking out; Mr Churchill said not yet possible to give closure date
Raid on Cambridge Magazine –damages awarded

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Sussex Street widening discussed – no widening except at corner Sidney Street as island site had been acquired by syndicate for erecting cinema
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Cambridge & County School for Boys to be considerably enlarged as in overcrowded condition
Newnham Institute report – need new building

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Stretham butcher G.A. Driver applies for registration under Meat Control Order; he a discharged soldier. Making three butchers for population under 100. Committee oppose on grounds he unable to receive any live meat, p5
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1920 01 28 CIP
Motoring Boom. the great revival which has occurred in British motoring is disclosed by the records of' new members joining the Automobile Association. During the first week of the new year 1.015 new members were enrolled; the full significance of this figure will be realised when it will be remembered that during the winter motor vehicles are used less than at any other season of the year. During the first week of 1914, when motor vehicles were easily obtainable at a pre-war cost, and were considerably less expensive to run and. maintain, new A A, members numbered 288. The 1,015 motorists have joined in the corresponding week in 1920, when cars and motor cycles are realising abnormal prices, and are difficult to obtain, augurs well for the growth of motoring in Great Britain, especially when the vexed problems of "production" are solved # c.26.48

Fined. Penalties amounting to 30s. were imposed at Cambridge Police Court on Friday on Eric Scot Burns, 'undergraduate' of St Catharine's College. He was proceeded against for driving without an identification plate; and for driving a motor cycle without a licence at the same time and place and for

driving a motor cycle without a silencer in Hills Road on January 19th. He admitted each of the offences and was fined 10s in each case 20 01 28

1920 01 28 Ch
Cambridge Magazine claims for damage caused during unruly scenes on Armistice Day; Medical Schools damaged; damage had happened out of term time and not done by University people – 20 01 28
Council decide to purchase sites on north & south side of Cavendish and Hills Avenues to erect dwellings – 20 01 28
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Haddenham dismiss water scheme, p8

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Motor car obstruction at Wisbech p.5
Death of ex-supt J. Anker, 95 - the oldest man in Wisbech; born at Wimblington in 1824 he joined the army in 1844 leaving with rank of sergeant in 1848 to return Wisbech and became member of police force. Served every station in isle, took part in Whittlesea riots 1857 and 1882 appointed superintendent of police at Wisbech, retiring 1889; up to then Wisbech had own force but Anker had control of force outside the borough - 1889 become part of Isle force. Was teetotal and non-smoker & championed Good Templars Society in March WS 30.1.20 p5

1920 01 31 CDN
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Gladstone visit reminiscence

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1920 02 02 CDN
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Billposting Association report

1920 02 04 CIP
Drunk. "Guilty, your Worships," said Pte. James Connolly in an unmistakable Irish brogue at Cambridge Police Court on Friday, when charged with being drunk and incapable at Hills Road on the

previous evening. P.c. Ward said that Connolly belonged to the King's Liverpools, and was a patient at Cherry Hinton Hospital. He was staggering along .the footpath and knocking into people causing them to get off the pavement. The offence occurred at 7.40 a.m. As Connolly was alone, the witness could not ascertain where he got the drink from. A fine of 5s. was imposed and the prisoner expressed a desire to go to goal in default of payment. The Chief Constable (Mr, R. J. Pearson): The military will pay the fine, your Worships

Transfer, — The Cambridge justices on Saturday approved of the temporary transfer of the Queen's Arms. St. Andrew's Street, from Mr. William Dixon to Mr Thomas Charlton, an ex-police officer of the Kent Constabulary.

Used Bad Language. — A rag and bone collector named Harry Edward Hall, of 204 Newmarket Road appeared before the Cambridge justices on Friday in respect to the use of words which are not used in the dictionary. Evidence was given by Mrs. Wilkinson and Mrs. Brignell of Garden Walk, and the epithets of which they complained were conveyed to the magistrates in writing. Acting Sergt. Sirett also gave evidence, and the defendant gave a denial to the charge. The magistrates having decided to convict, the Chief Constable (Mr. R. J. Pearson) proved a previous conviction for a similar offence, and that there had been numerous complaints concerning the man. A fine of 5s. was imposed, and defendant promised to pay the money during the week.

1920 02 04 Ch
Rampton demobilised soldiers entertained – about half had been lost, recalls military history – Belsar's Hill etc – 20 02 04a
Duxford medical officer given notice as dissatisfied with salary – 20 02 04a
Mac Fisheries travelling motor fish shop tours villages – photo – 20 02 04b # P.Mac.K20 # PC.Fis

1920 02 04 CDN
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Royal Show – Trinity College farm selected as suitable site
Haslingfield war memorial unveiling

1920 02 06 CDN
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Chesterton Allotments – the Hall Farm to be taken on lease
p4
Fur & Feather Society first show

1920 02 06 ES
Ely corners, High Street, Lynn Road & Minster Place to be rebuilt for banking purposes, p5

1920 02 07 CDN
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Cambridge Central Rubber Company prosperous
P4
New Theatre vandalism – undergraduate cuts section from seat
Fens Light Railway inquiry; Shippea Hill and over Lt Ouse, Southery & Keeble's Railway – would be for fruit; would need separate siding Shippea Hill; commissioners say it unsafe to have railway traffic supported on river banks # c.26.2

1920 02 09 CDN
p3
Dr Laurence Humphry, physician death
p4
Baitsbite Lock needs repairs

1920 02 11Ch
War memorial - Whittlesford, Haslingield 11.2

1920 02 11 CIP
Shooting match.—Teams representative of the Cambridge University Officers' Training Corps and of the Lensfield Miniature Rifle Club fired a match with .22 rifles on Wednesday evening. Lensfield proved too good for the O.T.C., and won by 34 points. Mr, Woods put on a score of 94 for the winners, Mr. Jarman dropped only seven points, and Mr. Baldry scored 91. For the losers Mr. Hudson's 91 was top score. The details are as follows: — Lensfield: F. P. Hardwick 80, J. Gawtry 87, Woods 94, A. Baldry 91. L. Jarman 93, J. Wallman 86: total 531. C.U. O.T.C. Gordon 84. Milne 81. Hudson 91, Lloyd 88, Hubbard 84 Turner 69; total 497.

Bacon theft. At Cambridge Police Court, yesterday (Tuesday), a private soldier of the R.A.M.C. Cherry Hinton Military Hospital, was charged on remand with stealing 14lbs 12ozs of bacon, valued at £1 19s 6d, the property of the War Office, on January 31. He pleaded guilty — Sergt. Lawrence Cross, of the County Constabulary, said he noticed that the prisoner's overcoat was very bulky. He stopped the man, took possession of the bacon, and arrested prisoner. Miller said he had been drunk all the weekend, and he went out on Saturday morning to try and "cure himself". If the constable had had the "ingredients of a gentleman" he would have sent him back to camp, having regard to his state. The Bench imposed a fine of £5. and Sergt. Cross was highly commended on the action which he took in the case.

1920 02 13 ES
Stretham War Memorial Committee meeting; have raised insufficient funds, not backed up as they should have been by those who had made fortunes from the war. One soldier had written saying he had just come out of one of the most terrible battles of the war… "I have lived with my regiment for three days on half-a-biscuit in a trench half-filled with dead soldiers … I hope when we come back those at home will think more of the British Tommy than they have done in the past". This young soldier had fallen and yet there were prominent men in Stretham who would not trouble to attend the meetings called to consider the erection of a monument in honour of the 24 men who had given their lives as a sacrifice for their country. Sidney Smith stated that if the Committee would erect a monument costing up to £175 he would guarantee that this amount would be forthcoming … 20 02 13(2) ES
Whittlesea archives – County Council asked to determine what bodies should have custody of papers currently held by Churchwardens of St Mary's church – 20 02 13 ES
Guyhirn bridge first considered in 1904 – 20 02 13 ES

1920 02 13 WS
Will of Rt Hon Alexander, first Baron Peckover of Wisbech - died 21 Oct 1919 - left total of 901,602 6.10 - nearly a million

1920 02 18 CIP
"A Guide to Cambridge University Life," by "Two of 'Em" (Cambridge: Deighton, Bell and Co., 1s. 3d. net) — The preface gives the raison d'etre of the guide in the following words: "For some it has been impressed on our notice that a small book of the type which we have produced here would meet a great demand and would be of use of members of the University, and also to visitors of the town. We have so often heard the question asked "Where is the —- College ground?" or "Where is the----- Laboratory" and in most cases it has gone unanswered because the answer was not known. This "Guide to Cambridge University Life" (we claim) will dispense with all trouble of this sort, and will enable its owner to find his way about by himself without any assistance. We have collected the information which seems to us to be that which everybody wants to know; and we have tried to furnish particulars dealing with both work and sport.-" A careful reading leads us to say that it would be practically impossible to compress more admirably the mass of information contained in this small volume. Whoever "Two of 'Em" may be, they have given to the public, and University men in particular, details which are of immense value, and set out in a most attractive manner. The plan of

Cambridge is by far the clearest and fullest we have seen of its kind, practically every place of interest to the undergraduate being set out, whilst the plan and key of laboratories and museums meets a long-felt want. Its size is no criterion of its contents and importance, and we commend it very warmly to all those for whose benefit it has been written and compiled. # c.46.4

1920 02 11 Ch
Baitsbite pen stocks require renewal, were made of timber, to be repaired with concrete;
Conservator's House home to old employee who acted as caretaker – 20 02 11a
Brewster sessions – 20 02 11a
Cheap cottages in Coronation St, New Street auctioned – 20 02 11c

1920 02 18 Ch
Burrell's Walk hut – experiences of resident – 20 02 18a

1920 02 18 CDN
p3
Union Society rejects any system of conscription

1920 02 20 CDN
p3
Prince Albert visits Cambridge Labour Exchange & Unemployment centre # c.32.1
p4
Shelter for Girls (Church Street Mission) founded 1854; its work explained # c.37.3

1920 02 20 ES

Isle of Ely bridges: report by the County Surveyor concludes that the Ely Urban District bridges are capable of carrying usual traffic but bridge crossing the Ouse at Adelaide, which is the property of the South Level Commissioners would be improved if the gradient of the approaches were not so steep.
In Ely Rural District there are 31 bridges, 11 of which are built of wood, the property of the Drainage Commissioners. Black Bank Bridge, the property of Littleport and Little Downham Drainage Commissioners is very narrow as is the Cut Bridge, Wilburton.
In North Witchford District the approaches to Benwick and Floods Ferry Drain Bridge need to be improved. Boot's Bridge is inadequate and a new and stronger bridge is required, locomotives desiring to cross the Sixteen Feet Dain have to go round by March, a distance of 10 miles.
In Whittlesey District Chapel Bridge is safe only for loads of two tons and a new bridge is urgently needed.
County Council bridges at Stretham Ferry and March Chain Bridges are extremely narrow and need to be widened to meet present-day traffic
Of the Bridges on main roads, the two at Mepal need to be rebuilt to carry heavy traffic. They are the are property of Bedford Level Corporation – 20 02 20 ES # c.44.75

1920 02 21 CDN
p4
Cambridge smokers so indignant at latest increase in cost of tobacco that they will strike
John William Cooper, barrister, recalled
Cambridgeshire Volunteers of the Great War officially disbanded – services remembered; guarded bridges & an aeroplane when sentries sank up to their waists in snow drifts # c.45.5
Cambridge branch of council for combating venereal disease presents play # c.21.1

1920 02 24 CDN
p3
Guildhall music licence needed
p4

Burrells Walk – tenants to be allowed to store furniture in premises not suitable for habitation; one hut as hospital for Naval officers, cannot use as shop
Cherry Hinton hospital – Churchill asked about escapes, vegetables stolen allotments

1920 05 25 Ch
Accursed by bolshevism - Russian situation described Ch 25.2 p7
Cambridge shelter for girls neeeds funds to keep doors open - est 1854 p9

1920 02 25 CIP
Agricultural Wages.—A special meeting of the Agricultural Wages Board, Sir Ailwyn Fellowes presiding, was held on Friday for the purpose of further considering the question of increasing the present wages for agricultural workers. After prolonged discussion it was decided to refer for the consideration of the District Wages Committee, in the first instance, a draft proposal to increase the minimum rate of wages at present in force for all male workers of 21 years of age and over throughout England and Wales to 42s, with a minimum increase of 4s. The effect of this would be, in areas where the minimum is now 36s, 6d., 37s., 37s. 6d., or 38s., to raise it to 42s., and in areas where it is now higher than 38s. to raise it by 4s. in each case. A further meeting of the Board will be held on Friday, 5th March, for the purpose of considering the report from the District Wages Committees.

Paper Chase. Cambridge Town and County Athletic Club's fixture last Saturday was a paper chase, which was well attended. The "hares," L. Easy and R. Toombs, laid the paper about seven miles. The fast pack were paced (in the absence of W. Sheehan) by S. Butler, and the slows by Bert Grimwood, but the hares were not caught. On Saturday next the club are running the Cambridge University Hare and Hounds "A" Team from King's Mill (starting from the bottom of Mill Lane), at 3 o'clock sharp. All members are asked to support this run.

The social with the Town Cycling Club on Friday last at the "New Spring" was a very popular event and well attended. Messrs. C. Woods, W. Appleyard, Pat and C. Arnold, G. Grimwood, and a host of talent taking part. Special mention must be made of Mr. G, Barker, who "ratled the ivories" in the first-class form. Mr. J. Cooper was in the chair.

1920 02 25 Ch
Cambridge Shelter for Girls established 1851 by undergraduates and occupied building in Church St; had workshop in Newmarket Road till temporarily closed in 1918 because of lack of a worker. Re-opened 1918 as first-aid station for women in distress; needs support – 20 02 25a # c.32.9

Cambridge Revisited, pt.4, includes photo of collapsed gas-holder – 20 02 25b
Winston Churchill speaks at Union Society – 20 02 25c
Accursed by bolshevism - Russian situation described 20 02 25 p7

1920 02 26 CDN
p3
house famine in Cambridge is not becoming less acute – seven possession orders

1920 02 27 CDN
p3
houses for working people needed rather than luxury homes

1920 02 27 ES
Airship R33 seen over Littleport and Ely – 20 02 27 ES

1920 02 27 WS
Memorial Reading Room and Institute at Walpole Marsh opened by mayor of Wisbech - main part an army hut improved by brick walls at either end. "During past had been asserted that village life was

somewhat dull and monotonous - but now conditions would be improved ... land put to better use and healthy and happier population would gain their living from it - and in Walpole Marsh they were doing their bit to make conditions better for young men returning from war. They would find healthy recreation in institute during the long winter evenings"; needed hut for 20 years - cost £140 - ladies were interested as well and would have share in building; not be many people to do work - only a hamlet, two miles Walpole St Peter and had only the Chapel school to meet in before - but now the hut for lectures etc WS 27.2.20 p3

1920 02 28 CDN
p3
College bedmakers and women working at Cambridge Scientific Instrument Company discussed' bedmakers wages so low they need to go on parish for relief; wages should be subsidised by colleges
p4
Swaffham Prior church windows painted with war activities

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mock funeral, first for six years; a Caius man # c.39
St John's celebrate bumps with bonfire in second court # c.39
P4
Planning inquiry as Cement Company object to their land being included in town planning scheme # c.49.4

1920 03 02 CDN
p3
Norman Angell, author of 'The Great Illusion' ragged – bitterly hostile reception; police could not stop undergraduates entering the windows # c.36.9
Gipsy Smith addresses temperance rally in Guildhall
P4
Col Apthorpe Webb 'discharged' from position as visiting physician to the Isolation Hospital that he held before war

1920 03 03 Ch
Objections ot new town planning scheme Ch 3.3 p3
Mock Funeral - Caius man sent down for breach regulations - a large crowd of students but not much enthusiasm for this form of demonstration nowadays p12
Union of Democratic Control meeting a farce

1920 03 03 CIP
Glasses Stolen—At the Cambridge Police Court yesterday (the" Mayor presiding'), two spinsters, aged 52 and 50 were summoned "for stealing two glasses value 2s 6d, the property of Lawrence Charles Jakes, on February 22nd. Mr. Jakes who is the licensee of the Bentinct Arms, Castle Street, said the two defendants were in his house on the night in question. After they left he missed two glasses and reported the matter. He did not desire to press the case, but wished it to be a warning to others, as licensed holders had lost so many glasses. P.c. Rawlinson spoke to one of the women in question on the following day and questioning her about the glasses. The defendant said "The other woman took them off the counter and put them in her pocket I said they would miss them, and she said they would not" When he saw the other woman she denied touching the glass but said she knew the other woman took them. He found the two glasses at the first wo-man's house. The defendants who told the Bench they took the glasses "in a joke", were fined 3s each.

Board of Guardians. The vacancy in the South Chesterton representation on the Chesterton Board of Guardians, created by the retirement of Mrs. Marsh, has been filled by the election of Mrs. Benjamin

Jolley, who was nominated by the Cambridge and District Women Citizens' Association. There, were two nominations, Mr. Edwin James Arcott, the other nominee, subsequently withdrawing and thus avoiding a contest. Mr. I. Cock, of Fen Ditton has been returned unopposed to fill the vacancy on the Chesterton Rural District Council, caused by the retirement of Mr. L. G. P. Hiring.

Unconscious. Yesterday (Tuesday) morning an elderly man who formerly lived on the Newmarket Road, but who has lately been working away from the town, was found lying unconscious, and apparently in a fit, under a hedge at Brookfields, Mill Road. He was conveyed on the police ambulance to Addenbrooke's, where he received attention.

1920 03 03 Ch
Cambridge Town Planning inquiry considers objections of cement manufacturers about land Cherryhinton Road; proposes new road from Cherry Hinton Road to Fen Ditton Road across Coldham's Common; had been excavation for coprolites and foundations were bad, brick pits. Was good supply for Cement works but this meant noise, dust and smoke – 20 03 03a # c.27 # c.49.4
Cambridge Chronicle, 176 years of history – entertain workers – 20 03 03b # c.04
Repaving of roadway from Post Office to Railway Station discussed; relay with Val de Travers asphalt or wooden blocks, better for horse's hooves – 20 03 03c
Mock Funeral of Caius man – a solitary conveyance does not give impression that there is much enthusiasm for this form of demonstration nowadays. – 20 03 03d; photo – 20 03 10a # V.WF.K20

1920 03 03 CDN
p3
Mock funeral St Johns – to have been elephants to drag the corpse, attracted crowds, but a hoax
Sidney Child, Suffolk water diviner, dies
P4
Agricultural wages, farmers offer 42/-, workers wanted 50/-
Domestic Hazard of Petty Cury profiteered over wash-board – claim

1920 03 04 CDN
p3
Trades Council protest against Angell rag – and letters
Undergraduates raided Homerton, scattered paper, damage property

1920 03 05
War's devastation. A tour through ruined France and Belgium. Scenes of utter desolation – illustrated full-page article. Group includes J.S. Fendick of Littleport, F.W. Manning from Soham and Rev J.W. Robson of Witcham – 20 03 05 & (2)(3) ES

1920 03 05 WS
Large demand for allotments at Walsoken - difficulty of getting land; had an offer but price too high and while County Councils could acquire smallholdings for ex-servicemen and let them a reasonable rent Urban District Councils had to charge rent to meet all the costs involved - land at £175 an acre - then stamp duty and all that - would end up at rent of over £14 per acre WS 5.3.20 p5

1920 03 06 CDN
p3
Licensing renewals: Turnstile, Newmarket Rd; George IV East Rd; Queen's Arms, St Andrew's Street; Smith and Wheelwrights Arms, East Rd; Boot, King St; Dewdrop, Gwydir St; Tally Ho; Indian Chief, Chesterton
David Moore, Temperance evening films

1920 03 08 CDN
p4
licensing – Hopbine, Cherry Hinton, referred

1920 03 09 CDN
p4
Thriplow fire, Fox pub destroyed

1920 03 10 CIP
Royal Show. It is pleasing to notice the enthusiastic manner in which the Mayor (Councillor G. P Hawkins), supported by an active sub-committee of the Borough Council, and other co-opted members are proceeding with the preliminary arrangements for the Cambridge "Royal" show. It has been decided that the Eastern Counties Farmers' Association Ltd., and Messrs. Gautrey and Sons (Cottenham) should supply the grass seed mixtures which it is necessary to sow on about 103 acres of the Trinity College Farm, situate between the line on the London and North Western Railway and Trumpington Road. The Committee desire to acknowledge the generosity of .the Master, Fellows and Scholars of Trinity College in providing such an excellent site for the show, and to express their appreciation of the personal efforts of their agents (Messrs. Bidwell and Sons) and the tenants Messrs. Arnold Bros, and Mr. G. Duke to facilitate the work of the sub-committee in sowing the grass seeds, and carrying out the necessary preliminary arrangements to meet the requirements of the Royal Agricultural Society, The Hon. Treasurers report that in response to the first appeal for contributions to the Local Fund, the sum of £900 has been promised.

1920 03 10 Ch
Union of Democratic Control attempted to hold 'Bolshevik' meeting but disrupted by undergraduates; senior proctor, T.R. Glover, hit by flour bomb; speaker Norman Angell rescued by police – 20 02 03d; has been pacifists proclaiming against action taken against Germans who would have moved heaven and earth to bring war to early conclusion. They possess not a spark of British pluck … led Cambridge gaining reputation as hotbed of Pacifism. University tried to stop this vile work; now opposition to such pro-German propaganda and return of pacifist Bertrand Russell to Trinity. Should prohibit pacifist meetings – 20 03 10d # c.33 # c.36.93# c.45.6

Licensing sessions: refer East Road : Turnstile. George IV, Smith & Wheelwright Arms, King St: Boot; Gwydir St: Dewdrop; Newnham: Tally Ho; Chesterton: Indian Chief; Cherry Hinton Hopbine; Renew St Andrew's St: Queen's Arms – 20 03 10b
County licenses: Linton: Axe & Saw; Horseheath: Montford Arms, Castle Camps: George & Dragon referred – 20 03 10b
Cherry Hinton Military Hospital patients get out of institution – questions to military – 20 03 10b

1920 03 12 WS
Messrs Keiller, well known jam firm at Wisbech have bought three army huts, 80 feet long and converted them into nice residences for staff - new chimney stacks - two to each hut - excellent fittings; change wooden hut into excellent home. Road cut through old Roman bank on Mount Pleasant road to take them WS 12.3.20 p5
Local men tour devastation of battlefield sites 12.3.20 p6

1920 03 13 CDN
p3
Walter Pepper, Meldreth smallholder, killed by runaway horse

1920 03 15 CDN
p3
Castle Soap Company acquires Victoria Lodging House as extension

1920 03 16 CDN
p3
Detective Marsh presentation by pawnbrokers on retirement

1920 03 17 CIP
Encounter with Lioness. We hear from British East Africa that Lieut, Fletcher Frost, of West Wratting, who has a Government appointment out there as a Forest Ranger, when riding alone (which in the bush is considered hazardous and dangerous) encountered a lioness well known as being dangerous to mankind. His horse suddenly bolted, and looking to the offside, Mr. Frost saw the lioness approaching; in a moment it had seized his horse. Mr. Frost Slipped off on the near side, the lioness's claws passing over his foot, into the horse, dragging it down after describing a half-circle, and then killing it. Mr. Frost, contrary to his usual practice, had left his rifle in camp two miles distant. At sunset, he, with his rifle, was watching for the lioness to return to its prey, and sure enough it came, and received a bullet wound from the rifle, but in the dense forest it escaped, and his native followers were unable to penetrate the bush. Had Mr, Frost a longer coat on he too would probably have been drawn down with the horse

Playing Field. Efforts are being made to secure a playing-field for the pupils at the Cambridge and County School for Boys and enquiries are being made concerning sites in the neighbourhood of Glebe Road, Cambridge. 20 03 17

Fined, For allowing a chimney to be accidentally on fire on March 10th. a Cambridge butcher was summoned before the Cambridge justices yesterday and fined 2s,

Certificates. The system granting certificates of merit in lieu of book prizes in respect regular attendance at school is be continued in Cambs. during ensuing year

1920 03 17 Ch
Prince Albert arrives at Guildhall for Royal Investiture – photo – 20 03 17a
Electric Supply Co annual meeting – 20 03 17b
Detective-Sergeant Marsh presentation by pawnbrokers – 20 03 17c
Photographic Club exhibition, printed by H.R. Campion of Ely & W.C. Squires – bromoil; colour transparencies by F.J. Stoakley – 20 03 17d # c.65.5

1920 03 17 CDN
p3
workhouse laundry to be improved
additional motor auction at Cattle Market – Robert Bell fortnightly

1920 03 18 CDN
p3
William Webb, Castle End, lost his arms but bore misfortune well, dies

1920 03 19 CDN
p3
Sedley Taylor funeral

1920 03 22 CDN
p3
club for ex-servicemen as war memorial at Ely rejected, suggest library

1920 03 23 CDN
pp4
property sales 56 years ago – no.1 Market Hill, Petty Cury including Boots site

1920 03 24 CIP

Kicked by Horse.—-A horse-keeper, aged 27, in the employ of Mr. Ashcroft met with a serious accident on Sunday morning. It appears that he was attending an unbroken colt when the animal kicked him under the jaw, inflicting a nasty injury to the throat He was conveyed to Addenbrooke's Hospital with all speed and has since been lying in a critical condition. On enquiry last Thursday night, however, we were informed that be was progressing as well as could be expected.

Whitley Committee.—After a full discussion last Wednesday, the Cambs. Education Committee decided to adhere to its original scheme for the formation of a Whitley Committee. This means that the official recognition sought by the Cambs. branch of the National Union of Teachers has not been accorded. Local teachers contend that the non-recognition of the N.U.T. is a vital defect in the Whitely Committee scheme.

Land Divided. The land on Histon Road recently acquired by the Chesterton Allotments Society has been divided amongst 200 new members,

Ex -Service Men,—A sum of approximately £2,000 is available for the social welfare of ex-service men in Cambridge. The money is part of the Army canteen profits, of which the sum of £1,500,000 has been earmarked to be devoted to this purpose throughout the country, each area to receive its due proportion at the rate of 5s. per ex-Service man residing within its borders. On first sight the utilisation of this money may appear a simple matter. The task has been placed in the hands of a committee representative of the Federation, the Comrades, and the "unattached" but before any scheme can be decided upon absolute unanimity has to be obtained. And here some slight difficulties have been experienced. Whilst the establishment of a United Services Club, using the £2,000 as a nucleus, has been greatly favoured, this had perforce to be turned down in consequence of a minority on the committee being opposed to the idea. A suggestion at present under consideration is the erection and endowment of two almshouses for ex-Service men.

1920 03 24 Ch
Detective Lazarus Marks reminiscences – 45 years a tec, major article – 20 03 24a # c.34.7 # c.34.6

1920 03 26 WS
Guyhirn Institute discuss prohibition WS 26.3. p3

1920 03 30 CDN
p3
Picture Playhouse plans, Sussex Street approved
Burrell's Walk – 242 applications for accommodation, 74 in occupation of tenements and on completion of the first part of the housing scheme would be accommodation for further 60; 108 for whom no accommodation. Two of the wards were still in occupation of military who could not vacate for another month # c.21.4 # c.23
Housing scheme land on Chesterton & Milton Roads, Mrs Gurney will sell her land
Castle Hotel claim under Riot Damages Act
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1920 03 31 CIP
Recent 'Rag,'—A report will be presented to Cambridge Town Council tomorrow (Thursday) by the Watch Committee in respect to claims under the Riot (Damages) Act arising out of the recent "rag" in Cambridge. The Town Clerk reported to the Watch Committee that three claims had been received under the Riot (Damages) Act in respect of damage to the Castle Hotel amounting to £6.19s; Merton Hall amounting to £87 and St. Andrew's Hall, amounting to £14 11s. The Committee agreed that the claims in respect the Castle Hotel and At Andrew's Hall be admitted and included in the next list of bills, and that the consideration for the claim in respect of Merton House be deferred pending the receipt of a further report thereon from the Borough Surveyor. # c.36.93

Employees Welcomed Back,— There was an interesting gathering at the Co-operative Hall, Burleigh Street, Cambridge, on Wednesday evening, when the Cambridge and District Co-operative Society Ltd. gave a complimentary tea and concert formally to welcome all its employees who served in His Majesty's Forces during the war. Mr. G. R. Meaden the President of the Society, was in the chair, and at the conclusion of the tea he proposed the loyal toast and "The Returned Soldiers." Mr. James Quincey and Mr. J, Abrahams replied. Subsequently the toast of "Those we miss" was reverently acknowledged. Mr, Meaden committed on the fact that during the war every eligible man employed by the Society joined the Colours. An excellent concert was given by Mr. Hunt's concert party, and the various items of the programme were well received. The artists were Miss Dollie Hunt, Miss Dorothie Smith, Mr, Harry Collins, Mr. George Gass, and Mr, Godwin Hunt, with Mr. Arthur Noble at the piano.

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1920 04 01 CDN
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Mammoth Show to be held this year

1920 04 02 ES
Death of Frank Beldam, of Witchford, famous East Anglian horse-breeder – 20 04 02 ES

1920 04 02 WS
Murrow war memorial unveiled - 17 fallen WS 2.4.20 p8

1920 04 03 CDN
P3
building of new cinemas in Sussex Street and Guildhall Street vetoed by council
Caxton workhouse sick ward burnt out

1920 04 06 CDN
P3
Sussex Street should be widened from end to end, council says; was bit of old Cambridge

1920 04 07 CIP
Civilian Honours. A long list Of civilian war honours was issued on Tuesday night, and many Cambridge and district names figure in the promotions in, and appointment to the Civil Division of the Order of the British Empire. One of the best known is that of the Master of Christ's (Dr. A. E. Shipley), who becomes a Knight Grand Cross. In all there are nearly 5.000 names including three Dames Grand Cross. 15 Knights Grand Cross, 14 Dames Commanders. 103 Knights-Commanders, 630 CBE., 1,660 O.B.E.. and 2.600 M.B E. Among the names of local Interest are the following: Knights Grand Cross (G.B.E.: Dennison-Pender. Sir John. K.C.MG. Managing Director of Eastern Telegraph Company; Shipley, Arthur Everett, Esq., F.R.S., LL.D.. D.S.c. Vice Chancellor of Cambridge University. Commanders (C.B.E.): Durell, Colonel Arthur James Vaysisor. C.B. Honorary Treasurer. Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association; Durell, the Rev. John Carlyon Vavasor, Church Army Chief Commissioner. France. Belgium and Germany. The above are sons of the Rev. J. V. Durell for 50 years Rector of Fulbourn): Konstam, Mr. Edwin Max, O.B.E. K.C., Director of Land Drainage Branch. Board of Agriculture and Fisheries; Raikes. Mr. Henry St. John Digby. D.L.. J.P.. Chairman, Derbyshire County War Savings Committee; Townley the Rev. Charles Francis. County Director, Auxiliary Hospitals and V.A.D.'s. Cambridgeshire.

Prize Horse Sale. At St. Ives on Tuesday, April 13th, Messrs. Dilley. Son and Read are holding a special prize horse sale, entries for which close on Monday, 5th. April. Altogether £50 in prizes is being offered viz.: A silver cup (or cash) value £20 for the best heavy town mare or gelding, 4 years old or upwards; £5, £2. £1 for 2nd., 3rd and fourth respectively in the same class: a silver cup (or cash) value £10 for best van mare or gelding, 4 years old or upwards, £3 for the 2nd, £1 for 3rd; a

silver cup (or cash) value £5 for the best harness mare or gelding. 14 h.h. or over, quiet in harness £2 for the 2nd, £1 for the 3rd.

1920 04 07 Ch
Sussex Street to be widened, proposed cinema vetoed as would delay work on houses; suggestion that council buy plot and erect municipal cinema to avoid paying heavy compensation – 20 04 07a, b # c.44.6 # c.76.9

1920 04 07 CDN
P3 Harston war memorial dedicated

1920 04 09 CDN
P4
Chesterton councillors want new bridges across the Cam

1920 04 09 WS
Review work Wisbech VAD hospital WS 9.4.20 p5

March first spiritualist service - Monica College hall packed to hear Nottingham speaker WS 9.4.20 p8

1920 04 10 CDN
P3
Undergraduate riots - claims received under the Riot (Damages) Act over damage to Castle Hotel, Merton House & St Andrew's Hall
P4
First Eastern General Hospital work converting into dwellings

1920 04 14 CIP
Cycle Locks. For a good many years Cambridge has suffered from the depredations of the cycle thief, despite the vigilance of the police and numerous convictions of offenders. At a time when a bicycle is such an expensive Item, and thieves are as active as ever, the invention of a simple lock has corns as a great boon to cyclists and motor cyclists. A well known Cambridge scientific engineer—Mr. O. W. Hallen, of 58a Bridge Street —gave some thought to the matter, and he has devised a simple invention which will readily command itself to owners of bicycles and which should effectively reduce the number of thefts of machines from the streets. The lock is a permanent attachment to the cycle or motor-cycle, and when it is thrown into action it prevents the rotation of the wheels. The device consists of a clip to fix on the forks of a bicycle, and a moving lever secured by a padlock. When the bicycle is left unattended the lever is pushed inwards towards the wheel and locked. It is then impossible to ride the machine, as the lever obstructs the spoke of the wheel. When the lever is withdrawn by the rider it does not interfere with the free movement of the spokes. Small and unobtrusive, Mr. Hallen's device weighs but a few-ounces, and is practically stamped from one piece of metal. A thief could neither unscrew it nor break it without the use of extreme force, and as the lever will probably be case hardened when produced on a larger scale, it will be almost impossible to file through it. The device should not prove expensive, and the largest item will lie in the cost of the padlock selected by the cyclist himself. Mr. Hallen is at present negotiating with several large firms of cycle accessory makers for mass production of the device on a large scale. # c.26.485

Billiards. .....- The final of the Billiards Handicap of 150 up, organised by the Histon Institute took place at the Institute on Thursday evening. The finalists were Messrs, Cyril Littlewood (owed 60) and Frank Smith (owed I5). After an interesting game the former won by 33 points. The full list of prize-winners for the handicap is as under, some very keen and interesting games having been played: 1 C. Littlewood, 2 Frank Smith, 3 George Adams, 4 Percy Vialls.
Messrs. George Oakman and Claud Wilson were awarded prizes for being the closest losers in the preliminary and first rounds.

1920 04 14 Ch
John F. Symonds clerk Chesterton Guardians for 40 years – 20 04 14a
Accident cyclist and lorry at Histon – photos – 20 04 14b # Y.His.K20 #Q.Al.K20
Borough housing scheme – 20 04 14c
Gas Company workmen return from war – 20 04 14c # c.45.5 # c.24.4

1920 04 14 CDN
P3
Washes flooded between Upware & Ely, drainage engines in Burwell fen working at full pressure, men patrolling in thigh boots

1920 04 16 CDN
P4
Terah F. Hooley auction sale

1920 04 16 WS
Wisbech fire brigade now mobile - rather than have to wait for horses to pull the fire engine they had now got a motor lorry - three-ton Daimler - which fitting with towing bar to pull the fire engine behind and with a rail on the back so that the firemen can ride on back of lorry holding on; tried it out with false alarm to Needham Hall at Fridaybridge - which got to in 20 minutes from alarm being raised WS 16.4.20 p8

1920 04 21 CDN
P4
Residents in the neighbourhood of Dimock's Cote are desirous that the road on either side of the river may be connected with a bridge. The Military constructed the road during the war to carry military traffic towards the East Coast. A pontoon bridge was erected but this has now been removed and although there is an excellent road on either side of the river at this point there is no means of crossing the river. The County Council have considered the question and report that two tenders have been received for the construction of a bridge over the Cam and over the Old West River. But the population of the district was not likely to increase and they could not see any reason for the vast expenditure. Lieut-Col Tebbutt said the road was more important to the eastern counties than to Cambridgeshire. It connected Norfolk and Suffolk with the Midlands and he could not see why the County Council should be expected to provide a large sum of money in respect to the bridge. While it was desirable it is not an urgent matter. But the District Councils have made the road up to Main Road standard and there had been an understanding that the County would erect a bridge. It was in the interests of agriculturalists and the absence of a bridge a real difficulty. It was agreed to negotiate with the Ministry of Transport with a view to getting a grant towards the cost. 20 04 21c

1920 04 21
New Road. A proposed road in Cambridge, which new will relieve the pressure of traffic in Silver Street, was described at a meeting of the Cambs. County Council on Saturday. The Town Council had written to the County authorities stating that they proposed to promote a Bill in the ensuing session of Parliament, and that they would be prepared to insert a clause providing for the construction by the County Council for a by-pass road from the Barton Road to Hills Road, with the necessary bridges. The Roads Committee of the County Council considers that such a road would he a desirable improvement, and the County Surveyor, the County Architect, and the Borough Surveyor are to confer with a view to preparing a plan showing the suggested links for the proposed new road, together with an estimate of the cost. Alderman J. Q. Vinter said that the time had come when there should be proper communications between these districts. Councillor W. L. Rayners observing that the scheme might not be clear to some members of …. It consisted of a road starting at the corner of the Barton Road, next to the Caius Ground, going down .over a sort of drift way towards the bathing sheds at the bottom of the Lammas Ground, which the Borough bought a little while ago,

then across some private land reaching the river.There was a bridge, and over that bridge the road would join on the Pemberton Estate and link up with Chaucer Road, then reaching the main London road. It would then turn back a little way to the bridge over the Brook, joining up with Brooklands Avenue. It would make a main by-pass road which would avoid the necessity of using Silver Street, a main road with a bridge which was often dangerous for the traffic. The County Council agreed that the Town Council should be asked to insert a clause to the proposed bill 20 04 21a # c.49.6

1920 04 21 Ch
Girton war memorial unveiled – photos – 20 04 21b # Y.Gir.K20, WLW.Gir.K20

1920 04 23 CDN
P4
Maypole Dairy Company 22nd annual meeting

1920 04 24 CDN
Number of pages increases from 4 to 8
P5
Varsity garage engineer sues taxi-cab proprietor over repairs

1920 04 27 CDN
P3
Skeleton of woman dug up by plain clothed police on Midsummer Common # c.32.3

1920 04 28 CIP
Li-Col. Clayton's promise. Lt-Col. M. C. Clayton, D.S.O., D.L., is about to carry into execution a promise which he made on the occasion of the reunion of the Cambridgeshire' Regiment. The commanding officer then said that when the Territorial Force was reconstructed he would "stump the county" if necessary to re-enlist the support of those who had fought with him on the Continent. The popular colonel will preside at a recruiting meeting to be held in the Drill Hall, East Road, Cambridge, on Friday, May 7. All old members of the battalion whether warrant officers, N.C.O.s or men, are cordially invited to meet Col. Clayton on that occasion. The gathering is fixed for 7 p.m. It should be noted that in accordance with a recent Army order, men with slight war disabilities who are considered, medically fit otherwise may be enlisted in the Territorial Force on the authority of a medical officer

Remarkable discovery. A remarkable discovery has been made at Cambridge during the past week. On Friday last, while a number .of workmen employed by the Cambridge Electric Supply Company were engaged in digging operations in Midsummer Common, near Forth Terrace, one of the men came across a human skull. The police were immediately communicated with, and at about 2 o'clock on Monday, a small number of plain-clothes officers proceeded to the spot, and after about an hour the remainder of a skeleton, practically intact, was unearthed. The bones were carefully removed, placed in a box and then conveyed to the police station. The skeleton, which is that of a woman, was barely a couple of feet below, the turf, and the medical opinion is that it had been laid there for probably over 50 years. # c.41

1920 04 28 Ch
Woman’s skeleton unearthed Midsummer Common – 20 04 28a

1920 04 30 CDN
P3
Old English Folk Dance Society exhibition in Corn Exchange

1920 04 30 ES
Manea war memorial – photo – 20 04 30 ES, WS

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1920 05 01 CDN
P3
May Day in Cambridge – building workers take a holiday to celebrate; procession through the town # c.32.5 # c.39
Exhibition of drawings by Francis Dodd & Henry Rushbury

1920 05 03 CDN
P4
Parker's Piece meeting demands recognition of Russia

1920 05 05 CIP
Dangerous Driving Epidemic. A number of undergraduates appeared at Cambridge Police Court on Friday to answer summonses in respect to their alleged Dangerous driving of motor vehicles in the town. A stern magisterial warning was given by Alderman A. S. Campkin the chairman of the magistrates, and the driver's licence of one of the offenders was suspended for a month. Alderman Campkin said that there was quite an epidemic of furious driving by motor cyclists, who were greater offenders than the drivers of motor cars. The epidemic seemed to have broken down again, and some strong effort would be made to prevent it if possible. Motor cyclists were racing up and down the streets. There were dangerous corners and dangerous cross streets in the town, and some people felt that it would be desirable to make some regulation to restrict the pace of motor vehicles to 10 miles an hour. Such a regulation would have a salutary effect.

Special Constables, — At the Cambridge Divisional Bench on Saturday the following special constables were re-sworn: Messrs. Charles Careless, Harold Davies, Peter Grain, Benjamin Kent and Lewis Smith. The chairman (Mr. W. W. Clear) thanked the special constables for the assistance they had rendered to the police in the past.

Appointment. At a meeting of the County War Pensions Committee, held at Cambridge on Saturday, candidates for the post of cashier and accounts clerk were interviewed. Six applicants appeared before the Committee and ultimately the appointment went to Mr, G, B. Hosegood, of 89 Mill Road, Cambridge, who prior to the war was cashier and ledger clerk at Messrs. Matthew and Sons, Trinity Street. Subsequent of demobilisation he has held the position of finance officer at the local Employment Exchange. 20 05 05

1920 05 05 Ch
New Street Men's Bible Class memories in lantern lecture; boys revolted when teacher struck lad – 20 05 05a # c.83 # c.37.9
Plan and sketches of houses to be erected in Cherry Hinton district to relieve housing shortage – 20 05 05b # c.23

1920 05 07 CDN
P3
Mammoth Show will not be held after all

1920 05 10 CDN
P4
National council for combatting venereal disease, Cambridge branch 3rd annual meeting # c.21.1

1920 05 11 CDN
P3
Sussex Street widening too expensive

Burrells Walk agree plans for remainder of the buildings which have been handed over; question of branch library – no

1920 05 12 CIP
Steeplechase Cups Stolen,—During Sunday night three houses on the London to Newmarket Road, in the neighbourhood of Fulbourn and Wilbraham, were broken into and thefts of a more or less extensive character perpetrated. In the first instance a house known as Worsted Lodge was entered via a window after forcing back the catch, and two old watches were stolen. All the doors of the various rooms in the house were locked, so that the thief only gained access to the first room. During the same night the house on Shardelowes Farm, Fulbourn was entered in a similar manner. The only thing taken, however, was a locked cash-box containing papers, and it is somewhat significant that a number of plated articles were left untouched. In the third case the house of Mr. George Long, of Wilbraham, received attention and here the nocturnal marauder or marauders made a more substantial "'haul," a number of silver steeplechase cups, silver spoons, rose bowls, and other household silver being carried off. Here, again, plated articles were ignored. The three houses are all within a radius of three miles, and each stands in an isolated position. The County Police authorities have the matter under investigation.

Telephone Kiosks. The Borough Council will tomorrow be asked to approve of the erection of telephone kiosks under the shelter at Hyde Park Corner, and near Sidgwick Avenue (or the side of Queens' Road). Suggested sites on the Newmarket Road (near Abbey Road) and on the public footpath on Mill Road (near Catharine Street) have failed to secure the approval of the Paving Committee, and in the former case the Borough Surveyor has been asked to select a suitable position in Sun Street, whilst in the latter the Post Office authorities have been requested to obtain another site on private property. The attention of the Post Office authorities is to be drawn to the need of a kiosk in the Cambridge Without District and a request made for the erection of one at the junction of Cherry Hinton … # c.27.75

1920 05 12 Ch
Mammoth Show abandoned due prohibitive expense – 20 05 12a # c.38
Fulbourn war memorial unveiled – photos – 20 05 12b # Y.Ful.K20 # WLW.Ful.K20
Queen, Princess Mary and Prince George pay informal visit to Trinity – 20 05 12c # c.02

1920 05 14 CDN
P3
Sussex Street widening, long secret debate
College servants' wages, eight colleges grant increases
P4
Sussex Street cinema lively discussion, not approve plans # c.76.9

1920 05 19 CIP
missing

1920 05 19 Ch
Sussex Street widening – to purchase land south side to widen to width of 28 feet or purchase entire site; reject cinema plans – 20 05 19a

1920 05 19 CDN
P3
Haig and Jellicoe, famous war chiefs, honorary degrees; 'chaired by undergraduates # c.45.5 # c.36.9

1920 05 20 CDN
p3
plans for tea and concert garden at Chesterton Road considered

Guildhall Cinema plans on site of the Black Swan, Fabb & Tyler printing works and an empty shop – should concentrate on building homes # c.76.9
University Engineering Labs, Scroop Terrace – if not approved students would go elsewhere # c.36.9 P4

1920 05 21 CDN
P4
Cambridge Town Rowing Club first annual meeting since 1914

1920 05 21 WS
Emneth memorial WS 21.5.20 p5

1920 05 22 CDN
P3
Trinity College waiters strike; more money demanded; undergraduates serve themselves - # c.32.5 # c.36.9

1920 05 26 CIP
Stable fire. Three farm horses were burnt to death in a fire which broke out at 10 p.m. on Friday in the stables of Crawcutts Farm, Histon. This is the breeding place of Messrs. Olivers' herd of middle white pigs, but fortunately the herd was uninjured. The origin of the outbreak is unknown. The buildings were constructed in wood which had been tarred and creosoted, and they were quickly destroyed. The harness room and one or two small outbuildings were also burnt out, and large quantities of straw bedding blazed furiously. Thirty pigs and a valuable horse were rescued from the danger zone but efforts to remove the three farm horses were unavailing. The fire engine from Messrs. Chivers' factory was taken to the scene of the outbreak, and within a short time firemen and volunteers had the conflagration well under control. Within an hour the fire had been completely extinguished.

Theatre. Next to Stevenson's inimitable stories of the Oceanic Islands, or Joseph Conrad's wonderful tales of the Malay and the South Seas," The Bird Of Paradise," takes rank among the best. The scenes are laid in the Hawaiian Islands, and are very beautifully staged. The storm in the first act is among the most effective things of its kind. "The Bird of Paradise" is one of Macdonald and Young's best productions, and should find a big public in Cambridge next week,

1920 05 26 Ch
Building restrictions may mean unemployment; cinema and ‘luxury buildings’ vetoed, Engineering Lbs to erect workshops Scroope Terrace – 20 05 26a
Admiral Jellicoe & Earl Haig receive Honorary Degrees; Haig ‘chaired’ by undergraduates– photos – 20 05 26b, c # c.36.9

1920 05 28 WS
Serious fire Wisbech; Swan mill and workshop destroyed – three acres of flames - English Bros works Nene Parade absolutely gutted and 200 cottages evacuated - developed into colossal fiery furnace - first incident reorganised brigade had to deal with and magnificent WS 28.5.20p5

1920 05 29 CDN
P3
News by wireless phone; CDN report picked up message from wireless station near Lands End

1920 05 31 CDN
P3
Coldham’s Lane signal box destroyed by fire # c.26.2

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1920 06 02 CIP
Police Promotion. Sergeant Clerk Evans, of the Headquarters of the County Police, has recently been promoted to the rank of Inspector and Chief Clerk. Inspector Evans joined the force at Cambridge on July 4th, 1904 and on May 1st, 1919 was promoted to Sergeant. Since that date he has been doing the Chief Clerk's work which carries with it the rank of inspector. He has discharged his duties in that capacity to the entire satisfaction of the Chief Constable and his promotion is well merited. He has been a very hard working and painstaking officer. He has excellent abilities and on more than one occasion has been complimented by the magistrates on his astuteness. Inspector Evans has been stationed at headquarters during the whole of his career as a police officer.

Memorial Unveiled. The parochial war memorial in connection with St. John Hills Road, Cambridge was unveiled last (Tuesday) evening by Bishop Price, Archdeacon of Ely. The memorial, which was designed by Mr. A. P. Macalister takes the form of a tablet in the south wall of the chancel. Underneath the representation of a dove hovering over a field of battle, is a polished brass plate bearing the names of 45 men of the parish who fell in the war. The memorial is in Hopton Wood stone in early English style, and was executed by Messrs. Leyton and Leach. 20 06 03 # c.62

1920 06 02 Ch
Beaconsfield Conservative Club pay off debt – 20 06 02a # c.33
Developing the Norfolk oil shale will ensure large home oil supply – 20 06 02b
Histon fire Cawcutt's Farm – photo – 20 06 02c
Christ's College 'ghost' walks; 'Christopher Round' captured and ducked in swimming pool – 20 06 02d # c.39
St John's church and St Barnabas church war memorials unveiled – 20 06 02e, 20 06 09b # c.62

1920 06 02 CDN
P4
Woollard family not to be evicted from Sturton Street home, follows meeting on Parkers Piece to consider treatment of soldiers and sailors who had come back disabled and with nothing to fall back on. A cordon of people should stand round the house and prevent the planned eviction said Stubbs # c.23 # c.32.9

1920 06 03 CDN
P4
Pritchard Rayner estate sold at Ely – 72 lots including Adelaide farm, baker's shop in St Mary's Street, land Cawdle Fen, Padnal, West Fen, Waterloo House, Grunty Fen

1920 06 04 CDN
P3
St Barnabas war memorial unveiled # c.62

1920 06 04 WS
Wisbech damage estimated £50,000 - hundreds came to look, thefts from salvaged goods WS 4.6.20 p5

Louth, Lincs overwhelmed by torrential floods - during thunderstorm a tiny stream running through town became a flood overrunning banks, uprooted walls, demolished bridges, smashed buildings; many lives lost, 22 bodies recovered already. River Lud usually only three-four yards across - became torrent of 200 yards wide, 50 houses washed away, 700 damaged; 800-1000 people homeless now housed in workhouse and with friends WS 4.6.20 p6

Bolshevism at first hand - account of life in Odessa WS 4.6.20 p8

1920 06 05 CDN

P4
Cambridge laundry workers demand higher rates of pay, college servants' wages
First Eastern General Hospital arrangement with colleges only temporary, when agreement comes to an end there will be over 200 more families to be provided for. At present are 128 families in occupation
New picture postcards of Cambridge from the sky, coloured or plain, at Metcalfe's # c.65.5

1920 06 07 CDN
P3
Railway accident at Queen Adelaide junction

1920 06 08 CDN
P3
P4
Landbeach war memorial unveiled

1920 06 09 CIP
County War Pensions.—A meeting of the County War Pensions Committee was held at the County Hall, Cambridge, on Saturday, when Mr. E. Mellish Clark presided, and those present were: Lady Newton, Lady Walston, Mrs. J Brocklebank, Mrs. Brown, Dr. J. W. Ellis, Messrs. P. M. Ayres, W C. Bull. J. Diver, A. R. Fordham, P. G. Garrard, W. G, Hutchings, A. B. Jacobs, W. Randall, A. Tabrum and Mr. J. H. Thomas, with the Secretary (Mr. E. Cowell). Mr. Tabrum moved the adoption of the report of the Staff Sub-Committee, which stated that the resignation of the Chief Clerk. Miss K. R. Fordham, was received, and it was resolved, "That an advertisement be inserted in the local papers for a chief clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Fordham, and that preference be given to an ex-Service man and a candidate possessing a knowledge of shorthand and typing." It was further resolved "That the Secretary be re-quested to ask permission of the Ministry of Pensions to allow the Committee to pay a salary of £182 per annum (the salary payable to a grade 1 clerk's.) In doing so, Mr. Tabrum said that the Committee owed a great deal to the devoted work which Miss Fordham had given during the long period of her association with the Committee. She started rather more than three years ago during the time he (Mr. Tabrum) was hon. secretary, and he knew from his own personal experience the great assistance which she had been. She was very quick and ready to grasp the complicated regulations, and grew as the work developed. The Committee should not accept her resignation without expressing their warm appreciation of her services. It was a compliment to Miss Fordham that the subcommittee recommended the appointment of a grade 1 clerk. Only a grade 1 clerk was competent to do the work which she had been doing. Miss Brown seconded, and the Chairman also associated himself with Mr. Tabrum's remarks. The report was adopted, it being agreed that the sub-committee interview the applicants for the chief clerkship and recommended not less than four for consideration by the Committee.

1920 06 09 Ch
Cowper Road house struck by lightning – photo – 20 06 09a # B.Cow.K20

1920 06 09 CDN
P4
Lilian Clarke decorated by King of Belgians for devoted service during war; she undertook translations for the Labour Exchange and interpreting at Tribunal, lectured to Belgian students and produced guide in French

1920 06 11 CDN
P4
St Botolph church war memorials unveiled # c.62

1920 06 16 CIP

The reliability trial (147 miles) for the President's fifteen guinea challenge cup, the winner to hold the cup for one year, attracted 14 entries, of whom ten started and nine completed the course The route was at follows:—Outward, Cambridge to Linton. Haverhill, Clare, Long Melford, Sudbury, Boxford, Hadleigh Colchester (George Hotel), and homeward via Colchester, Coggeshall, Braintree, Dunmow, Bishop's Stortford, Dane-Bridge, Wedford, Wedbury Hall, Ware. Puckeridge, Buntingford, Royston, Melbourn. Headquarters. Garage and Green Street. Results: —Challenge Cup and 1st prize. Mr. J, Kerridge (lost 44 marks). 2nd prize, Mr. P. C. Holland (lost 52 marks, 3rd prize. Mr. P. V. Wallis (lost 60 marks). Other competitors, included: Mr. K. Sanderson (lost 65 marks), Mr. D. J. Fleming (lost 67 marks), Mr. S F, Robinson (lost 91 marks), Mr. C. F T. Rose (lost 93 marks), and C. T. Mott (lost 111 marks). All competitors made non-stop runs. The membership of the Club is now 90.

Fire Discovered,—Early on Sunday a fire was discovered in the stable-lads' dining room at Stanley House (Mr. G. Lambton's place at Newmarket). Mr. J. Cannon directed the lads in charge of the stable hose and the fire was put out before the local fire engine arrived. The damage is estimated at £400.

Picture of Deep Interest—From Thursday to Saturday a picture of deep interest will be on the programme at the Playhouse, entitled "Sins of the Children," based on the well-known novel by Cosmo Hamilton; the film will be thoroughly enjoyed by all who are conversant with this famous writer's tales. Knut Brook, the mirthful mystic, will provide a very fine interlude. On Monday and all this week the famous work of D. W. Griffith. "Broken Blossoms" which had a run of seven weeks at the Alhambra? will be shown. We can only reiterate the praise the great journals of the country have bestowed on this masterpiece, viz., that it is the greatest achievement of the silent stage. Edna Lome, a great contralto, pays a very welcome return visit this week.

1920 06 16 Ch
Landbeach war memorial unveiled – photos – 20 06 16a # Y.Land.K20 # WLW.Lan.K20
St Botolph's war memorial unveiled – 20 06 16b # c.62
Hon degrees Lloyd George, Bonar Law and Adnmiral Beatty but no ragging

1920 06 17 CDN
P3
Picture Playhouse Company appeal for erection of a kinema on the Sussex Street site # c.76.9
Railway accident station; wagon lifter crushed

1920 06 18 CDN
P3
Gwydir Street grocer, Henry Butler, bankruptcy hearing
Telephone for deaf demonstrated # c.27.75

1920 06 19 CDN
P4
Prince Albert, Duke of York leaves as undergraduate, describes being 'progged' for smoking # c.02

1920 06 21 CDN
P3
Poem on the arrival of the fair
P4
Swimming – only one man responsible for supervision of men's and boy's bathing places, frequently by up to 3,000 in a few hours – inquest on 10-year-old boy hears; not right that small boys should bathe so close to the girls – everyone ran about half-clad – not good for morals # c.38 : swimming

1920 06 22 CDN
P3

Midsummer fair proclamation

1920 06 23 CIP
Sir George Fordham, whose name has been mentioned as the possible choice of the Cambridgeshire Labour Party at the next General Election, returned from the Continent last week. On Saturday afternoon the "Cambridge Chronicle" invited Sir George to express his views with respect to the County political situation, but the ex-Chairman of the County Council declined to be interviewed at this juncture. While nothing has been decided with respect to his candidature, Sir George Fordham readily admitted that he was spoiling for a fight and gave expression to his sympathies with Labour. He said that he regarded the Labour Party as 'the great motive power of the future."

Fruit Growers. The half-yearly general meeting of the West Cambs, Fruit Growers' Association was held at the County Hall Cambridge, on Saturday, when the proposed establishment of a new Horticultural Research Station was discussed. Mr. Gautrey remarked that if the Government wanted to establish this Research Station they should pat their own money down. They had wasted large sums of money not benefiting the community in the past and he understood that Wisbech fruit growers for their part did not intend to contribute anything towards this Station unless the Government took the initial step. On the motion of Mr. Langan it was agreed that no action be taken in this matter. Tendering his resignation of the office of secretary to the Association Mr. Sidney Smith said the Association had grown considerably since its formation and the work really demanded more time than he could spare. Mr, Smith was ultimately prevailed 1 upon to continue in office until the end of the year.

1920 06 23 Ch
An unusual scene was witnessed outside the Senate House, Cambridge when a number of young graduates attired in evening dress and wearing bachelors' hoods over their gowns settled down to a game of marbles on the steps of the building. An old statue of the University permits its graduates to indulge in this enthralling pursuit on the Senate House steps but for many years no graduate has availed himself of the privilege. Saturday's players attended the Senate House to be admitted to their degrees and as soon as the ceremony was concluded they produced chalk and bottles and marbles and entered into a lively game on the top step of the southern exit from the building. Had they attempted the game before the ceremony a phlegmatic Proctor and his top hatted bulldogs with no doubt have put a stop to the proceedings. But having been admitted as graduates of the university the players were protected by a musty old law and they carried on with impunity. Marbles were a popular game at one time. The marbles themselves could be carried about so easily that at the 'elevens' past generations of Cambridge tradesman, having broken from business for refreshment, challenged neighbours and friends to try conclusions on the street pavements. The gutters ran with marbles and it appears that the University statute was framed in order that graduates might enjoy their contests in comparative privacy. A doctor in his scarlet robe could not with dignity flop down in Petty Cury and carry on a marble competition with any don who he chanced to meet. The cunning of the men of learning with the nimble glass alleys could not be revealed to the vulgar crowds of loafers and errand boys. So the sedate old Fellows went inside the Senate House railings and without interference or interruption– 20 06 23a, photo 23d # c.39 # c.36.92
Cinema plans appeal, building trade operatives protest against delay – 20 06 23b
May Week 'mystery ships' photos – 20 06 23c

1920 06 28 CDN
P3
Sylvester's Circus comparatively new; has two rings, military band, elephants, rough riders, clowns # c.76

1920 06 30 CIP

Council Staff. The County Hall Committee has considered the resolution of the Cambs. County Council that the time has arrived when it is necessary to provide increased accommodation for the Council's staff. Sir Douglas Newton reported the result of an interview with the Bursar of Christ's College if they are prepared to sell Bene't House. The owners of the ground rents of the adjoining properties occupied by Mr. P. Morley and Messrs. Eaden Lilley and Co., Ltd., are to be approached with a view to the purchase of the freehold of the property, and Mr, Percy W. Gray. (Scruby and Gray) was asked to advise the Committee what offer they should make for the Riding School site, At a subsequent meeting the Clerk of the Council reported as to negotiations for ad-joining property, and submitted a valuation by Messrs. Scruby and Gray for the Riding School site. It was then agreed to recommend the County Council to authorise the Committee to make an offer for the Riding School site for the amount of the valuation. The Committee also resolved that the amount to be reported to the County Finance Committee as the sum likely to be required for capital expenditure during the next five years should be: Extension of County Hall, including site and equipment, £21,000.# c.35.1

Agricultural Show. Owing to the outbreak of foot and mouth disease it has been decided not to hold any classes for cattle, sheep, pigs and goats at the Cambs. and Isle of Ely Agricultural Show at Chatteris on July 4th. The show, however, promises to be an interesting one notwithstanding, and in addition to the shire, hackney and hunter classes, there will be riding, harness, turnouts, and jumping classes, and the butter, cream cheese, and eggs competitions. There is also a record entry of implements. 20 06 23

1920 06 30 Ch

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1920 07 01 CDN
P3
Inspector Lazarus Marsh retires, presentation, did not have an enemy in the town

1920 07 02 CDN
P3
Playhouse appeal against decision to block Sussex Street cinema lost # c.76.9

1920 07 02
Wagons of hay burnt at Stretham: Messrs R. Drake's steam tractor with two wagons laden with bales of hay on outskirts when a spark from the engine ignited the hay in the first wagon and flames quickly spread to second load. The whole was soon well alight and as no water was available the men in charge could not cope with the outbreak. Large columns of smoke arose and this and the blazing hay blocked for the road for some time until the engine was able to move the wagons on to the road-side where they burned until a late hour – 20 07 02 ES
Peterborough aeroplane fatality – pilot and two passengers killed in crash – 20 07 02 (3) ES

1920 07 03 CDN
P3
Battle of bottles between two whelk merchants at Trumpington feast
P4
The first great conference since 1914 has been eminently successful, receptions and visitors have enjoyed privilege of taking meals in colleges; not since Darwin Centenary of 1909 has there been such a brilliant display of colour in the streets when guests hurrying to events. 1,000 doctors from around world attended the BMA conference # c.29

1920 07 07 CIP
Cycle Handicap. A 25-mile cycle handicap promoted by Histon Institute Cycling Club took place on the Huntingdon Road on Saturday afternoon. The following were the winners- l Bert O Adams (1 hour 6 mins. 34 secs.) 2 R. Alexander (1 hour 7 mins 9 secs), 3 Percy Butler (1 hour 9 mins, 7 secs.).

Bert Adams had the fastest time of 1 hour 12 mins. 49 secs., and Messrs. E. and B. Grimwood tied for second place for the fastest time. In conjunction with the event there was a team race between teams captained by the captain of the Club (Mr. E. Grimwood) and the treasurer (Mr. W. Beavis). This was won by Mr. Beavis's team.

Fire at March. — An outbreak of fire occurred at March on Friday morning, resulting in considerable damage being done to a building used as a motor garage, with hay loft above, in the yard of the White Hart Hotel, March. On the outbreak being discovered the Fire Brigade were summoned, arid Mr. Watenfield removed the horses and the motor cars. Capt. Bond was quickly on the scene, and with one of his men he connected hose with the hydrant on the Market Place, and soon had a jet of water playing on the fire. It was this prompt action which probably kept the outbreak in check and prevented it spreading to the adjoining buildings.

1920 07 07 Ch
Burwell Dr Evatt allegations – 20 07 07a
Picture Playhouse Cinema appeal against refusal planning rejected by court – 20 07 07c # c.76.9
Travelling showmen attend funeral Lord George Harvey – 20 07 07d
Lazarus Marsh presentation, tribute – 20 07 07e # c.34.7

1920 07 07 CDN
P3
Volunteer Fire Brigade farewell dinner to Lieut Diver, Capt Greef makes presentation, memories of last 20 years # c34.75

1920 07 09 CDN
P4
Cinemas or houses – work wanted for unemployed, no skilled men are out of work; cinema could be finished before any housing scheme would be ready and men had pledged to leave any work for housing when needed # c.32.3

1920 07 10 CDN
P3
Public houses considered for closure – Victoria, Barrington; Guilden Morden Pig & Whistle, Cherry Hinton Hopbine, Castle Camps George & Dragon, Linton Axe & Saw, King Street Boot, Chesterton High Street Indian Chief, Newnham Road Tally Ho, East Road Turnstile, Gwydir Street Dew Drop # c.27.4

1920 07 12 CDN
P4
Cambridgeshire Agricultural Committee first meeting – a new epoch opening with far-reaching changes

1920 07 13 CDN
P3
Burwell doctor suicide following inquiry into misconduct
P4
Training disable soldiers – 100 in classes for diamond cutting, clock repairing, jewellery, carpentry and joinery and bespoke tailoring; men come from around the country # c.45.5

1920 07 14 CIP
Permanent Officials. Strong protest against any unnecessary increases of the permanent officials of the Corporation at this time was made by Councillor E. V Johnson at a meeting yesterday (Tuesday) of the Borough Education Committee when a recommendation was brought forward by the School Attendance Committee that a third school attendance officer be appointed, that such officer be a woman, and that her commencing salary be £140 per annum. Mr. Johnson said that the Borough

Council was threatened with very grave increases in the salaries of its officials, and he did not think this was a time when they should add to the permanent staff. They already had two school attendance officers, who were costing about £400 per annum, and he expressed the opinion that a third was not necessary. Mr. Starr strongly supported the views ex-pressed by Mr. Johnson that this was not the time to make unnecessary additions to their staff, and asked the question whether municipal officers were really putting their backs into things. The recommendation was approved by a majority to two, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Starr voting against.

Gift to Hospital. A contribution of £1.000 has been made to Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, by Mr. Thomas Norman, of Shelby, Iowa, a former resident of Willingham, in appreciation of the splendid service rendered to Mr. Norman's family during their residence in England, at which time they were in a far from rich position. The gift was received by the hospital authorities through the agency of Dr. Kine of Willingham. Fifty years ago Mr. Thomas Norman's brother, Edmund, was a patient in the hospital, and the donation is given for the purpose of endowing a bed in his memory in the hospital. The donation has been invested in 3 per cent War Loan, and the interest will be a permanent addition to the annual income of the hospital. A brass plate will be provided recording the endowment of the bed. Mr. Will Norman, a cousin of Mr. Thomas Norman, is still resident at Willingham.

1920 07 14 Ch
W.B. Redfern of Milton Hall collection of hunting swords featured in ‘Connoisseur’ magazine – 20 07 14a
Leys school a modern public school – 20 07 14b
Licences refused: "Victoria" Barrington last year sold 22 barrels and no bottles of beer - five licenced houses in village - av 97 people per house.
Pig & whisle, Guilden Morden - one barrel a week, seven pubs.
Hopbine, Cherry Hinton - rooms dark and low ceilinged - seven other pubs - but did good trade - licence refused.
George & Dragon Castle Camps - five others in 432 yards.
Axe & Saw, Linton - was barber’s shop attached which undesirable & poor sanitary arrangements.
Cambridge - Boot, King St; Indian Chief, Chesterton; Tally Ho, Newnham Road, "Turnstile", East Road, "Dew Drop”, Gwydir Street. – 20 07 14b

King & Harper largest garage – illustrated advert – 20 07 14c

1920 07 17 CDN
P4
British Red Cross Society ambulances stationed at March and Cambridge are available for anybody at charge of 1s 3d per mile # c.21.1
Y.W.C.A. Hostel moves from Barton Road to Chesterton Road overlooking the river # c.32.9

1920 07 21 CIP
Tennis Final.—The final of the tennis tournament (mixed doubles) in connection with the garden party held in Caius Fellows Garden, in aid of Dr. Barnardo’s Homes, was played off on Wednesday, when Miss Enid Bird and Lieut- Brodie met Mrs Buckley and Mr. Thoday. The game resulted in a win for the latter by 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.

Football Tournament,—Among the local attractions arranged for Bank Holiday is an interesting six-a-side football tournament which is being organised by the Committee of the Cambridge Town Football Club. Magdalene College Ground, Milton Road, has been secured as the venue for the competitions and 16 teams have entered. Refreshments and teas will be provided on the ground, and during the afternoon musical selections will be given by the Cambridge Borough Police Band. Dancing will wind up in what should prove an enjoyable and unique Bank Holiday function.

A remarkable film to be seen at the Victoria Cinema today (Wednesday) is the five-part drama, "The Two-Soul Woman, or Can a Devil and an Angel inhabit one body." Miss Priscilla Dean is seen in the chief character. Charlie Chaplin, funnier than ever, causes endless merriment in his impersonation of the floorwalker. Thursday. Friday and Saturday A fine romance, "Whims of. Society," will be shown, and a rollicking Sunshine comedy. ‘‘Her Private Husband," is sure to please.

1920 07 21 Ch
British Red Cross Society motor ambulance service a boon – details –- not yet running 12 months but conveyed 100 patients over more than 2,000 miles - cars atationed at March & Cambridge - prepared to take cases to hospitals and nursing homes 20 07 21a
Co-op outing by bus – photos – 20 07 21b

1920 07 22 CDN
P3
Train crashes into buffers at station and mounted platform, front came to stop short distance from station buildings; platform ploughed up for some yards # c.26.2
P4
Police roll of honour – 30 members joined Colours during the war – list # c.34.7

1920 07 23 CDN
P3
Boy crushed by traction engine at Littleport

1920 07 23 WS
Keiller staff - over 200 - sit down to tea in one of the converted army huts now recreation room, Wisbech WS 23.7.20 p5

1920 07 24 CDN
P4
Suggestion to organise small corps of official guides to show visitors round town; would afford employment for a few reliable discharged soldiers # c.46.45

1920 07 28 CIP
The Women Magistrates. On the occasion of the members of the Cambridge and District Women Citizens' Association last (Tuesday) evening, pleasure was expressed at the appointment of women magistrates in Cambridge. The rally was held in the garden of Sidney Sussex College under the presidency of Mrs. Heitland At the outset, Mrs. Heitland said the association had taken its part in the consideration of important questions of the day, and the members were exceedingly pleased that local women had now been appointed magistrates for the administration of the law (Hear hear.). The Vice-chairman of the Association (Mrs. Keynes) was one of the new justices and another member who had been appointed was Mrs. Bethune Baker, whose work in the police court with Mrs. Hutchinson had been of so much value in the past (Hear, hear). Other women who had worked to advance the interests of women, children and the poor had also been appointed to the Bench, and were extremely gratified by the appointment of Lady Newton in the County (Applause). They hoped that other women would be associated with Lady Newton in the near future. The Chairman referred also to the work of women who had been elected to the local authorities, and to the splendid part which they had taken in connection with the housing problem. # c.34.6

Fire at Whittlesey. A fire occurred at the residence of Mr. Edward Hubbard, in Windmill Street, Whittlesey, at the premises formerly known as the Windmill Inn, early on Saturday morning. Mr. Hubbard was aroused by his daughter, who was awakened by a creaking noise in the chimney immediately adjoining the bedroom, and on inspection a beam was found, to be on fire. Mr Hubbard at once aroused the other inmates, and after throwing a few buckets of water on the fire, went for the Fire Brigade, who were soon on the spot and succeeded in getting the fire under control before it had made much headway.

1920 07 28 Ch
Railway station accident – engine mounted the platform, no injuries – 20 07 28a # c.26.2
Rock Hotel sold licensee of Panton Arms – 20 07 28b

1920 07 30 WS
Wisbech say house building on 40 houses Elm road too slow - too few men employed by contractor - complaints that luxury building should stop to allow more houses

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1920 08 04 CIP
Hotel sold. Considerable interest was taken in the sale conducted by Messrs. Chalk at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Saturday afternoon, when the auctioneers offered for disposal the valuable freehold hotel, known as 'The Rock Hotel," Cherryhinton Road, Cambridge. The "Rock" is the only fully-licensed house in the district the nearest on the Cambridge side being three-quarters of a mile away and on the Cherry Hinton side a mile distant. The house was built 24 years ago, and is let to Messrs. Lacon and Co. (whose tenancy expires on October Inn next) at the annual rent of £175. The bidding was keen, offers coming from many parts of the room. The property was put in at £3,000 (offered by 'a well-known. local tradesman), and rapidly rose by bids of £50 to over £4.000. £25 bids carried the amount to approaching £5.000 and £20 bids to the final figure of £5.040. For this sum the property was bought by Mr. H. Ambrose, the licensee of "The Panton Arms" Cambridge. The auctioneers then offered the freehold house adjoining, known as "Ray Bert" Cottage, and this was purchased by the tenant, Mr. B. Jeffrey, for £700. # c.27.4

Hunts- FA.—-Lord Sandwich has been re-elected president of the Hunts. Football Association and the following have been chosen on the council: Mr. Bellamy (Yaxley). : Mr. G. Simpson (St. Ives). Mr. ; Fowler (Godmanchester), Mr. F. M Hinde (Huntingdon), and Mr. W. S. Shepherd (St. Neots). .

1920 08 04 Ch
Proposed road between Barton Rd & Trumpington Road turned down – 20 08 04a
Gas works extension needed to cope with demand – 20 08 04b

1920 08 27 ES
Wicken gleaning recalled – 60 years ago gleaners from Padney and Wicken started on Fordy Farm but driven off – 20 08 27(2) ES
Tractors and labour – illustrated article on Saunderson tractors – 20 08 27 ES

1920 08 10 CDN
P4
Prickwillow water scheme, commissioners criticised

1920 08 11 CIP
Football - The annual meeting of the Histon and District Football League was held in the Histon Institute on Wednesday evening. Mr. L. R. Neaves, of Coton, occupied the chair, and was supported by the hon. secretary of the League (Mr. J. Harold Peck), and there were representatives from the following clubs: Willingham, Cottenham North End, Milton, Comberton, Histon Institute, Girton, Oakington, Cottenham, Horningsea and Coton. Apology for non-attendance was received from Over Hotspurs. Mr. John Chivers was re-elected president of the League, arid the following vice-presidents were also elected, subject to their consent: Dr. J. M. King (Willingham), Mr. Arthur Rhodes (Histon), the Rev S. T. Adams (Cambridge). Dr. Balsam (Girton). Mr. F. H. Keats (Milton), Mr. T. F. Essex (Milton), Mr. Thomas Ivatt (Cottenham), the Rev. W C. Cooke, R.D, and the Rev. R. Smith (Histon), Mr. Philip Papworth (Oakington), Mr. John Papworth (Landbeach), the Hon. E, S. Montagu, M.P. Mr. G. Rogers (Comberton), Mr. Gordon Baker (Girton), Dr. Ellis (Cottenham), Mr. B. W. Silk (Coton), and Rev. David Oliver (Over). Mr. A. T. Rogers was re-elected hon. treasurer and Mr. J. Peck

auditor. Mr. J, Harold Peck was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. L. B. Neaves (Coton) chairman of the council. The secretary's report, which was very satisfactory, was presented by Mr. J. H. Peck. Over Hotspurs were the winners of the cup, with Coton runners-up. The treasurer's report was also presented, and showed a satisfactory balance in hand. Various alterations were made to the rules of the League and it was decided this year to present twelve medals instead of eleven as heretofore. The entrance fee to clubs this season is 10s. Entries close September 1.

1920 08 11 Ch
Salisbury Club, Thomas Coulson annexe opened; first president and principal founder – 20 08 11
Cam Sailing Club unveil tablet war dead – photos – 20 08 11a

1920 08 12 CDN
P3
St Philip's war memorial dedicated # c.62

1920 08 16 CDN
P4
Littleport Agricultural Workers' Union meeting

1920 08 18 CIP
Agricultural Wages. At a meeting of the Agricultural Wages Board held on Thursday (Mr. Collingwood Hope, K.C.. C.B.E., presiding) the Board considered the objections received to their proposal to increase the minimum rates of wages for male agricultural workers of 21 years of age and over throughout England and Wales, together with the reports on the proposal made by the various District Wages Committees. With certain minor amendments, the proposal was confirmed as an order to come into operation on Monday, the 23rd August. The general effect of the Order is to increase the minimum rates of wages for adult male workers by 4s. per week throughout the country, with the result that the minimum rates for such workers will be 46s. in 19 of the District Wages Committee areas, and will range in the other 20 areas from 46s. 6d. up to 50s. 6d. in the cases of Northumberland and Durham. The Order is also for proportionate increases in the overtime rates.

Agricultural Returns. The preliminary agricultural returns show a reduction of 344,000 acres under wheat cultivation this year as compared with 1919, but an increase in barley acreage of 127,000, the highest recorded since 1914. Potatoes are being grown on a largely increased area, the total 544.000 acres, being 70,000 acres greater than last year. The area of sugar beet, about 3,000 acres, is about eight times as large as last year. Hops have risen 4,000 acres. A reduction of 10 per cent is shown in the total number of cattle but cows are still 90,000 more than in 1913, so there is ample breeding stock to replenish the herds of the country. Sheep have been largely reduced, and stand at 13,330,000, the smallest total ever recorded. Pigs have increased, especially in the number of sows, so that the prospects of further increase appear to be good.

1920 08 18 Ch
Soham Qua Fen old lodge destroyed whilst burning wasps nest – 20 08 18
Tea Shop, a bit of old Cambridge has been demolished to make room for improvement by Herbert Robinson – photo – 20 08 18a # B.And.K20

1920 08 19 CDN
P3
Cambridge unemployment, 2,000 names on register
P4
Ely railway fatality, Cambridge man killed

1920 08 20 CDN
P3

St Philip's church war memorial unveiled # c.62
P4

1920 08 25 CIP
Haystacks Burnt. As the result of a fire on the Old North Road, Royston two stacks belonging to Mr Haywood, and containing about 65 to 70 tons, the produce of 20 acres, were destroyed. The Royston Fire Brigade received a call, but the supply of water was very poor and practically useless for any effective purpose. In the adjoining field, and only a few yards away from the fire, there were shocks of corn standing, belonging to Mr. Andrew Pigg, and by the work of many willing helpers these were removed to a safer distance and watch kept to see that they did not catch fire, as lumps of burning hay were carried into the field by the wind. The fire is said to have been caused by two very little boys playing with matches near the stacks.

Football Season. Considerable activity is beginning to be shown in local football circles, prospects are being freely discussed and the opening of the season eagerly anticipated, With the harvest over more of the village clubs will be joining in the preparations to have all in readiness to give the season a good send off. Cambridge Town held a second trial match on the Trinity New Ground on Saturday evening, when several of the old players and some new faces were seen. Promising form was displayed by several of the men and the Committee should have little difficulty in selecting a string side to do duty in their opening match.

1920 08 25 Ch
Accident at Ely station, painter working in engine sheds killed by train – 20 08 25
Milton grocer failure – Walter Smyth – 20 08 25a
War memorial tablet and plaque unveiled St Philip's church – 20 08 25b, c

1920 08 27 WS
Ely urban houses - Brays Lane tenders WS 27.8 p6

1920 08 28 CDN
P4
Cambridge first women J.P.s photographed in Daily Graphic
Demonstration of American machine for tiling draining fields, at Croxton

1920 08 30 CDN
P3
Is no accommodation at First Eastern General Hospital, are three applicants for every unit of two, three or four rooms; were ten rooms vacant and 140 applicants for them; ex-soldiers had preference # c.21.4 # c.23

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1920 09 01 CIP
Competitions Revived. The revival of the annual competitions between the University and College Servants of Oxford and Cambridge promises to be of exceptional interest this week. There has been no trial of conclusions for eight years, and now that the inter-Varsity College Servants sports have been re-arranged the scope of the events has been extended in such a manner that the older members of the College Servants' Club may take their share in the competitions instead of figuring merely as supporters. Principal interest will centre, of course, in the eight-oared race between the representatives of Cambridge College Servants and those of Oxford. The recent Cambridge Town Bumping Races demonstrated the fact that College Servants 1, who are head of the River, are in a class by themselves, and some local rowing men …. to think that the boat …. off" slightly since the … certain that the Cambridge …. will give an excellent account of themselves on the … Rowing Club have following representatives ….burn (bow), 2 H. G Lane, 4 J. Doggett …, F. W. Pepper, 7 A. G. … Richardson (stroke), …. Spare man, H. P … and three are only … Oxford, all the other members having competed

against Oxford in 1912. The cricket team will be selected from E. Laurie (captain), L. King, G. Wolfe, W. Manning, M. Bellamy, J, Richard son, E. Drury, F. Argent, G. Cockerton, J. Dilley, H, Edwards, T. Taylor, B. Gray and F. Fromant. The bowls team: S. D. Flack (captain), J. Hoppett. J. Collins, G. Lane, W. A. Maltby and F. Johnson — has given good accounts of itself in recent matches in Cambridge, and altogether the fixture should prove an enjoyable and interesting one. The crew left Cam-bridge yesterday (Tuesday) by the 7.37. They were accompanied by Mr. E. C. Steam, President of the Boat Club, and during the afternoon they did a little work on the river. The race will be rowed this (Wednesday) afternoon, and a dinner will be held at Oxford this evening. The cricket match will commence today (Wednesday) and continue until Friday, and the bowls match will take place on Thursday. The competitors in these matches will leave Cambridge on Wednesday morning, and will be accompanied by a large number of supporters.

1920 09 01 Ch
First post-war excursion train from Cambridge to Gt Yarmouth – photos – 20 09 01
Tile drainage difficult – young men have had enough of digging trenches – now American machine demonstrated at Croxton Park – 20 09 01a; photos 29 09 08a # c.22 # W.22
Hardwick Aerodrome sale of airplanes and equipment owned by Cambridge School of Flying; planes including Avro two-seater, some damaged, sold cheaply; hangars – 20 09 01b # c.26.1

1920 09 02 CDN
P3
Linton railway porter killed by truck

1920 09 03 ES
Doddington headmaster, W. Orton, retires after 24 years – 20 09 03(2) ES
Aeroplane sells for £2 5s. at Cambridge Flying School sale, Hardwick Aerodrome; five other machines averaged only £15 7s apiece – 20 09 03(3) ES
Overland tractor advertisement – 20 09 03(4) ES
Stuntney bee-keeper J.R. Pollyn – 20 09 03 ES

1920 09 04 CDN
P3
Mary Stewart Robinson, artist, Halifax Road, in court
Stourbridge Fair proclaimed – the only audience a crowd of youngsters
P4
First Eastern General Hospital alterations being carried out in three parts, the first providing for 134 tenements, the second for 48 and the third (now being proceeded with) for 31, making 213 in all. Even when all taken will still be more than 100 unsatisfied applicants # c.23

1920 09 07 CDN
P3
Dry Drayton serious fire, six stacks and farm buildings destroyed
P4
'Buckeye' field trenching and tile draining machine demonstrated at Croxton Park

1920 09 08 CIP
Mayor. Once again the "Cambridge Chronicle" is able to be the first to announce the acceptance of the Mayoralty by the gentleman to whom it has been offered Coun. B. C. Jolley, of "Meadowcroft", old Chesterton, has accepted the position subject to the formal consent of the Conservative Party, to whom his name will be submitted as a matter of courtesy and according to custom. But it is practically decided that Councillor Jolley will succeed Councillor G. P. Hawkins in the Mayoral Chair. The choice of Mr. Hawkins' successor devolves upon the Liberal members of the Cambridge Town Council, the local arrangement of the parties providing for alternate nomination by Liberals and Conservatives of the occupant of the Chair. This understanding has proved highly satisfactory to all concerned, and has ensured the unanimous appointment of succeeding Mayors of Cambridge.

Meetings of the Liberal member have been held this week, and the invitation was according to Councillor Jolley. Mr. Jolley was elected a member of the Town Council in April. 1912, following the elevation of Councillor John Bester to the Aldermanic Bench. He has done a considerable amount of work on various committees of the council, but he seldom figures in the debates at meetings of the Corporation. Closely associated with the Nonconformist movement in Cambridge, Mr. Jolley is a prominent Wesleyan and holds office at the Old Chesterton Chapel. He has not taken a strong line in local party politics.

1920 09 08 Ch
Training of the disabled; how Cambridge war heroes are treated - 20 09 08 # c.45.5 # c.21.4
College Servants rowing eights today and long ag0 – enjoyable reminiscences – 20 09 08b # c.38 : rowing

1920 09 09 CDN
P3
Mayor G.P. Hawkins drives new fire engine from Guildford factory # c.34.75
Fowlmere fire, two houses, stacks and farm buildings destroyed & 0th p3

1920 09 10 CDN
P3
Husband assaulted wife at First Eastern General Hospital
P4

1920 09 10 ES
Oxlode Wesleyan Chapel erected 1845 had got into a very bade state of repair with huge crack in the centre wall. Has been renovated with new porch – 20 09 10 ES

1920 09 13 CDN
p3
Post Office memorial to 17 men of Cambridge postal area unveiled – names # c.45.5 # c.62
P4

1920 09 15 CIP
Borough War Memorial. Statue of Soldier Recommended. Station Road Corner Site. A meeting was held at the Cambridge Guildhall yesterday (Tuesday) of the Monuments Sub-Committee of the Cambridgeshire Joint War Memorial. The meeting gave its final consideration to the suggested monument, for the Borough of Cambridge. The sculpture and architect were in attendance and explained their scheme, which the Committee agreed to place before the General Committee with the recommendation that it be adopted. The architect for the Record in Ely Cathedral regretted that he had not been able to complete his revised plans but hoped to do so by the end of September. The Committee decided to meet again on October 2nd to consider, this scheme and to interview the architect. # c.62

1920 09 15 Ch
Mayor drives new Cambridge motor fire engine from London t to Cambridge. G.P. Hawkins, an experienced motorist surprised residents - he'd gone to the Denis works in Guildford to see progress on the machine and when told it was ready elected to drive it back straight away. Mechanic drove it through London - could do up to 30mph. Suffered eye strain as no windshield – 20 09 15, photo 15a # c.34.75 # T.I.K20
Fire at Fowlmere haystack noticed by Duxford airman – 20 09 15b
Post Office war memorial, details – 20 09 15c, d # c.27.7 # c.45.5 # c.62

1920 09 15 CDN
P3
Cottenham carrier's cruelty to mare which did 14,000 miles

P4
Isleham parish council will not pay RDC charge for cost of making road on the river bank

1920 09 17 WS
Ely Nutholt Lane site plans approved WS 17.9 p3

Peterborough & District war memorial new infirmary plans adopted - to cost £80,822; competition open to all architects, 29 entered - now they had to go round the villages encouraging them to contribute WS 17.9.20 p.6

1920 09 22 CIP
Price of Bread. The price of bread will be advanced probably to Is. 4d. per four pounds loaf with effect from 17th of. October next. Interviewed by a "Cambridge, Chronicle" representative yesterday, one of the leading Cambridge bakers said he would welcome the removal of the Government control in respect to flour. "It may tend to send up the prices a little at first," he said, "but this will soon reach their level. Fair competition between the bakers will soon bring the prices down. It's the only solution of prevailing difficulty as far as I can see." "What is the reason for the prospective rise in price" asked the reporter. "Well, the price of flour has been largely increased," was the ropy. "On Saturday flour was sold at 63s. 6d. per sack—that is 280 lbs. Today it is 86s., or an increase of 32s. 6d." "If the advance takes effect immediately as regards the price of flour, how does it happen that the price of the loaf remains stationary, until October 17th?" "We took stock of the quantities of the lower-priced flour which we held on Monday, and presented a return to the proper authorities," was the answer. "Alter we have exhausted existing stocks we make a claim on the Government, through the Food Control Office, for so many sacks of flour used in excess of the lower priced stocks between time that they are exhausted and the time that the additional charges for bread are made to the public. We do not get money in respect of this excess, but we are given a credit."

The Rev, Phillip H. Potter, Curate of Holy Trinity, Cambridge, has been offered, and has accepted, the living of St. John's, Carlisle, an important parish of 10,000 people, mostly railway workers. Mr. Potter has been at Holy Trinity since 1915, and during the absence of the Rev. E. S. Woods on war service in France was in charge of the parish. We understand Mr. Potter expects to take up his work at Carlisle early in October, and will preach his farewell sermon at Holy Trinity on Sunday evening next.

1920 09 22 Ch
Sixty years on the Cam – memories of rowing, detailed article – 20 09 22, a-b # c.38 : rowing

1920 09 23 CDN
P4
Ely Hockey Club formed

1920 09 24 WS
Bricklayer and two labourers erect house in 16 weeks - Station Drive - did over 1400 bricks in day WS 24.9.20 p8
Memorials Tydd & Doddington, Upwell WS 1.10

1920 09 25 CDN
P4
Newton village Hall presented by Lord Walston

1920 09 27 CDN
P3
Old Chesterton war memorial unveiled # c.62 # c.45.5

1920 09 29 CIP

Sunday Work. When the Borough Watch Committee reported to the Town Council on Thursday that it had been agreed the annual inspection of hackney carnages should take place on October 6th and the examination of motor omnibuses on Sunday, October 3rd, Councillor P. J, Squires protested strongly against the latter part. He felt it his duty, he said, to utter his protest against the Council agreeing to work being done on a Sunday which could very well be done on a week day. He made an appeal to the Watch Committee that the examination of the omnibuses should take place on some other day than a Sunday. He knew he would be met with the suggestion that this was done as a matter of convenience, but he was going to put principle before convenience and make this special appeal. (Hear, hear). The Mayor: I promise I will bring your protest before the Watch Committee at their next meeting Mr Squires: Will you go further and promise that the day will be notified? The Mayor: I cannot do that, because the Watch Committee do as they like. We have no control over the matter. Mr. Squires said he would move the disapproval of the minute, and this was instantly seconded by Mr. G. Stephen. The Mayor: I simply move the reception of the minute. The Council have no power to alter this minute at all. 1 promise you I will bring it forward at the next meeting of the Watch Committee. Mr. Squires expressed his thanks and moved that the Watch Committee be requested to appoint some other day than Sunday. This was seconded in two or three places and carried nem. con.

Teachers' Pensions. The Cambridgeshire branch of the National Union of Teachers has urged the Cambs. Education Committee to put all teachers at the maximum salary of their respective grades on attaining the age of 55 years, as otherwise they will be penalised by having a poor pension when they retire, the amount of their pension depending on the average salary paid them during the last five years of service. The Education Committee yesterday adopted the recommendation of the Elementary Education Committee that they should not depart from the practice which now obtains — that of considering such cases on their merits.

1920 09 29 Ch
Chesterton war memorial unveiling – photos – 20 09 29 # c.62 # WLW.Che.K20
AA & Motor Union open number of fuel stations, including one at Stumps Cross near Gt Chesterford - AA patrol available throughout day; fuel & water available at commercial prices – photo – 20 09 29a # Q.Al.K20
Improvements agreed Fair Street & Jesus Lane – 20 09 29b

1920 09 30 CDN
P3
Walter Turner's photographic establishment gives advice; new machine that prints off from negatives quickly, offering 24-hour service # c.65.5

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1920 10 01 CDN
P3
University overflowing, numbers surpassing all previous records
P4
County Agricultural Committee takes over duties of War Agricultural Executive Council, had promised men in trenches would be fixed up with land when war over; the men who were disabled and came out of the army first had been set up on the land according to the quantity they applied for, the men who left later would not get what they wanted # c.22

1920 10 01 ES
Doddington war memorial unveiling – 20 10 01 & (2) ES
Littleport Grange to be converted to convalescent home; formerly a vicarage – illustrated feature – 20 10 01(3) ES

1920 10 02 CDN
P3

Kate Martin of Kingston Street awarded OBE for her work as nurse in explosives factory; was at Woolwich Arsenal and reduced number of girls suffering from TNT poisoning # c.45.5 # c.21.3
P4
W.C. Squires and Rev H.R. Campion have photos selected for exhibition by RPS # c.65.5

1920 10 04 CDN
P3
Women jurors try their first case # c.34.9
Tibbs Row should be repaved with wood blocks to reduce noise from mail vans – letter
P4
Josiah Sennitt of Stretham left estate £133

1920 10 06 CIP
Experiments with bats. The amazing facility with which bats avoid objects while flying in the dark has been explained in a number of ways. Very keen sight, an acute sense of touch, especially at the wing tips, or a sense of which we have no knowledge have all been suggested to account for this peculiarity. Experiments have been made by Dr. Hamilton Hartridge, of King's College, Cambridge, states the "Lancet-" to prove that that neither sight nor touch guides bats in their flight in the dark. On summer evenings pipistreile bats (a species of small bats common in Great Britain), 100 to 200 at a time, flew through open windows into rooms communicating by a door. When electric light was turned on they all flew in the same direction, but even when the light was turned off there did not seem lo be any collisions. Threads were placed in their paths and yet in absolute darkness, the bats neither collided nor touched the threads. In the darkness they could tell whether the door was shut, wide open, or .just sufficiently open for them to pass. The bats are believed to be directed by a special sense of hearing and by sound waves.

Inspector John Salmon. A popular and very efficient member of the County Police Force has recently been promoted to the rank of. Superintendent. Superintendent Salmon, who has a service record of close on 26 years, having joined the Force in February 1896 is a native of West Wratting and is 46 years of age. Given the rank of sergeant in 1907, he rendered meritorious service in that capacity for 12 years, and was promoted to inspector on probation at Arrington on October 1st, 1919. Since that date he has virtually been discharging the duties of Superintendent of that division.

1920 10 06 Ch
Ashwell station fire in coal shed – 20 10 06
Borough dentist, William H. Jones, resigns – 20 10 06a # c.21.1
Waters of Cam drawn to allow repairs Baitsbite Locks, temporary bridge at Horse Grind ferry – two ferries across river – 20 10 06b # K.F.K20
Stanley Road council houses – tenants in occupation – photo – 20 10 06c # B.Sta.K20 # c.23
YMCA formal reopening – 20 10 06f

1920 10 06 CDN
P3
Metallurgical Laboratory opened # c.36.9
P4
Pledger hat maker from Ely accused of profiteering

1920 10 08 CDN
P3
Newnham war memorials unveiled, St Mark's church # c.64
P4
YMCA premises Alexandra Street renovated after given up for use of troops # c.37

1920 10 08 ES

A stack fire occurred in the farmyard at the Queen Inn, Adelaide and had it not been for the promptitude of the Ely Fire Brigade, the Inn itself, which is a part wood structure, would have been destroyed. Immediately after a train passed Adelaide junction one stack was seen by the landlord's wife to be ablaze. Two nearby stacks within a few feet quickly became ignited and, aided by a strong wind, the flames rapidly reached alarming proportions. Employees of Messrs Aveling, painters and decorators of Ely, were engaged in the School close by and one telephoned from a signal box for the Fire Brigade. In the meantime volunteers were busy with buckets of water, but these were almost useless. Fortunately the fire was in close proximity to the river and within six minutes of their arrival the Brigade were quickly pouring volumes of water over the blazing stacks and all fear of the public house becoming ignited were soon dispelled. 20 10 08(2)ES.

1920 10 08 WS
Dame Lloyd George - wife of the Prime Minister - opens Hill Street Baptist church bazaar to raise money for purchase of a Manse WS 8.10.20 p5

1920 10 09 CDN
P4
Cambridge Master Tailors Association has been wound up with new branch of National Federation of Merchant Tailors; old started in 1904

1920 10 12 CDN
P4
Ely housing scheme, Minister says 200 houses should be pushed forward

1920 10 13 CIP
British Empire Ball. It will be Interesting news for all under-graduates to know that permission has been obtained from the Senior Proctor for them to attend the British Empire Ball at the Guildhall Cambridge, on Tuesday, November 2nd. 1820. The ball promises to be a most brilliant affair and the tickets have already begun to go with a rush. These can| be obtained for 25s. each, from Messrs. Heffer and Sons, Sidney Street, Cambridge, and Messrs. Metcalf and Co. Trinity Street, Cambridge. Dancing begins at 9 o'clock; and any further particulars can be obtained from the Hon. Organising Secretary, 306 Regent Street. London, W.I. The ball is under most distinguished patronage, including His Worship the Mayor of Cambridge, the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge, the Lord Lieutenant and Mrs. Adeane. Sir Clifford and Lady Albutt, Sir Douglas and Lady Newton, Lady Thomson, Mrs. Mellish Clarke, Mr. Grossman, M.H.F., and Mrs. Crossman, and every effort is being made to make the ball a bright and — let us hope — a dazzling success.

Stack Fire. A large stack of straw, the property of Mr. J. W. White, smallholder and shopkeeper, of Stapleford, was on Thursday last destroyed by fire. The outbreak was noticed by a neighbour at about 3.30 p.m. seeing it was hopeless to try and save the stack the efforts of many villagers who congregated were directed to an adjacent stack of barley belonging to another person, which by dint of great perseverance they managed to save.

1920 10 13 Ch
German rifle presented to Cambridge Women's Liberal War Savings Association; Cambridge had been offered a tank but declined – 20 10 13 # c.62
Infant welfare centre opened Shelford - will be talks on mother craft - why attend ... infant welfare monthly gathering at centre, doctors, weigh babies etc – 20 10 13a
St Mark's church Newnham war memorial unveiled – photos – 20 10 13b # c.62
Cambridge Memorial to Victory model – 20 10 13c
Department of Metallurgy building given by Goldsmiths' Company unveiled – 20 10 13c # c.36.9
St Catharine's College grove of elms cut down – photos –, notes on site - 20 10 13d well discovered, don lowered down – 20 12 08 # c.18 # c.44.5 # B.Tru.K20
Cambridge Chronicle presentation to A.G.S. Draycott – photo of staff – 20 10 13e # c.04

1920 10 15 ES
Ely rural housing progress – Littleport, Pymoor, Downham, Witchford, Thetford, Stretham, Wentworth, Mepal, Coveney – 20 10 15 ES
Ely Isolation Hospital meeting – 20 10 15 ES

1920 10 15 WS
War memorial Leverington

1920 10 16 CDN
P3
New Chesterton Institute war memorial unveiled # c.64
P4
Heffers produce guide map Cambridge

1920 10 18 CDN
P3
Cambridge and gas strike
P4
County war memorials, Ely Cathedral and Cambridge plans approved, Parker's Piece as rival site to Station Road

1920 10 19 CDN
P3
Cambridge fire brigade should be under control of police and worked by permanent staff consisting of one sergeant and five constables, a reduction of one on the present permanent staff. Ten other police could act as auxiliary firemen, being paid for attending fires, ambulance calls etc. # c.34.75

1920 10 20 CIP
Proposed Kinema. At their meeting tomorrow, the Borough Council will be recommended by the Plans Committee to rescind their resolutions which placed a veto on the erection of the proposed kinema in Guildhall Street, and to give permission for the existing buildings to be demolished .The minute of the Plans Committee dealing with the matter states: A letter was read from Mr. A. J. Pointer, stating that a building on the site proposed to be used for the erection of a kinema would be unoccupied by the 25th October 1920, and asking that he might be allowed to proceed with the building of a kinema in Guildhall Street. Mr. Councillor Amies proposed, and Councillor Stephen seconded, that the letter be forwarded to the Council and that … # c.76.9

1920 10 20 Ch
Coal strike - householders ltd to 1 cwt week, gas pressure reduced & nobody allowed more than one weeks supply of any food commodity; enough coal for domestic purposes 4-5 weeks, depends on attitude of railwaymen

1920 10 21 CDN
P3
Permission granted to A.J. Pointer to demolish buildings on the proposed site of a new cinema in Guildhall Street

1920 10 22 CDN
P3
Is insufficient garage accommodation in Cambridge, particularly on market days when cars are seen standing unattended in many of the thoroughfares. Some owners draw up at the garages and when informed there is no room for them leave the vehicles outside and proceed to do their business.
P4
Fire service to be handed over to the police # c.34.75

1920 10 22 Ch
Success of Girton WI leads to opening of centre for use its 150 members

1920 10 23 CDN
P3
County Hall staff war memorial unveiled # c.64
Stamp collectors society formed
P4
Fen Ditton war memorial proposed site rejected by RDC

1920 10 25 CDN
P4
Victoria Road Congregational Church war memorial unveiled # c.64

1920 10 26 CDN
P4
University Socialist Society debate Communism

1920 10 27 CIP
Cadets Fight fire. On Saturday evening as the members of the Linton Company of the Church lads' Brigade Cadets were assembling for inspection flames were noticed to be rising from a thatched cottage nearby and at once a rush was made, when it was found that the roof had been accidentally ignited by a small boy playing with fireworks. Two of the local Cadets scrambled on the roof and commenced pulling out the burning straw, whilst others gathered pails and formed a train, passing water thereby to a local gentleman at the head of a ladder. By these menus and aided by the lack of wind the little party of the C.L.B. lads and two local men were able to overcome the flames so successfully that by the time the fire engine arrived the fire was completely under control, and had been limited to a small portion of the roof. Naturally, after this experience, the lads were not quite up to inspection form, but allowance's were made by the Colonel, who stated that the line of uniformed lads silhouetted against the dark background carrying on the good work for which the Brigade was originally formed was in itself a sufficient proof that the Company was up to "inspection standard."

Pigs Sale. An important sale of pure-bred large white pigs from the herd of Messrs. Chivers and Sons Ltd. took place yesterday at the Piggeries, Histon, conducted by Messrs, John Thornton and Co. Fifty-eight pigs realised 1.843 guineas, the average price being £.32 17s. 10d. The top price realised was 75 guineas for Histon Lady Mollington 17th, bought for Lord Rosebery's "Dalmeny" herd. Mr. Fleming paid 70 guineas for Histon Belle, 20th. The prices were much below the sale in May last, but the industrial situation had a good deal to do with this, many buyers being prevented from attending. After the sale of the gilts the money given for the boars exceeded anticipations.

Diocesan Council. The annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Council of Church Music was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, when the Archdeacon of Huntingdon. Mr. Noel Ponsonby, the organist of Ely Cathedral, was appointed conductor, the Rev. I. Fisher, Swaffham Prior Vicarage honorary secretary, and the Archdeacon of Huntingdon, honorary treasurer. A festival of parish choirs of the Ely Diocese is to be held at Ely Cathedral on Tuesday. May 31st, 1921, when the music book will be that issued for 1915 which has not yet been used on account of the war.

1920 10 27 Ch
Fen Ditton 'heathen obelisk' war memorial deadlock – 20 10 27
Method of disposal of bicycles stolen from streets disclosed at court – taken to Shelford station and sent to London - 20 10 27 # c.26.485
County council war memorial, County Hall, unveiled – 20 10 27a # c.62 # c.35.1
Council approve demolition of buildings in Guildhall Street on site acquired by A.J. Pointer for an up-to-date Kinema – 20 10 28b # c.76.9

1920 10 27 CDN
P3
Tramps greatly one the increase, 22 in one night
P4
Alex Wood explains why he changed from Tory to Labour

1920 10 28 CDN
P4
New sugar beet lifter demonstrated

1920 10 29 CDN
P3
Histon station fatal accident
P4
Ouse Drainage Board, first meeting of new Authority, dredging of Ten Mile River

1920 10 29 ES
Death Dr George Mason, well-known Wisbech bone-setter – dislocated the shoulder of a man who tried to rob him – 20 10 29 ES

1920 10 29 WS
Death of Dr George Mason, well known bone setter - specialist at setting and restoring broken and dislocated bones – was attacked but broke assailant's shoulders - and ran off. Next day he got a new patient - obviously his assailant of the night before - it is supposed that that was the most painful operation of its kind ever performed in Wisbech WS 29.10.20 p5

1920 10 30 CDN
P3
People canvassing town begging people to have enlargements made from photos of their dear ones, offering them 'free' on the pretence they are opening a business. If enlargements are made they are put into common frames and charged outrageous prices for the 'frames only' and the originals are retained until the 'free' enlargement is purchased – warning # c.65.5
Dr George Mason who died at Wisbech was famed for his skill at setting and restoring broken and dislocated bones; his father and grandfather were bone-setters before him. He was stopped by masked footpad but managed to dislocate both his shoulders. The man turned up at his house for treatment

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1920 11 03 CIP
Women's' Institutes. The quarterly meeting of the committee and delegates of the Cambs Federation of Women's Institutes was held on Saturday afternoon. Mrs Jenyns (Bottisham) presided supported by Miss Briscoe (Cambridge) hon. secretary Miss Warrington (Waterbeach), the treasurer; Mrs. Haslam (Girton), the Fete secretary; Mrs. Bafnell (Little Shelford), Miss Stanton (Linton), Mrs. Sidney Fordham (Odsey), Mrs. Kellett the area organiser etc. The treasurer's statement showed there was a balance of £20 1s 6d for use during the first quarter of the year. It as decided to continue the rest room at Cambridge for the use of the members .The meeting considered the advisability of starting an Institute stall in the Cambridge Market. The chairman said a stall would not be available for two months and the cost would be 2s 6d a day. The hon. secretary said if the Federation got a better office in some public place they might have the produce on sale at the office. It was decided that the matter should be considered further at a later meeting. An interesting and Instructive lecture was given by Mrs Wootton of Girton College on 'High Prices." Mrs. Wootton said each time she had given a lecture she had spoken with increasing cheerfulness of prices coming down and now she thought she might say they were coming down. There were two chief reasons for high prices, viz there were not enough things, and there was too much money to buy those things. There was less coal mined and less steel made before the war, and these were the things upon which everything depended. Modern

civilisation was built up on coal. There was certainly profiteering, but this could not be if there was enough to go round. It was no use having money unless there were things to buy. There were £350,000,000 of paper money in the country, and it was the increase of the money that had helped to send prices up. The money was only put into circulation because the Government could not get it any other way. The Government and the people of the country were really bidding for the goods. The country was now not only paying for imports but they had a surplus of £200,000.000 a year which helped to lower prices. The making of paper money had been checked. The Government was paying its way, and on the whole the two sides of the budget balanced.

1920 11 03 Ch
Severe criticism of the dregding operations on the Lower Ouse between Denver Sluice and Wissey Outfall which have been carried on by the Ministry of Agriculture was expressed at the first meeting of the Ouse Drainage Board. They had spent £35,000 but their money had now been expended and they had determined the measures should now be stopped. No more work would be carried out except at the direct expense of the Drainage Board. Part had been spent on the Marsh Cut but that work was recognised as having been unsuccessful. The three Priestman dredgers and the tug which have been working above Denver Sluice would be offered to the Ouse Board. However Mr C.G. Tebbutt said the three dredgers were totally unsuited for work in the fens. Three had been sunk and one of them had been sunk twice. In some cases they drew the stuff to the wrong side of the river and it was probable that it would go back into the river again and do damage. There has been an enormous expenditure and very little work has been done. Mr E.R. Pratt asked the Board to continue the work at the Wissey River. The greater part of the work had been done and all that remained was a narrow neck the narrowest part of the Wissey, otherwise the money spent would be wasted. But Mr Oldman said he believed the work done had been completely worthless. The Board decided no more work would be carried out 20 11 03 # c.29

St Benet's war memorial unveiled – 20 11 03a # c.62

1920 11 03 CDN
P3
Library reading room is badly heated, unlike reference room; working men like to visit after work – letter # c.77.4

1920 11 04 CDN
P3
Plans for cinema on site of Old Spring Brewery, Chesterton Road (Tivoli); first plans for a temporary building consisting of a stage and dressing room in the garden, later plans for roofing over the garden between the building and Chesterton Road # c.76.9
P4
Histon railway fatality inquest
Bookbinders Union branch reopened 1917 after being closed for 50 or 60 years; three years ago average wage very low and negotiations had taken place. Employees resisted minimum wage for women; 60 women had been on strike for a fortnight # c.25 # c.32.5

1920 11 05 CDN
P3
Bailey & Tebbutt win prizes for their beer

1920 11 05 ES
Lt Downham cottage converted into farmhouse, 10 pigs kept in small garden; principal room formerly a shop was now full of rubbish and cobwebs – 20 11 05 ES

1920 11 06
P3

Guy Fawkes rag, no serious damage but several arrests; raid on New Theatre and siege of police station

1920 11 08 CDN
P3
Fowlmere aerodrome buildings could be used for the opening of a discharged soldiers; village to help solve the unemployment problem # Fowlmere
P4

1920 11 10 Ch
Histon station fatality – platelayer killed – 20 11 10
St Mark's church jubilee – history – 20 11 10a

1920 11 11 CDN
P3
Armistice Day, Silence in Cambridge
'Beasts Ball' of RSPCA revived after war
P4
Air supremacy, discoveries will be made at Cambridge; when undergraduates fly – address to scientists # c.26.1

1920 11 12 CDN
P3
Armistice 'Rag', chariot of flame on Market Hill, siege of Newnham College, burst through gates where for half hour of bliss … few odd battalions of infuriated Dons and hysterical Newnhamites, police charge # c.36.93 # c.34.7
P4
Horningsea war memorial unveiled

1920 11 12 ES
March Motor Co install most up-to-date petrol pumps – illustrated feature – 20 11 12 ES

1920 11 13 CDN
P4
Have tried

1920 11 15 CDN
P4
War memorials unveiled on Armistice Sunday – St Giles, Histon & Impington, St Ives, Waterbeach # c.62

1920 11 16
P3
Barham, brush maker had brushes stolen from warehouse
P4
Newton war memorials unveiled

1920 11 17 Ch
St Giles war memorial unveiling – photos – 20 11 17 # c.62
Histon & Waterbeach memorials unveiled – 20 11 17a # WLW.His # WLW.Wat.K20
Regent Street shops feature, photo – 20 11 17b & 20 11 24a # B.Reg.K20
Licenses refused: Barrington : Victoria; Guilden Morden Pig & Whistle; Castle Camps George & Dragon; Linton Axe & Saw – 20 11 17c

Leavis piano shop, Regent St – advert – 20 11 17d
Chariot of Fire Rag. Everyone knew something was going to happen. By 7.30 there was a vast crowd on the Market Hill and a large band of students, arm in arm, were tramping around and around, singing and shouting and making the place ring with laughter. Not a solitary firework was discharged, not even the humblest little cracker. Not a lamp was extinguished - all was perfectly harmless innocent fun. Suddenly there was a move towards Peas Hill. Amid cheers and wild shouts of joy we had our first introduction to the Chariot of Fire. Openly it had been driven through the streets with the lamps alight and everything in order, just an ordinary old four-wheeler with hood up and nothing to distinguish it from the most innocent cab that ever stood upon a rank. But soaked with petrol tar and oil and with the interior filled with some highly inflammable material it needed but the flicker of a light to become a burning mass.Heralded with cries, the Chariot was dragged on to the Market Hill, the flames soaring high. There was one anxious moment during its initial journey when it came into contact with the curb and looked in imminent danger of over turning against the houses. But the danger was averted and the triumphal procession on the hill continued. Then amongst the thunderous cheers a war dance was performed around the blaze while from all sides firelighters and fireworks were showered on to it, more than one cap and gown being added to help feed the flames. From now onwards everything seemed to focus towards the Chariot which periodically was taken off on a tour of the neighbouring streets. Brought back again to the Hill there was a spectacular display of rockets, crackers, Roman candles, Catharine wheels and all manner and kinds of fireworks. And then having kept up its end for one over an hour and when showing unmistakable signs of collapse, the still blazing old four-wheeler was taken on its last journey. Away it went up Petty Cury leaving a train of burning fragments in the wake, along Saint Andrew's Street and into Regent Street.
Here a pile of scaffolding and hoarding proved too great a temptation for the many and soon it came crashing to the ground, a police constable being partially buried underneath the forming timber. Fortunately he did not sustain any serious injury.The mounted police and others were speedily on the scene and assisted by a number of university men they succeeded in extinguishing the fire before any serious damage was done. Thus ended the Armistice Day 'rag'.– 20 11 17e, f # c.36.93 # c.26.47

1920 11 18 CDN
P3
Eden Baptist chapel memorial unveiled # c.62

1920 11 19 CDN
P4
Reconstruction of bridge over Old West River at Stretham – Road Board would contribute two-thirds and County council one third of cost when the bridge was built and when the Cambs County Council build their bridge over the Cam. For that the Government would contribute 2/3rds and County one-third. But at present money was not to be obtained and little could be done. A number of landowners and farmers had offered to contribute. Dangerous condition of the ferry bridge between Stretham and Chittering. Was very narrow and in dangerous condition.
Ely Militia Barracks would be useful to accommodate military force; if put up for auction would be sold for a mere song and the ground used either for allotments or for building cottages.

1920 11 19 ES
Isleham send out football team for the first time – 20 11 19(2) ES

Chatteris man's invention. Accidents to railway passengers through the opening of the carriage doors while trains are in motion would be prevented by a new device which has been patented by Charles Dring of Chatteris. The invention relates to an improved arrangement for locking railway carriage doors on both sides of the train simultaneously by the operation of a lever on the engine. If desired levers can be provided in the guards van as well. Simple in construction device can be fitted to all kinds of railway carriages. Mr Dring, the inventor is an agricultural labourer and rootman but was formerly employed at the Chatteris Engineering Works. He has a large number of newspaper cuttings of accidents which would have been prevented had his system been in use. Continually seeing reports of people falling from trains while in motion he thought something ought to be done to stop the

carriage door peril. He now claims to have invented an effective lock after years of experimenting. Mr Dring has been warmly congratulated by several well-known gentleman on his invention – 20 11 19 ES, WS

1920 11 20 CDN
P4
Cambridge Town Football Club appeal for 1,800 sportsmen to lend the club £1 each to enable them to purchase a ground of their own # c.38 : football
Cavendish House, a maternity home for 12 girls who are kept with their babies for six months; started by Ely Diocesan Rescue and Preventative Association. Only girls with first babies are taken and they had to make a weekly payment.

1920 11 24 Ch
Cherryhinton Road military hospital sale wooden huts etc; buyers Ely county council, Cambridge Steam Laundry, Cambridge Gas Company – 20 11 24 # c.21.4 # c.45.5
Railway station fatal accident – Melkjohn crushed between buffers – 20 11 24b

1920 11 25 CDN
P4
Platelayer crushed at Cambridge station

1920 11 26 CDN
P4
Ouse Drainage Board heavy expenditure; maps alone to cost £500; left bank of the Old West River at Stretham common required to be strengthened and right bank of Stretham Catchwater would be safer for being raised six or nine inches – approved

1920 11 26 WS
Keillers continuation in doubt - smoke emitted from chimneys has been complained of ... town council insist that temporary buildings which sufficed for war-time establishment must be replaced or made less combustible they now proposed a new chimney and boiler house but as these a great expense to Messrs Cross and Blackwell wanted to know if they could continue using the old buildings - council insist they be lined with incombustible material - firm reply saying this too much expense and not worth their while ... WS 26.11.20 p3

1920 11 29 CDN
P3
Wesley church organ unveiled as war memorial # c.62 # c.69.4

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1920 12 01 Ch
Bolshevism in Cambridge – Comrade Stewart, a bewiskered paid Bolshevik agitator and organiser of the Communist Party at meeting on Parker's Piece. He told his audience: Don't conceal the fact that you are all revolutionaries we are all Bolsheviks here. The working classes must rise up against the good, kind, patriotic, blood-leeches. vampires and tyrants: our bosses. Bloodshed or no bloodshed we want the way to power. If the capitalists won't give way then we will call out the Red Guards and the Red Police. We won't string them up to lamp posts because that would be a waste of good rope and good lamp posts. We will turn them out into the streets stripped and starved until they come to reason. The British Communist Party was in favour of the establishment of Soviet rule in England, the destruction of the present system of representative Parliamentary Government and the abolition of the Monarchy. He was questioned by an ex-officer who accused him of preaching revolution under a thin cloak of politics and being one of a gang of opportunists instigated to stir up trouble in Britain by foreigners. 20 12 01a

Wesley memorial church new organ – 20 12 01b # c.69.4

1920 12 02 CDN
P3
Haig's appeal to Cambridge; how to end the spirit of unrest; ex-servicemen have chance of becoming a great power in the world
P4
Cambridge branch of Bernard Oppenheimer Diamond Works of Brighton providing work for disabled soldiers

1920 12 03 CDN
P3
Our Lady war memorial unveiled # c.62
P4

1920 12 03 WS
All Keillers staff given notice to quit - 400 - by Christmas - Mayor enters discussion ... debate about allowing them to continue for 12 or 10 years with old buildings - did not want to antagonise the firm - employees petitioning ... Company enormous difficulties in developing the factory at Wisbech - plant machinery and buildings costing from three-eight times pre war prices ... agreement reached, the new shaft would start son ... WS 3.12.20 p5

1920 12 03 WS
Wisbech motor garage destroyed by fire - Crabtree & son, Church terrace - 20 cars destroyed - spokes of wheelers had turned to ashes letting axles down to to the floor; bodies disappeared leaving just engine ... two Post Office vans destroyed; as had Mr Hotson's taxicab – the insurance for which ran out the very next day ... WS 3.12.20 p8

1920 12 06
P3
Ministry of Transport would grant aid construction of road from Cherryhinton Road to Mill Road, Barton Road to Trumpington Rd

1920 12 07
P3
Landlord of Ship Inn Ely drowned, twice wounded during war, saw soldiers that had been killed
P4
Highworth Estate one of highest and healthiest parts, advertisement for new houses # c.23

1920 12 08 Ch
Our Lady memorial tablet – 20 12 08a, b # c.62
W.H. Smith dinner staff includes J.F. Ballinger, bookstall manager at Cambridge station – memories – 20 12 08c # c.25 # c.26.2
British Empire Union branch established in fight against Bolsheviks – 20 12 08d # c.22

1920 12 09 CDN
P3
Mill Road communal kitchen a failure, unlike others # c.27.47
Castle End Mission memorial Mrs Whibley – had visited poor in Castle End, started school in Frost's Passage
Home of Mercy report
P4
University reject admission of women by 192 votes # c.36.98 # c.36.9

1920 12 10 ES
Littleport war memorial dedication – 20 12 10(2) ES
Adelaide church memorial window dedicated – 20 12 10(2) ES
Ely publican of Ship Inn suicide – troubles aggravated by wounds during war – 20 12 10(4) ES
Outwell war memorial unveiled – 20 12 10(4) ES
Countess of Huntingdon church, Ely, memorial unveiled – 20 12 10(5) ES
Adelaide church war memorial thanks – 20 12 10(6) ES
Littleport memorial (part) – 20 12 10(7) ES
Ely war memorial – propose permanent shrine in place of temporary wooden structure on Fore Hall – 20 12 10 ES
Lt Downham war memorial cross dedicated – 20 12 10 ES

1920 12 11 CDN
eight-page paper
P6
Prickwillow toll house let to John William Taylor in connection with the farming of the trolls as has been custom for over 10 years. Middle Level Commissions had been accustomed to let the tolls on a three years lease and the toll house was taken for the use of the collector. This was last done in 1917 and this year they decided to collect the tolls through a stoker whom they employed and required the house for him. They had two large pumping stations and sometimes needed to have both working
P7 & p8 don't open

1920 12 13 CDN
P3
Cam frozen over, 27 degrees of frost, bathers break ice
Sheep in eleven parishes escape from folds on Friday night; having become disturbed they broke down the hurdles of their folds and broke loose. Might have been frightened by aircraft, but none was flying; was caused by meteors – 20th Dec p3
P4

1920 12 15 Ch
Four national kitchens bill presented council; lost £200 – 20 12 15 # c.45.5 # c.27.47
Memorial Mrs Mark Ives Whibley, Castle End Mission – 20 12 15a; photo – 20 12 22d

1920 12 15 CDN
P3
Six ex-Mayors honoured at Cambridge dinner, an historic gathering # c.35.7

1920 12 16 CDN
P3
Roadmaking for unemployed; work to be put in hand as soon as possible
First Eastern – during snowy weather water leaks through roof, the only obtainable as pipes are frozen; coke ran out and no hot water, water cistern frozen and ten lavatories between 32 flats # c.21.4

1920 12 18 CDN
P7
Women's Institute, Girton's new hut opened
P8
First Eastern - letter from a satisfied tenant

1920 12 20 CDN
P3
Large German field gun offered as war memorial at Shire Hall but this would obstruct entrance; two trench mortars could be put under the portico at either side and would not take too much trouble to keep clean – both rejected # c.45.5 # c.62 # c.35.1

1920 12 21 CDN
P3
St Matthew's church war memorial unveiled # c.62
P4

1920 12 22 Ch
Laurie & McConnal advert – 20 12 22
G.A. Heyworth advert – 20 12 22a
The future of the Cambridgeshire; will they be struck off the Army list – 20 12 22b
Two new roads to make work unemployed – from Cherryhinton Road to Mill Road (near huts to Brookfields) and from The Grove, Newnham to Trumpington Road via Coe Fen Lane – 22 12 22b # c.32.1 # c.49.62
Gt St Andrew's war memorial unveiled – photo – 20 12 22c
Girton Village Women's Institute new hall erected – 20 12 22e # c.37

1920 12 24 ES
Death Rev Hardy Wood, rector of Benwick for 50 years – 20 12 24(2) ES

1920 12 28 CDN
P3
Christmas in Cambridge
Death W.F. Taylor, founder and governing director of CDN ; came to Cambridge in 1888 from Bury St Edmunds and started paper; tributes 29th p3' funeral 31st p3 # c.04

1920 12 29 Ch
William Farrow Taylor, Governing Director Cambridge Daily News, appreciation; problems of newspapers in wartime, only be combined effort was able to keep intact its daily and two weekly newspapers – 20 12 29 # c.04
Disabled ex-servicemen employment, 18 men being trained in tailoring, 12 each in jewellery, clock repairing and carpentry, 40 in diamond-cutting; photos in English Leather Co boot repairers and man driving traction engine – 20 12 29a # c.45.6 # c.21.1 # c.32.1
New garage for 100 cars, Herbert Robinson – 20 12 29a # c.26.48
Children's Christmas Toy and Present Fund, Eden Street distributes gifts poor children – photo – 20 12 29b # c.37.9
Events of year – 20 12 29c, d

1920 12 29 CDN
P4
Haddenham water supply – adverse reports; Stretham sewer blocked again

1920 12 30 CDN
P3
Death Herbert Charles Coulson, builder; started in 1885 # c.23

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Herbert Robinson garage, St Andrews Street to open in New Year # c.26.48
P4

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1921 01 05
Proposed Sussex Street cinema plans discussed – 21 01 05 # c.76.9
War memorial unveilings – Willingham, Shelford – 21 01 05, 05c
War memorial unveiling, Shelford – 21 01 05b
Unemployed children entertaianed to picures at Rendezvous cinema- photo – 21 01 05c

1921 01 07 ES
Young lady wanted as pupil to photographer Alice Askew, 6 Broad Street, March – advert, p1
Portable railway for sale at Pumping Station, Haddenham, p4
Ely Public Room repair – only one tender, p5
Ely new Lloyds Bank plan considered, p6 – 21 01 07 ES
Stretham reserves v Ely Rovers p7
First lady magistrate in Isle, Mrs Collins Clayton, p8 (photo 14th p5)

1921 01 12
Harry Bedwell completes 21 years as organist and choirmaster of St Edward's Church – 21 01 12
New footbridge at Baitsbite Lock – photo - 12 01 12a
Volunteer Firemen's last church parade – photo – 12 01 12b; police take control – 12 01 26a # c.34.75 # c.34.7
Barrington Cement works, over 200 idle – photos -21 01 12c, e

1921 01 14 ES
Plough Monday now exists in name only, p5
Ely Lloyds Bank 'luxury' building, p5
Lt Downham water supply letter, p6
Stretham v Cottenham football, p7
Prickwillow death George Mustill, 'The Anchor', p8

1921 01 19
Heyworth's sale advertisement – 21 01 19
Sussex Street cinema – undesirable on the site proposed – 21 01 19a, b # c.76.9
Longstanton, Coton war memorial – 21 01 19c

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Stretham lantern lecture on 'Spirit Photography' – tickets from W. Mason, p4
Ely death George Porter, butcher & poultry dealer
Ely Lloyds Bank – no skilled labour to be drawn within 10 mile radius, p6
Stretham v GER Reserves, p7
Prickwillow v Littleport football, p7
Upware ferry latterly unused, carried from Cambridge to Wicken used to go that way on Saturday. Hope now new tenant may be in use again, p8*

1921 01 26
Burrell's Walk tenant summonsed for assault another – 21 01 26
War widow ejected from 19 Devonshire Rd – 21 01 26b
Gt Wilbraham Memorial Hall opened – 21 01 26c
Barrington cement works; valuation of £730,000 – 21 02 26d

1921 01 28 ES
Sutton war memorial unveiled p3 (photo 4th Feb p8) – 21 01 28 ES, 21 02 04(4) ES
Soham war memorial unveiled – photo, p5 – 21 01 28(2)(3) ES
Prickwillow v Ely City reserves, football, p7
Ely coursing club at Shippea Hill Farm, p7
Death E.C. Haylock, March newsagent, p8 – 21 -1 28(5) ES

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1921 02 02
Death Canon T.P. Pemberton, Trumpington Hall – 21 02 02

1921 02 04 ES
Prickwillow vicarage offered Ref J.K. Cecil Payne, p3
Bluntisham & Earith war memorial unveiled, p5 – 21 02 04(3) ES
Haddenham war memorial unveiled – photo, p5 – 21 02 04 & (2) ES
Spiritualism – lecture on spirit photography; good audience, introduction by W. Mason, closed with Benediction by the Rector, Stretham
Wilburton death Major M. Hudson, 45; several years blacksmith with father, William E. Hudson & brother Fred trading as W.E. Hudson & sons at Wilburton, Haddenham & Stretham. Was the active partner, seen daily; two years ago gave up farming relinquishing smithy business, letting shops to men working for him at time – J. Wesley, Stretham uncle. Coffin carried by workers. Blacksmiths shops include P. Crow & G. Lowe, p8
Adelaide consider war memorial

1921 02 18 ES
Stretham death John Dimock, Plantation Farm. Farmed 3-400 acres, prominent in agricultural circles. No involvement public life. Admires and excellent master to employees. 48. Took Plantation on death of his father, J.B. Dimock. Leaves widow & two sons, p3* - 21 02 18 ES
Stretham – Walter William Dimock gets court order for removal George Murfitt from his cottage as agreed, December 1920, p5 – 21 02 08 ES
Wisbech Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds history – 21 02 18(6) & (2) ES
Drainage engineers: new Ouse and Middle Level officers; Capt G.E. Matthews – 21 02 18 (3)
Ely rural housing – cottages occupied at Downham and ready at Coveney; 'scandalous prices' - 21 02 18(5) ES

1921 02 23
Parachute descent by Major Orde Lees witnessed by several thousand in Huntingdon Road meadow – 21 02 16a, b # c.26.1
Burrell's Walk tenancy – ejectment order – 21 02 23
Chiver's fruit farm uses Heron's 'Demon' sprayer- 21 02 23a
St Paul's church memorial – stained glass window & tablet unveiled – 21 02 23b, 21 03 09a # c.62
Luxurious Daimler motor charabanc in which Varsity boat crew journey to Ely for their daily practice – photo – 21 02 23c # Q.Af

1921 02 25 ES
Chettisham church needs £100 to strengthen foundations, p3
Villages & housing – how work stands in RDC. Stretham one pair ready this week, 2nd ready painting, 3rd 25% plastered, 4th roof timbers fixed, p4
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Lt Downham d Philip Rayner, carpenter, p8

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1921 03 02
Inquiry re development of rural industries and social life & industries – 21 03 02
Anthrax dangers - how factory workers are protected – inquest on worker at Gurteen factory, Haverhill – 21 03 02b
Sawston war memorial unveiled – 21 03 02c
Castle Camps war memorial unveiling – 21 03 02d
Photographic Club exhibition includes WO. Squires, E.C. Ogle views of Duxford – 21 03 02e # c.65.5

1921 03 04 ES
Prickwillow Mangold for sale, Bank Farm, p4
Ely fire at barracks, Silver Street, p5
Lt Thetford war memorial unveiled, p5 – 21 03 04(2) ES
Ely new bank – builders protest against council restrictions, p8
Lt Downham death Thomas Harrison, farmer, p8

1921 03 09
OT.C. mock battle in Kingston – Gt Eversden area; cottage gutted – photos – 21 03 09b, c # c.45.6 # T.G.K21
Thomas Henry Bradnum, photographer, Hinton Ave traded as Art Reproduction Company, Wolverhampton – 21 03 09d

1921 03 11 ES
Nationalism v private ownership: Capt Coote and Capt Hall engage in debate – 21 03 11(2) ES

1921 03 16
Fire in one of All Saints' Cottages, Longstanton – 21 03 16a
St Andrew the Less memorial dedicated - 21 03 16b,i # c.62
Linton war memorial unveiled – 21 03 16c, photos 21 03 16h
W.B. Redfern being compelled through his landlord to give up his residence of Milton Hall is looking for a house – 21 03 16d
Fulbourn church bells dedicated – 21 03 16g
Fenstanton church fire in roof – 21 03 16j
Undergraduate killed in sham duel, London – 21 03 16k

1921 03 18 ES
County war memorial – list of fallen – 21 -3 18 ES, Stretham 24 names, p6 – 21 03 18(2) ES
Haddenham discuss housing on Recreation Ground, p8
Ouse Drainage Board; land and toll house let by auction – 21 03 18(3) ES

1921 03 23
Abbey church memorial unveiled – 21 03 23a
Lady hockey players – photo – 21 03 23b
King & Harper Ford garage, Hills Road – full-page photo feature – 21 03 23c,d.e – c.26.48 # P.Kin # Q.Al
Assize court figures of Law, Justice, Mercy & Power to be removed – 21 03 23f, 21 03 30e # c.34.9 # c.61
Staffordshire Street fire at George Wheatley rad *& bone merchant – 21 03 23g
Waterworks Company proposed Parliamentary Bill opposed by local authorities – 21 03 23h # c.24.2

1921 03 25 ES
Ely rural housing – report, Stretham first pair occupied, 2nd pair painting, 3rd joinery, 4th covered in, 5th five-foot high brickwork. It is regretted that the well not yet sunk and tenants complaining about water supply for cottages, p3*
Ely choristers war memoprial unveiled, p5
Lt Downham death Mrs J. Thompson, farmer and provision dealer, p8

1921 03 30
Balsham war memorial unveiled – 21 03 30a
William Radford taxi catches fire, Arbury Rd – 21 03 30b
Hills Avenue new council houses – photo – 21 03 30c # B.Hill

John Vail ironmonger of Post Office Terrace – long-service staff with hammers – 21 03 30d
Histon draper R.J. Coles in dispute with R.A. Publishing over picture postcards of village; some colour, some sepia; 12 topics – 21 03 30h # c.65.5
The cross in Cambridgeshire villages by C.H. Evelyn-White – 21 03 30i
Corporation refuse plans for conversion Automobile Company premises in Hobson Street into a kinema; Picture Playhouse Company to appeal over their plans for cinema in Sidney Street – 21 03 30j

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1921 04 01 ES
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Photos: Ely High School hockey, Littleport Town junior league champion footballers, Littleport schoolboy footballers, p8
Haddenham death Daniel Jacobs, first stationmaster, p8
March Grammar School Old Boys memorial – 21 04 01(2) ES
Ely Choristers' Memorial unveiled Cathedral – 21 04 01(2) ES
'Austin' farm tractor – advert – 21 04 01 ES

1921 04 06
Grantchester war memorial unveiling photos – 21 04 06a
Miners; strike crisis; railwaymen decide against strike, passenger trains cancelled; emergency declared, lighting restricted, coal stocks controlled – 21 04 06b # c.32.5 # c.26.2
Frederick Woor, Master Tailor, Sidney St, paid less than minimum wage to his women – 21 04 06c # c.27

1921 04 08 ES
Ely & coal strike, p5
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Haddenham death Joseph Lawrence, miller, 70; to Haddenham from Leighton Buzzard about 30 years ago, p8
Spiritualism – lecture on 'Spirit Photography' introduced by Mr Mason, Stretham
– 21 04 08 ES

1921 04 13
Gt Eversden farmhouse destroyed fire – 21 04 13b

1921 04 15 ES
Ely Holy Trinity improvement proposed, p5
Stretham housing complaint – water had to be fetched from farm 200 yards away; to tell contractor install pump for well immediately, p8
Littleport: three new houses Mill Field occupied, p8

1921 04 20
Black House, High Ditch Road, Fen Ditto, residence Samuel Cullum, market gardener, destroyed by fire - 21 04 20a

1921 04 22 ES
Ely & strike – emergency committee established, p5
Ely rural housing report progress: Stretham four now occupied, p8
Littleport St Crispin new chapel dedicated, p8

1921 04 27

Cambridge Chronicle staff dinner; is holding its own during difficult period thanks to staff – 21 04 27a
Large supply of coke at Gas Works eagerly bought up during crisis – photos – 21 04 27

1921 04 29 ES
Coal supplies running out; Stretham 300 permits issued, p5
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1921 05 04
Fen Ditton war memorial unveiled – 21 05 04a
County Farmers' Union first dinner – 21 05 04b
Rumours that University end term early due to miners' strike discounted; residents supply coal to allow essential services; railwaymen's' guaranteed week suspended – 21 05 04b # c.32.5
Cambridge University Pavement Club first meeting – undergraduate rag – 300 in KP; friend sausage and steak on Parker's Piece - photos – 21 05 04b, 21 05 11b # c.36.93

1921 05 06 ES
Ely Standard production problems due strike, p5
Ely war memorial scheme approved, p5
Littleport Grange opened as NUVW Convalescent Home, p4*
Isleham war memorial unveiled, p7; photo p5 – 21 05 06 ES
Wicken war memorial – photo – 21 05 06 ES
March's first jazz band, 'Gems of Harmony' make first appearance – 21 05 06(2) ES

1921 05 11
Fen Ditton war memorial unveiling – 21 05 11a
St Luke's war memorial unveiled – 21 05 11c

1921 05 13 ES
Ely Brays Lane council houses now occupied, p5
Prickwillow water scheme discussed, p5
Soham: new cattle market opened at The Ship, p8
Soham: death W. Reeve, horse & cattle doctor, p8
Soham: queues for coal, p8

1921 05 18
Photographer offered to enlarge pictures for free and to frame – fraud – 21 05 18a
Cole Ambrose Stuntney Hall dies – 21 05 18

1921 05 20 ES
Crown Prince of Japan visit to Ely, p8; photo 27th p8 – 21 05 27 ES
Stretham: Addenbrooke's 25th parade – Evening Star Lodge & Share Out Club. Haddenham band paraded Top Street, Read Street, Pump Lane, service, concerts, p5 – 21 05 20 ES
Oxlode memorial hall opened, p7* - 21 05 20(3) ES
Isleham Hospital Sunday – 21 05 20(2) ES
Ely Rural Housing progress – Stretham first house of the third pair of cottages is ready for occupation and the second ready for painting. Plastering has been completed in the fourth pair while the following two have the roof timbers fixed – 21 05 20(2) ES
Cockshutt tractor plough – advertisement – 21 05 20(4) ES

1921 05 25
St Columba's church memorial unveiled – 21 05 25a
Crown Prince of Japan visits Cambridge – 21 05 25b # c.02

Thaxted Socialist vicar Red & Sinn Fein flags removed – photos – 21 05 25c
Impington Hall for sale – 21 05 25d
H. Leavis of Regent St, piano dealer, dies following road smash – 21 05 25e

1921 05 27 ES
Cass' 'Etheldreda' bus – advert & pic, p1
Isleham Old Comrades cricketers – photo, p8
Downham – child's letter from New Zealand, p8
Japanese Crown Prince visits Ely – 21 05 27 ES

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1921 06 01
Old Persean War memorial unveiled – 21 06 01a # c.62
Prince of Wales visit to Cambridge, 31 May 1921: souvenir photos; cinema pictures to be shown at Victoria – 21 06 01b-f, j # c.02 # S.1921
Manea schoolmaster awarded damages for libel against parent – 21 06 01g

1921 06 03 ES
Soham & Wicken fen roads – inquiry, p3
Ely May fair, p4
Prickwillow water scheme public inquiry, p5
Manea schoolteacher wins libel, p6
Prickwillow v Coveney, p7

1921 06 08
Pidley Fen Farm fire – 21 06 08a
Conservators know that condition of Jesus Lock was danger, if gave way would empty river ; decide to repair even though this will exhaust their funds – 21 06 08b # c.46.5 # c.29.4
Denys Huddleston, squire of Sawston, killed in motor accident, Tottenham – 21 06 08g

1921 06 10 ES
Isleham waterworks – engineer reprimanded, p3
W.I. county federation formed for Isle, p6
Ely boys football team – photo, p8

1921 06 15
Biographical Notes on Mayors of Cambridge by J. Milner Gray serialised – 21 06 15a
A.C. Yorke lectures in Fowlmere on parish history – 21 06 15a
Pavement Club – 500 on King's Parade with every form of locomotion known, journey to Girton – 21 06 15b # c.36.93
Conington stack fire belonging Furness Bros – arson trial – 21 06 15c; dismissed – 21 06 22a
Fens roads dispute Soham & Isleham Bank Drove – not a public highway – 21 06 15c

1921 06 17 ES
Soham & Isleham roads inquiry continues, p3 – 21 06 17 ES
Coal running out, p5
Benwick war memorial unveiled – photo, p6 – 21 06 17(3)(4) ES
Soham important property sale, late G. Dennis, p8
Witchford church restoration – 21 06 17(2) ES

1921 06 22

Croxton Rector and wife charged neglecting two nurse children – 21 06 22b
Right-of-way claim on track from Lode to Clayhithe – 21 06 22c

1921 06 24 ES
Ely – effect of drought, p5
Ely city football league champions – photo, p5
March war memorial unveiled, p6, 8 – 21 06 24 & (3) ES

1921 06 29
Foxton war memorial unveiled – 21 06 29a
Conservators' farewell survey- probably last official survey; dined at Clayhithe – photo – 21 06 29b # c.46.5
Gas Company war memorial unveiled – 21 06 29c; photos 21 07 27a # c.24.4 # c.62

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1921 07 06
St Andrew's Street Baptist Church war memorial unveiled – 21 07 06a # c.62
Harston Manor theatricals – photos – 21 07 06b
Red Cross Society Field Day challenge cups awarded – 21 07 06c
Fowlmere aerodrome may be converted into school for mentally defective children – 21 07 06d

1921 07 13
Thaxted church flags burnt; struggle in church – 21 07 13a
Public house closures – Melbourn Oak, Shepreth Half-way House; Over Black Horse, Bourn Greyhound' Cambridge Cherry Tree in Fitzroy St; Sovereign in Gold Street; Marquis of Granby in Bridge St; - 21 07 13b

1921 07 20
Bateman Street houses struck by lightning – photo – 21 07 20a
Catholic Bible Congress – 21 07 20b # c.83
Railway accident, death employee at Fordham station – 21 07 20c

1921 07 27
Langdon & Peet, builders, St Peter's Street – advertisement showing workers and factory – 21 07 27b # B.Pet
A serious position has arisen in connection with the scheme for the erecting of houses by Cambridge Borough Council at Chesterton Road & Milton Road. The site was purchased some time ago and prepared for erection of 60 houses by direct labour. Construction of roads and sewers put in place. But Minister refuses to sanction other work unless whole of expense is borne by local rates. Work to stop and town will have a building site which cost over £14,000. It is impossible to proceed with building scheme without Government assistance – 21 07 27c # c.23 # c.37.5
Gamlingay two cottages destroyed fire – 21 07 27d

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1921 08 03
Milton Road level crossing gateman's cottage burnt to ground – photo – 21 08 03a c.26.2 # B.Milt.
King Street murder funeral – 21 08 03c;
King Street murder reports & trial – 21 08 03d,e 21 08 10a, b, e 21 08 24b,c,d 21 09 07c 21 09 14a,b 21 09 21a,b ; 21 10 19a,b,c; 21 10 19j, not guilty – 21 10 26c
photos – 21 08 03b, 21 08 17d , 21 10 19f, 21 10 26a
suspect in court – 21 08 24a,21 09 21d

1921 08 10

All Saints War Memorial dedicated – 21 08 10c

1921 08 17
Caxton church memorial stone Rev Henry Smythe – 21 08 17a
Sepulchral monuments in Ely Cathedral – feature – 21 08 17b
Caius College fire in rafters – 21 08 17c # c.34.75 # c.44.5

1921 08 24
Croxton air smash; two Duxford officers killed – 21 08 24a # c.26.1
Capt Foster of Foxton Hall bankruptcy – 21 08 24f
Mildenhall flour mill gutted – 21 08 24g

1921 08 31
Whippet racing revived; first meeting after war – 21 08 31a # c.38 : greyhound
Central Cinema licensed for film, singing, dancing & music – 21 08 31b; full-page feature – 21 08 31d.e, f # c.76.9 # I.L
Trumpington old wayside cross discovery – 21 08 31c

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1921 09 07
Cottenham war memorial unveiling – 21 09 07a, photos 07b
Death Tom Savage, Cottenham farmer – 21 09 07c

1921 09 14
Hauxton's first fete – 21 09 14c

1921 09 28
W.M. Palmer 'Neighbourhood of Linton' article- 21 09 28a, 21 10 05b, 21 0 12c

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1921 10 05
Herbert Robinson motor cycle reliability trial – photos – 21 10 05a # Q.Al
Wicken farmer William Bullman failure – 21 10 05c
Sherlock Holmes reappears in The Strand – 21 10 05d

1921 10 12
Cambridge Town Football club new ground Milton Road – photo across site – 21 10 12a # C.38 : football ' U.Foo. # B.Milt
'Cambridge Unemployed' – Labour Party demonstration Parker's Piece – photos – 2110 12b # c.33 # c.32.1

1921 10 19
King & Queen visit NIAB – 21 10 19d,e # c.02
Albert Institute, Grafton Street: hopes to revive – 21 10 19g
Willingham Addenbrooke's Hospital parade photo – 21 10 19g
Man killed on railway at Marriott's crossing near station; need of bridge for 1,000 allotment holders – 21 10 19h # c.26.2

1921 10 26
University votes against women's degrees; undergraduate mock funeral – photos – 21 10 26b # c.36.9 # c.36.98 # c.36.96 # V.W.K21
G.E.R. Apple express locomotive – 21 10 26e
Westminster College chapel dedicated – gift of Sir William Noble – 21 19 26f # c.44.5

Cambridge in the seventies and since – reminiscences of Old Johnian – part of series – 21 10 26g

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1921 11 09
King's College memorial dedicated – 21 11 09a # c.62
Gt St Mary's war memorial dedicated – 21 11 09b # c.62
Babraham war memorial unveiled – 21 11 09c

1921 11 16
Charlie Chaplin film in Guildhall, staged by A.J. Pointer of Victoria Cinema – 21 11 16a # c.76.9
River Cam Conservancy – application for new Act of Parliament – 21 11 16b # c.46.5
Village libraries – provision of a properly-organised service similar to that enjoyed by residents in towns; apply Carnegie Trust – 21 11 16c, 26 11 23a # c.77.4
Jesus College large German gun trophy captured and transported to Caius College – 21 11 16d, 16e # c.45.5 # c.62 # c.36.93
Armistice commemoration – photos – 21 11 16h
Armistice night rag, students assault police; heavy fines – 21 11 16l # c.36.93
Hauxton war memorial unveiling – 21 11 16k
Conington sexton's strange delusions – hanged himself – 21 11 16m
Sidney Street cinema – Corporation had refused as want to widen Sidney Street, were wrong – 21 11 16n # c.76.9

1921 11 23
Photographic club dinner – 21 11 23b
Fitzroy Street fire Sturton's shop – 21 11 23c

1921 11 30
G.E.R. staff new club house – photos – 21 11 30a,b # c.26.2
Conan Doyle to lecture – biggest student hoax since Sultan of Zanzibar – 21 11 30c,d,e # c.36.93
Steam wagon driver scalded at Trumpington – 21 11 30g

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1921 12 14
Fourth centenary of printing in Cambridge- G.J. Gray – 21 12 14a
Trumpington wayside memorial unveiled – 21 11 14b, 21 11 21a # c.62

1921 12 28
Last word in bus construction – three Ortona open-top buses – 21 12 28a # Q.Af.K21
Review of year – 21 12 28b, c

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1922 01 04
Cambridgeshire rural circulating library proposed with grant from Carnegie & appointment of Librarian 22 01 04 # c.77.4

Sir Sims Woodhead, distinguished scientist – obit 22 01 04a; portrait 22 01 04d
Herbert Robinson motor cycles and sidecar bargains – advert 22 01 04b
Assize Court figures of Law, Justice, Mercy & Power to remain, had been removed 22 01 04c # c.35.1
Farm fires at Hiam's Prickwillow, Swaffham Prior, Caldecote – 22 01 04e

1922 01 06 ES
Stretham fire at Elford Long Farm, stack; occupied by R.T. Wesley. 22 01 06ES

Manea death R.H. Sears, old family, farmer. 22 01 06(2)ES

Chatteris Salem Baptist Chapel destroyed by fire. 22 01 06(4)ES *

1922 01 11
Chesterton road bridge and position of footbridges to be left to electors to decide – 22 01 11 & a
Children entertained to tea and concert by Peter Blowers at Melbourne Place School – photo – 22 01 11b
Beck Row church fire, roof damaged – 22 01 11c

1922 01 13 ES
Haddenham diamond wedding Robert Hawes formerly of Witcham. 22 01 13ES

1922 01 18
Croydon war memorial cross unveiled – photo feature – 22 01 18
Robert Odell, jobmaster and horse dealer of Britannia Place meeting creditors – 22 01 18a

1922 01 25
Laurie & McConnnal shop – sketch – 22 01 25
Great Eastern Railway Cambridge staff photo – 22 01 25a
County Boys School accommodation inadequate, no more admissions – 22 02 15b

1922 01 27 ES
Stretham farmer's failure: Arthur Thory of Stretham Fen, grew carrots and pig dealer. 22 01 17ES

Death William Read, Ely, career Army. 22 01 27(2)ES

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1922 02
A grocer and his wife: separation order granted within a year of marriage ... unpleasantness occurred a few weeks after marriage. In July she purchased a motor cycle combination for £119. When she asked him to take her for a ride he struck her on the jaw. Husband said it was his wife's suggestion that he should have a sum of money and the motor cycle combination and go away from her up North again.

1922 02
"I have told people repeatedly at inquests that they had far better buy an old orange box to use as a cot than let children sleep with their parents. People are very apt to smother them unconsciously". The mother said it was not a really strong child for it had a wheezing cold since birth on January 15th. She fed it on bread slops and the breast generally. The weight of the child was below average being 6lbs 3ozs against the usual weight of 7lbs for a girl, 8lbs for a boy. Death was due to natural causes.

1922 02
The Rendezvous cinema, Hertford Street. "All next week. Super attraction! Mary Pickford can no more grow up than Peter Pan & that is why her latest production "Through the back doors" is just the

type of charming picture you will want to see ... the kind that made her famous ... brimful of heart interest ... intensely effective. Special music programme. Perfect projection. Warm & comfortable"

1922 02 02
Long-felt want supplied in Great Shelford. The hall is a converted army hut built on the public recreation ground. Great Shelford was to be congratulated in that its ex-Servicemen had joined with the Womens Friendly League to build the hall, a result which was eminently satisfactory for the village. If the ex-Service men were prepared to pull together for the places where they lived there was a great future for the county.

1922 02 01
Hague Ingram, musician – obituary – 22 02 01, portrait 22 02 08a # c.69
Squire Frost of West Wratting – obituary – 22 02 01c portrait – 22 02 01a # c.26.1
King & Harper demonstration of Fordson tractor pulling farm wagon – photo – 22 02 01b
Mrs Alice Moyes, Lion Hotel – obituary – 22 02 01d # c.27.4

1922 02 03 ES
Inquest Ely shopkeeper, Elizabeth Richmond, Silver Street – fell down stairs. 22 02 03ES

Death William Smith, Ely; farmer. 22 02 03ES

Death James Dimock, Soham, farmer. 22 02 03ES

George Washington, Littleport carrier, retires. 22 02 03ES *

1922 02 08
Licences of Volunteer in Green Street, Old Nag's Head Hobson St, Brickmaker's Arms Newmarket Road, Cross Keys in Saxon St held over – probably redundant – 22 02 08 # c.27.4

1922 02 10 ES
Ancient Ely byeways; the 'New Barnes Estate' by Harold Archer. 22 02 10(2)(3)ES *

Death David Gibbons, born Stretham, Ely bootmaker & repairer; youngest son late James Gibbons of Stretham – family trade connection leather trade for several generations, trained in Stretham with father, then to Northampton for three years; worked 2 years father then joined Blakeman, Ely. Started on own when Blakeman closed leather business. Wesleyan. Regularly skated Ely – Stretham … details his children, John Hendrick, Frank & Lily Gibbons 22 02 10(4)(5)ES (correction re Blakeman's business 17 Feb p4, 5)

1922 02 15
A motor ambulance to replace the old push ambulance which had been the only means the police had for dealing with street accidents and emergencies was presented by Special Constables.
The Commandant said that never a day or night passed but what the Cambridge police came across human suffering in one form or another. There had been a lack of provision to meet cases of sudden emergency when called upon to convey a sick or injured person to hospital or to their home.
All they had was a prehistoric ambulance more like an antiquated costermonger's barrow, with the proverbial tarpaulin jacket with which to wrap the patient in. When the 'specials' first mooted the idea of providing an up-to-date motor ambulance they met opposition but gradually subscriptions came in. Now the beautiful and complete ambulance would be placed at the disposal of the inhabitants of the town and also the county when required. The Chief Constable said the ambulance had been running since October and in that time they had conveyed 64 cases and covered some 700 miles. Accidents often occurred on the outskirts of the Borough and hitherto hey had to send two men and a push ambulance two or three miles. What grieved him more than anything was to see one day a dead body on that ambulance being conveyed through the streets of Cambridge and a few days later a child being taken along in full view of the public. – 22 02 15, photo – 22 02 15a # c.21.1

Jesus Lane wall on corner being removed to widen road – photo – 22 02 15b

1922 02 22
Mgr Provost Scott, rector Roman Catholic parish of Cambridge for 40 years; details of growth of church – obit 22 02 22 # c.83

1922 02 24 ES
Stretham bankruptcy John Thory, farmer– partnership on borrowed money, Arthur John Thory of Stretham fen; 1919 went into partnership Mr Blow of Stretham. 174a bought land for £5,000 – moved from Warboys. Wanted a lot more money put in, no stuff to sell, only bills. Frost came, then drought 22 02 24(2)ES [cutt].

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1922 03 02
Cambridge Town Council Housing Committee ... approve the lay-out proposed of thirty houses next Milton Road and Union Road with white brick facings, solid walls & slated roofs. The windows to be sash ones with larger squares of glass.

1922 03 03
The employees of the firm of Messrs Robert Sayle & co. ltd spent a very enjoyable time together when they were the guests of the Directors at a supper and "social". The assembly took place in the furniture department at 15 St Andrew's Hall, which, thanks to the energetic efforts of Mr P. Norrington had been wonderfully transformed for the occasion. Screens, curtains & carpets had been used to excellent purpose and varied flags and coloured lamp shades enhanced the effect. Mr Chaplin (the veteran governing director) mentioned the first party he ever attended in connection with the firm was in 1866 when the late Mr Sayle had been in business for about 25 years. In those days things were very different. They had no Bank Holidays and no half-holidays except one, and that was Flower Show day when they closed at four o'clock. (Laughter). Business hours too were much longer. People often spoke of the "good old times" but "men could do a good deal more work then than many of us can do today"

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Electric roundabout model by Harry Vail, Ely: photo. 22 03 03ES

Stretham – wedding Florence May Swan & Percy W. Routledge; Flo youngest daughter late Thomas Swan, tradesman; Percy 2nd son Rev A.R. Routledge. She trained as nurse 1912 and worked Northampton war hospital & Salisbury plain. Percy enlisted Suffolk Regiment Sept 1914, transferred Signal section Royal Engineers; active service three years. Now assessor and collector of taxes at Stretham & exceedingly popular

1922 03 04
Det-Constable Abbott presented his report (to the Borough Licencing panel). He said the trade in beer of the Bird in Hand, Newmarket Road, was better than that of the Hare & Hounds which was 107 yards away. The next nearest house was the Crown in Wellington-street. Charles Byatt, the tenant, said he had held the licence for about 20 years. He was quite satisfied with the living he was making. Arthur E.W. Payne, secretary for Messrs Bailey & Tebbutt said the house had been doing four barrels a week. John W. Pate, architect and surveyor said he had produced plans to rebuild the premises as soon as the company took over the house in January 1919. The work had not been done owing to the difficulty in getting tenders from builders through lack of skilled labour and materials. Joshua Charles Newman, a builder, said the best part of the local skilled labour had been commandeered by the Government for housing schemes. # c.27.4

1922 03 04
On strolling along Kings-parade this morning we saw a crowd of undergraduates. Mingling therewith we became aware of the presence of a number of cyclists accoutred with hockey sticks. We divined then that a bicycle polo stunt was about to be "stunted". In short, it was a stupendous scheme schemed for the laudable purpose of brightening Cambridge. We waited a short time. Then cheers burst forth and the game (?) commenced. After wielding their weapons vigorously for about five minutes and hitting the "pill" (i.e. a spotless tennis ball), the players raised their battered and war-worn cycles aloft and to the accompaniment of cheers bore them tenderly to a place of safety. Motor 'buses, cycles and handcarts were enabled to get through the press by the help of the police. Ardour became somewhat damped until the ball was arrested by the police, when cheers once more broke forth, but the ball was remanded, and whence it flew we knew not. Thus ended the now customary end-of-term rag. Although not what it might have been it was amusing, which is one point in its favour # c.36.9

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1922 03 06
George Shipp, 20, Severn-place, labourer was summoned for taking possession of a stray dog and not returning it to the owner. Harry Sumner Denny, De Freville-avenue said that his wife's Pekingese dog strayed from his house and he notified the police. On Feb. 22nd, in consequence of information from the police, he saw the dog at Ram-yard and took possession of it. The dog was worth from £15 to £20. Robert James Odell, dealer, spoke to purchasing a dog from the defendant. Mrs Grace Bradshaw, Abbey-road, said that she purchased the dog from Odell for £1 and a horse bit. The Chief Constable said that this sort of thing was rather prevalent and he took a serious view of it. Defendant was fined 40/-

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1922 03 07
An inquest was held by the Borough Coroner on a boy aged five, the son of a bricklayer, who had died from diphtheria. The parents had not called in a doctor until it was too late. The father said the boy had been ill for the last week or so, and had been away from school. "I belong to the Peculiar People and we believe in faith healing – the laying on of hands and anointing with oil". On March 4th the boy appeared to be worse and could not get his breath easily. He sent his wife for the Doctor at midnight and while she was gone the boy collapsed in his arms and could not draw his breath. The doctor said that if one went out to every child that was unwell one would be out half the night. Next morning the mother called and told him the child was dead. The child's brother had been swabbed at school as there were cases there. Unfortunately deceased was absent from school then. The Coroner said "When a case like this occurs it not only affects the parents and their children, but it may have a very serious effect upon the whole town"

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1922 03 09
The most depressing feature of the County Council elections was the apathy of the electors. I ventured to prophesy there would not be many changes; actually there have been five. Of these Labour have gained four seats and thus make their first appearance on the County Authority. In each case their majority is well under 100, it is difficult therefore to draw any conclusion as to the strength of Labour in the county. Whilst I am not alarmed at Labour having a share in the representation on the County Council I regret the defeat of Mrs Dimsdale as it reduces the little band of women in the Council. Mr A.E. Stubbs, the Parliamentary candidate for the County has at last succeeded in setting his foot into local government work having turned the tables on Mr H. Edwards. After three defeats in Parliamentary, County Council and municipal elections he needed a little encouragement

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1922 03 10
A suggestion made by the Postmaster of Ely (Mr T.W. Bird) to dispense with the evening mail deliveries on Saturdays in order to provide a half-day holiday for the postmen did not find favour with the Ely Urban District Council. Mr Bird wrote asking the Council's sanction to the suspension of the 5.15 pm delivery, and mentioned that is was being done in many towns. He added that the particular delivery was quite an unimportant one for the articles for delivery were few. Mr C.H. Trimmer considered it was the wrong delivery to take off, as there was no delivery on Sunday. Rev T.J. Kirkland thought the week-end posts were in a "dreadful" state now and deliveries were most uncertain. He thought they could hardly agree with the suggestion unless the Sunday morning be reinstated. The Council agreed.

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1922 03 11
Brooklands Avenue Inquiry. It was an attempt to make a road from Hills-road to Trumpington-road. At present the greater part of the Avenue was open but it was in regard to the smaller part at the Trumpington-road end that the application was made. At the present time there was a gate fastened there and kept locked by the owner. He understood that people going to houses in the Avenue were allowed to go though and he could understand that the gentleman would like to keep it a quiet place. Personally he would oppose it if he lived there. # c.44.6

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1922 03 13
The County licencing meeting were told the White Horse Comberton was a fully-licenced house, the owners being the Star Brewery, Cambridge. The licensee had two children and also did other work as a canvasser for a window cleaning company. The annual rent was £5.00. The accommodation consisted of one tap-room - which was also used as a living room for the family, a parlour, a billiard room, a small bar, a cellar and four bedrooms. The landlord had suggested the house might conveniently be made into two cottages. There was no public lavatory accommodation. The trade of the White Horse for 1921 had been 46½ barrels and 37½ gallons of spirits. It was 106 paces from the Tailors Arms another fully-licenced and much better constructed house; there were at present three fully-licenced and one beer house in the village giving an average of 109 people to each licenced house.

1922 03 14
An election always holds out the promise of excitement and although Cambridge is noted for its excitable nature and the present three-cornered fight (a by-election) has given plenty of opportunities, it has been one of the quietest elections on records. Cambridge awoke to an eventful day and even the least political-minded had the election forced on their notice by placards and photographs of the candidates in windows, on hoardings and on walls. Conservative enthusiasts had whitewashed "Vote for Newton" in two-foot letters on the pavements and were not particular where they did it. Perhaps the most noticeable were across the front door of the Central Liberal Club in Downing-street and it was not until mid-day that the inmates managed to erase the conflicting advice. The children have at least entered into the spirit of the thing and the old election songs to the tune of "Tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching" have been dragged from their respective retirement. The candidates' names being all of two syllables have proved adaptable to the rhyme. "Vote, vote, vote for Mr Morgan (or Mr Dalton) have satisfied the requirements of the song whilst the trouble of Sir Douglas' one-syllable title have been overcome by referring to him as "Duggie Newton"

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1922 03 17
The results of the Cambridge by-election was declared as follows. Sir Douglas Newton (Conservative & Unionist) 10,897, Mr Hugh Dalton (Lab) 6,954, Mr Cope Morgan (Lib) 4,529. The first telegram of congratulation was received from the staff of the Croxton fruit farm

1922 03 17 c
The Labour party is naturally jubilant at having doubled its vote since the last election despite the fact that many who voted for the Rev. Rhondda Williams on that occasion returned to the Liberal fold. Labour meetings were marked by an enthusiasm that was very infectious. In no General Election could they hope to make such a display as they did on this occasion

1922 03 18

At the Cambridgeshire County Council annual meeting all the retiring aldermen were re-elected, save one, and that one was Sir George Fordham who for a great number of years was chairman of the Council. His increasing sympathy with the Labour party aroused the hostility of his old supporters and they resolved to show it when the re-election of aldermen came along

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1922 03 20
A Babraham woman was summonsed that when driving a motor bicycle she did not stop when signalled to by a police constable. PC Ward said he was on Kings-parade, Cambridge, for the purpose of keeping the road clear when the Vice-Chancellor and other members of the University were crossing the road to St Mary's church. Defendant rode right through the procession and stopped on the other side. She said she could not see the procession and as she had only had the machine a few days she could not stop dead.

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1922 03 21
Motor wheel spokes and pieces of lamp glass and rubber from an inner tube which was burst littered in profusion about the Lynn-road Ely as the result of a Ford car coming into collision with a steam lorry. The near side front wheel of the lorry crashed almost broad side on into the motor's off-side front wheel which it splintered beyond repair. So badly wrecked was the front of the car that it took mechanics about two hours to lift it sufficiently to get it away. The car is not insured.

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1922 03 23
The Master of Christ's college, Cambridge, Sir Arthur Shipley contributes to the discussion on the problems of finding careers for boys leaving school. At the present time engineering is overcrowded and it is increasingly difficult to get boys into business. There is still a great demand for men to take holy orders and a young man could perhaps make the living pay. Tobacco planting in Nyasaland seems to offer some prospect of a fair return on capital investment.

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1922 03 24 ES
Stretham 'killed in mother's arms, struck by falling tree' – Mrs Curtis, wife Frederick, bootmaker, picked up child and ran under falling tree which scalped boy; she seriously injured; she went to collect water from where the massive tree being felled Wilburton Rd; tree fell opposite way to expected – caught by wind. 22 03 24ES

1922 03 25
There was issued yesterday the report of the Royal Commission on Oxford and Cambridge Universities. "We are unanimous in thinking" (says the Commissioners) "that ample facilities should be offered for the education of women. On the other hand we strongly desire that Cambridge should remain mainly and predominantly a men's university. To give a sense of security we consider that the number of women undergraduates should be 500, which would give a proportion of about one in each ten of the total number of undergraduates" # c.36.9

1922 03 25
Startling evidence! Swift 12 h.p. 4-seater combination open touring & all weather car. Brief specification : 4-cylinder engine, thermo syphon cooling, four speeds and reverse, detachable steel wheels with spare, dynamo lighting complete with five lamps, self-starter. Fitted with a magnificent all weather body which can be opened or closed in a few seconds, the sidescreen can be utilised as back screen for passengers. £595. Sole district agents: Service Motor Co., Hobson Street, Cambridge (advert)

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1922 03 27
The Borough Chief Constable's annual report of the Cambridge police establishment for 1921 has now been issued. The strength of the force during the last year was 84. The total number of indictable offences was 151. Ten persons were committed for trial. There are 40 members of the Special Constabulary full equipped with uniform, 90 to whom caps, badges, truncheons and whistles have been issued, and 80 to whom no equipment has been issued who have expressed their willingness to serve in an emergency. # c.34.7

1922 03 28
An interesting report was received showing the position of unemployment in the district. The main industries in the Cambridge area are agriculture, building, cement manufacture, fruit preserve manufacture, clothing, weaving and mat-making, printing, paper manufacturing and engineering. All these except the building trade have had quiet times during the past year and added their quota to the unemployed workpeople

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1922 04 07
A proposal of the Cambridge Sewage Disposal Committee to increase the wages of sewage farm workers was agreed to. Coun. Fryer proposed that the wages of the men be increased to 38s per week for a 48 hour week with present holidays, no harvest money, overtime 10d per hour with 1s an hour on Sundays. The men at present receive 34s a week. Coun. Briggs said it was distasteful to sit there and listen to higher paid men saying 38s a week was enough for a man with a wife and family. It was actually below the figure that the Parliament had decided was a necessary living wage for a man with a certain number of children. Could he live on 1s 1d per day per head?

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1922 04 08
The designs of Cambridge town council to provide work for the unemployed by the construction of a road between Cherry Hinton and Newmarket road which had the sanction of the authorities have so far failed owing to what on the face of it appears to be a squabble between the committees concerned and the owners of property affected. It is high time something was done as at the present rate of delay - two winters have passed and a commencement has not yet been made - the unemployment crisis will be over before a pick or shovel has been set going. Meanwhile approaching £200 a week of ratepayers money is being spent upon relieving destitution caused by lack of work in Cambridge - "Table Talk"

1922 04 08
I have never had any sympathy with the vicar of Thaxted in his determination to fly the revolutionary flags in his parish church, nor with the Cambridge undergraduates and others who conceived it their duty to pay frequent visits to the Essex village to tear down them down. Says the Vicar of Thaxted : "The battle of the flags would be more diverting if the opposition would put up some kind of intellectual fight but it is hardly possible to answer such arguments as liar, lunatic, pig, blasphemer, devil, even if the gentlemen who used them would remember to give their address. The flags have always been replaced within 24 hours of every raid and are still prominent in Thaxted church

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1922 04 10

At the Old Bailey on Saturday Ernest Terah Hooley was found guilty of conspiracy and other charges in connection with the promotion of the Jubilee Cotton Mills Ltd. Passing sentence the Common Serjeant said that those who chose to dabble in company promotions must be taught that the only policy for the promotion of companies was to be honest and straightforward. The "Daily Telegraph" in a long leading article on "The Hooley Drama" describes his amazing career and recalls the time when his name was in everyone's mouth. "The man with the foxy face, who played the role of City supermagnate in loud country tweeds. He was High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire and according to his own account, he was ready to pay 50,000 for a baronetcy."

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1922 04 11
The Army hut which is to serve as a club house for members of the Newmarket branch of the British Legion was formally opened by Earl Cordovan. The entrance door opens on the canteen, a very important part of the economy of any club. On the left had side of the bar are the reading and card rooms, comfortably furnished and warmed by stoves. On the right of the bar is the billiard room with one full-sized table, Mr J. Jarvis has given a silver cup to be played for by the members. The ground is the property of the Jockey Club who have kindly let it to the Legion at a peppercorn rent of £1 a year

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Magpie concert party, p3

1922 04 13
Mr William Chapman, late of the Swiss Laundry and secretary of the Free Church, Cherryhinton Road is touring in New Zealand. There is plenty of room in New Zealand for men & women who want to work and New Zealand wants them but has no use for undesirables, grumblers and the like. Wages are higher than at home, the cost of living is less and a man has more freedom: there are very few poor people. It is not his intention to persuade anybody who is in work but to help those who are unemployed by pointing out the chances of a decent living in New Zealand

1922 04 13
Good Friday was quite the warmest day we have enjoyed this year. The call of the road held the strongest appeal and there was a continuous procession of motors, motor cycles and push bikes going out of Cambridge and going in. Country workers came into town in a steady stream and town workers seemed equally eager to invade the countryside. In Cambridge Parker's Piece had its traditional skipping devotees, and the first ice cream barrow of the year was in attendance in company with sweet sellers and a barrow with balloons, ticklers and paper toys without which no public holiday would be complete

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1922 04 14 ES
Aeroplane crash at Ely: Bristol fighter crashes Chettisham hill. 22 04 14&(2)ES #c.26.1 *

Dredger sinks at March, driver trapped. 22 04 14(3)ES *

1922 04 15
The wartime procedure of dispensing with the chaperon is no longer tolerated in "polite society". For the chaperon times have altered considerably in the past eight years and at balls instead of sitting in state up a dais, bored to extinction, she takes her place among the dancers and combines with her duties as guardian pleasurable exercise. Owing to heavy taxation and general increased expenditure many women bearing titles and possessed of ancestral homes are glad to become professional chaperons

1922 04 15
A well-known jeweller who has a shop not a hundred miles from the Post Office (Cambridge) recently had the misfortune to lose a black cat. The family searched high and low at night for the missing pet, and inquiries were made at the Police Station but without avail. Next morning, when the jeweller went to unlock the safe, out jumped pussy, apparently none the worse for her fourteen hours incarceration in the small, and certainly airtight, chest

Rail trade unions, p2
Palmer, Wilburton bakehouse fire, p6

1922 04 18
Following the example of last year the weather smiled on Good Friday, and wept spasmodically for the rest of the holiday. On Saturday holiday-makers were treated to a gale and on Sunday and Monday to typical April weather. There was rain, hail, sleet, wind, sunshine and more rain; the only thing that was lacking was fog. It was essentially an indoor holiday and there was hardly enough indoor amusements to go around. A few hardy souls worked on their allotments, but when a man is an enthusiastic allotmenteer, nothing short of an earthquake will stop him from digging

1922 04 21
Impressive scenes were witnessed at the funeral of an Indian undergraduate. The funeral was carried out according to the Mohammedan ritual, and the interment was at St Giles' cemetery, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge. The coffin was conveyed in a hearse and was followed on foot by over 50 Indian undergraduates. Arrived at the cemetery the coffin was placed on the lawn at the entrance. Then several of the mourners, removing their shoes, conducted a short form of service, after which the coffin and mourners were photographed by an Indian student. The body was carried to the graveside and lowered by a party of the mourners. Nobody who was not directly concerned with the ceremony was allowed within 25 yards of the grave

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Deafness visit Mr Chambers, p2
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Comberton village play, p3

1922 04 20
The Whippet meeting arranged by the Cambridge Whippet Racing Club was held in the club's straight running ground, Arbury Road, Cambridge, when a good crowd of spectators witnessed some very decent running. The weather conditions were far from ideal for dog racing, and undoubtedly were responsible for some indifferent running

Thaxted church flags, p3

1922 04 21
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1922 04 21 ES
Death Tansley Luddington, agriculturalist, formerly Plantation House, Littleport. 22 04 21ES

Wilburton fire, two houses destroyed & shop J. Playle, baker. 22 04 21(2)ES

1922 04 22
Every year sees an increase in the number of people killed and injured on the roads, and the proposed abolition of the speed limit for private cars will not lessen the dangers of the highways. Although the

speed limit of 20 miles an hour is habitually disregarded, it has some effect as a check on reckless driving, which will disappear when the evidence of the stopwatch can be ignored. It is the hired driver who has to suffer the penalties, but not infrequently the real offender is the owner of the car sitting inside. The majority of road motor accidents are due to excessive speed and it will be purely a matter of opinion what is excessive speed - Table Talk

Sweet cart raid, p3
Council houses, Haddenham water unfit, p5
Spurgeon reminiscences, p6

1922 04 24
We regret to announce that Lord Leopold Mountbatten, first cousin of the King, died at Kensington Palace on Sunday morning. Lord Leopold's schooldays at Wellington College were frequently interrupted by ill health, and his undergraduate career at Magdalene College, Cambridge, was marred by one severe illness. His sister, who had only then (1909) recently gone to Spain as a bride, hurried home to be beside him. An amusing story is told of one of her visits to him at Cambridge. He was seeing her off from the railway station, when an undergraduate from another college went up to him and said, "Jolly nice-looking girl that of yours; who is she?" "Oh, no one in particular", the Prince replied; "only my sister, the Queen of Spain"

Mons hero suicide, p3
Late Constance Jones, Girton, p3

1922 04 25
Mrs Moyes, Lamb Hotel, death, p3

1922 04 26
The Cambridge Union Society debated the motion that Cambridge life is superficial and its traditions are to be deplored. Mr L.P. Bonnett (St Catharine's) denounced the air of compulsory boredom which characterised the average undergraduate. He thought it was quite time someone made a protest about the system of social intercourse, the whole round of social activity was so circumscribed by tradition it was possible to talk to a man for hours without really saying anything. He deplored the attitude of superior aloofness so prevalent in Cambridge and the conviction that it was not good form to be enthusiastic about anything.

Prickwillow houses, p3
Poultry club formed, p4
Work for unemployed, p5

1922 04 27
A service of commemoration for the members of the college who fell in the war was held in the Chapel of Jesus College. Immediately after the service the memorial tablet was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Ely. After a short service, the Master, amid a silence so intense that it could almost be felt, read the names inscribed on the memorial. It was an impressive scene - the clergy and choir in their surplices, row after row of gowned undergraduates, many of whom had also served, and a sprinkling of visitors from the outside world, all paying silent tribute to the 148 names read by the Master # c.62

1922 04 28
Chesterton Rural District Council considered the state of the Cherryhinton-Teversham-road. Mr Francis urged the need for improvement to the road, pointing out that the work would absorb the unemployed, and that the improvement was needed by the Teversham people. The improvement was opposed on the ground that the road was but a by-road and that it would cost about £2,500 which could be used to better advantage on the main roads

Ouse drainage board, Sutton road tolls, dangerous banks, p5

Cambridge Town FC ground, p5

1922 04 29
At the Grand Council of the Red Cross Society and St John Ambulance Association Mrs Hartree raised the question of the police ambulance, and said she understood that the police ambulance was to be kept in the town, and that the Red Cross Ambulance should be used for long distances. However it was seen that the Police ambulance had gone on long distances - Ipswich and Norwich. Mrs Pryor said she knew the ambulance had been used extensively at the Evelyn Nursing Home. The Chief Constable said that the objection to the Red Cross Ambulance was that it was not heated, but they had very quietly informed him that it was heated and the ambulance had been much improved lately

1922 04 29
The new ground of the Cambridge Town Football Club, situate to the north of the junction of Milton-road and Victoria-road was formally opened by the Mayor of Cambridge on Saturday, after which the Town played their Southern Amateur League return fixture with Merton, and started their record on the new ground with a satisfactory victory by three goals to none. The Mayor said that just after the war he was approached to act as trustee of a fund for purchasing a ground for the Town F.C. Without a suitable ground it was impossible to carry on for any length of time. He hoped the club would be successful, because it owed the bank something like £1,100 - but he was told a man thinking of big things was not a successful man of business unless he owed a considerable sum to the bank # c.38 : football

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1922 05 01
The question of rear lights for bicycles came up for discussion at the meeting of the Cambs. County Council. Councillor A.R. Fordham thought rear lights were exceedingly troublesome and difficult things, for it was not possible to see if they were alight or not. Councillor Mapey: I would like to suggest that lamps be affixed to some part of the anatomy of horses and cattle, and that people should be forbidden to ride at all. (Laughter)

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Betting raid, p3

1922 05 05
Fully described as "Ely's Own Memorial to Her Own Fallen Heroes" - the shrine containing the Rolls of Honour of 224 men of the Ely Urban District who paid the great price in the war – was unveiled on Sunday afternoon in the presence of an attendance numbering several thousands. By a happy choice the shrine is located on the Market-hill, in the heart of the city, and on the spot made sacred by its association with a temporary wooden shrine, which was placed there during the war
Papworth agm, p5
Romsey bowling green opened, p5
Fred Morley death, p5

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Sutton: sale Chequers inn, p2, sold 22 05 19 p12
Abbey rooms Kinema, Ramsey: sale cinema equipment, p2
Ely: war memorial unveiled – photo 22 05 05&(2)ES

Prickwillow: servant claims wages from Robert Cole - ES 1922 05 05 p8

1922 05 06
My readers will learn with great regret that Brooklands Avenue (Cambridge) with its countless romantic associations appears to be fore-doomed to destruction. The beautiful trees which provide the leafy tunnel which for generations has been so much admired are elms, and elms have an unpleasant habit of dismembering themselves with age. A good many of the trees must come down at once, as they are in such a decayed state to be liable to split and fall without warning. # c.18

1922 05 06
The Cambridge Library Committee has resolved to convert the Free Library into an open access library, which will enable borrowers to go straight to the shelves and select books for themselves. It is a somewhat heroic experiment, as the library premises are old-fashioned, confined and ill-lighted. A thousand persons a day rummaging at will over the shelves in the limited space available is a serious proposition and considerable expenses will be involved in the rearrangement of shelves and bookcases # c.77.4

1922 05 06
The local Labour and Co-operative Parties were well represented on Parker's Piece on Saturday when a May Day Demonstration was held. The proceedings commenced with a procession which marched in the following order: Railway Silver Band, officers of the party, banner of the A.S.L.E. and F., Co-operative banner and party, smaller unions and women's sections, Cherryhinton band, builders' banner and banner of the N.U.R.

Brooklands Avenue trees

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May Day rally, p5

1922 05 09
Labour club, p3

1922 05 10
T.A. Reavell, the manager of the Cambridge Labour Exchange is leaving. The Deputy Divisional Controller from the Ministry explained that in the interests of economy two of the large divisional offices had been closed and posts had to be found for the officials. Mr Almond felt it was but a sample of the high-handed and autocratic system which prevailed in which Ministers were now permitted to over-ride and interpret Acts of Parliament according to their own idea. This was seconded by Mr Shadbolt on behalf of the workers panel and echoed by the Master of Downing, chairman of the Local Employment Committee

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County war memorial unveiling, p5
Ely Militia barracks sale, p6
St Ives dead in fields, p6

1922 05 12
"To the glory of God, and in thankful memory of the men of --- who gave their lives in the Great War". How often have these sad dedicatory words been spoken during the past year or two as each local memorial was unveiled? But never have they been uttered with such deep impressiveness and in an air so charged with beautiful meaning as when they were spoken by the Bishop of Ely in Ely Cathedral this afternoon. For the veneration bestowed on each individual memorial was collected and concentrated on the beautiful memorials which have been erected in the Cathedral to the memory of the 5,320 men who made the supreme sacrifice in defence of their country's honour

Thursday football league, p6

1922 05 12 ES
Arthur Pledger, drapery, purchased and will continue as Arthur Pledger's Successprs. 22 05 12ES
Prickwillow hospital parade ES 1922 May 12 p4
Ely Needham's teacher retires – H.D. Boyden 22 05 12(3)ES
Ely cathedral war memorial unveiled- photo 22 05 12&(2)ES
Ely Holy Trinity war memorial unveiled ES 1922 May 12 p10
Ald Charles Bidwell retires as chairman of Isle CC ES 1922 May 12 p11
Prickwillow: football club meeting

1922 05 13
Cambridge ruri-deaconal conference's housing committee was of the opinion that there still existed in Cambridge many slums which were a disgrace to a Christian community. The dirty and lazy habits of some of the people rendered nugatory any attempts to improve the conditions in which they lived. As long as such miserable housing conditions existed they had no right to be surprised that the habits of the people who lived in them were often unsatisfactory

1922 05 13 c
It would have occasioned very little surprise if, after the by-election it had been announced that Mr Hugh Dalton was not to stand again for Cambridge because it was felt that the Labour headquarters appreciated the work he had done here and would be likely to find him a constituency where there were greater prospects of Labour success than Cambridge offers. But his withdrawal from the field so soon after his acceptance of an invitation to contest the seat again has come as something of a bombshell to the rank and file of the Party.

Ely war memorial, p6
Royal Show ups council rents, p6

1922 05 15
Sir. Cambridge is a University town, supposed to respect and consider its inhabitants. My husband served with his Majesty's Forces abroad for four years. He has been unemployed nearly two years and willing for any kind of work. His labour dole now being finished, and I myself not being able to work to keep our home going, he was forced to apply to the Guardians for relief and was told this morning that relief could not be granted but that he could have a ticket to go into the Workhouse. Is this the reward our men receive for all they have done? - letter from An Ex-Serviceman's Wife

Holy Trinity war memorial, p3
Bicycle accident, p5
Saffron Walden trains, p5

1922 05 16
Whist drive, p4
Borough Librarian, p6

1922 05 17
Cambridge Amateur Swimming Club held their annual meeting at the Alexandra Hall. The past year had been a difficult one, and in many ways disappointing. Owing to the state of the river they were obliged to cancel the annual regatta and almost entirely abandon the fixtures arranged for the season. Five polo matches had been played of which one had been won and four lost

Cole Ambrose will, p5
Cycle thefts, p6

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Ex-soldier bankruptcy, p3
Littleport school extension, p3
Slaughterhouses, p5
Police wages, p5

1922 05 19
At the Cambridge Housing Committee meeting Mrs Rackham said that there were 430 marriages in the borough during the year, and only 72 new houses were built. They were also told that there would have been more marriages had it not been for the housing difficulty. In 116 homes in which babies were born there was overcrowding to the extent, in some cases, of six or seven persons per bedroom. Before the war they used to talk of legal overcrowding as two persons in a room. Then there was some hope of getting the matter put right, but now there was none. # c.23

Non-repair engine, p3
Mill Road new road, p5

1922 05 19 ES
The fens in older times. 22 05 19ES

Barge owner sued for non-payment wages. 22 05 19(2)ES

Chatteris lady brings day-old chicks from Holland by air 22 05 19(3)ES

Ely cinema manager, Electric, hurt ES 1922 May 19 p6
Drainage of fens - letter from Ed Day, Prickwillow ES 1922 May 19 p7
Prickwillow v Soham Grammar school cricket ES 1922 May 19 p11
Prickwillow: hospital parade ES 1922 May 19 p12

1922 05 20
Half a century ago Cambridge was notorious for its trading exclusiveness and backwardness. It was self-centred, localised, jealous of intruders and generally stuck-in-the mud. A vastly different state of affairs exists today. Local firms have developed or are springing up who are not satisfied with the seasonal trade and limited scope which Cambridge has to offer, but are seeking extensions of their business to wider fields and successfully competing in the open market with others. Generally there is a greater spirit of enterprise than was exhibited even 25 years ago. This, no doubt, has been due in part to the introduction of multiple shops, and the lessons that have been impaired by their very up-to-date proprietors # c.27.2

Housing famine, p5
Arts & Crafts exhibition, p5

1922 05 20 c
For three months of the year Cambridge is almost a deserted city and trade dwindles to a mere trickle; yet this town might, with a little effort on the part of the municipality and business people be made a most attractive holiday centre. Where can there be found another town only just over fifty miles from London and with four trunk railway companies serving it, which has such splendid openings for the provision of sites for the factories of industrial enterprises? We are still unenterprising here, and it is surely time we got a move on. The University can look after itself - "Table Talk"

1922 05 20
Original "rags" in Cambridge are becoming few and far between, but there was something absolutely new this morning, when undergraduates treated their fellow-members of the University, and townspeople also to that rare spectacle - a film in the making - when there took place the filming of episode one of "The Supper Man". Shortly before noon we beheld a crowd seething round a lorry bearing camera men and some bright spirits with megaphones. These bright spirits made a loud noise

with the aid of the megaphone whereat the villain, one Silas Windle, the most villainous villain that ever "villainised" appeared mounted on a handsome gee-gee # c.65.6

1922 05 22
A story of a courageous old lady of 88 who declared she "was not a bit afraid" when she routed two burglars was told at the Cambs Divisional Court. Miss Larkin of Milton said that last Saturday evening she put her gloves, handkerchief and one penny on the chest of drawers in readiness for church on the following morning. She was awakened by a noise which she at first thought was a train shunting. After a time she saw two men come in through the bedroom door carrying the lamp from her big room in their hand. Witness jumped out of bed, lit her candle and said "What do you want". They had handkerchiefs over their faces which she pulled down.

Cherry Hinton choir, p8

1922 05 23
Burwell orchards, p3
Hotel charges, p4
MoH report, p5
Swavesey thunderstorm, p5

1922 05 24
Care of blind, p3
Empire Day, p5

1922 05 25
A heavy thunderstorm, which missed Cambridge, passed over the country districts accompanied by hail of enormous size. At Cottenham the deluge was most intense for about ten minutes. The hail stones measured 1 ½ (one-and -half) to 1 3/4 (one and three quarter) inches and some which were picked up were, it is said, as large as hen's eggs. Many panes of glass were broken in the greenhouses at Mr Gautrey's nurseries. Severe damage was done to the strawberry and plum crops. Other villages including Dry Drayton were deluged with torrential rain and hail of unusual size. At Caldecote and Hardwick windows were broken and the hailstones are reported to have been the size of walnuts

1922 05 26
The report went on to state that a shortage of water was experienced at Harston and Great Wilbraham; the supply was depleted by the pumping at the Cambridge Water Company's new works and by the drought. The latter difficulty had now been overcome by the Company fixing four standpipes in the village. Most of the wells at Little Wilbraham failed during the drought. Considerable discussion arose as to the condition of the polluted brook at Histon. It was stated that the people of Histon were living in a "stink pot"

Tarring roads, Fen Ditton

1922 05 26 ES
Nene navigation stopped for six months last year – 22 05 26ES

Stretham hospital parade & address. 22 05 26(2)ES

Sunday postal collections revived, Stretham 5.5 ES 1922 May 26 p5

1922 05 27
Rowdy conduct at promenade concerts on Christ's Pieces, Cambridge, is very seriously regarded by members of the Corporation and if things do not take a better turn the question whether it is worth going on with them will be considered. The remedy lies with parents who surely can see to it that whilst their children enjoy themselves, as is right and proper for children to do, they do not make

themselves a nuisance. The need of public discipline is becoming more and more apparent and rowdyism must be checked.

1922 05 27
Among the charitable institutions of Cambridge is the Cottage Home for Little Orphan Girls in Fitzwilliam Road. Its work has been carried on so quietly and unassumingly that the majority of townspeople are probably unaware of its existence. More than fifty years ago two wealthy Cambridge undergraduates were so distressed at the sight of many poor and neglected children in the town that they gave a certain sum of money for the founding of a home for orphan girls. Girls are admitted between the ages of four and twelve and are trained for domestic service and I am assured that those who have passed through the Home had done exceedingly well. # c.32.9

1922 05 29
Gypsy Smith, p8

1922 05 30
The Cambridge Salvation Army Citadel, Tenison-road, was well filled with visitors and friends when a presentation of new silver-plated instruments took place under the chairmanship of Gypsy Smith. The first instruments to be presented were three cornets, the next consisted of two flugel horns and a euphonium. Mr M. Stuart recalled what the old General had said to him about Salvation Army bands: "It is better for a man to beat a drum than to beat his wife". It was better for a man to blow a flugel horn than to blow his brains out, which was what some poor fellows in the depth were tempted to do

Recreation grounds, p4

1922 05 31
Low Temperature Research Station, p3
Witcham parish council irregularities, p5
Threshing proprietor fined, p5*

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1922 06 01
Battleships or light craft, p5
Novel smoking concert, p5

1922 06 02
Through the generosity of a comparative stranger in their midst, the people of Coton have at last had a long-felt want satisfied. A year ago Mr & Mrs Albert Peake took up their residence at St Catharine's Hall Farm, and clamant need for a recreation ground for the parish was so forcibly borne in upon them that they recently decided to present a splendid 10-acre field near the centre of the village for the purpose.

Flannel dance, p5

1922 06 02 ES
New Middle Level bridge at Aqueduct, Outwell formally opened. 22 06 02&(2)ES # c.44.75

Eroder dredger trial, River Wissey. 22 06 02(3)ES

Cass & Co motor bus "Etheldreda" travelled 40,000 miles last summer ES 1922 Jun 2 p4
Outwell new Middle Level bridge opened (photo p10) ES 1922 Jun 2 p6
Wicken: inquiry into parish council election ES 1922 Jun 2 p9
Prickwillow: Methodist chapel anniversary ES 1922 Jun 2 p10

1922 06 03
Roof escapades by undergraduates have been numerous of late and the missing prehistoric fish weather vane on the Geological Museum dome is the outcome of one of those. Another high altitude "rag" took place recently when handkerchiefs and clothing were tied to one of the towers of King's Chapel. A story has been told that a proposal of marriage was made and accepted on a college roof during a nocturnal excursion in which undergraduate students of the fair sex took part. Can it be that this story was circulated to try and throw the blame on the ladies for removing the prehistoric fish?

Whitsun attraction. P5
Police pay, p5
MacFisheries ice factory fire, p5

1922 06 06
Circus enthusiasts who were disappointed by the non-arrival of Sylvester's Circus will find ample solace for their disappointment should they visit the Great Empire Circus this week. To describe the numerous items provided by accomplished tricksters (both animals and humans) would be well-nigh impossible. Gollywogs, tricksters, whose amazingly clever feats on cycles deservedly gain much applause. The climax of all the excitement is reached when Miss Eleonora accomplishes her daring tightrope feat entitled "The Slide for Life". Throughout the whole entertainment the audience experiences scarcely a dull moment, for which the humorous antics of several weirdly-attired clowns is largely responsible. It should be well patronised because the staff is composed entirely of ex-Service men

1922 06 06
In the death of Mr Ernest Edward Hayward Cambridge has lost a much respected townsman. He was one of the first to start cinemas in the town, and used to arrange for displays at garden parties and gave performances in the Corn Exchange and Guildhall. The "Arcadia" on St Andrew's-hill was managed by him and he was famed for the excellent variety entertainment given there. Indeed, deceased was responsible for the commencement of high-class variety shows in the town. He was an amateur actor of repute and for many years played the humorous lead in Bijou Amateur D.C. productions. He belonged to the Cambridge Pierrot Troupe, a concert party which existed from 1897 to 1901 solely for charitable purposes # c.76.9

War memorial sites, p5

1922 06 07
The monthly meeting of the Newmarket Rural District received a petition from Robert Leonard and 22 others living at The Cotes, Soham, asking the Council to extend the water main an additional three-quarters of a mile. In view of the great shortage of pure water in the locality of Soham and the comparatively close formation of the cottages with their 121 inhabitants, their application was one not only of necessity, but reasonable

Waterbeach sports, p2
Dole fraud, p4
Mill Road Cemetery condition, p5

1922 06 08
First day of Mays, p3
Cookery rag, p5

1922 06 09
At a special service held in Witcham Parish Church the Bishop of Ely dedicated a handsome brass memorial tablet, upon which was inscribed the names of the fifteen men of Witcham who gave their lives in the Great War. The Bishop asked that the memories of those who had fallen should always be

revered, and that their sacrifices should not be in vain. It was our duty to keep the villages pure, sober, and Christian, and so be worthy of the lives which had been given.

1922 06 09 ES
Witcham war memorial unveiled. 22 06 09ES

Ely postmaster retires, reminisces ES 1922 Jun 9 p5
Prickwillow: assault ES 1922 Jun 9 p10
Prickwillow: Methodist chapel anniversary ES 1922 Jun 9 p10
Prickwillow: cricket ES 1922 Jun 9 p10

1922 06 10
The silver cup offered to the person who could make the best attempt to ride Mr F. Astley's donkey at the Great Empire Circus was duly won on Friday evening and proudly carried away by the gallant "rough-rider" who was master of the animal for a brief - very brief - period. The efforts of the competitors and the manner of their descent to earth kept the audience convulsed with laughter. A gentleman in a blazer and white flannels, who hugged a bottle lovingly to his bosom, first politely raised his hat to the animal, and then generously offered it a drink from the bottle.

Houghton mill for sale, p4
Drought menace, p5
Cambridge war memorial arrangements, p5

1922 06 12
The last days of the Mays (rowing races) drew the largest attendance that has been seen at these races since the war. The weather was warm and there was a wonderful display of summer frocks, flannels and blazers. The towing path and the enclosures were full of brightly-hued humanity, while the sky was full of balloons of all colours, some captive and many escaped. The racing was as exciting as could be desired but Plough Reach had rather more than their fair share of bumps. After the races the procession of craft down the river provided another "turn" for the tow-path spectators. As usual the motor launches did all the work, and the Viscountess Bury had a long string of hangers-on

1922 06 13
"May week" has reached its second phase and the gaiety of the "Boats" has given places to a wonderful round of college balls and concerts. The May Week Ball of the First and Third Trinity Boat Clubs was probably one of the largest affairs of the kind that has ever been held in Cambridge. Hitherto, owing to a lack of accommodation the numbers attending has had to be restricted to about 650. Mr D.G. Marshall of Jesus Lane, however, found a way out of the difficulty with a somewhat novel scheme. A marquee 100 feet by 40 feet was erected on Market Hill facing the Guildhall and therein supper was laid. A delightfully cool effect was obtained by leaving open a part of the side of the tent nearest the fountain and having the fountain lit up with coloured electric lights in the background. Provision was made for some 1,100 guests and supper was served in three relays of 375 each, a special staff of chefs from the House of Commons was specially engaged for the occasion # c.36.97

Haddenham foal show, p3
Suicide of old soldier, p5
Motorbike fish-tail silencer, p6

1922 06 14
The "pros and cons" of a proposed joint water scheme were reviewed at a public inquiry convened by the Ministry of Health held at Ely. Mr H.J. Martin explained that for the most part the inhabitants of Littleport drank water from the River Ouse. Mr A.K. Campbell put in an analyst's report to the effect that water from the Ouse taken four miles south of Littleport was polluted with sewage and was unfit for drinking purposes. Mr T. Peake: "I would like to remind you that Ely City empties its sewage into

the waters which Littleport has to drink; also that last year the rivers were absolutely unfit for drinking purposes - they were stagnant and putrid". A feature of the enquiry was the stout opposition put up by the parishes of Haddenham, Wilburton, Stretham and Little Downham. A solitary supporter from Stretham explained that he did not attend a public meeting there - which was unanimous against the scheme - because had he done so he would probably have been "crucified"

1922 06 15
Messrs W. Heffer and Sons have become well known for the excellence of anything exhibited at their Sidney Street galleries. Well above the standard of the rest of their exhibits is some of the truly wonderful work of a Scottish artist, Mr William Watt Milne, who has a studio in St Ives. The six pictures which are exhibited have been painted in the neighbourhood of Houghton. "Flood at Houghton" is the title of a pretty little piece of work depicting the picturesque village street on a grey day with the threatening sky reflected in a pool of water in the foreground. One of the best pictures is that called "The Old Inn at Houghton", a superb piece of work

Swaffham Prior business bankrupt, p5
Haddenham Hospital Sunday, p6

1922 06 16
A labourer of 1, Derby-road, Cambridge, was summonsed for not having control over a horse attached to a cart in Petty Cury. P.C. Keeble said that the horse was left unattended for 20 minutes. The horse was later found at the end of Guildhall-street having apparently wandered there on its own. It was apparently making its way to the police court (Laughter). Defendant said he had been driving the animal for a number of years and had not had any trouble with it. He was fined 5s.

Ely Friendly Society fined, p5

1922 06 16 ES
Ely rural water supply public inquiry, Stretham & others object ... Holland Porter, representing Stretham opposed scheme as it unnecessary. The natural supply was good & ample but the present method of obtaining distribution might be improved. Mr Savidge of Stretham who was deaf & unable to hear any of the evidence caused great amusement in his vigorous condemnation of the existing water supply and declared he was willing to pay anything to secure improved conditions. Half the population in the lower end of the village used one source of supply, and it was subject to contamination from the roads. Mr Savidge, who said he was a baker, urged that whenever it rained the water supply was muddy ... "I cannot drink it nor can I get other people to eat it". "I dare not go to the parish meeting for fear they crucified me, because everybody was against it. Everybody in Stretham would like good water but they don't want to pay for it" 22 06 16&(2)(3)ES

Prickwillow v Lakenheath cricket ES 1922 Jun 16 p11
Prickwillow: Baptist chapel Sunday school ES 1922 Jun 16 p12
Prickwillow: Methodist chapel anniversary ES 1922 Jun 16 p12

1922 06 17
A number of young men were summoned for committing damage to a calico advertisement sheet at Milton by throwing stones. Mr Jacobs had a field in Milton fen in which were two scaffolding poles with the sheet attached to them. The canvas hoarding had been absolutely destroyed. The sheet was four yards by one yard. This was not the first time this sort of thing had occurred; these men came to the Fen and thought they could do as they liked. The hoarding bore the words "The Motor Park"

1922 06 17
We are often led to believe that manners are changing for the worse. It is refreshing there to read another point of view. Mr Ladbroke Black says: "Twenty-five years ago the manners of an undergraduate were stiff and starchy. To have uttered a good-humoured apology would have been a derogation of undergraduate dignity. Owing to the inexperience of my cox, aged nine, I collided with

several boats on the "Backs" last week, and even carried away on the blade of my oar the Japanese parasol with which an undergraduate in a Canadian canoe was shading himself. In every case I was met with a cheering. 'My fault, I expect, sir!' and a laughing word of encouragement to my cox"

No more war, p5
Rotary formed some time ago, p6
New names Cambridgeshire villages. P6

1922 06 20
The annual church parade organised by the Soham Fire Brigade and Friendly Societies, in aid of Addenbrooke's Hospital, was held on Sunday, and once more upheld its reputation as being one of the leading functions of its kind in the county. Large crowds attended the proceedings, and graced by favourable weather, the event was a great success. The decorated car, proverbial to Hospital Sundays, brought up the rear of the procession and depicted a hospital ward. During the last year 11,000 patients had been treated at Addenbrooke's, 170 of which come from Soham, whose contribution during that period amounted to about 8d per head of the population

Cambridge boy composer, p8

1922 06 21
New telephone kiosk, p5
Downham old soldier suicide, p5
Baronet engagement when undergraduate, p5
Chesterton Hall estate, p5

1922 06 22
Midsummer Fair was proclaimed this morning by the Mayor (Councillor G.P. Hawkins) when crowds of people attended to witness the time-honoured ceremony. The old cry of "Biggest fair I've seen for years" suggests that the Fair is still growing. Thurston's roundabout are again present and number about six in all. They include their famous golden dragons, gondolas and motor scenic railways. Three circuses and numerous "laugh and grow fat" shows make up a good square mile of pleasure ground. There are the usual crockery and sweet stalls, rock kings, cheap jacks, fortune tellers and the like in unusual profusion. An objectionable feature this year is a diabolical engine that emits a banshee-like wail at frequent intervals. It ought to be smothered.

1922 06 22
The report of Chesterton R.D.C. Housing Committee showed numerous applications had been received for a reduction in rent of the Council houses. After discussion it was decided that the rent should be £20 per annum where the total income was 50 shillings a week or over, and £17 per annum when the income was less. The Architect reported that the final accounts for the erection of 36 houses in Comberton, Haslingfield, Horningsea, Lt Shelford and Willingham had been sanctioned by the Ministry

1922 06 22
A party of about sixty fruitgrowers and farmers had a very enjoyable and instructive outing to Croxton Park. Arriving at the fruit farm, the first thing that the growers remarked "What a crop of Monarch plums". It was evident that every variety had a very heavy-crop, even such as Lane's Prince Albert apple and Emneth Early apple, whilst the gage crop hang like grapes on the branches. About 100 acres are under fruit cultivation.

1922 06 23
At the meeting of the Rural District Council the Sanitary Committee reported that remedies were being applied to the Histon Brook, and meanwhile no more effluent was being discharged into the brook. Mr Chivers was doing everything in his power to see that the nuisance was being dealt with. Application had been received from Grantchester for a parish dump. Mr Francis remarked that all

parishes should be asked to do the same sort of thing. There was so much tinned food consumed now, and the tins could not be destroyed in any way, so parishes should find some suitable dump for them.

Council but Callaby's, p3
Glebe Estate improvements, p4

1922 06 23 ES
Stretham garden fete in vicarage grounds; not for many years such a function for church purposes - usually for charity - but organ repaired at considerable cost - stalls etc 22 06 23ES

New land workers union 22 06 23(2)(3)ES

Soham war memorial unveiled – photo. 22 06 23(4)(5)ES
Wentworth school to be closed ES 1922 Jun 23 p3
Prickwillow: Baptist chapel anniversary ES 1922 Jun 23 p10

1922 06 26
Littleton House School, p3
Fruit growers visit Croxton Park, p6

1922 06 27
The Chief Scout, Lieut.-General Sir R.S.S. Baden-Powell is on a visit to Cambridge and yesterday witnessed a Scout rally by the Cambridge & District Boys Scouts in Queens' College Grove. On entering the Grove the Chief was surrounded by Scouts, who had been in ambush. They cried his Zulu name as they gathered around him and then sang him a chorus of welcome called "Ingonyama". Translated the worlds sung mean "He is a lion. He is a lion. He is greater than a lion. He is an hippopotamus" # c.37.9

1922 06 27
"Sir. At one time I was a fairly constant user of the Free Library, but of late my visits are not so frequent for the sole reason that one cannot sit down and read with ease and comfort. As I enter the Library I am watched. I am stared at practically the whole time I am there, and when I leave the eyes of some official stare at me until I am off the premises" - A Friend of the Library

Girl conference, p5
Coveney war memorial unveiled, p6

1922 06 28
"Sir. I am in the Free Library practically every week day during the year, but I have never seen any member of the staff either "killing time" or "staring round private corners". They always appear to me to be well occupied; but however busy they are they are always most obliging and go to a very great deal of trouble to find out information if any is required". – Another Reader.

1922 06 28 c
The great week to which we have all looked forward so eagerly and for which such extensive preparations have been made, will shortly be upon us. The Royal Show promises to be one of outstanding importance. This will be the third visit of the Show to Cambridge. It is probably true to say that in no other country in the world is there to be found a show of anything like the same magnitude as that which will be seen on the Trumpington-road ground.

1922 06 30 ES
Coveney war memorial lych-gate unveiled. 22 06 30ES

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1922 07 01
No one will be surprised at the chorus of indignation called forth by the appeal of a shopkeeper for the waiving of the Thursday half-holiday during Show week. The Royal Show is a great education and it is most natural that shop assistants should want to see it themselves and to prevent those who want to go by demanding their services during the customary half-holiday would be to show a lack of consideration of which I do not think many employers would be guilty – Table Talk # c.27.9

Ouse drainage protest taxes, p3
Beautifying Cambridge
Medals bellringers, p6

1922 07 03
A glance at the huge entries in all sections of the Royal Show will give one some idea of the heavy burden imposed on the Railway Company, and the colossal task of arranging for the distribution of traffic. The G.E.R. has built unloading docks situated at the Trumpington signal-box on the Long-road, Cambridge, where there is also another entrance to the Show ground. The work of unloading machinery and materials has been in progress since May 25th and considerably more than 2,000 tons will have been handled before the closing date for delivery. The intensive period will be when the livestock are received. About sixty special trains have been booked to arrive commencing at 3.40am on Saturday morning. # c.26.2

Girl Guide rally, p5

1922 07 04
His Royal Highness the Duke of York unveiled the War memorial which has been erected in Cambridge. The ceremony was attended by thousands of people and was of a deeply impressive nature. It was raining heavily as the Prince mounted the platform for the unveiling ceremony. The band played the opening bar of the hymn "O God, our help in ages past" to the accompaniment of rain drumming on hundreds of umbrellas. A few minutes later the rain ceased and the rest of the ceremony was carried though amid brilliant sunshine. The Prince pulled a rope which released the drapery revealing the bronze figure of an infantryman. # c.62 # c.45.5

1922 07 05
King & Harper advert,
Royal Show opens – big motor invasion
Stretham labourer dead, p10

1922 07 06
Before a large assembly at the Senate House his Royal Highness, the Duke of York, K.G. had the degree of Doctor of Law conferred on him by the Chancellor of the University, the Earl of Balfour. When the Duke of York was conducted by the Esquire Bedell to his position before the Chancellor, a storm of applause broke from the audience, which, led from the gallery, soon developed into a cheer. The Orator said; "Our Duke lives - as we read every day in the Press - a life of toil and thought for his people. We hope that in Cambridge, at least, he feels free from toil and anxiety and is here with pleasure and freedom of mind" # c.02

1922 07 06
The great agricultural city on the Trumpington-road (the Royal Show) is in full blast today - in more senses than one. A stiff south-westerly gale had been sweeping over the show ground for the greater part of last night and it continued with unbated strength during the day. The tents and shedding for the most part withstood the gale remarkably well but a dozen of the larger structure were blown down wholly or in part and the Mayor's tent was levelled to the ground. In the latter a man was sleeping but escaped unhurt, although the circumstances gave rise to an erroneous rumour that a man had been killed

Leys school memorial, p7

1922 07 07 ES
Stretham war memorial churchyard unveiled - photo - cost £100, 200 subscribers 22 07 07&(2)(3)(4)ES

Prickwillow: servant sues Robert Cole ES 1922 Jul 7 p4
Stretham meeting re union of land workers ES 1922 Jul 7 p12

1922 07 08
Anyone who has taken any note of the motor traffic in and out of Cambridge during Royal Show week cannot fail to have been impressed with its volume, and the great number of people who have been conveyed to and from the show by this means. Nothing that has hitherto occurred at Cambridge has served to show so clearly what a factor the motor vehicle has become in the life of the nation. Many visitors who a few years ago would have stayed in the town and come and gone without spending a penny outside the show ground

1922 07 10
On the petition by the parishioners of Thaxted for a faculty directing the removal of "certain Sinn Fein and 'Red' flags from his church" the Rev Canon Noel, Vicar of Thaxted, Essex, appeared before the Chancellor of the Diocese of Chelmsford on Saturday. Captain John Oliver Barbrook described the various occasions on which the flags were torn down. On one occasion a number of persons invaded the church with ladders and endeavoured to pull down the flag. There was a struggle in which the vicar took part. Eventually an invader removed the Red Flag which he put in his pocket. The vicar grabbed at his pocket but got the wrong one and pulled out a Union Jack. The invader then said to the police - "I give this man (indicating the vicar) in charge for picking my pocket". The Chancellor found that petitions had made good their claims for the removal of the flags.

Royal show loss, p6

1922 07 11
The model of the soldier on the Cambridge War Memorial which, owing to an unavoidable delay, had to be used for the unveiling ceremony last week, has to-day been replaced by the actual bronze, so that the figure now in position is as it will be seen for all time. The bronze was brought from the foundry at Thames Ditton by motor lorry at four o'clock this morning. Mr Kett and ten men were in waiting and so expeditiously was the work carried out that by 8 o'clock the model figure had been taken down and the other set up and fixed in its proper position. A couple of hours later the scaffolding was removed # c.62 # c.45.5

1922 07 12
The monthly meeting of the Newmarket Urban Council was held in the new Council Chamber at Godolphin House. The Chairman said the rooms were more convenient and healthier for the Council and their staff than the old Town Hall where the staff were labouring under great difficulties. Council might expect that under better conditions they would get more work from the staff.

1922 07 14
Perse school scouts, p5

1922 07 14 ES
Haddenham pageant. 22 07 14ES

Mepal new schoolroom stone laying, memorial T. Hiam. 22 07 14(2)ES

Turf fen - influx of van dwellers ES 1922 Jul 14 p5
Prickwillow v Burnt Fen cricket & v Littleport ES 1922 Jul 14 p9
Prickwillow: scholarships ES 1922 Jul 14 p10
Prickwillow: seaside trip ES 1922 Jul 14 p10

Turf fen - influx of van dwellers ES 1922 Jul 14 p5

1922 07 15
Something more than a talking-to ought to be administered to the boys who have committed so much wilful damage to the remains of the Barnwell Military Hospital adjoining the Newmarket-road just beyond the Cambridge Borough boundary. For some reason the boiler house and one complete section of the wooden hutments have been left, apparently totally uncared for, and are rapidly going to wreck and ruin. The site of the hospital, overgrown with weeds and littered with debris, forms a happy hunting ground for children who are able to get through the gap where the gates used to be. The bolder and most mischievous of the boys have found the remaining buildings a tempting target for stones, and scarcely a pane of glass remains undamaged # c.21.4 # c.45.5

1922 07 15
An event of unique interest and of considerable local importance took place in the Vicarage meadow at Haddenham in the form of a pageant entitled "Ye Olde Towne of Hadnam". As may be judged it was an attempt - and one which was eminently successful - to portray the history attaching to that village. That it aroused much interest in the district may be gathered from the fact that well over 100 people were present. A large contingent journeying from Ely, while all the villages around contributed their quota and so helped to make the pageant exceed the highest anticipations of the promoters

Stretham Wesley church fete, p3
West Cambridgeshire fruit growers, p3
Duxford airfield fire, p5

1922 07 17
Question ot taste – war memorial, p5

1922 07 18
Romsey football club, p6

1922 07 19
What will undoubtedly be enthusiastically welcomed by swimmers and bathers in the immediate vicinity is the new bathing pool on Coldham's Common, Cambridge. The pool is divided into two sections, the smaller being for the use of young children, and the larger for boys, youths and men. The pools have been built into a running stream of water from the Nine Wells, and in consequence fresh filtered water is always entering the pools whilst that which has been used is being discharged at the other end # c.38 : swimming # c.32.3

Lt Downham foal show, p3
Rules of the road, p5

1922 07 20
A meeting was held in the Great Wilbraham Schoolroom with reference to a proposal to join the parish churches of Great and Little Wilbraham under one benefice. The Rev H.H. Appleford, vicar of Great Wilbraham objected to the union. It would prevent men taking orders and it was a failure at Brinkley. No man, however strong or young, could work practically three parishes as Six-Mile-Bottom was almost as good as a separate parish. At present it was two miles from its parish church. But if it was joined to Westley it would be over three by road and over two by short cuts over the fields. He had measured the distance on his motor cycle, and the way to Westley was more uphill

No more war demonstration & letter, p5

1922 07 21
Cottenham show, p5

1922 07 21 ES
Wentworth school closure protests. 22 07 21&(2)(3)ES *

Littleport war memorial panels, organ case, dedicated. 22 07 21(4)ES

Railway assessment problems. 22 07 21(5)(6)ES

Stretham:
Stretham: funeral Mrs Swan; since death husband about 10 years ago had carried business grocer & draper and until recently Postmistress ... well-known & respected

Ely militia barracks for sale ES 1922 Jul 21 p6
Prickwillow: bazaar for church restorations ES 1922 Jul 21 p7
Wicken parish council irregularities fail ES 1922 Jul 21 p7
Prickwillow: Methodist chapel seaside trip ES 1922 Jul 21 p12

1922 07 22
The report of the Highways Committee of Chesterton Rural District Council was presented by Mr Rowley who said the steam roller had been in their possession for 21 years. It required considerable repairs. Messrs Aveling and Porter had been consulted and had reported that it would cost £500 to repair the old roller. A new roller would cost £811 and the old roller would sell for £200

1922 07 22
The prospect of a serious deficiency at the Botanic Garden is almost a certainty; it is expected to be about £1,362. A suggestion has been made that the public should be charged a small fee for admission, but there is a natural objection to adopting this course, the garden having been open so long and so extensively used by the public. A suggested alternative is that the garden should close at 5.30. A further proposal is that the principal greenhouses should be closed and their contents sold. Something will have to be done. The Garden practically ranks as a public park. We are in danger of losing that park # c.18

1922 07 22
The marvels of Papworth Tuberculosis Colony have recently been further added to by the completion of a nurses' home, two new hostels and new cottages. This great achievement, being one more great stride along the path of progress travelled so rapidly by that remarkable village settlement for the consumptive, was fittingly celebrated when the new buildings were formally opened by Sir Alfred Mond, the Minister of Health. The hostels are admirably equipped in every respect and will bring joy to the hearts of the single men whose happy lot it will be to lodge in them. The cottages are for married men who wish to bring their wives and families to live with them

War memorial face, p6

1922 07 24
Printing trade crisis, p5
Saturday deluge, p5

1922 07 25
The principal new roads proposed as part of the Cambridge town planning scheme include a main road starting from Red Cross, on Hills Road, going approximately north to Newmarket Road at the

corner of Fen Ditton-lane, divided into sections. Number 3 runs in a straight line as far as the old Newmarket railway line and then slightly curves into Mill-Road. There are two branches which both lead towards the station. It will be necessary to form a subway under the railway or bridge the line, unless this line, which at present is only used for storage of railway carriages, is done away with altogether # c.49.62

No more war day, p4
Cambridge market – not better covered, p5 (& 26th p6)

1922 07 27
A pleasing ceremony took place at the meeting of the Cambridge Town Council when Col. C.T. Heycock, on behalf of the past officers of the headquarters of the Cambridgeshire Regiment, presented to the town a copy of the book which rests in Ely Cathedral, containing the names of the men of Cambs and the Isle of Ely who lost their lives in the war. The Mayor, in accepting the book said he was sure they would all feel it was their duty and privilege to take care of that handsome volume, and place it in the Public Library, so that all who cared could look through it and see the names of those gallant men who fell in the defence of their country # c.62 # c.45.5

1922 07 27
The preliminary proposals for developing the town planning area on the east side of Cambridge were presented to the Town Council. The Borough Surveyor said the showing of roads on the plan did not bind the Corporation to construct any of them. It simply meant that that was to be the line of the roads eventually, and nothing must be done to prevent roads being made there. So although 21 roads were shown, it did not bind the Corporation to make a single one unless they thought fit. The scheme could only be made for parts not built upon at present - Romsey Town and the Rock Estate did not come into the scheme # c.49.4

1922 07 27
I don't think there will be any doubt about the keenness of the children of Cambridge in the League of Nations after the way in which they turned out to the Rally on Wednesday evening in spite of the most unfortunate weather. At one time it looked as if it might be necessary to abandon altogether the procession of decorated vehicles but the youngsters were so disappointed that the teachers resolved to "carry on". From various incidents it was clear that the school children were determined to come, even if their teachers were unable to bring them. Children from schools not taking part begged teachers from schools elsewhere to let them join in their group.

Cambridge Town football club, p6
House famine, p6

1922 07 28
The new scheme for Borough housing was referred to at the Cambridge council meeting. Save that the scheme is to provide for the erection of 500 houses and that the cost may be £200,000, we know very little. It was originally proposed that a meeting should be held next Thursday but it seems more than likely we shall have to wait until the end of the year before the matter comes up in Council. And then, I suppose, there will be further delays before building can be started. While we do not want to see things rushed through with undue haste I am inclined to agree with the Mayor that "acceleration of building" is hardly a correct description of the sub-committee's activities – Table Talk

1922 07 28 ES
Coldham church restoration, 22 07 28ES
Ely new swimming pool scheme ES 1922 Jul 28 p4

Prickwillow: cricket abandoned ES 1922 Jul 28 p12
Prickwillow: tennis ES 1922 Jul 28 p12

1922 07 29
Doping horse at Oakington, p5
Rallying in rain, p6*

1922 07 31
The "No More War" demonstration held on Parker's Piece, Cambridge, was attended by a gratifying measure of success. The procession extended more than half the length of Gonville-place, and the crowd at the meetings held on the Piece afterwards was so large that the two platforms provided were not sufficient, and a motor-car had to be requisitioned for the purposes of a third meeting. In addition to the banners of the various societies there were numerous bearing inscriptions such as "For Peace and Freedom" (Women's International League), "Patriotism is not enough", "Cambridge Sisterhood says No More War". In addition there were scores of bannerettes bearing the words "No More War". Mrs Nevinson referred to the number of deaths from influenza in 1918 which was really a war plague. They kept the memory of the dead alive but did they remember the maimed, the blind, shell-shocked and the mad? No one was worrying about those men. # c.33 # c.45.6

Italians as fighter, p2

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1922 08 02
The gods invariably smile on the successful. Histon Show and Sports, one of the best managed and successful meetings in the Eastern Counties, was again favoured with delightful weather. The sports are, of course, the principal attractions at Histon and the officials are nothing if not up-to-date. The track was in splendid condition, and long before the races were due to commence there was a large crowd present, though none of the special trains had then arrived, and it looked fair to beat the previous record in attendance. One could not help but admire the megaphone steward. Gifted with a sonorous voice he was an artist of the game and greatly added to the success of the meeting

Cheveley church memorial, p3
Town bumping races mix up, p5*

1922 08 03
Stapleford fire, p5
Romsey Town & Rock Estate, p6

1922 08 04
The reports of the Isle of Ely Highways and Bridges Committee revealed that as owners of the Mepal Bridge the Ouse Drainage Board had advised that it was not sufficient to bear the modern traffic. The Board were advised that the bridge was originally built for tenants and servants of the Bedford Level Corporation, and that they were under no obligation to build a new bridge suitable for modern traffic. The Board desired to know whether the County Council would be prepared to discuss terms for the erection of a new bridge, and for the future maintenance of such bridge

Hazlitt St Ives presentation, p5
Shippea Hill fruit farm visit, p5

1922 08 04 ES
Soham railwayman, William Gamble, retires, 34 years Soham signal box 22 09 04ES *

Prickwillow: death Miss Mary Marsh ES 1922 Aug 4 p5
Prickwillow: early tomatoes ES 1922 Aug 4 p10

1922 08 05

The Summer Meeting is proving a gratifying success, and is in every way the best that has been held since that memorable meeting of 1914 when the war caught both the students and the Syndics unaware, and there was great trouble in repatriating some of the foreigners who had come to Cambridge for the meeting. This year once again there is a good sprinkling of foreign students, who seem to be thoroughly enjoying themselves. The students, too, include a number of working men from the North, who have been most regular and attentive at the lectures on Control in Industry, but a trifle dogmatic in the discussion # c.27.9

1922 08 05
The return of the Cambridge Mammoth Show to its old time variety and importance will recall to many minds the last occasion of its so presenting itself to the public. The gloom which rested over the Bank Holiday and show in 1914 will never be forgotten by those who experienced it. The megaphone calls in all parts of the ground for postmen to repair to their duty at once told the tale that war was regarded as inevitable, and that the mobilisation notices were to go out. On the following Friday Cambridge suddenly found itself an armed camp, through the arrival on mobilisation of the Sixth Division. One remembers the sight of the humble little shopkeepers on Newmarket-road coming out to greet the tired artillerymen and make offerings of fruit, sweets and cigarettes and the great wave of united purpose and offer of service which swept over Cambridge. # c.45.5

Moratoriam for war debts, p5

1922 08 05 c
The commencement of the school holidays has at once placed a great strain upon those who are responsible for the conduct of our recreation grounds and open spaces, and nowhere has it been more felt that at Sheep's Green, Cambridge, where our young water-rats spend the greater part of their vacations in alternating river-bathing and sun-baths. The place is in a great state of dilapidation and at any moment might become an utter ruin. The rottenness of the woodwork of the bathing shed is concealed by paint and putty, timbering on both sides of the river is falling to pieces and on the Newnham side the banks are crumbling to bits. It really does seem that before any new bathing places are built this grand old one should be put into a state worthy of its reputation and popularity - Table Talk

1922 08 07
Mammoth Show, p3

1922 08 08
Mammoth Show *

1922 08 09
Salvationists in Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire were greatly heartened during the holiday weekend by a visit from Mrs Booth, the beloved wife of the General, who addressed a series of meetings in several of the towns and villages which come in what is known as the Northampton Division. Mrs Booth made her tour in a motor car kindly lent and driven by Councillor H. Franklin of Cambridge. At all the meeting places large crowds had assembled and along the roads through which the cars passed not only Salvationists but many others came to the doors or stopped at their work to wave their hand to Mrs General Booth. Although it is a very long time since any Salvation Army gathering was held in St Ives there was a very large muster on the Market-hill to welcome her.

1922 08 09
Ely show, p3
Haverhill golf, p3

1922 08 11
Naval Ball, pe

1922 08 11 ES
Prickwillow: flower show tremendous success - photo ES 1922 Aug 11 p5

1922 08 12
The success of the Summer Meeting demonstrates once again the appreciation and possibilities of Cambridge as a holiday centre and yet Cambridge appears to be as indifferent as ever to its opportunities. Every person who has this experience is an advertisement for Cambridge, but it is an advertisement which ought to be supplemented by other kinds of publicity, the sort of propaganda which every progressive town makes use of these days. Money spent in this way would be money well spent - Table Talk 22 08 12

Anti-vivisection meeting, p3
Young parachutists, p4*
Mrs Booth's visits, p4*
Littleport British Legion hall opened, p4*

1922 08 14
At the meeting of Saffron Walden Town Council the Mayor referred to books of accounts of the old Spade Husbandry Committee. In the year 1829 a public meeting was held to decide what could be done with all the unemployed of the town. Then came the question of small allotments for the labouring poor. Mr Gibson offered four and a half acres which were the first allotments for the borough and situated on Little Walden-road. Several farmers offered land. Lord Braybrooke offered Park Wall Gardens. The movement prospered. The first report said there were 78 allotments, the following year there were 144 and the tilling of the land was so good that the Horticultural Society offered prizes for the best vegetables.

1922 08 14
Cambridgeshire School Medical Officer reported that there was serious restriction in the amount of water available for all purposes in very many villages during last summer. In several both wells and ponds were entirely dried up for periods of six to eight weeks, and water had to be carted several miles, often from districts already rather short. In one village it had been impossible to use water for laundry purposes for six weeks, the meagre supply which was all that could be spared from a neighbouring village being barely sufficient for cooking.

1922 08 14
The School Medical Officer reported that the percentage of children with uncleanly bodies was 4.1. The majority of the cases referred for treatment come over and over again from the same incorrigible families in whom very often mental defect is also present to a marked degree, the mother especially being of too low intelligence, or too unstable, to care adequately for her family

1922 08 16
Soham shooting outrage, p3

1922 08 17
Education of working women, p4*

1922 08 18 ES
Ely Railway Mission first sale of work since inception. 22 08 18ES

Soham shooting sensation - farmer & neighbours wife. 22 08 18(2)ES

Littleport British Legion memorial hut opened. 22 08 18(2)(3)ES *

Soham Comrades band - photo ES 1922 Aug 11 p8
Wicken to extend cemetery ES 1922 Aug 11 p8

Prickwillow: Methodist chapel services ES 1922 Aug 11 p8
Prickwillow: flower show record ES 1922 Aug 11 p8

1922 08 19
Cambridge visitors to St Ives are doubtless familiar with the old town clock on Messrs R. Kiddle & Son's premises in Bridge-street. This clock, which was erected by public subscription about 120 years ago, will have to be removed in consequence of the discovery that the premises have become unsafe. A special meeting of the Town Council was held to consider what should be done about the clock. There was a natural desire not to lose an old landmark which helps the town to retain its old-time character, but with so many other clocks about and finances so tight as they are today, the Council felt they could not sanction the expense of repair

Hunstanton fire, p2

1922 08 22
Of the opinion that the water supplies to the Ely rural district are "unsatisfactory and inadequate" the Ministry of Health consider that a new supply should be provided without delay. The Ministry wrote in reference to an Inquiry in connection with the application of the Rural District Council for sanction to borrow money for the provision of a scheme of water supply. It is understood that the R.D.C. have now arranged for the provision of an additional reservoir at Littleport.

1922 08 23
Shall the Ely Urban Council obtain powers to kill rats or not? That was the crux of a resolution proposed at the meeting on Monday. The Rev T.J. Kirkland raised the position regarding the Mill Pits and the nuisance caused by the shooting of objectionable rubbish there and the consequent presence of rats. The danger of the evil was not generally realised. For instance, a rat chart of England showed that in the worst areas cancer was more prevalent that in others; also rats damaged crops and properties and were also a great danger to health as disease carriers. The chairman said it was not enough for one local authority to take it up and the other to leave it alone, while the Isle Committee did their utmost, West Suffolk did nothing and all the Isle rats bolted into Suffolk for the time being. (Laughter).

Littleport parade, p3

1922 08 24
J.V. Priot death, p3
H.J. Cheffins death, p3

1922 08 25
Ely oldest women, p3

1922 08 25 ES
Soham shooting – photo, Lot Farm. 22 08 25&(2)ES

Prehistoric skeleton found in Cam at Upware. 22 08 25(3)ES

Littleport second hospital parade as feast wet ES 1922 Aug 18 p8
Soham: death Waddington, grocer ES 1922 Aug 18 p8
Prickwillow: Methodist chapel - large number camping on Lark bank ES 1922 Aug 18 p8

1922 08 26
This is the age of new things and I am able to report that harvest operations are in full swing on Parker's Piece. Such economy has been shown in the use of the mowers on our principal ground that the grass has grown to an extent beyond the power of the customary lawnmower to cut, and so a hayreaper has been employed and the resulting heavy swathes have been removed by horse and cart.

Two horses and three or four men have been engaged on the work, so if money-saving was the thing intended by keeping to mower off Parker's Piece it has not been very effective. # c.32.3

Dangerous habits cyclists, p4

1922 08 27 c
A correspondent writes: Comparatively few holiday- makers seem to know much of the splendid holiday afforded by the Norfolk Broads. House boats can be rented at about all prices from £2.2s.0d a week to accommodate two people to the wherry which will hold a party of eight or ten and costs about £25 a week (including two men to work her and do the cooking). For the lover of quiet and restful holidays the Broads certainly would be difficult to beat

1922 08 28
A good crowd and a fair number of entries went to make a success of the Cambridge Whippet Racing Club's meeting, which was held in the Straight Running Ground, Arbury-road. The meeting was the last of a series of evening meetings arranged by the club and unfortunately was not favoured with very good weather. The racing was very close and exciting and several "certs" came "unstuck"

1922 08 28 c
I was interested the other night to observe the resourcefulness of a newsboy near the New Theatre, Cambridge. Trade seemed dull and nobody seemed to want a paper. After trying for some time without success, the youngster stopped his cry of "Paper, sir" and pondered for a few moments. Then he had a brain wave. "Paper, sir, paper. All about poor Michael" he burst forth in such arresting fashion that everybody within hearing pricked up their ears. I saw at least a dozen people buy a paper of the lad before I went into the Theatre

1922 08 30
At a meeting held in the Grantchester Schools the proposal to purchase the entrance pavilion to the Royal Show ground, for a village hall was considered. Mr J.J. Lister explained that two years ago an effort was made to provide a village hall in connection with the war memorial scheme but this had to be abandoned owing to high prices. He had been told that if any offer in the neighbourhood of £300 was received they would be offered the first refusal. The building would provide a large central room with smaller rooms on either side and a pavilion for the cricket and football players. The proposal was that the building should be erected on the meadow to the rear of the Red Lion and overlooking the cricket ground

1922 08 31
Newmarket Rural Council considered a report on the epidemic of fever at Chippenham during which five people have died. Dr Gellatly wrote: "As to sanitary defects, the worst is the cottages in New-row where a large number of cases have occurred, the absence of ventilation rendering them practically "back to back" dwellings. The people will not keep out of each other's homes and in many cases do all they can to conceal the facts in regard to suspected cases. It is true that very many defects of sanitation exist in Chippenham, but in no case can it be said that the health of the inhabitants has been directly affected by these defects"

1922 08 31 c
The Newmarket Boy Scouts returned home after a delightful fortnight's camp at Heacham, a village two miles from Hunstanton. The weather was generally fine and the Scouts bore very cheerfully such rain as came along. Everything in camp was hearty and everybody was in good spirits. There was no sickness, no accidents. A little trouble with the lads of the village was dealt with. Five village lads used their catapults to bombard the camp, and two Scout boys were hit, but not hurt. A party of Jewish young ladies coming down on a holiday fund excursion rather troubled the camp, but this was soon settled.

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1922 09 01
Carpet company fiined, p2
Town football club first annual cycling sports, p3

1922 09 01 ES
Stretham man in asylum – public indignation – Charles Albert Parnell, 21, son of butcher & farmer, certified insane by Dr Howe – people in tears when put in waiting motor to be taken Fulbourn; developed into vigorous protest & indignation. 20 letters & phone objections received. Certified sane after one week but could not be released till next visitors meeting. Stitt organised petition. Symptons – fits of rage, stayed in bed all day, thought brothers preferred, attacked father with poke … but no outside manifestations. Returned Stretham to stay with Hugh Searle. Boy said stayed in bed as father sold crops over his head and nothing for him to do. "If a man sent to Asylum because he got into a temper a large portion of population would be there" p5* 22 09 01ES [cutting]

Fen Farming, F. Hiam' example. 22 09 01(2)(3)ES

Sutton Gault tragedy: baby knocked down by horse crossing bridge, 22 09 01(4)(5)ES

1922 09 02
At a meeting of the Ouse Drainage Board the Clerk reported the receipt of an announcement from the Ministry of Agriculture sanctioning the continuance of drainage schemes for the relief of unemployment during the coming winter. Mr Tebbutt said that he was extremely sorry to hear it. They thought those schemes were temporary expedients, but now they resulted in the creation of unemployment. Mr Knapp hoped the Board would hesitate very much before going into schemes or endorsing them. They were creating a class of professional unemployed, and the more money they spent the more unemployed they would have. It was a radically wrong thing to do.

Stretham man sent mental hospital, p4

1922 09 04
Monday morning Cambridge saw the performance of a very ancient ceremony - but a showy relic of more palmy days - the proclamation of "Ye Ancient Faire of Sturbridge". Shortly before mid-day the Mayor, accompanied by the Town Clark, the Bailiffs, the Mace-bearer and councillors proceeded to Barnwell Bridge for the first proclamation. Both side of Newmarket Road bore a sprinkling of small boys and others curious to see the ancient ceremony. Arrived at the bridge the party alighted from their cars and the Clark read the customary proclamation and new bright coins freely distributed, resulting in a wild scramble. The party next proceeded on to the Common by way of Garlic-row, turned round and repeated the proclamation at the old Oyster House. The Fair will commence on September 25th

1922 09 04
Recent issues of "The Inquirer" have contained matter interesting to the Cambridge public. About £4,318 has been received up to date in response to an appeal for the cost of a site and buildings for the Unitarian Church. A hall is now being built and will be opened for worship in the autumn. The site has apace for the erection of a church, which will ultimately be built beside the hall. The projected building will only be a development of a subsisting entity. A Unitarian church has existed at Cambridge for the best part of 18 years # c.83

1922 09 04
Cambridge is very different from most places. Most of the churches here, until quite recently, have been served by ministers who were Fellows of colleges and lived in their college rooms. Before the colleges came there can be little doubt that each parish has its vicarage but in course of time these houses disappeared. But St Botolph's has been more fortunate. During the last 700 years there has always been a lodging for the incumbent somewhere within the parish, either in Corpus, or in Queens'

or outside college walls. For 300 years the parsonage house was opposite the church at the corner of Silver-street. A little more than 50 years since, when the old churchwarden built the present fine house, the lodging there was given up. But the parish still had its rector on the spot with a succession of rectors having the same rooms in Queens' College. In these times when there are so many undergraduates the college needs all its available space and it is no longer content to have the rector inside its walls # c.83

Undergraduate debts, p3

1922 09 06
A special meeting of the Cambridge Education Committee was held at Brunswick School on the report of the Borough Surveyor. He said that the rooms at the north end of the building were not safe for occupation and would have to be pulled down. He could not be responsible for the safety of the children if that portion of the school were opened after the holiday. They looked over the building and found that the foundations were slipping, the bricks in many cases were loose and breaking away. The buildings had been a source of trouble and anxiety for some time but there was no need for the alarming reports that had been spread - one that a portion of the school had fallen down and some children had been injured. No injury had been done at all # c.36.5

1922 09 07
At the meeting of Linton Rural Council the Clerk read a letter from the Ministry of Transport enclosing an agreement whereby the Ministry paid half the Surveyor's salary, the Surveyor not to be appointed or dismissed without the approval of the Ministry. Mr Brocklebank proposed non-acceptance of the offer because from long experience of Government grants he had found that they never gave a grant without they took something back. They always said that they were going to do nothing but they "put the screws on" later on. This Council was responsible for the government of this district and they ought to be masters in their own house.

1922 09 08
Delightful weather favoured the annual gymkhana of the Cambridge and County Motor Club. The first item was tilting at the ring for motor cycles, sidecar machines and cars. The slow race for motor cycles produced a good race, Robinson had his machine best under control and, travelling at a snail's pace, eventually won with plenty to spare. The blindfold race for cars and motor-cycles was a very amusing affair and the last event, shooting for goal with a football whilst riding a motor cycle was quite an interesting item. A novel idea was the illumination of the enclosure by the headlamps of the members' cars, the glasses of the lamps being covered with coloured tissue paper

1922 09 08 ES
March commissioners' new pumping engine erected in Creek. 22 09 08ES # c.29 *

Vicar's near cycling accident, Wisbech. 22 09 08(2)ES

Lt Thetford: John Hinkin, 91, memories; was licensee Rose & Crown. 22 09 08(3)ES *

1922 09 09
The good people of Swavesey fairly let themselves in for it this year when they dispatched miniature balloons at the flower show Last week a letter was received from a German pastor begging that a collection might be made in Swavesey to help repair his church organ. This week Mr C. Wood, the Swavesey headmaster had received another letter from Westphalia which reads: "We Germans are now a poor and unhappy people and we cannot find any pleasure in life. In consequence of the war our German money is now valueless. I am a poor tradesman with a large family to support. If you and your friends are living in poor circumstances you have my greatest sympathy; but should you and your friends be well-to-do people I pray you to remember my neediness"

Christs Pieces band concert, p4

1922 09 11
Stranded boy steals lamp, p3

1922 09 12
This year's harvest has been delayed by the bad weather, and in many places little has been done. It will be very late in the month before the harvest is complete. The farmers have had to contend with a drought in the early summer and continuous rains since. A heavy crop of potatoes is reported everywhere but correspondents add that the prices "hardly pay for digging". There is an abundance of fruit, especially of plums, but here again the complaint of poor prices comes in.

1922 09 13
The stackyard of the Sidney Poultry Farm, occupied by Messrs Pamplin Bros at Cherryhinton was the scene of a big fire last night. Soon after 9pm a vivid red glow in the sky attracted attention everywhere in Cambridge. Those who did not at first notice the glow were surprised to see policemen running and soon quite a respectable crowd had gathered outside the fire station. The firemen were in readiness for a call but for some time no call came and the crowd had to be content with looking at the sky and making conjectures as to where the fire was. Shortly before 9.45 the call came through by 'phone and the Dennis engine went out. The road from Cambridge to the scene was a continuous stream of bicycles and pedestrians. Arrived at the farm the curious were well rewarded by the spectacle that greeted them.

1922 09 13
The Ministry of Health Inquiry into the proposals for the development of the east side of Cambridge was conducted at the Guildhall. There was practically no opposition. It will be remembered that the scheme provides for the laying out of 21 new roads or streets, including a main road from Hills Road to Newmarket-road. The area includes 502 acres in the rural district of Chesterton # c.49.4

1922 09 14
Suicide of old soldier, p3
Grantchester Hall, p3

1922 09 15
Preaching at New Service Hall, Eden Street, Cambridge, Pastor Prescott gave a striking account of present conditions in Ireland, which he recently visited on holiday. He told how he had made his way to the Dublin Central Post Office passing scores of Free State soldiers at every corner. On arrival the atmosphere seemed charged with danger, "I made rapid strides for the door only to find my way barred by two men brandishing revolvers. I was a prisoner after being in Dublin only two hours. Presently the rest of the Irregulars proceeded to pour oil over every part of the building and place explosives round among the bags of mail and set the place on fire. The building was burning over our heads and the order came 'Prisoners run with hands up'. We ran up a side street away from the burning building. Bombs were bursting, shots were flying, for the Free Troops had arrived. I walked a considerable distance along a deserted street with my hands up and finally arrived at home, feeling fortunate to be alive"

1922 09 15
Judging by the enthusiasm shown at the first meeting of the Littleport Women's Institute it is quite safe to assume that the branch is going to be a great success. 45 new members were enrolled, thus giving a satisfactory nucleus for the formation of a flourishing branch. Mrs Luddington stressed that it was non-political and undenominational and there were over 2,000 institutes throughout the country. A demonstration of basket and tray making was given by Mrs Comins and Mrs Covill. A "nonsense" competition caused great amusement, after which games and dancing were joined in by all.

Wesleyan character of fenmen, p3

Newton entertained, p3*

1922 09 15 ES
Soham Fen shooting was suicide. 22 09 15&(2)(ES)

Should Agricultural Workers' Union of Union of Landworkers represent workers on Conciliation Committee. 22 09 15(2)(3)ES

Fenman's characteristics; J.H. Adams of Littleport speech. 22 09 15(3)ES

1922 09 16
Wireless amateurs who are not owner-occupiers are discovering that landlords object to the putting up of aerials. Radio enthusiasts will probably do better to wait until it becomes certain on what lines the broadcasting hobby will be developed and perfected. It is not making such rapid progress as people expected and those who wait a little will probably save money. By all accounts it will not be necessary to have aerials at all. Any ordinary electric light installations will provide all that is necessary for an efficient wireless aerial. If there is neither electric light or bells, gas pipes can be used, or failing this a wire garden fence, or it may be said nothing more than a pair of knitting needles will be essential. All this remains to be proved and just as it took a long while to perfect the gramophone so we must expect it to be with wireless developments # c.27.81

1922 09 16
The condition of Mill-road Cemetery for long past has not been creditable to a town like Cambridge. The Borough Cemetery is a delightful flower garden compared to the Mill-road Cemetery which is an amalgamation of the parish churchyards. Some parts of the cemetery are well tended, others are dreary wastes whose evidence of neglect have now been removed by the unemployed at the expense of the ratepayers. The question is whether these reclaimed spaces are again to be permitted to run wild. No church which lets its graveyards get into the deplorable state of the Mill-road Cemetery can be truly described as a live church # c.21.2

Castle Hotel suicide, p5

1922 09 19
Christs popular concerts, p6

1922 09 21
For the second time the incinerator proposed to be erected by the Ely Urban District Council for the destruction of the city's refuse gave rise to a debate, in which opinion was rather sharply divided. Originally the subject arose out of the nuisance caused through the dumping of rubbish at the Mill Pits and the rates which were attracted there by it

1922 09 21
At a meeting of Ely water-supply committee Mr Laxton raised the question of putting water meters into all gardens in which hose pipes or sprinklers were used. His contention was that the water used should be paid for and the only way of ensuring that was by putting a meter in. Sometimes people went to bed and forgot that the water was left running

1922 09 21
At Ely Urban District Council the advisability of disposing of the Nutholt Close for the purposes of dwelling-houses was considered. They had a programme for 200 houses but of these 20 were erected in Ely and 8 at Stuntney - a meagre quantity. The chairman commented; "Some of the tenders for the houses to be erected on the Prickwillow site are ridiculous". Prices per pair ranged from F. Tucker of Ely at £400, whilst F. Ambrose quoted £750, Hobbs & son of Downham £906.10s.2d and F.W. Edwards of Prickwillow £1,500. A list of houses in Prickwillow to which water was supplied from the

new main was laid before the meeting. The committee recommended that in all cases where there was not a sufficient supply of wholesome water on the premises that notices be served to make the necessary connections in order to obtain a supply

married women teachers, p5
wentworth school to close, p5

1922 09 22 c
At a meeting held in the Parish Hall, Union-road, Cambridge it was decided to erect a memorial to the late Mgr Provost Scott, rector of the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs. The chairman said the late rector had been nearly forty years in the parish and he was the initiation of the change from the little old church which used to stand in Union-lane to the present large and handsome edifice. He had built up all its traditions and had set up a high standard of services. He mentioned proposed schemes including the erection of a Calvary over the tomb, a monument in the church - a recumbent effigy or a brass, or some definite work further beautifying the church which the late Provost built and loved # c.83.02

1922 09 22
Cambridge employed Sunday work, p5*

1922 09 23
"In the whole course of my experience I don't remember a more distressing case of such lawlessness, insubordination and juvenile criminality", said Mr A.S. Campkin at the conclusion of the hearing at the Cambridge Juvenile Court of a remarkable series of charges of housebreaking, shop-breaking, office-breaking and theft which had been preferred against three boys aged respectively 10, 13 and 14. There were no less than 23 charges in all

1922 09 25
Council meeting onlookers, p5

1922 09 27
The provision of billiard tables in the New Chesterton Institute has undoubtedly been a paying concern. Four tables having proved inadequate, the billiards room has had to be extended and another table added to cope with the requirements of the experienced and budding cueists

Milk producers problems, p3*
Gt Gransden show – position of agriculture, p5*

1922 09 28 c
Discrepancies in the price of bread in the Ely district and in March were the subject of a complaint made at the meeting of the Isle Conciliation Committee. It was argued that if bread could be sold at 8d. in March, the reduction from 9d to 8½d in Ely last week was not enough. Mr Purchase instanced farm workers whose consumption was 29 loaves per week per household. He believed that suggestions that the farmers would combine together and bake their own bread had an effect

Public library open access system, p3
Sawston sales, p3*
Chesterton allotments sold for housing, p6

1922 09 29
Much interest was aroused in Cambridge and along the route in the second reliability trial of motor cars and motor cycles in connection with the well-known Cambridge motor and cycle firm of Herbert Robinson. The trial was not a speed test, indeed the competitors who most nearly adhered to a uniform speed of 20 mph were those whose names featured on the prize list. All speedometers were

covered up so that competitors had to judge their speed. The route of 63 miles was completed within five hours, inclusive of numerous stops for checking and a lengthy interval for tea.

1922 09 29 ES
Fire in Canon's House, Ely College. 22 09 29ES

Diocesan Rescue and Preventive Society sale. 22 09 29ES

1922 09 30
Attending to the subject of petrol pumps, the Mayor said he could not understand why the Council should object to the putting up of such an appliance, which would fill a car up in one minute, instead of having to run it into a garage and back it out again, taking up certainly five minutes. The petrol pump today was a thing everyone looked for if he motored. He did not know of another town of any size that had not a petrol pump, so it seemed a most extraordinary thing that an enlightened borough like Cambridge still refused to allow a pump to be put up on the footway. In a street like St Andrews-street or Regent-street there did not seem any reason why a pump should not be put up # c.26.48

Library open access, p6
National Council of Women meeting, p6

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1922 10 02
Sir - Many Cambridge people will be surprised at the Mayor's surprise that petrol pumps are not allowed in Cambridge streets. Memories of past Cambridge "rags" and those of the future to come, should have convinced him of the danger of such an appliance. Many an "undergrad" would simply love to tear it from the pavement and cart it in triumph to his lodgings, and went he went "down" to take it home and say, "Look, mater, what I did". No, sir, undergraduates' pranks are band enough at times, and no one desires to see a flaming chariot of burning wood deposited near a petrol pump. Yours etc – Safety First

Newmarket fire, p5

1922 10 02 c
Sir - With reference to "Safety First's" letter on the inadvisability of installing petrol pumps on the kerbsides of Cambridge streets - has he ever seen a pump, and, if so, has he ever tried to root it up? We have seen with mixed feelings the result of several tired undergraduates leaning against an apparently massive lamppost in the centre of the town, which immediately endeavoured to emulate the Tower of Pisa, but failed miserably and fell to the ground. But let a dozen or more of the strongest of these super-men lean against, or try to uproot a petrol pump and its impassivity would, I imagine, resemble that of the celebrated and disappointing Sphinx. Let their fiery chariots and "Paynim altars smoke" all around the pumps and there would be yet another proof of their immunity for risk of fire - "Sahon"

1922 10 04
Since the extension of the franchise to women, and largely because of this, there have been started in the villages of the country social centres for women which are called Women's Institutes, for the purpose of instructing women as to their new duties as active political citizens, and for social intercourse generally. In order to stimulate the movement a meeting was called in Newmarket. The speaker said women who found themselves face to face with the responsibility of the vote sometimes realised how little they knew. One man she knew was so enthusiastic about the Institute that he actually volunteered to mind the baby while his wife went to the Institute. And when he was told that while he was minding one baby he might as well mind six he consented to do that - (applause) – so that five other women could go with his wife.

1922 10 04
Trouble between the Rector of Hardwick and the Parish Council over the Glebe allotments led to some rather lively scenes in the village when a parish meeting was held to discuss the question. The allotments are held on a yearly tenancy by the Parish Council who sub-let them to the allotment holders. The Rector notified the holders that he intended to manage them himself. The original allotments, which have been in use for 25 or 30 years occupied an area of 4,955 acres and a further 3,929 were taken over by the Parish Council

Oriana madrigal society, p5
Newmarket station approaches, p6

1922 10 05
Carpet company fraud, p5

1911 10 06
Pampisford brewery fraud, p5

1922 10 06 ES
Ouse Drainage Board consider purchase of an eroder for removal of silt in tidal river. 22 10 06ES

1922 10 07
Full Term commences next week and with it the activities of the new academical year. The open question now is as to the probable number of Freshmen and residents. Most of the Service students, who created the congestion which existed in the University from the Lent Term of 1912, went down last June, and left plenty of elbow room. This year we have got back to the public school boy, the pre-war type of Freshman. Girton and Newnham and the Women's Training College have not an empty room

Brighter village life – W.I.s, p6

1922 10 07 c
Cambridge streets during Thursday evening were under the protection of the special constables, who regulated traffic and generally acquitted themselves right well. The "regulars" however were not far away. They were in the Guildhall enjoying the hospitality of the Mayor who was anxious to show his appreciation of their work during his year of office. The evening was passed in music and song and during the interval there were some interesting presentations to four constables who have just retired after 25 years' service. P.C.s A.H. Ridgewell and John Waylett received a gold watch each, P.C. John Unwin a marble clock and P.C. G.H. Wright a silver tea service

1922 10 09
General workers union, p5

1922 10 10
Skeleton in cellar, Newmarket, p5

1922 10 11
By the erection of a handsome stone memorial cross to perpetuate the memory of those belonging to the parish who fell in the Great War, Mepal has paid a worthy tribute. From this small village with a population of less than 100, twelve men gave their lives, and one woman. On no other roll in the Ely district has a woman's name appeared. Miss Nellie Waters was stationed at the army canteen at Thetford, Norfolk, and while there contracted pneumonia from which she died. Her sister served in canteens abroad for some considerable time and was demobilised at the end of the war

Isle farmerworkers wages, p3*
St Ives Michaelmas fair, p6*

1922 10 12
Sir, - There are still some restaurants in Cambridge which charge 3d or 4d for a helping of potatoes. This would appear to be profiteering as the proprietors probably do not pay more than three halfpence a lb. for what they buy. Before the war potatoes were thrown in with the meat, and during the war 4d was charged, as they were very difficult to get and expensive to buy. Twopence is the outside that should be charged at the present time for a helping and I advise customers to refuse to pay more" - letter from C. Cochrane

Hills Road garage owner bankruptcy, 22 10 12 p5*

1922 10 13
Cambridge Corn Exchange was crowded last evening on the occasion of a boxing tournament. In all the events there was some capital fighting. The audience also had the privilege of witnessing an excellent exhibition of Ju Jitsu and Katsu, in which the participants were Harry Hunter of Broadstairs, England's greatest exponent of Ju Jitsu, and Mr W. Saddington, the local expert in the art. Various throws and locks were shown but the one which interested the audience was that of throwing and rendering an opponent unconscious in a few seconds, and instantly reviving him by Katsu, the Japanese method of restoration

1922 10 13 ES
Wentworth headmistress for 45 years retires, Mrs W. Boulter. 22 10 13ES *

Death Rev John Franey, canon, Ely. 22 10 13(2)(3)ES

Mepal war memorial unveiling, includes a woman. 22 10 13(4)ES *

1922 10 14
Undergraduates' "little ways" always will possess a great attraction for our London contemporaries. Yesterday's "Westminster Gazette" contained the following: - "The Cambridge University botanic garden has received a present of ducks from Emmanuel College wherewith to restock the lake. The Emmanuel ducks have for some time had a reputation for inebriety. They inhabited an old-world garden, two sides of which are overlooked by the students' rooms, and it has been a favourite sport of some undergraduates to feed the ducks from their windows with morsels of cake or bread soaked in liquor. By their removal the ducks will now be removed from this temptation"

Free Library open access, p3

1922 10 16
The winter season of the Saturday Popular Concerts had a splendid send-off at the Cambridge Guildhall. People began to queue up over an hour before the doors were to be opened and the building was packed before the performance commenced; many people thought themselves lucky to be able to stand at the door. Outside crowds of unfortunate latecomers were turned away. The artistes gave of their best and the audience's demand for encores was almost unappeasable

1922 10 18
Prickwillow houses, p3
Mepal war heroine, p4
Shief scout at Cambridge, p6
Memorial police WWI, p5

1922 10 19
The proposed new bathing places provided a lively debate at Cambridge Town Centre. Plan A was for a bath on the far side of Sturbridge Common, not far from the railway. Plan B was for a bath on Jesus

Green parallel to the river and a little above Victoria Bridge. It would be supplied by water taken from the Cam through pipes from above Jesus weir. The Bullen's Grove site on Sturbridge Common was less overlooked but the great point in favour of Jesus Green was that it was far more accessible and it was finally agreed to approve it # c.38 : swimming

1922 10 20
An open meeting of the Cambridge Wireless Society was held to hear a wireless concert from the transmitting station of Mr H.W. Taylor of Camden House. Owing to some unknown cause the receiving set would not function and steps were promptly taken to acquire two further sets of reputed make, and again these failed to act. At about 9p.m. however Mr Taylor's voice was heard on the loud speaker, and for about half-an-hour gramophone selections were received, but the reception was by no means the success it should have been. The committee wish to apologise to all those who so patiently awaited the reception of the concert and, unfortunately had to leave without hearing anything # c.27.81

1922 10 20 ES
Isle Constabulary war memorial, Shire Hall, Ely. 22 10 20&(2)ES

1922 10 21
The proposal to make better use of Christ's Pieces, Cambridge, for outdoor entertainments is by no means a new thing. It first had its origin 30 years ago when the amateur gardening societies were in their prime and the large attendances at their shows was making it difficult to obtain the use of college grounds. Later when the band concerts began to grow in popularity the erection of seats round the band stand was proposed

Isle education poultry, p3
Cambridge and General election, p6
Comberton need recreation ground, p6

1922 10 23
Inspector Arnold of the N.S.P.C.C. said he had visited a house in Cambridge. It was in a state of great disorder, comfortless and dirty. There were a number of empty beer bottles in the mother's bedroom. In the scullery there were quantities of decomposed food, and in the pantry a heap of very filthy female underclothing. The children were thin, pale and miserable looking and suffering from lack of sleep. The mother had been removed to hospital in an insane condition as a result of drink

Stella Curtis tree accident, Stretham, p4

1922 10 25
The motorist has never been regarded very kindly by the general public. Those who do not envy him his means of locomotion regard him as a sort of danger and annoyance. While they resent the clouds of dust, the smell of petrol, and the speed with which the motorist flashes by, they recognise that motoring is an evil to which they may, in some prosperous future, themselves be attracted. The speaker remarked on the continual procession of cars passing through Ely on Sunday between seven and eight a.m. en route from that haven of rest - Hunstanton. They usually returned from it more tired than if they had spent the day quietly in their own home

1922 10 25
Sunday observance and the question of allowing games in public parks on Sundays made an extremely interesting subject for discussion at Ely Ruridecanal Conference. Rev S. Addleshaw deplored the passing of the old- fashioned Sunday - spent in worshipping and quiet rest - and condemned the modern Sunday with its week-ends and motor cars

1922 10 25

In the small Cambridgeshire village in which I live there has often been a shortage of water in the summer, and on some occasions the only drinking supply has failed altogether for a short time. At some times of the year the pond water is not fit to drink. Last summer the position was very serious. Nearly all the ponds and streams were dry and the drinking supply failed for several weeks. The village people had to depend on the few showers they caught in their tubs and on the dregs of the pond

1922 10 26
Something cheap – car, p3

1922 10 27 ES
Stretham tragedy of tree felling-Stella Curtis claimed damages for loss of her child when hit by a tree on 17 March. In order to supplement her husbands wages she did agric work and took in washing-husband a cripple. She did fruit picking, potato picking and pea pulling for which she got 30/- to £2 per week. She was picking sticks and asked if it would be safe-workmen said yes then tree fell; she rushed to try and get baby out of danger, it hit her and cut her head. Tree fellers not negligent and case dismissed 22 10 27&(2)ES [cut]

History of Stretham: Stitt talk to W.I. 22 10 27(3)(4)(5)(6)ES

1922 10 28
Motor rally rag, p5
Mill Road – musical thoroughfare, p6*

1922 10 31
Mrs Rackham, West Chesterton, p4

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1922 11 01
The Clerk of the weather marked his sense of the importance of the occasion by hustling up a choice consignment of nasty weather of the celebrated Cambridge polling day brand. In Petersfield ward cars inscribed "Vote for Robinson" and "Vote for Freyer" were much in evidence, but in the main seemed to be providing joy rides for the younger element of the district – possibly to keep them amused while mother voted

1922 11 02
Not for many years has such interest been shown in a local election as was manifested at the declaration of the poll last night. Outside the Cambridge Guildhall there was a large crowd, at one time approaching a thousand. The Conservative supporters were in great form, some shouted and cheered, whilst some young members of the University created a "certain liveliness". The Chief Constable however was well prepared for all emergencies and the good humour and tact of the policemen soon put things in order

1922 11 02
The performance of the musical comedy "My Nieces" at the New Theatre was delayed for ten minutes as the result of the unsportsmanlike behaviour of a number of undergraduates in the stalls. During one scene one of the young men threw a jumping cracker on the stage. The members of the company were startled and cries of indignation arose from all parts of the house. The manager had the curtain lowered and the stage cleared. The Proctor and "bulldogs" appeared on the scene, being received with the customary cheers. After a number of names had been taken a large party of undergraduates left the Theatre, their exit greeted with applause. Afterwards attendants found a number of crackers in the Theatre

1922 11 03 ES
Adelaide railway crossing tragedy. 22 11 03&(2)ES

1922 11 04
The Cambridge & County Girls' School speech day was told that the school was not doing as well as it should because girls were being taken away too soon. They should be there for four or five years. Parents should realise this and it was no good them taking them away when they were 16. They should remain at the school until they were 18, or at least 17, if not they were keeping some other girl away who could have remained the proper time

Isle Ely election, p5

1922 11 06
The Central Committee on Women's Training and Employment hope to open a centre in Eden Street, Cambridge, for training girls in all branches of women's work including cookery, laundry, housewifery and health subjects. It is believed that many girls are prevented from taking up domestic work through lack of the money to buy the necessary outfit. In their needlework classes they will make their uniform and at the end of the training each girl will be completed with a complete uniform. The period of training is generally 13 weeks and the chance which this course gives to unemployed girls to make a fresh start is one which may not recur, and which should not lightly be refused # c.28

1922 11 06
Fen Ditton Parish Council asked the County Council to take steps for the acquisition for the purposes of a recreation ground of the field opposite the Plough Inn. Ald Tebbutt remarked that he did not think it was desirable to encourage football among young people, but he thought it was most desirable to encourage bowls among old men. (Laughter). Recreation grounds should not be only for cricket and football, but for the whole village, including women.

1922 11 06
A lamp-boy, G.E.R. of Thoday street, Cambridge was summoned for throwing a firework on Senate House-hill on 4th inst. - Fined 1s. Ten shillings was the fine imposed upon an undergraduate of Trinity College for a similar offence on Market-hill. Defendant said he did not know they were arresting people for letting fireworks off, or else he would not have been foot enough to do so in front of half the police force. An undergraduate of Corpus Christi who was fined 10s. stated that the came on to the square and saw a lot of police loafing about so he thought he would like to throw some fireworks

1922 11 07
The President of Cambridge Trades Council and Labour Party said they were extremely disappointed that Mrs Rackham was knocked out (at the council election). She had done more than any other lady for the working classes in Cambridge. No sooner was she off the Fulbourn Asylum Board of Visitors than whisky for the Visitors at their lunch was brought back. Mrs Rackham had been successful in getting the whisky knocked off, and had been fighting to get the inmates provided with butter instead of margarine and whole milk instead of skimmed milk

1922 11 10
Armistice Day - Remembrance Day as many people prefer to call it - once again comes round tomorrow. The occasion will be observed with all the solemnity of former years by all, not excepting the exuberant spirits who will participate in a promised 'Varsity "rag" for they will hold their noise at 11am and join with the rest in the two minutes' silence which will ensue throughout the country. The "rag" will take the form of a "circus". Undergraduates will be attired in the skins of wild animals. It is rumoured that the effigy of the ex- Kaiser will be burnt at the stake on Market Hill in the evening!

Town council advertising, p5*
Cam club baaa, p6*

1922 11 11
As in every other town and village throughout the land the Two Minutes Silence was observed in Cambridge today. In the streets traffic was stopped by the police and pedestrians stood just where they were when the first maroon went off. Market Hill was densely crowded and as the Guildhall clock started to chime men stood to attention and removed their hats, all movement ceased and the traffic stopped. The only sounds to be heard were the crying of one or two babies. Shortly before the second maroon a shuffling step was heard coming slowly along the Cury, a few turned their heads and saw an old man who, apparently oblivious, kept on his way undisturbed until a penetrating hiss: "Stand still, Beaver!" brought him back to this world and he stood with the rest of mankind # c.45.6

1922 11 13
If the Cambridge undergraduate can find any excuse for a "rag" he invariably organises a more or less elaborate affair. Yesterday's "circus" was a rag that everybody could enjoy; it did no harm to anybody and above all as a result of its labours aided Lord Haig's fund - "Poppy Day" - to the extent of £115 or thereabouts. The circus was a screamingly funny affair and brought everyone to doorways, windows and, in some cases, roof tops. The signal for the two minutes Armistice silence was heard in Downing-street and immediately the procession pulled up. The two minutes over pandemonium started as suddenly as it had ceased # c.36.95

1922 11 13 c
P.C. Bailey said he was on mounted duty on Saturday when he turned round and found that defendant had hold of his horse's tail, pulling it and causing it nearly to fall over. P.C. Hager spoke to seeing defendant seize the horse's tail and hind leg. When charged he said: "I was only stoking the horse's neck". The Chief Constable added that the defendant and several others were the cause of a great deal of trouble on Saturday night. They gave considerable trouble to the police and he asked for a heavy penalty. Defendant was attached to the Officer Training Corps in charge of horses. The Mayor said they considered it a very serious offence and defendant was fined 40s.

1922 11 15
(During the election) children did their best to amuse our representative with ditties apparently of their own concoction. One girl said "Vote for Stubbs and get more grub". The next attempt was better "Vote for Gray and lower pay, and have to work on Saturday". But what about Mr Montagu? Was there no little song for him? A little lad blurted forth "Vote for Montagu the worse for you". It was enough. Our representative fled into the mist

1922 11 15
Sir Douglas Newton, Conservative candidate, commenced a tour of the polling booths. All went well until Honey- hill, Cambridge, was approached. A large contingent of the youth of the neighbourhood were lying in ambush and as his car turned the corner swooped into the roadway with cheers and counter cheers that would have done credit to a large football match. They clambered on to the car and tore off the pink and white rosettes, which they promptly transferred to their own persons

1922 11 17
Dame Clara Butt had a great reception at the Cambridge Guildhall when, with other well-known artistes, she presented a second International Celebrity Concert. The hall was quite comfortably filled and for two and a half hours music lovers had a rare time. The famous contralto gave two trifles by Franco Leoni, "Poor Robin" and "The Little Bird", a delightful humorous number. The audience were much taken with it and, having given it to those in the body of the hall, Dame Clara Butt turned round and sang it to those in the orchestra # c.69

W.G. Pye stands council, p3

1922 11 18

Undergraduates - both male and female - took a prominent part in the parliamentary election contest. I learn that 212 undergraduates and students of a momentous and Girton registered their names as volunteers, and a large number ably assisted the Conservatives in the County, Borough and University contests. They help was particularly valuable in the County as flying motor columns were organised for visits to remote villages, where the villagers were assembled by the ringing of a bell and addresses were given by some of the undergraduates, whilst others distributed literature or canvassed voters # c.33

Rackham parliamentary candidate, p5

1922 11 20
Tobacco after 5pm, p6*

1922 11 21
The growth of wireless since its first invention is truly wonderful, and one cannot fail to be impressed with the way in which it has been simplified. The present arrangements for "broadcasting" have resulted in the setting up of many private installations in Cambridge and some of the finest "sets" are being produced at Messrs G.H. Pye's works in Cam-road. In 1921 this firm experienced a very slack time, and in order to keep their workers employed, they commenced experiments in wireless. They are now producing as fast as they can simplified receiving sets of two to five valves # c.27.81 # c.27.1 : Pye

1922 11 22
At Saffron Walden Post Office Mr G.R. Cox, late town postman, was presented with the Imperial Service Medal by W.F. Barker, acting postmaster. It was the first of such medals ever granted to a member of the staff of that district. Mr Cox had served for 42 years without a blemish, and, more wonderful still, without once being absent through sickness. It was rare that a Post Office servant could boast of such a record. Mr Barker further expressed his appreciation at the manner in which all the staff had worked during the election pressure. From November 3rd to 13th 200,000 election communications passed through that office. He considered it no mean achievement that with the small available staff everything for despatch was date-stamped and disposed of by 4.30 p.m., the only casualties being some blistered hands and aching arms!

Cliff Squires photographs streets, p5*

1922 11 22 c
A meeting of the Newmarket Memorial General Committee was held at the Council Chamber. The Chairman said that he had spoken to "Mr.X" as to a site for the nurses' home near the Jubilee Clock, but that gentleman had told him that he was reserving the land there for another purpose. What was wanted for the nurses' home was two bedrooms, one for each nurse and a spare bedroom, a small dressing room for dressing small cases, and a largish room which could be made into a ward for four or six children. The secretary said he had £951.2s.6d in the bank

1922 11 24
Sir - I much regret to read the reports of two fatal accidents caused by being run down by motorists. This is no time to be anti-rear light, anti-dazzle or diddle-daddle, but to make a move and harness ourselves with the times that we live in, and not in the times of our forefathers. I do not profess to be a prophet, but as "Motor Cycling" predicts the time when lights will be on aeroplanes and "Tourist" predicts lights on pedestrians I will predict the times when aeroplanes will be in the form of motor-cars, fitted with folding wings made either to coast or fly and pedestrians will wear mechanical-propelled boots which will by law be compelled to have a light both rear and front - R.V. Leete

1922 11 24
The annual report of the Cambridgeshire Medical Officer of Health has just been issued. Demobilisation in 1919 was followed by the high birth rate of 20.7 per thousand in 1920. There were

131 illegitimate births. The proportion of illegitimate to total births which fell during the early stages of the war subsequently rising to a maximum in 1919 has now fallen somewhat below that for 1913. A lower level of infant mortality has only twice been reached, although 1921 was a year of exceptional drought and therefore likely to be prejudicial to infant life. Dealing with housing the report states that there is still abundant evidence of the continued existence of serious overcrowding

1922 11 24
The first dairy in this part of the country to obtain a Ministry of Health licence is the Stetchworth Dairies Certified Grade A Dairy Farm, Union Lane, Chesterton, which claims to be the largest private retailer in the Eastern Counties. The herd consists of 12 cows, six of them being pedigree Guernseys. The cows are accommodated in large, airy sheds, without stalls or partitions of any kind. Our representative was shown several bottles of milk which had been bottled for eight days. One of these was opened and the contents found to be only just beginning to "turn"; certified milk will keep perfectly fresh for four or five days

1922 11 24 ES
Ouse Drainage Board tax: vigorous protests. 22 11 24&(2)ES

Haddenham houses ‘like pigsties’, Earith-Sutton Road widening too expensive. 22 11 24(3)ES

1922 11 25
We regret to announce the death of Mr Joshua Taylor at the age of 76. Mr Taylor was the eldest son of the late Mr Joshua Taylor, who carried on a tailoring business in Cambridge and Ely. One small shop in Sidney-street doing what was mainly a country trade was all that comprised the Cambridge branch when Mr Taylor took charge. The little shop of sixty years ago developed steadily under his guidance into the present flourishing business of Messrs Joshua Taylor & Co. Ltd, tailors, hatters, bootmakers and general outfitters, which is on the same site as the shop occupied by the founder of the business # c.27.2

1922 11 28
As exponents of the art of classical dancing, the Russian Ballet have won considerable fame. Cambridge Guildhall is not the best of buildings in which to present such an entertainment and the fact that the Ballet held us whenever they appeared is testimony to the excellence of their work. They presented a variety of dances. Supporting the Ballet was Cavalier Gennaro de Tura, the famous tenor and dainty comedienne Miss Trixie Kay who found her way into the hearts of her audience.

1922 11 29
Mr Doggett told Saffron Walden Board of Guardians that a lady visitor had said she had found the fires in the women's wards very low at 3.30 and learned that instructions had been given that they were not to have any more coal that day. Another had examined the bed clothes and found only one fairly thick blanket, one very thin one and one counterpane. The inmate was experiencing discomfort through cold. He said they must take into consideration the ages of the occupants, also that the windows must of necessity be kept open

1922 11 30
Unemployed Xmas fund, p5
Pye in bye-election, p8

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1922 12 01
P.C. Cudworth told Cambridge magistrates that he was on duty in Victoria Road when he saw defendant riding a bicycle without a front light. He stopped him and asked him where his light was. Defendant said it has just gone out and he was going to light it. He then dismounted from the bicycle and witness noticed he showed signs of having been drinking. Defendant took a box of matches from

his coat pocket and attempted to strike one. Witness then noticed that the lamp on the machine was an electric one. This aroused his suspicions.

1922 12 01 ES
Old-time items: use of hour glass in churches, timing long sermons. 22 12 01ES
Stretham years ago. With regard to his recent lecture on the history of Stretham, the Rector has received an interesting letter from Mr. Josiah Sennitt, now of Hull. Mr. Sennitt writes:—"I well remember the old church before the restoration in 1876. There was only one gallery, which was reached by a staircase from the belfry. Mr. Tom Driver was then the leader of the singing. . . I well remember the three-decker pulpit, and no doubt, as a boy, I have stood in each of them. Mr. David Parish was the clerk and also our schoolmaster (.Mr. T.G. Parish's father). . . Although he was a strict schoolmaster, we liked him, and no schoolmaster was buried with greater regret than we showed at his funeral. The old church lives in my memory for two reasons. 1 used to go with my grandmother to the morning service on Sundays, and when standing on the seat I could just see over the top to the second deck, the minister in his white surplice. Then I saw him come down the aisle and past my pew into the Vestry for his black gown, then go to the top deck, where I could see him better. Another reason is that on Wednesday evenings in Lent my mother used to take me to the services, and on the Wednesday before Good Friday the Curate. Mr. Rainbird, who was afterwards Rector of' Witcham, preached a sermon on the text St. Luke 22 and 44, "And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly." The solemnity of the subject impressed my boyish mind very much. The old church clock had only one hand, the hour hand, and us boys could see it from the. schoolroom window; we often thought the clock had stopped, it seemed so long between 11 and 12. I believe the last corpse that was buried in the old church was that of Mr Edward Grainger. My father made his coffin. The vault was in the centre of the Church. Just under the baptismal font. The front was removed and the vault opened to receive the coffin. I can just remember it. Since coming to Hull in 1872 and during the lifetime of my father and mother, I always spent my holiday at home, and on one occasion I remember when on holiday and through the kindness of the Parish Clerk, I had a look at the old marriage register and I found the marriage of my father and mother: 'David Sennitt and Martha Pratt, March 3rd 1847'. I have been really pleased to read your lecture and to write this letter recalling scenes and memories of more than half a century ago. Thanking you sincerely for your patience and research in compiling the records." 22 12 01(2)ES [cutt]

1922 12 02
Several people have remarked on a curious difference at night-time in the appearance of the Catholic Church corner in Cambridge. The explanation seems to be that the church clock is now illuminated, after a lapse of some years. Well, it is very nice to see it again, and we hope it may continue

Laurie advertisement, p3
Politics?, p6*

1922 12 04
Persc School sports, p6
Quoits League, p6
Mental Hospital menue, p6

1922 12 05
A patient in Fulbourn Asylum escaped from the institution on Sunday and this afternoon was still at large. The "Mystery Man" - who refuses to speak – was sitting in the airing court, apparently in a peaceful and contented state of mind. Suddenly he threw off his coat and waistcoat and made a dash for the railings. Jumping on to a rabbit hutch he scaled the railings in true acrobatic style and made across fields. Here he discarded his lower garments and continued his flight clad only in his shirt. A short time later he was seen running across fields tearing his last remaining garment off as he went and was last seen entering the woods near the Gogs

Guildhall organ, p6

1922 12 06
Guildhall organ was gift, p5

1922 12 07
Unemployment was the principal matter discussed at the meeting of the Cambridge Trades Council and Labour Party. Mr Poll was glad that the unemployed were to pack the gallery of the Cambridge Council Chamber; it ought to show some of the tranquil old men on the Council that the unemployed were in earnest. The Chairman said the unemployed question had been a nightmare to him. To see men unused to the pick putting in three days on a sewer until their hands bled was enough to make another man's heart bleed

1922 12 07
Councillors and representatives of Boys' Clubs met to discuss the possibility of providing recreation, together with some useful occupation for the ninety odd lads between the ages of 14 and 19 who are now unemployed in Cambridge. A large number of these boys were running the streets and probably deteriorating through idleness and lack of discipline. The Council had tried an experiment in the form of a gymnasium, but it fell through. The boys were at a very critical stage of growth, and it was dangerous for them to be going about the streets with nowhere to go. At home they were not wanted. They were getting in a very dangerous frame of mind, for they felt they were inferior to others. # c.37.9

Guildhall organ rebuilding rejected, p5

1922 12 08
The question of whether dustmen should smoke arose at the meeting of Cambridge Town Council. It had been suggested that the men should be allowed to smoke on duty but the men in many cases had to go through the rooms of houses and the Committee felt that if they granted permission to the dustmen to smoke the other employees of the Highways Department would consider that they should also smoke. Councillor Few remarked the dustmen rarely went through the houses. In Romsey Town, unless the householders put their receptacles in a queue in the road they were never collected. Councillor Lunn: "The men do smoke in any case, so you might as well realise it as shut your eyes to it"

1922 12 08
The urgent need for carrying out schemes of public importance in order to relieve the unemployment situation in the Borough were admitted on all hands at the meeting of the Cambridge Town Council. During the past two years they had been endeavouring as far as possible each winter to find work for those men who unfortunately were out of employ. Last year they were able to place 200 men on the Sewage Farm. That work had nearly come to a close. It was stated that there were 800 men out of work in the Borough which was an increase of nearly 100 over last year. Suggestions for further work included underground lavatories at the junction of Victoria Road, Chesterton Road and Milton Road, a bridge across the Cam at the bottom of Walnut Tree Avenue and a recreation ground on the Rock Estate # c.32.1

1922 12 09
The Cambridge & District Wireless Society had a "full house" at their demonstration on broadcasting. Mr T. Robinson, manager of Pye's Scientific Instrument Co. had very kindly consented to demonstrate their latest broadcast receiver of five valves attached to which was a Magnavox loud-speaking telephone. Mr Robinson tuned up for the London broadcasting station and amongst the items heard were Mr Vivian Foster, known to Cambridge theatre-goers as the "vicar of mirth" who entertained the audience by his witty sayings. During the evening the Birmingham and Manchester broadcasting stations were also received. The latest news, billiard scores, market reports and latest weather report were items among a very varied programme

1922 12 12
St Botolph rector's farewell, p3
Cambridge Revisited for Christmas, p6

1922 12 13
A satisfactory state of affairs was reported at the annual meeting of the Cambridge Home of Mercy. During the year the Home had been full. 16 girls were admitted, 12 were sent out to service and outfits were provided. One was sent to a stricter home, one to a sanatorium and two to be certified as mentally defective. Four girls had been married. Letters from old girls in service showed that many are doing remarkably well.

Big cheques for unemployed Christmas fund, p5

1922 12 14
As the result of negotiation the bulk of the Ely barracks has been acquired by Ely Urban District Council for the sum of £2,750. The property comprises three cottages in Silver Street, eight cottages in Parade-lane, Surveyor's office, stables, post mortem room and mortuary, armoury, Quartermasters Stores, adjutant's house, parade ground and drill shed.

1922 12 15
St Botolph vicar presentation, p7

1922 12 15 ES
British Friesian cattle and milk yields. 22 12 15ES

Stretham omnibus owner fined- Jabez Parnell summoned for driving omnibus without licence in King Street Cambridge had been told to use Drummer Street. Licence had expired 22 12 15(2

1922 12 16
"A band of brothers - knights of the road" was the title applied to commercial travellers at the annual dinner of the Cambridge branch of the United Kingdom Commercial Travellers' Association, held at the Lion Hotel. The speaker said that in Cambridge they had some of the finest shops they could find in the provinces. He believed the great percentage of them were healthy, sound businesses and a great many of those present could say that in Cambridge there were fewer bad debts than in other towns they visited.

1922 12 18
Sir Horace and Lady Darwin opened the splendid new playroom built by Mr C. W. Shinkfield and the boys at the Littleton House School, Girton. This room, which has been erected in the garden, takes the form of a timbered hut. The stove, flooring, electric lights and decorating have been set up and carried out by Mr Shinkfield and the boys.

1922 12 18
Christmas in the shops. Messrs E.T. Saint & co., the well-known automobile engineers of the Hyde Park Corner Garage, Cambridge, are proud of the facts that as agents for the "Sirrah" motor cycle they are able to place within the reach of the Cambridge public a real motor cycle at a cost of 25 guineas. In the way of cars their agencies include the popular 10 h.p. Swift 4-seater at £275

Littleton House School, p3*

1922 12 19
Look at shops, p5*

1922 12 20

There are at present four schools in Burwell and as from January the needs of elementary education will be served by three. Burwell Parochial (Boys) School will be closed with a consequent annual saving of approximately £500. An important part of the curriculum will be practical instruction in woodwork, cookery and laundry work. At the present moment this instruction is carried out at a room in the "Five Bells" but it is desirable instruction should be available on the school premises and not in a building half a mile away

1922 12 21
Albert Brown of Stretham bankrupt, p3
Littleport agriculturalists Xmas box, p6

1922 12 22
The casual spectator dropping in at the Service Buildings, Eden Street, Cambridge might well believe he had found the headquarters of toy-land. It is here that the work of packing and distributing the toys sent in connection with the Children's Toy Fund is taking place with a busy hive of workers, largely composed of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides engaged in carrying out these duties. For the guidance of the packers a blackboard announces the fact that each parcel should contain two oranges, one apple, one bag of nuts, one bag of sweets, one bon-bon, two large and one small toy. Besides this each child was to receive a book or picture paper, and chocolates were to be given to babies

1922 12 22
"Christmas comes but once a year, but when it comes it brings good cheer". Subscribers to the Unemployed Christmas Fund, had they paid a visit to the Labour Exchange, Regent-street, Cambridge, could have had no doubt that the Christmas message they have sent out to the Cambridge unemployed will bring gladness and some measure of seasonable cheer to many homes which would otherwise be devoid of it. Each man received a 5s. voucher for himself, a similar one in respect of his wife and a half-crown voucher in respect of each child. The vouchers were available for the purchase of coal, bread, meat, milk or provisions. There were also special pink vouchers in respect of kindly offers by tradesmen to supply groceries, meat, flour etc. up to a given amount. One man was given vouchers for himself and seven children.

Cottenham light railway, p3*

1922 12 22 ES
Earith-Sutton Road if improved would be taken over by County Council. 22 12 22ES

1922 12 23
New Year rockets, p5

1922 12 27
Windy, showery and in every way uncongenial weather fell to the lot of Cambridge on Christmas Day. No matter how hard the wind blew or how hard the rain beat down it was impossible to mar the festive season, for those who wished to stay at home did so and felt all the snugger. In the early part of the day there was a wonderful amount of traffic on the main roads leading from the town, tending to show that the stay-at-home Christmas is not so popular as it is sometimes supposed to be. Few outside attractions were attempted on Christmas Day, but in the realm of sport much interest was shown in the visit to the town of the Racing Club de Paris, who met the Town Football Club before a crowd approaching 4,000. Those wishing to see a football match further afield had the opportunity of doing so, for the G.E.R. ran an excursion train to Tottenham

1922 12 27
If a crowd of supremely happy kiddies be a cure for the "blues" anyone suffering that way would have done well to visit the Central School, Cambridge, when a further party of the 3,000 poor and needy children were given tea, a sight of the Mayor in his red robes, four pantomime horses, and a really good entertainment. The noise - well it is really indescribable. Any policemen directing strangers to

the schools need only have said "Hear that noise? Well that's it". Two of the young ladies appearing in the pantomime "Cinderella" at the New Theatre kindly volunteered their services for the tea and following them came the four little ponies which draw Cinderella's coach to the ball

1922 12 28
Curtis, Stretham, tree accident trial, p3
Xmas morning bathers, p4

1922 12 29
If you want to pay a visit to Fairyland, and you doubtless do whatever your age, pay a visit to the A.D.C. Theatre, Cambridge, where you can spend an afternoon or evening in the land of Make-believe. Mrs Pearl Lambeth's annual productions are always eagerly looked forward to and we have never been disappointed. This year there are two fairy pantomimes, "The Magic Horse Shoe" and "The Making of a Snow Queen"

Kiddies day, Rendezvous, p4

1922 12 29 ES
Who wants water: referendum of householders in progress. 22 12 29ES

Stretham stock club 'failed to pay benefit for lame horse'- Arthur Sennitt claimed £9.3.7 from Chas Crampton Parnell-counter claimed for £13.10. Parnell bought horse for 60 gns and was accepted Stretham stock club at value of £20. Since then horse examined and value reduced to £18. On death of owner entitled to 3/4 of valuation. Value reduced in 1921 because of 'greasy leg' but recovered. Agreed by committee to slaughter but persuaded it could work on fen farm…. Eventually slaughtered for £2…. Parnell acted in contravention of committee and excluded from benefit p3
Stretham bankruptcy Albert Brown deficiency of £313.14.2; Aged 37 started farming 43 acres at Stretham in 1911 two bad seasons and want of capital p5

1922 12 30
New Year rockets, p4*
Bentinck Arms share-out club, p4

1923 Cambridge Daily News & Ely Standard

I have reader-printer copies of the articles, which have been scanned
Some stories from Ely Standard added

January 1923 CDN

1923 01 01
For most people the practice of watching the Old Year out and the New Year in has considerable attraction. It had that attraction for some 700 people when Mr Arthur Deck revived the ancient custom of letting off one rocket for the departing year and one for the New Year. For the first time since 1913-14 when the War put a stop to the practice has the New Year been welcomed in Cambridge in this way. The proceedings were not marked with that liveliness that some of us remembered was evinced on previous occasions, but still the interest taken speaks well for the continuation of the custom. The firing of rockets was started in 1820 by Mr Deck's grandfather

1923 01 01
A "Cat Lover" writes asking me to draw attention to the fact that the almost annual outbreak of poisoning of cats is occurring in the neighbourhood of Mill Road, Cambridge. For some years past at this period of the year many domestic pets have been lost in the district in this way, and he suggests it is time the perpetrators of these outrages was detected and punished. Of course to some people "pussy" is anathema, but so are crowing crocks, cackling hens and seed-consuming pigeons to others and we have to learn to bear and forbear. Owners of cats will do well to take warning from this notice and seep a watch on their pets

Battle of baths, Jesus Green, p3
Police pay, p4

1923 01 03
Ely burial board artificial wreaths, p3
Death John Metcalfe fens, p3
Old folks trees, p4
Salvation Army, p4*

1923 01 04
The Rendezvous was the scene of a most enjoyable function when about 60 members of the staff and friends of the Central Cinema in Hobson Street, Cambridge, were entertained to a supper dance by the directors of the Cinema. The proceedings commenced at 11 o'clock with a supper. Mr L.A. Boulter (Wardour Film Co) said he considered the Central Cinema one of the best equipped cinemas in the Eastern Counties. The company then adjourned to the dance hall for dancing and games which were kept up until 4.30 on Wednesday morning

1923 01 05
Mr Francis told Chesterton Board of Guardians that Oakington was supplied with water from a well on Queens' College Farm. There was an agreement between the trustees of Marsh's Charity and the Council for the pipe to pass through the land. The agreement terminated in 1922 and the Council had been given notice to terminate the agreement which would mean that the whole water supply of the village would be cut off. This would lead to the installation of a new well as the expense of the parish. The Clerk said he thought it was only a matter of rent

1923 01 05 ES
Death of Ald C. Bidwell; life of public service in City and County; impressive funeral at Ely 23 01 05

1923 01 06
Before the criminal business was commenced at the County Quarter Sessions Sir George Fordham said he would like to call attention to the state of Newmarket Road on race days. The danger to foot passengers was acute and scandalous and they went in danger of their lives. Cars were driven at a high speed and tried to pass one another. A case had come before the Royston bench when a young man had been serious injured owing to a car suddenly coming out from behind a large lorry. It was a great and growing evil and the Home Office should consult as to some effective method of police supervision

1923 01 08
The staff of the "Cambridge Daily News" had a night off on Saturday when they sat down to dinner together in "The Dug-Out", Guildhall Street, Cambridge. It was the first gathering of the kind for very many years. Mr A.C. Taylor (managing director) said he had tried to carry on the good work that his father had done in the town. He had the advantage of a loyal staff and he knew that on them depended the actual work during the few years that he was trying to pick up the threads of newspapers. Mr Morley Stuart (Editor) said some of the staff who had been working together for a good many years and had passed through some rather strenuous times had felt it would be a good thing if they could meet round the dinner table. It helped to rub off the rough edges and to enable them to understand each other better.

1923 01 10
Cottenham League of Nations, p3
Newnham Institute, p3*

1923 01 11
The social activities of the local postal employees are well known and their efforts in this direction are always marked by thoroughness. They do not forget the children, and more especially do they remember the children of those who went away from their midst in the dark days of the war and did not come back. At the Post Office and Engineering Staff's Children's Party, held in the Co-operative Hall, a number of these little orphans and their more fortunate companions, with many others who were not too old to enjoy themselves, had a right merry time.

1923 01 12
After a long discussion the Cambridge Town Council today decided to embark on a scheme for the erection of 239 houses on the Chesterton Road and Milton Road site, viz 30 houses of the parlour-type, 165 houses of the non-parlour type with three bedrooms and 44 houses of the non-parlour type with two bedrooms

Oddfellows Jubilee, p3*

1923 01 13
Silver Street alternative, p3*
Pet moose, p5

1923 01 15
Walking feat, p3

1923 01 16
Blind doctor, p3*
Sugar beat industry, p3*
Doctor Yorke betroval – Cambridge days, p4*

1923 01 17
Richmond Road school, p3

1923 01 18
Longstowe builder's affairs, p3
Borough housing scheme, p5*

1923 01 19
When Mr D. Gadsby, in quest of relics of Saxton times, deflected into the little Roman Catholic Church at Saffron Walden on his way to the old castle ruins it was very fortunate for Walden. For the result has been a drawing of "The Agony in the Garden". Mr Gadsby said "The loneliness of that little church in that rough uncared-for street haunted me. I got the impression that there was seldom the sound of a footfall there from one service to another and - well I just had to get busy". The painting, which has been hung on the west side of the sanctuary, was unveiled on Sunday last

Lucky newsvendor, p3

1923 01 19 ES
Ely villages' water: modified scheme suggested for Littleport, Coveney, Witcham, Mepal, Sutton, Wentworth, Witchford 23 01 19
Haddenham farmers' protest; inquiry demanded into Ouse rating; will not pay 23 01 19a
Stretham: Depression in agriculture – Ely meeting, W.I. 23 01 19

1923 01 20
Unemployed Xmas fund, p4*

1923 01 20 c
The Cambridge Mayoral reception was a very happy affair, and the 500 guests had a thoroughly good time. I notice that in the report of the function reference was made to the younger members of the company being eager to get on with the dancing. That term, I presume was applied to all who felt young as well as those who looked it. Some of the civic fathers could give points to the juveniles in the matter of dancing. One alderman in particular looked as if he had discovered the secret of perpetual youth. It was a mixed gathering representative of all parties. Freemasons foregathered, Rotarians rotated and Labour leaders lounged lazily.

1923 01 22
Cambridgeshire County Council passed a resolution that the pay of the Cambs Constabulary should be reduced 5s. a week. Councillor Webb said they had to face grim realities. The present condition of agriculture was far worse than ever before in the memory of man. They would have to make drastic reductions or they would not be able to collect the money they voted away. Councillor Stubbs opposing the motion said the police rendered very valuable services; their life was a very strenuous one and made heavy calls upon their nervous system. In his opinion they were not receiving extraordinary pay for the work they were called upon to do

1923 01 22
Cambridgeshire County Council's Roads Committee recommended that when the roadmen's hours of work are reduced from 50 to 48 per week the wages be reduced from 35s. to 30s. Councillor Stubbs said that Cambs roads were among the best in the country and the work of the roadmen ought to be paid for as skilled work. The Council ought to set an example both as to wages and conditions. What standard of life were they setting up by giving a wage of 30s? It worked out at 2d. per head per meal and how in the name of heaven did they expect families to live decently on that?

1923 01 22
Saturday and Sunday were great days in the history of local Unitarians, for they witnessed the realisation of a dream - the opening and dedication of a permanent Unitarian Church building in Cambridge. For something like 20 years Unitarians in Cambridge have been meeting in hired halls. The new hall is a particularly fine one in Victoria Street and eminently suitable for the purpose

intended. It was also stated that a member of the congregation had now undertaken to erect a memorial church, which would mean that the new hall would be greatly extended

Ouse drainage scheme protests, p3
G.K. Chesterton speech, p3

1923 01 23
Good news for Cambridge. The Linoleum King will commence his Great Sale on Thursday when he will dispose of 50 tons of very thick Cork Linoleum direct from the Mills in Lancaster from 2s per remnant, bath towels and hundreds of other useful articles including 5,000 large size Pillow Slips at 6d each. Don't fail to visit the working man's friend, whom you have read about in all leading papers – advert

1923 01 24
West Cambridgeshire fruit growers, p4

1923 01 25
Neville Chamberlain in Cambridge, p4

1923 01 26
A shop without a sale is like a ship without a rudder. Surplus stock must be sold at all cost. We must turn our stock over, that is why we offer such knock-out bargains. Boys and youths' overcoats in naps, cheviots and all-woo blanket cloths from 5s.11d. Boys' knickers in splendid wearing quality materials from 1s. Ladies' coats for winter wear in various blanket cloths, well-tailored, absolute bargains from 6s.11d. Special sale bargains for tomorrow - 300 men's caps 1s. Northern Clothing Co., 9 Guildhall Street (opposite Corn Exchange), Cambridge – advert

1923 01 26 ES
Isle of Ely Constabulary Police Football team – named photo 23 01 26

1923 01 27
The war was responsible for a good many things and amongst others was the delay in completing the King Edward VII memorial scheme in Cambridge. Soon after his death a memorial fund raised £10,000 for Addenbrooke's Hospital. £250 was retained for a statue, bust or picture. Statuary is very costly at present but we find we can obtain a bronze bust of King Edward by the late Sir Thomas Brock, the sculptor of the bust of Queen Victoria now in the vestibule of the Guildhall. The committee recommended that the offer be accepted as it would make a welcome addition to the somewhat bare vestibule of the Guildhall

Henry Crickmore, character, p6*

1923 01 29
The third annual meeting of the Cambridgeshire Federation of Women's Institutes was held in the Cambridge Guildhall. Representatives from 28 out of 29 institutes attended and steady expansion was reported in all branches. The office and shop at 10 St Edward's Passage has been a great factor in this advance. Institute members now have a central meeting place where they can view each other's work and exchange ideas, whilst inhabitants of Cambridge have the opportunity of getting into touch with country women and are glad to profit from the results of the homecrafts practiced by their country sisters

W. Stockbridge death, p3*
Royal Engineers dinner, p4

1923 01 30
Whippet club racing, p4

1923 01 31
Rotary first annual dinner, p3*
Agricultural crisis, p4*

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1923 02 01
An attempt to settle the question of the construction of an open-air bath on Jesus Green or Midsummer Common was made at the meeting of the Cambridge Town Council and provide work for the unemployed. Councillor Briggs said unemployment was becoming a serious menace to the town. If they could get this scheme through at once with old enable the Unemployment Committee to have something when they met the unemployed later that day

1923 02 01
A meeting of the Free Church Council were told that pessimists talked of the depravity of the rising generation and said that young people were too frivolous. They heard a lot about the jazz and the night clubs, but all young people did not want such things. If they were not what they might be the older generation were really to blame; they were responsible for the rising generation

1923 02 01
The need for more land for the allotment holder was demonstrated at the first annual meeting of the Chesterton Allotment Association. Three hundred applications for land have already been received and it was reported that the Town Clerk is in communication with Clare College with respect to the purchase of a field in Milton and Scotland roads. There were some 24 acres contained therein. Mrs Stevenson said she was exceedingly interested in this East Chesterton's move towards getting satisfactory allotments. She thought it wise for this part of the town to see about getting their allotments before they got built over.

1923 02 01
Speaking at the annual dinner of the Cambridge Motor Boat Club held at Matthew's Café, Cambridge, the Mayor said he had often, when walking on the tow path, looked at the "motorists of the Cam" with envying eyes. He had thought what a lazy lot of chaps they were. (Laughter). But he had also thought what a jolly good time they were having. The Town Council had just become Conservators of the Cam. The Bill was an accomplished fact, and no doubt those present were looking to the Council to use a magic wand and make an ideal waterway of the river at once. (Hear, hear). If those who were motorists of the Cam could hand over to the Council about £20,000, he thought the Council could manage that. His recollection went back over 50 years when it was a highway of commerce. The quayside in Bridge Street was line up with 20 or 30 barges containing coal, stone, wool and food. A great deal of employment was found on that quayside; many hundreds used to be employed there

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Youth of today, p3*

1923 02 02
A fire which might have assumed much more alarming proportions but for the efforts of the villagers and the promptness of the Cambridge Borough Fire Brigade, broke out in a stack at Red Brick Farm, Hardwick. The fire was noticed about 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon and a messenger was sent to Comberton Post Office and the Brigade received the call from there at 2.58. When the messenger returned to Hardwick he found the tender in charge of Sergt Claugue already on the spot having covered the distance of about six miles within 12 minutes of receiving the call

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Open air bath, p3

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Flat-handed police – 23 02 09 p5

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County Library scheme launched at Soham by Voluntary committee after Parish Council refused to adopt; Bourn and Isleham had also refused 23 02 09a # c.77.2

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1923 02 14
In the Divorce Court a Cambridge man petitioned for the dissolution of his marriage because of his wife's adultery. Three months after he returned to France from a leave in November 1918 he had a letter from his wife telling him she was expecting a child. In March 1919 he was demobilised and returned home and found his wife unwell. She told him there had been a slight mishap. On March 10th she became very ill and was taken to the hospital where she was delivered of a still-born child. He spoke to his wife on the subject and she admitted it and said that he was not the father. The co-respondent, of Newmarket Road, admitted misconduct with the wife at Napier Street and several other places out-of-doors

1923 02 15
In Chancery Court Justice Sargant commenced hearing an action to determine the rights with regard to a stream in the parish of Linton. Hadstock Mill seemed to have existed since the 11th century. Plaintiff owned the bed of the stream and the water ran through his garden. His complaint was that on Sunday mornings the defendant, who owned the mill, made a practice of boating on the stream in front of his garden, thus destroying the privacy of the garden. In 1921 plaintiff had erected a barricade across the river, which defendant removed. The matter was put into the hands of the solicitors

Haverhill unemployed, p4*

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Newmarket printers, p5

1923 02 16 ES
The large and imposing new premises at Ely for Lloyds Bank Ltd have just been thrown open to the public. The site is a commanding one, being on the south side of the Lamb Hotel corner. The style is a modern treatment of Tudor in Aircaster stone and red brick, red tiled roof and metal casement

windows, the external doors being of Austrian oak. A short flight of steps leads to the spacious banking hall with its 'period' ornamental plaster ceiling and oak block floor. The counter accommodating five cashiers is of Austrian oak as are also the remainder of the desks and the dado around the main hall. The typists' room is entered from the main banking hall and lighted from the garden in the rear. Beyond this is a passage down to the manager's house, on the ground floor of which are situated the kitchen and it's offices, the first and second floors are entirely taken up by the manager's living rooms and bedrooms. Beneath the banking hall are situated several spacious strong rooms and the heating chamber. The bank had to be built three feet higher than what was originally intended as on a trial hole being sunk a bed of rock two feet thick was found at a depth of five feet three inches beneath which was running sand. This formation was over most of the site and it was therefore impractical to build below the rock or interfere with it. The design of the building is intended to be in harmony with the city the architect was H. Munro Cantley of Ipswich. 23 02 16

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Wounded soldier and wife, p3*

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1923 02 22
Ghostly happenings of a Cambridgeshire village of Gorefield to continue to arouse interest in the London press. Eight o'clock is bedtime says one writer. At nine, Mrs Grimshaw 82, slumbered at the fireside. Her 15 year-old granddaughter was nursing her pet lamb and feeding it by means of a baby's milk bottle. The girl described how heavy furniture had fallen and crockery had flown from shelves to the floor. She put had her jewellery in a bucket and the bucket moved across the room while she was looking the other way. Two hefty nephews kept watch throughout the night as the lady had asked no stranger should remain after dark in the morning. Next morning one said "We heard a noise; it was upstairs. It appeared as if it were things were moving but not enough to be seen". In a letter Sir Arthur Conan Doyle says "I would advise you to send your daughter away for a rest and change and then you will find the phenomenal will cease altogether. They forces have no power to hurt anybody but do break material objects. They can best be described as mischievous material children in the psychic world. The medium who throws out this atmosphere is nearly always a child from 10 to 16 and usually a girl" p5
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The Gorefield ghost. A suspension of activities; Joseph Scrimshaw's varied correspondence – moved furniture, barometer fell from wall etc 23 02 23 # c.39

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1923 03 15
At the Ely Diocesan conference the question of full reports of divorce court proceedings in newspapers was discussed and a resolution passed "That this conference protests against the publicity in the newspapers of full reports of trials in the divorce courts as being offensive and detrimental". Mr Sells said they had the advantage over their forefathers by having their sewage taken away silently and quietly, and it seemed wrong that their moral sewage was not treated in the same way. It was now allowed to linger about and pollute the air. A friend had told him of two urchins in a car glancing over the unsavoury details put before them. It would be impossible to overestimate the harm done to the rising generation by such things

Tastes like butter, p3

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Haverhill cricket club, p6

1923 03 17
In spite of the fact that about 20,000 farm labourers in Norfolk formally went on strike last night when employers' notices reducing wages from 6d to 5 1/2d an hour and increasing the working week from 50 to 54 hours expired, there is still hope of a settlement by compromise. The organiser of the National Union of Agricultural Workers says that the men are anxious to avoid strife, but they cannot accept starvation wages. The basis of settlement to be submitted is that the farmers should withdraw the wage reduction if the men will agree to the increased hours. The present plight of farmers and farm labourers throughout the agricultural depression was the subject of a deputation received by Mr Bonar Law at 10 Downing Street. The official report of the meeting is being withheld so as not to prejudice today's negotiations in the Norfolk dispute

Newnham College appoint Strachen, p5
Newspapers and divorce cases, p6

1923 03 20
The annual dinner and meeting of the Haverhill Cricket Club marked the handing over of the title deeds in connection with the ownership of the cricket ground, which through the generosity of the President (Mr J Gurteen), now becomes the property of the club. Mr Gurteen recalled that for about 40 years the club had played upon its present ground, but last year, on account of the change of ownership, there was a risk of this arrangement coming to an end. He had given consideration to the master, and the outcome was that he himself bought the ground, and he now had the greatest possible pleasure in presenting it to the club. He made the gift with no conditions whatever, except that he had nominated his three sons as trustees for the club, and had arranged that if at any future time the club should be2 30 ES
More traders' tokens unearthed Walter Moulton of Chatteris; included Chatteris farthing 23 03 20

1923 03 21

The Post Office and Cambridge and Paul Instrument Company social clubs provide a happy combination which has produced both initiatives and talent. Their dance at the Cambridge Masonic Hall was a great success, and provided some precedents. Firstly, the new large room was used for dancing, and for a big assembly was really excellent. The room itself is much on the same lines as the small room, but as yet is somewhat too new looking. However, affection for the old room makes one too ready to criticise the new. The music was equally divided between the two clubs, the Post Office with Mr Benard Wick's Tehki orchestra playing for the first half and the Trocadero Orchestra keeping the ball rolling after the interval unstuck. Both orchestras were excellent: the first provided the necessary atmosphere and the second sustained it until the small hours.

1923 03 21
At Ely Urban Council the chairman reminded them that the question of a new sewage scheme had been before the Council for a very long time; it went back for 20 or 25 years. It had always been recognised that the existing scheme was antiquated, out of date, and always gave a great deal of trouble. During periods of storm clouds, the drains were blocked up, and were unequal to carrying away the storm water, cellars were flooded, and a great deal of inconvenience was caused generally. The disposal of sewage was certainly very unsatisfactory. The sewage tank was emptied twice a year, and it was not regarded as a satisfactory way of dealing with it. By the new scheme it would be remedied, and, moreover, the river would not be polluted as it was at present.

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Burwell house claim, p3
Robert Sayle diamond jubilee, p5

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Agricultural crisis, p5
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1923 03 27
We have received the following statement of the Eastern Counties position in relation to the national negotiations in the building trades. As from April 14th 1923 the working hours will be 47 hours per week in the summer months and the wages will be reduced by 2d per hour in London and by 1d an hour in the Eastern Counties. For labourers the reduction will be three farthings per hour. In Cambridge the new weekly wage is: craftsmen £3.0s.8 1/2d, painters £2.16s.9 1/2d, labourers £2.6s.01/2d. The Eastern Counties operatives, who have been fearing reductions of 21/2d, 3d. or even 4d, will no doubt be interested to notice that the actual reductions are so small that, by working just half an hour extra a day they can get just as much per week as they did before

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Police and accidents, p6*

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Are strike's wise, p6

1923 03 29
An eerie story of a puritan maiden who appeared to a visitor in a house near Cambridge is recorded in the "Westminster Gazette". The incidents were recounted by Mr Ames, who besides being psychic herself, is a writer and lecturer on psychic matters. "My daughter's house near Cambridge was an ancient one and on entering it a feeling of strange discomfort overcame me. That night I dreamed that a puritan girl, beautiful and sad, sat at the foot of my bed. The story was laughed at by my family, but strangely the vicar of the place took it quite seriously and by a study of local records was able to establish that the house had been in the possession of a Puritan family 1923 03 29

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Hereditary postmen, p5

Easter holidays, p5

1923 03 31
The forthcoming production by the Bijou amateurs brings into prominence once again a club that has held a big position in the life of Cambridge for the last 50 years. I 1870 Mr W B Redfern founded the Bijous, who took over premises on Peas Hill, where for many years was provided the only dramatic performance in Cambridge that were given with any regularity. As time went on the club found that the old Peas Hill theatre was not big enough for them and finally removed to the old skating rink in St Andrews's street, on the site of which the present New Theatre was built. It was not until 1881 that ladies were introduced into the cast, the female parts having before that date being taken by men.

1923 03 31
A retired Norfolk farmer gives his views upon the agricultural situation in that County. "Unless the spring crops are sown at an early date there will be no harvest for the workers, and if there is no harvest there will be no straw, with the result that next winter very reduced quantities of stock will be kept on the farms. The farmer realising this, appreciate the fact that should this result occur there will be no necessity for a root crop. This is in no wise a threat it is simply a warning to the workers as to the possible result of their action. The ordinary townsman says that 25s. per week is not enough to live on, but he does not grasp the fact that the worker receives double wages during the harvest, and extra money for piecework and overtime. In addition, he has a cottage at a nominal rent, varying from 3s to nothing a week, which includes a garden. In numerous cases the worker is supplied with milk and butter at cost price. Altogether his prerequisite are worth anything from 8s to 10s per week.

Isobel Elsom address, p4*
Guardians change, p4*

1923 03 31
A summer like morning and a fair, if dull, afternoon made Good Friday in Cambridge a good day for lovers of the great outdoors. So good was the weather that many were to be seen on the river and Messrs Banham's motor launch trip to Clayhithe consisted of quite a comfortable load. Footballers spent a glorious time on Parker's Piece whilst one 1,700 watched the Town play the old Bancroftians on the Town ground. Young Cambridge spent a happy time on Parker's Piece indulging in the traditional skipping, and the litter of paper and orange peel told its own tale. There was plenty of evidence of a heavy road traffic. Allotment holders were, of course, not slow to take advantage of the good day given them.

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1923 04 02
Rumours were current in Peterborough that a local soldier who was reported as missing on November 13th 1916, and afterwards presumed killed on the same date, had returned home. Unfortunately the rumours were incorrect, but on Wednesday his mother received a letter addressed from "The Hospital, London", stating the son was alive and would soon be home. This was followed by another letter the next day headed "Waiting room, Peterborough", concerning the previous communication. In the first letter the writer says "Madam - I am writing to tell you that your son will soon be home with you. Don't turn any stranger from your door, as you won't know him. We have been together since 1916. He has got me to write to you and gave me this address. Enclosed in the letter was a piece of notepaper in the handwriting of the son. Immediately on the receipt of the latter she informed the elder son. He left work at once and caught the next train to London but was unable to gain any authentic information about his brother.

Suicide Histon old soldier, p3

1923 04 03

Stella Curtis, Stretham appeal, p3

1923 04 06 ES
Stretham appeal case; County Court judgement upheld. Appeal by Stella Curtis, wife of Fred, bootmaker, on claim for personal injuries by falling of tree. She a fruit picker and agricultural worker. On 17 March 1922 was on field property Charles Murfitt of Stretham. Chapman & Co, timber merchants, felled tree in adjoining field which struck and knocked her down, killing her child whom she was carrying and causing her serious injuries. Claimed damages £100. But she, instead of running away from danger, had ran into it. 23 04 06

1923 04 04
Death John Venn, Caius College, p3

1923 04 05
Trades council – Stubbs, p4

1923 04 07
If I am asked to point out to the public the danger of getting rid of their war relics by placing them amongst their refuse. Thoughtlessness of this kind might have serious consequences for the men working at the Corporation destructor. No less than eight live cartridges were found in one load recently, and fortunately they were discovered before they reached the destructor. People should think twice before depositing explosives amongst their rubbish, and in this way endangering the lives of those who removed and destroy it

1923 04 07
As a frequent visitor to the Cambridge Free Library, I have noticed with interest the very good use to which the Reference Library is put. It is especially satisfying to notice the number of school teachers and senior scholars who spend their Saturday mornings there, and this I have observed at the Mill Road branch as well as the Central Library, showing that the Cambridge library is, as it should be, a valuable auxiliary to the educational machine. The Mill Road Library was the worst sufferer in the necessary economies of wartime and is to receive preferential treatment in consequence.

1923 04 09
For the purpose of putting before the public the point of view of the strikers in the building trade, a meeting was held on Parker's Piece where there was a very large attendance. Mr Haynes said that 44 hours a week were enough for any of them to work. They had to remember that every man who was not with them was against them. In the event of the building operatives going down in the struggle, the railway men and workers in every other industry would have to look out, for the employers everywhere were out to reduce wages to a lower level than they were before the war. Urging the need of the workers standing together, Mr Overton said they were either partners in each other's poverty, or partners in each other's prosperity. The Trades Council were asking the other trade unions to come to the support of the building trade workers.

1923 04 10
Building trade dispute

1923 04 11
Speaking to Cambridge Rotary Club Dr H B Roderick compared Addenbrooke's Hospital 50 years ago with today. In 1872 the average stay in hospital was 37.87 days and in 1922 to it was 27.46 days, so that with practically the same number of beds, owing to the more rapid turnover due to shortened convalescence, they were are able to deal with a considerable number more patients. In 1922 2,376 operations were performed, and 2,231 in-patients and 4523 outpatients were treated. This great increase in work naturally involves increased demands both on the medical, surgical, and nursing staffs of the hospital, as well as on its financial resources. The present operating theatre was

constructed in 1897 and today it is out of date. Two theatres, on modern lines, are urgently needed in order to cope with the ever-increasing work.

Building dispute, p3
Water meters out of order, p4*

1923 04 13
A Cambridge boy, P S Milner-Barry, son of the late Professor Milner-Barry of De Freville Avenue, Chesterton, won the title of the first British boy chess champion. The title, which has been authorised by the British Chess Federation, was open to boys up to 18 years of age. Milner-Barry who is only 16 1/2 years of age, represented Cheltenham College in the competition, but his success also reflects credit on his old school, St Faith's preparatory, and the Cambridge town chess club, of which he is the youngest member

1923 04 13
At the Annual dinner of the Rob Roy Boat Club the mayor (Counc. G.H. Lavender) said his memory of rowing went back 42 years ago. He was one of the founders of the old Argonauts. They had a difficulty in getting sufficient men to man the boats, but they used to get up at five in the morning and get on the river by six. “I remember that a lot of objectionable matter used to get into the river from the gas works. You can imagine that we did not like to get into that. (Laughter). One day I went down in a canoe, and fell into the middle of it. I was very glad to get out, for it wasn't lavender water” (Renewed laughter).

Building trade peace, p5

1923 04 13 ES
A numerous company gathered a social in Saint James' School, Burnt Fen to bid farewell to Mr and Mrs Arthur Laycock, Headmaster and Mistress, who have retired after 19 years’ service in local schools. The vicar, Rev J.K. Cecil Payne spoke of their work in the school and Mission Church in the highest terms. He said they had well earned their rest from scholastic work, most trying at the best of times. They would be ever conscious of the many friends they were leaving behind them. Mr Laycock thanked the vicar and all present for their kindness and the many kind things said about him and his wife and family. He was humorous in his remarks about his first experiences at Burnt Fen. He had tried to do his duty but it was a difficult matter to please everybody, and none but a fool would attempt it. The concert party from Prickwillow gave selection during the evening which were much appreciated dancing was indulged in; refreshments were provided by the ladies. Mr Laycock has taken a house at Littleport where he will reside. 23 04 13ES

1923 04 14
The question of artificial wreaths came again under serious consideration at the quarterly meeting of the Ely burial board. The Clerk explained the board's position regarding its powers relatives to artificial wreaths and grave markers. The matter arose out of the application by a family to place upon the grave a small marble heart shaped as a token of respect. The Clarke said that in the town from whence the application came, Sheringham, it was customary to allow artificial wreaths, and he expressed the opinion that artificial wreaths were very liable to crack, get out of order, tumble to pieces, and become very unsightly.

Sheeps Green bathing place, p6

1923 04 16
At Saffron Walden council the police reported difficulty in dealing with stallholders attending the pleasure fairs which are held twice yearly on the common. Some of them arrive on a Thursday night previous to the pleasure fair on the Saturday; consequently the inhabitants are put to a good deal of inconvenience and annoyance. Before the fair people are allowed to go on the common on Saturday morning the caravans begin to arrive at the entrance and owing to the narrow streets they are

obstructed for three hours by these caravans and it is sometimes difficult to regulate the traffic to them. The police are obliged to bring officers in from adjoining houses for the purpose of regulating traffic and keeping order, thereby depriving the inhabitants of such carriages of these protection at a time when they are in most need of it. The police will have to consider whether in the future they will be able to give adequate police assistance during the time these fares are held.

Cambridge as county borough, p3*

1923 04 17
St Giles cricket club & Darwin, p3
Motor lorry crash, p3

1923 04 18
An interesting scheme with wide possibilities is embodied in the establishment of a co-operative dairy school by a committee of Cambridgeshire farmers, which was formally opened on Tuesday afternoon. In co-operation with the farmers, Cambridgeshire education committee have arranged for courses of instruction in cheese making and dairying to be held at the school, which is temporarily in premises on Newmarket Road. The instruction period will extend over four months, and the dairy will then be carried on by the farmers on a commercial basis. During that period the milk is being supplied by the farmers supporting the scheme who will take the cheeses

1923 04 18
A Commission has been appointed by the Bishop of Ely to inquire into the desirability of uniting the beneficiaries of Madingley and Dry Drayton. They held a local inquiry when the question was fully considered. The congregation of Madingley was 50 in the morning and 60 in the evening. The Madingley churchwardens presented a petition bearing the signatory of 103 persons protesting and objecting to the two churches being united. Colonel Harding said, “I can tell you that as far as Madingley is concerned they would prefer that no union should take place”

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McAlister memorial, p5*
Ouse Board assessment, p3*
Fen Ditton rec, p6
Protection of birds, p6
Roadmen’s wages, p6

1923 04 25
Newmarket building site sale, p3*
Ely fire, p5*

1923 04 26
Husband’s disguise, p5
Newmarket sparrow club, p5*

1923 04 27
Speaking at Romsey Town Football Club dinner the mayor of Cambridge said he thought that they did not always receive the support of the sporting crowds that they might. On Monday evening they had two very representative teams on Parker's Piece, and a crowd of something like 2,000 to 3,000 people, but their collection amounted to the enormous sum of £5 3s. Of that some £3 15s. was in coppers which included two farthings.

Weather forecast by phone, p6

1923 04 27 ES

River cleansing Thorney, got into extremely bad condition Thorney to Dog-in-a-Doublet; cleaned as unemployment relief scheme – photo 23 04 27

1923 04 28
The Harvey Goodwin Home, that well known Cambridge Institution of the Waifs and Stays Society is to be revived. In 1847 Goodwin determined to start an industrial School in Cambridge where there were a "large number of ne-do-weels in Barnwell and elsewhere". Hitherto there had only been rigorous punishment for youthful offenders, and Goodwin had seen the possibility of reforming them in an industrial school. Later the Society for Waifs and Sprays took it over which now lead to the re-establishment of the home bearing the honoured name of Harvey Goodwin.

War memorial balance allocated, p5
Cambridge as holiday resort, p6

1923 04 30
Plight of agriculture, p3
City Ely brass band, p5

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1923 05 01
A new burial ground for St Mark's parish, Cambridge, was consecrated by the Bishop of Ely. A short service was held in the Church, and the people then proceeded to the burial ground, which is situated about two miles away, by the side of Barton road, where already lie the remains of Mr J. H. Briggs who had been one of the foremost in the steps taken to acquire a burial ground for the parish. The Bishop said it was a curious & pathetic and coincidence that very shortly before the service of consecration, one who was deeply interested in it, and who had worked well for it, had passed away, and that he should be the first to be laid to rest in the new burial ground of the parish before its concentration. The Bishop said the service was the last act in a long process - the formation of St Mark's into a separate parish.

1923 05 01
The Cambridge Medical Officer of Health's report calls attention to the vaccination statistics which indicate how unprepared we are for an outbreak of smallpox. The proportion of children successfully evacuated is now be the lowest ever reached, and over 70 per cent are without the protection afforded by primary vaccination. In connection with infectious disease, he has recorded an outbreak of scarlet fever of exceptional interest, in view of the fact that this is the first recorded outbreak attributed to a "carrier". With regard to sanitation, housing is still the most important item. With inadequate housing of the people preventative sanitation is fighting a losing battle.

Doyly Carte at New Theatre, p5

1923 05 02
Newmarket taxis, p3

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Stanley Road pit, p5
Fish killed by pollution, p6

1923 05 04
Central School May Queen, p3
Swimming bath badly planned, p6

1923 05 05
Booming Cambridge, p5*

Labour May Day demonstration, p5
Come of Cambridge, p6
Newmarket taxis, p6*

1923 05 07
Labour's May Day demonstration, p3

1923 05 07 c
In connection with milk production, a notable effort has been commenced during the year by the Stetchworth Dairies. Premises, which are a model of their kind, and fitted with all necessary appliances, have been prepared, and milk which is guaranteed to be free from tubercle and absolutely clean, as well as of a high chemical quantity, can now be obtained at a cost which is little above that of ordinary milk. The effect has been to stimulate interest and a commendable rivalry among other milk producers.

1923 05 07 c
In his remarks on the subject of protection of food (chiefly meat, fish, milk and butter) from contamination by Street dirt, flies and the hands and clothing of workers, the Cambridge Medical Officer of Health says the majority of the tradesmen in Cambridge are alive to the importance of the matter and in one instance an attempt was made, but without success, to interest customers in the subject. So long as the public takes no interest in the cleanliness or otherwise of their food, it can scarcely be expected that producers and tradesmen will go too much trouble or expense about.

1923
An undergraduate of Park Street was summoned for causing an obstruction by means of a motor tricycle in Burrells Walk Cambridge. P.C. Saunders said that as a result of complaints he kept observation and whilst doing so defendant left his roundabout outside the racket courts. Defendant told the court that cars much larger than his were usually left there and he did not think his small one could have caused an obstruction Fined 10s.

1923 05 07 c
The discovery that one does not possess a clean pair of gloves is usually made at the most inconvenient moment. A good method of cleaning chamois leather gloves is that of placing them on the hands and washing them in tepid soft water, using plenty of pure Castile soap. The gloves should then be drawn off the hands, pulled out straight, and then passed through a winger. They must be rinsed in water straightened and again passed through the wringer. The gloves should then be well shaken and hung to dry in the open air in a shady place and never laid to dry in front of the fire or over the hot air radiator

1923 05 08
Reach fair, p6

1923 05 09
The quiet village of Witcham, near Ely, was startled on Sunday evening by rumours that a lad living in the village was missing, and supposed to be drowned. After many hours of dragging the body of a 14 year old farm labourer was taken from a pond in Hive close in the early hours of Monday morning. The coroner returned a verdict that the lad was found drowned. He said that although in villages there was often a large amount of stupid and not infrequently malicious gossip and scandal, which did a lot of mischief, there was on the other hand a most praiseworthy inclination to render assistance willingly and gladly to those who were in danger.

1923 05 10
Sir. I read in your valuable paper that a youth was prosecuted for endeavouring to earn his living by "calling out in a very loud voice, 'Coal, Coal' in the streets". Perhaps I may be excused if I draw attention to another noisy nuisance on Midsummer Common. Every Thursday evening we are

compelled to listen to the most monstrous, discordant and ear piercing of sounds. These consist of a jumble of about six notes attempted on military bugles and the rat-a- tat of small drums caused by some six or seven small boys of the Church Brigade. The curious and painful but about the matter is that the boys always appear to be in the initial stage. They never seem to improve or get more in tune. - A Long Sufferer

University OTC inspection, p6

1923 05 10 c
Sir - Traction engines do no damage to roads which are probably made, not even to tarred roads if the proper amount of granite chips are laid down, and not a soft and useless mixture of tar and sand, which is picked up at once it horses and other slow traffic. If the roads are marked, it is because they are not properly finished. I fail to see that because these motors may come from distant places they do us no good. Where would Cambridge be if it were not in touch by transport with distant places? We should go short of many necessaries, in fact, everything except for two important local products, knowledge and sausages - very good things in their way, but would not alone carry us far. We must make the roads bear the traffic; that is what they are for. - "Another Ratepayer"

1923 05 11
An undergraduate of Pembroke College, Cambridge was charged with driving a motor car at a speed dangerous to the public at Littleport. P.S. Neil stated that the car was on the right hand side of the road. He considers the speed was 55 to 60 miles the hour. He failed to take the number of the car, as there was too much grit and stones flying about caused by the speed. The undergraduate said when he got to Littleport there were two sharp bends and his speed then was about 10 miles per hour. When he got round the bend he dropped into second gear. He saw the policemen but they paid no attention to him. It was quite impossible to get up to 35 mph in second gear, which would probably break the engine. He knew there was a police trap at Littleport. Magistrates fined him £5.

1923 05 11 ES
Holocaust at Gorefield; labourer's unidentifiable remains – Scrimshaw farm; labourer living in old railway van; large doors could not be opened; had unguarded candle and smoked in bed 23 05 11

1923 05 12
John Manning of Bedford was summoned for using a locomotives on the highway to draw more than three loaded wagons. Superintendent Allen spoke to seeing a traction engine at Barton drawing four loaded wagons. Three wagons were loaded with tackle belonging to roundabouts, and the fourth wagon, bore the words "Water cart". There were five wooden tubs in it, three of which contained coal. Witness told defendant he was only allowed to draw three wagons and a water cart. He said the last was a water cart. Witness asking where the water was, but he could not show it. There was no water in the wagons for engine purposes. Defendant admitted putting coal on the wagon. He could not carry enough in his bunker for the journey. He was fined 10s.

Undergraduate motorbikes, p6

1923 05 14
A shed belonging to Mr Knott, but basket maker and carrier, of Burwell, was found to be on fire and was destroyed. Mr Owen Warren passed the shed - an erection of wood and corrugated iron - and noticed a smell of burning such as might come from a burning rubbish heap. He went home and sat down to supper, when he reflected that there was no rubbish heap near the shed, so he turned out again to look at it, and then saw that flames were leaping. He called for assistance and many willing workers came to prevent the flame from spreading. Water was obtained from the Lode and the adjoining properties were protected. The fire may have originated from a stove used to warm the shed, in which some work-girls had been during the day

1923 05 14

Saffron Walden council received a letter from the Showmans Guild. "I understand there are two fairs held on the Common, one in March and the other in October, these having been chartered for the purpose of Horse fairs, the amusements being an adjunct of such fairs. To ask the Home Office to abolish the pleasure fair would resolve itself in the abolition of the fair altogether, as the two objects must stand or fall together. I am writing as it would appear that the trouble has arisen, not from my own people, who are the amusement caterers, but from the gypsies and squatters who visit the Commons on these occasions, and who really should be under the control of the police

1923 05 15
Vacation courses, p6*

1923 05 17
At an inquiry into Ely rural council's plans for water supply the engineer said he considered there was sufficient water at Back Road, Mildenhall, to supply the needs of the Ely rural district. He said there would be two water towers, one at Littleport and one at Soham. The inspector mentioned that the water main passed through Little Downham, but that the village was not to be supplied. The engineer: They asked to be left out of the scheme. The inspector: Don't they want it? A voice (emphatically): No. (Laughter)

1923 05 18
Death W. Lincoln, Ely chemist

1923 05 19
An exceptionally fine old Tudor house, Bourn Hall, was offered for sale at the London Auction Mart. The bidding rose to £8,000 but at this price the property was withdrawn. Bourn Hall is a genuine old Tudor House of reasonable size, and the general preservation and condition of the structure are excellent. The house is now equipped with the convenience of electric night, central heating, main water supply etc. The property covers an area of about 22 acres

Gray's Elegy, p6

1923 05 22
At Harston on Whit-Monday the past met the present and the sun shone most of the time to celebrate the occasion. The first thing one noticed was the inevitable fairground the village green and that in itself was not very remarkable but a casual glance the round-abouts and the swing boats revealed an extraordinary blaze of gay colours. Closer inspection discovered ladies in the becoming dress and high pointed hats of the 15th century, maids-in-waiting, pages, an odd monk or two and a host of villagers in trunk and hose all enjoying the fun of the fair

1923 05 22
Deep regret will be felt in the county at the death of Mr Albert Peake, of St Catharine's Manor Farm, Coton. He decided to settle there about two years ago, and the day he made that decision was a fortunate one for the village. He practically rebuilt the old the town Manor which dates as far back as St Catharine's College, and built handsome premises in the shape of farm buildings, on what was formerly known as St Catharine's farm. One of his generous acts for the welfare of the villagers was to present them with a large recreation ground - known as Peake's playground, the children up to that time having no place other than the road on which to play

Harston pageant, p4*

1923 05 25
Stretham feast, p3

1923 05 24
Empire Day, p3

1923 05 24 c
An attendance of upwards of 5000 at the first athletics meeting held on the Town Football Club's ground, Milton road, may be regarded as entirely satisfactory. The first part of the day was taken up with six-a-side football. The various races were keenly contested on a track which made the cyclists very cautious. In two of the races there were two nasty spills. Sir Douglas Newton presented the Invicta cycle to Mr Fuller of Shelly row, who was the fortunate winner of a handsome machine given to the purchaser of a ticket before the day of the event. The proud processor was apparently not a cyclist, for he wheeled it around the track, notwithstanding that the spectators invited him to "jump on and ride".

1923 05 25
Lady M. Darwin, of Newnham Grange, Cambridge, appeared at the police court when she was summonsed for riding a bicycle on the footway at West Road. She appeared and pleaded not guilty. P.C. Hagger stated that he saw the defendant riding along the footpath and rode after the on his bicycle. When he told her she would be reported, she replied, "I was riding very slowly; you should make the Corporation lay the tar better; it spoils bicycle tyres". (Laughter) "I don't think I was doing any harm to anyone. Some of the friends I see before me have admitted during the same thing". (Laughter). She was fined five shillings.

1923 05 25
"It is the most serious frost I remember for years", said a well-known Cottenham fruitgrower speaking of the frost which prevailed during Wednesday night. Seven degrees of frost were registered in many parts. Agriculturists and fruitgrowers in the county were dismayed to see the ground white with frost, and anxious inspection was made of crops to see what damage had resulted. There is no doubt that havoc has being played amongst many fruit crops, plums in particular seem to have suffered. Indeed, it is feared in some places that the plum crop has been entirely ruined. "Plums as big as horse beans are black as your hat", was the way one grower expressed it

Empire Day, p3
Harston British Legion colours, p6

1923 05 25 ES
A. Cass motor engineers advertisement for coaches, ‘Etheldreda’ and ‘Hereward the Wake’ 23 05 26

Stretham Hospital Parade … 27th … procession much larger than 1922 formed near Mission Hall corner and paraded … decorated lorry … open air service Recreation ground … 28 persons from Stretham had been treated at Addenbrooke's Hospital which dealing with newly discovered remedies - details… Stretham had collected eggs 23 05 25a, b

1923 05 26
Cambridge is justly proud of its business veterans, and it may truly be said that no one is held in higher respect than Mr William Heffer. He started as a groom but resolved to make a start in business on his own, and opened as a stationers and newsagents in a shop which is still his, the Post Office in Fitzroy Street. It has been said that Mr Heffer to a large extent altered the character of Fitzroy Street, for when he introduced to Cambridge the 25% discount off books, university men and others not accustomed to frequenting that part of the town, began to stream up there, and, of course, other tradesmen - benefited in consequence.

Gray ‘Elegy’, p6
Emigrant’s letter, p6*

1923 05 31
A carter of Wicken was charged with cruelty to a horse by working it in an unfit state at Soham. Inspector Charles Taylor, RSPCA, said he was on duty at the Soham railway approach when he saw

the man with a cart containing four fat pigs. The mare attached to the cart was lame. Defendant said the bay mare would not have been brought out but that the other horse was taken bad. P.C. Haines gave evidence that the mare was in pain and her foot was hot. Fined 2s.6d.

1923 05 29
An important report will be presented to Cambridge Town Council at their next meeting. The sub-committee unanimously resolved that a vehicular bridge he placed at the Walnut Tree Avenue site, and that a foot bridge should be placed at the Pretoria Road site, and that tenders should be obtained at once for the construction of the two bridges and the Ministry of Transport be approached with a view to a grant towards the work

1923 05 31
British growers tour, p3
Wisbech carrier cruelty, p5*

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1923 06 01
Those who attend the Christ Pieces promenade concerts will learn with interest that the Cambridge Town Council approved extensive improvements, including lighting to the bandstand there, to purchase some 500 chairs "for the comfort of the concert goers", and to set up a fenced enclosure, lined with a privet hedge, to accommodate the seats. They further empowered the Committee to set up - as cheaply as possible - glass screens, which will protect the musicians from summer and other breezes, besides effecting an improvement in the acoustics of the stand. The superintendent also produced a plan for the construction of ladies and gentlemen's lavatories on Christ's Pieces

1923 06 02
We have started on a new month, and everyone is hoping that it will be a marked improvement on the last. Cambridge, perhaps more than any other town in the country, needs a fine opening to June. A cold and rainy May Week is too horrible to contemplate, and it will be a bad business indeed for boatmen, lodging-house keepers, and tradesmen generally if the next few days do not see a change for the better

1923 06 02 c
The Cambridge town council will really have to be careful, or some of us will soon be suffering from severe shock! I went in the gallery expecting another "battle of the bridges", and, lo and behold, the report was passed without a word of comment, other than the short speech in which Alderman Starr introduced it. Then to the utter astonishment of everyone, the motion was put, there was not a single dissident and the thing was done. Alderman Starr fell back in his chair almost convulsed, the council burst into laughter, and some applauded. Now we are to have the vehicular bridge at Walnut Tree Avenue and the foot bridge is to be at the original Pretoria Road site. Well, well, let us hope all our other municipal troubles end as easily.

1923 06 04
Sir - I agree that servants make good wives; so do other girls if they have been brought up properly at home. The good places want finding. I myself had one where I was treated just as one of the family, and no girl would wish for better. What I suggest is this: as a maid has to produce a good character, so should a mistress show one before she can get a good maid. I have four daughters and I shall not let them go out to service unless I have a personal reference from the lady and can see the bed my girls sleep in, and really know how they will be treated – A. Hardy

1923 06 05
Motor car mystery, p3

1923 06 07

Favoured with ideal weather the annual sports meeting arranged by the Pymoor and Oxlode Committee attracted a large attendance. This event, which has the reputation of being one of the best in the district, was more than up to the standard of previous years, and some keen competition was provided for an enthusiastic crowd. This year the interest of the meeting was enhanced by the production of a Challenge cup for cycle racing, and A.F. Hawes, the well-known Manea cyclist, was successful in securing the honour of being the first holder of the trophy. The Manea Silver Band rendered selections throughout the day and the proceedings were further enlightened by entertainments by the Magpie Concert Party from Cambridge

MacIntosh parade, p6*

1923 06 08
With finer weather, the “Mays” bumping races came into their own. People came from everywhere, on foot, awheel, and by that best of all ways - by water. The Lawns, the Rectory Paddock, Ditton Meadows, and the Pitt Lawn assumed their familiar aspect. Right from the Pitt Lawn, nearly to the Railway Bridge, was one mass of riotous colour. Ladies were attired in summer dresses of varying hues - white, green, blue, blue-grey, yellow, striped and spotted - the whole forming a pretty picture against background of trees and grass. Some ladies wore costumes, some carried furs on their shoulders, while others wore white summer coats. Mere men, not to be outdone, made a brave show in flannels and gay blazer. Balloon vendors added their quota to the brightness of the picture with their parti-coloured wares

Cecil Sharpe degree, p3*

1923 06 09
Four undergraduates of Christ’s College, Cambridge, were summoned for wilfully damaging a finger-post in Girton. They all pleaded guilty. P.C. Mead stated that owing to complaints with reference to the post being pulled down five times before he was instructed to watch the post. Four men came from a car and tried to pull down the finger post. They did not succeed, and went back for some tools. At about 11.30 they succeeded in getting the finger off. When they had finished witness caught the driver of the car, the other three ran away but came back later. One said, "You have done me. It was too heavy. I could not run with it, it was wood other times”. They said they did not know that there had been any accidents at Girton, and that the signpost and been put up for the purpose of avoiding accidents. They were fined £2 each

Lacrosse v Americans, p3
Interesting raffle, p6

1923 06 11
New Wesleyan buildings, p5

1923 06 12
The opening days of the second week of the "Mays" celebrations are usually noted for the array of college balls and concerts, and this year is well in keeping with tradition. On Monday there were three of these functions, - Caius, Clare, and First and Third Trinity in addition to four concerts and a special dinner-dance at the Rendezvous, and in each case a success can be recorded. The weather had improved to such an extent that it allowed the usual outdoor part of the events to be carried out to the full, and ample sitting out accommodation provided in various courts and grounds. The largest function was at Trinity, where the attendance numbered something like 1,400 or 1,500.

1923 06 13
Brilliant in every way was the Masonic ball of the "Isaac Newton" University Lodge, held at the Guildhall. The large room had been suitably changed for the occasion and presented a pretty sight. The back of the orchestra was draped with gold and red hangings, in front of which were a number of Masonic banners, flowers and greenery almost hid the rest of the orchestra. At the other end the

banners supporting the balcony, and the front of the balcony itself, were covered with greenery and coloured electric lights. The attendance numbered about 450 and the outstanding feature was the brilliance of the ladies dresses, which presented a wealth of animated colour. But this was added to by members of the Order, who were dressed in full Masonic regalia

1923 06 14
Haddenham feast, p6

1923 06 15
Motor omnibus for hire, p3

1923 06 15 c
The annual Inter-Varsity military tournament was held on the University Rifle Range, Grange Road when Cambridge beat Oxford by six events to 4. Perhaps the most popular event was the tent pegging, which reached an extremely high standard. One rarely sees it done better at Olympia. The artillery drive, too, was extremely well done. Some regular artillery officers in the audience, the hardest critics of all, seemed somewhat sceptical about it when the team drove into the arena, but after the first-time round their criticism changed to praise. The events won by Cambridge were the R.F.A. Alarm race, the individual jumping, the half section jumping, tent pegging, wrestling on horseback, and the cavalry dummy thrusting but they were beaten by Oxford in the cable laying competition. Oxford's other successes were the bayonet fighting, the artillery driving, and the tug of war.

1923 06 15 ES
Haddenham death Mrs Harriett Whetstone – family history 23 06 15

1923 06 16
May Week this year must surely have been one of the worst on record, from the point of view of the townspeople. One hears on every hand expressions of disappointment and dolorous comparisons with the "good old days". The motor car is largely responsible for the tailing off in the number of people who stay in the town during May Week. Motor travel is so speedy and comfortable nowadays that quite a large proportion of the people who used in the old days to book rooms now run into Cambridge in the morning and return home again at night. A local tradesmen told me that he used to be busy during the week until the late hour, being engaged in waiting on customers at their rooms after closing his shop at 8 pm, but now business is completely dead after about six o'clock.

1923 06 16
A remarkable story of how a large sum of money was snatched from the jaws of death, as typified by the corporation refuse destructor reached me the other day. It appears that a certain tradesman on Peas Hill, Cambridge, had by some strange mischance consigned a wallet containing money to the dustbin. A frenzied telephone message to the contractor revealed that one of his dustcarts had collected at the address that day. The cart was searched, but without success. Eventually the missing wallet was discovered on the very threshold of destruction and found to contain Treasury notes to the value of between £200 and £300. Some people back Derby winners and others have luck in other directions.

Dangerous corner, p6

1923 03 16 c
Even on days when the Tripos lists were read out in the Senate House by the examiners the men's lists were handed in a sealed envelope to the chairman of the examiners by an official from the Registry, and the women's lists in another sealed envelope were handed in by an official from the local examinations and lectures syndicate. In the old days, when the order of merit in the various triposes used to attract large crowds of undergraduates to the floor of Senate House to hear the lists read out from East Gallery, it was always a standing joke that as soon as the examiner read out the word "women" the undergraduates would call out "ladies".

1923 06 18
Further particulars of the sensational motor accident on the borders of Derbyshire which resulted in the death of Mr W. R. Finbow are now available. It appears that Mr Finbow had a removal contract from Chorley, Lancashire, to Cambridge for which he enlisted the help of Mr Holliman's van. Mr Finbow's own van was loaded up and left for Cambridge first. This reached its destination in safety, albeit with the brakes burnt out. Mr Finbow chose to come back in the other van. Approaching a bridge on a steep and winding road the heavily laden furniture van began to descend the hill. The brakes were applied, but refused to act and the van started to career down the hill at 50 miles an hour and making so much noise that the inhabitants of the village at the foot of the hill were out in the road to see what was happening. Mr Finbow was standing on the footboard shouting suggestions and about 20 yards from the bridge fell he from the vehicle and the wheels passed over his body.

Station building estate, p3*

1923 06 19
Wholesale bicycle thefts, p3

1923 06 20
Motor club fixture list, p3

1923 06 22
Sir- I was interested to read your article about donkeys at Midsummer Fair. The rides are no doubt appreciated by the kiddies, but it is surely going too far when "kiddies" of 18 and 25 are seen mounting on the backs of our four-footed friends. The ponies are started off on a run of 100 yards, and tear backwards and forwards, sweating and blowing, without a minute's rest, beaten with sticks and sundry kicks, yells and curses. The police should look into the matter for there is nothing more painful to watch than the ill-treatment of a dumb animal and if a young man of 18 cares to make an ass of himself to ride on something intended for a child, it will be easy to discover the bigger donkey of the two. - A Lover of Animals

1923 06 22
There is a party of Cambridge undergraduate members of the Officers Training Corps under canvas at Bournemouth and last night they broke loose and came out to ta-ta all by themselves. About three hundred of them found their way into Bournemouth. When they got to the pier the sea air went straight to their heads. They squatted themselves down and ate what they called a banana supper during which they sucked oranges and supped beer. Meanwhile they cheered everybody and everything. They unearthed a policeman and danced a polka around him while he looked on them benignly and let them make things lively.

1923 06 22
Ely Rural District Surveyor reported on the manure heaps in Long Drove, Haddenham. Mr Heffer said it would certainly injure the smallholders and farmers if they were stopped putting their heaps of manure in the droves. Mr Porter said it was causing an obstruction. He did not wish to debar them from getting the manure out but if they were going to allow anyone and everyone to put manure on public highways the council were creating a very dangerous precedent. Mr Kisby said that it would cause hardship for it was possible that many of those men had a big accumulation of manure which could not easily be moved.

Waterbeach vicar 20 years' service, p3

1923 06 23
Midsummer fair seems to get bigger than ever. From all appearances the amusement caterers and smallholders are going to do good business. Hoop-las are not so plentiful, but there are many new ingenious contrivances to extract the pence from those who are out for an evening's merriment. The sideshows are certainly more numerous, but one still misses the large pavilions in which the

"animated pictures" were shown. The cinemas have evidently killed these stone dead. A visit to the fair is well worth while, even if one does not feel equal to a trip on a roundabout, a swing round on a chairoplane, or some other more or less thrilling diversion.

1923 06 22 ES
Double aeroplane crash at Chatteris … new bombing machine … propeller broke and forced landing on farm of Mr F. Sole. Machine turned somersault, trapping pilot. His companion made an effort to assist him but found himself in potato ground … pitched nose into ground and stood upright. 23 06 22b # c.26.1

1923 06 25
Mr Reynolds told the Royal Sanitary Institute meeting at Cambridge that there were scores of cowsheds being altered every day, and no dairy should have a door entering into the house; yet there were scores like that, and the farmer's wife did not like the idea of having them closed. They knew full well that there were certain people who could not keep their own houses clean, let alone dairies. The chairman said he was convinced of the fact that the drinking of more milk would do the public health very much good. One of the greatest public needs of the present was that people should drink more milk and drink less tea, which did no good to the children.

Mistaken identity, p6

1923 06 26
The President of the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce and of the Propaganda and development committee write: "We enclose a further list of donations to the fund for advertising Cambridge as a holiday resort. The advertising campaign is being proceeded with at all possible speed. An order has been placed for printing 20,000 copies of a free guide to Cambridge, and a design for a striking poster by a first-class artist has been approved and will be printed at once. The committees are also preparing a list of accommodation available for visitors which will be sent to inquirers. The newspaper advertising campaign is about to commence and orders have been faced for the insertion of advertisements in London and Provincial Newspapers"

50 years on GER, p4

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Newnham roads, p3*

1923 06 30
Women in men's jobs, p3*
Red Flag warning, p3*
Accident Broomstick Corner, p5

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1923 07 03
Histon feast, p4*

1923 07 04
For a century the East Anglian district has been connected with the Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds, but not until this year has it been fortunate enough to have a member erected Chief Shepherd of the Order. This honour has fallen to a well-known resident of Ely, Mr J. W. Merrywest. He has been a member of the order since he was six years of age. As district secretary for East Anglia he has under his supervision branches in nearly every village and town, with a membership of 13,000.

Burwell plans *
Ely wreaths *

1923 07 06
Swavesey church garden fete, p3

1923 07 07
Mepal tragedy, p3

1923 07 09
The Master of Downing College told the Cambridge University Local Lectures Jubilee conference that he his short experience as an extension lecturer made one realise that one's knowledge was not as extensive as one thought. When a lecturer was appointed in the university before intra-mural work one of the last questions which any one thought of asking was "Can he lecture?" (Laughter). If every university lecturer was required to give a trial lecture before a select body of experienced extension lecturers the university would reap no little advantage. The extension lecturer was trained by his audience to be a lecturer and educated by his audience to a better understanding of his subject.

1923 07 09
Unusual interest was taken in the A.A.A. open championships. From a local point of view our interest was mainly in the Varsity men who again perform most creditably. One must sympathise with Dr R Salisbury Woods, the greatest weight putter Cambridge has ever had. For years he has performed annually at the championships and last year was unplaced at 40 feet one inch. He could not compete this year owing to an operation and the event was won at 39 feet 2 1/4 inches. Some people seem to be disappointed that Harold Abrahams did not again carry off three events but I do not think that he was quite at the top of his form. His jumping was magnificent he has improved in this event so much that I am hoping he will be able to hold his own against the world next year.

Cambridge degree, p3

1923 07 10
Cambridge was visited last night with one of the sharpest thunderstorms that has passed over the town for several years past. The roll and rumble of the thunder at times was almost continuous. Sometimes it almost resembled that of a bombardment, at others a rattling volley of musketry. Once or twice there was a blinding flash, followed almost instantaneously by a short, sharp, stunning clap of thunder. There were periods of intense electrical activity, a sort of "mad minute", during which rapid flashes and crashes came and went in a wild hurly-burly of light and sound.

1923 07 10
Sir - I wonder has it ever occurred to the Chancellor of the Exchequer what an excellent Revenue would be produced by the taxation of gramophones. At least to anyone living in the hutments of the old First Eastern General Hospital a prohibitive tax would indeed be a boon. If a graduated tax, according to the noise of the said instruments were introduced, I know of several people who live near me to would find it necessary to pay out so much that they would have nothing each week to purchase new needles. Yours etc - Music Lover

Manea shop failure, p3*

1923 07 11
Newmarket Hospital Sunday – fire brigade, p4

1923 07 12
Mr Cutlack told Ely council that he was of the opinion that the best and most economical course to take in the event of a smallpox outbreak would be to erect a marquee or tents in an outlying area for patients. In the wintertime provision could be made for heating the tents. Mr J C Laxton said in weather like they were then experiencing he could not agree. It would mean frying the patients and getting them ready for somewhere else. (Laughter)

1923 07 12
A most successful function in every way was the first annual dinner of the Ely City Military Band. The Chairman said that for years before the formation of the City Band, the only band they had was the Cambridgeshire Militia Band. Of course there was the Volunteer Band but that, unfortunately broke up. Thus it was greatly to the advantage of the town that they had been able to form such an excellent band in Ely as they had now. That was a thing that every citizen in Ely could congratulate himself on.

Prospects in Canada, p3
St Ives accident, p6

1923 07 13
American athletes at Cambridge, p6

1923 07 14
To be quite topical, or rather tropical, I suppose I ought to say something about the heat. I think a precedent must have been broken this week in the Combination Room at St John's College. The Harvard and Yale Athletic team who are to oppose Oxford and Cambridge at Wembley were entertained to dinner and after the toasts the chairman, Dr Salisbury Woods, said: "Gentlemen, precedent was broken down last night in the House of Commons, when Members of Parliament removed their coats and waistcoats. I think the example was an excellent one, and propose that we also should remove our coats and waistcoats." Carried unanimously!

Absorbing topic, p4*

1923 07 16
The annual meeting of the Royal Eastern Counties Institution for the Mentally Defective, Colchester, was held at the Memorial hall Newmarket. The chairman said they had six patients in the institution from Newmarket and the neighbourhood, and these cases were costing to maintain about £150 more every year than was received in subscriptions from Newmarket and district. One had been in since 1902, another since 1905 and another since 1914. Mr Cole said they should bear in mind that Newmarket was only a small town, although some people called it a gold mine, and if they compared it with some of the other towns they would see that Newmarket subscriptions were very creditable. Ely they looked upon as a sort of heaven but the good people of Ely only gave £70, while the bad town of Newmarket gave twice as much.

Stretham death Joseph Blinch, 69, though heat, p4

1923 07 17
RAF tender smash, p4

1923 07 18
Hayfield accident Hemingford Grey, p3*

1923 07 18 c
The question of the harvest bonus was discussed by the Essex County Farmers Union. The committee recommends the round sum of £4 to be paid to see the harvest in, or alternatively 8d per hour. The number of hours to be worked a day to be eleven, and where it is customary to let the harvest by piecework these figures can be used as a basis.

1923 07 19
Dr Albert Mansbridge, the founder of the Workers Educational Association, who recently received an honorary degree from the University, attended a successful Garden Party held in the Fellows Garden of Christ's College. He said Cambridge University had been in the forefront of all recent movements

for the education of working people. Everyone could learn something, although they did not want all to become scholars. Education was not a dry thing but led to a better and happier life. The W.E.A. stood for education, which enabled people to live at their best.

1923 07 19
The chairman of the Cambridge Allotment Association said a man could not put his heart in to tilling of the ground when he knew he might get six months' notice at any time. In Vinery road there were about 50 people working a five-pole plot each. That was hardly satisfactory. A man who had got four or five children wanted 20 poles; he did not want to lay it out simply with potatoes; he wanted a little fruit, and if he knew he had a plot for 20 years or as long as he lived, he could put in his fruit trees.

1923 07 20
Licensing meeting, p5

1923 07 20 ES
Manea fierce fire, grim fight with flaming tar barrels; village saved by workers' efforts – during tarring operations. Stream of burning tar ran down the gutter and ignited six other barrels just outside Vicarage … crier rushed around on bicycle shouting 'Bring your buckets' … Vicarage threatened … vicar threw open Vicarage lawn with amusements including bowls which never before played in village, dancers … etc 23 07 20

1923 07 21
At Cambridgeshire County Council it was agreed that all roadmen be given holidays on the four Bank Holidays in addition to Good Friday and Christmas Day. Councillor Stubbs asked they also give them six days consecutive holidays - a privileged that was granted to the remainder of their staff. He understood that the staff had a fortnight or three weeks holiday with pay, and their police officers had holidays with pay. Councillor Jackson said if they were given holidays, they would have to be reappointed at less wages. They were agricultural labourers, and the greater part of them were not skilled men. The council had no right to give them a holiday out of their class. This resolution was defeated.

1923 07 23
Sir - Carpet beating should not be permitted, even on a Common, close enough to the surrounding houses or the public roads to be a nuisance to householders or the passing public. Neither should householders themselves be allowed to beat carpets in their back yards, unless they have a large space behind their houses, so that the dust will not be swept by the wind into their neighbours' houses. It often happens that as soon as one person has cleaned up their house, the next door neighbour bring their carpets out and beat them, and the dust they get rid of is blown back into their neighbour's clean house. It is a very dirty and dangerous practice to beat carpets close to any house, and very annoying to say the least of it. These nuisance appear to be on the increase and should be stopped - "Health"

1923 07 23
Very few people entered the magnificent new arena at Wembley expecting to see Oxford and at Cambridge win against the American athletics team. I bow to no one in admiration of the wonderful athletic ability of Harold Abrahams, but I thought that he was a trifle stale. Even on the day he did not look fit enough, and he must have used up a lot of his reserves of energy. He has, however, what we call the Varsity temperament, and the occasion brings out the best that is in him. As a matter of fact, he won all of his events with the greatest ease, and I can truthfully say that I have never seen him run better.

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Central School scheme – Milton Road school, p3
St Collette's school modern methods, p3

1923 07 26

Milton Road School opposition closure, p3
Bust King Edward, Guildhall, p3

1923 07 28
There are new pleasures in store for workhouse inmates. Amazed and almost disbelieving that the music and songs were being heard from "Lonnon" the inmates of the Ely Union were given a wireless concert by Mr Charles Howes. Two receiving sets were used, one to operate the loudspeaker, and the other to make the music audible in the headphones. Two aerials were erected, one outside and the other slung across the dining room where the concert was given. During the evening the London broadcasting station mentioned Ely, and said they hoped the concert would be received well at the Tower House, and that it would be enjoyed by those who were listening in for the first time. That the hope was realised, goes without saying

1923 07 28
The offer of the London and North Eastern Railway Company in connection with the acquisition of the site of the old Newmarket railway line for the purpose of linking up Cherryhinton road with Mill road, Cambridge, led to a good deal of discussion at the town council. For many years they had tried to get the company to come to terms, so that they could join the Rock Estate with Romsey town. The line was the key of the situation, and there were great possibilities of development on that side of the town. Mill Road too was strangled at present. Councillor Ambrose hoped the negotiations would be conditional on some promise of a bridge or railway for the people to get to the station from the Rock estate

Town council meeting, p6

1923 07 30
Soon after seven o'clock on Sunday evening passers-by in the vicinity of Newmarket Road were somewhat surprised by the appearance of a saloon car carrying a wireless outfit. The aerial was comparatively large, and was suspended from two poles at either end of the roof. The sight was sufficiently rare to cause much curiosity and comment. A number of new inventions have been referred to in our wireless articles and it is easy to foresee that in a few years, far from being a novelty, no car will be complete without its wireless installation

1923 07 30
Cambridge men and women of all shades of political opinion, and a number of children, associated themselves with the world-wide demonstrations that were held to express the determination that there shall be no more war. The Cambridge demonstration took place on Parker's Piece on Sunday afternoon. Prior to this a procession marched to the war memorial. It was headed by the Salvation Army band. The Cambridge town branch of the League of Nations Union was the first of the representative bodies, with three large appropriate banners bearing the words "No more war." The Cherry Hinton band also took part, and in the rear of the procession came a pathetic little band of "hunger marchers" from Sheffield with their own banner

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1923 08 01
Stetchworth gravel pit accident, p3

1923 08 02

Sir - for generations Hobson's Conduit has been well cared for. For 30 years or more an industrious and expert custodian gave the conduit daily, almost hourly, attention, keeping it clean and trimming the banks. In an unhappy moment the stream fell into the hands of the Corporation and has been allowed to fall in to neglect, its banks are untrimmed and dishevelled, and the stream is choked with dirt and weeds. Every now and then - at long intervals - three or four men attack the weeds, drag loads of them on the banks and leave them to fester in the sun. The raid is useless; in a week or two the state is worse than before. Among the unemployed surely there is some man fit and able for such work and the stream be kept clean and tidy as in the past. - "Brookside"

Norwich library burnt down, p3
12-year-old housebreaker, p4

1923 08 03
Harvest work in the Eastern Counties is menaced by a serious dispute between the National Union of Agriculture Workers and the Farmers Union on the question of the wages bonus. Trouble began in Norfolk, where the workers refused to accept a reduction of the harvest bonus from £10 to £8 10s. Disaffection extended to Suffolk and Essex, the Suffolk men declining any bonus less than £6 and the Essex side £5 5s. or a rate of 10d an hour

AA scout injured, p5

1923 08 03 ES
Ouse Drainage Board … two members compelled to resign as not paid taxes… new work at Denver … emergency because a 'blown; in the dam had stopped work … need cut a new eye on west side 23 08 03 # c.29

1923 08 04
Many people wonder why the New Theatre lies fallow for so long during the summer, but theatres get dirty during their year of work, and are badly in need of a spring clean at least once a year. This year it has had something rather more in the nature of a complete transformation. As one enters the vestibule one is immediately struck by the sense of newness. It makes the approaches to the auditorium the cleanest and prettiest that I have seen in a provincial theatre. The stage itself has new boarding and several new sets

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Foreigners in Cambridge, p6*
Fruit crop failure, p6
Horseheath property, p6

1923 08 06
In Norfolk a large number of cottages have for centuries been built of clay lump - that is, sun-dried bricks. They are warm in winter and cool in summer, and they are perfectly dry and everlasting. Recently a bungalow of clay lump was built in Cambridgeshire for £720. The clay lump bricks are made by first laying on the ground three or four inches of Barley straw, then covering these with three or four inches of clay, dug close by, and pouring plenty of water over all. Then the whole is trodden into a paste by a horse which walks backwards and forwards, and round and round till all is well mixed. Wooden moulds are then filled with the mixture and smoothed over.

1923 08 07
A driver for the Taxi Side-car company was summoned for driving a motor cycle taxi cab in a dangerous manner in Castle Street, Cambridge. Walter Langford, labourer, spoke to seeing a taxi side-car coming down Castle Hill. At the crossing it dodged in front of a motor car, and the side-car caught the front of the motor car which struck the side of Messrs Clark's shop in Northampton Street. The motor car hit a man and knocked him down.

1923 08 09
Sir - I would like to make a suggesting regarding the new traffic arrangements at the junction of the Newmarket Road, Jesus Lane, and the three other tributary traffic arteries at that point. It seems to me such a pity to rob our dear old town of Cambridge of a cherished sign manual viz. "The Four Lamps," a titular description of a point in the town becoming ever more known and used, which is spoken of by old Cantabrigians wherever they meet the world over. I always regretted the removal of the old four-armed lamp, ugly as it was. – Ex-councillor

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Motor cycle taxi accident, p3*

1923 08 08
Ely sports, p4

1923 08 09
'Four Lamps', p3*
Position of agriculture, p3
Shelford & Stapleford Football club merge

1923 08 10
Sir - 10 years ago the game of bowls was a hardly known in Cambridge but the late Mr Basil Whibley worked very hard to bring before the Council a scheme for permission to lay out greens on Christs Pieces and Alexandra Gardens, and to build pavilions. There now appears to be a lack of real sporting spirit. At present novices are simply not wanted, and are very pointedly made to feel it by old stagers, but they will not last for ever and new blood will be missing. - "An ex-President of bowls clubs"

Daddy the undergraduate, p4*
Parker's Piece seats, p4*

1923 08 11
War memorial balance share, p3
Open access at Mill Road library, p4

1923 08 14
Big efforts are to be made in Cambridge by the various trade unions to regain those who have dropped out of their organisation and ceased to take an active part in it, by the holding of what is called a "Back to the Unions" Campaign. It opened with a series of open air meetings at which the advantages of a solid trade union front for the worker were enunciated by union speakers. On Saturday evening a mass meeting will be held on Parkers Piece

1923 08 14
The 1st Battalion Cambridgeshire Regiment who returned from their fortnight's training at Felixstowe have had a busy but very enjoyable time. The camping grounds was close to the beach and the bathing facilities were much appreciated. The weather was rather rough and rainy, especially Tuesday, when the tents were frequently blown down, until the men got up to the dodge of anchoring them with lumps of rubble. They watched a demonstration to illustrate some of the lessons learnt in the late war, including infantry attack under cover of machine guns.

1923 08 15
Storm, p5

1923 06 15 c
Addenbrooke's Hospital court were told that the most important item was the provision of an additional operating theatre. When installed the present one was considered one of the best, but it had now become out of date. There had been a steady increase in the number of operations. In time they

would also like to see an additional ward corresponding to the existing Tipperary ward. The wards were the admiration of everyone, and they wanted the rest of the hospital to be brought up to the same level

1923 08 16
Cambridge county court heard an action for damage to a private road at Caxton Common farm. 5-600 sacks of Barley were moved by a traction engine and truck, the engine weighing eight or ten tons and the truck some three tons. The result was that the road was cut up so that it was impossible to use it for traffic of any description. The ruts made by the engine were so deep that the wheels of the trucks did not revolve and it slithered along on the axles. The road was not now usable even for horse traffic.

Builder's claim, Whittlesford, p4

1923 08 17
A meeting was held on Cambridge Market Hill under the auspices of the local branch of the World's League Against Vivisection. Some hundreds gathered around the first speaker who was heard amid a running series of questions and interruptions. He gallantly held his post for over an hour, and many of his points were agreed to, even by opponents of the movement generously. Certain diseases had been lowered doing the last 50 years in response to sanitary improvements, he said, but no direct evidence could be found as to any decrease of the death rate as a result of vivisection.

Clement Driver, Stretham, p3
Witcham church fete, p3
Soham's oldest man, John Taylor, dies – ES 17 05 1923

1923 08 17 ES
Flying at March … great interest in aeroplane pleasure flights … Berkshire Aviation Tours … temporary airfield off Avenue … some looped loop 23 08 17 # c.26.1

Charles Driver … born Stretham 86 years ago, entered choir at six … then no organ and choir had to supply all the harmony, being given the pitch by a pipe blown before the hymns by one of the choir members. The singers then bravely entered into their task and as the 'pitch-giver' was never sufficiently rash to sound the pipe at the conclusion of the music every performance was naturally without flaw or blemish as far as the sustaining of pitch was concerned. Later … a harmonium appeared and pleased the critical eye and acute musical ear of the congregation …. His residence, a pretty old world cottage in which forefathers had resided for nearly 250 years … sung in choir about 8,000 times … portrait 23 08 17a, b

1923 08 18 c
A small advertisement of a house to be let at a rent of £40 a year appeared early this week. By the first post next morning there was a score of replies. The next post bought another score, and letters have been pouring in ever since, until the number must be over one hundred. This affords some idea of the number of people in Cambridge who want houses and don't mind paying a fairly good rent for one.

Littleport potato dispute, p3

1923 08 21
Mr James Tuck of Ely has been struck by lightning twice, once in 1914 and again on Saturday. In 1914 he was putting hay into an elevator at Chettisham when there was a vivid flash of lightning. The fork he was holding was torn from his hands. The lightning scorched his face and left red marks on his arm of a zig-zag shape. When he recovered doctors were astonished. On Saturday he was driving some pigs. Suddenly there was a vivid flash of lightning and he was stuck to the ground in a dazed condition. With the exception of still having a headache he is now little worse for his experience.

New Theatre variety, p4

1923 08 22
Wooden crosses, p3*
W.B. Redfern death, p3 (condolence 23rd p3, funeral 27th p3)
W.J. Few on solicitors' difficulties, p4

1923 08 23
Ted Lowe reminiscences, Stretham, p4*

1923 08 24
The staff of the Cambridge division of the L. & N.E. railway gathered to show their appreciation on the retirement of Mr Frederick Harradine after nearly half a century. He entered the service in 1875 as a porter at Cambridge station and two years later became a single line pilot on the old Newmarket line. In 1880 he went to Shelford as a signalman and later transferred to Ely. Returning to Cambridge he was made a divisional inspector. One of his duties was to be in attendance after any serious mishap. He was the best known railwaymen in the division, if not on the railway.

1923 08 24
The formal opening of the Soham water works took place yesterday. Mr Ransom said that Soham could now boast of a pure water supply, which, in view of the fact that less alcohol was consumed than in bygone years, was very necessary. Many would be grateful for the water and he hoped there would be further applications from the inhabitants, so that all would pay their share of the rates. The site of the water works joins the main road to Fordham. Here has been erected a magnificent water tower, substantially built in red brickwork, which constitutes a landmark for many miles around.

Matterhorn – Edward Whymper designer, p3

1923 08 24 ES
Stunt flying … airman walks the wings at March & Chatteris – Berkshire Aviation Tours … field in Wenny Road 23 08 24 # c.26.1

1923 08 23
Stretham's veteran carrier. Has Driven Carrier's Cart for 64 Years on Ely Road.
Mr. Edward Lowe, of Ivy Cottage, Stretham, near Ely, is shortly to celebrate his 65th year as a carrier. He is 78 years of age, and, despite the fact that he has regularly driven his carrier's cart from Stretham to Ely and other places for that period in all weathers, is still healthy and hearty. Four and sixty years ago Mr. Lowe harnessed his first horse to his first conveyance—a tumble cart. For 19 years his horse, named "Lighthouse" served him truly and well. Another horse, named " Short," took her plane on her demise, and lived for 16 years, while "Polly" her successor was driven by Mr. Lowe until she was 15. With the passing of the tumble Mr. Lowe purchased a spring cart, and it is remarkable that in his 64 years as carrier he has only had three conveyances. His present one, with the exception of the wheels, is nearly 50 years old, but apparently is as strong as the day it was made. Mr. Lowe as a boy can remember the stage coaches which used to stop at the Red Lion Hotel. He has had many interesting experiences during his carrying career, and some amusing ones as well. In the days when cricketers wore top hats, Mr. Lowe's Saturday afternoon occupation was to drive the Stretham scorer and a bell tent to the various cricket grounds in the district. Whether he conveyed the top hats also is not recorded. On one occasion he was driving a party of 13 people from Ely Market to Stretham when the back band of the harness broke. The whole of the occupants of the cart were pitched out on the roadway, but, with the exception of a few minor scratches, no one was hurl. One old man however would insist that he was dead. "I'm dead. I'm dead", he groaned and nothing would alter his opinion. "Are you certain you're dead" asked his wife. "Yes certain" was the reply. "Then lie quiet," was the wife's comforting response. Mr. Lowe's father was born in 1854, the year in which the Battle of Trafalgar was fought, and ten years before the Battle of Waterloo. There was a practical

joker who used to ride in Mr Lowe's cart in the early days of his carrying business. He was always in the habit of shouting to any passing vehicle "Hi! Your horse had not got all his shoes on in front", Down would come the driver ton inspect the animal and reply. "He has." "No, no he isn't." would retort the practical joker, "two of them are on his hind hoofs!" Mr. Lowe has come to Ely markets through cuttings of snowdrifts several feet high, has driven through thunderstorms and torrential rains, but the weather has never troubled him, and his health has been excellent. He has never seen the sea, but says he "knows London well" CDN 23.8.1923 [cut] 23 08 24a (photo 23 02 31)

1923 08 28
A Haverhill thatcher was convicted of using a two-wheeled carriage on Sunday without having a licence authorising him to use the trap for pleasure. Defendant said he was sometimes required to work seven days a week. He had gone to see Mr Wright, a proprietor of roundabouts, at Kedington, the business being to arrange for him to have a whelk stall at the shows at Clare, Stoke and Yeldham. He also went to look at some cottages at Kedington, which a Mr Richardson had asked him to thatch. He took a boy with him to look after the horse when he was out of the trap. He was fined 15s.

1923 08 28 c
A huge boiler, mounted on a trolley, and towed by two heavy traction engines, sank into the roadway at the corner of Thompson's Lane, Cambridge, at about a quarter to twelve this morning. It appears that the boiler was being conveyed to the Electric Light Company's works in Richmond Terrace, when the road collapsed under the strain. The boiler is about 30 tons in weight, and was many feet in length, and it is estimated that together the boiler and trolley weigh 40 tons. After several hours work the boiler was extricated.

1923 08 29
Ely Council received a letter from L.N.E.R. Company asking if they were prepared to consider the question of developing Ely as a tourist centre. They had outlined the cost of an advertising scheme as follows: pictorial poster, (300) to cover two years, £90; guide book, mostly paid by local advertising, £50; newspaper advertisements according to means available. A sum of £250 would give very good publicity to Ely. Mr Burrows said that anything that would tend to popularise Ely and attract people to the town should be done if practicable. There were several people who would be willing to pay through the rates for the popularisation of Ely.

1923 08 30 c
"What would a socialist government do with the universities?" was the subject of an address by Professor Lindsay at a summer school at Scarborough. His reply to the question was, "Give them a great deal more money, use them a great deal more, and leave them alone." He conceded that if universities were not so exclusively devoted to training middle class people for the professions, and if they undertook some political and social teaching and research, bringing them into contact with the life of the working classes, the objectionable aspects of its conservatism would disappear. He would propose to extend the summer school habit which had greatly grown in the past few years. Universities should not turn people out and neglect them afterwards. The student who had gone out into life for a few years usually knew what he wanted to learn, and applied himself more diligently, but, on the other hand, his mind was less receptive

Lady Binney, Pampisford, p3
Coldham's Lane allotments, p4*

1923 08 31
Hundreds of people attended the formal opening of the new swimming bath on Midsummer Common, Cambridge. The mayor said it was the only spot where they could get a flow of water, which came from above the sluice, and in this way they were able to always keep the water clean. It was surrounded by seven schools and they believed it would be for the benefit of the young lives of the town that they should be able to come there instead of bathing in the river, which was most dangerous

because of the mud and weeds. Speaking through a megaphone he said that both he and his wife liked water, but they liked it warm. (A voice: "With a drop of something in it!" and laughter)

Motorists at play, p6

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1923 09 01
The death of Miss Letty Lind, the famous Gaiety actress and dancer of a former generation, has recalled to an old Cambridge playgoer a visit she paid to the old Theatre Royal some time in the 1880's when she was at the height of her popularity. She came in a Gaiety burlesque, and with her in the cast were two other great favourite of that day, Nellie Farren and Fred Leslie. I believe she also paid a flying visit to the new Theatre

Restful holidays, p4
Another 'dope' problem, p4*

1923 09 03
It is claimed that a record was set up when a woman, aged 106, appealed to be put on the voters list at Mildenhall. She was Mrs Lowther, of Tuddenham, and her claim, pressed by Mr Elton Halliday, was successful. In spite of her age, Mrs Lowther still takes much interest in politics, and knows a great deal about parties and policies

1923 09 04
The Tyler family at Dunmow have an unbroken record of service as postmen in the same town for 106 years. Mr Peter Tyler, who is now retiring as a rural postman after 38 years' service, is a son, grandson, and great-grandson of a postman. His great grandfather delivered letters in Dunmow in 1817. There was a risk of the record being broken when Peter's grandfather died last century. His grandmother stepped into the breach and delivered the letters until her son Isaac (Peter's father) was qualified to do the work. Peter's son is extending the family history by now delivering letters at Dunmow

1923 09 04
With the proclamation of the ancient Cambridge fair of Stourbridge there is the prospect of a six weeks fair in that locality, though it is not likely to reach the magnitude of more balmy days. This morning there was not a caravan in sight, but kiddies with a few pennies need not give up; something is sure to turn up, even if it's only a rock stall. Spectators were but small in number, consisting mainly of youths and babies. According to the proclamation no unlawful disturbances should be made, and "all idle and disorderly persons" should depart forthwith. Apparently none of the spectators were offenders in these respects for no one made a move until they had scrambled for the coppers thrown to them by the mayor, neither did the rain-soaked constable on duty have to assist any ill-disposed individual in search for pastures new

Rugby Union club, p4

1923 09 04 c
The Dangerous Drugs Act has increased the penalties for cocaine traffickers. They may now be fined £1,000 and sent to penal servitude, but the amended Act says nothing about hashish - a deadly Eastern drug which is taking the place of heroin, cocaine, and morphine as a new form of the "dope" habit. It is the most deadly of all the narcotics and can be smoked, chewed as confectionery, or taken in liquid form in coffee or other beverage. It produces extraordinary mental exhilaration, but this is followed by dreadful nightmares and depression and, if indulged in to excess, insanity results

1923 09 05
Balsham housing, p3*

Newmarket on market day, p4*

1923 09 07
The inconvenience of having the water supply to their residences disconnected twice in quick succession has been the experience of Romsey town inhabitants, Cambridge. There have been two distinct breakages, both the trunk and the district mains being affected. The residents in the near neighbourhood of the bridge were given a temporary supply by means of a fire brigade hose attached to a hydrant in Devonshire round, the hose being extended over the bridge to Argyle Street. Then unusual scenes were witnessed of people lining up for water. Men, women and children assembled with a varied collection of receptacles and were kept in an orderly queue under the guidance of a police constable. To add to the general inconvenience three pumps in the affected district went dry during the night

1923 09 07
The death took place early this morning of Mr Ebeneezer Peters, a partner in the firm of Peters, Elworthy and Moore, accountants and auditors. He was born in Cambridge & commenced his business career with the late Mr Dixon, bookseller, Market Street. He then joined his brother and formed the partnership of Peters Brothers over 40 years ago, carrying out the duties of assessor and collector of taxes from then up to the time of his death

1923 09 08
Latin for police, p3

1923 09 10
Fire broke out at Thomas B. Hunt photographer's shop Fitzroy Street. The blaze was confined to an outhouse which was completely burnt out. It was a brick building with a slate roof which Mr Hunt had used as a developing room. It was connected with the main building by a wooden door which was badly charred and had it not been for the prompt attention of the Brigade there is no doubt that the whole house would soon have been in flames. The damage included cameras, plates and Mr Hunt's complete developing set – 23 09 10

1923 09 11
This week is the last of a successful variety season at the New Theatre, Cambridge, and the programme forms a very attractive wind-up. It consists of comedy and more serious turns combined in very acceptable proportion; all the turns are quite good and very entertaining. Gaston Morrel is a comedian of a type but little known to Cambridge, in that he never says a word. His turn is called "Cleaning a lamp" and since a certain beverage of inebriating properties and a ladder are used, then there is some excitement. Laura and Kaley, a couple of witty ladies attired as school girls, sing and tell funny stories. Nan Foster, a vocalist with a pleasing soprano voice, sings some charming songs. Joe Cohan and Anna Dorothy play the old old comedy of the quarrelling husband and wife, their turn being known as "Two Wise Fools". Fred Keeton, a comedian is a very cheerful soul, with a partiality for donuts with jam in the middle. He sings a lengthy ballad on the trials and tribulations of a fireman

1923 09 12
We regret to record the death of Mr J E L Whitehead, town clerk of Cambridge. He attended Emmanuel College and took the law as his profession, being articled to his uncle who was many years Borough Treasurer. He practised at an office in Alexandra Street until he was appointed town clerk in succession to Mr Edmund Foster in August 1887. For many years he was a member of the Cam sailing club and was a prominent member of the Bijou Amateur dramatic Club and played juvenile lead in many of their productions

Brunswick school settlement, p3
Robert Cole, Prickwillow farmer, nakrupt, p3

1923 09 13

At Newmarket Board of Guardians the Clerk read a circular letter stating the facilities for emigration and giving the labour needs of the various colonies. Rev. S.F. Cunningham said he often saw young fellows of 19, 20 or 21 years of age standing about idle, with the exception of harvest time and odd jobs. Some of the more energetic boys had emigrated, and they were writing home to say they were doing well. They had repaid their passage money out of their wages. Agriculture at home was not as prosperous as it used to be, and they could very well send out some of their surplus population for the good of themselves and for the good of the empire as well

1923 09 13
Ely's water tower has gone dry and the whole of the interior is under renovation, drained of every drop of its 330,000 gallons of water, which is a day and a half's supply for Ely City. Water is drawn from the river Ouse into a filter bed, where it is pumped by a steam engine through 1,400 yards of pipes into the tank. The number of bricks in the tower is estimated to be 618,000 the first of which was made by the Dean of Ely in 1854. The wisdom of the Dean showed itself in laying the first brick, and not the last, which is 140 feet above the level of the Ouse

Cambridge Guardians nurses hours, p5

1923 09 14
Barton Institute, p3

1923 09 14 ES
Labour party and agriculture … meeting at Haddenham
No More War demonstration at Haddenham … 23 09 14

1923 09 15
Gramophone enthusiasts, and nowhere are they more numerous than in Cambridge, will be interested in the striking new invention which has just been placed on the market. Sir Henry Wood and other eminent musicians were among the large company present at the first public demonstration of the "Columbia Grafonola" and bore testimony to the marvellous improvement effected. Music can now for the first time be reproduced with a fidelity of tone that does justice to the artists and give satisfaction to the music lover

1923 09 18
Following a recent letter from the Vicar of Fordham in praise of the free library scheme which is being run in the villages by the Cambridgeshire County Council. Boxes of books of all classes are sent to the various villages, where demand for them has been found two exist, and are returned at the end of three months in exchange for a fresh supply. The first boxes went to 65 villages and boxes were also sent to 43 elementary schools for the special use of children. There are now 88 library centres in the county, and only 28 villages have not yet taken advantage of the benefit of the service. The scheme aims to develop the reading habit amongst those who have, as yet, been content to read nothing but the Sunday newspaper and a penny novelettes. Those in authority have no desire to attain a standard which may to be called "highbrow" but hope to increase a healthy appetite for good books

1923 09 19
Eastern counties otter houns, p3 (& 21 p5 – criticism)
Lauries' sale, p6

1923 09 20
The death took place of Mr James Newton. A Cambridge man born and bred he was respected amongst local butchers, farmers and others associated with the butchery trade in Cambridge. He had a remarkable record of continuous service with one firm having been apprenticed at the age of ten years, in 1852, to Mr John Goodliffe, of Sidney Street Cambridge, and remained in the service of the same firm all his working life. He retired in 1922 after 70 years faithful and interrupted service. Mr

Newton was one of the founders of the Master Butchers Association which was established in March 1898.

Miss Lyon, Newton, death, p5

1923 09 21
Sir - During the time that Silver Street, Cambridge, has been closed for traffic, some hundreds of persons have used Mill Lane, Sheep's Green to Newnham mill path. This opens a solution of the problems of relieving Silver Street of a great number of bicycles, especially during the dinner hour. I would like the Corporation to consider widening the wooden bridges, lessening the gradients, covering in the outlets of Newnham mill, and improving the cobble stones in Mill Lane, in order to encourage cycle riders to use this way. The one drawback to this scheme is the sharp turn at the King's Mill corner, but this might also be overcome – "Newnhamite"

1923 09 21
By the death of its librarian, Mr F. H. Jenkinson, the university loses one who has served it with great distinction for many years. He was a man of remarkable and attractive personality. But possibly what most people will recall were his remarks on the care of books. He told a Library Association conference that it seemed incredible that educated men would send packages of six books by parcel post wrapped in one thickness of indifferent paper and held together with string. Strapping books on bicycles was another deleterious practice. "Perhaps some of us care too much for books, but most people care much too little," he said (& 22nd p5 & 6)

1923 09 21 c
Papyrus was given his final gallop at Newmarket yesterday and gave a smooth display. A special train will convey him from Newmarket to Cambridge and on to Southampton. He will sail in the Aquitania and should arrive in New York on 28th. The interior of his box is lined all round with air cushions of a thickness of about 10 inches. Should this loose box by any remote chance be washed overboard the pneumatic padding would keep him afloat. The fittings from his own stable at Newmarket have been used in the construction of the box. Bar Gold, his stable companion, and the black cat and kitten, also friends, will accompany him on the voyage.

1923 09 22
Plight agriculture, 2nd letter, p3
Drunk horse & cart, p5

1923 09 24
A very serious fire, which at one time looked like sweeping away an entire village, broke out at Ickleton on Saturday night. Due to some boys playing with fireworks a stack on Mr Griggs' farm burst into flames and it was not many minutes before the entire stackyard was on fire and it was soon obvious that the only building that could be saved was the farm house itself. By the time the fire engines arrived the sky was lit up for miles around and pieces of burning material were flying over the village. Thatched roofs were continually catching fire and householders were kept busy all night putting out burning parts of their property. The fire soon spread to the Priory Farm. It was not long before the three ponds which had supplied the tenders with water were dry, and the nearest source of supply was the river. It was the biggest fire since the blaze at Chesterford in 1914 and a really big calamity was only averted by 15 hours strenuous work on behalf of all concerned

1923 09 24
Mr Henry Morris, Director of Education for Cambridgeshire, told a meeting that at present many of the county schools had an average attendance of under 30, and some had 10 children. It was no use sending out a body of enthusiastic lecturers in Ford motor vans into the villages unless they had in those villages a sound elementary education. A village institution was needed to cover every phase of life and the village school master would be practically the village leader

Rendezvous reopens, p2

1923 09 25
Stourbridge fair, Cambridge, has been for the last few years dwindling in size and seemed likely to become nothing more than a custom. This year it has taken a new lease of life through the enterprise of Messrs Thurston and Sons. The amusements are of the usual varied type, the most noticeable absentee being the once popular Hoop-la. One may however indulge in the excitement of "Housey, Housey". Thurston's scenic railway, Manning's flying horses and the swing boats provide the thrill of the rush through space. Need we add that the whelk stall occupies the place of honour

New route, Newnham, p3

1923 09 27
This week many recipients of telegrams in Cambridge have had their messages come to them in a form new to this area - in the shape of narrow blue paper strips gummed on the ordinary Telegraph forms, and bearing the message neatly typewritten in bold, clear letters. This is the result of the coming into operation at Cambridge, for messages to and from London, of the Baudot machine telegraph, which has many advantages over the ordinary Morse working. A representative of this paper was shown the new instruments which have been installed in the Telegraph room at the Cambridge G.P.O.

Mixed bathing, p5

1923 09 28
Cambridge town council agreed a scheme to construct a road across Coe Fen from the Coach and Horse public house, Newnham, to Coe Fen Lane. The Ministry of Transport have agreed to pay half the cost, and the road will be commenced almost at once so as to provide work for the unemployed during the coming winter. The scheme had been before the Council for nearly 20 years. Nine or 10 schemes had been presented and each member of the council appeared to think his particular scheme was the best. The great advantage of the present scheme was that the whole length of the road would be on the council's own land.

1923 09 29
"I would be very glad if you could use your influence to induce all the shops in Cambridge to keep open during the dinner hour. Several of the larger ones are already doing so, but there are still numbers which close down for about 75 minutes. I wonder if they realise the amount of trade they lose in the week. How often people want to purchase something in a hurry during their dinner hour. The shop assistants themselves often require articles from other shops and now that nearly all shops close at the same time it gives no one a chance in an emergency" - A country shopper

Herbert Robinson motoring, p3
Back to work, p6*

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1923 10 01
A beautiful new chapel presented by the family in memory of the late Alderman William Potter Spalding, one-time mayor of Cambridge, was dedicated by the Bishop of Ely at All Saints church, Cambridge. The chapel has been formed at the East end of the South aisle. It comes in wonderfully well here, and supplies a long felt want to the church. The work has been carried out by Mr William Saint of Cambridge and the Artificers' Guild of Cambridge, to the design of Messrs Bodley and Hare, architects

Poppy day, p5

1923 10 02
Charabanc regulations, p4

1922 10 03
Sir, I wish to call attention to the great nuisance and obstruction caused by the bicycles outside the Perse School in Panton Street, Cambridge. At about 10 minutes to 9 there must be at least a score of girls waiting, every one with her cycle facing the door and blocking the pavement. Surely the doors could be opened earlier, or else the scholars could be made to form up properly in a queue round Union road – A ratepayer

Expensive tea, p3*

1923 10 04
Under the Government's immigration scheme, the Cambridge Juvenile Unemployment Bureau has sent out to Australia five boys. The first of these has return home an interesting letter in which he says: "It is a pleasure to me to write and tell you my experiences in Aussie, and if you are the means of inducing any other young fellow to come to the land of sunshine, it would please me more. J. and I have stuck together. We were in the same cabin in the boat, which held eight bunks. Ours was a slow boat. It took us over two months to reach Australia. I have been at Moss Vail over 10 months and am never short of a few pounds. I think it is a pity that more boys do not come from Cambridge. You have such a number of unemployed. Of course one has to work fairly hard but work has done me a power of good. I would not hesitate one minute to recommend any young fellow to come to Australia"

Perse girl's manners, p4

1923 10 05
The Cambridge Dairyman's Association report says they had many cases of "pirate" traders and "cut" prices. The position today is that the farmers demand a high price for their milk and the public equally unanimous in their demand for cheap milk. It was to the public advantage that they would be buying milk 1d a quart cheaper than last year. Mr Arnold said: "We only want one milk - the best; and we want to cater for the poor as well as for the rich". The best milk was at a prohibitive price for the poor. It was up to them to deliver a pure milk obtainable by the poor at a nominal sum.

1923 10 06
Representatives of the various drainage districts through which runs the Old West River assembled at County Hall, Cambridge, to consider a scheme for cleansing the river and repairing the banks. The work was one of the unemployment schemes proposed by the Ouse Drainage Board. Mr A.E. Wright said the river had been in a deplorable condition since 1917. Captain Matthews said that in April 1922 the river was surveyed and was very much stilted up, and the banks were 18 inches below the maximum flood level, so that it was a very serious matter.

Pre-war conditions, p6

1923 10 08
On Thursday the Central Cinema once again opens its doors, and another step towards a brighter Cambridge will be achieved. The main scheme of alteration has been the heightening of the roof, the removal of the pillars and improvement of the ventilation schemes. The absence of the pillars, which at times were a source of discomfort to some of the audience, will alone reconcile patrons to their long period of exclusion. The decorative scheme is entirely new and is based in shades of coffee and dark walnut, relieved with Wedgwood blue, an effective combination which is continued in the huge lampshades, which were always such a feature of the decoration. Another big feature is a new screen and projection which has been carried out by the Gaumont company. The projection is now situated about half way down the hall, and not at the back as previously # c.76.9

Oscar Browning death, p6

1923 10 09
'No more war' school, p3
Cambridge milkman, p5

1923 10 10
A fish hawker of Cavendish Road, Cambridge, was summoned before making a violent outcry, to the annoyance of inhabitants at Sedgwick Street. P.c. Barrell said he heard defendant shouting in a loud voice, "Fine fresh cod fish, haddocks, bloaters, fine fresh herrings and fruit." Witness had received complaints and stopped defendant who said he knew what he could shout and witness could report him if he liked. Cross-examined: He was not aware that a petition had been signed by 66 people stating they were not annoyed. Mr Pryor submitted there was no case to answer. There must be proof of annoyance to somebody. The case was dismissed.

1923 10 11
Willingham first show, p3
Free Library talk on school leaver, p6

1923 10 12
Sir, - May I draw your attention to three great points of danger in Great Shelford? One is by the war memorial, the other at Pumfreys corner and Little Shelford. To a newcomer the speed of some of the cars is most alarming. On Monday my daughter's Alsatian puppy was knocked down by a car going at great speed. I hear there were some women in the car, but can only suppose they were the thoughtless present-day variety without thought or feeling for anyone, or they would have asked the driver to stop. During the short time we have been here another dog has been killed and two men knocked down opposite the war memorial - E.S. Adutt

1923 10 12
The long-waited for reopening of the Central Cinema, Hobson Street, Cambridge, took place in the presence of a good attendance. This popular house of amusement had so established itself with the lovers of the silent drama that its temporary withdrawal from the ranks of amusement caterers has caused no little concern. Not a few patrons felt that if a particular film did not altogether appeal to them, there was always a good orchestra to listen to, and this is doubtless one of the secrets of the Central's success. Under the renewed direction of Miss Norma Thomson the orchestra is better than ever, and some distinctly appropriate music was played with skill and efficiency.

1923 10 12
Alfred Deines, organ grinder, was summoned for making "a noise to the annoyance of inhabitants" in Orchard Street, Cambridge. P.C. Willis stated he heard him shouting "water cress" and told him that in view of complaints he would be reported. Defendants took his barrow and went away. He was fined 2s.6d.

1923 10 12 ES
Problem of agriculture … Landworkers' Union Secretary … March
Old West River … in deplorable state … silted up and banks 18 inches below maximum flood level … 60 years since anything done 23 10 12 # c.29

Fire at Sutton; cottages razed during Feast festivities … occupied Lenton, Rowell… thatched – photo 23 10 12a

1923 10 13
Town Football Club dance, p5
Newmarket public lavatories, p5
Race for women jockeys, p7

Newmarket Nursing Home opening, p5*

1923 10 15
Major Stanley raised the question of motor cyclists. A good many ladies and gentlemen didn't realise they ought to have a proper silencer. He did not think that 10 per cent of the people had one. There was one “fiend" who went through Trumpington about 11 o’clock at night and made enough noise to rouse the dead. Dr Ellis agreed and said that in his village the speed was something terrific. They went through at 60 miles an hour and seemed to be proud of it. The chief constable said he thought he knew who the offenders were

1923 10 15
An Avro biplane was taking two passengers over Cambridge yesterday afternoon and when returning to the licenced aerodrome on Barton Road, the under-carriage fouled the hedge, causing the machine to fall almost vertically on its nose. The pilot was slightly injured. The passengers were uninjured and motored the pilot to the Evelyn nursing home where he was detained. The machine, which stands in the field in an almost vertical position, appears to have suffered but little damage other than that sustained by the under-carriage

1923 10 15 c
At Romsey ward Labour Party meeting Councillor Briggs said there were several "deadweights" on the council - men who had been put into safe seats. He was sure many of them could not stand on a public platform and speak for 10 minutes on any municipal matter, and they came to council meetings without agendas very often, and did not know what was being talked about. He would say with certainty that the Labour Party had done more in the last six or seven years for the furtherance of general welfare of Cambridge than had been done in the present previous 20 or 30 years

1923 10 17
Handcart obstruction, p5

1923 10 18
Barrington Congregational church, p6

1923 10 19
Soham fen roads (ES 19.10.1923)

1923 10 20
Cambridge music lovers can never complain that their wants are not catered for. A new departure will be the introduction for the first time of the Negro spiritual and plantation songs which have long held such a prominent place in the musical life of London. The remarkable thing is that their introduction to Cambridge has been so long delayed. Dressed in the costumes of the period, Miss Edna Thomas, gives her audiences, surfeited did with Negro syncopations, real plantation songs born in the days of slavery.

1923 10 22
The news that Papyrus had been beaten by six lengths at Belmont Park, near New York, was received in Newmarket with disappointment. Of course there are excuses to be made for the horse. The voyage was against him in the first place. But perhaps his greatest handicap was that he ran in English plates, admirable for racing on turf, but not for the unfamiliar dirt track. The American horses had a special kind of shoe, which by long experience they have found best for a heavy muddy track. But there was a very strong hope that the Newmarket horse would overcome all his difficulties

Cambridge town clerkship, p3
Borough official charged re embezzlement, p5

1923 10 23

Asquith kidnapped, p5

1923 10 24
Sir, - In some provincial towns the local authorities have adopted a scheme whereby tenants are given the option of purchasing the houses they occupy, upon slightly increased rent-purchase terms. Cambridge town council will soon have some hundreds of houses under their control, and it would surely be of advantage if some such arrangements were come to. Some hundreds of houses will eventually be erected on the Chesterton Hall site. Even now one cannot view the place without being struck with the depressing uniformity of all the houses - all one design, all one size, all one colour - not forgetting the flap over the front door. Considering that the council employ architects one would have expected something more varied to relieve the horrid monotony – "Chestertonian"

1923 10 24
Sir - Permit me to enter a strong protest against Cambridge town council "improvements". Take the following, with all of which we are now threatened. The detestable proposal to improve St Mary's Street by lopping off nine feet of church yard; the very pleasant little old world Emmanuel St to be made banal by altering its lines and proportions; Coe fen to be utterly ruined for ever by cutting a new road for motors. And who in their right mind would dream of building public baths in so outlying and unattractive a suburb as Gwydir Street. - Delta

1923 10 25
Action against Perse School, p6
Improvements, p6*

1923 10 25 c
Ely Urban Council was told that the death rate in the principal places had been much higher than that in the villages. Mr Laxton said "That is because they drink dyke water in the villages". (Laughter). The chairman said 104 fatal cases of cancer had been reported. He thought if anything could be brought to light as to the prevention of this dreadful disease was concerned, it should be done. Two matters that needed attention were the bad sewerage and bad housing. There were 146 houses in the district not fit for habitation.

1923 10 26
Cambridge public health committee recommended the council make an order declaring the fried fish trade to be an offensive business. But Councillor Few said the council had power to insist there should be proper appliances for taking away the smell. Was it a question of the district where the shops were? Was it a case of no objections in New Street, but when it came to Chesterton it was offensive. He believed that in the case of the fried fish shop in Victoria Road it was the property owners that were backing opposition because they were afraid their property would suffer. Fried fish shops are the restaurants of the poor. If these shops were closed many people would be prevented from getting a hot meal

1923 10 26
Cambridge public health committee have asked the surveyor to prepare plans for the erection in Gwydir Street of a building containing about 18 slipper and two douche baths. Dr Dalton said there was great need for washing baths in Cambridge. Three quarters of the houses in the town were without baths, and he believed there was only one place in the town - a hairdresser's - where there were baths available for the use of the public. There were 20,000 people in Petersfield, St Matthews and Romsey town districts alone. This was not a luxury, but a necessity.

Sims Woodhead memorial, p5

1923 10 27
The seventh bell at Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge, which was cracked on armistice night by some over-enthusiastic revellers, has just been returned from the founders. It now inclined on a

pedestal in the nave of the Church awaiting re-fixing in the tower, and there it will stay until paid for. The cost of taking down, re-casting and re-fixing is close on £100. The bell was originally cast in 1667, and recast in 1723.

Amateur rowing club disbanded, p3
Sherlock Holmes, p6*
Infernal hexapods, p6

1923 10 29
Mr Stubbs … crass ignorance

1923 10 30
Sir, many Cambridge people can remember the "Dismal Jimmies" protesting at the suggested new road from the Four Lamps over Midsummer common and the bridge to Chesterton. The council stood firm, what is the result? Victoria Avenue and the bridge has proved a complete success, the trees have grown and have become a real avenue. And not only is it a boon and a blessing to Chesterton men; it is a credit to Cambridge. I trust the council will again stand firm and this time let the boon be for Newnham, with a roadway over Coe Fen that will prove a credit to the district and then we can cycle to business without expecting to be caught in the death trap of crowded Silver Street. – "Safety First"

Longstanton cottages, p3

1923 10 31
Booklet for motorists, p3*
Mid-day closing of shops, p4

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1923 11 02
Voting is taking place in six wards today for the election of Cambridge town councillors. Two things which have gradually become usual at these yearly events again stood out prominently. One was a general slowness of the voting and the other the foggy weather, accompanied by rain. The rush is expected between 6 and 8 pm when the men will be at liberty to visit the polling stations in company with their wives. Probably those who most approve of elections are the school children in the contested wards, who get an extra holiday because their schools are needed as polling stations

1923 11 02 c
When the Newmarket war memorial committee found itself with a balance in hand after paying for the war memorial on the Severalls, they decided to devote it to building a nursing home and further subscriptions were solicited. The committee obtained the assistance of H R H Princess Mary to perform the opening ceremony, and this took place yesterday. Mr Seymour Cole said, "This town of Newmarket stands out for its loyalty. It loves the Royal family collectively and individually and it certainly loves Princess Mary"

1923 11 03
Saffron Walden Town council resolved, "That the use of chemical colouring matters and preservatives in food constitute a serious menace to the community, and calls upon the Ministry of Health to exercise without delay the power to safeguard the public in this respect, and to take into consideration the serious position in relation to metallic contamination of tinned food, and the purity of beer"

1923 11 03
The subject of the censorship of cinematograph films came before the Cambridgeshire County Council. They agreed that no film - other than photographs of current events - which has not been passed for universal exhibition by British Board of Film Censors shall be exhibited without the

consent of the council. The Vice Chancellor thought that films such as those of the rags on Market Hill, he personally would be very glad to see stopped. (Laughter.) If there were no films of "rags" there would be no "rags" to film. (Laughter)

Hills Road skeletons, 23 11 03 p5*

1923 11 05
Not much unemployment, p3
Kraisler violin concert, p3
Charge against council official, p5

1923 11 06
Cambridge would be disappointed indeed if the Fifth of November failed to produce a rag of some sort. Last night's effort was, to say the least of it, feeble and was sustained for the most part by such residents of the town as come out for excitement on such occasions, and a handful of very callow freshmen. Fireworks there were in plenty, but the old spirit was lacking. Had it not been for the mounted police and the proctors, the market square would have been its usual desolate self soon after 9.30 pm. It was noticeable that as soon as the mounted police left the crowd decreased by 50 per cent.

1923 11 06
One hundred years ago the Royal and ancient game of rugby football was initiated, and today an alleged representation of the first game was given in Cambridge market square. Some time before noon the square was roped off and surrounded by police. The fountain was converted into a Royal box and the telephone kiosk into a press box. At noon the teams marched on to the ground. At their head was carried a large and considerably elongated football on a butchers tray. With the teams marched a portly and bearded Proctor, complete with "bullers" and a nasty looking birch, which he did not hesitate to use when occasion demanded

Cottenham teacher's house, p5

1923 11 07
Gamlingay fire, p5*
Juvenile delinquents, p6

1923 11 08
Tinned milk, p3*
Whittlesford railway accident, p5
W.B. Redfern's will, p5
Mayor Lavender's term of office, p6

1923 11 09 ES
A devastating fire which raged in the centre of Whittlesey throughout Sunday morning wrought extensive havoc to house and shop property causing damage running into several thousands of pounds. Two houses and shops and a private house were completely destroyed and the fire which involved property on both sides of Market Street was the most serious that has occurred in the district for a long time past. At the same time the town was extremely fortunate in escaping a far more disastrous conflagration considering the situation in which the fire occurred, the rapidity with which it enveloped the properties involved, the high - almost hurricane - wind which blew and the inadequacy of the local equipment for fighting so serious an outbreak. Indeed the most remarkable thing about the fire was that it was kept from spreading to the surrounding property and assuming dimensions which would have constituted a real catastrophe. The outbreak occurred on the south side of Market Street at the junction with Broad Street. Two adjoining properties were involved: the house and grocer's shop owned and occupied by Joseph Perkins and the confectionary and tea room owned by Mr J.R. Fox. Mr Perkin's was of the old-fashioned type with the bedrooms in the thatched roof. Mr Fox's property had also a thatched roof covered with tiles. Smoke was seen issuing from the corner of the thatched

roof of Mr Perkin's premises at 8:30 on Sunday morning and efforts were promptly made to subdue the outbreak. At first the smoke was the only sign that anything was amiss, suddenly however the thatch burst into flames and in a brief space the whole roof was ablaze, the high southerly wind assisting the spread of the fire and hastening on it on its course. Very soon it was evident that little could be entertained of saving the two properties. A crowd of townspeople was quickly attracted to the spot and there was no lack of willing helpers but nothing could be done except in clearing neighbouring properties to which there was a danger of the fire spreading. Whittlesey Fire Brigade early on the scene with their manual engine but with equipment of such a limited capacity and with no considerable supply of water in the vicinity the brigade were powerless to cope with the conflagration. As there is no water main at Whittlesey the only source of supply was wells and such as these as could be utilised were soon pumped dry. 23 11 09&a ES

1923 11 10
The red poppy of Remembrance was everywhere in Cambridge today. Every buttonhole, every bicycle, and every motor car bore visible tribute to those who died that England might live. Everywhere were busy undergraduates smiling and pushing their business and selling red silk poppies in aid of the Earl Haig's Fund for ex-servicemen and their dependants. The average undergraduate loves to be "up and doing" and any way he can use his superfluous energy for a good cause appeals to him. In accordance with their usual custom the memorial at the General Post Office was decorated with a huge wreath of laurels and poppies

Polish art exhibition & Poland today, p3
Coe Fen road, p6

1923 11 12
The Sun had dispelled a heavy fog when the Cambridgeshire regiment, headed by their regimental band arrived on Cambridge Market Hill and formed three sides of a hollow square. There was almost complete silence, broken only by some restive motor in an adjoining street. Then the beautiful chimes of Great St Mary's struck the hour. A few seconds later came the report of the maroon and automatically the parade sprang to attention. Our thoughts were with a glorious dead, and of all they had suffered in those years of agony. And then … boom! A role on the drums broke in on the silence, and the buglers sounded the "Last Post"

1923 11 12
A merry and light-hearted party of undergraduates, despite police vigilance, succeeded in obtaining their hearts desire - they manage to light a fire on Market Hill. Certain of the undergraduate community attracted the attention of some constables to a gas lamp on the one corner of the square. They demonstrated a desire to figure on the charge sheet of the police court by the charmingly simple process of putting out the light. The police "fell for it" and kept watch on that particular part of the market place. Meanwhile another body of the faithful rushed on to the Market Hill with a rowing eight filled with petrol and had it alight before people realised what was towards.

Research Wanderers football club dance, p6

1923 11 12 c
A disastrous fire occurred in Mill St Gamlingay when four houses were entirely gutted and their occupants rendered homeless. Messages were set for the Potton and Sandy brigades. Very fortunately owing to the recent heavy rains, Spittle Pit was full of water and this proved of great value, as there has always been great difficulty in pumping water from the brook over the railway bridge. On three other occasions during the past year thatched dwellings in Mill Street have been destroyed by fire. This brings into prominence the scarcity of homes for the people of the village, as new houses are seldom built to replace those destroyed

1923 11 13
Cambridgeshire Regiment recruiting, p3

Attempt to injure rector Cottenham, p3

1923 11 14
A very interesting series of demonstrations in apple grading was commenced in Mr A.E. Gautrey's packing sheds, Cottenham. The object was to call the attention of local growers to the enormous advantage of good grading and packing, representing as much as 5s. a bushel more to the grower, and enabling the British producer to compete successfully with overseas fruit. By good grading the buyer is able to rely on getting a package of fruit all of the same approximate size and weight instead of a jumbled up assortment of all shapes and sizes. Experience has shown that the public are prepared to pay for these advantages

Apple grading, Cottenham, p4*

1923 11 16 ES
Wisbech coach building firm's Jubilee; Messrs Wicks & Sons' interesting record of progress … needs of modern commercial motoring … cars, buses 23 11 16 & 16a # c.26.48 # c.26.46

1923 11 17
Newnham new road, p3
Isle election position, p4
Late Denby Sadler, p6
Police poor & needy fund, p6
Newton on unemployment, p6

1923 11 19
The Cambridge undergraduates have once more been the source of innocent amusement. The "rag" consisted in the purchase of one of the old four-wheeled tram cars that used in bygone days to be both a convenience and an adornment to the streets of Cambridge. On Saturday when it was expected that the tram would be towed in state through Cambridge streets the authorities were alarmed by the appearance of numbers undergraduates outside the yard where the tram was stored. At this moment another tram made its appearance, a tram of Lilliputian dimensions, towed with steady ropes by a happy band of undergraduates. The miniature car was solemnly dragged into the centre of town and along old tram lines, which have for many years or so useless a feature in King's Parade.

Cardinal Bourne visit, p3
Runaway horse, p5

1923 11 20
A ceremony unique in Cambridge and of a very impressive nature took place at the Carmelite convent on Chesterton road when his eminence Cardinal Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster gave an address. The ceremony was that of enclosing nuns. The house consists of two former dwelling houses joined together and possesses a small public chapel in which there will be public mass every day. With the exception of the nuns' choir chapel, no part of the building is actually new

1923 11 21
Miss Alderson said that since the opening of the Cambridge Shelter for Girls house in 1922 there had been 91 admissions. The present house (13 Hertford Street) was absolutely inadequate. There was a lack of proper arrangements for cleansing, no possibility for a separate bedroom for those for whom it was urgently necessary, no place except the one sitting room where the washing could be dried and the absence of any pretence of a waiting room. She described the only lines on which such a house could be run as Early Victorian if not prehistoric and appealed for support from the municipal authorities

1923 11 21

Mr R C Pierce the manager of the Cambridge Electricity Supply Company said that there was there had been three central generating stations built in 1891 of which Cambridge was one. They were built to prove that the turbines could work for in those days everyone was afraid because of the speed of the machine. The dynamos gave trouble and used to burn out at inconvenient moments. Cambridge started in 1892 and was run by very carefully trained men whose motto was "Never mind what happens, keep it going". Some people thought that the power in the town was very costly but it compared favourably with others of the same kind

1923 11 22
Walter Hammond colour photography, p5*
Bus service letter, p5*

1923 11 22 c
The council of the Photographic Convention have decided to visit Cambridge next July if arrangements town be made locally. A new generation of photographers having come along it was thought desirable to visit the town again. Certain officials visited a few days ago when they were enthusiastically received by those prominent in local photographic circles. On the last visit to Cambridge in 1902 many complained about having too many excursions and not been allowed sufficient time in the town

1923 11 23
Mr Taylor told the house possession hearing that he was the owner of numbers 11 and 12 Church Street, Old Chesterton. He wanted to knock a hole through the wall of the adjacent house and join one bedroom on to his house. He was willing to allow one shilling off his tenant's rent. The plaintive said his wife suffered from nerves and required perfect quiet at night. The slightest noise broke her rest. Defendant and his wife annoyed him by "singing that molly-coddle hymn, 'Who shall enter the pearly gates?' for two hours at a time". The judge made an order for possession of the required bedroom and fixed the rent at 4s. a week for the rest of the house.

Wireless appeal, p5
Fen Ditton recreation ground, p5
Farmers application potato harvest, p5*

1923 11 23 ES
Doddington church window unveiled by Major-General Townshend, the Hero of Kut … one of the outstanding figures of the Great War 23 11 23

1923 11 24
Sir with reference to the continuation bus service from Chesterton to Old Chesterton, I would like to point out that we ran the service in 1919 but it was an absolute failure and we were compelled to drop it. However as there seems to be a fresh demand I am giving it a trial. The terminus of the cars will be at Chapel Street, Old Chesterton, instead of De Freville Avenue as heretofore. The fare from Market Street to Chapel Street will be twopence. You will realise that it is quite impossible to revert to the penny fare over the whole of the services. It is true that the price of petrol has dropped, but the price of wages and labour generally has not decreased - John Walford, Ortona Motor Company

Proportional representation, University elections, p6
War memorial – Cambridge Review has article, p6

1923 11 25 c
A letter was read from March branch of the National Farmers Union on the urgent need for supplementing the existing labour supply for the getting up of the potato crop. He asked if they could close the schools for a fortnight to enable the children to assist in the work. The potato crop was exceptionally late this year and is the work were protracted there would be a risk of serious damage

by frost. Councillors thought that they would shut out of schools about 1,000 children for the sake of about 20 who would go to work

1923 11 26
An inquest was held on the death of a timber carter from Steeple Bumpstead who had been killed by the falling of a tree trunk from a loaded timber drug at Mr Bradnam's saw mills, Haverhill. A load of trees had been bought from Stambourne Green on a four-wheeled drug, drawn by an engine. The deceased had undone the chain, had he not done so the trees could not have fallen off.

Superannuation rejected, p3

1923 11 27
The accommodation on the women's side at Fulbourn hospital is now strained to its utmost limit. The chairman said they had 71 more women on their books than they could accommodate and they dealt with the problem by sending 20 patients to Worcester. If they sent the other 50 to another hospital they would find they were sending out some of their best workers and they would have to have a larger staff to do the work of these 50. Dr Reardon said they could not recommend reconstructing the male part of the asylum and use it for females

Motor on fire, p5
Dimsdale wants houses, p6

1923 11 29
Newmarket council stables, p2
Juvenile unemployment, p3*
New Theatre – Refern, p5*
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1923 12 06
Signs were not wanting this morning of a "big push" being made in the county by the supporters of the rival parliamentary candidates. A representative of the C.D.N. who motored round some of the principle villages, noticed a big concentration of motor cars bearing the Conservative colours, which

seemed very largely to outnumber those of the other candidates. It was noticed however that many of the veterans sturdily insisted on walking to the polls rather than be conveyed in motor cars.

1923 12 06
Elections, like boots, beer and, of course, bananas, are generally held to be much below pre-war standard. Some of the old spirit seems to have been awakened in the campaign which closed last night, and a "certain liveliness" on Cambridge Market Hill was slightly reminiscent of the old eve of the poll scenes. Many discussions were hastily adjourned as dense clouds of acrid smoke from a smoke bomb rolled down on them, and there was a gentle scramble for some minutes. While this was going on an agile disciple of Tarzan shinned up a lamppost and revived the ancient pastime of "dousing the glim". A slick-handed undergraduate switched on a constable's lamp attached to the latter's belt at the rear, and the limb of the law strode around blissfully unconscious of the shining light behind.

1923 12 06
The question of providing additional accommodation at Cambridge workhouse was considered. The committee had inspected the sanatorium of the Leys school in Hooper Street which was for sale. It appeared to be suitable for a nurses' home. Mr Hall said they ought to leave some of the patients at Chesterton. Some of them had been in the institution for 10 or 12 years and it would be better to leave them there to spend the evening of their life, where they knew almost everyone

All Saints church window p3*

1923 12 07
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1923 12 08
Yesterday's rugby match between Oxford and Cambridge was celebrated by undergraduates of both universities in right royal, and it is feared, somewhat rowdy, style in the West End of London. The two teams and their friends overran the Winter Garden Theatre. They walked over the stalls, climbed in and out of the boxes, invaded the orchestra and the stage, crowded the vestibule and overflowed at times into Drury Lane. The performance was interrupted continuously by noisy hilarity. All the songs and choruses were "guyed" and mimicked and the performers were pelted with miles of paper streamers. The performance had to be terminated and the theatre had to be closed

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1923 12 12
A Fordham newsagent and fruiterer appeared for his examination in bankruptcy. He said that up to 1914 he worked for his mother hawking fish, fruit and vegetables, then she gave up the business and handed it over to him. It was £28 in debt at the time and there were a pony and cart and a barrow worth about £7.10s. About six months later the pony had to be destroyed. He added the news agency business in 1915 employing three boys. His average takings per week were about £67 for the fish and news agency and fruit and vegetables £30.

1923 12 12

A Cambridge cycle agent and gramophone dealer who started in business without any previous experience appeared before the bankruptcy court. He had commenced business at Abbey Walk although never apprenticed to the cycle trade as he had always had an inclination that way. He also took up the gramophone and record business in which he had no experience, but he thought there was money in it. He estimated his turnover at about £10 a week. He lost about £40 on Christmas toys by over-stocking and £67 on the fall in bicycle prices

Gas Company trenches, p7
Coursing club presentation Hiam, p8*

1923 12 13
Cambridge town council formally received the resignation of the borough surveyor, Mr Julian Julian. He said in a letter that work on roads, bridges, planning etc had been delayed and he had found that people had attributed these delays to the weakness of him and his staff. Councillor Stubbs said they had lost a brilliant surveyor. His department had been understaffed and he had been struggling alone and it appeared that he would not have resigned had he been given help

1923 12 14
A recommendation that a subsidy equivalent to £8 per house for 20 years be given to induce private enterprise to proceed with the erection of houses was carried by Cambridge town council. Councillor Few thought those who built would take advantage of the law of supply and demand. Only last week a case occurred of a landlord of a house in Romsey town raising the rent from 7s.9d. to 14s.9d. when the father died, declaring that the house had become vacant and telling the daughter she could have it at the increased rent – nearly 100% advance

1923 12 14
At Cambridge town council councillor Edwards asked to know what policy was adopted to find out if goods were consistent with the prices charged. He knew for a fact that on one occasion several dozen hurricane lamps were supplied of three different qualities and yet the invoice sent to the council had the highest rate for the lot. Then there was the case of shovels. The firm which had the order went round to other firms asking for them, saying: “they’re only for the corporation. Anything will do”. A high price was asked for the whole of these shovels which were of two qualities

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1923 12 14 ES
William Flack, Haddenham farm labourer died of starvation 23 12 14

1923 12 15
We are likely to hear a great deal more about proportional representation in the near future than we have in the past, but I am afraid the country will be chary of adopting it in view of the hopeless confusion that seems to exist in those places where the system is already in force. Five years ago, after the first instance of P.R. in Cambridge University I remarked that the general feeling was one of bewilderment. Now in 1923 we have much the same mistake. A system which has caused as much confusion in one of the leading universities after five years' experience would want a mighty lot of explaining to rural divisions

Who was doctor, p8*

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Cambridge band of Bas, p3
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Father Christmas in Cambridge, p5

1923 12 18
Ely council considered a scheme for electric lighting. The cost of the plant would be £10,500 and would consist of two 100-kilowatt diesel engines, driven direct current generators, controlling switchboard and distribution panels. The cost of wiring Ely would be £500 as they had 10 miles to cover. A battery of accumulators would mean that at night when the engine stopped there would be current if you switched on

1923 12 19
William Hunt told the court he had a milkround and a general stores at Haslingfield. In September he was hard pressed for a pony and paid £10 to have one on trial and then pay so much a month. On the way to Cambridge he, his wife and children were nearly thrown out on two or three occasions on account of the pony stumbling. He concluded the pony was not fit. A vet said the horse had several old scars and he would describe it as broken-kneed. It was not well nourished and was liable to go down at any moment.

Christmas in shops, p6*
Prickwillow tolls, p7

1923 12 20
Cynics have said that toys are but the parental antidote to the infantile depression resulting from over-eating. Be this as it may, toys are an indispensable part of Christmas, and the parents who take their children to Laurie and McConnal will experience considerable difficulty in getting them out again. There are toys large and small, cheap and expensive, the sort of toys to keep, and the sort to give to the destructive child. They are also making a special feature of wireless sets this year, and have a large variety on show

1923 12 21
Chivers jubilee, p7*
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1923 12 22
During the past 28 years a police-court missionary has been engaged in the Cambridge courts. It has for its main object the reformation of all, irrespective of creed, who pass through the police courts. No matter what the offence or how often repeated, none are too young to be helped, no criminal too hardened. Almost every case undertaken means some expenditure. It costs money to provide boots, clothing, travel expenses and entrance fees to homes and institutions. This is a period of numerous charitable appeals but we doubt if any object is more worthy of support and more productive of lasting good.

Cambridge toy collection, p5

1923 12 24
To the majority of Cambridge people the policeman is a man in blue uniform who apprehends “undergraduates” who ride motor cycles with noisy “silencers". Some 300 of the town's most needy inhabitants however, saw “Robert” in the guise of a cheery soul on the occasion of the distribution of gifts from the proceeds of the Borough police poor and needy funds. Some carried sacks of potatoes on their shoulders, others struggled with sheets of paper in frenzied efforts to wrap meat into neat and really tidy looking parcels. P.C. Hagger who officiated as executioner in the meat department looked thoroughly impressive as with a sharp knife and large chopper he dealt with the meat in a way that would have done credit to the most finished meat purveyor.

Some Cambridge men of 100 years ago – Edelston, p4*

1923 12 26 Ch

Brooklands Avenue extension; photo showing the junction of the extension with Brooklands Avenue & the old private road. Chronicle. 26 Dec. 923, p.7.

1923 12 27
Cook at the Cambridge workhouse ought to be a proud man, and probably is. The Christmas fare which he prepared for the inmates was announced to be delicious. Sausages were served for breakfast in honour of the occasion. All the other officers from the Master and Matron down have reason to the more than ever gratified at the results of their labours to make the inmates happy, and to bring within the walls of even such a dull place as most people imagine a workhouse to be, the real spirit of Christmas.

1923 12 27
The satisfaction of the 18 men who spent Christmas at the Cambridge Church Army Home, Willow Walk may be summed up in the words of one of them – "a very nice time indeed - splendid". Their four course Christmas dinner included pork and beef and Christmas pudding. On Christmas Day they entertained themselves by playing and singing whilst on Boxing Day they were able to entertain friends. We saw two enjoying a game of billiards with oranges for balls!

1923 12 27
A healthy sign of the times is shown in the fact that the parcels traffic at the Cambridge post office was a record one since the war. The public, as usual, did not take the hint to post early and the consequence was that most of the work had to the crowded into the 24th, which was a tremendous day for the staff. The regular staff worked magnificently and was augmented by temporary helpers secured through the Labour Exchange. A sad feature was that some 40 of these were engaged last year also and one does not like to think they have been unemployed during the whole of the year

Christmas bathers, p4*

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Welney bridge, p4

1923 12 28 ES
An interesting new dredger: up-to-date machine for excavation work on the Nene – Ruston Hornsby; keeps 200 men at work levelling the material it has lifted – phot 23 12 28 # c.29

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I have copies of these articles – diary checked

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1924 01 02
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Increased crime – whipped* p5

1924 01 04
The former Clocks and Gramophone Works at Huntingdon have been purchased by the firm of J. E. Hough Ltd of the Edison Bell Works, Peckham, and are to be opened early this year for the manufacture of gramophone records and wireless parts. Employment to between 300 and 400 hands will be given by this new industry. The factory has remained inactive for a year and the town has suffered as a result. It will be used for making the well known "Winner" records. Powerful engines still in the building will be made use of, but it will also be necessary to introduce additional steam power and heat

1924 01 05
Two young men, who are alleged to have broken and entered Girton College and stolen a number of articles on Boxing Day appeared in court. It was stated by Supt. Allen that the men took him round the college and showed the rooms they had entered, and one of them showed him a lady's bed in which he had slept for the night, after borrowing a pair of pyjamas from the next room

Chesterton houses – plot

1924 01 07
CDN dinner, p4

1924 01 08
Sir - may I protest against the insanity and disgusting habit of indiscriminate spitting, and the inveterate noxious habit of dropping dirty pieces of paper and orange peel everywhere about the pavement? And will the police also take steps to deal with the unspeakable nuisance in our crowded streets of the inconsiderate pram driver, whether charging or dawdling, which are a public nuisance every day of the week and on Saturdays maddening. Why should not these vehicles, which tend by fashion to become more and more ponderous and bulky, be completely forbidden in the main streets and be relegated to the two feet of roadway below the kerb stones all times. - Pro Bono Publico

1924 01 09
A man appeared in court charged with stealing two flannel shirts, four soft collars and a pair of socks. Alastair Watson, an undergraduate of Magdalene College, said prisoner had been in his employ as a chauffeur. He instructed him to collect his clothing and hunting kit from Cambridge & drive the car Leamington. When he did not arrive Watson made inquiries at Marshall's garage at Jesus Lane and his car was bought by one of Marshall's mechanics.

1924 01 10

Mr Hobson said the present state of houses in Comberton was deplorable. There were people living in two rooms, married couples with grown up sons and daughters practically herded together like sheep in a fold. It was not the better class of home that was required but the house suitable for a working man. It was not necessary to select the most expensive sites, right in the centre of the village, from where a labouring man often had to walk two miles to work

Newmarket job masters p4 *
Royston engineers failure, p4 *

1924 01 11
Ely houses – dust, p3 *
St Ives electricity p3

1924 01 12
Cambridge must face the growing danger and disaster of its housing shortage. In our not very large town between 7 and 800 families are in immediate need of a house, not because they are unemployed, or very poor, or in any way unable to pay a fair rent, but because there are no houses for them to go into. Families are divided. The husband is here where his work lies, the wife and children are living elsewhere. Some dare not have children. Others have them and find that they are no longer welcome tenants. It is not easy for a young wife and mother to make good when her two rooms are rented and when the use of the kitchen, bathroom and lavatory by her family are looked upon as an intrusion.

Ely Urban District Council proposed to erect 10 houses at Prickwillow, where they were most urgently needed and 20 at Chief's Lane, Ely. The question arose as to the distance the houses would be set back from the road, taking into consideration the dust. Mr Laxton said tenants would rather have less front garden and more back to grow "taties".

VTC reminisce – guarded bridges p3

1924 01 13c
At Bottisham police court a woman was charged with stealing four pairs of woollen stockings, two flannel vests and one shawl to the value of £1 the property of the mental hospital Fulbourn. She went in the shop of Messrs Morley & co and offered two flannel vests and a shawl for pawn. The assistant noticed there were two pieces torn out of the vest. The mental Superintendent said it had a pink mark under a seam with some wool stitched over it. She was bound over in the sum of 10 pounds

1924 01 14
Carters' wages, p3
Foot & mouth, Adelaide, p5

1924 01 15
The inquest on a Girton man who died from lock jaw following an injury to his nose caused by walking into a tumbrel cart in the dark was held at Addenbrooke's Hospital. Witness said the cart was standing on the Green and the man ran straight into it. He was bleeding from a cut on the bridge of the nose so he took him to the district nurse who dressed the wound with iodine and lint. His sister said she got him a cup of beef tea but he could not open his mouth. Dr Lund administered anti-tetanus serum but it was too later and he died.

Motor Bus company, Sundays, p6

1924 01 17
Lady Hunstwork – Saffron Walden dramatic society

1924 01 17

Isle of Ely County Council are prepared to declare the road from Ely to Prickwillow and thence to Mile End drove and Mildenhall road a main road, subject to certain improvements including the abolition of the tolls collected at Prickwillow by the Burnt Fen and Middle Fen commissioners. The tolls being discontinued it was resolved that the toll gates at Prickwillow be taken by the Superintendent and notices as to the collection of tolls be removed from the toll house.

1924 01 18
Dimocks Cote bridge request, p3
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1924 01 19
The marvellous progress that is being made in that wonderful institution, Papworth Tuberculosis Colony, was described by Dr P.C. Varrier - Jones. He showed a very interesting film illustrating activities of the colony taken last summer. Men were seen at work in the various workshops and there were pictures depicting all the other sides of life at the colony, and showing the beautiful grounds laid out with charming effect.

1924 01 19
Nearly 100 inmates of the Ely workhouse were entertained with a dinner. The chief course was good English rabbits, served up in very appetising fashion, mashed potatoes, plum pudding, beer and minerals. Finally a flashlight photograph was taken, much to the astonishment and delight of some of the aged inmates.

1924 01 21
The railway strike has now begun, and reduced services are everywhere being run. No Cambridge locomotive man has taken an engine out of the sheds this morning, said W Few, secretary of the local branch of ASLEF at their headquarters, the Kingston cafe, Mill road. “The whole of our members, with the exception of 2, have ceased to work and if any driver in the NUR of whom there are 20 at Cambridge, signs on duty, there is no firemen to work with him”. Tomorrow a large covered-in motor charabanc will leave the Ortona depot for London King's Cross at 8.30. The return fare is 12s.6d.

1924 01 22
Councillor Gentle raised the question of the removal of the tram rails along King's Parade and Trumpington Street, Cambridge. He had had complaints, and their removal would give employment. Alderman Stanley said that if one was cycling along the Parade the rails made it most dangerous. The reason they were not taken up was because King's Parade was a new round, and it would be a waste of money to do it now. They desired to wait until the road needed substantial repair and then do the work.

1924 01 22
At the County Council Miss Cochrane moved that the lark be included in the list of birds protected during the whole of the year. A Caxton farmer told her they did no harm, and yet a large number of them were caught every winter, and they were getting scarce. She believed they kept very much to their particular district and would not fly into other areas. Councillor Jackson said there was no doubt the larks which sang in the summer did little harm, but there was another kind of lark that came over in huge migratory flocks and did a great deal of damage. The greatest enemies of the birds are telegraph wires and snowstorms. The motion was lost

1924 01 23
Female labour & advert, p6

1924 01 24
The railway strike proceeds at Newmarket with much less inconvenience to the public than once anticipated. There are few hurdle racehorses here and these can be provided for by road motor horse

boxes. There are four passenger trains running to Newmarket and on Wednesday one luggage train ran from Ipswich with seven wagons containing flour and heavy goods. Lighter goods are arriving by passenger train. Opinion here is hopeful the drivers will accept the offer to close the strike

1924 01 24
Mr W Cross of Northfield Farm, Exning has a sow which in 341 days, has farrowed 51 pigs of which 46 are alive or are gone to the butchers. Several weighed_154 lbs at 20 weeks old. The sow was bred by Mr Robert Stephenson at Manor House Burwell

1924 01 25
Ely water charges, p5

1924 01 26
A particularly sad story was related to the Cambridge coroner when an inquiry was held into the death of an 18 year old student at Girton College. The girl, who was stated to be fond of rock climbing, attempted to ascend the Tower of the college with the intention of seeing an owls nest. Apparently she slipped and fell to the ground. From the injuries sustained to her legs she evidently alighted on her feet, which goes to prove that she hung on somewhere for a moment before she fell. Before she died she had said, "I so wanted to see the little owls".

1924 01 28
The 203rd Field Company (Cambs) Royal Engineers celebrated their fifth reunion and dinner. In January 1915 the War Office had asked whether an engineering company could be raised in Cambridge. Great efforts were made but many of the youth had already joined other units. However a start in recruiting was begun and they were able to get a few men together. Their headquarters were in East road but when numbers began to increase they had moved to Ely, March, Whittlesey and afterwards Wisbech. They had no regular Engineer officer to take command of the unit but that grand old volunteer, Colonel Harding, although he was then nearly 70 years of age, undertook the job.

1924 01 29
The driver of a steam wagon belonging to a Birkenhead haulage contractor said he was driving from Cambridge to Chatteris with a trailer attached. He left Cambridge about 7.45 pm and intended to get there some time in the morning. On the way he stopped to put water into the engine from a pond. The engine was in a bad state on account of their having had to use dirty ditch water, and it would not travel at more than three or four miles an hour.

1924 01 30
Swavesey fire

1924 01 31
Street widening inquiry

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1924 02 01
Frederick Hiam told the Ouse drainage board that a number of banks were in bad order. In Burnt Fen there were several places in the banks leaking badly. In the old days two gangs of lighters were at work, but since the board had taken the matter over nothing had been done. Who was responsible if there was a break? If we had another inch of rain we should have had the fens flooded. If there was 20 feet in of water in the river there was not a bank safe. They would soon be a million pounds in debt, if they had to pay compensation for damage done.

Drainage rates, p2
Coe Fen inquiry, p5

1924 02 02
The renewal of the music and dancing licence of the Cambridge Co-operative Hall, was objected to on the grounds of noise. Burleigh Street was one of the most densely populated parts of the town. The hall was not originally built for dancing, it had a large number of windows and the dancing room was situated on the top floor of the highest building in the neighbourhood, with the result that the sound was dissipated considerably further. As a rule the dances did not terminate until midnight and sometimes a great noise was caused by the people leaving - shouting, singing and the back-firing of motor cycles, of which a large number were brought by the people who attended

1924 02 02
An inquiry was held into establishing a water supply for Dullingham, Brinkley, and Burrough Green. In normal times the supply of water to Brinkley was sufficient for their needs. But there was only one pump and in dry seasons the people had to go very early in the morning and wait a long time. Mrs Webb of Dullingham, said they had not been able to get enough water to wash their clothes, and she could not fancy drinking it after she saw a rat going into the well. The rector of Burrough Green considered the proposal absurd. There was no public water supply. The majority of the cottages were owned by absolutely poor people, everybody was jolly hard up, and now was not the time to put a large expense for a useless object on the backs of the ratepayers.

Housing hopes, p3

1924 02 04
Algernon Sydney Campkin was the last survivor of a family who had for several generations farmed land at Melbourn. In 1861 he was articled to a chemist and druggist and subsequently in 1868 succeeded to the old-established business of the late Mr William Brewster, an apothecary of some eminence in Rose Crescent, Cambridge, which he very successfully conducted up to the time of his death.

Old Chesterton allotments, p4

1924 02 05
Sir - I know of one Church which has but two doors for the congregation which also admits to two galleries as well as the body of the Church. Just what would happen should a fire break out? One has not forgotten the mad scramble at the old Barnwell theatre during a lantern service. It was due to overheating of the hot water apparatus, which emitted clouds of steam, which the terrified congregation imagined was smoke. Then someone shouted “fire” and there was a wild stampede for the exits, people screamed, were trampled on, and many fainted. Such an experience is not desired again. The one thing in the churches favour against a panic is that they are scarcely ever full. – “Churchman”

Herbert Robinson expansion, p3*

1924 02 06
Protection of birds, p3
Wallman, taxi cab bankruptcy, p5
Advertising Cambridge, p6

1924 02 07
Non-parlour houses, p4

1924 02 08
Greene King brewery applied for an off-licence to sell spirits, beer etc by retail at the Bury Ale Stores, Sutton. The trade in bottled beer had increased enormously since the war and the price had also increased. A pin of beer, which was 4 ½ gallons, cost 4s. before the war, now it cost 11s.; three dozen bottles of pale ale could be purchased for 7s.6d. and today the price was 15s. Licensed houses were

thicker in Sutton High Street than in any other part of Cambridgeshire but people in private houses did not send their maids down to the public houses, they liked their orders delivered at the door.

1924 02 09
Cambridge council heard that 240 slum houses still remained and none had been treated except where the structural condition was so unsafe that the buildings had to be abandoned. The slums were getting worse and worse and there was no means of cleaning them. Some small cottages should be built to relieve the pressure so there might be transition from houses which were quite unfit for human habitation. But if they built such houses they would later have to spend money on sanatorium treatment. There would be no room for air space, and they would be a disgrace to Cambridge

1924 02 09
As a motor lorry, owned by Mr Parnell of Stretham and laden with 500 cans of petrol was approaching the Milton railway level crossing at a very slow speed the driver found the gates were closed to allow trains to pass. He applied his brakes, but they would not act and the lorry, which carried a very heavy load, smashed through the nearest gate, and stopped with the back part blocking the line. A coal train was approaching from Histon and a light engine from Chesterton Junction and quick action was necessary to avoid a serious accident. Gatekeeper Ernest Carter seized some fog signals and was able to stop the coal train and similar action taken by Patrol-Leader F.B. Pearson. The line was blocked for over an hour by which time the lorry was, after a small repair, able to proceed on the journey.

1924 02 09
Cambridge dancers will have a special attraction when through the enterprise of the Cottage Dance Studio, Mr Percy Cowell and his band will visit the town. Mr Cowell, well known before the war as an entertainer at the piano, is a native of the town of whom the residents are justly proud. Since his demobilisation from the RAF he has become much sought after in London and this will be his last appearance in his home town prior to an important tour

'Moriaty' film publicity says Holmes & Watson at Cambridge, p6

1924 02 11
Pentangle Club, p3

1924 02 12
A largely attended meeting at Cherry Hinton carried unanimously a resolution urging the necessity of providing a branch reading room and library. Some said they should not ask for a library at the moment when all building was required for houses but they might ask public authorities sometimes a long time before they got anything. If they asked for a public library and reading room there was some chance they might get a box of books. (Laughter)

Gas company – houses, p3
Melbourn inquest, p3

1924 02 13
'Redeem your soul', p5

1924 02 14
The principal objects of the Milton and District Smallholders' Co-operative are the purchasing of agricultural implements for the use of members, the finding of suitable markets for their produce and generally co-operating to the best of their ability. During the last year sales of milk had realised £4,869 & the earnings of the threshing machine amounted to £423.

1924 02 14

William Salmon of Ickleton, farm foreman told the court that he saw the prisoner in and field and found he had caught a rabbit. Defendant said he had a wife and three children to keep and for the past three months he had been out of work. During that period he had no income at all, because he was not entitled to the dole. He snared the rabbit because they had nothing for dinner. The magistrates said that in the circumstances they would deal leniently with him. He would be fined 10s.

Suicide of old soldier, p5

1924 02 16
Cambridge Motor Boat Club history, p3
Roads & unemployed, p6*

1924 02 17c
"I have never known the Cambridge roads to get into such a bad state as they are at present. Take Mill Road. Here we have considerable traffic and the pedestrian and cyclist are faced with the prospect of a mud bath after every shower. To go through Trumpington road is worse than driving through a ploughed field"

1924 02 18
A meeting took place at Ely for the purpose of forming an Ely branch of the National Farmers Union. Mr Street Porter said a branch existed at Haddenham and if one was formed for Ely it would be much more convenient for his district. There were four others in the Isle of Ely – March, Wisbech, Chatteris and Whittlesey. There would be no doubt that members would derive benefits from it.

1924 02 19
At a meeting at St Ives to discuss the Ouse Drainage order Mr Wheeler said there was a vast difference in draining lands below sea level and those above. The test was a simple one. If you took all the fens works away, the fens would suffer, but St Ives would not; therefore the work was for the benefit of the fen land. But the scheme proposed that the uplands should first of all pay for works done in their own district, and in additional pay towards all the works done in the fens whose works were obstructing the flow of our water out to the sea

1924 02 19c
The inhabitants of St Ives were horror-struck upon hearing the rumour that the Vicar of Hemingford Grey had been cut to pieces on the railway bridge at Hemingford Abbotts. Shortly afterwards the story was proved beyond doubt, the remains of the reverend gentleman being conveyed to the vicarage. It is supposed he was making a visit to Houghton to arrange for some special Lenten services and when on the bridge was knocked down by a pilot engine

1924 02 21
An alarming outbreak of fire occurred at Miss Bluff's premises in Crown Street, St Ives. It appears that the chimney caught fire and was allowed to burn itself out but an hour later flames were seen issuing from the top window. Attaching their hose to the hydrant at Bridge Street the firemen soon had a plentiful supply of water pouring on the fire which was extinguished, but not before it had spread to the top floor of Mr Fred Norris' house. Fortunately there was scarcely any wind to fan the flames otherwise the block of buildings between Crown Street and Merryland would no doubt have been involved. Supt Gale and several constables kept the crowd back from hampering the firemen.

Tale of lorry, p4

1924 02 22
Ely Rural council received a letter asking if they would be willing to supply the parish of Southery with water, as their supply was unsatisfactory. An arrangement might be made whereby Downham district council laid the main to Littleport bridge and a meter be fixed at Brandon creek bridge and

they could have all the water they wanted at 1s. per thousand gallons. Downham could supply all the houses on the route and lay a pipe under the river to supply Black Bank Drove.

Soham steam engine, p3*

1924 02 23
A Gamlingay bird catcher was summonsed for causing unnecessary suffering to a linnet. An RSPCA inspector said he saw him near a hedge. He noticed several nets used for catching birds and that he was using a linnet with a brace attached as a decoy bird. The brace was chafing its shoulder blades. Defendant replied "I have been doing this for 50 years. The farmers pay me for catching the birds". He was fined 10s, not for catching the birds but for the manner in which he caught them

Boy burglers, p2
Newmarket taxis & Newmarket housing – N.J. 24 02 23
Foresters dinner, p3

1924 02 24
Newmarket Gas Company meeting – NJ 24 02 23

1924 02 24c
A number of stormy protests were made by members of Soham parish council. It appeared useless for them to sit representing the parish and to pass resolutions and recommendations to the County Council if no steps were taken to put matters right. The county councillor should be asked to move for the reduction of the salaries of certain officials, owing to the lax manner in which they were treated at Soham.

1924 02 25
Milk recording scheme, p3

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'Completion of a Town Improvement': two views of the opening of the extension of Brooklands Avenue. Chronicle 27 February 1924 p.7.

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Guildhall cellar fire, p3
Foot & mouth disease, p3
Birch for boys, p3

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1924 03 01
The jubilee dinner of the New Street Men's' Bible Class was a most successful & enjoyable affair and a revelation to outsiders of what great things may grow from small beginning. It says much for the firm foundations of the organisation that the old name of "Bible Class" is still considered best for a gathering which has grown in numbers to between three and four hundred. Long may it continue

Newmarket Masonic temple, p6*
Newmarket licensed victuallers, p6*

1924 03 03

A large number of outgoing letters, estimated at two or three hundred, were destroyed by a fire which occurred in the letter box at the Cambridge Post Office. The last collection had been made at 11.15 on Saturday night so members of the public who posted letters between that time and 2.30 on Sunday afternoon will know what has happened if irate friends accuse them of neglect in writing.

Duxford plane crash, p5
New Street Bible Class memorial, p5
Snow, p5

1924 03 04
Ten men answered summonses for gambling on Coldham's Common, Cambridge as a result of a Sunday morning raid by the police. P.C. Rowlinson said about 10am one defendant arrived at the Ammunition Hut and soon 20 were present. He continually saw them throwing coins up in the air and stoop down and pick them up. A police officer got within 20 yards of them, when they ran in every direction. One man said he was out with his whippets, he was not gambling but had picked 2d up as he did not like to see it lying on the ground. They were fined 10s each

Speeding motorists, p3
Sutton & Chatteris football, p3*

1924 03 05
Duxford flying tragedy, p6

1924 03 05c
The St Neots Licensing Association presented a petition for the extension of licensing hours to 10.30 pm instead of 10 pm during the official summer time. They said that at closing time it was quite light and many men who stopped on their allotments or played cricket until dusk found themselves too late for a glass of beer or else had to drink two or three glasses hurriedly instead of drinking it leisurely and digesting it properly. The magistrates granted the extra time between May and August.

1924 03 06
An exhumation is usually associated with something grim and sinister, but that at Over churchyard was of a reverent and honourable nature. In 1916 an enforced sojourner owing to the German occupation of Northern France passed away and was buried in what his relatives regarded as foreign soil. Now the opportunity has arrived of having his remains re-interred in his own beloved country. A French coffin was delivered at Swavesey railway station nearly a fortnight ago. After the exhumation the grave was again filled in and the tombstone re-erected.

Concealment of birth, p5
Linton workhouse sweets, p5

1924 03 07
Willingham exhumation, p5

1924 03 08
The county licensing meeting was told there were objections to the renewal of the licence of the Blue Ball, Grantchester. There were four licensed houses in the village, the population was 489, making 122 persons per house. The trade of all houses had decreased due to the decrease of the spending power of the agricultural labourer. The tenant said in addition to managing the house, he was a brick-layer's labourer. The licence was renewed

Publicans & 'summertime', p3
Whittlesford airman buried, p5

1924 03 10
Guildhall organ rebuilding, p5

1924 03 11
Felix, the feline hero of film and song, has been doing some walking extraordinary. Habituees of the Central cinema will have noticed that until recently he had a comfortable perch on the top of the pay box. To all appearances he was quite at home there, but, lured by an undergraduate, Felix was persuaded to "keep on walking" and the result is that he is to be seen on the top of the glass cover on the roof of the Great Hall of Trinity College. He has been there for well over a week now, and it is not known when and how the powers-that-be will be able to persuade him to resume his walking

Transport workers wages, p5
Willingham exhumation inquest, p5

1924 03 12
Willingham sensation, p5
Rotary annual meeting, p5

1924 03 13
A sequel to the disturbance in the Cambridge council chamber gallery was heard when the mayor warned the public as to their conduct in the council chamber. They must not show their approval or disapproval of the proceedings of the council. There was a certain amount of irony in the caution, for at the time the utterance was made no unemployed, who apparently were the cause of the commotion on the previous occasion, were present, and the occupants of the gallery included the mayoress, a county councillor and a newspaper editor.

1924 03 13
Magistrates were told that in Sawston there were five ale houses, six beer houses with "on" licences, one beer house with an "off" licence, and one grocer's licence. It was 594 paces from the Black Bull to the Greyhound, and in between these two pubs there were eight other licensed houses. On the south side of the Morning Star was the Cross Keys and the Woolpack beerhouse. On the north side was the Commander-in-Chief and the Fox beerhouse

Guildhall organ, p5

1924 03 14
A disastrous fire broke out on the premises of Mrs Baldock, at Warboys. The local manual engine was brought out, and the Ramsey Brigade was sent for, but owing to the strong wind their task was a helpless one as the flames leapt rapidly from building to building. The fire spread to Mr Dorrington's premises, Mr Allpress's carpenters shop was burnt down and several small cottages attacked. It is some time since a fire of such magnitude occurred in the locality

Malt & Hops, Ainsworth Street, p5
Punts, p6

1924 03 15
Between 400 and 500 members of the Cambridge branch of the Transport and General Workers Union employed by local contractors came out on strike. The union has been negotiating for an increase on wages as follows: Carmen 50s. lorry drivers 65s. and motor driver's mates 55s. for a 48-hour week. The coal merchants say that wages have been based on the rate of pay to agricultural workers and instead of giving an increase they are under the impression that the time has arrived when the men should have a reduction.

Labour in Newnham, p3
Willingham murder, p5
Sir – the number of small cars in England seems steadily increasing, but the difficulty in Cambridge is the garage. At Papworth we have an industry for tuberculosis ex-servicemen to make wooden garages but many people are deterred from buying since Cambridge by-laws refer to them as "temporary buildings", as opposed to a good old-fashioned coachhouse, and the Town Council requires people to take them down again after six months use. If somebody would persuade councillors to encourage the small car the men at Papworth could earn a good living. – Elsbeth Dimsdale 24 03 15

Turned on street, p6*

1924 03 16c
Sir - A disgraceful scene was witnessed today in Great Eastern Street, Cambridge, of a poor ex-soldier and his wife and family of three, including a baby, and his furniture, being put out into the streets. The man and his wife had been expecting to go into rooms, but when it was found that they had children, they received a letter refusing to take them in. There was no rent owing, so that was not the excuse. - A Looker-on

1924 03 17
Kings chapel play, p3
St Johns, Wellington Street jubilee door, p4

1924 03 18
A serious fire broke out at the large chaff factory of Messrs Fyfe of Littleport. By the time the village fire brigade arrived the whole building was a mass of flames. Throughout the night they gave their full attention to the building but were unable to save any of the valuable machinery inside, including a secret invention for meal making, known to be the only one in the world. In a very few hours all that remained was the mangled and twisted iron frames of the machinery, all of which was ruined.

1924 03 19
Defiant parents, p3
Newmarket Laureate paddocks, p4*
Saffron Walden British Legion formed, p4

1924 03 20
The village of Cherry Hinton has been agog with excitement with rumours regarding the wealth of a sexagenarian spinster, who was removed to Chesterton workhouse infirmary. The woman has been living in a little two-roomed whitewashed thatched cottage in the Chequers yard under conditions of poverty. The amount of her wealth has been subject to considerable exaggeration and the latest rumours place the figure at about £1,000. A search revealed £140 in coin of the realm, including £15 in gold, a large number of half-crowns and many smaller coins, secreted in several places in each of the rooms of the cottage, a fact that points to her having hoarded small sums for many years.

1924 03 20
Nearly 200 claims for inclusion in the Electoral register were dealt with at County Hall. One case was that of Ida Holben of Harston. She lived in a hut in a field. It was about 14 by 12 feet and contained some furniture and all her belongings. She slept there about once a month and had been away for some time. The hut was assessed separately from the land and she was not on the register elsewhere. The claim was allowed

Photographic convention meeting cancelled, p4

1924 03 21
A wooden barn containing a straw stack was completely destroyed by fire on the farm of Mess Tebbit Bros, at Toft. Mr William Hellier of St Ives had tried to telephone the Borough Fire Brigade, but

could not get them. He motored to Cambridge and met the Brigade as he was entering the town. It appears that someone else had continued to try to telephone, and had done so after 20 minutes waiting

1924 03 22
Carters strike settled, p5
Cambridgeshire vicar's jubilee, p4

1924 03 24
Messrs Bailey and Tebbutt made application for possession of the King's Head public house at Cottenham on the grounds that the tenant had let the trade go down. The licensee said he thought it was because their beer was a penny a pint dearer than that of the house next door. The owners wanted another £9.16s. in rent which he could not afford, owing to bad trading conditions

1924 03 25
Ouse drainage – St Ives, p3

1924 03 26
At Saffron Walden sessions a labourer was brought up in custody on a charge of stealing a quantity of potatoes, value 9s., the property of Richard Harvey of Littlebury. P.C. Bush said he was keeping observation when he saw the prisoner come down Chestnut Avenue with a sack under his arm; he went towards Mr Harvey's potato clamp where he stopped and commenced to put something into a bag. Prisoner pleaded guilty. He had walked miles and could not get work, was hungry and wanted food. He was sentenced to one month with hard labour.

1924 03 28
Six men were injured at the Cambridge University and Town Gas Works this morning. It appears that 16 men were engaged in the oxide of iron purifier, when an explosion occurred. Oxide of iron is used in the manufacture of coal gas, and after having been in use is revivified by the generation of heat. The explosion was followed by a fire. It was found necessary to send for the Dennis motor engine so that water could be pumped from the river

Rugby in Cambridge, p5

1924 03 29
A fire broke out at the old brewery of Mrs A and B Hall, Waterside, Ely. The building involved was the painters shop in close proximity to other old buildings. There was a large consignment of paint and inflammable materials inside at the time most of which were destroyed. If the fire had occurred in the night, there might have been a serious disaster

Ouse to pay, p6

1924 03 31c
A Saffron Walden man was summoned for making false representation to obtain benefit under the Unemployment Insurance Act when he signed on for his daughter. The manager of the local unemployment office made inquiries and found that the child had been working at a laundry and was paid. The bench looked upon it as a serious offence. He was sent to prison for 14 days with hard labour.

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1924 04 01
Although but a baby in years the Great and Little Shelford and Stapleford Amateur Sports Association has already proved itself a sturdy infant, with a promising future before it. A satisfactory state of affairs was revealed at the first annual meeting. From a small meeting of 16 people has sprung a thriving Association consisting of over 100 people.

Clarendon Street, p4

1924 04 02
Lad crushed, Saffron Walden, p5*

1924 04 03
A constables passing Messrs H. Leavis' pianoforte warehouse, Regent Street, Cambridge noticed signs of fire. The whole of the upper floor of Messrs Constable's stained glass works was gutted and the glass cracked and popped. Messrs Leavis' premises seem to have suffered from the effects of water. Pianos & portions of pianos, undamaged by fire were surrounded by pools of dirty water, drops of which fell with a monotonous slash from the ceiling.

Children not enough sleep, p3

1924 04 02c
Many local boxing enthusiasts will learn with regret that the death has occurred of Cox Griffiths, the wrestling and boxing champion. His record at wrestling was a lengthy and creditable one. He had met several champions on the music hall stage. By trade he was a blacksmith and a toolmaker but he was perhaps best known as University instructor. For 20 years he was a publican in Cambridge and recently carried on business as a bottle merchant and general dealer

1924 04 05
Saffron Walden cement accident, p3
Books set in Cambridge, p6
Lighten our darkness, p6

1924 04 07
Pictures of the boat race were shown in several local picture theatres on Saturday night. At the Playhouse the Pathe film of the great contest was thrown on the screen at 8.25. The last camera from the race arrived at the Pathe studio at about 3.30. The first copy was made at 6.30 and the journey to Cambridge was made by motor. The audience cheered and roared all the way through the picture, and at the conclusion the noise was enough to bring the roof down

1924 04 07c
Cambridgeshire county council resolved to recommend to the Secretary of State the protection of chaffinch, hedgesparrow, wren, robin and other insect feeding birds and their eggs in the parishes of Cottenham, Willingham Melbourn and Burwell for the special reason that these birds consume large quantities of insects which do enormous damage to the fruit growing districts.

1924 04 08
Mr T Garrett told Landbeach and Waterbeach Labour Party that the new Labour government had received a good press to begin with but the difficult times were now coming upon them. When something to do with mining came up in parliament there were always half a hundred miners to put the case of the men. But it was quite otherwise with agriculture. They wanted an agricultural wing 50 strong for the Labour Party. They must never lose sight of their object which was to push up the wages of the agricultural labourer and secure a fair return to the smallholder for his hard toil

Road foreman motor cycles, p6*

1924 04 09
At Ely council Colonel Archer proposed the provision of non-parlour cottages with three bedrooms. Some might say a working man was entitled to his parlour. Unfortunately it was quite impossible for farm labourers to pay eight shillings a week in rent. If the council built cottages having two living rooms the tenants would use one in which to cook and to live and keep the other one "tidy. "

1924 04 09
A meeting was held at Saffron Walden cinema to incorporate a company of the Essex Regiment (Territorial Army). Previously they had a company of the Saffron Walden cyclists battalion. Unfortunately during the war the cyclists were found to be of no further use. It was the only town of any size in Essex without a territorial representation and they wanted them to supply a company of 100 to 150 men. Several young men were afterwards enrolled at the Town Hall

New bishop, p5

1924 04 11
Newmarket Rural Council heard that Messrs Lack and sons had completed the boring of the well at Reach, and the water had been analysed and found fit for drinking purposes. It was recommended that the mayor of Cambridge be asked to declare the pump open when he attends to open the Reach fair

1924 04 11
As climax to many months efforts on the part of those concerned, the stone-laying ceremony of the Trumpington Free Church Sunday school new building took place. The outside world might not look upon it as a very big thing, that somewhere in a little village in England it had been found necessary to enlarge Sunday school, but they in Trumpington knew that it meant that the Kingdom of Jesus Christ was not falling and, if in spite of all obstacles, it had triumphed there, there was the promise that one-day it would triumph everywhere.

Vivisection, p3

1924 04 15
Mr T Peake said that at the present moment there was a library in Littleport, and he could assure them that there was hardly one book in it that he would care to find a place for in his home. For many years, he believed, it had not been used, but that did not alter the fact that there was a very strong desire for a supply of good books. The Isle of Ely County Council was a very progressive one and he was sure that the members would not dare to go to their wives and tell them they had voted against the Carnegie scheme. It was very rarely a wife got anything out of the County Council - but she would certainly get something from the libraries

Disabled drivers motor club, p6

1924 04 16
Newmarket council heard there were 139 unfit houses in the town and 34 in Exning. There were a number of families whose bread-winners work in Newmarket, but for lack of houses they had been forced to get cottages in the surrounding rural districts. The council had satisfied themselves that the demand for houses could not be met without public assistance. There was no building going on, or likely to go on in the district in regard to the type of houses proposed

Cambridge town planning, p5

1924 04 17
Burwell case sequel, p5*

1924 04 19
Councillor Few said in the most populated sections of Cambridge, where men are going out and coming from work in the early hours of the morning, it was really a disgrace that they should have to find their way in darkened streets. Alderman Starr said he was surprised to hear that the railway men were not more brave in going through the streets on dark nights. The police had electric torches. The

number of men engaged on night work was very small indeed, and it would be more economical for the council to supply them with torches

1924 04 19
That enterprising organisation the Cambridgeshire Band of Hope Union, under the energetic direction of Mr and Mrs David Moore, are giving the pageant of old Cambridge, "Olde Sturbridge Fair" in the Guildhall next week. This pageant was first produced in 1914 with great success. It has now been re-written and includes a weird and fantastic scene with a witch and her retinue of Cambridgeshire imps, with which she hopes to work dire evil on Cambridge town. It is hoped schoolteachers will take parties of children to see this locally historical pageant

Wilburton cycle fatality, p5
Byron centenary, p6

1924 04 20c
Walter Flack said he was driving a tumbril cart along Emmanuel Road, Cambridge, and when he got to the corner he saw that tarring was in progress. He took a wide sweep to avoid an accident and a labourer shouted to him to get off the tar. He stopped and got out because his horse was restive and asked why he was shouting, when he was hit over head with a broom, knocking him to his knees. The wound was 11 inches long, penetrating to the bone. He was taken home in the police ambulance. John Mayes, a cinema attendant, said he was pulling the advertisement trolley of the Central cinema and saw the occurrence

1924 04 22
Easter holiday, p5
Brush with broom, p5*

1924 04 23
In the early hours of Easter Monday morning a fire broke out at Great Mortimer's Farm, Ashdon, owned by Mr Thomas Reeve. His wife was awakened by the coughing of the children and found the house was in flames. She at once raised an alarm and the police and Saffron Walden fire brigade were sent for. In the meantime neighbours succeeded in removing horses and stock from the farm buildings, and the machinery and buildings were save by their united efforts. The fire brigade arrived but owing to the bad state of the lane leading from the main road to the farm, it was impossible to get the engine up to the site of the fire & the house was entirely destroyed

St Ives town hall, p5

1924 04 24
Old Stourbridge Fair pageant, p5

1924 04 25
Six standpipes had been supplied to Fulbourn, when there were 12 houses with their own water supply. These houses had since been sold by the Charity owning them and had passed into different hands. The owner of the house to which one particular pipe was attached objected to it being used by others, and the only course to adopt was to ask the Cambridge Water Company to install a standpipe at the cost of £6 per year. Mr Jackson said there was a pipe within 150 yards of the area concerned, and he could not see why this additional pipe should be a charge on the parish. Other people had to come much further than that

1924 04 25
A consistory court heard a petition by the vicar of St Andrew the Great, Cambridge, for permission to sell to the corporation a strip of land in the church grounds required for street widening purposes. They all knew that the streets were hopelessly inadequate to deal with the volume of traffic which passed through. The only possible alternative would be to pull down the front of Christ College. If

that strip of churchyard were taken and added to the street there might be less risk of accident, and the church would not press the claims of the dead at the expense of the claims of the living

Cars on King's Parade, p5

1924 04 26
The new showroom of Messrs Herbert Robinson Ltd, Regent Street, Cambridge was formally opened. There is room for the display of 15 cars at a time, and those at present on view include such well known makes as Vauxhall, Fiat, Hillman, Citroen, Daimler and Calthorpe, all of the latest type. Demonstration runs will be given, with no obligation to buy. They will take your present motor car in part exchange for a new one, and arrange deferred payments if you wish.

1924 04 26
"A regular hive of industry, without a drone" and "one of the most thrifty and industrious parishes in England" were remarks when presentations were made to the Rev John Cyprian Rust who has carried through 50 years of faithful and devout service as vicar of Soham. Looking back he had seen the closing down of several beer shops and less drunkenness was his reward. People could scarcely believe how thrifty all the women had been. They had learned to live and keep a family on 14 shillings a week, supplementing it by little gains from the commons and so on.

1924 04 28
War pensions, Papworth, p5

1924 04 29
St Ives court – cycle theft, p3

1924 04 30
Sir - Cambridge council practically excludes modest women - and men - from the new bathing place, unless they are prepared to do violence to their own decent instincts. What the council practically declares is in effect, 'Go and bathe as domestic animals do, male and female all together - they never object so why should you?' What this atrocious decision means is that decent men and modest women are to be excluded from all reasonable participation in a very pleasant summer exercise - A Decent Englishwoman

1924 04 30
The Cambridge and district Co-operative Society opened at Stansted its 19th branch. This is an up-to-date grocery and provisions shop, with smart modern front and fittings, and there is no doubt that it will meet a long felt want in the district. Business was exceedingly brisk at the shop for some time after it had been declared open and many new members were made. Previously it had been supplied by a delivery service from the Bishop Stortford branch, and the convenience of now having a shop in one of the best positions in the town will be of considerable benefit

County Boys School extension, p5
Farm foreman injured, p6

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1924 05 01
There has been considerable indignation caused in St Ives by the town council's proposals to purchase the residential property known as Stanley House on the Market Hill for £1,200 & to convert the same into a town hall and offices. It is felt by the majority of the ratepayers that the building is not suitable for such a purpose, and that the cost of converting it and the upkeep afterwards will entail a very heavy expenditure on the rates. This scheme has therefore amassed a very strong opposition on the part of several of the most influential men of the town, including medical men and solicitors. A memorial has been drawn up and signed by nearly 960.

1924 05 01
Through the munificence of Sir Charles and Lady Walston, handsome iron gates in the early English style have been erected at the entrance to the King's College grounds on the Backs. Sir Charles presented them to the college. Mr A W Elwood the maker of the gates, presented the key to Lady Walston who opened them. & 2nd p6
Rototiller demonstration, p6

1924 05 02
Ouse drainage board rate – Soham refuse, p3

1924 05 03c
Sir - I have every reason to believe ignorant people are doing all they can to prevent young ladies marrying healthy and industrious blind citizens. I have myself quite recently been robbed of a good and kind little lady, residing in Romsey town, by some person secretly informing her that if she has anything to do with me she will be having a family of blind children. Nor is this by any means the only case that I know of, and as it is a false and unfair statement, and a disgrace to any of our modern British public, the time has arrived when this sort of thing should be stopped. - One of the local blind

1924 05 03
An inquest was held on a 57-year-old general labourer, in the employ of the Cambridge Brick Company, who died as a result of injuries received in a fall of earth. Charles Peters, 62, said he was working some nine feet from the deceased in a clay pit. He was picking and the deceased was filling trucks. The front fell off from the face of the pit, two tons fell. Not three minutes before the accident he had examined the top of the pit. There were two sets of railways and the clay fell between these two. The work had been carried on for many years and all were fully alive to what might happen

Royston pageant, p5*

1924 05 05
The village of Stansted was startled by a fireball which fell near the main London Road, made a sound like a big explosion, and formed a crater several feet wide. It came up again under the roadway, with another big bang, several yards away, cut through the gas main, which burnt afterwards for two hours, knocked a motor-cyclist of his machine & travelled along a line of barbed wire for 40 yards, wrecking a wooden fence and blowing up portions of the ground. It finished its career 60 yards from where it first fell. The report was heard all over the village, and many windows were blown out by the explosion. & 7th p4*

1924 05 05
With regard to the desirability of a bridge being built over the Cam at Dimock's Cote, Councillor Taylor said not one half of the members of the council knew where Dimock's Cote was. If a bridge was built it would lead from nowhere to nowhere, and would benefit no one except those who went from the North to the Newmarket races. Alderman McArthur the bridge would provide a main road from the Midlands to the East coast. A considerable amount of money had been spent on building the road up to the river, but the War Office did not want the bridge built during the war

Blind man's complaint, p5*
Dimock's Cote bridge, p3*

1924 05 06
'Mountaineering' at St John's, p3
Buntingford mystery, p3

1924 05 07
Lacons brewery broken into, p3

'Sporting guide', p4
M. come – autosuggestion, p4

1924 05 08
Elsworth farmer bankrupt, p2
Buntingford bones, p5
Lode farmer failure, p5
West Wratting estate sale, p6

1924 05 09
Musical education, p4
Sims Woodhead memorial, Papworth, p5
Moulton baker bankrupt, p5
E.C. Bateman funeral, p6

1924 05 10
At the opening of the Sir William Dunn Institute of the Cambridge University School of Biochemistry Sir Jeremiah Coleman said they had heard a great deal lately about the horrors of cancer and the necessity for co-operative effort throughout the world to deal with that great curse. He believed that the causes of that scourge would be discovered by a student who had not been thinking especially of cancer. Why should it not be done in the building in which they were assembled that day?

1924 05 10
Coming! Bronco Bill's Wild West exhibition and mammoth circus. Broncho Bill's world famous elephants. Broncho Bill's new group of performing prairie horses and 20 other big acts. Monday next, Midsummer Common, Cambridge. The great show will also visit Royston and Huntingdon - Advert

Red Cross ambulances, p5
Opening biochemistry & Papworth x-ray, p6

1924 05 12
Council defalcations, p6
Christ Church electricity, p6
Impington Hall for sale, p6
Julian Julian retires, p6

1924 05 13
An aeroplane came to grief while alighting in a field on Barton Road, Cambridge, and the pilot and two passengers had a narrow escape from serious injuries. The plane was attached to Edward's Flying Service, which provides flights from a field off Barton road. It appears that the pilot was about to land and was manoeuvring for a position suitable to the direction of the strong wind when the engine stopped, and he was forced to land. The aeroplane crashed into a hedge and turned completely over, its back being broken.

1924 05 13
Broncho Bill's circus is always a great attraction and huge crowds attended the performances at Cambridge. The programme was divided into two parts, the first half consisting of typical circus "stunts" and the second an exhibition of the wild and woolly West. The Wild West portion of the programme consists of lassooing and rope spinning, trick rifle shooting, whip stock cracking and rough riding, the whole concluding with an attack on the stage coach by Red Indians.

1924 05 14
Dimock's Cote bridge, p5

1924 05 15

Borough accountant resigns, p5

1924 05 16
Swavesey war memorial hall was formally opened. It was a day that will long be remembered, for not only does the new hall provide a lasting reminder of those who gave their lives for the country, but it will do a lot to make those who came back much happier. Swavesey was sadly in need of a place where social and educational functions could be held with the maximum of comfort, and here this pressing need is splendidly fulfilled. A large ground floor room is capable of seating about 400 people, while there is an extensive balcony, which is fitted up as a billiards room.

1924 05 17
Wyton's Hostel, Huntingdon, p6

1924 05 19
A Belgian balloonist came down at Ely in a pond ten feet deep. He was taking part in a big race from Brussels for a £2,000 prize. He crossed the Channel during the night and had a very rough journey. His balloon is said to be the smallest in existence and the pilot had to stand all the time he was in the air. It came down at Norney farm and was pulled out by Mr Herbert Cross, an Ely farmer.

1924 05 20
A number of parents from Swaffham Prior and Reach were brought before the Bottisham police court for not sending their children to Burwell School. In order to provide children over eleven years of age with a superior education it was found advisable to reorganise the schools in that area. The county education committee has provided a motor omnibus to convey the children to Burwell. Far from overcoming the objections of the parents this bus seems one of the chief sources of objection. Other parents object on the score of extra expense for packing up their children's dinners

1924 05 21
Since the beginning of this month there has been on sale Cambridgeshire Cheddar cheese, made at the Cambridge milk and cheese factory situated in Newmarket Road. This is the outcome of the co-operative cheese making school run by the County Council in conjunction with the National Farmers Union. This new venture looks like providing a successful commercial proposition and forms a convenient means of disposing of the surplus milk produced in the district.

Stretham feast parade, p3
Royston pageant, p4

1924 05 22
An unusual accident occurred at Trumpington when a student of St John's College was returning from London in De Dion Bouton two seater car. On coming round the bend on the main road the car ran into a house with devastating results. Bricks were scattered right across the road and a gaping hole in the wall was so big that it is surprising that the whole front of the house did not collapse. Fortunately no one was in the house and the front room was empty of furniture as the tenant had packed preparatory to leaving.

1924 05 23
Great interest was taken in the opening of the new swimming bath at Littleport. The club which dates from the Coronation of King Edward perhaps did not cater for everybody, but it had done something to provide a place where the boys and girls could learn to swim. At one time it was very uncommon to see people swimming in the rivers, but now it was a very common thing. The club had provided a magnificent baths for public use and organised the annual water sports which were always eagerly looked forward to.

Cambridge girls shelter, p3
Croxton storms, p6*

1924 05 24
Isle rural library, p3
Huntingdon surveyor charged, p5

1924 05 26
Cambridgeshire Regiment colours, p6

1924 05 26c
On Tuesday night West Cambridgeshire was visited with a thunderstorm considered to have been the worst since 1913. Rainfall was exceptionally heavy, indeed in many places nothing equalling it has been experienced within living memory. At Gamlingay crops in the fields suffered severely, potatoes being washed out of the soil in many places and much land was still under water next morning. In places the potato ridges were completely washed away, and great gulleys many yards wide and several feet deep were scoured out, and many tons of earth washed away. Near Potton the main road was encumbered with great banks of soil washed down from the fields above and great gaps were cut in the bank by the roadside, down which the water and mud poured on to the road like a cataract

1924 05 27
At Reach fair, in accordance with custom, the mayor and members of the corporation forsook their dignity and became boys (and one girl) again. Following the official proclamation the mayor (H.B. Bailey) performed the opening ceremony of the new village pump. His worship pumped the first jug of water and quaffed off, or rather sipped suspiciously the first glass of it. Following luncheon the mayor repaired to the field and commenced an onslaught on the coconuts. First blood in this respect was drawn by the Chief Constable but the Borough Coroner contrived to "wangle" three with one throw. The more sedate members of the corporation contented themselves with the roundabouts

'Return of Sherlock Holmes' at New Theatre, p6

1924 05 28
Sir - it is only quite recently some considerable amount of public money was spent for labour and material on Milton Road, Cambridge, and today the passage of a traction engine or heavy vehicle of some kind has simply torn the road up, and the expenditure is to all intents and purposes rendered useless. Surely the authorities whose duty it is to control the highways should take some drastic steps to stop this sort of thing happening – A.H. Reed, Cambridge

Newmarket lighting shock, p5

1924 05 29
At Cambridge council Alderman Starr said a number of buildings in Hobson Street were coming down. It would make it a 40 feet road and they believed it would eventually become a very important thoroughfare. Unfortunately they were up against a very difficult problem at the Sidney Street end because they had a bank on one side and a college on the other. But this was really a safety point because converging traffic would have a slight obstacle to pull them up

Tithes meeting, p4

1924 05 31
Cheap petrol, p6*

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1924 06 02
Judging from the attendance at the second of the dances held on Christ's Pieces this departure has evidently caught on with the townsfolk, who attended in large numbers, both as dancers and

spectators. There was, in addition, a fair sprinkling of undergraduates. With such good music as is provided, and with the dances carried through in such an efficient manner, they are bound to provide a welcome addition to the entertainments of the town and materially continue to a "Brighter Cambridge"

1924 06 03
In the list of King's birthday honours Mr Fred Hiam, the well known agriculturist, receives a knighthood. During the war his expert knowledge made him a fitting person to hold the post of Director of Vegetable Supplies and in 1918 he dealt entirely with the whole of the potato crop of Great Britain. That crop as so plentiful that some could be spared for other countries. Sir Frederick was born at Upwell, and when he was two years of age his father removed to Mepal. He then went to London to sell potatoes there and in a few years grew more than he could sell. He now owns 8,000 acres of land in the Isle of Ely

Pilgrim preachers, p3

1924 06 04
An Italian organ grinder was charged with assaulting Herbert Ager, organ grinder at St Ives. He pleaded guilty. Ager said he travelled the country with a young man from Hammersmith who had lost both arms. They had an organ. He was in Crown Street tuning his organ and while he was so doing defendant came up and hit him. Defendant said he hit the fellow because he had been playing in the town on Monday and then began again on Tuesday. He could not get any money when the other one was playing

1924 06 05
At Cambridge police court the Town Clerk applied for an order for a mentally defective girl to be sent to a certified school at Colchester. If she remained at home she might deteriorate and the parents could not give the special protection she needed. The parents declined their consent, saying that two children had already been sent and one had died away from home. The mother was much distressed and did not think the child would go willingly. The bench concluded it was better for the child to go to the school

Linton workhouse theft, p5*

1924 06 07
A distressing story of a little girl's death in her father's factory at Mepal was told at an inquest. The father was a contractor and farmer. He had a Lister electric engine and plant which was used for cooking meat in bad weather. There was an ice box to it, and they were also able to make electric light for his own purpose and to grind sausage meat. He saw his daughter go across to the shop. A little while afterwards he went into the granary and saw his daughter hanging by her hair.

1924 06 07
The landlord of the New Inn Swavesey was summoned for riding a cycle without a light. It was on the night of the village feast and he was seen hanging on to a motor cycle, with two other cyclists at the time. Defendant explained that he lit his lamp against the Black Horse. He took hold of his friend's shoulder, who was on a motor cycle, and his light went out against the Sun public house owing to a bump in the surface of the road, where it was being repaired. Fined 5s.

1924 06 10
Ye good people of Harston enjoyed themselves right merrily in the grounds of Harston manner when country revels and a pageant were held on behalf of the village hall building fund. The entertainments are part and parcel of a great endeavour throughout the whole country to make our village life more attractive, and to add to the moral welfare of our communities in an age where the attractions of city and industrial life tend to depopulate our country districts and to lower the standard of moral as well as physical health.

Waterproof Whitsun, p6

1924 06 12
An eleven year old schoolboy was charged with stealing five boxes of chocolates, a quantity of sweets and oranges, and a tin of salmon the property of Mrs Susan Bird, confectioner, High Street, Soham. On Friday night the articles were safe in her shop window when she locked up at 10 o'clock. The defendant was standing against the same pane of the window that was afterwards found smashed. The boy said: “I broke the window with my hand”. He had been sentenced at a previous court to three strokes with the birch rod. He was sent to an industrial school until he is 16 years of age.

1924 06 12
At Linton Rural District Council the chairman said the County Council wished to take over the roads at present controlled and repaired by their council, and pointed out the County had already taken over the main roads in Linton district, and were keeping them up at a cost of £165 per mile, whereas Linton council were maintaining in a good state 100 miles of road at a cost of about £70 per mile. It was agreed that the present system worked very well and they should resist any attempt to take over their roads

Proportional representation, p3
Late Hatterseley, p3

1924 06 14
Stretham – Stanley builder shot, suicide, p5

1924 06 14c
On Thursday last we published a description of a lad who had been missing from his Newmarket home. Before 10 o'clock on the following morning a telegram was received by his parents stating that he had been seen in Cambridge. The mother at once took train, and on the arrival found the lad safe and well. It appears the boy had determined to run away from home. He made for Cambridge and, getting a lift on a brewers dray, arrived at the town. The parents wish to thank the Cambridge Daily News for publishing the description which has been the means of relieving their anxiety as to their boy.

1924 06 16
Many in Cambridge associated with Poor Law work will regret the death of Mr Luke Hosegood, who for 37 years was master of the workhouse in Mill Road. He was appointed schoolmaster in 1870 when there were 150 children at the Workhouse, and when tuition had to be provided for them there. In April 1883 a serious fire occurred in the men’s infirmary. His brave conduct and self-possession was the means of preventing any loss of life. In recognition of his prompt work and meritorious conduct in rescuing some of the inmates he was presented with a testimonial

1924 06 16
We regret to announce the death of Mr James Odell Vinter, one of the ablest and best known public men in connection with county administration, licensing and agricultural finance. He founded in 1869 the firm who carry on an extensive wholesale coal distributing business. He was also the author of the sliding scale of pay for the County Police, based on the price of bread, much appreciated by members of the Force

Motor cycle accident, Christ’s Lane, p3

1924 06 17
A shocking and revolting case of carelessness and callousness on the part of a mother was revealed at Bottisham police court. An NSPCC inspector said he saw two younger children in a very dirty and neglected state. Their bodies were verminous and their clothing, which was filthy and ragged, emitted

a very offensive smell. He went on to describe the perambulator in which he saw the baby child and the shockingly filthy conditions prevailing in the only bedroom in the house. The mother was sentenced to a month's imprisonment without hard labour.

1924 06 18
There was a large meetings of Ely ratepayers when the proposed electricity schemes were under consideration. It would be possible to use a 30-watt lamp for 22 hours for a penny. All-electric cooking resulted in an average consumption of 360 units per head per annum, the cost being approximately £2.5s. for each person. If a public bath could be erected adjacent to the electricity works, the exhaust heat from the engine could be very economically utilised and be ample to cover the utmost requirements of the baths.

Fitzwilliam Museum Marley galleries, p5
Stretham garden fete, p5

1924 06 18c
The inquest took place upon the body of a Soham farmer and publican who was found hanging dead in a granary. His son saw him the previous day and there seemed nothing the matter with him, but when he asked if he would come with him to his work deceased replied he had "water springs" (biliousness). He had been attended for bronchitis and his one trouble was that he could not walk as far as he used to, his legs being rather bad. As deceased did not return for dinner that day he searched for him. The far end of the granary was dark and he was going to strike a match when a boy opened the door and he saw deceased hanging from a beam.

1924 06 19
Adolphus Ward, Peterhouse death, p5
Solicitor bankrupt – Kleno co, p6
Upware smallholders failure – Creek, p6

1924 06 20
The funeral of the late Mr Jabez Gurteen, head of the well-known manufacturing firm took place at Haverhill and was the occasion of a remarkable display of sympathy and respect. Flags were flying half-mast at the parish church, the town hall, & Chauntry Mills (Messrs Gurteen's factories) and all places of business in the town were closed during the funeral proceedings.

Suicide Walter Cross, Soham farmer & publican, p5*
Leys School sanatorium opened, p6

1924 06 21
Profound regret will be felt in Cambridge at the news of the tragic fate of Mr George Leigh Mallory in the Mount Everest Expedition. He won a scholarship at Magdalene and was very well known in the University as assistant secretary of the Local Lectures Syndicate.

Workhouse fire recalled, p6*
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1924 06 23
A dispute which was caused by a puddle of water resulted in an assault case coming before Cambridge court. Mrs C- stated that Mrs P- threw some water down in front of her house in Clement Place, witness asked her to sweep it away, but she refused. Mrs P- then rushed at her and held her hands while Mrs S- hit her in the face. When Mrs P- let her hands go defendant struck her with a broom and caused blood to flow. She objected to the water because she had just scrubbed down the front of her house and children were paddling in it

1924 06 23

Some half-score useful horses were offered for sale at Cambridge's Midsummer Horse Fair. Included in the vehicles offered for sale was one Ford touring car – this strikes a progressive note – an attractive living waggon with rubber-tyred wheels, a pair-horse brake, a dog-cart and a governess cart were also offered, good prices being obtained for the majority

AAA championships, Abrahams, Woods, p4
Midsummer Fair, p4

1924 06 24
Photographers mecca, p3*
Moriaty death, p6
Cecil Sharpe death, p6
Saffron Walden boy sleeping workshop, p6

1924 06 25
Midsummer horse fair – car, p5*

1924 06 26
A meeting of Ely ratepayers to consider the proposed scheme of electricity was told that in some towns the Electricity Company made a practice of putting in a light into a small cottage where it would not be possible for the tenant to pay the current rate. The light was put in the living room at a standard rate of £1 per year. It meant that every house had a light and used it because it was cheaper than oil lamps. The engineer said the rate was 6d per week per 30 watt lamp.

1924 06 27
For the provision of an excellent ground the members of the recently-formed Haverhill Primitive Methodist Church Tennis Club are indebted to the generosity of Mr Edward Darking who has kindly placed capital accommodation at the disposal of the club in Greenfields. At the opening he spoke of the pleasure connected with such a pure and clean game as tennis. The two double courts were then occupied by clubs formed by the West End and Old Independent Churches who gave an exhibition display

Trumpington Street paving, p3
Ortona buses, p6

1924 06 28
Midsummer Fair
Library local and drama collection, p6

1924 06 28c
Cambridge men have become very prominent in the photographic world. Famous are the remarkable examples of colour photography produced by Mr F.J. Stoakley, and the fine examples of pictorial photography by D.J. Scott, Palmer Clarke and others, not forgetting the clever natural history studies by Mr W. Farren. Cambridge is also noted for its very large numbers of lady photographers.

1924 06 30
Jardwick rag & bone man, p3

1924 06 30c
As one of Thurston's traction engines was nearing Fenstanton the middle of the three trolleys it was drawing was noticed to be on fire. The flames quickly spread and the organ of the motor scenic railway, was soon well alight. As no water could be procured sand from the gravel pits was thrown over the fire but the flames proved too strong and the whole organ and the trolley upon which it was mounted completely collapsed. It is suggested the outbreak was due to a spark from the engine which found its way through the protecting wire gauze on top of the chimney.

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1924 07 01c
It was alleged that because a Milton smallholder did not have a fried egg with his breakfast of fried bacon, fried onions and milk sop he assaulted his wife, striking her with his cap, a frying pan, and his hand. The magistrates, after a lengthy hearing, dismissed the case and gave both parties some excellent advice and warned them not to appear at Court again.

1924 07 01
Abbey United Football Club's record for the first three seasons of its existence is one of which they are justifiably proud. After winning Div.III and Div.II of the Cambs League in successive seasons, the club finished last season runners-up to St Ives in Div.I and failed to do the "hat trick" by a single point

Police presentation, p5
Swaffham Prior parents strike, 6
8 o'clock closing, p6
Workhouse refusal, p6

1924 07 03
New infirmary building, p5

1924 07 04
Ely magistrates were occupied for some considerable time when an assault alleged to have taken place on a train came before them. The complainant, a poultry dealer, said he entered the restaurant car and asked for salmon. The attendant came back and said "The chef says you cannot have the salmon, as we may eat it for dinner". He was offered Welsh rarebit but did not know what that meant. This seemed to annoy the steward who struck him under the chin. Another poultry dealer said that some of the waiters were saucy sometimes, but she always put them in their place.

Linton vagrants, p5*

1924 07 05c
The Chief Constable reported that during the last quarter 40 indictable crimes were reported for which 18 persons (one female) were charged. Of these four were discharged, one imprisoned, one whipped, six fined, three bound over, one committed to industrial school and two committed for trial. 1,245 vagrants were relieved. At Linton certain action had been taken to make it a place that tramps had no wish to go – and the result was that neighbouring workhouses had an undue number of tramps on their books.

1924 07 05
Building dispute, p5
Whippet racing, p5
George Mallory, p6

1924 07 07
Builders strike, p5&
Harlton police request, p6

1924 07 08
The quality of the entertainment presented by the People's Theatre, East Rd, Cambridge, by Mr James Weight is, with occasional lapses, "getting better and better". Messrs Harvey and Taylor's "Boom" company provides enough laughter in the two hours' programme to make even "Dismal Jimmy" unbend. Miss Dorothy Owen, is a charming soubrette with a speciality as a clever child mimic, and Will Osborne, a light comedian, is no stranger to Cambridge. He did much concert work on behalf of Addenbrooke's Hospital in the war days 24 07 08

Royal visit Papworth, p5
Newmarket building strike, p5

1924 07 09
Papworth royalty filmed by Pointer, Victoria Cinema, p5

1924 07 11
Within the space of a quarter of an hour three casualties were admitted to Addenbrooke's Hospital last night. The first was Mr Sidney Fuller of the Toll House, Beck Row. He was loading a truck on a light railway when it tipped and fell on him. While at the Conservative fete at Madingley Mrs Eliza Armitage slipped and broke her right leg and Jack Everitt of Cheveley Hall (3) was conveyed for treatment of a broken leg sustained by falling on a heap of stones

1924 07 11
King's Meadow and Fellow's Garden made an ideal setting for such a gay function as the Cambridge Pageant and Gala held there yesterday. The chief attraction was the pageant depicting Stourbridge Fair in 1450, a brilliant affair for which the Women's Institutes were responsible. Over 500 performers took part. Among the gay throng were monks and nuns in the sober habits of their orders and an undergraduate or two. Morris dancers, jongleurs and mummers, with a dancing bear have a merry performance

Newmarket sports, p5*

1924 07 12
Cambridge is shortly to lose a rendezvous which has become very popular in the years succeeding the war. I refer to the "Dug-Out" which, with the Black Swan public house next door (in Guildhall Place) has been sold to the University Catholic Association. It is their intention to transform the premises into a centre for Roman Catholic undergraduates

1924 07 15c
Matters appear to be practically at a standstill in connection with the local building dispute. Meetings of each side are being held but any possibility of a joint meeting seems as far away as it was a week ago when the strike began. A demonstration organised by the building trades operatives and the Cambridge Labour Party was held on Parker's Piece

1924 07 14
About 380 spend a very enjoyable evening in the picturesque grounds of "Primrose Croft", Primrose St, Cambridge when a very successful al fresco open-air dance was held there, Sewell's orchestra providing the music. The grounds ere prettily illuminated with fairy lamps, Chinese lanterns and the like, and every provision was made for the comfort of the dancers. The lighting scheme has been considerably improved. The next dance will take place on Wednesday

Student demonstration, p3*
Death Professor Marshall, p3
Two Haverhills, p4

1924 07 16
Albert Sory told Saffron Walden magistrates that he lived in a railway carriage bungalow with his invalid mother at Arkesden. He was awaken by a noise outside and saw defendant tear down the fence and throw the gate at the bungalow and then he came along with a stick and smashed eight panes of glass. P.C. Butcher said defendant told him he did it because the bricks on which the bungalow had been built belonged to him, and he would have them. He "would either burn the place down or pull it over"

1924 07 17
Anxious to help their fund for the provision of a new Sunday schoolroom the Wesleyans of Witcham rose to the occasion when a garden fete took place in the Hall Gardens. Mrs McFall said Sunday schools of the present time were unlike those of years ago, when the younger children were taught in cellars beneath the churches. Little children looked to their teachers and they should set a good example by leading pure and holy lives

1924 07 17
A new allotment society was formed in Cambridge at a meeting of applicants for land in the Vinery road allotments. Mr Newman said this particular land had been allocated for allotments under the Town Planning Act and the 11½ acres would be allotments for ever. (Applause). It was to be hoped they would be made to look very beautiful and that uniform fencing would be erected. The Central Allotments Council hoped to eventually take the whole of the allotments from the Town Council and would be able to run them much better.

1924 07 18
The Cambs Horticultural Society are deeply to be commiserated with upon the continued bad luck in the matter of weather, which permanently dogs their footsteps. It would indeed be a rare and welcome occasion is they were one day to chance upon a fine afternoon and evening for their annual show; but one fears that some of the members might not survive the shock.

1924 07 21
A sad story of how an old employee of the University and Town Gas Company, bravely endeavouring to carry on with his work, although not in a fit state to do so, died practically "in harness", dropping dead in Huntingdon road was told at the inquest on the body of a man aged 59. Witness said deceased complained of his heart and said he could not help with the push-cart. Dr Apthorpe Webb said the only wonder was that he was able to do any work at all in the condition he was in.

1924 07 22
The large body of photographers from the Royal Photographic Society who visited Cambridge recently were much impressed by some very artistic coloured portraits in the window of J. Palmer Clarke's establishment in Post Office Terrace. They are something quite new, and of a very high artistic quality, as nearly like oil paintings as camera portraits are likely to be made. The method of colouring is the personal work of Mr C.E. Goodrich

1924 07 24
A rule has been established that all jockeys riding in steeplechases must wear a "Safety First" crash helmet. Congratulations are due to the enterprising Cambridge firm of Messrs Herbert Robinson who specialise in the production of "crash helmets" for the motor racing enthusiast. Realising the steeple chasing jockey was running the risk of losing his life they once again "got down to it" and have now been appointed sole suppliers of their own patent helmets to the National Hunt Committee

1924 07 28c
After a good deal of discussion the County Council agreed that the salary of Mr H. Morris, the Education Secretary be increased to £800 per annum. In the absence of the Chairman of the Education Committee (Coun. H.W. Hurrell), Coun. Fordham said that if they treasured Mr Morris fairly, he thought they would be able to retain his services for a good many years. He had been offered another much better post, but preferred to remain in Cambs.

1924 07 26
When the list of Cambridgeshire men who fell in the war was being compiled for the Memorial Chapel in Ely Cathedral there were many expressions of regret that the Borough itself had no official record of names. Most of the parishes have their own lists but there is no complete list of Cambridge names other than the sheet published at a popular price by the C.D.N. some two or three years ago,

and now to be seen in the Free Library. Now there is a proposal for the provision of a roll of names in the Guildhall

1924 07 26
In the early hours of the morning the sound of tramping feet, accompanied by singing and cheering in the vicinity of Tenison Road, Cambridge, indicated that the Cambs. Territorials were returning from camp. The fact that rain set in just as they were marching out of camp, soaking them to the skin before they entrained, and that they again encountered rain at Cambridge did not seem to dampen their enthusiasm in the least.

County council salaries, p5*

1924 07 28
Builders lock out, p3*

1924 07 29
Shotgrove manor, near Saffron Walden, with a history that goes back to the days before the Norman Conquest was sold for the owner, Lady Adele Meyer, and realised £44,000. The present mansion was built in the reign of Queen Anne. Besides the mansion, the estate, which extends to some 1,080 acres, includes several farms

Prof Horrox, p3
Sidney Street setting back, p4

1924 07 30
Ely Urban councillors reported they had inspected 18 cottages in Bray's land & Newnham Street. In every house they found that the windows fitted badly, let in rain, and were very draughty. The tenants complained that they were unable to keep their goods in the larders, owing to the windows being fitted with perforated zinc, that let in the dust. A letter was read, signed by 19 of the tenants, relative to a reduction of rents which were 9s a week for the parlour type and 7s per week for the non-parlour type

1924 07 30
For a considerable time past there had been a desire on the part of many residents to acquire a suitable site for the creation of an additional 18-hole golf course and recreation ground. After inspecting several sites one on the Babraham estate was offered on favourable terms, a site which James Braid, the famous professional, declared as eminently suitable. A capital of £10,000 is required for the erection of a club house and, later on, hard and grass tennis courts and bowling and putting greens will be added. It is proposed the house shall have a thatched roof to conform with other roofs in the locality

1924 07 31
The West Cambs Fruit Growers' Association inspected Mr Robert Stephenson's new cold storage premises and fruit plantations at Burwell Little Fen. It is divided into four cold chambers, a packing shed and engine room. A large Cutler grader is to be installed. The engine and plant for cooling include a big Blackstone oil engine and Petter oil engine. The stores will accommodate about 600 tons of fruit

Captain Cook divorce, p5

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1924 08 01
The land problem has been one of the pressing anxieties of our country for many a long year, and to it has been added more recently the question of general unemployment. The jubilee presentation made

by the employees of Messrs Chivers to the managing director, Mr John Chivers, is consequently of special interest, as being a tribute to one whose energy, enterprise and foresight have done so much for agriculture and manufacture. The firm now farms about 6,000 acres and gives employment to some 3,000 people in the factory and on the land. Where tens were employed, hundreds are now busy and happy and contented workers, many of them enjoying, and many of them qualifying for a stake in the business as co-partners.

Enclosing wash, p3

1924 08 02
Shippea Hill fire, p5
Folk dancing, p8
Advertising Cambridge, p6*

1924 08 04
Motor ambulance, p4

1924 08 05
A huge crowd witness Cambridge Mammoth Show events. The Rodeo displays, which were expected to be a great attraction, were disappointing. The only part of the programme that created any real enthusiasm were the steer riding, steer wrestling from an automobile and broncho riding. Montana Bob, the world's champion steer rider was the chief performer. He had no easy task in overtaking the steer and even when he had done so he had considerable difficulty in bringing it to the ground. In doing so the steer trod on his arm but he was in sufficiently good form to ride the bucking broncho a few minutes afterwards

WEA 21st, p3*

1924 08 06
A sturgeon which was caught in Hemingford Grey Mill pit was the subject of interest to a number of spectators at the MacFisheries depot in Petty Cury, Cambridge. It is understood to be the largest fish that has been caught in the locality for some years past. It weighed 185 lbs, was 8ft ½ inch in length, measured 38 inches round the girth and was 19 inches across the tail. It is though the fish reached so high up the river owing to the recent floods. The tail, fins and certain parts of the intestines were removed to the Zoological Laboratories and portions of the flesh and skin will be returned to Hemingford Grey

Struck by lightning, Eversden, p3

1924 08 07
References to the building strike was made at Cambridge Trades Council and Labour party showing that the strikers were prepared to continue the fight. They had got 1,200 operatives on the streets and there were as solid today as on the day they came out. They had not had a bricklayer or carpenter "ratting". This was the fifth week of the strike and they were not afraid if they had to continue for 20 weeks. They were going to back up the Executive and were going to win

Stone age discovery, p3

1924 08 08
Folk dance – Morris, p6*

1924 08 09
A message broadcast from 2LO last night stated that the 16-year-old son of the Rev Dawson Bolton of Haddenham, known as "Sonny", is missing. His height is five feet and he has dark hair with scar under right eye. Information should be sent to the Ely police, through Scotland Yard

Lady Mayor, p6

1924 08 11
Folk dances, p8

1924 08 12
After extensive alterations and repairs the Rendezvous cinema, Cambridge, which will now be known as the New Rendezvous, was reopened. Considerable improvement have been made in the appearance of the interior and the seating is now most commodious. At the head of a long and attractive programme is “The Cabaret Dancer” featuring Rudolph Valentino and Mae Murray. The film is good entertainment but one looks for a little more acting, especially on the part of Valentino who, as the lover, really fails to impress

Ely band concert, p3

1924 08 13
Proposed golf club, p4

1924 08 14
Linton court motor bikes, p5
Burwell flooding, p6

1924 08 16
There has been quite a fluttering in the political dovecotes at the nomination of a lady as Mayor of Cambridge. There are some anti-feminists who cannot bear the idea of a woman taking any prominent part in public life. It has been suggested that if the Liberals were determined to have a woman Mayor they should have chosen Mrs Keynes, but one can imagine the outcry if an attempt had been made to bring her back to the Council by way of the Mayoral chair

1924 08 16
Here is a piece of information that will interest those of an inquiring turn of mind. The Cambridge Public Free Library is now on the telephone and the Borough Librarian, Mr W.A. Fenton invites inquiries by 'phone on any subject. The idea is to place the whole resources of the library at the disposal of any person seeking information by phone - in fact to set up an Information Bureau

1924 08 18
A new telephone call office has been opened at Bartlow. The fee for the use of the call office, including communication with any exchange within a radius of five miles will be 2d. and it will be possible to communicate with any exchange in the United Kingdom upon payment of the call office fee, plus the appropriate trunk fee. For instance the total cost for a three minutes' conversation with a subscriber at Cambridge will be 6d and at London 1s.8d.

1924 08 19
Swimming club, p4

1924 08 20
Robert Fuller told Newmarket court that he was an agricultural labourer. He was working with James Jaggard on the Ness road, Burwell for the County Council when defendant rode up on his pedal bicycle and called them two lazy devils. He replied "If I am lazy, you must be lazy as well" whereupon defendant threw his bicycle on the ground and struck him. Defendant said he was sitting in his front room having breakfast when he saw these two men on the road doing nothing. He told them "you are wasting the ratepayers’ money. I could do more after tea that you are doing". He was a substantial farmer and annoyed to see the men wasting their time. When he though Fuller was going to strike him with a shovel he struck to protect himself. He was fined £1

Mrs Charles Lucas death, p5

1924 08 22
A dispute over the sale of a grocer's and baker's business at Duxford led to a long hearing at Cambridge County Court. Albert Andrews, The Stores, Duxford said he had had the business for six years, and desired to get rid of it, on the ground of ill-health. Defendant looked over the premises and offered him £175 for the stock and goodwill. His furniture came to the house and defendant used to come into the shop, but did not say he was dissatisfied with anything. On June 4th defendant had sent a letter and refused to complete the purchase as there was no permanent right of way to get to the back of the house and the warehouse.

1924 08 22
Much interest centred in the band concert and sports meeting held on the Vinery Road Recreation Ground, Romsey Town, Cambridge. The band contest attracted five entries – March Railway Silver Prize Band, Manea Silver Prize Band, Royston Town S.P.B., Soham Comrades' S.P.B. and Letchworth Town S.P.B. There were two contests, a march selection, won by Royston, and a test piece when only four points separated the last three bands, the winners being Soham.

Perils of stableman, p5

1924 08 23
Sir – Last night on leaving the Theatre I came up Corn Exchange Street & Guildhall Street. There was not a street lamp alight. Park Terrace, admittedly a narrow and fairly dangerous corner was worse than being in a wood in the country. Many of the by-street lamps are not lit at all. It gets dark now soon after 8.30. Have we to be in by then? Cambridge is being advertised as a holiday centre. Do people on holiday have to be in by 9 o'clock, and not go to any place of amusement – 'One who is some time out after dark'

1924 08 25
Cambridge building trade operatives decided to return to work tomorrow. Their grievance was that Cambridge should be graded as a 1s. 6d. town and not 1s. 5d. They viewed with dissatisfaction the result of the settlement of the national building trades dispute as it affects Cambridge and are returning to work only under protest and in expectation for regrading to be considered in a sympathetic manner

1924 08 26
Mr S.A. Barfield, town crier of Billericay, Essex, has resigned and has been presented with the bell he used for 40 years. A disconsolate resident once offered, through him, a pork pie for the safe return of "a fair-haired girl about 30". Another notice he was asked to cry read: "Lost, strayed, or run away: a short stout woman, supposed to have run away with the lodger. Anyone who finds her and brings her back will be well rewarded for their trouble"

1924 08 27
The Ely Urban District surveyor reported he was called by Atkin, the sewerman, who said that the flap at the sewage works had been let down by boys and that the whole of the town sewage was being held up along the low level. It was impossible to open the flap against the water and he had an opening or grip cut across the river bank from the main sewers in the grass yard, to let the water escape into the river. There were four inches of sewage and water in the bottom rooms of some of the houses. He also reported that the conveniences on the market place were completed satisfactorily and the keys were in his possession

1924 08 27
Concerning the parking of motor cars on Ely Market Hill at night the police have no objection provided no obstruction was caused. On rare occasions a large lorry or two came into the town late at

night and was placed by the side of the Corn Exchange. They always left early next morning. In the case of all cars and other vehicles left on the hill, which were likely to be a danger to pedestrians the drivers were requested to move them at once.

Swiss laundry fire, p5
Shippea Hill fire, p6

1924 08 28
Haddenham was full of excitement when a crowd of about 250 residents turned out and resented the appearance of an auctioneer who had come to conduct a sale under duress for Ouse Drainage Board rates. The auctioneer made preparations to commence the sale. Then things began to get lively, and ancient eggs made their appearance and amid roars of laughter the auctioneer stood like a hero spattered with yolks of many hues. They came from all directions and showered all over him. Through all the auctioneer tried to carry on. There was a plentiful supply of "ammunition and many of the eggs made their mark on people who did not expect them

1924 08 28
The Medical Officer told Newmarket rural council that numerous wells at Soham had been found to be polluted with sewage and unfit for drinking purposes. "At present I have a list of 41 wells all of which have been condemned. As long as these wells are available to the public they will be considered as a potential source of danger. If the council take no action they are accepting a grave responsibility as any may be the starting point of an extensive epidemic of water-borne diseases"

1924 08 29
Narrow escape, p3

1924 08 30
A notable Newmarket figure has passed away. Mr Robert Rodrigo served an apprenticeship in the stable of the late Mr Tom Jennings and about 1870 became a trainer at Middleton Cottage with a string of sixteen racehorses. He became the Newmarket correspondent of "The Sportsman", "The Sporting Life" and "The Sporting Chronicle". He was a sound judge of horses and of men & his turf career was as successful as it was honourable

Duxford air crash, p3

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1924 09 01
Under the auspices of the Haverhill Motor Ambulance Fund provision has been made for removal of patients to Addenbrooke's Hospital by means of a motor lorry that has been adapted as an ambulance, this having been equipped with a stretcher secured in position by springs. Circumstances have arisen that have made it impossible to for this arrangement to be continued. There were two alternatives, the purchase of a new ambulance at a cost of £160 or the possibility that one might be obtained on loan from the Home Service Ambulance organisation.

Brighter buses, p4

1924 09 02
Florrie Forde at New Theatre, p3

1924 09 03
Sugar Beet Ely (& 4th p6)
Bourn bells, p4

1924 09 04

In accordance with the age-old custom the Fair of Stourbridge was official proclaimed by the Mayor. Also in accordance with custom, within recent years at any rate, there was no outward signs of a fair. The spectators consisted of little knots of "idle persons" but far from being ordered to depart their presence was encouraged by showers of golden-coloured coins thrown by the Mayor

Mobilising for peace, p5
Petrol prices down, p5

1924 08 08
Rodeo fiasco, Jersey, p5

1924 09 09
My fiancée said she would like a photograph of me. I was shown into a room that appeared to be an artist's studio and the artist himself appeared and produced a camera from somewhere. The man had the effrontery to treat his business as though it were an art. He shifted a blind or two in the glass roof, put a few deft folds into a velvet curtain at one side of me and returned to his instrument. I was about to adjust my features to the desired expression when I heard something click. I looked up and saw the idiot had actually exposed a plate.

1924 09 09
Mr Ernest Gates, whose munificent gift of £33,000 to complete the endowment of a School of Pathology at Cambridge University was announced last week, is one of the magnates of the Yorkshire wool industry, who do big things in a big way and employ their ample financial resources lavishly for beneficial purposes. His only son is now at Corpus Christi College.

1924 09 09
This week sees the close of the variety season at the New Theatre. There have been some good shows, which have been justly popular. In fact the varieties, as a whole, have proved so attractive to Cambridge people that many have expressed a desire to have the season extended for another two or three weeks. A great comedian is Will Fyffe. To hear this star of the Alhambra and Palladium is to be reduced to a state of collapse by the laughter his wit produces. He is a comedian with a future – and a Scotsman at that.

Newmarket Road – Heath Lodge paddocks, p5

1924 09 10
At a meeting of the Hornchurch parish council a communication from the Air Ministry was laid seeking permission to divert certain footpaths which cross the site they have acquired for the erection of a large aerodrome capable of accommodating at least 500 aeroplanes. The aerodrome, midway between London & the East Coast is to be part of a scheme for the aerial defence of London. During the war the site was used as a temporary aerodrome and pilots stationed there brought down the first four Zeppelins

C.H. Evelyn-White, death of son, p5

1924 09 11
During the restoration of the ancient church of Abington Pigotts, many interesting features have been discovered. The north door is original and bears the marks of the bullets of the Civil War period. A dignified and well-proportioned west arch, which has been bricked up for over two centuries, has been opened out. The tower has almost been rebuilt to save it from collapse. The costs have been heavy and the village consists of only three farms and 30 labourers' cottages.

Apple grading station, Cottenham, p5

1924 09 13

Central School in Cornwell, p5
Policeman potatoes, p6

1924 09 16
Haverhill church parade, p3
Ely blaze, p5
Eagle tavern outing, p5
Haddenham Ouse drainage rates, p6

1924 09 17
Mr E.W. Edwards and a friend were walking along the Bank when suddenly he saw the vivid reflection of the Ely fire. He remarked that it was lucky that there had been no outbreak in Prickwillow, as there had been another fire that evening at Chettisham. He had hardly finished his sentence when his companion turned and said, "There is a fire in Prickwillow. Look at the blaze". Mr Edwards would not believe it until someone rushed up and informed him that his motor works were on fire. An effort was made to get the motor vans out of the blazing building but it was found impossible to open the locked double doors.

1924 09 17
George Mansfield gave evidence that he started a motor service from Burwell four years ago. He bought a new bus this year. At the Swan corner in Bottisham an Ortona bus passed him and pulled on the bend, making him wait or go bumping over the green. Eventually he passed by going on the path. The Ortona was in the habit of passing him and then going very slowly in front. Defendant said Mansfield started a bus to run in front of the Ortona and take away their customers and the firm would not stand that.

Barrington blacksmith death, p6

1924 09 18
A 14-year old Ely schoolboy was summoned for driving a one-ton motor lorry at Wicken without having a driver's licence (he being too young), and a lorry driver for the American Oil Company was charged with aiding and abetting him. PC Harrison, the Wicken constable stopped the lorry and the man replied, "I only let the boy drive a little way. This will get me the sack". The police considered it a dangerous practice to allow boys to practice driving motor vehicles on the road.

1924 09 19
Haddenham sale sequel, p3*

1924 09 20
The installation of the first apple grading and packing station in Ely, which has not been completed at Cottenham, should prove a great boon to local fruit growers. It is rather unfortunate that the apple crop is so light this year but it is confidently expected enough apples will be produced to give the venture a good start. Each grower's apples will be graded separately and the one with the largest percentage of first grade will receive the best price. The impression that appears to exist that all growers would receive the same price, independent of grade, is entirely erroneous.

1924 09 20
Much interest was evinced in the wedding which took place at St Barnabas church, Cambridge. The bridegroom, PC Frederick Lilley is a member of the Borough Fire Brigade. A surprise awaited the bridal pair as they came from the church. On either side of the door were lined several firemen who with their axes formed and archway. But the greatest surprise was to find the Dennis fire engine gaily be-ribboned standing outside the church door. Both were hesitant to take their seats on the engine, but showers of confetti urged them on.

1924 09 20
Large prices were realised at the sale of the old established herd of pure-bred dairy shorthorns bred by Mr C.R. Adeane, which was held at Babraham Hall. This celebrated herd was established 28 years ago. The original object was the formation of a herd of dual purpose animals, combining constitution, milk and flesh. The cows are excellent milkers. The top price was 340 guineas, whilst another cow fetched 210 guineas. The average was a little over 81½ guineas apiece

1924 09 21
Surely the weather in 1924 harvest has given the farmers cause to grumble, when one sees the golden straw of the end of July now turned to what resembles old thatch. Very much has been stacked somehow, and when thrashed it was probably "sniff a bit". Crops generally are above the average and prices are better, but the gathering is so prolonged that farmers and labourers are tired to death of harvest work. Apples are almost a failure. Pears are fair, but almost unsaleable

Romsey Labour Club meet funding, p5
No more war demonstration, p6

1924 09 23
Milk plunger, p5

1924 09 24
Sidney Atkins lost some fowls from a hen house in a grass field on the Witcham Road, Mepal. The door was locked. It appeared to have been lifted off the ground. On the following morning PC Baker was passing the Ship Inn at Sutton, and looking over the wall saw some pullets which corresponded with those missing. Amid much struggling and crackling Atkins swore to each of the birds as he handed them to him out of a hamper.

1924 09 25
Plans for the erection of a wharf to the proposed sugar beet factory on the river near the Queen Adelaide Bridge at Ely were agreed. A second request was to fill up the disused Roswell Pits with the mud that settled out of the water with which the sugar beet would be washed. Instead of useless pits they would one day have some very good garden ground.

Rival boat builders, p6

1924 09 26
Purchase electricity supply, p5

1924 09 27
Nowadays telephones are accepted as belonging to the general order of thing that are, and even the proverbial small boy ceases to be curious. Businessmen alternately regard the telephone was an infernal nuisance or an indispensable instrument. Telephones were curiosities in 1878 when an undergraduate at Pembroke College fixed up two between his digs in St Andrew's street and a little summerhouse at the bottom of the garden. These were absolutely the first seen in Cambridge.

Haddenham filthy attack, p5
Labour meet Newmarket, p5

1924 09 29
Six Mile Bottom memorial, p5

1924 09 30
Sidney Stokes, gamekeeper of Pidley said he saw defendant come on the land with two dogs. They put up a rabbit which he shot and put in his pocket. Two more rabbits were put up, but he missed

them. Defendant then looked round and saw him so he called out "It's no use, Tom. I know you. Witness asked him for the rabbit in his pocket and defendant gave it him. He was fined 30s.

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1924 10 01
Haddenham new drainage rate, p6

1924 10 02
Newmarket council discussed the erection of 12 non-parlour houses in The Rows. The Ministry would not approve them unless the fixed bath was placed in a bathroom, but they could make one by putting a partition in the scullery. Mr Challice preferred a brick copper to a gas one: "If a woman has a bit of rubbish she can burn it and keep the copper boiling. A gas copper is all very well for a lady who has a handkerchief and bit of chiffon to wash and sends the rest to Cambridge or elsewhere. But it is not the most economical for a heavy wash"

1924 10 02
When workmen arrived at a pair of council houses in the course of erection on Cambridge road, Lt Thetford, they found there had been intruders during the night who had helped themselves pretty freely to what they could find. Tools belonging to Mr Robert Rayner of Stretham and Mr Cornwell of Ely were missing. A considerable amount of timber, asbestos sheeting and other materials had been removed and a new door displaced from its hinges and taken also.

1924 10 03
Cambridge Town Football Club opened their season of dances at the Rendezvous. Full use was made of the new lighting effects that have been installed. There were some 200 present, dancing to music provided by Mr Percy Cowell. A very popular feature was a Paul Jones' dance; it will be remembered that these proved popular last year and there is no doubt that they create amusement. The organisers hope the dancing public will give them good support and further assist the club to pay off the debt on the Milton-road ground.

1924 10 04
Violent barking by his dog around Mr John Cooke, a tailor, of Norfolk St., Cambridge, at an early hour in the morning, and finding his bedroom full of smoke, he made a thrilling escape from the building. Going to the window he shouted for help and a neighbour threw him a rope. He secured the rope to a window frame at the back of the room and then lowered himself to the ground

1924 10 04
The 1924-5 edition of Spalding's Directory for Cambridge shows progress has been made with the development of various building estates and we find for the first time the names of Hawthorn Way, Harvey Goodwin Avenue, Haig Road joining Chesterton and Cam Road, and Coleridge Road which is the name given by Jesus college to the new road between Cherryhinton road and Romsey Town.

Estate to crown, p5

1924 10 07
Dr Davis made an appeal in aid of the Ely Red Cross Massage Clinic, an institution to provide the poor with the benefits of massage and medical electricity. It had been found difficult for patients to attend Addenbrooke's Hospital for treatment and for the staff there to administer treatment owing to the ever increasing number of outpatients. It also saved time and expense and, in the case of a fracture or dislocation to the leg, a patient would have to forgo treatment altogether if it was not for this local institution. The clinic had had numerous cases of accidents and relied solely on local charity for its upkeep

Swaffham Prior sale, p3

1924 10 08
Two hundred children are in attendance four nights per week at the play centres at Barnwell Abbey and New Street schools. There the number attending exceed the accommodation and the staff, one woman had 98 children to look after & voluntary help was continually breaking down. Alderman Starr asked if they were taking children from parents who wanted to go to the pictures. The centres were established some years ago under voluntary control, the Education committee providing accommodation, light and heat.

1924 10 09
The ladies who braved the elements and flocked to the University Arms Hotel had a treat such as the feminine soul loves. The middle of the large dining room was empty except for a small dais. A band discoursed dance music, and to the strains of a waltz there floated into the room a vision of beauty in a delightful blue and silver frock, trimmed with fur. She was speedily followed by another in black crepe de chine and yet another in a straight simple afternoon dress. They all went through a set programme, pausing as they entered, posing gracefully and making various graceful movement to display the Babylonish garments, and finally vanished through the entrance. All this was done with a detached, almost mechanical air, for was it not a mannequin parade organised by Miss Poupard.

1924 10 09
A Stapleford grocer told the bankruptcy court that he had started a small business pushing a barrow round the surrounding villages selling groceries, with about £3 capital. He just managed to make a living and thought he was solvent. He opened a shop last February in the hope of extending the business but it proved a failure. An auctioneer made him an offer for the business which realised £7

Linton police – airman's wife, p5

1924 10 10
Abington Pigotts church reopening, p5

1924 10 13
Those who are interested in the possibilities of farm work in Australia will be pleased to learn that the Australian migration authorities will interview applicants under the assisted passage scheme at Cambridge employment exchange. The country has room for tens of thousands of men settlers. For the farm worker who seeks richer rewards for his labour this rich young country has a special interest. It offers the thrifty and industrious the way to farm ownership and independence

1924 10 13
Saffron Walden council adopted the recommendation of the Water Committee to make a charge of 5s. a year on all users of hose for washing cars or carriages, in addition to the present rate.

Election – Lucas Tooth, p5

1924 10 16
The new motor ambulance which is being purchased by public subscription at Haverhill was on view for several hours and inspected with interest by a large number. It is the latest single-stretcher model, with new type low Ford chassis. There are special shock absorbers fitted to all wheels, balloon tyres to the rear wheels & electric lighting throughout. A seat is provided for an attendant

1924 10 17
Holiday Snaps. Why don't you make lantern slides of your holiday snaps. You will be surprised what pleasure it will give the youngsters to see themselves on the screen. Call and ask us about it. The winter evenings are coming on. Get ready for them, and make the youngsters happy. W.F. Turner, the Camera House, Trinity St, Cambridge – advert

1924 10 18
The Conservative candidate's meeting at Girton was marked by uproar. The rowdy element consisted chiefly of youths. About midway through Capt Briscoe's speech, Mr Thurlbourne, a prominent member of the Girton Labour Party entered the room and was greeted with great enthusiasm. He asked a number of questions but the answers were lost in the uproar

1924 10 18
The beginning of term finds King's college chapel out of action. A more dreary scene of ruin than the appearance of the choir could not be imagined. But it is only due to the insertion of hot water pipes and radiators underneath. Meanwhile the striking line of side chapels provides at once an altar and a church and thus has the unique experience of possessing the choir all to itself.

Babraham golf club, p5

1924 10 20
Noisy motor cycles, p3
Thanks for bike, p5

1924 10 21
The Cambridge Library committee proposes to transfer the local collection to a more easily accessible position. At the present time it is shelved on the gallery in the committee room and few people realise the wealth of material to be found. It is proposed to transfer all bound volumes to the shelves in general, but it would be fatal to allow unlimited access and it is suggested that frames be fitted with brass wire lattice. The whole collection requires to be classified so that readers may see at a glance the extent of material on any subject

1924 10 22
There was a large attendance at the election meeting at Gt Wilbraham, the schoolroom being filled. An unruly situation developed when Capt Briscoe attempted to leave, his exit being barred by a crowd of antagonists. With the aid of a police constable and a few supporters the candidate managed to reach his car and drove away amidst a derisive howl from the mob

Littleport fatal accident, p5 (inquest 25th p5)

1924 10 23
Sir – I see the Conservative press protest against the "rowdyism" at their meetings. This is the only way any audience can protest against statements which it knows to be travesties of the truth. I would like to know if Sir Douglas Newton approves of the actions of his "unofficial bodyguard", that band of British Fascists of the aristocracy who frequent his meetings. Does he approve of them assaulting defensive women as happened at Romsey Town – G.H. Crouch

1924 10 24
Folk dance display – Morris, p5

1924 10 26
Barton Parish Council they repaired fences around the recreation ground to keep the cattle in but defendant chopped down the gatepost. Six months ago he had a trench dug to improve his drainage and consequently the recreation ground was getting very marshy, the grass had got very sodden and there was a very bad smell. They had had numerous complaints

Red men of Romsey, p6

1924 10 27
How a slight cut to the hand resulted in the death of a Doddington coalman was told to the Cambridge coroner. Some coal had fallen from a sack on to his hand and fingers. His wife did not bathe it

because he was a man who just washed a cut and did not tie it up. He later complained on a pain up his arm and went to bed. A doctor said he had a poisoned arm. He died in Addenbrooke's Hospital of blood poisoning.

1924 10 29
The new Town Hall at St Ives was formally opened by the Mayor. The imposing building is in the centre of the Market place. Ald. Warren said that it was 50 years since the Borough was incorporated. He was pleased the council had never allowed politics or religion to divide them and he hoped they would continue to carry on the old traditions and not conduct their debates in any acrimonious manner.

1924 10 29
Polling opened quietly this morning. Almost every village East of Cambridge was prominently placarded with bills exhorting the electors to "Vote for Briscoe". In the course of three hours our representative encountered numerous motor cars displaying Capt Briscoe's colours and only met one solitary car bearing the Labour colours. In very few places was there any show of Labour placards but some of the younger generation sported the red emblem and shrilly shouted advice to "Vote for Garratt"

1924 10 29c
At Fulbourn a considerable increase in the number of early voters was reported. Capt Briscoe's colours and motors were well in evidence. At Balsham a cluster of children displayed scraps of red ribbons and shouted, "Vote for Garratt". A tramp was seen addressing a road sweeper near Abington and urging, with all the persuasion of his kind, the necessity for England to return a Labour government. In the course of his oratorical effort the 'gentleman of the road' beat the air with a bag containing his worldly possessions. Shelford and Stapleford as usual made a great show of the pink and white but near the centre of the village a red flag was conspicuously displayed by the roadside – on a tar burner

1924 10 30
County declaration – outside County Hall, p5
St Ives auctioneer death, p6
Princess Mary visits Tapestry works, p6

1924 10 31
Lauries new arcade, p7

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1924 11 03
Sir – One evening a friend and myself decided to spend an hour at the Central Library. No sooner had we entered the building than the eyes of the watch-dog firmly covered us and continued to do so the whole of the time we were there. We took our seats and my friend took from his pocket one of his own newspapers and began to read it inaudibly. This was too much for the watchers who came forward and told him to replace the newspaper in his pocket, adding that newspapers and books bought in by the visitors were not allowed to be read in the library and writing was only allowed when copied from the papers and books there. – "Economy, impartiality and courtesy"

Tale of motor lorry, p3
Polling station humour, p4

1924 11 02
The first of a series of film displays with the object of educating public opinion of certain dread diseases was held in Newnham. Of all the dread diseases which devastated civilise countries to-day, venereal diseases were perhaps the most serious. A centre was established at Addenbrooke's where

treatment was free and secret. Since 1917 the number of attendances was 11,905. The disease was so serious as to warrant the most vigorous propaganda. The responsibility of parents in the education of their children in sex matters ought not to be shirked.

Magnetic pillar, p5

1924 11 05
Four R.A.F. men had an exciting experience in an aeroplane crash at Barway. The Vickers Vimy developed engine trouble and a landing was made in a stubble field. For a score of yards the aeroplane ran along the ground at the rate of nearly 80 mph and all would have been well had not a four-foot dyke barred the way. The machine crashed into the opposite side of the dyke, its nose penetrating the earth. The impact caused the 'plane to swerve completely round and almost turn a somersault. Fortunately it rebounded on a even keel and the airmen were able to alight, only one sustaining slight injuries

1924 11 05
A feature of the concert given at St Paul's Institute was the debut of Mr Sydney Coulson's dance orchestra in Cambridge. The band comprises Mr Percy Stock (violin), Tom Boyce (saxophone & banjo), Harry Hunt, late of the New Theatre Orchestra (drums) and Mr Sydney Coulson (director) at the piano. With the dance season here the need for a good dance orchestra grows ever greater and there is no doubt that the Coulson band will be in great demand.

1924 11 06
The night of the 5th of November was clear and calm, and there was a bright moon to light the way of revellers – ideal conditions for a "rag". So evidently thought a large crowd of undergraduates and townsmen that gathered on Cambridge Market Hill in hopes. Police stood around in little groups taking a giving chaff good humouredly with the crowd. Squibs and occasional small rockets broke the peace and were heralded by faint cheers and feminine shrieks if they happened to go off in the press. The first intimation of anything interesting was the sight of a small youth, pale and very troubled looking, marching up St Andrew's street, firmly held by a constabulary hand.

Chesterton tailor's affairs, p3
Wet season & last straw, p3

1924 11 07
Counc. Doggett said Coldham's Lane was a veritable slough lately and almost impassable. Its condition had got to such a pitch that one ratepayer proposed to sow it with potatoes. Mr Rowley said £100 of material had been put on the road and they were hoping to get a grant I future. There was an extraordinary amount of traffic on the lane. It was not right to spend this money just for the sake of a cement company. In the ordinary way there was no more traffic at Cherry Hinton than there was at Teversham

1924 11 08
Cambridge undergraduates were busy today selling poppies. They were stationed in the centre of the town and in all the main thoroughfares leading thereto. Among their number were several very persistent in their efforts and "held-up" anybody – pedestrian, cyclist or motorist – who was not wearing a poppy. By way of pushing business a group of undergraduates hired a donkey and barrow, attired themselves as costers – complete with "pearlies" and other effects and went around the town rattling money boxes

1924 11 09
Cambridgeshire County Council adopted a commendation as to the construction of a bridge at Dimock's Cote. Ald Howard gave a history of what had taken place since September 1914 when the Ministry of Transport promised to pay two-thirds of the cost. In the minds of some people the bridge was not required. But Cambridge would benefit because congestion of traffic in the town would be

relieved and in addition they would be opening up a very large area of valuable agricultural country. Coun. Taylor was convinced the idea was absurd. For one thing the road was too twisting for fast traffic. The bridge would need constant renewal and maintenance would cost thousands a year.

1924 11 10
Councillor Mrs Hartree was elected first lady mayor of the Borough of Cambridge. She accepted the honour as a representative of the women of Cambridge who desired to work side by side with the men in the service of their town. She had consulted some authorities, and some of the women, and it had been decided the best mode of addressing the Mayor would be "Mr Mayor" as usual. (Hear, hear and applause).

1924 11 10
Councillor Hurrell said they wanted to establish central schools in the county instead of sending children into Cambridge. It would be cheaper and give a much more effective education. Ald Jackson said it seemed to him that the idea of having a central school at Foxton would never come into being. The main idea was to take the children from Shepreth and send them to Foxton, and the parents would not have it. The distance between the villages was a mile, the bigger children were able to walk that far. That was the main objection – they would be walking leather out all the time. The parents had a hard job to make ends meet without that extra expenditure on leather.

1924 11 11
An interesting and impressive Armistice Day service was held at Clare College. The service preceded the opening of a memorial building – and extension of the college – and the unveiling by the Chancellor of the University of the roll of honour of 198 men of Clare College who fell in the war. The building was designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott. The ceremony included a simple commemoration, which the College has undertaken to perpetuate. The deed requires that every year on 11th November the Fellows and undergraduates, properly gowned, should assemble and the Master deposit a wreath.

1924 11 11
The visit of Mr G.K. Chesterton to lecture on "The Superstitions of the Sceptic" attracted a large audience to the Guildhall. He began by saying that a rumour had gone round suggesting that the individual who would appear would not really be G.K. Chesterton, but somebody disguised as that notorious character. He continued: "Some of you may still entertain a suspicion that the figure you see is really that of a slim undergraduate disguised with pillow and portions of doormat, and so long as you don't attempt to rush the platform and try to tear out the stuff, I am quite content you should remain under that impression" (Laughter)

1924 11 13
The deepest regret will be felt at the death of Mrs A.C. Steward, wife of the Master of Downing College. From its foundation in the dark days of 1915 she was the life and soul of the Cambridge Tipperary Club which did much to help and cheer the sorrow-stricken women of Cambridge during the anxious years of war-time, ever-ready to advise and console. When peace came they continued the club to be a centre of social enjoyment and of mutual improvement for all women without distinction of class, creed or political opinion

Live till 200, p3

1924 11 14
Compensation was approved in respect of six licensed houses, which have been closed. They were The King's head, Cottenham, The Dolphin, Waterbeach, The Little Rose at Swavesey, The Coach and Horse, Linton, The Morning Star at Sawston & The Duke of Wellington in Cambridge, licensee Mr A.S. Scales where compensation was agreed at £1,000.

1924 11 17

E.S. Montagu death, p3

1924 11 18
Massage scheme, p3
Mz Paddocks development, p5

1924 11 19
Little Barford, near St Neots, s village of 150 people in the heart of an agricultural district, has been selected as the site of a big new electrical undertaking. In this small village, at present devoted almost entirely to rural pursuits, it is intended to erect a large generating plant to supply electricity throughout an area of more than 1,600 square miles. The proposed station will cover about 43 acres and it is intended to erect houses for the workers in the neighbourhood

Bottisham vicar departs, p5

1924 11 20
Stretham school managers protest, p5

1924 11 22
A deputation from the fire brigade attended Soham Parish Council. They reported that when the recent fire occurred at Mr Horley's shop instead of calling the firemen someone forced open the fire station door and took out the Minimax fire extinguishers, one of which was damaged, while another is missing. The standpipe was also removed from its place and put behind the engine. Had it been a large fire this would have caused delay. It was agreed that only the recognised members of the Fire Brigade have the right to open the fire station door

1924 11 22
The Isle of Ely County Council had been in communication with Norfolk in regard to the reconstruction, repair and maintenance of Welney suspension bridge, which was in a very bad state. Councillor Peake said "I always fell the bally bridge will go down when I am going over it". The bridge belonged to the Ouse Drainage Board and if nothing were down they would do temporary repairs and make the bridge fit for traffic for 600 years and the tolls would remain.

1924 11 24
The death occurred at his residence, Devonshire Road, Cambridge of Mr William Saint. Born at St Ives in 1851 he came to Cambridge and started business as a builder in Hooper Street. In 188 he transferred to St Barnabas Road where the present works are situated and in 1918 it was turned into a limited company. A flourishing concern has now been built up, but the builders' strike in the early months of this year had a serious effect and gave him a great deal of worry & hastened his end

Police poor & needy fund, p6

1924 11 25
Sir – To my thinking there are, for a town the size of Cambridge, too many useless trees by half: trees that are neither useful not ornamental. Take a walk along Grange Road and look at some of the expensive villas there being ruined by trees planted in the small space of ground around them, blocking out the air and harbouring all kinds of insects. Where can you take a walk and get a view of a glorious sunset or beautiful landscape. Your vision is marred by a lot of unnecessary trees. I think a good purpose would be served if hundreds of trees were cut down and sold as cheap firing to many poor people – "An old lover of Cambridge"

1924 11 26
Agricultural wages, p3

1924 11 27

Mr Mettlebury gave a short sketch of the beginnings of Fascism in Cambridge. It had started with a group of men who went with St Douglas Newton at election time to ensure him a good hearing. Some were merely there in the hope of a 'scrap' but others had ideals. After this group had formed into the Cambridge Fascist Society assistance had been offered to various candidates, including Mr Firth as Constitutional Labour Candidate, to ensure them a hearing free from organised rowdyism. He felt confident that British Fascism in Cambridge would prevail.

1924 11 28
The Fiery Cross, which has been circulating throughout the dioceses of England since the beginning of the year, was met at the gates of St Mary the Less, Cambridge, on Thursday night by a full choral procession. It came from St Luke's Chesterton and proceeds to Tilbrook, Hunts. Wherever the fiery cross goes it has a perpetual stream of watchers. It may be described as a missionary pilgrimage, an intercession for the conversion of the heathens in England

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1924 12 01
Thank to the efforts of the Rector, the Rev. C.H. Evelyn-White, restoration and repair work has been going on at Rampton church. The rector has held the living for thirty years and has devoted himself to beautifying the church during the whole of that time. The Lord Bishop of Ely dedicated the new east window erected in memory of the men of the village who fell in the war. Other work includes the re-roofing of the south aisle and the re-building of the east wall, during which many interesting relics were found.

1924 12 01
Sir – Having lived in Derby Street, Cambridge for nearly ten years I can faithfully describe its condition. During this period not a stone has been laid on the road. On rainy days each house occupier has his own lake situate along the front. After long years of passive submission a "round robin" was sent to the authorities asking if they will lay a path for us. The answer came this week. If the tenants will pay 6s.9d. per foot frontage, all's well, as it is, in the opinion of the Council, a private street – E. Frost

1924 12 02
The question of a parking place for buses and private motor cars was discussed at some length by Cambridge town council. The Watch Committee suggested that Drummer Street should be used as a parking place for motor cars and buses. The Surveyor submitted a plan which included taking in a portion of Christ's Pieces. It was resolved that the scheme should not be entertained and a proposal be considered for constructing a parking place on Butts Green

1924 12 04
Progress is being made in connection with the erection of a bridge over the river at Chesterton but the Surveyor is overwhelmed with work. It is two or three years ago when the owner of the land necessary for the proposed bridge at Pretoria road said he was willing to sell the land at a reasonable price. Over 800 people had paid for season tickets to go over the ferry and the council got something like 25s a week in odd halfpennies for casual passengers.

1924 12 04
Stormy scenes were witnessed at the meeting of the Cambridge Trades Council and Labour Party when a resolution preventing Communists, Liberals and Conservatives from being delegates was discussed. Mr Overton explained there was no Communist party in Cambridge until March 1923. A long and bitter fight had occurred at every meeting over some phase of Communist work and this had gone on for 12 months. It got so bad that the Committee received letters from several trade unionists asking them to put a stop to the trouble. There was such a great difference between the Communist Party and the Labour Party as to make it impossible for them to work in the same organisation.

1924 12 05
Cambridge Council have asked the Ministry of Health if they are prepared to grant a subsidy in respect of wooden houses. Coun. Stubbs asked if they intended to build the workers wooden rabbit hutches to live in. Coun. Briggs said it was a retrograde matter, they ought never to touch such a thing as wooden houses in 1924. Councillor Ambrose said they were not putting houses up because they had not the men to put them up. There were rows of houses waiting for men to come along and finish them off. If they put up a wooden frame construction they would do any amount of good.
Making up of roads, p3
Parking cars, p5*

1924 12 06
There is considerably less unemployment in Cambridge. The figures at the Labour Exchange show that last year there were 806 on the live register and today it is 490. There are 200 men on relief work and the Committee have five jobs on which they could start in the near future as a means of absorbing men who might become unemployed through other work ceasing.

1924 12 06
The Town Clerk reported the receipt of a petition against the erection of a bridge over the river at Walnut Tree Avenue, Cambridge. It stated that the present extensive outlook of considerable beauty across the Commons was much appreciated by the residents and this would be practically eliminated by the approach to the proposed bridge. The value of property would be considerably depreciated.

Roadmen's wages, p3

1924 12 08
The heavy rains of the past few weeks have made the roads in the Saffron Walden district in a very bad state. The Wimbish-Thaxted roads resemble miniature rivers. At Upper Langley Green an old resident said that he had never known the roads to be in such a bad state before. In some places the roads have lately been made up, but the heavy rains have turned the surface into quagmires of mud & sand.

Saffron Walden unemployment, p5

1924 12 10
Boisterous demonstrations were witnessed in the West End of London when hundreds of Oxford and Cambridge undergraduates celebrated the annual Rugby match at played at Twickenham. There were lively scenes in His Majesty's Theatre during the performance of "Patricia", when some of the students threw glasses and four climbed from a box on to the stage and rung down the curtain. Their action was resented by the rest of the audience, including the Cambridge fifteen who played no part in the disorderly proceedings

1924 12 11
Varsity rag sequel, p6
Hanging on to lorry, p6

1924 12 12
Mr C. Phillips was born in Victoria Street Ely and started to work on the railway as an engine cleaner at Peterborough in 1876. Last year when rounding a bend near Ely, he saw one of the crossing gates left shut across the line. Unable to arrest the progress of his locomotive he crashed through the gate, part of which hung on the buffer, the other part being flung through the gateman's front window. A piece broke the Westinghouse brake pipe on the engine and caused the brakes to act. Nothing daunted Mr Phillips set to work to repair the damage, placing a penny in to stop the leakage and in five minutes the train was under way again

Christmas in shops, p5

1924 12 13
Mr C. Mapey told the Cambridge Commercial Travellers' Association that the Chamber of Commerce were advocating factory sites in the town but he would dislike to see Cambridge take on that commercial aspect her saw in the north. He believed that in time Cambridge would be a suburb of London. It was only an hour and a quarter's run from the City and in a short time they would see the Jesus College estate so developed they would not know it. The mayor said there was no need for a factory town to be hideous if they thought what they were doing when they built the factories.

Christmas, p5

1924 12 15
'Moggy' hunting, p5
Christmas – Hallack, p6*

1914 12 16
Christmas, p6

1924 12 16c
The Maypole Dairy establishment in the Cury, Cambridge, is probably one of the few shops in the town which will not experience a great deal of extra Christmas trade, because their food products are so largely in demand throughout the year. The high quality of their Maypole butter, May Queen margarine and Maypole flaked beef suet is so well known and appreciated that it is regarded a necessity and not just a Christmas luxury. Hence the good trade all the year round.

1924 12 17
At Ely council the clerk read a letter asking that in view of the fatal drowning accident they should minimise the grave danger to the public through there being no warning notices that the continuance of Forehill to Waterside leads to the river. There were a lot of strangers who, when descending Forehill mistook it for Back Hill and kept straight on, instead of turning into Broad street. A car stopped on the edge of the river recently. He suggested a lamp with ruby glass and white letters bearing the words "Stop! Danger. The River"

Death Cox, Trinity porter, p5

1924 12 19
Speaking to the Cambridge Motor Club the Mayor said that today it was quite easy and within the means of most people to get a motor car. In 20 years they would have thousands more cars on the road and what conditions were we likely to have with regard to traffic and the storage of cars? Police had made it easy for those who wished to park but in a few years' time every place would be filled and they would require something like Parker's Piece to provide parking accommodation for Cambridge.

1924 12 19
Sir - we in Clarendon Street, Cambridge, are pleased to see the road being repaired, but cannot something be done to prevent the inhabitants being awakened at half-past-three in the morning? At this unearthly hour the steam rollers are stoked up and this continues every half hour and it is impossible for anyone in the vicinity to get any sleep. If I were to make such a noise so early I should be promptly called to order by the police for creating a nuisance -W. H. Thompson

1924 12 20
A serious outbreak of fire occurred at the workshops of Mr Frank Morris, builder and carpenter, of West End, Ely. The Ely City Fire Brigade under Lieut-Col G.L. Archer, immediately rushed to the scene. The wind was now conveying flames towards houses, some being of thatched roofs, but bands of willing helpers took up their positions on ladders, while others rushed along with buckets of water to pour on the outbuildings and thus stop the fire from spreading. The yard was a scene of destruction,

some of the workmen searched for their tools but could only find a few that were burnt and twisted almost out of recognition.

1924 12 20
Claimed to be the biggest club of its kind in the county, the Waterbeach Parochial Share-Out, Sick Benefit and Insurance Society divided up £1,330 among its 564 members. Preceding the share-out, 170 sat down to tea, and the proceedings were rounded off by a concert. The society owes its origin to a desire to dissociate share-out clubs from the publichouses. It was founded in 1917 largely by the efforts of the clergy and has been attended with such gratifying results that members are hoping to see similar societies spring up in other locations

1924 12 23
The Policeman in his time plays many parts, but it is doubtful if he ever plays such a delightful part as members of the Cambridge Force did when the distribution of gifts to the poor and needy took place. PC Hagger acted as butcher. Aproned in the approved style and armed with a steel and murderous knives, he chopped and boned joints of meat with a happy smile. Sergt Sharman wrapped up good things, struggling with newspaper and grease-proof paper and slippery meat. Policewomen Jude & Carnegie Brown dealt with the milk and looked after the children. Every recipient met with a cheery wish for a Happy Christmas and all took their gifts with a smile and profuse thanks

Woman Doctor at Addenbrooke's, p5
Cambridge Santa Claus, p5

1924 12 27
Dr Living death, p5
Are you a Bolshy, p5*
Cambridge town and Newmarket Christmas morning, p5
Christmas stockings, p6
Christmas at Cambridge railway, p6

1924 12 29
Christmas Newmarket workhouse, p5*

1924 12 30
New Year rockets, p6

1924 12
Hatley St George water, p6
Isle coursing club, p6

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I have scans of these articles, diary checked, extra stories added Century

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1925 01 01
As midnight approached a small group of about 200 brave souls gathered on Parkers Piece, huddled together waiting for 1925. Fierce wet gusts swept by, the old year was going down fighting stubbornly. As the hour approached a silence fell upon the crowd. A minute before there was a flash and a whizz and 1924 split into a thousand coloured lights in the sky. As the first chimes of the Catholic Church battled with the wind there came another flash, a soaring, roaring trail of light into the sky – 1925 had come.

1925 01 01
The festive spirit was properly infused into Linton workhouse during Christmastide. The gaily decorated dining room might have been mistaken for a fancy dress ballroom. Streamers stretched from corner to corner while the artificial butterflies settled on the curtains looked quite capable of fluttering on to the artificial roses which embroidered the wainscoting of the room. The wireless set and gramophone each played their part in providing entertainment during the day.

Romsey Town dance, p5

1925 01 02
The C.U. & College Servants Club have organised their first ball in the Large Room of the Guildhall. It was attractively furnished with cosy chairs and settees ranged round the sides of the hall. The brilliance of the lighting was toned down by the judicious use of red shades attached to the electric globes, by which means a pleasing mellow light was thrown upon the dancers. The front of the platform was covered with masses of palms, ferns and other foliage plants. Sydney Coulson's orchestra provided the music for the

1925 01 02
Messrs Bidwell & Sons report that for really small unrestricted building plots the demand has been very good indeed and there are signs that it is increasing. This demand comes in part from speculative builders but also from private individuals wishing to build houses costing from £350 to £500 on their own freehold.

Professor Ward injured, p5
Arthur Rutter death, p5*

1925 01 03
Schoolmasters complain that the wireless fascination is becoming a menace to education. It is the exception for the schoolboy not to interest himself in wireless and it is he who in a vast number of cases, has installed it in the home. The youthful enthusiast usually makes his own set and prefers to occupy himself in this way to poring over home lessons. Sometimes however there is no convenient place in which to do his homework if the rest of the family want to listen to a loud speaker. This should not be allowed by parents, and there is the alternative of the silent head-phones.

Tea for 3,000 children, p5
Clarendon Street improvement, p6*

1925 01 06
West Cambridgeshire fruit, p3
Great North Road crime, p5*
Tipperary club, p5

1925 01 07
One of the six new sugar beet factories is now in course of erection at Ely. It will be the fourth beet sugar factory in the country with a capacity of 1,200 tons per day. Over 160 men are employed upon the site and the foundations for the factory are ready. When the factory is complete 600 men will be employed. A supply of 10,000 acres of beet on contract for three years is required and 5,000 acres have already been secured

1925 01 08
Bankruptcy Frank Day, tailor, p5

1925 01 09
The Matron of Saffron Walden workhouse reported unfavourably on the effects of a wireless set. All of the inmates are in bed by 8 o'clock and it was thought that the class of entertainment provided

before that hour would be unsuitable for them and would do harm to the sick in the infirmary. A gramophone could be moved from ward to ward. If a gramophone was provided they did not want noisy records, but old-fashioned family tunes. It was hoped the public would pass on any old records they did not want.

1925 01 10
The final contingent of happy kiddies crowded into the Drill Hall, East Road and emulated the example set by their predecessors. The clamour of half a thousand happy young lungs and energetic tongues was present throughout the proceedings. Cheery children of all ages participated in the scenes of revelry, four-year old toddlers giving utterance to their gratification with gurgles of joy as sincere as the shouts of the elder children were loud.

Assisting private housing, p6*

1925 01 12
Police houses, p6

1925 01 15
Old Chesterton cycling club, p6

1925 01 16
The third and final distress sale ordered by the Ouse Drainage Board took place. 25 lots including crops, gold watches, bean drill, milk cooler and other articles were offered for sale but they were all withdrawn, as the bids did not go beyond one shilling. The first lot to be offered was a sporting gun. After the crowd had sung "Rule Britannia" a shilling was bid. The lot was withdrawn. The next lot met a similar fate. The crowd then gave a pathetic and heart-stirring rendition of "Shall we gather at the river". After this the proceedings were enlivened by a series of solos played by the happy possessor of a tin trumpet. A silver biscuit barrel was next. Instead of bidding the crowd sang(?) "To be a farmer's boy" and "John Brown's body" followed by "Tipperary". When the auctioneer called for "three cheers" for the Ouse Drainage Board the response was "three boos"

Farm workers wages, p3

1925 01 17
County Ball, p5
One-way traffic, p6

1925 01 19
A fire broke out in the Grand Jury Room at the Shire Hall which destroyed all the woodwork and furniture. It is a large room is situated at the front of the building on the Police Station side and contained a table and some chairs. A stairway leads from it to the grand jury gallery in the Crown Court and it was through the fire roaring up these stairs that damage was done to the court by smoke and steam.

1925 01 19
Petty Cury and Market Street, Cambridge, today commenced their career as one-way streets with the object of relieving congestion in these streets whose narrowness has ever been the subject of discussion. Petty Cury will only be used for vehicular traffic towards Market Hill. At present these regulations do not apply to bicycles. A policeman agreed that someone was bound to make a mistake – "It wouldn't be Cambridge if they didn't", he said

Breaking charity boxes, p3
1925 01 20
Street danger, p3
Angry farmers, p5*

1925 01 21
Certain alterations are to be made in the railway station at Cambridge. The L.N.E.R. propose to extend the main line platforms at each end so that the whole of long trains may be accommodated. The goods yards on the Cherry Hinton side are to be re-arranged and extended for the storage of carriages. Up to the present the old Newmarket line had been used but this is being handed over to Jesus College and the Corporation in connection with the building of the new arterial road from Cherry Hinton to Romsey Town

1925 01 22
The well-known Cambridge brewery business which has been carried on for 28 years in Panton Street by Messrs Bailey & Tebbutt is to change hands. They acquired the brewery in 1897. At that time they were carrying on the Granta Brewery under the name of "Robinson & Tebbutt". Mr Bailey's late father was owner of the Star Brewery. The business has now been acquired by Messrs Greene, King & Sons.

1925 01 23
The County Education committee recommended that the proposals for the extension of the existing Soham Grammar School building be not proceeded with, that the buildings be disposed of and that the council sanction the purchase of "Beechurst" and a site of seven acres. The building to be adapted to provide for six classrooms and a chemical laboratory for approximately 160 pupils, and house accommodation for the Headmaster and eight boarders.

1925 01 24
Soham Grammar School, p3

1925 01 24c
Two Linton labourers were summoned for making false representation to obtain unemployment benefit. They lived six miles from the Labour Exchange and were allowed to make their claims by post. It was found that when claiming out of work pay they had been employed two days as beaters and had received 5s.6d. per day, with beer and lunch. They were sent to prison for three weeks with hard labour

1925 01 27
Fulbourn Hospital, p3*
Haverhill motorist, p5*
Sale, p5*

1925 01 29
Hardwick allotments, p2*
Legal paradox, p5*
Royalty at Newmarket, p5*

1925 01 31
If there are any readers contemplating building or purchasing houses in Cambridge they may be interested to note that the Corporation are prepared in suitable cases to offer a subsidy of £100 per house or an advance on mortgage of an amount not exceeding 90% of the value of a house not exceeding £1,500. Loans must be repaid within 20 years at the rate of 5% per annum.

Riverside rates, p5
Ely death trap, p5*
Brooklands Avenue trees, p6

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1925 02 02
The county council were told by Councillor Tebbutt there was no great need to provide for houses for the police, because the police were well paid and in a much better position to get houses than many other people in the county. Coun. Webb said they all knew the police were a most deserving body and jolly good fellows but he did not believe they wanted to pay as little as 3s.6d. A week rent when the ratepayers had to pay 15s.6d. Ald Howard thought authorities should provide houses for their own policemen. At present police were occupying houses which were badly needed by other people

1925 02 02
Soham Grammar School debate, p5

1925 02 02 c
A man employed with the Cambridge Window Cleaning Company met with a nasty accident. He was cleaning the windows of the Union Society building when he felt his extending ladder slip. Under the impression the ladder was about to collapse he jumped for the ground but fell on some spiked railings which surround the area, one of which entered his thigh. After the accident the Union Society gave orders for the removal of the spikes so as to prevent a similar accident occurring again.

1925 02 02 c
Fulbourn Hospital medical superintendent reported that at various times concerts were given to the patients, but they seemed to like cinema performances more than anything, and he was looking forward to the time when they had a cinema there. He was told that the hospital was ideally situated for a wireless installation. Diet was satisfactory and the farm supplied all the milk required, also fresh vegetables and pork.

1925 02 02 c
Messrs G.P. Hawkins Ltd were summoned for employing five young women and a lad of 17 in their bakery at Parsonage Street, Cambridge on a Sunday. They had been asked to come in to do some finishing work that had got behind owing to the Christmas rush. The Inspector of Factories admitted that the bakery was in many respects ideal and that if the work had been done at the Dorothy Café it could have been done without any interference. Mr Hawkins was always opposed to Sunday work, although it was well known that other firms opened on Sunday.

1925 02 02 c
The rector of Hardwick said that the rectory garden had been used since the rectory had been built 75 years ago. It was the nearest piece of arable land. It temporarily ceased to be used as a garden owing to a change of incumbents and the outbreak of war. Then the rector went on war service and did not return to his duties in Hardwick. In 1920 the rectory garden was included in a demand for allotments and nothing was said to him when he was appointed. He had been pressing for its return since 1922. He was now buying for his house vegetables that should be grown on the rectory garden.

1925 02 02 c
A recent advertisement in the C.D.N. offering a house to let brought 131 replies the first day. After three days the figure reached was 412. Quite an interesting commentary on the number of people who want a house and the power of the C.D.N. as an advertising medium

1925 02 03
Chesterton Hall Estate housing, p5

1925 02 05
Flight-Lieut Cairns of the Duxford Flying School was injured in an accident whilst flying at Steeple Bumpstead. About noon the plane was observed to be in difficulties and crashed towards the ground. The airman jumped from the machine when near the ground and although he escaped death he was found to be suffering from somewhat serious injuries when admitted to Addenbrooke's hospital.

Ely girl guides, p3

1925 02 06
Cambridge Housing and Town Planning committee recommended the council purchase land at the junction of Milton Road and Kings Hedges road for £2,400. It was light soil, very suitable for the erection of houses. The Council had never bought land at such a cheap rate. Ald Starr said a very serious objection was that Milton Road was not sewered up to that point and it would cost something up to £8,000 to lay the sewers required.

1925 02 06
The recommendation of the Watch Committee that Cambridge Town Council purchase for the sum of £5,500 the Fountain public house, St Andrew's street, for the purpose of extending the police and fire brigade stations was not adopted. Coun. Few said they had heard a lot about not being able to afford works of utility, now they were proposing to buy premises and pull them down, thereby using skilled labour which might be used in building houses. Coun. Kenney asked if the brigade needed to be in such a prominent position

1925 02 06
Cambridge council considered the application of Mr J. Sanders of Petty Cury, seedsman, for a licence to sell certain poisonous weed-destroyers, vaporising compounds and insecticides. It had been said they must not allow seedsmen to sell these compounds because people might buy poisons in order to kill their wives. (Laughter). It was not much good buying them from a chemist unless he had expert knowledge of gardening, whereas a seedsman could advise on their best use in the garden. The licence was granted

Romsey Labour Club, p3

1925 02 07
Councillor Macey's motion in favour of members of the County Council being allowed to smoke in the committee room did not find much favour. A councillor stated that members of the Ouse Drainage Board smoked in the Council Chamber, and added, amid laughter, that this was about all they did do.

1925 02 09
Sports works strike, p5

1925 02 10
Cambridge University Senate agreed that no member of the University shall be allowed to keep or use a motor car unless he obtained a licence through his college. If any tradesman or keeper of motor garage shall let out any motor car or motor cycle for hire to any person in statu pupillari he shall be liable to be discommuned. Anyone who houses upon his premises a motor vehicle on behalf of a member of the University must furnish a written description to the Junior Proctor.

Sunday buses, p3
Gale, p5

1925 02 11
Village college scheme, p3

1925 02 12
What was aptly described as "a wonderful ideal" is expressed in a memorandum drawn up by Mr H. Morris, the County Education Secretary, entitled "The Village College". The aim would be to establish in about 10 centres a system of village colleges which would provide for the co-ordination and development of all forms of education – primary, secondary, further and adult, including agricultural – together with social and recreational facilities. They would provide a nursery schoolroom which would serve for use as an infant welfare centre.

Stretham fatality – Ernst Howard, 5 years – Barnardos child

1925 02 13
The Bill to electrify Cambs., Beds & Hunts comes before Parliament this session. A great generating station will be erected at Lt Barford. At first they propose to develop the central area including St Neots, St Ives and Ely & to give a supply in bulk to Cambridge and Newmarket. To help the electrical development of the railways it is proposed to link up with the transmission lines of the North Metropolitan Electric Power Supply Company and to afford a supply to the main railway lines within the area

1925 02 14
Horticultural Society centenary, p3

1925 02 14 c
Celebrating the Lent Races gave gownsmen the traditional excuse to break the bonds of conventional conduct and create some hectic scenes on Saturday night. From the viewpoint of roughness the 'rag' proved to be one of the worst during recent years, and the endeavours of the police to impose limitations on some of the more disorderly acts were not received with the good-natured co-operation which usually characterises such outbreaks. Besides having their helmet knocked off, several constables received nasty kicks about the legs and one was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital with injuries to the head.

1925 02 16
The Community Council heard that village halls were of many different types. Some had been designed as assembly rooms only, as at Whittlesford; some were only suitable for social club purposes, as at Burrough Green; some attempted to serve both these purposes by dividing the main space with temporary partitions, such as Bourn; others contained both an assembly hall and club room sunder the same roof, as at Trumpington. The provision of a village hall did not mean that the social life of the village was satisfactory.

Constables assaulted, p5*
Sidney Sussex fire, p5

1925 02 17
Mikado at Ely, p5
Linton licencing, p5

1925 02 18
"There is a town which men call Cottenham", said a speaker at Cambridge Union Society, "and those whose brains are wearied with much study repair to that paradise for relaxation". A man took to beagling for the avoidance of burgling, to steeple-chasing for the avoidance of stealing and to fox-hunting for the avoidance of foppishness. And yet there were those who preferred the blandishments of study to the sports of the open air. For the sake of scholarship it was his hope that fox-hunting, steeplechasing, beagling, fishing and other sports of the field would ever flourish in England

Road fund licence, p3
Ely Tower House evening, p6

1925 02 19
For the University Pitt Club ball the Guildhall has always been very cleverly decorated. The Large Room served as ballroom, the orchestra seats hidden behind tapestry hangings. There were close on 400 dancers. As a buffet the Small Room has seldom looked better. Supper was served in the Corn Exchange, access to which was gained by means of a covered way connecting it with the Guildhall.

The fare provided was most appetising. Our representative gazed with pardonable envy upon a well-dressed boar's head, a swan with a waxen neck and other fine fare.

1925 02 20
Linton RDC heard that the village most in need of cottages as Balsham – which was really in a sad plight. Under the Addison Act the council had chosen a building site there, but the purchase was never completed, partly owing to the cost. They had now been able to get the promise of two really good sites to be given to the council and they would be able to build six cottages at a rent of 4s. (20p) a week

1925 02 20
Mr Frank Vince from Ely was about to start his car in his garage when the engine back-fired and the petrol tank caught alight. Mr Vince's first thought was of the petrol tin on the footboard in close proximity to the flames. In removing this he stumbled, and some of the petrol splashed over him, and he was immediately enveloped in flames. His wife snatched sum rugs from the floor, covered him in them and extinguished the flames but not before his left arm and hand had been badly burned.

1924 02 21
W.C. Bull death, p5

1925 02 24
Undergraduate plus fours, p5
New hard tennis courts, Jesus Green, p5 (& 27th p6)

1925 02 25
Daddy long legs plague, p3

1925 02 26
The Cambridge Tipperary Club celebrated its 10th birthday when the President gave an address on its history and work during the war period. She described the visit of Her Majesty the Queen when some 300 members who had lost husbands or other relatives in the war were present. The Queen shook hands with many of the bereaved, and spoke words of sympathy and comfort. Towards the end of the war it was not found necessary to open the club as frequently. The spirit of the club was one of mutual help and as long as that remained the club would be blessed.

Reflections on ragging, p5

1925 02 27
Awe-inspiring monsters of a prehistoric age came to life before the eyes of a Cambridge audience. This seeming miracle was accomplished by a remarkable "fake" film made as the result of intelligent imagination based on authoritative facts and followed a lecture entitled "Digging for Dinosaurs". The extraordinary film depicted these gigantic mammals roaming through the interior of Africa as they did thousands of years ago. The film, which is certainly the only one of its kind, materially helped the audience to visualise what these dinosaurs were actually like.

1925 02 27
Despite a shower of rain a number of tennis enthusiasts were present on Jesus Green when the Mayor opened Cambridge's first public hard tennis courts. They are situate opposite Strange's Boatyard and a part of the council's plans to develop Jesus green into a recreation ground, with facilities for a variety of games. Directly adjoining are the grass courts, nearby is the bowling green whilst further afield cricket pitches are being laid. All these will be in use by May.

Clayhithe bridge, p6

1925 02 28

We regret to announce the death of Mr Cyrus Johnson, the well-known portrait painter. He was the youngest son of the late Mr Elijah Johnson who founded the Cambridge bookselling firm in Trinity Street. Born at Cambridge he was educated at the Perse school and afterwards studied in Paris. He exhibited at the Royal Academy as a portrait painter in 1877 in which branch of art he achieved much distinction. He resided in Cambridge from 1916 until last year. (funeral 5th Mar p6)

Comberton institute, p5*

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1925 03 02
In the course of his address on "How to carry on a village library centre" Mr Milner said that at Cottenham he tried to hire a warm room and did not hurry people. Some librarians mixed the books with the hope that a borrower would be led to read a non-fiction book. But that was a trick which would probably make a person stop away from the library. The librarian should not spend his time issuing books. He had far more important work than that – to talk to borrowers and interest them in books. Mr Chapman, Whittlesford, spoke of choosing books for borrowers and said he had been greatly praised for giving people good books, when he knew nothing about the books (laughter)

Littleport robbery, p5
Human wreck, p5

1925 03 02 c
Shrove Tuesday was something of a gala day for the people of Comberton with the opening of the billiard room. This new building is capacious, comfortable, bright and airy. Although it directly adjoins the main body of the Village Institute it is sufficiently secluded to ensure quietness. The opening as performed by Lady Blenkinsop who said Comberton was the most progress village in the county. Having declared the room open she took a cue and made the first stroke with it.

1925 03 03
Gas & Atlas Stone strike, p5
Balsham cottage fire, p5

1925 03 04
"We will shoot you – if you come up here". This was alleged to be the threat of two men who barricaded themselves in one of the bedrooms at the Marquis of Granby Hotel, Littleport at 2am and were eventually arrested by the police. The prisoners were charged with stealing a cash box containing about £100 in notes, gold & silver.

1925 03 05
The county coroner conducted an inquest on a married woman of Whittlesford, whose body was found in a well near her house. A boot repairer gave evidence that about 5 am his wife had gone down to light the fire. At 6.15 the fire was not lit so he started a search. He found the gate leading to the well open. He drew a pail of water and saw that it was thick and stirred up. His son went down and found her at the bottom. The well was about 42 feet deep. An extra rope was got and she was pulled up. She appeared quite dead and was cold.

1925 03 05 c
A good many questions were asked at Cambridge bankruptcy court concerning certain boot-repairing machinery. Debtor said he had worked for Messrs Freeman, Hardy & Willis and later commenced business on his own account as a boot repairer in Mill Road. There was an electric motor and combination finishing machine, which cost £44. There was also a patching-machine. He had been pressed by creditors so he sold these machined to get money to satisfy them. The machines had not been removed from his premises and he did not tell his creditors he had sold them. It was untrue to say that gambling was one of the reasons for his appearance in that court.

1925 03 05
Many columns have been devoted to the first volume of biography of King Edward VII whose last year of training was spent in Cambridge where he hunted and played tennis. One phase of undergraduate recreation which he especially favoured was the A.D.C. At the club's premises in Jesus Lane the Prince was an appreciative spectator of the farces and extravaganzas to which their programmes were confined and his favour secured the club a fuller academic recognition than it had enjoyed before. Later he accepted the office of Honorary President and revisited from time to time, presiding in 1880 at the Club's 25th birthday

Dr Palmer birthday party, Linton
Wood Ditton carter, p6
Atlas Stone strike, p6

1925 03 07
Fountain licence transfer refused, p3
Steel houses, p6
H.J. Stuart Brown etchings of Ely, p6

1925 03 09
Cambridge Watch Committee report that it is not practical for the fire engine to be got out of the Fire Station until the escape has first been removed, and valuable time is of necessity lost in responding to calls. It is also necessary to provide accommodation for a number of firemen to live on the premises. It will involve the demolition of the Chief Constable's house and the conversion of the old mortuary, which could be utilised to greater advantage than at the present time

1925 03 09
The bright idea was to unveil a 'statue' of Eros on Cambridge Market Hill, but they did not appear till quite three-quarters of an hour late. The crowd got tired of waiting and certain of their number pelted some adventurous spirits perched on the Market cross with oranges, and this little incident led to a general exchange of soft and 'squashy' fruit. Oranges gave place to tomatoes, which were followed by eggs and bags of flour. Besides being unpleasant, practice of this sort is dangerous. 25 03 09

1925 03 09
William Asplin applied for the renewal of the licence of the Sun, Waterbeach, owned by the Star Brewery. The house was used by travellers for lodging accommodation, also by grooms travelling with stud horses. There were three clubs which met on the premises, the Foresters, Shepherds, and a share-out club. They catered for two 'horkey' dinners a year. The tenant also carried on the business of carrier and grew fruit and vegetables for sale. It was 70 paces from the White Horse, which was a fully-licensed house, did a better trade, and had better accommodation.

1925 03 09 c
We regret to announce the death of Alderman W.T. See. He entered the office of the late Mr James Catling, auctioneer valuer, house and estate agent, with whom he served for 25 years. He gave up his work and devoted himself to music and became well-known as a teacher or organ and piano playing. He was conductor for many years of the Cambridge Choral Society. About three years ago he re-entered business life, going into partnership with Mr P. Freeman, under the name of Messrs See & freeman, estate agents, Alexandra Street, Cambridge.

1925 03 10
Lamb Hotel Ely baby, p3

1925 03 11
Shepreth strike, p5

1925 03 13
Messrs Bodgers of Sidney Street, Cambridge intended to reconstruct the interior of their premises, constructing a new shop front. Cambridge Council Surveyor suggested that the firm put the premises back 11 feet as required for their street widening policy. The Council must legislate for the future and in view of the serious traffic problems must attempt to widen Sidney Street. They would pay the proprietor half the cost of the land at the present time and the remainder when the setting back took place. Some of the committee felt these terms were not as favourable as those offered to Messrs Sainsbury and Woolworth.

1925 03 14
Five Harston lads were each fined 2s.6d. for playing football in the highway. PC Carlton said there was only a small piece of grass near the White Swan and this was unfit for football purposes. During the summer cricket was allowed in the Park, and at one time Mr Arthur Hurrell let the boys play football in the meadow, but owing to some wilful damage being done he withdrew these facilities.

1925 03 14
Machinery was whirling, wireless valves were glowing, loud speakers were in full blast, a cinema lantern was projecting pictures, steam was hissing, and electric sparks were crackling in the Cambridge University Engineering Laboratories when 1,000 guests attended a conversatione to mark the completion of the equipment of the new laboratories at Scroop Terrace. It is only necessary for the front lecture room block to be erected ere the whole of the building will be complete.

John Wesley, Stretham death, p7

1925 03 16
The funeral took place of Mr Alfred Whitaker, for 37 years headmaster of Exning schools. His sudden death cast quite a gloom over the village where he had passed such an active life and where nearly all the inhabitants had passed through Exning School under his tuition. In all public movements for the benefit of the village he had been active and prominent and was always anxious for the well-being of Exning and jealous of its reputation. He will be greatly missed in all branches of village life.

1925 03 16
The “Tivoli”, Cambridge’s new cinema on Chesterton Road will be opened on Thursday and many people have been speculating as to what it looks like inside. A representative of the CDN who had a look around came away very much impressed with the general air of comfort and the attractiveness of the interior. Over 600 people can be seated in the body of the hall and gallery. It has comfort, excellent lighting and excellent decoration. If you want a private box for six people you may have one for the sum of 15s.

1925 03 17
Cottenham parish council elections, p5
Tivoli to open, p6

1925 03 19
Public meetings, largely attended by employees at East Anglian Cement Works, Shepreth, now on strike and their wives, were held in the village hall, Shepreth. For various reasons the unions had lapsed and as soon as that happened the Kaiser of Shepreth took advantage of it to use the whip hand severely in reducing the wages of the work-people he employed. Now the union was trying to retrieve the damage that was caused by the workers leaving their organisation.

1925 03 20
Cambridge Chief Constable reported that the present motor ambulance is showing signs of wear and in need of a thorough overhaul. It had travelled upwards of 13,000 miles and conveyed 1,500 patients. It had cost was £800, the chassis was second-hand. During this time £700 has been received for its use

by private persons. The committee recommended the purchase of a new motor ambulance, built by a special ambulance body builder, at a cost not exceeding £1,000.

1925 03 20
Described as "Chesterton's super cinema", the Tivoli made its debut before the Cambridge public when there were two opening performances. Elaborate, cosy, artistically lighted and efficiently ventilated, Cambridge's sixth cinema has every justification for expressing itself in superlatives. It has a courteous staff pf brown-uniformed attendants, an excellent orchestra and a screen sufficiently large to do justice to the most elaborate film productions. The projection last night was not perfect, but this was merely a matter of adjustment.

St Hilda's colliery band, p7
Funeral John Wesley, Stretham, p8
Robert Sayle staff, p8*

1925 03 21
Free cigars, p6*

1925 03 23
Pony with mange, p5

1925 03 25
The County recommended that where it becomes necessary to provide a new public elementary school for a parish by reason of the Managers of a non-provided school closing the school or failing to secure recognition of it as an efficient school, three-fourths of the expenses incurred may be charged on the parishes which in the opinion of the council are served by the school. If people knew the greater part of the expense of building a new school would fall on the parish they would bring pressure to see the old school was repaired.

1925 03 26
First season difficulties were revealed at the annual meeting of the County School Old Boys Rugby Club. Already the venture has 40 members, unfortunately the time-honoured trouble of getting members to pay their subscriptions has been experienced and the season was concluded with an adverse balance. The wet weather militated against the activities of the club and difficulty was often experienced to turn out a full team. However high hopes are entertained for substantial success in the forthcoming season.

Undergraduates mad escapade, p5

1925 03 27
The death of the vicar of Lode occurred under tragic circumstances within a few yards of the Vicarage. He was walking along the right had side of the road. A motor oil delivery van, belonging to the Anglo-American Oil Company had just turned the corner from the direction of Bottisham. William Sargent, a blacksmith said he heard the hooter sound and the driver shouted. The motor van was only going about two miles an hour when it passed his shop. The vicar was lying between the two near side wheels, the front wheel had passed over his head.

Shepreth cement strike, p6

1925 03 28
The stamp machine attached to the door of the General Post Office in Cambridge is such a boon that I hesitate to complain. But on no fewer than five occasions I have found the penny slot fail to act correctly. On the first occasion the machine delivered me two penny stamps for one copper. I was wondering what to do when another purchaser came along and slipped a penny in the slot without result, so I handed one over. The next time I received no stamp for my penny, and wiped that off as a

loss. On the third occasion I got two stamps for the price of one, so cried "quits". For those who like a little speculation these stamp machines are ideal

Lode vicar inquest, p5
Wireless and Cambridge professor, p5

1925 03 31
The manager of the Co-operative Society, Ely, told the court he had missed small sums of money from the employee's leather cash bags, which had been hung up in the office for the men to give customers change. The police gave him two bags containing marked coins – two single shillings, four sixpences and twelve pennies, which he hung up in the cashier's office, then locked up and left the premises. Police kept watch and saw defendant climb over a fence at the rear. A few moments later he returned. He was arrested and found to have the marked coins

Isleham vicar death, p3

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1925 04 01
Photographic enlargements, p3*
Darwin's coffin, p5

1925 04 02
Most people in Cambridge saw the giant R.33 airship as she passed over on her flight from Cardington to Pulham air station, Norfolk. Those who were not aware of the intended flight were attracted by the noise of the engines and were rather surprised to see the ponderous vessel instead of a battalion of aeroplanes. She passed over Cambridge at about 8.30 and proceeded via Newmarket. The flight was of an experimental nature and on arrival at Pulham the R.33 carried out a number of air manoeuvres.

Suppers go west, p5

1925 04 03
Newmarket council heard that work on the Rows housing site was proceeding slowly owing to illness amongst the men. At one time half the bricklayers were away. The first pair of houses have now been plastered, and some of the joinery fixed. The third and fourth pair are roofed in, and stairs are fixed in the third pair. Of the sixth pair the brickwork has been carried up about three feet above the floor level. Foundations have been dug on the Stamford street site and the specifications drawn up for the Laureate Paddocks site.

1925 04 06
Paper increases to full size (smaller from Jan 5th)
Widening road – churchyard wall, p5

1924 04 07
Listening in, p5

1925 04 08
To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the well-known motor firm of King & Harper, nearly 200 people attended a reception and dance at the New Rendezvous. Mr King, the senior partner said: "In 1897 or 1898 I saw a motor for the first time. It was a De Dion tricycle brought from Paris by the Hon C.S. Rolls who was then up at college; he also brought a French mechanic to take care of it. He lent me his tricycle and mechanic and we drove it to Ely and back without a breakdown. This made me anxious to learn more about motors"

1925 04 08
A general meeting was held with the object of forming a bowling club for the city of Ely. They had one club in the city, but being a political club, it debarred some from playing the ancient game of bowls. They had had a green offered to them by the Sports Association on the Paradise Recreation Ground, near the position where the winning post was placed on sports' day. Part of the green lay on the cycle track. The turf was the best in Ely.

Flying cinema, p5

1925 04 08 c
Cambridge Board of Guardians discussed the question of securing the repayment of the relief granted in loans to those concerned in the building strike in August last year. Mr Branston said he was not sure they had acted legally in giving relief to able-bodied people who were on strike, all they could do was to relieve the wives and children of those men. Several of the men started to pay the loans back by instalments and had stopped for the reason that other people were not attempting to pay back the money they had had. Others stopped at the instance of "so-called friends of the unemployed" who seemed to do nothing but stir up trouble.

1925 04 09
Two attempts were made to stop an armed motorist who broke into Daisley's shop at Coronation Street, Cambridge, & stole a quantity of chocolates, cigarettes etc. A car travelling at high speed was seen by a constable at Bishop's Stortford. Shortly after PC Dodson of Harlow police station was notified of the approach of the car. Dashing out of the police station in his pyjamas he stood in the middle of the road and signalled the car to stop. It continued its course and the constable had to jump very quickly out of the way.

1925 04 09
PS Newell told the court that he saw the prisoners and, becoming suspicious, enlisted the services of various well-disposed people in Littleport, and surrounded the Marquis of Granby Hotel, which was to all intents and purposes in a state of siege. He invited the men to come out of their room but the reply he got was, "If you attempt to force the door we shall shoot". In fairness to the prisoners it should be said that when they were arrested no forearms were found upon them. In their endeavour to get away they had drawn the bedstead up to the window and knotted the sheets with the view of lowering themselves to the ground.

1925 04 11
About 120 members of the 1st Cambridgeshire Regiment are spending the Easter weekend under canvas at Madingley. The Cambridge-St Neots road acted as part of the front line of a British force which was endeavouring to repel an invader marching on London. The Norfolk Brigade was ordered to take up position from Oakington to Comberton. The work was carried out under service conditions & proved exceptionally difficult on account of the wooded nature of the country in front

1925 04 11
Good Friday dawned damp and dismal. Parker's Piece was the great gathering place of the merry makers. In accordance with custom many people produced skipping ropes and skipped away to their hearts' content. Old men & maidens, young men & children – likewise grand dames – jumped up and down to "Salt, mustard, vinegar, pepper" and similar meaningless jungles. Hawkers of balloons, ices, fruit and sweets had secured "pitches" at the East Road corner and did good business. Ices, yesterday morning – b-r-r-r!

1925 04 11
The Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen organised their annual tea and concert in the Co-op Hall. Mr W. Few presided over a company of 400 and announced there would be a meeting to form a local branch of the ASLEF Women's Society. They must not think they were all

going to be President. The greatest curse of Labour and all societies connected with it was that everybody wanted to be top dog

1925 04 13
The employees of the East Anglia Cement Company, who are on strike at Shepreth, visited Cambridge. They marched in procession to Parker's Piece where a platform was in readiness for a mass meeting organised by the Cambridge Trades Council. On the arrival of the strikers a very large crowd quickly gathered. The speaker protested against the idea that because the wages of agricultural labourers were low, those of cement workers should also be low.

1925 04 16
A score of people assembled in St Bene't's church. Cambridge, for the purpose of hearing the John Mere commemoration sermon preached and benefiting materially as well as spiritually by sharing in Mere's benefaction to the extent of sums ranging from twopence to 3s.4d. Mere died in 1558 and gave certain property to the University. The Vice Chancellor should preach a sermon in grateful remembrance for which he is to have 3s.4d. for his labours. In failure of the sermon the penalty of 10s is to be levied by the churchwardens upon the university.

Fire Over, p5

1925 04 17
Histon pig sale, p5

1925 04 18
Tributes to the success with which the Universities of Britain had grappled with the difficulties resulting from war conditions is paid in a report. They have had to put their academic houses into some kind of repair after the storm of war by filling the gaps in their staffs and improvise measures for dealing with an unexpected influx of students, many of whom were of an unusual type, the special produce of the war. Under the Government scheme for higher education of ex-Service entrants, over 26,000 men were assisted with grants to take courses of study. They can be little doubt that the demand for University education will continue to grow in volume and intensity.

1925 04 18
When attempting to pass one of Messrs Course's St Ives motor buses near the New Inn, Swavesey, Mr James Tanfield who was riding a Douglas motor cycle combination collided with a telegraph post. The bus had been keeping in the centre of the road, and in trying to pass he ran his cycle on to the grass roadside, the wheel of the sidecar remaining on the road. The front wheel ran into a draining grip and caused the machine to collide with the post.

1925 04 18
On entering Sutton church the vicar found the vestry on fire. On a large oil stove had been stacked the majority of the church archives, the church registers, vestry carpets, surplices and other articles, all of which were ablaze. Further investigation showed the contents of a decanter of wine had been sprinkled all over the church, the marriage register being soaked with it. Candle grease was found over nearly every pew and a vulcanite pipe-stem was wedged in the belfry door lock. The offertory boxes containing money had been left intact. Had Canon Woodard not arrived when he did the church would probably have been burnt down

1925 04 20
Swavesey accident, p6*

1925 04 21
The borough surveyor reported that the reconstruction of the cells at the refuse destructor had been completed and it was now taking all the town's refuse. Under the old system there were three "topmen" and six "shovellers" employed to feed the cells, now no shovellers were necessary and all

men were doing similar work. He recommended they should be called "chargers" and should all receive the same amount of pay

1925 04 21
The Isle of Ely football committee secretary reported that Manea had written to the Sutton football club, endeavouring to make a fixture for their last match and eventually Sutton made a date, but later wrote to say they were unable to raise a team. The club was a particularly difficult one to deal with. They were the most unbusinesslike club in the Isle. Wednesday 26th April

250,00^{0th} Ford car, p6

1925 04 23
Record of war, p5
Garage fire, p5

1925 04 25
In 1908 the County council started a programme of reconstructing the roads in the county, but they forgot about Cambridge. Nothing had been done apart from a few roads in the middle and it was only recently that they realised there were motors on the roads. Newmarket Road had been made up in the old way and in a few weeks potholes appeared. The problem was the motor traffic. The money that was being raised by motor taxation was being spent for purposes it was never intended to be spent on. They must have the money for the roads from the proper quarter, namely motor taxation.

Ely woman council, p6

1925 04 27
Over council and Over Church of England school were visited by members of the County Education Committee. The average attendance at the first is 75 and the cost of staffing is £590, and at the Church school 41 and the cost £395. They did not require to be either financialists or educationalists to realise that it was much better to have one school in a village of that sort, but the voluntary school managers were unable to agree to the transfer of the older children to the council school. The religious education given in the council school was as good as any in the Church schools and public opinion would prevent such a state of things in the future.

1925 04 27 c
Haddenham folk were in a happy mood when a social was held in the Church Hall to celebrate the opening of a new branch of the Ely Co-operative Society in the village. The new premises, which were erected by Mr H. Feast, a local builder, comprise departments for groceries, provisions, drapery & boots. Years ago the Co-operative tree was planted in Ely, and first of all it branched out to Littleport. Later came the Sutton branch, then one in Ely.

1925 04 28
Salvation Army hall, p5*

1925 04 29
Educational attendance case, p5*

1925 04 30
Thomas Parnwell death, p3

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1925 05 01
A picturesque ceremony took place at the Central Girls' School when the May Queen was crowned. The school was tastefully decorated with bluebells, cowslips, buttercups and violets. The girls, attired

in white dresses, sang songs of spring. Queen Gwendoline Marshall abdicated and the Mayor proclaimed Effie Few as the new queen. After her enthronement the new Queen's subjects paid homage by placing flowers at her feet.

1925 05 02
May Day in Newmarket was bleak and cold, nevertheless the children kept up the old custom of garland weaving and garlands of various shapes and sizes were carried through the streets by young people with an eye to the largesse of passengers. At Sussex Lodge the custom of giving prizes for the most artistically woven garlands still prevails. The purple anemone, that locally grows only on the Devil's Ditch, furnished splashes of dark colour among the light yellow primulas, marsh marigolds and buttercups.

1925 05 02
After nearly 700 years – except for a period during the Great War – services are again to be held in the Leper's Chapel at Barnwell. The chapel is the property of the University by whom permission to use the building was readily given. Negotiations have also had to be conducted with the owner of the field, so that a right-of-way may be obtained from the road. The services will be regular and open to the public. Members of Westcott House are now busy at the chapel removing some of the ravages of time as the building remains just as it was left at the end of the war

1925 05 02 c
A Fordham smallholder was summoned for not sending his daughter to school. Mr Savidge, attendance officer, said the excuse was illness. The father told him that if he came again he would throw him in the drain. As the girl was now 14 and over age an attendance order could not be made, so witness asked for a fine. The father had three other children. He was fined 10/-

1925 05 04
Large crowds witnessed the Cambridge Labour and Co-operative Party's May Day demonstration on Parker's Piece. It was addressed by E.V. Watering. He said the cement workers had been on strike for eight weeks and not a single man had retracted because they had received magnificent support from the Labour movement. At a recent meeting of the Cambridge section of the Fascisti movement he had been alluded to as a "breeder of strikes". So far as the Shepreth dispute was concerned he denied that statement. The strike was brought about by the directors of the East Anglian Cement Company and only after every possible avenue leading to arbitration had been wiped away that the men forced the issue by striking.

1925 05 05
Monday was an important day in the lives of Roman Catholic members of the University. The blessing of the chapel at Fisher House took place and was followed by a luncheon. Fisher House is on the site of the Black Swan, one of the oldest inns in Cambridge, and the Dug Out. It has been turned into the residence for the chaplain and the old billiard room at the back has been adapted to serve as a chapel.

1925 05 06
Henry Curtis death,

1925 05 08
Alleged indecent attacks on young girls in Ely have caused considerable alarm. Twice police were within an ace of capturing the individual but the man escaped. They finally accomplished the arrest by a clever ruse. Mrs Hillier, wife of a police constable went out into the darkness on her mission to save young girls from being molested. Without any warning a man attacked her, a struggle ensued and she blew a police whistle, pursuing him as he tried to escape down the street. Police sergeant Newell was in the near vicinity and the man was caught. Mrs Hillier was congratulated upon her plucky act in the interests of justice.

1925 05 09
The funeral took place of Mr William West of the Art Department of the University Press. He was a versatile artist of considerable ability. His sketches of old Cambridge are numerous and beautiful & some may be seen in the book entitled "Cambridge re-visited" by Mr Arthur Gray, while many others have never been published. During the war he was much in request at the First Eastern General Hospital where he made valuable records of unusual aspects of certain diseases

1925 05 12
Great success marked the Jubilee celebrations at Ely of the founding of the Girls Friendly Society, over 1,400 members and associates from all parts of the dioceses attending a festival and thanksgiving service in the cathedral. A picturesque scene was presented when the procession with their magnificent banners and emblems passed from the Palace Green to the cathedral. The catering of Mr Vernon Cross of Ye Olde Tea Rooms, Forehill, was excellent.

1925 05 12
The opening of the new Guildhall organ marks a fresh era in the history of Cambridge music. The old organ had no virtues but many vices. The pitch was wrong, much of the tone was bad, the action quite defective and the general scheme and plan quite unsuited for the purpose and room for which it was designed. Erected in 1882 by voluntary subscription it had become almost unplayable. Both the heating and ventilation of the room were bad and gross variations in the temperature had the effect of putting the organ out of use with an orchestra and even of rendering certain stops unusable with others.

Rook shooting, p6

1925 05 13
Revised plans for the proposed open-air school in Cambridge show that instead of four classrooms there should be three and one large rest shelter which when not in use for rest could be used as a classroom. There would be a shed for manual instruction for boys and a small building for instruction in cookery and laundry, of efficient size for about a dozen mentally defective girls. The ends of the classrooms would be fitted with patent sliding and folding windows so that the whole extent of the ends can be opened or closed at will.

12mph speed limit, p5

1925 05 14
The minds of motoring undergraduates in the University are greatly perturbed over certain proposals which have been made for the total prohibition of motor vehicles by junior members. The proctors state that "a few undergraduates use their cars and motor cycles after dark to drive undesirable young women into the country and they consider it their duty to prevent them". It is ridiculous for them to walk the streets after dark chasing pedestrian undergraduates for having no caps whilst boisterous merry-markers rush by in cars.

1925 05 15
The Ouse drainage question is still a burning topic in Soham. Two bailiffs visited a farm at Soham fen to demand rates amounting to £29. Apparently the money was not forthcoming for one of the bailiffs went over to a barn and taking down a halter which was hanging just over the top of a mangold cutter said, "I seize this". A tall, well-built young lady of 16 also seized hold of the halter, and a struggle ensued during which she struck her arm against the mangold cutter, bruising it. Another young lady then came on the scene and struck the bailiff on the nose, causing blood to flow. Farmers think the Ouse Drainage Board was forced on them by the Government and that Soham is being asked to pay for works which benefit other towns who were not asked to contribute.

1925 05 16

The Rector of Hardwick was fined 10s. for assaulting a farm labourer. It was the outcome of considerable friction between the Rector and his parishioners over the right-of-way of a roadway leading through the Rectory grounds to a farm. The Rector claims he had the right to turn back people whom he considers objectionable, whereas villagers declare the road to be public for everybody's use. Complainant said that when he was part way down the road the rector had rushed out of his garden with a four-tined fork and said: "You are not going this way". He was pushed into the hedge and the tines of the fork probed through his coat. The rector said he thought the man was going to make one of his flying rushes and raised the tool to defend himself.

Newmarket Road dust, p6

1925 05 19
New Guildhall organ, p5
Stretham feast week, p5
Soham Beechurst purchased, p5

1925 05 20
The County Education Committee recommended the purchase of "Beechurst" for the purpose of carrying on a central school at Soham to provide an education of a secondary type for boys of the ages of 10 to 16 years. They also recommend the closing of Soham Grammar School and the disposal of the property. People who were not attached to Soham Grammar School for sentimental reasons would in time become just as proud of "Beechurst". Coun. Beales said that if they could give their boys a good rural education and they could leave and help their parents, that was what people would appreciate.

1925 05 20
Cambridge Poor Law Guardians considered installing wireless apparatus at the Institution. Mrs Keynes said some members were not entirely satisfied that it would be a very great boon to the inmates, partly because of the nature of the entertainment and partly because the best part of the performance usually came on after their inmates had gone to bed. The chairman handed round copies of the "Radio Times" to enable members to see the types of programmes given. Messrs Allin's estimate for a six-valve set with five loud speakers was £65. Chesterton Institution had installed three loud speakers and they were appreciated.

1925 05 21
Two shopkeepers occupying adjacent premises in East Road, Cambridge, appeared before magistrates. Frederick Peak, a wholesale confectioner said a big Smith's van pulled up outside his premises to deliver some tins of potato chips. His neighbour came and complained about the van standing near her door. He was carrying ten tins of chips, stacked as high as his chin, when she put up both her hands and deliberately knocked them from his arms. Two lids came off and the contents were spilled. On another occasion she threw soapy water on him from an upstairs window.

1925 05 22
Stapleford parishioners are working hard to raise sufficient funds to build a vestry for their church. For two years various efforts have been devoted to raising the required £450. Plans have been drawn up and it is hoped to commence building within a year or so.

Tobacconist fined, p5

1925 05 23
The Cambridge University Senate discussed the latest proposal that undergraduates shall not have motor vehicles during their first year of residence. It would cut down the number of vehicles in the busy narrow streets and give first year men a better chance of settling down to college life. It would prevent them wasting so much time rushing about, and they would form other habits, rather than

motor-cycle habits. Opponents say the scheme is impracticable and against the ideas of modern development

1925 05 22 c
Shortly after midnight a small band of cyclists sallied forth from against the Senate House en route to join several thousand of fellow-wheelmen at Meriden in a memorial service to cyclists killed in the war. A cyclist from Royston joined the party at the Caxton Gibbet cross-roads where a halt was called to don capes. On the sharp bend approaching St Neots a two-seater car, with lamps alight, was embedded head-on in the hedge and a near-by telegraph pole leaning at an alarming rate. Nothing was to be seen of the occupants and the cyclists carried on to Bedford, which was reached about 3 am

1925 05 25
Alimond Denson, of Broad Street, Ely, applied for possession of a cottage next door to his house. He lived with his mother, father and two sisters who carried out a tailoring business at the same premises. There was one large room downstairs. One part was used for his photography work where the public went to have photos taken, while the other was used as a fitting room by his sisters. Upstairs there were two rooms and a box room. There was only one old lady living in the cottage that contained eight rooms. She had not paid the rent. They had offered her a house down an alley and said she could serve cups of tea over the fence to the footballers.

Cambridge to Mereden, p6*

1925 05 27
Mentally-deficient boys, p5

1925 05 28
"I promised the little girl at work that I would bring her some flowers" was the excuse which a 14-year-old errand boy offered to magistrates for wilfully damaging a laburnum tree at Victoria Great Jubilee Memorial Pleasure ground, Chesterton Road. The magistrates took a lenient view of the offence and fined him 3s.

Footballers merry. P3

1925 05 29
Cambridge Guardians were told that their forefathers built the present infirmary as a test house for the able-bodied, but now it was becoming half hospital and half almshouse, and so they needed better accommodation now than they did. Mr Sells said he had every sympathy with the poor but they had to recognise that their inmates were better housed, better fed and better clothed than 75 per cent of the poor of Cambridge. If expenditure was embarked upon it would have to be found by the working men of Cambridge. The new building was not urgently needed.

1925 05 29
Cambridge councillors were told that the present electricity generating station was out of date. Today was the day of the big power station and what was desired was a load throughout the day and night. Users had been told they could not have the supply they wanted because the Company did not want too many to take it on. But the more the electricity was used the better it would be for the health of the town. An outsider was knocking at the door and he was coming with current cheaper than they could supply.

1925 05 29 c
A Burwell publican came up for public examination at the bankruptcy court. In 1895 he was working for a man as a farm labourer and cab driver, also for the vicar of Burwell as groom and gardener. In 1897 he began business as a publican and took the King William. The only experience he had had was serving at a house where he had previously worked as a jobbing man in the yard. He bought a horse for haggle-carting purposes and to use in a fourwheeler & while he was carting his wife looked after

the business. Trade at the pub got slack and the carting business was also a failure. He borrowed £40 from the Provincial Union Bank, Ipswich to pay the brewer.

1925 05 30
A schoolboy told the inquest that he was on Great Wratting school steps. Albert --- was playing about and swinging on the back of a four-wheeled coal dray. He was swinging with his hands when his foot caught in the back wheel. Deceased could not get his foot out and he was pulled down and the wheel went up his leg and shoulder and grazed his head. The dray was stopped and the driver lifted the deceased from the ground and took him into the schoolroom. The driver said his dray contained two tons of coal and 3 cwt of pollard to deliver at the kennels of the Newmarket and Thurlow Hounds. The coroner said the driver was in no way to blame and seemed to have done all he could.

1925 05 30
Some interesting competitions in clay target shooting were held on Messrs Gallyon's shooting park, at Moor Barns Farm, Madingley Road, Cambridge. They were the first of the kind to be held in the Eastern Counties and attracted a good attendance. A new automatic trap which has just been installed on the ground gave general satisfaction. This is the first time that a trap of this kind has been used in Cambridge and proved its value, not only from the economical point of view, but also for accelerating the competition.

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1925 06 02
Telegraph excuse, p5
Wonderful Whitsun, p6

1925 06 03
The chairman of Comberton parish council said that since 1919 they had been without a recreation ground in the central part of the village. Previous to that year a meadow was hired annually at a rental of £7. This sum was paid by the amount received for the herbage on the old pleasure ground situate on the boundary of the parish. This had never been used for recreation purposes and was useless. The parish council now wished to sell it and devote the proceeds of the sale towards the purchase of a new recreation ground at Pennie's Close, but the owner refused to negotiate. They sought compulsory powers for its acquisition.

Hotel de luxe?, p5
Glimpses of old Cambridge, p5

1926 06 04
Bygone Cambridge, p3

1925 06 05
Cambridge council was told that the Brunswick school did not exist at the present time because the Borough surveyor drew attention to the giving way of the building, and they first of all had to pull down the Boys' School because it was dragging the other part down, and eventually they pulled down the Girls' School. The girls were in temporary premises at Paradise Street School and the boys in Fitzroy Street. They had to bear in mind that a new bridge was going to be built at Walnut Tree Avenue some time – (laughter) – and when that was done they would have to accommodate some children from old Chesterton.

Shop front, Newmarket Road, p6

1925 06 06
Very many residents of Cambridge who in their leisure moments wander round the Market Place to see what literary treasure may there be picked up will be interested in a movement set on foot by

prominent members of the University to do honour to Mr G. David, the well-known bookseller, who has had a stall there for close on thirty years. A luncheon will be given in the Old Combination Room, Trinity College in appreciation of the conspicuous service he has rendered to the cause of humane letters.

1925 06 06
"I cannot go out the backway or the front door without she throws some insult at me. I cannot knock a nail into the wall, she threw two pails of water over the taxi-sidecar that was standing in the road, and if a taxi is left there she goes for a policeman", said Mrs Ellis Riseley of Russell Street, Cambridge, the wife of a taxi-sidecar owner in enumerating some of the failings of her neighbour. In reply the neighbour said they kept a couple of taxi-sidecars outside the house from early morning until late at night, she was simply throwing a pail of water over the pavement for the sake of cleanliness because of all the oil and petrol which came from the taxis.

Undergraduate motor cycles, p5
Punch on Littleport, p6

1925 06 08
While reading the Athanasian Creed on Sunday morning, the Rev A. Campbell Yorke, rector of Fowlmere, was seized with a heart attack and expired almost immediately. He was 74 and by a tragic coincidence was making preparations to retire from active ministry. He had ministered in Australia and New Zealand until 1897 when he came to England and took the living in Fowlmere

1925 06 08
The Bishop of Ely formally opened Stanton House, the new Cambridge Shelter for Women and Girls at Glisson Road. The Home is open day and night, not only for what are generally known as "rescue cases" but for all those who find themselves stranded in the town without means of getting lodgings. Many cases are brought by the police. The inmates stay until they can be restored to their friends or arranged for in suitable institutions. Originally started in 1854 by a few undergraduates it has several times been temporarily closed down on account of financial difficulties and as often re-opened at the request of town authorities

William Farren accident, p5
Rampton and Cottenham school, p6

1925 06 09
Speaking of the need for a Bath House in Gwydir Street, Cambridge, Dr Laird said the only houses in the area with baths were 50 being built by the Corporation in Vinery Road and about 80 houses in Guest, Willis and Collier roads. A very small proportion of the houses in Cambridge had baths. The absence of such facilities was a contributory cause of disease. The Ministry wished to defer it because they thought bricklayers should be employed on housing schemes and hesitated to sanction schemes that would take bricklayers from houses.

1925 06 10
A vision of 300-ton vessels using the river to bring goods into Cambridge from abroad was conjured up by Rotarian Alfred Winship. This could not be done however until Baitsbite and Bottisham Locks had been enlarged and made efficient. His idea was to have a ship canal. Rivers had to be enlarged in any case for drainage purposes. Barges approaching 14 feet wide already used the lodes and farmers were already talking about getting Scotch seed potatoes by river.

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Soham cinema lamp, p3
Immaculate 'Mays', p5

1925 06 12

Artists exhibit – F. Griggs, H. Bushberry, G. Brockhurst, p5
Motor van Russell Wright fire, p6

1925 06 13
Pymoor church's Diamond Jubilee was a proud day for the little village. The church and the school which adjoins it were built by Frederick Fisher in 1865 and opened and dedicated by Bishop Browne. Since that year members of the family have contributed towards the adornments of the church. A gloom was cast on their rejoicing because their old friend, Mr George Darby was leaving them after 36 years of residence and going to grace Lt Downham with his presence.

Dinner to David, p6

1925 06 16
The May Week programme of concerts and balls is now in full swing and there were a number of functions at various colleges. About 300 guests attended Gonville & Caius College Ball. It was lit with rose-shaded electric lights, which cast a pleasing subdued glow over the room, while four large electric fans and two large ice-blocks kept the atmosphere cool. Contrary to the general practice, ladies took part in the programme submitted by St Catharine's College Musical Society. The chief woman artiste was Miss Maud Johnston, while there was a fair sprinkling of ladies in the orchestra.

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Littlebury blacksmith death, p3
A.C. Benson death, p5

1925 06 18
Betting raid, p5

1925 06 20
Swavesey church is a very fine structure, nearly 600 years old, and work of restoration has been carried out during recent years under the supervision of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, but much remains to be done. The roof of the north and south aisles are in urgent need of attention, work involving a heavy expenditure. At the annual garden fete and sale of work Miss Lucy Dunn recalls that during her residence in the village there were great floods, necessitating the use of planks and boats to move from the houses.

1925 06 20
The "one-way" traffic system in Petty Cury, Cambridge, has now been in force for so long that most people have come to regard it as a settled thing, but the regulation has to be formally approved by the Minister of Transport. The only criticism is that ordinary bicycles should be included in the term "vehicular traffic" but the Chief Constable takes the view that to prevent these riding both ways as at present would cause more trouble than the change would be worth.

1925 06 20
At the Leys School Jubilee Speech Day the Chairman of Governors thought that all interested in the school might congratulate themselves on the steady, distinguished and continual progress in all directions. In scholarship and in sport they held their own. The Leys Mission in London had been acknowledged to be the finest public school mission, alike in its premises and activities, in the world.

1925 06 22
Yet another precedent was created by the Mayor (Councillor Mrs Hartree) when under Midsummer Fair was officially opened in the presence of a good crowd. This is the first time in its long history that the Fair has been opened by a lady. There followed a liberal scattering of shining coppers and children, their elders as well as Fair hands pushed and scrambled in the dust to securer the coveted coins. The roundabout horses were soon laden with merrymakers while housewives, for a more serious purpose, haunted the innumerable crockery stalls in search of bargains in china.

1925 06 23
Library – Rouse Ball, p3
Balsham fire, p5*

1925 06 25
Dr Searle of the Cambridge Fish Preservation and Angling Society said wholesale destruction of fish life was going on. Fish in the Granta were being destroyed by washings from tarred roads and by netting. There were 500 anglers in one club in Cambridge and 200 in another. Anglers from Sheffield came down frequently and caught undersized fish and threw them out on the bank

Stretham garden fete, p5*

1925 06 26
Centaur scramble, p4

1925 06 27
A somewhat alarming rumour as to four men engaged in harvest work in West Fen, Ely, having been poisoned after drinking beer, has gained ground in the last day or two. It appears they were working in a field and had stopped for refreshments. Each drank some beer from a bottle, which evidently had previously contained paraffin oil. Afterwards the men complained of pains in the stomach. Three recovered sufficiently form the attack to proceed with their work but the fourth was not so fortunate and medical attention had to be obtained.

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Rampton parents, p5

1925 06 30
Midsummer Common nuisance, p5

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1925 07 01
A very important addition to the garage accommodation of Cambridge is the new depot just opened by the enterprising firm of Messrs King & Harper in Hills Road. It is situated just off the busy centre of the town so that people who are timid can drive up without much trouble and receive attention without being hustled by the police. King & Harper sell so many cars that it is quite impossible for them to give the service at Bridge Street to all the people who wish to come to them. In front of the garage is a petrol filling station from which four different kinds of petrol can be obtained at a moment's notice. Two large wash-downs have been provided which owner-drivers may use for the purpose of washing their cars.

1925 07 02
Cement industry, p3

1925 07 03
In June 50 years ago Court Alexander of the Ancient Foresters was started in the Alexandra Rooms. They did not make much headway however. In 1882 Brother Littlechild was appointed secretary and held the office until 1915. They changed their headquarters several times and soon got on a sound footing. Today their total funds were £6,341 & their sick and funeral fund was worth £5,238. The court was going on very well indeed.

1925 07 03
The annual swim through Cambridge may be said to rank as one of the finest races witnessed since its inception. There were 37 competitors, including 14 ladies. The course followed by the swimmers

from the Old Mill, Mill Lane to Strange's Boathouse, Jesus Lock, via the Backs of the colleges is approximately 1,360 yards. The town turned out in force at every point of vantage to watch the progress of the swimmers. H.P. Lavender passed the winning post barely five yards in front of Miss Lavender amidst the applause of the onlookers.

Comberton fair, p5

1925 07 04
A device which would prove invaluable in any Cambridge home is the Permutit Household Water Softener. A lecturer said Cambridge water is good except for the large amount of chalk, which is responsible for the hardness of the water. He demonstrated with the aid of the apparatus how hardness could be eliminated and a water produced which was softer than rain water but without its disadvantages.

1925 07 06
As from July 1st all policemen will live rent free, the Chief Constable reported. The need for a police house at Harston was very urgent because the owner of the house which the policeman now occupied had been waiting until the officer moved before he could get married. The new Cambridge town planning scheme was bringing a road from Cherry Hinton to the Ditton and Horningsea road and they wanted a site on the Cambridge side of the new road. At Burwell the police house was complete, with the exception of the water supply

Scout rally, p5

1925 07 07
The Ministry of Transport inquiry into the one-way vehicular traffic scheme in Petty Cury & Market Street, Cambridge, was held in the Guildhall. There was a very small attendance. Cambridge suffered, in common with other old towns, from the traffic problem. There had always been a great deal of traffic in these streets and the congestion was very serious. Both streets were used by motor buses. There were no objections but a great body of people wanted the regulation to cover bicycles as well as other vehicles.

Silver Winkle club, p6

1925 07 08
Fenton presentation, p5

1925 07 09
A traction engine driver was fined for assaulting Octavia Bocock, farmer and a well-known cricketer of Ashley. He had seen the man with his traction engine on the road near his pond where it had stopped to take water. He had no right to do so without permission. The driver said he had permission from the foreman to take two or three pails of water as he could get plenty of clean water at Lydgate. Bocock said he would stand in front of the engine until he paid him 5s. but the driver drove on.

1925 07 09 a
A large portion of the Horseheath Estate, extending over 1,000 acres will be offered for sale by auction. It includes four farms and numerous cottages and small holdings. The most important is Horseheath Park Farm which has been in the occupation of the owner of the estate, Mr T. Wayman Parsons for a number of years. The farm could be readily converted into a capital stud farm, and it is interesting to note that a Derby winner, Plenipotentiary, was trained on the Horseheath Estate.

1925 07 11
Great interest was taken in the wedding in King's College chapel of Dr John Roughton and Miss Alice Hopkinson. Only two weddings had previously taken place in the chapel in the last 28 years. The bride wore a beautiful dress of cream satin with seed pearls and diamantee.

1925 07 11
Part of a boot supplied by a Cambridge firm has led to the identity of an officer who fell in the first year of the war. During the work of exhumation and reburial recently carried out in France there was discovered part of a boot stamped with the name of Messrs G. Dewberry & Son of Sidney Street. An examination of their books showed it belonged to a pair supplied to Lieut. R. Walmesley, late of Magdalene College, whose family lived in Huntingdon.

Chivers factory, p3
Percy Salmon book, p6
Methodist march, p6

1925 07 13
At Saffron Walden town council it was reported that the electricity scheme was now complete and a constant supply could be obtained at any time during the day or night. It was thought that the increase in the cost of the scheme had been the fault of the consulting engineer. The original estimate was for £6,000, now it has amounted to £10,000. In time they would be as proud of their electricity undertaking as they are of their gas undertaking

1925 07 14
Tipperary club, p6
Cinema exhibitors outing, p6

1925 07 16
Charabancs, motor cars and other vehicles of transport conveyed hundreds of people from miles around to Shippea Hill on Sunday evening to listen to Gypsy Smith who was paying his annual visit to Messrs Chivers' factory. So dense was the throng that scores were left outside and he adjourned to the open air where between 1,000 and 2,000 persons strove to get within hearing distance of him. Touching scenes were witnessed during the proceedings, causing many a man and woman to weep unashamed. It was an inspiring service which will live in the memories of those who attended it.

1925 07 17
The acquisition by Jesus College of the old Newmarket Railway has enabled them to develop the Station building estate by the construction of Coleridge Road, and they are offering freehold land in suitable plots for the erection of private dwelling houses in open and healthy surroundings, with ample garden ground. Coleridge Road has been constructed by the college at great expense & is the first in Cambridge constructed of reinforced concrete. Lots are offered at prices from £225 to £250.

Ely burglary, p5

1925 07 18
In the year 1625 Nicholas Ferrar, Fellow of Clare Hall, formed a religious community at the Manor House, Lt Gidding and on Tuesday descendants of the small sect flocked to Huntingdonshire's pretty hamlet to witness and participate in the services. The two morning services were poorly attended, but by the afternoon several hundreds of people had assembled for an open-air meeting to hear an address on the community which the late Dr A.C. Benson had written in anticipation of speaking at the celebrations.

1925 07 18
The R.A.C. has now opened an additional local office at no.1 Bene't Street, Cambridge, in the heart of the town, and will be of service not only to residents but also to visitors, who will find information about the colleges and other points of interest. A spacious reading room is provided for the use of associate members. The office will cover the counties of Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire & Bedfordshire.

Chesterton footbridge, p6

1925 07 20
The Saffron Walden Rotary Club received its charter of membership of the Rotary Clubs of the world. Over a hundred members and guests attended. From today Rotary would be an established thing in the district. Men however intimate with one another had more chance of being so when they became fellow-Rotarians. The movement had no class, creed or politics and therefore all members were equal

1925 07 20
Albert Fuller of London told Saffron Walden county court he had viewed an inn at Littlebury, but did not make an offer for is as it was unacceptable. He later went to the Eight Bells public house, Saffron Walden and agreed to buy it for £225 to include billiard tables & furniture, plus the brewer's inventory of another £200. The money would be returned if he was not accepted by the brewers as tenant. A day later his wife was taken ill and died. The brewers did not accept a tenant who had no wife or grown-up daughter. The judge ordered his deposit of £25 to be returned.

Lt Gidding celebration, p6

1925 07 21
An accident of a very serious nature occurred at Ely Sugar Beet Factory. A man named White was near the railway line when the dinner bell rang. A general rush is made by the workers for their various meal places and it is thought the man had left some of his tools on the permanent way. Shunting was taking place but he thought he could get his tools in time. However he fell with the result that one of the engine wheels passed over his leg.

1925 07 22
The annual show held under the auspices of the Wilburton Women's Institute and village took place at St Peter's Hall. "Without a doubt the finest show ever held in Wilburton" was the remark made by the horticultural judge. Here were staged come of the finest specimens the district could produce. Some fine black currants were exhibited by Mr J. Sneesby, Mr W. Norfolk swept the board with some perfect tomatoes & Mrs Healey Wilson had a mauve colour table decoration which claimed first prize.

1925 07 23
Thunderstorms swept the country. When the storm was at its height, a four-valve A.J.S. wireless set at Manor Farm, Orwell was wrecked and considerable damage was done in the sitting room where it was installed. The set was switched off at the safety switch but notwithstanding this the lightning passed through the set and there was a loud explosion, parts of the set being scattered all over the room.

1925 07 25
Another great improvement has been carried out over the Old West River at Stretham Ferry. This is a great boon to motorists for the structure takes the place of one of those old, narrow, hump-backed, awkward bridges which are veritable death-traps in these days of rapid road travel. The new bridge is at an easier angle, provides room for two vehicles to pass each other and affords a fair amount of visibility of approaching traffic. It should tend greatly to diminish the danger of a spot which has long been a bug bear to travellers on the Ely road.

1925 07 25
Rumours were afloat in Ely that the whole of the employees at the Beet Sugar Factory were out on strike. The trouble was in fact only in the carpenters' section. Some had been working as many as 100 hours per week & bearing in mind that such a lengthy period of employment was detrimental to the men's health officials had decided to limit the maximum number of hours to 56 and employ more men. This led to unrest among the carpenters 180 of whom "downed tools"

Zanzibar hoax, p6
Newmarket

Road improvement, p6
Icecream barrow, p6*

1925 07 27
Ely R.D.C. received a petition from Haddenham ratepayers protesting at the great inconvenience caused by the want of water for domestic purposes. But Mr Camps said the petition came as a surprise as they had a public meeting to decide whether they should have piped water and 150 electors were present but only one person voted for it. There was a strong feeling against but if the matter could be remedied by cleaning out the wells the people would appreciate the kindness of the council.

1925 07 28
Keynes engagement, p5

1925 07 29
The Vicar said he had a vision. Littleport was growing. There were houses in which people lived that were not suitable for habitation or for a sick person to be kept in, especially a mother who was about to be confined. He wanted to see a hospital with four or five beds where expectant mothers could go to and be watched over with loving care, freed from the anxieties of home troubles. With a doctor and a trained nurse at hand the mother would be afforded untold relief. Littleport could rise to the expense and carry the scheme through.

1925 07 29
Sir. I was stopped by an aged and indignant citizen who drew my attention to the insertion of wooden pegs about a large proportion of Christ's Pieces. It seems that a large slice is to be taken off for the accommodation of motor cars and buses. Seven or eight lime trees will have to be cut down. It is vandalism to sacrifice a shady pleasance in the centre of town in order to make a motor park. Must Christ's Pieces be mutilated? – F.E.Y.

1925 07 31
For an hour and a half Cambridge Town Council discussed the question of taking a portion of Christ's Pieces for the parking of 'buses and private cars. Strong opposition to the scheme was forthcoming but in the end the council agreed. The site will conveniently accommodate 12 buses and at least 35 cars. It would apply to country bus services only, of which there are nine belonging to the Ortona bus company and three belonging to other persons. The whole of the Ortona country service buses, which now stand on Senate House Hill will be removed to the new parking centre.

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No more war preparations, p6
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1925 08 03
Mammoth show, p3
No more war, p3

1925 08 04
Mammoth show, p3

1925 08 05
The wedding took place in the Registrar's room at St Pancras Town Hall of Mr J. Maynard Keynes, the well-known political economist & son of the Registrary of the University and Councillor Mrs Keynes, to Mlle Lopokova, the famous Russian dancer. A slight graceful figure in a light fawn Kasha costume and a tight-fitting brown straw hat, she was recognised at once by the crowd as she arrived in

a taxicab with Mr Keynes. A woman enthusiast showered them with confetti – an ordeal they survived with smiling grace.

Obstructing traffic, p4
1925 08 06
Ugly council houses, p4*

1925 08 07
Sir – the proposed garage on Christ's Pieces has called forth a crop of protesting letters; let them be directed against the ugly, barrack-like Councils houses at Chesterton and Cavendish Avenue. The majority of the houses are literally a blot on the landscape, badly designed, dreary and poverty-stricken, they are eyesores to every passer-by. Yet they are being built without a word of protest, while the cutting down of a couple of trees evokes a regular storm of indignation – Kappal

1925 08 07
Sawston's sewerage system being in level country it constantly needs flushing and for this purpose the Parish Council has been paying labour. A scheme was now proposed by which water would be raised by windmill pump on land standing in the highest part of the village to flush out the pipes. At Linton people emptied refuse into the gutterways so that the matter ran into the river and accumulated there.

1925 08 08
The Corporation seems to have stirred up a good deal of indignation by their proposals with regard to the Drummer Street "motor park". In a town like Cambridge it certainly seems unwise to do anything that may detract from its attractiveness. A suggestion has been put that the 'park' should be established on Butt's Green and not at Drummer Street at all. A petition has been presented to the Mayor asking her to call at Town's meeting and it is hoped that the request will be acceded to.

Health, p3
Broadcasting Cambridge, p6

1925 08 10
Sir – Much has been written about the street lighting of Cambridge. Emmanuel Road, Emmanuel Street and Drummer Street are all under repair and consequently all the main road traffic has to proceed via Clarendon Street or New Square. Yet in the whole length of these roads not a single lamp is lighted at nights. In fact in the whole district there is not one lamp. Isn't it time that something was done to instil a little sense into the heads of those who direct the town affairs? It is false economy to make the streets danger traps for motorists, cyclists & pedestrians. – F.I. Cowles

1925 08 11
In the House of Commons reference was made to complaints by hundreds of listeners in Essex that since the removal of the high-power station of the BBC from Chelmsford to Daventry, their crystal sets have been rendered useless. In view of the fact that these sets were in a large number of cases, in the possession of comparatively poor people, the Postmaster General was asked to take steps to ensure that the wireless news shall become audible in Essex.

1925 08 11
A serious fire occurred at Sandons Farm, Ashdon. It was first noticed in a motor house which contained one lorry and a farm tractor. The Fire Brigade were handicapped by an inadequate supply of water but were able to save several buildings. Had the brigade been called by telephone from Ashdon they could have arrived earlier, but instead a messenger came by road and in consequence much valuable time was lost. This is the largest fire in the district for some years.

Christs Pieces, p5

1925 08 12

Ely was nearly dry from noon on Monday to 11am Tuesday owing to the city's water supply from Isleham having been held up through the bursting of a main at Stuntney, where water spouted two feet into the air. Residents were warned by Mr R. Wayman, the city's blind crier, that water should be used carefully. The lower part of Ely was more fortunate as the reservoir on Cambridge Road contained 80,000 gallons. This was run off at slow pressure and they were kept supplied until about 7 pm.

1925 08 12
Ely wants a pied piper. For weeks past allotment holders in Barton Fields have been missing produce such as peas & broad beans and have attributed the blame to two-legged thieves. But much 'stolen' produce was found stored between a rhubarb bed & a rubbish heap, where a big rat was acting as sentry. In the evening an army of rats of all sizes was seen to emerge from an adjacent ditch & begin to remove their plunder to a spare 'storehouse'. One horticulturist says they leave tracks which are so distinct one would think that sheep had been making their way over the plots.

1925 08 12
The protest meeting against the taking of part of Christ's Pieces for parking motor vehicles attracted a crowd of over 2,000 people to Drummer Street & was marked by a remarkable climax. After a resolution of protest had been passed the crowd voted a desire to take it to the Mayor that night. Speeches had been delivered from a four-wheeled waggon and the shafts were quickly manned and the waggon containing councillors who had spoken was dragged at a good pace to the Mayor's house in Newton Road. Something like a 1,000 people followed in its wake.

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Christs Pieces letters, p6

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Ely whirlwind, p6

1925 08 15
Christs Pieces encroachment – map, p6

1925 08 17
Christs Pieces debate, p5

1925 08 18
Jack Hobbs feat, p5

1925 08 20
Members of the veterinary and medical sciences cemented feelings of professional friendship with the laying of the foundation stone of the Field Laboratories, Milton Road, in connection with the Institute of Animal Pathology which is to be erected in Tennis Court Road, Cambridge. Recent benefactions to the University of £100,000 from Mr Gates, the Rockerfellow Foundation & the Corn Repeal Act Fund are to be drawn upon for the erection of the new unit. The vice-chancellor remarked jestingly that he was relieved that it was proposed to keep the greater number of animals here, "some little distance from Cambridge & from where I live" (Laughter)

1925 08 20
It was agreed to form a Cambridgeshire Walking Club to create more interest in this class of athletics. This would make walking more popular and they would be able to have club walks. Mr Fell said he had tried to get a club going for the past 24 years and was pleased to see that the young men were now taking a great interest in the movement. A man that ran round the track knew very little about the man who walked round, he said.

District housing week, p3

T.B. Hunt, photographer, found with wounds to throat, p5*
Silver cup, p6

1925 08 22
The Ely council chairman said he had no idea things were so bad in Haddenham and that people had to walk half a mile to fetch water. Mr Hepher said there was plenty of pure water in the parish, but not a good distribution. It would cost something like £7,000 to take water as far as the Cross Keys and about £10,000 if a supply was taken another mile and some who signed the petition would drop out. Mr Darby said they should consult Haddenham before they enforced the silly expenditure on the village.

Hobbs film, p6
Cambridge snobbish?, p6

1925 08 24
As the result of an open-air meeting on Parker's Piece efforts are being made to form a Ratepayers' Association whose first business will be to contest the legality of the Cambridge Town Council's action in encroaching on Christ's Pieces for the purpose of providing a parking place for motor vehicles. This was absolutely illegal. Within twelve months the continual movement of vehicles on what was virtually a made-up bog the road would drop six inches. The Ortona Bus Company will be the first people to say they have been pushed into a rotten corner that is of no use to them.

1925 08 25
At the Institute of Journalists conference it was suggested that Cambridge University should experiment in founding a faculty of journalism with a view to raising the standard of journalism and journalists. But Cambridge had no teachers who could deal with journalistic matters and if they were to institute a diploma which did not include knowledge of the inside working of a newspaper office it would give little weight behind a man applying for a job. Cambridge turned out the raw material and it was up to the journalistic profession to get the men they turned out.

1925 08 27
With regard to water supplies in the Newmarket rural district 83 of the 103 water samples taken for analysis were reported to be polluted. In Soham where about 100 houses were supplied from 56 polluted wells, 53 have been connected with the public water main and now of 1,123 structurally separated dwellings 860 are supplied from the mains. At Bottisham 12 samples taken from different wells at the north end of the village all afforded evidence of pollution. In Linton a new public well has been bored into the chalk & consideration has been given to the provision of a new public well at Milton which it is expected will shortly be proceeded with.

1925 08 27
By the passing away of Mr John Young of Witchford Cambridgeshire has lost what is believed to be her last Indian Mutiny veteran. Born at Sutton in 1840 he possessed all the British fighting spirit of his grandfather who had helped the Duke of Wellington overthrow Napoleon Bonaparte at Waterloo. He was a 15-year-old boy when he joined the army and two years later left for India where the never-to-be-forgotten mutiny was in progress. Often he would tell of the siege of Lucknow and the massacre at Cawnpore almost as graphically and vividly as any historian could write. On one occasion two men, one on either side of him, were shot down by the rebels, he himself sustaining no injury.

1925 08 27
Such good progress has been made since activities first commenced in October last that it is expected that the Ely Beet Sugar Factory will be fully erected and equipped within the next four weeks or so. The whole frontage of the river has been concreted and unloading berths provided for 30 barges. There are farmers situated several miles from a railway station but near the river and the Factory Company are having their own fleet of steel barges which will be towed by tugs propelled by oil

engines. Two overhead cranes, worked by electrical power, can be run along the quayside and used to empty the barges.

Ratepayers association formed, p5

1925 08 29
Sir Charles Walston expressed pleasure that the Air Ministry were anxious to avoid pollution of Offa's Brook by petrol or oil from Duxford airfield. For a great many years inhabitants of Newton had drunk the water from the brook & he had never heard of any case of typhoid in the locality. Now by strange coincidence, within a fortnight of the examination of the sewage system of the aerodrome by Ministry experts, two cases of typhoid had occurred. "With all due respect to the expert opinion of these Ministries", he said, "the combination of oil and sewage effluent may be favourable for the breeding of dangerous bacilli"

School MoH report, p3
Duxford air crash, p5

1925 08 31
Air crash inquest, p5
New Theatre annual report, p6

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1925 09 01
Whatever the merits of the controversy which the site of the Jesus Green Baths aroused a few months back, there can be only one opinion as to the usefulness of the baths themselves. Thousands of happy, healthy hours have been spent there this season; in the last four months 20,000 tickets have been issued for male bathers alone. With such vast number of swims it is inevitable that mishaps should occur. Mr W. Clee states that 25 rescues from drowning have been made. In most instances bathers of indifferent ability have ventured into deep water and then lost their nerve at the thought of not being able to swim to the ladders. In addition nine children have had to be pulled out of the river opposite the bathing sheds. Despite a warning board children persist in paddling and frequently venture into water that is too deep.

1925 09 01
There is an epidemic of scarlet fever in the district and the Newmarket fever hospital is full. Some patients are being sent to Cambridge Fever Hospital at an expense of 2½ guineas a week. At present the accommodation for nurses in the hospital is so limited than nurses have to sleep in the wards used for cases brought in and suspected of infectious disease before any fever has developed. The Hospital Board are strongly in favour of providing more accommodation for the nurses but the slow progress of the Newmarket Housing scheme and the fact that there is practically no unemployment in the building trade has rendered it inadvisable to divert labour to the extension of the fever hospital

1925 09 03
Linton Rural District Council congratulated themselves on the latest movement in their house building campaign. Houses are to be built at Balsham at £400 or less apiece – assuming free sites can be obtained. On these conditions rents of 4s 6d a week are to be charged and the cost to the rates is only a farthing in the £. They were also likely to be able to build houses at West Wickham and Carlton and there were vacant sites at Sawston & Hildersham. The Government would give £12.10s a year for 40 years for every cottage built.

1925 09 04
Linton poor law guardians, p3

1925 09 05

In spite of the difficulties caused by the long drought in June and July and the recent heavy rains, the harvest in most districts will be up to the average; one or two even say it will be better. At Cherry Hinton twelve hours incessant downfall on August 4th have delayed the end of the harvest in some cases. Potatoes, mangolds and sugar beet look well on the low land where sown early, but otherwise they were checked by the drought and will prove a light crop. At Cottenham plums are a variable crop and light except in a few orchards where we hear of wonderful crops

1925 09 05
Sir – When are Fulbrooke and Owlstone Roads going to be taken in hand. The longer they are left the greater the disgrace to companies who cut channels across the roads and never filled them in properly. Grantchester Meadows beyond Marlowe Road does not win much praise from foot passengers, and it is the approach to the most popular walk around Cambridge. As someone has rather neatly said 'The road to Paradise is a path of difficulty'

1925 09 07
Enthusiastic scenes marked the close of the Brass Band Contest in Cambridge Guildhall, which was won by the Cambridge Railway Silver Prize Band, the only local competitors. When the result was announced there was a furore of applause from the large audience present, and the bandsmen themselves momentarily lost their heads in their enthusiasm. The dignity of the large hall, which had rung for well nigh two hours with the blare of brass instruments was quite forgotten. Hats were thrown high into the air and trombones and cornets waved to delighted friends among the audience.

1925 09 09
Pointed speeches and noise in plenty characterised the public meeting held at Haddenham to discuss the question of a water supply to the village. A few weeks ago a petition signed by over 100 residents was sent asking for a supply. Pandemonium reigned at the back of the room, there being so much noise that speakers could not make themselves heard. The proceedings were temporality transformed into a wordy conflict between leather-lunged 'waterites' and 'non-waterites' near the doorway and it was several minutes before peace was restored. Mr Peacock said he was never out for water just to wash his car and have his bath. They should ask people who had dyke water not good enough to drink about the matter. Mr Camps said that if they wanted water they should have their own reservoir.

1925 09 10
There is to be no change in the wages of agricultural workers over 21 years of age for the next twelve months. The County Wages Committee have decided that labourers are to receive 30s for a 48-hour week as from November 1st, and 30s for a 51-hour week commencing March next year. That is a continuation of the rates now prevailing. The workmen's representative pressed for £2 and a 48-hour week all the year round.

Ely cycling, p5
Roof-topped buses, p4

1925 09 11
Gog Magog blaze, p5
Torchlight tattoo, p5

1925 09 12
Newmarket Urban Council considered handing over the administration of certain allotments to the Newmarket Allotments Association Ltd. The allotments to be handed over are the Ditton allotments, the White Gate allotments, the Railway allotments & the Field terrace allotments. The Association is to pay an annual rent of £190 a year and to maintain the hedges, fences, roads and boundary stakes in as good order & condition as now. Two entrances at the bottom of the Field Terrace road would be stopped up which would leave additional plots of ground surplus to requirements, but the Council may offer these for sale as building plots at some future date.

1925 09 12
At Ely police court Albert Coulson of Stansted was summoned for driving a locomotive at a speed over the two miles per hour limit on the highway at Littleport. Police Sergeant Moon said he considered defendant was travelling at eight mph, and he got on his bicycle, caught up and stopped him. The latter said he was doing four mph and could not do eight mph. The policeman said he had seen locomotives go even faster than that. Fined 10s

Riskitt & Betty, p6

1925 09 14
A party of Cambridge people had a nasty experience when returning by charabanc from a trip to Yarmouth. When about two miles from Newmarket the petrol pipe broke and some petrol became ignited. Passengers jumped from the car which belonged to Messrs Brown Bros of Abbey Road, Cambridge, but only slight damage was done and the only person injured was a lady who sprained her ankle. A second car was following and some of the passengers were transferred to this. The damaged car was patched up and both proceeded to Cambridge.

1925 09 15
The East Cambridgeshire Motor Cycle and Light Car Club held their motor cycle 'Rodeo' at Fordham. The track was in good condition and some really exciting racing was witnessed. The events included Balloon Bursting, Ski-riding, Potato race, Polo match & Egg and Spoon Race. Riding Mechanical Lizzie - this was a pole mounted on two wheels and D. Muggleton gave a splendid exhibition of riding whilst drawn by a motor cycle. He survived one round, but on the second he fell off, and the wheel collapsed, to the intense merriment of the spectators.

1925 09 17
No-one at the wheel, p6

1925 09 18
The danger arising from coins being thrown on to a theatre stage was emphasised when a man was fined £1 for damaging an electric bulb in the New Theatre. The bulb was splintered and flying glass might have gone into the eyes of the artistes and cause serious injury. Defendant said he threw two halfpennies to a comedian because he did not like the song he was singing. He did not know a bulb was broken.

Central dance hall, p5
Share-out clubs, p5

1925 09 19
Cambridge Town Council will consider a report as to the sale of houses to persons having little or no capital. Purchasers would pay a weekly sum, being more than the normal rent and the house would be conveyed to him when he had paid an amount equal to the difference between the cost and the mortgage. The weekly rent for a three-bedroomed house, sale price £600 would be 11s. If the purchaser paid 16s a week the property could be transferred and the mortgage executed after two years.

1925 09 21
Library lectures, p5

1925 09 23
Two memorials of former members of the congregation were unveiled at St Barnabas church. The first was a tablet in memory of Mr William Saint. There were several sacred buildings in Cambridge which spoke of his skill and work. A stained glass window was dedicated to James Ringe who rose to

the rank of express engine driver on the passenger train from Cambridge to York. It was the work of Messrs McLean-Leach & son.

1925 09 23
Mr Taylor, employed by Messrs Pamplin Bros. of Cherry Hinton as a steam roller driver told the court he stopped the roller and living van near Bartlow cross-roads for the night. He left the van locked. In the van was half a pound of cooked ham, four eggs, half a pound of butter and a quarter pound of Brooke Bond's tea. Next morning the door had been broken open and the provisions taken.

1925 09 23
Sturton Street Methodist church hall was packed when Mr W.J. Parr gave an interesting talk upon "Memories". 50 years back Sturton Town was a new district of Cambridge. He remembered having to wade through water and mud ankle deep, and being often carried over the roads by his parents. He reminisced about the singing and parading of the streets by the Primitives, then known as 'Ranters' who went out singing 'Hark! the Gospel news!' He urged the young men and women to carry on and in the coming 50 years get a larger church, which they greatly needed.

1925 09 24
Coun Porter said councillors might not realise what an old crock the ferry over the Cam at Chesterton was. When one went over in rough weather the water had to be baled out and the sides of the ferry shook. At the time of the fair the ferryman would not risk taking over a crowd of people because it was so dangerous. Children were taking a very great risk in using the ferry and the council taking the greatest risk of all in not taking steps to prevent somebody being drowned. The ferry was obsolete, it should be condemned at once and done away with.

1925 09 25
Pure feed for fish, p5
Canterbury Street bungalows, p5

1925 09 26
The great annual rat hunt week, organised by the Ministry of Agriculture, will take place in November. Already brigades of Boy Scouts have been enlisted for this Great War. Rats are more numerous this year, having returned to their winter quarters in the towns earlier than usual owing to the cold snap and early harvesting.

1925 09 26
Five donkeys and two horses composed Stourbridge Horse Fair. Year by year this once famous animal sale had dwindled. Twenty years ago there were about 100 animals brought to the Fair. As far as the main fair is concerned there are a few more booths than there were last year. The licence allows the Fair to last six weeks. Actually it goes on for three days.

1925 09 26
Chesterton council heard of overcrowding in Great Wilbraham. In one instance a man was living with his wife and 12 children in a house containing one bedroom. In the same yard was a house of four rooms in which there were generally 16 people sleeping. The owner said the overcrowding occurred subsequent to the letting of the houses and under present tenancy laws it was impossible to get rid of the occupiers without providing other accommodation for them

Sale Isleham & Fordham – Fyson, p5

1925 09 29
Ely police concert, p5

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1925 10 01
The problem of safety first in the Cambridge streets was addressed by the University Vice-Chancellor. "The motor habit, when it becomes an obsession, induces a state of mind out of harmony with the best traditions of Cambridge. The alarming increase in the number of motor vehicles called for some legislation and regulations prohibiting the use of motor vehicles by undergraduates in their first year have now been approved. Total prohibition may become a necessity but I prefer to think so drastic an act may be rendered unnecessary by loyal acceptance of the reasonable restrictions which have been sanctioned".

1925 10 01
The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new Evangelical Free Church at Swaffham Bulbeck was performed. Four big stones were laid and a number of bricks, the donors having each given a guinea towards the church fund. The site was given ten years ago and it is estimated the church will cost £850. Captain Tinton made a plea for the retaining of the mission hall, little would be got for it if it were sold and it might be utilised as a social amusement institute for young men. Mr Selby said that it was in 1900 that the Free Church Wardens' Society was formed with the object of providing a building for Nonconformists to worship in and when the building was opened it is hoped all the debt may be cleared off.

Through East Anglia in a lorry, p3

1925 10 02
The new Harvey Goodwin Home for Boys which has been erected at St Luke's Park, Victoria Road, Cambridge under the auspices of the Church of England Society for Providing Homes for Children (Waifs and Strays) was formally opened. The house is a fine, red brick building, capable of housing 35 boys and stands on a splendid site, and within its own grounds. The Bishop of Ely spoke of the work of sending boys from these homes to the Dominions under proper supervision.

1925 10 03
In October when summer time is over, people turn again to books, and now there is a library in every village the population of rural Cambridgeshire need not be at a loss for occupation, recreation and means of improvement during the winter evenings. Borrowers will be glad to learn that many additions have been made. The well-stocked agricultural and horticultural section has been enriched and books on basketry, rush and straw works, hat-making and other home crafts added. Radio enthusiasts have been catered for and there are works dealing with the construction of receiving sets. A large number of books have recently been withdrawn from circulation as a result of careless handling by readers.

1925 10 05
An inquest was held at Soham on the body of a boy aged 3½ who was killed by being run over by a threshing machine. The father said he was a healthy child and had often been with them in the yard and roadway when they were working. He was told an accident had happened and saw his boy lying in the road with his feet towards the grass and his head towards the crown of the road. His little head was crushed flat. The jury agreed that boys were very troublesome and would not keep away from engines. The only way was to give them a touch of the whip, but that would cause trouble with the parents. The jury handed their fees to the father of the deceased lad.

Lorry in flames, p5

1925 10 06
Haverhill motor ambulance, p5

1925 10 07
A Whittlesford man was seriously injured in a motor cycle accident. He was driving his machine on the Huntingdon Road towards Cambridge with two girls on the pillion seat when, near the Madingley

turning, he ran into a cow which, with several others, was on the road. The motor cycle overturned and the passengers thrown from the machine. The Borough Police ambulance was summoned and the man and the two girls (who had luckily escaped with cuts about the knees) were taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital where it was ascertained that the man was suffering from a fracture at the base of the skull.

1925 10 08
A Cambridge man who has been at one time or another general labourer, cook, dock labourer, railway worker, amusement caterer, ice-cream vendor, toy retailer, fish merchant, wholesale biscuit dealer and greengrocer, appeared for his public examination in bankruptcy at Cambridge. He had come to Cambridge in 1916 and started an "amusement arcade" in Mill Road. The amusements consisted of automatic machines, darts, games etc. He used to go round public houses with his automatic machines, half the profits were to go to the pub and half to himself. Soon after he opened business the police issued a summons against him and he scrapped four or five gaming machines.

1925 10 08
It is reported from Oxford that the Oxford trousers are rapidly passing, and that plus fours are to reign in their stead. According to a leading tailor they will be in brown shades of Scotch and Shetland tweeds, with shirts, collars stockings and pullover jumpers to harmonise. The day of the vividly coloured jumper is over. The hard felt black hat is also regaining popularity. There have been inquiries for brown bowlers, and they may return to favour

1925 10 09
A crowd of 500 farmers watched with interest a demonstration of sugar beet lifters at the College Farm, Duxford. Altogether there were 10 lifters and as quite a number of growers had not made up their minds as to which lifter they were going to purchase the opportunity of inspecting various machines materially assisted them in making their choice.

1925 10 10
Spalding's Directory, p6

1925 10 12
Saffron Walden loss of corporation horse, p5

1925 10 13
A remarkable demonstration in scientific shoe-fitting is being conducted in Cambridge by Messrs Faulkner and Son, the high-class bootmakers. Gentlemen are invited to have their feet examined by the X-ray pedoscope to determine which of the 54 distinct sizes they require. Gentlemen who do not require shoes at the moment are invited to have their pedal extremities X-rayed so that their size can be registered for future use.

1925 10 14
The principal item dealt with by the County Education Committee was the decision to recommend the scheme for a village college at Sawston. Six villages are catered for in various ways and the provision of a new building would cost no more than the patching up of the existing of the old one. The senior school would provide for 200 boys and girls with rooms for instruction in practical subjects (woodwork, metalwork, cookery, laundry and housewifery, including mothercraft)

1925 10 15
Speaking at the dance organised by the National Fascisti at Cambridge its President made an appeal for more University members of the party. It was not an organisation of hooligans but advocated that this country should be ruled entirely by those of British birth and British descent and not by aliens. They were not prepared to allow Jews to join. They had the courage of their convictions and were prepared, if necessary, to meet force by force. The dance was an unqualified success. There were close on 300 present.

Littleport diphtheria, p3

1925 10 16
The Ely Beet Sugar Factory was officially opened by the Minister of Agriculture. It is about a year since activities in connection with the erection of the factory commenced. Gradually large tracts of arable and pasture land have disappeared beneath the industry of the contractors and today there are well over two acres of buildings on a site of 66 acres. The average number of men employed in building operations had been nearly 1,000 and the wages bill alone had amounted to £100,000. During the factory campaign now commencing they would employ about 500 men.

1925 10 16
The handsome village hall which has been erected by the people of Little Shelford as part of their memorial to the men and women who served in the Great War was opened in the presence of a fairly large company. It has seating accommodation for over 300 persons. A stage has been provided for plays and behind is an operating box so that cinema shows can be given. A kitchen, dressing room etc are also attached. The hall was a record of the great united effort made by everybody in the village, men and women, young and old, for King and Country & was inspired by the same spirit of unity that had won the war.

Fascists formed 15 August, p5

1925 10 17
During the last few days undergraduates have been busy taking out licences for motor cars and motor cycles under the new regulations made with a view to decreasing the traffic in our narrow streets. Undergraduates are not allowed to use any motor vehicle before 12.30 in the morning or after 8.30 at night. An amusing rumour is that proctors are to patrol the streets in a motor car, followed by 'bulldogs' on motor cycles, but there is no necessity for such 'flying squad' methods as garages are to report any undergraduate who has his car out during the prohibited period.

1925 10 17
Something of a new departure is to be made in the outward appearance of the Pro-Proctor and his satellites. Commencing next week he will patrol the streets on foot but minus cap and gown, and the 'bulldogs' will wear some less conspicuous headgear than 'toppers'. It is said that some students will keep their motors outside the town and cycle out to fetch them but should any resort to such expedients they will probably receive an unpleasant surprise.

1925 10 19
A comprehensive scheme for the provision of parking places in Cambridge will be laid before the Town Council who are empowered to authorise any part of a street as a parking place, though no charge can be made for parking cars in the public streets. Sites include Trumpington Street opposite the Leys School, Maids' Causeway, Lensfield Road, King Street & Jesus Lane. In Pound Hill it is proposed to allocate space for parking motor buses from St Neots and St Ives

1925 10 19
Mr T. Musgrave Francis said they had been in search of a site at Harston for the provision of a policeman's house for a long time and had not been able to get one. Eventually they were offered one outside the village and, whilst the price was high, they felt they must accept it. Now, however, Mr Arthur Hurrell had offered the Chief Constable a most suitable site as a gift to the county. They could not have a better site and he moved a vote of thanks.

Hawkin's fire, p5

1925 10 21

Little Downham parish council are hoping to brighten the main parts of their village by means of acetylene gas lamps but they want the money to do it. In expectation of support for such a project they arranged for a public meeting, but scarcely a dozen ratepayers put in an appearance. The idea is to revive a custom started in 1911 when acetylene gas was generated at the Pound, Town End and voluntary subscriptions met the financial obligations. Since the war the gas plant has been lying idle and the lampposts have served only for supports for the weary, but now it is trusted the scheme may be revived.

1925 10 22
There was another 'battle of the bridges' at Cambridge Town Council when the question of the erection of bridges across the Cam was brought forward. With the opening up of Mill Road there were people who only got ten minutes home to dinner owing to delay at the ferry. The Paving committee recommended that the footbridge at Pretoria Road be proceeded with and that a temporary footbridge be erected at Dant's Ferry pending construction of a vehicular bridge. It was dangerous to go over Victoria Bridge and they must have a new vehicular bridge if only to modify that danger.

Soham water scheme complete, p6

1925 10 23
Unemployment, p6

1925 10 24
Wesley House, the new Wesleyan Methodist post-graduate theological college which has risen on a site in Jesus Lane, was formally opened. It was five years ago that the Wesleyan Methodist Conference decided to set up the college at Cambridge and a site was purchased from Jesus college. The architect, Sir Aston Webb, has carried out a pleasing design in red brick. The building comprises accommodation for 29 students. The work of the college has been carried on for the past four years in hired buildings

Toll of roads, p6

1925 10 26
Sir – in the course of clearing the refuse from the household dustbins the employees now have instructions to sort out all empty fish, fruit and other tins from the refuse and leave them behind for the householder to dispose of how he may. This regulation may not be a hardship for those who have a spacious garden where they can dig a hole and bury their tins. But we, the ratepayers of Petersfield Ward, blessed with councillors who have suggested homes in the fields for our poultry, ask them in their wisdom to be good enough to provide us with a home for our empty tins – A.M. Morley

Archery, p5

1925 10 29
Papworth fire, p5

1925 10 30
Chesterton RDC was told that it was very well supplied with water but five parishes had no public pumps, three had private supplies and one relied upon artesian wells where they had 13 wells continuously running. They should take powers to prevent that water running to waste. At Stapleford the council had bought land for the erection of houses but the Cambridge Water Company area did not include the village and although the main passed in front of the land they had no right to supply water.

1925 10 31
Mannequin parade, p5*
House refuse, p6

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1925 11 02
A dispute between the Vicar of Meldreth and his Parochial Church Council over the repair of the church and churchyard has come to a head with a petition for a faculty. In 1919 the churchyard was in a scandalous condition and had been made the dumping ground for the village. It contained old boots and tin cans and had been allowed to become infected with jackdaws and bats. Somebody shot the jackdaws from time to time and dead bodies lay about. It had never been mown and tombs were obliterated with brambles.

1925 11 03
Theft of socks, p5
Victoria Cinema tour mix, p5
Isleham church window, p6
Battle of bridge, p6

1925 11 04
Sir – if all the grumblers would combine to get the custodian of the Histon Road cemetery, Cambridge, a better wage they would do some real good. Each man begins cheerfully and willingly, but how can he be expected to keep a good heart and pay for auxiliary labour out of a 25s. wage. Every man who had taken the job has gone out owning himself beaten by a starvation wage. I heard one say he had to buy his own grass-cutting machine and bedding-out plants. Even with a house thrown in the job appears to be more a 'man-trap' than cemetery. – 'Anti-Fat'

1925 11 05
Pearl Lambeth – Barton, p5

1925 11 06
The Vicar of Shepreth's action in placing upon his church door a notice drawing attention to a pamphlet entitled "Work or Starve" was severely criticised at a meeting of the strikers in the East Anglian Cement Company dispute at the village hall. Mr Watering, the men's organiser, gave an account of a somewhat stormy interview with the Vicar and announced his intention of writing to the Bishop over the use of the church door as an advertising medium to divide the strikers. It seemed hardly possible that the dispute had been in progress thirty-five weeks. Only when Colonel Tebbutt was willing to meet the men's representatives and agreed to the approved rate of wages would the strike come to an end.

1925 11 06
Cambridge usually expects a 'rag' on Guy Fawkes' night but this year's affair was of a harmless character, plenty of noise being the chief characteristic. Fireworks galore were discharged and the Market Hill was occasionally lit up with flame-coloured flares. But this was rather a tame sort of amusement for undergraduates and they proceeded to accomplish the now stale feat of extinguishing the gas lamps in the neighbourhood of the Hill. Some undergrads took it into their heads to relight the lamps in the centre, which enabled one of their number to climb the fountain on the top of which something indistinguishable was placed. This being done out went the lamps again, coins being the smashing factor once more.

1925 11 06
Two fires caused damage to the extent of thousands of pounds in Cambridge and both are believed to have been caused by fireworks. It was particularly unfortunate that one occurred a few moments after the other, for the second was a much bigger conflagration than the first, and the fire engine was not then available. The first was to a corn stack in Natal Road but the other was at Messrs Kidman & Sons' wood factory yard and workshops in Abbey Walk. The outbreak occurred at the end of the building nearest the Coldham's Common allotments, but it quickly spread along the rafters and within

ten minutes there was no earthly chance of saving the building. The roof of St Columba's Mission Hall was soon alight and the outskirts of Simper's rope works also began to blaze.

Crossing white line, p5
Cycle club jubilee, p6

1925 11 07
There are at least two very happy married couples in Cambridgeshire today. In Melbourn there dwell Mr & Mrs John Preston Hall, who were married 68 years ago. They have lived in the same old-world thatched cottage in Drury Lane for 65 years. He is a working carpenter and at one time there were seven of his people all over 70. In Horningsea are another married couple whose name, curiously enough, is Melbourn, who celebrate their diamond wedding. Mr Melbourn worked on one farm from early boyhood until a few years ago. Hearty congratulations to both couples on their wonderful record

Mayor Mrs Hartree year review, p3

1925 11 09
The adjourned sitting of the Ely Consistory Court severely criticised the Vicar of Meldreth. The vicar said he felt plans by the Parochial Church Council regarding the church path was an attempt to interfere with consecrated ground and the graves of the dead. It was monstrous to disturb the dead who cannot take care of themselves and he stood for the dead in his churchyard. It was impossible for him to attend meetings of the church council owing to the attitude of one of the members. Everything connected with the council, the parish and everything else he was always finding fault with and complaining. It was impossible for the vicar, as chairman to attend any longer. So he gave up.

1925 11 09 c
Three undergraduates were fined £2 each for extinguishing street lamps. James Haynes, a watchman said he saw the gentlemen approach Drummer Street. They overturned the brazier containing his fire and he had to put the fire out because the tar on the pavement commenced to flare. He saw them turn out the light of a lamp in Emmanuel Street. Two of them hoisted another up to do this. In Short Street they turned out three more lights and another five were turned out along Victoria Avenue.

1925 11 10
Three-card trick, p5 (& 12th)

1925 11 11
With commendable solemnity Cambridge honoured England's dead. Never before was the Two Minutes Silence so well observed in the busy parts of the town, a striking testimony to the increasing reverence which is attached to this impressive ceremony. Many wore their poppies as an outward sign of their remembrance and heads were reverently bared as the first maroon boomed forth from Parker's Piece. Except for a few instances of chronic forgetfulness or callous disregard the silence was complete

Fen Drayton smallholdings, p3

1925 11 12
During the Newmarket race meeting season gangs of card twisters took out railway tickets to cover the period and 'worked' the trains between Newmarket and London. People were enticed to play, or if they refused, they were in serious danger of being assaulted. A Cambridge undergraduate was deprived of two banker's cheques, valued at £10, by the three card trick whilst playing in the train. As a result two men were sentenced to four month's imprisonment

1925 11 13
Cambridge dog show, p3

1925 11 14
"We the undersigned, convinced that all disputes between nations are capable of settlement by diplomatic negotiation, hereby solemnly declare that she shall refuse to support or render war service to any Government which resorts to arms". The declaration having been signed by members of the University they called a public meeting. The hall was nearly filled with undergraduates but a section of the audience showed their displeasure by continual interruption. Mr G.L. Trevelyan spoke of the horrors to be met in the next war, and was greeted with the remark: "No they will kill us nice and cleanly in the next war".

1925 11 14
Rarely does a stranger pay a visit to Cambridge in term time without commenting on the extraordinary number of bicycles to be found here. But apparently we cannot claim the record for the number of bicycles in proportion to the population. The number of push bicycles in Bedford is computed to be five to every six people. They have no tramway system and an inadequate service of omnibuses. On market day bicycles are propped against every wall and in one place they were almost two deep for 150 yards.

New Chesterton Institute 40th party, p6
Cottenham fruit picking station, p6

1925 11 16
Tango at Liberal Club, p5
Cottenham slaughterhouse, p5

1925 11 17
Mr Sidney William Washington, of Littleport, was a member of the crew of the great submarine M1, which was reported to have sunk with all hands off the Devonshire coast. It means the breaking of a happy romance, for only three months ago he was married. To the young wife and his parents the news came as a great shock. They first gained the sad information from the daily newspapers and official confirmation was forthcoming from the naval authorities when a letter was received that no hope was entertained for the crew's survival. An invitation was extended to them to attend a funeral service at Portsmouth. In Cambridge the deepest sympathy will be felt for Mrs M.G. Philpott, whose eldest son was aboard the M1 when she made her last dive.

Ely flower & feather show, p3

1925 11 18
Enormous interest was taken in the result of an inquest on an 11 year-old boy, the son of a college servant, who was killed in Victoria Avenue, Cambridge, by being knocked down by a motor car driven by an undergraduate of Emmanuel College. He had driven a hired Morris Oxford car with defective brakes at an excessive speed round the bend of the road and on the wrong side. The student was committed for trial on a charge of manslaughter

1925 11 18
The 100ft high chimney stack which has stood for close on 300 years on the site of the old disused flour mill at the corner of Mill Lane and Granta Place, Cambridge, was pulled down. A platform was erected at the base of the stack which rises from the now dry river bed, and fuel in the form of straw, wood and corn was placed thereon. The whole was then soaked with paraffin oil, a match applied and the work of destruction begun. But the old giant took a deal of shifting and it was not until the flames had licked about his feet for over a quarter of an hour did he sway and crash to the ground amid a deafening crescendo of falling masonry.

1925 11 18 c
Foreign missions take an important place in the religious life of Cambridge, and the reports from China of the shocking ill-treatment and martyrdom of missionaries at the hands of the Boxers, have

been read with grave anxiety and pain in this town. The fate of Mr & Mrs Herbert Dixon has greatly exercised the minds of their many friends and it is now recognised that all hope of their having escaped is past. They were for some months in Cambridge, residing at Mill Road and when leaving were recipients of presentations from the congregation of St Andrew's Street Baptist church. Another melancholy case is that of the sister of Mr Doggett of The Farm, Cherry Hinton but Miss Gregg has escaped and is now on her way home.

1925 11 19
Major D.J. Fryer, prospective candidate for the Isle of Ely, speaking at a Labour meeting held in the Ely Co-operative Hall, said he was so ashamed at Mr Winston Churchill's reduction of the super-tax and income tax that he gave £123, which he was saved from paying, to the Shepreth strikers. It was nonsense, he remarked, to pretend such men as himself needed relief. The Government should start at the other end of the scale.

Mania for bicycles, p3

1925 11 21
In Cambridge, as throughout the country, the sad tidings of the death of the Queen Mother were received with feelings of profound sorrow. The flags on the University buildings, colleges, churches, municipal buildings were half-masted, and at various places of entertainment the audiences, on hearing the news announced, stood in silence while the National Anthem was played. The Mayor moved a vote of sympathy with their Majesties King George V and the Queen on the loss of their mother. To every Englishman the name of Alexandra has stood for love and sympathy.

Share-out clubs, p3
Queen Alexandra & Cambridge, p5
Cambridge learns about itself, p8

1925 11 23
C.L. Tebbutt death, p5

1925 11 24
Mr John Berry Hobbs, the English, Surrey and Cambridgeshire cricketer, was honoured by his native town when over 400 sportsmen from all parts of the country gathered at the Cambridge Guildhall to meet 'the greatest batsman of the age'. Four well-known County captains, including three former leaders of England, accepted invitations and all paid tributes to the master batsman. Autograph hunters were busy during the evening and Mr Hobbs, Mr Warner, Mr Leveson-Gower and Mr Fender must now be suffering from writer's cramp.

Tipperary club, p5

1925 11 24 ES
L.N.E.R. installing a coaling plant at white moor to be operated mechanically, constructing a triangle for engine turning purposes, providing additional water facilities 50 11 24(2)ES

1925 11 25
Sir – is it not time that attention was drawn to the question of homework meted out to the boys at the Cambridge and County School? Is it right that boys of tender years, between the ages of 10 and 16 should, after doing a day's work at school, sit up night after night till the hours of 10, 11 and even 12 o'clock, pouring over lessons long after their brains refuse to function. If parents complain to the school the boy subsequently bears the brunt of it. I should like to know if other parents are experiencing the same difficulty – A Parent

1925 11 26

A Soham farmer was summoned for employing a child under the age of 14 years 'in such a manner as to prevent him attending school at Soham'. The school attendance officer saw a number of children working in a field picking potatoes. The farmer said he was most anxious to get his crop in before the frosts and he employed all the men and women he could get. The school had closed for a fortnight on account of the scarcity of labour so he did not think there was any harm in employing children. He was fined 10s.

B. Campkin presentation, p3
Captain Tebbutt inquest & funeral, p5*

1925 11 26 c
At the close of the public examination in bankruptcy of Dr - - of Bottisham the official receiver said he had received a resolution of sympathy passed by all the debtors' creditors – all except the money lenders. He was a medical practitioner and had invested all his capital in the practice, which he continued successfully until the war. About three years ago he got into financial difficulties and had recourse to money lenders; he had been in their hands ever since, sometimes borrowing from one to repay another.

1925 11 27
Acclaimed as the Swedish nightingale in 1850 and taking the world by storm, Jenny Lind has been re-born in 1925 in the person of Frieda Hempel who gave her celebrated 'Jennry Lind' concert in Cambridge Guildhall. A most enthusiastic welcome was accorded by her many admirers for besides having a glorious voice, she possesses great beauty, enhanced last night by white satin rose-trimmed crinoline and her beautiful fair hair parted in the middle.

1925 11 28
Drummer Street parking, p8
Queen Alexandra's visits to Cambridge, p8

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1925 12 01
Sir – The scenes on Sunday night in Petty Cury & Market Hill, Cambridge are disgraceful. Low hobbydehop youths and flat-chested flappers congregate and parade, whistling and shouting after each other and using language that would shame Billingsgate. Surely the police can put an end to such disgraceful proceedings – A.E.C.

Defiant parents, p5

1925 12 02
The overnight frost in Cambridge was sufficiently severe to ensure another day's sport for skaters. At the Cambridge sewage Farm, Milton Road, where the ice had a thickness of about two inches, skating was continued with safety and there were quite a number of people, chiefly Varsitymen, "making gay while the ice holds". The popular plus four suit and warm pull-over, is just the thing for this kind of sport, but one noticed a number skating in ordinary suits.

1925 12 04
Sir – I must utter a strong protest against the action of some person in authority in the town in trying to put a stop to skating on the Corporation Sewage Farm at Milton. It does seem a pity that when the opportunity for such a splendid form of recreation occurs only once in a generation, that some kill-joy should throw hot water, in this case, on such inexpensive pleasure for the public, with notices of 'keep off the ice', barbed wire entanglements, and a policeman taking the names of trespassers on skates. There were hundreds taking the risk of being prosecuted rather than miss the opportunity of such splendid sport - Bertram Pearson

Skating, p58
Ely deanery fire, p3

1925 12 05
Sir – in reference to letter concerning the so-called 'flat-chested flappers' parading the streets on Sunday evenings, I am afraid the person who named them as such must be either a very-narrow-minded person or a gouty, flat-footed individual. He may perhaps recall that these flappers may be shut up in shops and factories all the week and are only too pleased to get a little fresh air and recreation in Sunday evenings – 'One of the so-called flat-chested flappers'

1925 12 05 c
Sir – I must thank 'One of the flat-chested flappers' for corroborating my remarks as to the disgraceful conduct of the motley mob to be found in Petty Cury on Sunday nights. I should not advise anyone, particularly a young lady, in search of fresh air, to visit the Cury then, for the atmosphere is 'too blue' to be healthy, and reeks of cheap cigarette smoking, indulged in by ill-bred youths and flappers alike – A.E.C.

1925 12 05
Lively scenes took place at an intended auction sale of goods distrained on the instructions of the Ouse Drainage Board for non-payment of the rate. Some 30 men attended the sale at Scales' Hotel, Milton Road, Cambridge. As soon as the auctioneer opened the sale there was loud cheering, followed by a continued hubbub. Accordions were played more or less melodiously, the shriek of penny whistles rent the air, and mouth organs and toy trumpets added to the general pandemonium. A Welsh pony was trotted out from the stable, it's back covered with a large Union Jack and was run to and fro to the sounds of much music amid a constant flow of racing terms. It was also sternly admonished to 'keep its tail up' and was confidently dubbed next year's Derby winner. No bids were forthcoming.

1925 12 05
Regular services were resumed in the Leper chapel last summer, conducted by members of Westcott House. If these services are to be continued a proper floor (there being at present no other floor than beaten earth) and some form of heating apparatus are necessary, while the condition of the interior plaster, which is continually dropping, calls for immediate and careful repair. This means the raising of a considerable sum of money and it is estimated that £300 will be required.

Queen Alexandra at Cambridge, p8
Rendezvous film hirer bankruptcy, p5*

1925 12 07
The advent of Father Christmas in Cambridge marked the approach of the festive season. He entered the town by means of the railway line. Crowds of young and old alike assembled outside the station and as the train steamed in a vision of scarlet and white, with a long white flowing beard, was seen at the window. The coach that awaited his arrival might have featured in the pages of some Hans Andersen's story with his coachman resplendent in his green and gold livery, a footman in blue, & two trumpeters attired in old gold facings and velvet breeches. To the sound of a fanfare of trumpets and the strains of the band he started on a triumphal tour of the town. On his approach to his temporary home at Heyworth's stores in Burleigh Street he was officially welcomed to 'Treasure Island'

Polo players & horses, p5
10 mph speed restriction, p6

1925 12 08
Jesus Green pavilion, p3
Heifitz at Guildhall, p5
Car on fire, p5

Ely skating, p5

1925 12 09
The public examination of the film hirer of the Rendezvous Cinema was held at the Cambridge Bankruptcy Court. He had taken over the lease from Mrs Mason in June 1924 with Mr Wallace Lester and managed the business on behalf of the partnership. The concern never made any profits. He started with a salary of £10 a week and as the concern did not go very well it was reduced to £5. The cinema took about £90 a week, and wages and other expenses amounted to £120 a week, so that there was a gross loss every week.

1925 12 10
Guildhall bill hoardings, p5

1925 12 11
Motor speed regulation, p8

1925 12 12
The Cambridge Women's Welfare Association was formed recently to bring a knowledge of birth control methods within reach of poor mothers. It is a rule that every woman attending must be seen by a doctor and the Cambridge Centre, Fitzroy Hall, Wellington Street has both a lady doctor and a certified midwife in attendance. The London Society for the Provision of Birth Control Clinics began its work in a small way at Walworth and now has centres at North Kensington and Wolverhampton as well as Cambridge. At Walworth 5,275 separate cases have been dealt with since its work began in 1921.

1925 12 12
Discussion took place on the proposed Ten-Mile Speed Limit through Cambridge. Whether such a limit is workable or not, we have got to find some way of minimising traffic dangers. Cambridge and Oxford stand apart from all other towns by reason of the very large number of young men possessing motors, and Cambridge is worse than Oxford because out thoroughfares are so much narrower. Undergraduates – if they are the chief offenders – have to be made it realise it is not so easy to 'damn the consequences'. If heavier penalties and suspended licences will bring about the desired improvements well and good. If not more drastic measures must be sought.

Gt Wilbraham overcrowded houses, p5
Allotments, p8

1925 12 14
Saffron Walden speed limit, p5
County bowling association formed, p6

1925 12 15
Haverhill ambulance, p5
Xmas in shops, p8

1925 12 16
Fordham water scheme, p5
Xmas – Winton Smith, p7

1925 12 17
Two large bundles of rabbit-skins, one consisting of what is known in the trade as 'fresh pulled' skins and the other of what an expert witness described as 'summer rubbish' were exhibited in a Cambridge court. Percy Wheatley, skin merchant of Staffordshire Street, Cambridge claimed £18.14s. for alleged breach of contract. He had agreed to pay 4s.6d. a dozen provided they were fresh pulled off., but he found 90 per cent of the skins were 'summer rubbish'. He produced two bundles of skins and held

them up for the judge's inspection, pointing out the difference. His Honour gave judgement for the plaintiff.

Rendezvous cinema affairs, p5
House families, p5

1925 12 18
Sir – regular users of the main road between Milton and Cambridge have occasion to complain of the unsatisfactory working of the Milton Road Level Crossing. The gates are practically never open to the users of the road, the average being about once in twenty that one can get through. The L.N.E.R. say that on account of the heavy traffic on the line 'the gate-keeper is justified in keeping his gates across the public road in the normal position'. The dangerous and almost prehistoric state of the avoiding cutting is utterly unfit for modern traffic & is nothing short of a public disgrace. – P.W. Essex

New tennis club, p6*
Children sent workhouse, p7

1925 12 19
A confetti-strewn pavement outside St Philip's church, Romsey Town, told the tale of a happy romance of ripe old age. The wedding was that of John Crane, a 78-year-old Argyle Street bricklayer, and Mary Ann Sparrow of Madras Road, aged 72. The couple walked to church and the bride, who looked the picture of happiness, was given away by Mr James Taylor, who also acted as best man. The romance is quite a short one, but this is not the first adventure in matrimony for either. Both are wonderfully active and healthy and do not look their age, while Mr Crane still pursues his occupation of a bricklayer. When interviewed after the wedding Mr Crane replied, "I don't remember what has happened, but we are both very happy"

Waterbeach share-out societies, p7

1925 12 21
Dr Radio – Addenbrooke's, p7

1925 12 22
Romsey Town's champion girl sprinter, Kathleen Fabb, was presented with the silver cup which she won at the Crystal Palace. She competed in the first Annual sports held by the English Schools Athletic Association and came first in the 100 yards race for girls under 14, thus being the proud champion of the country in this event.

1925 12 23
A meeting of ratepayers protested against the compulsory attendance of the children of Rampton at the elementary school at Cottenham. They object to their children, whom they cannot afford to appropriately clothe and feed, having to tramp long distances to school through slush and mud and in all kinds of weather. The children need extra clothing and boots, and the food they have to take with them costs more than if they were fed at home

1925 12 23
The Isle of Ely County Council claimed £37 for arrears of rent of smallholdings at Tower Farm, Lt Downham. The defendant said he had three acres of sugar beet, one acre of mangolds, two acres of brank, a fowl house with about 100 fowls, and agricultural implements. He had advertised to sell his stock but in consequence of bad trade withdrew them. He had a valuable horse for which he had been bid £70 that he had sold for £24.

1925 12 23
A referendum was taken in the village of Fordham on the question of providing a public water supply in place of the present methods of landlords supplying their own properties by means of private wells.

This was not sufficiently decisive and it was decided to take a poll of the village. By a majority of four to one Fordham has refused it. The result was quite expected. A few wells have been found to be polluted but they only need to be deepened and the top soil kept free of sewage. Between the two streams the soil is boggy and the water polluted by decaying vegetation.

Exning bier, p2*
Fascisti at Rendezvous, p5

1925 12 24
Oxlode washland, p2
Santa Claus & twin brother, p5

1925 12 28
Well, Christmas had come and gone again and all that remains are the parties and indigestion. Christmas isn't like it used to be. It never was. With the world changing so quickly it would be surprising if, outwardly at any rate, Christmas did not change with it. But although nature may not give us what the Christmas card designers have led us to believe was the traditional Yuletide weather, what is more important is that the Spirit of Christmas is still with us and is indeed stronger than ever. On Christmas Day the football match between Cambridge Town and Thurrock was witnessed by a crowd of about 1,500

1925 12 28
The many hundreds of people who crowded Market Hill to see the meet of the Cambridgeshire Hunt on Boxing Day morning will have an opportunity of trying to pick themselves out in a special film at the Victoria Cinema. The photography is extraordinarily good and the picturesque scene well depicted. The spectator gets good views of various sections of the crowds and the huntsmen are seen partaking of the refreshments supplied by the Mayor. Later as the Hunt moves off we see them in King's Parade.

Child died Xmas day, p5

1925 12 29
The Water Engineer submitted a scheme to Ely RDC for the extension of water supply to Haddenham. He recommends the erection of a reinforced concrete water tower with a capacity of 100,000 gallons as the existing towers at Littleport and Sutton. The site chosen is the corner of a field at the back of the Rectory House, abutting the bowling green. There are other convenient sites but this is nearer to the existing pipeline and enables it to be laid straight to the tower without unnecessary curves or awkward bends.

Don deprived of readership, p5
Ely housing sites, p5

1925 12 31
The RSPCA prosecuted a Linton man for overdriving a sow. He had been given the job to drive the animal to a farm where it would be used for stock purposes. On arrival the sow was so exhausted that it died within a minute. The man said: "I took an hour to get her there. She started 'blowing' before I got out of Green Lane and she was a trouble all along the way. I have driven a good many pigs, but she capped the lot for 'blowing'." He was fined 13s. 6d.

Overdriving sow, p5*

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I have scans of these articles

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1926 01 01
1925 was sent from among us, and 1926, was ushered in by the century-old custom of firing two rockets on Parker's Piece at midnight. A small band of townsfolk gathered to attend the funeral obsequies of the dying year. At ten minutes before midnight Mr A. Deck arrived with the rockets and the crowd stood in silence. Then the bells of Great St Mary's were drowned out by a mighty rushing noise, a whiz and a bang and 1925 had gone. Then as the first chimes of the Catholic Church reached the ear there was a second whiz followed by another loud bang and 1926 was here.

Property market, p2
St Matthew's Piece, p5

1926 01 01 ES
Water supply scheme extension to Haddenham, Wilburton, Thetford & Stretham; main will continue direct through Stretham where it will turn north at the Mission Hall and follow Front Street and High Street past the church to the windmill at the crest of the hill where it will diminish to 3in diameter; the whole village will be controlled by suitable valves, and hydrants could be fixed at convenient distances. It will then follow the main Ely Road –26 01 01 & (2) ES

1926 01 02
One has been glad to see the new sign posts erected in various parts of Cambridge for in these days of ever-increasing road traffic we want to make it as easy as possible for motorists who pass through our town. As originally erected one directed travellers to Bedford along King's Parade and through Magdalene Street, but when it was pointed out that the traffic through the town should be diminished as much as possible, this offending arm was removed.

1926 01 02
Mrs Angelina Dunn Gardner, of Fordham Abbey, left £1,500 to the Fordham Parochial Church Council for the purchase of a suitable piece of land and the erection thereon of a Church Hall to be used primarily for occasional services or the moral, physical, social, intellectual and spiritual interests of the inhabitants. She directed that the building should bear a tablet of stone recording the gift and its object.

1926 01 02
An outbreak of smallpox has occurred and a young man of March has been isolated. Recently he paid a visit to Cambridge where he attended a market. He became unwell and three days later spots began to appear on various parts of his body. On Boxing Day the doctors arrived at the opinion that the case was clearly smallpox and the man was removed to March Isolation Hospital and 20 'contacts' have since been treated.

St Matthew's Piece, p6*

1926 01 04
Newspaper men at dinner, p3

1926 01 06

Alderman Few asked a question as to the condition of a teacher's house at Westley Waterless. The rent appeared to be fixed at £6 per annum. Was the place fit to live in? Mr Fordham said it was a very small house, let to an uncertificated teacher. One woman lived by herself. There were two living rooms, two bedrooms, a scullery, and an entrance through the schoolroom.

1926 01 07
Further manifestation of the stubbornness of parents in the Bottisham area against sending their children to school at Burwell was forthcoming when a number of summonses for non-attendance were heard. One case was adjourned in order to consider whether the County Council would sanction a child remaining at Swaffham School, where there was plenty of room. One parent contended it would be detrimental to the health of his children, who were delicate, to go to Burwell. If the girl was allowed to go to Reach school for a year he would be prepared to send her to Burwell after that, if she grew out of her delicate condition.

Post office children's party, p5

1926 01 08
Ely and low-lying parts have luckily escaped any serious encroachment from the flood waters passing down the River Ouse. On Monday the river reached it's highest at 16 ft 9 ins, the normal being 13 ft 6 ins. Denver sluice was a godsend, for had it not been for the fine manipulation of those sluices another two to three feet would have been recorded at Ely. Along the 100 ft Bank however and between the Old and New Bedfords, the flood water stretches for at least 20 miles. Many parts around have suffered, but no serious damage is reported.

1926 01 08 ES
Fen floods: abnormal rise in rivers follows heavy downfalls … wash-lands miniature seas; Ely area escapes serious flooding due to Denver Sluice. River rose from normal level of 13ft 6ins to 16ft 9ins; in 1915 it had been four feet higher, a year later a record flood with levels 20ft 10in. Had it not been for the new sluices at St Germans flooding in Middle Level would have been more serious. The banks have not been tested for six years and the dry summer of 1921 must have had a very bad effect on them. The pumping engines have been working unceasingly – 20 01 08 & (2) ES # c.29

1926 01 11
Cambridge Railway Clerks' Association annual dinner heard of the serious commercial encroachment which road transport is making upon the railways. It was entirely unfair that railway companies should have their business taken away from them by this new form of transport. The country would have to make up its mind whether it was going to have an efficient railway service or an inefficient, anaemic railway system hampered by this new form of competition with which it was unable to compete. Railwaymen were getting very restless about this question

1926 01 12
The proposal to establish a parking-station in opposite Brookside in Trumpington Road, Cambridge, is meeting with opposition. Residents resent the possibility of charabanc crowds congregating in front of & gaping into their windows. The scheme will interfere with their privacy, comfort and peacefulness; the noise caused by the arrival and departure of motor vehicles would create an intolerable nuisance; the outlook would be entirely spoilt, & the value of the properties seriously depreciated.

Cattle Market closed, p5

1926 01 13
Miss Maisie Fry of the Gogmagog Golf Club is one of the seven winning beauties in a "Daily Sketch" beauty competition and will receive a prize of £50. She is typical of the English girl, with fair curly hair and a well-built, girlish figure. Living a secluded life at the old club house nestling at the foot of

the Gog & Magog Hills, her success came as a great surprise to her. She entertains very strict views upon the use of cosmetics. When the cheque arrives she intends to purchase a new cycle.

Thomas Ivatt, Cottenham death, p5

1926 01 14
Boxing Day mishap, p6

1926 01 15 ES
Studying village history … great deal of interest but doubtless whether a better scheme could be evolved anywhere than in Cambridgeshire. Based on assumption that the best plan is to work through the village schools and teachers. The headmaster of Foxton, H.W. Saunders is an expert and under his supervision the County have set up a comprehensive series of courses in local history for rural teachers. They are held weekly on Saturdays in Cambridge and will extend over a year. All courses are very largely attended by the head teachers and staffs of the village schools. It is hoped teachers will begin to compile local histories of their villages. An information bureau has been set up at Foxton with Dr W.M. Palmer. It distributes materials to assist teachers and gradually collates all the materials obtained to compile a reliable local history of Cambridgeshire. Assistance is give without charge … translations made of Latin passages, transcription of Old English, Manor Rolls … and existence of valuable date made secure. Considerable help has been given in the University and by Cambridge antiquaries and CUP assist to publish 'History Teacher's Miscellany' and 'Documents relating to Cambridgeshire villages'. County Library says demand for village and county histories cannot be fully met; books and pamphlets are read from cover to cover and we cannot have too many of them 26 01 15(2) ES # c.43

Ely by the sea; work at the Hundred Foot pumping station – steam engine worked day and night for a week; work installing the new oil plant proceeding – 26 01 15 ES # c.29

1926 01 16
There were lively scenes in East Road, Cambridge, when another "sale" of goods distrained by the Ouse Drainage Board for the non-payment of rates was to have taken place. A "jazz band" quickly attracted a crowd to the scene and the sight of 30 men attired in top hats, paper hats etc, caused considerable amusement. Some had toy trumpets, some hunting horns, some penny whistles while a few motor hooters added to the "harmony". Attempts to conduct the sale were drowned in a general uproar and all the lots were withdrawn.

Ely women conservatives, p5

1926 01 18
Sir – Years ago the owners and residents of Brookside, Cambridge, planned and built their houses. Naturally these men were entirely ignorant of the future introduction and rapid growth of motor traffic and innocently planned their property to the main road in the form of a large parking place. Necessity soon decided that man should chose sites as parking places for stationery traffic to shelter from danger, load and unload etc, out of the busy road. Now an avaricious council espied the large ready-made parking place and coveted it, causing its lawful owners such 'nuisance' as will eventually drive them from their homes. – Sympathetic Ratepayer

1926 01 18
The spectacle of a heavily laden steam waggon careering backwards down Fore Hill, Ely, was witnessed by a large number of people. The waggon, owned by Messrs Clark and Butcher of Soham was conveying a large quantity of flour and the driver was unaware that as it was freezing the road surface resembled a sheet of uneven glass. All went well until the waggon had reached the top of the hill but then although the rear wheels were revolving they were not 'biting' the surface of the road. It came to a stop and began to slip back. It gathered momentum and presented a curious sight, the rear

wheels revolving in the opposite direction but with no effect. Sliding past Ye Olde Tea Rooms it skidded along the pavement and came to a stop a few yards past the Rose and Crown.

1926 01 18
Skating has been in full swing over the weekend. The Cambridge Sewage Farm has been the rendezvous of the majority of skaters and on Sunday over 500 skaters were 'on' in the afternoon. Mr Nicholls' field in Grantchester Meadows was flooded and many skaters availed themselves of the opportunity it offered, whilst others went over to Swavesey. Hundreds indulged in winter sports on the slopes of Royston Heath, tobogganing and ski-ing were general

Motor bus fire, p3

1926 01 19
Shepreth labour party, p6

1926 01 21
An action for breach of promise of marriage was brought against a Littleport cinema proprietor. In 1923 he started a concert party known as "The Passing Fancies" at Littleport and toured a great number of places, the woman going with them. In the August he bought the cinema hall for £2,000 and she assisted by taking the money. In January 1924 he had received a box containing his mother's effects. He picked up his mother's engagement ring, put it on her finger and said, "That's your engagement ring". She had heard of his marriage in September 1925. The man said that she was one of his "passing fancies". The jury awarded her £400 damages.

Plough horses unfit, p3

1926 01 22
Joseph Canham, p5

1926 01 22 ES
The rural water supply estimates – 26 01 22 & (2) ES

St Ives bus catches fire, destroys house – 26 01 22(2) ES

Sutton water tower – main water pipes burst owing to flood and thousands of gallons pout out – 26 01 22(3) ES

1926 01 23
"I want to remind you that the Labour Party is not a party of Bolshevists, or Communists, or Anarchists, or anything like that. Most of us are simple, honest, straightforward men and women. We have absolute confidence that our party is the part of the future", said Major Freyer at a well-attended meeting organised by New Town Ward Labour Party. He added: "I can assure you that the Liberals and Conservatives on Cambridge Town Council are practically the same." He believed the essential services such as water, gas and electric power, and transport should be community-owned.

1926 01 23
The Jockey Club appealed against the assessment of their racecourses and training grounds at Newmarket. They have 20 appeals spread over various parishes and are claiming that the gross estimated rental and rateable value of the property are excessive. The cost of training was "getting on for double" of that of 10 years ago.

Rural dilemma, p3
County Ball, p5
Bailiff 'crowned', p5
Ely RDC water, p7

Town & county council, p8*
Conan Doyle, p8*

1926 01 27
The adventures of a lady's new coat, ordered through the post were traced at Linton police court. From Worcester the coat journeyed on its appointed way until reaching Whittlesford station. Charles Walker, a parcels porter, said he conveyed the parcel from the train to the parcel office. It was later placed in the booking hall to await delivery. When the carman came for the parcels this one was missing. It was later found at the 48 mileage on the Duxford siding.

Maintaining district roads, p5

1926 01 28
A Haverhill labourer sued his employer under the provision of the Agricultural Wages Regulation Act of 1924 which fixed the wages for East and West Suffolk at 7d an hour. He was offered a reduced wage of 18s per week which he was told he might either take or leave. He did anything that came along including hoeing wheat, making faggots, raising stone, spreading manure and turning over and tying up flax put in the field. He had occupied a cottage owned by his employer but gave it up when it was in bad repair. He could not remember that he had the delirium tremens and that he pulled the tiles off the roof.

Linton milkman, p5

1926 01 29
Stretham manor estate purchased, p3
Cossack rag, p3

1926 01 29 ES
Charles Howard spent 39 years of his service with the Great Eastern Railway Company at Haddenham. Marvellous changes have taken place on the railway since he joined as a clerk at Godmanchester in 1875. "When I came to Haddenham in 1887 the platform was only about two bricks high. I had that altered so that people could conveniently step into the carriages, as they would be able to do at any other station. Before that was done we used to have to keep a pair of steps to enable elderly people to climb into the carriages. Younger people could, of course, do without the steps. "In those days we had a brick siding to cope with the tremendous brick trade which was done by Mr Jewson's firm". He touched on the development of the fruit growing industry and said that in those days the gooseberry was the principal fruit grown. Now people went in for growing all kinds of fruit and large quantities were dispatched by rail. Prior to Mr Howard there had only been one other station master, Mr Jacobs, who was there for 21 years. When four years ago there was an amalgamation of the railways, Mr Howard was given control of the stations at Stretham and Wilburton as well as that of Haddenham, and to mark their appreciation the staffs of the three stations presented him with a beautiful clock on his retirement. He intends to spend the rest of his days in a beautifully situated house which they have had erected on the Aldreth Road named "Herewake". The house stands well back from the road, and is fronted with an excellent bowling green – 26 01 29(2) & (3) ES # c.26.2

Joseph Tokins retired from Barraway sidings signal box, Soham – 26 01 29(4) # c.26.2

Stretham Manor Estate purchased by Fred Hiam – 26 01 29(4) ES

Attempt to solve Ouse problem; commission's far-reaching proposals include barrier at King's Lynn, elimination of Magdalen bend, pull down Seven Holes Sluice at Earith, enlarge Old Bedford River. Welmore Lake Sluice in decrepit condition and must be replaced. Causeways leading to Sutton Gault and Mepal bridges are liable to inundation and impede rapid discharge of water; should be raised on piers. Relinquishing liability for Mepal and Welney bridges – 26 01 29 ES

1926 01 30
"A general feeling of dissatisfaction at Harston as to the supervision exercised in quite an epidemic of scarlet fever in the village led to some questioning at Chesterton Rural Council. A child had been sent home too early from the Isolation Hospital and infected other members of the family who were now suffering from scarlet fever. Provided there were no traces of peeling or discharges form the ears and nose after six weeks isolation it was considered safe to allow a patient to be discharged. The parent had kissed the child on the station platform when it was discharged from the Hospital and did not realise how dangerous that was.

1926 01 30
The County Council is to make representation to the LNER about the difficulties occasioned by the gates at level crossings being unreasonably kept closed across the road. There were places where the gates were closed for a few minutes and at other where they were shut for something like 20 minutes before the passage of a train. Councillor Pearson said it was not the fault of the gateman. He knew of a gate-opener who was 'on' for 24-hours a day and the barber had to call to cut his hair. It was not fair to ask a man to be on duty so long having regard to all the traffic on the roads at the present day.

1926 01 30
An unusual sight was seen in Cambridge when a hare at full tilt careered through our crowded streets from the direction of Huntingdon Road. Ignoring the police signal at Northampton Street 'pussy' tore along Bridge Street and through the crowded traffic towards Hills Road. When last seen the hare was still running. Some employers must have had a shock to see how fast their errand boys could travel when there was something to chase!

Don Cossack choir, p8

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Housing in Cambridgeshire, p5

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Red Cross massage, p3

1926 02 03
Ely workhouse, p3

1926 02 04
The clerk of the Conservators of the River Cam read a letter from the bank with regard to their debt. The overdraft was £3,842, in addition to which there was a loan of £4,000. The value of the Conservators securities appeared to be about £1,500. It may be better to ask the Corporation to lend them the money

1926 02 04
Ald Raynes told Cambridge town council that the centre of local government was gradually shifting from the Guildhall to the County Hall. Mr Neville Chamberlain would in time abolish the rural councils. Town councils would be given delegated authority to function under the supervision of the county, which would be a very serious thing.

1926 02 05
Coun Few said they were very proud of the houses they had built in Vinery Road and Coleridge Road, but they were now proposing to build houses that in a few years would become a slum area. They would be spoiling Cambridge if they built non-parlour houses with only one living room. They ought to consider the women who had to live in those houses. "We men only pop in and pop out, as it were,

we are only lodgers; it is our working women who have to put up with them all the time. I call that type of house unfit for human being to live in as far as the wife and children are concerned", he said.

St Matthew's Piece, p5

1926 02 05 ES
Successful fruit-packing station at Cottenham: illustrated feature – 26 02 05 ES

1926 02 06
The circumstances attending the death of a stableman in the employ of the Cambs Hunt, who lived nearly two days with a broken neck, were inquired into by the Borough Coroner. The man had ridden his horse into a field to allow a steam waggon to pass, and when he turned the animal round it kicked and threw him. The horse was a hunter and perfectly quiet, a lady had ridden it. He died in Addenbrooke's Hospital

1926 02 08
Parking on King's Parade, p6

1926 02 10
A railway accident occurred near Ely station. The 9.41 pm slow passenger train for Cambridge was proceeding to what is known as the branch up-road platform of the station, to get on to the main line. At the Dock junction the engine collided with the side of another engine which was drawing a goods train at a slow pace, bound for London. Both engines were of the large type and the impact resulted in the engines and a number of trucks and carriages being derailed. Fortunately there were only a few people in the passenger train – only five or six and no one received anything worse than a shaking.

Addenbrooke's Hospital wireless gift, p6

1926 02 11
Bottisham publican, p3

1926 02 12
An unemployed labourer pleaded guilty to stealing a packet of ten Player's cigarettes, value 6d, from an automatic box. He placed in the machine a farthing that had been cut down at the edge to the six of a sixpence and by this means obtained the pack of cigarettes. George Lay, tobacconist of Burrell's Walk, Cambridge, said he had placed marked packets in the machine after finding farthings, pieces of lead and foreign coins in the money box.

Hunt ball, p5

1926 02 13
"The town dweller is rapidly becoming the most helpless of living creatures; he drives a tramcar or minds an automatic machine; she buys the family dinner ready made in tin or packet. Country folks are hastening to follow suit, and all the resources of the State have to be called upon in order to resuscitate agriculture and the rural industries," says the Chief Scientific Adviser to the Ministry of Agriculture. He pleads that proper instruction in some useful handicraft should run concurrently with the teaching of reading and arithmetic in our elementary schools.

1926 02 13
I am glad to record that the projecting clock near Downing Street, Cambridge, which for many years pointed to "twenty to three", has now been removed. St Paul's church clock, which was badly damaged by a storm last spring, is in such a useful position between the town and the railway station that we would be glad to see it going again. It hardly seems fair that the repair should fall upon the church, when it exists largely for the passers-by

1926 02 13
Mr John James Withers, C.B.E., was elected Member of Parliament for the University of Cambridge. The Vice-Chancellor attended at the Senate House between the hours of 10 and 11 to receive nominations, Mr Withers was the only person nominated and at 11 o'clock declared him duly elected. A small body of interested members of the University was present and Mr Withers turned up in time to hear his election announced.

1926 02 15
Cambridgeshire Rural Community Council resolved to purchase three four-valve loudspeaker wireless receiving sets at £20 each, to be sold to villages. They also asked the Women's Institute to sponsor a set, and they had recommended the villages of Orwell and Elsworth. Orwell however, in view of their village hall enterprise, preferred to wait. Ickleton Men's Club had agreed to take one and it had been ordered and would be installed immediately.

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Papworth colony, p3
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Newmarket cinema, p5

1926 02 17
Saffron Walden slums, p2
Milton smallholdings & threshing machine, p3
Dr Swann death, p5 & 15th p6

1926 02 18
Much of the water supply for Fordham is derived from shallow wells in close proximity to groups of cottages, pit privies and refuse heaps. Almost all the 104 wells are liable to gross pollution and unfit for drinking purposes. In addition a few houses are dependent upon unfiltered water from the river. The Medical Officer of Health regards this as a grave potential danger and is of the opinion that the only way of dealing with the matter is to provide an ample and pure supply for the whole village

Chesterton fire pump, p5

1926 02 19
Linton RDC received an application on behalf of Clare College to a subsidy for the erection of a pair of cottages at Ickleton. Mr Brocklebank said the grant was to enable cottages to be built which could not be built if the grant were not given. He could not conceive that the Mater, Fellows and Scholars of Clare College were unable to afford to build these cottages. The council applied for permission to borrow money for the erection of 12 cottages in the parishes of Carlton, West Wickham and Hildersham.

Comberton Institute, p6

1929 02 19 ES
Stretham:
Isaac Asplin retires as postman; b. 1853, joined army and served in Afghan war; letter-carrier Mr T. Swan, then postman for 24 years. In 1910 he climbed up steeple of church – 26 02 19(2) ES

Soham Barclay's Bank opening – 26 02 19(2) ES

1926 02 20
Sir – there is a need in Cambridge for duly authorised and well-informed guides in order that numerous visitors may be properly conducted over the colleges. The qualified guides should be supplied with a badge and a fixed charge made for their services. They would be allowed in college

buildings and other places where at present visitors are not admitted. Intelligent disabled soldiers might be available for such a job – A. Macintosh

1926 02 20
Sir – Cyclists and motorists who frequent the road to Sandy will probably have noticed Barton church tower, nestling amongst the trees. It is in need of considerable repairs. The east and west walls are badly cracked. There is a peal of five excellent bells which it is considered unsafe to have rung with the tower in its present condition. Barton is a small and poor parish. We have raised £200 for repairs but are stuck for the last hundred. Perhaps some of your readers may feel inclined to help us. – J.C. Carter, Vicar.

Three stamps for 1/2 d, p6

1926 02 23
Spotlight on car, p5
Huntingdonshire farmers oppose Government, p5

1926 02 24
Amateur photographers will find a warm welcome at the exhibition of the Cambridge Photographic Club. Mr Langdon-Davies has a very nice collection of oil prints, which show great artistic feeling; his local scenes include St Clement's church and the University Press. Mr L.J. Jarman has a set of six prints, particularly pleasing is his picture of snow on the Backs. Mr R.H. Bullen has four exhibits, of which "Fairy Barges" strikes one as perhaps his best. The Misses M. & A. Johnson were bold enough to invade the precincts of the club and were awarded with two excellent impressions of Mr R.T. Bellamy, one being inscribed "The minutes of the last meeting"

1926 02 25
A remarkable story of how a young coloured traveller bought war decorations for sheer vanity & wore them at the Green Hill public house, Linton, was related at Linton Police Court. Defendant was a native of Trinidad, the son of an eminent K.C. in the West Indies. He asserted he had joined the West Indian Light Horse in 1920 and went to France, but then admitted he had bought the medals in Clapham for 1s.11d.

1926 02 26
Householders in Chesterton Road have petitioned Cambridge Borough Council to lodge protest against the speed at which vehicles of the Ortona Motor Omnibus Company are driven down the road. "The effect of the excessive speed at which these jolting juggernauts are driven is to produce an intermittent earthquake which is doing great damage to our houses". They should not be allowed to exceed 10 mph, increasing to 15 mph when pneumatic tyres are fitted. The present indulgence, which allows solid-tyred vehicles to bump along at 20 to 25 mph, is altogether unreasonable, they claim

1926 02 26
Sir – as a business man obliged to use the railways I wish to draw attention to the lack of punctuality of trains from the St Ives branch at Cambridge station. The 8.25 pm is invariably anything from a quarter to half-an-hour late, generally waiting ten minutes at Mill Road bridge whilst room is being found to run up to the platform. There is a rumour that the Ortona Motor Bus Company is shortly linking up with the National Bus Company at St Ives. The railway companies grumble about road transport competition, but it is their own fault and they have a remedy by being more punctual with the passenger service – H.G. Parker

1929 02 26 ES
Model dairy: March farmer's enterprise – H.G. Morton – detailed article – 26 02 26 ES

1926 02 27
College gardens, p2

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1926 03 01
Omnibus service, p6

1926 03 02
The motor ambulance service in Cambridge continues to prove of great benefit and increased demands have again been made both for accidental and private cases. An additional motor ambulance has been purchased and has proved of great assistance. The number of calls received was 701, 175 to accidents and cases of sudden illness in the streets and 526 to private removal cases. The Watch Committee have excused payment in several cases of private removals, where the persons were in necessitous circumstances. The ambulances are available at any hour of the day or night upon application to the Central Police Station or Fire Station.

Dangerous pistol firing, p5

1926 03 03
Conservators future, p5
Burwell school parents, p5

1926 03 04
Eighteen huge elm trees, which stood in a row on the north boundary of St Neots Common, were blown down in last night's storm, carrying away many telephone wires and completely blocking the road.

Huntingdonshire agricultural protest, p3

1926 03 05
At the Licensing Session Mr Eric Pointer made an application for a new music and dancing licence for the Assembly Rooms, Market Passage, Cambridge, from 1pm to midnight. A complaint had been received on the grounds of the noise being more or less a perpetual nuisance. During term time the noise and hubbub had been almost unbearable. Not only was there shouting and yelling, but there was hammering as if someone was tacking something up. There was plenty of accommodation for dancing – the Central Hall, the Guildhall, the Corn Exchange and the Dorothy – and this new licence was unnecessary. The application was refused

1926 03 05
An application was made for the renewal of the music and dancing licence of the Rendezvous, Magrath Avenue, Cambridge. Several residents objected on the grounds of noise very late at night caused by cars, people talking, and the band and the magistrates in renewing the licence curtailed it until 11 pm. Mr William Evans said the dancing was absolutely letting the whole district down. There were working men living in the area and their rest was being disturbed by motor cars until 1 o'clock in the morning. People promenaded outside and he had known them sit on the step in front of his house to do their courting.

1926 03 05 ES
Miss Alison Philip of Edinburgh has been appointed to librarian of the Isle of Ely County Library. There were 49 applicants for the post and four of the candidates were interviewed. Miss Philip impressed the Committee very favourable and she presented excellent testimonials.One wrote: 'As the daughter of a country parish minister, she gained an intimate knowledge of village life and, besides taking over a school in an emergency for over a year, she established a village library which now has over 1000 volumes. Her tastes are literary, and she is extremely well read. On the grounds of business ability and knowledge of village life and of books, and of very find character, I recommend her for the

post'. Miss Philip was educated at the George Watson College. She went for a year to Brussels, and has since travelled for a short time in India and Canada

Isle of Ely County Librarian, Alison Philip, appointed – 26 03 05 ES, picture – 26 03 12 ES

1926 03 06
Described by one witness as coming out of a cloud of dust at 50 miles per hour, a motorist was fined £20 & had his licence suspended for a year for driving a motor car to the danger of the public. Ernest Carter, the crossing keeper at Milton, said he noticed a car coming from Cambridge at a fast pace. As it went over the rails the passenger in the back seat bumped up about a foot. There was quite a lot of traffic about. James Foreman, a bricklayer, noticed a car flash past him. He was slightly deaf and had he turned round he would have been knocked down.

1926 03 06
The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Winston Church, has come and gone, but alas! he has not revealed any Budget secrets, so we must possess our souls in patience a little longer. His speech at the University Conservative Association dinner lasted for one hour and 43 seconds, according to a gentleman with a stopwatch, and nearly the whole of it was devoted to the menace of Socialism. Perhaps the least cheerful point of his speech was that it would take the whole of the remaining three-quarters of the century to recover from the harrowing events of the first quarter.

Mrs Pankurst and Cambridge, p6*

1926 03 08
Sainsbury half holiday, p5
Milton theft hay, p5

1926 03 09
It is with great please that we are able to announce the arrival of what is hoped will be a satisfactory and lasting settlement of the long-drawn-out dispute between the men at the East Anglian Cement Works at Shepreth and their employers. Yesterday, a day after the anniversary of the beginning of the strike the men agreed to accept terms for the resumption of work offered by the Company. The Company cannot employ all the men immediately but the manager will be instructed to start as many as possible.

1926 03 10
Open Air School, p3

1926 03 11
Prof B.M. Jones told a meeting: "I look forward to seeing in my lifetime a state in which flying is as safe, and has the same order of expense as railway travel, carried out at an average speed of 200 miles per hour, night and day". Up to the present the amount of flying done was not sufficient to affect the ordinary man in the street & the flying industries were small but aeroplanes were reaching the stage when they could take part as a real world force. He feared there was a big future for aeronautics if there was another war

1926 03 11
The Bankruptcy court was told a woman had taken the Glengarry Hotel, Regent Street, Cambridge, in January 1921. It was entirely a licensed University lodging house for the students of Downing College only and continued so until 1924. It had not been successful owing to the college being unable to fill all the rooms. Subsequently she converted it into a private commercial hotel and made a profit of about £2 a week. The major part of the deficiency arose while it was a lodging house.

1926 03 12

A Cambridge school girl died of small-pox at the Infectious Diseases Hospital, Mill Road and as a result the East Road Boys', Girls' and Infants' Schools have been closed for at least a week for disinfection. The Medical Officer strongly advises people to get vaccinated. The last outbreak occurred in 1921 when a man was affected. There was also an isolated outbreak in 1919

1926 03 12 ES
Isle Librarian: Hoped a local would have got job: –'Sir. The appointment of a Scotch lady as Librarian for the Isle of Ely has occasioned some heart burning as it was hoped the position would have been a secured by a resident of the county. There appears to be quite a Scotch and North of England favour amongst the officials of the County Council, who will doubtless welcome in their midst another compatriot from the land of the mountains and the glen. But still the County Council would do well to remember the claims of applicants in this district when another minor post is open for competition, even if their qualifications are not as high as some of the candidates from other parts of the country. Surely out of 40 or more candidates, there could have been found a Fen man or Fen woman who could have undertaken duties of County Librarian efficiently and to the satisfaction of the officials. Yours faithfully a Supporter of the Scheme' 26 03 12(2) photo

Ely Cottage Hospital debate – 26 03 12(3)(4) ES

1926 03 13
To the average man, a mannequin parade presents characteristics which combine to embarrass the most strongly minded. He is overwhelmed with the importance of the occasion and metaphorically "smothered" by the bevy of beauty which confronts him. No cheque book could have been greatly taxed at Messrs Sayle and Co's two parades as the moderate prices were an outstanding factor. It was an excellent demonstration of what really can be done for a modest expenditure and record attendances marked both the morning and afternoon displays. We look forward to a parade of men's wear, when the ladies may blush in their embarrassing minority!

Shepreth strike, p6

1926 03 15
Much damage was done by a fire which broke out in a shop occupied by Thomas Stubbings, a dealer in new and second-hand furniture at the corner of Tanner's Lane and Sand Street, Soham. The firemen soon got to work, but the fire had such a hold that nothing could save the contents so they turned their attention to saving some of the five houses adjoining. There was a shed at the back of the shop in which were stored a quantity of paraffin but by keeping the building wetted this was saved.

Modern dancing, p5
Girl Guides helpers, p6

1926 03 16
Hudson's Pampisford Brewery applied for the renewal of the licence of the Dog and Gun public house, Saffron Walden. Inspector Ridgewell said there were three licensed houses within 100 yards and the situation was generally bad. There were no sanitary arrangements on the premises. There had been a decrease in trade from 61 barrels in 1921 to 41 barrels in 1925. The principal trade was done on market day when they supplied dinners and bread and cheese. The persons using the house were generally working class. The licence was renewed.

1926 03 16
Newmarket council considered an application in respect of a proposed new cinema at Stamford House, High Street. Mr C. Reeve said the council should consider their own "white elephant", the Memorial Hall, on which they had lost £200-£300 a year. And they ought not to take building men off the necessary work of building cottages for the people, this application could wait. Mr Dring said it was time there was something more up to date; the application would improve the house and employ

labour. There were plenty of men to build the cottages and build the cinema as well. The licence was granted.

1926 03 17
At Newmarket council Mr Dring called attention to the case of small-pox at Cambridge and asked what measures of protection there were against the disease being imported into Newmarket. Small-pox might be brought in railway carriages. Could these carriages be disinfected. The Medical Officer said it had not been overlooked.

Old Cambridge lecture, p5

1926 03 18
The Rural Council heard that Sawston had enlarged and new cottages were badly needed. The Chairman thought they would be built for the factory hands & it was wrong that the taxpayer should be asked to shoulder the burden for the increasingly prosperous factory. Mr Bowers said if the Council wished industries to increase and prosper it was up to them to provide new homes for workmen. Men would not seek employment where no proper houses were to be found. Mr Eccles said the cottages were wanted for people who were at present living in hovels.

1926 03 18
Sir – I shall be grateful if you will allow me to call attention to the urgent need of a gramophone for Stanton House (Cambridge Shelter for Women and Girls). There can be no doubt as to the desirability of providing counter attractions for the girls who seek amusement in the streets but it is not easy to do so without some form of music. An unused gramophone (or still better, an old piano) would be most thankfully received – Shirley Blanch

Rock allotments, p6

1926 03 19
Melbourne Place rookery, p3

1926 03 19
Disastrous Soham fire, furniture shop Mr T. Stubbings, Sand Street – 26 03 19 ES photo – 26 03 19(2) ES

1926 03 20
Water certificate, p5
Abolish queues, p6

1926 03 22
Stretham & Mepal football, p5

1926 03 24
The action of the Master of the Cambridge Workhouse in ordering without authority the fixing of five extra wireless plugs evoked an indignant discussion. The Wireless Committee reported that they had provided for 12 plug points, one of which was in the Master's dining room. He had ordered five extra, including one in his drawing room and another in his bedroom. Mr Lofts asked: "Does the Master want singing to sleep" (Laughter). They did not consider it necessary for the Master to have three plugs in his own quarters and they should be removed.

Melbourne Place rooks, p5

1926 03 25

Damage to the amount of about £3,000 was done by a fire at a large granary in the station yard at Royston. It was very difficult to get a sufficient pressure of water and the whole of the vast storehouse was soon in flames. A railway elevated siding became involved, the metal rails twisted into grotesque shapes by the great heat. Nearby were some petrol tanks belonging to the Anglo American Oil Company; a band of volunteers secured the cans of petrol and deposited them in some gardens at a safe distance from the fire

1926 03 26
A dissertation on a chimney delivered in a pompous manner was one of several features of the meeting of the Cambridge town council. They sat for just over four hours without a break and on many occasions feeling ran high. Clashes between Labour members and others were frequent. Everyone was tired and hungry but a proposal to adjourn for a cup of coffee was defeated and the Council proceeded to the bitter end. Two Aldermen and several Councillors rose and left the room as Mr Purvis was speaking about repairing the chimney shaft at the sewage farm.

1926 03 26
At Cambridge council discussion took place upon the proposal to purchase some land at Coldham's Lane where St John's College were prepared to sell 21 acres for the sum of £5,250. They could get 86 houses and there would be land for allotments at the back. At this stage Councillor Briggs returned to the Council Chamber with a paper bag and members of the Labour party were soon seen to be eating chocolate. Councillor Amies drew attention to the "picnic party" and asked them to make a little less noise. (Laughter). Councillor Edwards: "I think they might practice Socialists and pass it along". (Renewed laughter)

Regent Street widening, p6

1926 03 26 ES
Middle Level propose pumping station at St German's – 26 03 26(2)(3) ES

Sutton fire, George Clark, High Street – 26 03 26(4) ES

Ely car parking proposals – St Mary's Green, Barton Square, Market Square – 26 03 26 ES

1926 03 27
At the County Agricultural Committee Mr Amos said a tremendous amount of damage was done by rats and at the University Farm they had recently killed between 1,000 and 1,500 of them. Mr Taylor said a rat jumped on one of his students and scratched his face. They had killed 5,000 rats since harvest, they are all over the fields. Mr Pearson: "I think everybody who had land should be paid 1d or 2d per rat. Nobody has got the time to catch rats unless they are paid for it."

A.E. Pink death, p6

1926 03 29
Something of the progress of Trade Unionism in Cambridge was indicated at a meeting of the Workers Union at which 150 members participated. Twelve years ago there was hardly any trade unionism in the town, with the exception of the craft unions. Agricultural workers had met with tremendous disappointments. The Wages Board had sent the wages of agricultural labourers up from 12s (60p) a week up to £2. Then had come the scrapping of the Board, wages went down to 25s (£1.25) and the worker was faced with the wreck and ruin of his home. The men had lost faith in trade unions.

1926 03 30
A splendid film of the Boat Race was screened at the Playhouse on Saturday evening and received a great reception from crowded audiences. Added interest was shown by the inclusion of pictures of the

"Go-Ahead" wireless car receiving the copy of the film for Cambridge outside the offices of Pathe Gazette. It came with musical accompaniment as the loud speaker was giving forth the Daventry programme and when broadcasting in Wardour Street, London, the road was blocked by people who stopped to gaze at the novelty and to listen in.

1926 03 31
Drainage Wicken rectory, p6

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1926 04 01
The annual meeting of Swaffham Prior parish council turned out to be quite a passive affair. Mr R. Cooper said they wanted a school and there would never be any peace and quiet in the village until they got one. The parents who sent their children to Burwell only did so on sufferance. The grouping scheme had been brought about to suit the pockets of the "money-grabbing" ratepayers. They had been "diddled" out of their school and the labouring parties had been put down as if they had no sense.

1926 04 01
A mysterious stranger is reported to have appeared on the main road between Cambridge and Peterborough and distributed something like £200 in sums of £5 to unemployed men he had met. The procedure of the highway benefactor is to enquire how far they have walked, offer them a cigarette and present them with a sealed envelope which he says contains a charm, and if handed over any counter will bring good luck to the bearer. "We regarded the whole thing as a joke", said one of the men, "until we opened the envelope and found five £1 notes in it. We passed one of them over the counter of the first eating house we came to, and it certainly brought me luck in the shape of a good square meal"

Parish constables, p5

1926 04 02 c
A friend brought me in a letter this week to show how widely the C.D.N. circulates. It came from Copiapio, Chile, and asked for a copy of the "House Hunters Guide", "as advertised in the 'Cambridge Daily News'". No charge is made for this guide, so that the recipient will not have to pay cash on delivery.
1926 04 02 ES
New Hundred Foot Pumping Station opening – 26 04 02(2)(3) photo (5)ES # c.29

New sluice at Denver: new eye with latest machinery – 26 04 02(4)

1926 04 03
The system of 'C.O.D.' does not seem to have caught on to any extent locally. The Post Office says there had not been more than a dozen parcels delivered under the system. It is obvious that if the practice becomes general it will entail considerable extra work. If people do not happen to be in when they arrive, or if the cash is not available then the parcel will presumably have to go back where it came from.

New Inn, Oakington, p5

1926 04 06
Florrie Forde at New Theatre, p6*

1926 04 07
John Mere benefaction, p6

1926 04 08
Fordham motor 'rodeo', p3
Express kills horse, p5

1926 04 09
The annual report of the Cambs District Milk Recording Scheme records the total number of herds was 96 and the number of cows 1,168. The maximum yield of milk given by a cow was 16,194 lbs. It was with regret that members heard that Mr A. Macarthur has decided to give up the Hall Farm at Bottisham. He was the first chairman and the owner of one of the finest herds of heavy-milking commercial cattle in the Eastern Counties. The Rev C.H. Brocklebank is leaving Bartlow & Col. W.F. Northman has disposed of his herd to Major S.G. Howard of Kirtling.

1926 04 09
Residents of Ely who visit the riverside must observe a great change in the scene as compared with a few years ago. Then basket makers, with a crowd of women 'peelers', would have been busy making baskets and peeling the reeds in order to cope with the summertime demands upon the industry. But now the scene is a very different one. Only a mere handful of men and women are found employment and the industry is threatened with extinction. This it is stated is due to the importation of foreign goods, which can be shipped into the home markets and sold at similar smaller cost than it actually takes to make the baskets in Ely. Mr Oliver P. Scott, 70 has been associated with the industry ever since he was a schoolboy and told A reporter that he could trace his relatives who have been basket makers in Ely since 1710. "When I was a boy", he said, "the industry was a fairly prosperous one, but just before the war, and particularly since, it has declined considerably. With foreign goods coming in from Holland, France and Germany, and with the reeds being imported from Africa, the business is absolutely ruined in Ely. There was a time when I used to supply one firm alone in London with 7,000 baskets of different kinds, and now I don't send them one. Before the war I used to employ nine men making baskets, but now I only employ three and a third of the number of women peeling rods which are used in the construction of the baskets." Mr Scott, who is the last surviving member of his family, has about 26 acres of land which he devotes to the growing of reeds, but since the industry has become so bad he has turned six acres down to grass, which pays him better. The peeling of the reeds cost twice as much today as it used to do. Illustrating how foreign competition was killing the trade, Mr Scott said that what were known as picking up baskets were being put on the market by people from Holland at 9d each, compared to 1s 2d which english makers were bound to charge. "It costs me", he explained, "sixpence for making the basket alone, and over and above that I have to pay for growing the weeds, peeling, weeding, cutting and drying them, so you will see I have not much profit out of them." Mr Scott was firm in his belief that it was nothing but foreign competition that was killing the industry, which could only be saved by a tax on the importation of foreign goods
26 04 09 ES

1926 04 10
A thunderstorm broke over the Saffron Walden district, the lightning and thunder being particularly severe. The fire brigade was called to Ringer's Farm, Newport where three stacks were ablaze. An eyewitness saw a flash of lightning pass between the stacks. Farm workers attempted to fight the flames but although there was plenty of water, they were completely destroyed. Several large trees were burnt. The fire could be seen for miles around. The Saffron Walden brigade was composed of ten firemen under the command of Major F.W. Acland and were on duty for ten hours

1926 04 10
Steps are being taken to set up an "Organisation for Maintenance of Supplies" committee in Cambridge. It is a non-political organisation for enrolling and classifying lists of volunteers for the use of the Government in the regrettable event of a general stoppage of the essential public services. One may be quite sure that such volunteers would be readily forthcoming in a grave emergency, but for the sake of efficiency it is thought better to have personnel ready beforehand. It does not question

the right to strike but exists to prevent the mass of the population being victimised by a far-reaching strike that affects the well-being of the community.

1926 04 11 c
Anglesey Abbey, the fine old historical residence, is to be offered for sale. Founded by Henry I, the Augustinian Monastery was one of the first of its order in England. After passing through various hands the estate became the property of the Rev John Hailstone, Vicar of Bottisham, who beautifully restored the house in 1860 and whose representatives after his decease sold it in 1888 to the present owners, by whom it has been completely modernised.

1926 04 12
Saffron Walden council had visited the slum houses in the town, and they were slums indeed. Coun Tanner suggested writing to a certain member of the House of Lords who owned property in the town and ask him if he would be prepared to replace 16 new houses for the existing ones. If the matter were nicely put to the noble lord, who was a millionaire, he would no doubt be willing to accede to the request. In any case there would be no harm in doing so.

1926 04 13
An "Organisation for Maintenance of Supplies" Committee for Cambridge was the outcome of a meeting held at Christ's College, its aim being to enlist and classify volunteers for the use of the Government in the event of a general stoppage of the essential public services. The questioners included Coun W. Few, President of the Cambridge Trades Council and Labour party who declined to allow his name to go forward as a member of the Executive Committee.

1926 04 14
A meeting was held at Prickwillow for the purpose of inaugurating a new troop of Boy Scouts. The vicar said scouting was not new to the village, a troop having been in existence in the time of Father Kingdon, their old vicar. There was a good number of young people and it would be a good idea if they could band them together. It was said that a boy had a spice of the devil in him, but he had also a spice of an angel, and it was the object of the movement to bring the latter to the top.

1926 04 14
Sawston Boys' School was crowded to do honour to Mr J.C. Falkner who recently retired from the headmastership. Commander Eyre of Sawston Hall, who made the presentation, expressed amazement that any man could have endured schoolmastering for 33 years! The Commander has only been in residence since 1925 but Sawston people have already learned to appreciate him as one who is sincerely interested in their welfare and the relations between the villagers and the Squire are of the very happiest. Mr Falkner said it was impossible to refrain from mentioning those lads – nearly 40 of them – from the school who had died in the service of their country and the audience stood in silent homage

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Policeman stops horse, p6

1926 04 15
Elsworth baker, p3
Hovis bread, p3
Milton smallholder, p5

1926 04 16
PC Bird told magistrates he saw the defendant riding a motor cycle in James Street, Cambridge. He was standing on the saddle and with his hands on the handlebars. Witness told him he had no control over the machine, and he replied "None whatsoever". There were other machines in the street and some children playing on the footpath. Defendant who pleaded guilty said: "I did not think there was

any harm in doing it in a quiet street near my house", he said. Magistrates took a lenient view and dismissed him with a caution.

1926 04 16 ES
New Welney bridge tender £6,350, to replace Suspension Bridge – 26 04 16 ES

1926 04 17
Carnegie, Sawston, p6

1926 04 19
Mr J. Ramsey Macdonald, M.P., the leader of the Labour Party visited Cambridge and laid the foundation stone of the Labour Club and Hall in Romsey Town. A meeting in Romsey Council School was crowded with an enthusiastic audience. A brisk sale was done in red rosettes and on the table was a vase of magnificent red geraniums. Over the platform was a banner bearing the words "Labour offers you true friendship". In the evening he attended a dinner in the Lion Hotel where he spoke mainly on the achievements of the Labour Party

1926 04 20
Beer responsible, p6

1926 04 21
Cambridge Mammoth Show Society expressed indignation at the council for "abruptly refusing" the use of part of Midsummer Common on August Bank Holiday for the first time in 22 years. It cost £700 to maintain the racing track but it was no use unless they raced upon it. The council had refused permission to the only society who could afford to spend money in putting a hoarding around the track and ensure gate money. They obviously did not desire over 20,000 people should enjoy themselves on Jesus Green.

1926 04 22
An inquiry was set up into the working of the Cambridge Workhouse laundry. They were doing wrong with the washer, boiling the dirt into the clothes instead of rinsing it out. Soap was not put in properly, the waste steam was wrongly used, and there was waste in connection with the hydro. They had wooden rollers in the mangle and people swore about their buttons coming off. They could save two tons of coal a week. When this was done the engineer and the two girl workers should be given a bonus.

1926 04 23
Lady Newton, wife of the Cambridge MP, opened the new hall of the East Chesterton Ward Conservative Association, situate in Union Lane. It is completely equipped with cloakrooms, kitchen, stage etc with electric light and ventilating fans and other modern appliances, and an excellent floor has been laid for dancing. They are going to cater during the summer for flannel dancing and during the winter will run the hall for dances, whist drives and a smoking concert. A gentleman had promised a full-sized billiard table and another given them a cheque for a piano.

1926 04 23 ES
Flood danger in Middle Level: Middle Level Engineer's report on St German's & flood danger – 26 04 23 & (3) ES

Ely Urban Council; Prickwillow Road 'disgraceful' – 26 04 23(4)

1926 04 24
The old Theatre Royal, Barnwell, has been acquired for a repertory theatre. The auditorium is to be reseated and the stage remodelled and equipped on modern lines. It will have its own company of actors and actresses and a play will be presented each week during term. Mr Herbert Prentice of the

Sheffield Repertory Company will be resident producer. The building will be known in future as the Festival Theatre and it is hoped to establish with it a training centre of dramatic art.

1926 04 26
Coun Unwin asked what steps could be taken to avoid the dangers to traffic on the blind and awkward corners on the main road through Histon. At Stone Corner the road including the pathway was about 15 feet wide and it was quite a blind corner. Imagine two Ortona buses each measuring about seven feet wide, meeting each other there. It would be an expensive job to take down the buildings which were close to the edge of the road. Perhaps a bye-pass road would be a better alternative

1926 04 26
An inquiry was held into the provision of two underground public conveniences at the junction of Milton and Chesterton and Newmarket and East Roads where there would be an island in the middle of the road. The Inspector asked whether they had designed the roof to carry the weight of a heavy motor lorry; it would be a very simple matter for a lorry to jump a kerb on a foggy night as had happened at Southend when people had been injured. He also raised the question of a convenience for women and the Mayor said the matter had been very carefully considered by the committee who were anxious to get on with the work as quickly as possible.

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Footbridge, p6

1926 04 28
Charles Wright, Stretham dies, p3*

1926 04 29
Farmers & summer time, p3*

1926 04 30
A machine something of the nature of a glorified cash register which will save the services of three rate collectors is to be purchased for use in the Cambridge Council's Treasurer's Department at a cost of £220. It really was a most extraordinarily effective machine which really eliminated the human element of error and would deal with errors when they were pointed out to it. (Laughter). Anyone who had any knowledge of scientific management would know they were the machines of the future. It would have to be specially adapted in American to meet the Cambridge circumstances.

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Jesus Green pavilion opened, p5*
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1926 04 30
A serious fire occurred on the premises of Mr Herbert Warren, The Grange, Wilburton which resulted in the complete destruction of a motor garage and an almost new four-seater Morris Oxford car. Mr Warren was starting his engine in the garage when it backfired and ignited the petrol in the carburettor. The car immediately burst into a dense volume of flame and it was at once realised that little or nothing could be done to save it. At the time Mr Warren was without assistance, otherwise the car might have been withdrawn from the garage and thus saved the building. Unfortunately, before assistance was forthcoming, the petrol tank exploded and the heat was so intense that it was impossible to get near. So violent was the explosion that it was heard a mile away.Practically the whole of the village were attracted to the scene and, thanks to a good supply of water, and a willing band of helpers, their efforts were successful in preventing the flames from spreading to the adjacent

buildings. Word was sent to the Ely Fire Brigade; the men were immediately summoned and the steam raised on the engine. But so splendidly did the inhabitants fight the flames that they had of the outbreak well under control and were able to extinguish it before the arrival of the firemen. The outbreak occurred within a few yards of Mr Warren's residence, which escaped harm. 26 04 30(2) ES

Charles Wright, of Orchard House, Stretham farmer obituary – 26 04 30 ES – photo – 26 04 30(3) ES

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1926 05 01
The Trade Union Congress has decided upon a general stoppage of the vital services at Midnight on Monday. The London Gazette declares that a state of national emergency exists; the distribution of food, water, fuel and the essentials of life are threatened. Mr Lloyd George, who came down to Cambridge to deliver an address, said they were under the shadow of a great industrial conflict of unknown magnitude. Every citizen would feel it was his duty to support the Government of the day in the organisation and facilitating of the essential services of the nation.

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Lloyd George in Cambridge, p6*
Cherryhinton new church, p6
Woodcuts of Cambridge, p6*

1926 05 03
Cambridge is the administrative centre for East Anglia for the arrangements being made to meet the National Strike emergency. Mr F. Morris Warren of St Ives is the district coal officer. There are three Food Officers who will deal with complaints relating to the supply of provisions. The big job of the moment is the securing and registering of volunteers willing to help in any way with the maintenance of essential services and supplies with a recruiting office in the Guildhall. The Mayor of Cambridge, Ald Edward O. Brown, said: "Today we stand on the edge of an important crisis in the history of our nation. A dark cloud is overshadowing the life of our people. I appeal to all our people to prepare for sacrifice, and remain steady. God grant it may be averted"

1926 05 03
A public meeting organised by the Cambridge Trades Council, the Labour Party and the Co-operative Party was held on Parker's Piece and for an hour and a half speeches were addressed from two red wagons to a crowd numbering about 5,000. They were for the most part attired in red hats, scarves and rosettes and almost encircled by red banners. Lloyd George had said when the miners came back from the war they would find a country fit to live in but they had been asked to accept a reduction in wages and an increase in hours. Socialists were out to help the poorer classes. The meeting closed with the singing of the Red Flag.

1926 05 03
Cambridge had a Mock Funeral today, after a lapse of many years. Undergraduates, dressed in outrageous attire, paraded the streets of the town and marched to the station to observe "funeral obsequies" to two Trinity men who have been sent down for a breach of college discipline. The procession made its way to the college to collect the "corpses". On arrival however they found their unfortunate colleagues had made use of their newly-acquired wings and flown, but nothing daunted the party proceeded to the station headed by a drum-major and a figure in clerical attire. Amongst the occupants of the horse-drawn 'hearse' were two musical geniuses with a banjo and saxophone.

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1926 05 07 ES
The General Strike locally; its effect on transport; good stocks of food and coal in district. Conditions at Ely – 26 05 07(2) ES

Lakenheath Drainage Commissioners test new old driven pump which promises to cut costs by 50%. Coal used previously using beam engine erected in 1846 and before that a windmill driving a scoop wheel. Has Gwynnes 'Invincible' centrifugal pump – 26 05 07(3) ES # c.29

Motor cycle crashes into crowd at Ely Sports Association competition – 26 05 07 ES

Soham Nursing Association annual meeting – 25 05 07 ES

1926 05 08
Cambridge station looked exceptionally bright this morning. Undergraduates in gaily coloured blazers added colour to the scene. The train services are gradually improving and great keenness had been shown on the part of undergraduates in bringing down supplies from London for the Station refreshment room. Tilly, the popular little tea shop girl, remarked while serving hot coffee and doughnuts to hungry undergraduates that she had never seen such cheerful and plucky workers as the volunteers who visited her counter during the General Strike.

Strike issues, p4
May Queen, p4

1926 05 08
The effects of the general strike were brought more closely home than hitherto. In many a Cambridge home the housewife found she had less to "manage on" and tradesmen large and small found their takings considerably decreased in consequence. Parties of undergraduates who had been doing volunteer work were seen coming home for a Sunday rest carrying kit bags over their shoulders. The University has further postponed examinations so that a clear three weeks interval for study will be allowed after the present emergency has ended. A further contingent of 30 undergraduates left in cars to take up tramway services in Hull; the windscreens were protected with wire netting.

1926 05 10
Five hundred of the Civil Constabulary reserve, mostly undergraduates, left Cambridge early this morning for duty in the East End of London. An advance party of 100 went off yesterday. The journey was made by road, the procession of cars stretching for a distance of nearly a mile. In addition some are cleaning carriages at Paddington and Waterloo stations and others unloading cargo at Tilbury Docks. A large number are at dock work and engineering jobs at Hull, while a small

contingent is at Grimsby employed at the quayside. A number of Girton and Newnham girls are working as cyclist messengers in the district

1926 05 11
Six hundred of the new Civil Constabulary Reserve, mostly undergraduates, are leaving Cambridge to take up duty in London. It is a paid body, organised and administered by the War Office. They wear plain clothes, armlets and tin helmets & carry truncheons. The force will be on duty chiefly in the East End of London and will serve for the duration of the strike. People at Saffron Walden are putting up with the inconvenience with good humour; coal has been rationed and shopkeepers asked not to supply more than their normal quantities. Volunteers are doing duty at the Anglo American oil dump. At Sawston paper mills 70 men returned to work out of a total of 150 on strike

1926 05 11
The Recorder gave his judgement on the appeal of residents of Brookside, Cambridge, against the council's order authorising part of Trumpington Road as a parking place. They anticipated noise from the vehicles and their attendants who would gaze into their windows. They also thought it would be used for charabancs and omnibuses. Having heard the evidence and visited the spot he was satisfied that the fears are to a great extent groundless

Railway accident, p3
Reach fair, p3

1926 05 12 c
The Paper Mills at Sawston have been running ever since the General Strike was declared, the manager said. "Although half the men were out the other half remained loyal. Many of those who went are now offering their services, but it is impossible at present to find work for them". Little effect has been felt at the Papworth Tuberculosis Colony. Lorry drivers have got all supplied through from London without mishap, and there is no shortage of newspapers, the "British Gazette" having been obtainable in good numbers. Undergraduates were seen today delivering coal. All were attired in morning dress. Their labours will leave abiding marks.

1926 05 12
When the news of the end of the General Strike was broadcast on Market Hill, Cambridge enthusiastic cheers broke out. "What rotten luck!" an undergraduate was heard to remark, "I only started work to-day and was looking forward to driving a lorry up to Town". "Never mind, old boy", cynically replied his companion, "They'll be out again in a few weeks". "I'm glad it's all over", remarked a flapper, and then added demurely, "All the 'Varsity boys will be coming back". In many parts of the town children were carrying flags within two hours of receiving the news.

Birth control, p2

1926 05 13
The situation was quiet at Romsey Town this morning, the railwaymen concerned in the new crisis patiently waiting developments which are taking place between the railway companies and the various unions in London. At the Co-operative Hall a telegram was read instructing the Cambridge men to remain out on strike until the unions got satisfactory assurance with regard to the men's reinstatement

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1926 05 14 ES
End of the General Strike; effects comparatively little felt; railwaymen remain out – 26 05 14 ES

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1926 05 17
St Ives Town Council expressed feelings of profound relief at the cessation of the General Strike. St Ives had responded nobly in voluntary service and all classes had loyally carried out any duty required of them. None of the council employees relinquished their duty and no single case of lawlessness or friction had occurred in the town. The committee of ladies who had supplied refreshments at all hours, night and day, to transport drivers should be especially mentioned.

Undergraduates' part in strike, p5

1926 05 18
The Cambridge Joint Emergency Committee wish to place on record their gratitude to the many friends who have helped the men who were on strike; the ministers and clergy who lent rooms and the members of the University who gave lectures and concerts, helped in the club rooms and took parties to see the colleges. Many lent their cars to distribute the "British Worker". By means of the Strike Fund the committee have been able to relieve many cases of distress. The last gathering took place in the Co-operative Hall which was crowded with hundreds of women who enjoyed their entertainment.

1926 05 18
Messrs Bidwell were to have offered the Anglesey Abbey estate for sale by auction but have announced they have been successful in selling it privately. We understand the purchaser is Captain H. R. Broughton. It was actually sold during the General Strike and now that the prospects for the country are so much brighter and confidence restored there is a pronounced revival in a general investment in land. At Haddenham 18 acres of accommodation land were sold to Mr J.C. Parnell of Stretham for £650.

May Races postponed, p5

1926 05 19
Newmarket Emergency Committee reported that although the General Strike was declared off yet the coal strike was still on. They allowed several appeals for extra coal in the cases of sickness or young children. There were 487 tons of house coal, 320 tons of steam coal and 97 tons of coke on sale. The Master of the Workhouse had a good supply and the Guardians would probably allow coal being sold in small quantities.

1926 05 20
Stretham annual feast was in progress when an 11-year-old boy ran from behind a stall and attempted to cross the road. At the same time a large motor van was passing and before any warning could be given the boy slipped under the wheels, which passed over his body. Dr Howe was sent for immediately and the boy, under the care of P.C. Waghorn, was removed in an ambulance to Addenbrooke's Hospital where he lies in an extremely critical condition

1926 05 20
Cambridge court heard that when an undergraduate came to Magdalene College he brought with him a bay gelding, worth £200, which was placed in stables in Cambridge and hunted with the Cambs Hunt and the University Draghounds. In December an agreement was reached with the L.N.E.R. for

the carriage of the horse to Berwickshire. During loading into the horsebox at the station it lurched forward, fell out and broke its spine.

Stretham Hospital Sunday, Charles Wright gives £1,000, p6 26 05 20

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1926 05 21 ES
River Board meeting – 26 05 21(2) ES

Isle of Ely County rising expenditure; increased costs of roads. Proposals for improving two corners on Cambridge Road; at one to fell six trees (Hiam to keep timber) and the other R.T. Wesley gave up strip of his garden – 26 05 21(4)(5) ES

Large six-wheel motor lorry carrying 12 tons of potatos sinks into road at Mepal – photo – 26 05 21(7) ES

Ely railway station photos during and after strike – 26 05 21(9) ES

Pumping station for Middle Level outfall to proceed despite opposition – 26 05 21 ES # c.29

1926 05 24
An appeal for the modification of the ban on gramophone music has been addressed to the Vice Chancellor on behalf of a party of musical undergraduates. University orders forbid the playing of gramophones in punts on the river during the May terms and gramophone music has been banned from certain colleges altogether. "We have no wish to express any opinion upon the playing of jazz records but suggest the playing of good music, such as the London String Quartet, by students in their hours of relaxation on the river could do nothing but enhance the beauty of the surroundings and the taste of the modern young man", they say.

Death – poison mistaken for port wine, p3
Gogs fete, p4

1926 05 26
A journey to London and back in an invalid chair is something of an achievement. This is how Mr H.D. Davies, son of Dr Davis of Histon, spent the Whitsun holiday. Starting from home at 10.30 am Sunday, he reached London at 7.30 pm having stopped at Royston en route for dinner. Early next morning he had a run into the city. He returned to Cambridge safely at 8.30. Mr Davis has ridden in his chair for two years or more but had never been father than Saffron Walden before. His chair was "the ordinary standard pattern" and he could travel at a rate of ten miles an hour, "But of course I have to go slow uphill", he added.

Strike volunteers, p6
Mammoth show, p6

1926 05 27
Cambridge councillors agreed to allow the Mammoth Show Society to use part of Jesus Green on August Bank Holiday, on the understanding it is the last occasion they will be permitted to use it. No roundabouts are to be allowed on to the show ground. It was amazing that when ratepayers' money had been spent in laying out one of the finest recreation grounds anything should be permitted which would plough it up again. The Mammoth Show Committee seemed to be trying to convince the public that the council were trying to deprive them of a show. It had got bigger than a town of this size need for a single day

1926 05 27
Sawston is feeling the ill-effects of the general strike. Of nearly 150 who left the Paper Mills, nearly 70 are still out. For about a week the union members remained solid, but after this some began to return to work. A condition of any that are re-engaged is that they would sign a declaration that they would have nothing more to do with any union. A good many employees have worked at the mills for many years but the formation of the local branch of the union is quite recent, having started in April 1925.

1926 05 28
Cambridge councillors heard that in 1912 a piece of land in Shelley Row, together with the house adjoining was given anonymously to the Corporation as a perpetual playground to the children of Castle End. It was assumed that the rent of the house would be available for the upkeep and improvement of the playground. £80 would be required to make a really satisfactory playground; it was resolved to spend £20 on putting the ground in order

Papworth Nonconformist chapel, p2
Ely allotment theft, p6

1926 05 29
Cambridgeshire Nursing Association considered it must be a great strain on a nurse to have to go long distances on an ordinary bicycle. If they were supplied with motor bicycles they would be able to get to their cases sooner and cover a larger area. The expanse ran to about £11 or £12 per year but there was a possibility of taking on fresh villages through a great ease with which a nurse could travel from one place to another

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1926 06 01
A demonstration of ju jitsu was given in Cambridge by Mr A.J. Morgan and C.W. Boxsell who deputised for Professor Saddington and the son of Professor Sitton, the old University boxing instructor. A carpet about five feet square was requisitioned for a mat and Professor Saddington supplied ju jitsu costumes. The proceedings opened with a demonstration of "Kime-no-Kata, or ju jitsu self-defence methods. This was followed by methods of defence against an armed assailant which was loudly applauded. A display of ju jitsu wrestling literally brought the house down.

1926 06 01
Now that the excitement of the General Strike has passed away it may be of interest to note the effect of the strike upon local employment. Messrs Pye have only had about 2½ days short time but at the Cement Works the coal difficulty has resulted in a spell of enforced idleness for some of the hands. The Saxon Company's employees are being given their usual holidays on full pay and since short time started have been given work turn and turn about on repairs but unless the coal comes along there will be no more work for the present.

1926 06 02
Mr Ramsay Macdonald, ex-Labour Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition will not be one of the recipients of honorary degrees at Cambridge. His name was included in the Grace to come before the Senate but certain members intended to "Non Placet" it & a flysheet was to be issued declaring this intention. News to this effect reached Macdonald who signified that he did not wish it to go forward unless it was absolutely unanimous. Opposition was more or less spontaneous because he was a party to an illegal act in bringing about the General Strike.

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1926 06 04 ES
Isle of Ely County Library seeks donations of books – 26 06 04(3) ES # c.77.7

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Ramsey McDonald degree, p6

1926 06 07
A large crowd assembled in the grounds at Cherryhinton Road, Cambridge to see the daring leap from an aeroplane by Mr Geoffrey V. Peck. The descent was made with a Guardian Angel parachute from an aeroplane travelling at nearly 100 mph and 1,000 feet high. Crowds rushed to the adjacent field where Mr Peck had landed; he was surrounded by eager autograph hunters and signed innumerable photos. Passenger flying was very popular and the pilot will loop the loop and corkscrew at a slightly higher cost. The two aeroplanes belong to the Southern Counties' Aviation Company and are quite reliable so anyone who would like to fly should avail themselves of this opportunity.

Conservative fete, p5

1926 06 08
Sir – the aeroplanes which make daily trips from a field off the Cherryhinton Road, Cambridge, are becoming something of a nuisance. They have been here nearly a month and show no signs of going away. They fly low over the houses and are even more of a nuisance on Sundays. A quiet residential district like the Rock Estate is not an appropriate district for amusements of this kind which should be carried on over open country, far from places where people live and work – John Bousfield, Cavendish Avenue.

Big Brother movement, p6

1926 06 09
Sir – you published a letter complaining of the noise and inconvenience caused by aeroplanes at present operating from a field on Cherryhinton Road. These 'gypsy' aircraft companies which tour up and down the country giving joy-rides are educating the country up to aerial transport. They are giving people an "air-sense" which is essential before aviation can become at all general; people have to be made to realise how extraordinarily safe flying is even at present, when several problems of control have yet to be completely solved – S.V.C., Christ's College

1926 06 09
Newmarket surveyor reported the correspondence he had had with the Automobile Association with respect to the signs relating to 10 mph limit through the town. They alleged that a prosecution had taken place for exceeding the speed limit which had arisen through a motorist proceeding from a side street where was no sign. He said two of the speed limit indication signs, one in the Avenue and one in Rous Road were now down and it was resolved that they be re-erected.

1926 06 10

A large bus belonging to Messrs Bowyer and Topper of Ely was returning from the Soham Grammar School sports, and was filled with Ely citizens, mostly ladies. Some distance from Stuntney a motor lorry, proceeding in the same direction, made an attempt to pass. The bus driver pulled off to the left but the lorry drove too close, knocking the hub of one of the wheels off. The bus turned to the left and rushed into the dyke, falling on to its left side with its radiator embedded in the bank. The occupants were in a serious plight with seats collapsing and broken glass flying about in all directions. Most of the ladies suffered from shock and it will be some time before they will recover from it

1926 06 11
The Mayor of Cambridge told members of the Special Constabulary that the general strike had come as a "staggerer" to him. They had had to appoint various officers to control the various department of work – the food, transport, coal, volunteer service and Special Constabulary. It was impossible to forget their service and the willingness to help their town and country. No one on May 3rd knew what lay before them. They had been as near to revolution as they would ever be, but they faced the situation as Britishers should. What would have happened had the people been disloyal and untrustworthy he could not bear to think.

Premier dance hall, p5

1926 06 11 ES
Stretham Wesleyan Chapel renovated – 'costly but not showy'; built in July 1885 and until recently never renovated; redecorated by Routledge Bros, cream, carpets; special service – 26 06 11(2)

Stretham successful fete, Rectory; three-mile marathon race; names stallholders; sports – 26 06 11(2)

Ely flooding, Minster Place – photo – 26 06 11 ES

Sutton old people tea – photo – 26 06 11 ES

1926 06 12
St Ives Housing Committee heard reports on defective houses. One house in Wellington Street was so dilapidated that a demolition order was necessary. A large heap of manure had accumulated in a hovel at the back and outside buildings were in a dilapidated condition. It was difficult to deal with properties which were defective when it was known that the owners were not in a flourishing financial condition. There was not the slighted doubt that the housing problem was a serious one. It was imperative to do something for people who could not pay high rents.

May Week prospects, p6
First lady cyclist, p6

1926 06 14
Saffron Walden council heard that 52 houses in Hockley's Yard. Ingleside Place, Bridge Street, Castle Street, Camp's Yard, East Street, Long Row and Museum Court were beyond satisfactory repair and should be condemned. The following sites are available and can be purchased if the council decide to proceed with the housing scheme: Little Walden Road, Radwinter Road, Thaxted Road and Seward's End. Eight houses should be erected in each site

1926 06 15
One of the contingents of Women Peacemakers who are converging on London from various parts of the country arrived in Cambridge. Meetings had been held in village after village by the side of the war memorials. They were met by members of the local Pilgrimage Committee and proceeded to the Market Hill where an impromptu meeting was held. They carried various banners and red and blue flags. Mrs Rackham said the gathering recalled the great Women's Suffrage Pilgrimage of 1913 when crowds gathered on the same spot. The Pilgrims leave for Saffron Walden tomorrow.

1926 06 16
A meeting of the Women's Peacemakers' Pilgrimage was attended by a large audience at Cambridge Guildhall. In the next war they would have aeroplanes dropping poisonous bombs that would destroy civilians who had never been near the firing line. They must create such an atmosphere of repugnance that the nations dare not go to war. There were hundreds of people in Newmarket who were not yet converted to the idea of the League of Nations and it was their duty to make converts of al who had not yet joined them.

1926 06 18
Chesterton RDC 200th house, p5

1926 06 19
So far May Week has been a pale and melancholy ghost of its former self. What with the powerful counter-attraction of Ascot, the fact that a good many of the men have already "gone down", the restricted train service and the gloomy uncertainty of the weather, Cambridge is having a bad time just now and tradesmen, hotel and lodging-house keepers, boat-proprietors and others who look to May Week to bring a little much-needed grist to their mill have received a severe blow. Usually May Week comes before Ascot, and visitors to the Mays have been accustomed to go from Cambridge to Ascot. Now that Ascot is over there seems to be no reason which the process should not be reversed.

Castle Hill, p6

1926 06 21
A Dry Drayton lad named Arthur Goodfield was playing with a ball on his way to school when it rolled into a hedge. On going to find it he found two coins lying in the soil and his teacher told him they were 5s. pieces. When school was done he returned to the spot and further search revealed sovereigns and half-sovereigns. A thorough search was later made by all the boys of the school and nearly £20 were recovered. The latest date on the coins is 1893 and they may be the proceeds of a burglary committed nearly 30 years ago.

Cambridge housing & sales, p5
Quy farm sale, p6

1926 06 22
The science of air manoeuvring was demonstrated at Duxford Aerodrome when a rehearsal for a part of the Hendon Air Pageant was carried out by R.A.F squadrons based at Duxford, Northolt and other aerodromes. Fifty-six planes, six squadrons and nine machines took the air at a given signal. The display was witnessed by a number of civilians who were smothered in clouds of dust when the formation was about to take to the air and on landing.

1926 06 24
Councillor Briggs said he was very pleased the Committee were raising the wages of men working at the Cambridge Sewage Farm by about one farthing an hour. He remembered when there was skating on the farm the chairman said it was dangerous, because there were germs about. (Laughter). These men were there daily and were engaged in a dangerous occupation, and a very unpleasant one. The men got 38s. (£1.90) a week, and extra for sludge work. They had the best of conditions. (Laughter). They had a shed which they ran into when there was a shower. What better conditions could they have? The rate for farm labourers was 30s a week (£1.50)

1926 06 24
The Coroner held an inquest into a lady who died at Newmarket from burns suffered in her bedroom. She had petrol in bottles that she used to clean her hair. She was very proud of her hair and had a little spirit lamp and curling tongs. She had a "toupee" of her own hair, which she was always cleaning. The toupee was now missing. The chauffeur said he had given her two pint bottles of petrol; she did

not say what she wanted them for. Dr Gray said there was a very deep burn on the left side of the head. He thought she was caught in a petrol explosion and collapsed.

1926 06 25
Bus accident Stuntney, p5

1926 06 25 ES
Mepal chapel new porch – photo – 26 06 25 ES

1926 06 26
Midsummer Fair shows no sign of declining popularity. The increase in motor travelling facilities has tended to swell the number of visitors. The crockery and curtain stalls seemed more numerous and attracted large crowds nightly. One feature which appears open to criticism is the increasing number of gambling devices. A good deal of effort has been taken to put down such devices in public houses and some of the things at the fair are at least as dangerous. They place temptation in the way of young children who do not go to public houses and are not likely to meet it in any other way.

1926 06 28
The King paid a special visit to Papworth Colony & proceeded on a lengthy tour of the industrial side of the colony, visiting the carpenter's & trunk shop where he was presented with a specially made pigskin trunk and purchased another. He then proceeded to St Peter's hostel, the sign writing, printing, upholstery and cabinet shops and eventually inspected the huts in the south park.

1926 06 29
King at Papworth, p5
Quy farm sold, p6

1926 06 30
Lively scenes were witnessed when Cambridge was "invaded" by visitors from Soham who came to protest against the sale of goods distrained by the Ouse Drainage Board from Barcham Farm for the non-payment of rates. No one could mistake their "leader", Mr A.E. Elsden, who was attired in "cap and gown" and wore a large buttonhole of sweet Williams, supplemented by a rhubarb leaf. Another wore a slightly battered "topper" and enthusiastic supporters had rattles, concertinas and "screechers". A blind man in charge of a street organ had been hired and did his work thoroughly.

1926 06 30
An inquest was held on the body of a man killed by a tube train at the Bank Station on Saturday morning. He was to have been married at St Barnabas church, Cambridge, on Sunday morning. The bride and her friends arrived at the church but found no bridegroom awaiting them, and after lingering some time had to return home. It was some time later they learned through a paragraph in a Sunday newspaper that he had been killed on the underground

1926 06 30
Last Sunday was observed as Feast Sunday at Stuntney when £14 10s.3d. and 457 eggs were collected for Addenbrooke's Hospital by the villagers. This is an extremely creditable effort in view of the small population. This year a horse-drawn wagon was decorated with evergreens and flowers by members of the Mothers' Union. The vehicle, which was lent by Mr Ambrose and driven by Walter Fretwell , represented a hospital ward. A procession headed by the church choir marched through the village singing hymns

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1926 07 01
Health of borough, p6

1926 07 02
An application was made for the closing of a footpath known as the Top Footpath at Cherry Hinton. There was no opposition. Mr E.G. Pamplin, the owner of the premises through which the footpath runs, had agreed to put in suitable repair an alternative route which had been almost impassable in winter and in wet weather. He would also pay over to the Parish Council the sum of £100 to be applied as they chose. When the back lane was put in repair it would be over 50 yards shorter than the present route which was really dangerous for children from cyclists.

1926 07 02
It is not generally realised that human beings can get foot and mouth disease and when the scourge attacks them it is far more serious than when it attacks humans. This announcement was made by the Minister of Agriculture in justifying the recent "carcasses order". "I do not imagine we have found the sole cause of the outbreak, but we have probably found the most important cause. In the last month we have had only six outbreaks; this is the lowest we have had since September", he said.

Swim through Cambridge, p5
Otto Wehrle death, p5 (funeral 7th p5)

1926 07 03
Three village shows, p5

1926 07 05
Cam Upware drowning, p5 (inquest 6th p5)

1926 07 07
Ely Burial Board received a letter to say that the Privy Council had passed an order closing Stuntney churchyard. Its care and maintenance transferred to the Parochial Church Council who could recover the cost from the overseers. But they thought that as the Burial Board was used to the work they would ask them to undertake it. It could be done by those who did the work at the cemetery. This was agreed. The renovation of the cemetery was being proceeded with satisfactorily.

1926 07 07
A visit to the Industrial Trades Exhibition of Household Requirements at Cambridge Corn Exchange is well worth while. Housewives will be interested in a gas saver by which three sets of pans can be heated on one jet. At the Nugget Boot Polish Co's stall "boots" will clean your shoes free of charge. Messrs Robert Sayle have armchairs and some luxurious baby carriages while Messrs Miller & Sons are displaying pianos and gramophones.

Wilburton Hospital Sunday 26 07 07

1926 07 08
Meldreth mystery, p5*
Hay at Ely, p5*

1926 07 09
Death in ditch, p5
Swavesey gipsy fair, p6

1926 07 09 ES
Wicken drowning tragedy – photo Albert Breed who rowed boat to rescue Arthur Betts and Lawrence Caswell; Stanley Caswell drowned – 26 07 09 ES; Wicken church service 26 09 10 ES

1926 07 10
Pymoor roadman knocked down by horse, p5
Great air race, p5

1926 07 12
Princess May at Clare College, p5
Saffron Walden housing, p6

1926 07 14
Sir – Words fail to describe the condition of the river during the past week or so. As soon as the Long Vacation begins the edict goes forth – the weeds must be cut. They rise idly to the surface and drift at the mercy of the wind and stream. They collect along the banks, they form floating islands that attract all to the other flotsam and jetsam of the river. The rower is helpless against them, his oar must be laid aside. I vainly assayed to reach Baitsbite but had to tow my boat through a clinging mass of ribbon weed, Canadian pond weed, flannel weed etc. For more than three hours I carried on the unequal struggle but then walked home a sadder man – M.A., Cantab.

Charles Wright of Elford Closes, Stretham, leaves £67,229, Sarah Wright, Orchard House, executor, p5
Steam lorry accident, p5

1926 07 15
The citizens of Ely were all excitement when it was learned that a big bullock had run amok. The animal was being driven near Forehill when owing to the intense heat the animal began to act in a dangerous manner. The owner dropped to the ground, letting the animal rush madly over him. In Lynn Road the bull put its head through the window of the George and Dragon; it hesitated at the Electric Cinema where they were showing the "Rodeo". One gentleman who had hunted buffaloes in America took to his heels. Various men were now after the animal which was finally landed into a field in the Downham Road.

Christs Pieces dance, p5*

1926 07 16
Cherry Hinton pageant, p3

1926 07 16 ES
Charles Wright, Stretham farmer of Elford Closes, left £67,229; sister Sarah Wright of Orchard House exec. 26 07 16(2) ES

'Cambridgeshire Times' agent since first publication, J.G. Washington of March; first sale 1872 when 'Isle of Ely Gazette' ; started as errand boy, then apprentice to printing trade, compositor. Paper printed on six different machines – 26 07 16 ES # c.04

1926 07 17
The Star Brewery applied for the renewal of the licence of the Crown beerhouse in Wellington Street, Cambridge. There were seven fully-licensed houses and three beerhouses within 260 yards. They had lost the licenses of the Woodman's Arms & Crown and Anchor in Newmarket Road in 1907 & 1910, the Oxford, Crispin Street in 1916 and the Priory Tap in 1911. The brewery had rebuilt and brought the Crown up to date in 1914 but as the tenant's family increased the trade was neglected: It was not a good thing for a house of this kind when there was a lot of children running about.

1926 07 17 c
Trade at the George the Fourth public house in East Road, a beer drinking, working-class residential neighbourhood, had been carried on for years without complaint. There were about 20 persons living there every night of whom 16 had been there from one to 12 years; one old man, aged 83, had been living there for ten. Housing conditions in Cambridge are very bad, there were 700 or 800 applications for houses at the present time. It was difficult to see what was going to happen to these people if the license was withdrawn and the pub closed down

1926 07 19
One of the greatest enterprises of the age in the fen district in draining 16,000 acres of land has been accomplished by the Burnt Fen Commissioners with the formal opening of the new oil power plant at the Lark Pumping Station at Prickwillow. The Blackstone engine connected to a Gwynne centrifugal pump will cost £400 a year to run, a saving of £1,000 over the old steam plant

1926 07 21
A flannel dance is taking place at the Royal Air Force Station, Duxford in aid the station memorial fund. Dancing will take place in one of the hangars and the Station Jazz Band will provide the music. A handsome triptych has been erected in the camp chapel and the chaplain hopes to add a brass inscription plate with the names of those who have been killed on the station since the official declaration of peace.

Rev Ward leaves Ely, p5

1926 07 22
The County Architect reported that a proper set for the foundation piles at Dimock's Cote Bridge on the Stretham to Wicken road was not obtainable at the depth of 40 feet provided in the contract, but by continuous driving a set was obtained at 65 feet. If the whole of the 38 piles had to be driven to this depth the additional cost would be about £2,500. By driving the piles intermittently there was every reason to believe a set could be obtained at a less depth with many of the piles and the cost would be proportionately reduced.

1926 07 22
The story of how a young Wicken labourer met his death through the sudden discharge of a double-barrelled sporting gun whilst conversing with a civil engineer at the new bridge being erected over the River Cam between Wicken and Stretham was told to the Cambridge coroner. He had told his mother "I think I'll go and have a shoot" on the land of Mr A. Hall who had told him anytime he wanted a couple of rabbits he could have them. The gun was an old type that he had bought off a pal. A surgeon said it was a very difficult case to handle, miles from anywhere; only if medical assistance had been at hand within a few seconds would the case not have been beyond recovery. A verdict of accidental death was recorded

1926 07 24
Members of the 1st Battalion, Cambs. Regiment have been attending a voluntary camp at Madingley, situated at View Park and surrounded by sturdy trees, the main belt of which was responsible for saving the camp being blown down during a storm. One evening the Commanding Officer was approached by a private who announced he had been sent for the white-wash brush. He replied: "I supposed you want to paint the Last Post", then turned on his heels and sought the retirement of the officers' mess to conceal his mirth.

1926 07 23 ES
New oil power plant at Lark pumping station; danger from flooding – 26 07 23 & (2)(3)(4) - pic ES # c.29

1926 07 26
Cambridge Housing Committee received an offer from Messrs Underdown Ltd to erect a pair of demonstration concrete houses on Council land, at a cost of £690, the Council to take over the houses when completed if satisfied with them. If they are not prepared to take them over Underdown are willing to purchase the land on which the houses are erected at a price to be agreed.

1926 07 26
The County Wages Sub-Committee considered an application from a meeting of roadmen for an increase of 5s. per week and for them to be paid weekly instead of fortnightly. Coun Garratt spoke of

the delay caused by sending out cheques once a fortnight and said they did not get it until after Saturday dinner hour or on Monday. A cheque was difficult for roadmen to cash, and the only way was by going to a public house. That meant he had to have a drink. Other councils paid cash and they could do so if a clerk was sent round to various points in the county. It was resolved not to increase wages and that payment should continue as before.

Norfolk Street manslaughter, p5

1926 07 27
Premier Dance Hall, p6

1926 07 29
Cambridge Workhouse committee considered the question of the laundry; while the engineer had been in charge a saving had been made in the laundress's salary, but not on the coal. Mr Francis said there had been much talking about the subject; everybody was interviewing everybody else. A great many misrepresentations had been made and the whole matter was very unsatisfactory; they were putting the laundry people in a most unfair position. It was the most serious case they had ever had to settle.

1926 07 29
Loss of business through the reduction in agricultural wages, expenses through illness of his first wife (who had died) and the high rate of interest to moneylenders were given as causes contributing to the failure of the landlord of the Golden Lion, Bourn. It was an agricultural district and wages were small while the cost of living was as high as when the men were earning twice as much. He had an unfortunate experience of being convicted for selling alcoholic liquor to a guest during prohibited hours; the guest eventually committed suicide owing him £20

Burrell's Walk, p4

1926 07 30
A large building at Isleham, forty feet high, used as a stables and barn and belonging to Mr Fred Robins, collapsed . Three horses which were inside were killed, being entirely buried in the debris. Mr Victor Driver, who is in charge of the horses, was just outside the door and so escaped by a few yards. Four other horses had been taken out just before. The dead animals were dug out in the evening.

1926 07 30
James Diver told an inquest that they were cycling home together from Chivers' factory. Two trains were about to pass the Impington level crossing; he waited by a lamp post and the deceased went to the gates and stood there. Owing to the noise of the trains neither heard the approach of a bolting horse; its knees hit deceased's bicycle and knocked him into the gate, which was broken in half.

1926 07 30
The Ouse Drainage Board is to apply for a grant of £70,000 in aid of works in the South Level district. Sir Frederick Hiam said that the money was only available for four years & if they neglected to take advantage of it their rivers would not get done. The greatest opposition was because the Littleport and Downham district would not pay as much as the other areas. He was a landowner in that district and would make up any difference rather than see the scheme fall to the ground.

Steep Bumpstead farmer bankruptcy, p2
Electricity conference, p8

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1926 08 04

The East Cambs Motor Cycle and Light Car Club organised a grand motor rodeo at Fordham. They are fortunate in having people whose names are household words where grass track racing is concerned. Mr H. Smith's machine burst into flames, but a Pyrene was brought into action in time to save it and the owner was able to resume in later races. Events such as trick riding, ski-riding, chariot racing and plank jumping were received with acclamation. At the conclusion a ladies' race was suggested and if they had not quite got the speed they had at least got the proper racing attitude.

1926 08 05
Littleport tragedy, p5

1926 08 06
Mr Blake, of the National Union of Printing and Paper Workers spoke of the situation in Sawston. There were 35 members still out on strike but the firm refused to meet representatives of the union or to reinstate them. An article in the "Workers' Weekly" had claimed the union had deserted the men but he had done his best to brighten the lives of the Sawston workers. A person in the village connected with another trade union was endeavouring to induce workers into their ranks. These were "despicable tactics".

1926 08 06 ES
Prickwillow splendid show – 26 08 06(2) ES
Fred Hiam employees tea and sports, Prickwillow – 26 08 06 ES

1926 08 09
A Country Dance party on Christ's Pieces, organised by the English Folk Dance Society who are holding a Summer School in Cambridge, attracted a large audience. The party comprised some 500 dancers from America and all parts of England whose dances such as "Rufty Tufty", "Newcastle" and "Sellenger's Round" took one as far back as 600 years. The natural and care-free movements were a pleasant relief from the Bunny Hug, Cakewalk and Charleston.

1926 08 10
The County Medical Officer reported that more than 400 schoolchildren are systematically re-examined on accounts of varying degrees of malnutrition. Treatment mainly comprised the provision of malt and cod liver oil, and in some of the worst cases, maintenance for some months in an open-air school. With separation allowances and the revival in trade after the war improvement was rapid and the proportion of subnormal children dropped, but in the last three years the figure had trebled to about 12 per cent.

1926 08 11
Blythwood Mansion, Stansted was completely gutted by a fire. Sleeping in the house were Lord Blythe, his nephew and eight servants. All these were trapped in upper rooms. Lord Blythe was rescued by his nephew who tied a rope around him and lowered him to the ground from a window. The Butler, Mr Albert Hackwood instructed the footman to telephone for the fire brigade and subsequently rescued the servants. One girl fell as she had one foot on the ladder but he grabbed her legs. His Lordship said: "If it had not been for him everyone would have been burned to death. He discovered the fire, helped to rescue everybody in the house and acted with the most cool courage anybody could possibly have displayed"

Swavesey accident, p5
Library report, p6

1926 08 12
A woman was fined 5s for breaking bylaws under the Housing of the Working Classes Act, 1885. She owned land at Clavering occupied by caravan dwellers. There was no supply of drinking water and the sanitary arrangements consisted of four posts driven into the ground and covered with sacking.

There was a stream of running water which was fit for washing and making tea, but unfit for drinking; if necessary drinking water could be obtained from the village pump, half-a-mile away.

1926 08 13
Cream of traders, p5

1926 08 14
Sir – Folk medicine is bound to die out. The substitution of district nurses for the village handywoman as the repositories of most medicinal secrets and customs is tending to do away with the customs and traditions of the good old times. The members of Women's Institutes know a great deal about the subject and old family recipe books will contain interesting matter. I am trying to collect everything I can & shall be glad to hear from correspondents – Mark Taylor, Norwich.

1926 08 14
Herbert Diver, caretaker of Milton Hall, told the court he noticed the lead from the roofs of the laundry and dairy was missing. The ridging had also been taken off the coal shed and accumulator house. In the laundry he had missed the copper. The prisoners said: "We did it sir. We had not much money to buy food with. It was either that or starving". They were sentenced to six months' hard labour

Adult school, p7

1926 08 16
Earthquake shocks of unusual severity were felt on Sunday morning. In Cambridge occupants were awakened by the rattle of windows, crockery and furniture. Two residents in West Road were aroused from sleep by the oscillation of their beds; a lofty wardrobe continued to shake and its contents to rattle for some time. Railwaymen on night duty said the telegraph poles rattled and the windows of signal cabins shook. Several residents of Huntingdon felt three tremors

1926 08 16
Saffron Walden Council debated whether 48 new houses should be erected, as they only had twelve months to complete the whole scheme and obtain the subsidy. The houses could be built for £420 each and would be let at 5s.3d. (26p) a week. Knowing how badly houses were required it was proposed to erect 24 as a first instalment in the Little Walden and Thaxted road, and consider building another 24 in six months' time.

1926 08 17
New Theatre – Marie Lloyd junior, p3

1926 08 18
A Duxford aeroplane crashed on the Gog Magog golf course, killing the pilot. The fatality occurred on the first tee, the machine first hitting the road and crashing through the hedge; as it struck the ground it burst into flames and was soon reduced to ruins. Bullets were flying around all over the place. Some time after the accident the pilot's tunic was found with a fountain pen and letter, both only slightly damaged. His hat was found intact and inside this was his name. We understand he had recently inherited a large sum of money

1926 08 19
A thorny question which seemed to have everybody guessing was investigated at the County Court, the matter at issue being an alleged encroachment near Stapleford railway bridge. Plaintiff said he had purchased the old toll house, double tenement and barns in 1925 and soon after a quickset hedge had been planted eighteen inches from his property. The little bit of land was nearly valueless for the purpose of agriculture but was not valueless to him. The judge said it was always desirable in a dispute between neighbours to settle the case if possible; he thought the hedge should be set back one foot.

Tenancy cases, p5
Breast of chicken, p5

1926 08 20 ES
Ely R.D.C.; new road at Lt Downham. Haddenham well, 26 08 20 & (2)ES

Earthquake felt locally – 26 08 20(3) ES

1926 08 21
A father's objection to his child having to attend another village school to receive elementary education was related to the court. Rampton School was now a junior institution and children over 11 years of age had to go to Cottenham. An offer of a bicycle had been made in order that the child should attend school, but this was refused, as had an offer of 15s. (75p) per year in lieu of a bicycle. The judge warned that the child might be sent to an industrial school and would have to remain there until he was 16.

1926 08 21
Dear Sir – Do you think you could use your influence to get August and September kept free from holidaymakers and visitors to Cambridge. Landladies and most traders could do with the rest & business premises require internal cleaning and lime-washing which cannot be done while going full speed. The students hang on so long now during vacations, and the position is not as it used to be – A Trader. No one would be more pleased than journalists if conferences came a little less thickly, but the presence of hundreds of delegates presumably means benefit to some people and a big effort has been made in recent years to advertise Cambridge as a holiday resort to help tradesmen in the "lean time".

1926 08 21
Sir – A steam driven lorry was proceeding along Histon Road, Cambridge, when suddenly the covering over the goods was blazing on top, as a result of a hot cinder being thrown up from the fire of the engine. This happened right outside one of the long-since obsolete hand manual lock-up sub fire stations. It would be of enormous advantage if they contained something more effective such as buckets of sand, hand patent chemical appliances, a hatchet or two, a crowbar and a couple of extending ladders and if the key might be procured from an obliging near-by resident – A. Burlton

1926 08 25
St Ives Breton fair, p5

1926 08 26
As a result of a police raid at Coldham's Common, Cambridge, nine men were summoned for gambling with coins at a game known as "heading 'em". PC Northrop said he watched them for a few minutes but could not say whether individuals had actually spun any coins or laid any money down. The men dispersed but were caught by other officers. The Mayor pointed out the seriousness of the offence; they were liable to be punished as rogues and vagabonds and fined £25 or sent to prison for three months. Two were fined £5 each

1926 08 28
Chesterton Guardians' Coal Emergency Officer said the emergency would be on for another month and they should buy another 200 tons for the needs of the district. The villages were still suffering from shortage and farmers had no coal to thrash with. That morning he had three smallholders from Milton begging for coal. He had managed, through the kindness of Mr Warren, to let them have three tons. In future as soon as there was any indication of the likeliness of a strike they should take precautions.

1926 08 28

The Post Office proposes to bring into operation a scheme for using obliterating post-marks on letters for commercial advertising, but is meeting opposition. The teetotaller may object to having his letters stamped with an invitation to drink whisky. Many firms print advertising matter on their envelopes and wrappers and this would be obscured by the official post mark advertisement. It would be worse when circulars posted by one firm were delivered bearing an announcement that its competitor's goods were the best.

1926 08 28
Sir – Probably the hardest-worked and the poorest paid college servant is the kitchen porter. In full term he puts in from 13 to 14 hours a day and at the end of the week if he draws 25s. (£1.12) (his food included) he may consider himself lucky – and perhaps the less said about the quality of some of the food the better. They get few tips – an average of 4s. (20p) a term, and perhaps nothing, and in all probability have to stand off during the Long Vacation. These men are honest and trusted servants who should be paid a living wage – A British Worker

1926 08 28
A Haddenham man was summoned for driving a horse and trap without lights. Defendant said he was going to Hillrow and had the usual off-side light on his cart. Between the Chequers public house and the war memorial the rim of the wheel caught the screw that turns up the wick, which evidently made the lamp go out. He was in the act of lighting it when the constable came up. A fine of 7s 6d was imposed and defendant asked for leave to appeal against the fine. The Clerk: "You talk too much".

1926 08 30
The report on the Bishop Stortford railway accident during the General Strike says that the country was on the whole admirably served by the volunteers who undertook responsibilities of various kinds. In this case the district locomotive superintendent at Cambridge was left with one driver and a clerk, out of a staff of 600 men. By degrees a little band of volunteers was got together, all of whom were necessarily unfamiliar with much that they would encounter. The driver involved in the accident was under test to be qualified and had worked trains satisfactorily for some days. The actual circumstances which developed were of a type which would not be expected, though the results were very regrettable.

1926 08 30
The Coroner has heard from the Secretary of State about the disposal of coins found under a hedge at Dry Drayton by children. It had been suggested it was property stolen from the post office kept by a man named Frederick Walker in 1896 and been buried by the person who had stolen it. Neither the Treasury nor the Postmaster General proposes to claim the coins and agree they should be distributed among the finders.

1926 08 30
Sir – the average wages of porters in college kitchens before the war were about ten or eleven shillings per week of 85 hours. At that time they got more money in tips than now. I have known many kitchen hands whose pay per hour worked out at three-farthings to a penny. Today they have a pension scheme (I believe at 65) but few live to that age. Some of the humane employers now pay wages during Vacations having come to the conclusion that an employee wanted something to eat, even when resting in the purer air of Parker's Piece – A.D. Somme

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1926 09 01
Jack Jones at Ely, p6

1926 09 02
A retired Cambridge postman's many years of labour in the postal service was acknowledged when Mr Amos Edwards was presented with the Imperial Service Medal. He entered the service 41 years

ago as postman at Pampisford and was transferred to Cambridge. For the last ten years he was a mail-messenger – he conveyed in horse-drawn vehicles mails from the Post Office to the Railway Station and back – until the motor vehicles were introduced. He then went back as a postman

Ely horses ordeal, p5

1926 09 03
Capt Ronald Leavey, who was burnt to death when an aeroplane he was piloting crashed and burst into flames near Leatherhead, is not unknown to Cambridge. Two months ago he visited Cherry Hinton where he took many passengers up at different times for pleasure flights, and also accomplished many noteworthy feats of daring in the air. His untimely end will be regretted by all who met him.

1926 09 04
L. Caswell boating tragedy, Wicken, p5

1926 09 06
Harvest reports, p3
Bucken old palace, p5

1926 09 07
A white-hot meteor of gigantic size rushing towards the earth from out of space at a speed of 40 miles a second, is believed by scientists to have caused the vivid flash which illuminated the country from London as far north as Yorkshire and the loud bang which followed it. It is thought probably that the meteor exploded at an altitude of about 40 miles above the earth and showed the Midlands with a spray of molten metal. At Hull and other towns the streets were lit up by a green light for five seconds and windows shaken by the explosion. Detailed observations are being anxiously awaited so the exact point of at which the explosion occurred can be calculated.

1926 09 07
A vivid flash followed by a terrific explosion occurred last night and at about the same time various people in Cambridge declare that they, too, saw a peculiar flare in the sky. No noise was heard. A police constable described the flash as lasting from five to six seconds and as making it appear as bright moonlight. Miss G. Gould, who was in charge of the coffee stall on Market Hill, said the whole of the sky in the south was lit up for about five seconds by a blue flame. A member of the "Stop! Look! and Listen" company said she noticed a vivid flash from her dressing room window.

1926 09 08
A professional photographer claims he was the author of one of the greatest hoaxes ever perpetrated on scientists and astronomers in this country and that he alone was responsible for the "meteoric" displays thought to have been seen all over England. "The lights were caused by the ignition of bags of ordinary photographic flashlight powder which I sent into the air attached to gas-filled balloons. Three sets of balloons were sent up, one from Beaconsfield, one from Bradford and one from Birmingham", he said. The article in the Daily Express is illustrated by a photograph of a real meteor in the act of exploding taken at the Solar Physics Observatory at Cambridge.

Workhouse room stank, p5*

1926 09 09
An article on the London "Daily News" gives an impression of Great and Little Wilbraham. After a thrilling account of the pursuit of poachers by the squire's foreman, the schoolmaster and ex-Police constable Walls, now a blacksmith, the reporter tells of his experiences in the village bakery. The squire's shepherd, turned 70, can sing 'something wunnerful'. "I can being singing at six in the morning and finish at ten at night, and never sing the same song twice", he said. "They be old songs and some of 'em ud take a time. 'The Old Cow Shed' takes 20 minutes".

1926 09 09
Ely Councillors discussed government regulations requiring every cowkeeper or purveyor of milk to be registered and all who keep cows must have cement floors. It means that the cows kept on fen farms, to employ labour, would have to be sold. A man would not be able to keep his own cow in his own yard or sell his own milk. It appeared a lot of tomfoolery and was helping the foreigner instead of those at home. It was agreed to protest against the order.

Invention of sugar beet loader, p3

1926 09 10
St Ives Council River Committee reported that a cross head had given way at the Staunch, wrecking one of the gates and causing a fall in the river; repairs had been carried out. They communicated with Mr Simpson, the owner who replied: "There seems to be some misunderstanding. Your council rent the staunch which comprises the lock and pen. In times gone by the lock had only one pair of gates (the second being put in when the navigation was restored about 1850). The barges came up the river and made fast just above the pen and flood gates; the gates of the pen were then shut and the flood gates lowered, and when sufficient water had come down the boats proceeded to the next lock. Would the council care to buy the whole structure? They would then not have to spend money on other people's property"

Military tattoo, p5

1926 09 10 ES
Manea or Charlemont – account of Thomas Neale 'Ruinous state' – 26 09 10(3)(4) ES

1926 09 11
Cambridge Women's Housing Association has been formed to assist in the supply of houses for the town and, in particular, to meet the urgent demand for the provision of more housing accommodation at an economic rent for the educated woman worker and others. It proposes to purchase suitable houses and convert them into self-contained flats of one, two or three rooms with kitchenettes. At a later stage it is hoped to build a residential club. Already nearly £1,000 has been subscribed.

Trumpington village hall, p6

1926 09 14
At Cambridge Education Committee Ald Starr said that recently children had gone to school showing signs of chicken-pox. Were proper steps taken to prevent them going to school? Dr Dalton thought a very big mistake had been made in excluding an enormous number of children because they happened to be in a house where chicken-pox was. Children were excluded where necessary but in cases like mumps and chicken-pox it was very much better to let the children go to school. When it came to more serious diseases like measles it was a very different matter

1926 09 15
Considerable interest was taken in agricultural circles in a demonstration of stubble cleaning on the University Farm, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge. It had the dual object of acquainting farmers with the instruments available for such work and of bringing instrument makers in touch with them so they may visualise what improvements are required. Light land was used in the morning and heavy loam in the afternoon and included both tractor and horse work by a variety of instruments, though the exhibition was in the main concerned with tractors.

1926 09 16
Sir – Will the Transport Authority please have a look at Mill Road junction with East Road, Cambridge. Corners are being rounded off and visibility increased in many parts but at this extremely busy point efforts seem to have been multiplied to prevent a safe flow of traffic. The large block of

lavatories and the telephone kiosk form nuclei for masses of trees, shrubs and large flowering plants which entirely obstruct the view. Everyone enjoys greenery and colour, but in this instance they are in the wrong place, without doubt, and call for removal – "Safety First"

Noisy motor cyclist, p5
Ely cycling Russell Wright cup, p6

1926 09 17
P.C.Q – "Please Charleston Quietly" is the plea of all real dance lovers as was evidenced at the Rendezvous Ballroom, Cambridge, when demonstrations of the new Flat Charleston Waltz, Tango and Fox-Trot were given. In its new form, with all distasteful kickings and stampings eliminated, the Charleston will appeal to the most fastidious. The Rendezvous with its new decoration, improved sitting-out accommodation and the popular Nobby Clark and his band is assured of an even greater following.

1926 09 17 ES
New sugar beet loader invented by T.W. Clarke, Ely – 26 09 17 ES

1926 09 18
Sutton straying animals, p5
Cambridgeshire walking club, p7
Old writing at Ely, p8

1926 09 20
West Wickham property, p6

1926 09 21
Wallis' garage fire, p5*
Cottenham fen farm, p5
Silver jubilee – changes over 25 years, p6

1926 09 22
Newmarket Urban Council has relaxed severe restrictions on the sale of English coal and is to increase permits to meet the requirements for the race weeks. It was also decided to commence full street lighting. But the regulations on the use of light for the purpose of advertisement and display allowed no exceptions and they prohibited all lighting beyond the minimum required to carry on the business or protest property. Although restrictions might be relaxed it is still of the first importance that all householders observe the utmost economy in the use of coal.

Coal directions, p5

1926 09 22 c
Deep regret will be felt of the news of the death of Councillor H.W. Hurrell of Newton Manor. A staunch Conservative he took a prominent interest in public affairs and was chairman of the County Education Committee since 1922. During his period many of the elementary schools have undergone great changes. He will always be remembered for the Newton School of Metal Work where boys produce beautiful works of art in copper, brass, silver and pewter which are sent all over the country as well as to America and India. "It is one of the finest things the village ever had", said a resident.

1926 09 23
Cambridge Guardians received a complaint from a resident in Gwydir Street: "How much longer have we to put up with the filthy, stinking smoke which is belching forth from the Workhouse chimney in Mill Road. My little girl is delicate and it makes her so ill that I have to take her out of the house as the smoke penetrates every room, besides killing the flowers in our little garden and making our

washing filthy". The black smoke was terrible and had made people ill. The Workhouse Master attributed the trouble to steam coal which had to be used.

1926 09 23
Cambridge Workers' Hospital Fund raised nearly £3,900 last year but expenses of Addenbrooke's Hospital were liable to increase. They were now installing new operating theatres, two of the women's wards were being remodelled to provide sanitary annexes and in the near future they would have to build a new ward on the top of Victoria. This all cost money and unless their income was increased they would have a drop in efficiency. It was a worry to know where the money was coming from. One bright spot was the parades; before the war they only received £600 from them, this year it would be over £4,000.

1926 09 24
A young man in Newnham Street, Ely, was digging sand from a pit and was using his pickaxe somewhat freely, when he struck a human skull. A further removal of the earth revealed the whole skeleton; around it was found very ancient pieces of pottery. Many years ago an old public house with the sign of The Cherry Tree stood on the spot and it was an occasional rule to have a "dust up" before some rowdy parties broke up at night-time, but the skull showed no marks of violence, except where the pick had come into contact with it. The remains were collected and carefully reburied.

Savings movement, p5
Melbourne Place cottages, p5

1926 09 24 ES
Ely angler T.A. Martin reminisces; Marquis of Granby fishing club started 1906 – 26 09 24 ES

1926 09 25
Rampton parents, p5
Hoaxing scientists, p6*
Longstanton & church, p6

1926 09 27
Another housing scheme, p5
Botanic Garden work, p6

1926 09 28
An article in "Country Life" relates to the house, no.21 Madingley Road Cambridge in a choice spot beside the Backs which is included in an auction sale. "Everyone knows that building is costly, but there will be curiosity as to how as much as £6,000 could be spent in building a house in which the chief accommodation consisted of only six bedroom. Some four years ago an American laid out that sum on the house which is he now vacating. The auctioneer have orders to treat on the basis of market value, not cost, so someone will get a bargain".

1926 09 28
We understand that Sir W. Graham Greene, K.C.B., of Harston, has been approached as to his standing as an Independent candidate for the vacancy on the County Council. He has had an interest in Harston since 1893 but official engagements at the Admiralty and Ministry of Munitions have prevented him hitherto from passing as much time in the County as he would have liked. His sisters, Miss Mary and Miss Helen Greene are well known for their public and philanthropic work and the new hall at Harston is largely due to their efforts.

1926 09 29
Murder & suicide, blazing car – Marshalls, p6

1926 09 30

The idea of demolishing a couple of dilapidated old houses in Melbourne Place to erect workshops and a caretaker's house at the Central Council School appeared repugnant to several members of Cambridge council but were adopted by a large majority. They contain kitchen, basement, one room on the ground floor and two bedrooms, one very small. The basements are unfit for habitation and very damp. There were no stoves. It would cost £100 to renovate the interior and exterior. The Mayor said it was not the time to demolish houses when there were 600 on the waiting list. Why were they unfit for habitation? They were half-buried by the rubbish from the school.

1926 09 20
Cambridge Town Council passed a scheme to provide houses to be let at a rent of 5s or 6s per week for people who cannot afford to pay more, and especially those with large families. A Utility Society is to lease building plots from the Corporation at nominal ground rent for the erection of the houses, the cost of which would not exceed £450 each. It was an effort to help men with families of three or four children who earned 35s or 45s a week & could not pay 7s 6d a week rent

1926 09 30
At the Newmarket Police Court a solicitor on behalf of Greene, King & Sons, brewers, said there was a real difficulty in Ashley in obtaining premises for the sub Post Office and he proposed that it should be attached to the Crown Public House. In order to do this it would be necessary to carry out structural alterations. Nobody could enter the public house through the Post Office, or the Post Office through the public house. If it were possible to get another property it would be desirable to do so as the language at a public house was not always of the best

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1926 10 01
Economy in gas, p2
Vice Chancellor retires, p5
Burwell fire, p5
Omnibus motion, p6
Dutch houses, p6

1926 10 01 ES
F. Hiam complains about delays in sending vegetables from Shippea Hill station – 26 10 01(2) ES

New drag-line dredger does work 40 men, Middle Fen Commissioners – 26 10 01 & (3) ES # c.29

1926 10 02
A mild sensation has been caused at Hemingford Abbots by a notice on the Rectory Gate. "Young persons and others have adopted a style of dress which is immodest and most objectionable. I disapprove strongly of the short skirts, bare necks and bare arms and hope women will wear more to cover themselves. In fact some cannot be said to be sufficiently clothed. I trust all women not to come to church so attired". It is the work of the rector's warden, Col. Charles Linton, a brisk, short, military-looking man who belongs to the Victorian era & speaks his mind bluntly.

New milk tank, p3
Cherry Hinton free church opening, p6
Swallowed by county, p7
Bus shelter, p8

1926 10 06
Waterbeach centenary, p5
Meteor, p6
Photographic record, p6*

1926 10 07
A public inquiry on the Cambridge Town Planning Scheme heard of problems with dust from the cement works. If the works were increased the dust must increase and if the material was ground finer it would be more difficult to collect. The smell from the Gas Works was merely unpleasant but the dust actually affected the health of the people who had to breathe it; they had the dust on their lungs and were permanently affected by it. The Company did not admit that the dust from their works is, or ever had been injurious to health.

1926 10 07
By the death of Mr Henry Flanders, chemist of Mill Road, Cambridge we feel we have lost a friend to whom we could have gone at all times for advice. We admired his knowledge and tact and the way he treated everybody alike. There was no distinction between rich and poor in his shop. He was the poor man's guide, philosopher and friend. We who have in time of many ailments sought his friendly counsel have come away relieved by his cheery words. When it happened – fairly frequently – that a poor client had not at the moment the cash ready he would invariably say, "Oh, yes, yes, that's all right"

1926 10 08
The Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire opened the newly-acquired hall of the Cottenham British Legion. The branch, which numbers over 100 members, was formed in January 1923 and a short while ago received a substantial grant from the United War Services Funds which enabled them to take over "Pepys Hall" as their Headquarters. They had given a lead to other villages in the way of halls and if others followed the villages would be "snowballing up" in the getting of halls

Globe-trotter in Cambridge, p5
Prickwillow tenders, p5

1926 10 08 ES
Ouse Drainage Board objections to £140,000 South Level scheme – 26 10 08 ES

1926 10 09
Strawberries in October! Such a sight in the front window of Sambridge's in Petty Cury, Cambridge, promoted a CDN representative to ask some questions. They were grown within 15 miles of Cambridge on one of Messrs Chivers' farms and were picked that morning. In the future we may get English strawberries all the year round. Experiments are being carried on all over the country. And the strawberry season is reckoned to close in the middle of July! Life is full of wonders and disappointments!

Histon elm tree, p3
'Secretly damaged' workshop, p4

1926 10 11
Rail crash, Adelaide, p5

1926 10 12
Miss Olive Edis whose photographic portraiture is well-known in Cambridge has come again to St Columba's Hall. The collection is the fruit of many visits to Cambridge during recent years. There is an interesting collection of colour plates, some being fine examples of the Lumiere plate and others in the new gum-grain Agfa plate. The scarlet gowns make effective touches of colour and the portraits include Sir Arthur Shipley at the gateway of the Lodge at Christ's and a fine head of Sir J.J. Thomson which gives a far more natural portrait than most of his paintings, with colour. A view of King's College from the Backs is an exquisite example of what Miss Edis can do in landscape work and portraits of children and well-known nonagenarians and centenarians play an important part. # c.65.5

Rampton parents, p6

1926 10 13
Dr W.M. Palmer is chairman of the joint committee of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society and the Cambridge Photographic Club which is engaged in the formation of a collection of photographic records of old buildings and other objects of interest in the county, particularly those which are likely to disappear. He displayed 160 lantern slides made by him during the last two years of old houses, taken from the outside and from the inside, and a number of old photographs showing buildings now vanished and costumes that are no longer worn. The record will be of great value to the historian a hundred years hence.

1926 10 13
On Cesarewitch day Newmarket was invaded by big crowds and apart from the well-laden trains, large numbers of visitors were conveyed from all directions by motor vehicles and the new stand afforded a fine vantage point for thousands who have hitherto had to pack themselves into confined space. The volume of wagering by the general public is probably the smallest on record. That does not mean that there are not vast fortunes at stake over the race, because there has been some heavy wagering by some of the wealthy owners and when one looks at the list of owners and notes it includes names of eight or nine millionaires such a state of things is not surprising.

1926 10 14
Willingham flower show, p6

1926 10 15
The old Albert Institute, Grafton Street, Cambridge was the scene of great enthusiasm on the opening of new headquarters for the Cambridge Boy Scouts' Association which will supply a much-felt want. Afterwards the presentation of medals for athletics and swimming took place. An enjoyable sing-song followed and then a meeting of leaders who discussed the uses to which the headquarters could be put. Meanwhile refreshments were served to allay the pangs of hunger caused by such enthusiasm. Lantern slides on India and China were shown by Assistant Commissioner W.B. Gourlay and the evening closed with everybody in the best of spirits.

1926 10 15 ES
Turning beet into sugar – photos of unloading beet – 26 10 15(2) ES

Ely railway smash signal box – photos - 26 10 15 ES

1926 10 16
Car footboard alight, p3
Ashley post office, p3
Rampton appeal, p7

1926 10 18
Stretham Red Lion inquest, p3
Obsolete parish courts, p6*

1926 10 19
Cambridge sensation, p6

1926 10 20
Land fit for rabbits, p6*
Slum housing, p8*

1926 10 21
Ely bankruptcy, p3

Sawston general strike, p6*

1926 10 22
Soham Parish Council say that as their fair and feast were still wanted by the public the question of its abolition did not arise. Enquiries showed that many years ago the tolls had been taken by the Lord of the Manor, but certainly during the past 50 years he had neither taken tolls not exercised any control. They have no knowledge by what rights the stalls are placed in the highway though a search had been made of old parish books and documents.

St Giles parish room, p7

1926 10 22 ES
Ely stationmaster, H. Everson, retiring – 26 10 22 ES

1926 10 23
The Officers' Training Corps range on Grange Road, Cambridge, has been closed down, having been condemned by a Military Board on account of the danger to Coton. The Cambridge University Rifle Association will for a time carry on shooting at the Territorial range on Coldham's Common. But there is a likelihood of this range being closed down too in the near future because the new road in course of erection will come up behind the butts. A united effort will be made to secure a sufficiently large area of land for the erection of a new, full-sized range.

Ambulances, p3
Fen Causeway, p6

1926 10 26
The Imperial War Graves Commission has undertaken on behalf of the Belgian Government to erect headstones over the graves of deceased members of the Belgian Forces in various cemeteries, including Cambridge. They will be made in Belgium and forwarded to this country for erection. There are two graves of Belgian soldiers in the Cambridge Borough Cemetery, two bodies being interred in each grave, and permission was given for the erection of the headstones.

Workhouse buildings, p6
Electricity line, p6

1926 10 27
An important new block is about to be opened as an extension of the Cambridge Poor Law Institution. The Mill Road workhouse received its first inmates in September 1838; just before Christmas married couples and the aged women arrived, and the sick and infirm were brought 'in fives' from the Poor-house of St Sepulchre and St Mary-the-Less. As tea was then 3s.3d. a lb 'small beer' was allowed in its place and sometimes given in excess so the quantity was limited to one quart daily per inmate. It has served with certain alterations and additions for three generations but now is inadequate for present requirements. The new block contains sick wards, maternity wards and nurseries. It will prove very useful and be a credit to the town.

Council houses, p6*

1926 10 28
Fen Causeway, p6

1926 10 29
The name of a well-known onion – Nuneham Park – as a fitting one for the new recreation ground at Newnham, because of the many tears it has caused on the ground of cost, was suggested by Councillor Edwards at Cambridge council. Another name proposed was Lamentations Land as a perpetual reminder that they had been guilty of the most extravagant and wilful expenditure of public

money. Finally the Council decided on Lammas Land. It would signify that the ground formerly opened during certain seasons of the year was now closed permanently against any private owner's rights and the public had the rights for the whole of the year.

1926 10 29
The Ministry of Health has been informed that in Dry Drayton meat, bacon and other foodstuffs sold from travelling motors and horse vans were contaminated by dust, petrol etc. The Council could do little in the matter. If the people found that their food was unclean they need not buy it from the vehicles about which the complaint was made.
Straying buds, p5
Speeding Ouse, p5

1926 10 29 ES
Beet factory effluent – 26 10 29 ES

1926 10 30
Cambridge Borough Surveyor submitted four schemes for the lay-out of land at the Cattle Market. The site comprised 11½ acres and was purchased about 1884 from Jesus College. The west side was used for vehicles of those attending the market, the east side was partly used for allotments and the question had arisen of developing part for conveniences, a free library and an abattoir, which was most important. The Railway Company wanted to provide up and down platforms at the station. It was unlikely the bridge would be widened for railway traffic was decreasing.

1926 10 30
Two aeroplanes from Duxford Aerodrome came down on Coldham Common, one being overturned and considerably damaged. One of the machines in a flight of five passing over Cambridge was observed to be in trouble. The single seater fighter had been engaged in firing practice at the Wash. He made a good landing, coming to rest near the bathing-place with just a buckled wheel. A similar machine went to its assistance but was not so fortunate; it struck some bumpy ground and turned right over, coming to rest flat on its back with the wheels in the air.

1926 10 30
How does the cost of living at Cambridge today compare with the pre-war days so far as an undergraduate is concerned? A writer in the Morning Post says "With an income of £210 a year, I went down at the end of my fourth year owing a year's income; and my debts were accounted for by entertaining on a rather lavish scale during my last year. I know post-war undergraduates with an income of £250 who went down owing nothing." He says that nowhere in the world has the cost of living risen less & adds that University expenses are surprisingly reasonable.

Balsham British Legion, p7

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1926 11 01
The Mayor of Cambridge (Ald E.O. Brown) addressed the New Street Men's Bible Class, which was the outcome of the Ragged School. He took them back to the old school, before the new road to Sturton Street was made, and visualise the children that assembled outside. The teachers were devoted to their work. There were working parties where shirts were made for the boys and petticoats for the girls. Public houses were numerous, rows and fights were the order of the day. There were fighting men prepared to take on all comers, rat catchers, beer tasters. Those days had passed and gone, and they were benefiting from the seed that was sown by the devoted teachers many years ago

1926 11 02
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle presented a "creepy" evening among ectoplasms, spirits, and the like at St Catharine's college, Cambridge. The hall was crowded with an audience of dons and undergraduates

to hear the famous novelist talk on "Psychic Experiences". He had postponed an earlier visit as the college was in mourning for its Master & his doctor had ordered him not to come now because of a bad cold. But he had disobeyed, thinking that if for the second time he did not materialise – laughter – they would imagine he had no objective existence at all. He showed a photograph of the crowd round the Cenotaph on Armistice Day; above a small band of spiritualists hung a vapour comprising faces of young men killed in the war.

1926 11 04
No little excitement was caused when an undergraduate, fully-clothed and wearing cap and gown, jumped off the Magdalene Bridge into the river, using an umbrella as a parachute. A film record of the exploit was taken by Lord Burghley, the famous athlete, who had his baby film camera mounted on the top of his motor car. The undergraduate, being hard up, had hit on this idea as a way of getting money and has netted enough to keep him for a week or two in pocket-money

1926 11 05
Rentokill advertisement, p3
Rag, p8
Great retreat, p8

1926 11 05 ES
Ely beet factory's seven tugs and 100 barges – 26 11 05(2) # c.26.3

1926 11 06
Ely Guardians new ward, p3
Drummer Street, p6*

1926 11 08
Walking cyclist, p3*
Duxford court martial, p5
'Raggers' appreciation police, p6

1926 11 11
For two minutes Cambridge stood still in silent homage to the glorious dead. Everywhere the Great Silence was religiously observed. As the hour approached a general atmosphere of expectancy enveloped the whole town until just before the great moment arrived a significant hush seemed to fall, and those in the street trod softly in fear unless they should disturb the slumbers of the sacred dead. As the bells of the Catholic church struck the hour a faint boom followed by a reverberating explosion from the direction of Parker's Piece announced that the fateful two minutes had arrived, and traffic and pedestrians came to a simultaneous standstill.

C.U.M.S. children's concert, p3
General Strike sequel, p6

1926 11 12
The Rev G.A. Studdert Kennedy, M.C., better known as "Woodbine Willie" spoke at the great Armistice Day at the Cambridge Guildhall. It was packed for the meeting and some hundreds were accommodated in the Corn Exchange where they heard the proceedings by loud speaker. There was a tradition growing up round Armistice Day which was bound to have a great deal to do with the making or marring of the human race in the future. War was a great folly, a great madness, a great tragedy. "I will love the things for which they died; and I will hate with a bitter and lasting hate the things that brought them to their deaths", he said.

1926 11 12
A deeply moved audience cheered and sang when some forty local heroes of the Great Retreat, some in uniform and all wearing their medals, lined the stage at the conclusion of the first performance of

"Mons", the great war film, at the Central Cinema, Cambridge. It was a memorable scene and showed very clearly how much Cambridge admired the part they played in the immortal episode. By special invitation 100 men of the Cambridgeshire Regiment also witnessed the performance. Some of the Cinema staff saw war service and were displaying their medals. "Buttons" sold his chocolates and cigarettes wearing two medals won by his father, who was killed in the war.

Undergraduate shell-out, p5

1926 11 12 ES
Ely High School comes of age – 21 years of progress feature – 25 11 12 ES

1926 11 13
Poppies, p5*
Undergraduate escape, p6

1926 11 15
Poppy record, p5*

1926 11 16
Cossacks, p6
Etchings, p6*

1926 11 17
Casuals admission, p6

1926 11 18
Bookmaker claim, p6

1926 11 19
A Cambridge dispenser claimed he used drugs to make up "pick-me-ups" for undergraduates in the morning. The judge: "Do they require 'pick-me-ups' in the morning?" (Laughter.) "They do things now that we never thought of". He made them up out of his head, usually mixing three tinctures. They were drunk in a wineglass of water. They were used every day during term time. The undergraduates looked something of a wreck in the morning and owned to having had a little refreshment at night. (Laughter.)

1926 11 19
When the new Festival Theatre in Newmarket Road, Cambridge, opens on Monday a fresh phase in the history of the Drama in England will have commenced. Without destroying the principle of the old Theatre Royal, with its memories of the old Regency days, the promoters of this new venture have so adapted the building that it is the most modern and up-to-date in England. The new stage gradually merges into the stalls by a series of shallow steps, behind is a revolving middle stage backed by a raised and sliding backstage with the cylindrical cyclorama as its background. The lighting will be a special feature and the theatre will be warmed by a central heating system.

Complaint undergraduate, p5

1926 11 19 ES
Mr & Mrs George Richardson of Top Street Stretham celebrate golden wedding. Wife Eleanor only child late John Savage, born in the snug little house she now occupies; has piece of wedding cake. Mr Richardson sign writer; has done Stretham, Sutton and Wilburton clock faces. Changes in sign writing. Wesleyan local preacher 26 11 19ES & (2) – photo

1926 11 20

The County Agricultural Organiser gave an interesting lecture on the destruction of rats at Lt Shelford village hall. People did not pay enough attention to the rat menace. There were far too many rats about Cambridge for his liking and if they held a Little Shelford Rat Week it would do a world of good. Everybody should kill rats whenever they got the change. If each person killed one a week it would be doing some good.

Lansbury speech, p3

1926 11 22
Many people have asked how it is that the CDN is able to get later news in its columns than can be obtained in the London evening papers sold at the same time on the streets of Cambridge. This is due to the Creed System of news-getting, by private wire installed between our offices at Cambridge and the Press Association Offices in Fleet Street. The news is collected, sub-edited and sent to the telegraph room where an operator transfers the scrip on to a paper slip in Morse for transmission. At the CDN offices a Creed receiver transfers the signals on to a paper tape which passes through a printer and is transposed into script at an average speed of about 80 words per minute. The operators at each end of the wire are able to talk to each other in Morse for the purpose of queries.

1926 11 23
Festival Theatre opening, p6

1926 11 24
A Kedington farmer was summonsed for the recovery of wages due for harvest work. The men knew they were to be paid on acreage but they did not know how much per acre until they had finished. All they had to do was the carting and that took 14 days. The usual amount for a man to take at harvest in the way of carting was 30 to 35 acres but in this case they averaged only 19½ [AND A HALF] acres for which they were paid £6 17s which was 7s per acre for with 6d extra. If a man was not employed during the whole of the harvest period on harvest work he was only entitled to a portion of the bonus.

1926 11 24
Addenbrooke's Hospital has launched an appeal for funds to start a scheme of radium treatment, which is invaluable for the treatment of malignant diseases but cannot be generally administered because of the very high cost. At present they have to pay for the hire of a supply of radium and apparatus when it was needed. About £900 is required to obtain a minimum supply and the necessary apparatus. Once obtained it could be let out on hire and produce an income. It would be the most valuable gift the hospital could receive. Cambridgeshire is not a rich county but there are people rich enough and beneficent to make the gift.

1926 11 24
The Cambridge Electricity Supply Company is one of the oldest in the country, having been formed in 1892. It was the first in the world to adopt condensing steam turbines, now used everywhere in all large electricity generating stations. A suitable site for the generating station had to be found where large quantities of water for condensing were available and as the Corporation had insisted this should be within the Borough the site on Quayside was chosen. By 1900 the site was too cramped and is now somewhat obsolete. They must decide whether to provide an up-to-date generating station or purchase a bulk supply from elsewhere.

1926 10 25
Sir – At my home we have adopted the penny-in-the-slot system for the use of gas. One would think that, after placing a penny in the meter, we had fully paid for the gas to be consumed until the light fails. According to the collector it is not so, for having taken what he finds in the meter he demands two or three shillings more. This appears to me to be a slip-shot way of doing business and I hope gas consumers will raise a strong protest – "A Gas Consumer". Sometimes the users of the penny-in-the-slot machine get some pennies returned – Ed.

Pick-me-up allegations, p6

1926 11 26
Workhouse dance, p8

1926 11 27
The Cambridge Central Conservative Club in Market Passage was gutted by fire in the early hours of the morning. There were a large number of trade premises nearby and the task of saving the club, with flames nearly 100 feet high, appearing a hopeless one the Fire Brigade concentrated on confining the conflagration to the one building. Had there been a strong wind a centre of shopping would have been destroyed. The Central Hall, which had been booked for many social events for months ahead, suffered severely. The billiards room, which contained four splendid tables also suffered considerably; two of the tables fell through the floor. The club was opened in February 1888

Electricity supply, p8

1926 11 29
Rural Community Council, p3
Conservative Club fire, p7

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1926 12 01
A Dullingham youth pleaded guilty to a charge of assault. Complainant said he was driving at night when the defendant, who was standing in the road, fired a pistol in his face. The powder scorched his face all down the side and he was obliged to pull up his car because he could not see. The wad of the pistol hit him in the face and was like a lot of hot pins going into his face. The lad said he fired the pistol for a lark so that the sound of the revolver would make the motor driver think he had a burst tyre. The pistol was confiscated.

1926 12 02
The official testing took place of the bridges along the new road through Coe Fen, The Fen Causeway. They are Snobbs' Bridge, Flood Water Bridge and the River Bridge. The last is the most important and five steam rollers and one steam tractor, together weighing 63 tons were driven across it, passing each other, thus making 63 tons rolling weight, equivalent to about 100 tons dead weight. The Cambridge Borough Surveyor and councillors boarded a punt and viewed the deflectometer under the bridge, which gave a satisfactory reading. The foundations consist of 100 piles of 40 feet length, weighing about four tons each

1926 12 03
Ely Guardians heard a complaint from a vagrant of a shortage of accommodation in the casual ward of the workhouse which was full up with Beet Sugar Factory employees who paid 1s per night. There was no registered common lodging house in Ely but the workhouse was for destitute people and not for those with money in their pockets. But some of them concealed what money they had. If they filled the casual wards with people with money what were they going to do with the poor chaps who really were down and out? Some of the casuals were looking for work. If the Beet Factory did not take them on they would only go on the land and take jobs from agricultural labourers. Last year there were 60 or 70 living at the Jam Factory. The matter was left to the discretion of the Master

1926 12 04
Cambridge people who have relatives abroad will be interested in the scheme for sending Christmas cards by cable which is being "pushed" this year. Originally inaugurated by the Eastern Telegraph Company they are now becoming the rule. Greetings may be sent to South Africa, Australia, China, Japan and South America. The minimum charges are for messages of ten words, the rate being 5s to Australia. The telegrams will be delivered on seasonably-designed forms.

Boatbuilder's action, p4

1926 12 06
Electricity, p8

1926 12 07
Two houses were destroyed as a result of a fire which broke out at Willingham. A young man named Cecil Denson noticed a fire at the back of a house in Church Street occupied by Walter Munns and found that a beam of an outhouse and the thatch was on fire. The alarm was raised and the occupants taken to safety, some of the furniture also being removed. Willingham Volunteer Fire Brigade turned out but soon the house was ablaze, as was another thatched house next door occupied by Mrs Hopkins, a widow.

Peace message, Cambridge & Newmarket, p6

1926 12 08
There have been complaints of certain effluent entering the parish ditches at Histon and Impington and Messrs Chivers had approached Cambridge Borough Council to draw up a scheme whereby sewage could be taken by means of pipes to the Cambridge sewage farm. The parish council had not been asked to be parties and it raised the question whether they should work jointly with Chivers. It would cost a considerable amount of money. There had been talk of Histon and Impington being taken over by the Borough of Cambridge. If so the cost would be borne by the whole of the people in it, to the great advantage of the village. Extensive building was going on and it would not be long before they built up to the boundary.

1926 12 08
Ely ratepayers association discussed traffic in the streets which is becoming absolutely dangerous. One-way traffic was not nearly so necessary as in towns such as Cambridge and there would be opposition. It would be very difficult to manage. The best way was to have special parking places for the buses where they could drop off passengers. The problem would be solved if buses were parked in the Palace Green. There have been as many as 25 different vehicles in Market Street and 14 cars in the Cattle Market. Mr Rickwood said the trouble was from people putting their carts in the main streets; they were often left outside public houses from 10 am to 4 pm and in Brays Lane it was nearly impossible to pass.

Ickleton church hall, p5*

1926 12 09
Fen Causeway, the new and important link between Newnham and the rest of Cambridge, was opened by the Mayor. The bridge and its approaches were gaily decorated with bunting and presented a colourful scene. The project of relieving Silver Street traffic had started as long ago as 1904 and discussion had gone on for nearly 20 years before the Town Council approved the plan in 1923. Nine proposals had been put forward and had it not been for the urgency of the unemployment question the same position would have existed today, only instead of nine there might have been nineteen different schemes (Laughter)

1926 12 10
Soham Grammar School – Beechhurst, p3
Businessmen & cars, p6
Slums a blot, p7
Rents Kings Hedges & Suez Road, p8

1926 12 11
Ely traffic, p3

Electricity station or bulk supply, p5

1926 12 14
Banham gifts, p8

1926 12 15
A Haslingfield youth, serving an apprenticeship at Messrs King and Harper's, Cambridge, had a miraculous escape when a car in which he was seated fell 19 feet from a lift in the garage to the concrete floor beneath. The lad, who had little experience of driving, got into a light car which was in the lift and endeavoured to reverse it in order to park it on one of the upper floors. Instead of putting it into reverse, he put the gear in the first speed and the car, shooting forward, turned a complete somersault, crashing on to the concrete floor below, with the driver underneath. The car was badly damaged and the youth taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

1926 12 16
Sir – As a member of the Cambridge branch of the College of Nursing I should like to say a few words against the profession being organised on trades union lines. Nursing is not a trade, it is a profession. It seems the thin edge of the wedge for discontent, strikes and everything that undermines the proper spirit of the work. Nursing would become a "mundane job" instead of a "noble profession" and so all the greatness would be lost out of the service – D. Clarke, Royston

1926 12 16
The Cambridge Camera and Wireless Co. of Alexandra Street offers a very complete range of component parts or complete wireless sets. The famous Pye sets can be seen in their windows, also the self-contained "Britamax All-Wave" receivers. Specialities of this firm include reliable, but cheap, H.T. batteries, valves and loud speakers.

1926 12 16
It may not be generally known to the Cambridge public that Mr Carne, the manager of the Playhouse, Mill Road, is the "Victor Carne" who figures in the record list of the Vocalion Gramophone Co. He has recorded "The Holy City" and "The Star of Bethlehem" for their Christmas list and these and other of his records are obtainable at Messrs Leavis's, Regent Street. Wireless enthusiasts will no doubt remember the many times he has sung from London and Daventry.

1926 12 17
"Daisy Lee" was summoned for professing to tell fortunes to the wife of P.S. Hillier of Ely constabulary. She made a picturesque figure in court and said she was a member of the old and well-known family of Gypsy Lee. She was born in a caravan and called a gypsy. She carried on a business as a "character reader" and had stood in Ely Market Place often on market days without any complaint being made. Mrs Hillier said he had visited Lee's caravan at St John's Farm, Ely, had handed over a half-crown and been told to make a lucky wish. The gypsy then told her she had had a lot of worry and trouble – which was not true – and that she had a very good husband. The Bench fined Lee £10 and 10s costs and said she "must consider herself lucky they had not given her three month's hard labour". The money was paid forthwith

Waterbeach share-out club, p6

1926 12 18
Struggle in train, p5
Tramps, p7
Unattended cars, p8

1926 12 20
Premier Dance Hall, p6

1926 12 21
Saffron Walden magistrates heard an application on behalf of a number of licence-holder for an extension of hours on the occasion of the share-outs of the respective slate clubs. The houses had a large number of members – some as many as 150. Many of them were bricklayers working out of the town and it was not possible to commence sharing out before 7.30. It was 10 o'clock before it was finished and up to 11 pm the members desired to have refreshment and a "sing-song". The police said they had no objection. The application was not granted.
Electricity supply question, p8

1926 12 22
Colonel Archer told Ely council that the congested state of the streets on market days was growing serious because of the large number of buses. Brays Lane had to take a very large share of the traffic because it was a short cut to the Beet Sugar Factory and was dangerous. The Chief Constable said there were three kinds of vehicles: the farmers' carts, the private cars and the motor 'buses. He did not think they could compel the farmer to put his cart some distance from where his horse was. They did not want to drive trade away. The only solution was there must be no parking of private cars other than in places specially allotted to them; the council must decide where these should be. All setting-down and taking up of bus passengers should occur between the junction of Lynn Road and Market Street and the Sun public house.

Newmarket fever hospital, p3
Haddenham Cross Keys hanging, p5

1926 12 23
Haddenham publican hanged, p6

1926 12 24
We regret to record the death at his residence of Mr Thomas Strangeways, Lecturer on Special Pathology in the University and Director of the Research Hospital. He did a good deal of research in rheumatoid arthritis but had recently been very keen on the cultivation of animal cells in the test tube and was one of the pioneers in this work

Wireless, p6*

1926 12 24 ES
Gorefield motor garage destroyed by fire – 26 12 24(3) ES

Haddenham inquest on William Dearman, landlord Cross Keys, Hillrow – 26 12 24 ES

1926 12 28
Christmas Day and the two following days will be fully occupied in the good old-fashioned way; then will come the reaction and the question will arise, what to do with the children. Pearl Lambeth will help to solve that problem by presenting her annual children's' pantomime, "Betty and the Fairies", at Cambridge Guildhall together with a spectacular ballet and a good old harlequinade to follow. The programme certainly looks attractive and it is hoped that Cambridge will accord her bumper houses as a reward for her enterprise.

1926 12 28 c
Expectations of a white Yuletide were not realised this Christmas. The weather Harlequin at the last minute performed one of his celebrated quick-change acts and brought a sulky drizzle which lasted all day. The visit of the Helder football team from Holland proved a considerable attraction to the Town ground on Christmas morning and there was a fair attendance at the local Derby between the Abbey and the Swifts. Apart from this there was little to tempt folk abroad and happy family gatherings round the home fire, fortunately replenished since the resumption of work in the coal mines, were the order of the day.

1926 12 29
Mr J.G. Davies of Histon had another long jaunt on his two-speed hand-propelled invalid chair just before Christmas. He left Histon intending to go to Manchester but when he arrived at Leicester decided to come back again. A considerable part of the journey was done by night and he had several little adventures on the road including a collision with a milestone and being thrice stopped by tramps, one of whom threatened violence. "He became so wild that as I could not defend myself very well in my chair I had to resort to the gun which I carry with me on these little journeys and, pulling it out, I threatened him with it, so he cleared off, to my relief", he said.

1926 12 29
The Agricultural Wages Committee met to receive objections to the reduction of the minimum wage of special classes of workers under 18 years of age from 30s to 27s a week for the customary hours for men employed as horsemen, cowmen or shepherds, and limiting the minimum wages of 12s provided for boys under 15 years to boys of 14. The committee could extend the definition of overtime to include work on particular days. This had been done in the case of special workers in glasshouses in Hertfordshire where all work after 12 o'clock on Christmas Day was treated as overtime.

1926 12 29
A pleasing little ceremony took place at Hildersham when the Mayor of Cambridge (Ald J.S. Conder), who is a native of the village, was presented with an address. Though the population has decreased somewhat of recent years, the inhabitants make up by enthusiasm what they lack in numbers and the mayor received a very hearty welcome back to his old village. The rector said that if anybody had attempted 25 years ago to predict that the Mayor of Cambridge would be a native of Hildersham they would have been disposed to ask in wonder: "can so great an honour belong to so small, so poor and so unknown a place?" They believed that the honour which had been conferred upon him would live in the annals of the village

1926 12 31
The Great Ouse River Board heard that a number of stages had been erected on the banks of the Ten Mile River and the Wissey for loading sugar beet. The banks in many cases had been cut. Furthermore in loading the beet on to barges a quantity of earth was allowed to fall into the river. It should be made clear this should not be done without the approval of the Board. Sir Fred Hiam proposed notices be printed so the factories could sent one to each farmer who contracted with them to supply beet.

Newmarket workhouse wireless, p6

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I have copies of the articles summaries or marked, they seem not to have been scanned*

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1927 01 01
The Christmas holidays passed off very pleasantly in Cambridge and the great majority of workers no doubt appreciated to the full the four days' respite from their labours. But the arrangements with regard to closing on Tuesday were far from satisfactory, the multiple shops being the main cause of trouble. For traders who deal in perishable goods the problem is difficult and some did not see their way to agree to the fourth day. With such confusion it was hardly to be expected that any considerable

section of the public would go shopping on Tuesday and it is doubtful if those who did reopen then found it really worthwhile.

Stokesley laundry, p3
Welcome 1927*

1927 01 07 ES

An old bargee's reminiscences: canal traffic in the fens 60 years ago by Isaac Collett; Waterman's hours – all hours. My father used to put me on the horse while the man rested on one of the barges. Sometimes he would shout "Boy! You're asleep" and I would answer "Well I may be, I didn't have any rest last night".

I remember when 10,000 tons of coal were taken from the Nene at Wisbech to Cambridge for the Lighting Company there. It used to go through the Wisbech Canal, having been brought to Wisbech my sailing ships (and afterwards steamers). The sluice keeper, Benson Woolhand, used to take so much money that he daren't go to sleep. You could not get canal shares for love or money. The charge made was 6d per ton and we kicked up several 'rows' about it, because we used to charge freightage for gravel at so much a yard and had to pay at the rate of 1½ tons per yard – the eighth being what we paid for carriage

The last time my gang of lighters came through the Canal, I came from Whittlesey with a cargo of gravel for Elm Bridge. I went to Jessop, who then kept the lock, because the sluice doors were locked. He said 'Yes – they have been locked and they are going to keep locked. The Company's closed the canal'. I asked him what I was to do with the gravel and he answered "I don't know". So I said I would go and see someone. I went to Jackson's office – Mr Edward Hugh Jackson – and the clerk there declared "It's private property, we can do as we like. We shan't open it any more"

With us gangling so, Mr Jackson came in … he said "It doesn't pay". I fired up and challenged him: "It paid in your father's time – you made fortunes out of it". He said, "I shan't open it if you argue for a month". I then said "I shall be here tomorrow morning with a certificate demanding £10 a day for as many days as you keep me outside". He said, "You'll get nothing if you do – we have nothing".

"I thought I could walk, but the clerk got to the lock first, and the gates were opened for me immediately. There was not enough water that night, but we got through the lock next day and discharged the cargo at Elm. That was the last time the local gates were opened. I told Mr Jackson, incidentally, that he must have an Act of Parliament to close the canal".

Here Mr Collett broke off to descant on the serious position that would arise if the sea gates burst and allowed the tide to flow in. It is his serious opinion that in such a case Elm, Fridaybridge and Emneth would be flooded. He remembers when there was a flood from the Canal which extended to St Augustine's Church. That same Sunday night Sutton Bridge dock 'blowed'. He was fetched out on the Monday morning and literally never 'took his shoes off; until the next Saturday night.

This led Mr Collett to shed an interesting sidelight on local history. He saw the Sutton Bridge dock catastrophe from a special point of view. He had told the contractor when he was building the dock of the risk he was running in not adequately protecting the entrance gates. There was an apron extending out 60 ft but this was a delusive protect5ion. On this particular Sunday evening as the resul of the great weight of water, the piling began to give way and the quicksand boiled up until a hole was made, and the water started boring under the threshold. Mr Collett was called in to drop clunch down to fill the hole, and although 220 tons were deposited in one night, the hole was deeper than ever in the morning, and all the labour had been ineffective.

The antagonism that was created between Wisbech and Sutton Bridge was well indicated as Mr Collet continued his narrative.

"Wisbech were 'dead' on the Sutton Bridge dock", he said. "They wanted it at Wisbech, but the gunny part was that as soon as the dock 'blew' they came to Wisbech for help. They knew I had a cargo of clunch here – as a matter of fact there were 220 tons belonging to the Wisbech Corporation. The dock people thought if they could get that it would hold the breach. They came and made me an offer, but I said, as it was for the Corporation, I did not know whether I should be justified in letting them have it. They said, 'Go and see the Mayor'. Ald. Ford was Mayor at that time and Mr Poole the Surveyor. I went and called them both up, but, knowing how keenly they opposed the dock being at Sutton Bridge, I had little hope of getting permission. However, what the Mayor said was, 'Now you have the chance of your life. We will let you have the clunch all right, but you must charge your own price for it'"

"You may bet your life I did" (proceeded Mr Collet, with evidence relish as the memory of the deal). "I told them my price – and it was a little bit extra, and all they said was 'Bring it all' – they were so anxious to get it. But when I got it there it melted away like snow under a mild rain"

Mr Collett was commissioned to get all the gangs of lighters he could find to rush clunch down to Sutton Bridge to save the dock. After three days and nights of it – travelling in trains and every other way to get to the owners, he felt he could not go on. The clunch was dropped on the sill and in front of it during the ebb of the tide. "I took a good mess of the stuff down, but I didn't expect it to stand – I said it wouldn't. And I was right"

"I was there", he went on, "when they put the 'Gallant' in the dock and 'went on', and was so pleased to see the first ship got in. When I got there on the Monday morning I never saw a man more 'cut up'. He sunk some month there!"

Mr Collett often travelled from Wisbech to Northampton – 121 miles by water, and he was familiar with every inch of the way. There were some hazardous journeys when the floods prevailed, and he remembers mooring barges to the railway bridge at Peterborough when the sleepers and metals were lifted out of position. In such difficult days he took risks, and on one journey netted £100 which he characterised as a slice of good luck.

His memory of Whittlesey Mere is of a different place from what it is today, because there could be storms there then were by no means pleasant things to have to weather. His father carried the stone to make the first road when Whittlesey Mere was drained, completing three trips a week – which was not losing any time.

The drinking capacity of the bargemen is well exemplified in several anecdotes Mr Collett tells, but one of the most amusing of his stories deals with the vicissitudes of a trip when the floods carried a gang of lighters into the churchyard at Water Newton. The lighters had got adrift and were fouling the gravestones, when the parson came along and declared he would rather have any of the stones damaged than a beautiful marble memorial which was in imminent danger. Everything was done by Mr Collett and his men to prevent this being broken, but in his anxiety the parson began to swear. Somebody reproved him for his impatience and instanced the behaviour of Job under his afflictions. "Job", ejaculated his reverence – "he never had a gang of lighters in his churchyard" – 27 01 07 ES

1927 01 03
The Cambridgeshire Chief Constable reported he had carefully considered the question of the retention of the parish constables and hoped the committee would agree to retaining them as he felt they were quite worthy of the duty they were called upon to do. Many members of the force were from time to time taken for special duty in connection with racing. On such occasions it was important to have parish constables. It gave a sense of security when the regular members of the force were away. In the prospect of a riot or disturbance when a regular policeman was not at hand, the parish constable was the one man for organising some method of maintaining order.

Corn Exchange roof, p5

1927 01 04
A part of twenty Cambridge undergraduates who are paying a social visit to New York are providing the citizens and police with incidents amusing and sometimes thrilling. One borrowed a fast sports car and gave the police an opportunity of testing the pace of their large red car. Chased down Fifth Avenue he was able to turn into a side street while the heavier police car was compelled by its momentum to continue straight on. By the time it had returned he had disappeared into the intricacies of Greenwich Village and was lost. He has also dived into the Hudson River, in order to do which he had to cut a hole through the ice which was six foot thick.

1927 01 05
College servants ball, p6

1927 01 06
Cambridge council agreed to spend £7,653 on the reconstruction and widening of Victoria Avenue. The scheme was criticised on the grounds that it would tempt motorists to increase their speed along the avenue. The Surveyor said that the railings should go back an extra 11 feet as far as the trees, making the road 55 feet. Chesterton wanted a vehicular bridge at Walnut Tree Avenue which would carry much of the traffic, but this had been coming for the last 35 years and it had not come yet (laughter).

1927 01 06
Sir – I am surprised to find the facilities for the Cambridge business man to play golf are so small. They can never get a round as the courses are so far from the town that they cannot get there. It is not everybody who can afford a car or motor cycle. They would welcome a municipal or public golf course near Cambridge and I am sure if the Town Council could entertain the idea of establishing a course it would be a paying concern – Robin

1927 01 07
Fuel officer, p6

1927 01 08
At Hildersham dances play an important part in the evening's entertainment. The foxtrot, which is universally accepted as the most popular present-day dance, has to bow its head to the valeta and the lancers, both of which appear to be great favourites with the inhabitants. One seldom hears of these dances nowadays and few would believe that young people participated, and what is more, enjoyed them. It is a village not ashamed of indulging in what the inhabitants like – however old the dances may be.

1927 01 08
Mr A.E. Stubbs said that housing conditions in some part of rural Cambridgeshire were worse than in any other parts of England and were a national scandal. Race-horses were better housed than some agricultural labourers. He knew cottages that one would not put a pig in where there were six, seven or eight people in two rooms; where a curtain had to be drawn across a bedroom for a mixed family of boys and girls, and where a woman had to put the food in an old tin trunk at night or there would be no food in the morning owing to the depredations of the denizens of the forests – rats ran over the beds and ate the food.

1927 01 08
A verdict of "Accidental Death whilst in the course of his employment owing to an error of judgement on the part of the driver" was returned on a Soham roadman. He was at work with a steam roller on the Stetchworth to Dullingham road. A motor car came along, ran over the rough gravel and stopped twelve yards passed the roller. This had occurred hundreds of times; if a car came over rough metal in high gear it often stopped. The roadmen always helped & had given them a push. This time the driver,

instead of getting into third gear, somehow got into reverse and on letting in the clutch the machine ran back and crushed the man between the car and the road roller.

1927 01 10
Police at church, p6

1927 01 12
C.E. Goodrich spoke of 'Some joys and sorrows of a professional photographer'. A very irritating thing that every portraitist experienced was when a lady bought back her proofs with the statement that neither she nor any of her friends knew for whom they were intended; no one recognised them, in fact. On one occasion the complaint was met by a profuse apology from the photographer for having in error sent her another lady's proofs. Woe to the photographer who, catering for the general public in a moment of inspiration sought to apply some of the principles of art by suppression of some surplus furniture so as to allow the face of his sitter to become the centre of interest, for he would be thought to be working with a defective lens and not giving value for money. – 27 01 12

1927 01 12
The Chief Constable, Mr R.J. Pearson said that when he came to Cambridge there used to be only one or two policemen on point duty, whereas now there were seven or eight. The force had not been increased so one had to scheme accordingly. During the past year nearly 2,000 bicycles were found in the streets; up to Thursday morning there were 300 at the Police Station but 70 had been claimed that day. One seldom saw a drunken man in the streets and returns showed they were one of the best towns from this point of view.

Victoria Avenue, p3
1927 01 15
Rating compensation, p6*

1927 01 17
Deep regret is felt at the news of the death of Mr Frederick James Stoakley, chief laboratory assistant at the Chemical Laboratory for fifty years. He made a life-time study of colour photography and made the first 'three colour' photograph seen in Cambridge. He was one of the first to handle the Autochrome plate and produced some remarkable renderings of chemical objects. He was in great demand as a lecturer on colour photography and his photographic studies have been exhibited in all the big exhibitions. He was one of the founders & past President of the Cambridge Photographic Society

Ouse drainage, St Ives, p3

1927 01 18
H.L. Hughes spoke on how town planning could be improved. The last 100 years have seen an enormous increase in population and as a result town planning if not a problem for the future but more for the immediate present. The traffic, the sewers, the gas or electricity all have to be thought of. There are roads from the foot of the Gogs to Shelford and Stapleford which only contain one or two houses along them. Buses may pass the door but one has to go miles for a doctor, a church or a school. In a few years' time people will not live in such places and these houses will be left to fall down and spoil the approach to the town

1927 01 18
Newmarket U.D.C. received a letter from Lord Glaney for the tenancies of six of the cottages now being erected on the Burwell Road, Exning. He had contracted to sell his estate at Lackham and would shortly be removing his establishment to Exning and required the cottages for the accommodation of his domestic staff. Mr Dring said he quite appreciated the fact that Lord Glaney was a big ratepayer but the council was building these cottages for the working class, not for

gentlemen's servants. If he wanted to bring his servants here surely he was in the position to build his own cottages for them. Major Griffiths said they might meet him by letting him have two or three.

1927 01 19
Newmarket pavior, p5

1927 01 20
A claim by a Cambridge motor engineer and taxi-cab proprietor against an Indian student who met with an accident while driving a hired car was heard in the County court. He had hired the car for the afternoon and agreed to pay 25s. (£1.25) plus the cost of the petrol and oil and accepted full responsibility for the safety of the car. He had the misfortune to collide with a motor cycle and sidecar at the Abington crossroads. The car was taken to Messrs King and Harper with instructions to repair it, but they were not quite satisfied their charges would be met. Plaintiff told the court the car had been brought to him with a view to being sold; the owner wanted £70 for it. He had paid £36 but one never knew the condition of a car after an accident.

1927 01 21
A.E. Stubbs, organiser of the Workers' Union gave a family budget from a farm worker's wife. Rent 3s., coal 3s., milk 2s., meat for a family of five 5s.8d., groceries 8s., oil and candles 1s. 4d. bread and flour 5s. 3d., insurance 9d – a total of 29s. One shilling was left to provide clothes, boots, household things that wore out – such as bedding, pots, pans etc.- doctors' bills, clubs, papers and finally holidays at the seaside every year. What a disgrace it was that, whilst the land provided a good living for landlords and farmers, the farm workers had to exist on a standard lower than a pauper

1927 01 21 ES
The County Library successfully launched; 45 centres established. The demand for books exceeds the supply. March demands for books drains 'Rural Scheme'. The working of the March branch was hampered by the large number of people who congregated there during the hours it was open. There were a thousand borrowers and they could imagine the rush and difficulties for the Librarians. They changed over 300 books in three hours on Friday night – 27 02 21 & (2) ES

Stretham veteran carrier's death – Edward Lowe regularly driven into Ely as carrier upwards of 68 years. Death of Edward Lowe … at little cottage in Berry Green where he had resided for 28 years. He was born in Stretham 81 years ago and was the third son of Mr & Mrs John Lowe. For 65 years carried on his business as carrier to and from Ely, having started at age of 15. Oldest member of Baptist Chapel, member Ancient Order of Shepherds for 60 years. He leaves two sons and two daughters - photo – 27 02 21(3)(4) ES

1927 01 22
With the extension of the Trans-Atlantic telephone service it was appropriate that the first "call" from Cambridge should be to one of the leading American universities. A room at Sidney Sussex College had been fitted up with plenty of receivers and the Vice Chancellor of Cambridge University and the President of Harvard exchanged greeting. Sir Ernest Rutherford then spoke to the President; he said: "We have snow on the ground in Cambridge. Have you also snow". "No I wish we had", was the reply. All were surprised at the clearness of the reception although occasionally it was difficult to distinguish a word owing to the loud volume of sound. Nevertheless effective conversation was possible, there being an entire absence of atmospherics.

Gwydir Street baths, p6
Newnham roads dispute, p6

1927 01 24
The Cambridge Albion Band and the Cambridge Town Bank have decided to amalgamate and will be known in future as the Cambridge Silver Band. They proposed to buy a complete set of new triple silver-plated instruments made by Messrs Hawkes, London with the now famous 'Profundo' basses as

played by the St Hilda Colliery Band. This would greatly improve the tonal qualities of the band; there was not another band in the Eastern counties with such instruments.

1927 01 24 c
Additional County council expenditure on first-class roads is due to increased heavy traffic seriously damaging the roads. This is particularly evident when the subsoil is clay. The council is to contact the Minister of Transport for an additional grant. To widen an existing metalled carriageway one foot would cost £270 per mile. It was agreed that the road from Willingham to the county boundary near Earith, and from Over church towards Willingham should be declared to be main road.

1927 01 25
The County council considered the possibility of joining with other counties to establish a maternity home within the curtilage of a hospital. There was an arrangement with Addenbrooke's Hospital for cases of difficult confinement to be admitted at an agreed payment per case. But as there was no maternity department they were placed in a general ward & there was great difficulty in finding space

1927 01 25
A Lt Downham farmer died after a serious accident at his home. He had been attending to his electric lighting plant and his clothes had caught in the large fly wheel which threw him violently to the floor where he was found unconscious. He had been a great sportsman. Those who attended Pymoor Sports could never fail to be impressed by his inspiration. He was always a "live wire" and offered a field as a playground for youngsters.

1927 01 26
Downham inquest, p5
Stoaksley appreciation, p6

1927 01 27
Swavesey RDC have built eight houses under the assisted scheme and sites had now been selected for six houses at Swavesey and four at Conington which was plenty for that village. Over did not require any and Boxworth and Lolworth had 16 thoroughly good cottages and there was no need for fresh houses. They had the Bourn water supply put on. The cost to supply water to Hatley St George would be about £40; were they justified in laying such a large burden on a small village with only about a dozen cottages.

1927 01 28
Chesterton RDC considered filling up the pond at Girton. Half belonged to the Wellbrooke Laundry, over which the Parish Council had rights, and half to the Charity Trustees and if the pond was filled in it was essential they should waive their rights to it. The matter was urgent because the Laundry, which abuts the pond, had extended their premises. There was a quantity of building material they were anxious to get rid of which could be used in filling up the pond.

1927 01 28 ES
Tragic death Mr G. Darby of Lt Downham, entangled in electric light engine … miller and farmer – 27 01 28(3)(4) ES; tribute, what he did for Pymoor – 27 02 11(3) ES

1927 01 29
The rector of Offord Cluny has died from injuries received in a heroic effort to save his ancient rectory from destruction by fire. He had just retired to bed when he was startled by cries from his wife who had gone into an adjoining room for a Turkish bath. The bath is enclosed in a wooden cabinet and heated by a methylated spirit lamp which suddenly burst into flames. The rector fought the fire until he had overcome it – but at the expense of his life

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A.G. Almond death, p5

1927 01 31
Field artillery, p8

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1927 02 01
The Cambridge Borough Surveyor reported that he had asked the authorities of St John's College if they would consent to the fence between the spinney and footpath leading to the bridge at Burrell's Walk being set back. The Bursar said they were prepared to give up the spinney, containing 1,225 square yards, for the use of the public. It was resolved to accept the offer with thanks and that the land should be placed in charge of the Commons Committee. Magdalene College are prepared to set back and re-erect the old wall in Magdalene Street on condition the Corporation would contribute £160 towards the cost. Coun King drew attention to the desirability of pedestrians being directed to keep on the left of the pavement, but no action appears to have been taken.

1927 02 01
The Rendezvous placard trolley, which has so many times gone its rounds of the streets of Cambridge advertising "thrillers" and "heart appeal" stories at this cinema met with an ignominious fate at the hands of undergraduates. It was seized by a party of merry gownsmen and pulled in triumph down Hertford Street and Magdalene Street where they sought to dispose of it by pushing it into the river. It fell on to the landing stage moored at this point but with undamped ardour the undergraduates endeavoured by their united efforts to confine this "publicity agent on wheels" to the cold depths of the Cam. Then, the last rites having been performed, the revellers went on their way rejoicing.

1927 02 01
Thirty years ago the Salvation Army tried to come to Newmarket, but they were not well received. Now the town had reformed and was holding out its arms to them. They had only been at work there for three years but already had outgrown their little tin hut and were now launching a fund for the provision of a new permanent home

1927 02 03
Housing – health – beds, p6

1927 02 04
The Rendezvous Dance Hall asked for an extension of the dancing licence. The hall was built in 1909 as a skating rink and there was then no houses in Magrath Avenue. Those who came to live there afterwards came knowing the hall was there. From 1912 it was used as a variety and picture hall and in 1915 was commandeered for the War Office. In 1919 it was returned and conducted as a dance hall and cinema. In 1925 magistrates decided it should be open until midnight but there were complaints that people leaving made a noise with their motors & cycles. It was the best dance hall in Cambridge and now no one ever dreams of a dance ever terminating until 12. The Guildhall and Masonic Hall had licences until 2 a.m.
Coleridge Road cycle sheds, p3
Baths while you wait, p6

1927 02 05
A stranger, p3
Fourpenny baths, p8

1927 02 07
A momentous event in the history of extra-mural teaching at Cambridge University was marked by the opening of Stuart House. Standing in Mill Lane it is a beautiful house and a worthy addition to the architectural wealth of the town. It is named after the Right Hon. James Stuart, Fellow of Trinity

College, who founded extra-mural teaching work in the University and was largely responsible for its extension to other parts of the country.

1927 02 08
The Great Chesterford Rat and Sparrow Club dinner was told that 2,845 sparrows had been killed, against 7,135 in 1925 and 6,527 rats against 8,600. The society was doing good work in keeping down the vile rat. The sparrow was also a pest but it did good when in search of caterpillars. They hoped the other side of Saffron Walden would form a club as it was hardly fair that one district should take steps to keep down the number of rats and sparrows and others do nothing at all.

1927 02 09
60-years after, p5
Cambridge architecture, p6

1927 02 10
Since the Cambridge Conservative Club in Market Passage had been destroyed by fire there had been many busybodies who knew exactly what was going to happen to the club premises and the site. The Chairman could now tell them: it was going to be rebuilt and rise like a Phoenix from the ashes. A very satisfactory arrangement had been made with the Northern Insurance Company and they had today received a cheque from the company.

Workhouse name, p3

1927 02 11
Visitors grievance, p6

1927 02 11 ES
E.R. Fyson of Soham, social and philanthropic labours – obit – 27 02 11(2) ES

Death Edwin Norman, pioneer Haddenham Fruit Grower – 27 02 11(3) ES

The water supply for Haddenham, Stretham and Little Thetford was practically all derived from surface wells; they were all contaminated and the water derived from them was in every case unfit for drinking purposes, an Inquiry was told. Analysis from Haddenham, where there were eight wells - six public and two private - were all highly polluted: they all contained organic matter. Only one which came from a deeper well at Hinton Hall was satisfactory. A member of Haddenham Parish Council asked if two of the samples were taken from Wolden Well and from outside Mr C. Searle's house at Hill Row. Would it be possible to find two pumps in the parish where you could get more impure water than from these pumps? These two wells should be filled up and two others dug with a pump further up the lane preventing any of the fluid coming from the farmyard into the well. Mr Porter said there had been no epidemics for 50 years and they had the biggest percentage of old age pensioners in the area. Mr A.E. Wright of Haddenham said he had lived in the village for 30 years and considered the water supply fairly good. He objected to the scheme on economic grounds: the land was saddled with such a burden of taxation at the present time that amounted to £1 an acre and any additional burdens were almost impossible to bear. 10 out of 11 members of Haddenham parish council were against the scheme.
In Stretham three samples were taken, two from public pumps and one from a well which supplied the council houses. The sample from the public pump in Top Street showed a very bad analysis. The water was polluted with sewage and unfit for drinking purposes. The other one, taken from a pump near the school, was satisfactory, the water was unpolluted and fit for consumption. The sample from the Council Houses well was also satisfactory and fit for use. 25 people had signed a petition for water but half wished they had not done so
A sample from a well near the school at Little Thetford showed it was contaminated and unfit for drinking purposes. There had been no epidemics but the present supply was a real danger to people.

Wilburton enjoyed an unlimited supply of water of its own. There were upwards of 100 houses there every one of which had its own supply. – 27 02 11 ES

1927 02 12
Some eighty or more men and women cycled, "bussed" or walked over to Histon to watch jam made on a large scale at Messrs Chivers' Orchard Factory. It was the first organised visit by the Cambridge Workers' Educational Association. They felt the last word had been said in mechanical efficiency without in any way de-humanising the workers who seemed cheerful and busy. Numerous question were plied as to the conditions of labours, the psychological effect of repetition work and the way in which a one-time seasonal trade had been brought to its present stage of regular employment all the year round. The next visit is to the Tapestry Works.

University Labour candidate, p8

1927 02 14
The Rural Planning Sub-Committee is preparing a scheme to submit to Cambridge Council – not only for the area around its borders but including all the villages from Histon to Stapleford. It was important at a regional survey should be made now, before unconsidered development complicated the problem too much. Questionnaires sent out to the Women's Institutes had brought valuable suggestions of things to be preserved. The County Council was considering a comprehensive scheme.

Pentacle club, p6

1927 02 16
The work of maintaining a pictorial record of the streets and buildings of Cambridge is greatly facilitated by modern photography and much credit is due to those enthusiastic amateurs who perpetuate these important historical records. There are some excellent examples of the work of the Cambridge Photographic Club on exhibition at the Borough Library and the short time required to view the photographs will not be wasted.

1927 02 17
Grange Farm, Grunty Fen, Stretham sale, p2

1927 02 18
A suggestion to the Chief Constable that a small parking place should be made in Tennis Court Road, Cambridge, may lead to archaeologists being less inconvenienced than hitherto. One of them was summonsed for obstruction. PC Hagger stated the defendant put his head out of the Museum of Archaeology & explained he used his car to take specimens to the museum for demonstration purposes and it was difficult to know what to do with it during the lecture. He was fined 10s.

1927 02 18 ES
The Isle of Ely County Council received a letter from Ely R.D.C offering part of a field in the parish of Stretham if the County were prepared to construct a new road across it, connecting the road to Wilburton with Cambridge Road. They are prepared to agree to the road and to take it over as a main road provided the width be 60ft. The Surveyor submitted a plan showing the new road which had been approved by the Ministry of Transport who would make a grant of 50%. It was left to the Surveyor to arrange terms with Mr R. Bent respecting the frontage of his property on the new road – 27 02 18 & (2) ES

1927 02 19
The newly-formed Cambridge Housing Society has lost little time in getting to work. It has obtained a site in Green End Road, Cambridge and plans for 22 hoses have been approved. The houses are to cost about £420 each and are to be let at a weekly rental of 5s.6d. It is hoped to have them complete by September.

1927 02 19
Ely Rural District Council have offered the County Council part of a field in the parish of Stretham if they are prepared to construct a new road across it connecting the road from Wilburton to Stretham with the Cambridge Road. It would be a main road, 60 feet wide and the Ministry of Transport would make a grant of 50%. The Surveyor said there had been an alarming increase in road traffic during the winter months with a consequent increase of damage to the roads.

Portrait of David, bookseller, p8

1927 02 21
A craze for driving cars lead to the appearance at Cambridge Police Court of two youths who were charged with stealing petrol and oil used while having a joy ride in stolen cars. Terence Gray of Gog Magog House said he had left his car at the Sun Street parking place, Newmarket Road, Cambridge; when he went for it it was missing. The Chief Constable said he had received numerous complaints from people who had left their cars there. The prisoner said: "I did not intent to steal it. I have a craze for driving cars. We have had three".

1927 02 23
The dedication and formal opening of the new buildings of Soham Grammar School at "Beechurst" took place in the conservatory in the presence of a crowded assembly. The people of Soham were very proud & jealous of their school. They now had the opportunity for providing a secondary school with a rural curriculum to fit its scholars for a rural career. It showed the value parents attached to the education given in that school as the farmer would keep his son at school just as long as anybody else.

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Lt Downham farmer bankruptcy, p5
Soham cycle agent, p5
Workhouse name change, p6

1927 02 25
"The first marriage according to the new Prayer Book" was solemnised in Cambridge when an undergraduate "bride" and "bridegroom" were joined together in unholy matrimony on King's Parade. The blushing bride with the bowing bridegroom was preceded by a piper and a clergyman who was wearing "flannel bags" under his surplice and carried a doll's sunshade. The bride's dress was a pair of white lace curtains and she carried a large bouquet of Brussels sprouts. The bridegroom wore a dilapidated silk hat and a red nose – and carried a banana. They stepped into a waiting carriage followed by a motley through of ludicrously attired "relations and friends"

Wilbraham pit collapse, p5
Wicken concert, p6

1927 02 26
Lord Bledisloe said there was knowledge emanating from Cambridge University which was of unparalleled benefit to agriculture and was unequalled in any part of the civilised world. This was a district of very good land – when it was not under water – (laughter) – and of good farmers who were on the road to bankruptcy. They were passing through the most critical period the industry had to face since the depressing times of the 1890s, but the knowledgeable farmer could keep his head above water and be proud of doing it.

1927 02 26
Compared to other towns Cambridge is badly off for fire equipment; we have only one motor fire engine whilst other places have two or three. The Chief Constable has recommended the purchase of a new "Dennis" 250-gallon Light Type Engine at a cost of £880. It will be more useful in the narrow streets than a larger type whilst the "First Aid" attachment can be got to work so expeditiously that

small fires would be put out before the main hydrant could be coupled up. Will the council be convinced or will the question of pounds, shillings and pence be uppermost in their minds?

1927 02 26
Hearty congratulations to Mr A. Townsend, the Assistant Town Clerk, who has completed 50 years' service with Cambridge Corporation. Hard work and a cheerful disposition have contrived to keep him young. The Town Clerk presented him with a silver cigarette case. Two more officials have completed 40 years' service. Mr N.C. Hedge joined the Town Clerk's department as an office boy and never left, while Mr H.E. Foster joined at the same time but later transferred to the Treasurer's office.

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1927 03 01
Dr Francis Shillington Scales one of the foremost radiologists in the country has died. He was appointed medical officer in charge of the X-ray department at Addenbrooke's Hospital and made much of the apparatus himself. He had an extensive private practice in the special branch of medicine to which he had elevated himself, and had an elaborate X-ray apparatus installed at his residence in Adams Road

Fire engine, p3
Maintaining district road, p6

1927 03 02
March railway works, p4

1927 03 03
Sir – I read of the sale of the old-established grocery and provision business of Hallack and Bond. It is regrettable that the ownership of another great business passes away from Cambridge. To many the name has been a by-word and a guarantee of quality and good service through the personal supervision of people resident in Cambridge. This must become a serious menace to the welfare of the town and all good citizens should avail themselves of the service ably rendered by locally owned firms - Loyal Citizen

1927 03 03
The chief engineering feature of regional planning will be a new ring road all around Cambridge about two miles from the centre of the town. One length would be a road running north and south joining the Hills Road with the Newmarket Road, a length of about three miles. Certain roads and bridges were contemplated to obtain an inner ring road around the central portion of the town. Mr C.H. Tebbitt said that what had been done haphazard in the villages was the joy of the countryside and he wondered what would have happened to these beauty spots if they had been regional planned.

1927 03 03
An important step in the activities of the Cambridge Trades Council and Labour Party was taken when approval was given for the purchase of premises in Norfolk Terrace for party headquarters at a cost of £975. The building was a substantial one with a very large hall & offices. There was a large piece of ground suitable for a bowling green. They could have a hall over the top of the present building and convert the bottom portion into a really up-to-date club. It would serve as a real "home" for members of the party.

Police 'ambush' motorists, p6

1927 03 04
The Ely Medical Officer said an epidemic of influenza had started on the male side of the infirmary with no means of isolating the cases. There were 30 cases in the male sick ward, six inmates in the House who could not be admitted to wards for lack of accommodation and two nurses on the House

staff. In addition they were asked to take in nine cases of influenza from outside on one day. The closing of the female side of the infirmary to visitors, except in cases of extreme illness, had delayed the spread of infection for some weeks, but it had now broken out on that side too. There were 12 deaths in the infirmary, three directly due to influenza

1927 03 04
Cambridge Library Committee recommended that steps be taken to provide reading rooms in Chesterton and Cherry Hinton. At the time of amalgamation in 1911 it was one of the conditions that Chesterton should be given a public library. At Cherry Hinton they had in 1924 prevailed upon the council to provide a public reading room. It was hoped to set up a small reference library at each. Suburban Cambridge was growing rapidly and they were a necessity.

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Coldham's Lane houses, p5
University Arms ballroom, p5

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Corpus undergraduate suicide, p5
Cambridge military band, p6
Baldwin at Cambridge, p8
Cambridge novel, p8

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Wilbraham chalk pit fatality, p6

1927 03 08
Police report, p6

1927 03 09
Dr William Mortlock Palmer addressed a meeting of Cambridge Antiquarian Society. About 20 years ago a photographic record was started by the Society, chiefly at the instigation of Dr Allen, who was an enthusiastic and skilful photographer, Palmer reported. But the exertions of one man were not able to overcome the inertia of the mass of indifference which then existed on the subject, and the record did not get very far. Such progress as was made was almost entirely due to Dr Allen. The record had now been started again and the Society had been fortunate to secure the active assistance and co-operation of the Cambridge Photographic Club and an exhibition in the Museum of Archaeology in March 1927 featured a number of photographs they had given of houses in Duxford and elsewhere. But one did not need to be a photographer to contribute. Palmer urged members to "Go into any village shop and buy as many different picture postcards of the village as you can – particularly those issued before the war". They would accept any size of print or negative, large or small, but preferred half-plate, quarter-plate or postcard size, even bad prints if they showed an object no longer in existence. Palmer singled out the example of J.H. Bullock's arrangement of his pictures. He numbered prints according to the number of the plot on which the building stood, as given on the large-scale Ordnance Survey map. Care should be taken to be exact in the name of the village, street or place
He showed about 140 slides representative of photographs taken by one individual or begged, borrowed, bought or stolen by him for others during the last four years. They were classified in groups such as churches and other places of worship, monastic buildings, ancient houses, houses associated with persons or events of importance, general views of streets, village greens etc, water mills and windmills, dovecotes, sundials, stocks and pounds, ancient earthworks, Roman roads and ancient trackways, old customs and ceremonies, rural occupations, characteristic landscapes, notable trees, fords and bridges, ruins, ornamental ironwork etc. There were other groups for church plate and University and college buildings – and he thought there were enough people of culture and leisure to undertake that part of the record which related to these buildings in Cambridge. A slide was shown of a peasant's house at Meldreth built in 1722 at a cost of £29.18s.11½ and another photograph showing the various items making up that amount. Another showed an old wheat hovel or storehouse,

Meldreth, with in the background the chimney of the house in which Dr Palmer was born – and as a boy he used to hunt for hens' eggs under the hovel. There were views of old workhouses at Leverington and Dullingham while a photographic curiosity was a slide of a wax paper negative showing Mr G.N. Maynard sitting in his garden at Duxford in 1860. Others showed some fine old watermills, notably the mill at Shepreth which was bunt down a few months ago, Topcliff Mill, Meldreth to which much romance attached and Quaker's Mill, Meldreth, burnt down more than 20 years ago. A number of slides were taken from pictures by Mr Maynard of some interesting old customs and ceremonies, including Valentine's Day, May Day, harvest home and other quaint old scenes at Whittlesford and the Green Pea Feast at Sawston in 1899 and rural occupations such as saffron picking at Whittlesford in 1845. One of most interesting showed house at Hildersham pulled down in 1866 and a group of people in the characteristic dress of the time in the garden, including the curate playing croquet in a top hat. Other pictures included the old High House, Hildersham, the old course of the river at Hildersham before the water was diverted for the mill, a haymaking party at Hildersham in 1891 and the "Furrills" or Furze Hills, Hildersham.
J.M. Keynes honoured, p8

1927 03 10
An inquest was told how an 82 years old lady, who had fallen, was moved about from one institution to another until she had, against her relative's inclination, to find a last refuge in the Cambridge Workhouse Infirmary. Addenbrooke's Hospital had said she was noisy and disturbing the rest of the ward and could not be detained. She was sent to the Infirmary from which she was removed to the Devonshire Nursing Home by her relatives. But they said that whenever she moved she cried out very loudly on account of the pain and was too noisy to keep. So she was returned to the Infirmary where they diagnosed a broken rib.

Cheveley, Dullingham water, p6

1927 03 11
Cambridge Women Citizens' Association heard that a cats' shelter should be provided in Cambridge for the reception and humane destruction of neglected, starved diseased and homeless cats. Mrs Norman Mason said last year 478 cats were brought to the home but the council had now ordered the shed to be taken down. Now if a pet cat was brought in they had nowhere to keep it and it had to be chloroformed.

Hard labour for BA, p5

1927 03 14
Pungent remarks were made at Saffron Walden council on the unsatisfactory rail services on the L.N.E.R. There were widespread complaints about unpuctuality and persons had threatened to leave the district in consequence. The time taken by the railways to deliver coal was scandalous and in many cases men had been stood of because it was impossible to get delivery of goods. The railway companies were given a charter by the Government and if they were unable to provide a better service they should be compelled to hand over control to someone else.

1927 03 16
Cambridgeshire Education Committee discussed Swaffham Prior Church of England School. The church trustees were prepared to build a new school for junior children and infants, the older children being sent to Burwell. A deputation wanted a Council school, suitable for all classes and ages but it was not their policy to do that sort of thing.

1927 03 16
The owners of the Playhouse, Mill Road, Cambridge, have just completed negotiations for the sale of that cinema to a syndicate who are said to be the owners of the Central Cinema and the Tivoli. We understand that the transfer will take place in September. The Picture Playhouses Ltd, who owned the Playhouse, also have property in Sussex Street and they are also disposing of this.

Farren bird photography, p6

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Electricity failure, p6
Chrishall fire, p6

1927 03 18
A donkey of diminutive proportions caused a good deal of excitement in the Fen Causeway, Cambridge. A CDN reporter saw it pulling a small four-wheeled cart on which was seated a well-built young fellow. Then he heard shouts and was amazed to see the driver lying on his back on the pavement and the little animal vigorously stamping on him with its tiny hoofs and making lunges at him with its teeth. Passers-by hastened to the young man's help by which time the donkey was standing as quiet and unconcerned as though it had been rooted to the spot all its life. It then obediently carried its owner to Addenbrooke's Hospital to receive treatment.

1927 03 18
An exceptionally well-attended meeting of Royston ex-Service men enthusiastically agreed to form a branch of the British Legion. The election of officers took place including President Lieut-Col E. Phillips, chairman Lieut-Col Danyon, secretary H.G. Harris and committee members E. Bonnett, A. Woods, H. Mowberry, C. Wilkin & W. Blows

1927 03 18
Landwade church is small & dates back to the 15th century but today there is only Lord St Davids and a few labourers in the congregation. Some wonderful old armorial glass which was taken away by the Cotton family has now been handed back. Its re-erection will enormously add to the interest of this unique old church but the stonework of the window is so much decayed that it will have to be restored. The summer services begin usually on Easter Sunday but this year, owing to the repairs, it will not be possible to open so early in the year.

1927 03 19
Undergraduate singers and musicians are distinguishing themselves just now. Following the enjoyable broadcast by the Trinity Madrigal Club I hear that the Quintaginta Band are to appear at the Holborn Empire during Boat Race week. Mr Charles Gulliver who heard them whilst on a visit to Cambridge has made them "a tempting offer" to appear in one of his halls in the Eastern vacation. The salary, however, is not stated.

1927 03 20
It must be 25 years since the seats and fences of Clare Hall Pieces were burnt on the Cambridge Market Hill. With the increasing number of visitors the lack of seats on the Backs is often felt and now that Cambridge attractions are being advertised the placing of seats in this favourite spot, where so many visitors go to view the west elevation of King's Chapel would be appreciated by many.

Dr Palmer lecture, p6
Cottage for three shillings a week, p6

1927 03 21
Micawber, Tony Weller, Uriah Heap and other famous Dickensian characters stepped on to the Cambridge Guildhall stage. Their creation in the flesh was the result of the wonderful art of Bransby Williams, the world-famous impressionist and Dickensian who was making his first appearance in Cambridge. It was all very wonderful and did more to establish an image of the great novelist's creations than the most imaginative reader could ever have gained from reading the books from whence they came.

1927 03 21

The Charleston shows no signs of waning in popularity at the Premier Dance Hall, Chesterton, and still reigns supreme among the habitués there. In fact this dancing habit has become so much of the place that one sees more uniformity in the style than at any other hall in Cambridge. On Saturday evening Manning's Band were in their usual good form and played extremely well. Miss Robinson must be one of the last jazz pianists in the town at present.

Parish constables – policewomen, p3
Fort St George ferry, p3

1927 03 22
The Chief Constable has no objection to private motor cars parking on Ely Market Place, but did object to motor 'buses. If they allowed one 'bus to park there it would be difficult to stop others, and there could not be any hardship for a bus setting down passengers at the Public Room for a dance and then parking at Barton Square or St Mary's Street. Market Square parking was for use by private motor cars only and only available on days other than market days and fair days.

Hallack & Bond, p5
Fashion parade, p6

1927 03 23
Tragedy on line, p5 – inquest 24th p5
Sussex Street site sale, p5

1927 03 24
Cambridge Guardians were asked whether they were prepared to receive maternity cases in their new ward, and if so at what cost. There was a great shortage of maternity accommodation; negotiations had been going on at Addenbrooke's and arrangements made for a maternity ward to be built. Even then there would still be a need for beds at the institution. In a town the size of Cambridge a separate maternity home was needed.

1927 02 25 ES
Ely recent modern shops – A.V. Bonnett, confectioner – photo – 27 02 25(2) ES

Soham Grammar School new building opened – 27 02 25 & (4) ES

1927 03 04 ES
Lighter side of fen floods: cartoon by Harold Painter – 27 03 04 ES

1927 03 26
The death of Col Thomas Walter Harding, the High Steward of Cambridge, will occasion widespread regret. He was a most agreeable person, blending a courtly dignity with a rare courtesy and kindness. He purchased the beautiful Madingley Hall in 1903 and two years later took up residence. He found time to bring out a romance entitled "Tales of Madingley" in 1912, which has been widely read. In 1901 he presented a jewelled badge for the use of the Mayors of Cambridge. The Mayoral chain was presented by his father in 1890.

1927 03 28
Drama festival, p4

1927 03 29
Panoramic view Cambridge, p3

1927 03 30
Comberton, which made itself laugh very heartily over a mock trial two years ago, staged a similar piece of amusing make-believe when the village institute put on the dignity of a "police court" and the

Vicar sat in judicial pomp over the hearing of a sensational burglary case involving the theft of a pearl necklace. The "prisoner", who described himself as "a bit of a farmer and a bit of a dealer, said he was in the habit of collecting eggs by aeroplane. He admitted having a drink at Eversden – "such a slow place" - and admiring the barmaid. He was discharged and advised in future to keep clear of bars and barmaids

Parish constables, p5

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Cost of living, p6

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1927 04 01 ES
Stretham: Church wall widening and improvement is now complete and thus a dangerous corner has been disposed of. Motorists have always found this a trying bend to negotiate and more than one has come to grief here.

1927 04 02
The Overseers of Cambridge have come to an official end & the passing of this ancient institution was celebrated at the Dorothy Café. It used to be their duty to help any poor person by granting relief without asking any questions, to be called in cases of suicide and take charge of mental cases. When they rated houses it was remarkable the very small value owners placed upon their own property. They sometimes felt it would not have been a bad thing if they could have bought the house at the price just stated by the owner. (Laughter). They had been in existence about 300 years they were handing over their duties to a Borough going back 700 years.
Free library books, p6*
Expiring overseers, p8

1927 04 05
Cambridge Council will debate the site of King's and Bishop's Mill, Mill Pool. Two years ago the buildings were dangerous and have been demolished. They had a scheme to beautify the area by leaving it open & constructed a new weir with facilities for getting boats from the lower to the upper river. Now the University has offered to purchase the site for erecting lecture rooms.

1927 04 05
A small group had a very enjoyable trip to London on one of the new Varsity Pullman motor coaches which it proposed to run daily between the metropolis & Cambridge & Oxford. The handsome saloon coach provides plenty of elbow and leg room for 20 passengers, completely enclosed and protected from the weather. Small mahogany tables can be raised at will for dining and other purposes. Balloon tyres and four wheel brakes are fitted and at all speeds the coach travelled smoothly and steadily. The journey to the West End was accomplished in 2¼ hours.

Cinemas & Good Friday, p5

1927 04 06
Great St Mary's church council replied to the Corporation's plans to widen St Mary's Street. They cannot sanction obtaining a faculty for the proposed work as increased heavy motor traffic coming so close to the church will be a very real danger to the safety of the foundations and fabric. Widening the street would create a death-trap and they propose to adopt every means in their power to prevent the scheme being carried out.

Histon roads, main road, p3

1927 04 07

Workhouse windows, p6
Broadcast interference, p6

1927 04 08
Under an Act of 1877 the Prison Commissioners took over Castle Hill, Cambridge, together with the prison from the County Justices. The prison itself has been loaned to the Record Office for the reposition of certain deeds etc. The hill could be visited by application at the old prison gates, but few availed themselves of this. Now the Cambridge Antiquarian Society suggested it be handed over to the Corporation as public open space

1927 04 08
The Cam Conservators reported they had got the Fort St George ferry up, but it sank again. It was impossible to do anything with the boat and impossible to get another one. They had agreed to employ a man to do the work but could not undertake the risk. At lunchtime too many people crowded on to the boat and a man could not order them off. The Conservators had carried on the ferry at a loss for years. They had a contract to take the people across the water and had to do something. Chesterton people felt they had been badly treated.

Haverill farmers, p2
Burwell footballers, p3
'Venice in Cambridge' – mills, p7*

1927 04 09
Cambridge councillors debated whether part of the King's and Bishop's Mill site should be sold to the University to erect new lecture rooms. The Corporation should not sell its property in this way; it should do so on the public market. They might get a higher offer from a firm who would like to put up a Woolworth building but they wanted an appropriate end to the Backs & such improvements would give an almost Venetian effect to the whole of the Backs river. To consider turning the site into a recreation ground with railings and white paint would be most regrettable. They should pull down the remains of the mill so that everyone could see what the site looked like when the fag-end of the foundations was up. It would expose some quite ugly buildings which would not be hidden by any plans before them

1927 04 09
In view of the increasing numbers of road accidents and increased road traffic, the British Red Cross and the St John Ambulance Association are endeavouring to cover the country with road ambulance stations consisting of (a) motor ambulance stations, (b) first-aid detachment with equipment and (c) posts where a haversack of first-aid equipment will be kept. It is hoped to have the scheme running during weekends and Bank Holidays. There must be a number of young people in Cambridge who have qualified in first aid who can come forward to help in this great humanitarian work.

Schoolboy foxtrot, p7

1927 04 12
Two Cambridge taxi men applied for hackney carriage licences to ply for hire at Newmarket, particularly during race week. Both had invested all their spare capital to purchase three cottages in the town, having been persuaded this would enable them to obtain a licence. The Clerk said four others had also applied. If was manifestly unfair. Newmarket men were supplying the town's wants for the other 44 weeks of the year, during which time they were often standing idle. Yet when the races came and they expected to recoup themselves they were rushed off the road by these men from Cambridge who brought in their fares and wait to take them back at night. They want to compete with Newmarket cabmen on the streets. The licences were refused.

1927 04 12

Saffron Walden councillors considered taking steps to keep a portion of the Common in a fair condition as a playground for children in castle Street and that the sales usually held there be discontinued and held adjoining the Slade. The Lord of the Manor would have no objection. The committee had done nothing in the matter, not even allowing a steam roller to be run over that part of the common. But if the children were herded together there would be more fights than there are now.

1927 04 13
The proposed appointment of a woman as county instructress in poultry keeping did not find favour with the County council. It was not a suitable job for a woman to go round to many of the outlying farms and it was questionable whether she would be able to get to the meetings in the villages as well as a man. Ald Jackson said poultry on the farm today were not being taken so much advantage of as was possible and if a woman was appointed it would spoil the whole thing from the start. Women looked after poultry on the farm and it had been argued it was best to have a woman to teach the subject. But he never knew a woman yet who sent for a woman doctor to treat her when she was ill (laughter)

1927 04 15 ES
Manea licensee's suicide: Joseph Austin at White Horse Inn – 27 04 15(2) ES
New Middle Level dredger at work at junction Twenty Foot and Nene River; built by Priestman, one of the most modern machines –

1927 04 16
Hot cross buns, p8
Poultry instructor, p8

1927 04 18
An inquest returned that a Lt Shelford woman found in a well had committed suicide while of unsound mind following an attack of influenza. She had had two lapses of memory. A month ago she had lost her memory for a day and "woke up" in the evening and found her way home after the people in the village had been looking for her all day. Then she had gone to the butcher's but did not arrive and woke up to find herself in the main road in the dark eight miles from home. On Friday they noticed the lid of the well was open and looking down they saw her with her head under the water.
Royston to Cambridge walk, p4

1927 04 19
Sir – there are a large number of persons of both sexes who are intensely interested in aeronautics and would welcome the formation of a light aeroplane club. Learning to fly in this way is moderately cheap and invigorating. This county is specially suited for flying as in almost every village several fields may be selected which would make excellent landing grounds. – R.C. Jonas

Territorial training, p3
Easter holiday, p4
Collision, p6

1927 04 21
A farmer of Skippers Hall, West Wickham was successful in a house possession case brought because of arrears of rent. The tenant said the place was in bad repair, the floors were in a bad state and if he had not wired them the windows would have fallen out. The farmer said there was nothing wrong with the house and he had done the repairs. The rent was 2s.6d. a week

1927 04 22
Cambridge Guardians discussed provision of suitable accommodation for the Assistant Master by adapting the aged men's dormitory. His present room was nothing but a pig-sty and they ought to be ashamed to house their servant in such quarters. If he were given the proposed quarters he would be in a better position to carry out his duties. But there were undergraduates living in rooms no better and

thousands of men and women living under worse conditions. The Master had suggested he could put four old male inmates in a bedroom which was not considered suitable for one person. Who was going to "rule the roost" – the Master or the Guardians?

1927 04 22 ES
Littleport – M.J. Duncombe, manager Lloyds Bank leaving – 27 04 22(3) ES

Death P.c. Samuel Fincham of March; born Lt Downham, fought WWI – 27 04 22(5) ES

Trooper-Sergt Watson of Wilburton in Shanghai Police – photo – 27 04 22 ES

1927 04 23
Why does skipping always take place on Parker's Piece, Cambridge on Good Friday and Easter Monday? An old man of 83 remembers skipping there as a boy of five or six and his father apparently did so before him. It seems that Good Friday used to be the publican's "day out" and they used to repair to the Piece for a game of bat and trap, while their youngsters amused themselves with a skipping rope. We don't hear much about Bat and Trap nowadays but the skipping goes on as of yore.

1927 04 23
There is quite a fluttering in the political dovecotes of Cambridge over the Government's decision to give the Parliamentary vote to women at 21 on the same terms as men. This may produce as many as 15,000 new votes. The strongest criticism comes from Cambridge Conservatives who fear for the effects on their own prospects at the poll. In the county very few young girls remain in the country but take up positions in the towns and so do not come on the county registers. Seeing the new bill would bring in women nine years younger, and in addition a number of women of 30 years of age who have not now got the vote, it is estimated the number of new women electors at 5,000.

Whippet racing, p3
Cambridge and cocktails, p8

1927 04 25
Night raids hen houses, p5

1927 04 26
Exning diamond wedding, p6

1927 04 27
"It does strike me as a little odd that neither the University nor town had done anything to preserve relics of old Cambridge. So much has left the town and is now scattered all over the earth. I should like to see the Borough start a scheme to preserve what is found and keep together for the study of old Cambridge anything that turns up". This wish was expressed by Dr Louis Clark, curator of the University Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. When one visited other places one did feel that there was a serious lacuna in the civic life of Cambridge.

1927 04 27
"I feel it should be the utmost endeavour to get townspeople now existing in Burrell's Walk out of those hutments and into council houses with the greatest expediency", said A.C. Taylor, the Independent candidate in the Castle Ward by-election. He was gravely concerned with the sanitary conditions of the place and while the huts served a very useful purpose years ago they were never intended to be permanent abodes of civil population. There were some worse cases in Cambridge but for young people with families the cramped conditions and colourless surroundings did not make for the bringing up of bright, healthy children.

Conan Doyle spiritualism debate, p6

1927 04 28
Linton RDC was told that houses, which had cost £900 to build, were now being valued at only £300. There were houses in every stage of decay, many of them past repair. They were owned by private owners who received such a low rent that they did not feel like spending money on the preservation of their property. Owners were reluctant to spend money they would never get back. People were leaving the villages and flocking to the towns and how could you keep them unless you build houses for them to live in. There were places where cottages had not been built for 20 years.

Kirtling farmer failure, p6
Littleport grocer failure, p6
Bartlow bridge, p6

1927 04 29
Crowds of people thronged to Papworth Everard on the occasion of the opening of the new Wesleyan Chapel, which is up-to-date in every respect. The funds had been mainly raised by a visit of Gypsy Smith, a sale, and a gift from the Home Mission Department. Mr Inskip offered a word of warning: In small congregations quarrelling could be a cause of trouble. They should work together to make this venture a success. Many people come to Papworth on account of their health and will come to the chapel with hearts full of thanksgiving.

1927 04 29
Mill Road Baptist Church, Cambridge, was packed when a new organ which has just been installed was formally opened. There was a time when a church of that sort would not have had an organ at any price. It appears to be a good all-round instrument and some of the stops are beautifully mellow. The organ was built by the local firm of Messrs Miller & Son, Sidney Street, and they have certainly made a splendid job. They have used some of the pipes of the old organ and worked in the old with the new excellently.

1927 04 29
The stone-laying ceremony in connection with the new hall at Hills Road Wesleyan Church, Cambridge took place. It will be a single-storey building but with a view to enlarging later, if necessary. Mr C. Kerrridge and Mr W.A. Gray, members of the church, are the honorary architects and the building is being done by Messrs J.R. Bennett & sons. Too often had they had to work under most depressing and unfavourable conditions. The Young Men's Fraternal had increased from five to nearly 50; if they did not make provision for these young fellows others would step in and reap what they had sown.

Ouse Drainage bill attacked, p5 & p6

1927 04 30
Part of the club room of the Footlights Dramatic Club above the Masonic Hall in Corn Exchange Street Cambridge was damaged as a result of a fire with flames coming through the roof. It was fortunate it was discovered early or it would have worked round to a little stage where inflammable material might have created a more alarming blaze. It is feared some photographs of former members of the club have been destroyed. The water came through the ceiling of the Masonic Hall and the fine dance floor was soon flooded. The Rodney Dramatic Club had engaged the Hall for a dinner dance and it may not be available for part of the function.

1927 04 30
A demonstration of a new British invention which insures motorists against tyre trouble was given at Messrs Saints' garage, Newmarket Road, Cambridge. The Otomatic Service is a powder composed of particles of raw rubber and cork and flakes of mica which is inserted into the inner tube of a tyre through the valve hole with a small quantity of liquid formalin and water. When the tyre is inflated and the car put in motion a thin film is distributed inside the tread which automatically seals any

puncture which may occur. In event of a burst the inner tubes will be repaired free of charge for 12 months, no matter how numerous the bursts, provided they are not over three inches in length.

Ely bowls new rink, p7
Spiritualism debate, p8

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1927 05 02
Twelve people were rendered homeless and lost the whole of their possessions as the result of a fire at Pampisford. The conflagration was on College Farm and two adjoining cottages were involved. . There is just one wall and two chimney stacks left standing. The walls of wood, which are hollow with a canvas covering inside, and the thatched roof blazed with great fierceness. One family consisted of seven persons, the husband, wife and five children, while there were five in the other cottage and they had to escape in their night-clothes. They are now homeless and clothes-less. The only property saved was a chair, a perambulator and a toothbrush

May Day demonstration, p6

1927 05 03
Frost free crops

1927 05 04
Businessmen in Cambridge are brought into closer touch with Paris by the acceleration of the Southern Railway's night service, Southampton and Havre. As the result of close co-operation with the State railway of France and the mutual alterations of timetables, the double journey to Paris can now be made with only one-day's absence from England and the traveller is allowed about nine hours in the French capital. The acceleration results in a saving of 84 minutes on each journey.

Littlechild & Foster retire council, p6
Burwell row charity, p6

1927 05 06
Cambridge Guildhall was packed for "Welcome Home" and jubilee celebrations organised in honour of Gypsy Smith, the world-famed evangelist, who has just returned from Australia and New Zealand. The Gypsy told of some of his experiences during this last tour and recounted again how he was converted in the little chapel in Fitzroy Street. A telegraph of "much satisfaction" was received from the King and he was presented with a history of Cambridge. The Mayor said that 50 years of service was a wonderful record. He was the missionary and evangelist to the English-speaking people and had probably spoken to more of the English race that any person, living or dead. Cambridge ought to be particularly proud as his career had started here.

1927 05 06 ES
Isle County Library progress – 27 05 06 ES

Superstitions of Cambridgeshire fens. The age of superstition is not yet over, and many of the following odd notions, which are extracted from a book published in 1620, are yet to be met with amongst people in Fenland.
That it is a sign of ill luck to find money.
That to dream of gold is good luck but of silver ill.
That it is very bad luck to have a hair cross one in the highway.
That when the cat washes her face over her ears we shall have a great quantity of rain.
That when a candle burns blue it is a sign that there is a spirit in the house or not far from it.
That if a man stumbles in the morning as soon as he comes out of doors it is a sign of ill luck.

That when the left cheek burns it is the sign somebody talks well of you, but if the right cheek burns it is a sign of ill.
That it is a sign of death to see someone in the house where crickets have been for many years if on a sudden they forsake the chimney corner.
That it is a very unfortunate thing for a man to meet early in the morning an ill-favoured man or woman, a rough footed hen, a shaggy haired dog or a black cat.
That it is ill luck for any man to give a pair of knives to his sweetheart for fear it cuts away all love that is between them. 27 05 06ES

1927 05 07
The Festival Theatre in Newmarket Road, Cambridge has opened a roof garden. In warm weather there could hardly be anything more pleasanter than a meal on the roof preparatory to seeing the performance below and there is not the slightest doubt that it will be a great attraction to visitors. The view is not extensive, it is true, but the surroundings are novel and amongst undergraduates it will certainly be "the thing to do" as often as funds permit.

Women co-operative jubilee, p7
Bowls openings, p8
Cheap houses, p8
Cambridge Independent Press to start pictorial record, p8

1927 05 10
It is just 50 years since the Cambridge Mission began its work in Delhi and the event was marked in Sidney Sussex Chapel. The two young Cambridge men who went out to Delhi in 1877, the Rev Edward Bickersteth of Pembroke College and Mr John Murray of St John's, were charged to help to the missionaries of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, and the fruit of their labours have been carried on by the Cambridge Brotherhood. No mere recital of the details of its organisation can give any idea of the interest and the romance of the Cambridge Mission. It owed its inception largely to Dr Westcott and has given to India outstanding missionaries and a host of devoted workers. It affords unique opportunities for Christian service to the Indian people in one of their greatest and most historic cities. The wonder is that it is not better supported by Cambridge men, past and present.

Good news – lino, p3

1927 05 11
An 18-hole putting green on Jesus Green, Cambridge, was opened by the Mayor. This is an innovation so far as the town's open spaces are concerned and promises to be a great attraction. There was a good attendance of aldermen and the chairman said that many of them played golf, and he understood that everyone who played golf could swear (Laughter). The Mayor said he did not play golf and they could assume from that there was another thing he could not do. Cambridge owed the initiation of the green to the generosity of Col Tebbutt who promised £150 if such a green was provided. It had cost £200. The Mayor played the first round and won by three holes.

1927 05 11
Fifteen years ago the Mayor, as plain Mr J. Conder, suggested that that Lammas Land at Newnham, might be turned into a recreation ground. "I little thought it would come true", he confessed when he opened the said Lammas Land to the general public. This latest recreation ground will supply a long-felt want. The habits of the people had improved and one reason was the provision of suitable recreation which enabled them to enjoy themselves in a healthy and happy way.

1927 05 11
The complete story of the Festival Theatre in Newmarket Road was told by Mr C. Harold Ridge to the Cambridge Rotary Club. It had sprung from the kindred interests of Mr Gray, Mr Prentice and himself. They had spent a couple of years in London searching for a suitable building to start a repertory theatre but regulations made it impossible. They considered Sheffield but eventually the

Barnwell Theatre was taken. They wished to present some of the great number of plays which stood no chance of being publicly performed elsewhere. There was no room for actors who wanted to be waited on at the Festival Theatre. All were expected to make themselves useful, putting their hands to stage carpentry and before one performance were washing down the stage steps. They worked seven days a week and 14 hours a day, and everyone was frightfully keen.

Clara Butt, p8
Ortona advert – picture, p3
Addenbrooke's Hospital new building, p6
Fen Drayton meeting, p6

1927 05 12
The foundation stone-laying in connection with the new houses being built by the Cambridge Housing Society at Green End Road, Milton Road was performed by the Master of Trinity. The Society was formed to provide houses for people with larger families who are not in a position to pay council house rents. Overcrowding produced bad results and in Cambridge there were 200 condemned houses which could not be scrapped because there were no other houses in which to put the occupants. It was hoped that what was spent on these houses would be saved on gaols, workhouses, hospitals and other institutions.

C.H. Ellis market toll collector, p6

1927 05 13
Cambridge councillors proceeded to the site of the open-air school which, when completed, will provide accommodation for 120 physically and 50 mentally defective children. The two departments will be quite separate. They read of children who were excluded from school owing to ill-health and many were running wild in the streets without education or discipline. The remedy was a day open-air school where they could receive the treatment they required – open air, good food and rest, while at the same time their education would be continued. Vinery Road school had been opened in May 1916 with 20 children and benefits had far exceeded expectations. When this new school was finished they would look back with amusement on the tent used as a classroom and the first wooden shelter which was still in good enough condition to be moved there.

1927 05 13
The foundation stone of the Brunswick School in Walnut Tree Avenue, Cambridge was laid. It will provide accommodation for nearly 1,100 children. The Mayor said it was unfortunate, perhaps, that the other Brunswick School fell down but this was a better building. When they compelled children to go to school there was an obligation to see the building provided as much fresh air and sunlight as possible. They hoped that with the extra communication which some day would make traffic over the river easier for schoolchildren (laughter) Chesterton people would send their children to that school

Lino sale, p3
Housing contractor bankruptcy, p7
Cambridge & Cambridgeshire re roads, p8

1927 05 13 ES
Littleport disastrous fire at engineering works of Henry Judd, Ely Road; all destroyed – 27 05 13 & (2), photo (3) ES

1927 05 14
Mr Oswald Mosley, Labour MP for Smethwick, was howled down when he attempted to address a meeting under the auspices of the Cambridge University Labour Club at Cambridge Guildhall. Some 300 undergraduates congregated as the back of the hall and shouts, cat-calls, and cheers were almost continuous, completely drowning the speakers' voices. Mr Mosley, exerting his powerful voice to the

utmost, battled gallantly for a hearing for half an hour but eventually sat down and the meeting was abandoned.

Tale of tablet, p8
Undergraduate film, p8*
Chesterton Hall estate verges, p8

1927 05 16
Trinity Hall Boat Club centenary, p8

1927 05 18
Property purchase, p5
Cattle on Coldham's Common, p6

1927 05 19
Guardians wood cutting, p6*

1927 05 20
Prompt action by a young Ely man averted what might have proved serious damage at an Ely railway bridge. The fire occurred at the Cresswells bridge over the River Ouse. The bridge, which is an iron structure, has a large amount of wooden sleepers, well pickled, and it was here the fire originated with flames rising seven feet into the air. Realising that a train was due to pass over he attacked it with pails of water from a tank close by. His first idea was that it was caused by a passing steamer or barge on the river but it is now thought it was started by a spark or hot cinders falling from a passing engine.

Public libraries, p6
Burrells Walk & Library, p6*

1927 05 20 ES
Stretham Hospital Parade – account & photos from Rectory Wall in High Street – 27 05 20 & (2) ES

Water cart in Lt Downham, cut off by burst main – photo – 27 05 20(3) ES

Crossing Hundred Feet Wash – new railway bridge, timber replaced by concrete and steel; skeletons found during construction – 27 05 20 ES # c.26.2

1927 05 21
Boy in Cam – Gerry, p3
Burrells Walk huts, p7

1927 05 23
The coming of age of Viscount Hinchingbrooke was celebrated at Huntingdon. Luncheon was served to the tenantry & Colonel Chichester, Chief Constable, on behalf of the tenants presented Lord Hinchingbrooke with a magnificent travelling clock and weather barometer. In the evening the house staff and employees on the farms and gardens were entertained to tea at which his Lordship was presented with a handsome silver inkstand. The band of the 5th Hunts Battalion, Northants Regiment played for dancing.

1927 05 24
There is one day in the whole year when the little village of Reach throws off its cares and takes a holiday all on its own – the day of its fair. And this year the day re-captured its old spirit of joyous abandon and merry-making. The roundabouts soon had a load of laughing councillors who rode their wooden steeds with schoolboy enthusiasm, the coconuts went over at a merry pace to the accompaniment of civic cheers while the bell of the test-your-strength machine was rung time after

time by the strong men of the party, the Mayor of Cambridge showing himself to be a past-master at the game.

1927 05 26
Fordham seedsman, p3
Soham pastor bankrupt, p6

1927 05 27
Perse Girls pageant, p3
Ouse Drainage Board payment, p6

1927 05 27 ES
The old Welney suspension bridge has disappeared from view and in its place has arisen and imposing modern structure. Welney Suspension Bridge was a unique old span of which nothing now remains but its age-worn buttments standing side by side with the concrete pillars of an imposing successor. The new bridge with its huge concrete supports strikes a lordly note in its very rural surroundings. It carries across the water a 30-foot roadway on each side of which a graceful arch of concrete will divide the traffic from the five-feet wide footpaths at the extreme sites of which pedestrians are guarded from the river by fencing of attractive design. The bridge is of the same style as the new structure across the Ouse at King's Lynn although it requires only one span. The disappearance of the Suspension Bridge, which had a particularly interesting history, removes an impediment from the progress of the users of the road. No more when they pull up before the outstretched hand of the toll gatherer, brakes will cease to be applied before the gates of custom and pedestrians who even had to produce a penny for their passing will now go on their way in peace. The new bridge is complete but is closed for making up the approaches. A steady gradient of 100 yards is being made on each side of the approach road and the large quantity of earth are being moved from adjoining land by means of a miniature railway.The original bridge was built in 1826 by the Rector of Welney at his own cost. A 99 year lease was granted by the Bedford Level Corporation which has since been merged with the Ouse Drainage Board. The bridge had fallen into a very bad state of repair and about 15 years ago the owner offered to hand it to Norfolk and Isle of Ely County Councils, together with a sum of money to relieve him of the responsibilities. The offer came to naught and the owner spend money in repairs, putting in a new floor and causing the structure to hang on to the time the lease expired. Then came a move for the new bridge. All agreed the bridge was in a dangerous state and had to be rebuilt and an estimate of £15,000 was submitted by Norfolk County Surveyor. Happily this estimate was substantially reduced later on. The Ministry of Transport agreed to pay half the cost and the Ouse Drainage Board, Isle of Ely County Council and Trustees of Marshall's Charity also contributed. The Ministry have insisted it should in future be a free bridge – 27 05 27 & (2)& (3), photo (4) ES

1927 05 28
A new private road – Sedley Taylor Road – will be opened shortly leading from the Hills Road via Luard Road to Long Road. It has been constructed under the supervision of Messrs Bidwell & Sons, acting on behalf of Trinity College on whose building estate the road is situated. It opens up a large number of building sites in this popular residential district. The late Mr Sedley Taylor was a distinguished Fellow of Trinity and well known for his foresight in promoting the establishment of school dental clinics in Cambridge, the first in the country.

Littleton House school, p3
County & Borough, p8
Pillion-riding, p8

1927 05 30
Buses are taking people right through Regent Street into the town and, once there, they make their purchases at the nearest shop. Now Regent Street tradesmen have organised a shopping week & made their windows more than usually attractive. They claim to be the "Street of Specialists' Traders" &

boast the only taxidermist in Cambridge and many more lady hairdressers than any other street. A slogan is being used: "You get what you want and want what you get in Regent Street"

1927 05 31
Regional Town Planning, p6

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1927 06 01
A remarkable story of the exploits of youths in temporarily appropriated cars, which were subsequently abandoned, was related to Cambridge magistrates. Two teenage boys were charged with stealing a Morris Cowley motor car to the value of £80, two gallons of petrol and a quantity of oil. The lads were guilty of a "foolish prank" It was evident that they went out for what was called a "joy ride" and had no intention of stealing it

1926 06 02
Death J.B. Bury, p3
Red Indian chief, p4

1927 06 04
A Cambridge Swifts Football Club player was suspended for a month for threatening the referee following his receiving "marching orders" in the final of the Cottenham Nursing Cup. Mr Smith, the referee said the player threatened to smash his brains out after the match after he had ordered him off for deliberately kicking the centre-forward of the home club on the thigh.

1927 06 04
The Mercury Press has produced a verse by Quentin Nelson, in which an undergraduate learns that a road is to be built across Coe Fen, and gives vent to his feelings: "Every frog and every toad, Will croak damnation to your soul!" Well in the first place we don't speak of Coe Fen Road now – it is Fen Causeway – and secondly most of us believe the Fen is being appreciated more nowadays that ever it has been in the past. Still Mr Nelson's poetic outburst is none the less interesting because we do not happen to agree with him

1927 06 04
Right alongside Fenner's cricket ground in Cambridge is a dumping pit for horse droppings and sweepings of the street. The authorities empty this store in mid-afternoon which permits visitors to get the full flavour of the town. Now orders have been given for the labourers to get to work before 9 a.m., but there is a slip – they forgot to give orders not to fill the receptacle while play was in progress! Would it not be possible to have the hole finally closed and let the entrance to Fenner's be clean pleasure?

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Rhymes of the river, p8
'Grit', p8

1927 06 06
Demonstrations of hostility against the Vicar of the Essex village of Manuden have been staged on alternative nights in the village streets outside the Vicarage since he returned from London, where he had married within a month of the death of his wife, the nurse who had been in attendance during his wife's last illness. A crowd numbering about 300 armed with petrol cans, pieces of sheet iron and a bugle, made as much noise as possible. One said: "we are trying to show the displeasure of the village and will carry on in order to move them out". A neighbour said: "This mobbing is in very bad taste. The vicar has done nothing wrong morally and legally in marrying again".
Wednesday 5th June

1927 06 07
Foxton tableau, p6

1927 06 08
Chief Os-Ke-Non-Ton, a prince of the Mohawk tribe, gave a fascinating song recital of North American and Red Indian music at Cambridge guildhall. Arrayed in the picturesque costume of his race he rendered invocations, incantations and war whoops of various tribes and concluded with a selection of primitive Red Indian music to tom-tom accompaniment, and a demonstration of making fire by rubbing sticks together. The local arrangements were made by Messrs Miller & Son.

800 choristers, Ely Cathedral, p6

1927 06 09
Cambridge Undergraduates took upon themselves the duty of opening "Joanna Southcott's" famous box on the Market Hill. A crowd of mammoth proportions assembled. A melancholy dirge was heard from Petty Cury and there appeared a party of pipers and following them in one of Dale's lorries came a weird array of 24 "bishops" and a delegation of "Mormons" wearing huge straw sombreros. One "archbishop" proceeded to open the box, producing several layers of red tape, a teddy bear, a pair of old football boots and a number of bananas with which he pelted the crowd. The "rag" was organised to provide funds for the Cambridge Fruiting Campaign to help strawberry pickers in the Wisbech area.

1927 06 09
"Grit" is an undergraduate film taken by a little Cine-Kodak and projected by the Kodascope at the Tivoli Cinema. It is believed to be the first serious attempt in an English University to obtain experience in the technique of film production and is one of the first amateur films to be exhibited in the country. It has been directed by Mr Dennis Arundell and we get some good views of Cambridge streets and colleges. It shows how the stroke of a college crew is kidnapped so his boat might not go head of the river.

1927 06 10
The Chancellor of the Diocese of Ely presided at a Consistory Court when the Vicar of Ickleton asked for a petition for the casting of all the bells of the church. It had originally been decided that only one be re-cast but the bell-founders advised they should all be done and the work had been completed. This was rather serious. On account of their wrongful action the bells were lost forever and no order would restore them. The churchwardens were suspended from office and the Vicar reported for acting in a most improper way

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Burrells Walk tenancy, p7
Rag photos, p8

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Rag sequel, p5
Rag filmed, p7
CUMS concert broadcast, p8
'Grit' film, p8
'Ian Hay', p8

1927 06 13
One of the largest crowds in memory witnessed the last of what may go down in history as the "Microphone Mays". Both banks of the Cam at Ditton presented the spectacle of an unbroken line of sightseers. There were three men up a tree at Ditton Paddock; they and their friend the microphone

were telling all England what was happening and theirs was truly a romance of the tree tops. One wonders how many old Cambridge men were listening-in to a drama in which they once played a part.

1927 06 13
Jesus College were the fastest rowers on the river and deserved to succeed in the May Races. As in other years a huge bonfire was lighted in the grounds of the college and the undergraduates celebrated the return of the Headship by dancing round the flames, shouting and singing. The "orgy" was kept up to midnight. The revels were watched by a large crowd of townspeople and some of the merrymakers engaged in good-humoured banter, amusing them with impromptu speeches.

1927 06 13
A great deal of interest was taken in the private performance of Strindberg's "Miss Julie" at the Festival Theatre, Cambridge & the house was packed. The play was to have been produced earlier in the term but owing to its public presentation being banned by the Lord Chamberlain it had to be withdrawn. Banned plays create more interest and discussion than they deserve. There is nothing very terrible about a count's daughter running away with his footman & we agree with Mr Gray that it is difficult to find any reason for the Censor having frowned upon the piece.

May Week memories, p3
Gamlingay lady burnt to death, p5

1927 06 15
Three well-known Cambridge sportsmen who have completed their academic careers distinguished themselves by spending part of the night in the grounds of one of the women's colleges and part in another. At midnight on Saturday they climbed into Newnham, taking with them a tent which they pitched in full view and were not discovered until they were all snug in "bed", when they commenced community singing. Newnham Dons became alarmed and phoned for the police, who turned them out. They then motored to Girton, scaled a twelve-foot wall and pitched the tent. They were not discovered until the early hours of the morning when the earliest risers amongst the lady students saw the strange sight in the middle of the court.

Vagrants increase, p5*

1927 06 15 c
Cambridge station had a very busy weekend. Over 4,000 travelled on Saturday to visit the Midsummer Fair. Extra carriages were attached to all incoming and outgoing trains and late special trains were run to Haverhill, Newmarket, St Ives and Great Chesterford.

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Wyatt accident, p4

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Feaf & dumb institute, p8*
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1927 06 21
Huntingdon Road junction, p5

1927 06 22
Cambridge slums, p6
Mammoth Show wound up, p6*

1927 06 23
Student extravagance, p5
Playhouses, p8

1927 06 25
Neither Borough nor County ratepayers can have much cause for satisfaction over the roads controversy between the councils. It is a thousand pities that things should have been allowed to reach such a pass. If both councils only stood by the lip-service they have given to the supposed good relations between them, then the present deplorable state of affairs would never have arisen. Now the matter will be fought out to the bitter end. Even if Cambridge wins their case the County can maintain the roads through the district councils.

1927 06 25
When the honours degree men were presented to the Vice Chancellor there was distinct evidence of a movement to break down the tradition of wearing evening dress. Many graduates were in morning dress and soon the sight of men walking about the streets of Cambridge at noon in evening dress will be a thing of the past. The old statutes prescribed that recipients of Bachelors' degrees must appear in black clothes and since the war impecunious undergraduates found their only black suits were their dress clothes. The new statute states that dark clothes must be worn which brings in the lounge suit. The evening dress tradition is not very old and rests on nothing but undergraduates' customs.

Gipsy Smith jubilee, p6

1927 06 27
An inspection of the River Rhee from Guilden Morden to Cambridge showed banks were much overgrown and a number of trees had fallen into the stream. There was only one foot of water in the river in places. There are two mills in use, at Guilden Morden and Grantchester. One at Harston had not been used for a year and at Barrington no work had been possible for some years and the channel was blocked up. The river at Shelford was in a most dilapidated state

Midsummer Fair trains, p3*
Midsummer Fair accident, p4

1927 06 28
Her Royal Highness, Princess Mary, visited Papworth Village Colony and opened the new Guides' and Scouts' headquarters, a hut of asbestos and wood, which has been erected by men of the settlement. The village was en fete, flags flying from nearly every house and a large crowd assembled to welcome the Royal visitor.

1927 06 28
Princess Mary at Papworth, p5*

1927 06 29
Hundreds of Cambridge people forsook their beds very early and hied them to various natural observation points in the hope of seeing something of the eclipse. Most of the roads leading to some elevated point in the surrounding countryside had a stream of cars, motor cycles and push cycles. In Cambridge itself people were seen in the streets gazing skywards and framed in bedroom windows wrapped in eiderdowns and blankets. But generally speaking the eclipse was eclipsed by clouds.

1927 06 29

Many will regret the death of the Rev J.C. Rust, Vicar of Soham. In 1863 he was admitted to Pembroke College when there were never as many as 30 undergraduates in residence. They might have excused their absence on the river by pointing to the fewness of their numbers but passed the resolution "That so long as there are 18 men in the college, Pembroke shall keep two boats on the river" and Rust was made cox. In 1874 the college living of Soham fell vacant and he was instituted. He was elected chairman of the Parish Council on its formation in 1895 and appointed a member of the first County Education Committee. He was vice-president of the British Esperanto Association and preached the first sermon in Esperanto.

1927 06 30
The memorial sports pavilion in the recreation grounds at Fordham was formally opened by Viscount St Davids. It was erected to the memory of the late Mrs Dunn-Gardner in the grounds she gave to the parishioners. The building contains two spacious dressing rooms, for the Cricket & Bowls clubs. Fordham possessed one of the best recreation grounds in the whole of the Eastern Counties, what they had to do was to improve the ground and keep it tidy. What they would like in time to come was an athletic ground

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1927 07 01
Sir – in a recent issue it was suggested that a visiting sewing maid should be able (at 2s.6d. for three hours) to earn from £2 to £3 a week. Possibly if she had no domestic work to do for herself and were an expert machinist and dressmaker she might, but it means working eight or nine hours to reach even £2. The eye-strain is the worst part; I do fine mending and needlework, chiefly repairs, at 8d or 9d an hour and can make only 13s. a week. I believe charwomen are better paid – "A poor sempstress"

Stretham garden fete, p5
Sempstress' lot, p7

1927 07 02
Sir – the work has been started to widen Victoria Avenue, Cambridge, from the Four Lamps to Victoria Bridge. The roadway when finished will be wide enough for vehicle traffic to proceed four abreast. The Bridge will not be so wide as the road and heavy traffic may mean serious congestion. Some suggest the road over the bridge may be made wider by making the footpaths overlap the river. If this were done the narrow road on the north side would be an obstacle and as this roadway cannot be made right through to Chesterton Road this scheme should never go forward – E. Clayden

MoH smallpox, p6

1927 07 04
St Ives tragedy, p5

1927 07 05
"A state bordering on perfection" is the report of the Cambridge Public Dental officer on the treatment of elementary school children during 1928. 642 parents had written to refuse treatment for their children but we shall slowly educate the public that dental treatment for children is well worth while, he says. The improvement in the condition of the teeth has advantageously affected the physique of the children – in 1908 17 per cent of the Cambridge children were or poor physique, whereas in 1925 only 1.8 per cent were found to be so.

St Ives tragedy, p5
Histon Baptist Smith minister, p5

1927 07 06

School discipline, p6

1927 07 07
The Conservators of the River Cam considered a scheme to make the river navigable for cargo boats up to the Quayside near Magdalene Bridge. Mr Banham had recently bought a vessel for conveying cargo and at present it can only come as far as Jesus Lock. There had been no traffic for years and the state of the river was very bad. There was a possibility that the river could be dredged but the Commons Committee had taken a lot of trouble to make Jesus Green a beauty spot and would not sanction the deposit being placed on the Common.

1927 07 07
Eight people were rendered homeless as a result of a fire which involved two old-fashioned cottages in High Street Waterbeach. They were built of brick and plaster with a galvanised iron roof over thatch. In one, containing five rooms, a pantry and a wash house lived Mr & Mrs Cudworth and their five children, while the adjoining cottage, occupied by Mrs Hole, consisted of four rooms. The Waterbeach Fire Brigade was soon on the scene but the supply of water from neighbouring pumps soon proved inadequate. Meanwhile a band of willing helpers assisted in removing furniture & some money which Mrs Hole kept upstairs.

Peace demonstration, p6

1927 07 08
Messrs Galloway and Porter, Cambridge, whose business operations extend to all parts of the world, have formed a private limited company. Mr Charles P. Porter, for many years sole proprietor, becomes chairman. He is well known as a Cambridge councillor and was formerly chairman of the Free Library Committee. His clients range from queens to factory boys and include foreign and colonial libraries extending to every part of the globe.

Gipsy Smith on Jazz – Cherryhinton Road Free Church, o8

1927 07 09
There is a waiting list at Addenbrooke's Hospital of 23 men, 56 woman and 7 children and it is felt that a new ward on top of Victoria would ease things. It is now necessary to close a ward for cleaning and that means keeping out patients. The hospital is working practically all the time and considerable inconvenience is caused in many ways. The doctors have to have all their meals in the Board Room and when this is being used for holding an inquest they have to wait

1927 07 09
The Long Vacation promises to be as full as ever of conferences, congresses, summer schools and the like. It is sometimes said these conferences cause a good deal of distraction to residents in Cambridge but they bring trade to the town and give an immense amount of pleasure, and perhaps, edification, to those who confer in the pleasant surroundings of Cambridge.

1927 07 11
Newmarket burglers, p5

1927 07 13
Addenbrooke's Hospital propose to build a children's ward with 22 beds and it was thought the children would enjoy being nearer the street and that passers-by would enjoy seeing the children. The X-ray department is at present very cramped; they had already decided to obtain fresh X-ray apparatus and the place wanted extending. Seven bedrooms for the medical and surgical staff could be built above it. The present staff numbered four but before long they would need six. It was a difficulty as to how the staff was to get into the main building but a covered way could be made.

1927 07 13

Fifteen hundred representatives of Young Cambridge gave a display of drills, games & folk dancing on the Town Football Club ground and provided an audience of 3,000 with a most delightful entertainment. The event was organised by the Cambridge Elementary Schools' Sports Association. Their annual sports meeting is always a great success and this display is another feather in their cap.

Last stretch of tram lines removed from St Mary's street [3.6]
Wicken suicide, p3
Electricity supply, p5

1927 07 14
The history of the Ouse Drainage Board since it was formed in 1920 could not be said to have been a success. There was a revolt on the part of the uplanders who declined to pay the drainage rate and it was impossible to recover the funds necessary. The Board had an overdraft from the bank of £65,000. Twelve county councils and four boroughs opposed the plans. A gathering of the "warring hoards" at Cambridge was unanimous on one thing, and that was that the Government should step in. It was obvious that some measures must be taken

Unemployed – Ely beet, p6

1927 07 15
Burrells Walk houses, p5
Wicken Fen appeal, p7

1927 07 15 ES
Floods: streets inundated at Soham, Littleport & Isleham houses flooded – 27 07 15(2) ES # c.12.5

Ely café-museum, Ye Olde Tea Rooms operated by Vernon Cross – 27 07 15 ES

1927 07 16
It will interest many people to know that the authorities of King's College propose pulling down the railings in front of the college on King's Parade but are a little timid about what might follow this step and have consulted the Town Council. The Watch Committee was asked to enter into an agreement not to take any portion of the land between the railings and the college buildings for a parking place. They have reassured the college that they have no power to establish parking places on private property.

Ouse drainage, p3
New fire engine, p6
E.R. Vincent leaving for Oxford, p6
Elm Tree licence, p6

1927 07 19
Swavesey railway station was the scene of an accident. A horse and empty cart belonging to Mr Jabez Day, farmer and fruitgrower, was standing near the up-platform when the horse backed the cart into a large pile of baskets of fruit, upsetting the contents, and then fell on the line, dragging the cart with it. A train was rapidly approaching the station & the leading coach struck the horse and cart. The coach was derailed, the cart reduced to fragments of splintered wood and the horse so badly injured that it died in a short time. A breakdown gang from Cambridge soon cleared the down line on which both up and down trains had to travel, piloted by Mr H. Whitehead, the Swavesey stationmaster.

Green End housing, p3
New cinema, p6

1927 07 20
Village fairs by roadside, p6

1927 07 21
A showman was convicted for obstructing free passage of High Street, Lode. A farmer said he was driving his car and had to pull up as a roundabout was half-way across the road and a crowd of people and little children near by. A fair had a definite legal origin but a feast was an individual enterprise by proprietors of the amusements and there was no possible right to obstruct the highway. But at Bottisham the feast was held opposite the church and a feast and a fair were really one and the same. It was an occasion where the inhabitants who had left the village came back for a short time. He had visited for ten years and had a statement signed by the vicar and most of the inhabitants who were in favour of the feast being held on the same spot.

No more war, p3
Sutton trader bankruptcy, p8

1927
Cambridge Motor Club social service campaign is being continued this year and a number of inmates of the Cambridge Poor Law Institution were taken for a half-day circular trip to Royston and then on to Duxford where the party visited the Flying School and hangars. Special arrangements had been made for spectacular flying and three fighting scout planes took part in some remarkable stunts

Newton Walston memorial, p3
Palmer CAS photo lecture, p7
Fort St George house, p8

1927 07 23
There was a good deal of grousing before the inhabitants of Chesterton had a footbridge over the Cam at Dant's Ferry. Now they have got one they have found something else to grouse about. At five minutes to eight every morning the instrument workers at Pye's are hurrying to work from the other side of the river. They curse and groan, trip and stagger under the burden of carrying their bicycles up and down a steep double flight of steps. Sooner or later some panting person carrying a bicycle will fall backwards or pitch into the river. The bridge was not made for cyclists who should get up earlier and ride up Victoria Avenue.

1927 07 23 c
Cambridge council considered the erection of advertising boards by the Empire Marketing Committee at Corn Exchange Street, Market Hill, Drummer Street, Butts Green, Northampton Street and the Cattle Market. But the path in Corn Exchange Street was only five feet wide and it would be dangerous if people stopped there to look at it. They would have to put up another sign, "Safety first. Passengers must not stop to look at this advertisement". (Laughter).

1927 07 25
Councillors said that not allowing village fairs to be held on the grass at the side of main roads was an "autocratic measure" designed to safeguard "wretched motorists" and restrict the liberties of the subject. At Harston a large crowd of caravans gathered at the side of the road at a very dangerous curve where there was a lot of traffic. The fair was on the very verge of the road and it was impossible for any vehicle, especially at high speed, to pass without danger to those attending the fair. There were three constables on duty but even so the danger to children was very great .The proprietors of roundabouts had the option of a field but would not go there as long as they were able to go on to the roadside.

Newmarket poor law wedding, p5
No more war demonstration, p6

1927 07 26

A remarkable demonstration of the new "Bibendum Comfort" tyres was given at "The Backs", Queen's Road, Cambridge. The test consisted of driving a car along the road at about 38 mph and bursting the inner tube of the back tyre by means of a special device. The car was driven to the same spot at about 30 mph with the tyre half deflated and then purposely skidded and again with the tyre fully deflated. These tests were particularly severe, the car skidding right round, leaving skid marks 25 feet long, but the tyre never budged from the rim.

St Luke's church retirement, p3
Fort St George house, p6

1927 07 27
Rotary house, p6

1927 07 28
Ely housing committee found a case where 17 people were using one W.C. and that sort of thing could be dealt with. More difficult were houses that were absolutely dangerous and unfit for the habitation of pigs. It would be a good thing if they made an example of a couple of cases and pulled down the houses to show that the Council had the matter in hand. Water supplies and the cheap manufacture of soap had done a great deal to encourage people in the ways of cleanliness and they now wanted better housing conditions for people to live in.

1927 07 29
Messrs Hunt Bros, millwrights, Soham, sued Thomas Peake, corn merchant of Littleport, for work done. Defendant owned a mill at Littleport and had there two sets of stones. He needed a new bottom stone and a workman went to the mill and took the dimensions. But some mistake was made and the mew stone was found to be three or four inches too thick. That was a fatal defect. Their case was dismissed.

Cherry Hinton dusk, p8

1927 07 30
A young man, fashionably attired in a brand new plus-four suit paused at the cigarette machine outside the New Theatre, Cambridge, and inserting a sixpence drew forth a packet of cigarettes. Instead of shutting the drawer in the orthodox manner he turned his back on the machine and applied pressure by a retrograde movement. "Snap" went the drawer, taking with it about six inches of the seat of the young man's voluminous "bags". Finding himself held captive he appealed for sixpences to release the drawer but none would do the trick. "Debagging" was out of the question and the prisoner would not hear of being "cut away". After twenty minutes one bright person tried the very obvious idea of pulling the handle of the drawer and he was released amid loud cheers.

Putting green, p6
Americans & guides, p6

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1927 08 01
Lloyd George at Cambridge, p3

1927 08 02
Fire broke out in the garage of Mr George Rolfe, motor mechanic in Market Street, Newmarket. The danger to Primrose House Stables was so imminent that the butler got into telephonic communication with Cambridge Fire Brigade but by the time they arrived, 50 minutes later, Newmarket Brigade had got the flames well under control. The garage was completely burnt out and four motor cars destroyed. So great was the heat that some of the glass windscreens melted and ran like tallow. It is

suggested that the fag-end of a cigarette may have been smouldering among the cushions of a car until the fire reached the petrol

Band of Hope to Clacton, p4

1927 08 03
A well-known figure in Cambridge and Histon, John Guilliam Davies, has died. Mr Davies, who was a cripple paralysed in the lower limbs from a very early age, gained considerable notoriety for long distance journeys in his two-speed, hand-propelled invalid chair. Last December he travelled to Leicester and back, a distance of 150 miles and previously he had journeyed to London.

Stretham band, p5

1927 08 04
German wreath cenotaph, outbreak WI, p5
Witcham grocer bankrupt, p6

1927 08 05
Fulbourn Hospital Visitors agreed that the farm was no longer large enough and more land was required for production of milk. At present 27 acres of land was hired at a fairly high rental. The price of the Cauldle Corner Farm was excessive but there were very excellent buildings and it practically adjoined hospital property. If they enlarged it was only fair to the inmates that they should have proper work to do and they should have a farm in which they could take interest.

1927 08 05 ES
Strengthening Hundred Foot River bridge – photo of train crossing - photo – 27 08 05 ES

1927 08 06
The death took place of Mr Edwin Samuel Fisher, who was head of Downing College kitchen for nearly 50 years, having commenced his career at the early age of 13 when he became an apprentice in St John's College kitchen. While still at school he had worked under the famous chef M. Bruvet when he presided over the Downing kitchen. Mr Fisher had a very trying time during the war, at the outset of which the college suddenly was called upon to house some 90 Territorial nurses, for whom meals had to be provided in the college hall, and later he had, under great difficulty owing to rationing, to provide in a similar fashion for officer cadet battalions.

1927 08 06
Mr Lloyd George's tour in the rain of some of the Cambridgeshire smallholdings was evidence of his anxiety to gain first-hand knowledge of the problems faced on the land today. He described as "marvellous" the development of the holding of Mr David Easy, who started with three-quarters of an acre and now has 200 acres and a herd of 30 cows. Tea, taken at Mr Street's farm at Landbeach was "like a family party" and Mr Lloyd George found considerable interest that some of the articles placed before him for consumption were home grown or home-made. The tour continued to Cottenham and Willingham.

Vacation conferences, p6

1927 08 08
Mrs Whipple death, p6

1927 08 09
A butcher's shop belonging to the late Mr Fred Harrison of St Ives, with house, domestic offices & slaughter house was auctioned. Bidding started at £500 and quickly rose to £950; the Peterborough Co-operative Society eventually securing it for £1,000. A freehold old-fashioned thatched cottage at Hemingford Grey, the property of Mr A.V. Woods, was sold for £330

1927 08 10
The indiscriminate erection of bungalows along our main roads came in for criticism at Cambridge Rotary Club. Dr Charles Searle spoke of "these miserable little bungalows" but John Few said the residents might have been ordered out of a bad cottage by the Medical Officer of Health and it was often a question of expense. There were development schemes for certain parts of the outskirts of Cambridge but no planning scheme for the whole town, it was important that what was done should be done with care.

Maternity home, p6

1927 08 11
There was a large attendance at the stone-laying ceremony of the new Parochial Hall for St John's Church, Cambridge. The object is to supply a building for Sunday School work, social and other parochial gatherings. The building would have been of a different type but for the fact that part of the site has been acquired by the Corporation for making a roadway from Blinco Grove to Cavendish Avenue.

1927 08 11
A man was arrested in connection with the burglary at Norman Bradley's Fitzroy Street premises where entry had been made by forcing apart the iron bars of a window. He was traced and identified by fingerprints left on a glass panel inside the shop. They had been sent to New Scotland Yard for examination. The jewellery, which amounts to £239 has not yet been recovered.

1927 08 11
Cambridge Guardians decided to erect a barbed wire fence four feet in height on top of the wall adjoining Perowne Street to prevent casuals escaping from the Institution. The Master said there was supervision when the men were at work but they escaped when the Labour Master was at breakfast. He was afraid they would get over the cemetery wall even if this work was done. They got out of prison these days so they could not hope to keep them in the Institution. Mr Stubbs thought it was brutal to erect barbed wire.

1927 08 12
An outstanding feature in the reconstruction of our new premises at 2, Market Hill, Cambridge, are the windows which are unique for a grocery business and compare in style with a London west-end store. We welcome an opportunity of showing you a store fitted and stocked in the most complete and scientific manner and where prized traditions inherited from our predecessors (Messrs Hallack and Bond) are upheld and carried forward with modern equipment. Shoppers may actually see their coffee roasted and ground. International Stores, the greatest grocers in the world. Advert.

1927 08 13
Duxford sergeant at court, p5
New Theatre lighting, p6
Novelist is Mayor

1927 08 16
Negus jubilee, p6

1927 08 18
Linton RDC has been made a council under the Rural Workers' Act. This provides a grant of money, not for repairing cottages, but for enlarging them and making buildings which were faulty more perfect. They were empowered to make a grant of between £50 and £100 either as a donation or a loan. Conditions were set up and if any were broken the owner was liable to repay the grant with interest.

1927 08 19
A meeting for re-starting a Scout troop in Ely was held at the Shack, Nutholt Lane. The old troop was starting on a new footing, under a new name and most probably in a new type of uniform. Every boy would have to pay 2d a week, whether he was absent or present. Mr Morton was in charge and anything to do with the troop would be his matter. The Scoutmaster was not an officer of his Majesty's Army; he was not a schoolmaster or a clergyman. He was the big brother of the troop.

Lt Downham fight over horse, p5

1927 08 20
Sympathies go out to the President of Magdalene College and all concerned in the tragic motoring accident near Godmanchester. Cambridge is the poorer by the loss a lady of high ideals who had devoted much of her time and energies to the advancement of women. She was an experienced and extremely careful driver who had taken three-quarters of an hour to cover 14 miles and there cannot be the slightest suggestion of reckless driving or excessive speed. 30 mph is reckoned a safe speed, provided there is a clear, straight road but the consequence of a momentary swerve may be fatal. There is no doubt that nowadays few people stand in greater jeopardy than those who venture on the road.

1927 08 22
Street lights, p3

1927 08 23
Fennings, Ely carriage builder, p5

1927 08 23 c
Four persons from Cambridge who were on one motor cycle were fined at Highgate for dangerous driving. It was stated that one man rode in front on the petrol tank, a girl was seated on the tank, another girl was on the saddle and a man rode on the carrier. PC Squires, from Cambridge, said that neither of the men did any work and their favourite pastime was to take out girls for pillion rides.

1927 08 25
An empty furniture van belonging to Mr R.W. Finbow of Hooper Street, Cambridge, was proceeding to Kentford when it suddenly burst into flames. Mr Fred Saunders of Histon, who was closely behind, obtained a fire extinguisher but the flames had secured a great hold and this proved of no avail. Other motorists and an A.A. scout rendered every possible assistance but their efforts were in vain and the van was soon reduced to charred ruins.

1927 08 26
Mr Dick Atkin of Ely UDC was pursuing his duties down at the bottom of a manhole in St Mary's Street, with the trapdoor up. "I heard a lot of crashing up above and for the moment thought the whole place was going to collapse around me. I was in complete darkness for over 20 minutes and wondered what had happened until someone pulled the horse's tail out and gave me a little light to go on with", he said. It appears a horse was standing patiently when it was struck by a car; its offside leg and hind quarters went down the hole and completely stopped the opening up. After half an hour's struggle the animal was pulled safely from the hole and daylight restored to the imprisoned man

1927 08 26 ES
The growth of March – few towns have made such progress in the building of house in recent years; new site for 100 houses on Upwell Road - photo feature – 27 08 26 ES

1927 08 27
Bidwells open Ipswich, p5
Library assistance & periodicals, p6

1927 08 29
The season 1927 is likely to be long remembered by agriculture generally. And those recollections will be anything but pleasant. Nor is the weather entirely responsible. Wheat came up well, but on heavy land we had a bad set in the spring, the land being sodden with wet, and late frost most nights played havoc, from which recovery was impossible. Some fields of spring oats are good but are mostly tangled by adverse weather conditions and difficult to handle. There are some excellent crops of sugar beet but when growers note the profits made by the beet factories and compare it with their own year's accounts one fails to see the justice in the contract price offered – R.L. Fuller, Wicken

1927 08 30
A man was convicted of stealing two gentlemen's overcoats from a motor car outside the Conservative Club, Saffron Walden. Mortimer Medcalf, farmer of Copt Hall Farm, spoke of leaving his coat in his car which he valued at £3 5s. and Arthur Dix said he had also lost a pair of gloves and a 2-foot rule which had been in his coat pocket. PC Turner said he saw the prisoner wearing both coats. He said he was a travelling mat mender and could not get lodgings. He took the coats because he wanted one for the winter. He was badly in drink at the time. The prisoner had a very bad record and was sentenced to three month's imprisonment on each charge.

Child scalded tea, p6

1927 08 31
Mr John Goddard has been railway stationmaster at Fordham for 18 years and taken an active part in village affairs. He is now retiring and the sum of £44 was raised by his fellow villagers, some of whom were blessed with an abundance of this world's goods and some who had no such encumbrances. As stationmaster he had been the friend of all, helping to forward everybody's traffic with the greatest despatch and the least amount of friction.

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1927 09 01
Sir. I wish to protest against the almost intolerable nuisance caused by the beating of college carpets on "The Backs", which is robbing not a few of us of all possibility of quiet thought and study. A vast number of visitors can hardly carry away an agreeable impression of a place where their ears have been so persistently assailed and affronted. Why cannot the Colleges do what is done by all the great hotels. The resources of modern science and ingenuity lie equally open to them. Why then these means of barbarism? – Thomas Thornely.

1927 09 01
The foundation stone of two new cottages were laid at the Cambridge Victoria Friendly Society's Institution in Victoria Road, Cambridge when. One is to house the nurse-matron and the other will be for an extra inmate. They have been made possibly by the generosity of the late Miss Emily Flack. They will be one-storey buildings containing a living room, a bedroom and a scullery. The nurse's cottage will have a bathroom in addition. It was only right that old people who had worked all their life and exercised thrift by belonging to a Friendly Society should in their old age find a haven of rest, said the President, Dr E.H. Parker.

1927 09 03
Chesterton folk looked very happy at the opening of the Pretoria Road footbridge and there was a fairly large crowd on both sides of the river. The bridge has been a very long time coming. There is an old proverb: "Bridges were made for wise men to walk over, and fools to ride over". Cyclists should remember this and the warning of the penalties awaiting those who do not dismount when crossing the bridge.

Soham motorist, p3

1927 09 05
James de Rothschild candidate, p6
Stourbridge Fair opened, p6

1927 09 07
A "rag" by four Cambridge undergraduates in Bedford has cost them the suspension of the degrees (the gaining of which they were celebrating) for six months. A constable in Regent Street, Cambridge saw the defendants at two o'clock in the morning 'larking about' with a lifebuoy and notice board belonging to Bedford Military Band. They regretted what they had done; this kind of thing might be all right in Cambridge, where it was understood, but that it would not be tolerated in Bedford. It was within the power of the college authorities, in the event of them being convicted of a felony, to prohibit them from taking their degrees at all which would be a lifetime penalty and debar them from taking any post under the Government - in the Civil Service, Army or Navy.

1927 09 07
What may be regarded as the most important news ever announced to wearers of glasses in Cambridge has come to hand. Mr H.C. Moscow, late Principal Optologist and Optometrist to Dr Hamilton's Institute of Optics, New York, U.S.A., has made arrangements to visit Cambridge. He is an enthusiastic young man who has made a remarkable success in demonstrating America's latest scientific optical methods of Eyesight Testing and Refraction Correction. There is no charge for admission to his demonstrations and consultations at the Guildhall and he will freely and generously give his advice to all those who seek his art. He is in a position to prescribe and supply Eyeglasses and Spectacles at hitherto unheard-of prices.

1927 09 07
During the holidays a good deal of wanton damage had been done to the wall and outbuildings of the Romsey Council School. The plots of ground adjoining – a no man's land at the present time – enabled young people with very little else to do to try to climb the wall. On top of that the caretaker had received notice to vacate his premises and was now in Burrell's Walk. That was a long way from the school. The council will inquire of the Bursar of Jesus College as to the cost of purchasing the site immediately next to the school.

H. Downie, Ely death, p5
Library 'misunderstanding', p5

1927 09 08
Cambridge Guardians said the number of casuals received into the Institution had been increasing year by year. A position had been reached on crowded nights when the number had reached as many as 117 men. It was quite obvious that extra accommodation had to be found and a place large enough to ensure the two night's detention – a great deterrent to the work-shy tramp, and to provide suitable work for the casuals. A farm had been found near the village of Cherry Hinton, in some ways the ideal place, but the project would be expensive.

1927 09 10
There are 270 afflicted blind and crippled girls in the schools in connection with Mr John Groom's Cripplegate and Flower Girls' Mission. They make the most beautiful flowers for all decorative and artistic purposes, producing indistinguishable copies of nature's product. The Cambridge Guildhall will be occupied by an exhibition of artificial flowers. The girls will be seen at work and those who visit will be astonished with all they witness. An opportunity will be offered of purchasing at prices within the reach of everyone.

1927 09 10
A poem had been received on the subject of carpet beating on the Backs. "One noon two hypochondiacs, Were strolling through the Cambridge Backs. Said one: It seems to me that I hear smacks, And slaps and thumps and bumps and hacks, Distinctly and nerve racking thwacks, My ear

drum's split, my limbs relax. It seems to me we'd best make tracks, Till carpet beating's off the Backs"

Eyesight specialist, p7
Guardians' problem, p8*
WWI Chippenham, p8*,

1927 09 14
A large stone coffin of the 10th century pattern was unearthed at St John's Farm, Ely, where once there was an old monastery, part of which is still standing. Recently a very old employee intimated that something of unusual interest could be found in the garden. Digging operations commenced and it was not long before a large stone slab was discovered. The coffin had been cut out of a block of Barwick rock. Inside were bones of more than one person.

1927 09 13
Waterbeach vicar, p6

1927 09 14
Engines at Ely, p3
Ely stone coffin, p5*

1927 09 15
The question of water supply was becoming more and more serious, Linton RDC was told. In one side of the district there was no water. The ponds were all very low, and the people were drinking out of roadside drains water which was impregnated with decayed vegetable matter. There was no even water enough for cleanliness, and something must be done. But the other side was plentifully supplied. Sawston people would object to paying for Horseheath or Castle Camps. The question was whether they should go on digging wells or whether it was possible to take any other measure which would be more perfect or less expensive

1927 09 16
Sugar beet farms, p5

1927 09 17
Street improvement operations are taking place at the corner of New Square and Fair Street, Cambridge. The corner house occupied by Mr Woodley Betts, the dentist, tends to obstruct the view of traffic and work has started on demolishing it. It is proposed to round the corner by pulling down the present house and building another with a rounding feature. In this way a good deal of ground will be thrown into the public roadway and the line of vision greatly improved.

1927 09 19
Premises in Peas Hill, Cambridge, may be acquired for the purpose of extending the Guildhall. Trinity Hall, the owners of nos 15 & 16 will sell for £5,500; Mr Sennitt will sell no.17 for £3,500, the price to include compensation for disturbance of the business and the tenant to have the option of hiring the premises until required by the Corporation. Corpus Christi College has agreed £2,200 for no.19. The Council is to apply to the Minister of Health for sanction to borrow the sum of £11,700 for the purchase

1927 09 19
Three pianos were badly damaged by an outbreak of fire in a warehouse behind shop premises opposite the Porter's Lodge in Magdalene Street, Cambridge and it was only through prompt action that a considerable amount of the old property in the district was not destroyed. An oil stove was kept alight in the warehouse used by Mr W.J. Moore, music dealer, to prevent the instruments from becoming damp and in some way this was responsible for the outbreak.

1927 09 20
Stourbridge Fair, p6

1927 09 21
Sir – The other evening I had occasion to be motoring on the Soham-Wicken road. The increasingly heavy traffic has reduced it to such a mess of pot-holes as to prove a nightmare to the driver. Although the car was carefully driven, more than once it was shaken from one side of the road to the other. Someone suggested that the holes would be filled when there were enough bodies to do so. Unless this road is soon repaired I fear many folk will be described like this: "They drove along the Soham-Wicken road, and, behold, when they arose next morning they were all dead corpses" – Much Perturbed

1927 09 22
Petrol caused quite an explosion at a meeting of the Cambridge Town Council. For some time the Corporation has been obtaining petrol at the rate of 11d. per gallon and the Public Works committee now recommend that 200 gallons be obtained at 1s. 1d. Some members objected to paying more and suggested the change had been made because the cheaper grade was of Russian origin. Were the housing committee going to stipulate that no Russian wood should be put in houses they are building? The cheaper petrol was known as Power petrol and used by all the large firms in Cambridge.

Sir Arthur Shipley death, p8

1927 09 23 ES
10th-century stone coffin discovered at St John's Farm, Ely – photo – 27 09 23 ES

1927 09 24
The terrible secret of Power petrol discussed by Cambridge councillors is out. All motorists have felt the power of the grip imposed by the combine firms who sell at 2d per gallon more than those refiners outside their ring. Power petrol is manufactured at the refinery of the Medway Oil and Storage Company at Isle of Grain, Kent. Supplies of raw material come from all over the world – including Russia and Romania but the petrol is as British as any other and more British than the large majority. I have not noticed many places in Cambridge where they sell Power petrol. Very few seem to retail it, although certain large garages take bulk supplies.

1927 09 24
Damage estimated at £2,000 was caused by a fire which broke out at the Cambridge Motor Service Co. Hobson Street. The night watchman found that motor cycle department, which also stored several cars, was alight and among the vehicles which were badly burned were a Bugatti racing car, an Austin Seven, a Trojan van and a number of motor cycles and bicycles. Some people returning from the New Theatre were attracted down Hobson Street and watched the Fire Brigade at work.

1927 09 24
Almost everyone in Europe was in debt and could not meet their obligations, Sir George Paish told the annual conference of the National Savings Movement at Caius College, Cambridge. The great distress of unemployment was entirely brought about by the failure of people to make the savings they should make. They were spending their money on luxuries, on motor cars. "Can we afford all these motor cars? Can we afford to do what we are doing today and neglect the more important things", he asked. The Savings Movement was not a class movement. They wanted to create the opinion in all classes in favour of saving and in favour of more and wiser spending.

Duxford plane crash, p5
ASLIB conference, p6
Corporation plate sale, p8

1927 09 26

Duxford plane crash inquest, p6

1927 09 27
New Theatre report, p6

1927 09 28
Cambridge Photographic Club celebrated its 25th anniversary. They were doing admirable work in conjunction with the Cambridge Antiquarian Society in securing a preserving a photographic record of various places which might disappear in course of time. Ald Starr said he had joined Hills & Saunders as a lad in 1880. They used wet plates at that time and had to coat them and sensitive them, and they would not keep for more than a few hours.

1927 09 29
Members of the Cambridge Labour Party showed a justifiable pride in their new "home" which was officially opened by their prospective Parliamentary candidate. A somewhat dilapidated one-storey building in Norfolk Terrace, latterly used as a knitting factory, has been transformed in a wonderful way into bright, comfortable and well-equipped premises, although the walls are unfinished owing to the plaster not yet having been set sufficiently.

1927 09 30
Crowds of people were unable to gain admittance to the new Labour Hall in Norfolk Street, Cambridge for the pageant 'The Temple of Vision'. It represents the ideals of the Labour Party in eight episodes. These took rather an inordinate time to get through but the show was exceedingly entertaining. The relative merits of co-operation and private enterprise were contrasted and the performance was punctuated with frequent and enthusiastic applause.

12-hour road race, p7

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1927 10 01
St Ives RDC recommended a bonus of £50 be paid to collectors for the Somersham and St Ives districts. Mr J.L. Barton, speaking against the proposal, said that on a previous occasion he stated that University men were willing to take the position at 50 shillings a week. Things were no different today. He knew a case of a Cambridge University man who was so pleased with an offer of 50 shillings a week as a milkman that he was taking it.

Animated pictures, p6

1927 10 03
Weston Colville Hall sale farming stock, p6

1927 10 04
A motor road sweeper and street cleaner was demonstrated in Jesus Lane, Cambridge. The makers claim it has a small capital outlay, low operating costs, small turning circle and ease of control. The brush can be lifted when not in use and sprays fitted to damp down dust in hot weather. The machine worked over 150 yards of road which had been specially covered with a layer of refuse. It showed a fine turn of speed - with the brush not in use it can do 20 mph - and the rubbish was quickly and neatly removed to the gutters. Compared with the horse sweeper now used it is much superior.

1927 10 04
Theophilus Philip Starke, a boot and shoe maker, told magistrates that two men called at his shop in Regent Street, Cambridge, and said they had come about the sun blind, which needed repair. They borrowed a ladder and appeared to do the work. He paid them 25 shillings but his suspicions were

aroused by the way they "scuttled off". The blind was examined by an expert who found practically nothing had been done to it.

Abandoned baby, p8

1927 10 05
Hildersham inhabitants turned out in force to hear the Mayor of Cambridge, J.H. Conder, talk of the village as he remembered it 50 years ago. There used to be a parish herdsman as the cows belonging to various people all went into a common herd. A great fire had broken out in two places at once. The Rectory farm buildings, tithe barn and Manor Farm barn were burnt down. A large house called the "Rookery" was standing empty and was pulled down so the bricks could be taken to build a new barn. This was a great pity because the house was a very fine one.

1927 10 05
Cambridge Photographic Club had made progress with the photographic survey of the county and over 100 prints were produced. There was still a great deal to be done and this should be regarded as one of the most important parts of the club's work. A collection of photographs of Cambridge was exhibited in the Public Library. The East Anglian Federation had held its summer meeting in Cambridge, but the weather was not in favour of photography.

192710 07
The Medical Officer told Ely Guardians he had nowhere at the Institution to put infectious cases. Recently they had a refractory tramp in one ward, two lunatics under observation, both of whom required extra assistance, and had no means of isolating them. He had one case in the bathroom and another in the general ward, which upset the inmates. It was illegal to keep children in the House and some years ago they had turned the isolation hospital into a children's home which now housed 11 children and they might get an influx of two families with five or six in each.

Hils Road Wesleyan Church hall, p8

1927 10 08
A fire broke out in the stackyard at Further Farm, Stretham fen and eight were totally destroyed. Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting the fire engine to the farm owing to the condition of the drove, but with the help of three horses from the farm this was accomplished. Mr F. Oakey drove from Ely in his motor and arrived before the firemen. He dashed into the flames and drove out a practically red hot tractor from between the blazing stacks into a place of safety. Luckily a good supply of water was available from the dykes which had been filled by opening the dam at Morton's Farm.

1927 10 08
Members of Cambridge Corporation paid a visit to the gasworks to see for themselves how gas is produced. They were greatly impressed. The Mayor said: "Some of us have grown up in the belief that essential services should belong to the public but no matter who owns them when we have efficient managers things are done well". The Vice-chairman of the Gas Company said that the Town Council and the Gas Company both exist to produce gas. "It may be that the Town Council gas is more lethal than ours!"

Charles Kerridge death, p6
Radio Society reformed, p8

1927 10 10
No woman has photographed more Royalty or distinguished people than Miss Olive Edis, the well-known expert in the production of monochrome and colour photography. She has her third annual exhibition in Cambridge, although she has worked in the town for some 20 years. One wall has a

display of portraits of well-known Cambridge people but the greatest attraction will be the colour photography of local scenes

Boxworth rector death, p6

1927 10 11
The Prime Minister is expected to visit Barrington to open the new cement works. A distinguished company of about 100 will journey from London by special saloon carriages and the light railway direct to the works. The new works are already turning out great quantities of cement and when the second kiln is complete will be one of the largest cement works north of the Thames. About 200 men will be employed there permanently and it is expected that from a country village Barrington soon will be transformed into something like a small industrial town

Wilburton accident, p6
Market Street fire – Smart, p8

1927 10 12
No longer does the Oxford or Cambridge "Bobby" walk about in fear of his life and his helmet, no longer does the local publican wax fat on healthy young thirsts and the tailor bemoan bad trade. Undergraduates are changing their "manners". The "sloshing" of policemen is out of fashion. Roaring ribald songs between great draughts of ale is simply not "done". Nowadays slovenliness in dress is revolting. This is the age of "refinement". Nowadays the undergraduate "works off" high spirits by "rushing about the country on wheels" – so said the Warden of All Soul's College, Oxford

Croxton school, p6
Goodrich talks Photographic Club, p7

1927 10 13
Sir – I see that Mr Baldwin is so delighted to find an undertaking which is employing more men rather than turning them off, that he is coming to open the new cement works in Barrington. I wonder if he will ask where the 200 men who are going to be employed are to be housed. I doubt if 20 houses have been built in neighbouring villages since the war and there is a long waiting list of people not connected with the works. A large proportion of the men at present employed are being lodged in houses where there is no proper accommodation for them, and if another hundred men are to be taken on shortly the congestion will be appalling – G.T. Garratt, Barrington

1927 10 13
Considerable progress has been made with the restoration work in old buildings at Buckden Palace, partly demolished many years ago. The destroyed north wing of the Gate House is now to a great extent rebuilt on the old foundation. The material used is largely old, having come from Stanwick Hall, Yorkshire, the lately demolished house of the Duke of Devonshire.

William Le Keux death, p5

1927 10 14
Pre-war dances, p8

1927 10 14 ES
Wilburton double fatality – Alfred Alsop and George Gillett hit unlit stationary motor lorry with their motorbike on Wilburton Road; inquest at Red Lion – 27 10 14(2)(3)(4)(5) ES; photo 27 10 14(8)

Further Fen Farm Fire. A disastrous fire involving the complete destruction of six large stacks of hay and corn occurred at Mr Bagel's Further Farm, Stretham fen, late on Thursday night. With such fury did the stacks burn that grave fears were entertained for the safety of four of the stacks which stood in close proximity. Fortunately, it was a comparatively still night otherwise to whole of the ricks and

sheds must have been destroyed. The fire was discovered by Mrs Constable, wife of the farm foreman, who saw a great sheet for flame shoot suddenly into the air and run right across the top of six stacks. She immediately sent her son, Henry Constable, to Stretham on his bicycle to summon the fire brigade and the fire bell was sounding in Ely about 10 o'clock. Within five or six minutes, the whole of the brigade assembled at the fire station and were soon speeding along the road to the scene of the fire, the approach to which is extremely difficult to negotiate. The motor was able to draw the engine to a point near the new bridge which is in course of erection between Wicken and Stretham and from here had to be drawn along a rough drove by horses. The stacks stood in the yard close to a bountiful supply of water with which the firemen were able to concentrate their energies on preventing the flames from reaching the stacks and the shed that had not been reached. With the help of farmhands and Mr. Bagel they succeeded despite the intense heat and blinding smoke. Fred Oakey of King William IV pub, Ely, had rushed out to the farm to render assistance and saved a tractor which was almost red hot. He succeeded in doing this by getting other helpers to pour water over it in order that he might grip the tractor. Others devoted their attention to saving a drum and elevator which escaped with no more damage than a scorching. Several pigs were housed in close proximity to the fire, near which also stood an unoccupied cottage, and it was deemed expedient that these should be driven for safety into an adjoining field. Completely circling the yard in which the fire was raging were tall trees many of which must have suffered and intensified the fire had there been any wind. Such quantities of water did the brigade pour on the fire that at one time there was practically two feet of water in the yard and to enable this to flow back into the dike on the edge of the yard, a gully had to be cut. The Brigade was occupied between 15 and 16 hours in quelling the outbreak and were provided by Mr. Bagel with food and warm drinks. The cause of the outbreak is not known. 27 10 14 ES photo – 27 10 14(6) ES

New bridges: the two bridges under construction are now nearing completion. The one over the River Ouse is practically finished with the exception of making up the approaches. That over Cam not quite so forward

1927 10 15
Baldwin not to open Barrington, p3

1927 10 17
A slight failure occurred at one of the Electricity Supply Company substations and for about half-an-hour people living in Mill Road, Cambridge and not equipped with gas were feeling their way in the darkness. Temporary confusion reigned at the Gwydir Street baths where the weekly ablutions were being performed. All the baths were occupied and the bathers found themselves in a somewhat awkward predicament. One gentleman spent some time looking for the soap. But the situation was overcome by the prompt action of one of the attendants who sped to a nearby shop and purchased some candles.

1927 10 17
The new ballroom in the University Arms Hotel, Cambridge, with is delightful atmosphere, its perfect spring floor and super-modern lighting, welcomed the first of its dancing parties to a first-class dinner-dance equal in every way to the Savoy Hotel or any other London night-club. Splendidly rehearsed the Cambridge University Arms Hotel Band played all the latest music from London and New York. It was supplied by Stanley Miller whose Cantabrigians have already made good impressions on the Cambridge public

1927 10 17
Cambridge Co-operative Society opened its new model dairy at Sleaford Street. The manager, Mr J. Quincey said they were now retailing nearly 400 gallons a day. They served the purest and cleanest milk possible. "People say they want milk straight from the cow. But if they only saw the cleaning machine when it was taken to pieces it would surprise and probably stagger them to know the filth and dirt which came from the milk, even though they were getting the best milk from clean producers".

Soham police, p7
Parish constables' insurance, p7

1927 10 18
Cambridge Planning Committee considered a letter from the Cambridge Co-operative Society asking for St James Road to be renamed Sleaford Street. They agreed to take steps to this end. The Housing committee agreed that Triplex stoves be installed in the 112 houses being erected on the King's Hedges site and that work proceed with distempering 24 timber-framed houses on the site.

1927 10 18
The County Education Committee approved the erection of a village college at Sawston. The basis of the institution is a Senior School which will be an elementary and not a secondary school. This will provide an advanced education for older children and pay special attention to practical instruction, particularly woodwork, domestic subjects and gardening. They were anxious to give a really good education on a rural basis. It was an experiment that was practically unique. The name 'village college' has been chosen for a building which provided for both elementary and adult (including agricultural) education and at the same time would be available for social activities.

Corporation petrol, p5
Papworth scouts, p8

1927 10 19
The Ely coroner sat for four hours at the Red Lion, Stretham to inquire into the death of two men who met with a tragic end whilst motor cycling to their homes. The constable at Wilburton said he had received complaints respecting a motor lorry stationary on the Wilburton Road. He made an examination of the rear lamp, which was not alight so he obtained some oil and lit the lamp. Mr Warren later asked for permission to go and put some lights on it. Dr Charles Howe of Haddenham said he received a telephone message that two men had run into a stationary lorry and found the bodies lying on the grass beside the road.

Wilburton Road tragedy, p7

1927 10 20
The Chief Officer of Ely Fire Brigade reported on the fire in Stretham fen. It was in a most inaccessible place and they had difficulty in getting there. The lorry lamps were absolutely useless; any new lorry should have an electric lamp. Mr Harvey asked if the firemen got extra for the night hours. They put in a lot of time and the insurance people must be obliged to them for saving what they did. He thought they were not paid much for it. If there had been any farm hands to help they would have been away seven or eight hours earlier.

Wilbraham chalk pit fatality, p8

1927 10 21
King's Mill site cleared, p8

1927 10 21 ES
Wilburton fatality inquest, Stretham P.c. Saberton questioned – 27 10 21 & (2) ES

Black Bank station master A. Porter, retires. Started as telegraph clerk at Audley End – details of instrument. Then moved Newmarket, Cambridge, Lynn etc. To Black Bank in 1899 where spend 28 years. There was no siding at Pymore, which later erected. Station Yard considerably improved; formerly it so narrow that the heads of horses hung over the fence when loading against the trucks and a piece of land acquired. A new siding to cope with sugar beet trade. Since August 1921 he also had charge of Chettisham station. – 27 10 21(3) ES # c.26.1

Ely Rural Water Extension to Stretham, Haddenham, Wilburton and Lt Thetford … 'a monstrous proposition'. They could not afford to bring Grunty Fen in – it was the most badly-off place in the district. Having regard to the present great depression in agriculture and the difficulty in collecting the present rates, they should not proceed. – 27 10 21(4)&(5)

Laying Ely electric light cable, Barton Road – photo – 27 10 21(6) ES

1927 10 22
An extremely lively meeting was held at Matthew's Café in connection with the Cambridge University Labour Club's first meeting. Mr Jack Jones, M.P. was the speaker. The room was overflowing with undergraduates and women students of various political sections. Sugar was thrown, red flags exhibited and cries of "We want Jones" contributed to the general laughter and talking. Although interrupted countless times he managed to make his audience listen to what he had to say.

Pictures of Week series starts, p6
Housing shortage, p7
Tram line, p8

1927 10 26
Cambridge councillors spent a couple of hours observing the capabilities of another motor road sweeper, the "Karrier" Patent Road Sweeper, Sprinkler and Collector". It was first tried in Jesus Lane where a large quantity of newly fallen plane tree leaves were thickly scattered about the roadway and had drifted to a depth of four inches. A quantity of road sweepings had also been laid and pressed down firmly by passing traffic. Some of this and patches of horse droppings proved very difficult to remove and the large leaves presented a serious problem. A great quantity of the leaves was removed and lifted into the tipping truck at the back of the vehicle but some of the leaves spun round with the brush and were deposited on the roadway again behind it.

Grantchester village hall, p6

1927 10 28
Chesterton RDC considered the proposed erection of a bridge at Twenty-man's Ferry, near Cottenham. An application was received from Wilburton parish council that the bridge should be erected and the road be put in good repair. It would relieve the traffic from the Ely main road and relieve the congestion which was very acute on that road. They ought to get the feelings of the Cottenham people; the bridge would be a bigger benefit to them more than anybody else.

Tugs & Beet factory, p6*

1927 10 29
The fascinating experience of lunching in Cambridge in the atmosphere of our Elizabethan forefathers is made possible by the opening of new rooms at Messrs Matthew's Café in Trinity Street. They have acquired the two upper storeys of the building & turned rooms which were formerly part of a lodging house into a charming medieval retreat. The original beams and window frames remain as well as some beautiful old carvings and the rooms have been furnished in the style of the period, pains having been taken to securer faithful reproductions even down to lamps and pewter pots.

Ashley water, p3
Gale, p5
Bike parking, Sidney Street, p8

1927 10 31
Scrambler accident, p5

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1927 11 03
A man was charged with stealing a sack containing one pair of men's breeches and a shirt from the taproom of the Three Pickerels public house at Mepal. Henry Thomas Smith told the court he had gone to the pub with his bag, put it under a seat in the taproom and then gone into another room. When he went for his sack it had gone. The accused said: "I thought it was my mate's bag so I picked it up and took it away. When I saw Bill I found he had got his sack. It was a great mistake, and, on my oath I never stole it". He was fined £1.1s.8d

1927 11 03
A catastrophe was narrowly averted at Cambridge workhouse when the boiler "sprung a leak". Had the trouble not been promptly detected an explosion would have inevitably occurred. This was the second occasion during the week and it had only to be incapacitated for the laundry, heating and cooking to be at a standstill. The trouble was caused by an accumulation of chalk deposit from the water. It would not have occurred had the apparatus been cleaned out at regular intervals. The sooner they got rid of the boiler and chimney the better.

1927 11 05
Sawston village college, p5* & 7th p6
J.W. Snelson death, p7

1927 11 06 c
A verdict of accidental death was returned at an inquest into a labourer from Tan Yard, Northampton Street, Cambridge who died as the result of injuries sustained in a motor accident. John Mayes, cinema attendant at the Tivoli Cinema said deceased was pulling a handcart; he was in the shafts on the river side of Chesterton Road. He saw the left wing of the car hit the cart and the man went right under the car. William Tams, a photographer, estimated the car's speed at about 25 miles an hour. PC Brown said he saw the handcart being used to lever the car up in order to lift it off the man. The boy said "Some --- fool ran into me; don't let mother know".

1927 11 07
The County Council considered possible legislation to facilitate the conversion into hard metalled roads of fen droves, green lanes or similar roads which by reason of insufficient hard material were not fit to carry traffic at all seasons of the year, including private roads, occupation roads and roads set aside under Enclosure & Drainage Awards. At present it was nobody's duty to look after such roads and what little work was done to them was largely wasted. If the Government was going to do anything to encourage agriculture it could not do better than to improve these roads.

Twentypence bridge proposed, p3*
Sawston village college, p6

1927 11 10
Streets of Cambridge, p5
Linton water supply, p7

1927 11 11
Poppies! They were everywhere. The streets of Cambridge were ablaze with them. They were on every coat, in every conscience. Their spirit turned the town into a red riot of remembrance. As the day wore on the poppies grew thicker. A great army of 2,000 undergraduates sold the emblems with an enthusiasm which was unbounded. Early in the morning they were at their posts with their trays of flowers and collecting boxes and all through the day carried on their merry money hunt. Many played the role of highwaymen, boarding buses and holding up the traffic.

Bishop Stortford beet, p3

Jack Overhill, p5
River rescue Ely, p8
Dullingham shepherd, p9

1927 11 12
The Ouse Drainage Bill was rejected by a Joint Committee of Parliament. It was proposed to construct training walls, embankments, sluices and deepening channels and rate – differentially as between uplands and lowlands – the whole of the watershed from Oxford to the Wash. It was the adequacy of even this elaborate scheme and the apportionment of the cost which provoked strong opposition. Experts reported that if the proposals were not carried out "the danger of the district returning to its original condition of swamp is very real".

1927 11 12
Gloucester Street workshop for disabled soldiers in Cambridge, opened by Princess Mary last year, is represented at an exhibition at the Imperial Institute. Their stall contains all kinds of basketwork, knitting and other things made at the workshops. At present there are eight men working there. All are of over 60 per cent disability through the war, and one is of over 90 per cent. The workshop can never be a paying concern but good work is being done in enabling the men to earn sufficient money to keep them "off the dole". Colonel Willis, the secretary or Miss Brearley, manageress and instructress, would be pleased to see anyone interested.

1927 11 14
Rural planning – cottages, p6

1927 11 15
Two of the proudest men in Cambridge are Mr H.A. Hagger and Mr F.C. Fuller who were in charge of the stall of the Disabled Men's Workshop, Gloucester Street, at the Imperial Institute. It was the only stall attended by the actual men who made the goods and the contents were completely disposed of by mid-way through the week. The Queen bought a pair of heather-mixture socks and a waste paper basket. The Duchess of York bought a fancy rush stool remarking "It will do for Princess Elizabeth for the nursery". By the time the Prince of Wales visited they had nothing left to sell him.

Undergraduate death, p6

1927 11 16
Remarkable scenes in which an undergraduate fainted were witnessed at the Cambridge Union Society debate on the desirability of a wider knowledge of contraceptive methods. Ladies were excluded from the Hall for this debate and the gallery, which is usually used by them, was completely filled with undergraduates. A speaker referred to the effect of an overcrowded population on the poorer people. It was only by birth control that they had been able to keep up their standard of living; the issue was quantity of population against quality. But the best education a child could get was to grow up with brothers and sisters. The debate concluded that a wider knowledge of contraceptive methods was in the interest of both morality and social welfare.

1927 11 17
Described as one of the finest shop sites in Cambridge, no.3 Petty Cury was offered for sale by auction. The shop, now in the occupation of Mrs Kemp as a toy and fancy warehouse, was offered with vacant possession and is freehold. The auctioneer mentioned the tremendous difference that would be made to the Market Square end of Petty Cury by the opening up of a big new shop at the corner. Bidding quickly rose to £7,350 but did not reach the reserve price and was withdrawn. Immediately after the auction it was sold privately.

1927 11 18
A fire completely destroyed the premises of Messrs Norton and Naylor, electrical engineers, at the rear of 9 Staffordshire Street, Cambridge. It was a large wooden structure used as a store and

workshop, situated in a yard at the rear. It contained a large quantity of electrical fittings and a car, which was garaged there at the time was reduced to a complete wreck. This morning the derelict car stood in a setting of charred and blistered framework whilst among the debris was the frame of what was once a bicycle as well as numerous bulbs.

1927 11 21
Cottenham man at dance, p6

1927 11 22
Syd Greenall, the famous fen skater and professional champion of 1901, has died of double pneumonia. He was born in Cambridgeshire 42 years ago. At Belle Vue Kennels, Manchester, last summer, he was bitten by a dog and said, "This will kill me". Greenall was not only one of the world's fastest skaters, but was also a fine figure skater.

1927 11 23
The Cambridge Photographic Club exhibition contained 120 entries made in connection with the scheme for providing photographic records of objects of interest in the county, most of them thatched cottages which are not unlikely to disappear. Whittlesford, Balsham and Toft provided the largest numbers, these being villages to which excursions were organised during the summer months.

1927 11 25
The awkward position of the members of the Ouse Drainage Board on account of the rejection of the Drainage Bill led to lengthy discussions. The uplander, the fenlander and the lowlander were opposed to that Bill, the forces against it must have been tremendous and the rejection was a surprise to the Government officials who drafted it. They hoped that the new Bill that came forward would be from the fen people themselves, the trouble with the last one was that it came too much from above

1927 11 25
It was a memorable day in the history of St John's Church, Hills Road, Cambridge with the opening of the new Parish Hall and Sunday School. The hall, which is dedicated chiefly to the use of young people, is a fine building of red brick and is situated on the site of the old Mission Church in Blinco Grove. The Women's Union have made themselves responsible for the porch and entrance, raising £130 & money for the electric light has been raised by Miss Gwatken and her Bible Class.

1927 11 25
A Cottenham drain had got into a very bad condition and was an offence, councillors heard. The matter had been raised in 1913 when the owner of the house was prosecuted and the magistrates had decided the drain was a sewer. At Ivatt Street there was a main road and a private street and two blocks of six houses nearby. Every pair of houses had a gully into which they threw refuse and that drained into the cesspool. The drain had got into a very bad condition and was an offence to all 12 houses, but the owner declined to take any steps.

Chesterton Road fatality, p5
Ouse Board's future, p6*

1927 11 25 ES
Isle roads and bridges; includes new road from Downham to Welney; at present were fences and gates across the bank for letting herbage in sections, these should be removed. Concrete Road laid to carry traffic to Beet Factory. Dimmock's Cote Road to be main road. Mepal Counter Bridge reconstruction. – 27 11 25 & (2)(3) ES

Stretham: estimate of W.T. Rayner for rebuilding a boundary wall and shop front in connection with an improvement to the main road accepted. Correspondence on abolition of feasts and fairs on public highway, more particularly with proposals for the discontinuation of the annual Feast in Stretham; Isle take no action but write Home Office requesting opinion of Secretary of State – 27 11 25(2) ES

1927 11 26
Chesterton RDC received the layout submitted by Cambridge Estates Ltd for a new building estate in the parish of Impington. They had acquired 30 acres of land. The estate a considerable frontage to Arbury Road. It could be drained mainly into Milton Road by a new road to be called Hurst Park Avenue. It would be developed uniformly on garden suburb lines with wide roads & grass verges.

1927 11 26
The Isle of Ely County Council intends shortly to remove the constable stationed at Coveney to Wimblington and the police station would be abolished. The Coveney beat would then be amalgamated with Witchford. They discussed suggestions that the Isle and Huntingdonshire police forces should be amalgamated, but they did not know whether one Chief Constable could be able to give the same attention to two counties as he had given in one. The County Medical Officer preferred to have a Smith Premier typewriter to any British make he had seen, but Coun. Buswell said it would not do.

Littleport rats, p7*

1927 11 30
The annual concert and prize distribution of Slepe Hall School took place in the Corn Exchange, St Ives when a large gathering enjoyed a delightful programme of music provided by the staff and pupils. The certificates and prizes won by the girls were distributed by the Principal of Homerton College. She urged parents not to withdraw their girls, whenever possible, until the end of their school time, as a completed education was more necessary than ever in the new world and urged the girls to choose something for their future life which might be to them a vocation, no matter how bold such an enterprise might seem.

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1927 12 01
A portion of the estate of the late Mr Benjamin Jolley, comprising practically the whole of Great Eastern Street, Cambridge was offered for auction. There was a large company and prices ranged from £120 to £142 each. Ten houses in Gwydir Street fetched £2,250 but nos.38-42 Cherryhinton Road were withdrawn.

1927 12 02
Shelford Amateur Sports Association held their boxing competition in the Village Hall when the building was packed to its utmost capacity. The best fight of the evening was that between A.C. Manser (RAF) and C. Stubbings (C.A.B.C.), both men fighting the whole bout without easing for a moment. Manser, despite the handicap of a cut eye, gamely stuck to his task and was warmly applauded for his spirited show when Stubbings was awarded a well-deserved decision.

1927 12 02
The Coroner was occupied for some time inquiring into the death of an Automobile Association patrol scout who collided with a motor lorry at Sawbridgeworth. He had been a scout for two years and previously been a despatch rider in the army. He had ridden a motor cycle for 13 or 14 years. A lorry driver said he was just pulling up to light his lamps and heard a crash. He was travelling at about ten miles an hour. He found the scout had run into the offside front mudguard of the lorry and damaged the oil box. The lorry was a three-ton Fiat and averaged 12 miles per hour.

1927 12 02 ES
Middle Level pumping scheme; Ministry's offer funding for new pumping station at St Germans withdrawn: would be pumping against the tide and 30 miles from danger area at Whittlesey Mere – 27 12 02 & (2) ES

1927 12 03
According to the Master of Bailiol, not even a Scot can now manage in Oxford on less than £200 a year unless he had not enough to eat. But £250 should suffice for anybody. One undergraduate thinks a man can do "fairly comfortably" on £300 a year, providing he had not expensive tastes. A Cambridge Fresher says he has spent £150 on college bills, £30 on furniture, clubs £16, clothes £30, books £13, tips £15, gate fines £2 this term. If he goes on at the same rate for the next two terms he is in for an expensive first year!

Lofts Hall estate sale, p3

1927 12 05
A fire which might have spread with serious consequences broke out at the Ely Beet Factory. The canteen, which is a wooden building used for sleeping quarters, was discovered to be on fire at 12.57 am and within 20 minutes a considerable portion was burned to the ground. Immediately on discovery of the outbreak a telephone message was sent to the police and they gave the alarm to the Ely, Cambridge and Littleport Brigades. Within 11 minutes Ely brigade was out of the station and arriving at the scene found the place burning very fiercely. They played on it with water from the Ouse, which flows by the factory. Fortunately the flames did not spread to the sugar store, which stands close by. All the occupants of the sleeping quarters managed to escape uninjured with the exception of the nephew of the canteen manager who sustained bad burning injuries to the face.

1927 12 06
Cambridge Councillors heard that Mr D. Page had been appointed to act as pindar at a wage of £2 18s. 2d. per week, which included 5s, the value of the cottage now occupied by his predecessor, Mr C. Everitt. As he was unable to occupy the cottage at Coldham's Common there was a difficulty in locking and unlocking the gate and it was agreed that Mr Everitt be paid 10s a week for such services.

1927 12 06
Alfred Seaman, of Lt Chesterford told magistrates he was driving a steam tractor and saw a lorry proceeding towards Saffron Walden. The lorry was travelling about 25 mph and he gave it plenty of room to pass. He looked back and saw it crash into the Eight Bells public house. William Wright said he did not understand much about speed but the lorry was travelling at a terrific rate, which caused it to skid. PC Little said there were marks which showed it skidded 27 yards before it mounted the pavement and crashed into the doorway of the public house.

University Press, Trumpington Street improvement, p6

1927 12 07
Sir – the death of Mr Alfred Lander has cast quite a gloom over the Sidgwick Avenue – Silver Street bit of Cambridge. For many a year his familiar figure stood in all weathers under his big old tree, sheltered by the wall, generally accompanied by a robin or dog, his special friends. A casual passer-by might suppose he did nothing but stand there holding his broom, but he was a very useful man. To the best of his limited ability he was famous for going messages and taking care of this and that – and all this above and beyond his 'professional' work as a crossing-sweeper (the only unofficial one in the town). So afflicted, but such a simple, kindly and cheery soul; accident made him a cripple in his childhood, and life must have been a long struggle but of late things have been brighter again for him – A mourner

1927 12 08
For some times the rivalries of various motor bus drivers plying for hire between Newmarket and Burwell have been particularly keen, and there has been some trouble that has got as far as the Police Court. A bus driver employed by Albert Norman of Exning said he had got to the corner near the church at Burwell when an Ortona bus passed, going 30 mph, and cut right in front of him, which necessitated him jamming on his brakes to avoid an accident. The driver told him: "If you don't let me

pass I shall smash the back of your bus in. That is just what you little people want, so that you can get a new bus". The magistrate said the rivalry among the bus drivers was a danger to the public and must cease.

Littleport jeweller affairs – Davies, p7

1927 12 09
Sentence reduced, p3
Motor services, p6

1927 12 09 ES
Ely Beet Factory canteen gutted – 27 12 09 ES; photo – 27 12 09(2) ES

1927 12 10
Time was when "a village library" implied a shelf or two of antiquated and goody-goody books which had been discarded and presented by bygone residents who had fixed opinions as to the literary fare appropriate for villagers. Nowadays the books sent each quarter to a village can be selected by the residents, and their quantity and quality have only one limit – the demand that exists. There is a branch of the county library in every village, which means that everybody can now obtain any book needed for study from the Central Library for Students. The amount spent on a free library service which benefits every person in the community is not likely to be grudged by ratepayers.

Cambridge prison, p5*

1927 12 13
The Home of Mercy in Christchurch Street, Cambridge continues to do valuable work for girls in need, both in material matters and spiritually. It is almost always full & parents of the inmates express their gratitude for the care in training the girls. Eighteen have been admitted during the past year and eight have been provided with outfits, earned by good conduct marks, and placed out in service. Four have been certified under the Mental Deficiency Act, two returned to their friends, one refused to stay and one died of meningitis. Several have been baptised, confirmed and admitted to Holy Communion; some had to be taught even the Lord's Prayer and many are admitted in a low condition of mental and bodily health.

Wide roads, p5

1927 12 14
The new font cover of Balsham church is the work of the Rector, Canon H. Burrell and has taken eight years to build. It is a magnificent structure, reaching about thirty feet from the ground, and hangs from the roof. It is a telescopic: the upper portion is suspended as a permanent canopy over the font and the lower part, which acts as the lid, is hung to it by a system of steel wire ropes and pulleys. For the balance weight a 9.4 naval shell has been used.

1927 12 15
A conference is to discuss the problem of the accommodation of tramps at Cambridge workhouse. In 1926 there was an alarming increase of over 5,000 which they hoped was due to the general strike but this year the number had been exceeded. They could deal with 60 male tramps but on one night had 118. They had to sleep on the floor, between the beds and in the corridor and the arrangement for bathing, searching, disinfecting and washing clothes became hopelessly inadequate. The solution may be found in an agreement between the Cambridge and Chesterton Union to pool resources

1927 12 15
Cambridgeshire County Council has written to the Cambridge Workhouse Infirmary committee saying that a general authority could not be given for dentures to be supplied to defectives maintained in the Institution. But if they were necessary in special cases they would authorise the expense to be

incurred. It was decided, with expressions of satisfaction, to furnish the names of the inmates requiring dentures, together with the estimated cost.

A.E. Wright, Stretham, death, p7
Hinxton schoolmistress assaulted, p8

1927 12 15 c
Some of the best-known makes of motor cars are to be seen at Cox's Motor Company, Cambridge, the firm being agents for Armstrong-Siddeley, Riley and Vulcan. Their showroom windows always attract the person interested in cars and accessories and just now they are making a special feature of Riley models, including the San Remo saloon at £265 and the Monaco model at £285. They also specialise in the Lea-Francis cars.

1927 12 15 c
Many a charming gift can be purchased at a chemist's shop. Ladies always find scent very acceptable and at Messrs Campkin and Sons, Rose Crescent, Cambridge, there can be obtained a choice selection of perfume. Soap and bath salts in dainty packages, or toilet brushware are suggestions that may help to solve the gift problems for those whose pockets are not very deep.

1927 12 16
2mph motoring, p3*
Fishery board, p5
Snailwell plane crash, p5

1927 12 16 ES
Ely Market Day crash – lamp standard in front of Lloyd's Bank – 27 12 16(3) ES

Land drainage: report of Royal Commission: general drainage rate should be amended, catchment areas – 27 12 16 & (2) ES # c.29

1927 12 17
Conservative club, p8*
Shepherds, p8

1927 12 19
Coxton Hall fire, p8*

1927 12 20
Skating, p5*

1927 12 21
Glacial morning, p6

1927 12 23
Newmarket Guardians refreshments, p7
Sandwich man, p8

1927 12 24
Thousands of bottles of old ale, specially brewed for Trinity College and matured in the college cellars, have been sent this Christmas to Cambridge men all over the country. Trinity Audit Ale is declared by brewers to be the finest known. Every year there is a big demand for it, but not a bottle is allowed to be sold to the public and only present and past members of the college are allowed to buy it. The ale is matured for two years before it is sold and treated with all the care of an old wine. The recipe of the drink, which until fairly recently was brewed in the college itself, is kept a secret.

Chesterton library, p11

1927 12 27
Christmas in Cambridge was of the good, old-fashioned sort. A dreary, drizzly, cold and miry Christmas Eve gave way to a fine rain which gradually changed to sleet and the wind began to rumble hollowly in the chimneys. About noon a few snowflakes made their appearance and by two o'clock the snow came swirling down, the air was filled with large flakes and the outer world was whitening rapidly. Every tree and shrub was a picture of wintry beauty and many of the eaves of the houses carried a fringe of slowly-dripping icicles.

1927 12 27
Cambridge Conservatives who, following the disastrous fire in Market Passage in November last year, have been accommodated in temporary club premises in Petty Cury, returned to the splendid new club which Phoenix-like has risen from the ashes of the old premises. As before there is a fine lounge billiard room with four tables on the top floor, and a fine lounge and smokeroom with secretary's office and card room adjoining. Two new rooms will be used as a reading and writing room and a committee room. The colour scheme is brown and buff. The ground floor is not yet complete but will consist of a large hall with a spring dance

1927 12 27
Many of the main roads in the county were blocked with snowdrifts from six to ten feet deep over Christmas. Trains, motor buses and cars were held up and travellers stranded. The wheels of the mail vans were equipped with chains with the result that hold-ups were uncommon, though one van on the Histon – Milton Road had to be dug out. A thatched cottage at Melbourn collapsed about seven o'clock in Sunday evening. The bedroom end of the house fell out, but, happily, Mrs Greig was in the bottom room and escaped injury. She would not move however until the policeman came on Monday morning. She is now living in a cottage just opposite.

1927 12 27
The Ortona motor buses had a terrible time in the blizzard. Two buses were stuck in snowdrifts out Newmarket way, one near Teversham corner, a Willingham bus on the Huntingdon Road near the Five Bells, a Caxton bus near Toft and a Saffron Walden bus near Whittlesford station, where they remained many hours. Another bus got nearly to Sawston before it got stuck and had to be dug out and the Fulbourn bus could only get as far as the Robin Hood, Cherry Hinton. Relief gangs were sent to the rescue of the stranded vehicles and they were being dug out and coming home one by one.

1927 12 28
Blizzard, p3
Xmas, p6

1927 12 29
Snow, p5

1927 12 30 ES
Snow: Wilburton Road closed to traffic, Military Road impassable, Old West River frozen bank to bank – 27 12 30 ES

1927 12 31
A serious fire broke out at the Edison Bell Gramophone Factory, Huntingdon, as a result of which 400 employees, the majority girls, are thrown out of work. The flames spread with great rapidity and as the majority of the buildings were of wood they were soon caught in the blaze. The works are the property of Messrs Hough Bros, the well-known gramophone record makers of Camberwell and have been in existence a little over three years. They have also added the manufacture of wireless appliances. Lost in the fire were many valuable stocks of records and electrical apparatus.

County to buy gaol, p6

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1928 01 02
When Mr Arthur Deck fired the second rocket on Parker's Piece on New Year's Eve it was his parting shot, for he was performing the ceremony for the last time. A century-old custom, with which three generations of the Deck family have been associated, will fall into abeyance. Before the war the rockets used to be sent up at the entrance to King's College but in 1913 the stick attached to one of the rockets fell through a glass roof of a college and did appreciable damage so he changed the scene of operations to Parker's Piece.

1928 01 02
The Home Secretary has decided to discontinue the Cambridge prison on Castle Hill and has offered it to the County Council for £4,812. The buildings consist of a central block comprising laundry, workshop, kitchen, labour cells, ladder store, hospital, photographers' hut, execution shed, schoolroom and governor's house. The Office of Works wishes to lease the main buildings to store their records in. This would not prevent the council in the future from building a new county hall on the prison site.

Toft floods, p3

1928 01 03
Floods, p5

1928 01 04 c
At the annual dinner of the Cambridge Motor Club Mr King said that 32 years ago there was only one motor car in Cambridge, the owner being the Hon C.S. Rolls, then a student at Trinity College. He had seen him riding in the car with a friend with another man walking in front with a red flag. The speed was two miles an hour in the town and four miles per hour in the country. He did not know what some of them would do if that regulation came in force again.

1928 01 05
The rapid thaw has caused one of the worst floods at St Ives for many years. Low-lying parts of the town are flooded. The scene at the old bridge was a magnificent one as the ice on the river broke up into huge masses and hurled themselves with considerable force against the old buttresses, becoming piled up for many feet. The iron railway bridge near Enderby's was only a few inches higher than the water level. Wadsworth's steps and Mr Day's boathouse were washed away and some of the boats damaged. The floods extended for many miles.

1928 01 05
The Old West River at Stretham Bridge was brimming over by mid-day. Several of the cottages near the bridge had been invaded by the water which was lapping each side of the road & trickling over the top of the banks in one or two places. The water on the west side of the road was above the level of the roadway and was only held back by the low bank at the side of the road, through which it was forcing its way in thin trickles. A gang of men was busy stopping the leaks with gault but in one or two places a few inches of water lay partly across the road.

1928 01 05

Hardwick is the poorest parish in the district. The road in the centre of the village was not fit to be called a road at all. It was one of the most dangerous, treacherous, roads in England & was getting narrower. Application for purer water had been made in March 1899 but it was still unsatisfactory. They had applied for eight houses in 1919 but none were built. There were people in the village at present times whose children were living in other houses.

1928 01 06
A gale swept through Cambridge & telephone communication to all places was lost, with the exception of direct traffic to London. Three large windows at the front of Eden Baptist Church, Fitzroy Street, were blown in and the wreckage smashed three front seats in the gallery. The flag staff at Great St Mary's church snapped under the pressure of the high wind. Cyclists who attempted to battle against the elements were almost stationary on their machines. In Hills Road an errand boy was blown from his bike and sustained a cut knee. In the flooded areas the wind whipped the water into whirling maelstroms.

Lordship farm, p5
Deaf, p6
1928 01 06 ES
Grave flood dangers, 33 engines fighting River Ouse water – 5ft 4" above normal.
At Stretham Ferry Bridge the river overflowed banks on Tuesday morning but authorities were able to deal with the emergency. At Cottenham Lode the water was flowing over the banks.
The situation made worse by the big ice flows which were working their way into the Ten Mile River and work hampered because of the inability to get stores to the dredgers. In Sutton and Mepal districts snow still piled high on the roadside and in the fields.
The road from Littleport to Welney, a distance of six miles, is impassable, the floods being too great for any vehicular traffic to pass through.
The Causeway at Mepal flooded for nearly a fortnight and communication established by means of motor buses and boats – people had to be rowed across to the Mepal side of the road in a boat then taken by another bus. Boat work undertaken by John Waters but when the water was nearly 2ft 6" deep he was forced to discontinue, not so much on account of the tremendous rush of water which swept over the road but because of the tremendous ice floes – had the boat been struck it would have been holed. Gigantic masses of ice have hurled themselves over the road, carrying thick wooden posts as though they were matchwood. Some 20 men, unable to cross because of the ice, had to spend a weary time in an endeavour to reach their homes at Mepal. They were compelled to journey to Chatteris by car and from then proceed via Somersham to Bluntisham Station, where they entrained for Sutton. They then had to walk to Mepal.
Ice made the road between Sutton Gault and Earith Bridge extremely difficult for horse and motor traffic and on reaching Earith Bridge the road to Earith was completely under water. A small holder stated that in order to feed his cattle he had to board a train at Bluntisham and come that distance to get to Earith Bridge Station, which, had the road not been impassable, would have been a mere stone's throw. One man took the risk of going over the road in a motor lorry. This took three-quarters of an hour as the driver had to dismount and push away masses of ice. It was so thick that light motor cars actually crossed on it between Earith and the Hermitage.
At Prickwillow water is only a foot off the top of the bank; the pumping engine is working at full pressure. At the bridge the bank has been made higher with a miniature mud-bank and a considerable amount of water lies between the bank at the Anchor Inn. On Tuesday night water began to ooze through the bank near the Inn and buckets had to be used to clear the cellar. The new pumping engine is working at full pressure and Mr Fred Stannard, the engineer has had a very busy time looking after this important draining plant. The river outside the engine is only a foot below the top of the bank. The old engine is not being used at present but it may be necessary to call it into use at any time. The banks were weakened by the hot summer of 1921 and have not had any pressure of water against them since. It is about 30 years since such a flood was experienced near Prickwillow.
At Littleport, near Sandal Bridge, the river is flooded considerably and the water is level with the railway line - 38 01 06 & (2) ES # c.12.5 # c.29

Stretham:
Floods: after some 120 hours freezing the thaw has left Stretham a miniature island. An excellent view of the floods could be obtained from the New Bridge at the Gravel.
Some excellent skating was enjoyed … Mr Cyril Parish had a miraculous escape. With a number of friends we was skating over the ice-covered river when without warning he found himself up to his neck in water almost twelve feet deep. B. Langford rush to his assistance and was able to prevent him sinking and slipping under the ice, saving his life

1928 01 07
Everybody's buying parachutes. They are war-time parachutes purchased from the Air Ministry and are being sold at the business establishment of a well-known Cambridge alderman. A friend of mine dropped in to purchase one and was interest to note the date and place of origin stamped on each. The inscription in black lettering reads: "W. Holmes and Son Ltd, Orwell, Cambs". The date was 28th November 1918, just after the Armistice. It is a curious coincidence that these parachutes made for war purposes a few miles from Cambridge had come back nine years later to be sold in a Cambridge emporium for the practical uses of motor car covers, dust-sheets, tents and the like

1928 01 07
A fire broke out at a bungalow at Caldecote known as 'South View', home of John Smith, a market gardener. The building which was of two storeys consisted of four rooms and a lean-to attached. Owing to its exposed situation and the strong wind that was blowing the fire blazed with great fury and pieces of burning material were blown towards Manor Farm. Police and villagers did what they could but as its interior was match-boarded it was impossible to save the bungalow, which was completely destroyed. Only the iron framework and corrugated iron roofing and part of the lean-to is remaining. Even the concrete slabs of the walls were levelled to the ground. It was warmed by a stove, the chimney of which went up through the flooring of the bedroom above and it is believed that the high wind drawing up the fire in the stove overheated the pipe.

1928 01 07
A break 35 yards long in the bank of the Little Ouse River, two miles below Wilton Bridge near Lakenheath, occurred shortly after midnight. The Ouse Drainage Board engineers are on the spot with boats laden with gault and a gang of men are working hard to stop the leak. The floods are still rising in the Fen district. The situation is serious but no further breaks are reported. The banks are being carefully watched and weak spots have been strengthened and it is hoped they will hold out.

Castle Mound, p8
New Year rockets, p8

1928 01 09
An outbreak of small-pox is reported at Doddington Workhouse; there are six cases at present. The first was that of an ordinary casual and since his entry into the Institution four other male inmates and one nurse have been stricken with the disease. As there is no isolation hospital or isolation ward the situation is viewed with alarm. We are asked to emphasise that the Institution is closed to all tramps.

Longstowe carrier, p5*

1928 01 10
During the gales the terrific wind partly demolished the Baptist Chapel at Needingworth, a large brick and tile building erected in 1861, and rendered the remainder of the structure unsafe. The tiles were blown in all directions through the air and wrecked property all around. The plate glass windows of Mr Bedford's shop opposite were broken and Mrs Bedford's kitchen stove (an Eagle range) was shifted about two feet by the heavy concussion of tons of falling masonry. Windows were also smashed at the houses of Mr R & W.J. Senescall which adjoin the chapel on the other side. Several trees were also blown down and the telegraph wires were broken.

1928 01 10 c
A meeting was held to consider collaboration between the Cambridge and Chesterton Unions in the alleviation of the tramp problem. For some reason very few tramps go to Chesterton but very many go to Cambridge which is very seriously overcrowded. The indoor poor of the two unions should be managed by one committee who would gather together all the sick, all the babies, all the children and all the tramps and distribute them between the two existing union houses as seemed most convenient.

1928 01 10
The Toft carrier, Mr John Chapman, lost his balance when getting into his cart while owing to a strong gust of wind, and fell heavily, striking his head on the ground. For the past 43 years as a carrier and egg and poultry dealer he has regularly attended the Cambridge market on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Although 78 years of age he was a man of exceptional vitality, able to carry on his business with all the energy and vigour of his former days.

1928 01 10
An inquiry was held into proposals to alter the charges for stalls on Cambridge market. There were 112 stalls, 64 of which were interior stalls but some, particularly those at the four corners of the market were more valuable than others. The present charge was 2s. 6d. per day and it was proposed to increase it to 6s. 10s for corner stalls, with frontage stalls increased to 4s.8d and the interior stalls raised to 3s. 4d. But the proposals had not been received with enthusiasm by the traders.

1928 01 10
Reports from the flooded areas in the Fens show that the water is gradually subsiding. The position at the break in the bank of the River Wissey at Hilgay was unchanged. Water was still pouring through the gap and no attempt could be made at present to stop it. The arrival by rail of 10,000 more sandbags is being awaited. Men are in readiness to begin work on filling the gap as soon as the water level admits. At present the rush of water is too great.

1928 01 11
An inquiry was held into Cambridge council's application to borrow money for the purchase of property in Peas Hill for an extension of the Guildhall. There was an increase of administrative staff and the offices were not adequate to enable the duties to be carried out efficiently. With the acquisition of the property the Corporation would hold the entire island site which would facilitate the suggested scheme for the reconstruction of the Guildhall. They had been met in a conciliatory spirit by the owners of the property and a favourable provisional agreement had been arrived at.

1928 01 12
The condition of the boiler house chimney at Cambridge Workhouse which was erected a year ago was discussed. A fire had been lit two days after the work was completed when it should not have been lit for 14 days & the chimney had cracked because the cement was not dry. The Guardians tried to find who had given the order but the person responsible was not discovered. Mr Kidman's foreman said he had found the fire alight and the pipe leading to the brickwork was white hot. The chimney had been put up because of complaints of smoke from Gwydir Street but they only had to look to see a chimney double the height which got the same complaint.

1928 01 13 ES
Swollen fen rivers. Highest water levels for many years.
Littleport streets flooded, City Road residents gained access by walking over a plank from the garden of George Cox's home to a wagon stationed in the middle of the road. People wished to visit Mr Cox's shop had to use back door. Occupants of The Holmes had to be recused and carried to safety, then stayed with relatives.
Ely high water – so large was crowd on High Bridge it was like a seaside promenade.
Stretham: one topic 'Would the banks hold the tremendous amount of water. Acres of land flooded, water several feet deep on Military Road smallholdings. Town allotments flooded as were those in Grunty Fen. The engines have been working continuously, day and night. The engines working

continuously to combat the water. The Military Road engine had two or three feet of water on Sunday but this was pumped out after several houses and the floor re-cemented in order that the engine might continue to pump. The water was actually running on to the road at Stretham Ferry but remedied by sault and sand bags. Gale: chimney pots and tiles dislodged, hen-houses were minus roofs. One shed at the old tennis court was completely swept down; stacks blown down in farmyard
Prickwillow much anxiety for safety of banks. The Isleham bank showed signs of 'slipping' but gault gangs remedied it. Watchers were out all night testing the banks and soil was carted from the Shell Farm and Putney Hill to strengthen weal placed. It is many years since the parapet of the bridge was removed so as to enable the men to ship the gault by the lighters
Gale sweeps the fens; bathing huts at Ely blown into the river, telephone service disrupted, four breakdowns on railway between Ely and Cambridge. On line to Downham Market linesman had to wade knee-deep in water; it is twelve years since the lines were so badly disorganised
Damage at March – trees blown down, property suffers
Littleport station flooded a foot deep, hundreds of bags placed beside river, floods in Mr Purdy's premises and in front of Mr Cox's shop.
Wissey breaks its banks, 1,000 acres flooded; people leave homes and farmers save cattle
Sutton area danger, men rushed to strengthen west bank of Counter Wash drain. Road to Chatteris from Mepal flooded for a foot, Mepal Causeway had now been flooded for 20 days
Middle Level floods higher than since 1916. Old Bedford reached highest level since 1897; gates at Salter's Lode, which open automatically, could not open owing to the wind, combined with the fact that the Sutton and Mepal and Manea and Welney Drainage Districts were discharging water into the river by powerful centrifugal pumps installed in past three years in place of the old water wheels.
Great quantities of ice in Old Bedford but gale blew it to the opposite bank; men near Mepal Engine could heard the cracking of the ice on the other side of the Wash, half a mile away
At Sutton houses suffered damage; flooded washes turned into a raging sea. High waves rolled and crashed against and over the banks. The spray was thrown high into the air, a rolling, mist-like cloud hanging over the wash area as far as the eye could see.
Haddenham: F. Norman's garden wall, Linden End, blown down. Thatch and an iron harrow (put on top to keep the thatch on) was blown off. Vine House damaged, a walnut tree blown down at Hinton Hall. The 'Hare and Hounds' inn sign blown down. Gable end of Wm Savidge's bungalow (recently built) was blown in. A mustard stack belonging A.D. Palmer, was carried away and strewn on neighbouring fields. The top of G. Bearcock's office was blown off and a hanging lamp blown over the top of the house into the road.
Wisbech football grandstand wrecked. – 28 01 13 & (2)(3)(4)(5) ES
Flood photos, Littleport and Mepal – 28 01 13(6) # c.29 # c.12.5

1928 01 14
Fordham sale, p7
Market tolls, p8
Denver sluice, p8

1928 01 16
Sir – there are a great many dangerous corners in Cambridge. Burleigh Street corner is dangerous on account of the Eden Baptist Chapel standing in the midst of this busy thoroughfare. I suppose this chapel has been in existence from time immemorial, but as times are now and as traffic grows bigger and bigger, there certainly ought to be something done to remove this obstacle from this blind corner – E. Claydon

1928 01 16
At day-break a four-roomed house at West Street Comberton suddenly collapsed while the occupants and their three small children were still in their beds. Both the upper and lower rooms at the north end, where they were sleeping, completely collapsed. One of the beds was precipitated partly into an adjoining yard and two of the ceiling joists fell heavily right between the two elder children sleeping in their beds. That they all escaped serious injury is a miracle. The greater part of the furniture was

subsequently got out by willing helpers. Hundreds of people came and viewed the damage during Sunday.

1928 01 17
Dry Drayton fire, p6

1928 01 18
Pinehurst school fire, p6
Isleham drain, p8*

1928 01 21
Rage in West End, p5
Railway journey, p6
Camilla Carlisle wrote 'Silver Throne', p6
Poor men at Cambridge, p6

1928 01 23
Ald L. Tebbutt objected to proposals for a bridge over the Old West River at Twentypence Ferry. Cottenham would be linked to two villages in the Isle of Ely – Wilburton and Haddenham, but he did not see that even Cottenham had very great interest in the matter. It was a very awkward road from Cottenham to Cambridge through Histon. There were so many corners at Histon – it was one of the worst places in the country. If they spent the money in putting Histon straight it would be of much greater benefit.

1928 01 23
An interesting discussion in regard to the future of Cambridge Prison and the Castle Mound took place at a meeting of the County Council. The Home Secretary would convey it to them for £4,812. The County did not want the mound, which was more closely connected with Cambridge than the rest of the county. All persons interested, including the Borough Council and the Cambridge Antiquarian Society would be consulted when its future was settled. Something was also said about the possibility of removing the County Hall in Hobson Street to the Shire Hall site.

1928 01 23
It was with feelings of justifiable pride and deep gratitude that the Unitarians of Cambridge assembled in their new Memorial Church, Emmanuel Road for its dedicatory service. It stands as a perpetual memorial to the memory of Mr G.W. Brown. The church has been designed by Ronald P. Jones who was responsible for the Church Hall in 1922 and follows the normal "college chapel" design. Prof Burkitt referred to the difficulties the movement experienced in the '80s when services were held in the smoky atmosphere of a billiard room in Green Street.

1928 01 24
Police box, p3
Abbey Road bridge, p6

1928 01 26
Ely traffic scheme, p5
Workhouse firewood, p8

1928 01 27
The Ouse Drainage Board discussed the breach of the bank of the River Wissey. It was said the cause was the action of the sluice-keeper at Denver in not opening the new eye during the floods. But the reason it had not worked was that the frost was so severe; the sluice was pulled up and great difficulty was experienced in getting it down as the grooves were covered with ice. When the thaw set in the door was eased and had worked splendidly ever since. The floods were caused by the large flow of

water down the Cam and the other three rivers into the Ten Mile. It was the highest flood ever recorded at Denver Sluice, three inches higher than in February 1919

1928 01 27
Cambridge council discussed recommendations to build a bridge over the river at or near Abbey Road. An inner ring road would circle the town on the outskirts which was necessary in view of the ever-increasing traffic and congestion in the centre of Cambridge. They suggested that a direct by-pass road be constructed by linking Chesterton Road with Milton Road

1928 01 27 ES
Stretham – interest in proposed water scheme; residents believe there is sufficient supply. District Council's scheme would cost £6,000
Meeting agreed to test well in the centre of the village. Investigate whether a private scheme could be worked at less cost; several meetings discuss at great length. Decide to work a private scheme provided obtain co-operation with the village at large and provided there was sufficient water in the springs. They arranged with Messrs C. Lack of Cottenham, experts, to test well near the Old School. Were some good wells but many houses did not. There was a little village which had its own works costing a third that charged by RDC.
If they had a private scheme only those who used water would have to pay. They had water in the centre of the village, a stream that had been running for ages – the one with which the mortar was mixed when the Church was built.
Rev Stitt: there are springs on my premises – beautiful, like champagne.
RDC scheme wold run a line through Stretham, turn north at Mission Hall and follow Front Street and High Street past the church to the windmill. Several side-streets and back lanes will have lines - details - 28 01 27 ES

1928 01 28
Finding that the spire of St Clement's church, Cambridge was in a dangerous condition a small army of workmen are busy erecting scaffolding. The pinnacle above the tower is to be taken down and will not be re-erected. A hole in the spire about ten feet by three feet is visible from the road and it is believed that the trouble was caused by the recent gale. The spire is a later addition to the church, having been erected in 1832 according to instructions under the will of William Cole of Milton.

1928 01 28
Cambridge borough council considered plans from the Cambridge Estates Ltd for the construction of roads and sewers on the Hurst Park Estate which has an acreage of 30 acres, nine being in Cambridge and 21 in the parish of Impington. It is proposed to erect approximately 190 houses. Ald Raynes thought the public who were considering purchasing plots should be fully aware of what they were doing. Only a small portion of the estate was within Cambridge and the rest was in the Chesterton Rural District Council's area who did not have a single bylaw affecting buildings or the construction of roads

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Castle Mound, p8
New Year rockets, p8
King's Mill, p8*

1928 01 30
The story of the Chesterton ghost has attracted crowds of people to the pathway skirting the Willows and there were quite 200 spook-hunters waiting for something to turn up. Of course nobody takes the story seriously and even children have braved the darkness and the barbed wire fences to join in the hunt. All sorts of practical jokes have been played and one enthusiast sallied forth with a sheet until people started throwing things! Someone said that the ghost was defunct, having been shot by a policeman. But if the spirit doesn't materialise on the Willows it most certainly will in a licensed establishment in the adjoining Cam Road

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1928 02 02
Stuntney will, p6
Bottisham drunkenness, p6

1928 02 03
A rabbit hunt was organised at Linton and a large number gathered to enjoy the sport provided. There were about 80 men, most of whom were armed with stout sticks and about 50 dogs of all sorts and sizes. The affair, which has now become an annual event, attracted people from all parts of the region. The hunt started from Green Hill and within 200 yards the first kill was made. Up to lunch 18 rabbits and one hare had been killed and afterwards they went to Payne's Pasture where rabbits were in abundance and kills numerous.

Haverhill trader, p3
Dunlop tyres, p8

1928 02 03 ES
Wentworth church dedicated memorial to Queen Victoria: crucifix in central panel of East Window – 28 02 03(2) ES

Adelaide Village Institute opened – 28 02 03 ES – photo – 28 02 03(3) ES

1928 02 04
The tea given to old folks at the Comberton Institute was one of the pleasantest and most enjoyable functions ever held in the village. About 80 persons responded to the invitations. The long rows of tables had been arranged by the lady members and a plentiful supply of flowers and plants added to the cheerful scene. Many of those present were over 80 years old, the oldest being Mrs Ann Marshall who is 88. After a sumptuous repast the tables were cleared for dancing and tobacco freely distributed for the men and oranges for the ladies. William Huckle, who is 83, gave a step-dance with the vitality of a youth of 18.

1928 02 04
Justices turned down an application for the removal of the licence of the Elm Tree, Orchard Street, Cambridge to premises proposed to be erected at the junction of Milton Road and Green End Road. The Elm Tree was redundant and not necessary for the needs of the locality and there were over 100 people in favour of the new site. Large numbers of houses were being erected in that area which would be inhabited by people who would not be able to afford a wine cellar of their own and have to go to a public house for their bottle of beer. But the residents were people who had been taken from the slums; their incomes were very small and there was no margin for drink in their budget.

1928 02 04
The first annual report of the Cambridge Housing Society shows they have built 22 houses at Green End Road to be let at an average rent of 5s.6d. per week. Twenty-two families with 91 children are accommodated and thus given the chance of growing up in healthy surroundings in houses with three bedrooms, modern sanitation and good gardens. But there are still problems of providing modern houses for poor families at rents they can reasonably afford

1928 02 06
The football fraternity in Cambridge will regret to hear of an accident to Mr Cecil Cannon, the Town goalkeeper, who was overcome by fumes from a geyser in the bathroom of his house. He is greatly concerned about being indisposed in view of the Town's amateur cup-tie with Stockton at Milton Road next Saturday. Although this is only his first season he is a goalkeeper of exceptional ability, his

name having been suggested more than once for international honours. All readers will wish him a speedy recovery and hope soon to see him in his accustomed position between the "sticks".

1928 02 07
Twentypence Bridge, p6

1928 02 08
While a labourer was cleaning out a ditch some distance from the road at Pidley he came across what he thought was a large stone. At first he took no notice of it and kept on digging, but on examining later he found that it was a human skull with a complete set of teeth. Digging further he came across most of the larger bones of a human body, but none of the smaller, and as they were in a heap it does not appear that a complete body had been buried. Many years ago there was a spinney where the bones were found, which was used as a gypsy encampment.

Lion Hotel waiter death, p5
Coal horses, p5

1928 02 09
Red Lion understaffed, p5

1928 02 10
Throwing chips, p7

1928 02 10 ES
C.W. Horn defeated in world speed-skating competition in Switzerland – 28 02 10 ES # c.38 : skating

1928 02 11
During the storm which raged with unusual severity over Bishop's Stortford lightning struck the parish church steeple at Takeley and set the old building on fire. The church was a beacon of light which could be seen for miles around, flames shooting out from the steeple. It was evident that the cross surmounting the steeple had been struck, the supporting king-post being well alight and the lead running down the sides of the roof faces. Crowds of villages watched from the churchyard. The vicar, who was greatly distressed at the unfortunate occurrence, sprained his ankle in attempting to assist the firemen and had to be conveyed to the vicarage in a car.

Cambridge Preservation Society formed, p8

1928 02 13
Licenced houses, p3
St Ives motor weed cutter, p5

1928 02 14
Sir – seeing that Sawston village has now been supplied with electricity for lighting, heating and power, I would like to express my sincere appreciation of this great boon to our village. I am delighted with the light in my house; it is clean and healthy and the supply is excellent. The village streets are now well lighted and it is a real pleasure to walk out in the evenings – William Resbury

Ely parish enlargement, p6

1928 02 17 ES
Middle Level Priestman dredger foundered during blizzard on Christmas night near Benwick. Floods cover it five feet. Dams driven across the river and salvage started. Water pumped out and water in pontoons was baled out. Then the upper timber dam began to give way due to the pressure of the up-river water. However at the critical moment the dredger, which weights over 70 tons lifted so that the dam seepage was a matter of little concern. 28 02 17(2) ES

Ely R.D.C. meeting: S.A. Cross of Stretham complained of depositing of refuse; H.W. Harris wrote re Pump Lane, considerably number of heavy lorries were passing over the roadway and could only recall one occasion during the past 18 years when any stones had been put down. – 28 02 17(3)(4)(ES

Branch Bridge across River Lark connecting Adelaide with Sand Hill, collapsed into river; had been weakened by recent floods and winds. Was over 100 years old – photo – 28 02 17 & (6) ES # c.44.75

1928 02 18
Three Cambridge youths appeared in court for unlawfully being in possession of a .45 Colt revolver and not having a firearm certificate. One said he had bought the revolver from a hairdresser in Berkshire; he thought it was only a relic and sold it to the second defendant. He said he never had any ammunition and had offered to sell it to the third youth who said he would buy it if he could get a licence for it. The Magistrates looked upon this as a very serious matter; defendants could be fined £50 or sent to prison for three months, but they did not think they had the revolver for any evil intent and the case was dismissed.

1928 02 18
Grantchester's new village hall was opened. The building, which adjoins the Reading Room, is of steel with a stage, kitchen and cloakrooms. Mr Adeane, in declaring it open, expressed the hope it would not only be a social rendezvous, but a place where political differences were left outside. It was desired to renovate the old reading room and start a small museum and a library. Babraham had a village hall 25 years ago, largely due to the enterprise of Mr Adeane who had also started a wood-carving centre there.

Motorists hospital treatment, p8

1928 02 18 c
A women's section of the Cambridge branch of the British Legion came into existence at a meeting held in the Guildhall. Since 1921 they had been growing at a tremendous rate and now had 745 branches of the women's section. It was a national organisation which welcomed applications for grants for training widows in employment and for assisting orphans in train journeys to school. The mayoress (Mrs E.W. Amies) was elected President with Mrs Turner as Chairman, Mrs Cutlack as secretary and Mrs Salisbury Woods as treasurer.

1928 02 21
Henry Percy Bowler, undergraduate of Pembroke College, was summoned for driving a motor car at a dangerous speed in Chesterton Road, Cambridge. Sergt Nelson, who admitted he had never driven a car, stated that defendant drove at 35 miles an hour round a corner on the off-side of the road. Defendant said he drove behind a small saloon car until he saw the road was clear and then passed it, his speed was about 27 miles an hour. The make of car was an H.P.B. and he assembled it himself. He bought the engine, which was 20 h.p. in 1912 for £6. A fine of 10s was imposed.

Town planning, p8
King's Mill site, p8

1928 02 22
A porter's sensational dash in front of an express train, travelling at nearly 60 mph, and a thrilling rescue, was witnessed by amazed onlookers at Waterbeach station. The Express from Ely was thundering into the station when the signalman saw a man standing in the level crossing gateway. The wicket gate can be locked by a lever in the signal box but he dared not lock it with the man standing where he was, as the result would be to crush him badly. The man, who was deaf and has poor sight, then began to make a crossing. The oncoming train was less than 20 paces off when Goods Porter Ernest Curtis rushed across the line and held him between the two sets of metals while the Express dashed by. The situation was so serious that onlookers thought both men had been killed.

Comberton Institute, p8

1928 02 23
A Duxford builder was charged with stealing three gallons of Ethyl petrol, value 4s. 3d. and a petrol tin from a garage at Whittlesford. The man said he had gone to the garage for a quart of oil and saw this special petrol. He had never seen it before and thought he would try some. He picked up a can within full view of the pumps and emptied it into his tank. He put another into the dickey, which was left open. After leaving the garage he went straight to London.

Motor tyre business, p6

1928 02 24
Some time ago an application was made for the use of the Green End pond at Cottenham as a dumping ground for the parish, and permission was given. At a later meeting a communication was received from about 40 inhabitants living in the vicinity of the pond protesting and an inquiry was called. Only a few people attended but a further petition said it was the "one beauty spot" and that Cottenham "could not afford to lose its picturesque entrance". (Laughter). Chesterton council confirmed their decision that the pond be filled in.

Corporation salaries, p3
Guardian amalgamation, p6
Town planning, p6

1928 02 24 ES
March marshalling yard – photo – 28 02 24(2) ES
Stretham:
New road joining the Cambridge and Wilburton Roads was opened; three dangerous corners which have been the scenes of numerous motoring mishaps will be avoided. The road will be a great asset to the tenants of the new Council Houses at 'White City'. These homes have lately been erected. An R.A.C. hut has been installed at the Wilburton Road end, with suitable signposts. – 28 02 24 ES
Wesleyan rally
Serious accident Frank Bridgeman, a pupil at the Scientific Schools, Cambridge. Was working on radial driller when arm caught in machinery. Hand and arm severely torn and cut.
Hospital Sunday arrangements – 28 02 24 ES

1928 02 25
Lloyd George at Cambridge, p6

1928 02 26 c
In the past Ely had enjoyed mild prosperity but this would not last unless the Government came to the rescue of agriculturists. This was a manufacturing and mechanical age and Ely must be prepared to take her part in it; manufacturers should be encouraged to come down and build factories outside the city, encouraged by being generously treated so far as assessment of rates was concerned.
Peterborough was none the worse for factories, said Major Gordon Fowler. But agriculture was the premium industry and employed the biggest number of hands.

1928 02 27
For the last two weeks the famous King's College Choir has been struggling on in a depleted state owing to the illness of the juniors and as a result the daily evensong service has been suspended. About a fortnight ago some of the 16 choirboys became ill with mumps and on Sunday the service was carried through by the adult members only. It is the first time for well over 20 years that these services have been suspended in this way.

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1928 03 01
The object of the Great Chesterford Sparrow and Rat Club is that all members shall kill one fully-fledged sparrow for each acre, with one rat for every two acres of his occupation during the year, and that 29 sparrows or 10 rats be the minimum contribution. Any member not killing the requisite numbers will be fined a half-penny an acre; the money going towards the cost of the annual dinner. During the year 5,989 rats and 3,126 sparrows had been killed.

1928 03 01
An interesting debate on "the flapper vote" was held at the Liberal Assembly Rooms, Cambridge. In many spheres of life women were giving valuable service yet they could not have the vote until they were 30 years of age. But the modern girl knew practically nothing about politics. Give the woman of 21 the vote and they would out-vote the men – was that fair? ("Yes"). If women got the vote then the country would only be just "flapping" about. The vote should be used properly and a group of giggling girls could not do that.

1928 03 02
Public house licences, p5
Coal mine, p8

1928 03 03
Magdalene College hopes that a start will soon be made on the building of a new court on the opposite side of the Street. Plans have been drawn up for a three-sided brick court open to the river, traditional in style. The flank parallel with Magdalene Street will not interfere with the existing shops, but the thoroughfare is long overdue for widening and from the remodelled bridge there would then be a noble prospect of the new court with a lawn or gravel forecourt separated from the pavement by a low parapet.

Pubs fate, p2
First Eastern General Hospital, p8*

1928 03 05
Over 1,000 Scouts raised their voices in a Zulu chorus when their Chief, Sir Robert Baden-Powell attended their mammoth rally at Cambridge Guildhall. They packed the hall nearly to the point of solidity including Sea Scouts and University Rovers and some 600 Wolf Cubs. The Chief Scout was accompanied by Dr Eastman, the Great Chief of the Sioux Indians, who is commissioner of the Scouts of America. He wore complete Redskin garb with the traditional head-dress of eagles' feathers. The scouts were very interested in his tomahawk.

1928 03 08
Plans were submitted for a proposed new slaughterhouse at the rear of the White Hart Hotel, Ely. The Medical Officer pointed out the unsuitable position - there were 17 dwelling houses within 200 feet. The council had been very lenient in refusing to condemn existing slaughterhouses on the ground it might be a hardship to the owners, but the granting of a new licence was entirely different. It would be a great disappointment to a man who was starting a fresh business and a public abattoir was out of all reason as the ratepayers would have to find a lot of money for the benefit of four or five butchers. The application was refused.

1928 03 08
A meeting was held to resuscitate the Cambridgeshire Miniature Rifle Association which had lapsed since 1914. It was a fascinating sport and if they got hold of young fellows and taught them about a rifle they became enthusiastic supporters. After the war there was a great apathy about shooting but now great keenness was being shown

1928 03 09

Parish constables, p6

1928 03 10
An inquest into the death of a student at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, was told he had been attending a meeting of the Twelfth Club, a literary society which held a dinner once a year. Afterwards he went to a student's room and whiskeys and soda went round in the ordinary way. He was a scholar of great promise and it was to be regretted that someone out of youthful folly had filled his glass with neat whisky. He had slipped down in one of the courts sustaining severe injuries. It was quite possible that the fresh air affected him.

1928 03 10
A man told Cambridge magistrates he had been asked for some side screens for a motor car. He got into a Morris Oxford car in Drummer Street parking place, Cambridge, and drove it as far as the cemetery. He took the side screens out, rolled them up in a rug and sold them to an Ely man for a £1 note and an electric motor cycle lamp.

Eastern General Hospital, p8

1928 03 13
Great damage was caused by fire at Southill House, Bedfordshire, the country seat of the famous brewery family of Whitbread. It is a beautiful country mansion and stands in the finest and most extensive part on the county. A fire spread to half-a-dozen neighbouring rooms including the billiard room. The maids and domestic staff had an exciting time and the girls went off over fields to arouse the employees living in different parts of the estate. The staff cleared the mansion of all valuables, including many fine portraits in oil. There was one casualty. A man was carrying a Gainsborough valued at £2,000 when he slipped and the picture fell with a crash. A light was brought and it was found that the man had accidentally put his foot through the picture.

1928 03 14
Dr O.R. Ennion, p5

1928 03 16
Bourn diphtheria, p7

1928 03 17
Bullet in bedroom, Chesterton, p8
Widening streets, p9

1928 03 21
Imps greet Sir Clifford Fox, p8 (& 22nd p8)

1928 03 22
A remarkable story of how a Willingham flower and fruit grower took a farm at Whittlesford in order to get his two sons set up in farming and lost £2,600 over it, was told at the Bankruptcy Court. In 1881 he'd set up as a nurseryman and flower and fruit grower and bought additional land, but lost a considerable sum in a malting business in Ware. In 1920 he set up his two sons as farmers at Whittlesford New Farm. The cause of his failure was four barren seasons through the weather.

1928 03 22
A farmer at Pond Farm, Witchford, said that bad seasons, a fall in prices and land difficult to deal with in unfavourable seasons were among the cause of his failure. Other causes were the high cost of labour, and the Ouse Drainage Board. He took over the farm in 1915 and his father later bequeathed him some land, which was hired as smallholdings, but the tenants, surrendered it because they could not carry on. But he had an idea he could make it pay. He cleared the land with engine cultivation and

ploughing but the drought set in and he got scarcely anything. Then a wet season 'did him down' and he surrendered the farm to the landlords because he was unable to pay the rent.

1928 03 22
Sir – May I draw attention to a new form of pastime which should be nipped in the bud before some fatality is recorded. I refer to the increasing practice of boys using roller skates in the streets and on the pavements. This afternoon two lads were careering along Regent Street amongst the traffic. Other towns have already taken action to put a stop to this new boyish craze and it is to be hoped that Cambridge will do likewise – "Safety First"

1928 03 23
Cambridge councillors debated the deplorable behaviour of certain members of the University. In the places of entertainment bad language was frequent and disorderly acts occurred in the streets. At the present time special constables were composed entirely of tradesmen and at certain times of the year the year the Chief Constable should try to enrol University fellows, tutors and dons. The proposal was rejected.

1928 03 24
Sir – may I appeal to rookery owners who find it necessary to keep down the number of rooks to have their eggs taken with sectional rods. This is far better than shooting a number of helpless creatures who need not have been born. It is so cowardly to shoot the poor rooks as they sit on the edge of the nest. Bang! and a nest full of helpless creatures is blown to pieces with a shotgun. Could anything be more revolting and unsporting. – "Play Fair"

1928 03 24
The Women's Institutes Home Crafts Exhibition at the Guildhall features a display of the rooms of village homes, the furniture and other smaller articles of which had been made by the villagers themselves. A sitting room had been made by Balsham members, including a carved sideboard, tables and chairs, a settee made out of boxes and cushions, and a screen made by 23 men. The Barton group showed a bedroom with a wash-hand-stand with marble top. Even the soap was home-made and a pair of candlesticks were made of cotton-reels.

Crossing sweeper, p8

1928 03 26
Boat race crews, p8

1928 03 27
On Saturday was laid to rest in Chesterton churchyard the last surviving child of the Rev Michael Gibbs, once Treasurer of St Paul's cathedral. He was appointed to Barrington in 1835 and found the church in decay, rain pouring through the roof and the north door gone. All this he repaired but when the villagers saw the door replaced they remonstrated, saying "But where are our cattle from the green to go in winter?" He also got a thatched school built.

Motor cycle advert, p6

1928 03 28
The largest bombing aeroplane in the British service, the "A" came down on Newmarket Heath and was exceedingly fortunate to make a safe landing. P.C. Bacon saw the aeroplane cross over Newmarket and turn back. It was evidently in distress for it had a strong searchlight turned on the ground as if seeking a landing and was firing red warning lights from its signal pistols. The descent was rather hurried and the plane bounced ten feet into the air from the impact with the earth. One of its two engines had ceased to work; mechanics put it right and stopped a leak in a petrol tank and the plane resumed its flight.

Balsham school, p8

1928 03 29
Bottisham dogs, p8

1928 03 30
Owners of land served by Twentypence Road, Cottenham agreed to offer the sum of 30s. per acre as their share towards the cost of making the road a public highway as part of a scheme to make a through route to the Isle of Ely. The Isle of Ely & Cambridgeshire County Councils are considering the erection of a bridge at Twentypence Ferry.

1928 03 30 ES
Stretham: Further improvements: road opposite the Cross widened down the street opposite the village pump where the old wall has been pulled down and a lower one built further back. The workmen will now start operations on J. Garner's shop, thus making the main road a safer thoroughfare for the ever-increasing amount of traffic passing through the village. W.S. Rayner was the contractor

1928 03 31
A special issue of the Daily Mail dated 1st January 2000 has been printed in conjunction with the Ideal Home Exhibition. It contains quite a lot of news about Cambridge, including the Inter-Varsity Air Pushball Match which was won by Cambridge in front of a crowd estimated at 2,250,000. On the same day there was a 'Varsity girls' boat race in a covered-in stadium in Battersea Park. An air raid undertaken by undergraduates after a rugby match, which showered the women's colleges with confetti and a host of miscellaneous garments, has led to a complete ban on aeroplanes. The Aeroplane Proctor is to visit every private aerodrome in Cambridge to see that all undergraduates' machines are put out of action for the term.

1928 03 31
The latest issue of 'The Outlook' includes an article on motoring in Cambridgeshire. The writer found out country very much to his liking: "Although the roads can provide the motorist with nothing exciting in the shape of hairpin bends or sudden gradients there are pleasantly wooded heights and good level stretches that open up good possibilities for leisurely exploration. A country rich in scenic charm, it hides some of England's loveliest old-fashioned villages & yields the motorist a bumper measure of road delights". After this we shall expect a big invasion of motorists in the near future!

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1928 04 03
Photographic exhibition, p6

1928 04 05
The official testing of the new bridge over the River Cam at Dimmock's Cote took place. It is 216 feet long and 25 feet wide, constructed of ferrous-concrete throughout and is designed to carry the Ministry of Transport standard loading. This bridge, together with the bridge over the Old West River, completes the road which was constructed in the early years of the war for military purposes and provides direct communication between the Midlands the East Coast, opening up a large area of agricultural land between Stretham and Wicken. It will be open for traffic on April 16th.

1928 04 05
During dredging operations a short sword, believed to be of 14th century origin, has been recovered from the Cam. The weapon, which was sharper than one would have expected, was found near the corner of Saxon Road and will be handed to the Museum of Archaeology. Two traders' tokens of ancient date were also found in the river bed.

1928 04 05
The Cam Conservators had met Pamplin Bros who suggested using two of their steam tractors, one working at each end of Stourbridge Common, to barrow and roll the spoil deposited by dredging operations and prepare it for a seed bed. It will also need one or two horses with chain harrows to get at the small weeds. It was suggested that to make a good job of it and turn it into a recreation ground a drainer should be used. This would get rid of the water on the Common and make it quite dry.

1928 04 07
The sun worked overtime to make Good Friday a glorious harbinger of Easter-tide and all Cambridge was out of doors. Parker's Piece proved a popular children's playground, and the East Road end, where the quaint survival of Good Friday skipping is to be seen every year, was alive with the babel of children's voices. The inevitable ice-cream carts and sweet stalls did a good trade, and so did the stalls selling gaily-coloured windmills. A 6,000 crowd, which broke the Milton Road ground record, saw the Town beat Ipswich in the Southern Amateur League, while there was a very good attendance at the whippet races at Station Farm.

1928 04 07
A jobbing gardener was given half a stone of potatoes to plant on Chesterton allotments, but the owner was disgusted to find that only two rows had been planted and accused his workman of planting someone else's acres with his spuds. The jobbing man came to the conclusion there was only one thing to be done to prove his innocence and proceeded to dig up the potatoes. All but three were found. An inquest is now being held to decide whose is the responsibility of replanting what will be a very valuable crop of early spuds.

1928 04 10
The organisers at Foxton took the bold step of holding their garden fete on Easter Monday. In addition to many side-shows and stalls there was a football match, a push-ball match causing heaps of amusement, and a concert by Pearl Lambeth's Rosebuds who delighted the audience with their dainty work, whilst the fete was wound up with dancing in the evening. Foxton was not generally called a rich village, but it was rich with people who could work. The movement for collecting for the village hall was only started two years ago and they had already obtained £600

Cambridge – Royston walk, p6

1928 04 11
NUT conference,

1928 04 13
Sir – I protest against the ejection of Mr Pauley and his family from the ferry house, Midsummer Common. They have done their best to find a house but without success. The man and his son worked the ferry over the river, night and day, including Sundays, and in all weathers for the convenience of the Cambridge ratepayers, thus filling one of the most monotonous jobs; the man for 35 years and the boy for 16. On the completion of the footbridge they are completely cast over, no compensation being paid and no pension. To send people adrift in this matter is neither a moral or Christian act – Charles Porter.

1928 04 13
Dancers and band musicians thronged to a dance band contest at the Rendezvous in Magrath Avenue, Cambridge. Eleven bands took their turns on the platforms. Each played a fox-trot and a waltz. A fault with several bands was that the violinists showed a tendency to overdo their parts. Judging was by popular vote and the results were: 1st Cambs Mental Hospital Dance Band, 2nd Jack Vivian's Dance Band & 3rd Sid Parsley's Dance Band. The winners, who previously were practically unknown to the dancing public, played in confident style and nicely together. The band is a six-piece and undoubtedly more will be heard of it.

1928 04 13 ES
New Ortona garage, Ely: a massive garage on modern lines with massive sliding doors to accommodate 16 of their large vehicles. The rapid development of Ely has encouraged the company to establish their first depot. It has swallowed up most of the smaller concerns. It will be managed by J.C. Parnell. No fewer than 10 buses operate. Have coaches for private hire – 28 04 13(2)(3) ES # c.26.46

Massive bridge at Dimmock's Cote to open 28 04 13 ES – photo – 28 04 13(4) ES

1928 04 14
'The Times' has published a picture of the proposed new Cambridge University Library from the provisional designs prepared by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott. For some years past the imperative need of additional rooms to accommodate the never-ending increase of books has been urged but the enormous cost of erecting an entirely new library on another site – the old playing field of King's and Clare Colleges - presented what seemed an insurmountable difficulty. Even if the proposed scheme is realised it provides for only one-half of the projected library and involves a debt which will not be cleared for 50 years

1928 04 14
At Cambridgeshire magistrates court two Willingham men were convicted of stealing potatoes from their employer, farmer Thomas Langan, and each fined 10s. A London motorist was convicted of not having a road fund licence at Hauxton; the last licence had expired in June 1927; fined £10. A Dry Drayton man pleaded guilty to using a wireless set without a licence; he was unaware he needed one for a crystal set; fined 10s. Two Cottenham men were convicted of riding bicycles without lights and fined 7s.6d.

1928 04 14
Newmarket council considered the question of standing places for motor 'buses and recommended the present arrangements in St Mary's Square should remain in force for the time being. This class of vehicle is likely to get more numerous on the road and certain portions of the Fordham roadside should be defined as hackney carriage stands for the setting down of passengers. It having also been suggested that St Mary's Square might afford a suitable site for a motor-park, but having regard to certain manorial rights existing there, it was resolved that the solicitors representing the Lord of the Manor be invited to attend the next meeting.

1928 04 14
A Suffolk teacher said that when she first went to the school she had a great deal of trouble from a dozen big boys of 14. They overturned desks, tied up the schoolroom doors on the inside and broke nearly every window. This annoyed her and she talked it out with them. They said they wanted a man teacher who could thrash them. The mistress in the next village thrashed her boys and they were taunted because their mistress did not thrash them. "I fetched the thickest luggage strap I could find and got somebody to try it out on me first", she said. "Then the boys came up and each one had the strap eight times on each hand. Every big boy had to have the strap because the others wanted him to know what it was like. There were no further tricks".

1928 04 14 c
I enjoyed a couple of rounds on the Cambridge putting green on Jesus Green and found quite a lot of patrons there. There are some folk who think that putting is only a temporary craze and will not enjoy continuing prosperity in the same way that tennis and bowls do, but a single tennis court takes ten years to pay for itself while the first putting green paid for itself within the first year. The committee has received a petition for a similar putting green on the Lammas Land, but they are a little timid about having a second one prepared until they see whether the success achieved last year is repeated. The rockery being constructed at the entrance to Lammas Land is being made from pieces of old and disused cattle troughs from Midsummer Common

1928 04 16
One of a block of five cottages at Saxon Street caught fire. The fire originated in the thatched roof of two cottages occupied by Alfred Foreman and his family of five persons. The adjacent cottages were occupied by Mr Elliott and family of four, Mr Edwards and family of two and Mr Allard and family of four. The Newmarket District Fire Brigade was called out and in spite of the difficulty of the time – all the firemen were at dinner – and the difficulty in getting a motor to take the engine, the response was commendably prompt. In spite of the high wind they were able to save entirely two of the cottages but the others were completely burnt out. Shortly before the fire a traction engine passed along the road & a spark from this may have caused the fire.

1928 04 18
A deputation of seven men from Isleham walked over to the meeting of Newmarket Guardians to ask the Board for work. Five are married men with families and four in receipt of out-relief. Mr Samuel Moore said he had heard of certain parties obtaining relief when they had £60 in the house. Some men left regular jobs to get a shilling more and then when the new job came to an end they were out of work. A land worker who had a good job should stick to it. This was the time of year when men were wanted on the land. The men said they had tried everywhere to get work.

1928 04 19
At the diamond jubilee celebrations of the Cambridge Co-operative Society the Chairman, Mr G.J. Golding, said he wondered what the people concerned with the little business in City Road, Cambridge, sixty years ago would think of the Society today with annual sales of £190,000, a membership of 16,000, 20 branches and 370 employees. Half the population of Great Britain, directly or indirectly, was now within the Co-operative movement

1928 04 19
Members of the Cambridge Horse Club spent a jolly time at their annual dinner. It was formed 35 years ago when there were a great number of hansom cabs and horses and flys in Cambridge and if a man lost a horse he went round from house to house and collected. Some people thought that was rather objectionable and a man named William Wallis conceived the idea of a club for people who owned horses. It only cost 1d a day to join and they still had 50 members; when they considered the increase in motor traffic it was feather in their cap to know they stood safe financially. The Chief Constable said Cambridge was losing horses very rapidly but he hoped they would not all disappear.

1928 04 20
Car removed, p8

1928 04 21
A furnishing establishment and four other shops situated on the corner of Darthill and Dartford Roads in the centre of March were burnt to the ground. They were Mr H.S. Greenhall's furniture shop, a millinery shop of Madame Furban's, the Cambridge Modiste, a cleaner's shop of Mr Layton, Mr Fletcher's hairdressing saloon and a dyer's establishment. Most of the structure was of wood and the flames quickly spread. The conflagration illuminated the whole town and the work of the fire brigade was watched by crowds of people rudely awakened from their sleep. Buildings at the back of the shops had been pulled down as the erection of a music hall on the site is in contemplation.

1928 04 21
There is one evening in the year which the inhabitants of the little village of Wicken always anticipate with much pleasure. This is the night when Mr Reg Alsop recruits his annual concert party. Long before it was due to begin the hall was well filled and those who could not find seats stood just outside the entrance whilst others had a cheap evening and listened from outside. Mr Alsop had again done his native village well, a fact they were not slow to appreciate. He was in his usual good form and sang 'Shopping' and 'The Good Little Boy'

1928 04 21

The new Road Transport Lighting Act calls upon users of motor cars or cycles to see that proper lamps are provided – at least two white lights in front and one red at the rear for cars and one each for cycles. After rear lights for cycles we must expect them soon for pedestrians, especially on country roads. Already there is a safety walking belt on the market with reflectors at the front and back. Pedestrians will protest, as the cyclists have done, but it will be of no avail. Motor traffic is increasing, road dangers are increasing and 'Safety First' is the order of the day

1928 04 23
Brinkley tractor accident, p6

1924 04 24
County Hall, p5

1928 04 25
A case of great importance to the motoring public was heard at Bottisham. The publican of the Prince Albert, Quy was summoned for taking two gallons of motor spirit petrol from a Dominion pump, putting it in a Shell can and selling it as Shell. He had a pump outside his house of Dominion spirit which was inferior to Shell; it was 1s a gallon and Shell 1s 2½d. A Shell employee said he asked for a two-gallon can of Shell and took it to Newmarket police station where he asked it to be sealed. But they did not want to take sides in the matter. It was analysed and found not to be Shell. Defendant said his daughter had sold the petrol and did not know the difference between the various types of spirit.

1928 04 26
There were three genuine cases of overcrowding at Horseheath. In one house with two bedrooms there were six children and three adults; in another with three bedrooms there were eight adults and three children, while in a third there were four adults and five children. Other houses were in a dilapidated condition.

Soham smallholdings, p3

1928 04 27
The Ouse Drainage Board heard that great damage was done to the banks of the rivers during the January floods and some £15,000 will be necessary to put them in the state they were previously. The Ministry should be induced to make some contribution to the cost. The flood, which was accompanied by a strong gale, damaged 47 miles of the banks of the main rivers and 16 miles of the smaller rivers and lodes. Mr Tebbutt said that during his knowledge of the river for 50 years only on three occasions did he remember as much flooding as on the last occasion. It was exceptional.

1928 04 27
Cambridge Town Council granted licences to Messrs Brown Bros for a new Lancia saloon motor coach and the Westminster Coaching Services for three additional coaches. Coun. Doggett asked if the vehicles were fitted with pneumatic tyres and if they would not licence any with solid tyres from the point of view of wear and tear of the roads and the comfort of travellers. It was only a matter of time before solid tyred vehicles would be barred from using the roads at all. There was a nuisance with regard to bus tickets being thrown down in the roads and the Ortona Motor Bus Co are to be asked to provide receptacles for bus tickets on the buses plying in Cambridge.

1928 04 27 c
Coun Edwards called attention to the quality of certain scavenging brooms and said one was worn down in eight hours. Coun Kenney: "I think the council will be pleased to know that our roadmen work so hard". (Laughter). The brooms were 'simply awful' and not suitable for the job. But the best broom had been selected, it was not the cheapest, costing 21s. 6d. per dozen. Each broom lasted 14 days and it was an exceptional circumstance it one went wrong in eight hours.

1928 04 27 ES

Disastrous March fire; five shops completely gutted at junction Dartford Road and Dartford Hill; only property saved with the Pavilion Theatre – 28 04 27(2) ES

South Level Board meeting – diesel engine had run 1,144 hours, longest run 182 hours. Boilers in use 17 years. The Mile Engine basin not wide enough but too much needs excavating to use hand labour – 28 04 27 ES

1928 04 28
Less than 20 years ago I was doing journalistic work in a Hobson Street office. In those days there was no County Hall opposite, nor talk of one. It was begun only 15 years ago and if anyone had been asked how long it would remain the County Council headquarters he might have answered 'A hundred years at least'. But so great has been the extra work thrown on the Council that already the building has been outgrown and plans are now to be prepared for a new building on the Castle Hill site. There are now 86 officials and ratepayers may ask if such an army of officers are really necessary

Fulbourn cottage, p6

1928 04 30
New County Hall, p6

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1928 05 01
Mikado, p6

1928 05 02
Preservation of Cambridge, p8

1928 05 03
Cambridge Guardians considered allowing the inmates of the Institution to go out on Sunday afternoons. The patients were bolted and barred in the institution for the whole of the week, with the exception of about four hours. During the fine summer afternoons they would be better by being allowed out and enjoy the sunshine. The service in the morning was very nice and very bright and there were few on the Board who attended places of worship twice on Sunday. But the Rev. Batley said it was perfectly disgraceful. The decision was deferred.

1928 05 03
Cambridge was visited by a thunderstorm characterised by some very heavy peals of thunder and very sharp flashes of lightning. The chimney of a house at 54 St Barnabas Road was struck. Mr Easton, a Mill Road cycle agent, said his family had not left the back bedroom more than two minutes when they were startled by a terrific explosion. The electric light failed and they found that a bedroom fireplace had been blown out into the room and lay smothered with dust and soot on the floor.

1928 05 04
The Headmaster's house at the Leys School had a narrow escape during a storm when an elm tree standing about 40 feet from the house was struck by lightning. Although there is a large cedar tree between the house and the elm, the explosion was so severe that 13 windows were broken. The tree appears to have escaped much damage as it is still standing, through good-sized pieces of bark have been stripped off two sides. Queens' College chapel was also struck and the top of the small cross of the west end was knocked off.

1928 05 05
Littleport floods, p7
Water supply, p7
Warning signs, p8

1928 05 08
The work of the Cambridge Birth Control Clinic was explained to Cambridge Women's Welfare Association. The foremost difficulty was the absence of a contraceptive method so simple and effective as to meet the needs of the over-tired, feckless, under-housed, unintelligent or mentally-deficient woman. But although they should do something to enable people to have just the children they could manage, their methods, generally called 'birth control', were disgusting and filthy. There was danger in the free use of contraceptive methods by unmarried young people. They might be getting to the morals of the poultry yard.

Harston pub destroyed, p8
Bassingbourn fire, p8

1928 05 11 ES
Dairy Houses Church is district church for the parish of Littleport St Matthew. At its erection it was not given a name but lately suggestion that a title more worth than just 'Dairy Houses' might be given. It has been renamed St Mary the Virgin – 28 05 11 ES

Death of James Smart, former world champion skater – obituary – 28 05 11(2) ES

1928 05 12
Landing ground, p8

1928 05 14
The Cambridge Social Hygiene Council discussed how to interest young men in the development of the proper sex outlook. Their attendance at lectures and film displays was poor and the majority were undergraduates who clearly came to hear and learn, for their conduct was unexceptional. The meetings for women were attended by about 200 each day, a good part of them adolescent middle-class girls and young married woman, a type not often seen at such meetings.

1925 05 16
Newmarket chestnuts, p7

1928 05 17
Undergraduates were packed like sardines in a tin at the Cambridge Police court when King's College and Trinity College were fined for employing male servants without having in force licences as required. It was unthinkable that such bodies should attempt to evade payment but they had received no reminder from the County Hall. This was not an acceptable excuse: they were large and responsible bodies accustomed to regularly employing a number of servants and should be more scrupulous than ordinary citizens to see the duties were paid in proper time.

1928 05 18
Scenes of unprecedented excitement marked the arrival of His Royal Highness, the Prince of Wales at Royston. From an early hour the streets were packed with eager and excited crowds, despite rain and hail falling heavily, and every house and shop was gaily bedecked with flags. The guests' reserved stand was packed to capacity and the meadow behind was one mass of people. A roar of cheering went up as the Prince arrived to open the new children's ward at the Royston and District Hospital. Later he travelled to Papworth Village Settlement and opened the new Village Hall and Memorial Cottages

1928 05 18
The Vicar of Foxton has received remarkable letter from the Church Council requesting him to resign and, from the pulpit on Sunday he made a statement in reply. "The choir is at a standstill for the want of hymn books, the lead on the roof needs to be replaced, the heating apparatus is out of order, the gates are falling to pieces, the lamps are dangerous and a valuable old chest is falling to pieces. We

have no parish clerk, no one to ring the bells, the clock is unwound, the churchyard a disgrace. When the Church Council have completed all these duties it will be time for them to turn their thoughts to throwing stones at their vicar".

1928 05 18
In the spring a motorist's fancy turned to the thought of a new car and the Cambridge public have the opportunity of inspecting the whole range produced by the well-known Vauxhall firm. These are attractively displayed in the spacious showroom of Messrs Herbert Robinson & Son, Regent Street. The staff has been augmented with chauffeurs, salesmen, mechanics and service engineers under the charge of the assistant car sales manager of Vauxhall Motors. The models on view include the Princeton tourer, £475; Bedford saloon, £495 and Kimpton coach-built sports saloon, £695

Charles Moden, Stretham, unfit horse, p5
60mph at Witchford, p8

1928 05 19
Newmarket is becoming a town of clubs and the publicans are becoming alarmed at their multiplication. The new social club of the Beacon Lodge of Oddfellows will make nine in the town – the Jockey Club (which is the most exclusive club in the world may hardly be counted in this category) -–the Subscription Rooms, Masonic Hall & Marlborough, Conservative & Foresters clubs. In addition are the Astley Institute and Racing Lads' Institute but at these no excisable drink is sold and they are entirely for stable lads and stablemen.

Market parking, p8

1928 05 21
Herbert Spalding, parish constable of Landbeach, said he went to Milton feast and had a turn at a penny-in-the-slot machine. He started with 7d and got down to a penny but then won 8d and finished with 3d profit. He found it better to let the machine run and not press the controls. There were 15 automatic machines in the booth and men, women, boys and girls were using them. Some players used the knobs and some did not; it did not seem to make any difference. The games were chance and not skill. A fine of 5s was imposed on the proprietor.

Bridge Street excavations, p3
Motor smash, p8

1928 05 23
A Cottenham farmer said that heavy post-war losses in connection with heavy stallions were the chief cause of his failure. He had started about 30 years ago at Mitchell Fen near Twenty Pence Ferry. During the war his farming operations were successful and he bought four shire stallions. But after the war horses went down slump, the country was flooded with horses from abroad and farmers would not breed horses. So he had his stallions on his hands and sold them; the four together for which he had paid over £350 did not make more than 80 guineas.

1928 05 24
Ely council decided to open the Barracks Field in Silver Street to the schools for organised games. Ely was very badly situated for child life; the streets were narrow and motor traffic made things worse for children to play on the streets. This was a most ideal spot and they could find another field suitable for the council's horses. But their horsekeeper got no half-day on Saturday and if the horses had to go out of town it would be impossible for him to put them out to grass.

1928 05 25
Damage estimated at £1,000 was done in a fire which broke out at the S.P.Q.E. garage in Old Station Road, Newmarket. Mr Montague Cooper, who sleeps on the premises of Messrs Bedwell, music dealers, was awakened by the crackling of the fire and the smashing of glass. He informed the police

who were soon on the scene and burst open the garage doors and found three motor cars in flames. They were the property of the Rev. W.G. Softley (Primitive Methodist minister), John Boardman and George Hogg. Six other cars were removed, amongst them one belonging to Mr Compodonico.

1928 05 25
Amid scenes of enthusiasm the Mayor of Cambridge opened the new Coleridge Road recreation ground which has just been completed at a total cost of £7,000. It was in September 1925 the Corporation bought the ground for the public and ever since then the Surveyor and his merry men had been preparing it. By the autumn they would be able to play football on it and by next summer cricket. They wanted to make a garden as well and if any person felt disposed to present them with a dozen flowering trees the council would make good use of them. Critics said it was not wanted but in the future many would be grateful for it. It would keep the children off the streets and from the danger of the traffic.

1928 05 25 ES
Stretham Hospital Parade, Haddenham and Wicken bands; wagon headed 'Hunstanton Convalescent Home' with sand castle and children wearing bathing caps; Hospital ward & 'Accident'. W. Parish's motor lorry used as a platform for service on cricket field. At hospital the services were in full swing, day and night, the operating theatre made ready for arrival patient … this would not happen if the hospital became state controlled because when the state got hold of anything they had to fill in forms from A-Z– 28 05 25&(2) photos – (3) ES

Stretham:
Feast: in years past the stalls and vans have been allowed to stand in the street; this year they were all on the cricket field – 28 05 25(4) ES

Picture of four foxes with George Fairchild at Hill Farm, Haddenham – 28 05 25(5) ES

1925 05 29
Sunday buses, p4

1928 05 30
The work of repairing the fabric of St Ives parish church, which was seriously damaged by a British aeroplane on 23rd March 1918 having been completed, a service of thanksgiving was held. The Bishop of Ely said it was hard that the burden of repairing a church should fall upon our generation, but we inherited these priceless treasures from those who had made sacrifices in days gone by. About £600 was still required for rehanging the bells and replacing the clock

1928 05 31
Milk, p8

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1928 06 01
The Clerk of Milton Parish Council drew attention to the cess-pool known as the pond and urged that the only way to remove this eyesore, which was a menace to the health of the village, was to fill it up. The pond, being on a bend in the road was a danger to traffic on dark or foggy nights. The road was a County thoroughfare and it would be to their advantage if the pond were filled up.

1928 06 01
Cottenham pond had been filled in at a cost of £42. The figure was quite staggering but an excellent job had been made and the village beautified so the expense was warranted. An insanitary place had been cleared away – there had been talk of typhoid two years ago – and it was more economic than cleansing the pond in the long run. But it seemed that Cottenham had made a dump for their rubbish

and charged the District Council with it. Nearly every village had a pond and they would all want them filled.

Clayhithe bridge, p8
Stretham speeding, p5

1928 06 02
Whitsun customs, p7

1928 06 04
It is estimate that 15,000 people attended the annual County Conservative Fete in the beautiful grounds of Harold Gray's estate on the Gog Magogs and the event was a bigger success than ever. The well-organised non-stop programme of amusements included sports, side-shows, a rabbit show, motor-cycle and whippet racing and made it impossible for there to be one dull minute from two o'clock in the afternoon until eleven at night, when the round of pleasure came to an end with a grand fireworks display.

1928 06 05
The first paid Marconigram was transmitted on June 3rd, 30 years ago. It was sent by Lord Kelvin who was visiting Senatore Marconi's experimental wireless station on the Isle of Wight. In order to illustrate his belief in its commercial future, Lord Kelvin insisted upon paying one shilling for a wireless telegram to be sent to Sir George Stokes at Lensfield Cottage, Union Road, Cambridge.

Auckland Road school traffic, p8

1928 06 06
As a result of much discussion it has been decided that Papworth should be the 'Papworth Village Settlement', and not the Cambridgeshire Tuberculosis Colony. The name had grown up by itself and the name of the county was no longer applicable. There was a continual need for more cottages as men, and women also, leave the sanatorium and desire to enter the village community.

1928 06 07
There was a thin line of spectators all along the towing path from the Railway Bridge down to Grassy Corner for the May Races, and the enclosures on the Ditton side were by no means deserted. The way to go to the races these days seems to be by motor car; visitors prefer to rush there by road instead of wandering there by river. Balloons and fantastic curio dolls did their best to give a carnival atmosphere and a loud speaker attachment to a gramophone on one of the motor launches emitted dance music. One of the best views was obtained from the five 'planes which flew inquisitively over the river in formation, wheeling and turning like giant silver birds.

1928 06 07
A dealer who kept a stall at Cambridge market and said that a few years' back he was taking big money and making a profit of £7 a week, ascribed his failure to a variety of causes. They included bad weather, law costs and keen competition since Woolworth's Stores had been opened. He bought a Ford lorry but it caught fire as he was going to Lakenheath for a sale and all the goods were burnt at the roadside.

1928 06 07
A Newmarket man told how the coal strike of 1921 caused him to give up his greengrocery round and take to selling peat. He 'made a pound or two' while it lasted and afterwards bought a truck of coal and started as a coal dealer. He did pretty well until the railway strike but then his coal was hung up and he never earned a penny for a month. He had nothing to do except sell a little coke and wood which did not bring £1 a week. He had a Ford motor lorry on the hire purchase system which cost him £128, besides which he had to pay a man to drive it.

Haddenham & Addenbrooke's Hospital, p6
Pymoor & Oxlode sports, p7

1928 06 09
A meeting was held to protest against a proposal to close the public footpath leading from Bartlow to Bartlow Church and close to the historic Bartlow Hills. There had been an attempt to close the path 25 years ago and another attempt last year. The path was partly in Cambs and partly in Essex and a parish council meeting had given Linton R.D.C. the right to close it. If it were closed it would keep the majority of Bartlow parishioners from the church. The dead had been carried down that footpath and to many it was sacred. In these days of traffic they wanted to be able to walk down footpaths and enjoy true nature.

Uniting Ely parishes, p7

1928 06 11
The District council was told that the Hon Gerald Agar-Robartes had agreed to let the council have a site for some new cottages at Arrington. But he had now written a letter: "I have been thinking over the site for the cottages and am afraid they would not look well unless they were thatched. If the Council are not willing to thatch them they would have to build further down the road." However the other site was very unsuitable because there was no water and there was a very obnoxious ditch running near it.

1928 06 11
There are now 12 men on the books of the Cambridge Disabled Soldiers Workshop in Gloucester Street. Three have had the right arm amputated, seven the leg and of the remaining two one suffered from the effects of gassing and injuries to the head and the other from severe injuries to the abdomen. Half were employed up to the 48-hour week and the maximum wage was 36s a week to the foreman. In addition to the basket and rush work and wool knitting they were developing the knitting of silk stockings, jumpers and ties, the re-upholstering of chairs and the making and renovating of mattresses

Scarlet fever, p5

1928 06 12
May Week, p6

1928 06 13
Sir – a few flourishing factories would do more to enhance the prosperity of Cambridge than any future benefit from its dependence on the University. All the colleges possessing the necessary facilities are building with the object of accommodating their own students, which will mean a financial loss to many residents who depend on a lodging house for their meagre livelihood. It is high time the lodging house keepers organised for the mutual protection of their interests, otherwise pleasant landscapes will prove poor consolation for genteel and grinding poverty - Pessimist

1928 06 15 ES
Sufficient water in Stretham: Lack's report satisfactory; well in centre produced 2,000 gallons a day; that not sufficient, would consider 10,000 ample and that could be got by sinking a fairly large well. Electricity will shortly be available and this could power a small pumping set so a large water tower would not be needed - 28 16 15 ES

1928 06 16
Cambridge has probably more gramophones than any other town of corresponding size. Many people thought that with the advent of wireless the enthusiasm for gramophone music would diminish but this is far from the case, as a walk by the river on a sunny day will show. It would not surprise me to learn that all gramophone records have been broken during the May Week with a sale greater than

ever before. Mr Noel Coward, the 28-year-old genius has recorded the music from the revue, 'This Year of Grace' at the London Pavilion

1928 06 16
Damage estimated at £100 was caused by a fire which broke out at Swavesey. Smoke and flames were seen coming from the premises of James Prior, a furniture dealer of Boxworth End. Neighbours and men working in the fields brought pails of water and rendered what assistance they could and the Swavesey Fire Brigade were soon on the scene with hose and hydrant. A Morris commercial van, a horse trolley and sheds were burnt as also a lot of furniture, fruit baskets and carpenter's tools. Thatched cottages nearby were in great danger owing to sparks and a man named Thorp climbed on to the roof from where he played water. The fire is believed to have been caused by two little children playing with matches.

1928 06 16
St Ives Fire Brigade was called to a surprise false alarm. The engineer was at the Brigade Station in 3½ minutes, the captain was on the scene in uniform in four minutes and one hose was soon playing on the building. Two hoses were then tried but the force of water was quite inadequate, only reaching about 20 feet. The manual engine was put on the Quayside but it was found that the present fire engine would not be of any use in case of a fire. A demonstration should take place with the steam engine offered for sale to the council.

1928 06 17 c
Sir – the residents in Bridge Street and Magdalene Street, Cambridge, have just passed through a hectic week of sleepless nights, caused by the traffic and University men returning from balls etc all hours of the night, and just when we expect to get a little quiet and rest after May Week the Corporation start their offensive. If the street must be paved in a week why not let the men work from 7 am till 10.30 pm instead of dragging them out of their beds at 3 am and keeping other people awake as well? Why all the hustle. Is it to save the buses making a wider detour? – Harry Langdon

1928 06 19
Barton Hospital parade, p7
Tenison Road gun, p8

1928 06 20
Sir – I happen to live opposite the field-gun in Tenison Road. It is not a relic of the Great War but a captured trophy from the Boer War. To me it represents history and the enormous sacrifices made by the pick of our population. Our war memorials tell our children of a great deliverance. Had we been defeated no doubt we should have had more hideous monuments, probably statues of the Kaiser and the boastful Hindenburg, at which some of the pro-Germans could kneel. Let these small tokens that speak of victory over injustice be preserved for all time – C.J. Challess

1928 06 21
Fen Ditton school has been inspected but no attempt should be made to improve the existing buildings. Improvements would cost £1,800 but owing to the cramped nature of the site it would be a waste of money to try and patch up the old school and far better to spend a bit more and have a new one. It was possible that the population would increase and if a suitable site was available Horningsea School could be grouped with it, with a consequent saving in salaries.

Sunday buses, p5
Bartlow footpath, p7
'Casual' employment, p8

1928 06 22
The Cambridge Borough Librarian reported that a reader at the Central Library had been detected in cutting out a coupon from a daily paper, and that he had refused the reader permission to use the

libraries until the matter was referred to the Library Committee. They approved his action and decided that the reader in question be excluded from the libraries and reading room for a period of six months.

Betting raid, p5
Coldham's Lane houses, p8

1928 06 23
As others see us, p8

1928 06 25
Rifle range, p8

1928 06 26
The annual shooting competition between the Cambridgeshire Regiment and Ely Divisional Police took place on the Butts, Lynn Road, Ely. The 'boys in blue' are to be congratulated in making such a good show against their brethren in khaki who are at present in actual training and the police were only 47 points behind their rivals. Capt D. Harper of Ely acted as hon. butt steward for the police and Sergt-Instructor Jackson fulfilled the like office for the 'Terriers'

1928 06 27
Mary White, alias Zeta was charged with using palmistry and crystal gazing to deceive at Midsummer Fair. Two policewomen gave evidence of visiting her tent and paying 3s to have their hands examined. But she had applied to the Borough Surveyor for the ground, six foot by four feet for a palmistry tent and had enclosed 5s for premium. She had a letter giving her permission to stand as palmist. Why was the ground let for business which was said to be illegal. The Bench decided to convict, but with no penalty.

1928 06 28
Mr & Mrs Burling of Milton were in their house during a thunderstorm. The aerial of his three-valve wireless set was attached to a large tree and the other end to the front of the house. Suddenly there was a tremendous clap of thunder and a noise like an explosion. The room was full of sparks and fire; he heard his wife scream and saw her hair was on fire. With great presence of mind he put out the flames and carried her into the next room. The curtains were alight and two of the wireless valves were completely broken.

Soham council housing, p3

1928 06 30
The proposed Twentypence Ferry Bridge would cost £8,000 and the road £9,300. The Government Road Board would give 75% and the chief landowners £1,500. Then there was the road from the church to the Jolly Waterman which would have to be brought up to second-class standard. It might seem a large amount but it would relieve some of the traffic from the Ely to Cambridge road. But was the District Council wise in incurring a debt of £2,000 when in six months' time they might cease to be a road authority as the County Council was going to take over all the roads.

1928 06 30
The quay at Littleport was becoming considerably worse. It had been erected about 30 years ago by the officers of the South Level Commissioners but they could not ascertain whether they paid or whether someone else provided the money. Mr Martin had spoken to representatives of the Ely Sugar Beet Factory, who used the quay, and they would be prepared to contribute. If the quay tumbled in it would block up the river. If it was their property they were bound to maintain it. But they did not know if it was their property or not.

1928 06 30

Fire destroyed two thatched cottages which stood by themselves in an orchard in Springhill at Widdington. Being of thatch, lath and plaster they quickly succumbed once the flames obtained a hold. One, known as 'The Nest' was occupied by Miss Pitcher, a school teacher who was away at the time. The tenants of the other cottage were sitting down to dinner when Mr Hanchett, a roadman, came to the door and said 'Madam, your house is on fire'. The cottagers carried their goods and chattels to the safety of an adjoining field. Standing amidst the remains of their earthly possessions, they made a pathetic picture as they watched their old home crumbling away.

1928 06 30
There appears to be every prospect of the 'siege' of Bridge Street being the quickest job of its size and character carried through by Cambridge Corporation for many years. The tradespeople whose business is greatly affected by the stoppage of traffic are in agreement as to the magnificent way the men on the job are working under the constant supervision of the Highways Inspector, Mr J. Gambling. There are between 100 and 150 men working in three gangs and already the big sewer is laid and 'Speed with efficiency' appears to be their slogan

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1928 07 02
Barnardoes, p6

1928 07 03
Mock auction, p5

1928 07 04
A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest into the Rev Henry Atkinson, vicar of Wilburton who died from the effects of injuries received in a collision with a motor car. The Vicar was accustomed to riding a bicycle and was going to fetch some hymn books for a Guild meeting. The driver said he saw a man on a bicycle with a leather Gladstone bag on the handlebars; he seemed to lose control and it went across in front of him. The jury expressed the opinion that a high hedge which obscured the view near the entrance to the Vicarage drive should be cut down to a reasonable height.

1928 07 04
The Clerk of Swavesey District Council read an anonymous letter expressing surprise that Swavesey was more highly rated than any other parish in the district. The Chairman said that it was a very expensive parish and if ratepayers were not satisfied with the efforts of the Council to keep the place in a sanitary condition they would have to get a qualified man able to drain the fens and who would be an additional expense. The statements were misleading and Council should take no notice of what they saw in the papers. If every little thing going on was reported they had better say nothing.

Wilburton fete, p7

1928 07 05
Newmarket roads, p8

1928 07 06 ES
Wilburton vicar's tragic death – hit by car outside vicarage – 28 07 06 &(3) ES
Shippea Hill stack fire, Littleport Brigade late; phoned at 8.45 but did not hear bell; lack of hose pipes – 28 07 06 &(3)
Stuntney new sports and gala – 28 07 06(3) ES

Stretham water: report to RDC, no action taken – 28 07 06(2) ES

1928 07 07

Wicken church fete, p3
Girton burglary, p5
Argentine visitors, p6
West Ham invasion, p6

1928 07 09
Close to the windmill on the north side of Milton Road, opposite Chesterton Hall Crescent, occupying one of the highest and healthiest sites in the locality and surrounded by spacious lawns and trim walks stands the new open-air school for defective and sub-normal children. It is an ideal school, admirably adapted to its purpose and planned and equipped on a generous scale, a veritable children's paradise. The opening ceremony was an open-air function. Open air schools for delicate children have come to stay and in the future all schools will probably become open-air

1928 07 10
Clean milk competition, p8

1923 07 11
1,700 women members of the West Ham Central Mission Women's Meeting descended upon Cambridge on their annual outing. The huge party arrived in 56 motor coaches which drew up in a long line in Queen's Road. In a solid mass they came over King's Bridge like an army of Amazons on the march, some expressing disappointment that the Cam was not as wide as the Thames. But as they entered the cool sanctuary of the chapel there was a continuous stream of enthusiastic remarks. The chairs were quickly occupied with mothers with their babies. We doubt there was ever such a scene in the historic chapel before.

Stuntney sports, p3

1928 07 12
Sir – everyone associates Cambridge with a stream of young life spending the happiest and most fruitful years of their youth. But at the same time another stream of men is seeking in Cambridge some 'odd jobs', something to provide a few coppers. And does the crowd of the 'upper ten' realise the conditions under which their unfortunate brothers spend their nights? In the casual ward at the workhouse inmates are unable to get to sleep owing to the room swarming with mice, which scamper up and down the floor and run over the men on the beds. Surely the authorities could cleanse the room and eject the army of mice. How can such a condition of things exist in a 'seat of learning' where the laws of health are studied – Mary Higgs

Workhouse water, p8

1928 07 13
The Henny Farm, near Ely, was offered for sale by auction. Described as 'one of the best farms in the Ely district' it has the advantage of being close to the Ely and Soham railway, adjoining Barway siding. It has an excellent house and homestead, five cottages, main water and a hard road through the farm. It was bought by auction in 1904 for £13,000 and a considerable sum has been spent on improvements. Seven years ago it would have made £20,000 at least. But the opening bid was £5,000 and it failed to reach the reserve price of £9,000 – under £20 an acre.

1928 07 13 ES
Stretham: Church clock out of action through some material having fallen from the spire; morning service held in Parish Room – 28 07 13 ES

1928 07 14
West Ham women, p6

1928 07 16

Thousands of people flocked into the old-world village of East Harling but there was little chance of getting into the court room where men well-known in the racing world were summoned to answer charges relating to cock fighting. They included defendants from Newmarket and Swaffham Prior. A horsebox had been fitted up for the fighting, with a red carpet on the floor and a ring of baize covered boards. Two birds had been prepared, each armed with a pair of artificial spurs. The defence said there was no case to answer. Cock fighting has been one of the oldest English sports and there was a great deal of misconception about the cruelty. But it has been prohibited by law since 1849.

Hilton fire, p6

1928 07 17
The New Theatre became a wireless studio and, with those present as the studio audience, a variety concert was broadcast from Cambridge. It had all the features with which listeners are so familiar, with exhilarating dance music, full-blooded radio melodrama and the much-maligned talk. "Just a Broadcast" introduces Mr Sidney Firman and his London Radio Dance Band. Cambridge wireless fans who have listened to the band's efforts over the ether will welcome the opportunity of seeing this sketch which takes listeners to the other side of the microphone and purports to show them what really does happen in a wireless studio. Mr Firman's items are announced through a dummy microphone in the approved radio style and the 'effects' in the wireless play are not the least amusing features of their turn.

Queen at Wimpole, p5
King's Mill sale, p6

1928 07 18
Most people in Cambridge have been affected by the closure of Bridge Street. Now it has reopened and buses and other vehicles of various types are passing along the greatly improved streets. Tradespeople whose business has been affected have taken a page in the CDN to inform the public that the 'Battle of Bridge Street' is over and to call attention to some of the goods in which they specialise.

1928 07 18
The future of the Bell public house, Botolph Lane and the Plume and Feathers, Park Street, Cambridge was considered by the Licensing Committee. The Bell was difficult for police to supervise. It had no downstairs accommodation for the tenant and meals had to be taken in the smoke room during closing hours. The renewal was refused. The Plume and Feathers had little accommodation and was frequently congested with a few customers. It had been done up and the yards had been covered over. The trade had gone up and was better than the Maypole.

1928 07 18
An important scheme for the making of a new road from Cottenham to Wilburton and the erection of a bridge over the Old West River near Twentypence Ferry will come before the County Council at their next meeting. They considered a petition from inhabitants in Horningsea and Waterbeach that the council should take over Clayhithe Bridge and abolish the tolls but are unable to recommend the purchase of the bridge at present. It was only 11 ft 6 inches wide and could not be widened without being rebuilt; it would only carry a vehicle of an axle load of eight tons and the approach roads were difficult.

Clayhithe bridge, p6*

1928 07 19
Ely Urban Council considered the advisability of obtaining a motor ambulance. Cases were frequently happening where a person was ordered off to the Hospital at once. Last week frantic efforts were made to find an ambulance but the only vehicle that might be termed an ambulance was being used at

a funeral and they had to telephone to Cambridge for one. This was a standing disgrace to Ely. Their friends at March had purchased a first-class ambulance for £880 and Soham had one.

1928 07 20
Cambridge councillors recommended Robinson Crusoe Island should be cleared of dilapidated buildings and overgrown trees. Two rustic footbridges should be thrown across the stream and the island let for use either as a tea garden or for boatsheds. The place was in a deplorable condition and if something were not done there would be no Island to discuss. The surface was low and if the river were at the ordinary level it would be under water. It should be turned into a beauty spot rather than the dirt spot it was at the moment.

Stretham assault, John Sadler, p3
Ely ambulance, p6

1928 07 20 ES
Ely Wesleyan church organ rebuilding fund – 28 07 20 ES
Stretham fete to pay for spire repairs – considerable damage done to clock and spire by brick work, repairs needed; evening services held on Rectory lawn 28 07 20 ES
Stretham: Steeplejacks busy repairing spire of the church

1928 07 21
Greyhound racing, p3
Ellen Terry, p6
Boat race, p4

1928 07 23
Ainsworth Street fire, p5
Famous band, p5

1928 07 24
The inhabitants of Barton evidently believe in the slogan ‘Unity is strength’ for practically all of the organisation in the village amalgamated and held a flower show and fete. No fewer than ten groups took part, representing all types of village life, including the W.I., Nursing Association, quoits, football and cricket clubs, boy scouts and the Institute for the Blind. Pilbeam’s Band was in attendance and provided an enjoyable programme of music

Griffinhoof death, p5

1928 07 25
Motorbike noise, p8

1928 07 26
Burwell Parish Council called attention to the need of a shorter route between Burwell and Wicken now that Dimock’s Cote Bridge had been opened to traffic. Although the villages were only two miles apart the present distance by road was 8½ miles. This could be remedied by the hardening of the first droveway and making 30 chains of a new road. It would reduce the distance for all traffic that had to pass via Fordham and Stretham and be a great saving of time and expense to road users which would pay for itself by lessening the mileage of road used

Town football club ground, p6

1928 07 28
A great cosmopolitan army has invaded and captured Cambridge. It is no new thing this descent by the legions from overseas but probably never before have they been drawn from so many nations or corners of the world. The ‘Backs’ heard such a murmuring of strange tongues as would have puzzled

the most expert linguist. One reason was the International Geographical Congress attended by members of fifty nations, but ever since the 'Long Vac' started foreign visitors have poured into Cambridge, nearly all armed with cameras and a determination not to miss anything. They saw the river girl – and her flannelled companion – brought out by the heat wave; she was there at the punt pole with her light bright frock, so cool, so self-possessed and efficient, and even in this heat – no shiny noses.

1928 07 28
Members of the Cambridge Drawing Society made a strong plea for the preservation of the character of the King's Mill site, protesting against the Council's scheme for the demolition of the old Mill-race and the erection of a weir. They are thankful that proposals for a tea garden and rustic bridge were not passed but feel its unique character will be utterly destroyed. The two King's and Bishop's Mills were amongst the oldest things in Cambridge, and a monument of romance. A cascade was all very well for Bedford or Tooting but was out of keeping with the spirit of Cambridge.

Clayhithe drowning, p5
Fair Street, p6*

1928 07 27 ES
Black Bank station improvements, weeds replaced by flowers; inspection. Signalman said when he started 30 years ago they averaged nearly 5,000 trains per month; worked 12 hours per day, wages £1 per week and out of that wage brought up a family of seven – 28 07 27(2) ES # c.26.2

1928 07 31
Ely readers will learn with regret of the death of Mrs Elizabeth Cross, widow of the late Mr F.T. Cross of Forehill. She was born at Little Downham but for over 40 years had carried on the confectionery and bakery business at Ye Olde Tea Rooms, Ely and also at the Pem Café, Trumpington Street, Cambridge during the last two years. Of a kindly disposition she will be missed for her generosity to the aged residents of the almshouses who for many years have received a large hamper of delicacies at Christmas. She leaves at son, Mr Vernon Cross, and a daughter.

Mill site – Preservation Society, p8

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1928 08 02
Sir – the north end of Robinson Crusoe's island, Coe Fen, is occupied as a boatyard, the oldest centre for boating for the Freshers' river and a very charming spot. The southern end is occupied by the old ferryman's cottage and his garden, now derelict, but there are still standing upon it a large dilapidated greenhouse, a poultry yard, now deserted, and a neglected summer-house with a privet hedge. There are a dozen fruit trees, now dying because their feet are in the water, and a number of rose bushes. The neglect of the garden is due to a subsidence which allowed the river to flood it and turn it into a marsh. The cottage, before the iron bridge was built, was a licensed house and those who liked to refresh themselves with a glass of beer were ferried across the river free of charge – C.F. Clay

Burwell cottage, p6

1928 08 03
After a long period of inactivity the Stretham Sports Committee was reformed about six weeks ago and the outcome of their endeavours was a very successful show and sports on the Recreation Ground. This was formerly one of the most popular held in the vicinity and should all future events be as well arranged this enviable position will be soon regained. There was not a dull moment in the whole of the proceedings. The cycle events produced some keen tussles between S.G. Scott and W. Johnson and in the running events R.G. King of Soham took the hundred by a close margin.

1928 08 03 ES
Expensive schemes approved by Isle of Ely County Council; new bridges. Includes new teacher's house at Fridaybridge; new bridge at Mepal and Dog-in-a-Doublet; Twentypence Bridge costs to be shared if Ministry contribute; Welney-Downham Road reconstruction far from satisfactory, would not be taken over as 'main' road – 28 08 03&(2)(3) ES # c.44.47 # c.44.65

Stretham: Steeple-jacks: a good many who thought they possessed all the faculties of a steeplejack endeavoured to scale the lofty church spire on Sunday morning in the same way as the steeple-jacks who are now at work repairing the steeple; they all reached the chalks safely – by steps from inside the church. But when they came out into the open about half-way up the Church, a different problem faced them. Ladders were fixed from the chalks to the summit. Many of the aspirants climbed four steps of the ladder and then hastily dismounted. Only two – Leslie Badcock and Cyril Parish – reached the top and from there a fine view could be obtained of the surrounding countryside – 28 08 03(5) ES

Middle Level pumping station at St Germans to proceed; Old Bedford Barrier Bank to be heightened from Welmore Lake to Earith 28 08 03(4) ES # c.29

1928 08 06
A thirty-ton stack on the farm of Mr R. Mailer at Boxworth caused considerably anxiety when it caught fire. It stood in close proximity to a number of others and to the buildings of what is one of the largest farms in the neighbourhood. The whole stack had to be dragged to pieces with steel hawsers and traction engines before the fire could be effectively dealt with. The firemen arrived about 4 am and did not return to Cambridge until 7.35 pm. To add to their discomfort heavy rain began to fall shortly after they arrived and continued throughout the greater part of the day

1928 08 06
The quietude and peace of Sunday evening on the Vinery Road Recreation Ground, Cambridge, was rudely broken when some half-dozen pigs from a neighbouring sty, having burrowed beneath the dividing fence, burst violently on to the ground. At once they started to uproot flowers, dig holes in beds and generally make a nuisance of themselves. The custodian and several other men flung themselves on the invaders but the wily porkers were too much for them and a game of catch-as-catch-can over flowerbeds and paths, around clumps of perennials and bushes began. As if by magic half the juvenile population of Romsey Town began to drift on to the ground. After half an hour's strenuous efforts the invaders were recaptured and restored to their proper place and peace again reigned over the trampled beds and broken bushes.

1928 08 06
The verger of the parish church at Warboys found that six brass candlesticks and six brass vases were missing from the altar. The candles had been removed and laid on the Communion table. Entry had been obtained by prising open a leaded window at the south end of the church. This is the second time within 14 months that this church has been broken into.

1928 08 07
Soham recreation ground, p4

1928 08 08
Burwell Hospital parade, p6

1928 08 09
Rumours spread in incredibly short time to the effect that a Cambridge charabanc had met with a serious accident in the neighbourhood of Hunstanton and that many of the passengers – the numbers varied between 13 and 20 – had been killed and others were injured. Mr A.G. Brown of Messrs Brown Bros, the Lord Astor Motor Coach Company, had an anxious time as one of his charabancs had taken a party from Papworth Everard to Hunstanton. "I would give a £5 note if I could find the

man who started the rumour", he said. It was a cruel hoax and caused unnecessary anxiety to very many people.

Cambridge fatality, p5
W. Heffer death, p5

1928 08 17 ES
Stretham: Plague of insects at Newtown Council Houses, Ely Road: at Mr Badcock's, no.1, millions of 'Black Jacks' damage vegetables and flowers; are working through all the gardens

From Aug 16th 1878: Welney wedding – Mrs Naomi Groce and John Rumble of Upwell; he had been married six times and the pride three times – 28 08 17 ES

1928 08 14
Cambridge has lost a popular and familiar figure by the death of Mr James 'Jessie' Collins. He had an intimate knowledge of the antecedents and lives of almost every one of the inhabitants of 'The Boro' – the Castle End district - and was a character quite of his own. For 40 years he was employed at St John's College, rising from the position of shoe black to deputy head porter. He will be buried from St John's College, which he has served so faithfully and so long and today he lies in state in the college chapel – a fitting end to a remarkable life

1928 08 15
Ely fire brigade were engaged for nearly eight hours dealing with an outbreak at Hinton Hall, Haddenham where a group of stacks containing about 40 tons of this year's hay was involved. As they were situated in the middle of a group of farm buildings, the firemen had their work cut out. A good supply of water being available from a pond the brigade played two lines of hose on the blaze and they can be highly commended on their smart work

1928 08 15
Cambridge University has lost yet another distinguished son, by the death of Baron von Hugel, founder of the University Catholic Association. In 1883 he was appointed curator of the Museum of Archaeology, to which he had presented a unique collection of Fiji war instruments. Then commenced a period of service which will never be forgotten. He raised the money required for a new building and played a prominent part in the collection of local antiques, carrying out extensive excavations at Girton. During the War the Baron took charge of the Belgian refugees in Cambridge and received a medal.

1928 08 16
Sensational statements affecting the whole system of combating tuberculosis were made by Dr P.C. Varrier-Jones, medical director of the Papworth Village Settlement. The current system of dispensaries and sanatoria, where seriously damaged patients are crowded together, waiting for a cure which never comes, supported by medicine which prolong a pathetic and fruitless existence with nothing by failure at the end of it, is founded upon a wrong reckoning, he said. There should be provision of suitable employment under sheltered conditions, with facilities for treatment when required.

1928 08 16
Mr J.M. Barr of Wisconsin, an American beekeeper of great repute was the guest at the apiary established at Manor Farm, Lt Shelford. Several patterns of hives were shown, including one of an American type and here Mr Barr, in trying to pick up a bee from the alighting board received a sting. His host, Mr Clay had to apologise for the unfriendly reception accorded to the distinguished foreigner. The company then adjourned to tea in the garden room, a spacious verandah which just accommodated the whole party of 30 people.

Troublesome dogs, p6

1928 08 17
A terrible accident, occurred at Shepreth when the 10 am express train from Cambridge ran into a motor lorry at a level crossing, all the coaches being wrecked. The train was derailed the fireman killed and the drivers of the train and lorry seriously injured. The lorry, which was loaded with cement, was crossing the East Anglian Cement Company's level crossing at the same moment as the express was approaching. There was a terrific impact. The cement on the lorry flew up in the air so that to men at work at the station it seemed like the smoke of an explosion. After the impact the petrol of the lorry was ignited and in a short time was a blazing mass. The train continued for more than 100 yards, ploughing up the track, the carriages toppling over into a neighbouring field.

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1928 08 18
Mr A.J. Kerr of Downing College, Cambridge, a passenger on the train involved in the smash at Shepreth crossing said: "Next to our carriage was a horse box, which was completely smashed, only the wheels being left. At the time of the collision a horse was in the box. It was thrown to the other side of the line, where it lay for some little time with a considerable amount of wreckage on top of it. Then it scrambled up and bolted down the line"

1923 08 20
There is one thought uppermost in everyone's minds, and that is the level crossing collision at Shepreth and the almost miraculous escape of the passengers. The accident must surely be without precedent in the records of railway disasters in the comparatively small number of casualties compared with the damage to the express. It is almost incredible that with nearly 100 passengers aboard the train not one of them was killed, though the engine fireman and the lorry driver lost their lives. The disaster is bound to raise afresh the question of level crossings such as that at Shepreth which is an occupation crossing opened and closed by those who use it.

1928 08 20
It is a far cry from the White House, the home of American President Calvin Coolidge, to the old-world village of Cottenham. Some time back one of the Coolidge family unearthed the fact that they had originated in the village and the Rev Robert Moline instituted a search in the parish registers. He has sent the President a leather bible with a picture of the parish church on the back and a photograph of the original entry of the baptism in 1604 of little John Coulledge. The family emigrated to America in 1631.

Haddenham suicide, Mill End, p6

1928 08 21
The funerals of the two victims of the level-crossing disaster at Shepreth, the fireman of the engine and the driver of the motor lorry, took place at Cambridge. The passing of each cortege along Mill Road was watched by a number of silent sympathisers. Owing no doubt to the rain comparatively few people had assembled when the procession of the lorry driver passed from Romsey Terrace. Heads were bared and traffic stopped, an Ortona bus remaining stationary until the party had passed. A short while afterwards the cortege of the fireman turned out of Suez Road. It was headed by railwaymen, then came the bearers followed by a motor hearse, the top of which was covered with beautiful wreaths.

1928 08 21

Rail inquiry, p5

1928 08 24
An important improvement in East Cambs will be effected by the new road which it is proposed should be made from Burwell to the Wicken main road in Heditch Field. It would relieve the main road through Fordham of a considerable amount of traffic and assist an agricultural area. Newmarket R.D.C. has appointed a special committee to deal with the matter

1928 08 24 ES
Littleport railway station fire – 28 08 24 ES

1928 08 25
After the Ministry of Transport Inquiry into the tragic rail smash at Shepreth it now remains for steps to be taken to prevent the recurrence of such an accident. It was no one's business to pilot vehicles or foot passengers over the level crossing but was left to drivers to use ordinary care. Among the women passengers was a lady travelling to Finsbury Park, and she had with her a basket of eggs. After the smash, of course, she transferred with the other passengers to a relief train. When he arrived at her destination a railway official asked, out of curiosity, if he might look in her basket. Not one egg was broken!

1928 08 28
Witchford inquest, p6

1928 08 29
Sir – much has been written on the subject of the talking film; there is very little likelihood of any such startling innovation. The public would not want it, the difficulties of training whole casts of actors whose vocal abilities were not commensurate with their facial gifts would prevent it. But there is a real demand for audible film: News of the Day – public men making speeches will be seen and heard and personalities enhanced. Dramatic effects will be heightened by the production of 'noises' such as storms. Music Hall and revue sketches or 'star' turns will offer welcome interludes between the silent film plays and incidental music become an integral part of film production and not be left to the mercy of the local cinema orchestra – N. Sandeman, House of Commons.

1928 08 29
Sir – the bottom of Jesus Green swimming pool is in a very slimy condition and the shallow end practically useless for learners as they dare not venture away from the side. The custodian does not think there is a simple remedy; I suggest weighted cocoanut matting or a layer of sand. The custodian is successful with learners but he does not go into the water and hold them up with his hands but has a belt and rope and supports them from the bank. He has to be paid for his trouble and it is not everybody who can afford to pay – W.H.F.

1928 08 30
Newmarket Council heard that the Stewards of the Jockey Club felt the cost of purchasing and maintaining fire equipment should be paid for out of the rates, and not by voluntary subscriptions. But if a fire occurred at the grand stand, which was worth perhaps £100,000 their fire engine would be called upon to go and it seemed a great pity the Jockey Club could not contribute £250 towards the cost of an engine. The increase of housing and the storage of more petrol rendered the risk of fire greater and the need for a well-equipped brigade more pressing.

1928 08 30
Four London men had an amazing escape when a motor lorry overturned and caught fire at the Gog Magogs. The heavily-laden lorry was descending the Linton side of the hill when the steering mechanism gave way and the vehicle, careering down the road like a drunken man, skidded for about 50 yards, struck the grass verge and completely overturned. The engine burst into flames and the chassis became involved, but the men managed to extricate themselves, having sustained only minor

injuries. Some obstruction was caused by the derelict vehicle which was eventually removed by a breakdown gang from a Cambridge garage.

1928 08 31
Lecturer collapses, p8

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1928 09 01
A case of typhoid occurred at Caxton Police Station. The patient, a woman, had been away from home a week or two before becoming ill and it would be extremely difficult to trace its origin. Various ditches and drains in the district were in an unsatisfactory condition. Likely sources of infection such as drainage and milk supply were being investigated. There had been no other case of typhoid in the county for 2½ years. Two cases of scarlet fever occurred at Papworth Everard; the patients have been removed to Cambridge Isolation Hospital & the house disinfected

1928 09 01
Motoring friends have remarked that they consider the new island and lamp standard at the bend of Victoria Avenue, Cambridge, a danger to road users, and although the Corporation's object was to prevent accidents they may do more harm than good. The motorist who was unfortunate enough to crash into the standard this week had his vision partially obscured by heavy rain but it would be the easiest thing in the world for a stranger to meet with an accident there. Because of the green background of the trees the standard is not visible to motorists until they are nearly on top of it – why not paint it white?

1928 09 01
Sir – if you walk into King's Parade, Cambridge you see on your right, stretching almost indefinitely to Trinity Street a long varied row of shops – tailors, photographers, booksellers and cafes – in fine all the indications of the necessities of modern life. You may linger before window displays of the latest dance record, buns and cakes, photographs of college eights, and books and books. You notice the windows reflect your new summer suiting and admire its fashionable cut. Yet turn round and your gaze encounters minarets and towers, white gleaming the sunshine. Great walls, vulnerable with tradition, frown coldly down at you and you feel absurdly out of place in your flannel trousers and double-breasted coat – "Awe-struck"

1928 09 05
Ald Conder said the country was buzzing with town planners; the Cambridge East town planning scheme was drawn up by Cambridge Borough Council and covered part of Chesterton RDC area. It reserved certain land for allotments so the owner sent in a claim for compensation to the Town Council; as the land was in Chesterton they forwarded it to the RDC who decided to release it from allotments. So if one authority town planned an area outside its own boundaries it was possible that what had been done at great expense could be undone immediately it became inconvenient to another. That was the general trend throughout the country.

1928 09 05
Planners suggested there should be a belt on the west side of Cambridge where, if there were any development at all, it should be very sparse. Most of the land belonged to the colleges and it would be a good thing if they got together and put their estates into the hands of an association so that land which would be sterilised would be balanced by other where development was allowed. Ribbon development was bound to continue but there should be a very wide belt between the road and the houses. While people could buy frontages to public roads at about £2 a foot they did not mind going out a few miles.

1928 09 05

Cambridgeshire gets its quote of "Weary Willies" – the wandering fraternity and ne'er-do-wells – who, homeless and penniless, are content to patronise the various casual wards or 'spikes' and seek shelter at the expense of the ratepayers. I recall a visit to Cambridge 'spike' when bread and water was all we received in the way of sustenance and a stiff task of wood sawing or stone-breaking was expected in return. The 'spike' at Ely was, however, always regarded as a 'cushy' one. Today the tramp has a comfortable mattress to rest on, a hot bath, clean towels, nightshirt and sometimes a safety razor. On leaving he is provided with bread and cheese to sustain him on his journey.

1928 09 05
All applicants for admission to Cambridge workhouse are searched for contraband goods – not a pleasant task for the porter, and anathema to the tramp, who endeavours by all the tricks in his calendar to outwit the searching fingers of the official. No tramp is supposed to take in any tobacco, pipe, matches or money but to place them in his kit which is returned on discharge. But "Weary Willie" dearly loves a smoke; his stumpy pipe he will conceal in a toe of one of his big boots, in the other he places his matches or a selection of 'kerbstone mixture' – cigarette ends picked up in the streets - and Cambridge in Term provides him with a plentiful harvest.

1928 09 05
Money is often 'cached' outside the workhouse, the tramps burying the coins in the sides of some bank, below tree roots or behind loose wall stones. Another means of concealment is to embed some small coins in the pieces of soap "Weary Willie" generally carry; but a casual ward official has adopted the practice of probing every piece of soap with a hat pin and often comes across hidden treasure. Coins are also concealed in the mouth and an old tramp 'Long Amos' bemoans to this day the accidental swallowing of a sixpence while taking a bath in Royston 'spike'

1928 09 05
In a tramp's kit, carried in a dirty sack, you will find a curious collection of articles. Foremost is a 'drum', a large tin can fitted with a wire handle in which to brew hot water or black, strong, smoke-scented tea over a 'yog' (stick fire) by the roadside. Other articles include strips of cloth, known as 'toe-rags' used for binding round the feet in lieu of socks, pieces of old leather, rubber and a variety of nails for cobbling boots, a broken-bladed knife and a rusty spoon. He will also have a tin box holding a collection of 'hard-up' and a number of sheets of out-of-date newspapers gathered from rubbish heaps – "Weary Willies' Library"

1928 09 06
Labour library, p6

1928 09 07
Northampton Street picturesque houses, p6

1928 09 07 ES
Random notes on Barway – 28 09 07(2) ES

The County Library; how it caters for various interests; books for farmers by Miss Philip, County Librarian: The long dark evenings will soon be with us, when even the farmer has time to read. There is, at the county repository, an interesting collection of books written by experts on every branch of farming. Several Isle of Ely farmers have read and profited by such books as "Dairy Cattle and Milk Production", "Soils and Fertilisers", "The Growing of Lucerne" and "The Home Doctoring of Animals". We also have the report on the marketing of potatoes, fruit, eggs and poultry Books are sent by post to every bona-fide borrower and a postcard to the County Library, March, will bring you a list of available books from which you can make your choice. I do not want our useful books to gather dust on the repository shelves. Miss A.M. Philip, County Librarian for the Isle of Ely. 28 09 07(2) ES

Railway crossing Hundred Foot River, south bridge nearer Black Bank now being constructed – account of progress – 28 09 07 ES

1928 09 08
Harry Lauder's reminiscences, "Roamin' in the Gloamin" includes many references to the son he loved so well who was an undergraduate at Cambridge where it was his intention to take his degree as Bachelor of Music. Harry was in Australia in summer 1914 and it was arranged that John should join him for the Summer Vacation. Within five days of his return he was ordered to rejoin his Territorial Regiment and went to France. Harry was playing in his first revue in London when the news came through that Captain Lauder had been killed in action.

Hobbs pavilion, p6

1928 09 10
Captain Harry Spencer, the famous balloonist, was killed while attempting to release a balloon piloted by his son which had descended on the roof of a house belonging to Rugby School. He became affected by the escaping gas and rolled off the roof. He was responsible for the design of the famous parachutes with which he made hundreds of descents and in 1922 his son and daughter, then 14 and 16 years of age, made simultaneous parachute jumps with him at Cambridge from a height of 3,000 feet.

Haverhill fire, p6*

1928 09 11
The Cambridge works of Messrs W.G. Pye, the well-known scientific instrument and wireless apparatus makers were entered and the workshops and office ransacked. The works consist of several blocks of buildings extending from Cam Road to St Andrew's church at Old Chesterton. The visitor got into the transformer shop and then into a corridor by means of a hole which had been made in the wall for the fixing of a checking clock. Practically no damage was done and only a small sum of money is missing. It appears he was not a wireless enthusiast because none of the wireless parts were taken

1928 09 12
A mass meeting of milk producers is to decide what to do in the present crisis. Cambridge is fortunate in that a number of the local dairymen are also cowkeepers and able to supply a certain amount of milk independent of what they get from the farmers. The farmers are considering setting up milk depots in Cambridge in the event of no agreement being made with the retail trade, to ensure that milk continues to be delivered. But the Co-operative Society who supply the town with 5,000 gallons a week say the farmers couldn't carry out the distribution – 'it wouldn't be very sweet by the time the customers get it'

1928 09 14
About 50 children from Milton Road school, Cambridge journeyed by special Ortona bus to visit the industries of Sawston. Two groups called on the paper mill where the various processes were explained while another was piloted through the glove factory by Mr Hutchings whose patience in giving so many simple explanations calls for commendation. They joined forces to visit the works of Messrs Thomas Evans to see the various processes skins go through. During the journey home childish voices exuberantly declared that they would live in Dixie, where the hens lay omelettes. School was reached at 8 pm

1928 09 14
The Rev Charles Harold Evelyn-White, who has been rector of Rampton for the past 31 years, has announced his retirement. His work in connection with the restoration of the parish church, carried out under circumstances of exceptional difficulty is outstanding. He spoke of the wrench it would be for him and his wife to tear themselves away from both place and people.

St Ives fire, p3

1928 09 14 ES
Stretham: False alarm – cry went up that Mr J. H. Martin's farm at the Gravel, was on fire. Many rushed down the Military Road on any conveyance that was obtainable and more still heard the Fire Engine rattle past. The 'fire' turned out to be the old remains of a mustard stack
Influx of visitors. Year by year the village is increasingly invaded by holiday markers at this season. This year a record number of people have visited. Probably this is due to the improved travelling facilities, such as the daily 'bus service to and from Cambridge and Ely, and also weekly trips from popular seaside resorts such as Hunstanton, Yarmouth and Skegness

1928 09 17
Standing on the site where 60 years ago business commenced in a small thatched cottage, the Sawston Co-operative Society's attractively reconstructed premises were officially opened. The old exterior has been pulled down and an up-to-date imposing front substituted. The Assembly Room upstairs has been dispensed with and the whole floor made into a spacious furnishing department. The Boot Department, which was formerly incorporated into the drapery section, is now entirely independent. Since 1867 so much trade had been done that if members had left their dividends and interest to accumulate it would have been possible to buy all the property in Sawston and allow the members to live in their houses rent free.

1928 09 17
Augustine Crossman, manager of the A.R.C. Knitting Works, Abbey Walk, Cambridge told the court he had left his Morris Oxford car at the Drummer Street parking place and when he returned it was missing. When found next day the spare wheel had been changed, the tyre being seriously damaged. The inner tube had been taken out and put under the rear seat. The body of the car had been strained, one of the doors leaving a gap when closed and the bonnet had dropped away from the radiator. A quantity of petrol and oil had been used and a pair of sun goggles stolen. The damage came to something over £10.

1928 09 18 c
Newmarket R.D.C. Corners Committee inspected the corner at the junction of Pound Lane with Church Street, Isleham. They were of opinion that an improvement could be effected by the removal of the frontage wall to the site of the Pound, which abuts on the corner, & by leaving the site open to the highway. The Parish Council is to be asked to remove the wall with the possibility of a builder carrying out the work in exchange for the materials. They then inspected a corner at the junction of Fordham Road and Red Row Soham and recommend that tenders be obtained for taking down 12 yards of concrete wall and rebuilding a new frontage five yards further back.

1928 09 19
Newmarket Rising Sun, p6
Gransden show, p8
Greyhounds Cowper Road, p8

1928 09 20
Soham – Wicken road, p3*
Greyhound racing, p6

1928 09 21
Cambridge Housing Committee was told some of the bays of Council houses in Romsey Town had been pulled down and rebuilt after they had been occupied. Rumours that a government inspector had been down and condemned some of the work were quite wrong. It was not a question of work being badly done but it could be seen as one passed down the road that they were out of the vertical. (Laughter). The clerk of the works responsible was no longer in the employ of the council

1928 09 21
Cambridge Watch Committee granted Messrs Brown Bros a further licence for a Lancia coach to ply for hire at Drummer Street on condition that only one of their buses is to stand there at any one time. But Ortona had six to 14 buses there at a time & Messrs Brown advertised fares at 6d to a shilling cheaper. Ortona paid the Council £250 towards the rates but if the public was being charged extra it was time this was dispensed with. A custom had grown up amongst police and other to give Ortona preference because they sent buses to various places, whilst the others went to only one.

Hazel, Stretham, horse, p5*
Victoria Avenue lamp, p5

1928 09 21 ES
A very wonderful engineering feat was performed on the London and North Eastern Railway on the main line between Manea and March when the old bridge across the Hundred Foot River was removed and a massive steel structure installed in its place. All in the space of one day. To those unfamiliar with the achievements of modern engineering science the task may well have appeared to verge on the impossible. Yet it was can accomplish practically according to plan and the line, which was closed after the passing of the Mail Train on Saturday night was reopened to traffic on Monday morning with the new bridge in place of the old. The immensity of the undertaking can only be adequately realised by those who visited the scene. And they were an immense body. Despite the fact that the place is an isolated one in the middle of the fence between Manea and Black Bank people from a wide area around flocked to the spot. And most of them must have marvelled at what they saw of the accomplishments of engineering skill. The old bridge was pulled away on ball bearings and afterwards the new structure was similarly drawn into position. Though that's easily stated that task was by no means simple for great weights had to be moved, and so far as the new bridge is concerned had to be moved with exactitude. The size of the new bridge may be imagine from the fact that it has a span of 135 feet with side girders to the height of about 23 feet, the whole weighing no less than 330 tons. The new bridge had been constructed during the preceding seven weeks and spanned the river close to the old one on the Welney side. The massive girders were unloaded from the railway tracks by means of cranes and were slung over the side of the old bridge. And the work proceeded until the whole rigid mass was completed. Then came the major task of substituting the new bridge for the old. The old bridge was a lifted by hydraulic jacks and railway lines placed with ball bearings between them. Then steel cables were attached old bridge drawn out. The next thing was to prepare the site for the new structure and the transfer of the new bridge begun. Several times it had to be stopped while adjustments were made but gradually it got nearer to its final resting place. Then the approaches had to be made up and the permanent way restored. The first train was a goods train from March to Bury St Edmunds which passed at 6.20 am. The new bridge forms part of a larger scheme to reconstruct the line over the washes which in winter are flooded. And now a similar project is being carried out on the other side of the Wash. When the familiar old timber bridges have disappeared a final length of railway built to modern standards will take their place. They have rendered splendid services.
Since the train wait was first carried across the Wash one ever present risk has been that of fire. In dry weather watchman have had to be on duty day and night guarding against the danger. Started by embers from the fire boxes of passing engines, small fires have often been discovered and duly extinguished. 28 09 21(2) ES # c.26.2

1928 09 21
A Jangling of the Bells. Last July an alarming incident happened. When Mr. A. Pope was attending to the flowers in the churchyard se was startled by a great crashed in the tower and a jangling of the bells. He informed the Rector who, with the Parish Clerk, Mr. B. Parish went up to the tower to find out the reason for the noise.
It appeared that a great block of stone used to keep the weather vane steady had broken away from the iron support on which it had been swinging for many years owing to the corrosion of the iron. This stone had fallen on the oak beam that protected the bells and had smashed it to matchwood.

The Diocesan Surveyor said the spire was in a highly dangerous condition and at once drove off to see the Bishop in order to get his permission to close the church for divine service until the spire was again safe. He was able to secure the services of Mr. W. Prentice, the well-known steeplejack of Southend who happened to be in the neighbourhood.
It appears that owing to the swinging of the large block of stone at least 30 feet of the spire was twisted and in imminent danger of falling. This danger had been looming over the church since 60 years ago, when certain repairs were done after the spire had been struck by lightning.
The necessary repairs are now almost completed and the spire, which is a well-known example of the beauty of medieval art will soon be again a beautiful landmark for the countryside.
But the sum of at least £350 pounds has to be found to defray the cost.
The parish is wholly agricultural and although a loyal response to the appeal for funds is expected it is hoped the situation may make a large appeal to all those who desire to keep up ancient landmarks and preserve ancient buildings. The Bishop has headed the list of subscribers – feature and photo – 28 09 21 ES

1928 09 24
Sir Horace Darwin, a son of Charles Darwin, died at his home, The Orchard, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge having been in failing health for some time. By his passing we have lost yet another distinguished son of inventive and scientific genius and a personality who will be much missed. A former Mayor and chairman of the Cambridge Instrument Company, he was much interested in the training of mentally deficient children and helped to establish a home for them at Girton

1928 09 25
F.W. Mills, engraver death, p5

1928 09 27
The most disastrous fire seen in the fens for some years originated in West Fen Farm, Ely. Owing to the bad state of the road the Brigade experience considerably difficulty in getting close to the fire. The flames were twenty feet high and showers of sparks floated about in all directions. In the midst of the blazing yard was a valuable drum and elevator which was practically reduced to scrap iron. The glow of the fire was noticed for miles around and many people who saw it motored or cycled to the isolated scene.

1928 09 28
Charles Coborn, the veteran comedian famous for his singing of "Two Lovely Black Eyes" and "The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo" recalls an early visit to Cambridge: "We were drummed out of Cambridge a day before we had arranged to leave because of having infringed some Medo-Persian law of the Vice- Chancellor by stationing ourselves on market day in some prohibited place". He also met two gypsy brothers named Smith who lived in caravans and supported themselves by chair mending. One was father of the now well-known Gypsy Rodney Smith.

Impington burial ground, p8
Rendezvous ballroom reopens, p8

1928 09 29
"Every member a sportsman and every sportsman a member" is the motto of the Cambridge Town Football Supporters' Club which came into formation at a meeting at the Liberal Assembly Hall. They did not want supporters to grouse about players because they had not done the right thing, they left that to the Football Club. Supporters should not call out to the referee or players during a match and they wanted to stop the use of any bad language.

1928 09 29
The Chief Constable of Huntingdonshire, Capt J. Rivett-Carnac, is learning to fly and proposes to buy a Moth aeroplane. He said he was learning for fun: "Although in these small planes you can take off

and land in any field you cannot often get from door to door within a county any more quickly than by motor-car. Only on very rare occasions do I foresee the need of an aeroplane for my official duties"

Chair of Dentistry, p8

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1928 10 01
Conditions at the University Library have become more and more serious and in 1924 a Syndicate recommended a new library on a new site. Land was bought and plans prepared by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, estimated at £500,000. But it was possible for them to finance only half that amount. Now an offer has been received from the Rockerfeller Foundation of a sum to enable the building of the complete library without delay.

1928 10 02
The advent of the Michaelmas Term finds hundreds of "Freshers" faced with the problem of choosing a suitable wardrobe for University life. Grey flannel "bags" have come to be universally associated with the 'Varsity man and he would be well advised to include two or three pairs in his outfit. Plus-fours however are nowadays almost as popular as they are particularly adapted to an undergraduate's activities. It is best to choose a really good tweed mixture of a fairly bright pattern.

1928 10 03
The chairman of the Ouse Drainage Board came in for some heckling at a meeting at Cottenham. After the disaster in Southery Fen in 1915 and 1916 the work of the Board had saved the entire South Level from being flooded last winter. But Mr Wright-Graves said the value of the land had been brought down from £25 to £10 an acre. The tax was more than the occupiers could bear and it would be better to have a flood once in seven years.

1928 10 05
Cambridge Council of Share Out Clubs celebrated a 'life' of 20 progressive years at a commemoration dinner. In 1908 it took seven or eight weeks to pay out a death claim because the Secretary collected a "penny per nob" from each individual member, now they were paid within two days. There was not a finer insurance system to which one could belong. There were now 89 clubs and a membership of 4,360 and in five years they had paid 260 claims amounting to £2,571.

1928 10 05
Negotiations have been concluded for a fusion of interests between the Oxford Playhouse and the Festival Theatre, Cambridge and J.B. Fagan and Terence Gray will be jointly responsible for the policy of both theatres. There will be an interchange of companies between Oxford and Cambridge and the ultimate aim will be the setting up of a theatre in London. When the ensuing term is finished the Oxford Playhouse will be demolished and an entirely new theatre constructed.

1928 10 05
An inquest at West Wickham heard how a roadman met his death by falling from the back of a steam roller. The driver said the deceased had been sitting on the tool box at the back of the engine, which was towing four vehicles. At church corner the man was all right but when he got round the corner a man shouted at him and he ran back to find his colleague dead on the road in a pool of blood. The body was left lying in the road for an hour before a policeman came and it was moved. The coroner said that if people found a man hanging or anything like that it was their duty morally to cut him down and try and save his life. It was not necessary to wait for a policeman.

1928 10 06
New University Library, p8
Grantchester discovery, p8

1928 10 08
"Ain't it all right and all", jubilantly exclaimed a man in working attire after looking round the new Cambridge Labour Club at Romsey Town. This remark expresses the general appreciation of the handsome and well-appointed new premises which have been built in their spare time by members of the various trade union organisations to provide the Labour Party with a home of its own. It is nearly 2½ years since the foundation stone was laid by Mr Ramsey MacDonald and since then work has been going on steadily on nights and Sunday afternoons. The men have been putting their hearts as well as their backs into the work and the result is a club-house of which the builders may well be proud.

1928 10 10
New potatoes, p6
Ely bus problem, p7
Concert losses, p8

1928 10 11
The churchwardens of Hauxton brought a suit against Mr J.H. Stevens of Brookside Cambridge for repairs to the chancel of the church which was at present very much out of order. The roof was sagging, rafter rotting and there were tiles off. Mr Stevens was now owner of various lands, the profits of which had been used in the past to pay for repairs. But he was not the lay rector or he would have the right to sit in the principal place in the chancel. He had paid tithe but had not been told of any responsibility to repair the chancel, if he had known he would not have bought the land.

1928 10 12
Linton housing needs, p7
Balsham water, p7

1929 10 12 ES
Isle of Ely County Library success, school library appreciated, funding problems means Librarian post only part-time but working six days week – 28 10 12 &(2) ES

1928 10 13
Histon cemetery, p7
Notorious burglar, p8

1928 10 15
Willingham Ouse meeting, p2*

1928 10 16
In Salisbury Villas, Station Road, Cambridge is an embryo Missionary School of Tropical Diseases and Hygiene. Since its inception 85 missionary candidates have received instruction in anatomy, bacteriology and medicine to enable them to care for their own health when far from qualified aid and alleviate sickness and suffering on the field where they will be working. It was founded by the Rev. E.S. Fellowes-Farrow and housed in rooms in his private residence.

Guyhirn accident, p3
Chesterton police station, p8

1928 10 17
Sangerr's circus, p7

1928 10 18
Cambridge Guardians have sanctioned the provision of a cinematograph at the Poor Law Institution. A Kodascope machine will be installed and a subscription raised to cover the cost of £1 a week. The

provision of music on cinematograph or wireless was just as much part of the Institution as providing medical and dental treatment. The also considered the installation of a system of telephones

Pointer's sale, p6

1928 10 19
The ancient parish church of Caxton has long been in a sad state of decay. The chancel, nave and tower, floor, walls and roof have been unsafe for some years. Last year toadstools were growing at the foot of the pillars, which were green with fungus, and ivy grew through cracks. Huge lumps of plaster continually falling from the ceiling have made it dangerous for worship in the nave. Water poured through the roof in twenty places, the walls were crumbling and the floor in the last stages of rot. Scarcely a pew can be used again and hardly a rafter is free from rot. The population is small and consists of agricultural labourers but they have already raised £100 and now appeal for funds.

1928 10 19
The 'Cambridge Chronicle' newspaper applied for a renewal of the lease of their printing works in Market Hill. For the last 100 years they have carried on business there, they were the best-known works of the kind and if they were obliged to quit the machinery and plant would be very costly to transfer. But the owner said she intended to pull down the premises to carry out a scheme of development.

Mortuary, p6
Victora Avenue refuse, p6

1928 10 20
"There are probably a large number of people in Cambridge who would like to pull down half the colleges for street widening purposes and more who would be entranced by a design for a new King's College Chapel, done by the Borough Surveyor and suitably embellished with pagodas & geraniums", claims The Observer. The article includes the headlines 'A Threat to Cambridge. The Vandal on the Backs. Blackpool-on the-Cam'. It reveals how ignorant they are of modern Cambridge opinion.

1928 10 20
Judgement was given in the case brought by Hauxton Parochial Church Council relating to the liability to repair the chancel of Hauxton parish council. After investigation of ancient documents it was found that liability for such repair devolved upon the person who owned certain lands. Although he denied that he had been made aware of this when he brought the land, Mr Stevens had paid certain sums to the vicar, which had been another part of the responsibilities specified. It was therefore adjudged that he was indeed responsible for the repairs to the chancel.

Swaffham Prior pump, p7
Abbey church porch, p8

1928 10 22
Haverhill Literary Institute committee drew attention to the very small sum placed in the collection box at the Reading Room during the year. It had always been the rule that the Institute should be open to non-residents but they would be expected to show their appreciation by contributing something towards the expenses. Judging from the amount received the privilege was not valued very highly as the average income was twopence-halfpenny a week. The reading room was used very largely by outsiders, especially on market days. Such habitual users should become members

1928 10 22
Viscount Ennismore, the Cambridge undergraduate who is the son and heir of the Earl of Listowel, has decided not to use his title. In future he wishes to be known by his family name as plain "Mr Hare". The Viscount, who is at Magdalene College, has been talked of as a Socialist but he definitely denied belonging to the Labour Party. "I am a member of the University Labour Club, but we are

merely a body of young men interested in progressive politics. It is a matter of conscience: I feel I have enjoyed an unfair advantage and believe that titles are an artificial distinction", he told a CDN reporter.

1928 10 22
Newmarket was deeply shocked by the news that Mr Fred Archer, the well-known racehorse trainer and nephew of the famous jockey, had been thrown from his car and killed in collision with a stationary bus in Woodford High Street. Mr Archer was alone in the car, a big limousine. Until recently he trained for Lord Glanely at Newmarket. His greatest achievement was the winning of the Grand National in 1925 with Double Chance, a horse given him by Anthony de Rothschild as being useless for racing but which went on to win eight races.

1928 10 23
What is probably the largest single deal in Cambridge business property ever known has just been completed. A well-known local young man has purchased property with frontages in Market Hill, Petty Cury and Sidney Street and this will be developed by a company consisting of Cambridge people. It includes premises occupied by the Craft Shoe Company, the Cambridge Chronicle offices and printing works and Boots the chemist. As Messrs Boots recently secured a large amount of property in Petty Cury and Sidney Street it would appear that big changes will be seen in this part of town when both sites are developed.

Tipperary club, p6

1928 10 24
Downing Place fire, p6

1928 10 25
Pointer sale, p6

1928 10 26
Abbey church porch, p6

1928 10 26 ES
Ely de-luxe motor ambulance, gift of F.L. Harlock; has electric lighting, fully-enclosed driver's compartment etc – 28 10 26 ES

1928 10 27
There is much speculation regarding the £42,000 Cambridge Market Hill deal; a large cinema and café are spoken of, but there are no details at present. It would be for the benefit of the town if the whole island site could be taken over by the Corporation; then as the leases run out it could be cleared and would provide a magnificent site for municipal buildings. Road traffic now demands that all building operations should be planned for what will be needed in the future, with a wider Petty Cury, Market Hill and Sidney Street. Something of the sort must eventually be done unless it is the intention to remove the Guildhall and market nearer the station.

1928 10 27
A Lolworth couple were sentenced to six months hard labour for wilful neglect of their four children. They were extremely dirty and verminous and their clothes, the shirts in particular were almost incredibly dirty. The boots were so bad it would be better if they went barefoot. Their beds consisted of old sacks filled with flock and covered with ragged blankets and coats, they were saturated and smelt abominably. The husband was a good working man but the woman made no effort to keep the house or her children clean, and was something of a millstone round his neck.

1928 10 30
Undergraduate drunkenness, p6

1928 10 31
A disastrous fire resulted in the almost total demolition of the famous old water mill at Grantchester. The flames spread with such rapidity that within 30 minutes the position seemed helpless. The interior was just like a flaming cauldron, presenting a fiery beacon for miles around. The fire originated in the engine room where there was an oil engine, chemical extinguishers were tried without result. The men were beaten back by the smoke and flames; several were unable to save their coats and three bicycles had to be left to the flames. The only lives known to be lost were those of a cat and her kittens but it is thought some rats were also trapped, judging by the squeaks that were heard during the progress of the fire.

Histon stone corner, p8

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1928 11 01
Sir – in last nite's paper it was sed there is a lot of drinking in the Kolleges and someone asked what does the waiter think of it. The waiter thinks it's a dry job, that's all – just a job and a boiled shirt and somebody's second-hand dress suit. The yarn about Kollege feasts is all rot: there is a lot of drinking – they drink enough water to drown three or four Rev Gentlemen – Sam

1928 11 02 ES
Ely accommodates England's greatest beet factory, employing 670 men: photo feature – 28 11 02(2) ES

St Germans pumping station authorised – 28 11 02(3)(4) ES # c.29

Coveney church to hear broadcast from Canterbury Cathedral – 28 11 02 ES

1928 11 03
The Lord Lieutenant, Ald. C. Adeane said that a fatal accident at the Babraham cross-roads might have been prevented had they put up motor caution signs but the County Council had declined to do so. With the increase in traffic and speed of motor cars a grave responsibility rested upon them, such signs should be erected at all dangerous points. At another dangerous cross on the Great North Road at Eaton Socon the side roads had now been brought into the main road at such an angle that it was virtually impossible to have an accident and something similar should be done at Babraham.

Childrens' toy fund, p3
Bourn school, p7
Cambridge aeroplane club, p8
Prohibition candidate, p8

1928 11 05
Rail smash, Holme, p5
Barrington cement works, p5*
Electricity, p5*

1928 11 06
Sir – I apologise to the many residents of Histon and Impington who responded to our invitation to witness a demonstration of phono films from our Conservative Association touring van. Owing to the obviously organised attempts to cause damage to the van and its valuable machinery by the continuous throwing of large fireworks I considered it unwise to give the demonstration. We advocate the fullest freedom to all political parties to place their propaganda before the public but the opposition which was meted out to us that night, under cover of the fog, was unworthy of any body of Englishmen – Walter W. Light.

Wilburton vicar, p4

1928 11 08
Paderewski pianist, p6

1928 11 10
Soon after daybreak the advance guard of the thousand undergraduate poppy sellers sallied forth to all quarters of Cambridge, determined to beat the record figures reached last year. The warmth of their enthusiasm was sufficient protection against the keen frosty air, and scorning overcoats they patrolled the lonely streets and waylaid those hurrying to business. They were so cheerfully importunate that only a modern Scrooge could have refused them and most people seemed only too willing to pay off another small instalment of their war debt.

1928 11 10 c
Carnival conditions prevailed in Cambridge where the poppy-decked shoppers met amusing spectacles on all hands. On no previous poppy day has undergraduate ingenuity been so fertile. Chief among the many attractive schemes for money squeezing was "Banger's Circus" in which an unidentifiable animal with 'flannel bag' legs, and a monkey led on a chain by a top-hatted ringmaster were noticeable. The procession was disorganised when the monkey developed a thirst and dashed into the Angel, dragging the not-unwilling circus master with him

1928 11 10 c
An explosion in Lensfield Road, Cambridge brought people to their doors and it was seen that the cover of a large manhole in the pavement had been blown into the air and flung on the roadway where it had smashed. Fortunately there was no one near at the time and no personal injury. Even a horse standing by attached to a milk cart was untouched and apparently unperturbed by the untoward happening. The manhole contains GPO telephone cables; two employees were at work at a smaller manhole, about 80 yards away. They were applying a blowlamp when the explosion took place; it is thought the two manholes are connected and the flame must have ignited gas.

1928 11 12
Trinity Hall window, p5
Brockett, lab assistant, suicide, p5

1928 11 13
The bringing of the electricity supply to villages is not without its difficulties; the erection of power lines by the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Electricity Company would seriously effect cultivation and put the agriculturalist to more expense. It was reasonable that poles should be erected down green lanes rather than across a field planted with fruit. The lines had already ruined one of the most charming parts of the county. But others felt people would not object if that meant it prevented the supply coming into their area.

1928 11 15
Sir – As a motorist who has travelled 18,000 miles on English, Irish and Continental roads by day and night since April last I protest against the statement that there are few roads on which it is safe to drive at 30 mph after dark. The efficiency of modern cars, brakes and headlights, the invaluable illuminated night signs and the sound state of the road surface make such speeds perfectly safe at night in uncrowded districts. The night motorists one great menace has been the un-illuminated rear of the push cycle, but they are now required by law to carry a rear reflector thus eliminating any danger in this direction –Sir William L. Williams, Malcolm Place, Cambridge

George Asplin, Stretham, accident, p6

1928 11 16

Newmarket cycle accident, p5*

1928 16 C
Nearly 400 dogs of all sorts, shapes and sizes were on view at the Cambridge Canine Society show. Pekinese classes were well filled, while Cairn terriers were a very nice lot. Fox terriers too provided strong classes and West Highland terriers made a very good show. A splendid lot of cocker spaniels were headed by a beautiful black, Pilot of Cambs, shown by Mr A.J. Storey who took the cup for the best gun dog. An Irish wolfhound, shown by Mr J. Nagle, was outstanding and took the club cup, although Miss Cross' St Bernard ran it very close.

1928 11 17
The great gale which swept the country blew down trees, damaged roofs and caused damage. The most serious loss is the removal of the roof of the grandstand on the Cambridge Town Football Club's ground. The cross at St Barnabas church was carried away but no person was injured in its fall. Hoardings on the LNER Railway's property near Cambridge station have been razed to the ground and the line was blocked by a signal that was blown down near Waterbeach. At Trinity College the famous 'Sedgwick Elm' in the Fellows' Garden was partly blown down. At Ely two large sheets of lead were lifted on the roof of the cathedral nave and a huge chicken shed in Lynn Road was completely demolished.

1928 11 19
Rignall accident, p5

1928 11 20
A meeting for clothing workers was arranged at Haverhill to reform, a branch of the Garment Workers' Union. It should never have been allowed to go out of existence but during the slump of 1921-22, when trade union assistance was needed more than ever, the workers fell away. What the union was asking for was one penny an hour more for girl workers, a halfpenny an hour for men and a week's holiday a year with pay. Once there was a branch at Haverhill members could depend on being looked after by the union if trials and tribulations came.

1928 11 20
Earlier we gave details of a £42,000 deal in Cambridge Market Hill; now we can reveal proposals to build a super Victoria Cinema that will accommodate about 1,800 people and embody all the latest improvements with the most comfortable seating and an excellent orchestra. Large waiting lounges will be included to accommodate all queues in the building and protect patrons from the weather. A luxurious café restaurant is also promised. We are unable to state whether apparatus for 'talkies' will be included but no doubt if this art develops sufficiently well in time this new asset will not be overlooked.

1928 11 20 c
The executors of the late Mr P.P. Gilpin are to sell the famous racing establishment, Clarehaven at Newmarket, where a winner of practically every big race, save the Cambridgeshire, has been trained. It practically adjoins the Limekilns and is convenient for both sides of the heath. The property includes a gentleman's house, a splendid range of 40 loose boxes, beside yearling boxes, hack stables etc and is complete in every detail.

1928 11 20
Sir – I watched a Cambridge policeman on point duty outside Woolworth's and was struck by the smart way in which he held up, or signalled on, vehicles. I saw him stop the traffic to allow a lady with a child in a push-chair to cross the road, lead a child over and pull to safety a woman who was in danger of being run down. I asked him whether he often had to pull people out of danger and he told me: "These village folk are not used to town, and one has to expect such things" – M. Bowyer

1928 11 20

Members of the Cambridge public who have been mystified by the appearance of wooden huts in various places will be interested to learn they are police telephone boxes. They will be small sub-police stations. Each will contain a telephone in a cupboard which the public can use to get in touch with the Central Police Station, but not for general calls. The box itself will only be accessible to the police. Thirteen are to be erected

1928 11 22
1928 has been a bad year for the prevalence of diphtheria with over 100 cases in Cambridge, resulting in 14 deaths. There have been 37 cases in elementary schools since September and six have ended fatally. Taken early the disease can be treated with a serum but parents are liable to mistake the first symptoms for those of a slight cold, a sore throat or the mumps. There is no traceable cause for the outbreak and personal contact, not insanitary conditions, is a primary cause of its spreading.

1928 11 23
The Isle of Ely County Council has taken over the road across Mepal Causeway as a main road but have no responsibility for a concrete viaduct. But, recognising the great delay and danger to the public when the road is flooded, they are prepared to find 25% of the cost. During floods last winter traffic was held up for three weeks; it was impossible to get a boat across and 40 workmen from Mepal had to walk eight miles after a day's work, travelling from Bluntisham to Sutton by rail. If the viaduct was built it would be one of the greatest improvements since the Council had been in existence.

1928 11 23 ES
New bridges for Isle of Ely: tenders for bridges Dog-in-a-Doublet, Boot's Bridge near Wimblington, Twentypence and at Mepal with a causeway across Wash; during floods traffic was held up for three weeks and 40 working men had long walk,; Sutton School closed by clergyman who had no power to close it – wanted children there so could take swabs of infectious diseases – 26 11 23 &(2)(3)(4) ES

1928 11 24
Almost every aspect of undergraduate life will be seen in the new 'talkie' film now in course of preparation. The director is an old Cambridge man and he has persuaded the authorities to permit the general public glimpses of the interiors of some of the most sacred institutions. Certain 'dons' whose names are household words are interested in the project and will describe the characteristics of some of the fine old buildings while in one scene the star part will be played by a popular University hairdresser whose saloon and waiting clients provide the setting.

1928 11 26
Hinton Avenue trees, p5

1928 11 28
Many parsonages in the Ely Diocese were too large picturesque 'white elephants'. They were expensive and the upkeep was quite out of proportion. The incumbent must repair and often improve it, but he could not sell it or even fell the timber in the grounds without permission. Trustees should be established to classify properties, sell or re-model and improve them. A list could be drawn up with the prices fixed and agents who wished to buy would know where to go. But this would mean more officialdom and be a step in Socialism. And nothing was said about security of tenure; the work of the clergyman was hard and this mischievous and wicked interference would make it harder still.

Diphtheria, p6

1928 11 30
Chesterton RDC would never sanction the erection of petrol pumps which encroached on the highway. But the danger was not so much encroachment as the arm of the pump blocking the footpath and causing women with perambulators to go out on to the road. They were also told that during the recent gale the total loss in their 374 houses was one pane of glass and three slates. This was a matter for congratulation.

December 1928 CDN

1928 12 01
In the administrative areas of Cambridgeshire County Council there is only one town, Cambridge; the population of the town and county area are almost equally balanced. In ordinary circumstances Cambridge would have been made a county borough with all the advantages that accrue, had it not been that this would paralyse local county government. As a result it has had to suffer and remains under the control of the County Council, a body which is almost entirely rural in character. Under the new rating assessment Cambridge will find some 70% of the money but has fewer representatives on the county council than the rural areas; this is an intolerable position the Cambridge MP told the House of Commons.

1928 12 05
The number of cases of venereal diseases in the Isle of Ely has increased; of those attending the centre at Cambridge the number ceasing treatment before their cure was completed was more than last year. Poverty was no bar to treatment since railway fares are paid to all necessitous cases on application and laboratory facilities are provided free of cost to all Isle medical men. Six beds are reserved at Addenbrooke's Hospital for in-patients' treatment for these cases and unfortunately there had been more call upon them during the year.

1928 12 05
A passenger train travelling from March to Cambridge at over 40 mph crashed through one of the level crossing gates at Milton during dense fog. A motor lorry was practically on the rails. The engine driver appears to have been ignorant of the accident until he stopped some distance from the gates to await a signal. He then sent the fireman back to see what had happened. The passengers were unaware of any mishap. The Milton gates seem to be ill-fated. Numerous similar accidents have occurred there.

1928 12 06
A Little Downham baker told the bankruptcy court that he had bought the business for £900, but there was little trade, the weekly takings averaging £15. The majority of the business was the bread round. He took over two horses and a cart, but one horse had the colic and the other a stroke so had to be shot. He did the baking when he was able and produced about 12 stones of bread a day. Sometimes he had no profit at all. He blamed his failure on keen competition – there were four bakers in the village, much too many for the size of the place.

1928 12 06
Members of the Ely Musical Society were cut with flying glass and bruised about the body in a motor bus crash. They were returning from Downham Market along a winding road when the front wheel of the bus skidded and it charged two trees. Luckily Mr Medcalfe, one of the Ortona Company's most careful drivers, stuck to his wheel which saved the situation very considerably. They were taken to a farmhouse and the driver went on the pillion of a motor cycle to Ely to get help. Another conveyance was sent to convey the unfortunate singers home but a heavy fog hanging over the fens made it difficult for traffic to proceed.

1928 12 06
For some time Cambridge bowlers have felt the present facilities were not attractive enough and they ran the risk of losing fixtures with first-class counties because of the state of the greens. Now an anonymous donor has offered a lease on ground in Brooklands Avenue; it would not require a great deal of levelling. The act was one of extraordinary generosity and should allow the formation of Cumberland turf greens and other sporting attractions.

Ringing door bells, p7

1928 12 08
Sir – Undergraduate fashions have changed since I came up to Cambridge in 1877. I never saw an undergraduate wearing knickerbockers nor carrying an umbrella and on our heads we had to wear hard felt hats when not wearing cap and gown, winter and summer. Perhaps half a dozen men would venture out wearing straw hats but they were spoken of as 'snugs' – strange and weird people. Of course straws were worn by men who had gained a place in their college boats and was part of the rowing costume, but not worn in the streets. We all had to look smart and well-dressed, with no slouching about with hands in trouser pockets. What a change! – Senex

Ramsden Square lamps, p5

1928 12 10
The fine building in Newmarket High Street known originally as the Victoria Hall was built 31 years ago on the site of the Greyhound Hotel and cost £80,000 to erect. No expense was spared to make it equal to the West End Hotel. A theatre, a Turkish bath, a ballroom and garden with fountains were added. But it failed because it was too good for the needs of the place. It was bought by Barrington Lynham, a flat race jockey, who has made this huge hotel pay. A cinematograph now occupies the theatre and it has been the venue of dances, dinners and presentations. Now it has been sold. The Victoria Cinema will be carried on in conjunction with the Kingsway Cinema and the Victoria Mansions will be a residence for well-to-do persons who can afford to rent a flat with every accommodation in the centre of the metropolis of the Turf.

Cambridge Home of Mercy, p3

1928 12 11
Cambridge councillors considered the provision of a car to replace the Ford at present used in the Highways Department. They agreed to transfer the Austin used by the Borough Surveyor and authorise him to obtain prices for the purchase of a new car. Subsequently he submitted estimates for a new Austin in part exchange for the old Ford car from Messrs Marshall & Co, Jesus Lane (£285.2s) and Herbert Robinson, Regent Street (£276). They are to accept the Robinson's offer

Old Corporation documents, p8

1928 12 12
Women having been granted the Parliamentary vote the Cambridge Committee for Equal Citizenship celebrated this great event. Invitations were sent out to all members of the Cambridge Women's Suffrage Association to meet Dame Millicent Fawcett at Newnham College. There was a very large attendance. Mrs Bethune-Baker traced the history of the movement in Cambridge. Among the first subscribers were the Mayor and Vice Chancellor but the cause fell on evil days. Members of the voteless sex had stood all day at polling booths on a wet day and undergraduates had tried to force their way into a meeting at the Guildhall.

1928 12 13
W.G. Fullick complained of the dangerous state of Gypsy Lane, Dullingham; hardly a day passed without someone falling from a bicycle. He supposed the Council would rather pay out compensation than put a little gravel down and noticed that the Councillors all had good roads to their residences. He hoped the Council would soon wake up and do something

Grantchester Mill, p3

1928 12 14 ES
Stretham Water: scheme for supplying water from a well in the Rectory grounds of a new cowshed recently erected by Bertram Parish. Pipes laid from well under the road and now assured of an abundant supply of pure water. Is pumped by a small engine into an enormous tank which can be filled in twelve minutes. This automatically keeps supplied the water pans in each stall, ensuring pure

water for each cow. The buildings which were erected by Routledge Bros on the most up-to-date lines are a model of cleanliness – 28 12 14(2) ES

Hundred Foot Wash – second railway bridge completed – 28 12 14 ES, photo 28 12 21(3) ES # c.26.2

1928 12 15
Cambridge Medical Officer said properties in Little St Mary's Lane were in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. One house was so dark he could not read a newspaper, although the sun was shining. He recommended closing orders prohibiting the use of the houses until they are rendered and to serve notice to this effect on the owners. The nuisance of a rabbit skin warehouse in Sturton Street was also being dealt with

1928 12 15
St Catharine's Farm, Coton, has been taken over by the Stetchworth Dairies. Built in 1922 it contains the finest buildings of any farm in the Eastern Counties and it is because of the spacious byres for cows that the Dairies have secured it. It is another asset to their fine chain of model milk producing farms, which includes Ditton Hall Farm, Rectory Farm Milton and Aldham House Farm, Chesterton. At Merton Hall Farm, Madingley Road the cows are milked by electricity.

1928 12 17
A 15-year-old farm labourer from Melbourn was accused of having inserted a filed farthing in an automatic cigarette machine and obtained a 6d packed of cigarettes. Charles Cooper, postmaster and grocer of Shepreth said he had a machine outside his shop and had missed several packs of cigarettes this way. He kept watch, saw the accused leave the machine, checked the money and found the farthing. The lad said he had seen other boys do it too.

Whittlesford hall, p6*

1928 12 18
Stretham housebreaking, J.H. Savage p5
Rose & Crown, Newmarket Road, p5*

1928 12 19
Lady Glanely, of Exning House, was saved from almost certain death when her car overturned and burst into flames near Royston. She was accompanied by her maid and the chauffeur was driving when the car came into collision with a cyclist, skidded and overturned. Within a few minutes the car was a mass of flames and she was trapped inside, unable to open the door. A man who was passing immediately rushed up and fought like a madman and managed to drag Lady Glanely out of the debris to safety. He rescued also the maid and assisted the chauffeur who had been unable to free himself. But for this man's brave intervention nothing could have saved her ladyship. A motor scout who was in the vicinity did his best to quell the flames, but in vain; the car was completely burnt and all her ladyship's luggage and her jewels, which were of great value, were lost.

Eglantine Jebb death, p5

1928 12 20
Lady Glaney rescue, p8

1928 12 21
The Ouse Drainage Board heard the mud and refuse from Ely Sugar Beet Factory was clogging up the river so that even tugs could not get through even with no boats in tow, except on a channel ploughed day after day. The water was being held up towards Cambridge and there was serious danger of flooding. It was a waste of money to have dredgers in the Ten Mile River getting the mud out when it was being put in faster by the Beet Factory. Thousands of tons of mud were going into the river and it was a scandalous affair. The whole of the river between Ely and Denver Sluice had a thin coating of

slime all over it and was the consistency of a mud-pie. It will not be the Ouse Drainage Board much longer if this goes on: it will be the Ouse Drowning Board.

Shepreth railway smash inquiry, p5

1928 12 21 ES
Stretham house ransacked and clothes stolen; Allen C. Savage, a baker, assisted father in his business P.c. Green received information that the dwelling house of John Henry Savage of Stretham had been broken into and clothing stolen. Four strange men had been seen … entry had been gained through a window and every room ransacked. In a spare bedroom was found an old pair of brown cord trousers, cloth herringbone jacket, waistcoat, an old mackintosh and cap. He took them and circulated information … four men were arrested in Cambridge – 28 12 21&(2) ES

1928 12 22
Coal wharf tragedy, p5*
River pollution, p7
Eglantyne Jebb, p8*

1928 12 24
The benevolent spirit of Christmas descended upon Cambridge Police Station when 350 of the city's poorest families received good cheer at the annual distribution under the Police Poor and Needy Fund scheme. "Robert" again proved what a real good friend to the poor he can be. He relished his job of amateur shopkeeper, skilfully wielding the butcher's knife and shovelling potatoes into sacks with good-natured gusto. With a cheery word for every recipient he sent happy families away loaded with Christmas dinners and good things in general. Perambulators which had arrived empty were wheeled away bearing protuberant sacks.

Fulbourn centenarians, p5

1928 12 27
There was no place in Cambridge where greater efforts were made to bring about a happy Christmas that at the Poor Law Institution, Mill Road. Gone forever were the old traditions of Bumbledom and the hardships associated with the workhouse regime. Enthusiastic spirits and untiring hands had transformed this already 'rejuvenated' building into a place which re-echoed in every corner to the joyous note of Yuletide happiness. The vestibules were almost as gaily decorated as the wards, festoons and balloons meeting the eye in every direction. A novel feature was the use of Flanders poppies, given by the British Legion. Santa Claus arrived in a sleigh drawn by two Alsatians; strangely enough the Master was not to be found when Santa arrived.

Review Year (national), p3
Christmas bathers, p3*
Wyton licensee, p5

1928 12 28
Gautrey reminiscences of education, p6*

1928 12 28 ES
March Council's fine record of house-building; 192 houses owned by the town – photo feature – 28 12 28(2) ES

Ouse Drainage Board; serious river pollution at Ely due effluent from Beet Factory – tugs could not get through; whole river towards Denver had thin coating of slime; it was full of beet refuse and bubbles and stank and was most objectionable. It would cost up to £1,000 to dredge it out. – 28 12 28 ES

1928 12 29
No more rackets, p6

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1929 01 02
Home of Mercy cake, p8

1929 01 03
An Isleham baker was summonsed by the inspector of weights and measures for having loaves deficient in weight. He accepted the measurement although he always put three ounces of dough above the weight required to cover evaporation during baking. But under the prosecution act it was stated that the loaves must be for sale and these had been weighed in the bakehouse. They might in due course have been offered to the public but were not then for sale. The case was dismissed.

1929 01 04
Zion Baptist Church, East Road, Cambridge was opened on January 1st 1879 and nothing has been done to the fabric for several years. Now a scheme has begun for renovating and repairing the church. Mr Dunwell recalled his former Sunday school fellows: "The boys were ten times worse than they are today. The teachers used to read to them from 'Uncle Tom's Cabin' which often made them cry, but did their part in helping to build up character. Today there were not so many willing to work among the children"

1929 01 04 c
The new extension of Whittlesford Memorial Hall is of wood taken from the 1st Eastern General Hospital, Cambridge. If its timber could talk what a tale they would learn of the sufferings and bravery of many wounded men. It consists of two billiard rooms, one containing the billiard table from the officers' mess at Duxford Aerodrome and the other from the Red Cross Hospital at Whittlesford on which the soldiers used to play during the war. The whole is lit by oil lamps, though it is hoped that electricity will come to the village early next year. The original hall was opened in 1921.

1929 01 04 ES
Ely Rural Council takes palm for house erecting:
Ely Rural Council has built a record number of houses since the war. As soon as the cry for homes and more homes arose, the Council set out to meet it and in every part of the area stand smart little monuments to the splendid work of the Council. They have provided 400 homes since 1920.By some the rents of these houses have been thought somewhat excessive, but when the figures involved in their erection are laid bare it will be appreciated that they could be made no lower if the Council were to show any respect for the word 'economy'.
Now, apart from Littleport, where houses are still needed, the housing requirements of the area are practically met.; photos of Mill Field and The Crescent in Littleport; Ely Cromwell Road, Chief's Street – 29 01 04 & (2)-(5)ES

1929 01 05
Cambridge always responds to a good cause with nearly £1,000 collected for the Miner's Distress Fund, but the County's response is very poor. It seems that requests for large sums – guineas or pounds - to send to one of the Cambridge banks does not appeal to the people in the villages, many of whom are not directly in touch with banks in the way which Cambridge residents are. They do not like to send in their modest contributions and local clergy should organise collections. The villages

have done splendidly for Poppy Day and Addenbrooke's Hospital and would welcome the opportunity to support the Miners.

1929 01 08
The Chief Constable said that one of the cars now in use was a danger to the life of the Deputy Chief Constable; it had been used every day for the past ten years, so it had done extraordinarily well, but was now positively dangerous to go about in. The cost would be about £150. The question of payment arose and Mr Taylor objected to "this wretched system which is going on all over America of paying by instalments". It was agreed a new car be purchased and paid for now and a sub-committee was appointed to make the purchase.

1929 01 08
Too much time is now taken up by the police in traffic management, which is not a primary police duty; it could be controlled by the RAC and AA patrols, County Councillors argued. They were better than the police because they had motors. It would be difficult to make arrangements with the associations and would probably mean the motor scouts becoming special constables. Others felt traffic control should be dealt with by a special police, though the time was not ripe for them to increase the numbers. But Col Tebbutt said he would not like to see two sorts of police in the country.

Village plays, p3

1929 01 10
Two Ashdon brothers were charged with the theft of a pair of gent's shoes at a dance in the village Labour Hall. They had hidden them in a hedge. When the theft was announced by the M.C. the dancers made a collection amounting to 11s.6d. One brother had contributed to the collection but dare not say that the shoes had been taken as a practical joke. He later took them back into the lavatory of the hall. In a village like Ashdon there was not much humour about and by their actions they had made themselves look silly and idiotic

1929 01 11
Haddenham dog, p5

1929 01 11 ES
Littleport Labour Party's Social Club fire – 29 01 11(3) ES
James Heygate's draper's shop at Littleport celebrates Jubilee – 29 01 11(3) ES

1929 01 12
The Wolseley 16/45 h.p. 'Silent Six' is the finest two-litre six-cylinder car that money and experienced have ever succeeded in producing. Its silence, smoothness and rapid acceleration are really wonderful. It is vibrationless from 6 to 60 mph. Let us give you a trial run – we shall be pleased to do so. Tourer £365. Saloon, £375. Authorised main distributors – E.T. Saint & Co. Ltd, Regent Street, Cambridge. – advert

1929 01 12
Sir – The Cambridge Surveyor offers to supply 'Standard Bins' at 4s. 9d and limit the amount of refuse. These are certainly tidy but judging from the state of some of the bins one feels that potential disease forces lurk under the lids, especially on murky warm nights. The advantages of the old wooden box or tub is that when the bacteria and damp have done their work the said container perforce refuses refuse – I.M. Tired. Editor: I believe the sanitary dustbins are infinitely preferable to the old wooden boxes without lids that often decorate our pavements and provide a happy hunting ground for stray dogs.

1929 01 12
At the Playhouse I had the pleasure of seeing 'The Three Students', the first of a series of Sherlock Holmes films with Eille Norwood in the role of the detective. It was of special interest because the

greater part of the film was taken at Cambridge. A reference in these columns some years ago to another Sherlock Holmes film, 'Moriarty', in which John Barrymore appeared as Holmes in his college days at Cambridge, brought a letter from Mr Norwood who wrote "When we filmed 'The Three Students' we took some of the scenes at my old college, St John's".

A. Tillyard novel 'Young Milliner', p8

1929 01 15
The many Cambridge friends of Mr Raymond Bennett, the comedian, will regret to learn of the misfortune which befell him and the variety company, the Piccadilly Follies, when the New Hall Theatre, Tiverton, was completely destroyed by fire. His worldly possessions were reduced to a pair of stage trousers, an old coat and twopence. The company is in dire straits without money or their stock-in-trade as all their possessions were with them and they have lost everything.

1929 01 16
Joseph Ashworth Sturton, principal director of Messrs Sturton Ltd of Fitzroy Street and a former Mayor of Cambridge has died at Bournemouth. The son of Joseph Sturton, the founder of the business 100 years ago who developed the land now known as Sturton Town, he was born above the shop and proved an industrious business man, opening branches throughout the region. In 1919 he purchased Thurston's bakers and confectioners and soon added a café. Mr Sturton was one of the first in Cambridge to interest himself in the motor car and took up the commercial car in connection with his business. He was a prominent nonconformist and founded the flourishing New Street Men's Bible Class.

1929 01 16
Sir – Cottenham and Histon parents who have children using the Ortona bus to and from school in Cambridge are perturbed at the condition in which the children arrive. They are compelled to travel on the top deck of the open-top bus when it is full at the bottom. This usually happens in wet weather. What prevents the bus company from sending a covered double-deck bus for their use? Children from Histon have an alternative to go by rail, which is considerably cheaper and are provided with a heated carriage and kept dry – A Parent

Twin doctors, p6, (inquest 18th p5)

1929 01 17
Competition in the tea-shop line is terrific, Cambridge is stiff with them, a court was told. Two ladies had taken the tenancy of 11 St John's Street in 1923 and increased the takings with a large number of resident customers as well as undergraduates. They made everything they sold except for sweets and cigarettes & paid themselves between £60 and £80 a year out of the takings. Trinity College said if the premises could not be used as a tea shop the rental value would drop from £120 down to £85 as it was in a bad position for an ordinary retail business.

1929 01 18
Cambridge Councillors considered erecting 50 houses of a type within the pecuniary means of the people who would have to be moved from insanitary houses. In some places eight people were living in a single room under exceptional circumstances of poverty. But a man might say 'I am paying 3s. 6d. a week for two rooms and I cannot afford any more'. So what type of house was going to be built? In some of the houses there were elderly people and moving them perhaps two miles would be quite out of the question.

1929 01 18
There are about 800 unemployed men in Cambridge, due to seasonal work and the closing down of the Cement Works, one of which had closed permanently though the others would reopen in a short time. They include 84 builders' labourers, 138 painters, 32 carpenters and 16 plasterers. The council

has drawn up a programme and 134 men are working for the Borough Surveyor but they urge all who had work for painters, plasterers or builders to put it in hand at once.

Fishery board restocking

1929 01 25
Duxford air crash, p5

1929 01 23
Caxton Rural Council received a letter from the Beds. Cambs. and Hunts Electricity Company seeking permission to fix an overhead wire from St Ives to Eltisley. The line would go through Hilton and Papworth and be a great boon. Mr Moss asked if the wires would be high enough to clear a man on a loaded cart. He had seen the wires near Cambridge and they seemed very low. The Chairman said this was a matter for the owners of the land. He pointed out that it was the top wire that was the dangerous once, and the lower ones were merely guards.

1929 01 24
Conington air club, p5

1929 01 25
The Inspector of Schools said that in recent years there have been great improvements in Cambridge; they had got rid of such places as Sturton Street Infants and Occupation Road schools which were not fit to teach children in. Not only was it impossible for the teachers to give of their best but it was absolutely cruelty to children to make them go there. Occupation Road in particular was really insanitary. They had done exceedingly well in the reduction of the number of unwieldy classes; there are now 11 classes of over 50 children and 35 with from 40 to 50.

1929 01 25 ES
Old Bank Farm, Littleport, a mile and a half down a winding lane, is one of the oldest in the district and has been in the Watson family for 157 years. In turning out an old drawer a letter dated January 1829 was found. Present owner Aaron Watson was born in the house. One or two alterations have been made, one modern window inserted and sheets of corrugated iron substituted for the thatch, but the old-fashioned fireplace remained in the kitchen – 29 01 25(2)

1929 01 26
A young Cambridge lady in attempting to make a short cut across Midsummer Common to the towing path became embedded in the half-frozen silt and mud thrown up by the dredger. Another lady went to her assistance and suffered a similar fate. Their frantic signals soon attracted the attention of passers-by; two or three young men waded out to them while others formed a human chain. The would-be rescuer was extricated with little difficulty but the first lady became more deeply embedded. Eventually a ladder was procured and a rescue effected. Fortunately no bones were broken but she was so badly shaken up by her ordeal that she had to be removed on a hastily-improvised stretcher

Skating, p5
Photofilm van, p6

1929 01 28
The County Architect presented sketch plans for a new building on the Cambridge castle site, containing office accommodation, with council chamber, library and storerooms. It was futile to prepare plans for their existing needs when it was practically certain that under the new Local Government Bill they would have a large amount of additional work thrown upon them. Mr Dunn had erected the present County Hall in Hobson Street & was able to compete with the best architects in the country with regard to a beautiful scheme and a beautiful building. But if he was forced to collaborate with another architect there would be delays and they would never get the building erected.

1929 01 28
Certain documents of an historical nature are stored in Cambridge prison on Castle Hill and access is permitted to University students for the purpose of study. But if a County Hall is built on the site the Prison will be pulled down and the documents removed. The University fears that they would lose a very big educational factor and urge the County Council to provide accommodation for them in their new building. Having regard to the tendency of modern legislation to give Councils more work they would probably require considerably more accommodation at the end of 20 years and such storage would then be valuable for administrative purposes.

1929 01 29
A story of how a large family had been living in a tent of sacks and sticks was unfolded at Cambridge court. The man had not done any work for eight years and the woman provided for her family by hawking. They lived by wandering about the fen district camping out, and the only time the children had proper covering was when they were in poor law institutions. They had in a tent in Cuckoo Lane, Cottenham; it could not be called waterproof, on the floor was a small portion of straw and there was a foul smell

Rev Thomas death, p6

1929 01 30
Cambridge Preservation Society wishes to prevent any repetition of the disfigurement of the country as has taken place around the Shelford Road. They felt that at all costs the pleasant road to Madingley and the view from the Hill should be secured. Finding the danger was acute they decided to direct whatever funds were available to this end. They have bought about 380 acres of land but built up a considerable debt that must be repaid.

1929 01 30
Mr George Sharman, of March, the head of a well-known Isle of Ely family, was killed through falling in front of an express train at March railway station. He founded the 'Cambridgeshire Times' series of newspapers in 1872 and was actively concerned with the management for many years, two of his sons subsequently taking over the reins. Recently he took over an estate and land agent's business. Several years ago he had a seizure while waiting on the March station platform and fell on the line but was not seriously injured. A widow, five sons and a daughter are left to mourn their loss.

1929 01 30
General regret will be felt at the news of the death of Mr Eliab Pamplin, partner in the well-known firm of agricultural engineers. With his brother, Walter, he followed in the footsteps of his father who was a pioneer in founding the engineering concern and under them it grew to still larger proportions. He farmed extensively and also found time to devote to public service; his knowledge concerning road construction proving of great value to the Highways Committee. He took an active interest in the life of Cherry Hinton and recently made a gift of £100 to the Parish Council to extend the recreation ground.

1929 01 31
A Lancashire farmer who came south during the war and took a farm at Wimbish told the Bankruptcy Court that he should never have done so had it not been for Mr Lloyd George's promises. He'd said this kind of farming in this country should never fall back into the condition that it has done and also promised credit banks which have never been fulfilled. Six out of the last seven seasons had been bad; he had three sons working for him who never had anything for 11 years, not even pocket money. They thought they were entitled to 10s. a week beside their food: "At last they got so disgusted I gave them three guineas each and they bought a Ford car", he said.

1929 01 31
Mr Geoffrey Pyke of the Malting House School, Cambridge appeared at London Bankruptcy Court. He'd opened the school in October 1924 as a research school for children's education and never had

any idea of making money out of it. He had expended £15,000 on it as against fees amounting to some £600. It was amply staffed and records were kept of the sayings and doings of the boys. That formed part of the research work and although the records were of scientific value they would fetch only ten shillings as waste paper. In fact he would not expect to receive a 'bean' for them from anybody who bought the school.

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1929 02 01
An aged Haslingfield woman who had lived for 17 years on parish relief in a state of semi-starvation was found dead in her cottage. After the funeral police searched the house and in all sorts of nooks and crannies found gold, silver and notes. But on several occasions the Relieving Office had found her eating a meal of toast, margarine and tea, and had actually sent out for bacon for her. Her family had no idea she was in receipt of relief and regarded her as a person of independent means.

Market day hours, p5
Potatoes, p5

1929 02 01 ES
Important road proposal, connecting link between Prickwillow and Soham; dangerous state of Adelaide road bridge – 29 02 01 ES

1929 02 02
Milton Road pub, p6
Sunday buses, p8
Parker's Piece tea hut, p8

1929 02 04
Mr Walter James Stearn, the Cambridge photographer, has died. He was a son of Thomas Stearn, the founder of the photographic business, and with his brother Harry made it well known in University circles. His success as a sporting photographer meant that he was known to more undergraduates than any other townsman. In his younger days he was a keen sportsman, rowing being his principal interest. He was president of the Rodney Dramatic Club and always sent bouquets to all the lady members of the cast of the plays, but could never be persuaded to appear on the boards

1929 02 05
The latest form of political propaganda, the Conservative's touring 'Talkifilm' is visiting Cambridge. The programme includes a speech by the Prime Minister which gives an uncanny effect of realism and a silent film showing the opening up of Canada. The van will visit Pound Hill, the Premier Hall Chesterton and Occupation Road, winding up at Cherryhinton Road corner

Shepreth school, p5
Stearn appreciation, p6*

1929 02 06
Cinema van, p5
Cambridge in fiction, p6*

1929 02 07
Workhouse visit, p5

1929 02 08
Abbey church porch, p8

1929 02 09
Licenced houses onjections, p5
Fiction, p6*

1929 02 12
Conservative talki-film, p6

1929 02 13
Histon Parish Council is to adopt the Lighting Act and install 16 standard electric lamps fitted with 100-watt bulbs at a cost of £225. There was every possibility of the electric light cable being extended in a year or so when several more lamps would probably be installed. Nine standards will be installed at Impington where the electric cable only runs down the main street. The Electric Light Company would lay more cables when a sufficient number of applications had been received from private consumers but this was unlikely to be for some time to come

Ice grip tightens, p5

1929 02 14
For the first time since 1895 there was skating on the River Cam. A thick sheet of ice powered with white snow, stretched unbroken from Silver Street to the electric light works. It was too inviting to be resisted and several skating parties took advantage of it. Many undergraduates took to the ice in front of King's College and at Quayside a man was seen cycling on the slippery surface. However the ice bore and he neither came off nor went in. At Silver Street it was possible to cross to the mill on the ice but below Jesus Lock, where the dredges is at work, the ice was broken up by the flow and black pools and crevices had appeared in the thin surface.

1929 02 14
A serious fire broke out at Caius College, Cambridge. Two rooms in Tree Court were completely gutted and others badly damaged. Policemen attracted by the blowing of a whistle in Trinity Street got a hydrant in the courtyard to work and the Fire Brigade was quickly on the scene but the inside of the building was almost a furnace. The fire was quickly got under but not before considerable damage had been done, including the falling in of a large part of the ceiling. The firemen experienced bad conditions owing to the intense cold, the water froze on their clothing and icicles were left hanging from the ledges

Woolworth's expand, p4

1929 02 15
Cambridge is becoming increasingly interested in folk songs and folk dances thanks to the local branch of the English Folk Dance Society. Keith Falconer, a Cambridgeshire man who is making a big name for himself in the singing world, is to perform at St Columba's Hall. A sword dance and Morris jigs are included in the programme.

Skating, p5

1929 02 15 ES
Chatteris council's part in solving the housing problem, carried out by direct – detailed article; photo of Wood Street, Doddington Road – 29 02 15(2) ES

Beales Lee of Witcham celebrated 90th birthday; born Quay Hill, Littleport, one of family of eight; farmed at Oxlode – memories – 29 02 15 ES

1929 02 16

All Cambridge seemed to be skating or carrying skates this morning and there is something like five inches of ice on many parts of the Granta. Eight hardy spirits took the plunge at the Town Bathing Sheds though it took nearly half an hour to break the ice. There have been bathers ever since the front began and many of them have hardly missed a day. The cold was so severe that the comb stuck in the head of one of them who was doing his hair. But the Open Flying Mile Straight Race, fixed to take place at Cowbit Wash, near Spalding, was abandoned after the Skating Association reported that it was not possible to provide a straight mile course to conform with the conditions.

Corner house and Venetian restaurant, p2
Cambridge mummers, p6

1929 02 18
The North East Coast contingent of the unemployed marchers who are making their way to London arrived in Cambridge. Carrying banners, singing old war songs and rattling collecting boxes they entered the town via Huntingdon Road. The local Labour Party and Trades Council having decided not to give them official recognition the 88 marchers proceeded direct to the Poor Law Institution, Mill Road, where the staff had made preparations for them. They were given Irish stew and entertained at their private cinema installation.

1929 02 18
A serious fire in which some valuable implements were destroyed occurred in a large hut at Whitehall Farm, Littleport. The Fire brigade were handicapped as the pipes were frozen and the whole of the structure was completely burnt out, including a 12 hp Alvis motor car, the axle and gear box of a Chevrolet lorry, a cultivator and set of harrows. Prompt action by Ely police & firemen averted a serious fire at the Bell Hotel Ely where a large beam behind a fireplace in one of the upstairs rooms had ignited. It was in a difficult position to get at and there was no alternative but to take the fireplace out.

Skating, p5

1929 02 19
Cambridge councillors debated the proposed exchange of Butts Green for New Square in order that it might be converted into a parking place. If I lived in New Square I should not be at all pleased at the idea of that nice little patch of green giving way to a parking place, but if I had a business establishment in Fitzroy Street I should say “Yes, let the cars park there by all means”. There is a danger of New Square being built upon in the near future and residents may consider a car park the least of two evils. Others are concerned about using the amenities of Butts Green, though one questioned whether it was used for anything but beating carpets.

Mills site inquiry, p6

1929 02 20
New Square letter, p5
Skaters beware, p5

1929 02 21
Cambridge Guardians debated purchasing number 137 Gwydir Street for the few children in the Workhouse. Mr Francis said they should not build on that side; there were complaints of the smoke and grime and he could not imagine a much worse place. The right place was at Chesterton where they would at least get the air and the sun. Mr Lofts said they could not afford to expend that amount of money, while they could board children an extension was unnecessary. There was no rule against boarding out children under three but they tried to keep babies with their mothers

George Fordham death, p5*
New Square, p5

Frontage lines, p6

1929 02 22
Skating ends, p5

1929 02 22 ES
Donald Pearson of Mepal wins professional skating championship of England – 29 02 22(4) ES

Great ice carnival; important races include Mepal, Swavesey, March and wins for C.W. Horn of Upwell – 29 02 22 ES

1929 02 23
C.W. Horn did not, as he had hoped, beat the professional time for the three-miles' circular skating course at Lingay Fen. The ice, though hard underneath, was distinctly soft on top and it gave the officials some anxiety owing to the large number of people who insisted on clustering round the finish. The crowd numbered several hundred. The closest heat was between G.E. Martin and F. Bebas from Spalding, there being only two-and-a-half seconds between them

Telephones at stations, p5
Swaffham Prior school, p7
New Square, p8

1929 02 25
A disastrous fire occurred the Hall, Little Shelford in the early hours of Sunday morning with the result that the building was almost completely gutted. It was discovered by Mme Carne, the governess who with the butler and the maid were immediately above the fire. Captain and Mrs Gordon Dill removed their children to safety in the Lodge. While waiting for the fire brigade, which was delayed owing to the terribly thick fog, the occupants attempted to subdue the outbreak, then confined to the pantry, with buckets of water. But the heat melted a lead pipe and the cistern emptied so water had to be fetched from a cottage about 30 yards away. The building is 71 years old being erected in the grounds of the old Hall which was pulled down in 1858.

1929 02 26
Pyke, Malting House School, p5
George Fordham funeral, p8

1929 02 27
An Ely watchmaker told the Bankruptcy Court that he had started in an upstairs room in the High Street in 1926, moved to a shop in Broad Street and then Fore Hill. He obtained the post of tenor lay clerk at Ely Cathedral at £110 a year and for twelve months collected the water rate, being paid £1 a week for it. He played in a band occasionally and got five shillings an evening but denied his problems had been caused by drinking and loose living.

1929 02 27
Cambridge Photographic Club's exhibition contains a number of local views. Mr Bellamy has eight nice photographs, the best of which is 'Farm near Barton'. Mr Watson's 'Suffolk Road' is a fine rich picture, as is also his 'Pampisford'. In the novice's section Miss Dorothy Bellamy has a well-arranged print 'Street in Chesterford' and Mr Boutflower shows a charming 'Over Ferry'

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1929 03 01
Public houses – Star, p5

1929 03 01 ES
Ely lady skating behind motor-cycle combination – 29 03 01(3) ES

1929 03 02
Sir: Quite a number of people took advantage of the frozen river last weekend to skate to Ely and among them were three Newnham girls. It is 34 years since last such a journey was possible. It was February 1895 that I and two friends undertook the journey. On arrival it was suggested we continue to Denver Sluice but after two miles the ice was very bad, so we returned. I wonder how many have ever succeeded in it, a distance of 72 miles there and back. I am fond of skating and have been to Ely five times – 'Septuagenarian'

1929 03 02
Cambridge Justices approved a hotel of a 'superior improved modern type' on land adjoining no.203 Milton Road. It would meet the needs of people as a social club and be a house for travellers as well, with a dining and tea room. The luncheon room should be open all day and the manager be a man of catering experience who should be encouraged to sell non-alcoholic refreshments and food. Opposition was forthcoming from the Master of Magdalene College who have a sports ground nearby and from various temperance, religious and welfare bodies.

1929 03 02
Caxton Guardians heard that an elderly brother and sister from Great Eversden had been admitted to the Workhouse because they could not get anyone to look after them. Their house had been searched and £34 10s. in notes, £7 in gold and £42.13.6 in silver, making a total of £84.3.6. was discovered. It is understood the woman also has £199 in the Post Office Savings Bank

Parking place, p8

1929 03 04
Reed Farm, a large house on the Babraham Hall Estate was completely destroyed by fire; all that remains are the walls and dislodged masonry which is strewn about the cellars and the ground floor so that the scene resembles the result of an earthquake rather than a fire. The house was occupied by Captain and Mrs Fraser with a staff of two maids. He had time to get into a suit of clothes and some gumboots but his wife and the maids were not so fortunate. She had time to dress downstairs sometime later but the maids had to dress in the garden

1929 03 05
Fire alarm system, p3
E. Jenkins, Borough Education Secretary death, p8

1929 03 07
Cambridge farmers heard that a telephone has now been installed at Bartlow railway station; they could not understand why they were not installed generally all over the country. Most farmers were on the telephone today and the railway company were losing a lot of business by not having telephones at all stations. Many farmers sent pigs to factories by road because they could not get in touch with the railway to order a truck

1929 03 07
A Linton butcher was fined for exposing for sale imported meat, each piece of which was not labelled with the word 'Imported' and the words disclosing the country of origin. An Inspector of Weights and Measures said he visited the shop and saw a considerable number of pieces of meal, some of which he suspected were imported. There was no label on any meat in the shop. The butcher produced a label marked 'Imported' from a drawer and said he had not put it on since the war. He did not attempt to deceive customers since the pieces of imported meat were not mixed up with English meat

1929 03 07
The Cambridge MP was told that the Post Office have been working on a combined handset for telephone purposes. The old handsets where the mouthpiece and the earpiece were combined – you picked it up and put it to your ears and you could hear and speak and were employing only one hand – was useless under modern telephonic conditions. Although still in use they are being replaced because you cannot get the same quality of speech as you can with the ordinary pedestal telephones. The American Telephone and Telegraph Company have provided the very latest type of apparatus and this has been improved on.

Wicken Road unemployed, p5*

1929 03 08
Meldreth fire, p8

1929 03 09
Sir – I have watched the progress of H.M.S. Dredger at present operating off the footbridge, Chesterton Road, Cambridge. Some months ago they dredged one half of the lower river in the vicinity of Jesus Locks and deposited the sludge on the Chesterton side in the river; later the dredged the river above the locks and deposited the sludge in the actual place previously dredged - 'One of the financing party'

1929 03 09
The dislike of railings in Cambridge seems to be growing. Some time ago the heavy railings in front of King's were taken down and now the University Press railings have been removed. This will make more room for pedestrians and traffic coming round the Silver Street corner. One wonders what is to become of them. Are they to be scrapped as 'old iron' or are there other people who would be glad to secure what we are anxious to discard.

1929 03 12
Newmarket councillors having considered the position of the temporary island refuge near the Clock Tower agreed it should be permanently fixed and be lighted by a double lantern to be left alight all night. Only two of the four corner lamps should be lighted in future. They also agreed to let the supper room at the Memorial Hall to the County Council for two hours each Friday to be used for issuing books from the county library

1929 03 13
The University Proctors have considered regulations for students who desire to use aircraft during term time. Undergraduates flying their own or civilian aircraft may lead to annoyance from low flying and accidents. A Light Aeroplane Club has already been formed which gives facilities for flying within a few miles of the University. Now no student may fly as pilot or passenger during term time without written permission from his parents and tutor. Those offending will be liable to be punished by suspension, rustication, expulsion or otherwise.

1929 03 13
Newmarket police court heard that the head lad to Mr Boyd-Rochfort was in charge of a string of 21 horses that wanted to cross the road. As they were crossing he heard a car coming from Mildenhall. He put up his hand and shouted but the driver kept on coming and did not slow down. He took his car off the road and went through the string of horses which became alarmed. The driver said he thought there were two strings of horses, had seen a gap and accelerated to get out of the way as quickly as he could. He was a careful driver and assisted the police on every possible occasion. But it was a serious thing to cut through a string of racehorses and he was fined £3.

1929 03 14
Bennett Ward, farm labourer of Toft said he went to fetch three cows from the field to be milked. He looked up and down the road, opened the gate and two crossed. The third was in the middle of the

road when a motor car came along and hit her on the hindquarters, knocking her into the ditch. She weighed about half a ton and was full of milk. The two front lamps and the radiator of the car were damaged and there was a very deep skid mark which tore the road up. The farmer claimed £26 for depreciation of value to the cow, the driver counter-claimed £18 for damage to his car.

Teashop case, p7

1929 03 15 c
A Cambridge undergraduate was fined for an assault on a taxicab driver who attempted to push him off the running-board of a stationary cab. It took place after a bump supper when he was in a very excited condition. Robert Osborne said he went to the ADC Theatre and left his cab on the rank on Jesus Lane. The undergrad and others came along the road and turned the starting handle of the taxis. He jumped on his running-board and would not get off, so he pushed him off. The lad then hit him several times.

1929 03 15
A case of considerable interest to people buying or selling goods on the hire-purchase system was heard at Cambridge court. Messrs Miller & Son sued the former musical director of the Tivoli Cinema, Chesterton Road over an H.M.V. gramophone and records. The agreement said that the machine was to be kept at a house in Chesterton Road but he had moved it to the nearby Spring Hotel without being granted permission. When he moved to the West Kensington Super-Cinema, London, the firm had seized the machine.

Fen Causeway bypass, p6

1929 03 15 ES
Soham new parish hall foundation stone laid – photo – 29 03 15 ES

1929 03 16
A member of the Cambridge Watch Committee was seen chalking the number on the front of his motor car in Market Street. His front number plate had recently been repainted and, forgetting it was not in its usual place, he went for a 40-mile trip. Next day he was stopped by an observant policeman who was adamant that he could not go on. “What shall I do”, asked the motorist. “Go into Heffer’s and get a pennyworth of chalk” said the policeman, which suggestion was at once acted upon.

1929 03 16
There was no man who stood higher in the esteem of his fellows than John Chivers and the news of his death was received with widespread regret. The Free Churches had in him a good friend and, always a stalwart Liberal, he rendered yeoman service to the party. As the name of Cadbury is to Bournville so that of Chivers is to Histon. He developed the business that his father built up with the active and personal support of his three sons and today the fame of the ‘Orchard Factory’ has spread far and wide.

1929 03 16
Whilst shaving the other morning I caught sight for the first time of one of the brand new motor dust waggons and called other members of the household to see it. “Freighters” is the correct word for them and they have the reputation for being dustless loaders and more hygienic generally. There are four openings each side with sliding covers so that everything is closed in & when the men are on the way back to the destructor with their load there is none of that unsightly mass of paper and rubbish above the loading line with which we have been familiar in years gone by. Altogether a great improvement.

1929 03 16
The new edict with regard to flying by undergraduates is well timed. Conington aerodrome is used by the Aeroplane Club and now comes news of a private aerodrome for Cambridge. Marshalls,

automobile engineers of Jesus Lane are opening it shortly. It is on the main Newmarket Road less than two miles from Cambridge. There is a railway station 200 yards away and a 20-minute bus service connection. One hangar has already been erected and the whole site is about to be put down to grass. Marshalls are agents for the de Haviland Aircraft Company and already have their own demonstration machine ready at the aerodrome.

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1929 03 22
Cambridge council is to introduce automatic traffic signals at the crossroads at Northampton Street and Chesterton Lane for a three-month trial. The present cost of a policeman on point duty was about £400 a year and the signals, with purchase, would be about £200 with about £25 a year maintenance and repairs. But Coun Stubbs described it as "robot policemen"; a friend in Liverpool had had to wait ten minutes with a clear road before he could get a move on. He did not see how traffic could be controlled as well as by human means: "I can see myself telling it to mind its own business" (Laughter). It was at the wrong place, being at the bottom of a steep hill; it would be better at the East Road – Mill Road crossing.

1929 03 22
Percival Rodrigo, a canvasser … obtaining photograph … from Gertrude Thompson … said he was setting up a branch in Fitzroy Street and canvassing photos for advertisements – would enlarge it .. represented the Westminster Studios. Albert Chandler, photographer printed leaflets warning about canvassers - CDN 22.3.29

Advertising Royston, p5
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Centenary boat race, p5
Electricity cable, p7
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1929 03 26
An inquiry was held into proposals by the Ouse Drainage Board to carry out work at Welmore Lake Sluice. The Ministry had agreed to fund one half of the cost of £30,000 but local ratepayers objected saying it was unfair to expect them to pay so large a sum when the work would benefit many others. The sluice had been constructed about 1825 and benefited the Middle Level as it prevented the tide coming up against their barrier banks. Methwold and Feltwell Drainage Board protested against payment for a sluice which would confer not one penny benefit on them. They were being asked to 'hold the baby' and it was rather too lusty an infant for them to hold. If the cost were spread more fairly it would only amount to an 8d rate and no one would feel the pinch.

1929 03 27
Some interesting observations on windmills were made by Mr H.C. Hughes to the Cambridge Photographic Club. His talk was illustrated by large number of slides. The oldest drawing of a mill in existence was in Longstanton church, cut in the clunch of the porch. Doubtless as the miller was always a bad man his boy took after him and having been turned out of church had spent the time drawing his father's mill on the church. He spoke of the mill at Haverhill with its rotary vanes, the six-sailed mill at Wisbech and the mills at Stretham and Fulbourn, both of which were still working.

The latter should be preserved if any should, so beautiful was it on the long rolling slopes behind the Roman road.

Conington air display, p7

1928 03 28
Melbourn harness firm, p8

1929 03 29 ES
Ely's new housing scheme – perspective view of houses on New Barnes Road site – 29 03 29 (2) ES

Hillrow serious fire Mr Newman's farm; unable to save motor car and two motor cycles – 29 03 29 ES

1929 03 30
Coun Rowley spoke of the serious pollution of Histon Brook. There was a stream of black sewage matter six inches deep. From this pollution he had lost two horses and another which was about to die and he had been put to very heavy expenditure for water. If water was taken from a pump at Cottenham fed by the brook it ate through the tubes in one hour. They should apply for an injunction against Messrs Chivers resulting in the stopping of the factory. But there were a large number of cottages, a large laundry and a butcher all discharging water into the brook crude, and not filtered as at Chivers. The pollution came from up the brook at Girton as well as lower down

1929 03 30
Twenty years ago there were four weekly newspapers published in Cambridge in addition to the C.D.N. Then the Cambridgeshire Weekly News acquired the Cambridge Express and the joint production enlarged from eight to twelve pages. Much has happened since, including the incorporation of the Cambridge Independent Press and the introduction of a picture page. There has been a marked increase in paragraphs of village news; in 1909 three columns were needed, now they claim the whole of the last page of the paper and frequently overflow on to another. Members of the Women's Institutes may be interested to learn that last year we published about 600 reports of their meetings.

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1929 04 01
Four cottages, barn and outhouses gutted at Willingham; big blaze at Teversham; week-end blazes at Lt Shelford and Kneesworth

1929 04 02
Conington air display, p6

1929 04 03
Advertising Cambridge – Chamber of Commerce – pictorial posters issued, illustrated guides; more conferences wanted

1929 04 04
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Guardians decide against boarding out children , p6
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Policeman assaulted trying to arrest drunk, East Road, p5*
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Brampton church stalls – University museum asked to return them, p6

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Prince Olaf of Norway visits Cambridge, p8*
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Man changed mind over purchase land Cherry Hinton – CDN 25.4.29

1929 04 26
Gretna Green rag, p6

1929 04 26 ES
Adelaide bungalow fire – 29 04 26(2) ES

Ely Urban District Council meeting no longer open to public as none attend; complaints of report in Ely Standard – 29 04 26 ES

1929 04 27
Cambridge to have a modern caravanserie matched the modern splendours of Oxford St & Regent street where a thousand people may dine without strain on the service & dance too if they are so minded, a place of dignity & comfort & of surpassing resource. The old Dorothy cafe is to disappear - not so very old though as a modern restaurant - & a building of 3 storeys spanning space between Sidney St & Hobson street. Ground floor entrance Sidney St is shop & showroom & on eastern side a dining hall or restaurant. Principal staircase to first floor will be from hall at Hobson street entrance & access to a dance hall with black hornbeam floor on springs. This accommodation for 320 diners at a public banquet but specially prepared for dancing for 450 at once. At western end another dining hall. Another on second floor, seat 80, suitable private dinner of clubs & organisations. perhaps this will be the oak room which intention of Hawkins to decorate; also roof garden looking across to gardens of Christ's College. Nags Head inn will not disappear but be given place in the basement. Will take 18 months but Hobson St side will be completed before start made with Sidney St front to ensure restaurant open throughout

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1929 05 03 ES
Haddenham Mill End ratepayers request sewer; with regard to extension of water scheme – at Thetford have been considering scheme to get water from the river but Ministry would not sanction scheme. Was time something was done. Mr Kisby said he was frequently coming through Stretham where he saw boys, girls and women going about with pails carrying water from the pump. It was cruel to the women, the children and the housewife. At Wilburton every man had voted against the scheme – 29 05 03(2) ES

Great scheme for the Middle Level: new sluice besides pumps at St Germans – 28 05 03(3) ES

Don Pearson of Mepal presented with speed skating cup won at Lingay Fen – 29 05 03 ES

Ely R.D.C.: Thetford's need of water 29 05 03 ES

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1929 05 09
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'Talkies' & education & debate, p8

1929 05 16
Comberton college collapse, p8

1929 05 17 ES
Isle County Council accept tenders reconstruction Bell's Bridge near Littleport and Middle Fen Bridge, Ely; accept offer Burnt Fem Committee to contributed reconstruction Mile End Bridge – 29 05 17 ES
Supt H. Roythorpe retires Ely Police – details – 29 05 17 ES

Isle of Ely police off duty – named group photo – 29 05 17(2) ES

1929 05 18
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1929 05 22
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1929 05 24 ES
Haddenham – serious fire F. Peacock engineering and machinery shop off Wilburton Road burnt to ground. Saved threshing drums but chaff cutter and car destroyed – 29 05 24 ES

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Election results, p7

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Work for Cambridgeshire men, p8
Festival Theatre changes hands, p8*

1929 05 30
Election candidates' tours, p5*

1929 05 31
Haddenham motor cycle sports & gala, p3
George Fordham will, p5

1929 05 31 ES
Ouse Drainage Board – reconstruction Welmore Lake Sluice – 29 05 31 & (2)(3) ES

Ely U.D.C. Surveyor's annual report – 29 05 31 ES

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Cambridge Undergraduate film comedy – Aunt Matilda's Nephew, p6*

CDN issue a 'Sporting News' morning edition, p6*

1929 06 03
Ely dispensary report, p3*
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1929 06 04
Why the Cambs MP was late – Capt Biscoe helps get horse out of ditch, p3*

1929 06 05
Cambridge Rifle club formed, p5*

1929 06 07 ES
Theft from Ely Convenience. Fittings and toilet rolls have been missed from the public conveniences in Ely, as many as nine toilet rolls had been missed in a week. On Friday the suspicions of the attendant were aroused by a man leaving with "a rather bulging pocket". The matter was reported to the police. This sort of thing had been going on for a considerable time and proceedings should be taken against the person concerned. If they acted now it would 'nip in the bud' this sort of thing and let people know that the property of the Council could not be interfered with in this way. – 29 06 07(2) ES

A Stretham tragedy. Youth found shot dead in garden. The lifeless body of Frederick George Garner, 19, of Main Street, was found with a double-barrel gun lying by his side. The discovery was made by his mother, whose husband and daughter had gone to Epsom to witness the Derby run-off.
The fatality is shrouded in mystery. When she went to bed she left her son listening to a wireless programme; he was in his usual cheery state of mind and in good health.
Next morning she noticed the gun case in the room but thought her son had taken the gun to scare cats which often made efforts to enter the butcher's shop conducted by the deceased and his elder brother. She went into the garden and found him.
No one seems to have heard a shot fired but the gun had one spent cartridge.
P.c. Roythorne removed the body to a shed at the rear of the house and took charge of the gun.
The young man had come to reside at Stretham five years ago and had won the affection of a wide cycle of friends. He devoted much of his time to cycle racing.
Widespread sympathy is extended to the parents in the tragically sudden bereavement they have suffered. – 29 06 07(3) ES Inquest – 29 06 14 & (2) ES

Middle Level new St German's sluice and pumping station agreed; described – 29 06 07 ES

Ely massage clinic to be extended to villages; had completed fifth year, given 1,127 treatments. Massage was most beneficial to children in cases of infantile paralysis; many would have been crippled for life if had not received treatment in good time. Addenbrooke's Hospital could send patients out sooner, knowing they could receive treatment at home. – 29 06 07 ES

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Motorist's 35th conviction, p5
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1929 06 17
Town council sensation – price of land, Milton Road, p6

1929 06 18
Litter baskets, p8*
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1929 06 19
Cambridge Post office talk, p8*

1929 06 20
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1929 06 21 ES
Stretham church spire fund – residents work to raise funds; annual garden fete – 29 06 21 ES

King's School former headmaster, Rev Richard Winkfield, dies at Dry Drayton – 29 06 21 ES

1929 06 22
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Stretham garden fete, p3
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Sultan of Zanzibar to visit, p8

1929 06 24
Tree planting at West Wratting, p6*

1929 06 25
Visit of Sultan of Zanzibar, p5*
Haddenham Alsop shooting, p8

1929 06 26

James Merry, lifesaver, Ely river man, p3*

1929 06 28
Talkies to start in Cambridge August – Central Cinema, p8*
Wisbech canning factory, p3
Histon pollution, p8
St Neots big blaze

1929 06 28 ES
Haddenham tragedy – Cyril Alsop (6) shoots brother Fred (13) in strawberry field. – had been scaring birds and fired it three times while his sister and other children were gathering strawberries. He then went with the other children into a shed in the field and there placed the gun in a corner. His brother picked up the gun and knocked it hard on the ground; it went off hitting his brother in the head. The father said he kept the gun in a shed but it was always unloaded. He kept the cartridges loose in the shed which he always locked. It was possible for anybody to get into the shed through the roof. His son had a key.
The coroner asked: Do you think you are a wise man to leave deadly firearms for the use of children like that. Father: He was a boy, sir, but he was capable of doing a man's work. He would have been alright had he been alone.
The Coroner said by law a child under seven would not be guilty of any criminal offence; it could not be murder because he was too young. But he hoped people would not allow children to go on playing about with deadly weapons – 29 06 28 ES

1929 06 29
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1929 07 01
Hauxton church maintenance, county councillor gaoled, p8*

1929 07 02
Hauxton church dispute – questions raised in parliament, p8*
Hauxton church – Stevens released

1929 07 03
Brunswick School accommodation problem,

1929 07 04
Armed burglar Newmarket – butler threatened, p5*

1929 07 05 ES
Ely Railway Station is to be modernised. It will bring a great speeding up in the delivery of goods. A new booking hall will stand on the site of the present one. The telegraph office will be linked up with the booking and parcels offices. There will be a new office for the stationmaster and a new staff room.
The 'down' platform is to be completely remodelled to double its present width and the entrances enlarged. At present congestion is almost insufferable to travellers who have to worm their way two and from carriages amid a maze of parcels and barrows.
There will be a new, commodious and handsome dining room, a new bookstall and improved lavatory accommodation. The old system of lighting will be dispensed with and everywhere the station will be illuminated by electricity.
The old Air Force Depot which faces the main entrance will be converted into a large and commodious goods centre. The new yard will aid out on modern lines. The present goods depot, a quarter of a mile away, will be demolished and relaid with marshalling roads.

The portion of the line between the Stuntney Road Bridge and Ely Dock Junction is to have an increased number of running roads to facilitate the working of trains between these two points. At least six to eight months will be needed to complete the scheme but then Ely will be in possession of a station modern in every respect – 29 07 05(2) ES

Hauxton landlord ordered to pay for church repairs, committed to prison for refusal – 29 07 05 ES

Cambridgeshire Times installs new printing press – 29 07 05 ES # c.04

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1929 07 12
Brunswick school opens, p8*

1929 07 12 ES
Hauxton landowner released: penitent and willing to do church repairs – 29 07 12 & (3)ES

Stretham Church was filled to its utmost capacity when the congregation listened in to wireless broadcast of thanksgiving for the King's recovery from Westminster Abbey. With the aid of The Walbro, Ely, Rev Stitt arrange for three five-valve receiving sets to be placed in the church and a perfect transmission of the service was received. The Rector conducted a service prior to that from the Abbey and in the evening special hymns were sung and he made an appropriate address. Special reference to the King were also made at all the other places of worship in the village – 29 07 12(4) ES

Lancashire invasion – as in former years Stretham is again invaded by friends from Lancashire. The party, a society of about 40 members of the choir of the National Spiritualist Church from Barnsley, are spending their annual holiday in the village under the charge of Mr W. Mason. They are boarded out in various homes and during their stay enliven the life of the village by giving various forms of entertainment including a humorous sketch in the Lancashire dialect. This was repeated at Haddenham – 29 07 12(4) ES

1929 07 13
More bridges in Isle of Ely needing reconstruction than anywhere else, p8
Dant's ferry footbridge and bicycles, p8*
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1929 07 15
Haslingfield fire – phone call delayed by Post Office, p5*
Guildhall extension – co-operation with county?, p8*

1929 07 17
Foxton level crossing; proposed road Prickwillow to Isleham, p8*
Girls Parker's Piece, p6

1929 07 18
Hadstock water supply; Newmarket houses or allotments?, p7*

1929 07 19
Purchasing land between Histon Road and Frenches Road – Victoria Road – discussed, p8*
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1929 07 19 ES
Report of The County Library in the Isle of Ely. The County Library continues to grow in favour amongst those who read for recreation, amongst serious students and amongst seekers after information. Miss Edith Palmer has acted as an unpaid assistant and Miss Sears has again come forward gallantly to assist … But in spite of continual overtime work, a great deal of what is essential to the smooth running and progress of the library has had to be left undone, and I respectfully beg to bring it to the notice of the Committee that a library of this size with urban centres requires constant, trained assistance, and that I cannot continue indefinitely working as I have had to do during the past two years – 29 07 19 ES

Witchford oil depot gutted – Somerlite Oil Agency of Fordham, motor delivery van burned to ground – 29 07 19(3)

Isle police cricket team – named group – 29 07 19(6) ES

1929 07 20
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Caxton pageant, p7*
East Anglia flag, p8

1929 07 22
New County Hall plans and tenders, p5*
No more war rally, Parker's Piece, p8*
Prickwillow & Isleham road, p6
West Wratting trees, p6
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Papworth Village Settlement visit by Duke & Duchess of York, p5 & 24th p8*

1929 07 24
Newmarket rural roads, p5

1929 07 25
Throwing stones at railway engine – banned from cinema, p8*

1929 07 26
Cambridge Town Football Club, p8

1929 07 27

Band of Hope train, p5
Cross-country travel, p6

1929 07 29
Rural Community Council 'Cambridgeshire House', p6

1929 07 26 ES
Haddenham – Albert Newman of New Town bathing in river rescued by Percy Page – 29 07 26(3) ES

Isle Librarian Miss A.N. Philip to be upgraded to full time – 29 07 26 ES

1929 07 30
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Willingham suicide – Jakes, p8

1929 07 31
The Rev Frank Jennings is getting first-hand experience of our social problems and spent his holiday living the life of a tramp. Two tramps described the Casual ward of Cambridge workhouse: "Rotten, sire. The 'spike' there is 'no cop'. Swarms of mice run about at night. No baths, dirty wash basins. It's a disgrace to the city". So he visited for himself; the usual questions were asked by the porter but there was no attempt at searching. "I was directed to a large sleeping-room and bidden fetch my ration of 8ozs of bread and marg and a mug of hot but unsweetened tea. There was no bath, contrary to Government regulations as the boilers were due to be inspected. There were 18 people in the room and wire-framed bedspreads replete with three Army rugs made a comfortable lie down. There were no mice but I noticed a few holes in the floor", p6

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Afforestation, p6
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Well pollution, p7
Peak confectioner bankrupt, p8*
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1929 08 02 ES
Soham Baptist church new organ opened – photo 29 08 02 & (2) ES

Littleport tenancy dispute – Herbert Watson of Mildenhall Road entered land tenanted by John Ivatt Sallis – 29 08 02(3) ES

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1929 08 05
Millicent Fawcett death, p3

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Cambridge to Fulbourn cable, p6*

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Harvest mouse, p4*

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1929 08 14
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1929 08 16
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Burwell chemist McBeath life-saving method, p8

1929 08 17
Big Cambridge fire – sheds and railway trucks destroyed at Hills Road, p5*
Cambridge about to see the 'Talkies', Southend says no, p6*

1929 08 20
Talkies arrive - Broadway Melody at the Central cinema, p6*

1929 08 21
Wireless broadcasting masts, Ely, p7

1929 08 22
Burwell – Wicken road, p3
Albion Angling Society juvenile outing, p6
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1929 08 23
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1929 08 23 ES
P.c. Roythorne was on duty with Sergeant Bent in his motor car just outside Stretham when he saw a heavy lorry fitted with solid tyres being driven at very fast speed towards Ely. They followed for two miles when the speed registered 18 to 23 miles an hour. The man was fined. On another occasion they stopped a lorry doing 25-30 mph – 29 08 23(2) ES

Griffin Hotel, March sold for £7,100: no sale has generated greater interest, one of the best-known hotels in Eastern England. Its picturesque appearance, homeliness and comfort win the appreciation of all. It was a noted house in the old days and the coaches drove through the space where the front doors now are into the courtyard at the back. Alterations were effected by various landlords and many of the India curios inside were brought over by S.H. Farrington. In the commercial room is panelling of great value. An offer of £1,000 for it has been refused. The walls of the hall are of Indian carved teak. All the ceilings are supported by the original massive oak beams and the ancient card room is still in existence. This apartment has seen some hectic fund, for there hangs an old oil painting depicting three vessels under full sail. The hull of each ship has been punctured by pistol shot which has been fired by travellers in an endeavour to see who had possessed the steadiest hand. The bathroom contains a bath of real Italian marble hewn out of the solid stone and was originally used by the Italian monks. The hotel has been the subject of articles by such authors as Charles Dickens, G.K. Chesterton & Hilaire Belloc and American and Australian millionaires visit during the season. Numerous titled people, Cabinet Ministers and those well known in the musical and dramatic world have patronised it. 29 08 23(3) ES

Wicken fen devastating fire … several homesteads were in danger of becoming involved in a serious conflagration in National Trust land at Sedge Fen, the home of many butterflies. Two sons of Mr Barnes, the custodian, found a patch of sedge well alight and owing to the dryness the flames soon spread and the fire reached gigantic proportions. Many spectators from far and near quickly assembled. Soham fire brigade called in Cambridge and there were plenty of willing helpers from Wicken but about 50 acres were destroyed. The scene resembled an Australian bush fire, the winds blew large pieces of burning sedge a great district. Nothing but charred bushes and roots could be seen for many yards. – photo – 29 08 23(3)&(4)(7)(8) ES

Harold Ellwood of The Garage, Stretham had a problem. He cultivates a field opposite the Quarter-Way House, but has no horse to do the work. He has converted a 4h.p. BSA motor cycle into a machine for cultivating his land. He constructed a strong triangular frame and attached a driving chain from the engine to the back axle. A small hoe was attached to the frame and the engine geared down to give it the necessary power. He finds it quite a success for hoeing his sugar beet. Harold was also faced with the problem of ploughing the land and drawing potato ridge so has dismantled an old Maxwell motor car and used the engine with an extra gear box and special axles. By adjusting the gears it can be used for haulage work and is capable of attaining, on the road, a speed of thirty miles per hour. – photo – 29 08 23(5) ES

Littleport grocer Reginald Flatt failure – 29 08 23 ES

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1929 08 30 (ES)
Great undertakings in the Middle Level: details of proposed pumping station at St Germans – 29 08 30(5) ES

Ely’s new Cinema Theatre – the Rex – feature – 29 08 30(6) ES

Locust caught at Australia Farm, Wilburton, victim of Wicken Fen fire – 29 08 30 ES

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1929 09 02

Fen Drayton church spire struck by lightning; stones were cut out and one of the buttresses torn away sending masonry crashing down on to a grave in the churchyard. More debris fell in Church Street or was hurled into Mr E.J. Warboy's premises on the opposite side of the road. Thomas Johnson had a lucky escape; he had been giving a little girl a ride on his bicycle and had alighted at his father's house. They managed to get inside as the stones rained down. – CDN 2.9.1929

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1929 09 03
Cinema – Show Boat 2nd talkie film - CDN 3.9.1929

1929 09 04
Cambridge traffic lights start – CDN 4.9.1929

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1929 09 06 ES
Fenland's past recalled in Wisbech pageant – 29 09 06(4) ES

Mepal–Chatteris road improvement. Work in progress on construction of new bridge over New Bedford at Mepal replacing narrow wooden bridge; motorists unable to see what approaching and have had to reverse to allow others to pass. On the Chatteris side of the bridge is already erected a massing concrete viaduct. In the past the lowness of the road had been a handicap. Water has stood so high on the road that motorists unable to pass and pedestrians have had to be rowed across in boats; photos. 29 09 06(5) ES

Rex Cinema, Ely: interior photo – 29 09 08(6) ES

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1929 09 13
Band of Hope cinema – David Moore, p8
Herts Mansion robbery, p3

1929 09 13 ES

Aeroplane in trouble, forced landing …two-seater plane made forced landing in a potato field in Quanea Drove. Duxford aerodrome sent lorry and they commenced to dismantle the machine; resumed next morning – 29 09 13(2) ES # c.26.1

'Pilgrim's Progress' … hundreds watch performance at Doddington; Duchess of Gloucester arrives by aeroplane – 29 03 13(3) ES # c.26.1

Photo of scene in Creek, March, taken by J. Walter Gent wins photographic prize – 29 09 13(5) ES

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1929 09 17
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1929 09 18
New wireless station transmitter benefits Cambridge, p7*

1929 09 19
Ramsey MacDonald prime minister surprise visit Cambridge, p5
Water polo, p7

1929 09 20
Savings movement, p7
Queen at Papworth, p8

1929 09 20 ES
Not often does a thrill come to the peaceful little village of Witham but a balloon piloted by a competitor in the International Balloon race made a forced landing in field. When balloon seen approaching the news spread with the rapidity of a plague and by the time the dapper and smiling little Frenchman had landed in a field belonging to Ralph Vye, a crowd had assembled. Miss G.I. Saberton, the local schoolmistress, with her knowledge of the French language was able to come to the rescue of the pilot who, in his decent, had struck a telegraph pole. Between 10 and 30 young men of the village rapidly helped him to pack the balloon in the basket which was conveyed by lorry to Ely Station for dispatch to France – 29 09 20(2) ES # c.26.1

The five manors of Chatteris – review of history – 29 09 20(3) ES

Heygate of Littleport celebrate 50 years of honest trading – full-page advertisement – 29 09 20 ES

1929 09 21
J.J. Thomson lecture to Aslib – CDN 21.9.1929

1929 09 23
An outbreak of window scratching has occurred in Cambridge over the weekend. Shopkeepers along St Andrew's Street discovered with disgust that scratches and scrawls which had not been there when the shops closed. On some of the windows grooves have been cut, apparently with a diamond. Among the worst affected are Johnson Bros dyers, Flack and Judge grocers, G.P. Hawkings confectioners and

the Ideal Cleaning Company. Marks of a previous outbreak of a more serious nature are still to be seen on many shop windows in Regent Street, p8

1929 09 24
Green End Road land needed for housing inquiry, p8*
Jazz & quinquginta, p6

1929 09 26
Ouse Drainage Board tax battle at Swaffham Bulbeck, p6
Ring Road round Cambridge & Battle of Butt Green – parking,

1929 09 27
Butt Green carpet beaters, p8

1929 09 27 ES
Thomas Fuller of High Field House, Wicken, well-known agriculturalist and good shot, dies aged 91 – obituary. Memories when oats and beans from Wicken were delivered to Newmarket to feed the face horses. Remembers when all corn was cut with reaping hooks. Upon the introduction of the scythe the workers regarded it with distain, saying the work was most untidy, but later they realised that with this implement the straw was cut much nearer the ground. Then later came the first reaping machine, pushed along before the horses. Barley was stacked loose in the barns and threshed in winter months with flails and machines driver by horsepower – 29 09 27(2) ES

Stretham:
Pc Roythorne promoted to sergeant and leaves Stretham for Littleport. Coming from Whittlesey in succession to Pc Saberton he has taken a keen interest in sport and made many friends
Drought problems … many wells have gone dry and only the largest ponds still retain a small quantity of drinking water. This lack of drinking water is causing great consternation and people are wondering whether the RDC will ever extend their main to the village. Whilst some still obtain a comparatively good supply from the village pump, others have to walk a considerable distance to get a pail full. The supply for animals is an acute problem, many have to cart water a distance of three or four miles. – 29 09 27(3) ES

1929 09 28
Queen Dick, p8

1929 09 30
Engineers gather – Ouse Drainage Board organisation & Isle Highways, p8

1929 09 30
Ely Traders have decided to revert ‘for ever’ to the usual closing hour of six o’clock on Fridays, instead of seven as at present. Although they have benefited by the extra hour during ‘summer time’ it would not outset the extra cost of heating and lighting which would be necessary when the Daylight Savings Bill ceased to operate. Some shopkeepers were staying open after the legal hours – that was after eight o’clock and nine on Saturdays

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1929 10 01
Butt Green, p8*
Cambridge parking place problems

1929 10 02 c
Cambridge Town Council were asked to pay a Landbeach smallholder for the loss of his horse. It had slipped on the surface of East Road after a shower, and was killed. The Corporation declined to accept

responsibility but it was suggested that a subscription list should be opened to which individual councillors would be pleased to subscribe. This was done with the result that the owner will receive £13, £3 more than had been suggested

1929 10 03
Cambridge Labour Party was told that if they wanted Butts Green as a parking place they must be prepared to face the question: 'Are you in favour of free parking?' They could not charge for cars on common land. Councillor Stubbs said there was no more objection to free parking than to free recreation. He personally objected to paying rates and then being charged for parking his 'Rolls'. Would residents in New Square like to have the noise and smell of the motors?

1929 10 03
The Cambridge Daily News has now installed a new and up-to-date block-making plant which will enable us to publish pictures of important events on the same day. It has all the apparatus necessary for the production of 'blocks', both line and half-tone – those from which newspaper photographs are printed

1929 10 04
The new organ was dedicated at Castle Street Primitive Methodist church, Cambridge. The need for was felt as far back as 1923 and an effort started to replace the old organ, which was showing signs of 'disease'. The opening ceremony was performed by Mrs John Few who unlocked the new organ with a silver key. There was a recital by Dr Alan Gray at which the church was crowded to capacity. The installation has cost £727 and with the church and schoolroom renovations there is a liability of about £1,000

News photo, p7
Cambridge Express crash, p5

1929 10 04 ES
The drainage of the fens. Engineers from the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers visit and inspect – detailed account – 29 10 04 & (2), photo (7) ES

The old Beggars Bridge on LNER between March and Whittlesey was a wooden one of the gantry type, crossing the Twenty Foot River and two adjoining drove-ways. Of late it was apparent that the structure had outlived its useful purpose and was becoming increasingly dangerous for the heavy traffic on that route. In the early part of 1927 the work of erecting a new bridge was started. As both up and down lines had to be kept open to traffic the first section was to reconstruct a new down line, which was completed in June. The former down-line was utilised for the cranes and machinery necessary to carry out the second portion. The sub-soil was particularly bad but eventually foundations were made with over 300 piles driven into the ground. The third bridge, over the March side drove-way was then erected and the final stage has now been completed – photo. – 29 10 04(4) ES

Manea nurse, Mrs Collen, trained as a maternity and district nurse in 1919 under the war widows scheme. She entered here first duties at Cottenham, then moved to Soham and later London. She returned to Manea to await an operation at Addenbrooke's Hospital but died – 29 10 04(5) ES

Stretham: Rain welcome – pump had gone dry in severe drought. Occasionally water is to be had from the pump which Ely RDC have decided to open four hours a day – 29 10 04(6) ES

1929 10 05
The imposition of a one-way traffic in Petty Cury is not news, but a good many people are under the impression that they can ride either way after eight o'clock at night. This is not so. The actual regulation, which was adopted in October 1924, says that Market Street and Petty Cury will be one-way streets only. Obviously there would be great dangers in adopting a resolution for the day-time

and changing it at night, especially in such a main thoroughfare. For although business vans may be off the road there is often plenty of other traffic on the occasion of concerts at the Guildhall or dinners at the Lion Hotel.

1929 10 05
Some authorities have been recovering useful matter from old tin cans and something could be done in Cambridge. Soft metal articles – tubes and tinfoil – are already collected by the authorities of Addenbrooke's and there are persons who collect bottles and jars. But tinned articles seem not to be regarded as anything but mere waste. A start on a small scale would need hardly any capital but how to dispose of it is the problem.

Newmarket van accident, p5
Gas fitter – song writer, p8*

1929 10 07
"There is much to be said for narrow streets with ancient houses and I consider a Town Council which destroys these houses in order to make its streets broader is acting with great folly", the University Vice Chancellor told members of the Town Planning Institute. In certain Italian cities there was a rule enforcing motorists to leave their cars outside and proceed into the town on foot. Anybody who suggested such a thing in this country would be cried down as a faddist, but it was a practical proposition. "Of course I don't think I should like to see people stopping four miles out of Cambridge", he added.

1929 10 08
It was a red-letter day in the history of the Ely Co-operative Society when their magnificent new premises were opened. The old and dismal-looking premises in Broad Street have been superseded by a most modern and up-to-date business establishment. The design is Georgian in character, the front is reconstructed stone, the shop fronts are of teak and the window backs are oak. A large proportion of modern quick-service fixtures and counters have been installed and the comfort and convenience of both customers and staff have been furnished in every way. The premises are centrally-heated with electric light installed throughout.

University Camera Club, p7

1929 10 09
A. Tillyard death, p4

1929 10 10
For 25 years the parishioners of Soham have been aiming to possess a church hall and at last it was formally opened. The building is a credit to the town; it is capable of seating 350 people and has a kitchen. Chairs have been obtained by voluntary subscriptions but a piano and billiards table is still required. There might be tennis courts or a bowling green alongside. The site had been bought in 1912 but then the shadow of the Great War prevented them proceeding until last year.

1929 10 10
Performances of the talkie 'College Love' at the Central Cinema, Cambridge, were marred by undergraduates. The Manager admitted that to show such a film at the beginning of term was unfortunate. The undergraduates meet old pals, have drinks together and get more exuberant than usual. They were also resentful at the American features introduced into college life as they know it. Scenes of a match corresponding to Rugby were greeted with many 'cat-calls' while nobody expects undergraduates to remain silent during the portrayal of anything in the amorous line. The cinema has a special telephone by which the volume of extraneous noise is gauged by an operator. He had occasion to request several of the disturbers to remain quieter.

1929 10 11

Festival reopening photo, p5 & p7
P.H. Young death, p8

1929 10 11 ES
Ruston and Hornsby drag-line excavator on River Nene, March – photo – 29 10 11(2) ES

Stretham: Fire: a small fire occurred in George Dimmock's hairdresser's shop … an oil stove suddenly burst into flames. By the promptness of customers in the shop the lamp was thrown out into the roadway and the flames put out with sand. Mr Dimmock had a narrow escape from being burned as he was standing close to the stove when it caught fire. He jumped clear and assisted in putting out the flames. 29 10 11(3)ES

1929 10 12
Two cottages in Middle Street, Stretham were gutted by a fire which was caused by a firework thrown by a boy descending on the thatched roof. So quickly did the flames spread that the whole roof was soon ablaze and fell in. Nearby blacksmiths Mr Lowe and Mr Crow rendered valuable assistance but a fire extinguisher obtained from the Rectory proved useless. The fire brigade connected their hose to the village pond about a quarter of a mile away, which owing to the drought was very low. They were unable to use the engine at full strength for fear of blocking the hose with mud.

1929 10 12
Many Cambridge people were among the thousands who saw the R101 at Cardington during her final tests. Every approach to Bedford was thronged with cars and cyclists, many of them from great distances. During the worst of the traffic there was a three-mile queue of almost stationary cars. Nearly 150,000 cars passed the mooring post and filling stations did a roaring trade. Many sold out of petrol. Hotel keepers had reason to be thankful for the presence of the great airship, while picnickers lined practically every road.

Errand boys, p8*

1929 10 14
Cambridge councillors will discuss swapping a portion of Butt Green running alongside Victoria Avenue from Jesus Lane towards the river. It would be surrendered to Jesus College and would be fenced, although a footpath would be made. In exchange they would get New Square which would then be converted into a motor car park, together with two acres of land off Auckland Road which would be thrown into Midsummer Common and a small piece of land in front of the new Brunswick School buildings.

R101 flight photos, p5*
Newmarket milk crash, p5*
Playhouse fire, p8

1929 10 16
Sir – a young one-legged tramp was struggling into town on his crutches when he was asked by a Universityman where he was bound. "Cambridge workhouse", he replied whereupon the Varsityman at once called a taxi and accompanied him there. Having rung the bell for ten minutes and received no reply the student scaled the 10-foot spiked railing, took the gate key from the porter's lodge, opened the entrance gates and led the tramp into the lodge where he seated him in a comfortable chair and was driven away. One can imagine the surprise of the night porter arriving some minutes afterwards – C.F. Lewis

C.B. Shaw on Cambridge, p3
Swaffham Prior shoot photo, p6

1929 10 17
Diamond wedding photos, p7
Butt Green, p8

1929 10 18
The 17 miles of river between Ely and Denver Sluice is in an appalling condition: it literally stinks and is covered with dead fish throughout its length. What was a beautiful river now resembles a sewer. When a barge passes it stirs up the water and the stench is horrible. It is a serious menace to public health for it is the only water supply for the cottages and farms above Littleport Bridge. The pollution is caused by the poisonous effluent discharged from the sugar beet factories. One has no wish to cripple the beet industry but this cannot be allowed to continue.

H.B. Dailey death, p8

1929 10 18 ES
Soham proposed road connecting Hasse Road at Castle Farm with the Great Fen Road at St John's Farm to provide employment during the winter – 29 10 18(9) ES

Serious Stretham fire; two thatched cottages gutted. It was a matter of good fortune that there was an almost entire absence of wind on Saturday, otherwise a goodly portion of Stretham might have been burned to the ground. Shortly after 11 o'clock some cottage property in a narrow thoroughfare, which branches to the left opposite the parish church, caught fire, and, having a heavily thatched roof this quickly became a roaring furnace.
Before the fire engines arrive the whole of the thatched roof had been reduced to a charred mass and the interior of two cottages practically burnt out.
Happily almost all the furniture was saved by the splendid co-operation of residents who rushed to the scene.
Mr F. Curtis, who occupies the property which is owned by Mrs H.F. Sennitt, who resides in London, was at work when the fire occurred and was happily unconscious that his house was ablaze until he reached the village about one o'clock. On his arrival he could do nothing except stand in the streets and wash the flames eating up his little cottage home.
The fire is said to have been due to a boy throwing a lighted firework match into the air, which fell on the roof.
When the outbreak was discovered Messrs G. Low and P. Crow rushed for ladders; they were able to mount the roof and with buckets of water endeavour to get to the flames. Mr J. Badcock, by whom the roof was rethatched two years ago, came to their assistance and sought to subdue the flames with buckets of water which were handed to him by willing helpers. He faced the smoke and flames for some time but the fire got under him and he was forced to come down to the ground.
The engine was rushed to the pond at the lower end of the village and in a few minutes 22 length of hose were connected up and two jets were forcing a good supply of water on to the burning house. There was a danger of the adjoining house becoming seriously involved. The roof was alight from the back and by hacking away a number of slates this was put out of danger.
It was only the previous day that the new District Nurse had her furniture taken to the house; it had to be removed and stored across the road.
Crowds of people flocked to the village and watched with interest the efforts to prevent the spread of the fire. They could not make much impression because of the blazing thatched roof, portions of which fell into the house and street.
It was not only the part of the cottages which face the street which concerned the brigade. At the rear there stood an extension, the roof of which was already belching volumes of smoke ... efforts were of no avail and this part of the building burnt itself out, with the exception of the chimney stack.
By this time only the walls and gable end of the cottage stood and there was also danger of the gable wall collapsing so it was decided that these must come down.
A call was also sent out for the Cambridge Borough Brigade and in less than 20 minutes they covered the distance from Cambridge and were able to assist the Ely brigade – 29 10 18(2)(3)(4), photo (5) ES

Two aeroplanes give public flights at March – photo – 29 10 18(7) ES # c.26.1

Proposed Soham road, deputation to Ministry – 29 10 18(8) ES

1929 10 19
With the passing of Mrs Eliza Jane Mason of the Livingstone Hotel, Petty Cury, Cambridge has lost a prominent member of the restaurant business. She commenced business with a university lodging house on Market Hill which became known as 'Masons' and was converted into a restaurant. It was largely used by cadets and catered for the officers stationed here during the Great War. Almost the first Belgian wounded soldiers were billeted there and she acted as a sort of nursing mother to them. Her next move was to Sadd's before she bought the Livingstone Hotel which was then only a coffee house. It is now one of the best commercial hotels in Cambridge. She also built the Rendezvous, Magrath Avenue as a skating rink in 1909.

Poppy day, p5

1929 10 21
Poppy Day & photo, p7
Ouse drainage, p8

1929 10 23
Train crash photo, p6
Archives list, p8*

1929 10 24
Opinion was divided on the wisdom of planting 11 acres of trees at West Wratting. The County Council had purchased the land in 1915 and for ten years it had shown a profit. The value of timber that could be grown was estimated at £3,000 in 50 years' time. But some said the land was not fit to plant with trees, it was one mass of filth and in four years not one tree would be alive. Nearby smallholders would be prevented from farming

1929 10 25
Dry riverbed photo, p3

1929 10 25 ES
Cyril Horn, Upwell cyclist one of foremost riders in country, success – 29 10 25(2) ES

Octogenarian John Betts flies over March; lives near Chain Bridge – 29 10 25(3) ES

Death Edward Peters, 90; from Haddenham where veterinary surgeon for 50 years – 29 10 25(4) ES

River Ouse – stench at Ely & Littleport; Denver Sluice filled with dead fish, locks completely blocked – 29 10 25 ES

1929 10 26 c
Cambridge did not become a munitions-manufacturing area on the outbreak of the Great War. The consequence was that its full quota of men joined the ranks and left the district. Now, ten years after the Armistice, we are being reminded that hundreds of baby boys and girls did not come into the world at all. There is now a real lack of errand boys with 60 employers seeking them. This will create a serious position for shopkeepers in years to come. About 100 domestic vacancies for girls are also waiting to be filled. If the school-leaving age is raised the difficulties will be increased.

1929 10 28

The well-known cement works of Messrs R. Stephenson & Son between Burwell and Fordham, now closed, have been purchased by the Associated Cement-makers Companies, a powerful combine owning many cement factories. For a long time it has been felt in Burwell that the only hope of carrying on the factory was to merge it in a combine. During the war the factory did very well indeed because the Government wanted so much cement that every factory was employed. Today orders are far from plentiful. As one of a large combine the Burwell factory may get its share, and the works may give considerable employment.

1929 10 28
The Lord Chancellor has appointed a Government Committee to inquire into the whole question of the power of the Church to have offences against ecclesiastical law punished by imprisonment. At present the Consistory Court can only enforce its orders by application to the High Court. This is a sequel to the remarkable case of a Cambridge landowner who was sent to Bedford Prison for failing to pay for the repair of the church roof at Hauxton. Now the Committee is to consider whether the law should be altered.

'Robins' photo, p3

1929 10 29
The Government Office of Works have made arrangements for the records at present stored in the old Prison on Castle Hill, to be removed from Cambridge to another disused gaol. It is their policy to concentrate such records at Canterbury. The Governor's House at the old Prison will be adapted to provide temporary accommodation for county council staff and rooms in the prison gatehouse used for storage purposes. This has released accommodation at the County Hall for other departments

1929 10 29
Sir – It is extraordinary that in an age when the importance of fresh air is being recognised the open motor car body should be apparently on the verge of extinction. Few saloon cars are adequately ventilated and on a long journey the choice is between a draught and a headache caused by fumes from the engine percolating into the body. To people advanced in years the closed car is probably wise but to young people taking so freely to such an enervating mode of transport is pitiable. The excuse is that our climate is so uncertain that a closed car is necessary but I motor for hours every day of the year and rarely find it necessary to put the hood up – 'Saloonatic'

1929 10 30
Foxton crossing, p8

1929 10 31
Ouse drainage board, p8

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1929 11 01
The R.A.C. has decided to extend the benefits of its 'Get You Home' service to members of the Club whilst flying. It has hitherto provided a relief car free of charge for their members who have broken down on the road but a considerable number are now either owners of light aeroplanes or are members of flying clubs. Should any of them whilst flying be compelled to make a forced landing they will be able to send for an R.A.C. relief car and be conveyed to the nearest railway station. If the plane is of the folding wing type that can be towed on a public road the R.A.C. is prepared to pay for its conveyance to any town within the limits of the scheme.

1929 11 01
The giant airship R101 passed over Cambridge after a visit to Sandringham. It appeared shortly before three on its way towards Cardington. The great ship glittered in the low November sun as though

made of silver and hundreds of people came running into the streets as they heard the noise of the engines. As it receded into the distance it appeared like some strange monster floating on the misty horizon. At Newmarket races there was a cessation in the betting and all race glasses were trained towards the sky.

1929 11 01 ES
Death veteran Ely solicitor W.J. Evans – 29 11 01(2)(3) ES

Pymore Improvement – filling station and garage near new road = 29 11 01(4) ES

Middle Level Sluice collapse 1862 – photo - 29 11 01 ES # c.29

1929 11 02
The Central Cinema held its first pictorial service, intended to attract the crowds of young people wandering through Cambridge on Sunday evenings. There was a very good attendance but the conduct of some of the young men left much to be desired. Some had evidently come in the belief they were going to see a cinema show and it needed a sharp appeal before cigarettes were put out and a semblance of order obtained. Though the singing was hearty the thing that impressed most was the beautiful rendering of Gounod's 'There is a Green Hill' on the panatrope.

Poppy Day, p8

1929 11 04
Castle site records, p4*
Shippea Hill crash, 15-year-old, p5

1929 11 05
Barrington Light Railway Company was an independent company entirely disassociated from the cement works except in business transactions. The railway originally belonged to the Dreadnought Cement Works Company which went into liquidation. They bought the railway but the works were sold separately. It owned engines and trucks and worked in co-operation with the L. & N.E.R. The line was a mile and a quarter long with a full gauge track. Their terminus was the entrance to the works; the line continued into sidings, but was maintained by the Cement Company, a Rating appeal was told.

1929 11 05
Cheers greeted George Robey, the great comedian, on his initial entry at the Cambridge New Theatre. This riotous reception came, of course, from a huge contingent of youthful 'Varsitymen' but the theatre was packed in all departments. The brilliant show was carried along by waves of cheering, culminating in a furore at the end and a great roar for a speech to which Mr Robey responded in his own inimitable style and the 'house' departed in good humour. He had never appeared at the New Theatre before and so we had the unique spectacle of a famous father following his son, for Mr Robey junior was up at Cambridge a few years ago and appeared there in two of the Amateur Operatic Society's productions.

1929 11 06
Nearly thirty arrests were made during a Guy Fawkes 'Rag' on Cambridge Market Hill. Early in the evening an attempt was made to light at bonfire in Petty Cury and there was a considerable blaze in front of Falcon Yard before the police noticed it and it was extinguished. In Rose Crescent an effigy was soaked with petrol, stuffed with fireworks and deposited near the Market Hill end. This was quickly extinguished and the effigy confiscated, but the petrol continued to burn for a long time afterwards. A new feature of the scrimmages was the use of police whistles by undergraduates which added to the confusion.

1929 11 06

Hunting cries and the sound of the huntsman's horn accompanied a debate at the Cambridge Union on the motion 'That this House hopes that fox-hunting, steeplechasing, deerstalking, shooting, fishing and all other sports of the field will ever flourish in England'. A Prime Minister, apart from being a learned man and capable of government, should be a racehorse owner. The pseudo-intellectualism of the opponents was a form of abject snobbery, founded on fanaticism rather than fact. Wild animals did not expect man to be friendly and foxes were not torn to pieces by hounds while alive. Blood sports employed a great deal of labour and gave colour to the lives of country folk. But the motion was defeated.

1929 11 07
A sheep farmer, who became annoyed on Guy Fawkes Night at being mistaken for an undergraduate, was summonsed for assaulting the Senior Proctor, Mr Frederick Dykes. He testified that he had been with his constables when he sent one after an undergraduate who attempted to evade him. He then heard a shout of 'Get the Proctor' and felt two blows on his head. One of his constables seized the man now in the dock. Defendant said he was a stranger to Cambridge and had been told that if he followed the proctors round he would see some fun. He was not dressed like an undergraduate. He was fined £3.

Burwell cement works sold, p8*

1929 11 08
The inhabitants of Houghton are up in arms because the postal authorities have removed their sub-post office, which has been there for more than a century, to the neighbouring village of Wyton. It is Post Office practice to give preference to ex-servicemen, but the Houghton office was run by the widow of an ex-servicemen who had lost her breadwinner in the service of his country. It should be returned and telephone facilities installed.

Lorry danger buildings, p7*

1929 11 08 ES
R101 airship passed over Isle – photo – 29 11 08(2) ES # c.26.1

Mrs R. Wilson of Prickwillow a remarkable woman – dug potatoes at 91 – 28 11 08
Alfred Lavender had no front light on lorry at Stretham - 28 11 08

Hilda Everitt came to Haddenham where she worked Post Office; poor health; stayed 6-7 years; wrote poetry published by W. Jefferson of Ely, 'Summertime in Fenland' and 'In Norfolk'; wins prize for 'The Grumbler' – 29 11 08

1929 11 09
Every Christmas brings its novelties and now comes the 'Talkie' Christmas cards which Messrs Raphael Tuck have issued. Each card contains a small gramophone record which will convey to the recipient a suitable greeting. There are a variety of records, some with bells, others with carols but all with a spoken message. There is only one further development needed to make them absolutely perfect: an arrangement that will enable anyone to make and send a record of his own voice.

Photos – mayor-making, p6
Runaway car

1929 11 11
Foxton's new village hall, a substantially-built structure in the centre of the village, was opened by the chairman of the University Tutorial Press. It seemed only a short time since the formation of the committee. They were not a rich village, but they were rich in men and women ready to work for the village in which they lived. The hall would give them the opportunity of meeting together. A pleasure fair was held during the afternoon with 'pull the knob', 'hoop-la, bagatelle, tennis-ball throwing and

hidden treasure. An evening variety concert was followed by a fancy dress and carnival dance to the music of January's band.

1929 11 11
The Cambridge Rifle Club's new range at Chapel Street, Old Chesterton was opened and Mr H. Ward Trinder, the originator of the club, fired the first shot. It is an indoor range of 25 yards and there is room for six people to shoot at once. It will be open from 2pm to 4.30 and 6 pm to 10 on weekdays. In the past there had been some very good clubs but owing to the war all except for one or two in the county and the Gas Company had fallen out. It was owing to Mr Trinder's efforts that this club was started and it would soon be out of debt.

Armistice, p8

1929 11 13
Addenbrooke's Hospital Musgrave Ward, p6

1929 11 14
Rag case, p5

1929 11 15
Paston House, p8

1929 11 15 ES
Stretham: Death Mabel Elizabeth Curtis, wife F. Curtis, 24. Had been ill since her house was destroyed by fire some three weeks ago. The resultant shock played a very detrimental part in her illness – 29 11 15(2)(3) ES

Ely railway station improvements; one section of new front completed – photo – 29 11 15(4) ES

1929 11 16
The Cambridge Daily News has entered its fifth decade. Times and newspapers have changed since 1888 when the late William Farrow Taylor undismayed by the shoal of gloomy predictions, ventured the first local evening news sheet on the streets of Cambridge. Like every successful paper it has changed with the times. But changes in make-up have not been more radical than those in the personnel of the staff. We have two representatives of the commercial department who have been with us from the beginning year and several on the mechanical side. But there are none in the editorial department who can go back to the time of Mr G. W. Townsend; he treasures a clock with an inscription recording eight years on the C.D.N. terminating in 1897 when he moved to the East Anglian Daily Times.

1929 11 16
The best-dressed sections of the University undergraduates are wearing more whole suits – as compared with the single jacket and flannel trousers. The plus four suits are made up in quiet materials and the knickerbockers are cut medium both in width and length. A pinkish brown colour is likely to prove a fashionable sports suiting. Restraint is the principle determining everything from lounge suits to socks. All the best tailoring shops are making overcoats and golf jackets in camel and llama pile and undergraduates are accepting the vogue with enthusiasm. Cambridge is better dressed than ever. Gone is the sloppiness that at one time was regarded as smart.

R.C. Sheriff & Cambridge, p3
Suicide freshmen, p5

1929 11 19

A meeting of the creditors of Messrs Headley and Edwards of Corn Exchange Street, Cambridge, in voluntary liquidation, was told they had been trading under difficulties for some time. They experienced a period of prosperity just after the war but the last account to show a profit was 1923 and they had got into financial difficulty. A buyer had been found to take over the assets as a going concern and a new Company would be formed to carry on the business.

Dr Mason, p5
Old Cambridge lecture, p6
Ensign demonstration car, p8

1929 11 20
The Royal Institute of British Architects has presented a bronze medal to be awarded annually for a building of outstanding merit erected in Essex, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire. One of the conditions is that it must front to a street, road, square or court to which the public has access. Its first award is for the Rose and Crown public house on Newmarket Road, Cambridge designed by Basil Oliver and built by W. Sindall for Greene, King & Sons. A suitable tablet will be fixed to the building

1929 11 20
The benefices of Ickleton and Hinxton may be united because of a shortage of clergy. There would be one minister and one parsonage house could be sold. But Ickleton Church Council said they should be kept apart and that the vicar should live there because it was double the size of Hinxton, the vicarage was the more central and a better house. A lady asked whether the new arrangement would be for all time to which the Chairman replied, "Supposing you discovered coal at Ickleton and started a new town, we should have to consider the matter"

Bus drivers & Park School, p3
Super cinema, p8

1929 11 22
A Cambridge Daily News van driver was travelling towards Huntingdon when he attempted to pass a stationary Vauxhall drawn up at the side of the road. His Singer van skidded on the greasy surface, zig-zagged over the road for a distance and then ran on to the grass. It struck a telegraph pole and one side of the body was torn completely off and the windscreen shattered. The van continued on its way tearing through a hedge and over the surface of a stubble field. In all it skidded for nearly 100 yards but did not turn over. The driver, apart from grazes, was unhurt.

1929 11 23
The parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Health visited Stapleford for the stone-laying of the 500th council house erected by the Rural District Council. It might be a good thing for Ministers of the Crown to come down to such places and see the conditions under which they were working. The former Housing Officer, Mr Bunnett, had been responsible for practically all the houses but the red brick corners on the present scheme were added by his successor. If they adopted every suggestion made there would be some very funny houses by the time they were finished. The party then went on to Harston were they viewed a new type of cottages built of concrete and timber with an old-world decoration made by pricking the plaster when wet, giving them a distinctive appearance.

Woodcock relative, p8

1929 11 25
University squash courts, p5
Transplanting trees photo, p6

1929 11 26

Complaints have been received of persons endeavouring to sell various household accessories on the hire-purchase system under agreements which are very unfair to the customer. These agents generally call when the male members of the family are at work and the housewife is alone in the house. They are adept in the art of 'blarney' and take advantage of her lack of legal knowledge to beguile her into pledging her husband's credit. But he is only liable if the article is a necessity and not a luxury. A machine costing £20 cannot be regarded as a necessity in an ordinary working-class household.

Selwyn Library photo, p6

1929 11 26c
Sir – as a successful representative of the 'Goblin' vacuum cleaners in Cambridge I wish to point out that I ensure that our terms of hire purchase are defined and understood before an agreement is signed and it is always my expressed desire to obtain an interview with the husband. This can be proved by people who have had dealings with the British Vacuum Cleaner Company through me. Trusting this will remove any doubts in the minds of past and prospective customers – J. B. Pearce, Russell Street, Cambridge.

1929 11 27
Women students packed the gallery at the Cambridge Union Society when a motion supporting full University rights for women was carried. A sensation was caused before the debate when it was proposed that in view of the importance of the issue involved the gallery should be cleared but the President ruled that this would cause too much disturbance. Women students lived under a code of rules that could only be described as fatuous; one of the women's colleges allowed its students to go unchaperoned to King's Chapel, but to no other. Girton allowed them to go to the theatre 'provided the party was of reasonable size', whilst Newnham were permitted provided the party 'was not of unreasonable size' (laughter)

Dangerous corner photo, p3
Gramophone recital & hire purchase, p6
Women at Cambridge, p8*
Journey's End, p8

1929 11 28
An amazing story was told at Huntingdon police court when a woman was charged with obtaining goods and money by false pretences. Edward Elphick, house furnisher of Huntingdon, said she had paid with a cheque that was returned marked 'No account'. Albert Bigmore, jeweller of Ramsey told a similar story. Police said she had made many untruthful statements. She came here about a year ago from Essex where she left her husband and four children and lived at Warboys with another man. She then moved to Wistow, Woodhurst, St Ives and Houghton before taking a cottage at Hartford. Wherever she lived she left behind debts and non-payment of rent. She wrote many letters to herself which purported to be from her uncle promising large sums of money and a motor car. She also claimed to be the widow of a naval officer. None of these were true.

1929 11 29 ES
New bridge erected over old River Nene at Northside on Whittlesey-Thorney Road. The old Dog-in-a-Doublet bridge has served to carry traffic across the stream for a great many years but was growing increasingly unsafe for growing vehicular traffic – 29 11 29(2) ES

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1929 12 02
An interesting improvement scheme will shortly be undertaken in Petty Cury and Sidney Street. Messrs Boots the Chemist have acquired extensive property with a view to re-housing their old establishment which has grown during some 30 years. Now the time is ripe to erect an emporium to provide an attractive shopping centre for patrons of all classes. The architect is Mr Percy J. Bartlett of

Nottingham and his primary consideration is an external appearance that will harmonise with Cambridge's noble architectural traditions and raise the standard of commercial architecture. Building operations will commence early in the New Year

Sebley death, p8
Fordham British Legion club opens, p8
Accident, p8

1929 12 04
An explosion in St Andrew's Street plunged a considerable part of Cambridge's shopping centre into darkness. The cover plate of a junction box of the Electric Supply Company was blown off and several people had a narrow escape from injury. Flames leapt up from the hole and blazed fiercely. For some minutes there was great excitement, people rushing hither and thither. Police whistles were blown and the Fire Brigade turned out but found that the fire had already been put out by a motorist with a fire-extinguisher from his car. Shops and houses in a large area were deprived of light and the printing of the 6.30 edition of the C.D.N. was held up.

Central cinema photo, p3

1929 12 05
Heffer's wonderful new shop in Petty Cury, Cambridge, is a book lovers' paradise. In the basement are 'remainders' at reduced prices while the ground floor is devoted to the latest publications and an extensive foreign literature section. A wide range of second-hand volumes occupies most of the first floor where connoisseurs of original editions will find much to interest them at prices from £5 to £250. On the second floor are oriental, foreign travel and fine art books while higher still are Heffer's own publications, many of local interest. There is a special reference department and out-of-print books service. The front design successfully combines and old-world impression with a modern style.

Abington Hall, p6

1929 12 06
Talkies answer back, p3
Millers advertisement, p5

1929 12 06 ES
Presentation H. Roythorpe on retirement police – photo – 28 12 06(3) ES

Four cars collide on A10 beyond Stretham Bridge – 29 12 06 ES

'Granny Harley' of Littleport 88 and still going strong; popular resident – 29 12 06 ES

1929 12 07
Fifteen cows, four horses and a number of fowls were destroyed in a disastrous blaze at Russian Wells Farm, Barkway. The animals were in sheds which were burnt out very quickly owing to the gale which was raging. The farm is occupied by Frank Pigg and the owner is Mr D. Crossman. The fire was discovered by Charles Scripps who immediately informed the horseman; together they tried to get the animals out, but they were driven back by the flames. So he obtained a lift in a motor car to a telephone where he summonsed the Royston Fire Brigade

1929 12 07
Before the war the only real place of amusement in Cambridge was the New Theatre and even that found it necessary to close down when the undergraduates were away. Today we have two theatres, five picture places and frequent amateur productions. Recently I decided to see a show but the Central Cinema had no seats under three shillings unless I queued for two hours. I tried the Festival Theatre but they only had a 'standing seat'; people were fighting to get into the New Theatre and the A.D.C.

only had expensive seats left. As I trailed home I wondered where all the people and the money came from

1929 12 09
Cambridgeshire probably produces more eggs that it eats, it is an exporting county and in competition with the whole world; it is important that our poultry and eggs should be known as some of the best produced, poultrymen were told at the distribution of prizes won in the Egg-Laying Trials. There were 151,785 adult fowls in the county and with an average yield of 100 eggs per bird at 1s. 9d. (16p) per dozen this represented a value of £110,676. The Cambridge Poultry Research Station was doing important work and the University Farm had decided to adopt a poultry unit as part of its teaching equipment.

Sheeps Green flood, photo, p5, account p6

1929 12 10
Sir – I was in the vicinity of Fitzroy Street early one morning and could see a driver with a one-horse van coming from Burleigh Street. He turned right on the corner round Eden Chapel on the wrong side and left down James Street, heedless of any danger. On seeing a police constable I asked whether he had noticed the careless driving around these blind corners. He replied: "This man, being alone driving one horse and van is under no rules or regulations and if he wishes is at liberty to wobble all over the road". I suggest members of Eden Chapel should be approached over this unsightly spot, with its projecting iron fence; it is a serious block to public traffic. All such dangerous corners should be abolished – E. Claydon, Parsonage Street, Cambridge.

1929 12 10
A Fowlmere baker, Frank Perry, had a narrow escape when his van overturned in a collision at Harston. He was delivering bread and just turning into a driftway when an Alvis touring car struck the front of the van which was twisted completely round and landed on its side. Its front axle was torn completely off. Bread and pastries were scattered all over the road as the doors burst and the driver was imprisoned in his cab. Beyond a bruised knee and cut hand he was uninjured. Alderman Webber who was motoring by, assisted by an A.A. Scout, directed traffic past the damaged vehicle.

1929 12 10
Soham residents considered two schemes for the supply of light. One was from the Soham Gas Company, the other from Beds., Cambs. & Hunts. Electricity Co. There was little information on the Gas Company scheme; they didn't know whether it would be driven by oil, gas or steam or how long it would take. The Electricity Company would supply current by overhead lines to a substation, it would be installed in a few months and they have an alternative generating machine in the event of a breakdown. This was the one agreed.

1929 12 11
Motorists, p3

1929 12 12
Flooded roads, p5
Women rent collector, p8*

1929 12 13
Cambridge council agreed that the site of Grantchester Mill should be purchased by the corporation, they will offer £1,000. The house was formerly tenanted by Mr Nutter and carried with it the water rights and control of the river right through. This was of extreme importance to the town but what would they do with the meadow and the banks of the river? The bridge was built by Merton College for the use of the mill and might be a liability as it had never been taken over by Chesterton RDC or the County Council.

Giant tree Kings Backs felled – photo, p7

1929 12 13 ES
Death J.C. Bridgeman, ex-captain of Soham fire brigade – 29 12 13 ES

1929 12 14
F.A. Ridgeon, the Cambridge Town Football Club's inside left, travelled by aeroplane to Sussex for the F.A. Amateur Cup tie with Southwick. There was some doubt whether he could make the match owning to duties in Stamford preventing him from travelling by train. Hearing of his difficulty Mr D.G. Marshall of Aviation Hall generously placed his Moth aeroplane at his disposal. His son, Arthur Marshall, would have piloted the machine but he had gone on an air trip to Austria so a de Haviland pilot was engaged for the journey. This is, we believe, the first time an amateur footballer has travelled to a match by air. Cambridge won 2-0.

Shop window fire, p3
Victoria Cinema pig, p8

1929 12 16
French's Road houses photo, p5

1929 12 17
St Catharine's college houses demolished photo, p5
Housing & children, p8

1929 12 18
England has lost its oldest Freemason and Saffron Walden its oldest inhabitant with the death of George Moss Taylor. He was born in May 1833 and became a member of the Walden Masonic lodge in 1876, acting as Tyler for more than 50 years. He saw the first train run on the main London to Cambridge line from a hill at Littlebury 83 years ago. Cambridge has also lost a popular figure in Mr Frederick Dale, head of the brewery that bears his name. He started it 25 years ago and it rapidly became one of the largest in the district. He took a keen interest in the affairs of many local clubs and many forms of sport enjoyed his patronage, but he shunned political life. One of his chief hobbies was the collection of antiques and he had an extraordinarily fine collection of old English silver

1929 12 19
Alsopp & Wicken, p10
King & Harper photos, p12

1929 12 20 ES
Mepal washes flooded; value of the new bridge and viaduct … wonderful progress being made, large body of men at work. Will be one of the finest and most useful road improvements in county – 29 12 20(2), photo (5) ES

Two men in steam wagon blinded by dazzling lights of oncoming motor car and ran into Stephen Wheeler, 60, of New Town Council House, Haddenham. Steam wagon driver in employ of Robert Watson of Wilburton said he was driving it towards Stretham and on approaching Brick Hill, which is near Mr Murfit's farm he was dazzled by very bridge headlights. He felt a bump and knew he had run over something. – 29 12 20(3)(4) ES

Soham Congregational Church reopened after renovations – 29 12 20(4) ES

1929 12 23
"How many in your family?" "Eleven". With a happy swing of his spade a stalwart policeman dug deeply into the mountain of potatoes before him and a couple of shovelfuls went tumbling into a capacious sack. A wan-looking little woman smiled gratefully, lifted the sack into a perambulator and

passed on. She was one of the 200 who received Christmas cheer at the Cambridge Police Poor and Needy Fund distribution. Each received a parcel containing a piece of English beef, flour, raisins, tea, sugar, margarine, nuts, oranges and milk.

1929 12 24
Market Hill decorations photo, p8

1929 12 27
Mill Road Xmas dinner, p5 & p6
Fred Dale death, p8*

1929 12 28
Review of the year – national

1929 12 30
Regent Street bus traffic, p5
Butt Green footpath, p7
Wireless licences – photo masts, p8

1929 12 31
The firing of the rockets on Parker's Piece, which has been a New Year's Eve custom since 1815 is now a thing of the past. The increasing pull of counter-attractions such as dances has seen dwindling attendance at the midnight ceremony and last year Mr Deck came to the conclusion that no useful purpose would be served by carrying on. So another old custom which served its day and generation well has passed away. There has also been a falling off of the Watch Night services, which once drew crowded congregations, but the Ortona Social Club function at the Masonic Hall was a lively function.

Chesterton railway bridge photo

Peeps from the Past feature in Ely Standard

Peeps … 7th March 1879: St Mary's Church, Ely, to re-open after repairs – 29 03 08 ES

Peeps … 17 Jun 1904: The Post Office telephone exchange was opened during the past week at Ely; twenty-one subscribers have already been found – 29 06 14(3) ES

Peeps from the past: 8th July 1904. While excavating on a site for some news houses at Town-end March, some workmen came across a quantity of human bones in a decayed state. There were no signs of any coffin, but, from the appearance of the bones that were unearthed, they are believed to be part of a skeleton of a full-grown person. Portions of the skull were found, and the lower jaw, with 16 teeth fairly well preserved, was intact. The other bones indicated that the person was buried with the hands and arms above the head – 29 07 12 ES

Peeps from the past: 8th July 1904. The promoters of the scheme for the erection of a bridge over the river at Guyhirn do not appear to be meeting with the success that was at first anticipated. The Isle of Ely County Council have practically refused to assist them in any way, and an application for a grant from the Holland County Council has been treated in the same manner. The estimated cost of the bridge was stated to be £3,800, and it would be of great benefit by opening another road between South Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire – 29 07 12 ES

Peeps from the past: 11 July 1879
Sanger's collection of animated waxworks visited Sutton and have great satisfaction – 29 07 12 ES

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Peeps … 7th March 1879: St Mary's Church, Ely, to re-open after repairs – 29 03 08 ES

Peeps … 19th December 1879. Typhoid fever is very prevalent in the parish of Soham, there being no less than 20 cases on the One Fen Common. Measles are also very general and low fever is likewise prevalent - 29 12 20 ES

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I have scans of articles summarised or marked *

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1930 01
An inquest was held on the body of a Sudanese student of St Catharine's College who was found on Christmas morning lying in front of a blazing gas fire in an 'extremely hot room' in Pembroke Street. Police evidence showed that a ventilation canopy near the chimney had been closed. The student often felt the cold and sat quite close to the fire. He had probably been overcome by the heat and died from suffocation.

1930 01 01 c
Record crowds attended the New Year's Eve dances at the Central and Masonic Halls in Cambridge and many were unable to gain admittance. They will be wiser next time, perhaps and book early. A large crowd gathered at the Rendezvous but so great was the crush that serious dancing was impossible. A great many people stayed at home in anticipation of hearing something extra special on the wireless. They did – though it is doubtful whether some of it came up to expectations.

Gipsy Smith, p5*
Sawston water, p5

1930 01 03
Magistrates discussed reducing the number of public houses. But in the past few years almost all applications to close had been refused; closing public houses was a form of prohibition and very few would want to shut. Problems were caused by 'drinking all round' – the worst side of the public house - but there was no such thing as drunkenness in Cambridgeshire, and with the exception of a few days after Christmas there had not been a single case in Cambridge. However drunkenness was not the issue – it was a question of redundancy, the licensed houses closed themselves and a nominal sum of £50 was paid in compensation.

1930 01 04
George Lister, a life-long resident of Cambridge and for many years one of its best-loved employers has passed away. He set up the business of Lister and Sons, motor and general engineers in Abbey Road. He was the type of man who created an atmosphere of good fellowship; in dealing with the younger members of his staff he would go out of his way to assist them to acquire the practical knowledge of an engineer. The good feeling in the firm is illustrated in that several men have 30 to 40 years' service to their credit.

1930 01 05 c
Israel Custerson, a farmer of Kingston, told the court that the defendant, a caravan dweller, had said he was stuck up the road because he had no petrol and let him have a can of petrol valued at six shillings. The man said he was going to Bourn to fill up the lorry and would bring the can back. But he did not return. Police Sergeant Smith said he saw the lorry at Barrington Green, noticed the petrol can and cautioned him. Defendant said he was an iron and metal buyer, he had returned to the farm but it was getting late and his lights failed. The next day his engine went wrong and he had to do repairs. He was fined £2.

1930 01 06
CDN dinner, p5

1930 01 08
Sidney Street bus accident
Night safe photo, p8

1930 01 09
Cambridge bankruptcy court heard of a young man who began trading as a milk retailer. He bought a motor-cycle truck sidecar for milk work then exchanged it for a Ford touring car. But it was no good – he had engine trouble and practically everything went wrong. It was broken up and he bought at Austin 20 for £17 and had it converted into a lorry. He had about 90 customers in Mill Road but they dropped to 20 when the Co-op started in the milk business; he then tried his luck as a haulage contractor and finally tried to recoup his losses by racing greyhounds at Cambridge.

1930 01 09
A Soham grocer said he had started as manager of the Co-operative shop and then gone into partnership with John Everitt. They had bought a horse and cart and did delivery work, but found no cash. He had then started on his own and did well until the war broke out. Since 1913 five new competitors had spring up, three in Soham, one with motor vans from Newmarket and another from Ely. People also went shopping by bus. He had used some of the money of the Soham Slate Club, of which he was treasurer to pay his debts.

Mowbray Road photo, p8

1930 01 10
The drove under the bank at Isleham which is the only means of access to the houses alongside the river is in a terrible state, full of holes filled with mud and water and well night impassable. Some of the children attending school have to wade through mud and water over their boot tops for two miles and arrive so tired they are not in a fit condition for their lessons. Some years ago the school had to be closed owing to the impossibility of the mistress getting to there.

1930 01 10
Extensive netting was carried out in the ponds at Madingley Hall; over 8,000 fish, mostly roach and rudd, were transferred in tanks to Newnham Mill Pool. The party, which included Mr Ambrose Harding and Horace Coulson arrived equipped with nets and tanks which strongly resembled dust-bins. The first haul was made across the bridge end of the pond and resulted in the capture of about 400 small roach which were taken to Cambridge by lorry. The next produced upwards of 2,000 fish, too many for the lorry so Mr Coulson took some in pails in his car. The third pond yielded a still finer catch

1930 01 10 ES
Isle police sensation. Ex-police sergeant Hillier admits his guilt: had been promoted to take charge of Chatteris sub-division; at Ely seven years; member CAS, keen interest in wireless, Recorder Ely Field Club examining and classifying bones and relics. Accused of stealing wireless high tension battery from Curry's 30 01 10 # c.34.7

1930 01 11
The new night safe at Lloyds Bank in Sidney Street is not yet in working order but I had a peep and was impressed by the ingenious working of the arrangement. The safe is Lloyds' own invention and the Cambridge branch is amongst the earliest to have it installed. There was a time when people of small means did not trouble the banks very much but now the humblest investor seems to be welcomed. There are various kinds of home safe including a tasteful little book safe in four colours

'Wayabout' maps, p8
St Peters Street house photo, p8

1930 01 13 c
A child living in Isleham fen who was suffering from diphtheria had to be taken to the fever hospital in an open cart, there being no means of getting the ambulance up to the house, and it died the Monday following. Another child, aged nine, had to be carried on a stretcher for a long distance until

the hard road was reached. The Fen Bank Drove serves a number of dwelling houses and three public houses together with the school which was built in 1879. Men have been employed filling up holes and now that there is a great amount of unemployment this is a favourable time to put the road into repair

1930 01 13
Cambridge experienced the full force of the gales. Broken fragments of tiles and chimney pots told their own tale including the house of Mr David Crown, the builder, which had a large hole in the roof. Many trees were blown down along the Backs of the Colleges; two on the corner of Queens' Green were both snapped off by the violence of the winds, another fell across the road opposite St John's College and several giant elms were snapped off like matchwood. A large tree fell across the road at Trumpington and a motor cyclist collided with it, without injury. A poplar on the edge of Snob's Stream, Sheeps Green fell carrying with it a large number of telegraph wires.

1930 01 13
A mysterious fire with some curious features occurred at the old Mill House, Ickleton. The house adjoins the works of the Ickleton Electricity Supply Company which were burnt down a few weeks ago. Inscribed on a battered tin tray, leaning against the door of the blazing mill, which was completely gutted, firemen found the words 'Revenge is Sweet'. The police have taken possession of the tray and inquiries are being pursued. Two brigades were unable to save the house. The occupier of the house was in Cambridge at the time of the outbreak and his wife was in London.

1930 01 14
Sir – at Wisbech the canal is being bridged over making it impassable to canal barges and steps have been taken to fill it in at certain places. For years this navigation has been a positive disgrace. All new bridges should be designed with ample width and head room. It is vital that all waterways linking the eastern grain-growing area and the great brick-making district at Peterborough with the Midland canal system should be protected. Without them no revival of arable farming can be looked for. If the Nene and Ouse navigations were remodelled and a 14-mile canal cut from Bedford to Fenny Stratford a vast acreage of farm land would be linked to the Midlands. We have 1,100,000 able-bodied employable men working for work instead of the dole – G.C. Henderson.

Sheeps Green bathing pace, p3*
Over house, p5

1930 01 15
From modest beginnings in Fitzroy Street the history of the House of Heffer is one of continuous progress. The Printing Works on Hills Road has been considerable enlarged, last year saw reconstruction of the Petty Cury Bookshop which is now twice its original size, and this year sees the reconstruction of the Sidney Street Stationery and Art Shop. It will be a shop worthy of its central position. The new premises will have five floor, the frontage will be in the Georgian style with pilasters, fascia and columns of grey polished granite and the upper part will be faced with red Flemish bricks with Weldon stone dressings to the windows. A unique feature will be the Picture Gallery on the third flood with a barrel-shaped ceiling

1930 01 15
An application was made for the winding up of the Cambridge Service Motor Company of Hobson Street. It had been incorporated as a private company in 1923, taking over the Service Motor Company engineering business. Their account was considerably overdrawn for much of its existence and it now had an overdraft of £6,744. The assets consisted of a number of used motor-cars of no great value. It was unable to pay its debts and should be wound up. 30 01 15 & 15a

Photo barges, p8

1930 01 17

The R100 airship which made a long flight from Cardington in fog was seen as a fleeting but fascinating object over Swavesey. Emerging from the mist like a spectre of the sky, the giant vessel attracted admiring attention as the sun glinted on her silvery nose, which, approaching head-on, was turned into the semblance of a full moon. She circled round the locality before disappearing in the fog in the direction of St Ives. 30 01 17

1930 01 17 ES
Manea model poultry farm in First Eastern General Hospital buildings 30 01 17 # c.21.4 *

1930 01 18
John Robert Bennett has died, aged 90 years. A native of Cambridge he married in 1867 and built his house in Gwydir Street in 1869. At that time that part of the town consisted mainly of fields. Since the foundation of St Matthew's Parish he has held the office of churchwarden on many occasions. He became the senior partner in the form of Messrs J.R. Bennett and Sons, builders, contractors and undertakers, of Catharine Street which had been founded by his father. 30 01 18

1930 01 20
Demolition work has begun on the Chesterton Sub-Police station, Mitcham's Corner. At one time the office of the old Chesterton Urban District Council it became a police station on the amalgamation of Chesterton with the borough. Corner improvements have made its removal desirable. Workmen are hurrying in and out and already it is windowless and completely barren internally. It will be replaced by a police-box. The familiar fire standards are also doomed to disappear; five wall boxes have been erected which will be in operation as soon as the telephones are installed. The change has been made because the public dislikes the breaking of glass in the older standards and prefer to use a telephone case of emergency 30 01 20

1930 01 21
There was a return of undergraduate hooliganism when hundreds of 'Varsity men rushed one of the entrances of the Central Cinema in Hobson Street in an attempt to see the extraordinary British talkie 'High Treason'. The trouble arose with those who had booked their seats. The orderliness of the queue became disorganised through latecomers surging round the entrance and when the door was thrown open a dense and disorderly crowd surged forward like an avalanche. The attendants attempted to stem the tide but were bruised in their struggle to stop in inevitable onrush. "Such a thing has never occurred before; the undergraduates were undoubtedly the cause, they think they can do as they like. We never had all this fuss in the vacation and we had full houses then", the manager said. 30 01 21

1930 01 22
Fire caused extensive damage to a house in High Street, Duxford. The Fire Brigade was quickly summoned and an immediate search for water began. The nearest supply was the river, 300 yards away. A slight delay was caused by extra hose being needed from Cambridge and by the time it arrived flames were leaping from the roof. Difficulty was added to the situation by the complete darkness. The only lights available were a few torches and cycle lamps, but later aid was given by means of spot-lights from cars. 30 01 22

1930 01 24
Band of Hope car & cinema, p6

1930 01 25
Cambridge University Cinematograph Society has just started on its new film; it will be even more ambitious than last year's "Aunt Matilda's Nephew". That was a two-reel burlesque on University life but "Varsity" is to be a more serious affair. It will be a mixture of comedy and drama. There will be a strong love interest and the services of some professional actresses are being sought. The director is Mr S. Legg and the camera man Mr Graff. 30 01 25 & a

County Hall, p7

1930 01 28
The inaugural meeting of the Cambridge branch of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England heard that the appearance of a Charles II house at the corner of the road between Huntingdon and the Great North Road had recently been completely spoiled by some dreadful enamelled signs and that Caxton – a gem of a village surrounded by lovely undulating land – could not now be approached unless one was 'hit in the eye' by a horrible advertisement which blocked the way. The Bishop of Ely said the motor business and traffic had a tremendous amount to answer for. The petrol stations were just like fungus. In regard to local beauty spots they had Wicken fen and also beet sugar factories. (Laughter) 30 01 28

Women workers – Mrs Adeane, p3

1930 01 29
Beet factory pollution, p8

1930 01 31 ES
Ely Beet factory maximum fine for pollution of Ouse 30 01 31
New Shire Hall plans 30 01 31b # I.B.

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1930 02 01
The Backs look very desolate just now for fifteen of the giant elms have been condemned to death and the axe and saw has already accounted for most of them. The trees are being felled because their tops have become rotten and there is a danger of passers-by. Children are making the scene their playground and gathering firewood to take home and young amateur woodmen trying their skills with choppers when the workmen are not looking at them. The trees will be replaced by young elms. There is a variety of opinion about the age of the trees; some put them at 180 years but other say none is more than 100 years old. 30 02 01c

Architects, brewers and builders gathered outside the Rose and Crown public house on Newmarket Road, Cambridge, to witness the unveiling of a plaque proclaiming it one of the best buildings erected in East Anglia during 1928. They then adjourned to the very attractive club room for speeches. The Vice Chancellor said that Cambridge had a good tradition for good beer. When he was an undergraduate there was a college servant who sang: "I likes a glass of good beer, I does. It does you no harm, and does you a lot of good". 30 02 01

1930 02 04
Sir – the misfortune which has fallen upon the seven tenants of Cheney Water Farm, Steeple Morden prompts a public appeal on their behalf. The destruction of a large brick barn and adjoining cart shed by the recent gale buried nearly all the carts and implements used on the farm; a number of other implements are badly broken, some beyond repair. About ten tons of chaff has also been damaged. It is urgent to carry out repairs in order that the work on the farm can proceed but the tenants are not in a position to bear the cost themselves. We shall be grateful for donations of any amount – G.T. Garratt, County Councillor, E. O. Fordham Chairman of County Smallholdings Committee. 30 02 04

Mrs Keynes, p3

1930 02 05
The novel sight of people being lowered from an upper window of Messrs Macintosh's establishment in Market Street Cambridge by means of a new automatic fire escape has attracted considerable attention. The escape consists of a small metal box containing geared mechanism through which runs

a steel cable with a safety belt fixed at each end. It can be fixed to the wall inside the window. The belt is placed round the body, under the arms and the person is lowered to the ground automatically at the rate of two feet per second. Most of the colleges have been equipped with it. Anybody desirous of testing the escape can do so and already a number of people, including one of the CDN photographers have done so. 30 02 05

1930 02 07 ES
Robert Hinkin of Lt Thetford, 99; landlord Rose and Crown while working on land; aged 97 dug acre of land adjoining his little cottage; was parcel and passenger carrier from Thetford to Ely, calling at Stretham. When no organ accompanied singing Thetford Baptist Chapel on his clarinet and was bandmaster of Lt Thetford Band which went out of existence 20-30 years ago. 30 02 07, 07a *

Suggested Prickwillow-Littleport Road 30 02 07

1930 02 10
Kubelik, the world-famous violinist who is playing at Cambridge Guildhall is one of the outstanding artists who have not succumbed to the lure of broadcasting. He objects to the microphone on the grounds that it can never give the listener the full benefit of a musician's art. But he has no objection to making gramophone records. Cambridge charms him. It is over ten years since he last visited but his affection is undimmed. 30 02 10

A memorial to Rupert Brooke may be erected at Grantchester using part of the money subscribed for the memorial on the Greek island of Skyros, where he died. But it will be deferred until the Skyros memorial is completed. The Rupert Brook tradition is still being maintainer here; there is still a fabulous sale of his poems. In addition to his residence at Grantchester Brooke is most associated with it through his most famous poem, the original manuscript of which is one of the lesser-known treasures of the Fitzwilliam Museum. 30 02 10a

St Bene't's church, p6

1930 02 11
Cambridgeshire has lost another of its 'grand old men' with the passing of Mr S.H. Rowley at Histon in his 89th year. He was one of the original members of the County Council on its formation in 1889. He scorned the ordinary election methods but his victory was the signal for great rejoicing; the bells of Histon church were pealed and his supporters unharnessed his horse and drew him home amid hearty cheers. He resigned in 1896 becoming County Chief Road Surveyor, a post he held until 1909. 30 02 11

Mrs Hartree, p3
Gas Company report, p5
Kubalik photo, p8

1930 02 12
Kubalik concert, p3
Arbury Road Baptist pic, p3

1930 02 13
Trustees of the Hinxton Hall said two main roads passed through their estate together with some smaller ones. The County had imposed restrictions with regard to building and fencing at three corners, to prevent the obstruction of the views of motorists saying it was not essential to wait until a corner had yielded a crop of accidents before imposing restrictions. They should also consider the probable increase in the volume of motor traffic and the threatened abolition of all speed limits. But the drastic penalties foreshadowed by the new Traffic Bill would go some way to checking the exuberance of the reckless driver. The judge said a restriction of 50 yards was ample at all junctions

except the one at Stump Cross but as this was injurious to the Estate they were entitled to compensation. 30 02 13a

Arbury Baptist church stonelaying photo, p5
St Andrews Street cables photo, p8

1930 02 14
Large crowds gathered for the stone-laying of the new Arbury Road Baptist Church Hall and School. The new church will have the support of the Old Chesterton Baptists who will vacate their present chapel when the new building is complete. It will serve the needs of inhabitants of Green End Road, Milton Road and the Hurst Park & Chesterton Hall Estates and will be able to welcome members of other denominations. The ceremony was one of the most unique ever performed, there being six foundation stones laid. 30 02 14

Bateman Street trees photo, p8

1930 02 14 ES
Ely's latest motor service station, Service Motor Company, Lynn Road – photo 30 02 14 *

1930 02 15
Photo widening corner station and Tenison Roads

1930 02 17
Mr Chris Waller of Bassingbourn, one of the most famous trainers and riders 'over the sticks' of his day, has died as the result of a collision between his four-wheeled American buggy and a motor car. He successfully trained and owned many horses in the course of a long association with the Turf. He steered Jolly Sir John in Old Joe's Grand National of 1886 and Aladdin in 1888. As a trainer he commenced at Welwyn and migrated to Royston whence he went to Stockbridge to manage Major Joicey's stud farm. 30 02 17a

St Botolph's church, p3

1930 02 18
A special train was chartered to bring Mrs Albert Maltby, who lives at the West River gatehouse, near Ely, into Cambridge. The wife of a railway employee he was engaged in feeding her chickens when she slipped on the icy ground, breaking her leg. The gatehouse is in a part of the fens almost inaccessible save by the railway so a special train consisting of engine and brake was sent out to take her to Cambridge station from where she was conveyed to Addenbrooke's Hospital in the Borough Police ambulance. 30 02 18

We have to record the death of Mrs Richardson, wife of Mr Charles Richardson, the late sub-postmaster of Over. She was much respected in the village were her 34-year's work as sub-postmistress was greatly appreciated. Upon their retirement in 1929 villagers presented them with a silver teapot, cream jug and sugar basin, suitably inscribed as a token of their good wishes. 30 02 18a

Mrs Alan Gray, p3
De Valois, Festival, p8

1930 02 19
Farren photographer, p8

1930 02 20
If one morning in passing your front door you see a strange design in chalk on the step, you may take it for granted that a tramp of the blood has passed that way and according to the reception he received at your back door so he has decorated it. The next tramp on seeing the pattern on the doorstep will

know what to expect. The signs include symbols for a savage dog, burglar alarm or a kind-hearted women. Others advise 'Pretend to be ill', 'You will have to do some work for what you get' or 'Nothing doing!' 30 02 20

Talkies at Lents photo, p8*

1930 02 22
What is it that attracts people today? People do like jazz and syncopation is a rhythm which appeals to the staid English ear. Cambridge Guildhall was packed for a performance by Ania Dorfmann, one of the great pianists and the applause was fervid. She was encored several times but her famous "Ol' Man River" brought the house down. Can the public taste be educated to the highest things or is it too volatile? At any rate the public were satisfied, and that is important. 30 02 22

Muffin man, p3
W.B. Sheppard, p7

1930 02 24
Theophilus Percy Gallyon, the well-known gunsmith, has died. He was head of one of the oldest Cambridge businesses, established by his great-grandfather 150 years ago. Born at the very address in Bridge Street where his shop still stands, he took over the business from his brother & will be succeeded by his eldest son. Deceased was recognised as a master of his craft and at one time indulged in shooting, a sport for which he turned out some first-class guns. 30 02 24

The successful crews in the Lent bumping races celebrated in traditional manner. Hundreds of excited undergraduates in 'bump supper' costume filled the streets till midnight and over it all flickered the light and smoke of bonfires. Boats were burned amid shouting and bacchanalian merriment at St Catharine's, Selwyn and Emmanuel who for the first time in history had finished head of the river. An 'eight' was sacrificed in the paddock of the college upon a huge pyre. The manoeuvre of getting the boat into the college proved by no means an easy one and traffic was held up as the unwieldy craft, borne on the shoulders of the crews, was shunted into Downing Street before being passed through the narrow gate. At St Catharine's the boat was escorted to the burning by a procession headed by a band of unemployed ex-Servicemen who had been playing on the towing path. 30 02 24a

St Edwards church, p3
St Barnabas light, p3
Ancient document, p6
Buntingford fire, p8 (photo 25th p8)

1930 02 25
Sir – we Cambridge market traders notice that Councillor Longley wants to move our stalls into the Corn Exchange but we challenge him to produce a transferred market that has been a success. He wants to replace the stalls with car parking spaces. Cannot he see the utter foolishness of congesting the very centre of a town with cars. Those on Market Hill consist of business townsmen, clerics and travellers who sit in their expensive car, eat bread and cheese, beg an onion to go with it but do little business. The Market Hill and Peas Hill are open-air markets. An arcade was tried years ago. The building stands today, a sorry sight, in St Andrew's Hill. The stallholders all failed – W.J. Sambridge. 30 02 25

Mrs Webber, p3
Thaxted wreaths, p8
Photographers at work, p5*

1930 02 26
A woman was summoned for allowing a barn at Fen Ditton to be used for immoral purposes. She had converted it into a dance hall, teas were advertised and dances held. Det-Sergt Willis said he looked

through the window and observed people inside. Some of the women attending were known to be of an undesirable character and the men mostly members of the University. The girls were dancing by themselves down the centre of the room holding up their dresses; another girl got on top of the piano and danced. Couples frequently left and went to a nearby cottage. Later the University Proctor arrived; he went to the dance room which was in darkness and by the light of his lamp could see four undergraduates and seven girls. They said they were telling ghost stories. 30 02 26a-d

1930 02 27
One of the objects of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England is to persuade advertisers to refrain from the use of advertisement hoardings and boards in the countryside where they spoil the approach to villages. It is encouraging that the Dominion Motor Spirit Company has decided to remove two large advertisements at the entrance to Caxton village on the Old North Road. They take the view that other means should be sought other than those which take away the charm of the countryside. 30 02 27

1930 02 27
Unparalleled scenes were witnessed in the Mission Hall, Wicken, when disorder at the annual parochial church meeting culminated in loud booing of the Vicar after he had peremptorily adjourned the proceedings. About 100 parishioners were present. The chief cause of demonstration arose from resentment, particularly among the younger residents, against his refusal to allow the use of the hall for dancing and other amusements. The vicar was escorted to his car by a police constable and the parishioners remained excitedly discussing the situation as the caretaker turned out the lights. 30 02 27 a-c

1930 02 28
Two bottles of dead flies were produced at Cambridge council meeting in support of the contention that a rabbit skin factory in York Terrace was still a public nuisance. They had been caught in neighbouring houses. Residents said life was unbearable on many occasions and a man suffering from tuberculosis had to sleep with his windows shut because of the obnoxious smells which were worse at night. But the Medical Officer said that in spite of careful inspection no smells, flies or bugs were found. 30 02 28-a

Bateman Street trees, p6

1930 02 28 ES
Wicken parishioners boo vicar, Rev F. Harrison; stormy parochial church meeting after he tried to persuade those whose names not on the Electoral Roll to leave. Church cracks serious, part had to be taken down and rebuilt; tower wall strengthened 30 02 28

Prickwillow Rev J.K.C. Payne leaving for Gorefield after nine years 30 02 28a
Another advance in March's nursing service
Sunday marked the completion of another stage in the L.N.E.R Company's huge scheme for the better bridging of the Wash between Manea and Black Bank. Two of the old wooden approach spans to Old Bedford River being replaced by modern steel structures. The upper picture shows the gap in the line when the old structure was demolished and the great crane which is being used. The lower shows one of the giant steel girders being hoisted into position. 30 02 28b *

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1930 03 01
History was made on Parker's Piece, Cambridge, when thousands of farmers and farm workers attended a mass demonstration. The meeting was originally intended to bring together workers in East Anglia but interest had become so wide that nearly all the agricultural counties in England were represented. They passed a resolution protesting against the increase in unemployment amongst unless effective steps are at once taken then nothing but calamity faces the industry. Visitors arrived by train,

car, motor coach and bicycle, the ordinary parking facilities were quite inadequate and cars were parked around Parker's Piece itself and along Victoria Avenue. More than an hour before the start crowds assembled in front of the platform of motor lorries covered with a Union Jack and fitted with a battery of amplifiers. They whiled away the time listening to the Railway Band and broke into song when they played 'Farmer's Boy'. 30 03 01a-d

1930 03 03
Several people had miraculous escapes when the Church Farm House at Arrington was almost destroyed by a fire. All but three rooms were burnt down. The occupants were sound asleep in the upper rooms when they were awoken by the cracking of flames and smell of smoke. The stairs soon became a mass of flames but with great presence of mind the daughter erected a ladder against the window of the bedroom in which two of her brothers were sleeping and they were enabled to escape. When the Royston fire brigade arrived they made use of a pond 50 yards away but this was quickly exhausted and water was then obtained from a ditch 350 yards away. 30 03 03

Holy Trinity church, p3

1930 03 04
Mrs Stevenson, p3

1930 03 07
Pubs 'Alhambra' and 'Dew Drop', p8

1930 03 08
Mr W.F. Turner has sent us a photograph of all that remains of the old Bottisham fire engine. He came across it in an old lumberyard. It was presented to the parish by Mr Jenyns and repaired by public subscription in 1881. Many years ago there was a fireman's fete at Cambridge and this quaint old engine was manned by some high-spirited undergraduates who called themselves the Darktown Brigade. They all wore old-fashioned top hats and masks and created a good deal of fun. 30 03 08a

Sir – the rabbit factory in York Terrace, Cambridge, is a disgusting nuisance, excluding a horrible stench. Had this factory been on Grange Road the foundations would never have been dug but York Terrace stands for poverty and insignificance and so maggots, flies and stenches should apparently be borne with that humility that has been the bane of the workers all down the ages – P.J. Wright. 30 03 08

Sir – I am one of the fortunate ones employed at the rabbit warehouse in York Terrace, Cambridge. I came here about two years ago to grade these skins. It is a warehouse, not a factory; there has never been an outbreak of fever among the employees and a healthy child of 13 may start work there. To close it would add about 20 names to the unemployment register – T.A. Edwards. 30 03 08b

Wall of death, p5
Petty Cury demolition, p8*

1930 03 10
Pungent remarks on the conduct of the Fen Ditton dance hall were made by the chairman of the Bottisham bench in dismissing the case. It had attracted a great deal of public attention but they had come very reluctantly to the conclusion that the law did not admit their convicting. "If we are out to administer the moral law then no condemnation would be sufficiently strong for the shameless and wanton proceedings that have been allowed to occur; had we been in a position to impose a fine it would have been a very heavy one", he said. "I am ashamed that a young constable should have been called upon in the course of his duty to witness the scenes described and the only service the defendant can do us is to leave the neighbourhood". 30 03 10b-c

St Michael's church, p3

Greek play, p6

1930 03 11
Councillor Mrs Foster, p3
Swavesey fire, p5
Downing scheme, p6
St Catharine's College new block, p6
Sidney Street photo – Caxton Court, p8*

1930 03 12
Boots sale (withdrawn), p5
Orwell pub, Fox, p7*

1930 03 14
Molly dance photo, p5

1930 03 15
The major part of the two picturesque villages of Great and Little Abington is still on the market although over 20 offers have been received by United Kingdom and Overseas Ltd, the present owners of the estate. An advertisement reads: "Village for sale – Delightful property consisting of 45 cottages, general stores and village hall. Price £3,250. Bargain". All the cottages are thatched; the remainder were sold recently together with the school and inn. The post office and old smithy are now in the market. The estate would be a useful purchase for a working carpenter with a little money to spare as he would be able to do the repairs to the cottages himself. 30 03 15a

A deputation of 60 men marched unannounced into the Saffron Walden Council Chamber and demanded the provision of work instead of the dole. Unemployment is particularly acute and they didn't want to stand idle on street corners. The times hangs heavily and they would rather be in work. At Cambridge the corporation had provided work for the unemployed in improving dangerous corners and other schemes. Walden council was pushing ahead with a housing scheme and hoped to use 100 percent of unemployed labour. 30 03 15b

The time is drawing near for the opening of the new ward at Addenbrooke's Hospital. Named after T. Musgrave Francis, chairman of the General Committee. The hospital wards get their names in various ways; sometimes it is after royalty as in 'Victoria' and 'Albert' but the most interesting in 'Tipperary' which was built in 1913-14. For a long time it was known as the 'New' Ward but the 'long, long way' that one had to travel to get to it reminded people of the popular song and gradually the name stuck. The 'Tipperary' Ward always made the hospital look rather lop-sided from the front, but the new 'Musgrave' restores the balance. 30 03 15c

1930 03 17
Special prayers for the work of the Soviet Government were offered at a service at Thaxted church. The vicar, Rev Conrad Noel, has made no secret of his extreme political views. In his sermon he said "A good deal is being told us about Russia in order to egg us on to fight her when the time comes". He then came down from the pulpit and sat in an armchair in the body of the church to answer any questions. None were asked and the congregation rose and walked out of the church. A resident told the CDN that the service had little interest to local people. The congregation was chiefly composed of factory girls and people from outside who attended as a matter of curiosity. Some years ago the Vicar raised people's ire by hanging the Irish Sinn Fein flag and the Red Flag in the church. 30 03 17

Holy Sepulchre, p3
St John's church debt, p6

1930 03 18
Councillor Miss Blair, p3

C.S. Kenny death after car accident, p8, inquest 19th p5

1930 03 19
Demolition work has just begun on the Sidney Street corner of Sussex Street as a first step towards the most important reconstruction scheme for the improvement of Cambridge in many years. Sidney Sussex College will develop the whole site on modern lines; within the next year an imposing block of buildings, providing shops and offices will rise. It will be connected to Hobson Street by an artistically-designed crescent and colonnade of 12 shops which will allow vehicles to pass freely in the middle of Sussex Street. 30 03 19b

The death of Lord Balfour the former Prime Minister, great statesman, philosopher and Chancellor of Cambridge University will be particularly felt here. At Trinity College in the 1870s he was rather shy but fond of music and once owned four concertinas on which he delighted to play Handel's oratorios when anyone could be found to accompany him. He was renowned for the hours he would lie in bed and for his passion for blue china and pleasant knick-knacks. His seclusion nourished the fastidiousness of his mind and temper. 30 03 19

1930 03 20
Sussex Street sketches, p6
Cambridge Guardians final photo, p8*

1930 03 21
After 94 Years. Newmarket Board's last Meeting. Features of its history
Following an existence of 94 years, the last meeting of the Newmarket Board of Guardians was held on Tuesday, when important features of its history were recalled. Mr James Wheeler was in the chair, and there were present: Mr Harry Peachey (vice-chairman), Revs. S. Austin, L.L. Butcher, W.G. Dodd, Ernest Powles, and E. Wootton, Miss Ellis, Mrs Bocock, Mrs Ruston, Mrs Watson, Commander Boughey, Messrs. F.N. Bocock, W.P. Bocock, A.R. Catchpole, Seth Collin, J.E. Collin, W.C. Dimock, A.S. Frost, R.L. Fuller, H.W. Game, F.P. Harrison, Edward Leonard, Samuel Moore, W.J. Moon, C.C. Oakey, J.G.A. Paul, Harry Peachey, Charles Reeve, R.J. Robins, G.F. Townsend, J.H. Troughton, Thomas Webb, James Wheeler, C.Y. Woollard, B.J. Slack, J. Smallwood. The Rev. W.G. Dodd and Mr H. Edwards (former Guardians) also attended.
The Chairman said that in glancing at the history of that Board it was of some interest to note that the first meeting of the Newmarket Board was held at the White Hart Inn on December 31st 1835, and for 94 years Guardians had been giving their services on behalf of the community.
The first Board had for one of its members a Member of Parliament by the name of Richard Eaton. They could not claim that distinction to-day. Mr John Peter Allix was elected their first Chairman, and held office for 13 years. It was decided that weekly meetings should be held on Friday mornings at the Kingston House Room.
The First Union Districts
The Union was the same then as now, but was divided into four districts, with four relieving officers. At that time there were nine workhouses in the district, at Soham, Isleham, Newmarket (2), Snailwell, Wicken, Bottisham, Fordham and Swaffham. The contract price at that time for flour was 1s. 5d. Per stone, bread 4 ½d. 4lb loaf, and coal 1s. 8d. Cwt.
Early in that year it was decided to advertise for a married man to take charge of the All Saints' Workhouse at a salary of £30 per year, with board, washing and candle. At a meeting on March 4th 1836, it was decided to consider the desirability of building a central workhouse for the district.
The New Workhouse.
On April 22nd, 1836, it was agreed to purchase from Mr John Westley four acres of land at £84 per acre, on which to build the new workhouse. On June 3rd in the same year a contract was accepted for building the new workhouse at a cost of £7,500, and the fittings and furniture £485. Mr and Mrs Charles Martin were appointed the first Master and Matron in March, 1837, and the occupation of the new workhouse commenced on May 8th by the removal of the inmates from the Soham workhouse. Vagrants were a trouble in those days, for at the Board meeting on May 13th, 1835, it was decided to

write to the Poor Law Commissioners for direction of how to dispose of them. There was no Mr Heasman in those days to deal with those knotty points. (Laughter).

The Enlargement Of The Workhouse

Of more recent history was the enlargement of the institution in 1902 at a cost of £27,000. They were now nearing the end of things. He thought they might well remind themselves that the Guardians had ever had to face human tragedy. They had had to deal with men and women with whom life had dealt hardly, many who failed in the fight, and some who had been false to themselves.

No sphere of public service had such a demand for wise judgment and sympathetic action, and the response had always been forthcoming. It was interesting to note that the Guardians of the Poor throughout the country controlled in their own institutions over 240,000 beds and employed about 10,000 nurses.

A Humane System.

Whatever else might be said of the present English Poor Law system, which was near passing away, none could ever say that it was not humane. The Guardians had been doing a specialised work for a special section of the community. They had to deal with human tragedy, and they had faced it with courage and sympathy. He thought they all felt the effects of its passing, and that the wrong thing had happened, but there was no help for it. He knew it had been their express wish to pass out of office quietly without any flag waving or beating of drums - without any shouts of victory or defeat, but he really did feel as their chairman at their last meeting it was his duty to say one or two words.

Government's Failure.

He had hoped that the Government, through the Ministry of Health, would have thought it worth while to have conveyed to the Guardians some expression of gratitude for the long and valuable services which they, together with other Boards, had rendered to the community. He thought they had failed badly in not expressing what must be the feeling of the country that day - some sort of appreciation for the tremendous amount of work put in during the last century by members of Boards of Guardians.

As it had not been done, he would like before discharging that morning, on behalf of those who had received the benefit of their labours, on behalf of the poor and destitute in this Union district, those who received, and those who were still receiving, either indoor or outdoor relief, and also on behalf of the ratepayers whose money they had always spent so carefully and economically - on behalf of all those he said, "I thank you."

Their contribution to the welfare of the nation had been no small one, and the poor and destitute of the Union had received more than they knew as a result of the sympathetic consideration the Guardians had always shown to their applications for relief. A more kindly disposed Board would be difficult to find.

He would like in their name and in his own to express sincere thanks to their friend, Major Ennion, the Clerk, for the help he had always given. (Hear, hear). They had always found it wise to follow his wisdom and advice, which had made their work much easier. For 38 years Major Ennion had served the Board. The same might also be said of their Assistant Clerk, Mr Blackbourn, who had been with them 27 years.

They would agree also that they had been particularly fortunate in having so able a man as Mr Heasman as Master of that Institution. It was largely owing to his keen interest and sound judgment that they had that day an Institution of which they were proud. It was second to none either in this county or any neighbouring county. They all wished to offer Mr Heasman their best thanks. He had been with them 19 years. They would not forget the Matron whom they saw so little but knew so much of what she was ever doing for the comfort of the inmates of that House. Her kindness, gracious tact and hard work they appreciated to the full.

Their Medical Officer, Dr. Maund, who had been with them eight years, was never lacking in his effort to alleviate the sufferings. To him, and indeed to all the staff at their Institution, for their loyalty to their duties, they desired just to say, "Thank you."

The Relieving Officers, whose jobs were difficult ones, were also entitled to the thanks of the Board.

Mr F.N. Bocock proposed that the hammer which was presented to the Chairman of the Board for the controlling of its meetings, by Mr Tebbitt on his second marriage, should be presented to Mr Wheeler as the last Chairman of the Board. Mr Troughton seconded. The Chairman thanked the members very much indeed. Mr T. Webb said he would like to include the name of Mr F.N. Bocock in the thanks of

the Guardians. Mr Bocock had hammered him more than anybody else. (Laughter). The Clerk said he could not let that occasion pass without thanking the Guardians for their kindness to him as their Clerk. The Master, on behalf of himself and the Matron, thanked the Board for its kindness to them. A photograph of the members of the Board was taken in the yard of the Institution, and this will be hung up in the Board room.
The Institution Committee.
The Master reported that the number of inmates was 191, against 183 at the corresponding week of last year, and that the number of casuals admitted during the last month was 37 against 33 in the corresponding month of last year. 30 03 21 a & b
[Notes by Geoffrey Woollard:
Francis Norman Bocock (1853 - 1932) farmed at Lidgate and was one of Sue Woollard's great grandfathers.
William Percy Bocock (1870 - 1930) farmed at Gazeley and was Sue Woollard's first cousin three times removed.
Arthur Robert Catchpole (1856 - 1945) also farmed at Lidgate and was another of Sue Woollard's great grandfathers.
Charles Yorke Woollard (1877 - 1932) farmed at Swaffham Prior and was one of Geoffrey Woollard's great uncles.
Captain Richard Jefferson Eaton MP (1806 - 1847) was Sue Woollard's fourth cousin four times removed.
Major Sidney John Ennion (1869 - 1951) was a solicitor in Newmarket and Sue Woollard's great uncle by marriage.]

Sewards End fire, p10*

1930 03 22
There never was a time surely when there were so many works of destruction going on as at present. Little bits of old Cambridge are going one by one and elaborate new buildings are rising up in their place. Following demolition in Petty Cury and Sidney Street now we see old houses and shops in Sussex Street being knocked down. No wonder that those who come back to the town after a few years' absence express amazement at the changes they see. When we think of the bridges built at Newnham and Chesterton, of the streets that have been widened, the new recreation ground opened and the great business changes effected in the heart of the town we may well gasp. 30 03 22 a & b

1930 03 24
St Clements, p3
Spiritualism, p6

1930 03 25
The opening of the Hobb's Pavilion, erected to commemorate the achievements of the greatest batsman in the world, upon his native playing field is an epoch in the annals of the game. Parker's Piece is one of the most historic cricket grounds in the kingdom. It shares in seniority with Broad Half-Penny Downs, of the famous Hambleton Club and the White Conduit Club, whose playing ground was the Artillery parade grounds at Finsbury before the Marylebone Club emerged and Thomas Lord had opened his first ground at Dorset Square. 30 03 25 a & b

Councillor Mrs McNair, p3
Chesterton railway bridge photo, p5*

1930 03 27
Cambridge Motor Service Company had taken over a firm of motor engineers and garage proprietors in Hobson Street and hoped to acquire the business of Hunnybun and Son, coachbuilders and painters. Then in 1927 they spent £2,000 to purchase a large stock of electric lamps which were being retailed

at a considerable profit. But the British Thompson-Houston Company issued a writ and the present stock of lamps was now valueless. In addition the depression in the motor trade for used cars and dealings in sports cars for which there was at one time a good demand among undergraduates had contributed to their failure. 30 03 27a & b

1930 03 27
Ideal cricket weather favoured the long-awaited opening of the Hobbs Pavilion on Parker's Piece by the Mayor of Cambridge in the presence of Mr & Mrs Jack Hobbs. He was the greatest cricketer the world had ever known and had learned to play within sight of this new pavilion. All that was needed was a record of his achievements to hang in the building, but those were not yet over. It would induce the younger sportsmen to become keen again and to carry on the traditions so that in future Cambridge would never be without its representatives in first-class cricket. 30 03 27

1930 03 28
With the sun's warm rays streaming in at the windows – a fitting herald of life and health – the new Musgrave Ward was opened at Addenbrooke's Hospital. It is an addition to the top floor and intended as the second women's surgical ward. It contains 18 beds with three single-bed side wards and a balcony accommodating six beds for open-air treatment. Its name commemorates T. Musgrave Francis, chairman of the General Committee, who provided a tea and concert in the out-patients' department. 30 03 28b-

1930 03 28
Ely Ratepayer Association's dinner was told that it was no good rushing ahead with houses and factories unless they had a good sewerage scheme. They now had electricity and a good bus service. First impressions went a long way and Palace Green should be regularly cut and rolled as it presented a neglected appearance to visitors. They also had a splendid display of antiquated dustbins and people could not understand why something better could not be devised. Some people expected to find the luxuries of a large town but they were out in the country and had to cut their cloth accordingly. 30 03 28d-e

1930 03 28
Interesting reminiscences were given as Chesterton Guardians passed out of existence after 94 years. The first meeting in 1836 appeared to have been in a public house; amongst those attending were the names of Taylor, Linton and Foster and they still had members of these names on the Board. The final report showed the number in the institution was 39 men, 40 women and one child. 30 03 28f-g

1930 03 29
Mystery surrounds the discovery of a tramp lying bound and gagged in a gravel pit a mile from the main road near Ashwell. He was taken to Royston Union. The man is believed to be of mixed Chinese and Scotch extraction and says he lives in Italy. The police were unable to get a clear account as to how he came to be in the pit, since he speaks only a bad Italian. A peculiar feature of the case is that he was similarly found by a farmer in Hampshire and also in Hertford about three weeks ago. 30 03 29

Hobbs Pavilion, p8*

1930 03 31
Perhaps fired by childhood memories of Blondin, the famous tightrope walker, a young man attempted the perilous crossing of the River Cam in the wee small hours of the morning. Unfortunately his skill and possibly his sobriety were not equal to his enthusiasm. He first demonstrated his agility by climbing the lamp-post at the end of the bridge then wandered three paces along the parapet of Magdalene Bridge before sliding gracefully into the watery depths beneath. Although able to swim he was exhausted by the time he reached Quayside and it took the combined efforts of his companions and a policeman to get him out, wetter but slightly more sober. 30 03 31

St Mary the Less, p3
Guardians photo, p8

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1930 04 01
The disappearance of Boards of Guardians and the transference of the Poor Law work to the Public Assistance Committees has caused some bewilderment. The chief institution in Cambridge is that at 81a Mill Road; it was erected in 1838 as a 'Union' to replace numerous small parish workhouses. The name has been changed to Poor Law Institution in recent years. The demand for accommodation became so acute that in 1923 they had to build a new block. The Infirmary of the old Workhouse has become a hospital with 124 beds in up-to-date wards with a large nursing staff including three certified midwives. 30 04 01a-c # c.32.9

Mrs Salter, p3

1930 04 02
Ely Guardians photo, p8

1930 04 04
Sheeps Green new sluice photo, p6

1930 04 07
The new electric traffic signals are generally working well but it seems that the average motorist accelerates when the green light is showing in order to get through before it changes. This is particularly evident at the Northampton Street – Castle Hill crossing in Cambridge as a driver going towards Huntingdon seeing a stiff climb directly ahead naturally tries to get through and up the hill. But a driver coming down often finds his car has a tendency to accurate of its own and tries to get into Chesterton Lane a little too fast, swinging out into the standard erected in the centre of the road. 30 04 07

Gt St Mary's, p3
Whittlesford British Legion club, p8

1930 04 08
Councillor Mrs Rackham first came to Newnham College in 1895. Returning on her marriage in 1901 she entered into public life as school manager, Guardian and town councillor. In 1902 she started the first local branch of the Women's Co-operative Movement. Her clear-cut voice is well-known on radio and she has recently completed a series of six talks from Savoy Hill on Local Government. She is also a journalist of standing and has contributed a column to 'The Woman's Leader' for the last seven years. 30 04 08a

1930 04 08
To walk from Cambridge to London has been the ambition of many a healthy young man; I decided to do the journey by night. I left at 6pm and arrived at Royston three hours later for a substantial supper which I capped with a bottle of Guinness. It was not a cold night and I carried only a stout stick which I'd bought in the Cury for 7d. I met scarce anybody for tramps take shelter for the night in barns and out-houses. But there was an almost constant stream of lorries and private cars roaring through the night at 60 mph. My legs were getting very tired but I arrived at my house at Golder's Green just as the clock struck six. 30 04 08b-c

1930 04 10
Referee L. Sylvester complained of the conduct of the Littleport Football Club and their supporters when they played Wisbech Town. He said they followed him to the dressing-room, calling him 'everything under the sun', and threw pieces of mangold wurzel at him. But the Club Secretary

complained that he was incompetent and his decisions 'bordered on the ridiculous'. The linesman had awarded a goal that was offside and used bad language. The club had been running for over 25 years and had only had one player ever reported. It was warned and the linesman suspended. 30 04 10

Coldham's Lane made up – photo, p6
Duxford plane crash, p9

1930 04 11
The Cambridge Skittle League was formed in August and proved that the average man was a sportsmen; a lot of people were inclined to 'run down' the public house games such as darts, dominoes and shove ha'penny. The Skittles League met the requirements of these people and what should be more natural than they should go to the poor man's club – the local inn. Publicans went out of their way to provide every amusement and recreation. 30 04 11

1930 04 11 ES
New stationmaster for Guyhirn – C.F. Blackwell from March – memories
Wisbech canning industry grows – Wisbech Produce Canners feature 30 04 11b *

1930 04 12
A crowd of nearly 3,000 massed in front of the loud speaker which Pye Radio had installed in the main window of the Cambridge Guildhall. Business in the market was suspended and the lanes between the stalls were solid with people. In the shops and offices there was a general cessation of work; counters and desks were forsaken and faces appeared at every window. There was a cheer when the Cambridge boat crew drew level and overtook Oxford. Workers hurrying home eagerly bought copies of the special edition of the CDN and pictures are being shown at the Central and Tivoli cinema this evening. 30 04 12

1930 04 14
Spirituals, p3
LNER ambulance corps, p8

1930 04 15
"S.O.S. Wanted a Wife. A real girl, not a church prude". These notices have been placed by a Horningsea bachelor on the front of his cottage. He assured a News representative that he is quite serious. He describes himself as a poet and farmer, born in County Cork, but refuses to divulge his age. He went to sea and lived in the USA before coming to the village two years ago. He has published one volume of poems but complains that with working in his garden and preparing meals, he has no time to write. When he marries he will write a 'best seller'. 30 04 15a & b

1930 04 15
The new manager of the Broadway Kinema, St Ives, said he intended to put on most up-to-date films of a topical character, the 'talkies' were also to be introduced. But the presiding magistrate said: "We want superior films in St Ives, not so many murders and tragedies; something in the natural history line or travel pictures". The manager promised to bear this in mind and he fancied it would not be long before he knew the tastes of local people. 30 04 15c

Bethune-Baker, p3
Streetley Hall fire, p5

1930 04 16
Damage amounting to thousands of pounds was done by an extensive fire at Mr Owen Webb's farm at Streetly Hall, West Wickham. A number of valuable pedigree heifers, calves and pigs lost their lives and a great many farming implements and machinery, together with a motor car, farm carts and a large quantity of grain were destroyed. One of the buildings destroyed was an old thatched barn, one of the largest in the country with solid oak beams which once formed part of a church. The farm

foreman was burned on the arms and legs when an oil tank exploded. With his clothing on fire he rushed into the pond at the bottom of the farmyard and extinguished the flames. 30 04 16a-c

Rabbit factory, p8

1930 04 17
For years men have beaten carpets on Butt Green and children have used New Square as a camping-out ground. But these ancient customs are soon to pass away with the transfer of the Green to Jesus College, and the construction of a parking place in the Square. 30 04 17

Hinxton corners, p6

1930 04 18
Railway bridge placed over Old Bedford River – feature – 30 04 18, 18a * # c.26.2

1930 04 19
The Horningsea man who placed notices in front of his cottage appealing for a wife says he has been inundated with letters. They have come from all parts of the country, including Jersey. Many have come from London, from Mayfair as well as Hampstead, from servant girls as well as from girls who run their own cars. One letter enclosed a photograph of a delicate, refined-looking blonde, whom he declares he will probably marry. But he will reply to all letters and hopes to have a June bride. 30 04 19a

1930 04 19
Cambridge has yet another claim to distinction. Mr James Gibb, who died recently, was the inventor of the game of ping-pong which enjoyed a tremendous vogue about 30 years ago. He was an old Cambridge athlete and started the game one evening with champagne corks cut as nearly circular as possible and the lids of cigar-boxes for battledores. Then he tried India-rubber balls covered with cigarette paper before finally sending to America to have celluloid balls made. 30 04 19b

Ballroom music, p3
Skipping, p6

1930 04 21
Littleport bus accident, p3

1930 04 22
Leah Manning, p3
Skin factory, p6
Grass track racing, p7

1930 04 23
A News reporter experienced the thrill of looping the loop in the joy-ride aeroplane now giving flights from the Cherryhinton Road ground: “We bounced across the bumpy field and before I was aware of it we had left the ground. We climbed until I saw the hand of the pilot’s altitude clock creep round to the 2,000 feet mark. Suddenly we seemed to be hurtling downwards at a tremendous speed and I felt I had left my tummie up above. I saw fields and roads above, then the sky came back over the top. I suppose we had been upside down, but it seemed as if it was the world that had turned over. It was great fun”. 30 04 23a

1930 04 23
A series of events contributed to an ‘extra special’ in traffic jams, even for Cambridge. Deadlock resulted after a motor bus, endeavouring to pass a brewer’s dray in Bridge Street fouled a trolley used in cable laying operations. An outsize in motor lorries added to the general melee which took P.C. Lilley fully ten minutes to sort out. The first day of term also brought with usual ‘crop’ of taxis and

cars which added to the jam. Altogether one of the narrowest and busiest parts of the town provided for the greater part of the afternoon something like a slow motion traffic scene. 30 04 23f

1930 04 23
Visitors to Newmarket expressed keen interest in the operation of the first fully electrical Totalisator under racing conditions in this country. The indicator board behind the chief rings flashed and twinkled with remarkable rapidity and the state of the market was easily discernible. All the bookmakers had been placed along two sides of the rails and no 'tictacs' or runners were allowed. Nine minutes after the number of the winner went into the frame the dividends were declared and every winning punter was paid out before the second race started. 30 04 23g

Sawston factory fire, p5*
Horseheath jubilee, p6*
Electric fete, p8*

1930 04 24
Mills circus, p6
Mepal new bridge – photo, p7

1930 04 25
Sensational scenes were witnessed when Cambridge Town met Ipswich in a vital football match at Milton Road. The crowd, numbering over 7,300, were annoyed by some disputable rulings by the referee. At the final whistle they surged on to the field and surrounded him. The situation looked very ugly when Cambridge players and police with drawn truncheons went to his assistance. They got him to the pavilion but the crowd tried to storm the building. When the Chairman, W.R. Paige, tried to gain order with the aid of a megaphone he was shouted down. But for the quick work of many police, both uniformed and plain clothes, players and officials, the referee might have been very roughly handled. 30 04 25

1930 04 25
Mr & Mrs H.H. Crowther leaving Burnt Fen school after seven years; played part in life community 30 04 25 &

1930 04 26
Derailed train photo, p6
Chesterton railway bridge, p7

1930 04 28
Six men were slightly injured by an explosion at the Cambridge University and Town Gas Company's works during the cleaning of one of the purifying boxes containing ferric oxide. Staff made attempts to put out the fire with chemical extinguishers but the fumes defeated them and the Fire Brigade was summoned. Working in gas-masks they played water on the boxes for some hours. How the explosion occurred is not clear. 30 04 28a

1930 04 28
Chesterton railway bridge: replacement, p8*
Shire Hall tender, p3
Graf Zeppelin at Cardington, p6

1930 04 29
A terrible double road fatality occurred at Cambridge about midnight when a motor-cycle carrying a pillion passenger came into collision with a high-powered Delage car on the Trumpington Road. The force of the impact was such that the motor-cyclist was flung through the car windscreen and practically decapitated. His passenger died in hospital. The car was badly damaged and the front axle

was wrenched off as it proceeded for nearly 150 yards, veering from side to side until finally coming to rest in a hedge. 30 04 29

Mrs Pryor, p3

1930 04 30
Cambridge Guildhall was crowded with an audience chiefly composed of young men and women, but with a fair leavening of older folk, who had come to hear Dr Marie Stopes give an address on birth control. She spoke rapidly for an hour and replied to many questions. Thousands of mothers, having had three or four children, with perhaps only one year between them, finding it difficult to get sufficient food and worn out were in dread of another unwanted child. What was wanted was spaced babies from radiant mothers. Dr Stopes had been abused, insulted and misrepresented but she made people think and talk about birth control. 30 04 30a & b

1930 04 30
A curious accident occurred in Melbourn when a Sentinel steam wagon crashed into the taproom of the White Lion public house. The wagon was about to pass a Co-op van when the driver saw another vehicle approaching. He swerved and crashed through the wall. Two men were in the taproom at the time but they escaped injury as did the driver and his mate. Fortunately the building was of plaster, or more serious injuries would undoubtedly have resulted to the men. Part of the house had to be propped up and traffic was diverted for some time. 30 04 30

1930 04 30
Fen Drayton Parochial Church Council launched an attack on Christ's College; they were collecting the whole of the tithes but for the last three years had only provided a 'half-time' parson. The Rev Abbott is also rector of Conington-cum-Knapwell so the tithe payers should pay half the tithes. It has been absolutely dishonest to take the whole of the tithes and then clip down on the services. 30 04 30d & e

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1930 05 02
Crash, p5
Pay Radio first agm, p6
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Ambulance, p6
Tram photo, p8

1930 05 05
Histon show stops, p3
May Day demonstration photo, p8

1930 05 06
The King, who celebrated the 20th anniversary of his accession to the throne today, attended racing at Newmarket this afternoon. He motored from Buckingham Palace during the ceremony of changing the guard and large crowds cheered as his car left. But only a few people noticed his arrival on the Heath. The King spent some moments at the new electric totalisator before proceeding to the grandstand. He will remain at Newmarket for the whole of the Spring Meeting. 30 05 06

Mrs Mellish Clark, p3
St Ives chicory factory, p6
Chivers v cement, p8

1930 05 07
A young man fired two pistol shots with deadly effect by in the Lion Hotel Yard, Cambridge. They were fired at a distance of a few yards – the first at a fire arising from a petrol-soaked strip of carpet, the other at a roaring fire in a wooden structure which had been soaked with tar and petrol. At each discharge a cone-shaped column of whitish powder was projected into the base of the fire and instantly extinguished the flames. The weapon was an 'Antifyre' Standard model and the man was W. Hardesty of Hills Road, who is the district agent. 30 05 07

Chivers v cement, p8

1930 05 08
Sheeps Green flood pic, p6

1930 05 09
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King's chorister death, p8
Chivers v cement, p3

1930 05 09 ES
Revolution in track laying on L.N.E. Railway between Stretham and Waterbeach 30 05 09 * # c.26.2
Modern petrol depot for Ely – British Petroleum on site formerly occupied by RAF near station 30 05 09a *

1930 05 10
The new talkie installation nearing completion at the Tivoli cinema, Cambridge, is manufactured by British Acoustic and was selected on account of its purity of reproduction. The entire sound equipment is duplicated so that no failure or breakdown can interfere with the performance. The programme selected for the opening week features Maurice Chevalier in 'Innocents in Paris' supported by the comedy 'Talkie'. 30 05 10a & b

King's chorister, p6
Victoria Cinema clearance photo, p8

1930 05 12
The Cambridge branch of the Association of Plasterers and Granolithic and Cement Workers celebrated its 50th anniversary. Mr G. Cook, their first secretary said they had experienced strikes and lock-outs; they had acted on the defensive and had been aggressive. They had a proud record for bettering the conditions for the workers. At one time they were 100 per cent organised and still had 95 per cent membership. 30 05 12

1930 05 13
Messrs Chivers told the court that they had been growing fruit at Barrington for more than 20 years. They had two plantations growing raspberries, greengages and Victoria plums near the summit of a hill. In 1927 the Cement Company started a new works half-a-mile to the south and soon their pickers started to experience unpleasant smells. The raspberry crop was scorched and shrivelled by dust and the same thing happened to the plums. It was caused by considerable quantities of dust from the company's new chimney stacks. 30 05 13a & b

1930 05 13
An NSPCC Inspector told the court that he entered a cottage at Croydon which was in a filthy and deplorable state. There was very an old iron bedstead, a patched mattress and a few articles of old and dirty clothing which had been used as a bed covering. The mattress in the bedroom used by the children consisted of a sack of brown flock. The children were in a verminous condition and their clothing in a filthy state. They had been taken to the Caxton Institution. The father was out of work

and the mother needed to look after a child who was in hospital. They were each fined £5. 30 05 13a & b

Miss Cochrane, p3
Arrington verminous house, p8*

1930 05 14
Agriculture has been termed 'the hopeless subject which no Government cares to tackle' but it employs more men than other industries, except building. Now Mr G.T. Garratt, the former Labour candidate for Cambridgeshire has written a book drawing on his practical experience on a farm and as a county councillor. He says a million men and their families are tied to a decaying industry, bitterly divided socially and economically and politically impotent with no leaders for the future. Control of the land must be in the hands of the local councils which can provide modern buildings and parcel out lands for farms capable of becoming sound economic units. 30 05 14

Post office moves, p6

1930 05 15
A councillor complained that in 1921 an agreement had been signed with the Ortona Bus Company allowing them a monopoly of buses on the streets of Cambridge for a payment of £250 a year. "They have had a jolly good picking. There are no workmen's tickets, no children's tickets, no cheap tickets, which you get in any other town". The Mayor said the streets were already so congested that it was not possible to have competitive services in operation. But Ortona had been issued with extra licences to run buses on those same narrow streets. 30 05 15 & a

Green End Road houses, p3

1930 05 19
Cambridge has found dealing with motor traffic increasingly difficult in recent years, Counsel told an inquiry. He emphasised the inconvenience to motorists when no central parking places were available but now the council had made an agreement with Jesus College for the use of New Square as a car park in exchange for Butt Green and a piece of Midsummer Common. It would mean the surrender of 2½ acres of Common Land, but it would remain undeveloped & would allow the college to make a new entrance. The scheme was approved. 30 05 19 & b

Wesley House chapel, p8

1930 05 20
Mrs Anderson Scott, p3

1930 05 21
Castle Mound cartoon, p6
Electric transformers photo, p8

1930 05 23
The jurisdiction of the Ecclesiastical Courts over chancel repairs should be abolished, a Committee suggests. It was appointed following a dispute at Hauxton where a landowner refused to accept liability and was sent to Bedford Gaol. Notice should be given in writing to those responsible for such repairs and proceedings taken in the County Court should there be a dispute. 30 05 23

1930 05 23 ES
Walbro Cycle and Motor Works, Ely – advertisement 30 05 23a *
Air pageant, Whittlesey, Kenneth Whittome organised; 15 aeroplanes on his landing ground 30 05 23b # c.26.1

1930 05 24
The Isle of Ely Member of Parliament, James de Rothschild is the joy of the cartoonist and the favourite exhibit in the House of Commons lobbies. Nothing causes such effect as his appearance with his one-wing collars, one eye-glass and super-glossy hat. Yet he is very shy, a very nice chap and very fond of animals. 30 05 24

1930 05 26
A mock funeral procession paraded through Cambridge as undergraduates bade farewell to one of their number who had been sent down. It was headed by an old horse-drawn landau in which the 'corpse' sat, his face disguised beneath a war-paint of lipstick. He was joined by various persons who were to officiate at the ceremony; beneath top hats, black cloches and wideawakes were suits of grey flannel, blazers and plus-fours. All were garnished in crepe streamers on which hung rhubarb, beer and wine bottles, remains of the 'wake'. At the station the funereal party moved along the platform hilariously singing a dirge and the 'corpse' was installed in a third-class compartment where gifts of fruit and rhubarb were handed solemnly in. 30 05 26

Empire Day, p6

1930 05 27
Cambridge University Cinematograph Society's film 'Varsity' depicts University life through the eyes of undergraduates themselves. The director is Stuart Legg of St John's College and Mr J.Graaff is responsible for the production and photography. About 50 students take part including Mr Hunter, the son of a well-known Hollywood director and some well-known townsmen. It includes scenes at a Rugby match, Cambridge station and a roulette party at a public house. The film is not a talkie but includes gramophone recorded noises. 30 05 27

Miss Briscoe, p3
Mock Funeral pic, p8

1930 05 28
The bookshops of Cambridge are a special feature of the town; no visitor can possibly miss David's stall on the Market Place where the book-lover may pick up a bargain. He came to Cambridge in 1896 and started his career at this stall; in 1906 he took a shop in St Edward's Passage, which is full of interesting old books and though often locked can be viewed at leisure in the window. In such esteem is he held that a luncheon was held in the Hall of Trinity College and a lithograph cartoon by Mr William Nicholson presented to him. 30 05 28a & b

Undergraduate film photo, p8

1930 05 31
For generations a wooden, straw-thatched barn has stood opposite the church at Melbourn, its end used as the village bill-posting station. Two years ago it was purchased by Howard Bros, bakers, who decided to convert it into a shop. It would have been a very simple matter to demolish the barn and erect an up-to-date brick and slate shop but happily the brothers have a wide knowledge of the village's history and would never consent to the spoiling of this old-world corner. All are to be congratulated on their efforts and many motorists stop to congratulate them on preserving the amenities of the countryside. 30 05 31a & b & c

Gun photo, p8

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1930 06 03
A terrible shooting affair occurred at King's College this afternoon. An undergraduate shot a Cambridge Detective-Sergeant twice with an automatic, then shot his tutor through the heart and

himself in the head. The tutor died instantly, the undergraduate is not expected to live but the policeman is likely to make a normal recovery. The cause of the trouble is at present a mystery. 30 06 03a

Mrs Carter, p3

1930 06 04
The third of the men in the King's College shooting sensation, Det-Sergt Willis, has died from the effects of his wounds. The undergraduate assailant died yesterday from a bullet wound in the head whilst the tutor was killed instantly from a bullet through his heart. The undergraduate was heavily in debt and went away from Cambridge nine days ago on a motor-cycle obtained on credit. He was being interviewed by the policeman when the tragedy occurred. 30 06 04
The Cambridge Chief Constable paid tribute to Det-Sergt Francis Willis who was shot by a Cambridge undergraduate. He was born in Haverhill and joined the Cambridge force in 1920 serving as a unformed and a cycle patrol constable until appointed a detective. He had commendations for his plucky action in stopping runaway horses and was the officer concerned in the recent 'Mr H' blackmail case. He had the making of a really great policeman and his death was a great shock. 30 06 04
A London lady has thrown fresh light on the movement of the undergraduates involved in the double shooting at King's College. They had knocked on her door at three in the morning; their clothes were torn and dishevelled and they said they were down and out, having been walking about on the Thames Embankment. They told her they were in trouble at Cambridge, but only through disposing of some property that did not belong to them. Both had pistols and said they would end things then rather than face fresh trouble, but she had dissuaded them. 30 06 04

1930 06 05
Scenes of academic splendour marked the ceremony of the installation of Mr Stanley Baldwin as Chancellor of the University of Cambridge at the Senate House. The historic building was filled to capacity with a brilliant array of distinguished Cambridge figures. Crowds waited in the precincts and Mr Baldwin's arrival was the signal for a prolonged outburst of cheering. 30 06 05a

1930 06 05
Further revelations of the escapades of the undergraduate involved in the King's College shooting have caused University authorities to make searching inquiries into the habits of undergraduates. The lad had surrounded himself with an atmosphere of false romance; he paid frequent visits to the Bell Hotel at Mildenhall. The landlord's daughter described him as 'a very nice boy, but terribly eccentric'. He always came in second-hand cars, but never in the same car twice, and spent time playing the gramophone. He always left in time to get back to college before the gates closed. 30 06 06b

1930 06 06
Inquest, p5*
Chivers fire, p7

1930 06 07
Poignant scenes of grief were witnessed at the funeral of Det-Sergt Francis Willis of Cambridge police which took place at Haverhill. His murder has cast a gloom over the old-world town; it is a community of sorrow. Blinds of private houses and business premises were drawn long before the arrival of the cortege headed by police colleagues; as it passed heads were bared and women could not restrain their tears. Traffic ceased, the engines of motor cars were stopped. The whole atmosphere was reminiscent of the silence of Armistice Day. 30 06 07b

1930 06 07

The University told Cambridge planners that if they would change the route of the proposed ring road to avoid crossing the University Farm on the Huntingdon Road then they would agree that the land would never be used for any business, commercial development or housing scheme but remain a private open space. After careful consideration the planners were unable to agree. 30 06 07 f & g

Sorrow, p8

1930 06 09
A disastrous fire broke out at West Wratting in which four old cottages, recently converted into one, were completely destroyed. One was the old post office and they formed a pleasant group of picturesque thatched buildings. A spark from a passing traction engine is believed to have ignited the roof. Mrs Barker, a bedridden lady of over 90 years lay helpless in one cottage and was removed to safer quarters by volunteers. 30 06 09

1930 06 10
Cambridge is a lurid place – according to the 'Daily Herald'. Days are spent in drunken dissipation, commencing with a champagne breakfast at 11.30 a.m. or later. At night bands of students invade the peaceful rusticity of the county in motor cars and on cycles causing general annoyance. Villagers have set up their own 'defence committee' – a determined band of sturdy young men who will be quick to stop misbehaviour. But a resident tells me "I have heard of the Flower Show Committee but a Defence Committee is news to me". 30 06 10

1930 06 10
The new motor fire engine at St Ives was called out for the first time to a blaze in some outbuildings at Colne. But neighbours rallied round and by the time the brigade arrived the fire was under control. The damage included the burning of two young calves. 30 06 10b

Mrs Wolf, p3
Huntingdonshire fire, p8

1930 06 11
Isleham headmaster, H.P. Hodges said the school had a room for special subjects where woodwork, cookery and washing were taught, and during the winter months the dinner hour was shortened and two-course dinners supplied at 2d per head. 18,000 meals were served in five years and a profit of five shillings had been made. It cost the County Council nothing. The teacher dined with the children and the cooking was done by the cookery mistress with the help of two older girls. 30 06 11a & b

1930 06 12
The crowd was large for the opening day of the 'Mays' bumping races but it was cautious. Diaphanous frocks gave way to less flamboyant costume and what colour there was came from the blazers of the undergraduates. On the river the most conspicuous figures was a balloon vendor selling his wares by boat. An inflated rubber swan and frog trailed behind his craft, while from the 'mast' hung all kinds of air-filled curiosities. 30 06 12a

1930 06 12
The University is opposed to the proposed ring road round Cambridge crossing the University Farm on Huntingdon Road. It was of national importance, a road cutting up the farm would do a great amount of damage to the experiments which had been in progress for many years. But everybody could use the same argument and say 'You are not going to come across my cabbage patch'. Somebody had to give way and the University should be big enough to do so. Anyway the road would not be wanted for 50 years. 30 06 12a-d
1930 06 12
An attempt was made by private bus owners to run buses to the May Races from the Ortona Company's stop at Holy Trinity Church. Six coaches blocked the bus-stop; they refused to move when ordered by police and a number of the drivers were arrested. But when the police attempted to

move the coaches they found the magneto brushes had been removed. The traffic disorganisation which followed lasted for over an hour. 30 06 12b-d

1930 06 13
Swavesey church, p8

1930 06 14
Flag day, p5
Hoax, p5*

1930 06 16
By the courtesy of A.G. Marshall of the Newmarket Road Aerodrome, who placed a plane at the disposal of the C.D.N., our representative was able to secure a bird's eye view of the bumping races. "I could hear nothing of the general buzz which must be going on by the river, only the roar of the engine and the voice of my companion through the speaking tube. He tells me he is regulating his height so that we are well in gliding distance of a landing place all the time. I am very comforted – I should hate to drop on Jesus or a crew just making a bump", he writes. 30 06 16 & 16a

1930 06 17
All records were broken at Trinity ball when 1,700 guests attended the most brilliant of the May Week functions. Many townspeople waited to see the guests arrive and crowds flocked to Garret Hostel Bridge to view the grounds in all their evening glory. Up to mid-day next morning occasional stragglers, heavy-eyed but cheerful could be seen walking driving about the town. One such pair were mutually photographed beside their car in Silver Street. Sports coats over white waistcoats were common and in one a dishevelled figure in a flannel dressing gown lolled at the wheel, like a character in an Edgar Wallace film. 30 06 17a

Chivers, Impington Hall, p8
May Week, p8*

1930 06 18
Impington Hall has been presented to the County Council by Messrs Chivers & Sons to be used as a village college. It is in a good state of preservation and repair with central heating and electricity installed and is quite the finest site one could secure. It will provide a warden's house, caretaker's cottage, library and reading room together with two adult education rooms and staff room. A new block will be erected adjacent to it. 30 06 18

1930 06 19
Since 1921 the Ortona Bus Company has paid Cambridge Corporation £250 annually; this was for permission to fix bus stop signs on lamppost but in practice constituted a monopoly. Much had been made of the problems of running buses owing to the narrowness of the streets but Ortona had increased its services from nine to 33 for which the Corporation received the wonderful sum of 14s. a day. A maximum number of licences should be fixed and granted between the other companies who could run buses at a cheaper rate and reduce fares. 30 06 19b

1930 06 19
The New Cherryhinton Nursing Association was wound up; the nurse's time has been by no means fully occupied and much has been of an unskilled nature. Now Nurse Hodges has left. 2,204 visits had been made during the year but many people prefer to employ a private nurse rather than the district nurse, although she is fully qualified for every branch of the work. The district was growing but new people seemed disinclined to join the Association. 30 06 19d
County gaol photo, p5

1930 06 20

The old county gaol at Castle Hill was opened to the public. Since 1916 when it was closed because of a scarcity of prisoners – it has been said there were not enough to keep the place clean – the prison has only been used for Government record purposes. Then it changed hands and became the property of the County Council; a writer to the CDN threw out the suggestion that it should be opened for public visitation, and the scheme became an actuality. 30 06 20a
Maids in their scanty summer frocks, flannelled youths, mothers and fathers and grandfathers queued for admission to the County Gaol on Cambridge Castle Hill. The execution shed was a popular rendezvous along with the condemned cell, the burial ground and padded cell. People searched for links with the past. They found few. The gaol is not what it was. Dirt and rust have replaced whitewashed walls and polished steelwork and certain parts have become dilapidated. 30 06 20a

Willingham fire, p10

1930 06 21
Well over 700 people visited the Cambridge County Gaol; it is a dingy old place and looks a good deal the worse for wear. Most were surprised at the size of the prison and had no idea that such extensive accommodation was provided. Having explored the interior the majority couldn't resist the fascination of a visit to the execution shed just outside. 30 06 21b

1930 06 21
Aviation history was made when a Puss Moth aeroplane, one of the latest models of its kind, arrived at Cambridge airfield. It carried English oak caskets of samples of Leicestershire granite chippings. A cargo such as this has never before been transported by air. The idea of the flight was to further the interests of commercial aviation and to test opportunities afforded by this method of increasing sales. 30 06 21aa

1930 06 21
Six Cambridge bus drivers involved in the 'battle' of Sidney Street on the first day of the May races appeared in court charged with obstruction. Only Ortona buses were allowed to stop there but a long line of coaches had filled the whole side of the road. The drivers said the monopoly was unfair. They also complained that Ortona had increased the price of a ticket to Fen Ditton from twopence halfpenny to sixpence a trip. 30 06 21aa & b

Postcards, p5

1930 06 23
Gaol photo, p7*

1930 06 24
Ald B.W. Beales, p3

1930 06 26
A fortune-teller arrested at Cambridge Midsummer Fair appeared in court for palmistry. Two policewomen told how they had visited the 'Royal Gypsy Reader'. They were told that the face was character and the charge 1s.6d., the hands palmistry and the cost 2s.6d. One was assured that her worst financial worries were over and she would not go to the grave single; "You have not met the man yet, but he will come". Amelia Hazelhurst admitted the charge and was fined £1. 30 06 26a

Stretham garden fete, p3*
County School pavilion, p5

1930 06 27
£300,000 railway scheme, duplication of new marshalling yard, March – 30 06 27 # c.26.1

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1930 07 03
The annual excursion of blind and crippled people set off for Hunstanton. The long procession of cars provided by the Cambridge Motor Club was headed by an Ortona bus in its imposing coat of green, and in it was 'Dave' proving musical entertainment on his banjo. The Police Poor and Needy Fund provided the delicacies for lunch and tea on the beach. 30 07 03

Ping pong founder, p3
Barrington dust, p6

1930 07 04
Chivers' claims that their raspberry and plum crops had been damaged by dust from Barrington cement works was upheld by the court. One side of the berries had been scorched as if touched by some caustic substance. There was a visible film of dust coming over from the works which stung the eye and could be smelled and tasted. The works were quite ready to purchase the two fields and pay compensation. 30 07 04 –b

1930 07 04 ES
Welmore Lake sluice rebuilding; photo shows Old Sluice with pile driving for new – 30 07 04 * # c.29

Adelaide bridge – iron bridge lifted … largest Beet Sugar Factory in country … when 35 years ago Ouse spanned by a massive steel bridge 100 ft long it was more than capable of dealing with every type of traffic … but times have changed. At the height of the campaign enormous weights of beet are carried into the factory, rendering it unsafe. Possible to remove bricks from the abutments by hand. New bridge of reinforced concrete on same position … more appealing to eye. Old bridge lifted on jacked and moved 40 foot along bank of river. Carriages were placed in position, bridge lowered onto it and rolled into place. Two special gantries erected in the river with grooves in which massive hardened steel balls placed. Work undertaken by Tileman & Co of London. 30 07 04a *

Ely's greatly improved station – photo – 30 07 04b *

1930 07 05
Having expended over £1,000 during the past five years in restoration of Over parish church, those in this industrious village who control the affairs of their House of Worship are still endeavouring to keep in step with the ravages of time. Their appeal is done in a charming way: a fete. There was a concert, a shooting gallery and in the evening a dance on the Vicarage lawn. 30 07 05a

1930 07 05
The policy of building more rooms in college and drawing in as many men from the lodging houses is creating a serious outlook for the lodging-house keepers. Many have been told their rooms will not be required next term. If the University cannot continue to utilise services which came into existence to serve their needs some then other employment will be needed. If the University ceases to provide adequate support Cambridge will have no alternative but to seek other means of livelihood. We will be loath to see the town industrialised but people must live. 30 07 05b

1930 07 07
Conan Doyle death, p5

1930 07 08
Adelaide Bridge weighing 135 tons was lifted bodily to a different position across the River Ouse. During the past few years it has had to carry heavy traffic during the Sugar Beet season and its foundations were getting into a dangerous state. Large piles were driven into the river and four large

hydraulic jacks raised the old bridge and moved it to out of the way. The new bridge will be constructed of reinforced concrete and will occupy the same position. 30 07 08

Ald P.J. Squires, p3

1930 07 10
Writing from Horningsea, Mr Hewson Cowen the bachelor who some time ago put up a notice advertising for a wife states: "I am engaged to marry Miss A. Fitch from Fulham and will be married on September 23rd in London. I desire to thank the Cambridge Daily News for the kind publicity leading to such a happy result." 30 07 10

1930 07 11
Proposals for the uniting of the benefices of Fen Drayton with Conington and Elsworth with Knapwell due to a shortage of clergy were discussed. But Christ's College was the patrons at Fen Drayton and could dismiss the parson at will; this had been done in when the clergyman was given six months' notice. Clergymen weren't satisfied with £300 a year but a lot of other people had to live and work on less than that for doing six days' work a week. 30 07 11

1930 07 11 ES
Adelaide Bridge on the move – photo – 30 07 11 & a *

1930 07 12
Sir – what good will be served by the narrowing of Castle Street? For as long as I can remember there have been cobbled areas alongside the pavements and cars have stood on them to avoid obstructing the main road. Now kerbs are being placed there. I regret the loss of one of the old-world features which used to make Cambridge an interesting town, though such things seem to count for little nowadays – A.S. Ramsey. 30 07 12a

1930 07 12
General regulations affecting the use of motor vehicles first-year men are already in force but in view of the numerous road fatalities last term much more stringent bans will be in operation next year. Clare College says that the possession of motor cars and motor bicycles prevent undergraduates from making the best use of their residence in Cambridge and none of its students will be allowed to bring or drive a motor vehicle. Cars must be kept in a public garage or in one of the college garages on Castle Hill. 30 07 12a

1930 07 12
Work has started on the provision of a model yacht pond and paddling pool as part of an extensive scheme for the improvement of Sheep's Green. This is one of numerous schemes for providing work for the unemployed and when operations are in full swing about 70 men will be employed. The Ladies' and Men's bathing Place will also be extended. 30 07 12b

1930 07 12
Great liberties have been taken with Sherlock Holmes and in plays and films you can learn things that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle himself never knew. In 'The Three Students' Sir Arthur laid the scene in a Cambridge college but in the 'Moriarty' film Holmes and Watson are both shown as undergraduates. It was here that their great friendship began and from here that Holmes set forth to track down Moriarty and his gang. 30 07 12b

1930 07 15
Alderman Ralph Starr entered the photographic studios of Messrs Hills and Saunders as a young man but then started a studio of his own and became one of Cambridge's most eminent photographers. He was Mayor in 1918 at a time when there was unrest among the ex-Service men. Trouble broke out in Luton and he was asked to send 20 constables to keep order. For the next three days Cambridge,

which might have flared into disorder, was deprived of a considerable proportion of her own protectors but the danger passed. 30 07 15

1930 07 17
An old Cambridge rag and bone collector sued a motorist for damages. She was pushing her handcart across Newmarket Road when the car ran into her; it knocked one of the wheels 'all to smithereens' and scattered her bags of rags in the road. She claimed loss of earning of one big bag of rags at four stone each day and had to hire another cart at two-and-six a week. The motorist, who said he was 73 and first began driving a year ago, alleged the woman had 'persisted in going on' and getting in his way. 30 07 17a-c

1930 07 17
A stockbroker's wife told the court that she had stayed at the University Arms; in the morning she threw her pink satin pyjamas on the floor and left her door open when she went out. That night when she returned to her room after a ball she found the bed had been turned down but the pyjamas were gone. They had cost £7 17s 6d the year before and had scarcely been worn. Other guests had also lost their pyjamas and nightgowns. But the judge said she was negligent in not closing her bedroom door. 30 07 17 d-f
Stretham sports, p6*

1930 07 18
There were remarkable scenes at the opening services of the Arbury Road Baptist Church Hall and School. When the doors were flung open the crowd was far too large for the building. Although many stood at the rear many more had to be content with standing outside and taking part in the proceedings through the open windows. It meets the religious needs of a large residential area of 4,000 people which has come into existence since the war and it is hoped to build a chapel within a few years. 30 07 18

1930 07 18 ES
Peterborough Standard and Huntingdonshire Post pass to A. Sharman of March who has purchased from Commander Locker-Lampson, MP, the controlling shares in The Peterborough Press Ltd, the company which produces these newspapers. He is chairman and managing director of Sharman & Co. proprietors of The Cambridgeshire Times, Ely Standard, Littleport Gazette, Soham Advertiser, Chatteris Advertiser, Whittlesey Reporter and Wisbech Standard – 30 11 18b # c.04

1930 07 19
Queen Victoria's portrait has been moved from the Council Chamber at Cambridge Guildhall and replaced by a fine picture of Mr George Fisher who was mayor in 1840-1-2. It was originally presented by his son, but owing to its dilapidated state was not hung at the time. His grand-daughter Miss Enid Hudson has contributed to its renovation, carried out by Messrs Perry Leach and Son. It now hangs next to the portrait of the late Ald. Kett. 30 07 19

Castle Hill cobbles, p3

1930 07 21
Cambridge planners say that Huntingdon and Barton Road are already practically fully developed on both sides, similar building is taking place along Trumpington Road & housing in Madingley Road will increase now the sewers are laid. There will probably be spur roads which will have no regard to the traffic needs of the area as a whole and the result will be a hotch-potch similar to that before the days of town planning. Soon there will be no possibility getting a cross-road between Huntingdon Road and Trumpington without the demolition of buildings or serious interference with the land-owners. 30 07 21a-c

1930 07 21

Early in March football circles were much excited about the sudden disappearance of the joint treasurer of the Isle of Ely Football Committee leaving its affairs in a somewhat involved state. The accounts had not been audited for some years but now showed that the bank balance had been reduced from £69 down to £4. The chairman said the treasurer had been his son-in-law but there was no one who had not completely trusted him, as he had. Well he had let them down. 30 07 21e-f

1930 07 21
The annual 'No More War' meeting of the Cambridge Peace Council was held indoors instead of on Parker's Piece because of heavy rain. But accompanied by the Boys' Brigade Band they proceeded with drenched banners through the rain-swept streets. They met to ensure the catastrophe of 1914 did not occur again. One must remember the menace from the air. It was possible to turn civil aircraft into war craft and chemical factories into works for the manufacture of poison gases and lethal rays. 30 07 21g

1930 07 22
Cambridge councillors rejected plans for the erection of a bungalow on Robinson Crusoe Island & decided the existing old cottage and shed should be demolished and that the Surveyor should report on the erection of suitable sheds for boating purposes. They also considered land at Town Close, Old Chesterton which is occupied by numerous caravans; their appearance is most objectionable and they should be moved. 30 07 22c

1930 07 22
At Harston the flow of water from springs had greatly decreased; fountains were only trickling and one had ceased to run. At Barrington one of the chief fountains had run dry and other villages were beginning to suffer. A deep bore had been sunk at the cement works; after extensive pumping at the works the village water supply dropped off and when the works shut down for a week the water improved. 30 07 22a-b

E.O. Brown, p5

1930 07 23
Prince at Papworth, p3
J. Holt retires, p8

1930 07 24
Mrs Elizabeth Haslop has been described as a woman possessed of splendid business acumen. She carried on her late husband's butcher's business in Silver Street Cambridge and was the last link with the well-known firm which has been in existence for nearly 100 years and will be carried on. In her earlier life she was well-known in the Mill Road district where a small shop near Tension Road was run in her name. 30 07 24

1930 07 25
The controversy over the University Farm on Huntingdon Road was resolved when Cambridge councillors rejected proposals for a road across the land. It had never been a ring road, only a road to be planned in the event of traffic conditions demanding it. It was altogether wrong to put an arterial road in the middle of a rural area which they desired to preserve and which they hoped would never be required. They should ensure that Grantchester and Coton were not swallowed up by Cambridge in the way that Trumpington and Girton were. 30 07 25a-c

1930 07 25
Cambridge councillors have received consent for a new road from Milton Road to Histon Road at a cost of £18,135. St John's College would give the land which was required for housing purposes, it would be one of the best estates and the frontages would sell at very high price. Grants have been received for King's Hedges and Green End Road as part of the unemployment scheme with one-third of the labour being imported from the distressed areas. 30 07 25d

Road works, p8

1930 07 26
Council – roads, p8

1930 07 28
County councillors should contribute towards water supply in the Linton district because since the new Cambridge water scheme at Fulbourn came about a lot of the village wells had run dry. Coun. Frost said: "I would not mind paying for a motor charabanc to take them out to West Wratting and let them have a cup of tea out of the pond – but I very much doubt that I should bring them back alive". But this would be the thin end of the wedge and umpteen other applications would come in from other villages. 30 07 28a-c

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Cambridgeshire Regiment 'missing'
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Hauxton bridge crash, p8

1930 08 08
Opening Horningsea Hospital fete Miss Francis recalled that many people from Quy used to walk to the village on Sundays to attend church as they only had one service in their own. About 40 years ago, there being a good many men out of work, a scheme was financed for digging coprolites but the venture failed after four years. Ten years later Quy started their Nursing Association and the first patient was from Horningsea. 30 08 08

Brock jewellery, p8

1930 08 09
Sidgwick Avenue wall demolition photo, p8
Nellie Wallace, p8

1930 08 112
The air exercises have begun and squadrons of fighting planes took off to engage in bitter combat. Until the very last minute of peace 250 aeroplanes were being secretly moved to vulnerable points and the men in command have been planning their attacks. Five night bomber squadrons, nine day bomber squadrons and 11 fighter squadrons will be engaged. Some are fitted with robot controls which can relieve the pilot for extended periods on long flights. 30 08 12

1930 08 12
H. Franklin, p7

Barrow Road photo, p8

1930 08 14
The Star Inn, Waterbeach had sold no beer or spirits since last May and the licence was in jeopardy, a judge was told. The trade had run down and Pampisford Breweries had refused delivery unless they were paid £65 for the beer. They had another tenant ready to take over. The landlord said he had tried everything he knew to make the house 'go' – got up dances, a shove ha'penny league and so on. There was not a gallon of beer in the place. 30 08 14a

1930 08 14
Hubert Gautrey a Cottenham motor car agent claimed £60 from Messrs M. Mack, motor coach proprietors. They had advertised two Gilford 1929 sunlight saloon coaches for sale. They wanted £1,120 per coach or £2,240 for the two and agreed to pay him £40 per coach commission if he found a purchaser. This he had done, but Mack's claimed the buyer had only paid £1,850 and they had reduced the sum to £20. 30 08 14c

1930 08 15 ES
Ely's latest street improvement – Shepherd's Hall, Market Street – photo – 30 08 15a

1930 08 19
A reader has sent a picture of a locomotive engine built by Headley Bros of the Eagle Foundry, Cambridge in 1849. It was a small single-tank affair with two big driving wheels, painted bright green and named the 'Eagle'. At first there was no tender, only a small place for the driver, though later it was extended to carry a saloon. It was intended for the use of the Eastern Counties Railway's engineer but its career was marred when in 1850 it ran over and killed the district superintendent. 30 08 19a

Ald E.W. Amies, p3
Potato Growers Association, p6*

1930 08 20
The Beds, Cambs and Hunts Electricity Company sought permission to erect a power line across the Waterbeach Lodge estate. They wanted to supply the village with electricity and had secured way-leave for the whole route apart from this one pole. But the owner, T.C. Lethbridge said the overhead wires would cross a paddock and he would be unable to let it. He wanted an underground cable laid instead. 30 08 20c

1930 08 20
Cambridge is well known to 'Weary Willies' – tramps – as 'hard-up-town' owing to the quantity of cigarette ends which can be culled from its pavements, especially during Term; 'hard-up' being the name they give to the tobacco gathered from the streets. A few years ago vagrants found meagre fare in the casual wards: bread and water for supper and breakfast with a scanty bread and cheese dinner. Today the diet includes bread and margarine with tea or cocoa for supper & a dinner of cheese, bread, margarine and vegetables. 30 08 20a-b

1930 08 20
There are only seven patients at Oakington Isolation Hospital, the cases were chiefly scarlet fever and the virulence of this disease was decreasing. The matron and porter have retired due to ill-health. It would be best to close it and arrange for Cambridge sanatorium to take the patients. But the cost of maintenance there was three shillings and sixpence more a week, councillors were told. 30 08 20d-e

Rev Hicks, Prickwillow, p3
Milton Road new road, photo, p8

1930 08 21

'Ethyl', as every motorist knows, is a super motor spirit with remarkable properties. It causes engines to run more smoothly, delivers more power and eliminates the 'knock' without retarding the spark. A few years back it was obtainable at petrol filling stations almost everywhere and many motorists cheerfully paid the extra penny a gallon. But sinister rumours circulated that the lead tetra-ethyl it contained was injurious to health and gradually it disappeared. Now following tests it will shortly be on sale again at the Olde Castle Hotel garage in Cambridge. 30 08 21 & a

1930 08 23
One of the new Willys-Manchester 35 cwt lorries arrived in Cambridge as part of its 10,000-mile demonstration run. The lorry, which is fully laden & fitted with a special publicity body, toured the town attracting considerable attention. It carried 60 pennants of agents which have been visited and the proprietors of the Queens' Garage, Newnham Road added theirs before it left for Hitchin. The garage is to be shortly extended, provision being made for a showroom and toilet rooms. 30 08 23

1930 08 26
Ald T.A. Mathers, p3
Backs road repairs, p3

1930 08 27
Backs trees, p6

1930 08 28
Seven deaths have been reported from various parts of the country and no break is expected in the heat wave. In Cambridge temperatures of 88 degrees were recorded in the shade, two lower than yesterday. A girl in green striped pyjamas was seen in one of the main thoroughfares, an extreme symptom of the heat wave that holds the town in its grip. There was an outbreak of open-necked shirts whilst those who were less courageous fingered the tight damp bands that had once been collars and wondered whether respectability was worthwhile. At midnight there were bathing parties by the banks of the Cam. 30 08 28

1930 08 29
Sandy Floral and Horticultural Society's Show was one of the sunniest in the long history of the Society. Over 4,000 people paid for admission and were offered a splendid programme, the bands of the Irish and Coldstream Guards adding to the functions. The heat had a disastrous effect on some of the animals, six Angora rabbits and some pigeons dying as the result of the excessive sunshine. The most serious drop was in the Horticultural section, this being attributed by market gardeners and nurserymen to the hard winter. 30 08 29a

1930 08 29
The new premises for the Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds now under construction in Market Street, Ely are being built by workmen who were members of the Society and the bricks which came from Warboys and Whittlesey are also made by members. In 1914 the district had been in a state of chaos but was now flourishing and the new building, designed by Tucker and Son, will be an everlasting monument to the Order. The Central Hall is panelled in oak and there will be a kitchen and four large offices. 30 08 29a-c

Heat deaths, p8*
P.H. Allin death, p5
Sugar beet report, p8

1930 08 29 ES
The Isle of Ely will possess one of the finest highways in the country on the completion of the work of reconstruction which is now taking place on the main Peterborough to Wisbech from Wryde corner near Thorney to Guyhirn. For a distance of five miles with only one slight bend in its whole length, a level concrete road of great strength is being carried across the flat Fen country, constituting a

splendid example of modern highway engineering. Passing as it does through a totally agricultural landscape with fields of corn and other crops bordering it on either side, a road so ultra-modern strikes a somewhat incongruous note especially to those who have been familiar with the unpretentious road which it is superseding. The route, however, is regarded as of such importance that the Ministry of transport have now recognized it as a trunk road. The project is involving heavy expenditure and will cost over £10,000 a mile but durability is an all important factor and the new road should far outlast many reconstructions by the older fashioned methods. A scene of great activity has been presented at the scene of operations during the summer and remarkable progress has been made. Summer 150 men are engaged in the work, 10 concrete mixers are kept in operation and heavy motor vehicles are constantly employed conveying the enormous quantities of gravel, sand, cement and steel reinforcements that are being used for this reconstruction of the road. Bounded as the road is by dykes on either side difficulty is encountered due to the severe restriction of working space and the fact that the route has to be kept open for traffic. Nevertheless some three miles have been completed work is proceeding at the rate of mile a moth. The old road surface was undulating in places and this is being overcome by taking off the rises and raising the low portions so that the perfectly level road is being formed. A reinforced concrete raft is being constructed to form the roadway eight inches thick with steel reinforcement and the final surface will be practically non-skid. When complete it will compare favourably with the best in the country and will demonstrate to those who travelled over it that Isle's finest highway: progress of the concrete road between Guyhirn and Thorney – will be one of the finest highways in the country; splendid example modern highway engineering … 150 men engaged in work, ten concrete mixers kept in operation – 30 08 29 ES

1930 08 30
There are at present 107 stablemen out of work in Newmarket and there is little chance of their being employed. The number will be serious increased by reductions in Lord Derby's staff at Stanley House. It is by far the largest racing stable and has always been noted for its good treatment of the men. Frank Butters, the trainer, said it was a great surprise; it was not the fault of the stable but the heavy additional taxation which compelled the closure. 30 08 30a

1930 08 30
There are a five-seater, a quad, a triplet and a tandem bicycle to be found at the Belmont Cycle and Motor Works, King Street, Cambridge. They were formerly part of the fleet of pacing multicycles used by the famous Dunlop racing teams at the old Herne Hill track. Owing to the amount of motor traffic nowadays it is not advisable to ride the 'quint', a lengthy machine, but the others are still available for use. 30 08 30b & c

1930 08 30
The opportunity of seeing the execution gallows and other grim items offered for sale by auction at the old County Gaol, Castle Hill, will doubtless attract a big crowd. As well as the gallows will be sold cell doors, the iron gallery railing, iron window grilles, stone steps and other component parts which went to make up a place whose passing will be lamented by none. 30 08 30e

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1930 09 01
Sir – Old Romsey Town is a labyrinth of mean streets but it has enjoyed an oasis of green and trees on the area bounded by Mill Road, Cavendish Road, Sedgwick Street and St Philip's Road. But half of this green and pleasant land is destined to disappear. Already trees have been cut down and little box-like houses have been erected in their place in Sedgwick Street and similar erections are expected to displace the mature trees shading St Philip's Road. Except for the inclusion of bathrooms these houses are not one whit more attractive than many others in the area. An enlightened authority would have realised the potential of this site for recreation – 'Busybody'. 30 09 01

1930 09 02

A white-coated auctioneer started the piece-meal destruction of the old Cambridge County Gaol. Bidding was brisk as lot after lot was sold. Then came the execution gallows but there were few bids and it was eventually sold for one pound. The prison clock went for the sum of £5 amid the mutterings of buyers on the debris-laden floor. 30 09 02a-c

'Pickwick' amusement machine used in pub - bagatelle – 30 09 02aaa, bbb & ccc
Ald A.E. King, p3
Grass track, p7

1930 09 03
Huntingdon & Godmanchester Councils are to purchase Houghton, Hemingford & Godmanchester Locks together with Houghton Mill whilst St Ives have acquired the Staunch. They again have control of the locks and the chance of putting them into a proper state of repair. The town depended entirely on the river for its sanitation and it was essential to keep a good head of water in the river. The vendor, Mr Leonard Simpson says he regrets that his personal connection with the river that he loves will be severed. 30 09 03a & b

1930 09 03
Another example of the 'new Cambridge' in the making is the extensive site on which Magdalene College intends erecting an imposing new wing. It is at the rear of the Pickerel and Cross Keys yards originally occupied by Bird's vinegar and mustard factory. Mallory Court will provide the principal access but eventually a complete transformation will be effected by the demolition of all the property between the bridge and Northampton Street making Magdalene Street a broad and handsome thoroughfare. 30 09 03c

Gaol demolition photo, p6*

1930 09 04
A Cambridge women told the court she had locked the door of her home at no.5 Guildhall Place but left the front window unfastened to allow her son to get in during the night. She was awakened by her estranged common-law husband who had got in and was flourishing a revolver. He said it was a dummy revolver loaded with blank cartridges and explained they had lived together for 14 years until she took up with a new man. 30 09 04a

Hardwick fire, p8

1930 09 05
Preserving the beauties of Cambridge – no praise for what council has done – 30 09 05

1930 09 06
Phineas, mascot seized – recalls Cambridge rag of March 1923 – 30 09 06a & b* & photo – 30 09 06c
Conference, p8*

1930 09 08
A thunderstorm greatly marred the big rally of British Legionists at Newmarket. There were over 4,500 on parade and although a march-past was carried out the storm that followed forced organisers to abandon a service. But that part of the programme which the weather permitted was conducted with military precision and fine spectacular effect. The men took the rainfall very cheerfully and sang well-known war songs 'Tipperary' and 'Pack up your troubles' as it fell. 30 09 08 – a

1930 09 09
An Ortona omnibus collided with a stationary Ford van at Old Chesterton and the impact was so great that the van was hurled twenty yards along the road. William Holmes was delivering meat when the

bus crashed into the rear of his butcher's vehicle. He was taken completely by surprise and flung across the footpath but managed to save a 70-year-old lady, Mrs Mansfield, by pulling her away. The van's steering gear was smashed, the body splintered and meat to the value of £10 scattered on the road. 30 09 09

Ald W.L. Briggs, p7

1930 09 10
After considerable discussion it was agreed to purchase apparatus for artificial sunlight treatment at the Cambridge Open-Air School. Some felt it might be dangerous unless carefully used and children could be burned and blistered. But Dr Paton Philip, the County Tuberculosis Officer, is an expert in this treatment and a nurse had worked with the great specialist, Sir Henry Lovain. Most of the children went there not from any disability but because they had the suspicion of tuberculosis hanging over them. 30 09 10a

1930 09 10
Saffron Walden RDC considered whether to give their roadmen a week's holiday: the County Council had already granted their employees one and they should follow suit. But they would then ask for a fortnight and the time would come when there was not a penny left in the country at all. It would upset the farmers: agriculture was in a very serious position and this was not the time to throw money away. It was agreed on the casting vote of the chairman. 30 09 10b-c

1930 09 10
The 'Wander Bug' has returned to Cambridge after an absence of four years. It was in April 1926 that Mr & Mrs L.G. Murray, the tallest married couple in England, started their journey round the world on two specially-constructed cycles. They met Mussolini and were attacked by wolves. But the journey proved too much for his wife who died because of the hardships and was buried in France. 30 09 10d-e

Royston town hall, p3

1930 09 12
The Edison Bell Gramophone and Radio Works at Huntingdon employ over 300 people. About 30,000 'Radio' records are made each week; they are stamped out between dies and passed to girls to put the edge and finishing touches. Various gramophones and wirelesses are manufactured including compact two and three valve 'all-main' sets in preparation for the Radio Exhibition. Amongst the machinery used are automatic lathes which need no human attention. 30 09 12

Fitzroy & Burleigh Street photos, p3

1930 09 13
Much has been said about the destruction of the beauties of the Backs. But I must protest against the awful wastepaper baskets that have made their appearance. It is good to try and prevent litter along this favourite walk but surely something more in harmony with the surroundings might have been found that these huge baskets which look more suited for undergraduates' laundry than litter. 30 09 13

Lt Stukeley churchyard, p6

1930 09 15
Parker's Piece article by A.E. Reeve, p6

1930 09 16
The secret marriage just been revealed of a Cambridge girl Miss Rosa Kester of Kimberley Road to Reginald Cory, a millionaire colliery owner and shipping magnate. Her family had no idea of the wedding and the first the groom's family knew was when they saw a notice in the marriage column of

a newspaper. Miss Kester, who is a pretty blonde, first met her husband when she was secretary to the Curator of the Botanic Garden to which he was a generous benefactor. He built the Curator's house which is known as Cory's lodge after him. 30 09 16

1930 09 16
Ald C.H. Lavender, p3
Horningsea bachelor, p6
Inquest facilities, p8

1930 09 17
St Augustine's church in Cambridge was erected on land given by the Rev. T.J. Puckle in 1897. It was a memorial to the late Canon Churton, who was a saint; he considered its most important function was the training of children. His brother was a member of Westcott House and he suggested their men should assist. The new vestry was a much-needed improvement. It would be used as a storeroom for chairs and provide a room for small meetings. 30 09 17-a

1930 09 17
Miss Kitty Willers of Trumpington is a member of the Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers and is one of the very few women who regularly ring church bells. She has rung in over 200 towers in 14 different countries, once cycling 55 miles each way. On Saturday she biked 65 miles – partly in the rain - to attend the opening ceremony of the bells at St Mary's church, Bocking by the Bishop of Chelmsford. 30 09 17b

Threat to rector, p5

1930 09 18
Jack Hobbs came for the first time since the opening of the pavilion that bears his name. He brought one of the most brilliant cricket teams that Parker's Piece has ever seen with seven who have captained England including Hobbs himself and O'Connor, both of whom learned the game in Cambridge. By two o'clock there were at least 5,000 spectators massed three and four deep round the entire field. Others stood on the running boards of cars drawn up in Park Terrace to see the game. 30 09 18b-c

1930 09 19
Farm wages cut, p5

1930 09 19 ES
St Germans pumping station – feature – 30 09 19b, c * # c29
Ely beet factory scheme to protect fish – photos – 30 09 19d

1930 09 20
The whole of Mill Road, Cambridge, was affected by a two-hour electricity stoppage which came just as the first performance finished at both the Playhouse and Kinema cinemas. The Kinema audience who had been watching a Western thriller, whiled away the time in community singing. But some trouble was experienced with the queue for the last show at the Playhouse which did not finish until midnight. 30 09 20

1930 09 22
Miss Brooks, the Cambs County Librarian said some books which were distasteful to certain readers had been mutilated by self-appointed censors in villages. She had difficulties inducing youths to read, bringing to the notice of village craftsmen and farmers the technical book intended for them and exchanging books quickly enough to keep pace with rapid readers. Village halls seldom had any accommodation for a library; this should be made obligatory for any halls built with grants. 30 09 22

1930 09 22

There are currently very few people out of work in Ramsey but when the potatoes and sugar beet were lifted unemployment would be very, very acute. Labourers are so well paid that farmers cannot afford to employ them when they have only routine work to do. As soon as the harvest is completed they are thrown off wholesale and this is a heavy time for the Guardians until the spring. There is more actual distress amongst these highly paid men than from any other district. 30 09 22b

1930 09 23
C.H. Kemp, Town Clerk, p3
Bourn dirt track, p5

1930 09 24
Tens of thousands of old documents are being destroyed every year so that fancy goods like drums and tambourines might be made from the parchment. County Record Offices should be established where they could be housed and skilled archivists give them the proper attention. County Councils were too fully occupied with questions of local government to give archives proper consideration but their preservation was too big a matter to be treated as a sideshow, says Cambridge Antiquarian Society. 30 09 24

1930 09 24
Shop Mill Road, Sidney Street, p3

1909 09 26
In 1924 the Ministry of Agriculture established a packing station at Cottenham as an experiment in the better marketing of fruit on co-operative lines. Growers were charged a flat race per bushel for the handling of their fruit. Next year they formed an association and took it over. In 1926 and 1927 the apple crop failed completely but in 1928 they reopened the station, purchasing apples from other growers to keep it working economically. But they lost money and when the 1929 crop failed decided to wind up the business. 30 09 26a & b

1930 09 26
A sensation was caused at a meeting of the Cambs Agricultural Wages Committee when all the farmers' representatives left in protest. Workers claimed that the present wages of one pound ten shillings for a 48 hour week was inadequate should be increased by half-a-crown. Fewer men were now being employed so the wages bill would not be higher. But farmers said that for many years they had only been able to pay wages out of capital and that capital was in many cases now exhausted. 30 09 26 c-e

1930 09 26
The Master of Clare College told librarians that a wealthy member of the college had made a benefaction on condition that his bones were preserved above ground. His body was put in a cupboard above the Hall. But undergraduates came to know of this and took away various bones as mementoes. The college replaced them with other bones so that skeleton remained more or less complete. But on Christmas Eve the ghost of the benefactor visits various undergraduate rooms gathering in his scatterred parts. 30 09 26f

1930 09 26 ES
Crown Prince of Japan visits cathedral – pic 30 09 26

1930 09 27
The Cambridge Disabled Soldiers Workshop in Gloucester Street has made a trading profit for the first time since it opened four years ago. Four of the nine men had returned to their villages for better pay after receiving training in repairs to cane and rush work. They made good quality baskets for laundry and bottles as well as remaking mattresses. Manufactured goods were sold at local fetes and the Exhibition at the Imperial Institute when £300 worth of sales was realised. But the net loss on the running of the institution was £141. 30 09 27b

1930 09 27
Mr W.H. Evans who conducts the orchestra at the Cambridge New Theatre won fame as one of the first airman to fly to Cambridge. He founded the first flying school in Scotland and flew across the Firth of Forth in 1911. He made a flying tour on behalf of the 'Daily Mail' and chose Cambridge as his first stopping place, landing his Caudron biplane on the University Rifle Range, Grange Road on 27th June 1912. 30 09 27 b & c

1930 09 30
Ald W. Sindall, p3

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1930 10 01
Dr Stokes, p5

1930 10 02
A woman told Saffron Walden magistrates that by hawking linoleum her husband and herself earned on average about two pounds a day. The lino was purchased in London, cut into strips and sold from door to door. They were hawking at Ugley when her husband asked if she would like a glass of stout as she was feeding a young baby. But they squabbled after he told her to continue selling while he stayed in the pub and he'd smashed a pint mug into her mouth. 30 10 02a

Dirt track, photo, p7

1930 10 03
Unemployment, p8

1930 10 03 ES
Cottenham fruit station's failure, wound up 39 10 03
Great Ouse Catchment Area: Ministry's proposals 30 10 03a # c.29
Sutton in humorous frame of mind – photo comic carnival – features plane with swastika – 30 10 03d *

1930 10 04
Few can have failed to be moved by the hymn 'Nearer, my God, to thee' that features in the new movie 'Atlantic'. It was written Sarah Flower Adams, the daughter of Benjamin Flower the former editor of the 'Cambridge Intelligencer' who was imprisoned for a libel on the Bishop of Llandaff in 1799. It was the only paper to denounce the war with France as 'absurd and wicked'. 30 10 04a

1930 10 04
Many in Cambridge will bid good-bye with regret to F.C. Pool, the general manager of the New Theatre. Despite ever-increasing competition he saw record profits and turnover in his first full year. His successor is Bertram Brown who is not used to the ways of Cambridge undergraduates but has had something to do with Leeds 'medicals' and imagines they are much the same type. 30 10 04a

Solving a mystery photo competition cartoon – 30 10 04b

1930 10 06
Sir – does Cambridge derive much pecuniary benefit from the photographer who blocks our busy street near the Post Office? I cannot believe that it was for this purpose that the graves were removed opposite Woolworth's. Other photographers would probably like the same privileges accorded to the one who now blocks our path – 'Old Cambridge'. 30 10 06a

1930 10 06

Rumours of the R101 airship disaster were received with incredulity in Cambridge where thousands of people had seen it passing over. Early on milkmen and postmen had the story that it had crashed in flames, but details were lacking. Inquiries in London confirmed that the greater part of the passengers and crew had perished and a special edition of the C.D.N. was issued. Amongst the victims was Walter Radcliffe, a rigger on the airship, whose wife is a daughter of the late Mr Charles Isaacs, the well-known Newmarket racing correspondent. 30 10 06b-e

1930 10 06
A big fire involving a large number of farming machines and carts broke out at Charity Farm, Whittlesford and brought many early risers running from their homes to help in the work of rescue. The first thoughts were for nine horses in the stable which was quickly filling with smoke and flames. The horsekeeper had no easy job in extricating the animals; one was particularly wild, and jumped a bar before dashing out and the end horse was nearly burnt before it could be freed. 30 10 06f

Grocers' Association photo, p6

1930 10 07
Counc. J.T. masters, p3
Henry Prior, p6

1930 10 09
The King and Queen will experience a sense of regret at the retirement of Inspector John Harrison of St Philip's Road, Cambridge. He has been Royal inspector since 1916 and was on the Royal train which took their majesties to Sandringham at the weekend. He remembers one occasion when he saw assembled on Wolferton station two kings, five queens, two princes and two princesses. Inspector G. Goddard, also of Cambridge, will succeed him. 30 10 09 & b

Before the days of Sawston college – schools – 30 10 09b-c
Tramp tries to steal money Cambridge man –30 10 09
Footpath, p8*

1930 10 10
Millers Radio advert

1930 10 11
For the past few months workmen have been engaged in constructing Cambridge's new Central Cinema in Hobson Street. The interior is decorated in a style reminiscent of the Regal Super Cinema at Marble Arch. The prevailing colours are mauve, orange and blue and the whole is surmounted by a dome in the form of a large star surrounded by sky effects. On each of the walls there are large panels with ornamental plastering surmounted by a design in the form of sunrise and illuminated by hidden lights. 30 10 11

1930 10 11
Cambridge is a wonderful place in these days, what with new cinemas, new restaurants and new shops, not to mention the midget golf centres. Another is being laid out at Belle Vue Gardens. It is an 18-hole course with fairways averaging 30 feet in length made of tarmac with a green fibre surface. In some holes it will be necessary to send the ball over a five-barred gate, through the muzzle of a gun and down a nine-feet 'snake' curled round a tree trunk. 30 10 11a

R101 funerals, p55-5

1930 10 13
Crowds thronged Hobson Street endeavouring to gain admission to the opening of the new Central Cinema. Many were unsuccessful. The Mayor gave a civic blessing to the picture house: it was

appropriate because the assessment value of the property would go up and Hobson Street was going to pay a large contribution to the rates. The film was Harold Lloyd's first talkie 'Welcome Danger'. 30 10 13

Arrington fire, p6
Hinxton vicarage borstal, p8
Caxton dirt track, p8

1930 10 14
Councillor Edwin Jackson, p3
Altering the Backs – straightening road – photo – 30 10 14

1930 10 16
Mr James Matthews, watchmaker and jeweller of Market Street, Ely took over the business from his father and carried on with his sons till the day of his death. For over 30 years he was a member of the old Cambridgeshire Volunteers and was considered the crack shot in all the Eastern Counties. He attended Wimbledon and later Bisley for 21 years in succession and always came out with honours. 30 10 16a

1930 10 16
Five miniature golf courses are now in operation in Cambridge. There are Messrs Grays in Sidney Street and the octagon course in King Street. The Premier Hall, Old Chesterton, has added midget golf to its other attractions and the Newmarket Road has the course in the club-room at 'The Bell'. Its holes represent hazards encountered during a trip from 'Trafalgar Square' to 'The Oval'. The latest 18-hole course at the Belle Vue Gardens is all-weather and open-air. It features a howitzer gun and a water jump and has been laid down by Capt Mullett who has constructed others in Vancouver and San Francisco. 30 10 16c

Changing backs – removing elms, Queens Road with steam roller - 30 10 16b
Huntingdon airport, p8

1930 10 17
Steam lorry photo, p6*
Saffron Walden hospital extension, p8

1930 10 18
The purchase of the Old Vicarage at Hinxton for use as a private borstal institution has prompted debate. Criminals are manufactured by sending the first offender to prison. Recently a youth charged with sleeping out and being without visible means of support was sentenced to 14 days lard labour because he did not have a shilling in his pocket. Hinxton vicarage is to be used for such cases and once villagers realise this they will applaud Mr Barnett and his scheme. 30 10 18

Farm wages, p5

1930 10 20
The 'Westland Wessex' three-engined six-seater cabin monoplane de luxe arrived at Marshall's aerodrome. A CDN representative, seated in a padded brown leather seat with arm and head rests found it glided so smoothly that he could scrawl down his experiences in his best hand. From the air the new estate at Milton Road gave the appearance of a toy town, King's College chapel was a landmark and the white-fronted Central Cinema very prominent. There is no vibration and the businessman can take his secretary, for letters and notes are typed with ease. 30 10 20

Samuels burglary, p8

1930 10 21

Whittlesford, the scene of several fires in the last few weeks, was thrown into excitement by another disastrous blaze when 'Hilthatch', a picturesque residence near the Station, was burnt out. The RAF fire appliance was soon on the scene but could only fight the flames with buckets of water. By the time the Dennis engine arrived from Cambridge flames were leaping to a height of over 50 feet. It is understood the place was insured for the owner was seen searching for her policy before abandoning her house. 30 10 21

Councillor Sidney French, p3
Coldham's Common rifle range given up, p8

1930 10 22
Sir – the proposal to use Hinxton vicarage to house young men who have come into contact with the police prompts the question: 'What are they to do?' You cannot keep them shut up in the Vicarage, there is no ground to employ them on and if they are sent to the farms they will compete with local men. Are they to be allowed to loaf about the village? – Charles Robinson, Hinxton Hall. 30 10 22

1930 10 23
Herbert Robinson, the motor engineer told the court he had purchased the leasehold of 'The Fountain' pub, Regent Street, Cambridge from the Star Brewery intending to add the site to his business premises. He granted the lease to a landlord for five years with a provision that he could regain possession earlier and now wanted it back. 30 10 23a-c

Borough extension, p3
Cambridge men R101 inquest, p5
Isle Rothschild alarm, p5

1930 10 25
Leah Manning, p3
Air service, p8

1930 10 27
Jujitsu, p6

1930 10 28
Councillor W.H. Smith, p3

1930 10 29
Cottenham fire photo, p8

1930 10 30
The Prince of Wales set the seal of Royal approval upon an ambitious scheme of rural education which has attracted world-wide attention when he opened Sawston Village College. Should it prove a success it will prove a pattern for a chain of similar colleges not only for the rest of this county but for vast Dominions beyond the seas. The Prince received a most enthusiastic reception. The village was gay with bunting and the inhabitants turned out en masse to wave and cheer. 30 10 30a-c

1930 10 30
A labourer engaged in excavation work at the new Dorothy Café was killed, and another seriously injured. The men, who were employed by Coulson and Sons, were clearing the old brickwork and masonry under Hobson's Passage when a considerable mass of brickwork gave way without warning and they were smothered in the ruins. The ambulance was sent for and a crowd quickly gathered. The police had some difficulty in controlling the traffic, owing to its density at one time. 30 10 30d

1930 10 30

A fire broke out at Reed Farm, Babraham; a dozen stacks and several cottages were threatened by the flames. The big fire engine arrived but found that the nearest place from which water could be obtained was about a mile away. So the small Dennis engine was sent for and numerous small water tanks fed it with supplies. But water was so scarce that only the small hose could be used and the firemen had to concentrate on saving the stacks and cottages close by. 30 10 30e

1930 10 31
VAD work, p3

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1930 11 01
Dorothy wall fatality, p5

1930 11 03
The new municipal year in Cambridge has opened with a note of sorrow. Upon successive days the hand of death has removed Alderman J.W. Purvis, the Deputy Mayor, and Alderman A.J. Lyon, the County Coroner. Both University and Town have suffered. Alderman Purvis was a University lecturer, an authority on food hygiene and Alderman Lyon a townsman who had attained considerable prominence as a solicitor. With the great increase in the number of road accidents in recent years his duties as coroner grew considerably heavier, but he always made a point of attending if he possibly could. 30 11 03-a

1930 11 04
It was with a certain amount of trepidation that I called on the Mistress of Girton College, Miss E.H. Major, for this little article. “Ten minutes” I said to the driver of the car that had taken me out. It was two hours before I started on the return journey. For I had been received by a most sympathetic woman in a room harmonious, of gracious proportions, with dishes of woodland flowers on the table; cakes and coffee and cigarettes had been offered to me in friendliness. We touched upon everything under the sun, from starvation in Ruthenia to the making of the college gardens. 30 11 04a

1930 11 04
In a quiet street in Cambridge, a very charming old lady celebrates her 100th birthday. She is Mrs Howes, widow of the late John Howes head of the bicycle firm in Regent Street. She comes of a long-lived family. She was born in Coronation Street. Her father, John Galley, a reader at the Pitt Press, lived to the age of 86 and her mother to 80. She has still living four sons and three daughters, 23 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Her memory is still good and she has vivid memories of her girlhood. She was present at the dinner on Parker’s Piece to celebrate Queen Victoria’s coronation, when her father was one of the carvers. 30 11 04b

1930 11 05
County Hall, p8

1930 11 06
Little Thetford was the scene of a big blaze, a large six-roomed thatched house built in 1300 being totally destroyed. After the old roof dropped the four main walls were a roaring furnace and the blazing embers carried long distances. Soon nothing was left but burning beams and scorched walls which had evidently been built of the old Fen mud. But for the efforts of villagers similar large thatched houses nearby would have been involved. The ‘Three Horse Shoes’ public house opposite was plied with ladders and a chain of buckets formed and water thrown on the thatched roof to stop a possible outbreak here. The cause is a mystery. Fireworks were being let off, but not at this end of the village. 30 11 06a

1930 11 06

When the Bishop of Ely attended St Peter's church, Wilburton, to dedicate their new organ he indulged in some straight speaking. The organ was dedicated to their former Vicar, Henry Atkinson, killed while performing his duties, but in order to secure it the parish had neglected urgent repairs to the roof that was in a very serious condition and could not wait. They had also not subscribed to the diocesan fund and this was the reason why none of the surrounding clergy was present. 30 11 06c & d

1930 11 06
Cambridge police had cold feet with waiting for something to turn up in a temperature several degrees under freezing point. But the dreaded 'Fifth', that traditional battle between University and police failed to explode in the time-honoured fashion. There was a constant bombardment on the outskirts of town and some spasmodic firework throwing on the market where smoke screens were used to some effect. Using the cloud as cover two lamps were extinguished under the very nose of a sergeant. There were a few arrests but no helmets were knocked off. 30 11 06b

1930 11 07
Mrs Emma Gunton is celebrating her 100th birthday; she is the second Cambridge lady this week to reach this wonderful age. She is remarkable: she walks without assistance, has her own teeth and eats her meals regularly. She has never had an illness and only required the attention of a doctor on one occasion she met with an accident. Born at Bottisham she possesses a fine memory and can recall the coming of railway trains. 30 11 07

1930 11 07 ES
Beet Factory largest tank of its kind in Europe for storing molasses – photo – 30 11 07*

1930 11 08
Girton College earliest students, p8

1930 11 10
Councillors questioned whether it was desirable to raise the standards of country roads: "we do not want to make them into racing tracks; we want decent country roads and nothing more". It did not matter if a road was rather bumpy for a car going on 50 mph. If the best expenditure was to maintain them in perfect condition for bus and lorries could not such traffic be restricted to certain roads which would be kept at a higher standard? As for so-called improvements in the rounding off of corners – well the easier you make it for the motorist the faster they will go around. 30 11 10

1930 11 10
Cambridge has lost one of its best-known figures by the passing of Mr W.G. Robinson, keeper of the Guildhall. He had been chosen as town crier from among over 200 applicants and carried out his duties with characteristic efficiency before becoming keeper in succession to Mr Jacobs. He had been a boxer of some prowess in his younger days and was a member of the old Volunteer Fire Brigade. 30 11 10a

1930 11 11
It was in the state of mind anticipating moral extinction that I tapped on the door of the portress at Newnham College and asked if I could see the Principal's secretary. Within five minutes Miss Strachey had herself received me. Here was no austere 'school marm' but a charming, well-dressed, quite feminine woman of the world, with a sense of humour and the blessed gift of putting nervous people at their ease. She is a great educationalist but also a most charming and modest lady. 30 11 11a

1930 11 11
Reverently Cambridge stood and remembered its dead. The firing of the maroon was the signal for silence. Immediately life stood still, pedestrians stopped dead in their tracks and in homes, offices and workshops men and women stood to attention. But in one part of town their silence was jarred by the thoughtlessness of a motor driver who did not stop. 30 11 11b-d

Poppy Day rag – 30 11 11e-g

1930 11 12
Three Somersham boys confessed to stealing cigarettes from a machine in the High Street by means of brass buttons beaten and filed to the size of a sixpence. After a packet of Players had been taken in this way, other packets were marked and eventually made detection possible. One lad was told he had been 'sailing very close to the wind' and was placed on probation. 30 11 12

1930 11 13
Farm wages, p6

1930 11 14
Great anxiety is being felt by Cambridge's 2,000 railway employees over the Companies drastic proposals on rates of pay and conditions of service. The tobacco and other luxury trades were affected at the time they accepted a reduction in wages to ease the companies' financial difficulties temporarily but this would have a serious impact on the spending power of a large number of relatively high-salaried men. Coming at a time when trade enterprise in Cambridge is approaching its zenith and the University is being appealed to for commercial support the prospects may be regarded with concern. 30 11 14

1930 11 14 ES
Ely houses great Missionary Exhibition – 30 11 14

1930 11 15
Messrs Windover's disused motor carriage works in George Street, Huntingdon have been sold. For years the firm employed hundreds of skilled workers until they acquired more extensive works in London. It was a sad sight to see the great works standing idle but now Chivers are to establish a factory for canning vegetables, the most up-to-date of its kind in the country. Already local vegetable growers are alive to the fact that a regular output for their produce will be available close at hand. 30 11 15

1930 11 17
Crash hospital, p5

1930 11 18
Miss M. Allan, principal of Homerton College is a pioneer of a radical method of training teachers for elementary schools. She came to Cambridge in 1903 and her aim is to combine academic and psychological learning, the bodies of her students are developed as well as their minds and music, art, the drama as well as science and philosophy are contained in the curriculum. She may, indeed must, in so large a community rule sometimes with a hand not always gloved with velvet but the softness of understanding is ever present and she has retained much of the spirit of youth. 30 11 18a

1930 11 18
A fire broke out at Barley in a shed which contained an oil van and tank containing about 200 gallons of paraffin. The van belonged to Mr Robert Brown, oil and hardware merchant of Cambridge; the owner had started the engine and gone to fetch some water for the radiator. On returning he found the whole enveloped in flames. The tap at the rear of the van came off and a jet of flames 30 feet long shot out across the yard, igniting a pig sty. If the Fire Brigade had pumped water on the fire it would have carried the burning oil along the High Street. 30 11 18b

1930 11 19
Gondoliers, p8

1930 11 21

The old-established Sun Brewery in the High Street at March has been sold to Greene King. It was established in 1800 by Ambrose Ogden and continued in his family. It includes some 40 licensed houses in various villages. The brewing operations in March will shortly cease and the brewery will be dismantled with the premises becoming a depot. 30 11 21

1930 11 21 ES
Ogden & Sons, the well-known March brewers have disposed of their business to Greene King of Bury St Edmunds. Ogden's has long been one of the principal businesses in March. It began in quite a small way being established in 1900 by Mr Ambrose Ogden who started a brewery at the Robin Hood Inn, Town End for supplying that inn. Gradually he began to supply other public houses and when he retired and his son took over they had already a flourishing trade. So great was the demand for their products that it was found necessary to extend their premises and on 12th of December 1885 they purchased the Rising Sun Inn in High Street from Mr T. Phillips at the rear of which the present brewery was built. Then other public houses were acquired and the business gradually built up to its present large dimensions. It has carried on an extensive trade having 40 houses attached to it of which the firm owns 27. These are spread over the area of March, Wimblington, Doddington, Benwick, Chatteris, Mepal, Sutton, Manea, Welney, Wisbech and Whittlesey. Greene King's products are well-known in the Isle of Ely as they have a house at Sutton # c.27.4
Ely station new dining rooms – for long period station in state of dilapidation, now transformed – 30 11 21b, c *
Littleport crop of Brotex on Martin Bros Land 30 11 21d *

1930 11 22
Cambridge Co-operative Society opened a new bakery in Sleaford Street equipped with the most modern machinery. 500 sacks of flour a week arrive from their own private railway siding close by. They are lifted to the third floor and the flour passes through a series of automatic machines which mix and knead it into dough that is baked in steam-heated ovens. The confectionery department has a wonderful machine turning out a wide range of cake mixtures. 30 11 22a-c

A.E. Clothier, tailor, death – 30 11 22d
Roof-climbers, Trinity, p8

1930 11 24
Co-op Sleaford Street bakery opening – 30 11 24

1930 11 25
Never did learning of so weighty a nature sit so lightly on so smiling a personality as Miss Wood, principal of the Cambridge Training College for Post-graduate Women. She has a formidable list of classical achievements but proves that learning does not inevitably mean dullness. The College opened in two small cottages in Newnham Croft in 1885 and has provided hundreds of teachers for secondary schools in many parts of the Empire. 30 11 25

1930 11 25
Mystery attaches to two outbreaks of fire which occurred shortly after midnight within three-quarters of a mile of one another. The first was at Mr Scambler's farm, Fen Drayton and caused considerable damage to stacks, barns and outhouses. Wind carried sparks all over the village and three cottages were cleared. Then another fire was spotted in four haystacks at Boxworth-End, Swavesey but as they were well-alight and there were no buildings nearby the brigade kept their efforts concentrated on the other fire. 30 11 25b

Miss M.H. Wood, p3*

1930 11 26
William Henry Williams, the 'grand old man' of Liberalism, came to Cambridge in 1880 as agent to the Liberal Association and won the respect of political friend and foe alike. He played a prominent

part in Mr Stanley Buckmaster's victory over Almeric Paget in 1905. He was elected to the County Council in 1898 and returned in 1919. Even after his retirement he rendered valuable service and retained a keen interest in local politics until the end. 30 11 26

1930 11 28
A drastic reduction in Cambridge to London motor coach prices is the latest phase in an intensive 'war' between the two established 'outside' companies and local proprietors. There were two independent daily services provided by Westminster Coaches and the 'Varsity but then A. & H Brown of Lord Astor coaches started another at four shillings return. They have now allied with Royal Blue and Comfort coaches to reduce the fare by a shilling and increase services. Westminster and Varsity are now charging 2s 6d and Cambridge is awaiting the next move with interest. 30 11 28

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1930 12 01
There was a presentation to E.R. Stone who has recently retired as yard master at the now famous Whitemoor Goods Marshalling Yard, March where the gravity shunting system was successfully inaugurated during his last two years of office. At first his first plans had been regarded as revolutionary and a white elephant. But it had become the outstanding feature of British rail freight working. He was a typical 'John Bull' but beneath that bluff exterior was a kind heart. 30 12 01b & c

1930 12 01
The sensational Fen Ditton case when a woman was accused of keeping a disorderly house will be sent back to be heard by magistrates. Police had kept watch on a room called the dance hall where it was alleged acts of immorality took place; some women were held upside down and couples found in very suggestive attitudes. The men were Cambridge undergraduates and the girls of the working-class type but there was no evidence of prostitution. 30 12 01d

1930 12 01
A unique village museum has opened at Ashwell started by two young men who collected curious objects of historic interest. An old building, 'Ye Olde Towne House' was purchased and restored and it is here the curios are to be kept. Sir William Gentle had paid for the restoration and created trustees to secure it for the people for ever. It will contain objects illustrating the life of Ashwell from Saxon times to the present day. 30 12 01e & f

Milton Road heroes – football cartoon – 30 12 01a
Skittle league, p3
Felix Leach, p7

1930 12 02
Mrs Wootten, p3
Police motor squad, p8

1930 12 03
Sir Ernest Rutherford, in a special interview, gave the CDN details of the work which has prompted the Royal Society to present the University of Cambridge with £15,000 for a new science cryogenetic laboratory. It will support the work of Dr Peter Kapitza, the young Russian scientist who has been carrying out investigations at the Cavendish Laboratory into magnetic fields which involves exceedingly low temperatures. 30 12 03

Dredging & navigation, p7*

1930 12 04
Mickey the mouse photo, p6*
Gaol cells photo, p8

1930 12 05
University seats abolition, p12

1930 12 05 ES
Ely in the 1870s: memories of old Ely 30 12 05 & a*
Shepherds open Central Offices at Ely – photo – 30 12 05b

1930 12 06
Sir – we are a locally owned firm with its own garage, employing 57 people and we try to give a good service. Between October and March each year we lose a considerable amount of money and rely on summer business to get profits. We do not discharge staff because we overhaul and repaint our rolling stock. We stick to our own service and do not interfere with our competitors. But now our rivals have starting cutting fares. We have got to defend ourselves and the public will benefit from cheap rides until further notice. –Varsity Express Motors. 30 12 06a

1930 12 06
Sir – all Cambridge men will be alarmed at the threat to build an arterial ring road bisecting Grantchester Meadows. The meadows are owned by King's College. We regard their preservation as a trust; we will not build on them, nor near them. We will do nothing to change their character and refuse to contemplate such a calamity – The Dean of King's 30 12 06

1930 12 06
Under the Road Traffic Act Cambridgeshire has been allotted one motor car and three motor cycles to deal with the enormous growth of motor traffic. Such a force should be recruited from men best suited for the job but there is a limit to the number of tasks they can perform. This is another example of the Government forcing local authorities to make the new law work somehow. 30 12 06d

1930 12 06
The visit of Jack Hulbert's popular review carries the mind back to 1913 when he made his first appearance at the New Theatre in the May Week production 'Cheer-oh Cambridge' of the Footlights Dramatic Club. I remember his sprightly dancing, which has since developed so successfully. Then in 1921 we had Claude Hulbert making his first appearance in the Footlights production of 'What a picnic'. 30 12 06e

1930 12 08
The Home of Mercy in Christchurch Street, Cambridge has been more or less full of girls, almost all aged between 16 and 20. Seventeen girls had been admitted and ten provided with outfits and placed in domestic service. Five have been baptised, six confirmed and three restored to Holy Communion while two girls formerly in the home have been well married. The chapel had been redecorated and beautified. There were fewer illegitimate births but the moral standard of the country had broken down and a very large number of outwardly respectable women were morally corrupt. 30 12 08a-c

Cambridge coach war – Cambridge Comfort Coaches reply to Varsity – 30 12 08
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Branch library site, Chesterton & Cherry Hinton – 30 12 09

1930 12 10
Library site, p6*

1930 12 12

Today the CDN publishes a 16-page paper for the first time in its 42-years' history. This is because of the demands on our space by national and local advertisers for their Christmas shopping announcements and affords evidence of their confidence of the paper as an advertising medium. There is an enormous response each day to our Christmas Pages Advertisement Competition. 30 12 12a

1930 12 12
There was an exciting scene in the centre of Cambridge at mid-day. Amid cries of 'Stop, stop' and the blowing of police whistles, a man made a headlong dash down St Andrew's Street. People turned and stared and as a means of stopping him a cycle was thrown in front of his path. Eventually he was captured and, with a stalwart policeman on each side, was walked back to the police station. He appeared to be a young man, smartly dressed in a light coloured suit and grey soft hat. He was charged with passing counterfeit half-crowns. 30 12 12b & 30 12 13

1930 12 12
The 'skeleton' of the Chesterton vehicular bridge came out of the municipal cupboard. It had been suggested when Victoria Bridge had been erected but the council subsequently rejected the proposals. In the meantime a temporary bridge had been erected at Dant's Ferry with the intention of moving it towards the Pike and Eel. Now it will be kept in the present position and lowered to make it easier to cross with perambulators. But it was a shame to spend £1,600 on a structure which had not been right when it was put up. 30 12 12c

1930 12 13
Street chase, p5*
New Square, p8

1930 12 16
Miss M.H. Catley, headmistress of the Perse High School for Girls, took her degree at Oxford and came to Cambridge in 1926. She is with all her heart and all her desire, a trainer of girls. The keynote to her success is her understanding of youth – she is herself barely out of this category. She takes full part in sports and is an enthusiastic Girl Guide. There is still a long vista of years ahead of her and her success will be reaped when the young girls she is today training have themselves come to maturity. 30 12 16

1930 12 16
Cambridge council's plans for extending their boundaries were described as 'arrogant' by Chesterton RDC. They would upset local administration and leave only a small county that could not be staffed adequately. Villages did not want to lose their parish councils that knew their needs in exchange for a representative on the Borough Council. They had no control over water, gas or electric supply and are at the mercy of monopoly companies – these are the benefit they propose to extend to the surrounding authorities. 30 12 16a&b&c

1930 12 17
The county library committee debated spending a farthing rate on books, 80 per cent of which were fiction. Such books could be a waste of time or a downright bad habit. There was little difference between putting Edgar Wallace on a cinema screen and having him in a book. There was no reason why public money should be used to provide 'The Squeaker' free for boys and girls in the villages. But Sir Graham Greene said those in the country should enjoy the same advantages as those in town. 30 12 17
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Cambridge engravers, William Stephens and William Henshaw, 18th century – 30 12 18

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Suffolk Regiment, p5

Accident, Blue Circle steam wagon – 30 12 19

1930 12 20
Cambridge people can now send their Christmas greetings by picture telegraphy – at a price. They must post their picture telegram direct to the Central Telegraph Office at a cost of £1 for the minimum size picture of 15 square inches up to 70 square inches for which the charge is £4 13s 6d. 30 12 20c

1930 12 20
Robert Maynard, the well-known Whittlesford engineer, died at the age of 85. His life was spent in patenting or perfecting agricultural machinery & to the last he visited the office of works daily. His chaff cutter took the world's champion prize for efficiency at Glasgow in 1887 and His Majesty the King has one of these machines in the Buckingham Palace Mews. 30 12 20a

Pillion rider, p3
Chivers v cement, p3
Steam Oberon starts, p5
Millers all-electric wireless receivers photos – 30 12 20

1930 12 23
Chivers' employees spent a pleasant and instructive time at the Central Cinema when they watched the new film 'From Orchard to Home'. It covered the processes in making jam from picking the fruit to labelling the jars and showed the facilities afforded the employees in their leisure hours. At the conclusion a good deal of merriment was caused by the showing of a similar film taken 25 years ago; it was interesting to compare the difference between the work then and now. 30 12 23

Police fund, p5

1930 12 24
Cambridgeshire Hunt, p6

1930 12 27
The heavy rain did not deter a large number of members of the Cambridgeshire Hunt from assembling on Cambridge Market Hill for this traditionally English spectacle. The scene was one worth a soaking to witness. Figures in the traditional red and black mingled with macintoshed horsemen, their steaming mounts were restless, the hounds silent and around was a rain-drenched crowd of about 1,000 people. They took a great deal of interest in a small terrier who looked out from the mouth of a haversack slung across a red-coated huntsman's back. 30 12 27a-b

1930 12 27
The booking hall at Cambridge railway station was the scene on Christmas Eve of one of the most extraordinary happenings ever witnessed. As a taxicab was being driven back to the station rank its driver suffered a seizure; the vehicle careered through the booking hall entrance and crashed into the collapsible iron gates near the ticket collector's box. If the barrier had been wide open it would have gone right on to the track, and a train was just due. 30 12 27

1930 12 27
George Cornwell, signalman of Furlong Drove was presented with a 'First Aid' award certificate. In October 1929 a fireman fell off his engine and was run over by a train travelling in the opposite direction. His right leg was severed and he had wounds to the buttocks and head. Mr Cornwell applied a tourniquet and bandages, used a door as a stretcher and took him to the signal box. A doctor said the first aid had saved life for eight hours whereas the patient would otherwise have died in a few minutes. 30 12 27d

1930 12 27

Stars such as Jack and Claude Hulbert delighted Cambridge audiences in their early days. The latest is Harold Warrender who just two years ago was the mainstay of the University Footlights production, acting in many of the skits. It was very evident that he had great gifts and he is now playing at the Criterion with the famous Alice Delysia in a new farce, 'A Pair of Trousers' , making the most of the opportunities it offers. 30 12 27d

1930 12 27
Edward Conybeare, the former vicar of Barrington, retired in 1898 and was then received into the Roman Catholic Church. He has three sons and two daughters, all of whom have distinguished themselves; James is Archdeacon of Nottingham, Bruce was one of the early settlers in British East Africa, Alfred is a Master at Eton. Alison is now Ely Diocesan Secretary for the Mothers' Union while Dorothea is actively interested in the Girls' Friendly Society and assists in the massage department at Addenbrooke's Hospital where 12,000 treatments are given annually. 30 12 27e

1930 12 28
Fen Road which is unique in England – Guyhirn towards Peterborough – important main highway 30 12 26 *

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1931 01 02
Christmas Day festivities at the Home of Mercy in Christchurch Street, Cambridge were spent in the usual manner. The chapel was decorated with lilies and carnations presented by two of the married girls as a mark of appreciation. Everyone attended Christ Church at 7 and 11 am and then enjoyed a bountiful dinner. Each girl found in her pudding a piece of money which is to be presented to Addenbrooke's Hospital building fund. Evensong was sung in chapel after which a pantomime (on the wireless) was enjoyed until the day came to a close at 9.30. 31 01 02e # c.37.3 # WOMEN

The master of Saffron Walden Workhouse told the court that on Boxing Night three tramps had applied for admission to the casual ward. He took their particulars and attempted to search them, but they refused. One threw a bag at him and hit him on the cheek. "I knocked him down; then another threw a chair at me. I knocked him down". The third man was struggling with the porter. "When he saw I had knocked down the other two he tried to get away, and I fetched him back, and he struck at me, and I knocked him down also", he said. The men who appeared in a dejected state, minus collars and overcoats, were sentenced to seven days imprisonment. 31 01 02a-c

The sound of girls' voices, high and clear, punctuated the interview granted by Miss Dovey, headmistress of the County School for Girls. Cambridge born, she was educated at the Higher Grade School when Mrs Evans was the Principal. She took a degree at London University and was appointed headmistress in 1926. But the Girl Guides' concert meant we could not settle to our conversation and instead we watched part of a farce performed by some of the teachers who appeared in pyjamas, dressing gowns and sleeping caps, to the great delight of their pupils. 31 01 02d

A six-wheeled Chevrolet lorry was destroyed in a fire that broke out in a garage adjoining Bleak House, Bassingbourn. Mr G. Lincoln was lying under the lorry emptying the petrol into cans when some splashed on to the lamp by which he was working. It ignited and the lorry was enveloped in flames. Despite his burns he went into the garage adjoining and brought out another lorry. Royston

fire brigade obtained water from a well and the fire was checked; the house was not touched. 31 01 02f

Croydon-cum-Clopton church is of early 14th-century date and has never suffered destructive restoration. The main walls of the nave bulge out and the new buttress has pulled the old one away from the tower; the south wall, pillars and arcade are leaning over at an alarming angle. The walls of the church are cracked at the centre of each side so it is not wise to ring the bell. Probably there is no church in the diocese in a more perilous condition. 31 01 02g

The lady owner of a barn at Fen Ditton told the court it had been used as a practice room for a band and they suggested she should run tea dances; a large number of prominent people attended. They had the lights out on one occasion because Conan Doyle was there and as he was very keen on spiritualism they had a small séance. But police said she had deliberately inveigled young men of the University and girls into immoral courses, using the premises as a brothel. She was fined £100. 31 01 02i-l

Cambridge station booking hall accident – 31 01 02h
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New Year, p9
Prickwillow fall, p10*
Balsham water, p13

1931 01 02 ES
New by-pass on March-Wisbech Road at South Brink 31 01 02

1931 01 09
Lady Darwin, wife of Sir George the Professor of Astronomy, is an American with an interest in the feminine movement. In 1914 she wrote an article on policewomen; the idea of creating a female police corps created tremendous excitement and during the war a small number were appointed... She is very hospitable and is never happier than when her house, Newnham Grange, is full of guests, particularly American undergraduates. Her eldest daughter is Mrs Gwen Raverat, a distinguished wood-engraver. 31 01 09a

The police are to purchase four motor cycle combinations to prevent dangerous or careless driving and enforce the speed limits. They would not be out on the roads to catch and prosecute people but to educate the public to drive carefully. In order to get a government grant they would have to cover an average of 30 miles a day. Alderman Stanley voted for the scheme but hoped he would not be run in by them. (Laughter). 31 01 09b

The Orthopaedic (Cripples' Care) Clinics at Newmarket and Ely are run in connection with the Massage Scheme of the Red Cross Society to deal with cases of bone deformity among young children. The patients pay a small fee but save the time, expense and fatigue of going to Addenbrooke's Hospital. Infant paralysis (poliomyelitis) if taken in time should not mean a cripple for life. Regular treatment and aftercare means crippling defects are counteracted and crooked limbs can be made straight. 31 01 09a

An Ortona conductor was summoned for allowing 60 passengers on to a single-decker bus licensed to carry 37. It was a very busy day just before Christmas. The bus had started from Sutton and the trouble arose at Denny End, Waterbeach where there were a number of passengers wanting to go to Cambridge market. The bus had to pull up at the railway station to set down passengers and people waiting there wanted to get on. The conductor did his best to prevent them but was helpless. He tried to get them to transfer to a relief bus but they would not get off. 31 01 09b

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Chivers Orchard film, p8

1931 01 09 ES
A secret of the centuries revealed: half-timbered ceiling in Old Ship Inn, Nene Parade, March 31 01 09 *

1931 01 16
Farmers said the agriculture Bills now before Parliament would destroy the whole of the industry, root and branch. It was the biggest piece of Bolshevism ever put before the country. The Land Utilisation Bill would disturb existing owners and set up great state farms and a new privileged class – the urban smallholder. The Government says farmers don't understand their jobs and are going to show them how to farm. The N.F.U. is to write to the Prime Minister, Lloyd George (the autocrat of present-day politics) and Stanley Baldwin. 31 01 16a-c

Elijah Lawrence learned the trade of blacksmith under his elder brother, James Lawrence of Harston and took over the smithy at Trumpington where he worked for nearly 50 years. He was a keen and competent tradesman, shoeing a considerable number of horses before advancing years caused him to transfer the business to his son-in-law. He had grown more feeble but a fortnight previously was driving himself in his pony-cart. 31 01 16d

A memorial tablet was unveiled at Cambridge Police Station to the late Det-Serg Francis Willis, who lost his life in the King's College shooting tragedy. The tablet, carried out in oak and bearing the Borough arms has been placed on the wall by the side of the Roll of Honour, at the foot of the staircase. The public had made a generous response to an appeal for the benefit of his widow and £625 had been raised with another £208 from police federations across the country. 31 01 16e

Mr Charles Morley has presented a handsome trophy to the National Skating Association for a one-mile race for amateurs who are not holders of the first-class speed badge. At present 90 per cent of skating contests have been practically foregone conclusions as one or two skaters carry off all the prizes, by debarring these men the race will be much more open. It is to be skated on an oval course rather than one requiring a length of 600 yards. This will enable fen skaters to compete more successfully on indoor rinks and Continental courses. 31 01 16f & g

1931 01 16 ES
Ely loses a great benefactor: death F.L. Harlock

1931 01 23
Cambridge motorists were on their best behaviour when the Borough Police mobile squad went out for their first time. P.C.s Edwards and Ward are the permanent members of the squad, which is equipped with a fast motor cycle combination. The setting up of the squad has made several changes necessary. The new warrant office is P.C. Ives of the detective department and P.C. Brooks is Coroner's Officer. 31 01 23a

Book of old Cambridge archives to be printed – supplement to Cooper – 31 01 23b
Wyton airfield, p14*
Ely hockey, p14

1931 01 30
Bywaters vicar, p3
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Suicide after film, p7*
Explosion, p9*
40 years on line, p13*

1931 01 30 ES
Littleport Barclay's Bank improved – photo 31 01 30

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1931 02 06
Fire broke out at the Blue Lias Cement Works, Meldreth, during a snow and sleet storm. The engine rooms and mill house were damaged; most of the machinery was reduced to a mass of burnt wreckage and 20 men will have to 'stand-off' for several months. 31 02 07a

Huntingdonshire National Farmers' Union urged a reduction in the wages of agricultural labourers because of the fall in the cost of living and the present state of agriculture. Farmers could not pay a man 30s 6d a week to grow wheat which earned a guinea per quarter. An alternative would be for the Government to bridge the gap between the price they are getting for their produce and what it costs to grow it or to allow the men to work longer hours in summer time. 31 02 06b

A beam under the fireplace in the historic 'Town House' at Barley must have been smouldering for over a week before it was discovered; the room was filled with smoke. It was erected in 1530 as a town hall and almshouse and later became a school and a workhouse. It was even used as a mad house with 36 people living there, including one man who was chained in a corner. Now it is used as a club room and houses the Barley fire appliance – a hand pump. 31 02 06d

March Greyhound Racing Track staged its inaugural meeting. It attracted a fair attendance, considering there was a big football match, and some fairly good racing was witnessed, though no very notable dogs were competing. Because of the bad weather the track was in very rough condition, being under water in places while the spectators experienced considerable discomfort on the sodden ground. 31 02 06e

Shire Hall flooring, p6
Corners, p6*
Monster draw, p7

1931 02 06 ES
Opening of £6,000 concrete bridge at Wisbech – largest portal-type structure in country; feature article 31 02 06 *

1931 02 13
Mrs Harold Gray of Wandlebury House was elected to the executive of the Women's Institute movement at the end of the war and started an Institute at Stapleford. She resigned when her husband became Member of Parliament for the county but was elected President when his term of office ended. She says it is a strong social instructive link between women of each village, irrespective of rank. She is a true Bohemian at heart and has crossed the desert on a camel and almost gone 'back to Nature' on the Cocos Islands in the Pacific. 31 02 13a

Cambridge justices heard that the Crown and Sceptre in Clarendon Street was only open from Monday to Saturday and closed at nine o'clock instead of ten, which was the ordinary time for licenced houses. It was a comfortable house and the company was good but customers found early closing irksome and went to other pubs of which there were five within 200 yards. A full licence was granted subject to improvement in the sanitary arrangements. 31 02 13c-d

The Robin Hood at Cherry Hinton was the only licensed house on the main Cambridge-Fulbourn Road but only had a beer licence. The brewery had spent a good deal of money improving the amenities and the introduction of motor buses and charabancs had made a great difference in trade. During the summer people came in almost every day for teas and meals like bread and cheese. It was much used by walkers including ladies who asked for port. 30 02 13e-f

Stetchworth Dairies won the contract to supply Grade A tuberculin tested milk to elementary schools; children will receive a bottle containing one-third of a pint at a cost of 1d. An experiment in Lanarkshire showed that children supplied with milk were much more buoyant and lively both in body and mind and it had a striking effect in improving their physical and mental alertness. Parents should spare the penny a day so their children could receive these benefits. 31 02 13e

A farmer told the bankruptcy court that he had rented Block Farm, Fordham from the County Council. But the operations were very unsuccessful owing to the water on the land. "When I took the land the County Council man said 'There's not a drop of water on it', but it was a dry time and when it was flooded you couldn't walk across it; you would sink in. I had acres and acres of corn all spoilt. Three or four people at the place before I went there all went wrong". 31 02 13f-g

The Over postman, Alfred Adams, complains of the neglected state of the village byways. 50 years ago the old surveyors knew how to keep the main by-ways in repair for they had use of gravel dug from the Bare Fens which the farmers carted. But now Long Drove which led to the Boat Inn was almost impassable. The postman was supposed to be able to cycle but now had to walk and farmers grumble as they cannot get to their fields. 31 02 13h

J.D. Dickson, p7
Licence Rose and Crown, Cottenham removed – 31 02 13b

1931 02 13 ES
R. Hinkin of Lt Thetford celebrates 100th birthday – detailed article 31 02 13 *

1931 02 20
Fire broke out in the house and bakery of Mr B.E. Trayner at Heydon. He was awakened by a noise he took to be mice in the wall but then saw smoke and a red glow under the skirting board. He found woodwork in the living room was alight. An 84-year-old lady was removed from the thatched cottage adjoining and neighbours fought the flames; the task was made difficult by a nest of beams in the wall. 31 02 20a

The treasurer of the Three Blackbirds Helping Hand Slate Club, Ely said the secretary collected the weekly subscriptions from members and passed the money to him. He kept it under the counter in a cigar box. But when he went for it before the share-out it was missing. When he told the members it had not been a very friendly meeting and they asked why it had not been banked. They gave him time to find the money. He was committed for trial. 31 02 20c & d

St Ives council discussed an application for the interment of a reverend gentleman in the grounds of Madeley Court, Hemingford Grey. The Minster of Health has approved it provided that only one burial took place. The gentleman concerned was not yet dead but they had no power to stop the burial, however much they objected. 31 02 20e

The four children of Sir Cecil and Lady Neuman had a narrow escape from death when Burloes, their beautiful country residence just outside Royston, was entirely destroyed by fire. The head nurse, Miss Curry, roused the household and got the children to safely by means of a canvas fire escape chute from the night nursery. The mansion, which was build 28 years ago, stood in a commanding position on a hill and firemen were hampered by a lack of water. "Everything has gone, but the staff behaved simply splendidly", said her Ladyship. 31 02 20f & g & h

Huntingdonshire had some of the most progressive poultry keepers who bred various strains and passed them on to the community. But now production had dropped off. Hens were profitable but poultry-keepers had nobody to advise them. The sooner the appointed a poultry instructor the better. The important things were feeding and housing: they should not be overcrowded and have trap nests from which the hen could not release herself. 31 02 20f

William Carter joined the Cambridge Borough Police Force in 1867 and retired as Inspector in 1894. He had a vivid memory of the opening of the Corn Exchange in 1870 when undergraduates caused a disturbance and six were arrested. At their trial a mob gathered and dashed to King Street, the residence of the Mayor, John Death. But, headed by Carter, the police got there first and shut the gates. Missiles of all kinds were thrown and the fighting continued for some hours. Apart from a battered and torn helmet, Mr Carter was not hurt. 31 02 20j

The Rev J.W.E. Conybeare has passed away at the age of 87. He was one of the first cyclists in Cambridgeshire and wrote guides to rides as well as a history of the county. Born in Liverpool, he was vicar of Barrington until 1898 and some time after his retirement was received into the Roman Catholic Church. The Mayor expressed his deep regret when he heard the news. 31 02 20k

The mere male generally despises waves in his hair and does all in his power to make their disappearance 'permanent'. Not so the ladies who detest a straight head of hair and have a 'permanent' put in. So when Messrs Eugene Ltd visited Cambridge Guildhall to give a hair fashion revue they attracted audiences of 2,000 and their enterprise should have its reward. No longer is the process terrifying, it is comfortable, uses steam not electricity, and does not destroy the hair. 31 02 20l

Cambridge slums – 31 02 20b

1931 02 20 ES
Sugar Beet crisis; no agreement reached with the Ely factory; farmers seriously perturbed. Sir Frederick Hiam resigns from factory directorate 31 02 20 & a* ES

1931 02 27
The Shepherd's Hall, Linton, was crowed to hear Dr Palmer's talk on the village's old houses. He showed pictures of the Court House projecting into the street where Mr Septimus Holttum's houses now stands and of wall paintings discovered in 1928. A pair of massive fire hooks, made for pulling down burning buildings, used to hang on the side of Chandlers. They were removed but have been recovered and are now safely fixed on the inside of the parish church. 31 02 27b

The name of the Hon Mrs de Beaumont is synonymous with Girl Guides and is a house-hold word. Her story is the history of the movement in Cambridgeshire, where she has been County Commissioner since 1916. Her youngest daughter, Marguerite, is following in her footsteps; she has just returned from Switzerland where she trained British and Swiss Girl Guides. She is blessed with beauty, wit and eloquence but I doubt whether the movement will suffice to content her strong personality indefinitely. 31 02 27c

Over 100 attended a funeral service for a young Freshman whose mysterious death has caused such a sensation throughout the country. Press and public were excluded but a crowd gathered and police had some difficulty in controlling the traffic. He had been found lying dead on the floor of his room, gagged and bound in an elaborate manner with numerous handkerchiefs, a length of puttee, and a wire flex. Members of the Pentacle Club, the University Magicians' Society have been interrogated & Sir Bernard Spilsbury, the famous Home Office pathologist has been called in. 31 02 27d-g-h

Death Col H.M. Douglas, Lord Manor Hemingfords – old family – 31 02 27a

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1931 03 06
Miss Enright came to Cambridge in 1924 to help in the reorganisation of the School of Arts, Crafts and Technology and became the first woman to be elevated to be head of a technical school in the UK. There were odd classes for unemployed boys and girls with 54 students, now the number in the

Day Trade School has grown to 151. They train women in domestic science, needlework and simple home hygiene but few show much interest in so essential an art. 31 03 06a

The Ouse and Cam Fishery Board want permits issued to people who catch eels as a livelihood, or to destroy them. John Barnes of Manea said men had fished for eels for centuries, it was part of their rights. He used the same implements as his great-grandfather before him; they were worth £50 and of no use for other purposes. Some years he caught £10 worth of eels, other years £80. The best time was when the flood water had almost receded that that was during the close season. He had a strong objection to getting a permit for something he'd done for years. It was the thin end of the wedge. 31 03 06b

The Medical Officer said there was a case of scarlet fever at Papworth and the boy had been taken to the Isolation Hospital. There were many cases of mild influenza and two of pneumonia. There were cases of measles at Eltisley and Graveley where all the children had been affected and the school closed for a period. 31 03 06c

A referee said there had been disorderly conduct by the crowd at a football match at Haddenham. He stopped the game twice to take the names of spectators. Later some of them got into the dressing room and tried to strike him. The club said he did not control the game properly and disallowed a goal when the keeper carried the ball across the line. It spoilt the game and annoyed the crowd. They wanted the match against Sawston Paper Mills reserves to be replayed and a competent referee appointed. 31 03 06e

For years King and Harper have been striving to secure an alternative entry at their Bridge Street garage for the convenience of their valued customers. Now three houses have been acquired and members of staff gave a rousing cheer when a Morris Oxford Isis Six Saloon became the first car to enter at Bridge Street and leave in Jesus Lane. 31 03 06I

Snow scenes, p12
Four Gate pit, Hemingford Grey to be improved by installing sluice gates. 31 03 06e
Sidney Sussex student death verdict. 31 03 06f –h

1931 03 13
Every woman who plays hockey is proud of Miss Gaskell. In 1914 she took the first women's hockey team to Australia and has taken teams to the United States and South Africa. During the war she became Commandant of the Red Cross Convalescent Hospital for soldiers at St Chads that was open until 1919. She then started Barton W.I. and joined the Folk Dancing Society. 31 03 13a

Before the war it seemed possible that Cambridgeshire might have a sanatorium built and maintained by the County Council. But war conditions alarmed the financial advisers, the scheme was turned down and men and women sent far from their homes to find the treatment they needed. A few people joined together to raise voluntary funds and start the Papworth Colony unbound by the red tape of officialdom so that Dr Varrier Jones could develop his great scheme for the prevention of tuberculosis unhindered. One of these was Mr Musgrave Francis, who has now died. 31 03 13b-c

Abington Pigotts church is appealing for funds for the restoration of the tower, bells and west end, which are in danger of collapse, and the ancient oak seats which have seriously decayed. Last year they raised much of the money but with agriculture in its present depressed condition it is difficult for the population of 149 people to pay the rest. 31 03 13d

The Conservative's touring cinema vans includes talking as well as silent films. There was a crowded attendance at Soham Fen when the programme started with an Empire film, followed by a humorous cartoon showing how the rising tide of unemployment was stemmed by Stanley Baldwin in the guise of a plumber. There were talkies on the agricultural situation and a tour of a motor works together

with pictures of the hardships suffered by town dwellers during the General Strike. The van will visit Croxton, Wicken and Chittering. 31 03 13e

Hudson's brewery had closed six public houses in Cambridge: the Brewery Tap in Bridge Street, the White Swan and Prince Albert in Castle Street, the Beehive on Honey Hill, Spotted Cow in Northampton Street and Golden Fleece in Ram Yard. But they wanted to renew the licence for the Baron of Beef. The application was supported by a petition from the Sick Benefit Society and was granted. Also Cow & Calf & Crown & Sceptre. 31 03 13f

Counc. E. Saville Peck inaugurated an anti-gas school during the war and after studying the conditions of gas warfare in France, was sent to America to assist training in gas defensive measures there. He then formed schools of pharmaceutical chemistry for students whose studies had been interrupted by the war. In 1922 he was largely instrumental in forming the Cambridge Rotary Club. He has a unique collection of pestles and mortars and knows the history of each one. 31 03 20a

T. Musgrave Francis, p11
Sugar beet action, p14

1931 03 20
Thieves stole £250 from the Cambridge Central Cinema when a safe containing the day's takings was rifled. Spread along the gangway in the middle of the balcony were a quantity of coppers, the result of a lengthy sorting of coins. No trace of entry could be found and it is believed the intruders were among the audience at the last performance and hid in the lavatories, eluding the fireman who makes a final inspection of the building before leaving. 31 03 20c # c.76.9

Three steam lorries, two with trailers, representing a weight of sixty tons were used to test the strength of the new bridge over the Old West River at Twentypence Ferry. There was a crowd of over a hundred interested spectators. Several motor coach companies are applying to run services over the new road between Cottenham and Wilburton, shortly to be opened to traffic, which will prove another link between the north and south of the county. 31 03 20d

E. Saville Peck, p4*
Bourn plane crash, p9
Tram lines, p9

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Important Soham Fen road proposal; linking up with Prickwillow and Ely 31 03 20 ES# c.44.65
Adelaide bridge nearing completion – photo 31 03 20a ES*
New route linking Cambs and Isle – Twentypence bridge opening 31 03 20b ES *

1931 03 27
Impington church organ was bought from Barkstone, Notts., in 1891, being originally a one manual pipe instrument blown by means of a foot pedal. The Rev Dennis Hall reconstructed it with two manuals, adding swell pedals etc. But he was prevented from carrying out all the necessary work to obtain the fullest volume. Various repairs have been made but now a new organ is badly needed. 31 03 27a

George Brimley Bowes joined his father in the firm now called Bowes and Bowes in 1897 in the building known to be the oldest bookshop in the country. He became intimately connected with the business, as bookseller and printer and published the first works of J.B. Priestley. He founded the Cambridge branch of Toc H and Cambridge Rotary Club. People who associate many books with mustiness should speedily make his acquaintance and be disillusioned. 31 03 27c & d

Houghton mill was in a dilapidated state and might be dangerous to the public who passed through. Repairs were needed to the roof and there was the danger of fire. But it was one of the most

picturesque in the county; there was a sentimental value attaching to it and if a subscription was raised they may be able to sell it for £100 to someone who would keep it under repair, the Ouse Drainage Board was told. 31 03 27e

An Ecclesiastical Inquiry heard objections to the proposed union of the parishes of Houghton and Wyton. Houghton rectory was unoccupied owing to the heavy cost of upkeep, the average attendance at church was 30 and there was no Sunday School. Wyton had a population of 365, including 150 at the Sanatorium. There was always a little friction between the parishes and if the benefices were joined scores of people would not go to church any more. 31 03 27f & g & h

The well at Balsham is in a dangerous condition; the chalk blocks at the top will have to be removed to a depth of five feet and the well lined with brickwork, with more repairs 51 feet down. Before this can be carried out the whole of the chalk lining needs to be secured by bolts from the surface. The council discussed final details of the village water scheme but rejected a proposal to include fire hydrants in case of fire. 31 03 27k

Rotary clubs conference at Cambridge. 31 03 27 j

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1931 04 03
G.P. Hawkins opened the first tea shop in Cambridge at the corner of Sussex Street in 1900. It could hold 10 people with a waitress & two assistants. As adjoining space became available the premises were enlarged. Today the Dorothy Café can accommodate 2,000 and there is no brand of catering which cannot be undertaken. In 1904 he erected a bakery with two ovens at the side of Midsummer Common; today with seven ovens working six days a week he produces about 200,000 loaves. It also manufactures a ton of ice a day plus sufficient ice cream to supply the entire needs of Cambridge. 31 04 03a

A Histon man who could not be induced to sleep indoors was charged as ‘an incorrigible rogue’. He had been a great trouble and nuisance; in the winter he slept in sheds and in the summer under the trees. He had been born in 1900 and attended West Wratting School later serving eight years in the army and four months in a military mental home. He was sent to Bedford gaol for three months. 31 04 03b

The National Tithepayers Association protested against what is widely regarded as an unjust tax on agricultural land. Owen Webb said the tithe was a burden impossible for the land to carry. During these difficult times of depression, when farmers were struggling to keep their heads above water in the face of terrible drops in commodity and grain prices it was an inverted food tax on the industry; there was no justification from an economic or religious point of view. 31 04 03c & d

William James Ison started as a cycle dealer in Chesterton Road in 1897; his business prospered and at one time he had four shops selling and repairing cycles. He also put one of his own machines on the market. The ‘New Chesterton’ has become deservedly popular and a special racing model won over 100 prizes in 1908. His late wife was sister of Fred Lawrence of the Belmont Cycle Works in King Street. 31 04 03f

Since Ely Sugar Beet factory was built there has been serious and copious discharge of dangerous effluent into the river during the ‘campaign’. Organic matter flowing into the river from the lagoons and pits absorbed oxygen from the water and fish suffocated. After the factory had been taken to court matters had improved but there was still serious pollution affecting a nearby fishery and they were fined £200. 31 04 03h

St Paul’s church, Cambridge, having been closed for a month during which extensive restoration work and some constructional changes were effected, reopened for worship amid an atmosphere of

thanksgiving and delight. The improvements amounts to nothing less than a transformation and the previously unattractive interior is now pleasing in the extreme. Pews have been modernised with a wide central aisle, new choir stalls and chancel screen erected and a small clergy vestry provided. New arches and windows have greatly improved the lighting of the chancel. 31 04 03h & I

Mr J. Sainsbury, head of the famous provision firm, opened a new residential club that will accommodate 15 young men. In a place like Cambridge it is difficult for a young man to get lodgings and this large house in Brookland's Avenue has been modernised and redecorated and is a model of its kind. The bedrooms, which have two beds, have a wardrobe and cupboard for each occupant; it has a room with facilities for games and reading and dispels any gloomy feeling about what used to be called 'living in'. There were few local firms who had made such provision for their staff. Many firms had a contributory pension scheme but they had decided against such a scheme. 30 04 03k

A fire was discovered in a gable of The Grove, Fordham; the damage was not great. The brigade cannot discover any cause of the outbreak. It is a part of old Cambridge folk lore that a fire always follows if a hare runs down the main street of a village. The week before a hare did run down the street at Fordham. It was perused by Mr Richard Nicholls, a septuagenarian, and was killed in a shed within three yards of the place where this fire broke out. 31 04 03m

The first accident on the new Twentypence Road between Wilburton and Cottenham happened on Saturday. Mr Charles Lack and three passengers had been to view the new bridge and on the return journey failed to negotiate a severe bend with the result that his car skidded and finished in a ditch. No one was seriously injured. The car, an Austin 'six' was not badly damaged and with some difficulty was replaced on the road, Mr Lack being able to drive it home under its own power. 31 04 03o

1931 04 03 ES
A massive steel bridge weighing over 150 tons was rolled into position over the River Lark at Prickwillow in a matter of 30 minutes without any fuss or excitement. Unloaded three Sundays ago on to a temporary pile staging alongside the old bridge it was riveted together made complete then placed on ball runners. The actual work of preparing the bridge for placing into position was commenced at one o'clock after the down mail had passed through. About 25 of the L.N.E.R. Company's men with about 20 contractors' employees were engaged in this task and laboured through the night. They first remove the old track and then raise the old structure by means of two breakdown cranes. This was placed on the riverbank where it will be demolished. Projecting woodwork and other paraphernalia in the way of the new span was removed and the rolling in path for the new bridge completed. Then little squads of men heaving away at two hand winches attached to which was a mass of tackle had the great bridge rolled into position within the matter of 30 minutes. Quite close to the river is a fen road over which passes a bridge. The old one of timber has been removed and its place taken by a steel structure spanning about 30 feet.
31 04 03 & a, c* ES # c.26.2 # photo

Stuntney cottages gutted in blaze – photo – 31 04 03d ES

1931 04 10
Sir Frederick Hiam, the great agriculturist and patriot, went to London to look after the parental interests in Stratford Market. Then he started purchasing farms all over the country and now owns 13,000 acres of land, much of it within thirty miles of Ely which he personally farms. A great believer in farm manure, he keeps as many pigs and cattle as he can. He was Director of Vegetable Supplies in the Ministry of Food 1918-21 and was knighted for his services. Now he is to become Sheriff of Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire. 31 04 10a

Cambridge was represented at Skyros at the unveiling of a statue of Rupert Brooke, the poet who died in Greece during the war. In the morning there was a ceremony at his tomb when one of his poems

was recited, then in the afternoon the statue was unveiled. It stands on one of the highest points in the island, overlooking the sea. 31 04 10b

Lord Sandwich has offered to sell Huntingdon council three acres of land between Hartford Road and Primrose Lane for a housing site; ten houses in Hartford Place and two in St Clement's Passage are to be registered as clearance areas. But land in the village of Hartford will not now be incorporated into Huntingdon. 31 04 10c

St Ives residents are concerned they will be deprived of the use of their river this summer because of engineering repairs at the stanch. The continued low water is not only ruinous to the boating industry but will also affect the acreage under osiers. At present the engineers had only put in a pair of fen gates, which was the easiest task of the lot. They should leave the remainder of the work until autumn. But very soon repairs would be started at Hemingford Lock. 31 04 10g

Cambridgeshire had its first taste of dirt-track thrills when a crowd of 5,000 witnessed some excellent racing on the new speedway at Caxton. The management had not anticipated such a crush with the result that the solitary entrance was sorely taxed and the pay-box nearly pushed over by the pressure of the queues. Despite showers the track rode well and although there were several falls only one rider – Buster Cray – was injured. The Eastern Counties' scratch event was one by Puff Morley, who rode in fearless style. 31 04 10h

Alderman Harry Gleaves Few was born at Willingham in 1848 and spent long years in the service of his village: he was a founder of the Star Benefit Society, Building Society, Water Company and Village Hall and one of the builders of the Willingham Baptist Tabernacle. He was in business as a corn merchant and became an expert in fen drainage. During the Great War he served on the Military Tribunal with his eyes open for the country's need of both soldiers and farm workers. 31 04 10 i j k

Under the new Road Traffic Act the speed limit for ordinary motor cars has been abolished. But it is now an offence to drive a motor coach at over 30 miles an hour and invalid carriages must not exceed 20 mph. Goods vehicles can be driven at 30 mph, if fitted with pneumatic tyres and not drawing a trailer, but heavy vehicles with solid tyres must not exceed eight miles an hour when drawing a trailer. Drivers must not remain on duty for more than 5½ hours. It is also an offence to drive while under the influence of drink or drugs. 31 04 10 I

Since 1904 the charges for the water and the poor rates have each risen by over 300 per cent. But whereas the services of lighting, better paths, roads and sewerage have increased enormously the supply of water has been just the same. The Water Company has simply passed any extra charges on to the consumer. Now they are unwilling to agree to a take-over by Cambridge Town Council. But no parliament will refuse any town the right to its own water supply. The anti-Socialist composition of our legislators leaves no doubt that the stockholders will be generously treated. 31 04 10l-n

Despite a steady downpour over 400 people paid for admission to the Cambridge Greyhound Racing tack in Coldham's Lane which opened with a fine programme of events. The track is in the shape of three sides of a rectangle with a stand forming the fourth. This was occupied by about 200 people most of the time. Another meeting at Cowper Road was affected by the rain when Slow and Sure proved the speediest greyhound of the day. 31 04 10o

Waterworks purchase proposal – history of water company – 31 04 10d-n

1931 04 17
St Ives town council has been awarded a site for the building to be called 'The Norris Library' which is to house a collection of Huntingdonshire topography, pictures and antiques collected by the late H.E. Norris. At his home in Chichester he had a room crowed with pictures, relics and literature. He was a man of great literary attainments and one of the finest chess players in England. The council

recorded their gratitude and appreciation and stood for a moment of silence in tribute to his memory. 31 04 17b

Saffron Walden Freemasons processed in full Masonic regalia to the parish churchyard for the unveiling of a tombstone of an 18th-century Freemason that has been in the churchyard for 170 years. It was discovered in a very dilapidated condition and has been restored before it became completely obliterated. It bears the emblems of the Craft and an inscription to Jonathan Parker who died in 1764. But nothing is known about him. 31 04 17c

The driver of a motor lorry from Brixton had an accident in Trumpington Street. He was unaware of the 'run' at the side of the road and drew a little too far to the left. The near wheels of the lorry dropped into the run and the top of the vehicle struck the ventilating shaft on the kerb beside the Fitzwilliam Museum. The tall shaft was snapped off short at the base and fell with a crash into the road, knocking the top of the adjacent lampposts in its fall. The broken shaft was removed on one of the Council's big steam lorries. 31 04 17d

Counc. A Spalding – profile – 31 04 17a
A.A. Spalding, p4*
Rampton services, p8
Soham police, p10
Emma Gunton, p13
Bus application, p14
Histon railway crossing, p14

Facts about folk lore. It was up to everyone to make notes of what they saw because folklore was rapidly dying out and it was worthwhile to preserve it as far as possible, Mr L.F. Newman told Cambridge Rotary Club. In the old days with isolated villages and no newspapers or wireless it was only natural that scandal was rife and the villagers had their own way of showing disapproval of wrongdoers. If a man beat his wife the villagers might plough up his front garden with the idea that walking over the upturned soil would act as a reminder and creates a sense of guilt. Some country customs took the form of initiation into certain callings; for example a man destined to become a farmer was rolled up in a blanket and lifted onto the prongs of a pitchfork. Belief in medicine could be divided into medicinal drugs and magic potions. To this day Mullein was believed good for sore throats and number of British plants derive their names from the medicinal uses to which they were put. One of the superstitions as regard cures was to pass a child suffering from rupture through a split tree. If the tree grew whole again the child would be cured. There was always a loophole provided however if these quaint formulae did not work. Superstition still played a large part in our life. People hesitate to walk under a ladder or be a third to light a cigarette. The question of mascots have become a positive social evening evil. During the war people had quite openly believed in such things and today and large number of women carried mascots. Bright articles were often put on horses as protective charms and blue was supposed to be a protective colour. 31 04 17c # c.39

1931 04 24
The Minister of Agriculture told Cambridge farmers that agriculture had been neglected by parliament for the last 50 years. Producers did not get a fair price; fruitgrowers must have an organisation which could approach the big jam manufacturers & offer a fair tonnage when they wanted it at a price agreed in advance. At present manufacturers could order all the jam pulp they wanted from foreign sources. 31 04 24b-d

A thrill of romance marked the departure from Marshall's Aerodrome of a gleaming silver Puss Moth monoplane bearing its bridegroom pilot, Mr A.G. Marshall, and his bride on the first stage of their honeymoon. He took his seat at the controls, the propeller whirred and the graceful machine glided forward. In the next few seconds it was rising steeply into the wind, while rain fell from a heavy cloud. The bridal couple however were quite cosy in the saloon cockpit. 31 04 24c

A Cambridge builder was granted possession of a cottage at Mill End, Cherry Hinton. He had purchased it three years ago when the occupant paid 2s 9d a week. That man had left but there were now nine people living there in just a living room and kind of kitchen with a bedroom and a lean-to on the landing above. It was in a very bad state and he intended to carry out improvements; it should not have been re-let until in proper repair. 31 04 24f

In 1820 there were seven fully-licenced public houses in Swavesey including 'The Swan with Two Necks', 'George and Dragon' and 'Rose and Crown'. Later another 14 were added including 'The Railroad Hotel', 'The Sir Harry Smith', 'Black Bull' and 'Red Lion'. All have now been closed with the exception of the 'White Horse'. 'Sun, 'Blue Bell' and 'New Inn'. 31 04 24g

Terence Gray profile – 31 04 24a # c.76

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1931 05 01
Mr J.W. Autherlonie, manager of the Cambridge University and Town Gas Light Company since 1902 has seen many changes. During the Great War 70 women worked there, doing exactly the same hard tasks as the absent men. But on the return of the men they retired and today only one is engaged in this capacity. Eighteen of the employees fell and the war memorial, placed in a garden surrounding the works, is counted amongst the best of its type. 31 05 01a

Cambridge led the way in making it an offence to sell short weight of food. It was usual to sell butter by the yard, with each yard weighing 1lb and a penalty was imposed for those under weight. Its position of Inspector of Weights and Measures was also unique. Prior to 1856 the University held the powers and when these were transferred to the town they were granted the right to appoint an additional inspector should they feel dissatisfied. So far they have not exercised that right. 31 05 01b

At Cambridge the railway companies have a financial interest and working agreement with the Ortona bus company. The time will come when co-ordination will be very close; already they have had two experiments when railway return tickets could be used on the buses and vice verse, the Ortona chairman told an inquiry. In both borough and county they worked routes which were good and bad and excursions and long-distance tours helped to pay for unremunerative town services. 31 05 01c

Bert Washington of Littleport applied for a licence to continue to run a bus service to Cambridge in competition with Ortona. He allowed an hour for the journey of 21 miles but this was described as too fast and they were told to look at the times again. It was opposed by the Railway Companies who had a working agreement with Ortona: they felt it would be more efficient if directed by the larger company. Joseph Lofts runs a small bus between the station and Littleport villages. 31 05 01e

Cambridgeshire County Councillors considered a bye-law dealing with the nuisance caused by gypsy encampments. It would ban landowners from allowing any tent, booth or van within 200 yards of any house and require a squatter to depart if requested by any inmate of a house, his servant or any constable. The voting resulted in seven for the motion and seven against; it was defeated on the casting vote of the chairman. 31 05 01f

Straightening Great Ouse opposite Pike & Eel – photo – 51 05 01d

1931 05 08
Huntingdon Housing Committee felt the time had arrived when they could not support any further housing schemes except in conjunction with the clearing of slums. There were 97 applicants on the housing list but building new houses would be a burden on the rates. It was difficult to find a site alongside a main road; the last scheme took up a number of allotments but it was better to provide houses and gardens than allotments. 31 05 08a

When R.C. Pierce took up an appointment with the Cambridge Electric Supply Company in 1908 it was a small affair with about 1,400 consumers. Now it has risen to 8,000 with 150 employees. During the war he was a Coal Conservation Officer and made much of the apparatus used by the V.A.D. massage and electrical treatment department. He was one of the original members of the Cambridge Rotary Club and Commodore of the Cambridge Motor Boat Club. 31 05 08b

Why do tramps prefer Cambridge? Councillor Edwards had given lifts to men on the road from London. They told him that its casual wards offer a great measure of comfort to the gentlemen of the road and it is a convenient jumping-off ground for tramps en route to Newmarket races. "If we carry on as we are, we shall get casuals and plenty of them", he told councillors who were considering a scheme to build new accommodation for 150 casuals at Union Lane. They agreed to reduce the size of the building. 31 05 08c

The soft roads in Burwell and Swaffham Prior are in a very bad state. Much of the land cost £50 an acre 50 years ago but now sold for about £10; landlords had been paying highway rates for 60 years for very little benefit and could not be asked to contribute to repairs. The same applied elsewhere: valuable land had depreciated owing to the difficulty of getting to it in winter. Unemployed men should be employed to make them up. 31 05 08c & d

Midsummer Fair is to be held this year on Stourbridge Common; money had been spent reseeding Midsummer Common and would be wasted if heavy traction engines and other fair equipment were allowed on it. The fair was getting bigger and bigger with complaints about the noise and it is extremely unlikely it will ever return there. But showmen objected; the music could be reduced but most of the noise came from the 'Walls of Death' which ought to be banned. 31 05 08 g-I

Extensive workshops belonging to a builder and undertaker in Glisson Road were destroyed by fire. During the blaze the petrol tank of a car garaged in the building exploded. The two-storied wooden building stood next to Eaden Lilley's warehouse and in close proximity to a number of houses. It blazed fiercely and a large crowd was attracted. Its contents were completely wrecked and it finally collapsed. 31 05 08f

Sir Henry Lytton and Miss Bertha Lewis, two of the best-known members of the famous D'Oyly Carte Opera Company were injured as the result of a car skid on the Huntingdon Road near Cambridge. Miss Lewis received very serious injuries to the head and neck and is now lying in a critical condition at the Evelyn Nursing Home. Sir Henry fractured a rib, received flesh wounds and is suffering from severe shock. He was driving his Wolseley saloon which turned completely over. The door had to be broken open before the passengers could be extricated. 31 05 08l

A controversy has arisen as to the use of the hall at Sawston Village College as a cinema. The Education Committee says it cannot be used on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays as it would turn it from an educational centre into an ordinary cinema. But they had promised that the Spicers pictures would be transferred to the new hall. A rival cinema scheme had been brought forward and its promoters were voted en bloc as school managers. 31 05 08m & n

An amazing freak, a kitten with two faces, was born at the 'Ramping Lion' garage near Fenstanton but lived only three days. The kitten was an extraordinary little object with its two mouths, two noses and four eyes, but it had only one head and consequently only two ears. 31 05 08o

Gypsy camp restrictions bylaw – 31 05 08e
May Day demonstration, Norfolk Street – photo – 31 05 08i

1931 05 08 ES
Conservative touring cinema visits villages 31 05 08 ES# c.76.9

New Adelaide bridge nearing completion – photo 31 05 08c ES*

1931 05 15
Kirtling wants a supply of pure water: the school well is contaminated and the only public well is at the top of the village. Some residents have to walk a mile and a half for water. All the other wells are shallow and subject to surface contamination with some people dependent on land drains. But the cost of any improved water supply should not be more than the village can afford. Water from the borehole at en is not satisfactory but not so bad that it cannot be used in case of necessity. 31 05 15a

Wearing a dark blue kimono dressing gown and sitting in a wheeled chair Sir Henry Lytton told an inquest upon the body of Miss Bertha Lewis, the leading contralto of the D'Oyly Carte Company, that he had driven since he was 18 years old and covered 18,000 miles a year. Approaching Cambridge from Huntingdon there was a quantity of oil on the road and it was raining. He had been told motorists had to be careful on this particular road when wet. The car skidded into a ditch. 31 05 15 b c

The toll house on the Chatteris to Somersham road stands on the site of an ancient river called the West Water where a ferry existed until it dried up about 1765. It became a turnpike road & the tolls were still collected by Mr Dyson on behalf of the General Estates Company. Their obligation was to repair 60 yards of road; in 1925 it cost £10 and the income was about £750, a handsome profit. Now Chatteris council demanded rates on the toll-house. 31 05 15d e

1931 05 22
Dr Alex Wood of Emmanuel College is chairman of the Cambridge Peace Council. He was a Conscientious Objector exempted from active service during the Great War on condition he carried on ambulance work and became commandant of a Red Cross hospital. He joined the Labour Party and in 1926 was elected to Cambridge Borough Council. At the last general election he contested the University seat but was not successful.31 05 22b

A Stapleford grocer was summoned for displaying verses in his shop window accusing a dairyman of adulterating his milk. One read 'Edgar had a little pump, With water soft as silk. And with the fluid from that pump, He used to mix his milk'. Crowds gathered to read them but nobody took them seriously. He claimed the milkman had broken the windows and threatened to wring his neck. 31 05 22 c & d

Messrs Murkett Bros, the well-known garage proprietors and motor agents, are now installed in their imposing new premises on the Huntingdon Road, Cambridge. They were pioneers in the motor industry and their extensive new motor showrooms and repair shops will provide the best of sales and service. If all garages installed such up-to-date machinery and gave such service then insurance companies could bring down their premiums. 31 05 22 e f g

1931 05 22 ES
Murkett, 1893-1931: detailed illustrated article 31 05 22, a,b,c ES * # c.26.48 photo

C.W. Abbs of March and Hunstanton had six brothers and sisters in one business; fruit and fish shop 31 05 22d ES*

New bridge on Isle trunk road at Thorney Toll; remove toll house beside bridge – photo feature 31 05 22g ES* # c.44.75

1931 05 29
Cambridge professors were amongst scientists who made a film at Spicers of Sawston and less than four hours afterwards saw themselves in natural colours on the screen. Experiments in colour have been going on for two years. At present efforts are being concentrated on motion-picture film. One of the difficulties has been the provision for a sound track but this has been surmounted and talking

colour films will be made. Sawston may become a complete film colony rivalling Elstree in importance. 31 05 29a

Severe flooding in the Earith district meant that the Seven Holes sluice gates had to be opened and 5,000 acres of grass land spoiled. It was a serious matter to those who occupied the Washes that their grass should be ruined by water from the uplands – who paid nothing. The engineer could have opened the Hermitage Sluice instead since water in the Old West River was very low. 31 05 29 e f

Mr Harry Semark, of Willingham still constructs the old-fashioned straw hives which are universally condemned by modern beekeepers and now seldom seen even in the 'backward' villages. Yet he exports them to America and the remote Antipodes. In a recent book there is a photograph of a lorry stacked sky-high with Willingham skeps. It is a coiled straw basket, woven by hand with strips of osier. The basket can be moulded to any shape, straw in his hands is like clay to the potter. 31 05 29g

Last fair on Midsummer Common? – photo – 31 05 29b
Territorial machine gunners on new range, Barton Road – photo – 31 05 29c
Public baptism, Isleham – 19 immersed – photo – 31 05 29d

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1931 06 05
The opening meet of the Eastern Counties Otter Hounds took place at Hauxton Mill where a good dog otter was put down at Lutton Osiers. After hunting him up and down streams as far as Haslingfield for three hours he had to be given up, bad scent and too much water making hunting most difficult, and everyone was soaked to the skin by the downpour. While the miller's wife was admiring the hounds from her front door, some of them walked into her dining room and mopped up a nice leg of mutton. 31 06 05 & a

Miss Borne, the greatly respected and loved Matron of 'Papworth' belongs to the rapidly decreasing band of women who, in their early youth, were convinced they had a vocation, and in spite of opposition have managed to reach their goal. In 1914 she was appointed as Cambridgeshire Tuberculosis Health Visitor and when Dr Varrier Jones began to put his theories into practice she was invited to join him. She went to Bourn as matron of the six-roomed cottage in which the great work came into being. In February 1918 the 15 patients were removed to Papworth Hall. Last week there were 338 under treatment. 31 06 05b

Lode Labour Party was formed in December 1924 with 16 members – it now has 120 - and members were levied one penny per week to pay for a Hall. Building started in April and is now windowsill high, the work is being done voluntarily and is expected to be completed by October. It would provide for the social and educational recreation of the village and be a home where children could hear the message of Socialism truly preached. 31 06 05c

A prominent figure in University and military circles is removed by the death of Col Charles Heycock, Goldsmith's Reader in Metallurgy; on his retirement the Goldsmiths' Company increased the endowment of the Laboratory in recognition of his services. He attended the Perse School and was the first honorary member of the Cambridge Rotary Club. When Kitchener's Army was formed he commanded the Cambridgeshire Battalion from its nucleus at the Corn Exchange, to the County and Melbourne Place schools before retiring in 1916. 31 06 05d & e

Those Knighted in the Birthday Honours include County Councillor W.C. Dampier-Whetham who played a great part in the development of the Rural Community Council & Dr P.C. Varrier-Jones, founder of Papworth tuberculosis hospital. It started with one patient in a Cambridgeshire garden and has now grown to the largest Village Settlement in the world. Another, Montagu Burton, is not a Cambridge man but endowed the University Professorship of Industrial Relations. 31 06 05f

In all proposals affecting change to local government, the sewerage problem looms large. Cambridge is provided with a sewage scheme which appears to be adequate and the sewage farm produces a satisfactory effluent. They could cope with Chesterton and Cherry Hinton but if the town boundaries were expanded to take in Histon and Impington it would cause problems. 31 06 05 h i

Farmers forgot their troubles and flocked to the annual Agricultural Show at Manor Park, Chatteris. Special trains, buses and private cars brought over 6,000 visitors and over 500 cars were parked in an adjoining meadow. In spite of the motor tractor the horse is by no means a back number in farming work and there were 78 entries in the Shire horse classes though Percherons and Suffolks showed an unexpected falling off. 31 06 05j

The Mayor of Cambridge formally opened the new paddling pool on Sheeps Green. It was the result of the Corporation's scheme of work for the unemployed with a £12,000 Government grant. As it has already been 'patronised' by the youngsters for some time now, no great ceremony was observed beyond that of letting with water in again. It is now open to old and young to paddle, but he declined the invitation to do so. 31 06 05k

D.R. Hardman resigns as Labour party candidate – 31 06 05d
Death Col Charles Thomas Heycock, Goldsmiths reader – 31 06 05d

1931 06 05 ES
Isle Education Committee: progress with new schools; includes Parson Drove, Fridaybridge – 31 06 05(2) ES

Lt Thetford death Dorothy Kisby, Rose Cottage – 31 06 05 ES

1931 06 12
Despite heavy and prolonged rain the Conservative's fete held in the grounds of Mr Harold Gray's home on the Gog Magog Hill still attracted 9,000 people. An open-air concert had to be abandoned and the gymkhana was discontinued owing to the slippery state of the ground, otherwise everything went off according to arrangements. The open-air dancing was enjoyed and, thanks to the efforts of the operator in keeping them dry, the fireworks were a great success. 31 06 12a

It was a very gentle earthquake in Cambridge: suddenly in the silence of a calm and tranquil night there came a mysterious, slow, oscillatory motion, quickening and increasing in intensity. It seemed as if a giant hand had seized the bed and was shaking it, gently but with irresistible might. A washstand was overturned at Comberton but houses were rocked at Ely where some of the foundations were heard to crack. At St Ives people sought refuge on the Market Hill and could not be induced to return to bed. 31 06 12c & d & e

A Cambridge motor firm – W.E. Harding of Seven Sisters garage, Newmarket Road – has been barred from trading with undergraduates by the Vice Chancellor. Under university rules tradesmen must notify tutors by the end of term of any debt exceeding £5 incurred by an undergraduate. But Mr Harding had not been told this. Only two other such notices have appeared within living memory. Now any student having any dealings with the firm may be suspended or rusticated. 31 06 12b

Evidence of the serious situation developing in Suffolk and Essex in regard to payment of tithe was forthcoming at a sale of seized goods at Stoke-by-Clare. About 500 tithepayers attended the sale and the auction realised ridiculously low prices: horses went for 10d 6d while binders and lorries only made 2s. The sale was carried on amid incessant bantering and when a certain figure was reached for each article a general cry of 'No more' went up. The total sum realised was £5 11s as against the demand for over £112. 31 06 12 g-h

Huntingdon councillors agreed to purchase four acres of land at Ambury Hill for a new housing scheme, at £160 per acre. Their intention is to clear the slum areas and give people better houses to

live in. They went ahead despite warnings that the total indebtedness of Huntingdon had increased by over £70,000 since 1915. They had been told there were 90 families on the waiting list, but could only find 45; there were only three men who wanted to get married and wanted homes. But even if the land was set out as a playground for children it would do no harm and there would be little expense. 31 06 12i

A baker told the bankruptcy court that he started at Harston in 1928 and made a living the first year. He bought a motor cycle combination hoping to increase his business but it broke down. Two other bakers had been canvassed from Cambridge so he took premises in Burleigh Street. There were five other bakers within 100 yards and he hoped to make a 'do' against them. But what with rent, wages and bus fares from Harston he became insolvent. 31 06 12j

The new road under construction between Milton and Histon Roads provides some exceptionally attractive sites for those wishing to erect a private house. It has much to recommend it as Chesterton is a very popular district but most of the available land within a reasonable distance of town has already been taken up. The plots are for the erection of private dwellings only and no bungalows or inadequate houses can be erected. 31 06 12k

The complete reconstruction of the Cambridge Town Football Club is underway and when supporters pay their money at the gate next season they will be confronted with an entirely new sight. The old stand has been demolished and the network of frames for the new one seating 800 people erected together with a new pavilion. There will also be a full-sized Cumberland turf green for the Chesterton Bowling Club. 31 06 12l

Mrs Keynes elected first woman alderman – 31 06 12aa
Cambridgeshire speedway advertisement – 31 06 12s

1931 06 12 ES
Earthquake, little damage – Littleport, Prickwillow, March – houses shook, a few loosened chimney pots, Chatteris, Ely, Downham, Burnt Fen, Wisbech, Manea – 31 06 12(3)(6) ES # c.12

More houses for Stretham? Parish council discuss diverting drainage from three premises from the brick culvert under the main road which discharges into the pond; might fill in pond. Letters on whether further need of Council houses – would be at a much cheaper rent than those at present. Parish council did not know whether there were a demand for houses. They might agree proving they could be let at a rent that agricultural labourers could pay; suggest three pairs of houses. Complaints on way water mains were being laid, causing much inconvenience. Consider filling in pond in the cricket field – 31 06 12(4) ES

Stretham raises over £87 for Addenbrooke's Hospital – 31 06 12(5) ES

1931 06 19
One of Cottenham's old houses overlooking the Green was entirely destroyed by fire. It was occupied by Mr & Mrs Thoday, who carried on a small general shop as part of their home, and was built of wood and plaster walls with a thatched roof covered with galvanised iron. Local firemen managed to fix up a hose on the water main but the pressure was feeble so water was pumped from Horace Gautrey's pond. They had to pull off the roof and demolish the walls to get at the seat of the fire. Ropes were attached to the roof corners and it was pulled off with a crash but the house was finally reduced to a smouldering wreck. 31 06 19a

An aerobatist was killed at the University air pageant. He was flying an Avro, looping the loop, rolling and spiral diving when the machine appeared to break and crashed to the earth. Mr Honour, ground engineer at Marshall's Flying School, said that tools were kept at the aerodrome for extricating pilots but some delay was caused as the machine was made of metal, not wood. He

obtained a hacksaw to cut part of the wreckage and within 20 minutes the pilot was taken to Hospital, terribly injured. 31 06 19b

Two men who had lived together and then parted through a quarrel are the central figures in a tragedy. One is a painter and decorator of Swiss nationality who now lies in Huntingdon hospital in a serious condition as the result of a gunshot wound in the left side. The other, a general decorator, is dead: he shot himself when police tried to enter the window of his house at Brampton. 31 06 19f g h

Midsummer Fair counterblast – rival show near Barnwell junction – 31 06 19c & d & e

Death Canon H.P. Stokes – 31 06 19 I

1931 06 19 ES
Aeroplane crashed at Cambridge University May Week air pageant; pilots killed – 31 06 19(2) ES # c.26.1

1931 06 26
It will be recorded in the annals of the county that in the year 1931 people who were then living at Kingston had laid themselves out to accomplish a great work of restoration of their church and carried it through to a successful conclusion. 13th-century frescoes have been restored and new clergy and choir stalls made and fixed by Benjamin Hardy of Bourn, beautiful examples of the craftsman's art in English oak. 31 06 26a

Plans for children to be accommodated at St Neots Poor Law Institution were rejected by the Government who say children should not be placed in an institution intended for the sick and invalid poor. But the Guardians cannot afford to procure another home for them. At Huntingdon the present children's quarters and old laundry could be adopted to take 50 tramps on the separate cell system. 31 06 26c

1931 06 26 ES
Such has been the progress of the Ely Standard in recent years that the need for improved editorial and advertisement officers have been apparent. The old offices and Lynn Road have been inadequate. At the new up-to-date premises in Market Street, Ely modern architecture has resulted in the creation of a set of offices with residential quarters which have been admired by all who have seen them. Care was exercised to see they were in harmony with the properties already erected. The general office is fitted with a mahogany counter giving a pleasing effect while in each office is a fireplace.. Now the Standard is housed in a way that will enable them to conduct editorial advertisement business under conditions which must attend a measure of comfort. Market Street is on market day the centre in which motor omnibuses from all parts and district sit down and pick up their passengers making it easier to transact business with the paper. 31 06 26(2) ES # c.04

Storm wreaks havoc at Ely: houses struck by lightning – 31 06 26 ES

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1931 07 03
The last vans, trains of tractors and heavy wagons have made their way from the Showman's Guild fair ground, Newmarket Road, bearing the dismantled remains of the devices which have thrilled thousands during the week. The Guild have eliminated the undesirables and shown Cambridge that travelling folk are as sober and industrious as the rest. Midsummer Common was more central but the only complaints were about the bus fares to the ground. 31 07 03a

Sir – may I draw attention to the deplorable state of the pavilion in Cottenham 'playground'. It is intended for the accommodation of cricketers but is scarcely fit for the cows which have been making

use of it. Players have to pack their clothes on the grass and it is unbelievable that a village of 2,500 should have such a wretched pavilion – 'Disgusted Cottenhamite'. 31 07 03b

Latest figures show that about half of the cows in England are suffering from tuberculosis. Probably more than 1,000 children die from infection from milk and many more are maimed for life. We suffered an annual wastage of many human lives with grave financial losses to the farmers, Prof. Buxton of Cambridge School of Agriculture told a conference. 31 07 03c & d

1931 07 03 ES
Stretham: death J.H. Savidge … one of highly respected and popular inhabitants, 74. Had for many years carried on a bakery business. Was the last of the line of the Charles family, which was one of the oldest and best-known Stretham families. – 31 07 03(3) ES

Stretham football club successful season; to apply for election Cambs League Division III- 31 07 03 ES

1931 07 10
Huntingdon council are still experiencing difficulties in their plans to replace slum houses with modern dwellings: can they obtain the ground, would old people be prepared to vacate old houses for more suitable ones and would they be able to pay the rent. How could they rent new houses at five shillings a week all-inclusive when the old ones were more? The whole things turned upon figures and they did not quite know what the figures were. 31 07 10b

The amount of land in Cambridge suitable for building was extremely limited and the cost was being driven up because of its scarcity. The urban population was spilling over into Histon and Impington which were being used as Cambridge bedrooms. But these were separated by a belt of orchard country and, more importantly, drained away from Cambridge. So the town council have decided not to expand into that area. 31 07 10c & d

The annual Histon Feast Sunday parade was most disappointing, very few members of the friendly societies put in an appearance and there were no decorated vans or wagons. The Cottenham and Histon Salvation Army Bands stopped en route to play selections and there was a large crowd on the village green for the open-air meeting and the sacred promenade concert in the evening. 31 07 10a

We have to record the death Longstowe blacksmith, James Huckle, after three months illness. Deceased came to the village 30 years ago as smith with the late Mr Jacobs and carried on the business after the death of his employer. The funeral service at the church was choral and a large number of beautiful floral tributes were received. The coffin bore the inscription 'James Ernest Huckle, died June 27th 1931, aged 53 years'. Messrs King of Caxton carried out the funeral arrangements. 31 07 10b

1931 07 10 ES
A.W. Orbell, March musician had one of his compositions published by a London music publisher, featured by well-known singer at Central Pier, Blackpool – 31 07 10(2) ES

1931 07 17
In spite of the rain the Peckover Van and Wise Spending Exhibition attracted a large crowd to Waterbeach village green. The exhibits included some anatomical specimens showing the injury which alcohol drinking could course. The children were also attracted by a grass snake, caught on the Histon Road, and preserved in alcohol. Twenty-four children signed the Torchbearer's pledge. 31 07 17a

An undergraduate rag in celebration of examination success let to two young army officers appearing in court charged with the theft of coloured lenses and other fittings belonging to traffic lights on the corner of Lensfield Road. They were of no conceivable value except as a trophy. One was the son of a

distinguished soldier in the Coldstream Guards killed at Arras during the war. If convicted it would have a grave effect on his army career. The case was dismissed. 31 07 17b & c

The discovery of the body of an unknown man in a ditch at Benwick has provided that rural locality with a first-class sensation. It was in a very advanced state of decomposition, reposed in an ordinary sleeping position, and all the unclothed or exposed parts had been completely eaten away by rats. It was not unusual to see tramps sleeping in that way, in fact there were scores of them. 31 07 17d

A Cambridge women resident in Salmon Lane, off Fair Street, told the court she went out for a bottle of stout when another punched her in the mouth and tore the sleeve of her dress. "I have had to endure this life for two years", she said. "Each time I go out of my house I'm insulted because I'm a respectable married woman & won't mix with them". She denied that she'd hit her husband and cut his head open or that her baby kept neighbours awake with its crying. 31 07 17e

The question of cricket on Lammas Land, Newnham produced a spirited debate: old ladies crossing the grass might be hit with the hard cricket ball. The Commons Committee is going through a spasm of kill-joy spirit: boys played on the streets but as soon as they went to open space they were told they must not do so. Perhaps a soft ball could be used – or a golf ball. Newnham Institute sought permission for a cricket pitch, but this would turn it into a second Parker's Piece. 31 07 17f & g

A wireless broadcast relay service may be installed in Cambridge. Rediffusion wish to place wires over the streets and would pay the Corporation £250 per annum for the first 1,000 subscribers. The charge would be 1s 6d a week, plus sixpence for a loud speaker and ten shillings for the Post Office wireless licence. But the service was limited to one programme and was nothing like as good as having a set of your own. 31 07 17f

After a lapse of 35 years an old custom was revived at Burwell. The University holds the position of Lay Rector of the parish and the Vice-Chancellor used to visit the church annually. This year he was attended by the Esquire Bedells, and the Marshall with their silver maces. On arrival at church he put on his scarlet cope of office before following the choir into the chancel. After the service they took lunch at the vicarage. 31 07 17h

Marshall's Aerodrome was visited by a party of continental airmen when ten planes, including two containing young ladies, flew in from Heston Aerodrome. After tea and a chat they left by motor coach for a hurried tour of the colleges before flying out again. It is the first time any private French and Belgian pilots have paid an organised visit to England. 31 07 17I

Fire completely destroyed the Rendezvous Cinema and Dance Hall at Magrath Avenue, Cambridge. The only part left standing is the fireproof operating box, which is really a separate structure. Staff removed 12,000 feet of film which, if reached by the flames, might have caused a serious explosion. The most spacious dance floor in the Eastern Counties was reduced to charred bits of wood. Renovations and improvements to the dance hall lounges were nearing completion and were to be opened as a special attraction. 31 07 17j & k

The Isle of Ely NFU protested against the decision to fix the 1931 harvest wages at the same rate as last year: the cost of living had fallen, placing workers in a more favourable position but there had been a serious drop in the prices of agricultural products. The Manager at Chatteris station said the goods yard at the station and at Billups' Sidings would be improved following assurances that more traffic would be diverted from road transport to compensate for the outlay. 31 07 17l

1931 07 17 ES
The extensive works of bridge reconstruction undertaken by the Isle of Ely County council in recent years form the subject of a special double number of Ferrro-Concrete which is devoted to construction in reinforced concrete. It reveals how thoroughly the Isle of Ely has tackled the problem of its inadequate bridges and provides a comprehensive record of the important scheme, which the County

council have so far carried out in spanning the many rivers the district with bridges equal for the requirements of modern traffic. After charting the history and development of the area it points out the network of waterways that have involved a construction of it an exceptionally large number of bridges. And while these structures were all ample strength and width of for the traffic at the time they were erected they were totally inadequate for present day heavy mechanically propelled vehicles. So the Council have in arrangement with the Ministry of transport undertaken the work of rebuilding the bridges as necessity arises. In addition to County bridges, which are inadequate for modern traffic, there are upwards of 300 bridges and culverts for which various Drainage Commissioners are responsible. It is probable that these will devolve upon the County Council as the owners do not admit liability for maintaining bridges to a standard higher than that of which previously prevailed. Each of the bridge schemes another important road works is described and the notes are extensively illustrated with photographs & drawings. The sections on the North Level include a description of the Peterborough-Wisbech trunk, Guy hirn and Thorney Toll Bridges. Others schemes include the Mepal bridge and viaduct over the Wash, The Dog in a Doublet, Ponders Bridge. Angle Bridge, Boots' Bridge, Twentypence Bridge, Stretham Ferry Bridge and the bridge at Queen Adelaide. 31 07 17(2)ES

Littleport cottages between Bull Dog Bridge and Mile End Road destroyed by fire – 31 07 17(2) ES

Ely cattle off to Russia – photo at Ely Railway goods yard – 31 07 17(4) ES

1931 07 24
A unique performance has been accomplished by Jack Overhill of Trumpington who, although only three years of age, has mastered the art of swimming. The tiny record breaker is also the youngest member of the Cambridge Amateur Swimming Club. He has been a real 'water baby' since his first introduction to the river at the age of one year and nine months. Since May he has been in the river twice daily, even during cold spells. 31 07 24a

Reliance Coach Services of Cottenham had three coaches and had contracted to purchase another vehicle for £1,500. They operated services from Cambridge to Cottenham and Willingham; their buses ran five minutes before Ortona's but usually they waited for the Ortona drivers to start up and then got away faster in their smaller vehicle. Now they planned a new service from Haddenham via the Twentypence Bridge. 31 07 24b & c

The butler at Kneesworth Hall, the residence of Lord Knutsford, chairman of the London Hospital, said he had secured all the doors and windows but next morning he found a window had been broken. Clothing had been disturbed and a number of dresses were lying on the floor. Five ladies coats, three fur stoles, two cameras and a chiming watch were missing. 31 07 24d-e

Shire Hall demolition picture – 31 07 24f

1931 07 24 ES
Newmarket RDC: … really disgraceful state of Barway Bridge, but who owned it? As soon as the bridge was built the Council took it over and did work there. They would not have do that if it was not their property. Soon after it was done – it had a concrete course on the top – Mr Palmer complained and his overseers gave instructions for it to be picked off and it was done. The Council would not do that on a new bridge if it did not belong to them. Could they prove that it did not belong to them? The Chairman: you say the old Surveyor did it, but we tried to find out if that was so and we have not found that any Highway Authority has repaired the bridge. Unfortunately Mr Clarke's books were destroyed, but they did prove that it had been done by the old Surveyor. It was a disgrace that it should be left unattended. Why would they not instruct their Surveyor to put on a few stones? It was going to rack and ruin and something would have to be done by someone. People living there had to pay rates and should command some attention – 31 07 24(2)(3) ES

Stretham Wesleyan fete for rebuilding of schoolroom – 31 07 24(4) ES

New egg testing and grading industry established at Littleport by Gotobed & Sons – photo 31 07 24 & (5) ES

Wilburton death G.T. Seppings – 31 07 24(5) ES

1931 07 31
A serious accident occurred during a performance by Capt. Barnard's aerial circus at Port Holme, Huntingdon following a passenger flight. A young woman had just been up for a trip and, on alighting, walked around the wings into the revolving propeller. The blade struck her left shoulder, smashing the bone. It was not revolving at great speed, otherwise she would have been killed outright. The force of the blow stopped the propeller instantly. Despite the mishap the programme of aeronautics continued and the passenger flights proved very popular. 31 07 31a

The last of the Cambridge silent cinemas is to turn 'talkie'. The Western Electric system is to be installed at the Kinema and the first sound film to be presented will be "Song o' my Heart" starring John McCormack. With the new system the Kinema will be open continuously from 2.30 till 10.30. 31 07 31b

Earlier the wheat, barley and oats promised well but owing to the recent wet weather and lack of sunshine are not now so satisfactory. Potatoes and roots are good, though there is danger of disease. There has been an abundant crop of hay but it is practically unsaleable. It has been about the worst year farmers have had: crops are unsaleable at anything like the cost of production, "we shall have to live on hope, which will not fatten us", one said. 31 07 31c

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1931 08 07
Caxton dirt track racing photo – 31 08 07b
Kneesworth burglary, p6
Leach accident, p9*
Volunteers, p12*

1931 08 07 ES

In the Urban District Council new offices, dismantling the roof of the fire station in mill road where the new structure is to stand. Will provide Ely with a modern centralised home for its officials full stop the ground floor will be used as at present for the fire station with the addition of the rent collectors office photo 31 08 07 & (1) ES

Littleport branch of the junior imperial league tennis club new pavilion opened 31 08 07(2)ES

Coveney Wesleyan chapel reopening ceremony after renovation 31 98 07(3)ES

Bankruptcy of Edward Lawrence Pocock recently trading as a baker, grocer and confectioner at Histon and formerly at Manea 31 08 07(4)ES

1931 08 14
Prickwillow lighting, p3*
St Ives staunch, p9*
Stonea station, p8
Banham boathouse, p12*

1931 08 14 ES
Ponds Bridge Whittlesea nearing completion. During the past folur years it has showing signs of weakness under the very heavy traffic necessitating restrictions being placed on the weights of vehicles. The new bridge is of reinforced concrete. The old and narrow iron structure was steep and difficult of approach. The steepness has been reduced by an extra width of the waterway. Photograph 31 08 14 ES

Proposal to start a cardboard factory, a new industry, at Littleport 31 08 14(2)ES

1931 08 21
A.J. Willmott of Royston has retired after serving 42 years with the Post Office. He used to travel for many years between Bassingbourn and Guilden Morden, driving a horse and cart, but lost his heart to a Royston lady and had been there ever since. He did his duties in a praiseworthy manner and always carried a smiling face. But he had not enjoyed good health and was moving to Westcliff into a house electrically fitted; he was presented with an electric kettle and a reading lamp by his colleagues. 31 08 21a

Chesterton RDC approved a proposal to purchase the New Cottenham Gas and Waterworks Company for £4,500. As the original valuation had been fixed at £5,000 they had reached a fairly good bargain. Now the gas works will be conveyed to the University and Town Gas Light Company for £500. 31 08 21b

The parishes of Histon and Impington will vote on proposals for an extended Borough of Cambridge taking in the rural district within a three-mile radius. There was little desire on the part of rural residents to come into the Borough, there was no real community or interest between them. Cambridge would really be a little county with a population greater than Huntingdonshire. But what was left of Chesterton RDC would be unable to function and the administration of the rest of the county would be extremely difficult. 31 08 21c

A farmer from Hillrow, Haddenham was summonsed for failing to pay wages in accordance with the Agricultural Wages Regulation Act, 1924. It said 30 shillings should be pay for every 48 hours in winter and 50 in summer, while ninepence should be paid for every hour worked on Saturday in excess of 5 ½. He was recognised as a good employer, his men had not worked their full hours during the week and were paid overtime for Saturday work to make up the time lost. It was a technical offence and no fine was imposed. 31 08 21d

A heavy, gusty wind and driving rain greeted Captain C.D. Barnard and his famous monoplane, the Spider, when he visited Cambridge. But when it abated a number of people took trips knowing they would be dry in the plane. 20 readers of the CDN had been given free tickets for a ten-minute flight and enjoyed the experience; one young lady laughingly remarked she felt ‘a bit funny’ coming down. 31 08 21e

There is no telephone at the Haverhill Isolation Hospital: was it right that in case of urgency in the middle of the night that the caretaker should be expected to go 150 yards down a lane to ask a man to phone for a doctor. For the sake of £8 a year they should have one put in. But they should not be rushed: the system had worked well in the past. 31 08 21f

Sir – Cambridge shop assistants have no civility or smiles, just ‘take it or leave it’ style, not to mention high prices. The police are inadequate and inefficient – fancy a town of this size being left in the keep of what seems to be a small band of schoolboys. The bus fares are too high and as for the cinemas: what trash we poor people have to pay high prices to see. And who would expect to find such a lot of ignorant, grasping, unintelligent people as live here. By now I think you know I do not like Cambridge – ‘A disgusted native’ 31 08 21h & i, j

Sir – what prospects are there here for a healthy, ambitious man anxious to get on. The colleges are nice to look at but not much use in finding employment for men with growing families to clothe. The nearest factory is Chivers and when one sees the cleanliness of Histon and signs of prosperity and happiness of the villagers one marvels at how anyone who has to work for their daily bread can like Cambridge where the majority of local men are underpaid and discontented – 'King without a castle'. 31 08 21k

Huntingdon Public Assistance Committee wants to convert part of the St Neots workhouse to accommodate poor-law children. But the Ministry says they should be taken away from the atmosphere of a union and brought up outside and has ordered the removal of all children over the age of three. There were eight in the county, one of whom was an imbecile. They should buy two cottages for them – the Ministry might rave but the Government was a queer lot of people and not likely to last very long. 31 08 21l & m

Considerable damage was done to the foreman's house on Mr Cowell's farm at Great Abington. A ball of fire struck a steeple and passed on to the house, where it completely wrecked the chimney. It also hit a stable where the horse-keeper suffered so badly from shock that he was obliged to go home. A gardener said he had never seen anything like it in his life. Mr Cowell had his farm struck last November, when much more serious damage was done. 31 08 21 m & n

1931 08 28
Sir – I have just visited Saffron Walden; its one cinema is perhaps not up to par, but shopping prices are reasonable; the buses do not monopolise the streets or their passengers the pavements. The Sunday there is no more deadly than of Cambridge, prams do not form fours across the path and a three-halfpenny stamp may be bought at the Post Office in a friendly and courteous atmosphere. If I had to migrate, I would go there – R.N. 31 08 28g

The new Victoria Cinema on Market Hill, Cambridge opens today. The auditorium is an example of complete harmony between the architect and the decorative painter. No architectural enrichment is applied to the walls, which remain for the most part in darkness, but when the space is filled with light a gorgeous flow of rich colours rises like waves from the back of the house to reach a climax in the rich proscenium curtain of crimson and gold. 31 08 28h

Cambridge station, p6*
Coach accident, p9*
Wireless starts, p9*
Tragedies, p10
New Square photo, p12*

1931 08 28 ES
Air pageant at Horsey Toll, Whittlesea, stunt flying from Wittering, combat race between three machines around the brickyard chimneys and Peterborough gasworks 31 08 28ES # c.26.1

Stretham farmer George Russell Driver left estate of £7,267; left two cottages at Green End to his niece Phyllis Driver and the residue to his brother Robert 31 08 28(2)ES

Death of Joseph Pikett, foreman at stud farm Witchford to the late Mr Beldam; to Stretham 18 months ago where he purchased a grocery business at Chapel Square. Unfortunately he did not enjoy good health 31 08 28(4)

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1931 09 04

Cambridge's new Victoria Cinema possesses a theatre organ of the most modern type, a three manual Christie built by Messrs William Hill and Norman and Beard who have been responsible for many of the finest cinema organs in the world. It is placed on one side of the proscenium in two specially constructed chambers which house 2,000 wooden and metal pipes each of which has been 'voiced' by an expert. In the centre of the orchestra pit, placed on an electric lift, is the beautifully decorated console from which the entire organ is controlled. 31 09 04c

The parishes of Houghton and Wyton will not be united at the present time. The value of the living of Wyton was wrongly returned at £145 (instead of £565) and it seemed unfair that an incumbent should be expected to accept so small a stipend. But an inquiry found the actual stipend was as large as the majority of small country parishes. Had they been given the correct figures in the first place much inconvenience and recriminations would have been avoided. 31 09 04d

Inquiries by the News confirm that the Central Cinema in Hobson Street is perfectly sound, despite rumours to the contrary. As part of the building is over the old King's Ditch, special attention was paid to the concrete foundations and reinforced with steel. The balcony, designed to carry 500 people, will take 2,000. The whole building is as sound today as it was when completed nearly 12 months ago. The only possible work is the renewal of some of the decorations as these were applied to wet plaster. 31 09 04e

Cambridge Town Football Club's £4,000 stand was officially opened by the Mayor as Milton Road took on again its usual Saturday afternoon activity. In the centre of the pitch the Railway Band played crowds into the new stand and the lily badges of the Town Supporters' Club were well to the fore. The new dressing rooms were not in use and players used the old pavilion. Cambridge won 4-3. 31 09 04f

Market day at St Ives was the worst experience for many years owing to foot and mouth disease restrictions. Tradespeople particularly felt the pinch. Ordinarily the market would have opened at midnight on Sunday but a few hours before the Spaldwick outbreak was reported and that meant no cattle could be allowed to enter the auction. 31 09 04g

When Philip Byatt arrived at Rectory Farm, Gt Chishill, on Saturday morning he found the whole of the mantlepiece and top of the range in the kitchen well alight. He raised the household and with the aid of some farm hands soon got the blaze under control. The oak beam, about a foot thick, had been smouldering for some days as more than a yard had to be cut away. The old fashioned chimney behind had once formed part of an earlier structure around which the more modern farmhouse had been erected. 31 09 04h

Haddenham has lost another aged inhabitant by the death of George Russell who passed away at his home at Hillrow at the advanced age of 86 years. When a young man he went to Sydenham as a grocer's assistant but returned nearly 50 years ago and took the little grocer's shop. Since his wife's death several years ago he has lived with his daughter, Miss Dora Russell, who has recently carried on the business. 31 09 04I

1931 09 04 ES
Soham woman Hazel Lyon is first woman in Cambridgeshire to take an air pilot's licence. 31 09 04ES # c.26.1

1931 09 11

Mr A. Graham de Courcy-Ireland, son of the vicar of Abington Pigotts, has lost his life in India. An elephant found destroying crops in the Shambas near Babati Government Station was wounded and ran through the compound in a state of alarm to the thick bush. Later it was heard trumpeting with rage and nearby was found Mr de Courcy-Ireland's body. It is assumed the elephant attacked him before he had time to fire more shot. 31 09 11a

Many will mourn the loss of Miss Katharine Wilson, creator of the Chesterton Preparatory School. She had an amazing power of understanding children so that the most difficult little people became happy and tractable. Boys and girls of whatever nationality, whether Italian, Russian, American, Estonian or English, from toddlers to twelve years old, all found themselves equally at home and grew into resourceful little citizens. 31 09 11b

Great interest has been excited at Ely by the arrival of a cormorant which has been perching on the western tower of the Cathedral. Through powerful glasses, it appears a fine specimen, with long hooked beak, white breast and short fine legs. During the day has been missing from its position, evidently in search of food, but each night it has returned. It is about four years since such a bird last visited Ely and selected the Cathedral as its nightly resting place. 31 09 11a

Toft flooding pic, p12
Longstanton, p12*

1931 09 11 ES
Sir Frederick Hiam and land prices. Started life as a farm labourer and is now a potato king and one of the largest landowners in East Anglia, buys more and more land and now owns 20000 acres much of which he farms on a prairie system of his own. Can by land at £3-£5 an acre which in 1919 was worth £20 to £40 an acre. He disputes the claim that he was a farm labourer. His father farmed about 500 acres of land and he started business on his own in Stratford Market, London. Inaccurate to say he owns 20,000 acres it is about 12,000 acres. "I have not made any purchases of land for two or three years. Owing to the very great slump in agriculture prices of land have come down considerably but really first class fruit land cannot be bought under £40 an acre. As for prairie farming, all my land is intensively cultivated with the exception of land put down to grass for horses and cattle. Cereals including wheat must be grown extensively to provide straw for use in making manure for the root crops. Anything in the nature of prairie farming does not exist in this part of the country 31 09 11(2)ES

1931 09 18
The Sanitary Inspector said he went to Boxworth to investigate an anonymous letter about the water supply. He visited several houses and the people were complaining bitterly. The local policeman fetched a bucket of water, and it was positively appalling. "You can't stand the smell of it, let alone drink it", he said. It was hardly necessary to send it away for analysis. There was a pond on the green and the water was supposed to be filtered to the well. 31 09 18

A big fire destroyed four cottages beside the Chequers Inn off High Street, Cherry Hinton. They were of lath and plaster and thatch and blazed fiercely, though the fire brigade were summoned they were unable to do more than keep the fire from spreading. Only one of the cottages, which were owned by Mr Smith, a baker, and were the subject of closing orders, was occupied. The village turned out in large numbers and neighbours managed to get most of the furniture from the ground floor. 31 09 18c (photo 31 09 18f)

Despite the fact that the outside world is pessimistically inclined, the inhabitants of Caldecote are convinced that there's a 'good time coming' and are combining in an effort to build themselves a village hall. Caldecote do not do things by halves: they mean to have the best hall in the vicinity and are prepared to pay something like £450 for it to make the village more attractive for its youth. 31 09 18d; (photo 31 09 18e)

An International Illuminations Congress opened at Cambridge Guildhall. The Mayor said there had been no proposals to floodlight the front of the building – it is not of the finest. But the front of the Dorothy Restaurant and the Fitzwilliam Museum were lit. Floodlights might be used in recreation grounds to allow sport at night and people with nice gardens might like to enjoy their beauty under new conditions. 31 09 18g

The quiet village of Rampton received a surprise visit of the Church Association 'Dolby Van' with their missioner, Mr F. Wood. He parked his van on the village green and held a Protestant meeting, addressing a large gathering on 'The movement towards Rome'. In his 40-minute address he exposed many of the practices which are indulged in by some members of the clergy and distributed a large amount of literature before leaving. 31 09 18I

A fruit and vegetable canning factory may be established at Sandy on a site purchased by public subscription. British Canners say they are getting applications from all over the country to build factories: are local farmers organised to keep a factory going – it is surprising the amount of fruit and garden produce they get through. 31 09 18h

1931 09 25
There was a sensation at the Agricultural Wages Committee when no farmer representatives attended the meeting at which the wage is fixed for next year. They say the neglect and dilapidated state of agricultural land must be obvious to all, due mainly to the shortening of the hours and uneconomic wages which they are compelled to pay. But farmworkers' children suffer from malnutrition and the present minimum wage of 30 shillings (£1.50) should not be lowered. 31 09 25a &

Dr A.C. Haddon celebrated his golden wedding. He married Miss Fanny Rose at the Bunyan Meeting, Bedford in 1881. He was appointed University Lecturer in Ethnology in 1900 and next year published a book 'Head Hunters, Black, White and Brown' based on an expedition to Sarawaka. He has been President of the Royal Anthropological Institute, the Cambridge Antiquarian and the Folk-Lore Societies. 31 09 25c

A cormorant, presumably the same bird which created something of a sensation when it perched on the tower of Ely cathedral, has been seen at Cambridge. For several nights it has come at dusk to one of the chimneys of the Saxon Cement Works, Coldham's Lane, and aroused great curiosity in the neighbourhood. It leaves its perch in the early morning and is not seen during the day, returning at night. 31 09 25

Jane Bultitaft of Ely, 94, still works at the sewing machine she acquired 74 years ago. It is an American machine of the lockstitch type and was the first that came to Ely. When it arrived it was in parts and she had to put it together. In those days a machine that could sew was something very wonderful and dozens of people came to see it. In spite its constant use it is little the worse for wear and still performs its duties at the command of its mistress. 31 09 25i

The biggest demonstration ever held of anti-dazzle devices for motor car headlights was held on Midsummer Common. The crowds were dense, however, in more senses than one: drivers had to pick out a route marked with white stakes but these were constantly obstructed and some got completely misled and finished up on the south side of the common. Amongst those attending were Ministry of Transport and Scotland Yard officials, chief constables and scientific experts who carried out technical measurements. 31 09 25f & g

Over 350 acres of land on the immediate outskirts of Royston, together with numerous cottages were offered for sale. The auctioneer said, "In a few years' time many people will be wondering why they did not buy land at the bargain prices it can be purchased today". But none of the lots reached their reserve: Flint Hall Farm with 195 acres was withdrawn at £1,750, Grange Farm with 131 acres at £1,200 at Northfield Cottage, 28 Melbourn Road failed to reach £300. 31 09 25e

Cottenham Old Meeting Baptist Church celebrated the 150th anniversary of its opening on 28th September 1781. Joseph Oddy, the 'father' of local nonconformity, went to live there in 1672 and gathered a congregation of men and women. Later Anne Rennew wrote 'sacred poems', (the first hymns to be sung in the old St Andrew's Street Meeting House), which she used to 'walk over to Cambridge with, to one Leonard Haggis, who wrote them down on paper'. 31 09 25h

Sir – Swavesey people should be given details of the fate of their church bells. When asked, one member of the church council replied that 'he wasn't at liberty to say', yet this same person found the atmosphere of the hairdresser's shop in a neighbouring village so congenial that Over people were given full particulars. Unfortunately for him, Swavesey people were also present. The bells are to be removed to a foundry, but will not return with the same lovely tone as now. Why were not the ringers asked their opinion first? – 'Lucilius'. 31 09 25j

1931 09 25 ES
Jack Hulbert biography in Radio Times. 31 09 25(2)

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1931 10 02
It is easier to kill a man than to kill a custom so every year on Sept 25th the Mayor, Town Clerk, Bailiffs and Town Crier form a solemn procession which proceeds to Stourbridge Common to open the Fair. But this year not even schoolchildren were there to greet them and a News reporter was the sole representative of the public until a solitary figure strolled up. There were no roundabouts, swings or stalls, not even the traction engine that last year was the final relic of a dying fair, puffed and snorted in welcome. 31 10 02d

In October 1930 the first of a series of 'Who is it?' pictures appeared in the CDN. Now we are celebrating the anniversary by giving readers a different type of puzzle to solve. Our picture shows the rear view of a group of our office staff and five shillings will be awarded to the person who can spot the greatest number or give the best general account of the group as a whole. 31 10 02a

A new luxury ambulance will soon be seen in the streets of Cambridge, replacing the older of the two Borough Police ambulances. It is an Armstrong-Siddeley fitted with self-changing gears and equipped with a wheel stretcher and Mosley 'float-on-air' bed. It is the last word in comfort with a Thermorad exhaust heater to warm the interior in cold weather and opaque glass so patients can see out. 31 10 02b

Sir - Many in Histon and Impington are perplexed as to how they will be affected by proposals to include them in Cambridge. This failure is largely due to their own neglect by not attending public meetings organised by the parish councils. The critical factor is sewerage: there are plans to build an estate at Girton but the Ministry say it must be sewered and Histon would be included to make it worthwhile. A sump near the Ballast Hole, a pipe line following the railway and sewer beds near Milton seem the answer. But how will it be paid for? – W.F. Robinson. 31 10 02f

Caldecote's new village hall marks a new era in the social life of the village. Made of timber it is tastefully decorated and there is a piano for dances. It. "Some have said it will be run as a young 'hell upon earth', but we have no intention of applying for a licence to sell intoxicating liquor or carry on dances until two o'clock in the morning. Midnight is plenty late enough", the chairman said. 31 10 02g & h

A public meeting at Cottenham agreed to protest against the large expenditure of public funds on the proposed village college at Impington. Officials were suffering from spendmania, it was time the whole thing was hit on the head and done with. It was wrong to transport a large number of children daily from the large village of Cottenham to the smaller village of Impington. If there was such a scheme, Cottenham was the place for it. 31 10 02j

Mr C.B. Long of West Wratting reapplied for a bus service to the Thurlows and Cambridge. Last year it ran four days a week and carried 2,000 single and 9,000 return passengers. Now he wanted a new service from Balsham to Newmarket. Messrs Saberton and Young ran a bus from Little Downham to

Ely; it had started 2½ years ago and carried 100 passengers a day. Sometimes they ran a private car to take additional passengers. 31 10 02k & l

Addenbrooke's Hospital contributory scheme encourages people to pay twopence per week. Treatments get more expensive as doctors discover new methods of helping people and owing to lengthening waiting lists extensions to the hospital become necessary. But it is no use having additional wards unless there is an increase in funds. Those who do not join may be required to pay a substantial charge if they need treatment. 31 10 02p

At Newmarket the work of laying electric cables is proceeding rapidly with a quarter of a mile of trench, cable laying and replacing of the pavement completed in one working day. One lady stopped her motor car and presented the foreman with a rose, remarking that she had never seen men working so well before. Soon Newmarket and Exning will enjoy a supply of electricity equal to that in any town in the country and not be far behind Burwell which is completely lit by electricity. 31 10 02u 06 10 15

Cinemas – are they morally clean? – 31 10 02c
Wisbech fruit grower and dairyman, Alfred Balls, who came to Cambridge and purchased fruit and fish business – bankrupt – 31 10 02I
Heydon bus operator – E.E. Weeden, Withers of Haverhill, Raynham of Saffron Walden – applications – 31 10 02 m & n
Addenbrooke's Hospital contributions scheme – 31 10 02o
New type of railcar being tried on branch lines – pic – 31 10 02q
Traction engine crash Bourn – photo – 31 10 02r
Modern house on Madingley road – photo – 31 10 02s
Ring road from Cherryhinton Road across Coldham's Lane under construction – photo – 31 10 02t

1931 10 09
A disastrous fire broke out on the well-known Boarding House Farm, March, the property of Lewis Shepperson, a member of a very old family of agriculturists. Although the outbreak was 2 ½ miles from the town, the entire contingent of firemen with their motor and steam pumps were on the scene within 20 minutes of being called. They found seven stacks ablaze as well as a large barn and range of cattle buildings. They soon pumped the dyke dry as neighbours helped move 60 bullocks and calves to safety. 31 10 09c

A schoolboy admitted breaking into Abbots Ripton Station and stealing chocolate and a paint brush. He took some patches from the tool box of a motor cycle which he showed his father who gave him a good hiding. So he put them back together with a tin of paint. He also took some electric batteries but they were not charged and he threw them away. Previously he had broken into a signal box and pulled one of the levers. 31 10 09d

Impington does not wish for amalgamation with Cambridge: a meeting voted 146 votes to three against the suggestion. By remaining in the county they could settle their own affairs and no sewage scheme could be put into operation unless they wanted it. Their houses were let for five shillings, half that charged by the borough. They should preserve their individuality as a rural community. 31 10 09g

Cambridge Daily News staff – details of picture of their backs – 31 10 09a
Signor Marconi in honorary degree procession – pic – 31 10 09e
Glider built by Slingsby and Armstrong of Scarborough on display in Slingsby's workshop – photo – 31 10 09f

1931 10 09 ES
Tenders for new pumps Isleham Water Works 31 10 09 ES

1931 10 16

Frank Piggott was born in 1845 at St Neots and served his apprenticeship with a newspaper proprietor there, studying shorthand. He became a journalist on the Cambridge Chronicle in 1866, rising to become editor. Owing to the heavy strain he retired to become a master printer and journalist with connections with important London papers and Press Agencies. 31 10 16a

Mr J. Wentworth Day of Wicken Old House acted as mechanic for Sir Malcolm Campbell, holder of the world's motor car speed record, in the practice runs for the 500 miles race at Brooklands. They approached 112 mph but dense clouds of smoke burst from the back and it appeared as though the car would go up in flames. Afterwards he followed the final laps in a private aeroplane. 31 10 16b

An Inquiry opened into plans to expand Cambridge's boundaries. It was the centre for education, shopping and amusement for adjacent villages where people were still dependent on cesspools: these would be provided with a sewerage system. Less than 500 acres were available for building because of the attitude of certain colleges, but it was undesirable that Cambridge should be filled up as if it were a manufacturing town. Most of the new houses in Shelford and Trumpington were of the working-class type. 31 10 16d

Cambridge Labour Party adopted Dr Alex Wood as their parliamentary candidate. It was going to be a fight between Socialism and anti-Socialism. On the one hand it was a country of wealth, position and tradition, on the other there were millions of hard-working people who found it a struggle to get on, he told them. 31 10 16f

A combined exhibition by members of the Wireless Retailers' Association opened at the Cambridge Guildhall. J.T. Harvey of Aylestone Road is showing sets all of his own manufacture, the receivers being especially adapted for Cambridge listeners. W.K. Islip displayed Murphy Ultra products as well as Cossar kits and Beethoven portables while R. Lathbury of Castle Street sells Kelster Brandes including the Kobra three-valve complete with loud speaker. 31 10 16g & h

Exning school strike – strikers and parents – photo – 31 10 16e

1931 10 16 ES
Arthur William Stevens retired as driver of the Swaffham and Bottisham engine having been in charge for 25 years, but for 22 years before that he assisted his father Mr William Stevens who was for 25 years supervisor of the plant. His grandfather was for 40 years employed of the Hundred-Foot Engine in Littleport and Downham district and two uncles completed between them nearly 100 years' service in the same kind of work. Until three years ago the engine was of the old beam type. This was displaced by an oil engine which opened on September 12th 1928. The fumes that came from this were found to disagree with his hitherto good health so he retired. The engines drain an area of 7,000 acres and is now driven by Mr Bullman his assistant. The only thing in support of the present oil engine was that it could drain water a little more quicker than its predecessor which is now used only when absolutely necessary. During the 40 years he experienced numerous heavy floods and during the winter of 1919 the quantity of water on the land was so great that he had the old engine running day and night for a whole month and throughout that time he not only forsook his ted bed entirely but never went to his home 100 yards from the engine house, for a single meal. 31 10 16ES

Modern sluice at Welmore Lake. In the background of the picture can be seen all that remains of the old sluice at Welmore Llake which is now being demolished after performing efficient service for over a century. Men are shown engaged in the work of demolition while in the background is the new sluice which has just been completed. It is fitted with two valves and two roller doors which are motor driven - photo 31 10 16(2)ES

1931 10 23
Residents of York Terrace protested about the rabbit-skin warehouse in Sturton Street. They had large blue-bottles in their homes and maggots had been seen crawling on the pavement within a few inches

of their doors. The proprietor had put in different machinery but had not obviated the nuisance. It should be moved from that crowded area so people could live free from the smells, maggots and flies. 31 10 23c & d

Prompt action averted a serious fire at the Panton Brewery, Cambridge. The premises were deserted at the time of the outbreak as the mechanics and other employees were away at breakfast but as soon as the alarm was given many hastened to the spot with chemical extinguishers, but flames spread to the roof and loft of a small workshop. The fire brigade arrived in under five minutes and prevented a big fire. 31 10 23b

The Isle of Ely lived up to its reputation for political sensation when a Rolls Royce car drew up before County Hall at March and a man alighted wearing an American Stetson hat, just in time to be nominated as 'an independent up-to-the-eye-brows Tariff candidate'. He was Major John Whitehead of Cockayne Hatley Hall. The other candidates are James de Rothschild, National Government Liberal candidate and Frank Knowles for Labour. 31 10 23f & g

Sewerage arrangement – evidence at Borough boundary expansion inquiry – 31 10 23a
Cambridge University Drag Hunt first meet on Market Hill – photo – 31 10 23e

1931 10 23 ES
Walter Porter, Stretham, summoned for permitting of horse to be worked in an unfit state. P.c. Waghorn was on duty on Station Road when saw an aged black mare drawing a cart loaded with coal. It had torn itself on some barbed wire. Defendant who was nearly 70 years old and had been amongst horses all his life so he did not regard the animal to be in bad condition. He was not a cruel man 31 10 23ES

1931 10 30
Two new church bells were dedicated at Over to complete the octave. One is a thank-offering from F.G. Weston, vicar, while the other is in memory of Horace Bernard Woolley, vicar of Longstanton 1905-1929. It was given by Ingle Robinson, younger son of the clerk of the church from 1839-1883 and the united efforts of Over ringers. Round were then rung as an octave for the first time. 31 10 30a

Captain Briscoe and one of his supporters in wheelchair – photo – 31 10 30c

A serious fire broke out, involving the greater part of a large stackyard at Fulbourn and also threatening the school. It was noticed while the children were at play. Every window on that side of the school was cracked and broken by the intense heat which also caused the trees in the yard to flare. The Village Institute was also threatened. Numerous volunteers assisted firemen but soon the stacks were reduced to heaps of flaring debris.

Ashwell Grass Track held its last meeting organised by the present promoter, Mr J. Tanfield. A new company is being formed and next season it will be run as the Three Counties' Speedway. A new track 1½ miles long and 120 feet wide will be constructed to accommodate light cars and motor cycles together with a club-house, grand stand and dressing rooms. The course will be equipped with loud-speaker apparatus and will be opened next Easter. 31 10 30d

1931 10 30 ES
P.C. Baldwin leaving Manea after six years 31 10 30ES

G. Theobald retiring as commissioners officer after 45 48 years 31 10 30(2)ES

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1931 11 06

George Langley, 80, a well-known figure on local fairgrounds, died following an accident at March. A lorry loaded with baled straw was driving along the High Street when it had to pull up sharply near the George Hotel after a pony drawing two carts pulled out suddenly. This caused some bales to fall off, one of which knocked Mr Langley down. He was removed to the Nursing Home but never recovered consciousness. The lorry driver had done all he possibly could and acted like a gentleman in every way. 31 11 06 ab

The keenness of competition between omnibus operators in the March area was apparent when the Traffic Commissioners heard applications for bus licences. The March Motor Co. operated services to Chatteris carrying 1,826 passengers a week. But the Railway Company objected saying they were the only operator to keep to a timetable. Their Benwick service averaged 350 on the two days a week that it ran. It had begun in 1922, but lapsed for some years until resumed in October 1930. W. Spriggs of Parson Drove had one of his buses stopped by police for being overcrowded and it had twice broken down. 31 11 06c

Mr A.W. Stevens, for many years driver of the Swaffham and Bottisham drainage engine at Upware, has retired at the age of 71. He had been in sole charge for 25 years and for 22 years before that assisted his father, William Stevens, who was previously supervisor. His grandfather was employed at the Hundred Foot engine for over 40 years. 31 11 06f

The atmosphere of Cambridge Reference Library was more reminiscent of a cinema during the showing of a hilarious comedy than a lecture room when the Rev H.K. Cossar told the cream of a world-wide collection of jokes about the church, University life and Irishmen. There is a great rivalry between John's and Trinity so when one dean sent a letter addressed to "The Dean of Trinity, near St John's College" the reply was addressed: "The Dean of Trinity, near Matthew's Café". 31 11 06d,e

March accident – bale falls from lorry – 31 11 06a

Arthur Heffer death – folk dancing leader – 31 11 06g

1931 11 06 ES
Great Middle Level Pumping Station at St Germans discussed 31 11 06(2)ES

1931 11 13
Scouters and Rovers mingled with grave dons in academic dress at the Senate House when a degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa was conferred upon Lord Baden-Powell. The Chief Scout wore his accustomed uniform with his scarlet doctor's robe above it. The Public Orator said his soldiership in Mafeking made him so famous and popular that the boys of Britain chose him as their exemplar in many virtues and patriotism. 31 11 13f g h

The decision of the Theatres Committee not to allow Soham Electric cinema to open on Christmas Day is 'almost tyrannical', one councillor claimed. The public would have a perfectly free choice whether to patronise it or not. It was better than loafing about street corners or drinking in pubs. Some of the pictures were worth seeing, even at Soham. But family circles would be broken and the one meeting in the year would be destroyed. The council agreed that the cinema should be allowed to open. 31 11 13e

The Poppy Day collection in Cambridge has again smashed all records with undergraduate collectors struggling with money still coming in. Nearly two tons of coppers have passed through their hands. Early in the day the stock of poppies was exhausted and a fresh supply had to be brought in by train. Market Hill was the scene of half-a-dozen well organised 'rags' and at Silver Street the Demon Diver jumped in flames into the river and the collectors drew in good sums for his 'widow' and 'children'. 31 11 13 I & j

Capt. George Mathews, the engineer of the Ouse Catchment Board has died. He took the post in 1920 and supervised the scheme which placed the South Levels in a safe condition, the improvement of Denver Sluice and the complete rebuilding of the Welmore Lake Sluice. 31 11 13k

The reopening of the Oakington Women's Institute was celebrated by a social and dance. Music was provided by Mrs E.C. Papworth at the piano and Mr Boutellier's jazz band was very much appreciated. The competition cake was won by Miss Francis and the mysterious competition for gentlemen by Mr W. Elmore. Oakington ladies should be proud that their menfolk took a great interest in the movement. 31 11 13l

Ald Raynes Mayor – memories – 31 11 13a & aa

Armistice Day – 31 11 13b & bb & c & d

Council officials offer take reduction salary – 31 11 13b & bb

Baden Powell message scouts – 31 11 13g & photos of his degree – 31 11 13h

1931 11 20
The garage, containing two cars belonging to Mr P.H. Grundy of Royston was destroyed by fire. The wind blew the flames on to the chauffeur's cottage but all his furniture was removed to safety. Duxford RAF fire brigade offered their services and had the wind not changed their 50-gallon tanks of chemicals would have been vitally necessary, owing to the lack of water. 31 11 20a

Traffic Commissioners considered applications for bus services to Soham. A.J. Bailey operated a service to Newmarket on Tuesdays, chiefly for cinema-goers. He carried 259 passengers between January and June. However his application for a service to Ely was opposed by Ortona who'd started a service in 1921 – it was not a good paying route, the costs were almost the same as the takings. But Mr Bailey said local people favoured him and had "booed the Ortona out of Soham". 31 11 20c

1931 11 20 ES
World's biggest pumping station for the Middle Level - St Germans, photo feature 31 11 20(3)(4)ES # c.29

1931 11 27
The question of the development of the industrial side of Cambridge has cropped up periodically over a good many years. Hitherto works and factories have not been encouraged - the serene, academic atmosphere should be maintained at all cost. But economic pressure, the diminution in the spending power of the undergraduates, depression of agriculture and trade have hit the town very hard. Cloistered calm is all very well, but people must live. 31 11 27b & c

Lt Downham accident – tractor – 31 11 27d

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1931 12 04
A meeting at Bourn demanded immediate steps to repeal the Tithe. There was land that had lain dormant for years because the tithe charge was more than the rateable value. The result was that the tithe owner got nothing, the tithe-payer got nothing, the agricultural labourer got nothing and the country got nothing from taxes. On the basis of production instead of paying 4s.6d. an acre farmers should be paying about ninepence. 31 12 04a

Three thatched cottages and a small hall were destroyed by fire in the village of Diddington. Mr Underwood, one of the tenants, awoke to find the room full of smoke. He aroused his neighbours and found that the three cottages and the parish room were ablaze. The fire brigade was on the scene very

quickly and water was obtained from a pond but owing to the inflammable nature of the cottages they were powerless to save the buildings. 31 12 04b

A tramp was charged with setting fire to a stack of hay at Great Shelford. Frederick Pell, a fish salesman, said he served a customer in Granham's Road and cycled towards Cambridge when he saw a man standing beside the stack. On arriving home he saw a fire so he biked back and found it was in that same stack. He attended an identification parade and picked out the man he'd seen. 31 12 04c & d

A Trinity Hall undergraduate appeared in court following a collision. Students were not allowed to have motorcars and he was endeavouring to leave Cambridge without being seen, but had an accident in Coleridge Road and failed to stop. A number plate was knocked from his car and by that means the driver was traced. As a result he had been sent down for good. He did not think the penalty would have been so severe. 31 12 04d

A pony and several fowls were killed when fire broke out in a barn at Church End Farm, Cottenham. It was thought a pig had also perished, but it was later found wandering about the field. Cottenham fire brigade were called but their pipes were not long enough to reach the water. Flames licked the walls of a bungalow 15 yards away and willing helpers removed the furniture while others formed a chain to pass buckets of water with which the side of the dwelling was kept damp. 31 12 04e

Paul Robeson, the famous singer and star of 'Show Boat' sent into raptures an audience of over 1,000 at the Guildhall when he paid his second visit to Cambridge. He took up his position within the shelter of the grand piano where he sang songs of his own land that went straight to the hearts of the people. They ranged from the most sacred of spirituals to "Ol' Man River" followed by the convict song "Water Boy". 31 12 04f

When R.A. Taylor joined Cambridge Town as an outside left at the beginning of the season, few anticipated that within a few weeks he would gain his Blue in the University side. He showed distinct promise in his first match with the Town and it was not surprising that the Varsity gave him a trial. He centres well and shoots hard & such a young player should have a bright future. His sudden rise is remarkable as last season he was playing in village football. 31 12 04h

The Broadway Kinema, St Ives is much better kept than before. The licence was renewed but the manager's attention was called to the badly-lit exits from the balcony of the cinema. Mr Glazier said that in the future he hoped to show more educational films. 31 12 04I
1931 12 04 ES
Farmers protest against dumping. Branch of Agricultural party formed in Ely 31 12 04ES

1931 12 11
William Darnell, the head porter at Addenbrooke's Hospital is the best-known and most popular man to be featured in our 'Mystery Backs' series. Almost every writer identified him. They described him as 'genial', 'kind-hearted', and say 'the hospital would be a sorry place without him for he has a smile and kind word for every one'. Many asked that if they should win the five-shilling prize that it should be donated to Addenbrooke's. 31 12 11a

Manorial rolls dating back to the 18th century were produced as evidence over a disputed piece of land in High Street, Ramsey. It was once called Vesey's Yard and had been conveyed with the right of bridle and barrow way to the defendant's land. He was a potato merchant who stored his empty sacks in the yard, sometimes he put bags of rotten potatoes there. But neighbours said that although the old cottages, which had been pulled down in 1910, had right-of-way it had never been used for storage. 31 12 11b

A fire broke out at Messrs Towgood's Film Factory at Sawston but was quickly extinguished by the staff brigade. It was confined to a part of the factory where benzine was used, and the damage kept to

one dyeing machine and the roof of the building over it. Some film was involved, but this being non-inflammable, did not burn. 31 12 11c

G.P. Hawkins occupied a unique place in Cambridge life. Few men are twice Mayor and play such a part in the political and business life of the town. He opened Cambridge's first tea shop and later the Dorothy Café which can easily accommodate 2,000 people at one time. In the bakehouse in Parsonage Street tributes fell like water from the lips of the employees and 1,400 crowded into the church for his funeral. 31 12 11f

A Band of Hope meeting in the Bethel Baptist Church, Swavesey welcomed Mr and Mrs David Moore and their programme of moving pictures. Mrs Moore deplored the fact that the gambling spirit was so rife and a scientific film showed the narcotic effect of alcohol. Pictures of the Skegness excursion gave great delight as many people saw themselves on the screen. They were followed by film of a garden party in Christ's College and the colleges in their winter mantle of snow. 31 12 11g

Lord Astor's Coaches applied for permission to run a four-shilling excursion from Cambridge to London. But 'Varsity and Westminster Coaches objected; they ran one on Thursdays and would be hit by the competition If Astors only had one or two passengers for London they bought Westminster tickets and put them on their coaches. 31 12 11d

Mr L.J. Parker of Reliance Motor Services, Cottenham, applied for a licence to continue to run a bus service to Willingham. Last year they carried over 19,000 passengers, chiefly workpeople carried on weekly tickets. Mr B. Washington of Littleport applied to continue a service to the Ely Beet Sugar Factory although last year had seen a substantial drop owing to big reductions in the factory staff. 31 12 11d

1931 12 11 ES
Lorry crashes into Walbro Cycle Works photo 31 12 11ES

Stretham beam engine erected 100 years ago and was recently set in motion by Mr E. Stevens after four years of disuse. The engine is one of the oldest in the fens. Although succeeded by a diesel oil engine and Gwynnes centrifugal pump, which disposes more quickly of the water from the fen, the old beam engine and scoop wheel can still be used to keep the fen clear of water in case of an emergency; is known to many people at present living in the district 31 12 11(2)ES

1931 12 18
Messrs Eastwoods own 160 acres of first-class cement-making land at Barrington. We saw the marl being bitten out of the pit by a giant mechanical shovel and watched the complete process through to the final product. In the grinding mills the atmosphere was thick with cement dust and the din appalling. When we came out of this Bedlam of noise we were covered in cement dust, luckily it does not stick and most had vanished before we got to the final process, the bagging. 31 12 18a

The Ouse and Cam Fishery Board had failed to net the carp in ponds at Hauxton and Fenstanton as they had 'mudded' for the winter, but the drawing of lakes at Madingley and Longstowe Hall had yielded 15,000 fish, mostly roach and rudd. Several thousand gudgeon were also taken from Hinxton Mill and placed in the Granta at Cambridge. 31 12 18b

A haulage contractor from Bleak House, Bassingbourn told the bankruptcy court that in October 1928 his father gave him a lorry and he carted live stock. Later he purchased other lorries on the hire purchase system but some could not stand up to the work and cost a considerable amount for repairs. They were overloaded to a certain extent, but not more than other lorries which stood the work better. He could not say they were not driven over 20, 30 or even 40 miles an hour: he did not drive them. 31 12 18c

Gamlingay parish council has been told it may not get electricity for a considerable time. The Electricity Company has plans for a line from Eltisley to Meldreth in the future but there are many hundreds of towns and villages still waiting supply and the demand in Gamlingay is small. If factories were erected it would receive more favourable attention. 31 12 18d

A crowded meeting at Cambridge Guildhall threw out proposals for the Corporation to take over the Waterworks Company. Were they going to get a cheaper or more efficient service? No. There had been no serious criticisms of the management and there would be heavy legal expenses and compensation to directors. But the creator had given mankind three essential things: sunshine, air and water and it was immoral for water to be kept from the people by private enterprise. 31 12 18 e f g

Grantchester mill house rebuilding – 31 12 18h

King Street market goose – photo – 31 12 18I

1931 12 18 ES
Death of Benjamin Lee, Stanground. Was a waterman as were his father and grandfather. Could tell of the cruel punishments and hardships and lads were subjected to. 45 years ago he went to Stanground and setup as a barge man on his own account. He started with five old hulks, and by dint of hard work and economy was able to have 15 new barges built, and a barge in those days cost £120. With the advent of the war he sold out his barges and at the close he set up in business with pleasure boats. In the winter he would help his son with his barges and was engaged pouring sugar beet to the Ely factory up to his illness 31 12 18(2)ES

1931 12 25
Ely Urban Council's new offices were opened by the chairman from the balcony of the building. It was the most important municipal move Ely had made in the whole of its long history and marked a new era in the future development of the city. They had converted what was previously an eyesore into architectural beauty and the new council chamber with its horseshoe table would be a credit for many years to come. 31 12 25a

Sir – is it not time that Cottenham Parish Council gave its inhabitants some safeguard against fire? Recently two fires have occurred and on both occasions the premises have been gutted. True the village possesses a contraption which out of politeness is described as a 'fire engine' but for the purpose of extinguishing a conflagration its value is nil. Recently a farmer borrowed it for flushing drains. That is about its full capacity – 'Safety First'. 31 12 25c

The annual share-house of the Stretham Malt and Hops Sick and Dividing Club took place. The total receipts for the year were £62 12s 4d, the sum expended on sick pay had been £13 9s 4d so each of the 44 members received £1 13s. 31 12 25b

Sir – when Mr W. Rouse Ball and myself were invited to consider a local guide for publicity purposes we also recommended a volume of old views of Cambridge. In our local library and with the Photographic Club and many citizens, there are many old pictures which would prove of lasting interest as a record of the past, a volume which would appeal to all those who are interested in the township – Charles Porter, Sidney Street. 31 12 25c

St Ives tramps complained that their food and clothing had been gnawed by rats in the workhouse. But the Master said if they carried food in their clothing it was obvious that the rats would go for it at night. It was their fault as they left their clothes on the floor instead of hanging them up. He had shot 30 rats during the last month and there had been no trouble during the past three days. 31 12 25d

Fire broke out in some lean-to outbuildings at Hildersham Rectory, the residence of the Rev P.R. Phillips. It originated in the gas generator which supplies the house with light. There was one cwt of

carbide and a considerable amount of coal in the outhouse but the house itself was not involved owing to the prompt action of firemen in pulling down the sheds and throwing water on the house. 31 12 25d

Cambridge Rabbits' Cricket Club, formerly Heals, held their annual dinner at the Corner House Café, Petty Cury. They had enjoyed a most successful season and were thoroughly established and well-known. Mr D. Burton further showed his generosity by offering to present yet another cup for the most outstanding bowling performance of the season. His cup for the most outstanding performance went to Mr R.P. Fuller. 31 12 25d

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1932 01 01
The custom of dancing out the Old Year grows apace, most of the Cambridge dance halls had special celebrations and crowds flocked to all of them. Then in the early hours the streets were thronged with men and women, old and young alike, who gaily wandered home, having little time for thought of Income Tax or other worries. 32 01 01a

Kinema films, p5

1932 01 02
Unfit ground

1932 01 04
The Marconiphone Company has brought a unique radiogramophone entertainment to Cambridge where the public can hear the instruments and judge their powers of reproduction in perfect ease and without any sense of bewilderment. Gramophone records are utilised to provide a 'discussion' between the instruments with a running commentary on their virtues. What better way could be found to demonstrate them. 32 01 04

1932 01 04
Three labourers from Yelling were summoned for damaging hymn books at Graveley church. The churchwarden said there had been a lot of talking during the service and afterwards their pew was completely littered with hymn book leaves. But Claude Sanford said that as he handed the books to them a lot of loose leaves had fallen out. Parishioners would stop coming to church if the nuisance of talking was not stopped but there was insufficient evidence to convict them. 32 01 04a

1932 01 07
Scouting is progressing with new troops at Haddenham and Lt Downham, but the 1st Ely Troop has been disbanded owing to the inability to find a scoutmaster and four of their bugles are missing. The Littleport scoutmaster had also left and they were unable to find anyone else suitable. While the new bridge was being built at Adelaide one boy fell into the river but Scout Butcher held him up although he was gradually being pulled in himself. Without his help the other boy would have been drowned. 32 01 07

1932 01 08
Fire damaged St Ives Chicory Factory. Five Belgians, specialist chicory driers are employed, and at four in the morning one found the first floor was on fire. Flames spread through the silo to the elevator and to the second and third drying floors. Extensive damage was wrought amongst costly machinery. Arrangements had been made to increase the size of the building but these may now be delayed. Chicory is constantly being dried and on account of the terrific heat the danger of fire is always very real. 32 01 08

1932 01 09
John Hewitt, at 101, is the oldest man in Western Australia. He was born in Cambridgeshire in 1831 and emigrated in 1862. Since then his life has been spent among the vineyards of the Upper Swan. But his longevity has nothing to do with the acres of old Omar's grape: he is a teetotaller and attributes his long life to hard work. He still follows the plough and likes the best good corned beef. He has two married daughter and nine grandsons. 32 01 09 & 09a

1932 01 11
Pricilla Byford of Stetchworth has celebrated her 100th birthday. She was born at the Mill House where her father was a miller and married George Byford, the schoolmaster and organist at Chevington. She is fond of music but does not care for the modern jazz. A congratulatory message was broadcast by the BBC and she received a telegram from the King and Queen. 32 01 11

1932 01 13
The new domestic block at the Central Girls' School was formally opened. It includes a coal-fired Eagle range, electric and gas cookers, gas griller and iron heater. Cookery and dressmaking was a very important part of their teaching. Any girl who goes into domestic service with a good mistress has a ten times better chance than the girls who go into factories, the Mayoress said. 32 01 13

1932 01 16
The annual tea party of the Parkside Infant Welfare Centre was attended by 60 mothers and their infants. Few fathers were present, no doubt due to the fact that the mothers were better able to look after their children without their presence. It was important they had prompt and proper care during the early years of life and the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee had done wonderful work in this regard. 32 01 16

Old Cambridgeshire p6
Peter Pan, p8

1932 01 18
Complaints have been received about the rabbit skin warehouse in Sturton Street. Inhabitants of York Terrace say it caused effluvia and was a nuisance injurious to their health due to abominable smells which prevented them opening their windows and because of the maggots which escaped from the works and entered their houses. 32 01 18, 32 01 22b

Cambridge suffered the loss of a centenarian with the death of Mrs Sarah Ann Howes of Glisson Road. She was a charming old lady with many interesting reminiscences. She attended the dinner on Parker's Piece to celebrate the coronation of Queen Victoria and remembered the opening of the Cambridge railway station and her first journey to Ely by train. Things are very different today, she would say: the poor people are much better off than they were and people have more sympathy with each other. 32 01 18b

Dr Charles F. Searle sued for enticing away wife of grocer's assistance – divorce – 32 01 18a

1032 01 19
"Peter Pan", the wonder fairy play opens at the New Theatre and its power to unite parents and children in a happy band of adventurers into the Never, Never Land makes it best play ever written for children. The production is one of the most ambitious seen in Cambridge for many years, a special feature is the marvellous flying, which gives a real fairyland touch to the scenes. 32 01 19

1932 01 20
A unique action involving two Cambridge stockbrokers, Elias and Company and W.A. Bignell and Co. was held at the County Assizes. It concerned certain transactions concerning the majorities to be secured by the parties supporting the National Government at the General Election. The Stock Exchange committee did not approve of such activities. 32 01 20 & 20a

1932 01 21
A Ram Yard plumber told Cambridge bankruptcy court he had been successful until 1929 but due to the trade depression he could not get sufficient work and certain customers did not pay. He built a house in Belvoir Road for his own occupation with the very best plumbing and if this sold for £1,100 he could repay his creditors. 32 01 21

The landlord of the Bridge Inn, Clayhithe told the Bankruptcy court that in 1909 he had emigrated to Alberta, Canada, taking a homestead of 160 acres. But his wife could not stand life on the prairie so she bought the Bridge Hotel and told him he could remain in Canada but she would stay there. He didn't want to lose his wife and family, so he returned. He knew nothing about the licensing trade and there had been no summer in the last two years, so he had lost money. One of the reasons for his failure was that he did not provide proper meals for customers. 32 01 21a

Disarmament, p6
King Street shoe repairer – John Motley – bankruptcy – 32 01 21a

1932 01 22
A man employed as horsekeeper by H.C. Crouch, the well-known Manea farmer said his wages were 36s a week with house, garden & a piece of potato land. They were harvest carting on a Saturday afternoon when the foreman told them they were to work till five o'clock. But they had no dinner with them and the gang stopped at 4.15. He attended to the horses and did not get home till 6.30 but had been dismissed for disobeying orders. The judge said the farmer was perfectly in order to sack him. 32 01 22a

Pye Radio invited people to inspect their works and queues five or six deep stretched halfway up Haig Road. It is amazing that a non-industrial town should have such fine works and few realised that we in Cambridge had such an important and highly organised industry in our midst. In these times of depression it is a novelty to find a works which is really flourishing. Despite making 4,000 sets a week, demand is greater than supply and they are planning to increase the size of the works by 50 percent. 32 01 22c & d

1932 01 25
The 'White Ribbon' Coffee House and Temperance Hotel in East Road has been taken over by the Salvation Army. After redecorating it will be run as a hostel and restaurant providing good refreshment and lodgings for 40 men at a reasonable charge. 32 01 25

1932 01 27
Photo, p7*

1932 01 28
The Sanitary Inspector said that seven cottages at Hauxton Road, Little Shelford, were in a very bad state of repair and nothing had been done to them since August 1927. Notice of a closing order had been served and all the tenants with the exception of one man vacated the property. The owner did not deny the houses were unfit and past repair and there was no alternative to a demolition order. 32 01 28

1932 01 29
In the fens thousands of acres of land are below sea level, dependent on internal and main river drainage works for their existence. They paid heavy Internal Drainage Board rates in addition to Catchment Board precepts. But land bordering the river above Earith and Cambridge derived benefit by that work but did not pay. The fens could no longer bear the cost of carrying their water to the sea. It needed very large sums to put rivers into satisfactory condition and make good the neglect of the last 100 years, but Government revenue had disappeared. 32 01 29

Band of Hope, pic, p8*

1932 01 30
"Dukes Walk", the donkey which has been a familiar participant in all Poppy Day 'rags' has died. Rising from the mundane routine of drawing a chimney-sweep's barrow it enjoyed a distinguished career. In addition to being first favourite with undergraduates the animal was equally popular with children at Sunday School treats, as water-carrier at the University fruit-picking campaigns and as mascot to the 17th Lancers. It was while on military service that he earned his title which led to his

appearance before the King in the Military Tattoo at Olympia. His owner, Mr A.W. Wyer, is to get another donkey. 32 01 30

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1932 02 01
Cambridge stationmasters were told that protection from unfair and illegal road transport was essential. In the last year the number of passenger journeys have dropped by 16 million, goods trade decreased by 15 million tons and the livestock by a million head. Motor lorries were running away with the traffic they used to carry. A man can buy an old bus chassis, stick a lorry body on it and pick up traffic here and there, charging different prices as it suits him. 32 02 01

1932 02 02

1930 02 03
Cambridge Young Men's Christian Association cancelled the letting of their hall to an exhibition on education in Soviet Russia. Amongst the exhibits were anti-religious posters which upset several prominent clergymen who wrote to the News protesting. The organisers are looking for another hall so the exhibition can continue. 32 02 03

Parson Drove School should have a semi-permanent building in which handicrafts and domestic subjects can be taught. It would then be possible to provide a most efficient master there. They would still require three teachers at Murrow Council School but the Church of England School would be closed, dispensing with two teachers; another could be saved at Newton. However a bus would be required to bring in children from outlying districts. 32 02 03

1932 02 04
The Bankruptcy Court was told that the Autoservice Company based at Haig Road, Cambridge offered an automatic vending service using machines supplied by Pelpas and Uneeda Automatics of Edgeware. When the debtor was ill the manager of the Uneeda Company, feeling the illness was a bluff, interviewed him in bed. He immediately got up, against doctor's orders. The proprietor had previously invented his own penny-in-the-slot machines but never gained patents for them. 32 02 04 & 04a

1932 02 05
An NSPCC inspector said he had gone to Angel Drove, Ely where he saw a tent of sticks and pieces of sacking. Inside was a roughly-constructed bed of lashed branches with four sacks stuffed with rags covered with an old blanket, coats and rags. He found a 15-year-old boy and a two-year old girl who were very miserable, huddled together to get warm from a stick fire. They were filthy and verminous and had been used for begging purposes. In a hedge he found all kinds of food that had been thrown away, which some families would have been pleased to have. 32 02 05

1932 02 08
A March bus driver told an inquest that when he got to Doddington Clock Tower he turned the corner into Newgate at 10 mph. He noticed a stationary bus near Dr Taylor's house and took the precaution of sounding his hooter twice. When he was nearly clear he saw a lady coming out from behind the bus; he braked sharply but she seemed to be hit by his radiator. He did not notice any bump and thought the wheel could not have passed over her. But she was quite dead beneath the bus.32 02 08

1932 02 11
A fire broke out in the roof of Guilden Morden church on Wednesday. There had been two services and in preparation for another in the evening Mr S. Leonard the caretaker had re-lit the stove. The flue runs through the part of the roof where the fire was. The wood in the roof must have been very dry to burst into flames so soon after the fire was lit. The caretaker, aided by villagers, flung buckets of

water on to the roof; a handpump was also used and the flames had been subdued when the brigade arrived. 32 02 11

Mole draining uses a cutting implement which bores a channel beneath the ground and so drains the water away. It is not a new method: in the olden days many good mole drains were cut by eight or ten horses drawing the drainer. Then came the advent of steam and the cable set. Now a demonstration using tractors was held at the University Farm using Garrett, Marshall, Case and a variety of other machines. Even though the ground was frozen they cut through it as if it had been cheese. 32 02 11

1932 02 15
Of all the memorable gatherings which have been held in the Drill Hall, East Road, none has ever come up to the vast assembly which gathered when the Cambridgeshire Regiment Old Comrades' Association held its first reunion dinner. When they arrived at Southampton 17 years ago one NCO said: "It's taken three trains to get us here, a carriage will be enough to get us back". That prediction came true! A silent toast was drunk to the 900 officers and men who fell in the Great War. 32 02 15

Two houses at Horningsea which were subject of a demolition order had been bought for £200 by a working man who claimed that if they were repaired they would stand as long as the parish church. Councillors would be made to look as silly as school children if people could go behind their backs and sell property which was the subject of a demolition order. But he'd bought the houses for half the original price and had no intention of repairing them: he just wanted the land at the back. 32 02 16

1932 02 16
An 'automatic laundry' has been opened in Hartington Grove Cambridge. Dignitaries inspected the Forum Cleaning and Dyeing Company machines where several garments were cleaned and dried before their eyes in less than ten minutes. After cleaning clothes pass to a dusting wheel where they are tumbled and dried in a current of cold air before passing the eagle eye of a 'spotter' to the pressing room so that obstinate stains can be removed. 32 06 16

The Deck family has played an important part in pharmacy and public life in Cambridge for 130 years. Isaiah introduced the custom observed for 80 years of firing rockets on New Year's Eve, Arthur made balloon ascents with his friend Henry Coxall, while Alderman Deck was chemist to the Prince of Wales while a student at Trinity. He presented his Royal Arms to the Corporation and these are now in the Cambridge police court. The business continues to thrive under Reginald, with a new optical department. 32 02 16b

1932 02 17
Back to the Ferry – Dant's ferry being used again while approaches to footbridge reconstructed – photo – 32 02 17

1932 02 18
Ely Allotment Association complained of damage caused by 2,500 rats on Bridge Fen that had dug peas out of the ground. They made a special effort with 20 men, ferrets, dogs and guns but only managed to kill 50 of them. The rats were attracted by clumps of sugar beet tops being left but the council refuse dumps were worse than the allotments. At Prickwillow rats came from two to three miles to get to pigs, and they did not know what to do. 32 02 18 & 18a

1932 02 19
York Street residents signed a petition complaining about the Sturton Street rabbit skin factory. It had started in 1928 and the skins were stored and dried on the premises. The smell was very offensive and unhealthy, like old bones burning, there were maggots in the streets and blow flies as big as small bees. It was very bad in August – but the factory was only open from September to March. 32 02 19 & 19a

1932 02 20

A London sales manager was charged with demanding £500 by menaces from a Cambridge resident referred to in court as 'Mr Z'. After being told that he was going to be 'beaten up' by a gang of bookmakers Mr Z paid the man £500 in the presence of two hidden police officers. He told the court he was still going in fear of personal violence. The prosecutor remarked "It looks like an American gangster film". 32 02 20a & b

1932 02 22
New Cambridge Industry (employing only local men). Same day dry-cleaning service by the new British wonder machine which cleans and actually strengthens fabrics leaving no smell. Special opening offer: suit, costume, coat or dress, dry cleaned, hand pressed, collected and delivered for three shillings. The Forum Cleaners and Dyers, Market Hill, Cambridge (Advert). 32 02 22

1932 02 23
Many people will regret the passing of 'Lame Walter' - James Walter Mansfield – of Dove House, Park Street. He retired in 1918 after about 40 years of cab driving. He was a well-known figure in later years with his tricycle and dog, much liked for his cheery disposition. He leaves three sons and three daughters. 32 02 23, photo 23a

The Dry Drayton estate of T.F. Hooley may be converted into a Danish colony where the famous methods of Danish agriculture might be put into progress. There would be a great central demonstration farm with its own agricultural college catering for the produce of 500 acres. The majority of the 32 cottages on the estate will be sold to Danes and the rest made available for English smallholders wishing to learn their methods of farming. 32 02 23b

Police barricade, p5
St Andrew's Court, p6
Pentacle club, p8

1932 02 24
Mr R. Hinkin of Little Thetford has passed away, days after celebrating his 101st birthday. His health was remarkably good; he was only once attended by a doctor; that was five years ago when he fell from a ladder as a result of it breaking. He started work on the land at the age of ten, finally giving up when he was 97. He had six children, 25 grandchildren and about 40 great-grandchildren. 32 02 24

1932 02 25
Apart from the large hall and council chamber the Cambridge Guildhall is worn out and absolutely unsuitable. The accommodation in every department was deplorable – dark, dismal, horrid, unlit and unhealthy. On Castle Hill there was a fine new building being erected for the County Council who were planning to spend £8,000 on furnishing alone. Never since the war had prices in the building trade been lower; this was the right moment to consider rebuilding, councillors were told. 32 02 25 & 25a

1932 02 26
St Andrew's Court, off St Andrew's Street, was a disgraceful place in the centre of Cambridge. It was not only an eye-sore, but dangerous. Properties were dark, damp, reeking with age and decay. The houses were not fit for human habitation, children under school-leaving age will not be permitted to live there – but what of young mothers and old people? Such slums should be demolished, the Medical Officer urged. 32 02 26

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1932 03 01
P.C. Woolf stated that while on duty in Petty Cury he saw some water thrown from a first-floor window of the Lion Hotel. He visited room 36 where he noted the curtains were soaking wet. The defendant said he had been spending the evening with his friends who had been drinking whiskies and

sodas. Being a teetotaller himself, but not wishing to offend them, he had thrown his drinks out of the window. He was fined £1. 32 03 01

1932 03 02
The chatter of Lewis guns and the rattle of rifle fire echoed almost continuously over the countryside around the peaceful villages of Bottisham and Quy for almost four hours as members of the Perse, Leys and County School Officers' Training Corps took part in a field day. The first thing inhabitants knew of impending hostilities came when several motor buses disgorged their occupants ready for the fray. Our reporter was fighting his own battle on his bicycle with the wind in an endeavour to get to the battle front before the attack materialised. But the wind won. 32 03 02 & 02a

1932 03 04
It is distressing to hear the condition under which some people in Littleport are living. In many cases there are two families sharing one five-room house while a man, wife and three children occupy a three-roomed house with only one bedroom. They have applied for council houses, but the parish council decided they did not want any more built at present. 32 03 04

1932 03 05
Magistrates refused to relicence the Bowling Green public house, High Street, Chesterton. The landlord said a billiard room had been re-decorated, he had regular customers and it had become more or less an institution. But there had been a decrease in trade, despite the growing estate nearby. The Maypole in Portugal Place was the headquarters of the Whippet Club; the tenant was 70 years of age and his only means of support would be the old-age pension. This together with the Alhambra in East Road, the Eagle Tavern beerhouse in Victoria Road and the Clarendon Arms was relicenced. 32 03 05 & a

Miss Agatha Carroll, an actress, tells how after performing at Cambridge she received an invitation to go to a dance from a man she had known for years. Two young men called for her with a fast motor car which sped north at 60 miles an hour towards Gretna Green, where one intended to propose marriage in the famous smithy. After protesting again and again the driver finally turned round and returned her to Cambridge at five in the morning. She has received no explanation of the affair. 32 03 05b

Justices approved a licence for the Vine Hotel proposed at the corner of Vinery Road and Coldham's Lane. Basil Oliver, the architect of the award-winning Rose and Crown on Newmarket Road would design it with a large dining which many workmen would use for lunch. Over 200 of the residents of new houses recently erected in the area had signed a petition in support. 32 03 05c

Dr Alfred Haddon, 77, lives in a quiet house in Cambridge. He is a scholar of world renown, and a crocodile. He was so honoured by a chief on Warrior Island in the Torres Straits where natives believed in totems and sacred animals. He is forbidden ever to marry a crocodile girl, nor to kill or eat one. "I'm willing to keep my part of the bargain but am worried whether other crocodiles know they ought not to eat me", he says. 32 03 05d

1932 03 07
Saffron Walden Hospital has been given extra support by the workers' contributory scheme. It has a membership of 6,700 who paid over £1,500 which has supplied surgical instruments and a dental chair. A new sun balcony had proved a great boon to many patients, being particularly suitable for treatment. It was up to date, boasting an efficiency second to none having treated 490 in-patients in one year. 32 03 07 & a

1932 03 09
James Osborne told Girton W.I. that the village stocks in front of the blacksmith's shop on Church Green had disappeared before his time, but his father used to relate how he was ordered by the constable to supply a straw cushion for the last unfortunate victim who had to spend a chilly

December night imprisoned in them. At Wash Pit Road farmers washed sheep in the brook which was also a bathing place for boys. Duck End Green was where ducks were raised on a large scale by the Eusden family and droves of geese brought by rail from the goose fairs in Lincolnshire were collected so their wing and tail feathers might be plucked and sold to make quill pens. 32 03 09

1932 03 10
An exciting six-hour police chase started after three men were found asleep in a car on the road between Whittlesey and Coates. When questioned they ran away across the fields until they found their retreat barred by the river Nene. Although the tide was flowing strongly the fugitives jumped in; one drowned but the others made off in the direction of Thorney. Police spread the alarm by telephone and the countryside was scoured by pursuers in motor cars, on bicycles and on foot. Eventually they were found on the railway line at Eye. 32 03 10

Mailbag, p8

1932 03 11
The record success of Dale's Brewery at the Brewery Exhibition was celebrated at the Dorothy Café when the cups and medals won were on show. It was a local firm, founded by Frederick Dale in 1903, their capital was all local, the majority of their barley was grown within a radius of 20 miles of Cambridge and malted locally at Barnwell. Eight of their tenants have over 20 years' with the firm. If they were Britain's best brewery then Mr Hawkes was the best brewer. 32 03 11 & a

1932 03 12
Few villages with a population of 800 are capable of producing Gilbert and Sullivan operas in their own village hall, entirely unaided. In the last three years Harston Musical Society has produced 'The Mikado', 'Gondoliers' and 'Yeomen of the Guard' very successfully. This year it will be 'Ruddigore, and thanks to the advent of the electricity supply at Harston they will have a special lighting installation recommended by Mr Terence Gray of the Festival Theatre. 32 03 12

1932 03 14
Dr F.C. Searle is giving up his practice in Cambridge and will take up an appointment as a medical attendant on a ranch in Kenya Colony conducted by former students of Trinity College, known to him as patients during their stay at the University. "I have always felt the call of the wild and shall be in my element roughing it hundreds of miles from civilisation", he said. He has resigned from the Rotary Club and as medical officer to the Cambridge Home of Mercy. He will not be accompanied by his wife and children, for whom he has taken a house in Cambridge. 32 03 14

1932 03 15
A tall chimney standing in the midst of a smouldering ruin is all that remains of a large thatched farm house and dairy in High Street Fen Drayton. About midnight neighbours who smelt burning alerted the occupants and the elderly gentleman carried his invalid wife downstairs, clad only in her nightclothes. Fortunately the pond was directly opposite allowing firemen to work three hoses on adjoining houses and large wooden barns with thatched roofs which were in grave danger. The house, about 300 years old, was damaged beyond all hopes of repair. 32 03 15

1932 03 16
Stonea near Wimblington is composed of three public houses, a chapel, a few farms and a fen drainage engine or two. Mrs Naomi Parr, the wife of the engineer of the Middle Level Commissioners' pumping engine is jubilant as she had drawn Pelorous Jack in the Irish Grand National Sweepstake. She has received many congratulations on this piece of luck and has already received the tempting offer of £2,140 from Irish Pools. But she is determined to take her chance. 32 03 16

Anywhere ticket, p8

1932 03 18
Dr Searle, p5

1932 03 21
Cambridge Metal Stamping Company applied for permission to erect a modern factory at the rear of St Andrew's Road. This was an area zoned for residential use but was nearly opposite the Gasworks, which was not entirely a thing of beauty and the Corporation's pumping station, which was not quite as attractive as the gasworks. Pye's works close to the river were not at all objectionable, nor was Banham's boat building establishment. Despite reservations it was agreed. 32 03 21, 23 & a

1932 03 22
New Square, p5

1932 03 23
After all the controversy and heated arguments of a few years ago, there was no excitement at the opening of the New Square parking place. The council turned up in force and from under the shelter of umbrellas watched the Mayoress drive her car through the pale blue ribbon that had been knotted across the opening. At last motorists have a place where they can leave their cars and not come into the police courts. The Master of Jesus suggested that path inside the trees should be known as Coleridge Walk. 32 03 23b

Metal Stamping Factory, p3

1932 03 24
Cambridgeshire folk used to bake a large cake on Good Friday and, when dry, grate it into powder. This, mixed with water, was considered a panacea for many ills, especially diarrhoea. A popular Easter Sunday dish was known as 'herb' or 'season pudding, a kind of batter with onions, sage, thyme etc. Stool ball, a forerunner of cricket, commenced its season at Easter and games were played on village greens for prizes of candy cakes, a confection composed of eggs, sugar, flour, cream, spinach leaves and butter. 32 03 24 &

Photographic club – how newspaper blocks are made – J.W. Scott, manager CDN Photo Engraving Dept - 32 03 24b

Dr Searle, in Africa – 32 05 24a

1932 03 29
People attending the St Ives grass track motor cycle races gathered around the arena in anticipation of a pleasant afternoon's sport and the engines began to buzz for the first heat when down came the rain. The riders valiantly continued to plough their way round to the finishing post, churning up mud many feet high. Machines and riders were practically obliterated under a steady stream of earth and the announcer was the only one to discern who was who. 32 03 29

Rector of Stiffkey, p6

1932 03 30
Described by its builders and furnishers as 'the ideal home at the ideal price on the ideal terms' there is a newly built house in Kings Hedges Road which all prospective purchasers should inspect. With two receptions, three bedrooms, a bathroom and large garden it is on sale at the remarkably reasonable price of £625 freehold or for £35 deposit and 19/6 (97p) weekly. Robert Sayle has completely furnished it at a price of £140.10s. Lucky will be the wife whose husband presents her with this home. 32 03 30

The residential population of All Saints church in Cambridge is dwindling on account of commercial progress. Of 1,500 residents when the church was built, only 600 now remain due to the conversion of

houses into shops and offices. The time is rapidly approaching when parishioners will have to consider the state of the church, the vestry meeting was warned. 32 03 30a

1930 03 31
Methwold and Feltwell Internal Drainage Board was in a bankrupt condition; it owed £10,000 and could not find the money to run the pumping engine. There was a risk of flooding 25,000 acres of the finest fenland in England. Many other boards were in the same condition. The whole of the fens had cost more than four times their value in draining. 32 03 31 & a

Grand Opening. W.H. Peak's new furniture showrooms, King Street. Our premises have been converted into four spacious floors exhibiting the most remarkable values in furniture, carpets and linoleum that has ever been offered in Cambridge. We have built up our business by selling only reliable goods. If you cannot pay a visit, we shall be pleased to send you our catalogue. – Advert. 32 03 31b

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1932 04 02
The Ministry of Transport should take steps to control the speed of heavy vehicles near Ely Cathedral. Standing close to the main road it has to bear the strain of almost continuous vibration, especially during the sugar beet season when the flow of traffic is extremely heavy and causes the windows in the Deanery to shake. 32 04 02

1932 04 05
Magistrates decided not to confirm the licence of the Vine Hotel, proposed on the junction of Vinery Road and Coldham's Lane to serve the needs of a new locality developing at a rapid rate. It would not be an ordinary public house but a catering establishment – though residents would not use it for breakfast, lunch or dinner. 207 had signed a petition supporting it, 100 signed another against it. 32 04 05

1932 04 06
Astonishing examples of hardship to farmers were cited at a tithe payers meeting at Willingham. There was an agricultural depression with Norfolk farmers going bankrupt at the rate of one a day. Land worth £25 an acre in 1925 was not worth £5 today, yet the same tithe had to be paid on it. At recent sales of farmers' goods a dozen sheep had been bought for 2s 6d (12p) and a tractor for 2s (10p). It is impossible to get blood out of a stone, but it is possible to smash it – and that was the attitude of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. 32 04 06 a& b

Canon Cockshott has worked for the church for 60 years, choir, mother's meetings, Stretham retire Shelford – 32 04 06a

Huntingdonshire Chief Constable said that parish constables were, on the whole, useless and out of date, seldom of any use to the police. He had no objection to their abolition. But they were useful in the smallest localities, where police were scarcest. It was an official who had the power of an ordinary constable within the parish and should not be abolished merely to save £17 15s. a year. 32 04 06b

Fen Ditton school was on the 'Black List'. It was the worst in the county and probably the worst in England. The number of children had increased and now there were 103 packed like sardines in the

main room with three teachers engaged with three different classes with only a flimsy curtain between them. The sanitary arrangements were very bad and the school was falling to bits. There was no playground so the children had to play on the road. They could do nothing with the site and would have to build a new school. 32 04 06b

Hailier failure, p8

1932 04 08
The Rob Roy Boat Club was founded by a church temperance organisation, Mr Morley Stuart observed at their annual dinner, but looking around the table he thought they must have strayed a little bit since then! The Robs lived up to the highest credentials a rowing a man could possess. Each generation had been worthy of the last and the present club was capable of winning back the Headship of the River plate.32 04 08

1932 04 09
Sir – as motorists do not appear to need the new New Square car park I suggest something useful should be done with it. It could be turned into tennis courts or used as a model yacht pond, a skating rink or the site for the new Guildhall. Meanwhile the surface should be coloured an appropriate shade of green as the white grey of the desolate expanse of concrete hurts my eyes. And could passers-by spare a few books for the attendant to read while he is waiting for the customers who never come – Ratepayer. 32 04 09

1932 04 11
A woman had a narrow escape from injury when the pavement blew up as she was walking down Fitzroy Street. She had almost passed the 'Fitzroy Arms' when an electrical junction blew opposite Williamson's shop sending a shower of stones into the air. Smoke coming out of the cracked pavement turned into a sheet of flame six foot high after a man threw a bucket of water on it. 32 04 11

1932 04 12
Smoke and frequent storms of rain, hail and snow, accompanied by thunder. A biting wind blowing gale force. The ground covered by a thick layer of slippery mud embedding cars that had to be freed by horses. Tote officials' hands too cold to pick the money off the benches. Despite all that there were many smiling faces at the point-to-point races at Thurlow as a surprisingly large crowd braved the elements. 32 04 12

Fenstanton cricket pavilion was totally destroyed by fire; within an hour there was nothing left but the charred remains of the wooden fence that surrounded it. All the cricket gear was saved. The pavilion was a 30-year-old wooden structure regarded as the best in Huntingdonshire. It was erected by voluntary subscriptions and insured for £200. The origin of the fire is a mystery. 32 04 12a

1932 04 13
Large new buildings designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens are part of a comprehensive extension scheme by Magdalene College on land originally occupied by Bird's vinegar and mustard factory. For two years it has been one of Cambridge's biggest building contracts but the comparative obscurity of the site has kept it out of the public eye. Eventually the whole of the west side of Magdalene Street from the bridge to Northampton Street will be cleared for reconstruction with a more imposing bridge and a further college wing at right angles to the present one. 32 04 13

1932 04 15
Tramps are on the increase. Previously the 'weary willies' were habitual vagrants who did no work; bearded, unclean and ragged they 'humped' their dirty kits through rain and sunshine. But now many respectable and well-dressed men who have been shorn of the dole by the Unemployment Insurance Act are taking to 'the road' in the almost vain hope of obtaining some employment. There are some from high professions who have found themselves cast on the 'rubbish heap', while married men are leaving their families rather than be a burden to wives who are employed. 32 04 15 &

Sir Alan Cobban visited Ashwell with his flying display. A large crowd watched the tricks and racing in the many different kinds of machines used. There were passenger flights, not only in the airspeed liners, but also in an open plane, a cabin monoplane, an autogiro, a glider and, for those who wanted an extra thrill, a plane set apart for aerobatics. In one event a pilot shot six balloons tied to a post with a revolver from a fast-moving plane. 32 04 15b

Corpus Christi College is to auction 'Pinehurst' and eight acres of land facing Selwyn College, close to the new University Library. There is every reason to think that apart from preventing the covering of the site with ordinary houses, its purchase for collegiate use would in time be found to be a very wise step. The vendors may be trusted to give the friendliest consideration to any proposal that may tend to the advantage of the college. 32 04 15c

1932 04 16
St Catharine's was one of the colleges whose elaborate extension schemes met with a setback through the war. There was to have been a full elevation to Trumpington Street with a completely enclosed court beyond. Now the porter's lodge will be replaced, the cobbles removed and the whole area sown with grass to give a more balanced frontage. It is eight years since that the elm trees, which formed a grove, were cut down. 32 04 16

1932 04 18
The entire confectionery department of Messrs H.G. Stiles' bakery at St Ives was totally destroyed by fire. For two hours the bakery, which contained tons of sugar, flour and a quantity of tea, blazed furiously. At one time the destruction of the shop and tea rooms appeared likely but fortunately it was separated by a thick wall and firemen managed to contain the outbreak. 32 04 18

New Square pic, p8*

1932 04 19
Two houses at Horningsea that had been condemned for demolition were sold for £200 – they had fetched only £150 ten or 12 years ago. The new owner thought they could be repaired satisfactorily. Three quarters of the thatched houses in the area were not half as sound as these were and on that basis at least 300 houses must be condemned. But the demolition order was confirmed. 32 04 19

1932 04 21
A number of farmers claimed they were unable to pay tithes because of the very bad times they were passing through. Those on heavy land were in a particularly parlous condition. A Whaddon farmer of 80 acres owed £10 13s which was suspended until mid-September to enable him to pay it out of the proceeds of the harvest. An agent for Queen Anne's Bounty agreed to suspend other distraint orders on payment of monthly instalments. 32 04 21

1932 04 22
Mr E.C. Green recalled that when he was a boy skittles were played by country people in a large shed; then it was brought into Cambridge with a club room converted into an indoor skittle alley. Both the pins and balls were made of India rubber with the sides of the room padded so there should be no noise. After a time the game died out but had now once again become a growing pastime with a Cambridge League started three years ago. 32 04 22a

The new Smedley canning factory at Ely will handle a full range of fruits and vegetables but specialise in greengages which grow better in Cambridgeshire than anywhere else in Britain. Canning will commence in June with about 200 people employed at the outset. It is capable of dealing with 5,000 tons of fruit and 10,000 tons of vegetables a year. Conferences have taken place with local growers with plans in hand for a big increase in the local acreage of produce specially cultivated for the canner. 32 04 22

1932 04 25
Greene, King and Sons who own the Panton Brewery formerly operated by Bailey and Tebbutt are closing down their Sudbury brewery as the result of the high duty on beer which has seriously affected their trade. It has been in operation for 60 years and was formerly carried on by Oliver Bros. The decision will not affect either the Cambridge or the main brewery at Bury St Edmunds. 32 04 25

1932 04 26
Brunswick athletic club, p7
Bertram Mills, p8

1932 04 28
Nobody wants a programme of industrialisation for Cambridge which would in any way spoil the amenities of the town as a residential centre, or disturb the charm and special beauty of the university. There were many industries for which the town was manifestly unsuited though absence of raw materials, skilled labour, housing for workers or industrial buildings. But new industrial zones could be established on the east side, the Chamber of Commerce say. 32 04 27 & a

A tractor caused a blaze on the farm of Mr John Scambler between Conington and Elsworth. Mr Richard Scambler was engaged in baling straw when the tractor back-fired and ignited a twenty-ton hay stack. A strong wind made it impossible to extinguish the flames. The stack was entirely destroyed and the tractor and baler damaged. 32 04 27b

1932 04 29
Buntingford's new post office, the most up-to-date of its kind in Hertfordshire, has an imposing frontage and the automatic stamp machines are lighted at night by electric strips. There is a spacious counter with the latest fittings while the sorting room is large with a rest room which contains up-to-date cooking utensils. Motor transport has been introduced so there will be three collections a day from nearly every box in the 15 parishes served. 32 04 29

Huntingdon Child home, p3

1932 04 30
Cambridge parted with the last of its hansom cabs a long time ago, but there are still a couple of four-wheelers to be seen on the stands, one driven by George Jolley and the other by Arthur Carter. George has been driving for 40 years but says things are not what they were. Cabbies used to assist undergraduates who were locked out of their college by backing the hansom against the wall to allow the belated reveller to climb over, negotiate the spikes on top and slip in unobserved. 'Growlers' were always available for mock funerals. 32 04 30

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Tractor shoe, p3
Atom split, p6
Technical School, p8
Photographer, p8

1932 05 03
Cambridge Metal Stamping Company's plans for the erection of a factory on land off St Andrew's Road, Chesterton would endanger the beautiful prospect from the river. Alderman Starr said he had viewed the site and been surprised to see a very large building for Pye's Radio Works had already been erected on the opposite side of the road. Factories were being built without consent of the council but this one could be blocked under the town planning scheme. There were other places it could go. 32 05 03 & a

1932 05 04
Asked why the old ceremony of 'beating the bounds' of the parish had not been revived in Thaxted, the Rev Conrad Noel said that this was quite meaningless when most of the land and property was owned by a few people while most owned nothing. Almost all the common land had been stolen or annexed. He hoped the time would come again when the land would belong to the people and the old processions would proclaim the people's rights and ask for God's blessings on the crops. 32 05 04

Mr Taylor, the blind music, was a well-known figure in Cambridge. Who, having talked with him, has not been impressed by the personality of the robust, breezy, genial, gifted blind man who carried on a music business for over 20 years in his little shop in Bridge Street. Not only could he restore any musical instrument, however dilapidated, he was an exceedingly clever player of the violin and 'cello. 32 05 04a

1932 05 05
Metal stamping factory turned down – 32 05 05

1932 05 06
John Place, grocer's assistant v Dr Charles Searle re elopement of his wife – 32 05 06a & b

St Paul's church hall, Suez Road was dedicated to serve the large community resident in the Coleridge Road district. Jesus College had given the site with sufficient land at the rear to build a church while Mrs E. Rowcroft of Torquay had send a cheque for £1,000 for the building work. 32 05 06d

Prof Albert Einstein lectured on electricity and relativity in the Cambridge Senate House, filling a blackboard with mathematical symbols and diagrams. A tall, thick-set figure, with a great mane of unruly grey hair, he was totally unacademic in appearance, speaking in quiet broken English with occasional burst of German. He lectured quite informally while his quiet humour set the dons and undergraduates laughing many times. The audience included members of the women's colleges and a puzzled-looking group of young school girls. 32 05 06

1932 05 07
Prof Einstein at Cambridge – photo – 32 05 07

When Jack Overhill had his initial swim in the river at the age of one year and nine months he took to it like the proverbial duck. He was diving at the age of two and now aged four his standing somersaults from the springboard, reverse and hand-stand dives, flips and other stunts delight onlookers. Had it not been for his shyness to talk he would have been in the films by now. Paramount Sound News tried to make a 'talkie' of him in October but he refused to say anything! 32 05 07a

1932 05 09
The old Ortona bus company had a sort of family arrangement with the workers. But with the formation of Eastern Counties the men had suffered cuts in wages. A midnight meeting of 200 employees instructed the Transport and General Workers' Union to open negotiations for wages of 1s 4d (07p) an hour for drivers, 1s 2d (06p) for conductors, for a 48-hour week. On public holidays the pay should be double time. 32 05 09

1932 05 10
An inquiry was held at the Three Pickerels Inn, Mepal on a man who'd lived on No.1 Houseboat on the Counter Drain. He'd been playing the accordion, was quite sober and in the best of spirits but was later pulled from the water by his brother on Houseboat no.5. The deck had no protection, there was a strong wind and he might have lost his balance and slipped into the water which was fix feet deep. 32 05 10

1932 05 11

Governors of Christ's Hospital, a charity body and extensive landowners, were summoned at Saffron Walden for refusing to pay rates in respect of the tithe rent charge on land at Clavering. They were unable to recover tithes due to them from tithe payers and so could not meet the demand. Their endowments had to be put to the use of poor children, not poor landlords. A distress warrant was issued. 32 05 11

1932 05 13
Importers have been supplying eggs in large bulk to the wholesalers, providing continuous, dependable supplies to the retailer. Now the opening of the Royston packing station has improved the size and quality of home-produced eggs. The National Mark Egg Scheme has steadied prices; it is the best hope of retaining existing markets and may increase consumption. 32 05 13

Inquest Henry Watson, photographic artist of Newmarket – worked for Frank Griggs – 32 05 13a and 32 05 20d & e

Royston egg, p3*

1932 05 14
There is praise for the improvements along King's Parade effected by the substitution of the low stone balustrade for the old hurdles and the construction of the light railings to separate King's College and Senate House Yard. All the work has been done by local labour. Messrs Coulson and Rattee and Kett have been the builders and the iron railings have been made by George Lister and Sons. 32 05 14a

Ortona garage – line of men applying work as bus drivers and conductors – photo – 32 05 14

1932 05 16
Flames reached the roof of King and Harper's garage in Jesus Lane when a taxi-cab caught fire as it was being filled with petrol. Cars in the garage were pushed out and the blaze extinguished. The cab was taken to the Thompson's Lane depot but some part of it still smouldered for at four in the morning it again blazed up. This time it was totally destroyed. 32 05 16

1932 05 17
Royston Town Hall reopened after being altered at a cost of £2,500, with a three-day programme of entertainments. Melbourn Players performed on the first night – but attracted only a small crowd. 200 attended a ball on the Friday – as this was the first dance on the floor it was not as good as it might be, but will improve in time – and a variety entertainment by amateur London artistes on Saturday seemed to the liking of everyone. 32 05 17

1932 05 18
Overnight two unfurled umbrellas were securely tied to the pinnacles of King's College chapel so they stood straight up. The college called a window cleaner to remove them, but despite his long ladder he was unable to get within ten feet. Two undergraduates went on the roof with shotguns and endeavoured to shoot them down. One fell but the other proved more difficult. The shots knocked the handle sideways. For some hours it floated gracefully from side to side in the wind like some gigantic weathercock. 32 05 18

Royston workhouse, p8

1932 05 19
Some of the former spirit of the quaint St Ives custom of throwing dice for Bibles was recaptured when for the first time in 30 years a service was held in the church afterwards and the Vicar presented the bibles at the foot of the chancel. The custom used to take place in the church on the communion table. Twelve children had been selected, but three failed to present themselves so councillors acted in their stead. 32 05 19

A fire broke out at the Corporation Store Yard, Mill Road when a tar boiler, containing 240 gallons, boiled over. The tar blazed up and ran under some old timber, setting it alight. Several barrels of tar and a horse lorry also became involved in the blaze. Flames shot 30 ft in the air and a dense, black pall of smoke settled over the neighbourhood. Employees attempted to put it out with water and sand. Had the wind been blowing in the opposite direction, serious damage might have been done. 32 05 19a

Tick fen dispute – 32 05 19b

1932 05 20
Rabbit skin factory, Sturton Street now improved – 32 05 20

Cambridgeshire bird life – survey and folk lore – 32 05 20a & b

Fire broke out in three lock-up garages owned by S.B. Wallis of St Barnabas Road, Cambridge. An Austin 'Seven' was completely burnt out - so fierce was the heat that the wheels collapsed, leaving the car resting on its frame. The fire spread to a 1932 Morris Major; its petrol tank exploded and before the flames subdued a Fiat had been reduced to a charred and twisted wreck of wood and metal work. But the Morris' instruction booklet was practically unscorched. 32 05 20c

1932 05 21
What would papers do without Cambridge undergraduates' pranks? During a hard frost years ago some 150 callow youths had a 'curling' bonspiel on the pond at Emmanuel College. Each had a china bowl in lieu of the orthodox curling stone – and each bowl contained a lighted candle. Overnight a thaw set in and visitors watched gardeners salvaging the 'curling stones' from the bottom of the pond. Shortly afterwards undergraduates took a donkey dressed in cap and gown into dinner in hall. Most of the aged dons mistook him for one of themselves! But in those days no newspaper commented. 32 05 21a

The inner history of the King's College roof-climbing escapade has been revealed. The hazardous feat was carried out by two parties of undergraduates, including several-well known athletes, who are members of a secret organisation composed of skilled mountain climbers. They used the lightning conductor which has been loosened by previous generations of climbers. It is the climax of a series of climbs during the past few months; now they proposed to publish detailed accounts of their exploits. 32 05 21

Cambridge novel 'Poor Scholars' by A.R. Rossiter – 32 05 21b

1932 05 23
Cambridgeshire Insurance Committee considered moving to the new County Hall, Castle Hill. It was a very fine situation but what sane business man having a base in the centre would go a mile out of town to a place scarcely anybody knew - even though there was a free motor park. But future development would be on the north of Cambridge as the County had offered a very large acreage of land between Histon railway station and the old Chesterton village. 32 05 23 & a

1932 05 24
Night-climbers Kings chapel & Eton – 32 05 24

Dr Searle, p6*

1932 05 25
Ralph Starr reminiscences about 1875 – 32 05 25 & 25a

'Varsity Weekly', an undergraduate newspaper conducted on sensational lines, claimed that errand boys had been sumptuously entertained by members of the University in rooms in Trinity Street. As a

result the writer was challenged to a duel. But police were waiting outside Girton College when a car drew up early in the morning. Inside they found three fencing epees with their protective buttons cut off and the points filed down to needle sharpness. 32 05 25b

1930 05 26
Cooking in Cambridge colleges – soups etc – 32 05 26

Bourn windmill worked until about six years ago when the sails were damaged in a gale. It was bought by Mansfield Forbes using money collected at an exhibition of Epstein's 'Genesis' at 'Finella'. Now it has been repaired by Hunts of Soham and will be presented to the Cambridge Preservation Society. 32 05 26a

1932 05 27
Non-payment of tithe, Saffron Walden farmers – 32 05 27

The Carnegie Trust offered to meet the cost of erecting a semi-permanent building to accommodate March Library provided the Isle of Ely County Council spend £200 on books. But councillors thought this an unnecessary expenditure at a time when people were hard pressed for money. 32 05 27 & a

The skin of a musk rat was exhibited at a meeting of the Ouse Catchment Board. The animals had been introduced into the country for breeding purposes but were a serious menace to river banks. They lived in colonies and made runs up to 1,000 feet long below water level. A reward of five shillings would be paid for each one killed. 32 05 27b

1932 05 28
St George's church appeal – (detailed) – 32 05 28 & 28a

Sensational disclosures are expected in connection with a fivefold shooting tragedy. While the shooting was taking place a girl operator in the telephone exchange was listening to it, powerless to help. The dead woman was in the act of putting through a telephone call. Before the bullet entered her head she had taken off the receiver which was found hanging on its wire when the police entered the house. 32 05 28 b & c, 30, 31

1932 05 30
Shooting, p8*

1932 05 31
Mass murder, Hills Road – 32 05 31a, b, 32 06 01 & b

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1932 06 01
The 'Brighter Roofs for Colleges' movement is growing. Overnight at Ridley Hall two cords were stretched from one of the college towers. On them pyjamas, pyjamas and still more pyjamas were floating in the wind. Large ones, small ones, brightly-coloured and silk examples were proudly swaying in the breeze and in the middle was suspended a parson's hat. After they had been lowered to the ground their various owners joined in a frantic scramble for their particular pairs which had been removed from their rooms. 32 06 01a

British Legion dedication Isle standard – 32 06 01
Shooting funeral, p8

1932 06 02
King's nightclimbing – brolly removed – 32 06 02
Prince George Wisbech show

1932 06 03
Messrs Hall, Cutlack and Harlock told a rating appeal there had been two large breweries at Ely which had now amalgamated. The Forehill Brewery had been expanded, with a new bottle washing shed and additional offices. But at the Quay Brewery the mineral water factory had closed and it was only used as a storehouse for lorries that were waiting to be sold. 32 06 03

1932 06 04
Bourn windmill was handed over to the Cambridge Preservation Society. It was probably the oldest in the country and cannot be economically used today. However it was pretty and on that criterion alone it is worth preserving. It was quite possible it would be made into a Youth Hostel. 32 06 04

A new Cambridge Guildhall should be built on the corner of East Road and Parkside where the site is three times as large, meeting the requirements of the Corporation for many years. The existing Guildhall on Market Hill should be replaced with shops on the ground floor and offices and flats above, councillors have recommended. 32 06 04a, 06a, 06aa

1932 06 06
The Conservative fete at the Gog Magogs has established itself as one of the events of the summer. Ten thousand people from every part of the county poured into the grounds by bus, car, cycle or on foot. There were stalls where all manner of things could be bought, a darts tournament, whippet racing and non-stop dancing on the cricket ground to the music of Salmon's and Foster's "Imps" Bands. 32 06 06c

Retrial Dr Charles Frederick Searle divorce case – 32 06 06b, bb, 32 06 07
Nightclimbing craze spreads to Emmanuel – 32 06 06d
Guildhall site, p3*

1932 06 07
Stan Waller, the Cambridge middle-weight boxer and one of the best in the country, has returned from a tour to South Africa designed to re-establish boxing in the public taste, for they have gone all-in-wrestling mad. He beat Eddie McGuire, the South African champion in a bout in Johannesburg. Meanwhile Cambridge had its first taste of open-air boxing with a tournament on the Town Football Ground promoted by Arthur Waller. 32 06 07a aa b

1932 06 09
May races opening – crowds – 32 06 09
New Guildhall debate – 32 06 09a, 32 06 20 & a, 32 06 21

1932 06 10
A 100-year old Girton lady, Mrs Elizabeth Evans, was remarkably active to the day of her death. She was a hard worker in a local laundry until she left, aged 86, to look after her husband. Up to a year ago she kept house for one of her grandsons in High Street and could be seen scrubbing the front step in the morning when she was 99 years of age. 32 06 10

Salvation Army young people's hall foundation – 32 06 10a & b

1932 06 11
St George's church foundation stone – 32 06 11

1932 06 14
May Week balls, p8

1932 06 15
Milk marketing scheme – 32 06 15a
Ebenezer Haynes, shoe maker – 32 06 15

Lolworth roadman killed, p8

1932 06 16
During mole draining on a Bourn farm the operator noticed the mole was pulling very hard and reduced the depth from one foot to ten inches. The land was very stiff, heavy and stony and oil consumption on his Fordson tractor was 30 gallons a day. But another contractor said such a tractor could pull a mole and drain 18 inches deep on such land and should consume only 12 gallons. The price charged was extortionate. 32 06 16a

The new Trinity Hall Estate off Milton Road is one of the highest, healthiest and more popular residential districts of Cambridge. It has been developed on garden suburb lines with grass verges and street lighting. The rooms are airy and spacious, hot and cold water is supplied to the bathroom, and there is a good garden with space for a garage. The first seven houses were sold before they were complete. 32 06 16b

Kensington advert, p7*

1932 06 17
A Cambridge Publicity Club was formed at a meeting of prominent businessmen. Some might like to advertise their goods by brochures, others by taking large space on hoardings or through the local press but they would be better off by the pooling of their ideas and by coming into contact with specialists who could offer advice. It might become a branch of the Chamber of Commerce. 32 06 17 a & b

A Cambridge doctor claimed payment from an undergraduate for a course of sun ray treatment. He sent his account to the college but the tutor had not been told the student had been ill and queried the charge. When undergraduates are going down it is extremely difficult, if not impossible to get them to pay their bills, he lost more from undergraduates than any other kind of patients, the doctor complained. 32 06 17 c& d

Stretham garden fete, p6*

1932 06 18
Laundry, p4

1932 06 20
Guildhall debate pic, p6*
Robinson plane crash, p7

1932 06 21
Gonville Place photo, p8*

1932 06 22
Prince of Wales visits Leys, p8*
Midsummer Fair returns to original site, opening – 32 06 22b

1932 06 24
There were three horses for sale on Midsummer Common – which is three more than last year. A group of bored-looking men watched the animals being put through their paces. An elderly man dressed in country clothes patted one of them and looked critically at its teeth. A young man in oil-stained overalls walked over, a pail in each hand. “What’s going on”, he asked. “The Horse Fair” I replied. “Never heard of it”. So pass out ancient institutions. 32 06 24

The Stokesay Laundry of Histon Road is a happy hive of industry where women and girls work under ideal conditions in a healthy atmosphere. They have installed a wonderful ironing machine which is the last word in efficiency. The extensive drying grounds in a very large garden ensure final cleanliness and sweetness. 32 06 18 & 18a

The Prince of Wales landed in his red Puss Moth monoplane at Marshall's aerodrome. He jumped hatless from the plane, then donned a boater and drove to the Leys School where he opened the new squash courts and sports ground. On his return he was assisted into his raincoat in preparation for a lofty flight in search of a favourable wind before he stepped into his monoplane, soared gracefully aloft and headed for London. 32 06 22a

1932 06 24
Midsummer Horse Fair, p8*

1932 06 28
"Billy" Godlington was born in Cambridge 64 years ago and began his career as a waiter at the Bull Hotel before serving in a similar capacity at Trinity College for forty years. His wife Florence (nee Leggett) was active during the Great War in connection with the Tipperary Club which made socks and sandbags for use at the Front. They had five sons, three of whom worked at Trinity with their father; four were in the war, one being killed serving with the Australians. 32 06 28

1932 06 29
Willingham house struck lightning – 32 06 29

1932 06 30
Newmarket Electric Light Company's new showrooms in the High Street include a large room to be used for cooking lectures and demonstrations. Progress is being made with the changeover from direct to alternating current and they can now shut down the Newmarket power station. The cost had come down to 8d (04p) a unit, but it was still somewhat of a luxury at that price. 32 06 30 & 30a

March Town Football Club's season was probably the worst in their 50 years of existence. They had a deficit of more than £30 and several of their best players were unscrupulously persuaded to play for another team. They competed in two leagues and finished at the foot of each. The bright feature was the wonderful loyalty of their few playing members in the face of overwhelming defeats, week after week. 32 06 30b

July 1932 CIP

1932 07 01
Sir. Agricultural workers' wages are down from 46 shillings (£2.30) to 30 shillings (£1.50) and even so many are unable to find employment. The price of farm produce is below the cost of production but still the 'Grasping Parson' expects to receive the same tithe as they did when wheat was making £2.8s a quarter – it is now around £1.4s. They do not care who suffers - poverty-stricken widows have been dragged through the county court. The church is committing suicide by its callous treatment of tithe holders - 'Fair Play'. 32 07 01

Sir – Histon has a railway crossing – but it is by no means a 'level' one. It needs a footbridge for pedestrians. Recently two villagers were waiting for one of the long goods trains to pass along the railway; "Is it a goods or a passenger" one asked. "Goods" was the resigned reply. "Then I'll just go home and have a shave while it goes by". 32 07 01b

The cross-roads in the centre of Melbourn were the scene of another accident when a Jowett car going to Royston collided with a Morris Isis drive by Sir Layton Blenkinsop which was crossing to Meldreth. Happily both cars were travelling dead slow, otherwise the collision might have had more serious results. The smaller Jowett car was damaged rather badly. 32 07 01c

Balsham British Legion, p10
Willingham lightning, p13*

1932 07 08
A new oak altar and side chapel was consecrated at All Saints' Church, Huntingdon. It is the gift of the Countess of Sandwich in memory of her mother, Bessie McLeod Leggett, and was designed by J.M. Cowper who was responsible for the Warriors Chapel at Westminster Abbey. 32 07 08

Wicken Coronation Band played during a fete to raise money for repairs to the village almshouses. There was plenty to amuse with darts, coconut shy, a rifle range and various stalls. Then there was a dancing display by pupils of Miss K. Setchell of Sutton and a variety entertainment by C. Arnold's Concert Party. Mr C. Alsop – known as 'Wick' on account of his activities for the village – said many Cambridge people had made donations. 32 07 08a

The publican of the Prince of Wales, Histon Road, Cambridge became licensee in May 1914. His wife ran it while he served in the army during the war and afterwards he made 25 per cent profit on beer and a third on spirits. But his furniture was not very good and there was no inducement for people to come there. There were four other pubs in the locality and he lost trade when the depression set in. 32 07 08b

Sir – since Eastern Counties Omnibus Company took over from Ortona the conditions of employment are far worse. Conductors now have to write numbers in tiny squares all day and only get 2s 6d a week extra for working a double-deck bus. The old firm granted a permanent pass for employees' wives, now they get none. Cleaners and fitters - the highly-skilled men who tend the fleet - earn over a pound a week less than before. – A Ratepayer. 32 07 08c

Windows of the houses in Sawston were rudely shaken by a heavy explosion, followed after a brief interval by another equally loud. People ran into the streets and rumours were rife – two aeroplanes were down, an anti-aircraft gun was being tested at Duxford. The noise was called by huge rockets purchased by the Parish Council as fire warnings. They are intended bring firemen on bicycles to the station where they secure a horse, harness it to the engine and gallop to the fire. It would doubtless soon be got under control – if there was only a water supply! 32 07 08e

Allegations of a bus 'war' between Eastern Counties and Reliance Coaches were revealed when Mr L.J. Parker applied to run an additional service from Cottenham to Cambridge on Saturday nights. Reliance charged one penny to garden workers between Cottenham church and Garden Gate, considerably less than Eastern Counties. But they claimed his vehicles were driven by men who were not licenced for public service work. 32 07 08d

Harston land, p7

1932 07 15
The Duke and Duchess of York opened Papworth Village Settlement's Women's Hospital which provides accommodation with the personal appurtenances of a private bed-sitting room so that each of the 62 patients may enjoy cheerful, colourful surroundings in her fight for health. Then they journeyed on to Addenbrooke's Hospital to open a new wing for children. 32 07 15a & b

Cambridge councillors say the municipal buildings should remain on the Guildhall site and not move to Parkside as had been proposed. It should be a worthy building, not surrounded by shops. With four floors they could provide 70 per cent more accommodation for officials but five would add to the dignity of the building and leave some surplus space that could be let and provide a source of income. But it must not overwhelm the market place. 32 07 15 c & d

The new Shire Hall was opened with little ceremony in the presence of a handful of people. The Architect (H.H. Dunn) presented the Chairman, Ald W.C. Jackson, with a gold-covered key engraved

with the County Arms with which he unlocked the door. Soon a stream of guest arrived and the corridors presented a most animated appearance. The council chamber is very similar to that at the old County Hall in Hobson Street from which all the seats and tables have been removed while every care has been taken to provide the maximum air, light and spaciousness to the offices. 32 07 15e & f

Policeman charged, p7
Queen at Fitzwilliam, p9*
Ramsey rights of way, p13

1932 07 22
Fenstanton's new village hall was opened by the Bishop of Ely. The idea was mooted 17 years ago and the work had gone on under three vicars. The hall had been converted out of some stables at the back of the vicarage at a cost of £500 and a piece of land added in the event of a further extensions being required. It gave parishioners the opportunity to develop fellowship, unity and enjoyment between one another. 32 07 22a

Tobacco-growing in this country has been crushed by absurd laws but pipe and cigarette tobacco could be grown on Cambridgeshire allotments – Shelford alone could produce many tons of cured leaf. It could be a more profitable industry than sugar beet with a factory in Cambridge providing employment. Mr J. Burn-Murdoch will show samples of his home-grown tobacco at Shelford Horticultural Show together with specimens of cigarettes manufactured in England. 32 07 22b

Rail smash, p6

1932 07 29
Cambridgeshire County Council held their first meeting at the new administrative buildings on the Castle site when the recommendation that it be called 'Shire Hall' was adopted without discussion. It was admirably suited to its purpose without any frills and decorations. But Councillor Fordham regretted the purchase of two Turkey carpets for the councillors' room at cost of £37. 32 07 29a & b

Farmers objected to the proposed harvest wages; Mr Scambler declared that prices were down by 25 per cent. He had 500 lambs that looked like making £500 less than last year. Agriculture was bankrupt and prices had gone to bits. How could the farmer pay for the harvest while we allowed foreign food to come in – wheat was being imported from Germany at 21 shillings a quarter? Special harvest wages should be wiped out. Farmers were mostly honest men and so were the workers. They should be left to make an agreement themselves. 32 07 29e

A bricklayer's labourer told the court that when he passed Newsells Lodge at Barley he noticed a lorry near Mr Crossman's spinney and saw the prisoners come out with iron fencing on their shoulders which they put on the vehicle which then drove off. Frederick Dodkin, a blacksmith, noticed it bore the name 'General Motor Transport Co., Ealing'. One defendant said he took them to make petrol can crates. The other said "I was with him, but I did not want them'. They were sorry they did such a foolish thing. 32 07 29d

Littleport was plunged into gloom after a fatal accident at the Show. A man died when his parachute became entangled in the rudder of the plane. The machine at once tail dived and drifted backwards over an oatfield. The right-hand wing struck the ground and the propeller dug into the soil. The pilot lay bleeding and about 30 feet from the tail was a mark caused by the body of the parachutist striking the ground. His wristwatch was still going. 32 07 29f

The old bells of Swavesey church have been tuned and re-hung on a steel frame with ball bearings which lessens the work of the ringers very considerably. They have been in the church for about 180 years and were originally fitted by Messrs Gillet and Johnson of Croydon. A new floor has also been laid under the bells which makes their tone more pleasant. 32 07 29h

Painting streets, p6
Stretham man fined, p20*
Lorry fire, p13

August 1932 CIP

1932 08 05
Nearly 200 troops arrived at Ely for the voluntary camp of the Cambridgeshire Territorials. On Tuesday they marched to a field on the Littleport Road where the men engaged in machine gun work while trained machine-gunners were taking ranges from the water tower. The men have been accommodated in the old Barracks while the officers' mess has been at the Lamb Hotel where in accordance with the old Militia tradition the band has played outside in the evenings. All the catering has been done with local tradesmen, which has been much appreciated. 32 08 05a

Seven pigs were roasted alive in a fire which destroyed buildings at Manor Farm, Great Raveley. Mrs F. Herbert made a great effort to save them but failed owing to the intense heat. She threw buckets of water on the flames and prevented them reaching the house until the arrival of Ramsey Fire Brigade helped extinguish the blaze. 32 08 05b

Cereal growing in Cottenham has reached the lowest ebb in living memory. Many acres of land have become derelict and present a sorry spectacle indeed. It suffered first in May from excessive wet, followed by prolonged drought and then the recent heavy storms. The farmer's expenses will again over-ride receipts. Most fruit growers are disappointed with the crops, though the canners have taken a fair quantity, which has helped. 32 08 05c

1932 08 12
The University of Cambridge has accepted Messrs Rattee and Kett's tender for the superstructure of the new University Library. They are also building an extension to the School of Agriculture and the Royal Society Mond Laboratory while Mr Sindall is building the new block of lecture rooms in Mill Lane and Coulson and Son have the contract for the extension to the Physiological Laboratory. These valuable contracts have been made possible largely by the munificent gift of the Rockefeller Trustees. 32 08 12b

Sir – On Saturday night I saw a meteorite near Ramsey. It dropped in a slanting direction towards the southern horizon and appeared to be travelling in half circles. A long trail of greenish light was left behind, although the meteorite itself was yellow and even more brilliant than lighting. It was not like any other shooting star, five of which I saw before dawn. – J.A. Burn-Murdoch. 32 08 12c

The Union Jack and the American flag were draped behind the chair of the President, H. Franklin when Cambridge Rotarians assembled at the Dorothy Café to hear an address from the founder of Rotary, Mr Paul Harris. Mr Galloway said they were content to assist in the cultivation of this great movement and offered its founder their most grateful and affectionate tribute. 32 08 12d & e

The greatest Guide camp Cambridgeshire has ever known is taking place in Chippenham Park to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the movement. As I motored round the camp we saw on all sides healthy, merry, laughing girls, filled with the zest that only life in the glorious open can give. A clump of huge beeches is the site of a huge camp fire where every one of the 600 Guiders gather round the blazing logs to sing and yarn, the night sky overhead and the smell of wood smoke in their nostrils. Then are friendships made. 32 08 12f & g

Suicide Arthur Savidge, Twentypence Road, Wilburton – worried that father had lost farm – 32 08 12a
Swavesey land dispute – 32 08 12f

1932 08 19
A fracas at Wellington Street had a sequel at Cambridge Police Court. One man claimed another had insulted his wife by calling her a 'wireless set' so he hit his mother and grandfather. After that there was a free fight. The Mayor said they could not do that sort of thing and Wellington Street must be better behaved. People should not meddle with other people's private affairs. 32 08 19a

Proposals to close the Saffron Walden Public Assistance Institution and build a large institution at Takeley were criticised. It would be a large specialist hospital for old people but old age was not a disease, what they wanted was comfort. It would mean herding people together for the sake of economy, not treating them as human beings. An institution had been built at Dunmow 20 years ago and a few years later was scrapped and sold for less than half its cost. 32 08 19b

An enquiry into a footpath at Aspenden heard from Dr Harry Dixon from Buntingford who said he went to the village many times using the footpath across the field at the back of the Red Lion. The stile had not been wired up when the pub burned down in 1917 and until 1929 there was never any obstruction. Other elderly residents remembered using it. But it was not shown on the Enclosure Award and people had been stopped from time to time by gates and barricades. 32 08 19c & d

John Austin Fabb started in business as a printer, moving to Guildhall Street in 1881 and Corn Exchange Street in 1920. He printed the Cambridge Review from its inception in 1879 and conceived the idea of a list of Resident Members of the University in 1890. During the war he compiled seven editions of the list of Cambridge University men on active service. He was a prominent Freemason and founded the York Street Sick Club. 32 08 19e

Sir – modern education is insufficient as witnessed by the complaints of employers at the errors made by young people seeking their first post. But what can society expect whilst teachers have to attend to the requirements of 60 and more children in each class? Schools should develop character in addition to imparting knowledge but teachers have to combat indifferent home influences. If society desires protection from its vices let it not economise at the expense of its schools – Walter Billings, Coleridge Road. 32 08 19f

Teversham Sunday School children prefer the old fashioned type of 'treat' to any organised outing. Tea in the rectory garden was followed by games in the field and with four swings and a rocking-horse for the tinies, everybody was happy. Balloons were very popular as was the usual scrambling for sweets. Instead of the usual toys the Rector presented each child with a Book of Common Prayer and they gave him many hearty cheers. 32 08 19g

1932 08 26
The purchase of up-to-date fire appliances has been a controversial subject at Ely so councillors were given demonstration of one of the latest motor fire engines at the Quay. Built on a Ford two-ton chassis it has dependable brakes and can seat officer, driver and six firemen. The pump delivers 250 gallons of water a minute though a 120 feet of hose 32 08 26a

Ely council considered a letter about the proposed open-air swimming baths to be erected by a Cambridge lady. She wanted to know the price they required for the land, whether they would lay on a water supply and how much they would charge for filling it with water. It would hold 70,000 gallons and be changed once a week. Ely people wanted a swimming bath but if it was going to pay an individual, would it not pay the council? They should look into costs themselves. 32 08 26c

Sir – recently at the Dorothy Café I sat at the table with an elderly farmer and the conversation drifted to the difficulty of obtaining reliable farm labour. Then he sang me a song of goodwill, grit and endeavour. It starts 'Now if you will listen a moment or two, I'll sing you a bit of a rhyme, I'll tell you what I think a man must do, To make the best use of his time." Is it an old Cambridgeshire folk song? – J.T. Lambeth. 32 08 26d

A stack fire which broke out near Coldham's Lane attracted a crowd several hundred strong. It is believed to have been started by one of the many courting couples who frequent the place. Mr A.H. Doggett of Rectory Farm, Cherry Hinton said: "The fire was not caused by internal combustion, nor by lightning. Couples come here and lie about. I don't mind so much as long as they don't damage my property". Boy scouts from Fen Ditton worked with police and farm hands to prevent the flames spreading. 32 08 26e

Sir - Has the country gone examination mad? Mass production may be effective in industry but when it is applied to education it becomes tragic. I recall a large schoolroom filled with village children, with a master who was a retired soldier with a pension whose wife taught the girls needlework in the afternoons. There was no other help except that the elder children had to teach the youngest. The modern child is much quicker in the uptake and has a wider outlook at 14 than I had at 20. - 'Rusticus'. 32 08 26g

Of Huntingdon Town Football Club little can be written. Owing to poor support by the public and heavy travelling expenses, they are in debt to the extent of £60 and have decided not to continue in the Peterborough League. It is hoped that things will improve. The public must rally round more if they desire Huntingdon to remain on the football map. 32 08 26h

Residents in Little St Mary's Lane narrowly escaped injury when the chimney-stack of the Museum of Classical Archaeology was struck by lightning. Its extensive double glass roof was completely wrecked and two plaster casts of classical figures were slightly damaged. One brick struck the floor with such force that it rebounded on to the base of a model, which it chipped. 32 08 26

Sir - Swavesey RDC repaired the bridge at Webb's Hole some years ago but have for a long time been lax in looking after it. How many of the old rights of way between Swavesey and the Ouse are now available for the public. Where are the stiles? How much is left of the footbridge over Covill's drain on the right of way to Holywell Ferry and is it possible to get to Overcote across Middle Fen, as in days gone by? – Fisherman. 32 08 26j

Coveney farmer fined bad condition of horse – 32 08 26b

Stretham – F.H. Dimmock foot seriously injured by grass cutting machine – 32 08 26c

September 1932 CIP

1932 09 02
St Ives workhouse took in 693 casuals during the month, compared to 309 last August, including 19 women and ten children who had been fruit picking with their parents. It was unusual for girls of this age to be tramping. They have been made too comfortable and preferred such institutions to lodging-houses. They were supposed to pay for their keep but the men hid their belongings so it was difficult to know what they owned. 32 09 02a

Abbey United started their football campaign in fine style. Not only did they play their first match on their new ground but they won it. The ground is situated close to the former pitch at Newmarket Road and has been levelled and fenced-in. All this was possible through the generosity of the club president, Mr H.C. Francis and it was officially declared open by Mr R.J. Wadsworth. 32 09 02b

Ernest Bevan opened the new wing of the Transport and General Workers' Convalescent Home at Littleport. It includes a billiard room, dining room, recreation rest room and ten bedrooms. The whole of the old building has been redecorated and with its well-laid-out gardens is now an ideal spot for invalid workers to recover their health. The Union purchased the site in September 1920 for £2,500, the Home opened in May 1921and 9,000 men have passed through it. 32 09 02c

Practical jokers have been at work again on the statue of Oliver Cromwell on the Market Hill at St Ives. This time a yo-yo was attached to the pointing finger of his outstretched arm and was the cause of much amusement. Poor Oliver! Of recent years he has been adorned with objects ranging from beer bottles to a loaf of bread but this latest prank seems to be the most topical yet. 32 09 02

Mr J. Wentworth-Day of Wicken learned journalism on the 'Cambridge Daily News' and wrote the biography of Sir Malcolm Campbell. He recently dined with the Duke and Duchess of York who displayed great interest in the bird sanctuary at Wicken Fen. He also flew in the first aeroplane to land on the tiny island of Sark in the Channel Islands. 32 09 02d

Burwell churchyard, p8
Rendezvous, p11, p12

1932 09 09
Members of the Cambridge Workers' Hospital Fund say they cannot accept the new Addenbrooke's Hospital Contributory Scheme. There have been no discussions with the Hospital who have rejected every approach. They had refused permission to put posters on the gates of the Hospital saying it would not look nice – although notice boards advertised a staff dance for the nurses. 32 09 09a

Aldreth householders appealed against their rate assessment. Mr W. Nicholas had bought a former public house when it closed for £150. There were six rooms, a wash-house and about 30 poles of ground, two small stables and a barn. A.G. Wright had three houses, they were old properties and wanted a lot of attention to keep them in habitable repair. He could not charge more than three shillings a week for them: there was no water and they were isolated. 32 09 09b

Norris Library, p9
Horse photo, p12*
New estate linking Histon Road with St Luke's estate – photo – 32 09 09c

1932 09 16
A well-known St Ives figure has been removed by the death of Mr Frederick Whaley, aged 80. He served in local banks becoming sub-manager with Messrs Foster which was taken over by the Capital and Counties and then Lloyds. He was a total-abstainer and non-smoker who filled every office at the Wesleyan Chapel. He always went abroad to escape the winter but declared that 'St Ives was the best place on earth between Easter and Christmas'. 32 09 16a

The notorious Rector of Stiffkey changed trains at Cambridge station. Immediately he arrived in the booking hall – in clerical attire and with a cigar in his mouth – he was recognised and news spread with amazing rapidity. Many eyes followed him and he waved frequently in reply to salutations. He leant down to a small boy and patted him on the head with the remark 'You know me, didn't you'. He informed a CDN representative that he would be returning to his Norfolk parish shortly. 32 09 16b

At the opening of the new Spicers Theatre at Sawston Mr H.G. Spicer recalled that they had provided silent pictures for ten years, now they would be 'talking' or 'musical'. He hoped to also have variety entertainment, theatricals and dances. He then attacked the County Education Officer, Herbert Morris, over the previous agreement for showing pictures at Sawston Village College. 32 09 16b

When the electric current failed in Newmarket on Monday night the audience at the Kingsway Cinema waited by gaslight for it to return. The Victoria Cinema was not incommoded at all, for all of the electricity in the club, billiards room and bar is manufactured on the premises. But the Oddfellows and British Legion Clubs were plunged into darkness and had to resort to candles. 32 09 16c

The Chief Constable said it was contrary to regulations for heavily-laden lorries to stop on the road and it was impossible for them to pull on to the grass verge as they would become embedded. It was

time the county provided hard-surfaced 'pull-offs' so the drivers could sleep at night. But councillors said they were not Cambridgeshire lorries and the Ministry of Transport should fund them. 32 09 16d St Ives Whaley, p16*

1932 09 23
The Union of British Methodism – bringing together the Wesleyan, Primitive and United Methodists - is the most important event in the history of British Nonconformity since the birth of Wesley. Cambridge's first Methodist chapel in Fitzroy Street was where Gipsy Smith heard the sermon which led to him becoming an evangelist. It is now Fellowship House for the local unemployed. 32 09 23b & c

Huntingdon county council should take over the Tick Fen Road. At present it was a private road and if it required repairing the expense fell on the owners. On the question of drainage, Alderman Tebbutt said the Ouse Catchment Board had not got a single man with any real experience of fen rivers. They were very able young chaps but there was only one man who really understood the position, Capt Matthews, and he was now dead. 32 09 23d

On the Kendal Way Estate 375 new panels had had to be put in the front doors as they had cracked badly and fallen out on the mats. To put them in workmen had nailed pieces of wood at the back of the doors and nailed the new panels on to them. Such bodged-up doors should be taken out straight away and replaced with new ones. In every house one can find one or more of the ceilings and walls cracked. Jobs were only done properly when the clerk of the works was around. 32 09 23e

The new schoolroom adjoining the Baptist church at Over was blessed and opened following a service in the chapel, which was filled to capacity. It was something they could be truly glad about. While other churches were thinking of cutting down, they were extending. A powerful progressive church was something to rejoice in and praise God about. All they needed was a minister so that the interest did not become cold. 32 09 23f

Ambulance men had to carry stretchers nearly two miles through boggy fields, sometimes knee deep in swamp, before they could reach the victims of an aeroplane crash near Hauxton. The De Haviland Gipsy Moth, hired from Marshall's Aerodrome, suffered engine failure and struck the top of a tree. The journey back to the ambulance proved more difficult but was helped by a C.D.N. van driver. 32 09 23f

Jesus College boathouse was damaged by fire; the upper floor was gutted and the stone ground floor reduced to the dismal prospect of two dozen boats of all kinds, either charred beyond repair or only slightly blistered by the heat. They included ten eights, two fours, two light pairs, two whiffs, two funnies, three tubs and three bank tubs. But the clock tower still stands and the clock still works. The blaze was spotted by a man on the opposite bank but the mist was so thick at the time that he was in doubt whether the building was actually on fire. 32 09 23g

Pull-offs, p5*
Green End Road school photo, p12

1932 09 30
The agricultural wages tribunal heard that the position of the farmer was as bad as it was possible to be, the list of farm sales is appalling and it is impossible to continue to pay the present wages and maintain the correct number of men to farm efficiently. But the proposed wage of £1.3s.6d. (£1.18) would bring workers to a state of semi-starvation. Eventually it was fixed at £1.10s.0d a week (£1.50). 32 09 30aa

Members of the National Unemployed Workers' Movement organised a meeting opposite a house in New Street, Cambridge in the interests of a resident who was threatened with eviction. The man was a rag and bone dealer with two children whose application for relief from the Public Assistance

Committee had been refused on the grounds that he was not starving. A Defence Committee was formed to oppose his ejection and a demonstration will be arranged on Parker's Piece. 32 09 30bb (picture 32 09 30d)

Swavesey hedges dispute – 32 09 30a & b

Adelaide wedding by boat - -photo – 32 09 30c

October 1932 CIP

1932 10 07
Sir – the time is not far distant when every village of importance will have to provide an official parking place for motor vehicles. The traffic through Melbourn may be abnormal but a parking place near the cross, church and green is even now a necessity. The many white road lines are evidence of the dangerousness of its turnings and corners. While many a halting motorist is rightly moved in by the police there are some who escape attention and it is ironic that motorists who offend least may be those who have to suffer – Melbournite. 32 10 07e

A Swaffham Bulbeck man told the Bankruptcy Court that he'd dealt in pigs and poultry, saved money and bought ten acres of land at Lode. He then bought his father's coal carts for £90 and supplied coal chiefly in small bags. But there was a lot of competition and he'd had to lower his prices. He owed considerable sums to coal merchants, then the corn crop failed. He put his land up for auction but it failed to reach the reserve and later sold for only £150. 32 10 07a

County engineers reported that the main beams of the bridges at Sutton Gault were no longer safe for a load exceeding three tons and needed to be improved. The piles were also in a very rotten condition. The Estates committee recommended that Sutton Tollhouse, the adjoining cottage and a strip of land on the opposite side of the road, should be offered to the Isle of Ely County Council at the price of £100. But Herber Martin considered this excessive. 32 10 07aa & 32 10 07b

The old English sport of falconry was demonstrated on Roger Fuller's land at Wicken. Lord Howard de Walden and his friends go hunting with his falcons every year. The five peregrine falcons were brought to the field in an up-to-date motor car and after one or two fruitless efforts finally made a kill out of sight of the spectators. 32 10 07bb

It was an important day in the history of Downing College when the Lord Chancellor opened a block of new buildings. In 1910 undergraduates had petitioned for a chapel to replace the small upper room in which religious services were held, then a former member directed in his will that a chapel, library and livings rooms be provided. New gates in Tennis Court Lane commemorating the tragic death of Prof. Kenny were also opened. 32 10 07bb

Varsity Express Motors asked to be allowed to increase the average speed of their motor coaches on the Cambridge-London route to 25 mph – it would cut 15 minutes off the journey. The early morning coach leaving at 6.30 made very few pickups and it would be useful if it arrived in London before 9 o'clock as most of the coaches leave for the coast then. They manage to catch some by dropping passengers on their route but it was difficult to get to Regent Street in time for the Bournemouth coach. 32 10 07b

Linton council heard that there was a plague of rats. They should go back to the old scheme of paying a penny per tail for dead rats. But there would be an awful scrap for the tails when stacks were pulled down and they would be paying out for all the rats in Cambridgeshire. It had cost of a lot of money and in the end there were more rats than ever - there were rumours that people bred them, simply to kill them and collect the pennies. It would be cheaper to employ a professional rat-catcher. 32 10 07c

The landlord of the Crown Inn, Linton, told the bankruptcy hearing that the pub had paid its way until the new taxes went on. While there he'd gone into partnership as a garage owner but this had come to an end when the Dominion Oil Company sold up the garage. After that he travelled for a book firm, working on commission while his wife looked after the pub. He then borrowed from a moneylender. 32 10 07d

1932 10 14
Cambridge town councillors saw their constituencies from a new angle when they took the air in Sir Alan Cobham's big liner. He was visiting Marshall's aerodrome with his fleet of planes and many gathered to see his display. The Mayor was unable to be present and the deputy mayor preferred solid ground. When the party was about to take off it was discovered to number 13, so the County Chief Constable stepped into the breech and the plane both ascended and descended safely. They made a comprehensive survey of the town with its ring of new housing estates though the new County Hall looked more impressive than the huddled roofs of the Guildhall. 32 10 14a

A man, his wife and five children were rendered homeless when fire destroyed their cottage at Shepreth. It was a four-roomed building owned by William Wilkinson of the Chequers, Fowlmere and occupied by Alfred Taylor. When the fire brigade arrived they found a plentiful supply of water was available but the high wind fanned the flames so strongly that they were unable to save the dwelling. All the furniture was removed to a barn. 32 10 14b

Cambridge Market Hill presented an animated appearance when the University Drag Hounds held a meeting. Thirty horsemen gathered to be welcomed by the Mayor and a silver stirrup cup was handed round to all who could persuade their mounts to remain still for 30 seconds. They then moved off followed by all but one of the hounds which soon received 'instructions' from the crowd of 200 spectators and joined his comrades. 32 10 14a

The new church of St George, Chesterton, was packed for the dedication by the Bishop of Ely. He welcomed those from the local district: it was for them that the church had been built. It was only a hall at present but he wanted them to see to it than an actual church was built in due course. 32 10 14a

1932 10 21
Mr Butler, who owns a filling station on the main Cambridge-Ely road at Milton, said two men drove up in a large Talbot saloon car and asked for ten gallons of petrol. While he was screwing on the cap the car began to move. He jumped on to the running board but it drove off at high speed through the village, swerving on to the verge to try and knock him off. He fell into the road and was picked up by a lorry driver. The car was stolen in the London area. 32 10 21a

Coton Women's Institute was formed in 1923 and five years later they'd decided to build a new hall. A piece of land was acquired from Mr Edwards on very favourable terms and a sub-committee of men formed to help with the building. The contract was given to Mr E. Peacock at a total cost of about £300. Now it was open and their grand-daughters would enjoy the amenities of the fine Institute. 32 10 21b (pic 32 10 28f)

Considerable excitement was caused at Gamlingay when a delivery van crashed head first through the front of Mr Cope's dwelling at the corner of the Cross. No one was injured and the van only slightly damaged, but the house will require a new door and window. Only last week the Parish Council had asked the County Surveyor to provide white lines at these dangerous cross-roads. 32 10 21c

1932 10 28
St Ives magistrates were told that twelve months ago five persons by the name of Topper were ejected from a house and the Vicar of St Ives had kindly allowed them to use the parson's house at Woodhurst on the understanding that it should be vacated on request. They took a lot of furniture with them and two or three rooms were so 'bunged up' they could not be used. The resident clergyman,

who acted as curate, had lived in the house with them for six months but now desired complete possession. 32 10 28

Bus companies applied for an increase in fares due to the threepence a gallon rise in the cost of petrol. Buses averaged about nine miles per gallon. But there was no doubt the number of bus services now running were not justified. Before the Road Traffic Act of 1931 there had been a feverish rush of bus owners on to the road. Services were put in which did not pay, except by causing the extinction of rival operators. 32 10 28 & c

Prince Aly Khan, son of the Aga Khan, was injured in a motor accident near Six Mile Bottom on Saturday night while returning from a shooting party. He was taken to the Evelyn Nursing Home and detained. His car, driven by his chauffeur, came into collision with a lorry, crashed through a hedge, rolled down into a field ten feet below and overturned. An eye-witness says he was amazed to see the occupants alive. 32 10 28b

A Baroness complained that without buses it was impossible for people in Storey's Way to keep cooks – they are elderly people and cannot ride bicycles. Many households had reduced the number of servants. She herself had been obliged to give up her car and lower her expenditure considerably, consequently she was an ardent bus-rider. Lady Hope of Herschel Road said the buses ran irregularly and never in connection with one to the railway station. But very few Grange Road residents used them and some would even object to a service. 32 10 28d

John Yeomans came to Cambridge at the age of 19 in 1857 and purchased the shop at the corner of Petty Cury and Sidney Street from Mr Lyons where he carried on business as a chemist for 40 years. He had a vivid recollection of events: he knew George Stephenson personally and was a passenger in the first railway engine to run in England. 32 10 28e

Hunger marchers at Cambridge – picture – 32 10 28f –

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1932 11 04
The Rev Herbert Appleford was a notable benefactor to the new parish of St George that covers the new housing estates in the Milton Road district. It has been an open secret that his enthusiasm and generosity made possible the work of the church. He provided money to purchase a site, he laid the foundation stone and was present at its dedication. He also furnished the sanctuary and gave half the cost of the clergyman's house. The new church practically owes its existence to his generosity. 32 11 04

Romsey Labour Club celebrated its 21st anniversary. In the early days everyone in the movement was a worker, unfortunately as the party grew in numbers the percentage of workers became less and they had to be 'up and doing' if they were to bring about the new social order of things. In 1911 they fought their first seat in Romsey when Tom Orrey polled 147 votes. In 1920 they tried again and the present Alderman Briggs was elected. 1912 saw the first – and greatest- open-air demonstration on Parker's Piece when many thousands were present. Permission had been refused but they decided to defy the council and the police. 32 11 04a

Cambridge Labour Party 21st birthday – 32 11 04b
Undergraduate view – rags, good & bad – 32 11 04c & d

Fen Ditton & its school – reminiscences. I have been reading about Fen Ditton School in the 'Press and News, which is sent to me week by week by an old friend. As I lay it down memories come thick and fast. I see the village as I knew it 50 years ago when there was no railway and no bridges.
I see the constant stream of horses and carriages through the village street to the Paddock at Ditton Corner during 'May Week'. Again I am helping my pals hold horses for the 'gents' who tipped us

very well. May Week was the village lads' harvest and sometimes we picked up a pound each during the week. I know everything has changed and the motor has taken the place of those fine 'nags' and coaches that once graced the Paddock every year. Mr Tuddenham, after Mr Frederick Bailey, the brewer, built the almshouses for the aged poor, had the fence in front of them erected at his personal cost. Once again I seem to slide on the pond opposite the church gate, which was our wont during the fristy weather. That pond had disappeared. I wonder how many can recall our school days when Miss Fothergale was the mistress and Miss Green and Miss Peachey were the teachers. We had in those days to take tuppence every Monday to pay for our schooling. Then came the day when my mother told me there would be not be any more money to pay for the school. I went to school that morning fearing I should be sent back home to fetch the usual fee and I was surprised when the mistress did not ask for it, nor did she get her book to put it down in. That fact remains very vivid in my memory Where are those boyish pals of mine who went to school with me? I seem to see them pass by as I write these lines and I recall incidents of those days. We were just mischievous boys up to any boyish plank often to our own discomfort. Harry Newman was the leader in the really harmless tricks we used to play but Pamplin was the force that held us together, for he was the master of the school and held his own more than once when it came to a set-to with another scholar. We used to settle our little differences in the spinney in the evening down Long Lane where the railway bridge now stands. They were quite harmless little scraps and George Pamplin always remained the cock-of-the-walk. But he was a kind-hearted lad. I am sure he would give his last copper to a beggar on the road. Harry Newman was more of a thinker. Mr Frederick Bailey had him bound apprentice to a carpenter in Cambridge and he became an excellent craftsmen and a power in his native village. He was a strong church man and remained in the quiet until he died. The old Ditton Lane was very lonely in those days. There was not a house in it and at one time a deep pit existed from which coprolite had been dug that was partly filled with water. Halfway down was a grass lane leading to the holts called Cutthroat Lane and many people had a holy fear of it after dark because of the tales that were told concerning its history. It' reputation was made worse by the school mistress miss Fothergale being struck from behind with some hard object which rendered her unconscious, by some unknown person who robbed her and left her. For seven years and nine months I walked around that lane night and morning until November 1887 but I went armed, Once I was stopped at the same spot. I stepped into the road and at the same time I fired a shot into the air. This had the desired effect. I called after a retreating figure I've got five more barrels and by gosh I use them if you come any of your Fothergale tricks with me I spoke to no one of this afterwards the village policeman one day said to me "Do you ever see anyone hanging about the late at night". I asked him why and he surprised me by saying "I thought you did as you carry firearms" I asked him to tell me who were told him and he did. I told him only one person knew I carried a pistol and that was the man who stopped me in the lane a few weeks ago. If any of my old schoolmates should read these lines they will join with me in the hope that their old school will be repaired rather than replaced. John W. Bailey. 32 11 04c

Cambridge Motor Boat Club decided to take over a new piece of land at Clayhithe to enlarge their present ground. Although some people thought the scheme too ambitious, they could provide tennis courts and bungalows which would be rented for £3 as well as providing a motor way and parking place. Mrs Banham said the Ladies' Committee would contribute £20 towards the costs. 32 11 04g

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Perse school building plans – 32 11 11g

1932 11 18
H.R.H. Prince George toured the Pye Radio Works where 1,500 hands produce 4,000 radio receivers a week. This is the first time a factory engaged in Britain's newest and most progressive industry has been honoured by a Royal visit. The operatives gave him a rousing reception – the girls were especially enthusiastic: it was a wonderful study to observe their varying expressions as he passed through the workshops. "Oh, he's lovely" was the general verdict and every detail of his dress, appearance and manner have furnished a fruitful topic of conversation in Cambridge homes 32 11 18a

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1932 12 02
Sir – The decision of the Norfolk National Farmers Union to advise members to dismiss all workers other than 'key men' is most unjust, unwise and deplorable. They have failed to get the Agricultural Wages Committee to agree to a reduction of two shillings a week and wreck by starvation the homes and health of the children of farm workers. Despite receiving millions of pounds in subsidy farmers have reduced wages and increased working hours - W.J. Shingfield. 32 12 02c

Cambridge Motor Boat Club clear their new ground, Clayhithe – pics – 32 12 02f

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1932 12 09
A man told the bankruptcy hearing he had been employed by Crampton's mineral water factory at Newmarket until 1927 when he started up the firm of Kitchener Bros in competition. But they had a bad season in 1929 when price-cutting by another firm had affected their trade. There had been a heavy fall in turn-over since the slump – many firms in their line were making nothing but losses. 32 12 09a

A Cambridge man told the bankruptcy court he had started as a second-hand bookseller from a stall on Market Hill. Then he took a shop at 17 Peas Hill selling antiquarian books. But a slump in trade 18 months ago meant Americans were not buying books so he had to borrow from moneylenders. 32 12 09a & b

A Cambridge publican told the bankruptcy court he had taken the Horse and Groom in King Street in October 1925 and made a profit until the General Strike when trade was hit throughout the country. He borrowed money and in May 1930 took the Rose Hotel, Rose Crescent. But the increase in beer by a penny a pint hit sales so he left and moved to a pub in Maidstone. 32 12 09b & c

Floods, bad harvests and bad prices were blamed by the owner of Gravel Diggers Farm, Chittering at the bankruptcy court. For nine years he was also licensee of the "Gravel Diggers" pub, Cottenham

Fen, but he did not sell a barrel of beer a week and it closed last September. The 1932 harvest was "a rum 'un", the most disastrous he'd ever had: his land was all flooded during May and he'd had to borrow money. 32 12 09d

1932 12 16
Paston House School for girls, Cambridge, goes from strength to strength. The number of pupils is greater than ever and parents were satisfied with the work conducted under the care of the Sisters of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The school improved morals and character and a girl's soul receives that training which sets her on her way to face the problems of life with a firm grounding in the things that matter. 32 12 16a

About 1,400 men are unemployed in Cambridge but there were plenty of jobs to be done by unskilled labourers. The Mayor proposed a subscription fund to pay for work over the Christmas people. The alternative was to levy a special rate for the relief of unemployment – it would save spending money on benefit. But there were hundreds of people who had the hardest difficulty in meeting the existing rates – some going without food. 32 12 16b & c

Growers assembled in large numbers when manufacturers of spraying machines demonstrated their products at Willingham. Kidd and Sons showed 'Mist-spray' power sprayers, Jeeps and Easy demonstrated 'Mortegg' spraying mixture while F.W. Peacock of Cottenham had a good display of 'Niagara' dusters suitable for greenhouses and rose bushes. 32 12 16b & c

Over Town Hall was packed to hear plans to send all children over eleven years of age to Willingham School. Needless to say, no part of the scheme was received favourably by the audience, which included ladies who did not hesitate to express their opinions. The discussion was occasionally somewhat heated: the road was almost impassable at certain times and would be dangerous for the 50 children cycling to and fro twice a day. If they had to buy a meal it would be an extra charge on a family budget. 32 12 16d

The Post Office says every effort will be made to deliver by Christmas day all parcels, packets and newspapers for distant places posted not later than the22nd December and all letters and cards posted by 23rd December. The latest time of posting for letters and cards for local delivery and in towns within 30 miles radius will be 6pm on Christmas Eve. There will be one delivery of letters and parcels on Christmas Day. 32 12 16c

1932 12 23
Christmas customs and beliefs – 32 12 23a

Mr J. Wentworth Day of Wicken will act as Lady Houston's personal representative on the management of the Houston-Mount Everest flight which is leaving for India in an attempt to fly over the world's highest mountain early in the New Year. The Marquis of Douglas and Clydesdale will act as chief pilot. The crew will have to fly nearly six miles high wearing electrically heated suits and gas masks through which they will breathe pure oxygen. Lady Houston is bearing the entire expense, estimated to cost £15,000. 32 12 23b

Cottenham and waterworks – Chesterton RDC to purchase – 32 12 23d

Former Mayoress, Mrs Catherine Tillyard was an accomplished yet humble woman. Under the pen-name of 'Pertelote' she contributed a women's column when her husband edited the Cambridge Independent Press. Her daughter, Aelfrida, is an authoress of some distinction and her son, Eustace, has a number of important books to his credit. She belonged to the old aristocratic school, worshipped at St Columba's and took an active interest in the temperance cause. 32 12 23e

Cambridge Railway Silver Prize Band opened their new hall at Fletcher's Terrace, Romsey Town. They started in 1919 and still had 10 foundation members of the band. They won the Grand Shield at

the Crystal Palace in 1922 and in 1926 won the Junior Cup. It showed what an extremely progressive band they were. 32 12 23f

A sanitary inspector visited a house in Green End Road where he found eleven people living in the three bedrooms. It was a very bad case of overcrowding. One family told him they had moved to Cherryhinton Road but after they had carted the furniture in various perambulators the new landlord said he would not have them in the house, so they went back. But after six months something should have been done. 32 12 23f

Mr F. Plumby of Abbey Walk, who looks after the Cambridge Greyhound racing track on Newmarket Road, said he was at work in the middle of the track when a hare dashed on to it, closely pursued by a pack of harriers. It ran right round the whole 565 yards length of the course, and just as it reached the winning-post the dogs came up with it. It ran into the space reserved for the judge, and there the pack killed it. 32 12 23b

1932 12 30
Sir - The Ouse and Cam Fishery Board has accepted compensation of £200 for the inconvenience and damage caused by the pollution to the River Lark. It was becoming the best roach and pike fishing waters in the Isle of Ely, now all of those thousands of fish have gone west. But what of the clubs who hire these waters: they have only had four month's fishing and it will be useless for the rest of the season. Will they be given a rebate? – W. Hitch, Ely. 32 12 30c

Cambridge enjoyed a quiet Noel this year. In the children's wards of Addenbrooke's Hospital the spirit of Christmas had most play. The three rooms were decorated to represent Alice in Wonderland, Peter Pan and the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe. The shoe was kindly lent by Messrs Joshua Taylor. Every child had a nursery rhyme quilt on their bed and their stocking were filled, the night Sister playing Santa Claus. 32 12 30a & b

As Christmas Day fell on a Sunday, the whole of the festive side of the celebrations at the County Infirmary, including the Christmas dinner, were postponed for a day and the Mayor's official visit was not made. All the passages, wards and rooms were bedecked with paper flowers and evergreens, electric lights were hidden in lanterns and poppies hung along the walls. Celebrations were also delayed at the Church Army Hostel but presents of a good shirt, ounce of tobacco and packet of cigarettes were distributed on Christmas morning. 32 12 30a & b

The bridge just outside Abington was one of the county's beauty spots. But recently an accident had occurred there when a young man on a motor cycle with a girl on the back crossed it at speed. The motor cycle bounded off the hump back of the bridge and crashed. The coroner said it was a danger spot and now it was to be widened. But it would be a hideous thing to level such a beautiful old bridge. 32 12 30d

New Year superstitions – 32 12 30e & f

An old Cambridgeshire custom on New Year's Eve was for a farm girl to approach a pig and slap it sharply with her hand. If the animal uttered a squeal, she would be married within the year; but if it took no heed of the blow she would continue a spinster. Another custom was to stick tiffs of grass on the horns of a cow. If it tossed them off their lover would remain true, if they remained firm on the horns, the sweetheart was false. 32 12 30e & f

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Arthur Savell, stained glass, tile and decorative artist came to Cambridge forty years ago but kept his workshop at Albany Place, Regent's Park, London. His work can be seen in the chancel windows of St Bene't's Church and in the stained glass windows of the University Arms ballroom. 33 01 05

1933 01 06
Does the present succession of mild Januaries suggest something in the nature of a change in climate? Today amateur gardeners have standard and rambler roses in full bloom, primroses blooming in clumps, stocks, polyanthus – indeed a show of flowers usually retarded by frost until spring. 33 01 06

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Huntingdon councillors rejected proposals to expand the town boundaries to include Hartford. It would cost too much to maintain the sewerage, lighting, water supply and scavenging and there is ample land near America Lane for future development. 33 01 07

Woman dead in river after engagement broken – 33 01 07a

Sluice at Hundred Foot Bank, Downham – 33 01 07b

Referee Elsden reported a bad case of misconduct by Stretham players. They had appealed for hands in the penalty area but he had not seen it. As he was going off the field three players and the linesman said they would put him in the pond. He considered he was lucky to get away as he did. P. Oakman, A. Sadler and W. Lythel, who had played for 15 years and never been in trouble before, were suspended for the rest of the season. 33 01 07c

Sir – Coldham's Common could be turned into a municipal nine-hole golf course now it is no longer required for shooting. The Corporation have £700 from the War Office in compensation for not putting the Common in the state it was before the rifle range was constructed. The various firing points and the lower portion of the butts could be used in the construction of a very sporting course, providing work for the unemployed. It would be no new thing to have golf played on the Common as the first University course was there – RG. 33 01 07d

1933 01 09

All branches of the Cambridge Daily News and Cambridge Independent Press were represented at the annual dinner at the Dorothy Café. And for the first time the ladies joined us – perhaps a sign that they have their part to play in the newspaper world as anywhere else. Horace Watson produced the seventh edition of the Office Song, dealing with the events of the year and Capt Taylor outlined forthcoming developments including new printing machinery permitting a 24-page CIP. 33 01 09

Ely Joint Isolation Hospital Committee agreed that tradesmen who charged full retail price for their goods would have 2½ % [discount taken off their bill. They had not been asked – otherwise they may have refused. None had so far objected – but they had not yet had their cheques (Laughter). 33 01 09a

Stretham football club delayed by King's train – 33 01 09b

1933 01 10
Captain and Mrs Townley were presented with a handsome silver salver subscribed for by practically the whole of Fulbourn in honour of their recent wedding. They hoped the couple would see their way to come and take up residence in the village for good and carry on the tradition of the Captain's honoured father. In reply he said he was trying to save enough to come back to the Manor again but it was not a small place and required a considerable amount to keep it up. 33 01 10

The 1925 Tithe Act was one of the greatest injustices imposed on farmers, fixing the amount they had to pay irrespective of the price of farm produce. Land was being let for four shillings and acre but was subject to three-and-six tithe. The landowner could not keep the house and gates in repair for sixpence an acre, a Tithe payers meeting at Swavesey was told. 33 01 10a & b

1933 01 11
The Cam Conservators heard that dredging operations had been carried out from Clayhithe to Baitsbite. There were still 700 lineal yards to complete, which meant about 20 weeks work but then they would not have to do any more dredging for up to 20 years. They ought to advertise the sale of the dredger so it could be seen at work. The men working the machine appealed for an increase in wages but this hardly opportune as it would only be used for a few more months. 33 01 11

During threshing operations at Rectory Farm, Ickleton, a number of stacks became fired, apparently by a backfire from a tractor that was being used. Ickleton Fire Brigade turned out but the water supply was insufficient to extinguish the blaze. Had the wind been in the other direction the extensive farm buildings must have been threatened. 33 01 11a

The recent starting of a Kentucky minstrel troupe at the BBC has re-awakened interest in this old form of entertainment. Now the Alabama troupe has been formed at Cambridge. They made their first appearance at the Footlights Club room, Corn Exchange Street. Dressed in red and white check costumes they sang plantation melodies like 'Oh, dem Golden Slippers' and 'Polly Wolly Doodle'. 33 01 11b

1933 01 12
Mrs Priscilla Byford celebrated her 101st birthday with congratulations from some of her surviving pupils – now aged 70 – from Chevington School. Birthday greetings were broadcast by the BBC and the Stetchworth church bells rang out. She was born at the Mill House, Stetchworth and baptised in the village church in 1832. 33 01 12

Foot and mouth disease – 33 01 12a

1933 01 13
The Isle of Ely motor dental van, a completely equipped travelling dental surgery for school children, drew up at Peck and Packer's garage on Dartford Road, March where the tank was re-filled with petrol, a little of which ran over on to the road. When the driver put the self-starter into operation the cab burst into a huge flame and the whole of the front of the vehicle was enveloped in a dense mass of

smoke. He made an expeditious and fortunate escape and garage staff quickly subdued the flames. 33 01 13

Sir, not many years ago a beautiful pastoral scene might be enjoyed by anyone who stood on the south bank of the Cam with his back to the Gas Works and the destructor chimney and looked towards Old Chesterton Church. Then Pye Radio Company was allowed to erect a factory near the church and now a tall chimney-like structure has been erected not far from the steeple. This has ruined what was once a charming scene – Periscope. 33 01 13a

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1933 01 17
The owner of Reliance Motors, Cottenham, sued Eastern Counties Omnibus Company for damages. They alleged he'd run two hackney carriage licensed cars between Cottenham and Midsummer Fair, picking up and putting down passengers en route. To use private cars or taxis as motor coaches was misconduct of a very bad kind. He had four motor buses and two taxicabs which he'd used that day for private hire, charging four shillings return. He produced his order book – written on blotting paper – as proof. 33 01 17 & 17a

Newmarket Road housing estate, p6

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Steve Fairbairn on rowing – 33 01 18

A woman sued a Cambridge dentist after he broke her jaw. She told the court she was a trained masseuse and had carried on business in Cambridge for some years earning about £4 a week. She'd gone to have a wisdom tooth extracted under anaesthetic but when she 'came round' the dentist said "Do you know what bad luck we've had. Your jaw has gone". After hearing the details the court adjourned for lunch. 33 02 18a & b

1933 01 19
March doctor's death – Murphy – 33 01 19

Some of the buildings erected during 1932 in Cambridge and district by Kidman and Sons Ltd, Abbey Walk. 'The British Queen', Histon Road, Sedley Taylor School, Cambridge Co-operative Society cooked meat factory and milk depot, St Paul's church hall in Suez Road and Spicer's Cinema, Sawston (Full page advertisement with photos). 33 01 19 a & b

Spaldings printers sued a University lecturer over an unpaid bill for publishing 'Forestry Journal' a magazine of the Cambridge University Forestry Students' Association. He had brought in a considerable amount of copy, articles and advertisements together with photographs from which they had to make blocks. But the don claimed it was run entirely by undergraduates and it was the responsibility of the editor. He could not say who that had been. 33 01 19c & d

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1933 01 20
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1933 01 21
Leonard Hollingworth means to be our local Edgar Wallace. His third mystery story 'Dead Man's Alibi' will prove just as popular as 'The Body on the Bus' and 'Death Leaves us Naked'. It is well-written which should appeal to a wide circle of readers in Cambridge and to none more than the boys of the County High School where the author is a master. 33 01 21d

An NSPCC inspector told the court that the family lived in an old railway van at Hardwick which was in a most objectionable state. The bedding was in such a filthy state that he had burned it. The children were fairly well nourished but the awful stench which came from them polluted the police station to which he removed them. The father was sentenced to six months' hard labour. 33 01 21b & c

St Germans' Sluice was opened in 1877 but the fens continued to shrink as drainage progressed and the tideway silted up. Once there was a four-foot fall from March whereas now there was practically none and a north-west wind could affect the outfall by two feet. The new pump was probably the largest in the world. The men working on the huge scheme were glad to have jobs in such depressed time. 33 01 21 & a

1933 01 23
A house in Parkside was severely damaged when an explosion, suspected to have been caused by gas, blew out almost the whole of the front upper part of the building. There was a flash, followed by a tremendous explosion and the wall appeared to be driven across the road. James Langdale, heedless of danger, broke in the front door and searched for the old lady inside. He found her on the top landing, terribly injured with her clothing alight. 33 01 23 & a & b

Swavesey skating, p5

1933 01 24
The 300-year-old Cock Inn at Castle Camps was practically destroyed after the roof caught fire near the chimney stack. Although there was a good supply of water from a pond it was impossible to save much of the building. Of the nine rooms only a kitchen and pantry remain. 33 01 24

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1933 01 26
The County Council want to restrict traffic in Minster Place and The Gallery, Ely to 10 mph. This would safeguard the cathedral against vibration caused by heavy vehicles. Mr Tyndall also said his shop had suffered, as did the King's School, especially when the sugar beet lorries went past. But the A.A. said it was used by traffic from Soham to Lynn and the real remedy was an effective bye-pass and to extend Broad Street to Prickwillow Road. 33 01 26 & a

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1933 02 02
The annual domestics staff ball at the Dorothy attracted 450 servants. Although the ballroom became on the crowded side, everybody was happy. Nothing is nicer that a good servant's ball and it was good to see so many heads of households present. Percy Cowell and his band was in a particularly bright mood and led a 'merry dance; with a varied programme. The great attraction was the fancy dress parade. 33 02 02

Cambridge's most modern laboratory, the Royal Society Mond Laboratory, provides unique facilities for research under the most powerful magnetic fields ever developed and intense cold temperatures. It

is the outcome of researches by Dr P. Kapitza in the Cavendish Laboratory which might have far-reaching effects. 33 02 02a & b

Alderman Oliver Papworth of Over, 'the Major', was a successful lawyer and councillor who served in the Territorials and Rifle Association. He was the founder member of several Masonic lodges but was best-known in the realms of sport. He was impervious to cold and wet and only last week when raw winds were blowing and skaters were enjoying themselves he was to be seen without an overcoat. 33 02 02a & b

Guildhall development on Peas Hills front – 33 02 02c & d

1933 02 03
Councillors heard that a common lodging house on Newmarket Road accommodated 16 or 17 lodgers without any sort of bathroom. But none of the users had asked for one. There were three girls sleeping in a small room separated only by a narrow wall from a room in which 15 men slept. This was not right: the language in a common lodging house was not always what it should be. It was time the council consider setting up a municipal lodging house for women as well as men. 33 02 03a

Mond Laboratory, Cavendish, opened by Baldwin – 33 02 03b & c, photo 33 02 04c

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The Mayor, (Ald Mrs Keynes) expressed her appreciation for the support her fund for providing work for the unemployed is receiving. There are 1,600 unemployed men in Cambridge but 120 who have done no work for a year are now making the path on Long Road and levelling Coldham's Common. Another 80 will level the building ground in Brook's Road and the site of the new school and playground in Gilbert Road. 33 02 03e

1933 02 03 ES
Engineer's scheme to relieve local unemployment; Holland Porter's project for diverting River Ouse. 33 02 03&(2)ES *

Burnt Fen Institute completed. 33 02 03ES

Haddenham epidemic of scarlet fever. 33 02 03(3)(4))ES

A week of skating. 33 02 03(7)ES

Skating: photo. 33 02 03(8)ES

1933 02 04
A young salesman employed at Sainsbury's in Sidney Street was found dead in the bathroom over the shop. The housekeeper said there were about 80 employed; eight boys lived on the premises, three maids and herself. They were the only ones to use the bath. They were told to turn off the gas before getting in. People might be enjoying the delights of a bath and suddenly find themselves overpowered by carbon monoxide fumes. The coroner hoped Sainsbury's would not use the geyser again or see it was placed outside the bathroom. 33 02 04a

Photographic club cine films – 33 02 04b

The opening of the new Mond laboratory by Mr Stanley Baldwin has thrown into prominence the work of Professor Kapitza, the young Russian from whose investigations the laboratory has spring. He combines the physicist and the engineer and the mere scale of his apparatus is almost daring. When a party of pressmen visited Kaptiza demonstrated some of the low-temperature hydrogen, and then said if anything went wrong they would probably be decapitated! 33 02 04d

Guildhall rebuilding cartoon – 33 02 04e
Mrs Vincent novel, p8*
Valentines, p8*

1933 02 06
The London Co-operative Society opened their new creamery in Ditton Lane. Four years ago representatives met Cambridgeshire farmers and now hundreds supplied them with milk. They could have bought it some parts of the country at pence per gallon cheaper than in Cambridge but believed in sourcing as near as possible to London. But some small retailers who found cheap milk available had started price-cutting. 33 02 06 & a

Cambridge library ban on Shaw – 33 02 06b

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1933 02 08
Justices were told there were two public houses in Stetchworth, the Marquis of Granby and the Live and Let Live, both beerhouses. Now the Earl of Ellesmere proposed to close the White Horse as an inn and transfer its full licence to the Marquis of Granby. There ought to be one fully-licensed public house in the village as there was only one place – the British Legion Club – where wines and spirits could be obtained, and only by its members. 33 02 08a

Irish Society formed – 33 02 08
Papworth funeral, p8

1933 02 09
Sir Thomas Beecham, on a first visit with the new London Philharmonic Orchestra to Cambridge Guildhall, completely won over the most severe body of critics in the country – a Cambridge symphony concert audience. They are accustomed to taking their musical pleasures somewhat sedately but let themselves go and the applause and cheering at the end were unusually enthusiastic. 33 02 09

Lewis Robert Jellis who farmed 600 acres at Leighton was a regular attendant at St Ives market, one of the few farmers who made the journey by horse and trap and derived considerable enjoyment in so doing. He had many interests in his own village but apart from being local Secretary of the Royal Agricultural benevolent Society, there was little that held his attention outside it. However he was a keen follower of the Fitzwilliam hunt and rarely missed a meet. 33 02 09a

Cambridge has lost an old-established tailor by the death of Mr Byron Thomas Wait of Mill Road. His father was a tailor at St Ives but Byron came to Cambridge 52 years ago and opened the shop in Hills Road. Thirty-five years ago he extended the business to the shop at 28 Mill Road and four years later to 100 Regent Street. Two of his sons are carrying on the business. 33 02 09b

1933 02 10

Royston museum of Bunyan tools – 33 02 10

St Ives Chicory Factory wished to increase its supply of water to 50,000 gallons a day for the whole season. If the supply was cut of for two or three days it would not be an inconvenience. They would erect a pumping station and put down a filter plant on their property. East Hunts Water Company will be asked how much they are able to supply without detriment to the Borough. 33 02 10a

1933 02 10 ES
Haddenham through the ages compiled by W. Ivatt. 33 02 10&(2)ES & 33 02 17&(2)ES & 33 02 24&(2)ES. 33 03 03ES *

Were stilts used in the fens – Gordon Fowler. 33 02 10(3)(4)ES *

1933 02 11
An amazing criminal record in Canada and America, including safe blowing and the theft of bombs, and sentences among which was one of 30 years' imprisonment, were revealed against an Ashwell man who stood in the dock at Cambridge Police Court. He had been deported from Canada and America three times. The prisoner, a carpenter lodging in Norwich Street, was found with twelve £5 notes and a bunch of skeleton keys. He was sent to prison for three months. 33 02 11 & a

The mildness of the winter has given gardeners something to talk about. Even the frost has failed to kill off all the roses and some were in full bloom at Cottenham with the first snowdrops flowering between the standards. Flowers gathered before the frost set in and put into water have a more powerful scent than usual. But are these the first roses of summer or the last? 33 02 11b

Season, p8*
Mystery photo, p8

1933 02 13
Motoring notes column, p6

1933 02 14
When the Cambridge Daily News was founded in 1888 it was produced in premises in Camden Place. The present site, once an arcade of shops and offices in the passage leading between the New Theatre and Scott and Wilkinson, was acquired in 1901-2. Now we are expanding with new presses, modern Linotype plate casting machinery and a larger photo-engraving department. We have also introduced a fleet of efficient delivery vans. 33 02 14,a & b

With regard to distribution we have substituted for railway transit will enable a 24-page weekly paper Many mechanical changes and improvements have gone forward occupied by the revenue has responded to the Mayor's appeal for work for the relief of unemployment. All who pass the Theatre Buildings will see we are taking over the premises vacated by D.J. Scott, the photographer. 33 02 14

Cottenham gas supply meeting – 33 02 14
Lauries fie pic, p8
Rickling fire, p8

1933 02 15
Greek play – 33 02 15a & 33 02 15
Hunts Cyclist battalion reunion – 33 02 15b
Mock divorce trial – 33 02 15c & d
Motor Boat club, p5

1933 02 16
Milton doctor dispute – 33 02 16a

Reliance and Comfort coaches merge – 33 02 16 # c.24.46

1933 02 17
Mr A.W. Jones, the Cambridge music teacher, has added yet another to his growing list of compositions. It is a song fox-trot 'The Girl Most Suitable for Me' which has been featured with success by Alex Alexander and his Radio boys. It should prove very popular. 33 02 17

Milton parish council has erected a seat across the gateway of a Doctor's house. Now the only way in from the road is to climb the fence and drop down on to a flowerbed. They had agitated for a pond which stood in front of 'The Willows' to be filled in with the ground retained for the use of the parish. The doctor made a new entrance before the council could put up the seat, but they went ahead anyway. 33 02 17a

Death Robert Donald, chairman Directors CDN – 33 02 17a

1933 02 18
The Cavendish Laboratory seems unable to keep out of the limelight. Sensation follows sensation as the invisible atom is mercilessly attacked. And now comes news of the discovery of a minute particle of positive electricity which may lead to entirely revised conceptions of the ultimate nature of matter. 33 02 18

Sherlock Holmes rag at play recalled– 33 02 18a
Greek Play, p8*
Concert party, p8*

1933 02 20
Histon bells dedicated – 33 02 20a
Waterworks company list of plumbers – 33 02 20b
Oddfellows sports club – 33 02 20

1933 02 21
Milton fence pic, p8

1933 02 22
An investigation into the making up of Goose Tree Road between Guyhirn and Whittlesey heard that gratuities of two guineas had been offered to the divisional surveyors at Christmas by a company supplying materials. Other firms had sent gifts of cigars and game to members of the Highways Department. Work should be suspended and the Minister of Transport informed. 33 02 22 & a

Sir Oswald Mosley, leader of the new Fascist Party, was defeated in a debate at the Cambridge Union Society. He was booed when he entered the chamber and his speech was subject to continual interruptions. No Fascist movement in the world has developed at such a rapid rate as in England. Accusations of violence were true, but we are organising violence to meet violence, he told them. 33 02 22b & c

Death on debate, p8
Pentacle Club, p8
Festival future, p8

1933 02 23
Sidney Wisbey, a hackney carriage taxi proprietor from Wellington Passage, told the court he started driving in 1908. He had bought an old Buick, VR 6151, because he wanted to use the chassis and had made one car out of two. He altered the body from a box van to a saloon and changed the colour to blue. He tried it out but the engine was no good so he put it back in the garage. 33 02 23

Sir – many a lover of trees mourns the cutting down of the fine Pagoda tree, Sophorn Japonica, which stood in Downing Street. It was about 200 years old and doubtless adorned the Botanic Garden there before it moved to its present site. A young American who was sadly photographing its headless trunk says it was one of the finest specimens in England. Why do we not value our ancient trees as we do our buildings? - F.P. Leyburn-Yarker. 33 02 23a – photo 33 03 01

1933 02 24
Melbourn isolation hospital, p8

1933 02 24 ES
Isle County Library enthusiasm, Carnegie. 33 02 24&(2)ES

Coursing in the snow, Stretham meeting. 33 02 24(3)(4)ES

Isle highways sensation … corrupt local government, Ministry asked to hold enquiry, Guyhirn-Whittlesey road. 33 02 24(5)(6)ES

1933 02 25
Blizzard – 33 02 25

1933 02 28
The Medical Superintendent reported a rather severe epidemic of influenza at Fulbourn Mental Hospital involving a large number of inmates and staff. The epidemic spread to the female side and 105 patients were affected, 30 dying. None of the staff died. The epidemic lasted nearly a month. The Visitors expressed their appreciation to the staff for the extra and hard work during a very trying time. 33 02 28b

Flooding – 33 02 28a

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1933 03 01
Tree photos, p6*

1933 03 02
Jesus college boathouse demolition following fire – photo – 33 03 02

1933 03 03
Licences, p6*
Milton doctor blockade ends, p8*

1933 03 03 ES
Stretham Railwayman retirement – Albert Wright, comments on changes at station in 32 years. 33 03 03(2)(3)ES

1933 03 04
No longer will tradesmen have any difficulty gaining access to Dr Woodman's house at Milton. The siege was partially raised when Dr Woodman, watched by a number of villagers, pulled down the whole of the fencing with which his entrance has been blockaded, sawing it in half. Then, in persistent rain, the seat that had been erected by the Parish Council was dug out from its foundation of solid concrete and placed on one side without harm. 33 03 04a

"Murder at the Varsity" novel review – 33 03 04b
First Eastern General Hospital reunion – 33 03 04d
Licencing – Maypole, Alhambra, Carlton - 33 03 04

Jack Rowell, p6*

1933 03 06
A rag-and-bone merchant of Shamrock Passage, Newmarket Road, appeared in court with three of his neighbours, accused of assault. A sanitary inspector said he'd received complaints of a terrible smell and asked for a pile of rubbish to be cleared away. As he got on his bicycle he heard cries of 'Murder' and saw two men struggling. One lady – "a villainous woman" - had a piece of wood and threatened to knock another's brains out. All were bound over for a year. 33 03 06

Branch libraries for Cambridge – Morley and Shirley schools – 33 03 06b

1933 03 07
Bus crashes wall St Giles church – 33 03 07

1933 03 08
Rowell funeral, p6*
James Wilkerson, p8*

1933 03 09
Gt St Mary's bells a nuisance – 33 03 09

1933 03 10
Fire breathing apparatus, p8*

1933 03 10 ES
Wisbech St Mary churchyard unpleasant conditions. 33 03 10(2)ES

1933 03 11
Vinery Road allotments – 33 03 11
No More War, p5*

1933 03 13
An NSPCC inspector said he went to a field in Chesterton where he found a family, including two children, living in an old baker's cart. At one end was a bed which was filthy and saturated. In the centre was a stove round which the children had to crawl. They were bare from the waist down and in a very filthy condition. He advised the parents to take them to the infirmary. 33 03 13

The Cranbrook Drain was in a choked condition. It was not included in the Sutton and Mepal Internal Drainage Board area but higher up, above Somersham, it was shown as a public drain. Riparian owners had cleaned it out in the past but now refused to do anything more. They had paid taxes for 20 years and received no benefit. Now they should ask the Minister who was responsible. 33 03 13b

Disarmament, p6*
Anti-war demonstration: procession of undergraduates, organised by the Students' Anti-War Council, in St Andrew's Street. 33 03 13a&aa p6

1933 03 14
Arthur Cooke, senior Surgeon at Addenbrooke's Hospital, owned one of the first steam cars in Cambridge. He was founder of the University Automobile Club which wound up about 1926 when the funds went to form the Ricardo Prize for Thermo-dynamics at the Engineering School. 33 03 14 & a

1933 03 15
Cambridge Permanent Building Society had a record year: there were 1,266 mortgages, most for amounts of under £500, and arrears were only £339, which was very satisfactory. The staff were a

happy family, they worked hard and the books were all balanced. Rates for borrowers and shareholders had remained at four percent for the past 36 years. 33 03 15

Serious damage was prevented at Peterhouse when an undergraduate awoke in the early hours of the morning and notices flames in the window of the Junior Combination Room. The head porter, Mr Barnes, was called and the water hose was brought into action. The fire was got in hand so quickly that many of the undergraduates did not know there had been a blaze until breakfast time. Slight damage was done to some 14th-century beams and an oar. A cigarette end is believed to have been the cause of the outbreak. 33 03 15b

Chatteris station, p6*

1933 03 16
"Undergraduate Roadways" want route to Skegness – 33 03 16
Warboys road accident – 33 03 16a

1933 03 17
Eaden Lilley carpet beating works advert – 33 03 17

Death W. Cooper, St John's College servant – 33 03 17a

Milton school was packed for the largest meeting ever held in the village. Although very 'lively', it was kept well in hand by the chairman, despite cat-calls, boos and other vocal demonstrations. It broke up quite amicably with a resolution demanding the resignation of the whole of the Parish Council over the 'boarding up' of Dr Woodman. 33 03 17b

1933 03 18
A tragedy occurred at the weekly meeting of the Women's Mission at March Station Road Methodist church when the reader collapsed and passed away. She was the oldest member of the church and it was a tragic coincidence that she met her death at the scene of so many hours of her loving labour for the cause. Several of the lady members were so overcome as to have to receive medical treatment before being able to proceed home. 33 03 18b

CDN 'free cycles' competition – 33 03 18, 33 03 22 & a
Arthur Cooke appreciation – 33 03 18c
Arthur House, p6*

1933 03 20
Gas exhibition – 'housewives wonder' – 33 03 20
Newmarket big blaze, timber store – 33 03 20a

1933 03 21
Willingham peace ballot – 33 03 21
St Luke's school overcrowding – 33 03 21a

1933 03 22
CN cycle competition, p3*

1933 03 24
Soham sewage problem – 33 03 24 & a
Snelson lecture on River Cam – 33 03 24b
Three Tuns licence to be withdrawn, Coach & Horses, Newnham – 33 03 24c

1933 03 24 ES
Burnt Fen Schoolmaster death. 33 03 24&(2)ES *

1933 03 25
Cambridge boundary extension proposals – 33 03 25 & a & b
University voters, p8*
Stanley Williams, p8*

1933 03 27
Police Court Mission work – 33 03 27

Lode's Labour Party was formed in December1924 and determined to have their own hall. Now opened, it is the first in the county to be built by voluntary labour erected by the accumulation of the pence and shillings of those whose whole income is measured in pence and shillings. It was out of the spirit of such villages that the Labour party would obtain its new army of supporters. 33 03 27a, aa & b

1933 03 28
Newmarket's new fire station in Rous Road comes with a new fire motor engine complete with first aid apparatus, two sets of 'proto' breathing apparatus and 12,000 feet of hose. The brigade started in 1906 and until now they had relied on the strong force of water from the mains. But the additional force of a petrol driven fire engine was needed for the loftier buildings in Bury Road. 33 03 28 & a

1933 03 29
Cricket memories book – 33 03 29 & a
School dentist's report – 33 03 29b & c
H.S. Johnson on colour photography – 33 03 29e
Littleport death, p8
Elephant photo, p8

1933 03 30
Goldfinches in too small cages – 33 03 30
Houses for farm workers – 33 03 30a
Plantation Farm, Littleport, death on light railway, Shippea Hill – 33 03 30b

1933 03 31
Safety First movement – 33 03 31 & a
Photographers' association, p8

1933 03 31 ES
Railway fatality on Hiam's Shippea Hill farm. 33 03 31ES

Haddenham farmyard fire, Allen's Hillrow. 33 03 31(3)ES

Mepal blacksmith Setchfield retires. 33 03 31(4)(5)ES

Ely Needham's headmaster moves to Silver Street Boys' School. 33 03 31&(2)(ES)

Littleport British Legion Band in new uniforms. 33 03 31(6)ES

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1933 04 01
Cambridge taxi drivers protested against the amount charged by the Railway Company for the use of the station ranks. Each owner is charged £6 a year, which they regard as excessive and want reduced to £2. But the LNER says it has already cut it from £9 and that drivers could pay eighteen pence

weekly. Although taxi earnings had fallen off in recent years most paid the rent without difficulty. They also had the use of a shelter provided by the Company. 33 04 01a photo: 33 04 03c

Lloyd George was in great form when addressing a student meeting in Cambridge. On previous occasions received an honorary degree in 1920, broke a railway journey to address crowds outside the station in 1923 and spoke in the Guildhall on the eve of the General Strike. Once he strolled through King's college grounds and sat down on the river bank. When a companion pointed out that the grass was damp he said "All right, I'll sit on the People". And, folding his Sunday paper he did just that! 33 04 01b

Cambridge boat race success – 33 04 01
School broadcasting, p4
Stetchworth fire, p6*
Safety fire, p8
Roundabout, p8*

1933 04 03
The county was swarming with rats but nothing was being done. The Ministry would provide thousands of pounds for the destruction of musk-rats, but not for ordinary ones. The only way to deal with them was to kill the females and let the males go: Cambridgeshire should set the example for the rest of the country and appoint a rats officer. 33 04 03b

The foundation stone of the new church at Six Mile Bottom was laid by the daughter-in-law of Mr Bullock Hall, who gave the land nearly 30 years ago. Its construction is of Roman tile plinth and flint facings and when completed it will have a small tower at the west end. People have been longing for the day when their own church should be built and they could have the satisfaction of worshipping in their own parish. 33 04 03d

The sudden death of the Maharajah of Nawanagar – better known as 'Ranji' – has caused a profound shock in the cricket world. While at Trinity College he received first-class tuition and was awarded his Blue in 1893. He became the first to score 3,000 runs in first-class cricket in one season and made 72 centuries – two in one day. His nephew K.S. Duleepsinhji later echoed his Cambridge and England triumphs. 33 04 03e & f

While those living on the outskirts of Cambridge had many advantages in the way of fresh air and beautiful surroundings they did suffer certain disadvantages such as facilities for book-borrowing. Now two branch libraries have been opened in Morley Memorial Schools on the Rock Estate and Shirley Schools in the Green End Road districts. Each contains four hundred modern novels (mostly entirely new) and 100 popular non-fiction works and are open one evening a week from 6-8. This pioneering service could spread, if successful. 33 04 06

First Eastern General Hospital, p6*
Taxi dispute, p8*

1933 04 06
Morley & Shirley schools, p5*

1933 04 07
The early days of the Cambridge Amateur Boxing Club were recalled by W. Child, the well-known referee. They began by buying a second-hand pair of gloves and fighting under a street lamp until chased by a policeman. Then they hired a washhouse and met in various public houses. The club had passed through hard times and been near to pawning everything they had. But the fighting had always been clean in the best sporting spirit. On one occasion two Princes had attended a contest at the Corn Exchange to see their chauffeur box. 33 04 07 & a

1933 04 07 ES
Photographers form East Anglian Centre of Professional Photographers' Association, Cambridge. 33 04 07ES # c.65.5

Burnt Fen new schoolmaster. 33 04 07(2)ES

Haddenham: Walter Newman finds foxes. 33 04 07(3)ES *

1933 04 08
Ranjitsinhji appreciation – 33 04 08 & a

1933 04 10
Ramsey water scheme – 33 04 10a
Four Lamps roundabout picture – 33 04 10b
Huntingdon water scheme - 33 04 10c
Stretham man shot, p3*

1933 04 11
Stretham tragedy, p8*

1933 04 13
Egg-laying, p8*

1933 04 14
Cambridge Town Silver Band are champions – 33 04 14
Guildhall plans – 33 04 14a
Chesterton – tree adjoining Chesterton Hall – photo and memories – 33 04 14b & 08b
Huntingdonshire accounts, p5

1933 04 18
Grange Road proposed new road, Adams Road – 33 04 18 & 33 04 21

1933 04 19
Cambridgeshire police are losing a valued officer by the retirement of P.S. Sidney Smith. He joined the force in 1907 and was stationed at Eltisley, Swavesey, Willingham and Fen Ditton before being promoted to sergeant in 1926 and moving to Melbourn. He will be missed by motorists, for he has had more motor cases than anyone else in the county. 33 04 19

1933 04 20
Terence Gray has been connected with the Festival Theatre for seven years. Many of his productions have aroused the most intense antagonism and many times caused me to gnash my teeth and anger. It has always been a place of experiment. It set out to present the best plays in a modern manner, introducing new devices: the cyclorama, atmospheric lighting, formalised scenery. Controversies were frequent. But his work was never boring and frequently exciting. I would not have missed any of the productions. 33 04 20 & a

"If you care to go down the main street of Linton any night there is an almost unbelievable smell which is a disgrace to the parish", the District Council was told The sewage arrangements were the same as hundreds of years ago. There were 36 drains running from yards to the main gutter along the street. A new sewage scheme had got to come. 33 04 20b

Cambridge councillors considered schemes for the rebuilding of the Guildhall. One would alter the whole site, the other would set back the front but the building on Guildhall Street would remain untouched and would revert to being a court. But some councillors thought the Parkside scheme was still the best and would be far cheaper. 33 04 20c & d

1933 04 21
St John's new estate, p8*

1933 04 22
Burwell farmers appeared in court for not paying the tithe. One said he owned 45 acres of land, it was not in cultivation but he was charged £25 a year. Asked why it was not being farmed, he said he could not pay for labour. "I am in debt at the bank. I would pay if I had the money, but I haven't. This is State slavery". Another said he had bought land in 1921 when prices were high and had been hard hit by the fall in agricultural values. They were told they had to pay. 33 04 22

1933 04 23 c
Cambridge Mayor, Victoria Avenue Bridge has been offered to the Council. He was the first to wear the Mayoral chain presented by Colonel Harding's family and the first, certainly in recent times, to be presented with a silver cradle on the birth of a son in 1890 during his year of office. 33 04 23
p8*

1933 04 26
An employee of the East Anglian Cement Company at Shepreth climbed into a lime clamp, walked into the middle and prodded it to try and get it to run through. It collapsed and he was buried except for the top of his head. Malcolm Reed jumped into the hot kiln and cleared the lime away from his face, burning his hands in the process. Two others took over until they were exhausted, but it was impossible to pull the victim out before he had suffocated. 33 04 26a

Master printers and new CDN machinery – 33 04 26

1933 04 27
A meeting of the Cambridge Branch of the Society for Cultural Relations was ejected from the café where it was to have met after the management became alarmed at the number of undergraduates who managed to push their way in. It moved to Parker's Piece where a strong posse of police surrounded the speaker while he denounced capitalism and imperialism, but they were there for his protection. Finally they escorted him off the Piece, holding back the crowds of undergraduates who would have followed him. 33 04 27

A Sutton farmworker claimed that while driving three horses attached to a self-binder machine the traces became entangled. When he was freeing them one of the horses swished its tail across his eye and he lost his sight. The farmer, Harold Read, said the man had been partially blind for some years and had hurt his eye against a hanging lamp in his own house. But he was awarded £19 damages. 33 04 27a

Histon doctor, p8*

1933 04 28
Eleven farmers from Wimbish appeared in court for non-payment of tithe rent charges. Mr H. Wiseman said that for the last four years he had worked for nothing. A clergyman in Somerset was receiving £600 a year out of the parish, one of the poorest Essex districts. Farmers had suffered heavy losses yet Queen Anne's Bounty had even suggested that they should reduce their workmen to meet the charge. They did not intend to do that. 33 04 28

1933 04 29
Dry Drayton Three Horseshoes robbery – 33 04 29 & a
'Alexander Tomlyn' book review – 33 04 29b

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1933 05 01
Tithepayers' protest, Saffron Walden – 33 05 01 & a

1933 05 02
The large room of the Central Girls' School was charmingly decorated with garlands of cowslips when abdicating May Queen, Lorna James, delightfully dressed in a daffodil frock, crowned her successor, Miss Rita Baynes. Dressed like a rose in a pink gown with a train of petals she approached the throne through a triumphal arch of greenery and received the homage of her subjects who each brought a bunch of flowers. 33 05 02

1933 05 04
Inhabitants of three thatched cottages at Duxford saw their homes burnt down in a big blaze that started across the road in a paint and oil yard belonging to Harding and Son. Cans of oil and paint exploded and the whole of the display window fittings were burnt out, leaving a gaping hole in the wall. Had the alarm not been raised by the barking of a dog the fire would have been more disastrous and enveloped the whole of the street. The absence of a strong wind, the heroic efforts of firemen and villagers, and a plentiful supply of water were alone responsible for the fire being controlled – but not until after six hours' toil. 33 05 04 (pic 33 05 04)

1933 05 05 ES
Parson Drove new school tenders. 33 05 05ES

Prickwillow motor boat wedding photo. 33 05 05(2)ES

1933 05 06
There is a good deal of interest in the building operations in progress at the corner of Lensfield Road. It is for the Scott Polar Research Institute which has been based in a house at the corner of Panton Street since 1925. The new building, designed by Sir Herbert Baker and being built by Messrs Sindall, should be completed next year. 35 05 06a & b

Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society annual report – 33 05 06

1933 05 08
A motorist had a narrow escape at the Milton Road railway crossing subway. A medical student was driving towards Cambridge when two boys ran out into the road. One was knocked down. The car continued on a short distance before crashing into the fence and being left with one wheel suspended over the ten-feet drop. 33 05 08b

The County Council is to change their staff's weekly half-holiday from Thursday to Saturday, although the Clerk can to require the attendance of any member of staff on any Saturday afternoon if desirable. However senior officials should not lose their half-day. The public would have no cause for objection, though last Saturday afternoon 50 people applied for licences. The Guildhall has closed on Saturday afternoons for many years. 33 05 08

1933 05 09
A great wave of cheering swept across the footlights to welcome Jack Payne and his band at the New Theatre. As soon as the world-famous signature tune 'Say it with music' began, the applause commenced, and when the curtain rose upon Jack and his 21 players, the tumult was deafening. It was a tremendous tribute to one of the most cheery figures in vaudeville today. They opened with the American unemployeds' song 'Brother, can you spare a dime?' 33 05 09

1933 05 10
Cambridge was one of the worst places for rats, councillors were told. The Pumping Station and the boundary ditches at Cherry Hinton were simply teeming with them. They could get rid of them in a very short time if they adopted the old plan of paying so much for each rat destroyed. In Hertfordshire

there were two rats officers, and the Isle of Ely had taken other steps. But Cambridgeshire had done nothing. 33 05 10

1933 05 11
Portugal Terrace fire – 33 05 11

1933 05 12
A Peterborough pilot had a fortunate escape from serious injury when the aeroplane in which he was flying solo crashed in Manor Farm, Swavesey. When passing over the village he lost his way and dropped down close by the station in an endeavour to find his position. In avoiding one belt of trees he collided with another and crashed almost on the railway line. Railwaymen rushed to his assistance and he was taken to Dr Hart in Mr W. Hind's milk van, which happened to be passing. 33 05 12

1933 05 12 ES
Ely shops change – Fosters Bros take McFall, Fore Hill; photo. 33 05 12ES

Lt Thetford rumours over labourer's demise. 33 05 12(2)(3)ES

1933 05 13
The Eastern Counties Folklore Society held its first meeting at the University Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology. Dr Haddon explained its object was to collect and record folk customs, rites and beliefs. One charm he mentioned had been discovered at Babraham: a stone which was put into the manger to cure a horse of night sweats – supposed to be caused by the animal being ridden by a witch. 33 05 13

Keen regret has been expressed that Terence Gray proposes to give up his directorship of the Festival Theatre at the close of term, after seven years of magnificent work. Efforts are being made in University circles to enable the theatre to continue. Mr J.G. Macleod has expressed a wish to run a Festival season, but his plans depend on a guaranteed sum of £4,000. He has produced, acted and written for the theatre but is not one of those who believes in queerness for the sake of queerness. 33 05 13b

CDN free flights drawn – 33 05 13a
Say it with music, p8

1933 05 15
Greyhound racing attracted a large crowd to the Downham Road Stadium, Ely when the first meeting of its kind to be held in the city went through with much success. Apart from two mishaps with the hare, everything went off well. In the first race one dog went astray by jumping the wire and in another Honeycomb was leading at the last hurdle at which it jumped the wire out of the course. 33 05 15

Emir of Katsina visits University - 33 05 15a

Members of Clare College were awakened by the sounds of banging and hammering at every entrance gate: each had been securely padlocked and barred so staff were unable to gain admittance. Axes had to be procured to break the stout chains. Then it was discovered that all the locks had been carefully filled up with putty so a considerable time elapsed before the normal college routine could be resumed. 33 05 15b

1933 0516
When Dick Turpin stayed at the Three Tuns Inn, Castle Street, in January 1739 he left a velvet coat behind which he never reclaimed as he was soon afterwards hanged at York. Now 194 years later that coat is back in Cambridge and its new owner, E. Rutter, the well-known antique dealer has discovered hidden valuables. He was surprised to find a George I half-crown together with other coins, silver

rings and a pair of earrings in the lining. He bought the coat, together with a mask, pistols and spurs from a Cardiff man whose grandfather had claimed them at the Inn in his capacity as an Excise Officer. 33 05 16

1933 05 17
Future of the Festival – J.G. Macleod letter – 33 05 17
Cropley Grove estate, p8*

1933 05 18
Hangman's Corner, Barton Road presented a scene of excitement when the British Hospital's Air Pageant visited Cambridge and all afternoon there was the incessant 'zoom' of aeroplanes 'taking off' and landing. All-in advanced aerobatics provided a thrill; the 'crazy' flying drew many a gasp whilst equally entertaining was the dancing to music by the tiniest machines in the show. Wing-walking and parachute jumping were presented, together with balloon bursting and a chase after a 'kidnapped' bride. One machine which caused amusement was Mr Heath Robinson's conception of a Chinese dragon: the 'flying motor cycle'. 33 05 18

Cambridge Mothercraft Clinic gives information and teaching which saves women many hours of anxiety and babies many terrible pains. They have held classes for expectant mothers and six have come to the clinic for help and advice. It is open two days a week and has seen 160 attendances but needs 360 people to pay a guinea a year to cover expenses. 33 05 18 a & b

Ouse Catchment and control of the pumps – 33 05 18c
Coal cart accident – 33 05 18d

1933 05 19
Death Jimmy Sands, footballer – 33 05 19a

Sir – the gravel footpath from Brooklands Avenue along Hobson's River up Empty Common has long been known as Finch's Walk. But how did it get its name? Some people call it Senior Wranglers' Walk and connect it with the name of the Rev G.B. Finch who was Senior Wrangler in 1857. But he never mentioned that he had anything to do with it. In an 1834 deed relating to the Hobson's Conduit Trust there is mention of two trustees called Charles Finch, one of whom died in 1762, who had a foundry and ironworks in Thompson's Lane – W.D. Bushell. 33 05 19b

1933 05 19 ES
Littleport Alexandra Institute's work among factory girls. 33 05 19ES *

1933 05 20
Royal horse trainer, Richard Marsh, dies at Shelford – 33 05 20
Sidney Street rebuilding – 33 05 20a
Radio relay, p8*
Hangman's Corner, p8*

1933 05 22
The 1931 census report shows a population increase in Cambridgeshire of seven percent since 1921. The number of married women has increased assisted by the high marriage rate in recent years, despite the prevailing economic depression. The net result of all the new building, structural alteration and demolition has seen the number of dwellings rise by 13.7 per cent and the instances of 'overcrowding' has reduced notwithstanding a large increase in the numbers of families. 33 05 22c

Unemployment situation – 33 05 22
Wireless relay service report – 33 05 22a
Crossman death, p8*
Census, p8*

1933 05 23
An inquiry into the extension of Cambridge boundaries was told that Girton should be included. Most of the residents worked in the town and it was their shopping and amusement centre. The sewage could drain by gravitation into Cambridge drains which were already almost up to the boundaries. Chesterton RDC did have a scheme but it was a complete mystery. The Mistress of Girton College said the question of drainage was one of urgency and she would also welcome public lighting and refuse collection. 33 05 23 & a 33 05 24a & b

Reach Fair opening – 33 05 23

1933 05 24
A notice in the Nairobi official gazette states that the central figure in the Cambridge 'Helen of Troy' case has changed her name to that of the doctor with whom she moved to Africa. It will be recalled that her husband, a grocer's assistant, was awarded £500 damages last June following his action against the doctor for the enticement of his wife. Some weeks later the two arrived in Kenya where they said they were to make their home 'for good and all'. Her husband was very upset when told of the news: "I think it is perfectly disgusting", he said. 33 05 24c

Newnham nursing association meeting – 33 05 24
Boundary inquiry, p8*

1933 05 25
Cambridge councillors rejected plans for the provision of a wireless relay service. People who could not afford expensive wireless sets could receive programmes by possession of a loud-speaker. The continual exchanging of unsatisfactory wireless sets was an expensive item for meagre incomes while subscription to a relay would secure perfect reception. But it would give a monopoly of news and programmes into the hands of one company and increase the number of unsightly wires over back gardens. 33 05 25

Borough expansion inquiry closes – 33 05 25b & c
Mayor Wace, p6*

1933 05 26
Alan Cobham's visit – 33 05 26f

The Vicar of Caxton sought permission to install electric lighting in the church. Mrs Muriel Patterson, the donor, wanted directional lighting from the roof as hanging lamps would interfere with the congregation's view during service and break the beauty. The Diocesan Chancellor said he did not like the scheme, it was a great mistake. But he could not condemn the church to its present means of illumination, which was by oil. 33 05 26a

Deaf-mute people were cut off socially and industrially, many became a burden on their families and were sent to institutions at the age of seven. The answer lay in one word: 'Papworth'. A village settlement should be established in pleasant surroundings where they could live in an entirely self-contained community. They could make their own township and find a suitable vocation in working the land. The difficulties of normal children born in such a colony, of the marriage of deaf-mutes and the sterilisation of the unfit were touched upon at a meeting in Cambridge. 33 05 26d

The Great Ouse Catchment Board's proposal to control the pumping of water into the main river was strongly opposed by Internal Drainage Boards. Improved drainage means that the black top soil was continually shrinking: they must be able to pump whenever needed and not be ordered to stop by people in Cambridge. Instead the Board should ensure their banks were properly kept up. But they were over-ruled. 33 05 26b & c

Proposals to set back the line of buildings in Sidney Street would leave only two small properties jutting out between Woolworth's and the corner. There was no room for people to move on the pavement and it would be a great improvement. But Mrs Rackham said it was unreasonable to pay so much money: the owners demanded compensation that equated to nearly half a million pounds an acre. This was not new: when a building line was prescribed in King Street, property which formerly sold at £1,500 immediately fetched £2,000. 33 05 26 f & g

Horse parade, p5*
Hush-hush engine, p11*

1933 05 26 ES
Isle police changes. 33 05 26&(2)ES *

Plane lands near Coveney. 33 05 26(3)ES

Littleport Constitutional Club safe found intact. 33 05 26(3)ES

Fen Drainage Authorities opposed Ministry byelaws which threat to their right to pump. 33 05 23(4)(5)ES

1933 05 27
Finch's Walk name and ironfounders – 33 05 27 & 33 06 03a

June 1933 CDN & ES

1933 06 01
Sir Alan Cobham's great air display at Marshall's Aerodrome showed all kinds of flying and many were the thrills his pilots provided. During a demonstration aerobatic flight with a passenger the plane dived and looped, twisted and turned and did everything a plane could do. But at the end the hardy individual who had decided to take the flight actually managed to walk without assistance and appeared to have enjoyed his literally hair-raising trip immensely. 33 06 01

1933 06 02 ES
Electricity for the villages: Ely RDC take steps to obtain supplies. 33 06 02&(2)ES

Downham Legion Standard dedication: photo. 33 06 02(3)ES

1933 06 03
W.D. Nicholes, Mill Road store refurbishment – 33 06 03
Finch's foundery, p8
King's organ, p8

1933 06 06
The Whit Monday horse and pony parade was revived on Midsummer Common. The beasts had been brushed until their silky coats gleamed in the sunshine and their carts and vans 'groomed' for the occasion. Even a coal cart becomes a thing of beauty when it is resplendent in a new coat of brightly-coloured paint matched only by gaily-coloured ribbons. Many of the spectators came in horse-drawn carriages and even the police were mounted. But the Mayor arrived in a car. 33 06 06a & b

University Film Society filming 'Power' – 33 06 06

1933 06 07
The Backs near King's bridge were crowed with punts when the Cambridge University Madrigal Society performed the annual rite of singing on the river. As the sun went down and the moon rose

from behind the Gibbs' Building, the cawing of the rooks and the noises of the town ceased, and over the water came the sounds of a Brahms' motet. An aeroplane buzzed like an angry wasp across the sky but failed to break the spell of magical voices which softly floated in the air. 33 06 07

1933 06 08
A Newnham College student was summoned for dangerous flying. Mary Barnard said she had taken off from Marshall's flying school on a solo flight and descended to 1,000 feet over her College. But Dr John Bury, who had flown for five years, said she had descended rather rapidly, then flattened out and crossed Corpus Christi gardens at about 600 feet, he could read the letters on the plane quite clearly. As it was the first prosecution of its kind the magistrates decided to dismiss the case with a caution. 33 06 08a

Pinehurst flats – advert – 33 06 08
St Ives water scheme – 33 06 08a

1933 06 12
Cambridgeshire farmers had a reasonably good market for their milk, but in many districts there was a surplus they could not sell. The only way to help was a national milk marketing scheme. The country would be divided into a number of regions that would fix their own price. If a farmer failed to find his own buyer then the Board would take his milk, producers meeting at the Lion Hotel were told. 33 06 12

Saturday was one of the quietest bump supper nights on record. A few blazered undergraduates wearing dress shirts roamed the streets and occasionally a cheer could be heard. Then there was a squad of those who went through various drill movements, using the pavement as a parade ground. But they were remarkably steady, and mild, possibly because the bump-supper beer was likewise! A constable remarked, "Sid Moon (the News cartoonist) should draw a cartoon of an empty Market Hill with a yawning policeman, because that all there's doing tonight". 33 06 12a

1933 06 13
The roof-climber who 'pinched' the two weathervanes off the Squire Law Library building seems to have had an attack of conscience, for the missing cock and fish were replaced last night. But they also left tasteful decorations and souvenirs in the shape of two sherry bottles at each end of an arch high over the entrance to the Geological Museum. They are said to be full and so act as 'bait' to other scalers of walls and roofs. 33 06 13

Jesus College's new boathouse was opened, nine months after the disastrous fire which had destroyed one of the landmarks of the river. It was a mitigated disaster as the original was gradually becoming too small. The clock, which was the only survival of the burnt boathouse, was still keeping good time in the new clock tower. It had been presented by Dr Morgan shortly after the old boathouse had been built. 33 06 13a

Over 1,300 dancers disported themselves at the First and Third Trinity Boat Club's ball. As usual there were large crowds of spectators lining all the entrances and not a few on the river but great precautions had been taken to avoid gate crashing with two lots of 'sentries'. Inside the place was aglow with thousands of coloured lights while the dance tent itself, with its famous parquet floor, was electrically lit. From a dais in the centre the Embassy band played a sweet programme of dance music until the early hours of the morning. 33 06 13b

In the Caxton district the rural population was dying out and houses were not needed as much as formerly, a conference was told. Machinery was taking the place of hand labour and the population had gone down considerably. It was also found that the old people would not go out of the old houses – some of them very primitive, with ladder staircases. The Council only built for agricultural

labourers; they had applications from outsiders but left them to look after themselves – they only looked after their own people. 33 06 13c

Royston Cinema, owned by Mr J.N. Cox, was practically burnt out by a fire which threatened a nearby house. So fierce was the fire that within 15 minutes the whole of the roof crashed, to be followed by the right-hand wall. This fell on to a greenhouse in the garden of Mr E. Henderson, who was ill in bed and the flames charred the wood under his roof. The cinema auditorium was destroyed but the valuable projection apparatus and gas-engine was saved, as were most of the reels of film. 33 06 13b, 33 06 14a (pic)

1933 06 14
George Bolton, furniture remover, death – 33 06 14
Royston cinema blaze photo - 33 06 14a

1933 06 15
The malaria mosquito is still very prevalent in Wicken Fen, but the disease has died out. During the war, when a large number of troops came home suffering from malaria they were bitten by mosquitoes which then became infected with the parasite and spread the infection to many people who had never been out of England. This state of affairs lasted for six years but has now died out. Scientists do not fully understand why the insect is no longer infected, the Rotary Club was told. 33 06 15

The rates of pay for workers employed in the corn harvest should be double the ordinary rates for a working week of 69 hours, with double overtime rates. That worked out at £12 per harvest worker. Boys under 14 should receive fourpence an hour and there should be a four o'clock stop on Saturdays, farmer were told. The prices for bacon, potatoes, lard, rice, currants, flour and bread had all risen and rent charges were at least 100 per cent above pre-war rents. But farmers wanted normal wages, plus bonuses. 33 06 15b

David John Scott had been engaged in photographic work all his business life. He first started in 1884 in partnership with Mr Wilkinson at 47, St Andrew's Street. They bought an existing business for £300 and traded for five or seven years before the partnership was dissolved and he bought Wilkinson out. About September 1932 he had to leave those premises and remove to 59 Regent Street, which affected the business. Trade had declined and people were not having their photographs taken as much as they used to. 33 06 15c # c.65.5

Francis Pollendine, haulage contractor – 33 06 15c
John Mellanby electrical contractor, Waterbeach – 33 06 15e
King's May Ball – 33 06 15e
Share-out clubs heaviest claims – 33 06 15f

1933 06 16
Community and Labour opinions were so divided at a conference in Burleigh Street that a proposal to form a Cambridge Anti-War Council had to be adjourned after three hours. The University Anti-War Council said workers in Cambridge laboratories had been organised against war. Mrs Foster of the Women's Cop-operative Guild wondered who were being prepared as the next enemy of Britain. It used to be the French, then the defenceless Boers and last of all the Germans. She appealed to women to play their part against the wickedness of war before the catastrophe arrived. 33 06 16 & b

The Edison Bell factory at Huntingdon, which at one time was a busy workshop for hundreds of hands making gramophone records and parts for wireless, was offered for sale. A large company assembled but there appeared no special demand for the premises which were offered with some of the important fixed machinery. It was withdrawn at £10,000. The disposal of the modern plant and machinery occupied two days and buyers were attracted from a wide area. 33 06 16a

The latest feature of building development at Cambridge is the erection of two blocks of modern flats at Pinehurst, Grange Road. The site, formerly occupied by a large house used as a private school, has been acquired by the Strand and Savoy Properties. Each block has 20 flats at rentals from £145 to £175 per annum. Messrs Stockbridge furnished on display flat in antique style including a Queen Anne bureau-bookcase, another had modern furniture by Papworth Industries with an 'all-electric' kitchen. 33 06 16a

1933 06 17
The New Theatre has closed for the Summer Vacation by which time it will probably be converted into a 'talkie' house. Even star actors have failed to attract crowded houses – apart from the D'Oyly Carte Company. It will mean the throwing out of work of over 100 staff, several of whom have given many years to its service. In nearly every town the story is the same. Owing to the competition of the talking films the theatres are suffering as never before. As many as 157 have closed in the past twelve months. 33 06 17a

Samuel Taylor Coleridge commemoration – 33 06 17
New buildings, p8*
May Week accident, p8*

1933 06 19
Frederick Rushmore, Master of St Catharine's – death – 33 06 19 & a

1933 06 20
Clare College memorial court damage by climbers – 33 06 20
Cambridge corporation plate returned – 33 06 20a & b

1933 06 21
Stanley Baldwin at Selwyn College jubilee – 33 06 21

1933 06 22
RIBA architects conference – 33 06 22 & a

1933 06 23
Railways were subjected to ever-increasing competition from road transport, the Railway Students' Association was told. Over long distances lorries seemed most vulnerable and railways could eliminate them by fixing their rates to make them unremunerative to the road carriers. It was wrong that people could obtain a motor lorry on the hire purchase system for about £25. This had resulted in unbridled competition. Every day they saw cases of these poor men, after having struggled for a few years, going through the bankruptcy courts. 33 06 23

1933 06 23 ES
Stretham, Haddenham and Wilburton British Legion standard dedicated (photo p16)

1933 06 26
Guildhall scheme approved – 33 06 26 & a
Shelford Road, p8

1933 06 27
Comberton parish council took compulsory powers in 1927 and purchased a suitable field of easy access from all parts of the village with some fine oak trees at one end. During the past five years money has been raised to meet the cost of hedging, levelling and erecting swings, but there still remained the laying down of tennis courts, a bowling green and a cricket pitch. Now a grant has been received which will enable this to be completed. 33 06 27

Newmarket slums, traffic system, fire service – 33 06 27a

1933 06 28
Impington sewage, Comberton pond – 33 06 28

1933 06 29
Bus services through Clavering, which has a population of under 1,000, would soon become as 'thick' as in Cambridge, already there were 108 every week, an inquiry into extra services on the Heydon-Bishop Stortford route was told. But a new early morning bus would suit train passengers to London, it was claimed. 33 06 29 & a

1933 06 30 ES
Crane overturns Darby's pit, Sutton Gault: photo. 33 06 30ES *

Stretham Church fete (photo p13). 33 06 30(2)(3)ES

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1933 07 03
Councillors agreed to renew the licence of the Three Tuns, Castle Street, Cambridge on the understanding that a new public house would be erected on the adjoining site of the old White Swan, which is also the property of the Corporation. This would avoid the demolition of the Three Tuns, which has a definite local history and connections to Dick Turpin, but is structurally unsound. 33 07 03 p6

One of the droves at Tile House Farm, Soham mere is to be made into a hard road, nine feet wide. Councillors inspected a reinforced concrete road made in Huntingdonshire some years ago, which tenants claimed was a success. But it is an experimental project: the sub soil was not the same so it might not stand the wear and tear and they could not claim it would last for ever. 33 07 03 p3

Corporation plate, p6
Swavesey Legion standard, p8
Pampisford pageant, p8

1933 07 04
George Robert Kett was one of Cambridge's best-known and respected builders. He studied medicine before joining Rattee & Kett, becoming managing director in 1926 and was a founder of the Federation of Building Trades Employers in 1918. During the Great War he was Executive Officer for Food Control for Cambridge and served as a special constable. Despite his outspoken manner his genial personality maintained for him an almost unrivalled popularity. 33 07 04 p8

1933 07 05
A fight over a girl at Balsham fair ended up in court. One lad said he went to the fair, had one drink, and then gone on a roundabout several times with a young lady. As they walked away, talking, another lad came up and spoke to the girl, then hit him the eye, breaking his spectacles. The second lad said he had been 'walking out' with her for 18 months. They were both fined ten shillings. 33 07 05 p5

Sir, If I were 'Traffic Dictator' for Cambridge motor cycles would not be allowed in Sussex Street or Christ's Lane, there would be no parking of cars for more than fifteen minutes or in Jesus Lane: why spend £2,000 widening it, then block the space gained by motor cars. Bus users would be made to queue up near Lloyds Bank: often it is virtually impossible to get through the crowds of waiting passengers. – 'Interested'. 33 07 05 p8

Trumpington Free Church minister, p6

1933 07 06
Two ancient silver spoons were presented to Cambridge Corporation. They were part of a collection of plate sold by the Council in 1836 – in those days even property passed into private hands in return for a good dinner - now they wanted to retrieve them. They had bought back one of six stoops and were seeking the gem of the collection, a rose bowl.33 07 06 p8 33 07 14 03

Somerlite, p5

1933 07 07
The Carlton public house in Lensfield Road owned by Lacons brewery had seen an increase in trade following the Budget decrease. There had been no complaints about the tenant, Edward Bettesworth, who was getting a living and wanted to retain it. Its licence was renewed but not those of the Coach and Horses on Newnham Road or the Alhambra on East Road where there were five other pubs within 220 yards and the trade was decreasing. 33 07 07 p12

Accident at Stretham – 33 07 07
Dog fountain, p9
Somerlite case, p12

1933 07 07 ES
Wilburton church fete: photo. 33 07 07(3)(5)(6)ES

Motor lorries collect fruit: photo. 33 07 07(4)ES *

1933 07 08
There seems no end to the output of University fiction. 'The sporting term is over' by Richard Heron Ward is set in Cambridge where – according to the blurb – 'the extreme communities of pseudo-intellectualism and excessive athleticism are constantly warring against each other'. There are too many unpleasant and abnormal people: one effeminate creature is thrown into the river by fellow undergraduates and another lad hit over the head with a heavy candlestick. But it does describe a Poppy Day rag. 33 07 08

1933 07 10
One woman was killed and 11 men, women and children seriously injured at Wisbech when a saloon car collided with a group of London fruit pickers engaged in the strawberry fields. The accident occurred in semi-darkness and pouring rain. Afterwards the injured and their relatives were scattered in small groups along the roadside, the uninjured endeavouring to identify the injured. They were removed to hospital in relays in an ambulance and motor vans. 33 07 09 p5

St Giles, p6
Chiswick End pit, p8

1933 07 12
Dr R.M. Salaman addressed Cambridge Rotary club on the persecution of the Jews in Germany. Hitler was destroying the whole people: it was more serious than the mere 'beating up' of individuals who happened to be Jewish, it was a movement which struck at the very roots of civilisation. Paid advocates of the Nazis had been sent to Palestine and the Ukraine and the doctrine was being taught in schools in the most scandalous way. 33 07 12 p8

1933 07 14
Corporation plate, p3*

1933 07 14 ES
Lt Downham church roof restoration fete. 33 07 14ES

Ouse Catchment Board inspect training walls river: photo. 33 07 14(2)ES

Girl Guides' rally Littleport: photos. 33 07 14(3)ES

1933 07 15
The centenary of the Oxford Movement was celebrated at St Giles' church when the congregation was exceptionally large. Prof Wynne regretted the tendency of the Church to be manned with old men. It was the younger man who saw visions and who must carry on the work. These days a mass attack was being made upon Christianity, the world was growing increasingly evil. The English Church Union and the Anglo-Catholic Congress should work together. 33 07 15 p6

The Cam Conservators have recently completed the dredging of the lower river. Since the dredger commenced operations in July 1923, enough silt has been removed to cover Parker's Piece to a depth of six feet 10 inches. It will probably be 30 years before another clearance of this nature will be necessary. 33 07 15

1933 07 17
This area will be scene of aerial activity during night exercises by the RAF. Operations will begin between a raiding force of 108 bombers and 152 fighters, some based at Duxford, who will endeavour to intercept and destroy them. They should be off the ground in two minutes, reach an altitude of 1,600 feet in about ten minutes and travel 30 miles. Cambridge itself is off the map as far as actual fighting is concerned as it is supposed to be covered by mountains. 33 07 17

A tithe 'raid' took place at Cowlinge when three lorries containing 14 men from London swooped down on a field and 20 young bullocks belonging to Frank Clarke of Hundon, were loaded into the vehicles. 14 others strayed away, doing a great deal of damage to an adjoining field of wheat. The distraint order was obtained on behalf of Jesus College for tithes amounting to £114. 33 07 17

Ernest Bevan, general secretary of the TGWU, addressed the Cambridge Labour Party fete at Girton. Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald had the backing of four million organised workers but had deserted the cause from panic. Nearly every great progressive movement had been split through the ambition or ego of the leaders. The Labour movement was the personal property of no man and though leaders might go, the movement went on, he told them. 33 07 17

1933 07 18
The giro-tiller, an interesting piece of agricultural machinery, was demonstrated at the University Farm. It looks like a large tractor behind which are two sets of blades affixed to revolving drums which break up the land to a depth of 18 inches in clay. They cost several thousand pounds and are intended for contractors who charge thirty shillings an hour for doing the work. 33 07 18

Two Cambridge bus drivers had their lives saved by the use of new equipment acquired by the Borough Ambulance. D.G. Boyd & R.A. Doe became overcome by exhaust fumes after doing duty on the starting gang at the Hills Road garage and were removed to hospital. Boyd was revived from a state of unconsciousness through the use of the Novox resuscitation apparatus and Doe also benefited by the oxygen mixture. A conductor was also slightly affected by fumes, but quickly recovered. 33 07 18

1833 07 19
Lord Clifden has sold Wimpole Hall but has arranged to take a lease of the house, park and sporting rights and intends to go on living at the Hall. The sale is a noteworthy example of the revived tendency to buy landed properties as an investment. The purchaser does not intend to break up the estate which included two villages, 12 farms and many small buildings. The park, including a double avenue of elms, is one of the finest in England. 33 07 19

Crowds of about 5,000 persons witnessed the thrilling demonstrations of the wonderful non-skid properties of Michelin Zigzag tyres at New Square car park. After It was drenched with water two Austin Sevens, a Morris '14' commercial van and a Citroen saloon went whizzing round at a dizzy speed, twisting, turning, swerving abruptly to right and left, corkscrewing and turning figures of eight in a perfectly hair-raising fashion. Their tyres gripped like octopuses. 33 07 19

1933 07 20
Plans for the new Royston cinema in Priory Lane met with opposition: it is deplorable thing it is being built there; it has absolutely crabbed the whole of the building of good-class houses in the future. Tradesmen thought it the most calamitous things which could ever have happened, councillors were told. 33 07 20

Black Horse Drove school becomes badly flooded, not only with surface water but with sewage, councillors heard. Since so many more houses had been built on the higher land at Littleport a tremendous amount of sewage comes down whenever they got a heavy storm and settles in the playground. Tenders were received for the erection of a branch library at March together with a new senior school which will be named the Hereward School 33 07 20

Harold Archer died in the same house in which he had been born in Ely on 17th February 1845. That day residents first saw a locomotive engine that had been sent by road on a horse trolley by the contractor to the Eastern Counties Railway to work the ballast train and make the Railway Embankment across the Cresswells. He played a prominent part in the city's affairs and became an authority on the drainage of the fens. 33 07 20

1933 07 21
Coveney accident – 33 07 21

1933 07 21 ES
Downpour mars Stretham sports. 33 07 21&(2)ES

1933 07 22
Royston theatre – 33 07 22
R.H. West replies criticism of his novel 'The Spring Term is Over' – 33 07 22

1933 07 24
The General Stores and adjoining cottage on the Old North Road near Arrington Bridge caught fire. After removing a copper in one of the rooms it was found the lathe and plaster wall was red hot. The building is an old one and it is said that Dick Turpin slept there. In one of the bedrooms there are two large iron sockets into which a bar could be put to block the door and a small sliding panel in the wall gives a view of anyone coming up the stairs. 33 07 24

Baldwin at Gogs, p8

1933 07 25
Cambridge's New Theatre is to be run as a cinema but every effort will be made to continue some theatrical form of entertainment. It has been leased to Mr P.V. Wallis who was the originator of the Central Cinema ten years ago and later took over the Tivoli and Playhouse cinemas. A Western Electric sound projector system will be installed together with some structural alterations and it is hoped to reopen in September. 33 07 25

1933 07 26
The reconstruction of the London-Norwich road to trunk road standard was begun in 1931 and 2½ miles were completed when work was stopped at the request of the Ministry owning to the financial crisis. Because of that the cost of maintenance has increased and the sides of the uncompleted roads are getting worse. Now the Ministry have offered a reduced grant to allow it to continue. 33 07 26

The reputation which Cambridge enjoys as the home of many women prominent in public life has been enhanced by the appointment of a new secretary of the University Lodging Houses Syndicate. Miss Mary Kennett is the daughter of the late Professor of Hebrew. She trained at Guy's Hospital and her knowledge of hygiene will be valuable when she inspects the houses licensed to accommodate undergraduates. 33 07 26

A meeting of the Cambridge Anti-War Council debated whether to affiliate to the national body. There was a danger that war might appear soon and the workers would be caught as they were in 1914 unless some centralised organisation was set up. But the British Anti-War Movement had been started by Communists with the idea of boring from the inside and they should not join. 33 07 26
Steeple Morden estate, p3*

1933 07 28
Grave warning of the danger of exhaust fumes from motor vehicles were given at a BMA Conference. The blood of traffic policemen has been found to be charged with carbon monoxide at a high concentration and that of motorists must be similarly polluted. Should the danger be intensified pedestrians will need to wear gas-masks in self-defence, delegates were told. Soon or later authorities responsible for public health must take action. 33 07 28

The Central Hall in Market Passage may become a cinema where cultural films would be shown during the University term. It would be run by Openshaw Higgins, formerly manager of The Tivoli cinema. Mr Mullett, the architect said the amount of film in the proposed projection box would not generate sufficient heat in event of a fire to buckle the iron armour of which it would be constructed. 33 07 28

Ouse estuary crisis, p8

1933 07 28 ES
Rickwood's improve Ely shopping facilities: photo. 33 07 28ES *

Low flight over Ely Cathedral. 33 07 28(2)ES

Barway's first fete. 33 07 28(3)ES

St German's pumping station nearing completion. 33 07 28(4)ES # c.29 *

1933 07 29
Two portions of the East Stone Training Bank of the Great Ouse Estuary below King's Lynn have fallen in and the whole bank might be lost if there were heavy storms in the winter. The Great Ouse Catchment Board would lose their main outfall and trade to the port of King's Lynn damaged. The southern bank might be saved if steps are taken at once and the Ministry should be approached for funding. 33 07 29

Early moving pictures – 33 07 29

1933 07 31
The old County Hall in Hobson Street was supposed to be sold with the proceeds being used to pay for the new Shire Hall on Castle Hill. But now little tin advertising 'To Let' signs had appeared and there didn't seem to be the slightest attempt to sell it, a councillor complained. But every effort had been made to dispose of it without success and they were now hoping to let a portion to the Government's Office of Works which would suit the council equally as well as a sale. 33 07 31

Trial road, p6*

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1933 08 01
The Fenland Research Committee, recently established at Cambridge, has already justified its existence. At Plantation Farm, Shippea Hill, they have discovered an interesting settlement of the early Bronze Age which has yielded a large number of flint implements, arrow heads and knives. Grahame Clarke also found traces of an earlier culture. When it is remembered that the archaeology of the fens has been practically unknown it will be seen that their discoveries are of much importance. 33 08 01

Ely potato association – 33 08 01

1933 08 02
Charles Wilkins took up journalism at an early age. He worked on the Huntingdonshire Post before moving to the editorial side of the Cambridgeshire Times. He became managing editor of the Cambridge Chronicle and in 1921 he was appointed its managing director. Mr Wilkins was secretary of the Isle of Ely Amateur Football Association and took a prominent part in the Conservative cause and the Catholic church. He leaves a widow and a family of nine, six sons and three daughters. 33 08 02

Cambridge bus companies: future of Varsity and Westminster – 33 08 02

1933 08 03
The Minister of Transport has rejected calls for the imposition of a speed limit in front of Ely Cathedral but says steps should be taken to avoid vibration by providing the carriageway with a smooth running service on a bed insulated from the adjacent buildings. A large volume of traffic could be diverted if a by-pass road was constructed on the east side of the city and a one-way system introduced along Minster Place and the Gallery. 33 08 03

Ely boy's pluck – river rescue medal John Gotobed – 33 08 03

1933 08 04
Ely's new 'Majestic Cinema' in New Barnes-road has an attractive front plastered in brown and cream which arrests the attention of anyone passing. Designed by F. Tucker of Lynn Road it has the latest Weston screen and Imperial sound system and will seat 370 people. Messrs Russell and Frank Wright are to be congratulated on their enterprise. The first film is Ida Lupino in 'Her First Affair'. 33 08 04

1933 08 04 ES
Ely Majestic Cinema to open. 33 08 04&(2)ES *

Graven's first with Ford commercial vehicle. 33 08 04(3)ES *

Ely canning factory closed: insufficient supplies. 33 08 04(4)ES

Jack Hulbert at Ely's first sports, 1897: photo. 33 08 04(5)ES *

Shippea Hill Bronze Age settlement. 33 08 04(6)ES

1933 08 05
C.T. Wilkins, p8*
100 years ago, p8

1933 08 08
Slum clearance scheme – 33 08 08

1933 08 09
A state of armed neutrality exists on the title 'battlefield' of Woodlands Farm, Ringshall near Stowmarket. Fascists are camped in the farmyard while a bailiff is in possession of two cornfields on the farm. The owner owes £47 to King's College for tithe and fields of wheat and barley have been seized for which tenders have been invited. Police are on constant duty while the fascists watch the approaching roads for signs of approaching cutting machinery. They have chalked messages on the road which read 'Farmers, Unite Now'. 33 08 09

1933 08 10
Cambridge is well ahead with its slum clearance schemes. In the Newmarket Road area there was a case for clearance near the Tabernacle but most of the people worked in the neighbourhood and if they were rehoused on the outskirts it would mean increased cost in getting to work. They had displaced 342 people and only provided homes for 218 of them: would the rest be put onto the street? There was controversy over the fate of one old lady whose house had been demolished, but it was better than leaving her in a building so dangerous it might collapse and bury her. 33 08 10

Boundary decision – bigger borough approved – 33 08 10

1933 08 11
The veranda or shelter over the main entrance of the Guildhall was disgustingly dirty and unsafe and should be removed, the Surveyor reported. It had been built in 1878 and the public should get used to the Guildhall without it because it would not be incorporated in the new building. Others said it was a useful shelter and should be maintained at all costs: the Preservation Society would be shocked if they allowed that ancient piece of architecture to be scrapped. 33 08 11

A travelling posting-box has been started by the Post Office on the Eastern Counties' service which leaves Cottenham at 8.15pm. The letterbox is painted Post Office red and will be fixed on the front of the bus, giving a later posting time than is now the case. It will operate from Monday to Saturday and letters will be delivered in practically any part of England by the first post in the morning. 33 08 11

Swavesey show & sports – 33 08 11

1933 08 11 ES
Ely Majestic cinema opening: photo. 33 08 11ES *

Milk Marketing scheme registration. 33 08 11(2)(3)(4)ES

Witcham church restoration nearing completion. 33 08 11(5)ES

1933 08 12
Milk marketing scheme, p7
Old Cambridgeshire series to start - Palmer Clarke, p8

1933 08 14
Saffron Walden Borough's Electricity Undertaking is to be sold to the County of London Electric Supply Company. They will cover the costs of changing from D.C. to A.C. current and cut the price of units. The scheme had cost £80 in the first year and for nine years they had had electricity in the town but if the council kept the works they would have to spend £10,000 on them. 33 08 14

Old time minstrel entertainment and Memories of the old Arcade – 33 08 14

1933 08 15
Televisions blow at film industry – 33 08 15
New Theatre plans convert to cinema – 33 08 15

1933 08 16
George King will always be associated with Miller's music shop's fortnightly gramophone recitals that he popularised when he came in 1929. He introduced the performance of opera on records with full scenic and lighting effects and sang and played at the recitals. He also undertook the entire managerial duties for University dance bands and was compere when the Union Society first staged classical and light gramophone music. Now he is moving to Dale's Brewery as sales manager. 33 08 16

Water from four wells at the Pit, Isleham is unfit for drinking and they must be closed. They were probably contaminated from the top and ought to be inspected to see where it came from. Now another nineteen wells will be analysed. Councillors also discussed the bad state of Padney Road Wicken: something ought to be done before the heavy traffic of beet haulage began. 33 08 16

Old Cambridgeshire, no.1, p8

1933 08 17
Prior to 1932 workers from Brittany had been imported into Jersey to lift, sort and bag the June potato crop, but this year 47 volunteers from Cambridgeshire were part of 2,500 men employed. The labour was organised on the gang system and broke all records. The Cambridge men were well satisfied with their earnings and several have remained in permanent employment. 38 08 17

Stage or screen, p8*

1933 08 18
Sir – it is a disgrace to Cambridge that our only theatre, the New Theatre, should close like it has done and have to re-open as a cinema. It used to be the finest in the Eastern Counties. When such attractions as Ruth Draper, Jack Payne and Matheson Lang visited it was packed and many people were turned away. But they put up prices and had too many variety shows instead of good plays and musical comedies – Lionel Cherry. 33 08 18

1933 08 18 ES
Twenty-three years at Ely river: A. Broad's service as bathing place attendant. 33 08 18&(2)ES

Typical fenland harvest scene: photo. 33 08 18(3)ES *

1933 08 21
A new use has been discovered for the camera – that of a detective. Official photographs are invariably taken at the scene of a serious crime but recently an amateur photographer used his camera to identify a thief who robbed his hen roost. A piece of string attached to the shutter lever of a simple box camera was pulled by the thief himself when he opened the door of the roost and the tell-tale picture taken. Every motorist may meet an accident and a photographic record of a collision is better testimony for the insurance company than the evidence of an eye witness. 33 08 21

Some early entertainments in Cambridge – magic lantern, Poole's Myorama etc – 33 08 21

1933 08 22
The Bishop of Ely's son, Charles Wright-Thomson, was one of four Eton schoolmasters who lost their lives on the Sella Glacier of the Roseq Peak in the Alps. Hundreds lined the walls of the hillside burial grounds as the coffins, covered with garden flowers and bunches of edelweiss, were buried in one grave in the cemetery adjoining the tiny church of Santa Maria. At the same time a memorial service was held in St Catharine's Chapel at Ely Cathedral and Eton College was closed to visitors. 33 08 22

Stetchworth Park, the residence of the Earl of Ellesmere, was damaged by fire. Fortunately the main buildings and stables escaped but outbuildings including the laundry together with a sitting room and

two bedrooms occasionally used by chauffeurs were affected. The flames burnt fiercely about the wooden structure and a clock-tower above the garage was demolished. Prompt action saved two motor cars. 33 08 22

1933 08 23
March man's dole fraud – 33 08 23

1933 08 23 ES
Latest in agricultural machinery: harvester demonstrated at Plantation House Farm, Littleport. 33 08 23ES

Demolition of chimney of Brandon River Pumping Station, Burnt Fen: photo. 33 08 23(2)ES # c.29

1933 08 24
New Zoological labs photo, p6

1933 08 26
Christ's College room renovations for C.P. Snow – 33 08 26
Millers Music shop, Sidney Street – 33 08 26
Trinity college land purchase near Ipswich – 33 08 26

1933 08 28
Grand Jury's last bill – 33 08 28

1933 08 30
Tithe chief faces farmers at Saffron Walden – 33 08 30

1933 08 31
Snake at Byron's pool – 33 08 31
Wardy Hill fire – 33 08 31

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1933 09 01
St Giles church has been damaged because of the exceptionally dry weather. A crack was seen at the east end and the wall showed a tendency to fall away from the rest of the church. There is no immediate danger, though a wooden frame will be placed around the top of the arches of the windows as a precaution but it was thought advisable to move the altar. Now the east end will probably have to be underpinned. 33 09 01

Railway line blaze, p8*

1933 09 01 ES
Wardy Hill fire at Jerusalem. 33 09 01ES *

1933 09 02
Death John Sworder, Barkway – 33 09 02
New Theatre opens as cinema – 33 09 02

1933 09 05
Five Cambridge playhouses remembered – 33 09 05
37 farmers committed following tithe protest – 33 09 05
Cambridge Playhouse, p4*

1933 09 06
Hexton vicar leads flock of goats – 33 09 06
Converted bus in Quy accident & Shudy Camps water shortage photo – 33 09 06
Water shortage pic, p8*

1933 09 07
Orwell villagers assisted in extinguishing a burning lorry owned and driven by H.A. Jude, a village haulage contractor. He was driving from the garage in a narrow lane called Lotfield Street when the engine backfired and flames came up into the cab. A petrol can exploded and the heat was so intense that the dummy ends of the petrol tank, which was nearly full, were melted off. Fortunately it did not explode as a few yards off was a thatched cottage occupied by William Breed and on the other side a house occupied by Mrs C. Jude. 33 09 07

Suffolk farm wages, p7

1933 09 08 ES
Ely new tailoring centre: Tharby. 33 09 08ES

Features of interest in Fenland – article on Lt Thetford, Stretham & Wilburton; interview with John Smith and his memories of village life – photos. 33 09 08(2)(3)ES *

1933 09 09
A disastrous fire occurred at Woodhouse Farm Chettisham, near Ely. Smoke was seen in a stack yard, one of the largest in England. Flames spread with amazing speed and soon 28 stacks were in full blaze. Hundreds of people flocked to the scene as firemen together with farmer Mitcham's workmen worked magnificently in the great heat to try and stop it spreading. 33 09 09

1933 09 12
Anderson (Andy) Broom was keenly interested from a boy in amateur photography and became the first Press photographer in Cambridge, having been for 20 years on the staff of the Cambridge Chronicle. Before that he worked for 37 years with the firm of Flavell and Ellis, decorators. He was member of St Giles' parish dramatic society and an athlete, chiefly engaged in cycling and skating. 33 09 12

Cambridge Fire Brigade was called to Knapwell after Mr C. Shelton noticed flames at a window of one of two cottages, both of which have thatched roofs. Neighbours did all they could to remove furniture and belongings but the flames had obtained such a hold that the occupants, Arnold Hodson and Berry Bath and their families, have been rendered homeless. The fire made little more than shells of the cottages. 33 09 12

Four fire brigades fought an extensive conflagration at Great Gransden which imperilled the whole village. Cambridge firemen were returning from a blaze at Waresley Wood when they saw a glare in the sky and were on the spot within ten minutes. Mr Christmas' barn at Home Farm was well alight but a motor car was saved before the garage became burned out. 33 09 12

Cambridge gaol – stories of 'wheel', cat & black hole – 33 09 12

1933 09 13
Knapwell fire, p8

1933 09 14
Sir – in my old curiosity shop in Trumpington Street I have formed a museum of prison, punishment and other interesting relics, many of which have come from our old Cambridge prisons. They include the clothes, mask, pistol and spurs of Dick Turpin which were left at the Three Tuns Inn, Castle Hill,

on the eve of January 12th 1739. I would welcome any items connected with village punishment or an old police uniform with the beaver top hat – E. Rutter. 33 09 14

1933 09 15
Horse knocked river, p6*

1933 09 15 ES
Another 'interesting tour': Doddington, Wimblington. 33 09 15ES *

1933 09 16
Norris Museum, p5

1933 09 18
Haverhill post office, p5
Hardwick tithe protest, p8

1933 09 19
Mr A.J. Wardley of Whittlesford was filling up a County Council water cart with the vehicle standing on the village bridge when a car skidded on the damp surface. It knocked the horse and cart into the river, which is ten feet deep. The driver was thrown high and dry. Seventeen people helped extract the horse, which was cut in several places, and the tank was damaged, with the two shafts broken. 33 09 19

Cambridge Guildhall dated back to about 1782 and there had been various extensions. In 1928 the Corporation bought shops in Peas Hill to allow for rebuilding. The possibility of providing shops on the ground floor had been considered but this would not allow sufficient offices for the extra staff needed to cope with their increased duties, an Inquiry was told. 33 09 19

1933 09 20
Well-built houses, Perne Road. An attractive position, situate on the beautifully-made new ring road, close to bus stop. Prices £690 and £710. £50 down, balance £1 weekly. See Walter Driver's announcement in the auction columns for detailed particulars. Sole Agent: Drivers, 1a Post Office Terrace. Tel.468 (Advertisement). 33 09 20

The pilot of a Gypsy Moth was summonsed for low flying at Fen Ditton. He had hired the plane at Marshall's aerodrome but then began 'hedge hopping', looping-the-loop and narrowly missing telegraph poles. Roy Fisher, the ground engineer at Marshall's waved a piece of white fabric to try and attract the pilot's attention and then Mr Marshall went up in a Puss Moth in an attempt to bring him down. They flew together but the man did not land with him. He told magistrates he had served in the RAF but was fined £5. 33 09 20

Prickwillow Lark Bank fire, p5

1933 09 21
Herbert Robinson opened a small shop in Regent Street, 30 years ago, where he commenced selling Premier bicycles. Today his extensive new garage occupies the site of Llandaff Chambers and the old Fountain Inn. It embraces motorcars, motor cycles, bicycles, baby carriages, wireless and gramophones and features a turntable for cars and an overhead runway which enables parts to be conveyed from one side to another. 33 09 21

Sir Frederick Hiam was concerned that if the pumps were stopped his land would be flooded. Some simply floated at such times: when a horse went on the land it went up to its neck and had to be dragged out with ropes. In 1912 the banks held but in 1928, after the Ouse Catchment Board took over, there was a break. His men were out all night to prevent the whole district being flooded. The

Board can give an order, but they haven't the men to do it. The man on the spot knows what to do, people in Cambridge did not. 33 09 21, 22, 23

Stretham car crash, p8

1933 09 22
An inquiry into the new Ouse Catchment Board byelaws heard objections from Railway Companies. Their bridges might be damaged by storm or flood and signal wires blown down but they would be unable to repair them without permission: was their traffic to be held up while they got consent. Huntingdonshire County Council felt they would prejudice the growers of bat willows. 33 09 22

The Norris Library and Museum at St Ives was opened with full civic pride. Herbert Norris's collection of manuscripts and books was unique; there was nothing printed in the world concerning Huntingdonshire that was not there and it should become a county museum. The architect, Mr Inskip Ladds was congratulated. The council had also carried out improvements to the Waits and made new flower beds. 33 09 22

1933 09 22 ES
Wonderful air display to visit Ely: Alan Cobham. 33 09 22ES # c.26.1

Burnt Fen Institute annual meeting. 33 09 22(2)(3)ES

1933 09 23
The famous old water mill at Houghton is to be finally destroyed. A short time ago the interior fittings were taken out, but the picturesque fabric was spared. The fine mill at Godmanchester was destroyed some years ago. It is fashion to consider these old mills as useless but there is one at Elton that is doing a roaring trade in milling poultry and cattle food. The water power has been harnessed to drive turbine fans which dry corn cut and thrashed by the Dominion harvester. 33 09 23

County to fight, p8

1933 09 25
Stourbridge fair proclaimed – 33 09 25

1933 09 27
Flying-officer Norman Styche, who formerly lived in Fordham and Cambridge, was one of two men who perished when their bomber crashed at Bamburgh after a successful "battle" against the Home Fleet. Having attending Soham Grammar School he had got books on flying out of the library and learnt all he could. He had previously been in two crashes, but was unhurt in both. 33 09 27

Cambridge Guildhall was crowded for the Eugene Film and Hair Fashion Revue. It included a demonstration of Eugene waving and a parade of ladies whose hair had been waved by Cambridge hairdressers. Applause showed the appreciation of the feminine for those who provided them with these 'Waves of Desire'. 33 09 27

Stretham claim, p5
Damming Cam pic, p8

1933 09 28
Mrs Rackham told of her recent tour of Russia. There were great shortages but the only queues were for oil which was needed for agricultural machinery. However there was no shop in a Russian city which anyone in Cambridge would think it worth looking in. Newspapers were placed on walls as a shortage of paper prevented a large number being printed. When it was suggested she had only seen the better bits, she said it was a very sensible thing to do: visitors to Cambridge were only shown the best in it. 33 09 28

Willing neighbours rescued an elderly bed-ridden lady when her old thatched cottage at Ellington caught fire in an unusual manner. Mrs Stacey was busy making jam and was heating some wax to seal it down when it caught fire. She rushed to the cottage door and threw it outside but the flames flew up and caught the thatch above the door, which is very low. The vicar's daughter and her maid got Mrs Buckmaster out of bed and wheeled her away in a bath chair. There was difficulty getting water: two ponds were practically emptied and one half of the building was destroyed. 33 09 28

Clavering poultry breeder's affairs – 33 09 28
Death of Richard Holttum, Linton – 33 09 28

1933 09 29 ES
Old Doddington: reminiscences W.T. Gent. 33 09 29ES *

Ely rousing welcome for great aviation display. 33 09 29(3)(4)ES

Soham Grammarian Pilot Office Styche of Fordham killed in crash. 33 09 29(4)ES

Fenlanders fight against Ouse Board by-laws; local control of pumps. 33 09 29(5)(6)ES # c.29 *

Prize stackers and thatchers. 33 09 29(5)ES *

1933 09 30
The make-up of the Cambridge Daily News is being completely re-modelled and in future the front page will be devoted to the main news of the day instead of small pre-paid advertisements. The London Letter will appear daily, with weekly motoring notes, fashion and household features and book reviews. A new super Crabtree press will allow of larger papers and turn out copies at up to 40,000 an hour. 33 09 30 33 10 02

Houghton mill saved, p8

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1933 10 02
Ely's Paradise Recreation Field is a fine, large enclosed ground that would be the envy of many a big London sporting club. It is nicely laid out, kept to perfection with a splendid pavilion and other dressing rooms. During the summer there is an excellent cricket pitch and 17 tennis courts are laid out, all occupied by various clubs. In winter it is used by Ely City Football Club and there are two full hockey pitches always in use.33 10 02

Huntingdonshire needs an up-to-date ambulance service. The Red Cross ambulance was now practically worn out and unreliable but it might be given to Wyton Sanatorium to maintain. A hearse might be obtained when the bier had been taken out and replaced by a stretcher. It had been used as an ambulance before and also carried football teams, though people did not like to know they were riding in a hearse. 33 10 02

Sir, Needing a stamp for a letter I hied down to the G.P.O. feeling certain its automatic machines would duly deliver the goods. The nimble penny did function, but the halfpenny, though absorbed into the digestive machinery of the apparatus, obdurately refused to pass out the little bit of green paper. Obviously a serious crime as that of obtaining halfpennies under such circumstances was a matter for our every ready Borough Police. An officer detailed to investigate proceeded to test my story twice, with the result that the Revenue was again the richer, and he, alas, the poorer by the sum of one penny. 33 10 02

New CDN, p8*

Death of Professor John Edward Marr – 33 10 02

1933 10 03
Speaking of slum clearance, Mrs Stevenson said there was no trouble about building houses, but the psychological side of rehousing is difficult. Slum dwellers became very cosy in their 'dirty little places' and when transferred to the spacious amenities of a new estate, the families felt terribly lost. Cambridge had 1,700 council houses yet there were 1,269 people on the waiting list with names added at the bottom as fast as they were removed from the top. The situation was helped by the newly-formed Hundred Houses Society. 33 10 03

1933 10 04
The Baron of Beef public house in Bridge Street was partially destroyed by fire. Firemen found flames shooting half-way across the Blackmoor Head Yard and people living at the Mitre pub began to get alarmed. It is one of the fire danger zones in Cambridge, congested with plenty of old property. The Baron was almost entirely rebuilt in 1932 which involved the demolition of four old cottages and three others were destroyed to make room for the new garages. 33 10 04

Railways are a never-failing source of interest to young and old. Cambridge Rotarians were told that trains between Cambridge and London occasionally attain 72 mph and tunnels on the Newmarket line were constructed so that trains should not frighten racehorses in training. In the fens one could stand 100 feet away from the railway track and be shaken like a jelly when a train passed. The outer rail settled half-an-inch owing to the 'draw' when the dykes dried and telegraph poles and even buildings leaned outwards. But the permanent way was practically immune from flooding. 33 10 04

CDN debut – first with new front page 33 10 04

1933 10 05
Since the dredger commenced work on the Cam from Clayhithe Bridge to Baitsbite Lock it had removed enough mud to cover Parker's Piece to the depth of six feet ten inches. Now it has been sold. Weeds had also been cut and removed. Conservators agreed to continue with the full staff of men until they had got the banks into reasonable condition, and their wages increased to 38 shilling (£1.90) a week. 33 10 05

The Huntingdon car park attendant was accused of assaulting a man on Mill Common where the car park is situated on market day. George King said he'd been talking to Mr Richardson, a greengrocer of Buckden, who'd said he could have some cabbages from his lorry. But the attendant had come up and told him to put them down, then punched him in the eye when he refused to do so. The attendant claimed King had used filthy language and not answered his questions. 33 10 05

CDN new presses launched – 33 10 05

1933 10 06
Ramsey's water is unfit for drinking unless it is boiled and filtered. In 1909 a report on the sanitary conditions revealed that the most urgent need was a safe public water supply. The same sources of water, which were then criticised very severely, are in use today. Between 1920 and 1930 various schemes had been suggested but the cost was always prohibitive. Ramsey is purely an agricultural district with no factories or industries and a water scheme was the only hope for development, either industrially or residentially. 33 10 06

1933 10 06 ES
Ely's water supply now assured: new electrical pumping plant opened at Isleham. 33 10 06&(2)ES *

1933 10 07
Linton water inquiry, p5
Table Talk new heading, p6

1933 10 09
The greater part of the undergraduate population is now in residence and the Dorothy café is once again thronged with young men over the tea hour. The prevailing fashion is to wear striking sports jackets with the proverbial flannel trousers and hats but the new arrivals, despite every effort to appear 'old hands' generally reveal their 'freshness' by walking about in their gowns. 33 10 09

1933 10 10
Assize trumpeters pic, p1

1933 10 13
A skeleton found at the new Perse School building site near Hyde Park Corner may have been the victim of a highway robbery man years ago. A workman man was digging when his pick went through a skull. The police have been informed but the bones are obviously very old and roots of various plants had entered through the eye-holes and mouth. The site is outside the basement door of the former Gonville House which was built in the 1840s. 33 10 13

1933 10 13 ES
Death Ely florist, A.G.W. Snell. 33 10 13ES

Railway Tavern, Black Bank Station closed. 33 10 13(4)ES

Four old Stretham sisters, Mary Murfitt (79), Emma Sadler (82), Jane Dimock (77), Rebecca Dimock (77), daughters of Joseph Sennitt, 33 10 13(5)ES

1933 10 14
Cambridge's eighth cinema, the Cosmopolitan, otherwise the Central Hall in Market Passage, will provide a regular home for cultural films. Five years ago a Film Guild was started to show a more intelligent class of film, then Mr Openshaw Higgins tried putting them into the ordinary programme before deciding on a new small cinema. It will give three performances each day during Term. 33 10 14, 33 10 17

1933 10 16
The new Municipal Health Centre in Auckland Road houses the school dental and medical clinics as well as maternity and child welfare centres. After health visitors started in 1906 infant mortality had dropped from 114 per 1,000 down to 38 last year. As for the dental clinic it was Dr Charles Cunningham and Mr Sedley Taylor whose combination of science and benevolence set an example which had been followed all over the civilised world. 33 10 16

Foot & mouth outbreak, p5

1933 10 17
New Fountain inn plans, Regent Street – 33 10 17

1933 10 18
An exhibition of Russian posters organised by the Cambridge branch of the Friends of the Soviet Union was opened at the Labour Hall. Maurice Dobb explained that very simple and forceful ideas were combined with a striking use of colour to appeal to the worker and 'activate' him or try to convince the peasants to join community farms run on a co-operative basis. The posters gave some idea of the life of the workers, contrasting the old conditions with the new. 33 10 18

An RAF flying officer had to make a parachute decent when his plane plunged to earth out of control near Hinxton. He jumped out and landed safely in a copse while his machine hit the earth nose-first and burst into flames, quickly becoming a flaming furnace. Flying Officer Scorgie, who is stationed at

Duxford, is now eligible for membership of the Caterpillar Club for that select band of pilots who have been forced to save their lives by parachute. 33 10 18

Newmarket clock tower, p6

1933 10 19
Pelican at Wicken Spinney Abbey pic, p1

1933 10 20
Unemployment in Cambridge is serious: 965 men and 84 women were out of work. The University Library was nearly finished and the great building projects in the town completed. But work continued on Queen Edith's Way, Long Road and the Hundred Houses Estate as well as the paddling pool on Coldham's Common. The Minister of Transport was keen to do away with level crossings and replace them with bridges; this could mean serious expenditure but provide employment for a great number of men. 33 10 20

1933 10 20 ES
Features of interest in Fenland: Haddenham. 33 10 20&(2)ES

Queen visits Ely. 33 10 20(3)ES

Old Ely business changes hands: G.H. Tyndall sells the Minster Press. 33 10 20(3)(4)ES

Foot & Mouth disease destroys Ely herds: photos. 33 10 20(6)ES

Progress of old-established Ely business: William Blake. 33 10 20(6)ES

1933 10 21
The club for unemployed men at Fellowship House, Fitzroy Street has been renovated by members and now present a very cost appearance. It has a club room and canteen, a workroom fitted with benches at which men do woodwork and picture framing, a concert and lecture room complete with a piano purchased for three shillings, and a ping-pong and billiards room. During the war the Welsh troops had used it as a cookhouse, later it became a brush factory and furniture store but no better use could possibly be made of it. 33 10 21

St Ives Public Assistance Institution, which is now closed, could be converted into a home for wayfarers. It would take men aged 18-21 off the roads and try to improve their characters. They'd be subjected to regular work and discipline but have recreation in the form of a club. The Vicar said he was constantly picking up men on the road, often young fellows who never had the chance to work. Being near Cambridge it would give undergraduates the opportunity of doing real social service in the vacations. 33 10 21

Mammoth Show memories – Chesterton sluice – 33 10 21
Littleport flooding, p1

1933 10 23
Cambridgeshire WI staged two of the most successful ventures in the annals of their history with an exhibition and pageant entitled 'A Festival of Olden Days' at Cambridge Guildhall. Crowds were so large than numerous people had to be turned away. Many of the objects owed their preservation to the devotion of the housewife. There was an urgent need for a country museum of bygones with a portfolio for the preservation of historical documents in every village. 33 10 23

1933 10 24
The proprietor of the Ramping Lion garage at Hemingford Abbots was charged with exhibiting advertisements relating to the Dominion Petrol contrary to the bye-laws. The advertisements on the

walls of the garage were unsightly and seriously affected the view of rural scenery from the highway. The owner said it was a very barren spot and a witness stated that the country around was dull and uninteresting, though he admitted he had only seen it once and that there had been fog about at the time. 33 10 24

Miss Tree robot pic, p1

1933 10 26
A Saffron Walden accountant told the bankruptcy court he'd set up an insurance business in 1923 and also collected debts. He acted as accountant to the Auto-Service Company of Cambridge and about 1925 began to finance people in the purchase of their motor cars and motor charabancs but lost hundreds of pounds when they defaulted. He'd also lent money to "Mr X" as capital for his business which was to have been repaid from the profits. 33 10 26

1933 10 27 ES
Features of interest in Fenland: Sutton. 33 10 27&(2)(3)ES

1933 10 28
Robot cartoon, p6

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1933 11 02
The water supply from the open reservoir at the Elsworth end of Boxworth is very unsatisfactory. During the recent summer months it has been very offensive and as a surface well near the school dried up during the drought villagers have had to go half a mile or more for water, the Medical Officer told County Councillors. 33 11 02

Photographs taken during a holiday in Russia are displayed at Ramsey and Muspratt studio in Post Office Terrace. Two studies, 'Dneiprastron: the new town' and 'Moscow: the Kremlin' show there is beauty in the new and old. The human side is captured in a fine study of the 'Intourist' bus driver and a Young Pioneers' demonstration while 'The Infants School' shows the Russian child. 'Prison Settlement', is a photo of another aspect of Russian life. 33 11 02

Briscoe Snelson lectures on Ouse with camera – 33 11 02
Tithe trial – 33 11 02

1933 11 03
G.T. Gotobed, Stretham, licenced to slaughter animals, p8*

1933 11 04
Jack Overhill 'Romantic Youth' and Warwick Deeping 'Smith' novels – 33 11 04

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Bonfire night demonstration & Hitler Nazi meeting – 33 11 06
Rats migration – story of a Cambridgeshire farm – 33 11 06
Essex tithe trial ends – 33 11 06

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Mrs Keynes 2nd woman Mayor review of year – 33 11 07

1933 11 08
Slum clearance schemes, Newmarket area – 33 11 08
Old Cambridge tram photo – 33 11 08 – c.26.44

1933 11 09
An inaugural meeting of the New Britain Movement was held in the Dorothy Café with Mr A Mackay in the chair. There should be a federation of European states: every day the world became more international and a policy of isolation would be disastrous. Communism and Fascism were threatening the world and England must show the rest the way out of the mess, speakers said. The power to issue money should be taken away from the financiers, only then would people receive enough to live on. 33 11 09

1933 11 10
The film 'Our Fighting Navy' has been withdrawn from the Tivoli Cinema following lively scenes. Fifty members of the Students' Anti-War went to make a protest but a rival party, numbering about a thousand undergraduates, marched to the cinema with two bands playing war-time songs and carrying Union Jacks. Several tried to push their way in until the arrival of four policemen who, with drawn truncheons, managed to keep the crowd at bay whilst a dozen more raced to the scene in motor vehicles. Cries of 'Down with Hitler' and 'Hail Hitler' were heard above the general uproar and a stink bomb let off in the vestibule. 33 11 10

Fire destroyed the stage of the A.D.C. Theatre; all that remains is a charred and tangled mass of wood and iron. The ruined switchboard is still distinguishable as it stood on an iron frame, but the roof, stage and everything else bar the walls has fallen in. The fireproof curtain contained the flames to the stage but all the scenery was destroyed including very valuable Queen Anne furniture and a grand piano. Firemen fought the blaze from the top floor of the Union Building alongside and the Pitt Club was considerably damaged by water. 33 11 10

Sir - The London and North-Eastern Railway are to withdraw wireless from their London-Leeds trains blaming the 'prohibitive' charges announced by the Performing Rights Society for the use of its copyright music. But the fee is only three shillings a week per train and when challenged they now say the service was uneconomic and had never covered its cost. The payment of a fee to the composer is as much a cost of production as the ten shilling licence to the BBC or the installation of earphones – C.F. James, Performing Rights Society. 33 11 10

Newport's new fire brigade is a 'contracting brigade' not drawing any support from the rates and not being controlled by the Parish Council. When called on it is entitled to charge a reasonable amount for the use of the apparatus and the time of the men. It had been established with a grant from the Pond Common Charity and other money had been raised from subscriptions or received for services at fires. Now they will insure the firemen. 33 11 10

1933 11 10 ES
Stretham Nursing Association annual meeting. 33 11 10&(2)ES

Armistice Day commemorations. 33 11 10(3)(4)ES

1933 11 11
Anti-war battles in street, Tivoli cinema – 33 11 11
Littleport potato merchant action – 33 11 11

1933 11 13
Students white feather pic, p5
Fighting for peace, p5
Anti-war procession, p5

1933 11 14
When excavating a Saxon burial ground near Castle Camps three skeletons were removed from the graves and placed in crates to be taken to Cambridge. But they were deliberately smashed up overnight. Some form of superstition must have been responsible for this action, said T.C. Lethbridge,

"it is too much to explain it as mere mischief". In some graves he had found tiny pots containing face cream or pomade. 33 11 14

Memories and reminders of the horror of war are provided by the Cambridge Anti-War Council's exhibition opened. It consists of diagrams, photographs and cartoons and if anybody wants war after seeing them, they can have no feeling. Some of the photos of the dead were forbidden by the Censors and it is easy to see why. Part has been prepared by members of the Bio-chemical Board, Cavendish Laboratories and shows the effects of gas. 33 11 14

The University Engineering Society was packed for the first public demonstration of television in Cambridge with the picture being transmitted from one side of the room to the other and projected on a four foot square screen. After a pause while the transmitter and receiver were synchronised, the room was plunged into total darkness, then suddenly there appeared on the screen the blurred and flickering figure of an undergraduate's head and shoulders. He caused some amusement by blowing his nose several times. Later a microphone was brought into use and sound, as well as pictures, 'came across'. 33 11 14

1933 11 15
Haddenham attempted murder – 33 11 15
Wilberforce Road being made up – photo – 33 11 15

1933 11 16
Cambridge was thrown into a state of chaos by the failure of the electric light system over a very wide area. The breakdown started when lights grew dimmer and dimmer and finally went out altogether. Shops, offices and private homes brought candles into use. One ingenious garage owner switched on the lights of the cars in his shop window showrooms. At the CDN office reporters wrote by bicycle light and headlines were set by hand with the aid of a supply of wax tapers. 33 11 16

Ward's mill Melbourn machinery installed, p1

1933 11 17
The City of Ely Fire Brigade took over the new Bedford Ford tender and fire escape purchased by Ely UDC. The present fire engine will now be hauled by this modern tender on which is seating accommodation for the men to ride. The brigade received instructions on working the tender and detaching the escape and were seen carrying out practical experiments in various parts of the city. 33 11 17

Joel Smart was the son of a Gloucestershire cloth manufacturer. Coming to Cambridge shortly after the battle of Waterloo he commenced business at 59 Bridge Street in 1826, removing in 1840 to Petty Cury and in 1853 to 11 Market Street. Here he purchased the clothing business of Watson Taylor who had been trading from early in the century. He took his son, Charles, into partnership, in whose family the business still remains. Such is the history of one of the oldest firms in Cambridge where customers will find all the latest materials and the most fashionable styles at keen prices. 33 11 17

Anti-war demonstration photo, p5

1933 11 17 ES
Ely's new fire escape: photo. 33 11 17ES

St Germans pumping station commemorate armistice: photo. 33 11 17(2)ES

1933 11 18
Dr Goebbels, Hitler's lieutenant and Minister of Propaganda for the Nazi, has denied authorship of an article appearing in the 'Saturday Review' under his name, entitled "The Nazi's next step". He claims he is the victim of a malicious forgery. But the editor of the Review, Mr Wentworth Day, a former

Cambridge journalist, said he had no reason to doubt its authenticity and that the views were those expressed before Hitler's peace speech. 33 11 18

Perse school extension – 33 11 18
Unpaid workers wages, Leighton farm – 33 11 18

1933 11 20
Perse foundation stone p5

1933 11 21
Cambridge Chronicle at 70 , p5

1933 11 22
Ely attempted murder charges, Wilburton trial – 33 11 22

1933 11 23
A Cambridge man told the bankruptcy court that he had farmed at Rectory Farm Coton after the war, then gone into partnership in a retail milk and dairy business in Ely High Street. In 1927 he purchased part of the dairy business at Cherry Hinton Hall Farm and then bought a coal business in John Street, Cambridge. He did not know anything about the trade and he had competition. The weather was against him: the winter of 1932 was very bad for coal merchants and the summer of 1933 made it a jolly sight worse. 33 11 23

1933 11 24
Consternation was caused in Hope Street, Romsey Town, by a fire which caused considerable damage. Residents were in the street in very scanty clothing and one lady who dashed back into the house to get some clothes was burnt about the face. They owe their escape to a baby whose coughing in a smoky room over the fire roused the other sleepers and led to the alarm. Had the flames reached the roof the whole row of houses would have been endangered. 33 11 24

1933 11 24 ES
Haddenham Scout troop colours dedicated. 33 11 24ES

Restoration Prior Crauden's chapel undercroft. 33 11 24(2)ES

Isle of Ely County Council discuss dangerous corner near café south of Stretham on A10

1933 11 25
The Transport and General Workers' Union was awarded a reduction in rates at their Littleport home, one of four big convalescent homes for free treatment run by the Union. It was not a source of revenue and used for an entirely charitable purpose. It was having 1,000 patients per year and the number of beds was 90. If the appeal failed it might quite possibly cease to function. 33 11 25

1933 11 28
Cambridge Victoria Friendly Society's Institution opened its new pavilion with a verandah from which residents could watch Cambridge Town Football Club's matches. It had started in hired cottages in James Street but in 1841 the foundation stone for the present building was laid. Cottages were added in 1888 and 1899 thanks to the Jubilee fund with the four others known as Miller's Buildings opened in 1906. It provides accommodation for 37 residents whose average age is 70 years. 33 11 28

1933 11 29
Haverhill council slum clearance – 33 11 29

1933 11 30
Dr Charles Frederick Searle's name removed from Medical register – 33 11 30
Royston cinema photo, p5

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1933 12 01
Sutton Gault bridges were unsafe for traffic and should be replaced, the River Board said. The roads over the bridges gave access to 4,000 acres of land and the present weight limit of three tons meant that anyone driving three horses and a wagon over them was liable to prosecution. But Mr Hudson said it lead to a dead end by an occupation road and he could not support the proposal. 33 12 01

1933 12 02
Amateur film producers' production – 33 12 02
'Romantic Youth' Overhill novel, p6

1933 12 04
King's College was criticised over tithe distraints on its farms. At Kersey their agents arrived as dawn was breaking with their lorries and the usual gang of East End 'toughs' armed with cudgels. They raided in their usual style and when the farmer let out a shot a man hit him over the head with a cudgel and practically knocked him out. They took cattle worth twice the value of the tithe but then wrote demanding a cheque for more. 33 12 04

The Medical Officer reported on the housing conditions of Swavesey district. At Lolworth there were four cottages belonging to Clare College which needed repair, together with six in School Lane and four others known as Grape Vine Cottages which needed demolishing. In Conington two cottages, one known as Kate's Cabin were to be amalgamated and Rectory Cottage was also to be improved. At Fen Drayton three cottages opposite the school had been condemned as had two at the Green Man and two in Wallman's Lane, Swavesey. One cottage at Station Road, Over, would not last another five years. 33 12 04

1933 12 06
Godwin Hunt was one of the most popular comedians and vocalists that Cambridge has ever known. Born at Soham, he was associated with many famous theatrical enterprises including the D'oyly Carte Opera before becoming Lay Clerk at St John's College. He was the founder, 30 years ago, of the Magpies Concert Party which enjoyed a tremendous vogue when amusements were not so plentiful as today. Up to the war they were a male voice quartet but then it became a mixed concert party who travelled far beyond Cambridgeshire. 33 12 06

Making of photographic blocks by CDN Engraving department manager – 33 12 06

1933 12 08 ES
Sutton church's 600-year-old message. 33 12 08ES *

1933 12 09
Policewomen were urgently needed in Huntingdonshire: they were useful in taking statements from women and children in sexual crimes and were on duty near schools to protect children from molestation. But the Rev O'Connor thought an unhealthy sex obsession had intruded into every aspect of life today and this should be exorcised rather than appoint women police officers. The Chief Constable said there was very little sexual crime and no work for women officers to perform. 33 12 09

Hundred Houses Society work – 33 12 09
Godwin Hunt, Magpies founder appreciation – 33 12 09
New rectory, p6

1933 12 12
A serious fire broke out at Mr A.V. Bonnett's bakery, Broad Street, Ely. For the first time the Ely brigade had the advantage of their new equipment especially adapted for subduing blazes in rooms. The flames quickly spread due to tins of fat and other inflammable articles but they prevented it reaching the room above where there was a large quantity of fire lighters, a ton of sugar and a quantity of margarine. However smoke completely spoiled about 50 iced Christmas cakes. 33 12 12

St Botolph's church has never had a house for its incumbent. Former rectors have generally been Fellows of Queens' and entitled to a set of rooms in the college. But recent clergy have been family men and had to provide their own living accommodation. Now a new rectory in Summerfield, Newnham Road, has been designed by C.F. Skipper. 33 12 12

A.T. Paskett, county horticultural adviser, knew what he was talking about and had a pleasant way of imparting information. He was secretary of the West Cambs. Growers Association and organised the Great Autumn Show, arranged demonstrations of sprayers for fruit trees and mechanical cultivators as well as trials of different kinds of fruit. He was responsible for the County demonstration plot at Rampton, started four years, ago where experiments are tried on different fruit tree stocks. 33 12 12

1933 12 15
Rents of houses in Dalton Square, Linden Close and Scotland Road were subsidised and because of the low cost of building they were remarkably low – houses with four bedrooms were six-and-ninepence (34p) a week. These rents could be reduced if tenants could show their income was insufficient. The general public did not fully realise the facilities now provided to the re-housing of very poor people, councillors were told. 33 12 15

1933 12 15 ES
Ely new industry: old cinema reopened as model laundry, Market Street. 33 12 15&(2)ES, photo 33 12 15(6)

Trouble at Ely Isolation Hospital: matron resigns. 33 12 15(3)(4)ES

Fire at Bonnett's Bakery, Ely. 33 12 15(5)ES

1933 12 18
A crowd of 200 people saw skating races for the Duddleston Cup at Lingay Fen. The ice was not of the best and records remained intact. The winner was C.W. Horn, the National Skating Association champion, whose time was very much faster than ever previously recorded, though the race has never before been over an oval course. Runners up were R. Wyman of Stretham, G.W. Martin of Nordelph and L.B. Carter of Over. 33 12 18

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A happy, vociferous and altogether exuberant crowd of youngsters packed into the Cambridge Guildhall for the News' Robin Fellowship's Christmas entertainment. The main hall and gallery were filled and some seats behind the orchestra had to be brought into use. The Mayor called for the grand "Tweet, Tweet" and expressed hearty congratulations to the Fellowship on having nearly 10,000 members and for the wonderful way they were keeping the Robin Cot going at Addenbrooke's Hospital. 33 12 18

Hardening Soham Mere roads – 33 12 18

1933 12 19
Seward's End Farm was gutted after fire broke out in an unoccupied bedroom where bedding was being aired in preparation for the use of the room by Christmas guests. Mr & Mrs Reeve tried to put it out with buckets of water while their son biked to the Post Office from which the Saffron Walden Brigade was called. Firemen had to break ice on the pond to get water but this soon ran out and they had to send an SOS to Walden for water which had to be especially pumped. Only then were they able to make any progress against the flames. 33 12 19

Miss M.H. Catley, Headmistress of the Perse Girls' School, was called hurriedly home from a school dance when a blaze in the front room of her house in Barton Road threatened to envelop the whole building. Her housekeeper found a curtain had been set alight by an electric fire and rushed to the house next door to telephone the fire brigade. But there was some mix-up and they went to the Perse School buildings in Panton Street. 33 12 19

Harston grocer, Gatward, failure – 33 12 19
Cambridge new buildings, survey by Mr Webb – 33 12 19
Bus crowds in Sidney Street – 33 12 19

1933 12 21
Bourn and neighbouring villages have been fortunate during the past abnormally dry summer in having a good water supply. A further stage towards making that supply safer was marked when the East Hunts Water Company opened their new reservoir. Built of reinforced concrete it is three times as large as the old tank which has been a familiar landmark on the Cambridge to St Neots Road for the last 40 years. 33 12 21

1933 12 22 ES
Prickwillow Village Institute opened. 33 12 22&(2)ES

Soham Grammar School's status. 33 12 22(3)ES

Fen skater C.W. Horn retains King Edward cup. 33 12 22(4)ES # c.38 : skating
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1933 12 27
The two dozen kiddies confined to the Mill Road Isolation Hospital for Christmas found a keen and energetic staff to brighten up the holiday. Balloons, paper decorations, flags and mistletoe were to be seen in profusion and the girls' ward contained a huge Christmas tree sparkling with fancy ornaments and tinsel. At the Union Road Institution there was breakfast of sausages and dinner of roast pork, beef and mutton with sprouts, parsnips and potatoes followed by Christmas pudding and custard. Fruit, tobacco, beer and lemonade were also provided and afterwards the inmates listened to the King's speech on the wireless. 33 12 27

1933 12 28
In accordance with custom the Isle of Ely Coursing Club held a Boxing Day meeting at Stretham by permission of the President, Sir Frederick Hiam. Weather conditions were bad, rain falling continuously throughout the day, but this did not upset the usual enthusiasts. Hares were rather slow in breaking cover but there was some splendid sport, though 'the going' was a trifle heavy. 33 12 28

Harriers at Market Hill pic, p1

1933 12 30
Cambridge's New Theatre has been hit by the theatrical slump which began in London in 1932. There was a shortage of plays in the provinces and the alternative of plays eked out by variety shows had failed. The Directors have been unable to let the Theatre to a repertory company and had no choice except to run it as a cinema with occasional stage plays until the present financial depression has passed away. 33 12 30

Chesterton RDC is to transfer their headquarters from St John's Street to a floor of the old County Hall in Hobson Street. It is possible the new West Cambs RDC would also take offices and share the council chamber. Councillors decided that six houses at Rooks Lane, Cottenham were slum property and should be demolished as should four cottages in Lambs Lane even though they were watertight and the owner, who was over 80, spent most of his old age pension in keeping them in repair. 33 12 30

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1934 01 01
Bishop of Ely death, p1

1934 01 02
Fire at a barn on Mordaunt House Farm, Swavesey, forced occupants of two nearby cottages to remove their furniture when their houses were threatened. The Fire Brigade was hampered by fog and rain and on arrival had to break half-an-inch thick ice before they were able to obtain water. They were unable to save the barn which contained hay, an oil engine and agricultural implements. Earlier they had been called to an empty house in Parsonage Street, Cambridge which was being made ready for occupation. 34 01 02

1934 01 03
Wisbech Magistrates heard of thefts by a dangerous and well-organised gang of five small boys aged seven to 10. They felt the only thing to do was to remove them for the benefit of other children and sentenced them to an industrial school until the age of 16. But their decision provoked mass protest with even the MP contributing to an appeal fund. It was described as 'illegal from start to finish' and the convictions were quashed. 34 01 03

1934 01 04
A dull grey sky cast sombre shadows over Ely which seemed strangely quiet. Only around the vastness of the cathedral was there continual movement as hundreds and hundreds of mourners waited their turn to enter the sacred edifice for the funeral of the Bishop. Many others remained outside or attended the interment at Ely cemetery and thousands lined the streets as the cortege passed. 34 12 04

Drought – water carted to Horseheath – 34 01 04

1934 01 05
A new branch of Huntingdonshire county library was opened by the Lord Lieutenant in a room in the municipal building at St Ives. It had been made possible through a grant from the Carnegie Trust and would prove of great benefit to the town. The chain of county libraries was now complete. Two libraries had now opened in St Ives within a few months; they now had a lending library and the specialised Norris Library at the new Museum. 34 01 05

1934 01 06
The Monster business is booming with rival claimants springing up in all parts of the country. It appears that Saffron Walden once had a serpent that lived in a cave in the chalk hills until the collapse of the entrance prevented further activities. On several occasions the shock of its appearance caused the death of onlookers and an inn in Covent Garden is named The Essex Serpent after it. If the cave can be located the beast might still be found, but whether the reward offered for the Loch Ness Monster would be available is not known. 34 01 06

Mr E. Rutter of the 'Olde Curiosity Shoppe', Trumpington Street, has purchased a razor which belonged to King George III. It will be added to his other 200 interesting relics that include a Bible dated 1633 which has covers worked in needlework by King Charles I's wife and a pair of very fine silk stockings bearing the royal crown, which were worn by Queen Victoria. He also has a warrant issued by Oliver Cromwell and a cockade worn by Lord Nelson. He attempted to buy the Eton flogging book but that sold for the remarkable sum of £450. 34 01 06

1934 01 08
Thousands of people lined both side of St Andrew's Street when the Queen and Duchess of York paid a private visit to Mr Woolston's antique shop where the Queen chose several tiny ivory objects for her famous doll's house. She also inspected the Cambridge Tapestry Company's premises in Thompson's Lane where they watched the women workers actually engaged at the canvas and saw the tapestry panelling now being made for Lord Fairhaven, depicting his seat at Anglesey Abbey. 34 01 08

A film entitled 'Cambridge and the University Town, directed by Peter Collin of Newmarket is a twelve-minute pictorial survey with shots of the backs, boating scenes and Grantchester. He had the collaboration of R. Colville-College, an undergraduate of King's. The photography, which reaches a very high standard, is by S.W. Bowler who shows considerable promise. The film, released by Equity British Films will be shown in Ely, Littleport and Newmarket. As a lad Mr Collin assisted in the operating box of the Victoria Cinema and is now a director of Argyle Talking Pictures. 34 01 08

CDN dinner, p6

1934 01 10
Mr John Dayton of Godmanchester broadcast from London on an organ he made for himself with odd materials such as egg and soap cases, tea chests, carbide and toffee tins and fancy buttons for stops. The instrument which has amazing volume and extreme awareness of tone took 14 years to build. He plays entirely by ear and can give a programme including Handel's 'Largo' as well as popular songs. 34 01 10

1934 01 11
George Gault of Blossom Street has been a horse and motor cab driver in Cambridge for 41 years – 18 years of taxi work and the remainder with a horse cab. During the past 18 years he has had two Ford cars – 16 years with one. He is a familiar figure on the rank at Hyde Park Corner and has carried many undergraduates who are now far across the seas. Now in his 63rd year he is a total abstainer and non-smoker. 34 01 11

1934 01 12
H.J. Gray, the Cambridge sports manufacturers are flourishing and announced plans to extend their Playfair Works into which they moved from Searle Street 25 years ago. Now a new mill and motor engine would be introduced to keep up with demand. Henry John Gray started his career in a racquets court on the site of the present University Arms Hotel nearly 90 years ago. He became champion racquets player of England – a title that had stayed in the family for 22 years - and two his brothers became champions of the world. 34 01 12

St Ives may have a miniature lido on an islet in the river following the gift of two pieces of land known as Anchor Holt and Grace Holt by Mr Wright Ingle. The land was currently used for the cultivation of osiers but could be improved by erecting a footbridge. Flower beds and shrubs could be planted using unemployed labour at very little expense to provide something of which they could be proud. It should be renamed 'Ingle Holt'. 34 01 12

Election contest includes United British Party candidate – 34 01 12

1934 01 12 ES

Library repository nearing completion at March as the repository of the County Library 34 01 12(3)ES
R.A.F. plane lands at Fridaybridge after being lost in fog 34 01 12ES

1934 01 13
Fourth candidate, p5
Lively time, Hinchingbrooke, p6*

1934 01 15
January sales attract large crowds – 34 01 15
Haddenham / Wilburton attempted murder – 34 01 15

1934 01 16
Medical school demolition photo, p1

1934 01 17
Forty-five years' service as church organist is in itself remarkable, but when the musician has carried on under the affliction of blindness, the record is surely without parallel. Mr J.J. Warmington has been organist at Emmanuel Congregational Church all that time. Only once has there been an error: he played the tune over with gusto but when the choir came in played another tune which began with the same two notes, he told a dinner in his honour. 34 01 17

By-election comedy, p5*

1934 01 18
Longstowe rector dispute over land – 34 01 18

1934 01 19
Death Goodrich

1934 01 19 ES
Attempt on Haddenham woman's life; lodger put carbolic powder into medicine of Lavinia Morton 34 01 19&(2)(3)ES

1934 01 20
C.E. Goodrich, the photographer, started working at Cambridge under Mr Palmer Clarke and with Mr Sanderson took over the business, continuing alone after Mr Sanderson's death. He retired last summer. For over 25 years he was known for the special colour photographic process which he devised and used with great success in portrait and landscape works. He had photographed in colour most of the important members of the University and was always engaged to take pictures of new laboratories when they were erected. 34 01 20

National Labour Party and the election – 34 01 20
Byeways of history, p6*

1934 01 22
In the new ward at Huntingdon Infirmary people aged between 70 and 80 have to go up two flights of stairs to their own bathrooms to get an early morning wash. It was the most ridiculous place he had ever seen for a modern hospital, Mr F.W. Figg told Guardians The need of a lift was never more apparent yet of 16 members on the Management Committee only four were present when the question was discussed. The title 'Management Committee' was a misnomer, he said. 34 01 22

Goodrich funeral, p3

1934 01 23

Robert Brown sold two million gallons 'Somerlite' lamp oil a year around Cambridge. He got oil from various sources, mixed it together and told the public that it had no equal. So when his sister-in-law, an oil and hardware merchant at Fordham, started selling oil that did not come from him under the 'Somerlite' name he took the case to court. Their vans both carried that name and there was a danger that people might assume the two were the same, he claimed. But the case was dismissed. 34 01 23 & 26

1934 01 25
When a News photographer set off to look for a bus that had come to grief on the road from Cambridge to Ely he found more than he bargained for. Between Milton and the 'Slap Up' he came across a lorry heavily laden with potatoes which was upside down in a ditch. Then near Denny Abbey there was a Ford lorry lying on its side in the bottom of the ditch and near Stretham Bridge he found another hanging over a ditch. He finally found the bus which had turned over on its side. Fortunately there was nobody on board except the driver, Mr Cyril Newell, who had crawled out through the windscreen unhurt. 34 01 25

Alex Wood nominated election – 34 01 25

1934 01 26
Future of leisure lecture – 34 01 26
Motor boat tests, p7
Great Ouse training bank scheme, Wash – 34 01 26
1934 01 26 ES
Prickwillow teacher for half century – Miss E. Gayton 34 01 26ES

1934 01 29
The Queen paid another visit to Cambridge when she inspected two antique shops and called at a café on King's Parade. The large crowd who had been waiting was surprised when a small blue car drew up and she stepped out. The Royal limousine had broken down on the Ely Road and Mr Percy Titmous, a brewer's manager, had stopped to offer assistance. He then drove her to Cambridge. The Queen was intensely amused at the somewhat unexpectedness of her arrival and at the little adventure which had befallen her, he said. 34 01 29 & 2017 11 01

1934 01 30
Another interesting part in the Queen's visit to Cambridge was played by Mr Walter Riddy, proprietor of the St Andrew's Road Garage, Chesterton. After the Royal car had broken down and the Queen had been driven by Mr Percy Titmous, he received a telephone message requesting the hire of a Daimler saloon at short notice. He changed out of his working clothes and drove to Mr Roe's shop in St Andrew's Street to take the Queen to the Copper Kettle Café and then on to Exning. There she invited him to remain for lunch but he had another engagement and could not accept. 34 01 30

The greenhouses at Cambridge borough cemetery were beyond repair and would have to be scrapped. But more glasshouse accommodation was now required for the propagation of plants used on the recreation grounds. Two new 120 ft glasshouses could be constructed on the West Chesterton recreation ground where a house could be built for the man in charge, councillors agreed. 34 01 30

Three Tuns public house plans, White Swan to close – 34 01 30

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Fens exhibition, p3
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Cambridge council is to restore full all-night lighting in the streets following numerous complaints. The gas lighting is obsolete and the time would come when they would have to consider electric lighting. Even policemen were nervous about going down some of the unlighted streets: it is enough to make any policeman nervous when we know what is happening in the way of gangsters, one councillor said. 34 02 01

Williman Typewriter Services bankruptcy. 34 02 01

1934 02 02
Kirby & son, woman builder and contractor, bankruptcy. 34 02 02
White Horse public house, Castle Street bought by council – 34 02 02

1934 02 02 ES
Lt Thetford choir record: long service by Yarrow brothers 34 02 02(2)ES
Stretham Church heating fund short of £140. During past few years the parish has laboured under great financial difficulties: had to raise £440 to repair spire, heating cost £271 and strain every nerve to pay quota 34 02 02ES

1934 02 03
Percy Titmous has become famous as a result of driving the Queen to Cambridge after her breakdown. The news spread very quickly and soon pressmen, news agencies and even film companies were hot on his track. One wanted a film especially for America, but he did not feel inclined to do so. He had wanted to slip away unobserved but had not thought to cover the number plate of his car and it was easy to telephone the Council offices to get his name. 34 02 03

Vine Hotel refused, p3

1934 02 05
William Arthur Briscoe of Longstowe Hall died suddenly in New Zealand. He acquired the Hall about 1906 and took a great interest in the candidature of his elder son, Captain R.G. Briscoe, MP for Cambridgeshire. An excellent farmer and fond of country pursuits, he was an accomplished tennis player, a good shot and horseman. He wrote several poems including 'The Ballad of Betsy Ann' about one of his favourite hunters. 34 02 05

Sight-healing photo, p7*

1934 02 06
Theft at Shelford church – 34 02 06

1934 02 07
The London and North Eastern Railway announce a new facility for their passengers. Trained typists, fully equipped with an office, will be provided so that letters may be dictated, correspondence dealt with and documents typewritten en route. A special dictating compartment will be set aside in addition to the business office and reasonable charges for the services provided will be made on the basis of prevailing rates for stenographic work. The service will start on the 8.15 am King's Cross to Newcastle express which makes the journey in just over five hours. 34 02 07

Eve of poll, p6

1934 02 08
Commander Tufnell, the National Conservative candidate, toured Cambridge polling stations by motor car adorned with pink and white ribbons and artificial flowers. His wife took the wheel and proved herself a capable driver. Dr Alex Wood left the Labour Hall to a rousing reception from a drum (biscuit box) and fife (tin whistle) juvenile band while the Liberal candidate had a large black

cat mascot, tied with blue and buff ribbons on the spare wheel of his buff-coloured car. However he lost his deposit as Tufnel beat Dr Wood into second place. 34 02 08, 34 02 09

1934 02 09
A man met a terrible death while he was oiling a moving overhead shaft in Mr Worboy's saw mill at Bassingbourn. His left side was crushed, his ribs broken and both legs were completely amputated at the knee. He had been working his machine since before the war and knew that no bearings were to be oiled whilst it was in motion. 34 02 09

Permission has been granted for the removal of swans on the river between Brownshill and Hemingford Staunches. There were not less than 250 and they did a great deal of damage to fish. St Ives Angling Society should be asked to destroy the cygnets on their portion of the river. But they should not go in for wholesale destruction because the swans were a pretty sight and people appreciated them, said Councillor Coote. 34 02 09

Declaration of poll, p11*
J. V. Spalding lecture on amateur portraiture - 34 02 09

1934 02 10
The fame of Mr Percy Titmous, the Cambridge man who gave the Queen a 'lift', has spread to the United States of America and did the News Editors lap it up! The New York Herald-Tribune headlined the story 'Percy Titmous Plays Launcelot to Queen Mary in Dire Distress! Motorized Knight Comes Upon His Liege Lady in Broken Down Limousine and Wheels His Trusty Sedan About in Dash for Cambridge Town'. 34 02 10

An inquest was opened on a ten-year old boy who met with a fatal accident on Parker's Piece. Ronald Hutt was in company with other boys near a motor roller which was at work at the Regent Terrace side of the Piece. He was struck by the roller and one side of his head was badly injured. He died almost immediately. 34 02 10 & 34 02 12

Arthur Rubenstein captivated a Cambridge audience in the Guildhall with a brilliant performance at the piano. Good humoured and gifted, he inspired confidence from the first chord and when after two hours the audience wanted more he obliged twice, although he had arranged to motor to London the same night. He was always commanding, often thrilling and at times grand. Rarely have we heard such volume and power, rarely such incredible crescendi. Sadly half the seats were empty. 34 02 10

1934 02 12
World's largest lorry photo, p1
Killed on Parker's Piece, p5*

1934 02 14
A disused signal box at the West Junction, Adelaide, Ely, was completely destroyed by fire. The wooden structure, was superseded some time ago by a more modern box and was not used for any purpose. All the staff available were called out to endeavour to extinguish the flames, which soon secured a firm hold, eventually burning the box out. As a result of the fire trains on the Peterborough line were delayed for two hours. 34 02 14

1934 02 15
A blindfolded motorist drove through Cambridge at the height of the rush hour as people made their way home to lunch. Professor Popjie's claims that he has 'second sight' enabling him to sense anything in the way was tested when a pedal-propelled invalid chair caused him to slow somewhat abruptly He threaded his way through traffic down Petty Cury, round the Market and back to the New Theatre where he is appearing with his electrical figure 'Radiana'. 34 02 15

Coffin in crash near Balsham, undertaker summoned – 34 02 15

1934 02 16
A home of his own for even the lowest paid worker – such was the prospect opened up at Coldham's Lane when the first brick was laid on the new Cromwell Road housing estate. Cambridge Ideal Homes will build about 200 houses at prices from £350 which can be purchased on a small weekly payment of about ten shillings. They will contain three good bedrooms, two large sitting rooms, scullery, and bathroom and garage space. If every family could own their own house they would be happier and more contented. 34 02 16

Many dancers in Cambridge will learn with regret that Ron Wickes has been compelled to give up his position as official drummer to Percy Cowell's Band. He started drumming with them at the old Rendezvous before joining the band run by Mr Hensher, and later played with Manning's Band when the Premier Hall at Old Chesterton was opened up. From there he went to Skegness for two seasons, returning to the Rendezvous in the interval. He came back to Cambridge three years ago when Mr Cowell started his band at the Dorothy Café and has played with them ever since. 34 02 16

Proposals for the union of the benefices of Fen Drayton with Conington have been approved, despite objections from almost the entire population. Fen Drayton wished to retain services in their own church which had been in use for the last 800 years church. They'd had had a resident curate for 40 years but now it would stand empty for 26 Sunday mornings and 26 Sunday evenings. The aged and sick could not walk to Conington and will be deprived of spiritual aid. There were no objections to the union of Elsworth and Knapwell. 34 02 16

Bus crash near Stretham – 34 02 16

1934 02 16 ES
Stretham bus overturned on Ely Road near Station Road corner; tyres smooth 34 02 16&(2)ES
Ely Beet Factory reduce acreage or refused applications when crops of low sugar content 34 02 16ES

1934 02 17
Eighteen 'Blackshirts' were arrested on farms at Wortham, Suffolk by 50 police who arrived in large double-decker motor buses. The 'Blackshirts' were outside the farm gates and were arrested peacefully without any resistance. They have been at the farm for several days 'guarding' cattle and sheep which were impounded for tithe and a crowd of spectators cheered them as they left. Other Fascists were instructed to withdraw from a farm at Diss where their steel-protected cars have been keeping a watch-out for a van expected to remove animals. 34 02 17 34 02 20 34 02 21 trial – 34 02 26

1934 02 19
The overcrowding of the casual wards at Huntingdon Institution is alarming Guardians. A hundred casuals are being accommodated in a building with only 42 beds. Many have to sleep on the floor between the beds and in the dining room. The last time the problem was only temporary, due to fruit picking but now it happens almost every night. Last month's admissions were 1,204 compared to 290 for the same period last year. 34 02 19

Cambridge showed little interest in the 100 hunger marchers who arrived from Huntingdon. They halted at Girton College where jugs of tea and buns were given. About 200 people including members of the University Socialist Society and Anti War Movement escorted them into town. Darkness was falling as a rally was held on Parker's Piece where a small crowd gathered before they made their way to the Corn Exchange where they spent the night. But police were accused of provocation when they forcibly expelled them on Monday morning. 34 02 19, 34 02 26

Dr Searle ill in Africa, p1

1934 02 20

The misconduct of spectators at a Huntingdon Town football on Christmas day has resulted in the ground being closed for a fortnight. 34 02 20

Fascists withdraw, p1*
Oxford group meeting, p5

1934 02 21
Theft from Swaffham Bulbeck church – 34 02 21
Suffolk tithe 'blackshirts' leave Wortham – 34 02 21

1934 02 22
Trinity College was the venue of a carefully-planned 'rag' involving a large number of fireworks. The roof was chosen as the main display ground. The first rocket went up and landed in Neville's court before all sorts of fireworks went off in rapid succession, including a couple on the two turrets of the Great Gate. Next day porters were trying to identify the owner of a walking stick on which a Catharine wheel had been fixed. 34 02 22

1934 02 23 ES
Ely mourns death of Hubert Roythorne, the finest Police Superintendent county had known 34 02 2ES

1934 02 26
Jesus College boat crew celebrated their Lents victory with a bonfire on the grass in front of the college and flames forty feet high dried the pavement in Victoria Avenue. An old boat helped to keep the fire going and when the supply of fuel ran short branches from trees were used. Police kept a wary eye on hoardings which might have been looked upon as sources but no raids were made. 250 paper glasses were provided to hold the beer but some preferred it straight from the bottle. 34 02 26

Romsey Labour Club extension opened – 34 02 26
Play performed in Bloy's smithy, East Road – 34 02 26
Over water supply results of boring operations – 34 02 26

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Newmarket district water supply – 34 02 28

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1934 03 01
Hunger Marchers – Bishop Stortford vicar's impression – 34 03 01

1934 03 02
The tenant of the Rhadeund public house in King Street had been there since 1893 but his wife had died and trade had gone down. There were six other pubs within 300 yards, three belonging to Lacons, two to Greene King and one to Mr Dale. A good many of the customers were getting on in years and some had fallen away. But it served a useful purpose socially for a certain class of people and should be kept open, magistrates were told. 34 03 02

Saffron Walden Hospital, p7

1934 03 03
Soham Parish Council opposed plans to convert the Grammar School into a senior school at great expense. There was a definite need for a school for the children of local villages who would otherwise have long journeys into Cambridge. It was most undesirable to have boys and girls travelling together by train under no control whatever and many parents would object. 34 03 03

A Cambridge police constable was injured during the 'rag' which followed the inter-college rugby cup final between Clare and St Catharine's. At Burrell's Walk undergraduates used wooden palisades to make a bonfire. The fire engine was called out but was surrounded by a crowd of students some of whom pulled the hose off the drum. Others clambered on to the engine and took the front and side lamps off. The fire was put out by college porters. In Queen's Road the police were forced to defend themselves. Truncheons were used to prevent their helmets being snatched off. There was some hard fighting. A number of street lamps were broken and a window was smashed in King's Parade. Two undergraduates were arrested, charged with assaulting the police. 34 03 05

Sir Stafford Cripps addressed a meeting on 'The Necessity for Socialism" at Cambridge Central School. The hall was packed to capacity with townspeople and undergraduates and he was greeted with mingled cheers, boos and hisses. His speech was interrupted on several occasions and twenty undergraduates opposed to his views waited for him at the school gates afterwards. But the proctor and his bulldogs arrived in time and he was driven away without any demonstration being possible. 34 03 03

Marshall's Flying School had offered to buy Elfleda Farm, Fen Ditton for a public aerodrome, county councillors were told. Financially it would be a very good deal, giving them a profit of £3,000 for land they'd earmarked for smallholdings. But it was a very growing neighbourhood and the aerodrome would be a source of great annoyance to residents who didn't want these noisy things coming at all hours of the day and night. Mr Marshall would be getting a thunderingly good deal, others argued. The sale was agreed. 34 03 03

1934 03 05
Policeman injure din rag, p5*

1934 03 06
The proprietor of the Garden House Hotel proposed to make alterations and additions and wanted to acquire a portion of Coe Fen lying in front of Coe Fen Terrace, an annexe to the hotel, to add to the gardens. There was a public footpath across it which would have to be diverted. He was the owner of the piece of land opposite the Ladies Bathing Place which would be added to the common in exchange for the land he wanted. Councillors agreed to the scheme. 34 03 06

Sir – a report in the News says a new public house is to be built in place of the Three Tuns in Castle Street 'to fit in with the building going on in the neighbourhood'. Already quite a third of this district has been depleted of its residents by transferring them to new estates far away and then pulling down their old homes with a consequent detriment to trade. While agreeing to the demolition of uninhabitable houses I would like to know when building is to commence on the many plots of land which now lie derelict and so bring back some of the lost trade to the district – 'Tradesman'.34 03 06

1934 03 08
A question of moving back the railings on Christ's Pieces to extend the Drummer Street parking station again came before the council. Councillor Stubbs had opposed it from the first; at weekends there was congestion of buses in Drummer Street at a place where pedestrians were crossing. Councillor Few said it was unfair to the railways who had to find their own land for parking: it was the buses that took up the space and it was wrong to give up public property for them. But Mrs Hartree said the car park was chiefly for the people from the rural surroundings and was very important. The vote was tied. 34 03 08

The owner of Childerley Gate garage blamed insufficient trade and lack of capital for its failure. He started business in March 1932 doing cycles and selling oil and petrol. He had two petrol pumps and was able to pay the deposits on these in the summer but not in winter when his takings fell from £3 a week down to thirty shillings. The profits were too small for him to live on he told the bankruptcy court. 34 03 08

A plastering contractor said he'd been told there was "a bag of money for plasterers in Cambridge" and had come from Sutton Bridge with £900 to his credit. There was a strike on at the time and he started on 20 houses in Huntingdon Road for Mr John Brignell then contracted to plaster 212 houses in Kendal Way. But another workman's strike arose – a strike that never ceased. His last contract was for houses at Harston, Eversden and Coldham's Lane. He attributed his failure to other people's bankruptcy and bad debts. 34 03 08

1934 03 09
There was considerable enthusiasm at the parish meeting held at Haddenham for the election of the parish council. For there were three lady candidates in the field for the first time in history. But neither Mrs Olive Morris, Miss J. Tebbutt nor Mrs Hooper was elected. Mr C. Morris topped the poll followed by H. Feast, F. Peacock, J. Haddock and E.L. Porter. Mr A. Norman said that those electors who were not present would have liked a chance of voting and that there should be a poll. But there was no support for his motion. 34 03 09

Granta dried up at Bartlow for long time, p1
Abbey \united stand photo, p7

1934 03 10
The last bus he drove formed part of the funeral cortege for John Reed of Shelley Row. He had been with the Ortona and Eastern Counties' companies for 22 years and as a last tribute a large contingent of his fellow workers headed the procession to St Giles' cemetery. The bearers were drivers W. Fowler, J. Hawkes and A. Morley with conductors L. Scarr, S.Scarr and S. Ashman. 34 03 10

1934 03 12
Who is the author of a manifesto issued at the Eastern Counties' Cambridge garage? Headed "The Cambridge Busmen" it alleges victimisation in the dismissal of George Proctor, secretary of the Busmen's Union. He has been made redundant after working as a turner for 12 years. The reasons for this are clear: our resistance to future wage cuts must be broken by getting rid of the man who has done most to build it up. If we let the Company get away with this they will get worse and worse, it claims. 34 03 12

A Haslingfield man and his wife had a narrow escape when a ball of fire struck their cottage in School Lane. Percy Morris was sitting by the fire in the kitchen when lightning demolished a chimney pot, flinging the debris several feet into the garden. "The noise was like that made by a whiz-bang during the war. I could not see for soot and had to open the window to let the smoke out", he said. His wife was talking to a neighbour when what looked like a ball of fire rushed past in front of her. This is the third occasion in recent years that lightning has done dame in the village. 34 03 12

The "Buy British Illuminated Street Parade" will feature a huge van pass through Cambridge telling people by means of flashing, blazing electric signs the virtues of British products. The 23-feet long vehicle is itself a mechanical marvel. It carries a small 'power station' with 2,688 bulbs flashing out messages in letters 18 inches high and attracts considerable interest. It has already travelled through several hundred towns and will create as much wonder here as elsewhere. 34 03 12

1934 03 14
The recent rains have had no effect on the serious shortage of water in certain villages in the Horseheath district. A ton and a half of water is carted daily from Haverhill and is rationed to the villagers at two bucketful per household. This has been going on, with the exception of a short break, since last September and is expected to continue till "the company's water" is laid to the houses concerned. The expense of a pound a day will fall on County ratepayers. 34 03 14

1934 03 15
Lime Kiln death – 34 03 15

1934 03 16
Rotary plough pic, p5
Isle police changes, p8
R.H. Mallinson lecture, p9

1934 03 16 ES
As the result of a generous bequest in the will of the late Mr E.E. Westley, a beautiful stained glass window has been installed in the Memorial Corner, Stretham Church as memorial to the Grainger family who lived in Stretham about 100 years ago and are now extinct – and to the benefactor herself. Mrs Westley left £400 for this purpose, of which £100 was spent on an Aberdeen granite cross erected about twelve months ago in the Churchyard, which is now closed as a burial ground. Designed from John Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress' by J.N. Comper, the leading artist in England for stained-glass windows, the windo itself cost £300. It was unveiled by Mr Harry Drever, Churchwarden, immediately before a special service held in conjunction with Mothering Sunday. Conducted by the Rector (the Rev. S.S. Stitt), the ceremony was very brief and unostentatious but none the less impressive to the large congregation present. 34 03 16(2)ES

Modernising an Ely shopping centre; improved frontages in Fore Hill with Blake & Sons' imposing new shop which opened last Saturday. Was formerly occupied as milliner's establishment by Miss Florence McFall. Details of construction etc; photos 34 03 16ES

1934 03 17
Kings Ditch photo, p7

1934 03 18
Arts & Craft school open day, p5

1934 03 21
A nurse travelling in an ambulance was killed and four men badly injured in a violent collision between a London ambulance and a Newmarket horse box at the Woolpack crossroads near Fenstanton. The Red Cross and St John ambulance was proceeding to Leeds to pick up a patient while the horsebox containing three horses from the Hon George Lambton's stables was heading to Lincoln races. One of the horses, Versicle, was favourite for the Lincolnshire handicap but had to be withdrawn, causing a revolution when the betting opened at Tattersall's. 34 03 21

1934 03 22
The final meeting of Linton Rural District Council was held before it combined with Melbourn and Caxton and Arrington to form the new South Cambridgeshire RDC. It could not be termed a 'funeral party' for the council has never been a soulless machine and died as it had lived in a friendly and pleasant atmosphere. White-haired Canon Thornton has presided over it from 1909, the last of the three chairmen. He remembered when some councillors rode to meetings on horseback and put their horses in the place later used for the hearse. Their last debate was on the biggest scheme ever launched: the plan for supplying water to the whole district. 34 03 22

1934 03 23
The Somersham Rectory Bill was considered by a Select Committee of the House of Commons. The rectory belonged to Cambridge University which takes one half of the income and the vicar the other half. Out of his share he was obliged to maintain two curates whose stipends took one half of his salary. The changes would transfer the rectory to the vicar and the University would make up his salary to £600 a year. 34 03 23

1934 03 23 ES
Police promotion, P.c. Moll Of Guyhirn to be Sergeant 34 03 23(2)ES

Ely's ancient causeways; evidences of attacks on the Isle by Major Gordon Fowler; includes Aldreth, Barway, Quaveney. Stuntney and north side of what was a hill on the present site of Roswell pits 34 03 23ES # c.41 # c.44.65

1934 03 28
Magistrates approved the transfer of a licence from the old Three Tuns on Castle Hill to a new County Arms nearby. There would be increased facilities for meals to cater for the new County Hall opposite. But the proprietor of Ye Olde Castle Tea Rooms and the Castle Inn objected. None of the county council staff came in and there was no trade in the winter. The neighbourhood was decreasing and it would have an effect on their businesses. 34 03 28

1934 03 29
"War is madness and we are being driven to it by madmen" a peace meeting at Soham was told. Some scientists were now saying there was no serious danger from gas warfare and people would be safe if they went and sat quietly in the bath. But soldiers who had been trained to combat mustard gas had become casualties without knowing they were affected until it was too late. They were being driven into this madness by men who were so stupid that they were virtually insane and they needed missionaries against war to defeat them. To believe anything these days involved a belief in miracles. 34 03 29

Col Tharp, Chippenham death, p7*
Caxton & Arrington RDC last picture, p10

1934 03 30 ES
New home for County Library, Gordon Avenue, March formally opened 34 03 30(2)(3)ES # c.77.1
Ely horse-drawn fire engine, 1912 – photo with names of firemen 34 03 30(4)ES
Ely new motor fire tender illustrated 34 03 30ES
Chatteris haulage contractor, Green Bros, bankrupt 34 03 30ES

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1934 04 03
The Mayor and councillors performed the ceremony of 'beating the bounds' to mark the addition of additional areas to the Borough. They began at the east end of the cemetery grounds on Newmarket Road then toured Cherry Hinton before moving on to Trumpington where the new boundary begins on the town side of Long Road. Here the Mayor cut a light-blue silk ribbon before formally stepping into the new territory. Then after visiting the boundary a quarter of a mile beyond the L.M.S. railway bridge on the Shelford Road they were entertained to tea. 34 04 03

1934 04 06
The automatic waters sprinklers fitted at Messrs Enderby's mill at St Ives prevented a serious blaze. Fire broke out in a room on the first floor but within a quarter of an hour it was extinguished without human aid. Immediately a certain temperature was reached a safety valve was released and water rained on the blaze from all angles. At the same time a bell was set ringing which was heard all over the town. The mill is a printing works and a large stock of cardboard and paper was damaged chiefly by water. 34 04 06

1934 04 07
Cambridge boundary extension, Chesterton reaction cartoon – 34 04 07

1934 04 10
An inquiry into the sale of land in Scotland Road heard it had been offered to the corporation by Mr A.E. Few in 1929 but they'd turned it down. The land was subsequently bought by a private individual for £2,600. But when it was needed for the Hundred Houses Society the new owner had

sold it to the council for £3,200. It was a good profit but the inspector cleared the council of any maladministration. 34 04 10

1934 04 11
Plans for the new Meadowlands Estate show 277 houses and six shops. The builders proposed to construct the primary roads with concrete but run the risk that the council will not take them over. They have suggested the names Meadowlands Road, Meadowlands Way, Meadowlands Terrace, Brightside and The Sunnyside but councillors want some alternatives. 36 04 11

Mr H.R. Maunders, the lay reader at Litlington, reports that he was returning from a vestry meeting at Abington Pigotts when he was amazed to see by the light of his cycle lamp, a young woman standing a few yards from him. She was wearing a costume of 100 years ago and he eyes pierced the night like balls of fire. Mr E. Hallybone, the well-known dirt-track rider from Royston, says he had stopped one night with magneto trouble when he saw something white coming towards him and ran. But the vicar says it is a large white owl and he sees it every night. 34 04 11

In 1921 members of Sturton Street Methodist Church erected a school hall as a temporary building. Now plans have been prepared for extensions to the church itself with choir stalls and pews. They have launched an appeal for £2,300 to include a new hall. Old scholars are invited to give a contribution, however small. 34 04 11

1934 04 12
Herr Gerhart Seger, who recently escaped from a German concentration camp told of his experiences. Under Hitler's 'Protection Arrest' men could be taken to prison with no reason. The Storm-Troopers, sadistic and brutalised men, could do what they would with inmates. Prisoners were beaten mercilessly, slept crowded together in damp ice-cold cellars and listened to men being tortured by the Nazis. Of 42 men imprisoned with him, two were beaten to death within a fortnight. After he'd come to England his wife and baby had been taken to a concentration camp as hostages, not to be released until he returned. 34 04 12

One of the first results of Cambridge borough expansion has been the taking over of the Lending Libraries in Trumpington and Cherry Hinton and these new branches were opened by the Mayor. He was sure the new libraries would be well looked after. Both are established in the parish schools and contain 400 modern novels and 100 popular non-fiction works. Approximately 100 volumes will be exchanged monthly with books from the Central Library. 34 04 12

1934 04 13
Kneesworth Hall, p5

1934 04 13 ES
Mepal mourns active social worker, Ivy Louisa Giddens 34 04 13ES

1934 04 14
The LNER will shortly be releasing a new crop of posters calling attention to holiday resorts and other places of interest on their lines. Cambridge is to be represented by a picture of St John's College gate which shows the artist, Fred Taylor, at his best. The poster advertising York shows Dick Turpin on his famous 'Black Bess' with the Minster in the distance. 34 04 14

Orchard Estate, Cherry Hinton. Come and see these artistically designed houses on this beautify Orchard Estate. Large hall, 2 reception rooms, 3 bedrooms, spacious kitchen and bathroom fitted with shower, bath spray, electric light, gas, Company's water. Price £495 complete. £50 down and 12/9 weekly – advert. 34 04 14

The Chief Constable reported that two motor cycle combinations and two BSA solo motor cycles supplied in February 1931 were now worn out. They were in constant use and had each done over

40,000 miles. He recommended they be replaced with two Hillman Minx cars. With these he could cover the whole of the county more efficiently. One would be based at headquarters and the other at Bottisham. 34 04 14

1934 04 16
There was a crowded congregation at Impington church for the dedication of the new organ. Slung from the roof supported on steel girders and enclosed in a panelled oak case, it is a great improvement to the chancel. Messrs Millers are to be congratulated upon constructing such a fine instrument which replaces one that has been in use for nearly 50 years. 34 04 16

1934 04 18
A simple ceremony on the borders of Girton and Histon marked the change of something that has stood unaltered for about a thousand years. Manor Farm in Histon parish was far nearer Girton and it was more convenient to move the parish boundary. The Minister had agreed and 51 acres had been taken over. Now the boundary-post was dug up, put in a wheelbarrow and carried 200 yards down the road to its new position. 34 04 18

1934 04 19
Cambridge Photographic Club featured an excellent display of cinematograph films. They included a splendid pictorial film of Cambridge by Eric Twinn on 9.5 mm stock. It was a brief presentation demonstrating his ability to choose a pleasant viewpoint. Mr J.V. Spalding depicted some of the useful work of the Ouse Drainage Board with several very clever angles chosen to obtain dramatic effect. 34 04 19

1934 04 20
Controversy has raged in Ely over the various streets and roads that have been re-named during the last century. By the kindness of one of the oldest inhabitants we are able to give the names by which some were previous known: Present name Market Street, old name: Gaol Street; Barton Road – Smock Mill Alley; Mill Pits – Gallows Hill Pits (where five Littleport rioters were hung); Cresswells – Common Muck Hill; Springhead Lane – Spion Cop; High Street Passage – Tallow Lane. 34 04 20

1934 04 20 ES
Wicken church re-opened after restoration 34 04 20ES

1934 04 23
An oak beam across the top of a fireplace at 47 St Mary's Street at Ely suddenly burst into flames after smouldering for three weeks. The 400-year-old house was the original Ely Workhouse. A few doors away people are living in rooms which were once used as barracks. Had nobody been in the house at the time the results would have been disastrous for the partitions are made of wood and canvas. 34 04 23 in a

1934 04 25
The first meeting of the new Chesterton Rural District Council was held in the County Hall. New councillors were told they had to consider problems such as water sewage, dust collection and lighting. They discussed a grant towards cleaning out a Harston pond. It was a 'disputable pond' – the village made use of it but it was private property. 34 04 25

1934 04 26
New view of Cambridge from University Library, p5

1934 04 27
A large number of University and college servants gathered at the Assembly Rooms in Market Passage for the opening of their new Club by the Vice-Chancellor. The opportunity for members to meet in social intercourse was half the value of a Cambridge education. It would provide properly

organised amusements for all servants during winter months, to fit in with their rather unusual hours of leisure. 34 04 27

A smallholder from White Cross Road, Wilburton appeared in court for passing a traffic signal at red whilst driving a motor car in Bridge Street. He told the policeman he had never seen them before and don't know how they worked. Nobody had told him what they were for or anything about them. In Ely they had policemen and A.A. men on the corners. The magistrates fined him ten shillings saying it was distressing that a man should be on the public road driving a motor car and not know what traffic signals meant. 34 04 27

1934 04 27 ES
City Chambers, new building, Market Street, Ely by H.R. Dimock 34 04 27(2)ES
Ely fire brigade horse-drawn vehicle with names 34 04 27(4)ES
Darby of Sutton fleet of motor vehicles – photo 34 04 27ES

1934 04 30
Three houses were damaged by one flash of lightning in Lovell Road, one of the new roads off Milton Road. The house which sustained the greatest damage was fortunately unoccupied; it struck the chimney stack and ripped a large hole in the roof. The flash spanned the road, missed no.113 but broke windows at nearby properties. It was seen by Mr Dale who was putting up curtains at the time and was thrown from one side of the room to the other. 34 04 30

A former undergraduate appeared in court following a scuffle. Vincent Brock, a university bulldog, said he'd accompanied the Proctor, Rev Heywood, into the bar of the Theatre Cinema where there were many undergraduates during the interval. There was much shouting and excitement. The accused had then assaulted him by tipping his top hat over his face. 34 04 30

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Dorothy café, p1
Alex Wood re-adopted, p5

1934 05 04
CAS members at Shire Hall, photo, p7

1934 05 05
Cambridge Mothercraft Clinic aimed to promote breast-feeding. It held clinics three days a week in Chesterton Road; over 2,000 mothers had attended and nearly 80 per-cent breast-fed their children. The class that attends the public clinics are not the best for an educational movement. They wanted to get people who are further up in educational interest, and perhaps intellectual development. The main aim was to keep well babies well. 34 05 05

Air circus, Barton Road – 34 05 05, 34 05 07
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West Wratting fire, p5

1934 05 09
Donald Bradman, Australia's wonder batsman, keeps very much in the news. In most cases it is his century habit that brings him the limelight – but not so against Cambridge University at Fenner's. For 'Don' was out for a duck, clean bowled by a slow leg-break from J.G.W. Davies of St John's. Two thousand people cheered Bradman when he went in to bat but the fourth ball send down found his stump. 34 05 09

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Harvey Goodwin Home – plea – 34 05 10
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Gilbert and Sullivan, Henry Lytton's farewell appearances – 34 05 10 & 34 05 18
1934 05 11 ES
More concrete roads as those on Soham Mere Estate a success – 34 05 11ES

1934 05 14
Stuntney Village Institute was destroyed by fire. The blaze was fought by villagers but it was one mass of flames and it was useless to attempt to save it. Built by the late Cole Ambrose, the building was of wood and corrugated iron. It was the centre of social life in the village and the whole of the contents, with the exception of a piano, were lost. A stove, a relic of Queen Victoria's yacht 'Osbourn', was destroyed together with a billiards table, whist table and chairs. The Billiards Championship Cup was discovered twisted and broken in the debris. 34 05 14

Trumpington motor trap – 34 05 14

1934 05 15
Marshall's Flying School propose to carry out improvements to their aerodrome and had purchased Elfleda Farm through which the proposed Ring Road would run. They asked the Council to move the route slightly east. But the Surveyor said this was not possible. The whole of the land is zoned for dwelling houses and this would be have to be borne in mind if any proposals were made to them for further developing this aerodrome. 34 05 15

Marks and Spencer's new shop will be opened on Friday morning. The premises have a frontage to Sidney Street. The ground floor space is devoted entirely to sales while the first and second floors contain stock rooms, offices and other accommodation for the staff of 60 assistants who have been mainly recruited locally. There is a dining room where staff can obtain lunch at a cost of sixpence. There will be no 'stunt' lines at opening and 90 per cent of the goods sold are of British manufacture. 34 05 15

1934 05 16
Stuntney Institute pic, p5
West Wratting windmill, p6

1934 05 17
Paul Robeson is a genius. The beautifully proportioned giant who has played baseball for the United States, is now studying for a degree in African languages, has an almost perfect Russian accent and a

voice whose texture has been described as reminiscent of velvet and mulberries, is no ordinary singer. And thus when he gives a recital at Cambridge it is only natural that he should receive such an ovation as he did at the Guildhall. His songs included two Russian folk songs and Negro ballads. 34 05 17

The beautiful Church Farm estate at Eversden comprises 300 acres of open country surrounded by hills, one mile from Lords Bridge railway station. The new houses are beautifully designed by a qualified architect. Each have three bedrooms, a bathroom with chromium fittings, a spacious kitchen and electricity and company's water supplied from new Artesian wells on the estate. The price is only £550 - £50 down and thirteen shillings and sixpence (66p) weekly. 34 05 17

Four lamps now five, pic, p1

1934 05 18
Within a few hours of the official opening of Marks and Spencer's Cambridge stores two of their windows were broken. There was a large crowd both inside the shop and on the pavement when suddenly a man went up to the left-hand centre window and, taking a large stone from his pocket, threw it and broke the glass. Shaking with rage, he then walked to the other centre window and smashed that with another stone. Nearby policemen took him into custody. 34 05 18

Newmarket Amateur Cine Society, in only its second year, has accomplished a splendid performance by winning first prize in a competition organised by 'Home Movies and Home Talkies'. Their film was directed by Merrick Griffiths, with J.W. McGlone responsible for the photography. The prize consists of a gold medal and a 16 m.m. projector. 34 05 18

1934 05 18 ES
Proposed extension of Middle Level area – inquiry 34 05 18(2)ES
Stuntney Institute destroyed in mysterious fire – photo – 34 05 18&(3)ES
Ceremonial opening for Ely's new swimming bath 34 05 18(6)ES
Wicken holds first parade 34 05 18ES

1934 05 19
Cromwell Park estate advert – 34 05 19
Orchard Estate, Cherry Hinton photo, p4

1934 05 23
Machine gunners pic, p1

1934 05 25 ES
Pitiful plight of fen farmers fruit – Times letter 34 05 25(2)ES
Lt Thetford railway crossing gates smashed 34 05 25(3)ES
Turbutsea, origin of Ely's Roswell pits which removed for banking clay from middle 1600's, by Gordon Fowler 34 05 25(4)ES
Stretham
Monoplane lands in field adjoining Military Road # c.26.1
Feast one of quietest on record; stalls pitched on Chapel Green and along to Tunnel corner, but parade a success 34 05 25(5)ES
Stretham Feast week parade successfully revived; Hospital van, children with decorated bicycles 34 05 25ES

1934 05 26
A Cambridge chess club was first mentioned in 1835 and in 1837-8 it was sufficiently organised to play a match of two games by correspondence with Nottingham's "Town and Gown" club. But an experiment in holding a Chess Congress in Cambridge in 1880 was a complete fiasco. The British Chess Association had selected Cambridge as the meeting place but little support was forthcoming

from the University Chess Club, founded four years earlier, and visitors were very few, a new book reveals. 34 05 26

Sir – we scientific workers and teachers of the University wish to affirm out fundamental opposition to the use of scientific research in war and the preparation of war. A situation may soon arise when scientists will be pressured to engage in research directed to the purpose of war Signed: Joseph Needham (Biochemist), E.O. Whetham (Agriculture), Marjory Stephenson (Biochemistry), M.L. Oliphant , C.P. Snow, B.M. Crowther and Alex Wood (Physics) and others. 34 05 26

1934 05 29
One of the best-known Cambridge hairdressers Alexander Joseph Priziborsky was born in Cambridge 54 years ago. It was his father who founded the hairdressing establishment in Round Church Street about 1856 and on his death in 1905 his son took it over. He shaved his first customer when nine years old and built up a first class reputation, the majority of his customers coming from outside the town. 34 05 29

The new Cambridge Post Office in St Andrew's Street was needed to meet ever-growing demand. People knew they could obtain wireless licences, motor licences and gun licences but not that they could get marriage licences as well. There was criticism that the stamps remained the same but it was not policy to make money out of philatelists by creating unnecessary issues and would mean altering stamp machines. Now deliveries would improve and the 26,000 letters a week delivered by second post will in future secure first post delivery. 34 05 29 & 30

1934 05 30
Kingston fire pic, p5

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1934 06 01
The great move has begun. At four o'clock the doors of the old University Library near the Senate House closed to readers. There had been many visitors all day to say farewell to the building and some tender-hearted ladies left the library in tears before the bell rang for the last time. Librarians have been packing volumes into boxes and Eaden Lilley's staff began the work of loading the horse-drawn carts for the journey to the new library in West Road. The process will go on day after day for about three months. 34 06 01

1934 06 02
A.G. Markham, p2
Prince George flies to Cambridge, p5

1934 06 04
Prince Geoge at Technical School, pic, p1

1934 06 05
Crowds flocked from all parts of the diocese to see Dr Bernard Heywood installed as Bishop of Ely. Inside the Cathedral a splash of colour was provided by the arrival of Mayors in their robes and a procession of 400 robed clergy. The vast congregation awaited the time-honoured ceremony by which the new Bishop knocks thrice with his staff on the West door. Amplifying apparatus has never been allowed so the service was heard by the greater part of the congregation as only a distant murmur. 34 06 05

Undergraduates enter Exam Hall, pic, p5

1934 06 07

The prompt action of three employees of Messrs S. Wilkerson, corn merchants of Royston, averted a blaze which would have been one of the biggest ever seen in the town. They saw flames and smoke issuing from one of the wooden ventilators in the centre of the granary roof, entered the building and attacked the flames with minimax extinguishers. The granary is a large wooden building and it would have been impossible to stop the fire had it gained a firmer hold. 34 06 07

1934 06 08
St Ives market is only a shadow of its former self due to the depression in agriculture. A good many of the old farmers and dealers have passed away and there are none to take their place. Sales in shops had also dropped since the coming of the motor car as there was a tendency for people to go to large centres. Buses come in from villages but leave again after ten minutes which was no good for trade, the Mayor told a meeting at which forty prominent business men formed a Traders' Association. 34 06 08

Bus effects mergers – St Ives route - Wheatley – 34 06 08
Leys School scout HQ, p5

1934 06 09
Church Farm estate, Eversden, p3

1934 06 11
Abington place crash, p5

1934 06 12
May Week balls, p5

1934 06 15
A student, Cecil Hutchinson, made a dramatic race against time to attend the Cambridge Entrance Examination. He docked at Cherbourg early today on the Olympic on which he had travelled from New York, then chartered an Imperial Airways taxi which arrived at Croydon at 8.45. After snatching a hasty breakfast he flew on the Cambridge where he arrived a few minutes before the examination was due to start. The ship had decided in mid-Atlantic not to dock at Plymouth, from which he had arranged to travel by train, so he cabled his father who arranged the air taxi. 34 06 15

Buildings in Brick Lane, Earith belonging to Frederick Pink, the well-known Cambridge slaughterer, were destroyed by fire. One contained a motor lorry which he had purchased two days ago, now all that remains is a heap of twisted metal. The carcase of a horse which had just been slaughtered was also damaged. A number of cartridges used for slaughtering purposes exploded as the fire quickly took hold. 34 06 15

1934 06 16
The Chief Constable of Huntingdon suggested that police buy a second-hand SS.1 capable of 75 miles an hour for patrol work from Norman Cross. But Mr Tebbutt said this was too much of a swagger car for the work. "I suggest you get a second-hand Brooklands car which you do not mind messing up and can be bought for a song." 34 06 16

1934 06 18
A barn at Carter's Farm, Pidley Fen, was razed to the ground. The roof of the granary was fitted with glass tiles and it is thought that the fire was started by heat from the sun. Somersham Fire Brigade was able to prevent the blaze spreading to the farm house but there was so little water that the Huntingdon Brigade returned to their base. 34 06 18

1934 06 19
An agreement has been reached in the long-running dispute over the rebuilding of the Dorothy Café in Sidney Street. In spite of the conflict over details Messrs G.P. Hawkings now have a really beautiful,

modern and commodious building that has earned praise from the Cambridge Preservation Society and the Illumination Congress while the builders are no longer under any imputation of incompetence. 34 06 19

1934 06 20
Sir – may I draw attention to the speed of buses in Cambridge? It is not the fault of the drivers who have to be at certain places at the minute. At the destination they turn round, the conductor changes the board and off they go again, speeding only to be on time. As for cleanliness: just lift any cushion up and you will see the filth underneath them. Why not have some disinfectant spray as in the picture palaces – 'Chestertonian'. 34 06 20

1934 06 21
A Sutton farmer told the court he'd supplied 30 tons of Majestic potatoes for shipment to the Argentine, he then got a second order and had included some King Edwards. But the agent they were not suitable for shipping across the Equator and during the voyage twenty-seven bags had to be thrown overboard at Buenos Aires. 34 06 21

Ely's open-air swimming pool at Angel Drove, built by the unemployed at a cost of £580, was opened in a ceremony watched by 2,000 people. It is 82 feet long with a chlorination plant and dressing rooms. The site was acquired by the Urban Council in 1853 when they decided to have a supply of water from the river. But the filters were not adequate and the scheme fell through after people became ill. It was left derelict and remained a nasty little hole until now. 34 06 21

1934 06 22 ES
Ely new swimming pool opens to huge crowd 34 05 22ES

1934 06 23
The Mayor opened Cambridge's 2,000th council house situated on Bateson Road and a large number of spectators gathered to watch. He unveiled a memorial tablet high up on the front wall to commemorate the occasion. The Housing Committee was formed in 1920 to construct houses for the working classes and the estates are a great credit to the architect. Mr Bland. Most houses had three bedrooms with spacious gardens. But there was a need for more for young people who find it difficult to get a home and remain unmarried year after year, disappointed and tired of waiting. 34 06 23

Sir – we are now desired by the Government to economise in our use of water but I actually saw a huge Corporation cart filled with water which men were lavishly pouring on to the roots of young trees which have been planted in Hurst Park. I consider this to be utterly unnecessary. If water can be spared why not distribute it to poor animals and spare the anxiety of their owners who are obliged to go five miles to fetch water – 'Disgusted'. 36 06 23

Car crashes into King Charles pub, Back Hill, Ely – 34 06 23

1924 06 25
The British Legion area rally saw a parade 15,000 strong, a procession at least three miles long and an open-air service on Parker's Piece before a congregation of 25,000 people. For many to whom the British Legion had been only a name – especially the younger generation – the rally came as a revelation of the undying soul of the greatest organisation of ex-Servicemen in the world. 34 06 25

1924 06 26
Ashdon cottage struck by lightning – 34 06 26

1934 06 28
Historic Ramsey Abbey may become a secondary school. The Government had approved the replacement of the present old wooden hut by a permanent building and the Hon Mrs Broughton would let the Abbey and grounds on a 99 year lease at an annual payment of one pound.

Unfortunately there were no plans and maintenance would be a large item of expenditure. The old gateway had been taken over by the Ministry of Works as an ancient monument. 34 06 28

Robert Sayle's great reconstruction sale. On account of extensive alterations we need to move the whole of the stock and are marking goods at prices which convey positively unique values. Fully laundered linen sheets, single bed size – 21/- (£1.05). Tennis shorts of pique, white and colours 4/11 (25p). Boys' double-breasted tweed suits 10/6 (52p). Bargains from the shoe department: summer shoes to clear at 12/1 (60p) – Advertisement. 34 06 27

1934 06 28
Mr G. Lenton told Huntingdon councillors that when he started work on the farm boys left school at the age of ten, now it was twelve so two years had been lost. Unless boys could work on holidays during term from 6am to 1pm they would be useless and the farmers would like a free hand during holidays. It was not really work, but play. They earned £2-£3 during harvest time and the parents would be up in arms if this was stopped. If they did not let the boys work they would be drawn off the land and be no good to anyone. 34 06 28

1934 06 29
A shell, nine inches long was found by W.G. Collins in his garden in Alpha Road. It was of a type fired by anti-aircraft guns and in a greatly rusted condition. But it was obviously 'live' so he took it to the Police Station. There he was referred to the Drill Hall, but they didn't want it either! Eventually he took it to the Officers Training Corps for disposal. This is the second such dangerous explosive recently: two live hand grenades were found some time ago. 34 06 29

In spite of its delightfully antique appearance the inside of the new Fountain public house in St Andrew's Street is the last word in modern efficiency. Owned by William Younger of Edinburgh, the architect was C.M. Quilter and the Tudor style mirrors their other pubs up and down the country. The Scottish atmosphere is maintained by the variety of tartan panels and coats of arms which decorate the windows. 34 06 29

1934 06 29 ES
Car crashes into taproom King Charles in the Oak, Back Hill, Ely – photo 34 06 29(2)(3)UES
Bishop of Ely installation 34 06 29(2)ES
Ely Aero Club thrilling air display and pageant; aerobatics arranged 34 06 29ES

1934 06 30
Alderman W.P. Spalding started the collection of portraits of Cambridge mayors at the Guildhall and it is now traditional for outgoing Mayors to present framed pictures of themselves. But one hung for many years as Charles Humfrey, Mayor 1837-38, has now been identified as being his brother. It has now been replaced. 34 06 30

Two of W.B. Redfern's collection of Cromwellian relics have returned to Cambridge. A pair of grey gauntlets and a pair of spectacles in their original fish skin case which belonged to Oliver Cromwell were purchased by Edwin Rutter and added to his museum at the Old Curiosity Shop on Trumpington Street. 34 06 30

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Eversden Church Farm estate houses – advert – 34 07 06

The value of old documents for genealogical and topographical purpose and as an aid to local history is too obvious to need emphasis. But there is a real danger when in many ways old order is changing, lest these valuable evidences may be unknowingly destroyed. Most solicitors' offices, particularly old established ones, have boxes and bundles of old deeds, which owing to the splitting up off estates and

the closing of trusts years ago, have long lacked owners and have ceased to be of any value for proof of title. There is always a risk when the practice changes hands or in a succession of partnerships that such documents may be destroyed to make room. The Cambridge Antiquarian Society, being anxious to remove the possibility of destruction, offers its services to advise whether preservation is worthwhile. If anyone who may possess any documents will be kind enough to inform us we will arrange in due course to inspect. Furthermore if they are willing, as several owners have done, to hand over documents for safekeeping we can arrange for removal without expense. The Local Records Committee, which is been set up by the Cambridge Antiquarian Society includes solicitors, and any of us will be prepared to offer advice or further information. – E.A.B. Barnard, W.M. Palmer. 34 07 06

1934 07 07
Prickwillow vicar leaving – Hicks – 34 07 07

1934 07 10
'A shock', p10

1934 07 11
The first air display by the recently-formed Ely Aero Club attracted 2,000 people to their flying field on the Downham Road. An attractive programme of aerobatics had been billed but was marred somewhat by the non-arrival of a number of machines. Despite this the crowd had plenty of thrills and many opportunities for joy riding. Mr H.R. Dimock was the first Ely citizen to own a private plane and his activities in the air had been watched with interest. The club hoped to have its own ground, own staff and own machines. 34 07 11

The Cambridgeshire Regional Planning Report, a handsome volume illustrated with original wood-cuts and photographs, contains many valuable suggestions for the development of the county. In villages the problem is not only one of controlling new development but also preventing their decay and alteration of character. Provision must be made for industrial expansion around Cambridge. The Government should construct new roads and the Roads Beautifying Association advice on the planting of verges with flowering shrubs to enhance their scenic value. 34 07 11

Longstanton church rethatched photo – 34 07 11
Spirit of Sunday – river bank scenes, p6

1934 07 13
The Burwell district nurse has been asked to resign after the arrival of her second baby and so she will have to leave the cottage, which is Burwell's war memorial. Nurse Kinloch had offered to place her children under the care of others but the County Nursing Association considers she could not give her full attention to her duties. Dr Charles Lucas, the retired village doctor has resigned in protest and a petition has been raised in her support. 34 07 13

Sturton Street chapel stone laid, p5

1934 07 14
Rampton has one of two reed-thatched churches in the Diocese. The 13th-century nave roof is supposed to have been brought from Barnwell Prior at the Dissolution. It is now being rethatched, the bells rehung and a heating system installed. The cost bears heavily on a village of only 280 inhabitants and any contributions should be sent to the Rector. 34 07 14

Old University Library, p6

1934 07 13 ES
Ely Aero Club pageant at grounds on Downham Road; for second time in twelve months Ely was the centre of an air display – photo 34 07 13ES
Water restrictions enforced by Ely Urban Council, alarming drop in well levels 34 07 13(2)(3)ES

Robbery at Ely Cathedral, memorial window broken 34 07 13(4)ES

Theft of fowls from Lt Thetford 34 07 13(4)ES

1934 07 18
A complaint was received about a wireless set at Downfield, Soham. This was a quiet, rural housing site where the people should be happy and comfortable. But one person had got an infernal machine called a loud speaker and was operating his wireless set at high volume. Such people should be put in the middle of a 40-acre field. Everybody paid the rent and had a right to peace and quiet, so a letter should be sent stating that the nuisance should be stopped. 34 07 18

Water supplies scheme – 34 07 18

1934 07 19
The cost of treatment of tuberculosis in Huntingdonshire is much higher than elsewhere. Many men had been treated at Papworth but others were incurable and should be removed to Wyton Sanatorium, although some questioned the advisability of having incurable adults and children in one place. Now Wyton's future was in doubt: it was a temporary building and in two years' time Yorkshire would withdraw all their children as they were building their own hospital. 34 07 19

1934 07 20 ES
Witcham church restoration nearing completion 34 07 20(3)ES
Soham death Harry Palmer 34 07 20(3)ES
Storm damage; houses struck Whittlesey, Doddington windmill, Sutton house 34 07 20(4)ES

Stretham Geranium day 34 07 20(2)ES
Effects of drought seen at Stretham Show; fewer entries, vegetables good – 34 07 20ES

County Library progress; 8,688 active borrowers 34 07 20ES

1934 07 21
Sunshine home, p4
Diamond Jubilee memory – Sidney Street photo, p6

1934 07 22
Spurgeon cottages & room – photo, p6

1934 07 23
Over 10,000 people attended the Conservative fete in the delightful grounds of Harold Gray's home at the Gogs. By bus, car, and bicycle and on foot they came. Of entertainment there was almost unbelievable variety: popular music by the Soham Comrades Silver prize Band, a mixed doubles tennis tournament, clay pigeon shooting and greyhound racing with displays of physical drill by boys from Dr Barnardo's Homes. 34 07 23

An open-air peace meeting at Newmarket was told that thirteen shillings in every pound of taxes went on war, only a quarter of a farthing on peace. The League of Nations Union was non-political and non-sectarian. If anybody broke the peace of a town they were brought before the magistrates and punished, the same principal should apply to the nations of the world. As a result of the meeting nearly 20 new members were enrolled. 34 07 23

Mr Lansbury, MP, said that Labour movement had been criticised when in office, but he hoped they would capture the Saffron Walden area. They were very fortunate at having candidates like Mrs Rackham. She is a scholar who has fought for the poor and dejected and should be sent to

Westminster. He was a socialist because he was sane, Labour leader George Lansbury joked while being photographed in his characteristically homely style. 34 07 23

Police refused entrance Pembroke College – 34 07 23
Haddenham – Alfred Norman killed by kick from horse – 34 07 23

1934 07 24
A good deal of controversy has been aroused amongst local anglers by a fish which was caught in the Cam by Mr F.W. Arnold. It is rather like a roach except that the colour is golden-red, similar to a carp. Some say it is a red mullet or a golden orfe. Mr Agger of the fishing depot in King Street is unable to identify it, nor are anglers with 40 years' experience. It is on show at Mr Agger's and will finally be pickled. 34 07 24

The four children of Mr H. Clark of Queen's Street, Cambridge, are very sporting. Alice, aged 21 is interested in running, while Ken, 19, is keen on billiards and won the junior Federation cup. Horace, the youngest, aged 15, is a good boxer and has won numerous school fights while Frank is one of the most versatile and goes in for swimming, running and boxing. He won several competitions while with his regiment in India. Mr & Mrs Clark are very proud of their sons and wonder if any other family can beat their al-round record. 34 09 24

1934 07 26
Ramsey abbey school future – 34 07 26
Libraries in hospitals – British Red Cross work – 34 07 26

1934 07 27
University Library last load of books, p1

1934 07 28
The 'His Master's Voice' show train arrived at Cambridge station as part of a national. It is one of the greatest collections of radio and gramophone instruments ever assembled. Visitors can see everything from a Columbia self-contained battery receiver to a luxurious ten-valve automatic record-changing radiogram. Other exhibits include a radio receive with no visible loud-speaker, the music being heard from behind the dial of an electric clock. The train carries its own power station, café and sleeping accommodation. 34 07 28

Stretham farm fire – S. Wright of Orchard House – 34 07 28

1934 07 30
It is only a year since Sir Hugh and Lady Ripley went to reside at Brinkley Hall but they been instrumental in making village life much brighter. They have formed branches of the Women's Institute and British Legion and held a garden fete to raise funds with cocoanut shies, Aunt Sally, bowling for a pig, clock golf, treasure hunt and darts. There was a lady whose dress contained 100 pockets in which there were presents while Monty the Dalmatian invited people to guess the number of his spots. Haverhill Co-operative band played for dancing on the lawn in the evening. 34 07 30

Oswald Mosely at Wisbech, p1
Newmarket church union, p2
Cambridge anti-war council, p8
Long Road bridges scheme – 34 07 30

1934 07 31
Godmanchester worthy – J. Garner dies – 34 07 31

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1934 08 01
Ely Old Dispensary reported a quiet, uneventful year's work amongst those for whose benefit the dispensary existed. The fact that 157 patients had been 'cured and relieved' was proof it still filled a useful niche in the life of the city. Cases treated included influenza, dyspepsia, rheumatism and diseases peculiar to women. But income was down: since the Addenbrooke's Hospital contributory scheme the parade did not realise anything like what it used to do. 34 08 01

Gonville and Caius College's scheme for the complete rebuilding of the block of shops and houses on the north side of Cambridge Market Hill has been finally approved. At present the site from Rose Crescent to St Mary's Court is occupied by a group of houses, mostly of the 18th century. Their disappearance will be regretted, even by those who knew how dilapidated they had become behind their neat Georgian facades. But the whole effect of the completed block should stifle these regrets. The shops will be set back seven feet with upper rooms carried on slender pillars. 34 08 01

After a history of 100 years it is hardly surprising that there is a thorough tobacco atmosphere about the shop of Messrs Bacon Bros which has stood on Market Hill since 1805 and the news that it is to be pulled down with cause regret to many. A number of ledgers over 100 years old, containing fascinating information about the smokers have come to light including the original accounts sent to C.S. Calverley whose 'Ode to Tobacco' appears on the outer wall of the shop. A new shop will be built on almost the same spot. 34 08 01

1934 08 02
A Warboys couple, Mr & Mrs Edward Upchurch have both forgotten the date of their wedding, 60 years ago. They mark the event by the fact that it was during feast week in the village that they were joined in matrimony and the feast week custom has never been broken. They were both born in the village and have lived in the area all their lives, bringing up 14 children of whom nine live to share their diamond wedding. At one time Mr Upchurch, a land worker, received only a shilling a week and the family gleaned at harvest to bake their own bread. 34 08 02

Councillors considered a scheme for compulsorily purchasing the old Post Office on the corner of Petty Cury and other properties in Sidney Street to widen the road. Cambridge could not progress unless it spent money. Money was never cheaper: the banks were bursting with it. There were the materials, the men and the money available for the work. But having compulsory orders hanging over the properties would influence the price they could be sold for. 34 08 02

Road repairs St Andrew's St – photo – 34 08 02

1934 08 03 ES
Blaze at Stretham: barn and stockyard owned by Miss Sarah Wright of Orchard House and tenanted by Thomas Jacobs; helpers saved adjoining wheat field 34 08 03(2)ES

Stretham pioneer. F.W. Savidge's wonderful work among head hunters; started schools, made grammar, administered medicine; out of population of 100,000 devil-worshippers, many embrace Christian religion. A volume is in the Press and probably before long may be ready for reading. It will be the 41st volume Savidge has been responsible for 34 08 03ES

1934 08 04
What Cambridge was doing when war declared, August 1914, memories of Sixth Division – 34 08 04

1934 08 06
The amazing story of a young Cambridge man's cycle raids on village churches unfolded at court. He left home in the mornings, leaving people to think he was going to work, and rode around the villages, forcing boxes, safes and drawers in the churches. He carried tools in a brown attaché case and when spoken too professed great interest in the wood carvings. He'd raided churches at Cottenham, Eltisley, Harlton and Stansted as well as stealing a collecting box from the Cathedral Café, Ely. 34 08 06

Barrington Cement Works accident, p2

1934 08 08
Constable C. Hine of St Ives police and his young lady friend, Miss Lily Wilkinson of Hartford, embarked in a punt at Huntingdon for a quiet afternoon on the river. But a stiff breeze resisted the progress of the boat as it neared the arches of the bridge and PC Hine seized a chain hanging from the stonework. At once a distressing situation developed: man and craft parted company, the policeman was left dangling in the water while the punt with its alarmed occupant, drifted away. Then a second punt, manned by two ladies rescued him from undignified plight, a reunion was affected and a car despatched for dry garments. 34 08 08

1934 08 09
Polo, Newmarket heath, p6

1934 08 10
James William Auchterlonie was for over 30 years manager and engineer of the Cambridge Town & University Gas Light Company during which the annual output has risen three-fold. He was responsible for the adoption of a co-partnership scheme by which employees as well as shareholders enjoy a proportion of the profits. After the war he received Government recognition for his services in connection with the supply of high explosives. His loss will be keenly felt in Masonic and Rotarian circles. 34 08 10

1934 08 10 ES
Sports and shows in locality gradually dying out or running at a loss, Stretham made a profit 34 08 10ES

1934 08 11
Jesus College more monastic remains – 34 08 11
Demolition corner Hobson Street – Sidney Street pic, p1

1934 08 13
Cambridge Fire Brigade averted a serious conflagration in Paradise Street. They were called to some lock-up garages beneath Messrs Coulson's stores where a lorry was found to be blazing fiercely with flames through the floor of the store above. If the fire had reached a petrol and oil store another row of garages would inevitably have become involved. Their smart work confined the damage to the lorry, which was practically burnt out. 34 08 13

S.R. Ginn, county council clerk 13 years, former Mayor – 34 08 13

1934 08 14
Death of W.E. Lilley, son of founder – 34 08 14

1934 08 16
Ye Olde Castle Hotel in St Andrew's Street was devastated by fire. Every fireman and policeman was called from other duties as smoke billowed from the gabled windows leaving people gasping at its pungency. Staff and volunteers busied themselves removing furniture. The Hotel ranked as one of the oldest inns in Cambridge, dating back to the 13th century. It was reconstructed about 1620 and the last extensive additions were in 1891. It is doubted whether it will be possible to restore the damaged parts of this historic building. 34 08 16

Stretham crash, undergraduate car overturns – 34 08 16

1934 08 17

We regret to announce the deaths of three well-known Cambridge men - Dr F.E. Apthorpe Webb, medical practitioner of Grafton House, Maids Causeway was registrar of the 1st Eastern General Hospital during the war until and later held several official appointments. Mr A.E. Chaplin, governing director of Messrs R. Sayle & Co was at one time its sole proprietor. He lost both his sons during the War and in 1919 the business became a limited liability company. Mr Haydn Inwards was for many years leader of the Cambridge University Musical Society orchestra and extremely popular with local audiences. All three were members of the Scientific Lodge of Freemasons. 34 08 17

1934 08 17 ES
Retirement C.W. Horn, well-known Upwell racing cyclist 34 08 17(3)ES
Stretham: six undergraduates escaped in two-car crash at corner new Cambridge Road both cars overturned, one burst into flames 34 08 17ES

1934 08 18
Castle inn demolition pic, p1

1934 08 23
Newmarket fire, p5

1934 08 24
Some 750 young anglers assembled on Parker's Piece and were played to the station by the band of the Boys' Brigade to catch a special train to St Ives to take part in the Albion Angling Society's annual fishing match for youngsters. The miniature army of anglers disported themselves along the river bank at Hemingford meadows. It was not unusual to see gathered in one small space at least half a dozen children with lines and rods crossed and floats completely submerged. The winners of the President's cup for the best catch were F. Parr (boys) and Marjorie Benton (girls). 34 08 24

Mitcham's Corner roundabout enlarged, pic, p1

1934 08 24 ES
Stretham: Fire in corn field on Fidwell Farm

1934 08 27
Cambridge's new fire engine, built by Messrs Merryweather, has a maximum speed of 48 mph. It carries an all-steel 85-ft ladder which can be extended in 30 seconds. At the top is a telephone to enable the fireman to communicate with the ground. Provision is made for four powerful fire-fighting jets of water. 34 08 27

Needingworth housing, p5

1934 08 28
The renovations to St John's College have been the subject of much comment in 'The Times'. It was suggested that the two turrets at the front were in imminent danger of falling away from the main tower because of a system of main drainage 30 years ago when a trench 30 feet deep was dug along the street. But there is no evidence of settlement due to foundation trouble. The walls had shattered because of vibrations caused by street traffic. 34 08 28

The opening of the new exchange at Trumpington is the first step towards the great change-over to automatic telephones. Engineers dashed to remove the wooden plugs which set the system working and waited for the first call. Soon a line crackled and a bulb lit up. But it was a false alarm. The second caller had forgotten the changeover and, not getting a verbal answer, hung up. Twice more this happened but after eleven minutes a call came through from the Trumpington A.A. box and the new apparatus was officially launched. 34 08 28

1934 08 29

Ely Council's decision to allow the swimming baths to be used on Sunday afternoons prompted strong protests. The Railway Mission deplored it, as did Downham Baptist chapel. Haddenham Baptists say it will necessitate some amount of Sunday labour, Lt Thetford think it a retrograde step and Ely Sunday School Union thought that for the sake of the children Sunday should be preserved from worldly and secular labour. 34 08 29

1934 08 31
Poultry breeders gathered at Ely to discuss the possibilities of establishing an egg packing station to help them market their eggs. They had to bind themselves together as marketing was the most difficult thing they had to face. The depot would cost at least £1,500 to set up and there had to be a regular flow of not less than 6,000 dozen eggs per week. It was agreed to consider it further. 34 08 31

Needingworth Parish Council protested against plans for council housing on the Bluntisham Road. The field was much too low, was subject to floods and also inconvenient as it was two miles from the church, a mile from the post office and a mile and a half from the school. The question of sewerage had also to be considered. But despite this the District Council voted to purchase the site. 34 08 27

Hunts police – memories including Seekings murder – 34 08 31

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1934 09 01
Sherlock Holmes as boy, p6

1934 09 04
Market Hill changes – Bacon demolition, p5

1934 09 05
Woodlands Estate, Girton Village. This new estate comprises 9 ½ acres, situated in a beautiful wooded setting. There are 46 houses to be erected each with three bedrooms, a very fine bathroom, garage and good garden. They will have main water, gas and electric light. These artistically-built houses are only £550 freehold. There are no road or legal charges whatever. Apply to Harvey & Dodson (Builders) Ltd, 9 Llandaff Chambers, Cambridge – advert. 34 09 05

1934 09 06
At Sawston leather works the sheep skins used are mainly from New Zealand and Australia but the finest come from St Ives. When the skins get to the factory from the butcher they are fleshed and then split in two. The outer one is made into handbags and hat-bands, the inner into chamois leather for window-cleaning leathers and gloves - many of the factory employees take them home and do the sewing there. The skin trimmings are moved to the Granta works at Stapleford and processed into sheets of gelatine. 34 09 06

At Castle Camps the population of 505 people depended on a deep well pump and it was very difficult to get water. It took about 170 turns to obtain two gallons from the pump and it was the only drinking water available. The situation has become worse recently because a lot of the shallow wells had dried up. The Parish Council suggested the District Council arrange a water cart three times a week. But they would charge a penny a bucket. 34 09 06

University Library big move – 34 09 06

1934 09 07
Straw and corn sacks together with a threshing drum were destroyed in a fire on Sir Frederick Hiam's Plantation Farm at Shippea Hill. The blaze was discovered by the bailiff, Mr F.W. Convine who managed to release frightened pigs and cattle from nearby buildings. The terrific heat hampered the

work of pulling the stacks down and flames which shot sky-high attracted people from their beds for miles around. 34 09 07

Milton crossing smash pic, p1
Canon Burrell, Balsham wood carver – 34 09 07

1934 09 07 ES
London man posed as canvasser for photographic firm supplying enlargements 34 09 07(2)ES

Earith diviner finds water with elm twig 37 09 07(3)ES

Spectacular Alan Cobham's air pageant re-visiting Ely – large article – 34 09 07 &(2)ES

1934 09 08
Cambridge automatic telephone exchange progress – 34 09 08

1934 09 11
The new sluice and pumping station in the Middle Level at St Germans is a really wonderful piece of engineering, probably the biggest of its kind in the whole country. The drainage of the fens has resulted in a general settlement of the land which is now below the waters in the Ouse. Now there is a reinforced concrete sluice and three Gwynnes pumps driven by Crossley Premier Diesel engines to overcome the problem. 34 09 11

1934 09 12
A quantity of earth has fallen from the sides of the Kirtling parish well and filled it up to above water level. Messrs Lack of Cottenham say cleaning it out and making good the brickwork was very dangerous and they were not prepared to undertake the work. They suggested a new borehole we sunk. A 200 gallon water cart has been hired from Pamplin Bros to distribute water from the main at Wood Ditton at a cost of one penny a pail full. 34 09 12

1934 09 13
Many thrilling flying feats were seen during Sir Alan Cobban's air display at Ely. The most popular machine was the multi-engined Handley Page 'Youth of New Zealand' in which passengers, seated in comfortable chairs in a roomy saloon enjoyed the experience of soaring over the Cathedral. Flight-Lieut Godfrey Tyson flying a 'Lincock' did aerobatics at high speed while Miss Jean Meakin's wonderful demonstration of gliding was outstanding and Ivor Price made a thrilling parachute descent. As a humorous item an old battered motor cycle was pelted with 'bombs' from the air. 34 09 13

Fascists at Newmarket, p5
Rampton barn fire – 34 09 13

1934 09 14 ES
Another wonderful aviation display …
Thrills at Ely aerial display – photos 34 07 14 & (3)ES

Plantation Farm, Shippea Hill serious fire stackyard, destroyed threshing drum 34 09 14(4)ES

Wedding W.M. Lane, manager Fosters, to G.M. Ablett 34 09 14(5)ES

Stretham Parish Council; deplorable condition of streets; pump in Top Street to be dismantled; to purchase Grunty Fen allotments; manure dump in Chapel Square to be removed, catchwater in Green End should be fenced as a danger 34 09 14(5)ES

Peat digging in fens a lost craft, Swaffham Fen interview B. Bailey 34 09 14(6)ES

1934 09 15
Extensive repairs are being carried out to the roof of Great St Mary's church. Once again the cause is the death-watch beetle whose activities in the wooden beams have wrought tremendous havoc. The area around the chancel is in 'splints' with steel scaffolding but services are being held as usual. The church has only recently been cleaned and the organ renovated. One can only hope the ravages have been checked before they could cover the whole of the roof. 34 09 15

Work is in progress on the concrete approach road to Cambridge Water Company's new Softening Station on the Fulbourn Road. When it is finished consumers will get water having less than half the hardness of the present supply. 'Fur' and 'scale' in kettles will be greatly reduced and it will lather more easily with the almost complete absence of the unsightly curd which now forms. 34 09 15

From tomorrow night every built-up area in Great Britain becomes a 'Silence Zone' between 11.30 and 7am. This includes Cambridge so it will be illegal for a motorist to sound his horn. The regulations do not include any vehicle used for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes if the observance would hinder its use. 34 09 15

1934 09 17
Consternation reigned when lightning struck two houses in Stretten Avenue, dislodging part of the chimney stack which damaged the roof. Soot was shot all over the place and there was a smell of gas. During the storm large hailstones fell in Grantchester while at Haslingfield Mr Norman Thompson's bus with a load of passengers was forced to stop when the hail beat a fusillade on the roof. 34 09 17

1934 09 19
For the first time in its 600 years' history, and probably the last, the old University Library has been thrown open to the public. Members of Cambridge Rotary Club have organised visits to the buildings, shrouded in antiquity, which have only been visible to members of the University and privileged guests. Now with all the books gone it does not present its traditional literary appearance but the wonderful carvings and decorations of some of the rooms remain. 34 09 19

1934 09 20
An inquest was held at Isleham School on a lad who had fallen into the river in the fen. To get to the scene Dr McFeeters had to travel two and a half miles of very bad fen road. "A car cannot travel down there in safety. I went on my bicycle because it was the quickest way of getting there and it took me 13 minutes. If there had been a main road I could have got there quicker and the result would have been rather different", he testified. Neighbours carried out artificial respiration until he got there but there was no sign of life. 34 09 20

1934 09 21
Messrs George Stace's new windows in his Petty Cury Arcade are absolutely the latest idea. They curve inwards to reduce reflections making the glass invisible. Spotlights inside, which can be given any colour, provide the perfect finish and one feels one has only to reach out and touch the articles. Showrooms upstairs have been reconstructed and one of the workrooms moved to make space room for the new arcade. 34 09 21

Who will give a start on his life's career to a young Goliath of Huntingdon who at the age of 14 weighs 16 stones and is still growing rapidly? Stanley Weaser is an ordinary, healthy young fellow with a zest for energetic recreation. He was fat as a baby, he has continued to be fat ever since. But he doesn't mind and feels none the worse for it. He possesses pronounced ability in sketching and would like to be trained as a newspaper cartoonist or, if not, a carpenter. 34 09 21

Histon Dr Houghton car accident – 34 09 21

1934 09 21 ES

New aerodrome for Feltwell, part of R.A.F expansion 34 09 21ES

1934 09 22
A pilot from the Klemann Air Services offered people flying trips in his blue Klemm monoplane from a field near the Gibbet Inn, Caxton. But he did not hold a proper licence to carry passengers for reward and the field was not approved as a regular place of landing and departure for aircraft. The landlord said the pilot had landed in his field and said he was looking to start a flying school. He had got permission from the owners, Paines the brewers, to put up an air indicator and applied to the Air Ministry for a licence which had not yet been granted. 34 09 22

Cambridge Rotary Club did a good piece of work when it undertook the organisation of the public visits to the old University Library. During the first three afternoons close on 3,000 people made the tour of inspection of these old buildings, previously closed to all but a favoured few. It appealed to all classes – old and young, tradespeople and artisans, clerks from University offices and school children. The old Pebble Court, the original centre of the University, was a special source of attraction and here Mr P.C. Fitzgerald fascinated continuous groups by his characteristic talks. 34 09 22

Life in the University would not be complete without humour, Ald Tweedy told a dinner. He mentioned a professor who was lecturing on a part of the world where men greatly outnumbered the women. "I believe that even the young women of Girton and Newnham would be able to find husbands there", he said. As a protest all the members of these colleges rose and turned to go out. "Wait a minute", said the Professor. "There's no hurry. The boat doesn't go till Friday". 34 09 22

Statues on Market Hill conduit named – 34 09 22

1934 09 24
The Cottage Home for Orphan Girls is a small house in Fitzwilliam Road, a part of Cambridge which is not generally seen by the population. Few people were aware of its existence. It seemed there were not many destitute children in Cambridge for the local cases were not numerous but it was open to orphans from anywhere. It was started by two undergraduates named Coote and Watney and the foundation stone had been laid in June 1871. 34 09 24

1934 09 27
Hot Bargains at the great re-building sale at the Peas Hill Cash Drapery Stores. Household linens, blankets, dress and underwear fabrics at knock-out prices including Wigan sheeting, Jaspe bedspreads, Gent's fancy socks, Ladies artificial silk knickers (slightly fleeced) and interlock woven pyjamas. From college hire, 50 pairs of single bed sheets, once used and laundered, from 3/6 each. Six dozen heavy white Turkish Towels (one used and laundered) nine-pence three-farthings each. – Advertisement. 34 09 27

For the convenience of people wishing to travel to Newmarket races by air, the Stewards of the Jockey Club have approved the laying out of a private landing ground on the exercise ground north-east of the Rowley Mile Stand. It will be open each race day. No hangars have been erected but picketing gear and chocks will be available. Petrol and oil can be obtained by arrangement with Turner and Hore, Heath Garage. Charges will be two-and-six for landing plus one-shilling a head for all occupants. 34 09 27

1934 09 28
Thousands packed the area around Mill Pool and gathered on Silver Street Bridge to watch a demonstration of the new fire engine. The most thrilling display was lifesaving by the Davey apparatus as 'victims' were lowered from the roof of the Mill Lane Examination Rooms. The only flaw in the organisation was that the spectators were not warned when the water tower was set in use with the result that many, especially women and children, had a soaking. 34 09 28

1934 09 28 ES

St Germans pumping station opening – detailed article 34 09 28 & (2)(3)ES # c.29

Crash of giant air liner that took passengers at Ely air pageant 34 09 28(4)ES

Dead fish, Adelaide Bridge 34 09 28(4)ES

More pure water for Ely Urban District? 34 09 28(5)ES

1934 09 29
St German's pumping station opened – 34 09 29

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1934 10 01
Gas Light Company centenary dinner – 34 10 01
Police inspector George Abbot retires – 34 10 01
Cambridgeshire Regiment signal section reunion – 34 10 01

1934 10 02
Sir. Since the demolition of the military aerodrome at the end of the war, Newmarket has taken a back seat in aviation activities because of the possible danger of aircraft upsetting nervous racehorses. But the opening of the special landing ground on the Heath may dispel the fears of trainers. Newmarket has a bigger call for speedy air transport than most towns. Bury St Edmunds will soon become an airport, Cambridge has the advantages of a splendid flying school and there is an Aero Club at Ely. Now perhaps we may look forward to a local flying club here – Edward Milner, Heath Villa, Newmarket. 34 10 02

Histon new football stand, p6

1934 10 04
Sir – since the Eastern Counties Company bought the Cambridge bus service the wages of conductors have started at nine pence and drivers ten pence per hour. Recently pressures have increased as buses are larger than formerly and faster times demanded from drivers. But now the Company have announced restrictions of the overtime which many of the men have always worked since they are buying homes. It does not seem right that more arduous service is rewarded by lower wages – R. Pascal, Cambridge. 34 10 04

Dant's ferry bridge path widened, p5*

1934 10 05
A report on Ely sewers in 1910 showed they were badly planned and imperfectly constructed, being carried not along the roadways but behind houses and through gardens. In some instances houses have been erected immediately over sewer mains. Since then a few had been relayed. In 1885 some sewerage works were put down at Willow Walk which created a great nuisance to many people living in the area, an Inquiry was told. 34 10 05

1934 10 05 ES
Opening St Germans pumping station 37 10 05 &(2)(3)(4)(5)ES

Ministry inquiry into Ely's proposed sewerage system; history of the present system 34 10 05(6)ES

Sutton Hospital parade 34 10 05(7)ES

Fenland Research Committee – lecture by Gordon Fowler 34 10 05(7)ES

Ely Rural District application to increase water supply 34 10 05(8)ES

Ely telephone exchange 37 10 05(9)(10)ES

Marvels of modern milling at Clarke & Butcher's, Soham – detailed article 34 10 05(12)(13)(14)ES

Ely Cathedral first broadcast 34 10 05(15)ES

Soham Comrades Silver Prize Band, Crystal Palace 34 10 05(15)ES

Glimpses of Old Ely – shunting staff at station, names – photo 34 10 05(17)ES

1934 10 06
The possibility of diverting much of the heavy North Road traffic which streams almost unceasingly through the centre of Huntingdon was aired. But a by-pass was a long way off. There were too narrow roads and two dangerous corners. It was possible to use compulsory powers to widen George Street but Hartford Road corner was far more dangerous. Quite a number of pavements were smashed since many vehicles were so big they could not get round, which caused a danger to pedestrians, councillors were told. 34 10 06

The dog trough which stands outside Lloyds Bank in Victoria Road has been in position for some weeks. It was erected by His Royal Highness Prince Chula of Siam in memory of Tony, a dog which gave him friendship and happiness during his Cambridge years. The Prince 'went down' some time ago but left the money for the trough to be erected. 34 10 06

The death occurred with tragic suddenness of Archibald Marshall, the novelist, who had rooms in Panton Street. Educated at Trinity College he contributed to The Granta and then worked on newspapers. He became well-known for his novels, writing one a year. He started in 1899 with 'Peter Binney, undergraduate'. 34 10 02

Soham cemetery consecrated, p3

1934 10 08
Houghton Mill Restoration Committee was formed after they heard that the mill was either to be allowed to fall down or to be pulled down. But it would have cost more to demolish than to leave it where it was. They raised £150 but then wondered what to do and it was a miracle they should hear that the Youth Hostel Association might use it, Mr Whymper said when he unveiled the familiar 'Y.H.A.' sign on the building. Mr Chopping had been the last man to be employed grinding flour in the mill and supplied the key to visitors wishing to look over it. 34 10 08

Undergraduates' luggage, pic, p1

1934 10 09
Kneesworth bungalow fire, p1

1934 10 10
'Overture to Cambridge' had its premiere at the Festival Theatre. The play, written and produced by the Director, Joseph Gordon Macleod, exposes the pettiness of Town Gown and University. It tells of an invalided idealistic Mayor who comes to be regarded as a madman. His wife is killed in a car accident, his daughter becomes deranged and he falls to his death whilst addressing a meeting after being 'debagged' by a crowd of undergraduates. As he hovers between life and death he sees the future, with people living in the co-operative ideal which he preached. 34 10 10

Whittlesford cottage blaze, p1
Fairhaven tapestry, p2
Chesterton churchyard sheep pic, p6

1934 10 12
Trumpington churchyard had been in a deplorable condition: 17 loads of rubbish had been removed and they had burnt shrubs, bushes and ivy for four days. After clearing they had left the land fallow until the autumn when grass was set. The new churchyard was not in quite so bad a state: Ted Peters spent two days a week there and had made a transformation, a public meeting was told. 34 10 12

'The Close' in Bridge End, Saffron Walden, the timbered skeleton of a Tudor house which was recently restored to light after being hidden for 200 years has been sold. The purchaser, Sir Ralph Harwood, Deputy Treasurer to the King, wanted to buy the whole site and carry out restoration on the spot. But he could not come to terms with the ground landlord so the remaining framework will be taken down and reassembled elsewhere. He has also acquired the Monks' Barn at Newport, once used as a sanatorium. 34 10 12

There was great rejoicing among members of the Sturton Street Methodist Church at the opening of the new school hall adjoining the chapel. The building, which seats about 200 and has a fine platform and convenient ante-rooms, was beautifully decorated with flowers for the occasion. It was opened by Arthur Harding, the senior trustee, who has been associated with the church for 37 years. He hoped it would be of great service amongst young people. 34 10 12

Stretham accident, p5*

1934 10 13
The death of Willie Clarkson, the London theatrical costumier and make-up expert, recalls two of the greatest hoaxes of the century. The hero of the famous visit of the Sultan of Zanzibar to Cambridge and of the Abyssinian dignitaries to the Dreadnought was H. De Vere Cole. But he would not have escaped exposure but for Mr Clarkson's masterly make-up. He became more famous than many of the actors and actresses who he costumed and gowned during his association with the stage. 34 10 13

The Perne Road Estate. Charming modern houses from £400 freehold. Every house contains entrance hall, drawing room, kitchen, dining room, three bedrooms, bathroom, separate W.C., H. & C. Water. Room for car. Small deposit (£25). Terms from 13/2 (65p) per week. Over 40 already sold. Drivers, Estate Agents – advertisement. 34 10 13

Sir – I do not think it is right for sheep to be grazing in the old Chesterton churchyard. They are prowling all over the mounds, damaging and eating shrubs that were planted to be living monuments to loved ones. If the church council cannot afford to have the churchyard groomed, only by sheep grazing, I say to the Vicar and his flock 'Band yourselves together with sickles in your hands to make the hallowed ground look trim and neat' - Harry Pitt. 34 10 13

Cambridge trees, p1
Cambridge firemen pic, p5*

1934 10 16
Col Roscoe Turner and Clyde Pangbourn, the Americans, arrived at Mildenhall for the England to Melbourne air race. Their plane, a huge dull grey Boeing Transport, was the 15th to reach Beck Row. Another machine landed on the old aerodrome at Conington. No damage was done, the monoplane being forced down through engine trouble. The pilot was Mr Lowdell, and the 'plane has been entered by Lord Nuffield. Mechanics were at work on the machine early this morning. Competitors are to see a film of the route to Australia at Mildenhall Town Hall on Thursday. 34 10 16

F.J. Tuck, p5

1934 10 17
Godmanchester problems, p5

1934 10 18
Rock Estate Library approved – 34 10 18
Barley shop theft – 34 10 18

1934 10 19
Fred Tuck was a great performer on the concert platform. 'Funny Fred' was a comedian but also a conjurer, juggler, tumbler, raconteur and trick cyclist. His most popular character was that of an old-fashioned clown in traditional make-up. His most famous trick was to balance a burning newspaper, made into a cone, on his nose until it had practically burnt out. He would make his exit balancing a chair on his nose, or the table he had been using for his tricks, if it was not too heavy. 34 10 19

Cambridge University Department of Zoology's new building looks rather like the upper decks of some huge liner when viewed from Corn Exchange Street. It has been built of concrete and steel so that should the study of zoology ever fall in favour it can be adapted for other purposes. Inside it is possible to be perspiring in tropic heat in one moment and shivering in Artic cold the next. The Elementary Laboratory, the largest of its kind in the world, is on the ground floor so that the vibration caused by students entering and leaving should not be felt throughout the building. 34 10 19

Prince inspects planes 34 10 19, 34 10 20

1934 10 19 ES
Opening of the Hereward School, March 34 10 19(3)ES
Ely Public Room now reopened as a modern cinema 34 10 19(4)ES
Haulage licence applications 34 10 19(5)ES
Stretham & Thetford Nursing Association annual meeting 34 10 19 &(2)(ES)

1934 10 20
Mildenhall air race to Australia, p1
King's visits to Cambridge – 34 10 20

1934 10 22
Thousands greeted the King and Queen when they made their way to the new University Library. Washing and cooking alike was forgotten in hundreds of homes as women formed a great part of the crowds which were thickest in Trinity Street where undergraduates in cap and gown added to the number. Of all the wonderful products of man's skill in art and labour the Library must rank of one of the most inspiring and peculiarly permanent of our national institutions and with while clouds scudding over its lofty tower this unique building occupied the centre of a delightful scene. An exceptionally good film of the visit, taken by Gaumont especially for the Victoria Cinema will be shown next week. 34 10 22 & 25

1934 10 25
Ramsey Abbey school, p5
King's visit on screen, p5*

1934 10 26 ES
Hoard of Roman coins unearthed at Linwood Farm, March 34 10 26 &(2)ES

Regional planning in Cambridgeshire: review of valuable report 34 10 26(3)ES

England to Australia air race start – photo 37 10 26(4)ES

1934 10 27
Preservation Society on planning, p5
Cambridgeshire YHA group inaugurated, p5

1934 10 31
Rotarians backed plans for the establishment of a Cambridge Folk Museum where objects of historic interest could be preserved for future generations. The growth of centralised industry was flooding the countryside with machine-made goods superseding those produced locally. There were many toys such as hoops, whip-tops, marbles and bar-and-trap which were being discarded that should find a place there, Coun. E.S. Peck said. 34 10 31

Wicken bus, p2
Peace ballot, p5
Scientists and war, p5

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1934 11 02
Branch Cut bridge at Padnal was originally constructed by the South Level Commissioners in 1827 and kept in repair until recently. A little while ago it collapsed and was now barely passable even for foot passengers whereas in the past it had always been maintained for wheeled traffic. It was a great benefit to all engaged in farming in the area between Littleport and Ely and its present condition was a scandal, councillors were told. 34 11 02 & a

Suicide Douglas Gavin Reid. 34 11 02b, 34 11 03, 34 11 12
Cambridgeshire typhoid danger: wells that may get polluted. 34 11 02c & d

1934 11 02 ES
Littleport & Downham Commissioners; possibility of heavy expenditure at Ten Mike Bank pumping station where 22-year-old boilers becoming worse for wear 34 11 02ES # c.29

1934 11 03
The Cambridge Social Club, all that survived of the old Liberal Club in Downing Street, has been wound up. It moved to Market Passage and for the last five years old party labels have gone by the board. Each year it has been difficult making ends meet but happily the club finished up free from debt. The Ranjitsinhji Billiards Bowl has been offered to the Central Conservative Club and the portrait of its donor to the Hobbs' Pavilion. 34 11 03a

Hardwick village hall, p3

1934 11 05
Alex Spalding's Mayoral year of office reviewed. 34 11 05 & a

1934 11 06
Cambridge saw one of the most riotous celebrations of the 'Fifth' for many years. In the course of demonstrations around Market Hill nearly 40 arrests were made, many of the police lost their helmets, several more had their tunics ripped right down the back and not a few sustained split knuckles and bruises. When supplies of fireworks began to run low parties of undergraduates attempted to put out every light but carried their efforts too far and smashed the glass of two shop windows and the traffic signal at the top of Petty Cury. There were 35 defendants including seven for assaults on the police, three for resisting the police a number for obstructing the police. Other summonses were for extinguishing street lamps and throwing fireworks. A Trinity undergraduate was fined for 'tipping' a policeman's helmet. Several times during the hearing there were outbursts of laughter. 34 11 06a & b

1934 11 07
The All People's Association Cambridge clubhouse was opened by the Vice Chancellor. One of the chief functions of a university was to attract people of all kinds and nations. There were a large number of foreign students here for short periods and colleges made the position rather difficult for a young man brought up in a different tradition. The A.P.A. was doing good work by taking a special interest in the short-term student. The world had gone mad: it was depressing to find principles of liberty of speech and the freedom of the press going by the board. The next 20 years were going to be the most vital in the history of humanity and we must make a serious attempt to understand the other fellow's point of view. 34 11 07 & a

Bus and lorry collide, Hills Road – pic – 34 11 07b

1934 11 08
Dufay film Sawston factory lecture – 34 11 08

1934 11 09
Alderman Ralph Starr Mayor – profile – 34 11 09 & a & b

1934 11 09 ES
Soham shops assessment, improvements, demolitions 34 11 09ES

1934 11 10
Poppy Day collectors had to contend with a dismal downpour of rain. But a large crowd gathered on Senate House Hill to await the arrival of a self-styled 'Hitler' who was due to open the Caius Fun Fair. When he did come, by car, he brought a procession of about a dozen cars in his wake, all containing weird and wonderful characters. The obstinate mule, which last year lay down in the road and refused to get up until tempted by a coin, was less obstinate on the present occasion, for the wet and muddy road was hardly a pleasant bed. 34 11 10 & a

1934 11 12
Several hundred people joined in a peace meeting on Parker's Piece organised by the Cambridge Anti-War Council and the University Anti-War Movement before marching in a torchlight procession to the War Memorial. The procession, some 300 strong began their march along Mill Road, increasing in size as it went along. But they missed the turning into Tenison Road and crossed Mill Road Bridge before winding its way round the back streets to the War Memorial. They laid a wreath 'To those of all countries who fell in the last war from those who are pledged to prevent another'. 34 11 12c

Until recently it was customary for some of the Cambridge Corporation documents to be in the private possession of the town clerk. When Thomas Yorke died in 1756 he had a large quantity of treasurer's accounts in his possession. His executor put them into a chest in St Michael's Church for safe keeping, but then he died and nobody claimed them. They did not belong to the parish and when space was wanted the clerk was authorised to sell them as waste paper. John Bowtell, the University bookbinder, bought the whole lot, Dr Palmer told the Women's Luncheon Club. They were now preserved in Downing College. 34 11 12a & b

Wesley Church memorial Cambridge Brotherhood WWI 34 11 12d
Sidelights post, p8

1934 11 15
Pedestrian crossings, p6

1934 11 16
The new Scott Polar Research Institute was opened by the Chancellor of the University, the Rt Hon Stanley Baldwin. It was founded as a memorial of Capt Robert Falcon Scott to assist polar exploration by collecting information and providing a centre where those contemplating future explorations can

profit by the experience of those who have gone before. Later Baldwin opened the new extensions of the Perse School buildings. 34 11 16a

Road vibration caused by heavy traffic near Ely Cathedral could be eliminated by means of wood paving, a meeting was told. They had considered constructing a new road to divert traffic away but so many buildings might have to be swept away that the cost would be tremendous. The widening of the road near the cathedral had also been considered but would not be worth the tremendous amount of money required. 34 11 16b

1934 11 16 ES
Soham church thefts 34 11 16(3)ES

1934 11 17
Sensational revelations concerning Germany's war plans were made at a meeting in Cambridge Guildhall. Speaking to the University League of Nations Union, Mr Wickham Steed, a former editor of The Times, said they had imported enough arsenic ore to make poison gas sufficient to swamp Europe twice over. The next war is likely to come without warning and many be commenced by an overwhelming night attack. General Goering, at the Nazi Air Ministry has built 85 underground aerodromes this year and had at least 2,000 aeroplanes, he claimed. 34 11 17 & a

Oliver Cromwell's hat is to stay in Cambridge. When put up for auction last April it was withdrawn at £25. But now it has been purchased by Mr E. Rutter of Ye Olde Curiosity Shop and Museum, Trumpington Street. The hat has a very large flat brim and tapering crown. It has been handed down through several generations of the Constable family who ran a very old established hat maker's business where Cromwell left the hat when he was up at Sidney Sussex College. It will be placed alongside other Cromwell relics including his gauntlet gloves and spectacles. 34 11 17c

Perse School extensions opened by Stanley Baldwin – 34 11 17b

1934 11 20
Ely Hospital of St Mary Magdalene stone from Etheldreda Abbey – 34 11 20 & a

1934 11 23 ES
Sedge Fen tragedy, Chivers Factory 34 11 23(2)ES

Fire above Cass & Co garage, Ely 34 11 23(2)ES

Haddenham buys March's old steam fire engine – photo 34 11 23(4)ES

1934 11 24
The old-established business of Messrs Robert Sayle has been acquired by Selfridge's Provincial Stores but the name remains, the General Manager remains and the staff remains – "I like the look of them and the merchandise is tastefully displayed", said H.G. Selfridge, junior. He studied at Trinity and was treasure of the Boat Club Ball in 1920-21 when it was held for the first time in a marquee at the college, instead of in the Corn Exchange. 34 11 24

"This is the first time in history that a water company has of its own free will undertaken the softening of its supply", the Chairman of the Cambridge Waterworks Company said at the laying the foundation stone of its new water-softening station on Fulbourn Road. Cambridge water is abundant and pure but being drawn from a chalk formation is of necessity hard in quality. A considerable number of private water-softening plants have been installed but these will soon not be worth their salt and people should ignore the blandishment of salesmen. 34 11 24b

There have never been more than 15 Japanese undergraduates at Cambridge in any year since the war – there are currently seven and the number may drop to three. But Mr M.Y. Sawatake is prepared to

stay on to form a Japan Society to encourage discussion and understanding of topics of mutual interest. Viscount Hijikato, another undergraduate, said it was a pity the added expense of the exchange rate prevented more coming as undergraduates. The supply will not dry up altogether as long as Cambridge welcomed Japanese students: apart from instruction in economics and the sciences it was the atmosphere that the Japanese valued. 34 11 24c

1934 11 26
Fire broke out at the White House, Great Chesterford where the chauffeur, named Plumb, was in the garage attending to a Sunbeam car. When the engine was started it back-fired and the vehicle was enveloped in flames which spread to the corrugated-iron garage which was destroyed. Firemen obtained water from a large pond near the house. There were goldfish in the pond but the obstructing appliance on the hose prevented them from being sucked through the pipe. 34 11 26

1934 11 27
Two local railwaymen died when the Cambridge to Liverpool Street passenger train struck a lorry on a level crossing near Broxbourne. The train consisted of a locomotive, tender and six coaches, two of which completely overturned. The engine fell upside down but its fire was still burning three hours later. Other coaches came to rest lying at all angles and passengers had remarkable escapes. 34 11 27 & a

1934 11 28
Old University Library tenders to adapt – 34 11 28

1934 11 29
Many Cambridge people listened to the Royal Wedding of the Duke of Kent and Princess Marina by medium of the wireless. Some of those without a set hired one for the occasion. A CDN report who listened to the broadcast in a car was able to hear every word of the ceremony as microphones followed the progress of the two lovers inside the Abbey. The sweet singing of the choir and the pealing of the organ mingled into one glorious harmony. Then millions of listeners in cottage and mansion, in office and home heard the royal lovers plight their troth – and heard the voice of the beautiful Princess Marina for the first time. 34 11 29 & a

An inquiry heard that in 1835 Cambridge was divided into five wards with 30 councillors and ten aldermen. This continued till 1889 when the University were given representation. Further changes came in 1909 and 1911 but the council was now a little unwieldy and numbers should be reduced. However the University representation would be unchanged. 34 11 29b

1934 11 30 ES
Ely Service Motor Co enlargement of garages for 100 cars - photo 34 11 30(2)ES

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1934 12 04
Lord Rutherford presided at the first meeting of Cambridge University Democratic Movement. There is a great fear of the power of military aeroplanes making a sudden and devastating attack on defenceless cities involving the destruction of combatant and civilian alike. Air warfare of any kind should be abolished, he urged. Vyvian Adams praised his work at the Cavendish Laboratory. None could hope to isolate himself from the surrounding dangers. The question was did we want human development or human destruction by scientific means. 34 12 04

1934 12 05
Lord Buckmaster, p1
Kirtling water, p7

1934 12 06
The Sanitary Inspector had examined a number of private wells in Swaffham Prior and found the amount of water in some of them was very small and repairs were needed in a variety of cases. It was recommended that in the event of the council not deciding to provide the village with a piped supply of water that two wells be sunk, one near the Cock Inn and one near Station Road. 34 12 06

1934 12 07
Barratt shoes have just opened their 126th branch at 6 Market Street Cambridge. When you consider that ten years ago they had fewer than 20 you must allow that they'd progressed. Some of the lines are stocked in no fewer than fifty alternative fittings. They are made in Barratt's own factory and sold only through their branches. From start to finish every detail is under their control and there are no middleman's profits – advert. 34 12 07

The Lineoleum and Floor-Cloth Manufacturer's Association wrote to Ely council after they had given council house tenants notice to quit for breaking their rules that at least six inches must be left between the skirting board and the outer edge of linoleum on the ground floor. Research suggests that the problem of dry rot was one of floor construction and not the floor covering used. They hoped the council would withdraw such restrictive regulations in regard to the use of such an inexpensive and hygienic product. The council decided to take no action. 34 12 07a

1934 12 07 ES
Sutton collapse of frontage wall and roof of row of cottages known as 'The Barracks' 34 12 07(4)ES
Isle Clerk C.E.F. Copeman to retire 34 12 07ES

1934 12 09
County Council plans to erect a new Poor Law Institution at Doddington were condemned by Ely Ratepayers who would to fight to the last to preserve the Tower House as the Ely Institution. It was wicked to take old people to a different district and expect their friends to visit them at some expense. Where men and women had lived together for fifty or sixty years it was a scandal that the men should have to go one way and the women another. 34 12 09

Every conceivable article suitable for Christmas presents can be obtained here in Cambridge. The difficulty is to make a choice among the many tempting articles displayed in the windows and showrooms. Cream machines, Pyrex dishes and hearth furniture are a few of the household articles to be seen at Messrs Macintosh's showrooms along with watches, electric torches and bathroom fittings – an endless choice of useful and ornamental presents. The younger generation will revel in the display of Hornby trains, the ever-popular Meccano or the children's bicycles. 34 12 09

In George Stace's new showrooms Christmas shoppers can choose gifts for the womenfolk in comfort. A splendid stock of furs, dresses, gloves and handkerchiefs may be found. The Rycroft Rubber Company have tempting lines in stockings in either the silk or fish-net styles together with some very diverting surprises in the way of Christmas jokes while hot water bottles are a very acceptable gift. Legerton's well-stocked establishment offers a comprehensive range of children's wear, from the tiny tot upwards. Hosiery and underwear are featured in great variety together with jumpers and house coats. 34 12 09a

Owen Webb told a meeting of agriculturalists that there was a great future for young men in farming. The industry would require more labour in the future. With our exports declining it would be more necessary to produce more from mother earth in these islands. There would be a tendency to move certain factories into the agricultural areas which would make a lot of employment and bring general prosperity to the countryside. 34 12 09 b & c

1934 12 11
A young airman who set out from Marshall's aerodrome ended his flight in the River Thames which he chose as a landing-place in order to save his own life and those of many Londoners after he had

nearly run out of petrol. He had landed at Cambridge in his Moth aeroplane but did not fill up with petrol then ran into fog on his journey home and got lost. To land on the Thames was the best thing he could have done, for a Moth tearing down a street at 50 miles per hour does not give people walking there much chance of escaping injury. His machine floated and he was taken off by tug. 34 12 11

1934 12 21 ES
Soham Mere estate not to be internal drainage district 34 12 21(3)ES

Glimpses – old photo of Daimler motor car used to convey people from Sutton to Ely by H.L. Drake of Sutton 34 12 21ES

1934 12 13
CDN van accident, p1*

1934 12 14
Complaints about the nuisance caused by the sounding of church clocks at night promoted councillors to write to the authorities of Great St Mary's and the Catholic Church to consider silencing them between 11pm and 6 a.m., with the exception of New Year's Eve. Councillor Papworth said it was a trifling complaint from one lady; he had been assured by residents that they were music to their ears. But Councillor Stubbs said the chimes were not very beautiful when people wanted to go to sleep and tended to keep patients at Addenbrooke's Hospital awake. 34 12 14

1934 12 15
Members of the Beaconsfield Club celebrated 50 years of work in the social and political life of Cambridge. It was opened in November 1888 and with its members unswervingly loyal to the Conservative cause the club stood as a bulwark against the inroads of socialism. While there were clubs like this the political destiny of the constituency was in safe hands. The Magpies Concert Party gave an excellent entertainment, this chorus song to personalities of the club being particularly popular. 34 12 15

Littleport Parish Council considered fitting their fire engine with pneumatic tyres. The wheels had been on the engine for 70 years and might have dry rot, all the wheels creaked and might break at any time. The men were afraid of them. In any case they would be compelled to have rubber tyres in 1939. The fire box was only seven inches from the ground and it would be no good on some of the fen roads. They could ask the Ely Fire Brigade how much they would charge to attend the fen fires, and scrap the engine. 34 12 15a

1934 12 17
Arthur Colin Lunn was born over his tobacconist's shop premises in Bridge Street in 1896 and assumed control of his father's business founded nearly a century ago. His brother carried on the same trade in Oxford. When the business was turned into a limited liability company seven years ago he became governing director. Although one of the best-known business men in Cambridge he did not take a prominent part in either public or social life. 34 12 17

Merchants at Cambridge Corn Exchange traditionally end the year by throwing about samples of their wares. The signal for the commencement of the battle was the explosion of a cracker near the door. The 'firer' was immediately bombarded and soon covered with flour, wheat and artificial manure. Crackers banged merrily, bags burst with marked effect and very soon all the dignified corn-merchants were life-like imitations of snowmen. Even the rather grim-looking statue of Jonas Webb looked comical with the flour-bag headgear that was placed on it. After 30 minutes the ammunition ran out and combat ceased, though the debris-covered floor was witness of the fight that had been in progress. 34 12 17a

1934 12 20

Cambridge and March continue to spread out along the main thoroughfares and 'ribbon development' has already disfigured roads in Quy, Girton, Harston and Chatteris. The County Council is primarily a road authority and its objection is from the traffic standpoint rather than from the aesthetic point of view. To retain the beauty of the countryside frontage control much be applied to all roads, the Cambridge Council for the Preservation of Rural England urged. 34 12 20

Traffic Commissioners considered bus services between Ely and Littleport, Little Ouse and Shippea Hill. The LNER said that railway traffic to Littleport had showed a marked decrease with 4,000 passengers being lost to road competition in the last few years. But Mr Bert Washington said his bus services were practically identical with those he operated in 1930, though there were some unauthorised journeys not at the agreed times. 34 12 20b

When a foreman railway porter reported a burglary at Warboys station little did he realise it would lead to the apprehension of his wife on a charge of stealing money from the office. Although the station was closed during the weekend it was the practice to leave money there. Police found a window had been broken but it was discovered the office could only have been entered by somebody with a key. The porter sat in the court at Ramsey while the woman tearfully confessed to taking two ten-shilling notes, two half-crowns and a penny. She was bound over to be of good behaviour. 34 12 20c

Flourishing New Museums, p5*

1934 12 21
F.C. Salmon, an Essex farmer, told the Licensing Authority he had reduced his team of eight or nine horses to five and wanted two lorries to carry on his haulage contracting on a modern basis. But unless he could show work was not taken away from other hauliers his chance of being licensed for two vehicles was very remote. He was allowed one vehicle, restricted to a radius of ten miles as they had never heard of a horse going 15 miles out and back on a job. But Mr Salmon said he had known a horse do 65 miles in a day. "Was it a racehorse", he was asked? (Laughter). 34 12 21

1934 12 22
All records connected with Pye Radio dances were broken when over 600 attended the annual Christmas ball at the Dorothy. Practically everybody knew everybody else and consequently the crowd was a thoroughly cheerful and merry throng. Not one glum face was to be seen either in the ballroom or the bar. Fancy hats and novelties added greatly to the carnival gaiety and the Percy Cowell and the Pyradians bands rose to the occasion in a lively manner. 34 12 22

1934 12 24
W.F. Thompson, p5*

1934 12 28
William Sindall was one of the most prominent of Cambridge business men. Born at Isleham he served his apprenticeship and established the well-known building firm 60 years ago. It has erected many University and college buildings besides undertaking a number of other important contracts. A councillor and Alderman, Mr Sindall was director of the Waterworks Company and the Cambridge Chronicle. He was also associated with the arts and crafts side of the Cambridgeshire Technical School. 34 12 28a

Cambridge abduction charge, p5

1934 12 31
Charles Gent, who has died aged 80, was one of the oldest newspaper men in the country. Half his life was spent in the service of the Cambridge Daily News which he joined about 18 months after it was started in 1888. He did sterling work as advertising manager and was well respected until his retirement. As a youth he had started in the 'Sherborne Journal' and at the age of 21 was appointed

editor and publisher of the ‘Poole Telegram’, a paper run specially in the interest of the local Liberal candidate. When the Cambridge Association of West Country folk was formed, he became one of the first members. 34 12 31

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1935 01 05
Two vehicles, one belonging to a haulage contractor from Oxlode and the other a van owned by a Terrington firm, came into collision at the corner of Nutholt Lane, Ely. The door of the general stores owned by H. Cowley was shattered with the wheels of the beet lorry on the door steps and straddling the radiator of the van. Joseph Stone, an elderly pedestrian, formerly a night watchman at Ely Cathedral, was struck and had his foot almost severed. He was lifted on a stretcher over the radiators of the lorries and placed in the Ely ambulance 35 01 05

Albert Chevalier Cambridge visit recalled – 35 01 05a

1935 01 07
Sir Alfred James Ewing of Herschel Road, Cambridge, was the brains behind the famous 'Room 40'. When the Great War began he was asked to undertake the task of collecting and deciphering enemy messages. Numerous listening stations were set up on the East coast at which enemy fleet signals and other wireless messages were received. From December 1914 the German Fleet made no movement which was not known in advance. The work was probably the best-kept secret of the war and the full story has never been told for he was refused permission to deal with it in his reminiscences 35 01 07a & b # c.45.5

W.E. Lane, Zoological Laboratory death – 35 01 07

1935 01 08
Filming boat race crew – photo - 35 01 08

1935 01 09
Ely's new unemployment centre opened at the old Angel works. Many were in seasonal occupations: one did not pick potatoes and plums or squash sugar out of beet every day of the year. People should be employed all the time, not necessarily upon wage-earning work. It was a demoralising thing to have nothing to do and here men could discover good music, good literature and good occupations. It was not just a place of warmth and shelter. 35 01 09 & a

1935 01 10
Who can claim the greatest number of living descendants? J. Haynes of Thoday Street says: "I am 80 and have eight children living. There are 37 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. My eldest daughter is 39 and the youngest great grandchild 14". Miss K. Brand of Gloucester Street says "My grandmother (87) has had 12 children; there are 62 grandchildren, 62 great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. 35 01 10 # c.31

Eastern Counties Omnibus Company said that following complaints about people being crowded off the buses they will increase services to Histon from 20 to 39 journeys a day on weekdays, with 43 on Saturdays and 18 on Sundays. This may be too much but they hope the traffic will warrant it. They were also given permission to run buses on race days between Warren Hill Station and Newmarket racecourse; hitherto only the LNER had been authorised to operate the buses on hire. But A.E. Nicholls of Clare was refused a licence to run a new Sunday service of four journeys between Clare and Haverhill. 35 01 10a

Since Colonel C.E. Copeman was appointed Clerk of the Isle of Ely County Council in 1907 the duties had increased considerably. At that time they had a staff of three: the Colonel, Mrs Williamson and a boy. Now there were nearly 80. At first there was no County Hall, the meetings were held in the Temperance Hall and they had a small room in the top of his office in Wisbech. He had been successful in keeping the Council out of legal entanglements: there had been many occasions when they were on the brink but by his advice they had escaped great legal difficulties. He hoped the Council would continue good things such as smallholdings and avoid anything of a harebrained character involving the expenditure of thousands of pounds. 35 01 10c & d

More buses for Histon – 35 01 10b

1935 01 11
At Buckden Towers Prince Alexander Graigevitch, grandson of the Russian Emperor Alexander II, laid a foundation stone in the Great Chamber to the memory of Catherine, first consort of Henry VIII, who once resided there. It was part of the restoration scheme being carried out by R.H. Edleston. Tea was taken and an iced cake bearing the colours of Russian royalists was cut with a sword that had belonged to Napoleon. 35 01 11

1935 01 12
We felt customers would like to know something about our dairy. Our cows graze on our fields at Chesterton, Trumpington, Cherry Hinton and Shelford Bottom, the finest pasture in the county. They are thoroughly groomed and their udders washed before being milked using electrical apparatus at our Abbey Street premises. The milk is cooled and bottled without being touched by hand, then kept in a cold storage chamber before delivery. The cream is separated daily. We guarantee early delivery twice daily to all parts of town. Arnold Brothers (established over 75 years), Abbey Street, Cambridge –advertisement. 35 01 12a & b # c.27

Nonagenarian Richard Chapman was born at Swaffham Prior and started work before he was seven, scaring crows and rooks off land for a shilling a week. He never went to a day school but obtained his knowledge from a night school he attended when 18 years of age. He was leader of the choir at Reach Congregational Church in which he used to lay the concert flute before they had an organ. He has been engaged in agricultural work, fossil digging and as a peat master, employing men cutting peat in Swaffham Prior Fen for use as fuel. During the war this peat was also used in homes as a preventative against influenza. 35 01 12c

The East Anglian Electricity Supply Company discussed supplying West Row, Beck Row and Kenny Hill with current. They would put in three lighting points and one power point into houses for £3 per annum which would allow 120 units to be used during the year. Their high tension lines were being brought within easy carrying distance and residents are barred from getting any other source of supply About 80 per cent of West Row residents said they would take the supply but the Company was not satisfied it was an economic proposition and wanted a guarantee of £750 annual revenue. 35 01 12d

ADC, p6*

1935 01 14
Saffron Walden market was the most important in the area, combining cattle and corn and it would ruin the town if it closed. Farmers would be compelled to send their cattle to Cambridge, Bishop's

Stortford and Braintree. It had been nearly lost under new Government provisions – an order for closure was actually made, but had since been rescinded. If their M.P. was any good he would move heaven and earth to save it, councillors felt. 35 01 14 & a

1935 01 15
When the Haverhill Co-operative Society was founded in April 1882 it opened as a retail store in a cottage in Peas Hill Slade. Stephen Webb was placed in charge, a post he occupied for the next half-century. In June 1933 he retired as manager of the grocery department which by then had developed into a very large concern and was presented with a gold watch and chain. He was also agent for the Co-operative Building Society and undertook the duties of special constable during the war. At his death, aged 72, he was much respected in the district. 35 01 15

The oldest inhabitant of Cambridgeshire must be Mrs Priscilla Byford of Stetchworth who recently celebrated her 103rd birthday. She is still possessed of good hearing and until ten years ago could thread a needle without glasses! She is very strict that no foreign meat shall be included in her diet. In her younger days she always drank beer for breakfast but 'sad to say the stuff is not what it used to be and is not pure enough for her consumption'. For many years she ran the Chevington village school and has received telegrams from her pupils, one of whom was 80 years of age 35 01 15

L.B. Carter the young amateur skater and cyclist of Over is proceeding to Switzerland for a fortnight's training, followed by competition as a representative of Great Britain in some international matches at Davos where all the finest speed skaters do their training. The International Ice Hockey Association is sending a team and wanted some speed skaters to join the party. The Fen Committee first approached C.W. Horn, who is in a class by himself. He was unable to accept at such short notice but Messrs Chivers allowed Carter time off work to attend. 35 01 15a

1935 01 17
The new A.D.C. Theatre in Park Street was opened by Miss Ellaline Terriss replacing the one destroyed by fire 14 months ago. It was a wonder it had not burnt down every time the stage was used years ago, as there was no fire-proof curtain, the theatre was lit entirely by gas and the proscenium made of painted canvas stretched on wood batons, reminisced E. Mellish Clark 35 01 17

January sales, Cambridge – 35 01 17a

1935 01 18
The Ministry of Transport did not appreciate the heavy traffic passing through Ely carrying agricultural produce, Colonel Archer told councillors. Traffic lights should be installed at both the Lamb and Nutholt Lane corners. The County Council had recognised the need for a bridge at Chettisham railway crossing, the main artery from London to King's Lynn docks, but a "flying bridge" was also needed at Queen Adelaide where the fire brigade and medical men were often held up and heavy beet traffic was hindered and disorganised at the three pairs of crossing gates. 35 01 18b & c

Huntingdon High street improvement – 35 01 18a
Poultry packers, p3

1935 01 19
On one of the finest main roads of Cambridge has arisen a new garage that has been named 'Riley House'. No hastily conceived building this with its rows of pumps and oil cans bedecked in signs and colours. Here is a garage of dignity and restraint, logical in planning and design, fitted to be the new local headquarters of 'the Finest Light Car in the World'. Here one can fill up with petrol completely under cover while the workshop is equipped with the latest pressure greasing plant. Tom Cox Motor Co., Chesterton Road, Cambridge – Advert 35 01 19 # c.26.48

Guests came to the University Zoological Department to inspect the new Balfour and Newton Libraries. Francis Maitland Balfour, who was killed in the Alps in 1882, started the science of embryology. He became one of the most distinguished biologists of his century, founding the finest zoological laboratories in the world. Prof Alfred Newton gave the University his unique collection of very early ornithological books. The honorary Librarian is Mr Ambrose Harding of Madingley, an authority on birds and leeches 35 01 19a # c.36.9

1935 01 22
Fire destroyed the Evelyn White drapery shop in Fitzroy Street shop and the owner and his wife escaped in their nightclothes, with only a coat thrown over them. All that remains is a tangled mass of debris, blackened and ruin by the flames. Here and there the remnants of a dress could be recognised but everything was burnt beyond repair. Flames also threatened Norman Bradley's shop next door: the thin dividing wall was scorching and might have flared up at any moment. Firemen were kept fully occupied in keeping smouldering materials from catching again and were badly hampered through the insulation having been burnt off the electric light wires, several received electric shocks before it was decided to have the current cut off at the main. 35 01 22 # c.34.75

We have to report the death of Miss L.M. Brooks of Oxford Road, portress of Newnham College since 1924. She served the college with devotion and made herself respected and loved by successions of students, Fellows and staff alike. Her unfailing courtesy and interest, and the joy in life which was evident in her, won everybody's affection. She kept in touch with old students in remote parts of the world and remembered everyone who came back. The college has suffered a great loss by the removal of so charming and gracious a personality. 35 01 22a

Mepal gravel pit tragedy – 35 01 22b & c

1935 01 23
Her Majesty, Queen Mary, paid a surprise visit to Cambridge to purchase some antiques for her collection. So informal was the visit that even the police were not told she was coming and did not know she was in the town until her car was recognised. Officers then proceeded to Stanley Woolston's antique shop in St Andrew's Street where there was soon a crowd of about 1,000 people. Motor cars parked nearby were removed and for some time bewildered drivers were inquiring the whereabouts of their vehicles. The Queen visiting all 16 rooms and bought a number of choice specimens of china, glass a furniture which were placed gently in her car. 35 01 23a

Busmen's dispute with Eastern Counties – 35 01 23b
Witch's hand sold – cures diseases – 35 01 23f

1935 01 26
Sir – The Mill Road footbridge over the railway line was opened to the public on Monday August 3rd 1889. I was the last one to take the keys of the gates to the station – William Nelson. Sir - The iron footbridge over the railway on Mill Road had wooden steps and gave access to the open fields beyond it. In fact, so countrified was the area that when the Royal Standard was built it was known as 'Apthorpe's Folly' from William Apthorpe the brewer who built it. The bridge now stands on Coldham Common where it spans the Newmarket Line – H.D.C. 35 01 26

1935 01 28
Cambridge goes white – snow complaints – 35 01 28

1935 01 29
An Eastern Counties omnibus had a narrow escape from crashing over Fen Ditton bridge onto the line below. The bus was travelling up the hill towards Fen Ditton when it came into collision with a private motor car, swung round and ended with the front part over the embankment. Neither the driver of the bus, Mr J. Pitchers, or the driver of the car were hurt 35 01 29

1935 01 30
Snow plough Grange Road photo – 35 01 28, tipped into river – 35 01 30

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Gypsy Moth forced landing field Long Road – photo – 35 01 31
New street proposed from Downing St towards Sidney St – 35 01 31a
King's college chapel candelabra dedicated – 35 01 31b

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1935 02 01
County Arms, Castle St opens – 35 02 01
Coldham's Lane estate, p6

1935 02 02
In the gale of January 26th an ancient and somewhat decrepit sycamore in the Sidney Sussex College Fellows' Garden was blown down. This tree was the last survivor of an avenue of sycamores planted in 1607-8 along the east side of that part of the King's Ditch which crossed the college grounds from the end of Hobson Street to Jesus Lane and thence along the side of Park Street. In the college accounts are payments to Thomas Hobson, the carrier, 'for bringing the sycamore trees from London … iiis. xd' 35 02 02 # c.18

1935 02 05
Clayhithe toll bridge photo – 35 02 05

1935 02 06
The new additions to the County School for Boys were opened by Lord Rutherford and many heads of colleges were amongst those present. The new wing includes a large Assembly Hall which will be used as a gymnasium, an art room and a classroom. Over the existing workshops another storey has been built, giving a new chemistry laboratory. The court outside will be turfed and if anybody feels disposed to offer a fountain then the County Council would pay the extra water rate for playing it on very special occasions. 35 02 06 & a

1935 02 07
Toft flooding picture – 35 02 07

1935 02 09
Huntingdon Medical Office listed 50 properties to be considered for demolition under section 19 of the 1930 Housing Act. They include houses in Royal Oak Passage, Oliver's Court, St Germain Street, Woodward's Court, Castle Hill Court, Sayer's Court, Nevitt's cottages and St Thomas' Court. Another 48 are to be dealt with under section 17 including two in Herbert's Yard, seven in Sweeting's Court and one in Manchester Place. Notices will be sent out and the council would hear objections from the owners 35 02 09

1935 02 11
One of the most remarkable re-unions on record has been enacted in a tiny cottage at Home End, Fulbourn when a man who had been reported 'missing' after the Armistice came face to face with his wife who had long thought him dead. They were married at Burrough Green in 1900 and he enlisted in the Army Ordnance Corps before being posted to India. Still suffering from loss of memory, he is unable to give an account of his movements since the war. It was a great shock for his wife when he stood on the doorstep as she had believed him dead for about 17 years. Now she has notified the Post Office regarding the widow's pension she has been receiving. 35 02 11 his name: William Edwards

At Trinity Hall porters were busy pulling down a motley assortment of bedroom and bathroom utensils which had mysterious appeared on the roof and pinnacles of the college. Water jugs, tied to

the roof with gay scarves, formed a large part of the amateur decorators' efforts, but even an armchair somehow got on to the roof and caused no small trouble in getting in down. The college say it was 'just a bit of sport' and have not discovered the identity of the persons responsible 35 02 11a

1935 02 16
W.C. Squires exhibition – 35 02 16

1935 02 17
Coldham's Common being levelled – photo – 35 02 17

1935 02 18
Starr reminiscences as volunteer & memories Cambridgeshire Rgt WWI – 35 02 18 & a

1932 02 19
A serious fire was averted at Gentleman's Farm, Chrishall when it was found that a large beam in the living room chimney had practically burned away and was starting to burn through the wall. It was brought under control with the aid of a bucket pump. The farm is surrounded by thatched buildings, and with the high wind, extensive damage would have been done had the outbreak not been dealt with. This burning question: Why not insure against fire with the Norwich Union Fire Office, St Andrew's Street, Cambridge. Quotations submitted without obligation. 35 02 19a

Long Road level crossing gate photo – 35 02 19

1935 02 20
It was time something was done about St Luke's School. The headmistress had a class of 54 in a large room divided only by a curtain from another class of 50. It was very trying for the teachers and not very satisfactory for the children. Putting another teacher into the room would not be much use. Romsey Council School also had large classes but to move one upstairs would be difficult: the natural lighting and ventilation was poor and there was insufficient head room. The head would prefer to have eight classes under normal conditions than take a class in an attic, councillors were told. 35 02 20b

Rail trip, p5

1935 02 21
Contractors had started pumping at the East Hatley borehole. The yield was 200 gallons of water an hour with the engine, which meant about five gallons a minute by hand. The Sanitary Inspector had tried the pump himself and found it took about five minutes to get the water up. Once that was done there was a good supply. The contractors had changed the fittings slightly but given a satisfactory explanation, he told councillors. However members insisted the original specifications must be adhered to, even if it meant putting up a new pump. 35 02 21a

Harry Williams, builder obit – 35 02 21c
Hugh Dalton on fascism – 35 02 21

1935 02 22
A businessman told the bankruptcy court that he had worked in Nigeria for five years, then gone into partnership in a house decorating business in Linton. He put in £550 but lost it all. He afterwards went into the garage business but that also was a failure and he lost all his money. He sunk the whole of his capital in the two businesses. He appeared to have no practical knowledge of either business which was at the bottom of the trouble. 35 02 22

Cambridge Ideal Homes Ltd laid the first brick on the Cromwell Park Estate on 16th February 1934 and now 128 houses were built or under construction – one third of the total houses built in Cambridge during that period. Builders Johnson Bailey and road contractors Lavender & Bateman had worked whole-heartedly to assist the scheme. The low prices they charged meant houses had got

to be sold as soon as they were built, bringing them within the reach of the ordinary working man. But there are still 900 people on Council house waiting lists. 35 02 22a

Royston Gas Company has had a successful year's trading. They had opened a new showroom in the High Street giving greater facilities for the display of lighting, cooking and heating appliances and installed 77 cookers, 23 gas fires and 18 geysers, coppers and radiators for clients. But they lost the contract for street lighting although their tender was substantially less than that for electric lighting. They had no records of the formation of the Company but had a notice sent out in 1836 so knew they were about 100 years old. 35 02 22f & g

A feather bed caught fire in Cambridge. It was being aired in front of the fire in the sitting-room of a house in Mill Road, occupied by Mrs Wilkins. The Brigade was called and turned out under P.S. Clague, but the blaze was extinguished with pails of water by Mrs Wilkins and others in the house before the engine arrived. 35 02 22h

Guildhall design – 35 02 22b, 35 02 23
Dance band contest – 35 02 22c
Duxford pageant – 35 02 22d & e
Source to sea, p7
Scientists anti-war group, p5

1935 02 23
Her Majesty, Queen Mary, paid a surprise visit to Cambridge to purchase some antiques for her collection. So informal was the visit that even the police were not told she was coming and did not know she was in the town until her car was recognised. Officers then proceeded to Stanley Woolston's antique shop in St Andrew's Street where there was soon a crowd of about 1,000 people. Motor cars parked nearby were removed and for some time bewildered drivers were inquiring the whereabouts of their vehicles. The Queen visiting all 16 rooms and bought a number of choice specimens of china, glass a furniture which were placed gently in her car. 35 01 23a

Mosley previous visits – 35 02 23a

1935 02 25
An open-air demonstration under the red flag against the new Unemployment Bill was held on Parker's Piece supported by the University Socialist Society and Labour Clubs. A crowd of nearly 100 assembled. There are two-and-a-half million registered unemployed but there had been an increase in production without an increase in wages. The worker had become the slave of the machine, not the machine the tool of the worker. Mr H.C. Bibby spoke on camps for the unemployed: many who took part had the best of motives but they could develop into terrible concentration camps. 35 02 25

Cambridge met Oxford in the spirit of peace, not of semi-lethal combat. The ceremony took place near the pump on the green at Sherington, Buckinghamshire, exactly half-way between the two universities. Two morning-coated representatives vied in the vehemence of their protestations of fraternal feeling and in the sartorial elegance of their attire. Then to the whirr of newsreel cameras they buried a hatchet beneath the pump. Afterwards a village worthy who had forgotten his tie, collar, shaving water and washing water in the excitement of the morning, came up to the immaculately attired Master of Ceremonies, thanking him putting Sherington on the map. 35 02 25a & b

1935 02 26
John Berry ('Jack') Hobbs has bidden farewell to first-class cricket. His retirement will cause general regret. "Mrs Hobbs thinks I ought to go on to get my 200 centuries", he said, but he needs two new legs: "after many years in the field mine get very tired nowadays about four o'clock". He will continue to play in club cricket and all in Cambridge hope to see that flashing bat in action again on Parker's Piece, the scene of his early triumphs 35 02 26

1935 02 27
Coldham's Common, p1

1935 02 28
Cambridgeshire oldest inhabitant, Mrs Martha Starr (nee Rayner) of Bassingbourn was born at Christmas 1832. There were 15 in the family and after her mother died she kept the home going. Martha married Charles Starr of Shingay when she was 20 on an income of seven shillings a week (35p) and had eleven children, five of whom are still living. Although bedridden she had all her faculties and enjoyed all her meals up to three weeks ago. Her end came quietly, aged 103. 35 02 28b

Linton crash, p5

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1935 03 01
A flight of three RAF aeroplanes were forced down near Cambridge. Two landed in rough fields near Dry Drayton and turned upside down. None of the pilots was injured. The other made a forced landing at Smithy Fen, Cottenham. The flight was of a very recent pattern single-seater fighters and had taken off from Duxford to practice for the Hendon Air Pageant. They ran into thick fog and received wireless instructions to make a forced landing. The squadron leader mistook a field of wheat for grass and turned his plane completely over on the rough surface. His flying helmet was covered with mud as a result of his skidding along upside down 35 03 01

1935 03 02
Vinery Road off licence 35 03 02

1935 03 04
Guildhall interior designs 1896 35 03 04 & 05

1935 03 05
Queens' College proposed building Silver Street 35 03 05a

1935 03 07
S.A. Rolfe's wholesale confectioners and tobacconists business started 25 years ago in a very small way on East Road. Now it is the largest of its kind in the Eastern Counties with nine full-time travellers and 15 motor vans. New premises in Newmarket Road house an enormous variety of brands including chocolates from R.S. Murray and 'Classic' bottle sweets made by Messrs Parkes. Mr Rolfe was hailed as a hard-working and keen young business man who by sheer determination and grit had made his mark in his chosen trade. 35 03 07, 35 03 09 & a

Electricity supply company future 35 03 07a & b 35 05 08 & a

Police guarded the closed gates of the University Arms Hotel while Sir Oswald Mosley was at a dinner organised by the University Fascist Society. Outside a meeting organised by the University Socialist Society was held on Parker's Piece with speeches by John Cornford, Maurice Cornford and Maurice Dobb. Then a torchlight procession by 200 undergraduates shouting anti-Fascist slogans such as 'We want Mosley dead or alive' and singing 'The Internationale' marched to Peas Hill where more speeches were made before a Proctor arrived and they dispersed. 35 03 07c

The Cambridge Scientists' Anti-War Group heard an address on aspects of the Nazi movement. Many of the true facts were to be found in reports circulated secretly by the Ruhr industrialists who were providing the Nazis with immense financial support. German science was being devoted almost exclusively to war preparations. At the end the Group protested against increased expenditure on

armaments by the British Government and urged the money to be spent on the social services instead. Peace cannot be maintained by building greater armed forces. 35 03 07d

1935 03 08
Electricity company, p6

1935 03 09
Woodlands Park Estate, Girton. The first thing in life is good health. That is why you should come and visit this beautifully healthy estate which will have its own tennis courts and swimming pool for residents and members. Show House open daily. Furnished by Peak's famous furniture stores. Cambridge only eight minutes by car, 10 minutes by bus or 15 minutes by cycle. The finest value ever offered to house purchasers! Price £495 or £50 deposit and 12/9 (63p) weekly. Houses with brick-built garage and outhouse £550. A few to let at 15/- (75p) weekly. – Advertisement. 35 03 09b & c

Cambridge council's decision not to purchase the 1890 electricity undertaking hardly came as a surprise. Only the members of the Labour Party who believe in public ownership of all utility services were in favour. The undertaking would have had to be split into two parts but the Company offered to reduce the price of supply by 25 per cent if the council waived their option. Several councillors are not averse to taking over the whole concern when it comes up again in 1945 35 03 09e

Anchor inn demolished photo 35 03 09d
Thomas Alfred Walker, Peterhouse, death 35 03 09f
Cambridge Vaudeville artists entertain 35 03 09f

1935 03 11
A poultry farmer appeared on a charge of wilful murder after his wife had been found shot dead in their home at Broughton. It is but a small village but a good many people heard nothing of the happenings. Even picture-goers at Huntingdon did not sense a tragedy when a message was flashed on the screen at the Hippodrome requesting a young man in the audience to go immediately to the village. He was a nephew of the dead woman. 35 03 11 & a

1935 03 13
A packed public meeting at Cambridge Guildhall voted against plans for a new building and called on the council to remodel the front to a more dignified style of architecture. Cambridge was a treasure house of architectural gems and they had no right to hand down to posterity a freak building, a flat and uninteresting example of early 20th-century abominations. Another motion dealing with the question of shops on the Peas Hill side of the building received scant attention as most of the audience had left before the end. 35 03 13 & a

1935 03 14
The New Traffic Signals. Traffic signs announcing the 30 mph restrictions, which comes into force next Monday are being erected on the approaches to all 'built-up areas'. (Thursday). New Traffic Signs Disappear. Several of the new 30 mph signs on the outskirts of Cambridge were unofficially removed during the weekend, but have since been replaced. (Monday). Missing Speed Limit Signs. A Trinity College undergraduate appeared in court charged with the theft of three of the new speed limit signs. (Thursday) 35 03 14, 35 03 21c

1935 03 15
Ely Beet Sugar Factory was charged with pollution of the River Ouse causing the death of thousands of fish in the river below Adelaide Bridge. The Company said pollution had occurred when the factory was not working and may have come from the sewage works. They employed 700 men during each campaign, were a tremendous benefit to farmers and an injunction would mean they had to stop working. The man who owned the fishing rights said there was bad feeling: he had been in shops in Ely where people refused to serve him and a wheel had come off his motor car after he'd left it near the factory 35 03 15

Great Ouse Catchment Board has constructed a large-scale model of the River Ouse depicting the area from Earith to the Wash and ten miles out to sea. There is no other tidal model like it in the world. It stretches for seventy feet in a shed off Coldham's Road, shows the various sluices and has a huge plunger which mimics the raising and lowering of the tide. This will enable engineers to study the effects of plans to improve the outfall and drainage of the fens which has been made necessary because of the ever-continuing shrinkage of the land. 35 03 15b

Ely Sugar Beet factory pollution case - 35 03 15a, 35 03 19, 35 03 27

1935 03 16
Peas Hill demolition for Guildhall - 35 03 16
Cartoon on coming of 30 mph restrictions - 35 03 16

1935 03 18
30mph road signs stolen - 35 03 18

1935 03 19
Ely beet factory, p5

1935 03 20
Backs tree demolished - 35 03 20

1935 03 21
Briscoe Snelson gave a lecture of exceptional interest on the Ouse and its tributaries, showing several beautiful slides of the scenery. This was a stretch near the Godmanchester-St Neots road where the river ran alongside the rail-road and every morning an enthusiast would wait to race the 'Flying Scotsman' with his motor boat. "Elsworth was a photographer's paradise. It has no traffic problems, is on the bus route and has no petrol pump. It is a typical Cambridgeshire village, and I hope it will not change", he said. 35 03 21a & b

Speed signs undergraduate, p5

1935 03 22
The new motor tug 'Sheldrake', which has been built for the Great Ouse Catchment Board for use in the Wash, took advantage of the seasonal rise in the water to travel from King's Lynn to St Ives towing a string of barges to collect osiers for the East Stone Bank contract. It is the first time for 20 years that a vessel of this kind as been seen as far up-river. The last vessel to carry a cargo through St Ives arrived in August 1915 with potatoes. 35 03 22a

The Great Ouse River Board has reconstructed the century-old locks and sluice at Over so that one of their big steam dredgers can pass through. It is now dredging a channel with a minimum depth of 3ft 6ins through to St Ives. All the locks are now in order as far as Godmanchester but it will be some time before a deep channel can be dredged all that way. A great deal of spoil has to be removed from the river. 35 03 22a

1935 03 23
Suffragette pic, p8

1935 03 26
Sir. Any of your readers who have laid their loved ones to rest in the beautiful old churchyard of St Mary's are invited to subscribe to the Longstowe Churchyard and War Memorial Preservation Fund. This will erect and maintain a fence around the churchyard and to keep the resting place of loved ones in a pleasing manner. It also embraces the war memorial, which we are going to remove to the village

pound. This will be fenced and a tree planted to mark the great Silver Jubilee of the King and Queen on May 6th. F. Holloway, Chairman of the Parish Meeting 35 03 26

1935 03 27
University authorities are seeking to control the giving of large sherry and cocktail parties in undergraduates' rooms. Now a host wishing to give a party for more than 15 people will have to obtain permission from his tutor and the Junior Proctor. Parties of more than five members of the university held in any tavern or public room also need written permission or the owner will be liable to be discommuned. Another change bans garages from supplying motor cars to undergraduates on hire purchase without the tutor's approval. 35 03 27

Coad's new store, beside Woolworth's in Sidney Street, with its new arcade and island cases is a glowing example of the shop fitter's craft. There are now three floors and the splendid oak-panelled stairway has been retained. The fashion salons are already quite famous for their remarkable values in coats, woollies and blouses and the millinery salon is well lit. At the farther end lies the Lingerie and Corsetry Salon and a Younger Ladies' Department where the woman to today can shop like mother does. 35 03 27a

1935 03 28
The work of the Estuary Company had been of great assistance to the drainage of the fens. Had the tidal cut not been made between King's Lynn and the sea it was probable that Lynn would have been like Eye, an internal city, and the river would have disappeared. A model had been made of the stretch of Ouse between Denver and Lynn with a plunger mechanism to replicate the action of the tides. It was the largest of its kind in the world and would enable engineers to study data. 35 02 28 & a

1935 03 29 CS
Introducing the Cambridge Standard. 35 03 29&(2)(5)CS # c.04

Home of the Standard: offices in Regent Street. 35 03 29(7)CS # c.04

Tidal model of Ouse set in operation. 35 03 29CS

Coad's of Cambridge: notes on W.A. Coad and his shop. 35 03 29(3)CS

Cambridge Steam Laundry: advertisement. 35 03 29(4)CS

Assize records of the Seventeenth Century by W.M. Palmer. 35 03 29(6)CS

Guy Priest, 'The Stroller' will have weekly article on nature subjects. 35 03 29(8)ES

Ring Road continued: photo of road from Hills Road to junction Mowbray Road and Queen Edith's Way. 35 03 29(9)CS

Ald W.C. Jackson welcomes the 'Standard'. 35 03 29(10)CS

1935 03 30
Those who worked or lived at the First Eastern General Hospital huts in Burrell's Walk immediately after the war will be sorry to learn that many of the huts that were transferred from there to Manea for use as hen houses have been destroyed by fire. A big enterprise had been built up at Fodder Fen by Mrs Harry Crouch, who was a pioneer of the intensive system of poultry keeping. The long rows of sheds have been a familiar sight to those travelling by train but now about a quarter of a mile of them have been burnt. 35 03 30a

In the near future all telephone subscribers in the district – about 3,500 of them – will receive instructions in the working of the new dial system that will come into operation in May. It is rather a

terrible thought that when we lift off the receiver we shall not hear the customary melodious voice at the other end saying 'Number Please' but shall have to do our own dialling. If we get the wrong number we shall have no one but ourselves to blame 35 03 30a

Hundred Houses new estate Fallowfields pic - 35 03 30

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1935 04 02
The High Court heard evidence on the state of the River Ouse. An expert witness said the river in Ely was grossly polluted with discharge from water closets. Ely Sewage Works were entirely obsolete and useless: the mud downstream was very foul with traces of tar oil coming from the Gas Works and Ouse Catchment Board Depot. But only cooling and condensing water passed into the river from the Sugar Beet Factory. A fisheries expert said the death of fish in 1933 and 1934 was caused by sewage pollution and not the factory. 35 04 02b

There are 4,000 road haulage contractors in the area today and 1,000 will be out of it in the next two or three years. They will lose their jobs, licences, vehicles and livelihoods. The Government was railway minded. Legislation never seemed to stop and it always seemed to favour the railways rather than the roads. But the whole transport world cannot be swept out at the pleasure of the railway companies. Somebody has got to carry on the road service of this country. Membership of the Cambridgeshire Road Haulage Association had jumped to 120. More would follow as even a haulage contractor had a flash of intelligence sometimes! Instead of being caned by successive government they should go to the Minister and speak with one voice, a meeting was told 35 04 02 & a

1935 04 03
Fordham Parish Council had contacted B.C.H. Electricity Company to seek costs for lighting the streets but they had not replied. Soham Gas Company intended to run mains to the village and enquiries were made of them. Any scheme had to be approved by two-thirds of the electorate but a large number of people could not afford to pay their rates now and this would mean another 1s 6d in the pound. 35 04 03

1935 04 04
There is no doubt the Peace Ballot has made Cambridge people face the vital questions. Results show nearly all wanted Britain to remain a member of the League of Nations and an all-round reduction of armaments by international agreement. The manufacture and sale of armaments for private profit should also be prohibited. If a nation insisted on attacking another the others should compel it to stop by economic measures or, if necessary, by force under the auspices of the League and preferably by an International Police Force. 35 04 04

Dr Herbert Allen Giles of Selwyn Gardens, formerly Professor of Chinese and at one-time H.M. Consul at Ningpo left gross estate of the value of £23,614. He willed £1,000 to his faithful housekeeper, Mabel Slinton and legacies to others who helped make his life bearable. They include Mabel Faiers-Pikett (late housemaid), Alice Ryder and E.M. Halls (cooks) and his 'trusty housemaid' Dorothy Baker to whom he left £100 and £15 for each year of service over three years 35 04 04

1935 04 05
Ely Sugar Beet Factory was cleared by the High Court after large number of fish had died. River conditions were analogous to those of a septic tank. The bed of the Ouse had not been dredged for thirty years and was filled with impurity which was disturbed by the considerable barge traffic. Ely sewage outfall was of an exceedingly objectionable and dangerous character and there were drains connected with the Gas Works from which noxious matter found it way into the river. But the only discharge from the factory was condenser water 35 04 05

Carlton aviation enthusiast killed in accident at Kelshall – 35 04 05a

Monkey in blue blazer as rowing mascot – 35 04 05a

The Chivers family have suggested the name 'Impington Village College' for the new school to be built on land they have donated. Magdalene College may be interested in certain of the original portions of Impington Hall and the library fittings and some of the panelling might be incorporated in the new College. Ultimately the land round the 13-acre site may be opened up as a building estate and this should be considered when the new college is planned. 35 04 05b

1935 04 06
Post office telephone engineers have been installing the switches and relays necessary to complete the new Cambridge automatic exchange. It the most up-to-date in the country and incorporates new features. Soon subscribers will hear what is known as the 'ringing' tone -'burr-butt-burr-burr'. If the number is engaged another tone – 'buzz-buzz-buzz-buzz' will be heard while a continuous high-pitch sound means it is unobtainable. Those uncertain of what these mean can dial '91' for a demonstration 35 04 06 & b

"A broadcast of the future": old rowers watch race on large TV screen – 35 04 06a

1935 04 08
Residents need not be alarmed by the appearance of heavy bomber aeroplanes during the next few nights. A tactical exercise will involve bombers flying a series of 'co-ordinated attacks' on selected military targets to introduce new crews to the role of the night bomber. It will provide actual practice in extended navigation and the technique of bombing by night, the co-ordination of raids and the employment of the signals organisation. But there will be no 'bombing' in this neighbourhood and no explosive bombs will be dropped anywhere. It is essential these exercises should be carried out during the hours of darkness and the Air Ministry is to restrict night flying to the minimum possible. 35 04 08

1935 04 09
The Chief Constable said he was unable to effectively enforce the new 30 mph speed limit in Cambridge. He needs two more constables to carry out motor patrol work, bringing the total up to four, and a Ford V8 30 hp motor car should be purchased for £210 to replace the solo motor cycle. The combination machine should be retained. 30 05 09

1935 04 10
Demolition work on Peas Hill for the new Guildhall has led to an architectural discovery of outstanding interest. It has revealed the residence and business premises of a well-to-do Tudor merchant which was subsequently divided up into a detached and two semi-detached houses. The magnificent front was covered up with lath and plaster in the reign of Queen Anne and finished with mock bricks. Dummy eaves were also added. Now each piece has been carefully taken down and numbered for preservation and re-erection. 35 04 10

Corporation proposals for the widening and improvement of Sidney Street and the lower part of Petty Cury met with vigorous opposition. In 1922 they had taken powers to prescribe frontage lines and in 1924 when Messrs Woolworth's and Sainsbury's came to Cambridge they agreed to set back their premises and gave the land to the Council. Various other places were reconstructed and now the frontage line had been prescribed from Sainsbury's to Millers with the exception of Almond's and the Prudential Assurance Company. The Surveyor said the street was urgently in need of widening to cope with increased traffic. The Livingstone Hotel had been carried on in Sidney Street for 30 years. Under street widening proposals they would be left with the second, third and fourth floors which they could not get at at all. It was used by travellers who could not afford more expensive hotels. 35 04 10 & a, 35 04 11

1935 04 11
At Laurie & McConnal buyers can see what new furniture will look like in a room. One of their big showrooms has been partitioned off to represent drawing rooms, bedrooms and even a kitchen. Each has been furnished and decorated with harmonised carpets and wallpapers. Chesterfield suites can be bought for nine guineas cash or through a no deposit hire purchase scheme. There is no other display like this in the Eastern Counties. So popular has it proved that the firm are going to build another forty rooms! 35 04 11a

1935 04 12
The court heard that in 1933 Ely RDC had appointed a Cambridge architect to oversee the construction of 20 houses at Camping Close, Littleport. Local firms had tendered for the work. An auditor discovered that the cost of fitting out 12 houses came to £839 but payment of £3,174 had been authorised including £3,012 to the builder personally. The architect said he'd taken the prices from lists and was not aware that the contractors got them so cheap. A witness saw £50 being handed to a builder in one-pound notes, no receipt was requested but the architect asked for a blank billhead. Another firm also working on the site did not want anything in writing about it. 35 04 12 & a
& 35 04 16

1935 04 15
Cambridge proposed swimming stadium Parkside design 35 04 15 & 15a
History of Cambridge savings banks – 35 04 15b & c

1935 04 17
In a little cottage in Union Lane, Chesterton, men on the way to the Institution can now, for a few hours daily, experience something of the comfort of home life. The once rather dilapidated house has been transformed into a cosy Wayfarers' rest. Brightly-distempered walls and a roaring fire make it a comfortable place. On arrival they are given tea and a cigarette. Upstairs is a tiny chapel where prayers are said with a bible reading for any who care to attend. 35 04 17

Cambridge Photographic Club Cine Group films included 'Yarmouth Scene' by E.J. Twinn showing the curious narrow 'Rows', the great herring season and a tragedy of the sea – a great cargo boat being destroyed by fire. E.F. Watson showed his travel film 'Glorious South Devon' and Arnold Darlington displayed 'Puffin Island'. The tit-bit was the group's 1935 film 'Morning' which starts in a leisurely strain and ends with the workers and school children beginning their day. The actors, Mrs A. Twinn and Mr E.F. Watson are to be congratulated on their performance. 35 04 17a

1935 04 18
New road connecting Mowbray Road with Hills Road – Glebe or Holbrook – photo – 35 04 18

1935 04 20
The name of Bertram Mills is famous throughout the circus world. His two sons Cyril and Bernard were both up at college some 12 years ago. Cyril, who was at Corpus, had rooms with Miss Goff who now keeps a University lodging house at Maid's Causeway. She remembers him as one of a happy party of four at the house, all of whom used to ride motor-cycles. He took his MA degree the last time the circus was in Cambridge, three years ago. 35 04 20a

Good Friday stalls on Parker's Piece – photo – 35 04 20

1935 04 23
Sir – this country has not produced a mask to safeguard us against an attack of modern gas. For two years I have worked in the anti-war movement I founded in a room in Cambridge to protest against war-like manoeuvres and to organise against war. It is the workers who are called upon to fight, to make munitions and pay for it afterwards and trade unionists should take the lead in opposing it. – W.G. Doel, Hope Street, Cambridge – 35 04 23

1935 04 24
Professor Peter Kapitza, a leading University physicist, who went to Russia to attend a conference last summer, has been told that he cannot return to Cambridge. Lord Rutherford, director of the Cavendish Laboratory, has described it as 'a severe shock and most unfortunate'. A special Royal Society Mond Laboratory was built with machines producing as much electrical power as those at Battersea Power Station, when Kapitza carried out experiments with them mild 'earthquake shocks' occurred in the building. 35 04 24

1934 04 25
An East Anglian Egg Packing Station was opened at Mildenhall with up-to-date machines for handling and grading eggs which will mainly be sold in the London market. 35 04 25

1935 05 26
An inquiry was held at St Ives into proposals to build a public convenience in White Hart Lane. The market was important, bringing many people to the town and such a building was necessary. But Mrs Saint considered it would devalue her property in East Street and Mr Skeels, who owns two houses in the Quadrant, thought the council should utilise some of the land lying idle in the present market place. The Town Clerk said this would be unsightly. 35 04 26

Saffron Walden Westminster Bank manager, P. Cubitt, retires 35 04 26a

Burnt Fen Drainage Commissioners presented James Luddington, formerly of Audley House Littleport, with a silver salver on his retirement as Chairman after 50 years. His father and grandfather had filled the post before him back to 1849. Sir Frederick Hiam said this was unique in drainage history of the fens. They were now one of the best-drained districts for which Mr Luddington deserved the greatest credit 35 04 26a

1935 04 26 CS
The secret room at Shudy Camps, house of the Dayrells. Mansion Houses of Cambs, no.2. 35 04 26CS

1935 05 24 CS
An ancient dove cote, Shepreth: photo. 35 05 24CS

1935 04 27
The news that the Festival Theatre is definitely closing will come as a severe blow. When Joseph Gordon Macleod took over from Terence Gray two years ago he set out to make it a very definite part of the life of Cambridge. Not only has he worked tremendously hard but he has also sacrificed every penny of his personal capital and it a great blow that Cambridge has not supported him. One is equally sorry for the company which was developing into one of the strongest repertory companies in the country. Now they will be split up. 35 04 27

1935 04 29
Cambridge Salvation Army's earliest days, 50 years ago were recalled by the Mayor, Ald Ralph Starr. He told how a band from Liverpool had come to give them a send-off: "I remember seeing them go down King Street, a singing multitude of people thronging around the band, who were trying to play, and some lads and lasses marching behind. The crowd were not only hustling and pushing them but dealing out blows to those who were playing. Several bandsmen had blood on their faces, but they did not retaliate. It was that which affected me most", he said. 35 04 29

Photographer, p5

1935 04 30
Anti-Nazi play at Festival Theatre – photo – 35 04 29a

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1935 05 01
The Guildhall Protest Committee criticised plans for a useless portico of a most ornate and incongruous style which could be 'put on cold' in from of the proposed façade of the new Guildhall in two years time if the town really wanted it. They maintained the main entrance should be on Market Hill. It would allow a terrace which would form a platform for addressing meetings on Market Hill and give a façade of distinction that the people strongly desire. There was also intense feeling regarding the question of shops on the Peas Hill side 35 05 01

Plans for the construction of new roads alongside the River Lark from Isleham to Prickwillow and from Tunnel Drove, Soham will shorten the distance to the Beet Sugar Factory by four miles. 35 05 01a

1935 05 02
Lord Eltisley spoke of the record of the National Government. If the Socialists had remained in office we should have been in a state of chaos. We required a stable, strong and safe Government and in Stanley Baldwin had a leader in the best tradition of British statesmanship. Signs were not lacking that storms were blowing up and we might again be approaching a crucial period. In Germany young people were bring brought up in a creed of glorification of arms. Now they had order 12 new submarines. Our best defence was to be prepared against sudden attack 35 02 02 & a

1935 05 03
A number of shoppers at Messrs Robert Sayle's new store accepted the invitation of Mr J.W. Pretty to take morning coffee in the library, in celebration of the opening of the store after the improvements which have been carried out. These have made conditions very much better for shoppers: there is now twice as much sales room as before and the whole store has been opened up. The fact that the store is now one of a chain means that values are better than ever before, and will remain so 35 05 03

Death John Collin, Rob Roy Boat Club 50 years – 35 05 03a & b

The water situation at the Elsworth end of Boxworth is very unsatisfactory. Water from the pond by the roadside is practically unusable, some of the inhabitants had to go half a mile for water and a proper public supply is urgent. At Longstowe part of the parish had to depend on water from roofs. This proved inadequate and of unsatisfactory quality. The distance from some of the houses to be nearest standpipe was considerable. It should be a simple matter to carry the pipe line along the village street to the railway bridge with a standpipe provided near the houses on the Old North Road also Kirtling & Over 35 05 03c

1935 05 04
Jubilee decorations Downing Street corner – pic – 35 05 04

One of the most memorable features of the Jubilee celebrations for King George V will be a retrospect of the reign which has been prepared by Prof Harold Temperley for broadcasting. He calls it a radio dramatic and historical drama. He was assisted in his research in the Royal Archives by Miss Sybil Crowe, a former student of Girton and the gifted and artistic producer was by Lawrence Gilliam formerly of Peterhouse. Both were formerly his pupils. 35 05 04a

Photo of Mayor Ald George Stace and Chief Constable Holland en route Westminster Abbey fir coronation of King George – 35 05 04b

The Soviet authorities actions in retaining Prof P. Kapitza in Russia has profoundly disturbed the University and the scientific world. Lord Rutherford has written to The Times stressing the importance of his work and the reasons it should be continued in the new Royal Society Mond

laboratory at Cambridge which was constructed and equipped for him. Even under ideal conditions it would require much time to reconstruct the unique equipment in Russia 35 05 04c

1935 05 06
Jubilee celebrations – see 35 05 07

1935 05 07
Cambridge was decorated for the Jubilee celebrations of King George V. The gayest part covered the main shopping centre where everyone had apparently tried to do better than his neighbour. One of the most original efforts was seen in a grocery shop where a number of eggs gad been dyed red and blue and made with some white-shelled eggs into the shape of the Union Jack. A music and cake shop, neighbours, had joined together to produce an effective display with lengths of red white and blue silk draped across the front of their premises while a gay display outside an insurance office attracted a great deal of attention 35 05 07a

In the evening of Jubilee Day the King's speech was relayed by means of loud speakers on Jesus Green. It came through with great clarity and was listened to with rapt attention by many thousands of people. The relay was carried out by Messrs Morley and Duke by means of amplifiers installed near Jesus Green Swimming Bath. Afterwards Josephine's Ladies Gipsy Ban played for dancing 35 05 07b

Cambridge Jubilee celebrations – 35 05 07c & d & e & f

Joshua Taylor six reigns of service – 35 05 07h

1935 05 08
Newmarket & Mildenhall jubilee celebrations – 35 05 08

One of the most pleasing features of Ely celebrations for the Silver Jubilee of King George V was the happy atmosphere which prevailed at the dinner for the unemployed, their wives and aged folk which was served at the Central Hall and the Women's Institute. Three hundred sat down to roast beef, baked potatoes, cabbage, fruit tart and custard. There were cigarettes for the men and sweets in red, white and blue bags for the women. Jubilee caskets containing goods were sent to 300 who were unable to attend. 35 05 08b & c

Sir. During the Cambridge Jubilee Celebrations two men went into the marquee and set light to a box of rubbish which they thought contained fireworks. Had it done so it would have caused a considerable loss of life as it stood next to a box containing a large supply of explosives. Fortunately brave men dragged it out and threw it into the river. Will the two who did this dastardly deed meet my two sons, who might have lost their lives, on the lawn of the Croft, Primrose Street and take their medicine in strict privacy? I will guarantee no names shall be mentioned or action taken – Capt E.A. Longley. Organiser Jubilee Celebrations 35 05 08c

Proposals to erect a bridge over the railway at Six-Mile-Bottom level crossing were opposed by the Parish Council because they thought it would spoil the beauty of the place. It would make the main road a racing track whereas if the traffic was held up, as at present, it gave country people a chance to get across. It would also affect the livelihood of shopkeepers and petrol-sellers. But this was a trunk road and the level crossing was very awkward. A subway would be very expensive and much more dangerous and the only way improve it was through a by-pass road. 35 05 08d

1935 05 09
A new road from Isleham alongside the River Lark to Prickwillow would benefit the whole of the parish: "It is a place of all places on earth that most people would object to live in in consequence of its situation and the road would bring Isleham out of the rut and help employment", said Coun, Moore. Half the cost would be obtained from the Ministry of Transport though there were some very

light-fingered gentlemen in Parliament and when short of money they dived their hands into funds they were not entitled to. 35 05 09

Children celebrate Jubilee, cinema show – 35 05 09a

1935 05 10
The Medical Officer said that nos.1-4 Wesleyan Cottages, Chapel Street, Exning were unfit for human habitation; each contained one living room and two bedrooms, and there were a total of six occupants. But the Wesleyan Church Trustees said they were clean inside and could be put into a satisfactory condition, the rents were paid regularly and the tenants wished to remain in occupation. Another property at Mayes Yard, Church Street had eight rooms and ten occupants, the tenants had the use of a garden and the cottages could serve a useful purpose to the community for some years. 35 05 10

End of Jubilee celebrations – big crowds at Christ's Pieces – 35 05 10a

1935 05 11
The new West Chesterton children's playground off Histon Road was opened by the Mayor and hundreds of youngsters thronged the ground for the occasion. Since it was bought as an orchard three years ago an immense amount of work had been necessary. It was not complete and they were hoping for swings and perhaps a roundabout later. It is primarily intended for younger children and not for the playing of hard-ball games such as cricket but old and middle-aged people could also enjoy the ground for sitting about. 35 05 11b

Any withdrawal of assistance for the sugar beet industry would be a disaster to farmers. The subsidy was granted to keep the land under the plough and without it hardly one of the county smallholders would pay his rent. It had kept in regular work hundreds of men who would otherwise have been laid off. But the subsidy was given first 11 years ago to establish the new industry and the cost to the State to produce sugar worth 5s was 12s 6d. 35 05 11 & a

Architect and builders accused of conspiring to cheat Melbourn RDC – 35 05 11c

Death Prof Francis Crawford Burkitt – Prof Divinity – 35 05 11b

Many who frequent the University Botanic Gardens will be sorry to learn of the death of 'Tommy', the old pony who had been a familiar sight for 30 years. He had reached the great age of 35 and was a special favourite with children who loved to take him sugar and other little dainties. Old ladies too used to make quite a fuss of him. Tommy helped to pull the lawn mower and was working up to a few days ago 35 05 11c

1935 05 13
The number employed by the Disabled Persons Workshop has varied from 9 to 10; two are doing piece work in their homes, not being able to attend at the shop. Unfortunately three who are employed are not eligible for the deficiency grants from the Ministry of Labour which has hit the income. It has been a disturbed year owing to the difficulty of finding suitable premises in Cambridge for a shop. The workshops in Gloucester Street are out of the way and they had to leave Peas Hill because of demolitions, meaning there was nowhere to sell their goods. The new premises in Trumpington Street are outside the shopping centre and the rents and rates are a strain 35 05 13

Tuberculosis officer retires – 35 05 13a
Memorial service for Captain Cook's widow – 35 05 13a

1935 05 14
Cambridge General Cemetery Company asked that the Corporation take over control of the Histon Road Burial Ground which was established nearly 100 years ago by a private company. There are still

a number of private grave spaces available for burials and it would be in the public interest. This was agreed 35 05 14

1935 05 15
Sunday bathing in Ely protest – 35 05 15 & a

1935 05 16
Lofts Hall, Wendons Loft was destroyed by a fire which raged through the night. The blaze started in the modern part of the building which was inhabited by the gamekeeper, two gardeners and their families. The mansion, which contains over 50 rooms, was completely gutted and all efforts to save Tudor features including some fine old chimneys and carvings of antique interest were unavailing. Before the war the Hall was the residence of Sir James Bailey who made additions to the structure. It is now home to a London stockbroker. 35 05 16c

Councillors argued over proposals for the Guildhall. Some wanted to spend £200,000 on the old building and still have a patchwork quilt, whereas they could have an entirely new one for £150,000. Peas Hill never had been and never would be a business centre and shops there would never be a paying proposition. The dispute had started with an unfortunate illustration of the façade in the 'Sunday Times' but the design was undoubtedly a dignified building of its kind and the average elector would vote for anything, if it were as ugly as sin, if it would only save a bit on the rates.. However Councillor Stubbs said if it had been built on Donkey Common as he'd suggested some years ago the council would not be in the muddle it was today. 35 05 16a & b

Bourn author D. Mordecai attempted hoax – 35 05 16b

1935 05 17
Cambridge University and Town Gas Light Company needed to lay a main from their works in Newmarket Road to Cam Road. The first proposal was to lay it under the river but negotiations were opened with a view to the erection of a footbridge which would serve the Company and also meet the growing needs of the residents in the neighbourhood. The cost would be £4,000 of which the Gas Company offered to pay a quarter providing the skeleton of the bridge was provided during this financial year 35 05 17

1935 05 18
Cambridge Drawing Society exhibition includes many local views including 'Peas Hill' by Dorothy E. Bradford, 'Pembroke College' by Joyce Shillington Scales and Fenners by Mary Fyson. Fulbourn Mill has provided R.C. Lambeth with a subject. His detailed painting of the interior of the mill and its machinery will interest all with a mechanical turn of mind. Madame Raverat has some beautiful woodcuts including an unusually large cut of St John's Old Bridge printed from three wood blocks. 35 05 18

Here is a wonderful opportunity to inspect the miracle-ride Studebaker that is sweeping the country. Not even a £1,500 car can give you such a ride: its swiftness, silence, smoothness and cutter security must be experienced to be believed. Features include independent front wheel suspension, compound hydraulic brakes and full five seats. Prices: Dictator regular saloon £298, de-luxe saloon, fixed-head coupe or roadster £348. See the models in our showrooms. Tom Cox Motor Co. Ltd, Riley House, Chesterton Road – advert. 35 05 18a

1939 05 19
Broughton murder trial – 35 05 19

1935 05 21
According to the recent census taken for military purposes, Cambridge has a horse population of 779, excluding railway and military animals. This is abnormally high, being roughly twice as many as any other town of its size. In the riding horse and hunter class Cambridge takes fourth place in the country

but the town is poorly supplied with carriage and trap horses. People have forsaken the horse for wheeled outings though there are still a few residents who prefer to sit behind a horse instead of a petrol engine. It seems that the motor salesmen of Cambridge are extraordinarily efficient. 35 05

Newmarket Jockey Club suffered extensive damage as the result of a disastrous fire. The well-equipped billiards room presented a sorry sight, the lamps and ceiling having crashed on to the table and water pouring though like a tropical storm. Volunteers worked with great zest in clearing rooms of furniture, pictures and valuable oil paintings, some of which were spoilt by the heat. Standing apart are the residential quarters used by the King during his visit to Newmarket. It was the town's greatest fire for many years 35 05 21a

1935 05 22
Queens' College – demolition in Silver Street for new extensions – 35 05 22

1935 05 23
Queens' new buildings, p5
Ely traffic lights at Nutholt Lane – 35 05 23

1935 05 24
Matthew's bakery electrically-driven delivery van – 35 05 24

1935 05 25
The rector of Doddington has bought a remarkable stained glass window dating back to 1510. From the auction catalogue it seems that it was in the Strawberry Hill sale where Horace Walpole had a collection of stained glass which is believed to have come from Cambridge. Experts believe it is not the lost window from King's College Chapel though the subjects are the same though they are treated more clearly and not mixed up. The glass has been temporarily installed in several rooms at Doddington Rectory. 35 05 25

Christ's College library new stained glass window to William Skeat - 35 05 25

1935 05 27
Thomas Henry Connor, Cambridge dentist dies – 35 05 27

A large paraffin drum exploded during a blaze at Royston Brewery sending a sheet of flame into the sky like a long comet and causing more damage than the fire. The top of the drum knocked the troughing off the brewery building while the main body of the drum was hurled against the back wall of Mr F.J. Middleton's house with such force that the brickwork was knocked back half an inch. It then rebounded rebounding into the middle of his greenhouse. The thick steel 50-gallon oil drum was nearly empty before the fire. 35 05 27a

1935 05 38
Dr Wooster of the Scientists' Anti-War Committee said the proposed air-raid drills would be compulsory, getting civilians under war discipline and squashing anti-war activities. It was impossible to protect the population at large against air attack: we might conceivably protect the inhabitants of Haverhill by building shelters but not the whole of London. The Government would not supply gas masks, you must buy them for yourselves; they would cost about £20 and it was obvious that poor people could not afford it, he told a meeting in the Labour Hall, Norfolk Street. 35 05 28 # c.45.6

1935 05 31
What is believed to be a medieval burial ground has been revealed by the finding of skeletons during underpinning work at Spinney Abbey, Wicken. The house bears the date 1775 but is believed to be much older and the bodies were found below the wall. Two full-sized skeletons and another of a child were found close together with others nearby. The position of the bodies indicates a burial ground,

particularly as the house stands on the site of the old monastery which was said to be connected to Denny Abbey by a subterranean passage. 35 05 31 & a

1935 05 31 CS
Skeletons at Spinney Abbey discovered. 35 05 31CS

Cobham's air campaign: plans for a Cambridge visit. 35 05 31(2)CS

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1935 06 03
Over 3,000 farmers and workers attended an open-air demonstration at Ely to protest against the abandonment of State assistance to the sugar beet industry. It would mean disaster for agriculture. Without beet the eastern half of England would have fallen into desolation and become another distressed area. The 18 factories had installed machinery which consumed no less than three million tons of coal and coke as well as over one million tons of limestone and no fewer than 65 million bags. The cost of the industry had been worth it to the nation as money would otherwise have been spent on dole and poor relief. 35 06 03 & a

1935 06 04
The Mayor (Ald R. Starr) opened the Cambridge Trustee Savings Bank's new offices in Downing Street. "I believe there are people in this town who do not trust the banks", he said. "They still keep their savings in old stockings and I often come across people who keep their money in old pewter pots. If the people of Cambridge will only feel it is their bank, and that they can deposit their money feeling it is safer than it would be in their own cottages, it would be a good thing". The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Neville Chamberlain, sent a telegram wishing the bank success. 35 06 04 & a

1935 06 05
Cambridge Town Council was among the pioneers of town planning, the Mayor (Ald R. Starr) told a conference. "We town planned the eastern portion of our Borough in 1927. Why we did such a small portion I cannot understand, though I was chairing the committee, but we got on with it very satisfactorily. In 1928 we launched the Cambridge and district town-planning scheme and since then have been sticking very truthfully to it, dealing with difficult problems". Town planning is not smooth. It is full of snags with so many people to consult, he warned. 35 06 05 & a

1935 06 06
Town planning, p3

1935 06 07
It will cost less to wash in Cambridge from now on, thanks to the Cambridge University and Town Waterworks Company's new water-softening station at Cherry Hinton whose plant was designed by Messrs Roby of London. They were a public utility company which while it had a duty to their shareholders, also had a duty to the public. So when in 1934 the Company had at long last freed itself from the heavy financial drain incurred by the obsolescence of the old Fulbourn pumping station, much consideration was given to the problem of how subsequent revenue surplus could be handed back to its customers. 35 06 07 & a

Godmanchester medical officer said only a small percentage of the houses had water closets and baths. He had tested 30 wells and found that in 21 the water was unfit for drinking because in dry weather the water from the drains ran into them. He strongly advised the council to put in a pure water supply. But they did not want to put great burdens on the ratepayers. During the financial crisis of 1931 the council thought it was not time to embark on big expenses, in 1932 nothing was done and in 1933 they'd asked Huntingdon if it was possible to draw from their water supply. 35 06 07 b & c

1935 06 08

The official announcement that Stanley Baldwin is to succeed Ramsey MacDonald as head of the Government is of special interest to Cambridge because it is the first time in history that we have had a statesman occupying the position of Prime Minister and Chancellor of the University at one and the same time. Nothing has commended Baldwin more to the public than the loyal way he, as an ex-Prime Minister, has served under Mr Macdonald in the last six years. Now MacDonald is to serve under him 35 06 08a

The finest Chinese actor of today, Mr Mei Lan-fang, who has to have a three-strong bodyguard to protect him from kidnappers, visited the Festival Theatre. He granted the News his first interview ever to an English newspaper for Chinese actors have a genuine dislike of publicity in every shape and form. As Mr Mei could not speak English, and the reporter knew no Chinese, the conversation was conducted through an interpreter. He is actually a female impersonator for in China women do not take part in classical drama. 35 06 08

1935 06 11
Catherine Parsons said people believed that midnight was the hour when ghosts would be seen. No one would pass the Roman road crossing to Streetley End for fear of being pelted with large things like apple dumplings. But Horseheath ghosts were quite harmless and included a poor girl whose coming was heralded by a sound like buzzing bees, three headless women dressed in black who wandered in from Camps and a headless man with a red handkerchief around his neck. The finest spectacle was a coffin borne up Limbery's Hill followed by a long procession of mourners. 35 06 11 & a

1935 06 12
Sir –Longstowe has scarcely advanced one iota this last fifty years. True we have been able to get a second delivery of letters and the postmaster now allows the postman to collect on Sunday afternoon. We have a public telephone and last year the County Council spared a little tar and gravel for the road. But we have had no farm workers' houses built since 1865 with three families living in one house. You will see the matronly schoolmistresses drilling boys of 14 in some sort of exercise while their fathers tramp the roads looking for work, but some young men cannot write their own names when they leave school – F. Holdway 35 06 12

1935 06 13
Huntingdonshire Agricultural Show – 35 06 13

1935 06 14
Undergraduates' misbehaviour – 35 06 14

1935 06 14 CS
West Wratting mill open play. 35 06 14CS

May Week carnival. 35 06 14CS

Strange powers of a Waterbeach butcher: G.H. Batten, water diviner. 35 06 14(2)(3)CS

1935 06 15
I dialled '0' and asked for Teversham 331. The answer came, "Marshall's Aerodrome". I said "How about that little trip we spoke of earlier". "Righto, come along at once. In a few minutes I arrived at the aerodrome and found a 'plane awaiting me. I tied my camera to a buttonhole in my mackintosh as we took off and made for Baitsbite where we could see the boats at First Post corner. Close co-operation between the pilot and myself was made easy by the speaking tubes and my helmsmen showed adaptability to the requirements of aerial photography, allowing me to obtain some interesting photographs. 35 06 15

The Cosmopolitan Cinema in Market Passage was started two years ago by Mr N. Openshaw Higgins as an experiment. Increasing numbers of people have welcomed the opportunity of seeing cultural films that do not appeal to be masses. Now it is moving to the new theatre being constructed in Peas Hill. There has been discussion as to the most suitable name for the new venture. The Arts Theatre was talked of, but a more likely choice now is the Market Theatre. 35 06 15b

1935 06 18
May Week entered its ballroom phase with the twinkle of fairy lights and the dazzle of evening frocks. The biggest ball was that arranged by the First and Third Trinity Boat Club which was attended by 1,200 people. The flood-lit bridge stood out pearly white against the shadowy outlines of college buildings and hundreds of fairy lanterns made a necklace of living fire round the lawns of the Backs while Chinese lanterns hung in the trees along with coloured light indicators which showed the number of the dance in progress. Here and there a brazier gleamed dully, spitting steam in protest against the rain which sought to dampen their fire. 35 06 18

1935 06 20
The Theatre Cinema returned to a programme of cine-variety with a programme of stage turns and films. The variety bill is headed by that inimitable comedian, Max Miller, 'the cheeky chappy'. All his jokes have the air of spontaneity and his suggestion of breezy good humour is infectious. The stage programme includes the most daring roller-skating acts we have seen, a juggler and a young lady who has achieved success as a wireless crooner. The principal film is 'The Personality Kid' with a clever cartoon and the News. 35 06 20

A number of readers of the 'CDN' saw the town from a new angle. Winners of our Free Flights Competition in connection with Sir Alan Cobham's air display went on a formation flight round the town. A number went up in the 10-seater air-liner while others took a 'flip' in the open planes which take part in the display. The rush of air past the face, the thrilling sensation as the plane dipped and the sight of Cambridge spread out mosaic-like made for an exhilarating experience and the winners walked more jauntily after their trip than they did before it! 35 06 20a

1935 06 21
A large granary at Longland's Farm, Fenton, near Warboys, was destroyed by a fire which began on the top floor where two tons of flake maize was stored. A week ago the maize, which was kept in sacks, was found to be overheated and was turned in order to cool down. At 10.40pm a maroon was fired in Ramsey to arouse the fire brigade and 15 minutes later they were at the scene. In a little more than half an hour they had the blaze under control. 35 06 21

Open-air theatre, p3

1935 06 22
The well-known dairy farmers J.M. Bull & son of Hills Road have won outright the silver challenge cups for clean milking at the County Show. Their cows are fed entirely on foods that produce the very best vitamin milk which is cooled immediately then bottled and delivered direct to the consumer within a few minutes. Milk produced under such hygienic conditions and from such healthy cows is undoubtedly the best form of food, as well as the cheapest as far as children are concerned. The same scrupulous care is also given to their cream cheese and the quality of their butter and cream is a by-word in Show circles. 35 06 22 & a

1935 06 24
Cobham's air display – 35 06 24

1935 06 26
The proposed Cambridge town planning scheme envisages a ring road to encircle the whole town with the construction of by-pass roads and the improvement of dangerous junctions. The level crossings on the Milton and Cherry Hinton roads will be replaced with bridges. An area of 190 acres on Milton

Road opposite the sewage farm acres is reserved for a municipal aerodrome with a municipal golf course off Trumpington Road 35 06 26a

The Parliamentary Land Drainage Committee discussed the prospects of flooding in Middle Level. Land 20 feet above the normal height of spring tides should be subject to a drainage tax. This would bring in much of March and three-quarters of Whittlesey but Doddington and most of Chatteris would be exempt. In the past churches had been inundated and parishioners climbed the towers to get out of the water. People went from Lincolnshire by boat to take food to the folks in Terrington. 35 06 26 & a

1935 06 27
Stretham HMS Pinafore on the vicarage lawn – 35 06 27

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1935 07 02
An auction of John Evison's land at Fen Drayton was told that most lots had been sold privately to the Land Settlement Association. The auctioneer was sorry to disappoint people but the application was from a semi-public body concerned with settling families on the land from the depressed areas and deserved special consideration. The remaining lot comprised 56 acres of gravel-bearing land but it failed to reach the reserve price. 35 07 02

The largest number of British warplanes every assembled in one spot have arrived at RAF Mildenhall for the Silver Jubilee review. Three hundred and fifty in number, from 38 squadrons, 'planes of the bomber, night bomber and fighter type have turned the green aerodrome into a sea of silver. But poor visibility caused the practice take-off to be postponed twice and owing to the time it takes to get airborne only 200 of them will actually participate in the fly-past 35 07 02a # c.26.1

Royston paddling pool started – 35 07 02b

1935 07 04
A motor engineer told the bankruptcy proceedings that he'd started at a small lock-up garage at Chesterton in 1933, then moved to St Tibbs Row where he sold used cars. Next year he moved to Bridge Street. He advertised for a salesman, and three or four paid £50 and received a car. An investor put £500 into the business which was for the purchase of cars 35 07 04

1935 07 05
Excitement was caused at Mildenhall where the 350 aeroplanes – worth practically £1,000,000 – are assembled for the Royal review when fire broke out at Horrox sawmills, about a mile away from the aerodrome. The Royal Air Force received a telephone call asking for help and a lorry load of men armed with fire extinguishers was despatched together with a fire engine. It was the luckiest chance that the wind was blowing away at the time otherwise the fire would have spread with lightning rapidity and there would have been a danger of it reaching as far as the aerodrome. 35 07 05c

The King had 'Jubilee Weather' for his review of the Royal Air Force at Mildenhall Aerodrome where he inspected 28 squadrons of the RAF – five miles of aircraft in all – on the vast landing ground. The machines ranged from tiny 230 mph Gauntlets to giant bombers. Twice he left his car to learn some of the secrets of our latest flying machines including the power-driven machine guns mounted in the turret of an Overstrand bomber 35 07 05 & a

The tenant of the Red Lion at Trumpington had been there since 1916. Ff the licence was taken away he would be deprived of his livelihood & the Red Lion Self-Help Club would be broken up, magistrates heard. There were 34 allotment holders on ground belonging to the pub and half the allotment land in the village had already been lost on account of building. It was an old-fashioned house, very quiet and homely and the Feast was held in a field at the rear. They served teas to anybody who asked for them, but not much beer. The licence was renewed 35 07 05b

The Five Bells was one of five fully-licensed houses in Cherry Hinton. In 1920 the Hop Bine, next door, was done away with and the Russian Arms had been closed in 1912. Lacons the brewers said the extra penny on beer had hit sales. The Five Bells had been ringing harmoniously for a good many years to the comfort and convenience of the inhabitants and should be allowed to continue to ring a litter longer. The licence was renewed – 35 07 05b

This delightful brick-built bungalow, standing it its own grounds about three miles from Cambridge was originally built for a retired couple, and is designed not only as a labour-saving residence, but also allows for extensions when required. It has all modern conveniences with gas and electric throughout. Buses pass the door. The extensive garden is well cultivated and the whole property can be truly described as pictures. It has a lovely lawn, garden and fruit trees together with a good garage. Its original price was £900. What offers? Contact the Belfast Linen Warehouse, St Andrew's Street, Cambridge. – Advert 35 07 05d

Royal air force review, Mildenhall – 35 07 05c 35 07 06, 35 07 06a, 35 07 06b, 35 07 08

1935 07 05 CS
300 years of Cambridge bowls, 35 07 07CS # c.38 : bowls

1935 07 09
Four cottages, all unoccupied and condemned, were destroyed by a fire at Lolworth. A group of thatched cottages nearby were also threatened seriously for a time as a strong breeze fanned the flames that way, but the brigade poured tons of water on the burning houses and effectually quelled the danger. The buildings were made almost entirely of wood and plaster with tiled and thatched roofs and the powerful jets of water played on the wall from the back pushed them down almost instantly. 35 07 09

Roy Godfrey, son of the Swavesey Haulage Contractor, has been awarded an autographed Hobbs bat for his fine all-round performance in the 'News Chronicle' cricket competition for schoolboys. Playing for St Ives Grammar School he scored 46 runs and took six wickets for eight runs. He also took a difficult catch off a fast rising ball. Roy's performance is remarkable, as he lost his right arm as a result of an accident when he was five years old 35 07 09a

1935 07 10
Walter Worthington was executed at Bedford Gaol for the murder of his wife at Broughton, Hunts. He'd claimed the shooting was an accident as the gun went off in his hand. Two of his 13 children from his previous marriage witnessed the shooting. A crowd of several hundred gathered outside the prison gates. There were scores of children and some mothers carried babies. About a dozen police controlled the traffic. Just at 8 o'clock, the hour of execution, the many pigeons which congregate on the roof of the prison flew into the air 35 07 10

1935 07 11
Wisbech fire granary elevator – 35 07 11
Royston dustbins, p6

1935 07 12
Harvey Goodwin Home, p6

1935 07 13
Sidney Moon, p6

1935 07 16
Oakington isolation hospital, p5

1935 07 17
Stretham annual show – 35 07 17 & a

1935 07 18
Jesus Green playground chute – boy killed - 35 07 18 & a

1935 07 19
Huntingdonshire County Council decided to accept £5,000 from the Air Ministry for the Wyton Aerodrome and £3,000 for the lands adjoining. Alderman Wood Horn said this was of great interest both nationally and locally. The land at present is occupied by sanatorium buildings but this had served its purpose and the money could be used to pay off the outstanding debt on the hospital 35 07 19

1935 07 19 CS
The rare pines at Pampisford Manor. 35 07 19CS

1935 07 20 c
The Corner House Dart Club, runners-up in the Wells and Winch League, held an outing to Calais. Paddy Harris, of the Progressive Coaches, efficiently conducted the party throughout the day. The new luxury cross-channel liner, Queen of the Channel, was boarded at Southend and the party, with 1,600 other passengers returned home in a very merry mood, probably occasioned by the price of champagne!

1935 07 23
Cottages in Dolphin Lane, Melbourn, condemned for demolition – 35 07 23

1935 07 25
Two RAF 'Bulldog' planes taking part in night flying exercises over Cambridge had to make forced landings when they were caught in a thick mist which came up suddenly. The pilots looked for an emergency landing ground and saw the lights of Marshall's aerodrome below. One succeeded in landing just before the fog blotted out the lights but the other five had to keep on flying until one ran out of petrol and had to make a forced landing at Duxford. In doing so the machine crashed and the pilot was slightly injured. 35 07 25

1935 07 26
Pageant at Haslingfield White Hill. 35 07 26CS

1935 07 27
Sid Moon, the CDN cartoonist for six years, is leaving to take up a similar appointment on the 'Sunday Despatch'. Speaking in a dual capacity as editor and as 'Uncle Robin' (of the Robin Fellowship), Mr Morley Stuart said Mr Moon had produced cartoons which were full of clever ideas but never objectionable and expressed regret that the special Robin Goodfellow cartoon characters he had created had no 'gone back into the inkwell' 35 07 27

Workmen engaged in digging operations between Scotland Road and the new Eastfields housing estate at Chesterton came across a number of human bones. George Firman and Bert Jacobs found almost a complete face, several hundred years old but with the teeth in almost perfect condition. Experts say they could have come from the burial ground of one of the nunneries or that they may have been left behind by a research student 'going down' whose landlady buried them, not knowing what else to do 35 07 27a

Belisha Beacons have now been installed in Cambridge, whether we like them or not. They are on Market Street corner near Sainsbury's, between Christ's College and St Andrew's church, near the Midland Bank in Petty Cury, the 'Jolly Waterman' on Victoria Avenue and between Christ's Pieces

and New Square. It is just as well the undergraduates are not here to see their erection. Perhaps we shall all have become thoroughly accustomed to them where our young friends come up 35 07 27b

1935 07 31
George Collins, the Cambridgeshire glider champion, was killed during an exhibition flight in Huntingdonshire. He was being towed by an aeroplane and was released at a height of three thousand feet. He glided, did some turns and then two loops followed by a 'bunt' – the first half of an inverted loop. But the left wing folded upwards and came adrift. The glider was completely wrecked. He was an exceptionally skilled young man and no blame could be attached to anybody 35 07 31 & a

Lord Fairhaven has launched a very interesting scheme for the development of village beauty at Bottisham and Lode. He has offered prizes for which those owning small houses and cottages with a road frontage may compete with attention paid towards an increase of permanent beauty eg thatching, colour-washing, hedging or planting of trees or shrubs. He hopes that these two villages should stand out as examples of which a village may become by the efforts of its inhabitants. 35 07 31a

W.H. Woolworth is to open one of the most modern shops in Ely. Situated on Fore Hill, the store is built in the well-known style and provides a surprising area of shop space. The second floor is devoted to store rooms to which the stock is transferred by means of an electric lift. Every provision has been made for the staff with toilets and facilities for cooking meals. There is central heating throughout the building 35 07 31b

The Hundred House Society realised that young married people were not getting a very good chance of obtaining a house. Nothing in the world matters more that that they should have happy home lives and that marriage and the bringing up of children should be the happiest and jolliest business that could ever happen to them. Eastfields was the most beautiful housing scheme and those who had been selected would make very good tenants. The rents were set at what they could more-or-less comfortably pay, without the Society making excessive profits 35 07 31c

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1935 08 01
After a very close debate Cambridge councillors voted to continue lighting the streets with gas. Councillor Kenney said the lighting was bad and it was ridiculous to think of giving a ten years' contract to gas. Street after street was almost entirely one-sided as regarded lighting. Beyond Hills Road railway bridge all the lamps were on the left hand side and the place was in shadow. Nothing could take the place of electric lamps suspended over the streets. But in London where there were no long lines of electric wires from remote stations there had been a number of breakdowns. How much more would that apply to Cambridge? 35 08 01

1935 08 02
The new swimming bath on Coldham's Common was opened by the Mayor, Alderman R. Starr. There was some regret that his Worship did not take the first plunge into the 150 feet long pool, which takes its water from the high level stream, and youthful spectators had to be restrained from going in as soon as the doors were unlocked. There is a diving tower and spring board at the deep end with dressing sheds and a space fenced off for sun bathing. 35 08 02a

The foundation stone of the new Roman Catholic Schools in Union Road was laid by the Bishop of Northampton. Such schools were almost as important as churches. Catholics cannot be satisfied with a sort of elementary Christian faith: their children must be taught as soon as they are able to read and understand. Cambridge Catholics would have to make very considerable sacrifices: more than £8,000 would be required when the new schools were completed. 35 08 02

1935 08 02 CS

Tales of our villages by M.S. Gabrielle Breeze: stories founded on actual events: Haslingfield man hung 1381. 35 08 02CS

Lord Fairhaven scheme to award beauty in dwellings and gardens: Bottisham & Lode. 35 08 02CS

1935 08 03
Elsworth cottages destroyed by fire on Furbank's farm – 35 08 03

Town council and street lighting – 35 08 03a

Prince the Airedale dog owned by Mrs Rowell of Fair Street is one of the most persistent cadgers. His life-long occupation is to sit in a public house and beg for pennies from customers which he does by tapping their pockets with his muzzle to make them jingle. If he is offered a penny he goes to the counter and buyers a biscuit which he lays at the feet of the donor and waits for permission to eat. He also goes to the shop and buys a newspaper for his mistress every morning. 35 08 03b

Don't forget to 'touch wood' at Touchwood Cottage on the main Cambridge – Newmarket main road between Bottisham and Newmarket. You will get nice teas here, and light refreshments are served at all times at moderate charges. Open to midnight (Advertisement featuring photograph of the cottage) 35 08 03c

1935 08 06
Brinkley British Legion standard was dedicated in the grounds of Brinkley Hall. The Bishop of Ely said they owed a debt to those who had laid down their lives during war and also to the tens of thousands of men maimed, wounded, invalided, blind and incapable of profitable employment. He called on the ordinary man to exert himself in the cause of peace and pointed out the results of dictatorship 35 08 06

The management of the Theatre Cinema (New Theatre) have returned to their popular cine-variety policy. There are four excellent stage turns and an exceptionally fine film. A snappily presented singing and dancing act featuring Jack Lewis and his Rolling Stones with the Wellington Sisters forms the principal item in the stage show, combining dancing by a cheery trio, saxophone work and percussion 'fireworks'. Savona is a remarkable juggler while 'the racketeers of mirth, Roy Lester and Jack Cranston offer a quick-fire cross-talk act. Finally Sereno and June's head-to-head balancing and tumbling act has much which is new even in these days when vaudeville simply abounds with this kind of act. 35 08 06a

Fifteen thousand people flocked to the Conservative Association' Gogs fete on August Bank Holiday. The steady flow hardly stopped for a moment as they came by car, motor cycle, cycle and on foot. One is tempted to wonder how long it will be before visitors begin to arrive by air. Although entertainment predominated most of the competitions and side-shows were hushed while people crowded round the cricket ground to hear Lord Burghley, chairman of the Junior Imperial League. Many availed themselves of the rest lounge with a comfortable seat in the shade, a cigarette and a cooling drink, all for threepence. 35 08 06

1935 08 07
Hauxton bridge dangerous – 35 08 07

1935 08 08
There were ten back-to-back houses in London Road and The Warren, Royston. The living room was practically underground, there was no through ventilation, sanitary accommodation and water supply were inadequate and they were in a bad state of disrepair. A large amount would have to be spent to make them fit for human habitation and they should be demolished. But there were no vacant houses to which the tenants could go and they were quite content where they were, an Inquiry was told. 35 08 08

Probation report – 35 08 08a

Sawston water supply – 35 08 08a

1935 08 09
The Weights and Measures Inspector said he was shown into the vaults of the Sun Inn, Stretham, where he noticed some small glasses used when quarts were taken into the men who played dominoes. There was a quart measure with a broken spout which was a good mouthful short. He wanted to take it away but the landlady said he could not do that until she got another one, adding 'What am I to do tonight'. She said no one ever asked for a quart of beer nowadays but would not say what she used it for. 35 08 09

1935 08 10
Fire broke out in the New Street Council Schools. Large crowds flocked to Young Street to see the smoke pouring from the roof and many other people had views from upper windows. Firemen broke away the tiles and beams and poured water on the smouldering wood which then flowed through the classrooms where painters had been busy working. 35 08 10

Caius, p5

1935 08 12
Houses were threatened when a line of flame swept three-quarters of a mile of land from Trumpington to Hills Road. In Long Road helpers beat desperately at the flames to prevent them spreading along the hedges to the gardens of near-by houses whose residents used garden hoses to dampen them down Dozens of rabbits raced wildly over the charred ground and a leveret was turned into a living mass of flame. The verge caught alight, clouds of white smoke making it impossible for passing traffic to pass at more than a crawl. Vehicles were diverted via Cherry Hinton and all available police were mobilised to control the traffic and help fight the fire 35 08 12

1935 08 15
A special meeting was called to discuss a complaint from Marshall's Flying School who felt the council was obstructing their business by aligning a road across the existing aerodrome site so they could not compete with a planned municipal airfield. Councillor A.C. Taylor had gone away on vacation but on receiving the agenda had chartered an aeroplane to get to the meeting. Ald Stephen said there had been a number of underhand actions and he wanted an assurance that Marshall's would not be prejudiced. It was agreed that the previous resolution was not in order. 35 08 15

1935 08 16
Edward ('Ted') Phillips was Cambridge's best-known and most popular watermen. He was Light Blue waterman, or badgeman, up to the time of his death. He started work in a boatyard at the age of 12 and was appointed Varsity waterman in 1868, erecting starting and finishing posts, repairing boats and sometimes breaking ice on the river. As a coach he had some remarkable successes. One of his most prized possessions was a photograph of his father, his seven brothers and himself in an eight together 35 08 16

1935 08 16 CS
Ellington windmill being demolished prior to transfer to Madingley: photo. 35 08 16&(2)CS

Joe Mullins the boxer, gymnasium planned at Bottisham Bell Inn. 35 08 16(3)CS

1935 08 19
Sir – I am sorry to hear there is a proposal to construct an aerodrome near Cambridge. There is no town in England where one is less wanted. An aerodrome is the first and most legitimate target for the

bombs of enemy aircraft, which would soon wreck our priceless buildings. In peace time we should be worried day and night by the drone of aircraft engines. They should be placed away from cities and important railway junctions as aeroplanes may crash in flames at any time – J.E. Allen, Cambridge. 35 08 19

Two semi-detached cottages were completely destroyed by fire at Kirtling. The occupants, Edward Levell and George Potter, an engine driver employed at Cheveley, escaped without injury. Smoke was first seen rising from the thatched roof. It came from a smouldering beam and was extinguished but later the whole of the thatch suddenly blazed up. Furniture in the downstairs room was hurriedly dragged out and before the Newmarket rural fire brigade had time to arrive the two cottages were blazing fiercely. The nearest supply of water was a pond too muddy for use and the other source was half a mile away. 35 08 19a

1935 08 20
Eastfield Estate tenants committee formed – 35 08 20

Fire near East Hunts Waterworks Company premises Bourn – 35 08 20a

1935 08 21
Most of the villagers of Duxford turned out about lunch-time to help get furniture from two houses whose upper stories were gutted by fire. With dense clouds of smoke hampering their efforts men and women strove to save property from Mayfield Villa. Not until they were ordered to leave would they give up. The flames quickly got a good hold and within half-an-hour the roof had crashed in. Two bedsteads and a sea-chest containing a uniform were destroyed but a plate on the wall advertising that the owner is an insurance agent was untouched by the flames. 35 08 21

A long-felt need in Ely was discussed when young men met at the White Hart Hotel to consider the formation of the Ely Excelsior Sports and Social Club. It would meet at the hotel from 6 to 10 each evening offering billiards and table tennis together with a special room for reading. Whist drives and dances could be arranged during the winter and socials held every month. However a proposition that monthly magazines and daily newspapers should be purchased was not carried. 35 08 21a

1935 08 22
A petrol station, café and several houses on the Cambridge Road at Foxton were menaced by a fire which started in the grass behind Capt. Martin's garage. The wind threatened to blow the flames on to the café premises and petrol pumps but good work by the brigade got it under control. It was the second outbreak at the same place except that the first was away from the buildings and the brigade was not sent in case of more serious calls and owing to the lack of water. Stacks were also destroyed at Fen Drayton when the flames travelling 'faster than a horse can gallop' spread a mile across country. 35 08 22

With rods and a look that combined gladness and determination, a children's army a thousand strong gathered on Parker's Piece, intent on getting their fish. A free outing to St Ives, an afternoon's fishing, a tea, sports and prizes was arranged by the Albion Angling Society. Ice-cream men did a roaring trade and one enterprising draper sold a number of Panama hats before the quarter-mile long procession set off for the station headed by the band of the Boys' Brigade. The children's match was started about 30 years ago but stopped during the war and was not revived until 1928 or 1929. 35 08 22a

1935 08 23
Many years ago Madingley windmill was as famous a landmark as those at Bourn or Fulbourn. But in 1909 a great gale blew the mill down and the oak timbers were so badly smashed as to make restoration impossible. Now the Squire of Madingley has purchased an old post-mill at Ellington. There are four sails and the timbers are in an excellent state of preservation. Workmen are engaged in

the delicate task of dismantling the mill and foundations are now being dug for it to be erected on the old site at Madingley Hill. 35 08 23

1935 08 23 CS
Last days of the 'Horse-grind' ferry: photo. 35 08 23CS

Witchcraft at Harlton: tales not based on fact. 35 08 23(2)CS

1935 08 24
Laying foundation for new bridge over Cam on site of Horse Grind Ferry – photo – 35 08 24

Madingley Mill notes by Charles French, last tenant – 35 08 24a

1935 08 27
An 84-year-old Haslingfield man was summoned for assault. He had gone to the pump with his pail and told a group of youths that they had no business loitering there on a Sunday evening. Having filled his pail he deliberately poured some of the water down the back of one lad's legs, then shot the rest of the contents of the pail over him and starting swinging it round saying "I will cut your b--- head off". The old man said there'd been friction with members of the village Cricket Club who left their bicycles against his house. The lads had pulled his fence down as fast as he'd put it up but he'd driven them away with a coal hammer. The case was dismissed 35 08 27b

Political travelling cinema, New Square car park – photo – 35 08 27
Widening Long Road railway bridge – photo – 35 08 27a

1935 08 28
Regent Street traffic congestion during roadworks – photo – 35 08 28
New front to Lloyd's Bank, Sidney St – photo – 35 08 28a

1935 08 30 CS
The highwaymen of Gamlingay in C17. 35 08 30&(2)(3)CS

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1935 09 02
A widow, married woman and a waiter were charged with procuring a miscarriage. The man said a girl arrived in Cambridge and told him she wanted something done. He went to Mrs S—who said she knew a woman to go to. There was only one thing that might be effective. It would cost £3. But Mrs D--- said she'd been only paid £1.10s for what she had done. 35 09 02

1935 09 03
Fire, p1
Six families are rendered homeless and a Methodist chapel has been destroyed at a fire at Whaddon. One man had to jump out of his bedroom windows clad only in a pyjama jacket. The blaze started in an eight-roomed farmhouse. In the same block are the chapel and six four-roomed cottages, five of which were occupied. The cause of the outbreak remains a mystery 35 09 03 & 03a

Ernest Zaratini, depot manager for T. Wall, ice-cream merchant at Cambridge told the court that a man was sent to him from the Labour Exchange and engaged as an ice-cream vendor. He was issued with a complete outfit and ice-cream and went off on his round. The tricycle was later found abandoned in Gold Street close to the White Ribbon Hostel. There was £1.6s.4d worth of ice-cream missing. 35 09 03a

1935 09 04

A crowd of 2,000 people invaded Marshall's Aerodrome to see a demonstration by M. Henry Mignet of his marvellous little machine, 'The Flying Flea'. Thousands of people would love to fly but could not afford an ordinary plane so he had built 'The Flea' which was a combination of kite and parachute. It cost £70 to build and can do 40 miles per gallon. He took it up to 1,000 feet and then cut the engine. The little machine floated gently to earth like a parachute and made a perfect landing. 35 09 04b – photo – 35 09 04

James Binney purchased the Manor of Pampisford with the mansion, grounds and estate in 1895. He served as a Magistrate, Deputy-Lieutenant and High Sheriff as well as special constable, churchwarden, chairman of the parish council and Commandant of Duxford and Ickleton Boy Scouts. When the Great War broke out he offered his services and whilst waiting for his commission assisted, with Lady Marjory and Miss Binney, at the Red Cross Hospital at Whittlesford. 35 09 04a.

People in Mawson Road had a shock when a chimney stack crashed down into the roadway from the roof of no.74. George Watts said a mass of bricks and rubble were shot over the pavement and a chimney pot fell clean through his greenhouse. He believes recent heavy rains, after the excessively dry weather experienced this summer, must have had a loosening effect upon the mortar. Fortunately no one was injured by the occurrence 35 09 04c

1935 09 06
Ely Council have rejected many sewage scheme following objections by residents. But a new Simplex aeration system can be accommodated at the old site at Common Muckhill. There is no smell or anything else unpleasant. There was no emptying of tanks, no carting of sludge or the nuisance caused by emptying. One-tenth of the total flow of sewage comes from the Brewery as trade effluent and the council will negotiate with them in this matter 35 09 06 & a

Lazarus Potter has just celebrated his 106th birthday at Kingston, Victoria. He was born at West Wratting in July 1829 and went to South Australia in the ship 'Caroline' in 1838, two years after the colony was proclaimed. He has always had good health, has never worn spectacles and only stopped chopping wood for his fire two years ago. His descendants include six children, all still living, 29 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren. 35 09 06b

1935 09 06 CS
Ancient inns of Cambridge; the 'Post Office' and the 'White Horse'. 35 09 06CS

Keeper of Baitsbite Lock, H. Dewsberry, to retire, from Lt Thetford. 35 09 06(2)CS # c.26.3

1935 09 07
New theatre on Peas Hill takes shape – photo – 35 09 07

Victoria Road Industrial School for poor boys – photo c1860 – 35 09 07a

1935 09 10
The new Post Office sorting department at Petersfield has a vast and spacious garage complete with repair and painting shops for the upkeep of a fleet of vans. Altogether 50 vehicles are sent out and should anything go wrong a staff of mechanics can tackle the job at once. Even painting and complete overhauling is done. The various sections in the sorting department now have plenty of room with the latest equipment including two electrical stamping machines which deal with the letters at an incredible speed. 35 09 10a

St Ives staunch collapse – photo – 35 09 10

1939 09 11
Swavesey stationmaster appointed – 35 09 11

1935 09 12
Stretham wedding of Francis Fuller, Padney and Miss R.L. Fuller – 35 09 12

The White Horse Inn at the foot of Castle Hill is a 15th-century building surrounded with mystery. Between the two chimney stacks is said to exist a small secret room once used by Royalists as a hiding place from their enemies. The entrance was probably by way of the chimney but as the wide fireplaces have been bricked up there is no means of ascertaining whether there were iron rungs on one side. But inside a cupboard on the first floor landing is an iron door built a few years ago to enable a sweep to enter. The mystery may be solved if and when the building is demolished, as it may be in the near future for road widening purposes. 35 09 12a

1939 09 13
Two large stacks of hay, the property of Walter Doggett, were completely destroyed in a blaze of several hours' duration in a field down Queen Edith's Way. The heat of the blaze scorched the hedge bounding the fields for many yards and reduced a wooden gate to little more than charcoal. There was a continual stream of onlookers many of whom thought that some of the new houses along that part of the road were burning. Several times the crowd split up hurriedly as someone saw a rat or mouse making a hurried exit from its flame-spread home. 35 09 13a

Observer Corps established – 35 09 13

Bursar of Pembroke College, H.G. Comber dies – 35 09 13b & 14

1935 09 14
St Ives police station is entirely inadequate and unsatisfactory, the Chief Constable reported. Two adjoining cottages could be bought and pulled down for an Inspector's house or there was a very good site known as Bible Orchard for an entirely new station. But Alderman Tebbitt did not think they were justified in spending money and that the present court room was quite adequate 35 09 14a

Peterhouse – the oldest Cambridge foundation – was threatened by a fire which broke out in a staircase in Gisbourne Court early in the morning. The Master, Sir William Birdwood (70) was one the scene from the start and did not leave until everything was safe, two hours later. Staircase H which contains six sets of rooms, was extensively damaged and several hundred books ruined. Its cause remains a mystery for the staircase, which is not far from the old Noah's Ark staircase, has been unoccupied since August 35 09 14b

St Ives Institution is empty and its condition getting worse every month. The roof was dangerous and two wings were bad but the children's ward and front part of the institution were fairly satisfactory. The Public Assistance Committee are apposed to it being used again as a children's home but it might be converted into six or eight homes houses for workers. They would be easy to let as there are hundreds of applications for houses 35 09 14c

1935 09 17
A gale which raged all night wreaked sad havoc amongst the lefty avenues and clusters of trees of which Cambridge is so proud. The Backs bore the appearance of having been shelled by a volley of artillery and Queen's Road had to be closed. A Huntingdon elm, the pride of Trinity garden, was blown down. A tree was blown half into the water at Jesus Green Baths while another came down near Park Parade. Hundreds of 'conkers' were blown down, to the delight of the kiddies and large quantities of ripe and unripe fruit fell on the ground. 35 09 17

Sir – Burwell Public Reading Room has been closed for several months. The closure arose through some noisy louts who were permitted to become a great nuisance. For many years its tables provided daily and weekly newspapers and journals and some reference shelves were available. Never in the history of our country is it more necessary for the public to be able to read newspapers of different views. Burwell is the largest village in the county but the number of borrowers through the County

Lending Library is very low: the building is only open for an hour or so on certain evenings which is quite inadequate – "Old Burwell Boy" 35 09 17b

1935 09 20 CS
Hidden stories of old Cambridgeshire; the riddle of the dykes, lost village of Lt Linton. 35 09 20&(2)CS

Longstanton church roof repairs: photo. 35 09 20(3)CS

Peas Hill transformation: work on Guildhall site. 35 09 20(4)CS

1935 09 21
Marshall's aerodrome protected should council develop nearby – 35 09 21
ASLIB conference – 35 09 21a

1935 09 23
Ely Isolation Hospital – 35 09 23

An inquiry at the Golden Lion, Stonea heard from the driver of a baker's cart that he was going along the road towards Boots Bridge when he met a horse and trolley near the Methodist Church. He turned his van round further along the road and saw the horse and trolley disappear over the bank into the river. He rushed to the scene and got the driver to the bank but he died of heart failure through sudden immersion into the cold water. Emily Atkin said the horse appeared to be very restless, the deceased touched it with a whip when it reared up and backed into the river. 35 09 23a

On Saturday night the village of Barkway was aroused by cries of 'Fire!' Flames had been seen shooting through the roof of The Elms, an eight-roomed house. Adjoining, under a continuous roof is The Gables with a carpenter's and paint shop to which the blaze spread. It is an Elizabethan building and was the Corn Exchange when the market was transferred from Barkway to Royston. Every room is panelled with inflammable pitch pine and there is a very valuable oak staircase. Both buildings were saved. 35 09 23b

The hamlets of Pymore and Oxlode suffered severely by the visitation of a hail storm, the worst in living memory. It stripped slates and tiles from the roofs of houses and smashed windows. Scarcely a residence escaped and numerous cases of ten, twelve and even fourteen windows being broken in one house were reported. Holy Trinity church and day school had the entire side windows smashed and both Methodist chapels suffered badly. The LNER signal box had nine windows broken and the roof damaged. Hundreds of birds and small animals were killed. 35 09 23b

1935 09 24
Messrs H.J. Gray of Cambridge, who manufacture sports requisites at the Playfair Works is to establish a new company in Ireland where the Government has imposed Customs duty on finished racquets, hockey sticks and cricket bats. Suitable wood is available and the quality of the goods made will compare favourably with those previously imported 35 09 24

A six-wheeler lorry containing a full load of sugar was destroyed near Abington cross-roads when the engine suddenly back-fired and burst into flames. The fire reached the sugar and burned furiously despite the efforts of the driver and his mate to drag it off. Five of the tyres and the whole of the load and the lorry were entirely destroyed. All that remained was the off-side front tyre and wheel. Over 12 hours later the sugar was still burning and had the appearance of burning coke. Men spent hours scraping the burnt sugar off the road. Many motorists stopped to inspect the wreckage. 35 09 24

1935 09 25
Viscount Forbes, a Trinity College undergraduate, expects to make an attempt shortly on the outboard motor boat record with a remarkable machine stored at Marshall's garage at Cambridge. Tests were

carried out on the Adelaide course of a mile near Ely when an average speed of nearly 60 mph was obtained but on the return run the unit was badly damaged. Looking like a shimmering torpedo the boat has a six cylinder super-charged engine which emits an ear-splitting scream when full out 35 09 25 & a

1935 09 26
Tithe appeals – 35 09 26

New estates – Storeys Way & Gilbert Road – 35 09 26a

1935 09 27
Before the war the peat industry was flourishing and enabled families in the fens to obtain a livelihood from a natural product. There is still a demand for it as fuel in private houses and by nurserymen and gardens for horticultural purposes. Peat is obtainable in Cambridge at a cost of twenty-four shillings for 600 pieces (technically called 1,000) delivered. While not suitable for closed stoves and grates it is very pleasant for the hearth fires found in so many houses today. Pieces are 11x4 inches, are clean to handle and take up little room when stacked. It can only be dug in fine weather so orders should be placed as soon as possible with the Rural Community Council, Cambridgeshire House, Hills Road, Cambridge 35 09 27

The opening of Bacon Bros' new premises on Market Hill will forge a new link in a unique chain of tradition. Old ledgers record the names of customer who became famous in every walk of life including the Prince of Wales, the future Baron Rothschild and both Alfred and Charles Tennyson. The new interior fittings are made of cedar so that the shop is like a giant cigar box with many relics of bygone days. Verses from the 'Ode to Tobacco' by Charles Stuart Calverley which featured on the wall of the old building in Rose Crescent until its demolition last year are to make their reappearance in the form of a bronze tablet. 35 09 27b & 28a

1935 09 27 CS
Chapel by the fair: St Mary's, Stourbridge. 35 09 27CS

1935 09 28
The Silver Jubilee streamlined express drawn by the new LNER locomotive, the Silver Link, broke the speed record for British trains by reaching 112 miles an hour between Hitchin and Huntingdon, missing the world record by 8mph – 35 09 28

A new agricultural machine, known as the gyrotiller, has been working on Vicar's Farm, Madingley Road. It stirs up the soil very deeply – as much as two feet if required – and breaks up the hard 'roof' just below the surface. It leaves no 'wheelings' and so it is not necessary to sent a horse to plough into the field to finish up after it. Its action seems ideal and crops yielded by land on which it has been used are extremely good. 35 09 28b

Novel 'The Days of his Youth' by E.H. Lacon Watson depicts University life – 35 09 28c

Dr Alan Gray composed many famous pieces of Church music. In 1893 he was appointed organist of Trinity College and was conductor of the University Musical Society – 35 09 28d

Stretham lost a widely-known resident by the death of the Rev Frederick William Savidge whose father carried on business as grocer and draper in the village. After graduating he became interested in missionary work and spent 30 years in North India training natives, many of whom became missionaries. Three years ago he came to reside with Mr & Mrs W.K. Gautrey of Pond Street where he wrote the story of his life, a copy of which was requested by the King. He had also been in demand as a lecturer on his experiences. 35 09 28e

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1935 10 01
Cambridge Justices approved the plans of Associated British Cinemas for a new cinema to be erected in St Andrew's Street. The site had been left derelict after fire burnt down a large part of the Castle Hotel in 1934. The application was opposed by the Theatre Cinema and the Rendezvous. There were nine cinemas in Cambridge with 6,300 seats and it would be impossible for them all to carry on if a super cinema like this were built. The Victoria was built four years ago, the Arts Theatre was completely new and the Rendezvous was having more seats and an organ. But the Cosmopolitan had closed and the Guildhall and Corn Exchange licences were rarely used. 35 10 01 & a

Charles Kidman of the well-known Cambridge building firm was inspecting work on the Co-op's new bakery in Sleaford Street when he almost fell from the scaffolding. He was caught and held by the foreman. Doctors decided he must be kept lying down and the Fire Brigade's new water tower was brought to the scene. The escape ladder was extended over the spot where Mr Kidman lay. He was placed on a cradle made of planks, swung out into the air and lowered to the ground. 35 10 01b

1935 10 02
Photographic Club agm 35 10 02

As a result of neglect of the river trees had fallen into the Great Ouse and the accumulation of silt had formed islands. In some places it had been difficult to find a river at all and some 500 miles had been cleared out. The River Board was endeavouring to keep a channel clear but weeds were a problem. The whole of the South Level is settling due to improved drainage by modern pumping machinery but the high river banks are also settling, faster than the fens themselves. At Denver the inrush of water brought in silt from the Wash meaning the bed of the river was rising, the Catchment Board's engineer reported. 35 10 02

1935 10 03
Building of Cromwell Park housing estate – photo – 35 10 02a Perne Road – 35 10 03 # c.23

1935 10 04
The housing position at Longstowe is scandalous. No working men's cottages have been built for over 70 years. Two old thatched cottages had been condemned but there was nowhere else for the occupants to live. Half of the residents have to go half-a-mile for drinking water and mothers are unable to wash their children's clothes. But Hunts Water Company said it suffered no special hardship when compared to other places. During the drought residents only had to fetch water a matter of 500 yards and improvements would need a new mains 35 10 04 & a

1935 10 04 CS
Golden Jubilee of New Chesterton Institute: history. 35 10 04CS

Eastfield Estate recommended for R.I.B.A. medal: feature. 35 10 04(2)CS

Cambridge coffee-houses: history. 35 10 04(3)CS

King & Harper advertisement for car; includes colour. 35 10 04(4)CS

1935 10 05
Novel 'Days of Youth' by E.H. Lacon Watson – 35 10 05 # c.74

The Trinity Lane corner of Caius College was left black in the cleaning operations that have been taken place during the Vacation. This was to show the contrast. Now it is receiving attention like the rest of the building. Messrs Johnson and Bailey say it was impossible to erect scaffolding owing to the traffic down Trinity Lane so it had to be done piecemeal from ladders. The excellent result has been achieved simply by the use of water and stiff scrubbing brushes. 35 10 05a

1935 10 07
Coming up – pictures of undergraduates luggage arriving – 35 10 07

Joseph Gordon Macleod, director of the Festival Theatre, has announced its closure because of lack of further capital – 35 10 07a

The Cambridge Wireless Retailers Association show has several stands carrying a full range of the local product, Pye, including the all-wave model, the radiogramophone and the battery and all-elect superhets and portables. For those who have a preference for non-factory made sets there is the Harvey model. This locally-made receiver is made by hand with all the skill and care which expert workmanship can give it. One of the features for which it is noted is its great reliability. 35 10 07b

1935 10 09
Mrs H.M. Swanwick autobiography 'I have been young' includes Girton & suffrage – 35 10 09 & a

1935 10 10
E.H. Lacon novel 'In the days of his Youth', set in Cambridge 35 10 10

1935 10 11
Sir – No one thinks that Gothic Street is a foul place, no one condemns it as a place when undesirable people live, but the Mayor was quite right in saying that no one will put up with people punching each other on the nose or booing people. He did not condemn a neighbourhood, but the conduct which happened there. I wish to assure my friends in Gothic Street that the rest of Cambridge does not regard them as undesirable, but only a single and unfortunate incident – Charles Joseph. 35 10 11

1935 10 12
St Columba's Mission, p5

1935 10 14
A hard road through the fen from Isleham to Prickwillow had become urgent owing to the Lark river bank being covered with gault by the Ouse Catchment Board, preventing its use by traffic. It had been used by people on foot or on horse and in 1788 tolls were charged at the Prickwillow end which had continued until recent years. A hamlet grew up with three public houses before 1835 and a school built in 1879. But it was a private road that could not be taken over by the County Council until it had been put in repair by the owners of the land. 35 10 14 & a

The electric light which has been installed in Trumpington church was designed by Professor Richardson and the old wrought iron gas standards and brackets have been used as far as possible. In addition there are six pendants in the west bays of the church which give the effect of flood-lighting without its disadvantages and do not break the lines of the graceful pillars. Most of the work has been done locally and E.W. Haynes was praised for wiring without cutting into the stonework. The cost of £89 has been raised by parishioners. 35 10 14b

1935 10 15
Newmarket Golf Links new club house has been erected by Lord Wolverton in memory of his father. It was designed by the Slade Professor of Arts at Oxford University and built by H.W. Hunt of Cambridge; the Newmarket Electric Light Company supplied the appliances. It is of the bungalow type, with accommodation for ladies on the first floor. The dining room has oak strip flooring and is divided from the hall with folding doors. 'Freddie' Wolverton was a great game hunter, a challenger for the America's Cup and afterwards took up facing and golf. He was a shy and retiring man who never did an unkind thing in the whole of his life. He did not make friends easily but never lost a friend once he had made one. 35 10 15

1935 10 16

Bryan Smith Motors wound up – 35 10 16

1935 10 17
The foundations of the Small Room of the Guildhall, which also supported the Borough Surveyor's room, are in such bad conditions that they must be demolished earlier than planned. It had been hoped to defer demolition until the Surveyor could move into the new wing of the Guildhall being built on Peas Hill. A ditch had been found under the site. Assurances were sought that the foundations of the rest of the Guildhall, especially the Large Room, were secure because weaknesses were not generally found in one spot but existed in veins all over the area. 35 10 17a

Sidney Street to be widened at no cost to council 35 10 17

1935 10 18
Sir – while I was at the Theatre Cinema some kind individual stole the dynamo from the back wheel of my bicycle which was in the theatre cycle shed. It could only have been undone with the aid of a screwdriver and whether the lamp-snatcher is an amateur or professional, he certainly made a good job. Some people seem to have a mania for collecting, pumps and lamps and should by now be able to set up a retail store. I hope something will soon be done about these thefts which are happening every night by the dozen. – R.H. Stanton 35 10 18

Sir – Last Saturday afternoon I saw a fellow stuck more than half-way up Market Street with a car. He had been into a nearby shop and carefully turned the petrol off. When he came out he found a string of cars and buses held up. He got flustered at the situation, pressed the starter and nothing happened. I swung it about four times for him, and still nothing happened. Then I helped him push it down the street out of the way, and there found out the trouble. – Albert Baker 35 10 18a

Controversy surrounded the offer of £10,000 from Sir John Davenport Siddeley for developing aeronautical research in the University. Some dons felt it would subsidise research of a military character of pecuniary value to armament manufacturers. But others say the ultimate influence of the aeroplane upon civilisation will be pacific rather than warlike. It was abhorrent that the University should become a centre of specifically military research but this money would be used for work of a fundamental and non-military character 35 10 18b

1935 10 18 CS
Spiritualism address. 35 10 18CS

1935 10 19
The new Rendezvous cinema and ballroom was opened with a recital by Reginald Dixon, the famous Blackpool organist. It is the latest in modern styles with new plush 'tip-ups' accommodating 1,100 people, the latest Penum heating and ventilation and the Compton organ. Film star Charles (Buddy) Rogers said it was as beautiful as any he had seen in the United States. The show was late starting as guests were unable to get through the congestion in the street outside. Afterwards a private reception and dance was held in the new ballroom which has also been redecorated and re-furnished throughout. 35 10 22, 35 10 19

Second stage, p1
Meadowlands, p6

1925 10 21
A pleasant little function took place at the Park Street School when the Bishop of Ely paid a visit to see the improvements carried out to the babies' room to accommodate a further 35 babies. 35 10 21

1935 10 23
Since the Rev E.J. White came to Orwell in 1928 he has effected many improvements in the village church and the original 17th-century bells have been re-hung. Four of them were taken down about 60

years ago owing to the weakening of the supporting timbers and left standing at the foot of the tower. Mr White raised £300 to have the five bells recast, re-tuned and re-hung in the belfry which has been strengthened with iron girders. He also installed new heating apparatus and the churchyard has been extended and consecrated. 35 10 23

The Minister of Heath criticised Godmanchester Town Council for delaying a water supply scheme that had been agreed with Huntingdon town council. The Town Clerk and the Medical Officer resigned as did two councillors. Tenders had already been submitted and it was the most unbusinesslike thing the Council had ever done. But the Mayor said the lowest tender was far above the engineer's estimate and the Ministry had not sanctioned a loan to carry out the work. 35 10 23a

1935 10 24
A new school may be erected on the disused wood yard adjoining Huntingdon North Station. Lord Sandwich had provided 12 acres from his private park, one of the finest things ever done for education in the county. Provision would be made for sports pitches and probably a bathing pool. A beautiful set of plans had been produced but Alderman Wood Horn wanted economies made to bring the cost nearer the original £12,000 rather than the present £33,000 scheme. 35 10 24

1935 10 25
The first new Morris 8-10 cwt light van in Cambridge has been supplied to Matthew and Sons Ltd of Trinity Street. It is revolutionary in its design with an offset engine mounting and a large rear opening for loading. The spare wheel, an eyesore on even the most attractive car, is neatly concealed in a carrier which incorporates the rear number plate. It has dipping headlights and traffic signal arms. The most remarkable feature is the price of £169 10s. in ship grey with blue or green paint three pound extra.35 10 25

The new Senior School off Gilbert Road, Chesterton contains separate departments for senior boys and girls, each with its own assembly hall fitted with a stage and cinema projection room. The boys department has science laboratory and woodwork and metalwork rooms while the girls' includes provision for cookery, laundry and dressmaking. A changing room, fitted with shower baths, has been included in connection with organised games. 35 10 25a

Ramsey and Muspratt's photographic work will be even more distinctive by the use of the solarization process in certain of their portraits. It produces quite different results from the usual photograph as by chemical means a black line is made to outline the face of the subject giving it the appearance of a drawing. Their other work captures not only the face but the character of the subject. An exhibition of photographs features Dr Alex Wood and Cavendish Laboratory scientist Mr Searle together with charming child studies full of the joy of living. Others are of commercial work, showing interiors and pictures from unusual angles. 35 10 25b # c.65.5

Sidney Street widening, p1

1935 10 25 CS
Rendezvous cinema transformed: feature. 35 10 25CS # c.76.9

Burwell fen riots; villagers' fight for ancient rights, by Charles Lucas. 35 10 25(2), 35 11 01(3)CS

1935 10 26
The Three Tuns public house at Castle Hill was a picturesque building and there were too few of that sort remaining. Dick Turpin was supposed to have stayed there at one time, but that was purely legendary. Mr Northfield had restored it some years ago so as to make people think it was really an ancient building but it had just been painted to look like a half-timbered house. It was not fit for human habitation and the Cambridge Preservation Society could not appeal for its retention 35 10 26a

Guildhall cartoon, p6

1935 10 28
A folk museum may be established in the old White Horse Inn following a meeting called by Cambridge Rotary Club. It should be a town and county museum for objects of local interest. Dr Palmer offered some of the items which had accumulated in the attic of a house where his ancestors had lived for 300 years. This was only the beginning: the ideal folk museum should be in the open, a space in which old cottages, smithies, a windmill and other things could be shown. 35 10 28 & a

Downham mill, p5

1935 10 31
An Arrington blacksmith told the bankruptcy court that he started in business in 1932 at his father's smithy at Old North Road. He had about £15 of his own money. Things went well for a time but then everything went slack, the shoeing business becoming practically derelict owing to mechanical power superseding horses. In 1933 he bought a motor lorry to start a haulage business but it was always breaking down and eventually became useless. He bought another for £20 but got very little work and did not make much money. 35 10 31

Henry Philip Chalk was one of the best-known and respected auctioneers. He started business in Cambridge in 1880 as an agricultural auctioneer and valuer. Beside the stock sale which he conducted at the 'Earl of Derby' he attended the opening of the Cambridge Borough Market in 1885 at the same time as Mr A.T. Grain. In Linton he had a member of the parish council from its inception and chairman since 1907, a foundation manager of the church school and churchwarden for 54 years. In his younger days he was well-known as a fast bowler and represented Cambridgeshire at cricket 35 10 31a

Basil Beaumont art exhibition – 35 10 31b

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1935 11 01
A family of Hillrow Causey had a narrow escape when their isolated bungalow was destroyed by fire. Mr Bonnett, a horse keeper, was awakened by the barking of his dog which was chained outside the only door of the house and got his family to safety before the roof collapsed. Captain Peacock of Haddenham Fire Brigade decided nothing could be done to save any of the buildings. Three horses, a dog and several fowls were burnt to death. The engine used for threshing poultry had been moved earlier in the day to refill with water and was intact. Fanned by the strong wind the flames leapt across the Drove and destroyed two hay ricks, the property of Arthur Thulbourne. 35 11 01

1935 11 01 CS
Folk Museum: White Horse Inn may house Folk Museum. 35 11 01&(2)CS

University election campaign. 35 11 01CS

King & Harper advertisement, colour. 35 11 01(2)CS

1935 11 02
Isleham woman drowned in water butt – 35 11 02
Sutton lady drowned in Forty-Foot River near Carter's Bridge – 35 11 02
G.W. Townsend was one of the first editors of the CDN in its early days; afterwards went to East Anglian Daily Times 35 11 02a

1935 11 05

A 'Fascism and War' exhibition organised by the Cambridge Anti-War Council discloses methods by which the illegal opposition movements in Germany and Italy distribute their literature disguised as items of a non-political nature. There is also propaganda printed on paper of tissue thinness and a method of photographing illegal printed matter and transposing it on paper which instantly goes black on exposure to light if opened by the police. The recipient knows to treat the paper chemically to counteract the effect. Also on display is also one of the Anti-Nazi leaflets spilled from the roof garden of a Berlin restaurant on to the streets below and a collection of abusive correspondence, including one from Ezra Pound, sent from Italy to a Fellow of King's College after he contributed certain views in an English paper 35 11 05 & a # c.45.6

Oil tanker crash at Pampisford – 35 11 05b 35 11 06

1935 11 06
New aerial view 35 11 06a
Guy Fawkes – traditional rag, few arrests – 35 11 06b

1935 11 07
Dr Gasteen of Gamlingay complained that a number of villagers were suffering from diarrhoea and sickness which he attributed to the quality of the water and in one case death had been accelerated by drinking it. Instructions had been given to boil water before use. Few of the wells were safe and the contamination was due to lack of sewerage facilities. He felt that a policy of evasion or obstruction was being pursued by the RDC. But councillors said it was a pity he did not come to the council and help carry out some of their things he suggested and no further action was taken 35 11 07

1935 11 08 CS
Foxton Hall as Nursing Home; dedication by Bishop. 35 11 08CS

1935 11 09
The licensee of the Wagon and Horses at Cottenham the court that a man planning to establish a branch the 'National Smallholders' Society' in the village had stayed several nights but had not settled the bill. A village dairyman said he'd paid five shillings to join the Society but had heard nothing more and did not receive a book of rules. Altogether 362 people had subscribed. Police saw a poster headed "National Smallholders' Society" in the window of a house in King Street, Cambridge and arrested the occupant. He was convicted for obtaining money by false pretences 35 11 09

Horse Grind Ferry going – will be replaced by bridge – photo - 35 11 09a

1935 11 11
The Two Minutes' Silence was observed. Life was paralysed and sound was stilled. A crowd of several hundreds gathered on Cambridge Market Hill, waiting. At two minutes to the hour a clock in the vicinity struck and a whistle blew on the Guildhall demolition site and the Silence began. Buses, cars, carts, cycles and pedestrians were perfectly still. When what was actually the first maroon went off at eleven the crowd mistook it for the second and during what should have been the Silence the ordinary bustle recommenced. The second maroon took everyone by surprise with the exception of the few who had realised the mistake and remained still. 35 11 11

1935 11 12
A six-year old boy who was riding on a horse drawing a wagon loaded with sugar beet was serious injured when it was struck by a train. The collision occurred when the crossing at Black Horse Drove was shrouded in thick fog. The 7.7 am from Hunstanton caught the rear of the wagon and scattered the beet in all directions. The front of the engine, lamp brackets and vacuum brakes were damaged. The horses and their driver escaped injury 35 11 12

1935 11 13

Important pieces of apparatus were installed at the Royal Society Mond Laboratory in Cambridge to enable Dr Kapitza to study very intense magnetic fields and experiment on low-temperature liquid helium. This work is of fundamental importance relating to properties of atomic nuclei. Now Lord Rutherford had agreed it should be sent to a laboratory being built by the Government of the USSR so that Kapitza can continue his research there, following his recall to Russia. 35 11 13

Sensation was caused among the villagers of Swaffham Bulbeck by a shooting affair which ended in the death of a young married man. His wife is nearly prostrate with grief. A particularly distressing feature of the tragedy is that there are five small children, all under the age of nine, and another is expected within a short time. The sensation was increased when, after a night search by police officers, another villager was charged with wilful murder. 35 11 13a & b 35 11 14a

1935 11 14
In view of the apparent apathy it is surprising that the number of electors who voted was so high. The excitement, so far as there was any, was greatest in the outlying districts. Residents in the newly-added areas such as Trumpington and Cherry Hinton had the curious experience of living in the Borough and voting (for Parliamentary elections) in the County. So did residents on the Hurst Park Estate which used to fall within the Impington parish boundary. At Brunswick Council Schools a blind man arrived. The inner room was cleared except for the presiding officer who told him the names of the candidates and then made a cross at the voter's selection. 35 11 14

1935 11 15
After the Cambridge declarations the victors went round to the Central Conservative Hall, where, by the courtesy of the Little Theatre players, who were having a rehearsal, the customary congratulatory meeting was held. The voters had realised the necessity of the National Government carrying on its duty of reviving prosperity and the necessity of defence as well as peace. Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin telegrammed congratulations to Lt-Commander Tufnell. At Saffron Walden there had been a record poll for Labour though Miss Clara Rackham was still 10,000 votes behind R.A. Butler whilst in the Isle of Ely Mr J. de Rothschild retained the seat for the Liberals by a majority of 699 votes. 35 11 15, 35 11 16

Proportional representation, p5

1935 11 15 CS
Shot dead at cottage door, Commercial End. Swaffham Bulbeck. 35 11 15CS; widow's story. 35 11 29&(2)CS

Cannibal orgies of primitive fenmen: wooden causeway of Bronze Age, Lt Thetford. 35 11 15(2)CS

1935 11 18
Cambridge University Camera Club heard how the aerial camera acts as a kind of detective of the air, picking up clues helpful to the soldier, the prospector, the map-maker, archaeologist and even the tax-collector. Wing-Commander H.M. Taylor from the School of Photography at Farnborough told how on one housing estate an aerial photograph was fixed at the entrances as a guide to the streets for strangers. Panochromatic film was used to combat moisture. Showing an aerial view of Cambridge he commented; "There's always a lot of dust and haze over this town – there must be a lot of hot air talked!" 35 11 18

1935 11 19
An agricultural labourer lost all his possessions in a fire which destroyed his cottage at Turf Fen, Warboys. Returning at 8pm he saw smoke and flames pouring through a window. He smashed in the front door with an axe and was able to recover some money belonging to his wife. This was the only thing he managed to save. The flames made short work of everything except the brick walls of the five-roomed cottage whose majesty was soon disturbed by the Ramsey Fire Brigade. When they found that water was not having the desired effect they pushed the walls over with poles. 35 11 19

The first of a series of lectures on 'Sex Guidance' were given by the Welfare of Youth. An excellent audience of young women greeted the lecturer who, with blackboard, lantern slides and cine films demonstrated her subject in a most graphic way. The meeting for young men attracted fewer people to a talk on the evolution of sex. But those who attended were equally appreciative 35 11 19a

1935 11 21
New Roman Catholic school construction delayed – photo – 35 11 21
Stretham accident, p5

1935 11 22
The London branch of the Civil Aviation Corps was founded in 1934 and approached Marshall's Flying School who realised that such a corps could become of national importance. They have been coming to the Aerodrome regularly each Sunday and are now building a hangar for themselves where they hope to build a 'Flying Flea' and 'B.A.C. Drone'. Now Cambridge has started a local squadron; any young fellow over 20 years of age who is keen to fly will be welcomed. 35 11 22

With the heavy rainfall of the last few days Fenland has to thank the vision of those who planned the pumping station at St Germans for the fact that there has been no flooding. The new sluice has pumped 2½ million tons of water and but for this the rivers would have risen six feet. Although the banks could have withstood the pressure, much water would have leaked back from the banks into the dykes so that the Internal Drainage Districts have been saved much expense. The Middle Level need not fear three times the present rainfall as the pumps were only working at a third of capacity. 35 11 22a

As a Cambridge Corporation steam roller made its majestic way along Adam and Eve Row the road gently subsided. So did the steam roller as one wheel became buried nearly up to the axle, fracturing the water main. Mr A.C. Mallyon, the driver, said "I felt the roller sink a little so opened the regulator to try and get it past the spot before it sank, but before you could say 'one' it was in. If I hadn't had hold of the regulator handle I reckon I should have fallen overboard". It was several hours before the roller was eventually 'rescued' by means of jacks and the main repaired. 35 11 22b pics 35 11 22c
Horse Grind ferry bridge nears completion – photo 35 11 25

Ely Isolation Hospital was there to prevent contagious diseases from spreading to other people, it was not for the benefit of the patients but for the benefit of the outside public and should be paid for by ratepayers, Mr Everitt told the Hospital Committee. People would fight shy of going there if they knew they would have to pay maintenance charges. But accounts had been sent out and some people had paid them. In 1931 maintenance expenses came to £477 but only £1 had been received from patients – 35 11 25 a & b

1935 11 26
Cambridge Disabled Soldiers' Workshop had been through a difficult period. The largest number of men in the workshop was 12 and at present there were only seven, none of which were complete in their bodies. One had lost his leg in the South African War. The shop in Trumpington Street was not in so good a situation as at Peas Hill and they did not get the streams of passing undergraduates. We should never forget the men who had served, suffered and saved our country through its years of dire peril. 35 11 26

1935 11 27
Swaffham Bulbeck murder – 35 11 27 & a
Caroline Taylor 100th birthday

1935 11 28
Mrs Walter Miles has given birth to quadruplets in a council house at Ferrars Avenue, Eynesbury, St Neots. Their weights ranged from 3lb 15 ounces to a boy of 2lb 13oz who was very week indeed at

birth. Dr Harrison holds out little hope for him. The arrival of quads was a great surprise – they had been expecting two or three babies in a couple of month's time. The father, a lorry driver, although overjoyed, had little to say when the doctor broke the news. He was out with his lorry next day 35 11 28, 35 11 29

Sir- This season Gamlingay Football Club are having great difficulty in finding eleven players as the stars have been chosen to play for better teams. The side consists of youngsters who are gamely fighting against great odds to keep the team going, aided by one or two older players who had finished with football but sportingly came to their help. In spite of not winning a single League game all went well until one match when the referee gave a penalty and suspended a player. His autocratic manner savoured of Hitlerism and now the Football Association have closed the ground for a month. I am convinced that a grave injustice has been done" – C.H. Careless 35 11 28b

1935 11 29 CS
Rowers pass new bridge replacing Horse Grind Ferry. 35 11 29(3)CS

1935 11 30
Stretham lorry accident photo – 35 11 30
Christ's College cat – 35 11 30a

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1935 12 05
At Burwell various houses in Parsonage Lane, Fuller's Lane, Burnt Yard and Beldam Square should be demolished together with six at Malting Cottages, the Medical Officer advised. Four houses at Mutton Row and two in Lower Road Swaffham Prior should also be pulled down. Many unfit houses were still occupied at Swaffham Bulbeck but four at Quarry Lane and two in the High Street should be cleared as soon as there was alternative accommodation for the working-class people who would be displaced. 35 12 05

John Whitehead, 65, has been in the fruit and vegetable trade all his life. He started hawking goods on a barrow and then with a horse and cart. About 40 years ago he took a shop in Fitzroy Street and struggled to bring up a big family – he had 13 sons. It was difficult to obtain goods during the Great War but afterwards got a motor lorry and in 1933 went to London for goods for the Christmas trade. They were brought to a garage in Cambridge from which they were stolen. Then a run-away horse smashed up his van and the lorry ran into a lamp post. 35 12 05b

Walter Nicholas told the court he'd started as a confectioner at Little Downham. He knew nothing about the business and only took £8 a week of which thirty shillings was profit. So he added a little vegetable round, buying from neighbouring farmers. He had a motor van and later a lorry for £75, paying by instalments. As business was poor he came to Cambridge in September 1934 and started in the wholesale vegetable business, but lost more money. He disposed of his lorry for £10 and paid off some of his debts. Then he was refused a potato licence, which was a major reason for his failure. 35 12 05c

1935 12 06
Mildenhall water, Littleport electricity – 35 12 06a

1935 12 07
Briscoe Snelson gave a talk, illustrated by lantern slides on 'The River Ouse with the Camera' 35 12 07

A map entitled 'A plain delineation of … Cambridge setting for the inns and taverns thereof' and drawn in the eighteenth-century style has just been produced by Ian Cox. Together with two of his University friends he has been making a tour of the aforesaid inns, sampling the ales sold and the

pastimes witch which customers amuse themselves. There is a list of 199 places were beer and ale cane be obtained and notes on the 15 brewers whose products are sold, as well as the Audit Ale. Five pastimes are named: darts, skittles, table-skittles, ring the ball and shove-halfpenny. The map is sold at half-a-crown uncoloured with hand-coloured versions at six shillings 35 12 07c

For the past 14 years Professor P.L. Kapitza, the famous Soviet scientist, has been doing research in England. The laboratory he used at Cambridge was erected specially for him by the University authorities. Now the apparatus has been purchased by the Russians and installed in a remarkable building on the outskirts of Moscow. It has rock-like foundations of special cement to ensure complete freedom from vibration. The walls are lined with barium plaster through which the strongest X-Rays cannot penetrate and the doors covered with massive sheets of lead. His work will deal largely with research into the magnetic and electric properties of metals under extremely low temperatures 35 12 07d

1935 12 10
A local history exhibition in the Central Library Reference Room in connection with the Local Government Centenary Celebrations shows how Cambridge looked in days gone by. Schoolchildren are showing the greatest interest as they make tours of the exhibits. Photographs show the changes more vividly than anything: it is hard to believe that the Hobson Street pictured is the same one today. Political broadsheets from the 1840s comment on the 'horrible extravagance' of police expenditure and hint that all was not well with the painting of the inside of the Council Chamber - it advises local painters to have nothing to do with the job. 35 12 10

1935 12 11
The managers of Coveney Church of England School are not willing for it to be converted into a junior mixed and infants' school. But it would detrimental to the children if they were deprived of the facilities of a senior school and if parents wanted to send their children to Ely there was nothing to stop them, councillors heard. A site for the new senior girls' school in Downham Road could be bought for £1,700 which was less than its commercial value. The Board of Education had objected to plans for the new senior school at Chatteris saying it should be a two-storey building or there would not be enough space for physical training and organised games. 35 12 11

Ely urban council were condemning property without having places to put the people into. They ought to approach owners to see if they could be put in proper repair. People should have decent places to live in but in many cases they did not want to come out. 35 12 11a

Long Road railway bridge photo – 35 12 11d

1935 12 12
Dr William Wooster told the court he was a member of the Scientists' Anti-War Group and had been standing outside Duxford Aerodrome selling pamphlets entitled 'Air Display Special'. It carried a headnote to say it was not to be sold to members of H.M. Forces but they were seized by police under the Incitement to Disaffection Act. Surely people could be reminded of the sheer horrors of the Great War 35 12 12 & a

1935 12 13 CS
The old 'Nancy' on the Cam: Briscoe Snelson's river scenes. 35 12 13CS

John Evison, Fen Drayton, oldest motorist in England. 35 12 13(2)CS

1935 12 14
St Ives rowing – 35 12 14

Papworth Village Settlement is fortunate in its friends. Some years ago Mr Warwick Deeping wrote a novel about it and devoted half the profits to the cause. Now many theatrical celebrities have been

lending a hand in making a special film. Gordon Harker plays the part of a consumptive worker, Henry Hawkins, who comes to Papworth for treatment. The film tells of his progress through the hospital to an open-air chalet and occupation in the settlement workshops. Eventually he is provided with a Papworth cottage in which he is joined by his wife and children. 35 12 14a

1935 12 16
Sir – the de-population of Castle End has brought a serious decline in trade in this district. Slum clearance has seen the departure of many young families to the new residential estates in other parts of Cambridge and we are left with the old people whose requirements are practically nil. When a house is vacant it is condemned and pulled down so consequently no new residents come to take their place. Some sites have been empty for years and are growing a plentiful supply of weeds and thistles. When are we going to have new houses built on these vacant sites – Tradesman 35 12 16

1935 12 17
Thirteen girls have left the Home of Mercy in Christchurch Street during the year, nine of whom were placed out in service. Every effort has been made to train them in laundry and housework, cooking and needlework. The Fellowship of Compassion has provided the girls with woollen underwear and rubber aprons. Religious teaching, which was more necessary than ever, has continued and there are always girls in various states of preparation for baptism and confirmation. 35 12 17 # c.32.9

Electricity is the modern housewife's Father Christmas, bringing her so many labour-saving and home-brightening devices and Messrs Bailey, Grundy and Barrett of St Mary's Passage are specialists. Lamp standards, wireless sets and coffee percolators are a few gift suggestions. Harassed husbands and flurried fiancés will find solutions to all their gift problems at Messrs Eaden Lilley's which is packed full of things dear to the feminine heart such as evening gowns, furs and lingerie. The bargain basement has good quality stuff at reasonable prices. 35 12 17a

If you are hard up for ideas for gifts, visit Samuels in Petty Cury. The manager produced an Everite 'King' watch and threw it on the floor. It did not hurt it – a similar watch was dropped from the top of Big Ben and was still going when picked up. Diamond rings are available at prices up to forty shillings and the latest for a lady's handbag is a combined flap-jack and cigarette-lighter. Canteens of cutlery, eminently suitable for wedding presents, are priced from fifteen shillings (75p) 35 12 17a

1935 12 18
More than half the girls attending the Cambridge & County High School are above the average physique for their age and less than one per cent are poorly nourished. Nearly all the pupils are sensibly clothed and school uniform plays a useful part in this. Many take advantage of an excellent school dinner system and systematic training in a good gymnasium is open to all. Taking into account the intensive curriculum and the long distance many of the girls have to travel the results are very creditable, the Medical Officer reported. 35 12 18 & a

Death statistics show that measles and whooping cough had caused as much loss of child life as diphtheria and scarlet fever and since 1910 influenza had caused at least 1,400 deaths in Cambridgeshire. Improved travelling facilities and cheap cinema entertainment were great causes of the spread of infections and until people refrained from exposing others to risk in those surroundings there could be little improvement, Dr F Robinson warned Rotarians 35 12 18a

Tipperary Club treat – photo – 35 12 18b

Ely Ratepayers Association wrote to the Council asking for the amount paid to the consulting engineer who prepared a sewage scheme for Ely. The Clerk said £481 had been paid to Messrs Elliott and Brown in 1921 and a further £210 in September 1932. Councillor Merryweather said he did not mind the Council furnishing the information but the whole thing was published in the newspapers and he did not think they should be subject to scrutiny for years back. The Association should not make such requests unnecessarily. 35 12 18c

A short time ago the Land Settlement Association purchased property at Fen Drayton and the work of settling 40 Durham unemployed miners on the land has commenced. At present the first ten are occupying Drayton House and 20 of the 40 cottages are in course of erection. None of the miners have had regular work since the strike of 1926 and some have had no employment at all for five or six years. The men were in rather poor condition and it would take some time for them to become capable of doing a hard day's work on the soil. There is no unemployment in Fen Drayton. The village shows a good spirit and demonstrates not only interest but neighbourliness as well 35 12 18d

Mrs Rackham told councillors that at present a crowd of children was loosed on the labour market all at once and the best were often forced to take the worst jobs, or ones they were not suited for. One County School girl had been compelled to take domestic service. Although the school leaving age was 14 they should not deprive children of the possibility of getting employment and some should be allowed to leave earlier. But she was outvoted. 35 12 18d

1935 12 19
King Street Christmas poultry market picture – 35 12 19

1935 12 20
The judge agreed that police had been wrong to seize copies of a pamphlet from a member of the Cambridge Scientist's Anti-War Group at Duxford aerodrome during the Royal Review. They'd been worried following an earlier incident at Mildenhall when a misguided female threw a paper at the King's car. 'The Anti-War Special' was crude, inartistic and in some respects childish. It had been sold by Dr Wooster supported by a bevy of satellites, mainly ladies, wearing badges of a reddish hue. Various ex-servicemen had expressed themselves in vituperative terms and its distribution might have lead to a breach of the peace 35 12 20 & a

1935 12 28
Mr William Macintosh, a member of the Cambridge firm of ironmongers, died following an accident at Graham's crossing. The express train stopped in Shelford station for five minutes after the accident. In another incident a passenger train from Peterborough to Cambridge was delayed when it ran through the gates at Dimmock's Crossing near Stretham and smashed them. Fortunately no passenger of member of the train crew was injured. The debris was cleared quickly enough not to affect the other trains on the line 35 12 28

1935 12 31
Castle Hotel's demolition to make way for cinema – photo – 35 12 31

Coster's annual barrow race to Bottisham swan 25 years ago – photo – 35 12 31a

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1936 01 03
Much anxiety is being caused among farmers by the countless numbers of wood pigeon which are playing havoc with winter food for sheep, young layers of clovers and sainfoins. Thousands migrate from Norway and assist our native birds in their devastation despite scarecrows, stakes and string being used to frighten them off. Sheep farmers find it is impossible to farm under their conditions and appeal to all covert owners and the sporting public to turn out each Thursday and Saturday to shoot these pests. 36 01 03a

Proposals to establish a greyhound racing track at Caxton or any part of the rural district could injure the amenities of the area, councillors decided. But Mr Pease said there was already a track at Teversham and if the residents of Histon rose up and said they wanted a track to make life more interesting there, they should not object to it. The conversion of The Elms, Great Shelford, into a country club was also opposed as the land was zoned for eight houses per acre 36 01 03b

Ely RDC has accepted tenders from Messrs Grensells of Kettering for wiring council houses in Ely Road and West End Sutton, Tower Road, Main Street and Cross Lane Downham, the Cambridge and Ely Roads in Stretham together with Hillrow, Hop Row and Station Road, Haddenham, Millfield Littleport and Haddenham Road at Wilburton. The Beds., Cambs. & Hunts Electricity Company will make a connection charge of £1 for each of the 94 houses– 36 01 03c

With the enlargement of the drapery section, the Co-operative Society's premises in Burleigh Street comprise the finest Departmental Store in Cambridge. On the ground floor, the Butchery has finest home-killed and imported meat, Grocery sells bread and confectionary, Outfitting has made-to-measure suits while Furnishing has three-piece suites and mirrors. Every Department is equipped in the most modern manner with lifts to all parts of the building. 36 01 03d & e # c.27.2

1936 01 04
Ely electricity, p2
New Co-op, p6

1936 01 05
Cambridge colleges are closed to the public one day in the year. Most choose December 31st 36 01 05

An amazing tame jackdaw has made its home with Mt T.L. Naylor of Blinco Grove. It came as an uninvited guest in January last year when it flew into his garden with a cheery 'Hullo!' and was promptly adopted, At first the bird's flood was placed on the scullery window-sill but as other birds used to join in the feast its tray of tit-bits was placed inside the scullery. Now when it feels hungry the bird taps on the window to gain admission to its snack-bar. It is put to bed each night in a tomato-box which is placed in the garage and surrounded with boxes to keep the cats out. 36 01 05a & b

Cambridge has lost a well-known butcher in the death of Mr James Traylen, aged 82. Born at Oundle he had his first experience in the meat trade at Peterborough and came to Cambridge at the age of 20. He carried on his own business at 122 Newmarket Road until he retired in 1912 after which his two sons took on the shop. Mr Traylen spent much of his time after retirement in gardening. 36 01 05c

1936 01 07
"This coupon'll win us a thousand pounds" jokingly prophesied a Cambridge man to his wife on Christmas day after he had filled in his football pool form while she had a glass of port with a friend.

And no one was more surprised that he when his forecast came true. The lucky man, Mr 'Dick' Morgan of Cambridge Place, was at work when a CDN reporter brought definite news of his success. He had not heard the wireless announcement as the accumulator of his set had run out. 36 01 07

Corpus village, p5

1936 01 08
An amazing roof collapse awakened residents in Broad Street, East Road, shortly after midnight. When they rushed into the street they found that the whole of the roof of a storehouse and garage belonging to Messrs Whitehead, the fruiterers, had crashed down on the contents of the building. It is thought the long-continued rain and damp weather may have affected the wooden beams. One of the three lorries in the building had the engine badly knocked about and some boxes of fruit were smashed by beams and tiles. It is said that when the old All Saints Church opposite St John's College was pulled down, the stone was auctioned off and many loads of it went into the building of this store house 36 01 08

Union Cinemas, the company controlling five Cambridge cinemas have joined forces with Arthur Segal to acquire more sites – 36 01 08a

1936 01 10
Chatteris Masonic Ladies night held at University Arms – 36 01 10

New Chesterton Institute organised grand social at the Dorothy Café to celebrate their Golden Jubilee. The whole of the Dorothy had been booked for the occasion but even then the number had to be limited to 800 and several hundred were disappointed. There was dancing to Reg Cottage's band, a progressive whist drive and a concert in the Oak Room. Miss Queenie Chapman's pupils gave an excellent dancing display and Pat Peddle and Joan Metcalfe produced a version of 'Top Hat'. Suppers were served through the evening when a gramophone provided appropriate music. Many tired people were very glad of buses to various parts of the town.36 01 10a

1936 01 11
Fire at Brook House, Bassingbourn – 36 01 11

With its purchase of the Strensham Court Estate of 2,800 acres near Tewkesbury, Corpus Christi is following the examples of the richest Cambridge college. Trinity, which has an income of £80,000 a year, bought 4,000 acres of agricultural land in Suffolk two years ago. However King's, whose finances have flourished exceedingly under the bursarship of Maynard Keynes, prefer to invest in urban rather than agricultural properties. After the war they held estates in fifteen counties but these have been greatly reduced and they recently bought a valuable site close to the Middlesex Hospital. 36 01 11a

1936 01 15
Cottenham children gathered at the school gates gazing at the remains of their school with unsuppressed glee. The caretaker had been stoking up the fumes when he saw smoke coming from the senior boys' classroom. The floor collapsed and the contents of the room including two pianos were destroyed. The school bed was rescued from the wreckage of the belfry. The portion destroyed was erected in 1860 and is owned by the British School Trustees. The undamaged part is own by the County Council and was built in 1875. 36 01 15

The Queen motored over from Sandringham to visit Mr Stanley Woolston's antique store where she purchased specimens of needlework and some ivories to add to her collection. As word spread the police had a hard time keeping back the ever-increasing throng of sightseers. It was noticed that one of the tyres of the royal car was a little deflated and an RAC Scout was called in to blow it up again. The Queen also visited the Cambridge Tapestry Company in Thompson's Lane where she saw one piece of tapestry that was being repaired. It had been stolen by thieves who were forced to abandon it

in a wood where it had been affected by the weather and some children had also mutilated it 36 01 15a

Debate on Women's Suffrage in 1910, the first time an inter-college debate opened by a woman – 36 01 15 b & c # c.33

1936 01 16
Unruly and heated scenes were witnessed at a parish meeting at Burwell to discuss proposals for piped water. Analysts reported that 27 wells were unsafe for drinking from but one man aged 92 said he had been using one of these all his life. There had been cases of diphtheria but they were imported from outside. Many men did not realise the large volume of water that had to be drawn for washing. Were they going to deny a little comfort and ease to their wives for the sake of the cost of a packet of cigarettes a week? But a water scheme would be an infliction and they could not afford it. 36 01 16 & a

1936 01 17
It is many years since Raymond Bennett was a Cambridge semi-professional entertainer who made early appearances in cine-variety at the Playhouse, Mill Road. He has progressed rapidly and Cambridge audiences now have an opportunity of seeing him at the Theatre Cinema with his partner of many broadcasts. Bennett and McNaughton have achieved great success on the music halls, including the Holborn Empire, and have attained great popularity as broadcasting stars. Those who have listened to their broadcasts will be glad of this opportunity of renewing acquaintance with a popular local artiste 36 01 17

An unusual claim for damages caused through infection from a pair of trousers was heard at Cambridge Court. Walter Tarrant, a rick-burner at a brickworks, said he bought a pair of navy blue serge imitation trousers from Messrs Norman Bradley and Co but within a few days he suffered an irritation diagnosed as dermatitis and was in hospital for three weeks. The Public Analyst said the trousers had been made from waste rags. The original wool was dyed with indigo but when the cloth was remade it was dyed with iron sulphate. He thought the problem was caused by the dye bath not containing sufficient alkaline. 36 01 17a & b

1936 01 18
As the Guildhall is being reconstructed the Cambridge Education Committee met in the old Post Office on the corner of Petty Cury. The large hall on the ground floor where the public business of the Post Office used to be transacted has been cleared of the counters, screens and telephone boxes and converted into a committee room. Unfortunately the CDN reporters found the acoustic properties very bad. It is never easy to follow the remarks of some of the members of the Committee and hearing was rendered doubly difficult by the roar of traffic outside. They dragged their table nearer but even then the noise of the traffic was an easy winner. 36 01 18

1936 01 21
The news of the death of our beloved King came to the people of Cambridge by means of the wireless. The late afternoon bulletins prepared listeners for the worst and a solemn vigil began. In hundreds of homes families sat by the fireside waiting anxiously for the quarter-hourly bulletins which were given by the BBC. It was if the whole nation were waiting at the King's bedside. At the Dorothy Café, where the Fulbourn Mental Hospital Staff dance was in progress, the news of the King's death was learned at half-past-twelve. At once the dance was terminated. 36 01 21 # c.02

Sandringham estate – 36 10 21a

The late King George first came to Cambridge as Duke of York in 1894 when he received an Honorary Degree. As King he stayed at Trinity College while inspecting the army manoeuvres in 1912 during which he met a column of troops on the march near Whittlesford and sat on his horse for nearly half an hour waiting for them to pass. He refused to allow them to be stopped in order to give

him passage. Earlier he had dismounted to talk to an old soldier at Linton. His final recent visit was at the opening of the new University Library, 36 01 21c

1936 01 22
Proclaiming new king – 36 01 22

1936 01 23
Long before the royal train carrying the dead King was due to leave Wolferton, thousands had assembled at vantage points along the railway route to London line to pay their final homage. Every few yards little knots of people stood in reverent silence. Hundred lined the platform as the funeral train steamed slowly into Cambridge station. 'Charlotte' the parrot, King George's inseparable companion, was on the train. It had been carried to the station in a covered cage, placed on the knees of a royal servant in a royal shooting brake. 36 01 23a & d

Cambridge embroiderers – 36 01 23b

Several thousand packed Cambridge Market Hill where from a special platform draped in purple the new King Edward VII was proclaimed. But proceedings were interrupted by the appearance overhead of an aeroplane and as a result of the noise from the engine the Mayor (Ald Wing) had to pause. Undergraduates crowded outside the Senate House where the University ceremony was held. Many of them had cameras and four or five, determined to get a good view of the ceremony, climbed into the huge bowl which stands on a pedestal in the court. 36 01 23c

1936 01 27
Scene in King's college chapel & other services – 36 01 27

1936 01 28
Last act of homage – 36 01 28 & a

The Air Ministry say it is very desirable that a new Cambridge municipal aerodrome site should be provided in the near future. Land at Milton had been recommended by Sir Alan Cobham but this would cost more than £33,000 and take at least two years to build. Messrs Marshall's existing flying ground at Newmarket Road is quite inadequate for present requirements and they could have a new site at Teversham ready in a year, councillors heard. 36 01 28b & c 36 01 30a

1936 01 29
King George V has a warm place in the hearts of Newmarket people. His frequent visits, during which he moved about as 'a simple country gentleman', endeared him to all the residents and they regarded him as a personal friend. Every shop bore signs of mourning and those who did not wear a black symbol of respect were very few and far between. On the day of the funeral businesses were closed. There was a deep hush and the streets were practically deserted during the two minute's silence. All Saints Church was packed for the memorial service, many stood at the back before the doors were closed. 36 01 29

Arrangements have been made with the Cambridge General Cemetery Company for the Histon Road Cemetery to be transferred to the Borough Council as from February. The cottage, chapel and old mortuary required considerable repairs, the paths regravelled and the grounds cleared up. The cottage should be made habitable for a man to live there and have general charge of the ground, a report recommended. 36 01 29a

1936 01 30
Benjamin Rayment was first apprenticed to the shoemaking trade at a shop in Trumpington Street but decided to try his fortune elsewhere. He walked to Birmingham for work before entering the hat industry in Luton when the first hat-blocking machine was introduced from America. He returned to Cambridge and carried on business in Burleigh Street as a straw and felt hat maker for close on 70

years. When the straw hat industry was in its prime he used to supply 'boaters' to most of the University shops in the town. He had a wonderful memory with recollections of the Crimean War, the Chartist Riots and the great exhibition in Hyde Park and died in his 100th year. 36 01 30

Cambridge beauty spa – 36 01 30a

1936 01 31
There was a need for providing a community welfare centre for the housing estates on the outskirts of Cambridge where a large proportion of the houses were occupied by youngish married couples with growing children. Chesterton is like a new town, the people are isolated, lonely, vague and have no centre. Youngsters wandered aimlessly about with nothing to do and nowhere to go. They need a building for public meetings, concerts, dances, films and medical inspections. But it would not be suitable as a library and a site in Ascham Road would offer quietness and room for any necessary growth, councillors were told. 36 01 31 & a

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1936 02 01
G.J. Gray was born in Pembroke Street and entered the firm of Bowes and Bowes in 1876. He was encouraged by the late Robert Bowes to prosecute his bibliographical work beyond the requirements of business and his publications on Cambridge booksellers and printers won him the esteem of University librarians. In earlier life he was connected with the Higher Grade and Camden Cricket Clubs, Old Chesterton Institute and Men's Bible Class. He also organised the Penny 'Pops' concerts held in the Guildhall in years gone by. At his retirement The Publishers' Circular praised his 60 years in the book trade 36 02 01

Chesterton RDC's scheme to enlarge their isolation hospital at Oakington spoiled the County plans for accommodating small-pox patients, the Medical Office complained. In the event of an outbreak it was the usual practice that one of the existing isolation hospitals should be immediately vacated and used for small-pox cases. Oakington was ideal for this. Within 24 hours all the ordinary patients could be transferred and in another 48 hours it could be ready for use. The Ministry of Heath should hold an inquiry. 36 02 01a

1936 02 03
Fire broke out at the Live and Let Live Inn, Stetchworth, during Friday evening. It is believed that the outbreak was caused by some clothes catching alight whilst drying. Damage was caused to beams and to a piano before the flames were extinguished with pails of water. Meanwhile at Burwell, where many of the wells have been found to be polluted, a parish poll urging the adoption of a supply of pure water was overwhelming defeated. 36 02 03

1936 02 04
The Cambridge Arts Theatre opened with a gala performance by the Vic-Walls Ballet Company. It is a beautiful piece of work with furnishings in autumn leaf and includes a restaurant and café bar. The cinema and sound apparatus is of the very latest type with facilities for the reproduction of gramophone records designed by Messrs Morley and Duke. The fresh air supply can be warmed or cooled while the main heating by water-fed radiators is instantly adjustable to meet the vagaries of the English climate 36 02 04 & a

Widespread flooding occurred at Huntingdon and St Ives which one motorist says looks like an island. The water in the Old West is within eight inches of the top of the bank and these are being heightened with clay on the low places. There is also heavy seepage on the Wissey, all along the Middle Fen banks, at Southery Ferry and the River Lark. All banks are being patrolled by day and night with tugs and barges in readiness to deal with any emergency. 36 02 04b

Mrs A.A. Moyes' charming, pleasant nature was well-known to countless visitors to the Lion Hotel in Petty Cury hotel. Her memory was outstanding: many commercial travellers recall how she could take up a conversation practically where it had been left off, even after many months. Undergraduates had the greatest respect: even during the liveliest of moments she was able to quell impending trouble without outside assistance. She had the present glass roof put above the former courtyard, which was used for traffic up to 1907. Now the family have severed their links with the hotel after over 80 years. 36 02 04c

1936 02 05
Premier Travel Ltd has been formed to take over the services of Royal Blue Coaches of Chesterton Road and the Harston and District Motor Services. Managing director, E.A. Lainson, says there is a definite need for a good independent transport company. They will offer special excursions to Hunstanton, Southend and Yarmouth, run motor tours to Europe all year round and also conduct a travel agency for steamship, motor coach and aeroplane services. 36 02 05

The world premier presentation of the new GPO film unit production 'Night Mail' was given as the second gala performance in connection with the opening of Cambridge's delightful new Arts Theatre. It deals with the work of the Royal Mail night train from London to Scotland with plenty of novel-angle shots and some quick-fire doggerel which is made to synchronise with the train beats. Other features were a highly-diverting slapstick Mickey Mouse cartoon and the British Movietone News 36 02 05a

1936 02 06
Demolition of property on the top corner, Haddenham would improve visibility for traffic proceeding from Wilburton to Sutton but a more comprehensive improvement could be effected if the adjoining baker's shop in Hop Row could be acquired. Councillors recommended it be acquired and demolished and the existing kerb and footpath line be set back seven feet. At Littleport there would be a small piece of land to spare after improvement at the junction of High Street and Hempfield Road which could be used for the erection of a public convenience. But there will be no more traffic lights as these are an expensive luxury 36 02 06

A demolition appeal heard that two cottages at Great Abington must be 100 years old. The roof was heavy thatch in a state of decay, the stairs were worm-eaten and dark and rain came in around the windows. A family with six children shared a living room and two attic bedrooms, all the cooking and washing had to be done in the living room. The bedroom of one was built into one of the bedrooms of the other and it was impossible to pull down one without affecting its neighbour. Repairs would cost £58 but the houses were worth scarcely £10 36 02 06a

The Cambridge University Mummers, who are still the only University Dramatic Society to admit women members equally with men in all their activities, are presenting 'Heartbreak House' by Bernard Shaw. In the cast there are four members of Newnham, the most prominent of whom is Miss Teresa Mayor. She will be supported by Beryl Eeman, Cecilia Hopkinson and Deirdre Moore. The play will be produced by George Rylands who is well known for productions at the A.D.C. 36 02 06a

1936 02 07
The question of a Municipal Aerodrome for Cambridge has at last been settled. Messrs Marshall's new aerodrome at Teversham will be of sufficient size to enable Cambridge to have a fully licensed airport competent to meet the needs of commercial and civil flying. The council will remove the present restrictions on the site and divert a footpath but will have the option of purchasing the undertaking in 40 years and afterwards every ten years 36 02 07

The proposed formation of an Internal Drainage Board for the Cam, Rhee and Bourn Brook was opposed by owners and occupiers of land in the area. They would be precepted for work in the fen from which they had no immediate benefit. Mr F. Matthews from Shingay said he farmed by the Rhee and had been troubled by floods for 20 years. If the main channel was cleared out the water would

flow away. “We want drainage, but we don’t want to let ourselves in for a lot of expense”, he said. 36 02 07a

1936 02 08
Two new pubs in Coldham’s Lane were considered. The Star Brewery’s ‘Haven Hotel’ at the junction of Vinery Way would be like an Elizabethan Manor in red brick with stone dressing and red tiled roof. Greene King planned the ‘Merry Monarch’ opposite Brooks Road as a plain up-to-date pub with a Cumberland turf bowling green attached – far more appropriate than the ‘Brewers Jacobean’ proposal. But this was a new housing area in which many people were starting out in life and taking of a narcotic drug like alcohol was subversive to the economic, moral and spiritual welfare. Both applications were refused 36 02 08 & a

Cambridge Post Office placed new pens on their counters for a six-month trial. But at the end of a month they had all disappeared. A special locking device held the stainless steel nibs in position, but this did not deter the members of the public who took a fancy to them, as both pen and holder were taken away! Many inquiries have been made with regard to the type of nib used and where they could be purchased (possibly following unsuccessful attempts to abstract them from the pen holders). Now a special red pen holder bearing the letters ‘G.P.O.’ is being issued for use at public counters of head post offices. But these are not intended for the purposes of ornamenting writing desks in houses and business offices. 36 02 08b & c

1936 02 10
Skating at Newnham – photo – 36 02 10

1936 02 11
Death Mrs Henry Sidgwick, Principal of Newnham – 36 02 11

1936 02 13
Wells and Winch Ltd, brewers of Biggleswade, announce the opening of the new ‘Yorkshire Grey’ Chesterton. This house has been designed to ensure the comfort of its patrons, both new and old, and is the latest endeavour of Messrs Wells and Winch to make licensed premises clean, healthy and attractive. A spacious clubroom is available for parties – this room having a private entrance and conveniences. Tenant Thomas Evans. Architect E.H.C. Inskip & Son, Bedford 36 02 13

1936 02 15
Shop assistants branch formed at Ely, Newmarket – 36 02 15

Cambridge Beauty Spa is probably the most up-to-date and best equipped of its kind in the country with expert assistants, modern appliances and the best of materials. Zotofoam Baths ensure Cambridge is not behind in the now-awakened national cult of health and beauty. By deep cleaning of the pores they clear the system of poisonous secretions. Aches and stiffness gives way to supple firmness, unwanted weight is pleasurably sweated away and the skin is made clear with real skin-deep beauty – Advert 36 02 15b

River Cam Internal Drainage Board opposed Sawston – 36 02 15c

Buses to Wyton airfield – 36 02 15c

1936 02 17
Thomas Jacobs Stretham cattle-dealer dies – 36 02 17

1936 02 21
A new Blue Boar hotel, refined and distinctive yet homely has been taking shape in Trinity Street. A new Georgian cornice and canopy has been installed with flood-lighting producing a beautiful effect. Internally structural alterations, redecoration and refurbishing make the hotel a place of comfort and

restful beauty with every modern refinement to ensure the enjoyment of residents who have a choice of gas, coal or electric fires in the bedrooms. The main lounge was originally a cobblestone yard into which coaches were driven. It was covered in in 1900 36 02 21 advert – 36 02 22a

1936 02 22
'Cambridge Murders' by Adam Broome (Godfrey James) 36 02 22 36 02 28

House purchase through a Building Society – 36 02 22b

Meadowlands Estate Newmarket Road, Cromwell Park estate – adverts 36 02 22c & e

Harvey's Church Farm Estate at Eversden & Harlton offers a brick-built bungalow with an acre of well-drained land suitable for nurseries, glasshouses or poultry fattening - Mr Creighton, who lives on the Estate, is an expert and would be pleased to show you the methods. The basis of a house is the foundations and the material comes from our own sand pits at Cottenham. We use Fletton Bricks and tiles fitted by the Marley Tile Company who give a 40 years guarantee with each roof. Window frames and doors come from Newsums of Lincoln, ranges and locks by Cakebread Robey & Co while Sir William Rose & Company supply the paints and distemper and electrical installations are carried out by A.W. Matthews of Mill Road, Cambridge. Advert 36 02 22d

1936 02 24
Burning the boat at Jesus College following success at Lent Race – photo – 36 02 24

1936 02 25
An undergraduate was discovered with his head terribly injured on King's Parade at midnight. He was removed to a nursing home in the police ambulance but died on the way. He had apparently fallen from the fourth-floor window of the house where he lodged and was dressed only in pyjamas, coat and socks. His landlady found the door of his room sealed up with adhesive tape and there was a smell of gas. A sealed letter was found. 36 02 25

1936 02 28
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1936 03 03
Long Road new railway bridge – photo – 36 03 03

Cambridge University Film Production Unit documentary on psychology at Psychological Laboratories – photo 36 03 03b

Cherry Hinton Hall, p5

1936 03 04
Sultan of Zanzibar hoax – photo – at reported death Horace Cole - 36 03 04

1936 03 05
Trinity Hall had purchased Cherry Hinton Hall Estate with a view to development and asked the council to let them proceed or to buy it as a public park for £13,000. This was more than they'd paid but the land had recently been brought within the Borough boundary and if they were to acquire open space in areas ripe for development they should have to pay building land price. They would move the Horticultural Department there and let the grazing but parts of the house would probably be demolished– 36 03 03a 36 03 05a & b

1936 03 06

The Star Brewery want a new pub, The Golden Hind, on Milton Road, an area of 1,010 houses of which the majority had been built since 1927. It was not ribbon development but housing estates on each side and practically built up to the railway gates. Kings Hedges Road would form part of the new Ring Road so further development might be expected there. If granted the brewery would surrender the licence of the 'Racehorse' on Newmarket Road and the 'Plume of Feathers'. The Women's Total Abstinence Union opposed the application. Licence applications Elm Tree, Hare and Hounds & Dog & Pheasant. Licence of Bowling Green Chesterton transfer to new Golden Hind. 36 03 06

Sir - Great falls and breakages in the main line of elms along the Backs began in a gale 40 years ago. They have come at intervals ever since and will certainly continue as the trees are much more diseased and feeble than the public knows. Twelve years ago King's cleared fifty yards of the sad wreckage of old trees and planted a double reserve line. These are now well grown but some have been broken. The public may look forward to more random falls whenever the wind is high and a limited amount of controlled felling and replanting where the trees are judged to be worst. But there will be no sudden large clearances and we are taking the best advice we can – Vice-Provost, King's College 36 03 06c

Byelaws that prevented children doing agricultural work for more than four hours a day during school holidays were a hardship for farmers – they could not even employ their own sons to help with the harvest. But one 13-year old boy had worked in the harvest field from eight in the morning to eight at night, six days a week, for a full harvest, and was paid the magnificent sum of twelve shillings. The farmer did not put his own children in the harvest field – would they allow their own children to do that? Councillors agreed to allow children to be employed in light agricultural work, not involving heavy strain, for up to nine hours during the summer holidays. 36 03 06b

1936 03 07
Ugly scenes were witnessed at a demonstration organised by the University Socialist Club and Anti-War Council at the Guildhall which was addressed by Aneurin Bevan. There was vocal opposition from the gallery with fighting and at one juncture all the doors were opened wide because of a strong offensive smell. Earlier 500 undergraduates took part in a torchlight procession headed by the red banner of the University Anti-War Movement shouting "We want peace" and "Stanley Baldwin must be sacked" 36 03 07 & a

Golden Hind application granted – 36 03 07b & c

1936 03 09
The Rendezvous, in Magrath Avenue has been turned into a modern luxury super-cinema with a new café restaurant. The latest talkie equipment ensures perfect reproduction and sound, the films are of the highest quality and patrons are assured of a three-hour programme. An added attraction is the illuminated Compton organ which is played at every performance. The ballroom has been re-decorated and is one of the finest in the Eastern Counties with popular tea dances and combined tea, picture and dancing tickets. 36 03 09

1936 03 11
Unusual features mark the will of Aubrey Leonard Attwater, Fellow of Pembroke College. He desired to be cremated and the ashes deposited in the precincts of the college. He left five old prints of the University Rakes Progress to a former undergraduate, his wine in the college cellars to another Fellow and his clothing to his bedmaker and college servants. His poems should be sealed up in a packet and placed in the College Library, not to be opened for thirty years. 36 03 11

1936 03 12
"Is any treaty made with Germany more than a piece of paper" asked Sir Austen Chamberlain when he reviewed Germany's action over the demilitarised zone in a speech he made at the annual dinner of the Cambridge University Conservative Association. The Association was flourishing and its numbers and activities greater than ever. There were a disproportionate number of Oxford men in the House of

Commons but the Cambridge men made up in quality what they lacked in numbers. However there was a slackness in the Conservative Party which had no counterpart among the Socialists. 36 03 12 & a

Albany Café in St Mary's Passage – painting – 36 03 12b

1936 03 14
Undergraduates last night hazardously climbed to the roof of Emmanuel College North Court and decorated six chimneys with chamber pots. They were removed by Mr S. Burgess of Messrs Prime's the builders who is often called in to remove various objects placed in inaccessible positions by exuberant undergraduates. "Some of them can run up brick walls", he said: one took off his shoes and went down a wall by means of his feet and hands alone to remove a gown that had been placed in a particularly difficult spot. 36 03 14

Broadsheets were once very popular in Cambridge and now Dr F. Carr of Sawston has revived the tradition with one featuring Mr David who has been selling books for 40 years. He pays tribute in a poem printed on antique paper with two admirable sketches of David and his stall by his son, Mr Hubert David. The broadsheet is published at a shilling and should make a strong appeal to the friends and customers (the words are almost synonymous) of one of Cambridge's celebrities 36 03 14a

1936 03 17
Ely councillors considered a parking place in Bray's Lane. The time would come when the streets would be congested with cars left in all directions. The garage charge was 6d but as soon as they started forcing cars off the streets the charge would go up to a shilling and that would not do any good to the trade of Ely. It was a shame cars should park on St Mary's Green and Barton Square and it was about time they got on with a car park of their own. But Councillor Wright thought they could put a dozen houses on the land. 36 03 17

1936 03 18
Folk Museum, p6

1936 03 19
Newmarket old soldier badly gassed during war dies – 36 03 19

1936 03 21
Milk bar at NFU dance at Dorothy – 36 03 21

Many people have wondered about the object of the black and white poles which have sprung up along St Andrew's Street and Hills Road. The Ministry of Transport have finally given permission to the system of unilateral parking and the posts will be adorned with notices warning motorists not to park on the wrong side of the road on the wrong day. There is also some reason for believing that the new 'one-way' streets will also be brought into operation before very long. 36 03 21a

Harry Pitt of Manor Cottage, Church Road has written recalling 'The Walking Lady of Chesterton'. "She walked for a wager 'a thousand miles in a thousand hours' in a private garden in Church Street, Chesterton 60 years ago. I have been told that she walked in tights with high-topped boots, a jockey's cap and whip in hand. The story goes that she kept up her one mile per hour, walking day and night until she completed her task and won the wager." Other readers may enlighten us still further 36 03 21c

Albany coffee shop St Mary's Passage notes; frontage between St Mary's Passage and St Edward's Passage sold - 36 03 21b

1936 03 23

The King's Coronation may be televised as will next year's boat race, Post Office engineers were told. "How are we going to do that? Some think that in 10 years time people who have got the telephone service will want to use those wires for a re-diffusion service for broadcasts. It means that every wire has got to carry a much greater frequency and you will have to re-lay the undergrounds. I cannot see the end of these expansions. None of us can", the Superintending Engineer asked. 36 03 23 & a

Unilateral parking came into force in Cambridge on Saturday. Between Regent Street and the Old Post Office parking is now allowed for 15 minutes in any one hour on one side of the road on even dates and on the other side on odd. There is one short stretch against Emmanuel Street in which no parking is allowed, owing to the difficulty of traffic coming in and out of the town through this narrow street. Readers should remember they cannot now leave their cars for any longer than 15 minutes as this is the limit. 36 03 23b

1936 03 24
Ellis Wilkerson of Manor Farm, Barley founded the business of Messrs Samuel Wilkerson & Son, corn merchants, at Bassingbourn 73 years ago, moving to Royston in 1876. He farmed 800 acres, taking a great interest in his sheep, and was a director of the Royston Farmers' Manure Company. He was also a fine judge of barley being a buyer for Mess Bass, Ratcliffe and Gretton of Burton-on-Trent. 36 03 24

Herbert Ernest Fenn – a clever artist and cartoonist – 36 03 24a

Andrew Norfolk, Wilburton fruit farmer bankrupt – 36 03 24a

1936 03 25
Cambridge more one-way streets – 36 03 25

Cold schools – 36 03 25b

Roger Roe carried on the antique business in St Andrew's Street in succession to his father and many times had the honour of waiting upon royalty, dies – 36 03 25a & c

1936 03 26
Modern living with its flats, bungalows and almost stream-lined houses, can no longer accommodate the fine old heavy furniture of our ancestors. Today the cult is for comfort and utility in limited space so Robert Sayle has equipped their basement to show this new furniture. Here you can see complete rooms set out with wallpaper decoration, carpets, curtains, lamps and all the etceteras which make a house a home. There is even a little nursery that is wallpapered with a new type of American cloth which is washable and most hygienic. What home-proud woman will want to refuse such advice? – Advert 36 03 26

Sewage schemes Cheveley Park, Soham, Burwell water, Swaffham Bulbeck ditches and Brinkley smells 36 03 26a

Huntingdon County Library 10th report – 36 03 26b

1936 03 27
Cambridge Police had a busy time when the new system of one-way traffic came into being. They were based at the end of all the affected streets and strangers must have wondered at the cordon thrown round the town. But it was necessary for despite all the notices many motorists attempted to make their way along the street from the wrong end and were stopped. And, by the way, the new restrictions apply equally to cyclists who will not be allowed to walk with their machines against the streams of traffic – 36 03 27

E. Saville Peck said he had not wanted to become a pharmacist as he was always afraid of poisons. But he had carried on the business founded by his father in 1851. He had met some eminent Cambridge doctors including Sir George Humphrey, who frequently had a chat over the counter at 30 Trumpington Street. 36 03 27a & b

Alfred Scales carried on his father's business as wine and spirit merchants, formerly well-known as Scales Brewery. He retired in 1925 when the estate was disposed of and the business taken over by Messrs Barclay, Perkins & Co. During the war he arranged sports and entertainments for the patients at the 1st Eastern General Hospital and took special interest in the bath ward where wounded soldiers used to lie continually in baths of warm water. 36 03 27c

1936 03 27 CS
Cambridge Standard, an Independent weekly Town & County: masthead. Printed and published Regent Street, 36 03 27&(2)CS

1936 03 28
A shepherd of the Cottage, Hundred Foot Bank, Pymore was crossing the railway bridge when he recognised the peculiar whistling noise of the otter and saw three of them in the river. He fetched his gun and approached the spot in a boat. By this time the otters were on the bank. He got within 12 yards before shooting and was astonished to find he had killed all three with one cartridge. His bag consisted of a female and two youngsters. He also possesses the skins of several other otters he has shot. 36 03 28

A Huntingdonshire branch of the Historical Association was formed in the room at Huntingdon Grammar School where Oliver Cromwell learned his lessons. This was the oldest building in England still used as a school. East Anglia was very backward in the study of local history and students suffered a good deal because of the inaccessibility of local records. More trouble should be taken to preserve them and much could be done to make careful copies 36 03 28a

Under new restrictions Cambridge motorists may not travel from Market Hill towards Trinity Street or into Bene't Street from King's Parade. You may not drive into Sussex Street from Hobson Street or into Corn Exchange Street from Downing Street, nor turn at Burton's Corner, Petty Cury to go to the Victoria Cinema or from Wheeler Street into Peas Hill to get to the Arts Theatre. But cyclists may walk with their bicycles either way as they do at present in Petty Cury and Market Street. Restaurants will have to speed up their service if they wish to cater for those who leave their cars outside, for only a quarter of an hour is permitted. Travellers who do not want to get indigestion had better make use of a parking space! 36 03 28b

Charles Rowell running recollections – 36 03 28b
Macleod's 'Overture to Cambridge' play rewritten as a novel – 36 03 28c
Girton Men's Institute cannot become a Jubilee memorial and cannot put up a combined village hall and pavilion on the recreation ground. Want an Infant Welfare Centre – 36 03 28d
Great Ouse training walls into the Wash – 36 03 28d
Policeman and cyclist – explaining one-way rules – photo – 36 03 28e

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1936 04 01
The ditch in Harston High Street ran in front of a good many cottages and into it the sewage matter from a large number of houses emptied. At times the odour was so unbearable that people cannot have their windows open. In places the ditch passed under culverts and the flow was interrupted causing a bad stench, especially near the Coach and Horses who complained they had lost a great deal of custom. People living in the houses had a great deal of trouble with their throats and were not well, councillors were told. 36 04 01a

Parker's Piece opening as free car park – April Fool's Day photo – 36 04 01

Queens' College new building – photo – 36 04 01b

1936 04 02
Cambridge Short Wave club set up – 36 04 02

A man was sentenced to four years for burglary at the house of Mr Sidney Smith at Stretham. He used a poker to open various pieces of furniture and ransacked the house. But why he stole some of the articles it was difficult to understand. He took Mr Smith's tweed coat and vest, a tack coat, flannel coat, overcoat, 13 packets of cigarettes and five shillings in silver together with two pairs of stockings, five silk handkerchiefs, one pair of eyeglasses in a case and other articles belonging to his wife. 36 04 02a

1936 04 03
There were lively scenes at Little Thetford when a meeting was held to elect five councillors to constitute the Parish Council. Mr H.E. Kisby topped the poll with 21 votes but an unsuccessful candidate protested that the election was not valid as one of the voters was not on the electoral roll: "There is jiggery-pokery going on", he alleged. The man demanded a public poll which, as it received the backing of four electors, will be held. 36 04 03

1936 04 03 CS
Mid-Anglian Friday Post, successor to the Cambridge Standard. 36 04 03&a,bCS

Room for two… usually new papers have a fortnight's rehearsal … we had twelve hour's notice of the need for this district's second paper, not tied to any news trust … 36 04 03(2)CS

1936 04 04
The Policewoman's Review includes an article in praise of policewomen by Cambridge Councillor Mrs Rackham. The main obstacles to an increase in their numbers are prejudice against women police constables and ignorance of the work they perform. 36 04 04

Cambridge Police Force was established about March 1836 when it comprised a superintendent, two inspectors, eight sergeants and 24 constables. Now it consists of the Chief Constable, a Chief Inspector, three Inspectors, eight sergeants, 79 constables, two policewomen and the Fire Brigade which is made up of a sergeant and six men. Crime was much the same then as now: the 1837 report shows gas lamps were extinguished unlawfully and there was even a case of furious driving, the vehicle being a gig. 36 04 04

1936 04 06
Easter is replete with many quaint customs and beliefs and in Cambridgeshire folklore many of these old observances are still kept up. Centuries ago witches were believed to meet at some lonely spot in the fen district on Good Friday and hold their satanic revelries, Country folk, to prevent becoming 'bewitched', would mutter the charm
Upon Good Friday
I will fast while I may,
Until I hear the knell
Of the lord's bell
They also hung bunches of "palm" (catkins) over their doors as an additional prevention of witch spells
The eating of hot cross buns still remains a popular observance. An old custom of Cambridgeshire housewives was to bake a large bun on Good Friday and keep it until it was dry. It was then grated into powder and kept in stoppered jars to be administered mixed with water, when necessary, to any person in the household suffering from sickness or diarrhoea. Old folk will still tell you that if the sun

shines on Easter Day it will also shine on Whit Sunday and that new clothes should be worn on Easter Day, or at least some new articles of attire, if only a necktie, so good fortune may attend you
At least let your clothes be new,
Or else be sure you will it rue
The custom of partaking of Easter eggs growth in popularity every year though nowadays there seems more of the sweetmeat variety than the natural production. Nevertheless many Cambridgeshire folk still serve home coloured hard-boiled eggs at breakfast on Easter morning. No doubt the observance arose from the idea of an egg being an object retaining the elements of future life.
A pleasing an ancient Easter custom which still survives is known as the 'Clipping of the Church', clipping being an old form of the word 'embracing'. This observance takes place in the churchyard on Easter Sunday afternoon. The scholars of the Sunday School, with their teachers and parents, link hands and form a human chain long enough to encircle the sacred edifice, hymns appropriate to be observance being sung. 36 04 06

1936 04 07
The "Buy British" movement will receive a boost with the visit to Cambridge of the All-Electric Propaganda Van. It is a miniature mobile power station generating its own electricity to enable the display in 12-inch letters of electric light that show almost as clearly in daytime as at night. The whole cost of this 'Buy British' demonstration is borne by British firms and concerns of national reputation, prominent amongst them being the New Zealand Dairy Board and Meltonian Shoe Polishes 36 04 07

1936 04 08
"Overture to Cambridge", play by Joseph Gordon Macleod, now turned into a novel – 36 04 08 # c.74

1936 04 09
A distinguished group of architects including the Slade Professor Fine Art and the Vice-Presidents of the Royal Institute of British Architects have offered to contribute £1,200 towards the architectural fees of building Histon Village College provided it is designed by the firm of Maxwell Fry and Victor Gropius. The County Council said the offer came entirely out of the blue and was a great compliment to Cambridgeshire. It would be a model of its kind and used not only as a school but a centre of adult education. 36 04 09 & a

Important Notice. Peak's furnishers, King Street, Cambridge have built up the name and reputation for selling reliable goods. We give an expert furnishing service with 150 bedroom, dining and drawing room suites always on show. Don't be misled. We have no branch shop and no connection with any other furniture store. – Advert 36 04 09b # c.27.2

1936 04 11
For those on enjoyment bent Cambridge offered plenty of attractions on Good Friday. That 'hardy annual', skipping on Parker's Piece, showed no sign of waning in popularity; a large-sized crowd gathered to watch and take part. Various stall-holders seized the opportunity to set up their portable businesses beside the Piece. The streets wore their usual holiday deserted look, but neither that nor the temperatures deterred the cycling ice-cream salesmen. The Town football match drew some 5,000 spectators while the brass band concert in the Guildhall was a popular affair and the cinemas were open in the afternoon and evening. 36 04 11a – photos 36 04 11 # c.39

Death Charles Kidman, builder 36 04 11b # c.23

Three minutes before the service at Ely Cathedral began on Good Friday evening, a 20-years-old youth dropped dead in the organ loft. He was an articled pupil to Dr M. Conway, Cathedral organist, and his death was a tragedy of almost incredible suddenness. Just before the Cathedral choir were due to sing he was in the organ loft with the assistant organist, Mr R. Young. The latter turned his back for a few moments, and hearing a gasp found the young man had collapsed on the floor. Rushing from the loft he sent for medical assistance but he was beyond aid. Meanwhile the congregation were unaware

of what had happened until the end of the service, when the Preceptor offered a prayer for the dead youth 36 04 11c

1936 04 14
Roger W.B. Jenyns of Bottisham Hall took the welfare of village cricket to heart and presented a cup with the final played in his Park. The first member of the family to live in Bottisham was Sir Roger Jenyns who was knighted for his services in the drainage of the fens. Others included Sarah, the famous Duchess of Marlborough, and Soame Jenyns a great literary character of the 18th century while an uncle was one of the survivors of the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava. He is succeeded by Roger Soame Jenyns who after four years in the Colonial Service at Hong Kong is now a Keeper of Oriental Antiquities at the British Museum 36 04 14

1936 04 16
Newmham photo, p1
Smallholding, p5

1936 04 17
Sussex Street, p1

1936 04 18
Lord Eltisley has made extensive use of electricity on his estate at Croxton Park for threshing, pumping, grinding pig food, working sack hoists and operating fruit grading, corn cleaning and potato sorting machines. It also drives a sawmill, heats sites with newly-farrowed pigs, warms milk for new-born lambs and drives elevators for stacking straw and hay. Fourteen motors are in frequent use. He is a director of the Beds, Cambs and Hunts Electricity Company amongst several others and while Cambridge MP served on a parliamentary committee on the development of electricity in rural areas. 36 04 18a

The work of pulling down and building up in Cambridge goes merrily on. Anyone revisiting the town after only a few years' absence must be amazed at the remarkable changes taking place from the old Post Office to the Catholic Church. In a few years this will form the most important and best shopping centre in Cambridge. Now no.14 Regent Street, which was built at the end of the 18th century, will be pulled down by Messrs Herbert Robinson to make an extension of their business. This will mean a further improvement in the building line with a consequent street widening. 36 04 18b # c.44.6

1936 04 21
Members of the Territorial Army Nursing Service and nurses of Addenbrooke's Hospital receiving instruction in anti-gas drill – photo – 36 04 21 # c.21.4 # c.45.6

Central Cinema installation of machine for lighting the screen – photo – 36 04 21a # c.76.9

1936 04 22
Percy Clark left Cambridge for a life of adventure in South Africa. Today he is famous to visitors at the famous Victoria Falls because of his picturesque huts which house photographs and mementoes for the delight of the traveller. In his autobiography, 'An Old Drifter' he tells how, after working as a photographer with Mr R.H. Lord, he went to Rhodesia where he worked as a travelling photographer. Having returned to Cambridge to be married he went back to find that the man he'd left in charge of his photographic business had decamped, having sold nearly all the furniture. But his young wife made the best of it and they have two strong sons. 36 04 22a # c.65.5

Cambridge Photographic Club cine group showed a film by Eric Watson entitled 'East Coast Holidays' with some interesting shots of fisher girls 'gutting' at Lowestoft. 'Neath Arctic Skies' by Arnold Darlington depicted Eskimo life in East Greenland in 1935 while his 'Offence and Defence' was accompanied by a running commentary: the absence of sub-titles made it something of an experiment. The club's combined film 'Springtime for Henry' portrayed a small boy's attitude

towards compulsory school attendance on a fine morning. Mr H.S. Johnson, president, thanked King and Harper for the use of their radiogram in relating the musical score accompanying the films. 36 04 22b # c.65.6

Autobiography of an old drifter – P.M. Clark – 36 04 22

1936 04 23
Cambridge Short Wave Club was formed to foster and maintain interest in short wave radio, discuss problems, provide technical literature and exchange 'junk'. They hoped to install a club transmitter and arrange instruction in Morse for beginners. H.W. Scott presided at the first meeting when a large number of short wave fans attended together with transmitters 5JO, 2PL, 6HD, 2KW and 5PU 36 04 23 # c.27.8

The bridges over the Bedford Rivers at Sutton Gault were unable to carry the weight of traffic now using them and were beyond the capacity of the Ouse Catchment Board to repair. They should be replaced by the County Council like the Honeysome Bridge near Chatteris station. But this would cost £8,000 and in times of flood the road between the two bridges would be underwater. To make a good job there would have t0 be a viaduct and the area did not warrant that expenditure, an Inspector was told. 36 04 22c & d photo 36 04 23a # c.44.75

1936 04 25
Hope for heated indoor swimming pool soon – 36 04 25

The Wayfarers' Rest at 3 Union Lane, Chesterton has been open for a year. It provides an opportunity for those on their way to the Casual Ward to spend an hour or two in homely surroundings during which they are given tea, scones and a cigarette or tobacco. They can write letters, read magazines and join in the small chapel for prayers and a short Bible reading. More than 4,700 men and 120 woman have used it so far 36 04 25a # c.32.9

1936 04 27
New bridge replacing old ferry at Horse Grind is now in use – photo – 36 04 27 # c.44.7

"This country will never be saved by young men with permanently waved hair. They may be mother's darlings and favourites of the girls, but they will never be any good to the country because he is a 'she-man' and the country will never be saved by 'she-men'. Women are all very well, but they should know their place and the danger of the present day is that there is too much feminism about. A man has got to be prepared to stick up for his own. The Territorial Army is preferable to spending evenings in cinemas and smoking round corners", the Cambridgeshire Regiment Old Comrades were told. 36 04 27a

The new R.S.P.C.A. clinic for animals at Covent Garden was officially opened. Those who could pay took their animals to the veterinary surgeon but many could not afford the fees and three prominent vets had promised their professional assistance without any charge 36 04 27b # c.19

Some members of King's College went mountaineering last night. A Union Jack and the Abyssinian emblem were fixed to the pinnacles at the east end of the chapel with a large banner slung between them bearing the words 'Save Ethiopia". The flags were still flying during the morning but the banner was blown down by the wind. A man who was astir early claimed to have seen four undergraduates climbing up at four o'clock. Unfortunately he was unable to see what means of assistance they were using in their climb, otherwise one of Cambridge's age-old mysteries would have been solved 36 04 27c # c.38 : night # c.39

Territorial soldiers with machine guns at anti-aircraft exercises on Coldham's common – 36 04 27d # c.45.6

1936 04 29
Thirty of the smallest circus performers have arrived on the fairground at Cowper Road, Cambridge. Well-known on the Continent, these Lilliputian players range up to 36 inches in height and their 30 ponies are of similar build. They make their own village, consisting of hairdressers' shop, a newsagent, café and billiards saloon as well as their own church. There is added interest in the show as two of the tiny performers are to be married shortly 36 04 29 # c.76.2

1936 04 30
John Whitaker, the well-known Cambridge antique dealer who has died in his 92nd year, was a craftsman of skill and taste, a carver of wood and stone and many buildings were enriched by his work. He had travelled extensively in India, the Cape, America and the Continent and also had a great knowledge of local history. The business of a dealer in antiques never ceased to appeal to him and he could discuss items with shrewdness and judgment. He was Bohemian in appearance, whimsical and entertaining and with an optimism unbounded. 36 04 30 # c.27

Nathaniel Mayer Victor Rothschild child – 36 04 30

The Majestic Entertainment Company of Ely appealed against the assessment on the Majestic Cinema in New Barns Road. It was in a back street and it was difficult to get people round there. The prices had been reduced and they had to remove some of the seats, decreasing the capacity to 342. As a result takings were down. Their rates were reduced 36 04 30a

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1936 05 01
A famous scholar and poet, Professor Alfred Edward Housman of Trinity College and author of 'A Shropshire Lad' has died at the Evelyn Nursing Home – 36 05 01

Central School May Queen chosen – 36 05 01a

Cambridge University's world-famous Cavendish Laboratory, the leading centre for modern physical research, has benefited by the magnificent gift of £250,000 from Sir Herbert Austin, the motor magnate. The frontage on to Free School lane will be left as will Clark Maxwell's original lecture theatre and the rooms in which Sir J.J. Thomson discovered the electron and Lord Rutherford disintegrated the atom. The rest will be pulled down and a new five-storey block erected with a laboratory for the utilisation of very high voltages to allow experiments in the transmutation of matter by high speed particles and by radiation. 36 05 01a 36 05 02 # c.36.9

1936 05 02
Houghton Mill was given a spring-clean by a working party of 25 Youth Hostellers. From top to ground level they cleaned the floors and 'dusted' the machinery and claim that about half-a-ton of dirt was carried away and burnt. There were over 170 'bed-nights' by Y.H.A. members including visitors from Birmingham, London, Africa and America 36 05 02a

1936 05 04
The proposed road alongside the River Lark from Isleham to Prickwillow cannot be safely built owing to the leaking through the river bank. Instead a road should be constructed along Black Drove and Black Wing Drove with a hard road along Spooner's Drove to the Fen Bank. There would be extra cost due to the need to put in four more bridges and foundations because of the peat soil. Owners felt the construction of a road away from the river was not of use and had reduced their contributions to the scheme but the top of the river bank would be gravelled to enable them to get to their houses. 36 05 04

"I am not at all sure that if I had been a German I should not have voted freely and enthusiastically for Hitler at the last election", Dr Alex Wood told a May Day demonstration on Parker's Piece. Germany

as she was today was the creation of the Allied Governments and their policy of repress and unilateral disarmament, he continued before condemning the Government's re-armament police. It would lead inevitably to war. Only on the foundations of International Socialism and co-operation can secure peace be built. 36 05 04b # c.33

1936 05 05
Guildhall rebuilding photo – 36 05 05

Undergraduates, tired of their boring existence at the University, found a new way of letting off their spirits. A party 'invaded' the fair on Midsummer Common and obtained permission from the proprietor of the Wall of Death to give a display. Two mounted on motor cycles and the others on bicycles then gave a short show with plenty of impromptu thrills and spills. Fortunately no proctors appeared on the scene. 36 05 05a # c.27.3

1936 05 07
Friendly rivalry between the owners of two 50-years-old steamboats led to a unique race on the Cam. 'Kathleen' owned by Mr & Mrs Leach, performed so well that, although the older craft, she beat 'Sunbeam' owned by Mr Barlow of Jesus College by a quarter of a mile over the course from Pretoria Road bridge to Baitsbite and back. An old fire engine boiler was a big help to Mr Leach in the construction of 'Kathleen's engine, which drives the boat at about eight knots 36 05 07 – photo # c.26.3

1936 05 08
Sutton sewage – 36 05 08

Huntingdon discuss air raid precautions – 36 05 08a

Ely fishmonger sells cat fish as hake – 36 05 08b

1936 05 09
Did you see this Holliman's furniture van in your district? It was delivering guaranteed furniture that had been bought for cash. Do be wise and furnish for cash. You will then know that the home is your own. Hollimans', the firm that guarantees you satisfaction. The King Street Furniture Galleries, Cambridge - Advert 36 05 09

An inquest on a workman who crashed to his death from the roof of a hangar at Wyton Aerodrome heard that he had been helping to nail the roof on and to do this he stood in the guttering, supporting himself on the boards he was fixing. The contractors said it was not necessary to have scaffolding as erecting it would be more dangerous than the actual work. The men had been told that if they had any qualms about walking along the guttering, they could crawl. None of them did this: they all stood upright as if used to climbing. If a man complained he was given a different task. The firm had offered the relatives financial assistance in conveying the body to Darlington for burial 36 05 09a

Marjorie Moss who is well-known to local dancers as a crooner with Percy Cowell's band has won a round of a £600 light singing competition organised by the Gaumont-British Corporation & the News Chronicle at Peterborough. She will go to the final at Ipswich and if successful to London for the All-England final. Success there will mean that she will broadcast. Miss Moss, who is a member of the Enthusiasts' Concert Party, chose as her song 'Some of these days' and was accompanied by Percy Cowell himself. 36 05 09b # c.69

1936 05 11
Dr William Mortlock Palmer has examined a vast number of old Corporation papers and documents. They have been cleaned, labelled and made up into parcels, listed with cross-references and arranged in cupboards. The result is that order has been effected out of chaos. They contain valuable material for social history with original petitions, complaints of nuisances and opposition to proposed

improvements. The most bulky is the petition against making the concrete paths across Parker's Piece. Some have been handed over to the County Council and University Library. Now the Corporation may publish a list of them. 36 05 11a # c.43

1936 05 12
Proposal erect cinema on land adjoining Cattle Market recommended – 35 05 12

The Seed Testing Station, Huntingdon Road was established as during the Great War farmers had not been getting the best seeds and new regulations had to be worked out. The main work is carried out by a staff of 30 girls. There are sections dealing with cereals, grasses and clover – where a bad weed called dodder has to be separated - together with a vegetable germination room where an ingenious devise automatically plants 200 seeds in a pan. Onion and parsnip seeds are tested periodically – they will keep for two years then go off altogether. 36 05 12 # c.18

Marks & Spencer tender £26,000 for 10-11 Sidney Street as a general stores – 36 05 12a # c.27.2
Stretham inquest 2-year-old Alfred Godfrey Parish of Old White Horse, kicked in stable – 36 05 12b

1936 05 13
Haddenham and Wilburton Nursing Association started in 1915, Nurse Lowe was appointed district nurse in 1917 and still held the position. Last year she made 3,851 nursing and casual visits with 31 maternity cases and 505 health and school inspection visits. She had treated six patients sent home from hospital, one of whom she attended daily for seven months. Nurse Lowe had not missed a day's work through illness or any other cause. Her salary and special fees came to £160 7s 5d with a £29 10s. allowance for a car and new tyres. The village Hospital Parade Committees might be approached for a donation. 36 05 13

1936 05 14
Feltwell aerodrome deaths – two painters fall from top of hangar – 36 05 14

A proposal to sell land adjoining Cambridge Cattle Market for the erection of a cinema was defeated. The Market was increasing every week and nobody could foresee what the land would be wanted for in 75 years time. There was not the slightest need for another cinema and it would spoil the area. People who had bought their homes adjacent to the site were very upset, fearing that their homes would be devalued. But others thought it was a jolly good idea: it was a long journey into town and it would be a blessing to be able to visit a show near home. 36 05 14a # c.76.9

1936 05 15
Huntingdon councillors discussed demolition orders on various properties. Slade Cottage in St Peter's Hill needed repair and had no water supply. But the owner said this was not necessary as the occupiers got their water from a near-by spring. Two shops in St Germain Street would become unsafe if the adjacent house was demolished while new drains had been put in and water laid on to Rectory Cottages. But no.3 Newton's Court and 4 Hartford Corner should be demolished within in six months. 36 05 15

There were a large number of single people in Cambridge living under very unsatisfactory housing conditions and few of the public lodging houses were suitable for them. The council could cooperate with the Church Army or Salvation Army but this meant robbing people of their freedom as individuals. It was about time they erected a municipal lodging house where people could live under decent, humanitarian conditions, Dr Wolf urged 36 05 15a & b # c.23

Cambridgeshire Regiment, Major Digby takes command, is University correspondent of CDN specialising in sport and drama – 36 05 15c & d # c.34.4 # c.04

Rose and Crown, Newmarket Road – Greene King advert – 36 05 15e # c.27.4

1936 05 16
Feltwell aerodrome, p5

1936 05 18
Albert Hugh Lloyd, antiquarian – death – 36 05 18

1936 05 20
A travelling squad of service technicians from the Morris factory is visiting Cambridge and will make its headquarters at the premises of the local distributors, King & Harper on Bridge Street. Morris owners may have their cars inspected free of charge by the factory experts who will issue a detailed report and give advice on its care and maintenance. Representatives of the Dunlop, Lucas and S.U. factories will also be in attendance so that on-the-spot service will be available for accessory matters where required. There will also be a display of the latest Morris models with vehicles of every type 36 05 20a

Stretham feast parade – 36 05 20

1936 05 21
At the opening of the new Rock Road library the Mayor said that in these difficult times it was important that there should be in every district a building which would help to circulate the best ideas and information for the guidance of residents. In the days to come the building will become more and more the intellectual home of the people who live around it. All would agree it was the right policy to encourage children to use it. He regretted the absence of a representative of the Carnegie Trust, which had helped with the money for the library 36 05 21a # c.77.4

1936 05 22
Histon station fatal accident – 36 05 22a

1936 05 23
A March grocer told the court the amazing story of a gipsy woman's threat. The accused was a pedlar who lived in a caravan and had nine children. She started telling his fortune, said he had an enemy and that she could prevent curses being put upon him providing he gave her money. This affected his mind and he parted with £50. Eventually a policeman hid behind the glass case in the shop and heard the woman threaten to put a curse on him if he did not fill her basket with groceries. 36 05 23 & a

Mr W.A. Fenton, the Borough Librarian, has seen a tremendous growth in the reading public since he took office. The new Rock Road Library has had an excellent start-off this week. When I looked in last night I found a continuous flow of adults and juveniles. The children's reading room was practically full and some boys to whom I spoke assured me that everything was quite all right. Work on a new branch library at the corner of Milton Road and Ascham Road will begin almost immediately. The site appears to be an ideal one and new building should be complete before 1937 is very far advanced 36 05 23c # c.77.4

Mr Lee told an inquest that when Kempton's fruiterers premises in Ely Market Place were being demolished he'd fetched away about 150 tubs and boxes and put them in his yard. He saw something amongst them that looked like fireworks which he laid aside and soaked with water. There were also some crackers and small fireworks, but he did not dream that they were dangerous. However children found them and lit one causing a loud explosion. Mr Kempton said he had been in business 30 years and never knew about the fireworks which his father had used for fetes and school treats. 36 05 23b

1936 05 25
Hunstanton for health feature – 36 05 25

The new electric clock in the tower of Cherry Hinton Church was given by Mrs Newport-Willson in memory of her husband. She also bore the expense of leading an electric cable into the church. The

three feet dial is Coventry blue with gilded figures and hands. The hours are struck on the beautiful toned fourth bell and are heard all over the village. Churchyard trees have been lopped to give an unimpeded view. Over 50 years ago Mr Carter Willson built Brooklyn on Cherryhinton Road which was then the only house between Cherry Hinton brook and the railway bridge and the family is devoted to the parish church 36 05 25a

The Gog Magog Hills are in immediate danger. The rapid progressive uglification of Cambridge means that already the view is spoiled by 'the thoughtless spawning' of houses higgledy-piggledy. The Preservation Society has no money and it is no use leaving the matter to that body. Colleges and private owners should be compensated for the difference between what they would get by selling land for building and agricultural use. The 'Cambridge Daily News' should start a fund and undergraduates organise a flag day, Professor Rattray urges in an article in 'The Times' 36 05 25b # c.49.4

1936 05 26
Sir – May I appeal to persons not to throw into the river metal containers, such as petrol cans, which float about. The cans do not much matter to sail or power boats but might upset a skiff or even a pair. To cast dead dogs and cats into the Cam is a filthy and barbarous practice. I cannot think all the dead animals – five counted yesterday – died by 'misadventure'. Surely unwanted or sick pets would be better disposed of by use of the places where these things are attended to – Navigator 36 05 26 # c.46.5

Town Bumping Races changes to course: to be three finishing posts - 36 05 26a # c.38 : rowing

1936 05 30
Fitzroy Street shop owner blames losses on Corporation slum clearance and multiple shops 36 05 30 # c.49.66

War Memorial site history – Parker's Piece had been suggested – 36 05 30a

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1936 06 02
Cambridge Training College for Women celebrated its Jubilee. It had started in two cottages at Newnham when Miss Hughes, the principal, was the sole staff and lectured on every subject. Early staff, if they did receive their salaries, paid them back into the college in some way until the new buildings were started. When it moved into Queen Anne Terrace 1,000 guests gathered in a marquee for the ceremony. So great was the crush that those who were to sit on the platform could only get to it through a hole cut in the marquee. 36 06 02 & a # c.36.72

Whit Monday parade, p1

1936 06 03
Gt Yarmouth, p6

1936 06 04
Nine dwellings in Victoria Street, Littleport should be demolished an Inquiry was told. They were structurally unsound & had a permanent dampness in the walls and floors which were below ground level. Access to the bedrooms was by ladder, the plaster on the ceilings broken and the walls were bulging badly. But owners said they were wind and water tight, each had lavatory accommodation & there had been no case of illness attributable to sanitary defects in the last 40 years. The tenants were employed on lands in Burnt Fen and had no complaints to make. 36 06 04a

"I never let people pose" said Mrs Lettice Ramsey at an exhibition of modern photography. Her Solarised photographs are striking and new, giving the effect of charcoal drawing, while the unusual

angle in the beautiful picture of Mrs Victor Rothschild is becoming as well as arresting. But the child studies are the most interesting: none of the usual sentimental darlings, but vigorous, animated children, almost walking out of their frames. Feminine sitters appreciate a women photographer's experience in matters of clothes and hair dressing while men – often vainer than women – can be flattered into good humour. Here is something new and original in photographic technique 36 06 04b # c.65.5

Jack Hobbs unveiled a tablet in the Hobbs Pavilion setting forth his wonderful achievements in first-class cricket. The proceedings had been delayed as Hobbs would not stop making records. Jack said that although wobbly at the knees, he still played. "I can visualise the youngsters coming and looking at the board and saying 'He must have been a real good player'. When I look at that board I begin to think I must have been". (Laughter and applause) 36 06 04c # c.38 : cricket

1936 06 05
Wilburton is the centre of an extensive fruit-growing industry but has a shortage of working-class houses for those employed in agriculture. As owners of existing cottages maintain their property in a good state of repair there are no slum clearance areas and so no public grants are available towards the building of further much-needed houses, the Parish Council say 36 06 05

1936 06 06
An inquest on the body of Thomas Lawrence, miller of Haddenham, heard he had been thrown from his cart in Grunty Fen during a thunderstorm and had broken his neck - 36 06 06

Two-seater car smashed into telegraph pole on corner near the Black and White café, Stretham – 36 06 06

Mrs Arthur Walters book 'My Wayside' describes life in Cambridge where Arthur Walters was minister Hills Road Methodist church - 36 06 06b # c.83

Friends of the Cambridge Town Silver Band will be glad to know that they are to give another broadcast on Saturday afternoon. This will be on the 'National' wave length but all B.B.C. stations are taking the programme. Last time the band opened with an original item by the conductor (Mr R.E. Austin) called 'Cambridge Bells' which featured the melody of the Roman Catholic Church chimes. This time they will start with his new military march 'Cantabrigia'. The band will be having a busy day for that evening they will be playing for the promenade concert on Christ's Pieces 36 06 06b # c.69 # c.27.8

1936 06 08
The Tithe Bill now before Parliament would alter tithe from being a charge on the land to a charge on the person. This meant a man could be distained on his household goods and everything else to pay tithe dues. The burden of tithe should rest on the broad shoulders of the large landowners, but it had now been put on those who had not the shoulders and could not bear it, Cambridgeshire farmers were told. If they owe money fairly and squarely, they are prepared to pay. But they are not going to pay unjust taxes, a meeting resolved 36 06 08 & a # c.22 # c.33

1936 06 09
Rutherford opens exhibition of historic scientific apparatus 36 06 09

1936 06 11
"Sluice" (George Edward) Parker was a street vendor of various things, at one time flowers, at another matches. It was a matter of common knowledge that he was always a little "tipply" on his legs and was ever so deaf. He had been crossing St Andrew's Street when a number of cyclists came round the corner which seemed to daze him. He'd stepped back right into the path of a Homerton student. Police said he smelled strongly of drink but was not drunk. It would only have taken the merest touch

to upset his equilibrium. He'd been taken to Hospital in the Police Ambulance where he died of pneumonia. 36 06 11

1936 06 12
St Ives council discussed the possible development of the Ingle Holt, a small island in the main river which had been a gift to the town. With a river frontage and a greensward it could be a beauty spot equal to any in England. The Ouse Catchment Board dredger could deposit soil to raise the level. A suspension bridge from the Waits, a lawn and trees would not be excessive cost, but anything like a recreation ground with a bandstand and beautiful flower beds should be regarded with very great suspicion. 36 06 12

1936 06 13
The foundation stone for home for 40 nurses suffering from tuberculosis was laid at Papworth Hospital. Once restored to health they are employed in their profession, working only half a day so they have ample time for rest. They are paid a salary which together with free board and lodging, makes them self-supporting. If there is the slightest recrudescence of the disease they are at once treated as patients. Nurses from all over the country were contributing generously to endow a few beds for their colleagues who are permanently invalided 36 06 13

1936 06 15
Cambridge Town Silver Prize Band broadcast then return to play at Christ's Pieces – 36 06 15

1936 06 16
Somerlite oil, p1

1936 06 17
Village applications to SCDC – 36 06 17
Histon fire, p1

1936 06 18
A famous scholar and poet, Prof Alfred Edward Housman of Trinity College, died in the Evelyn Nursing Home. As a poet he appealed to a wide public. 36 06 18

Histon fire, p1
Plane mishap, p8

1936 06 19 CS
Friday Post – heading. 36 06 19CS

1936 06 20
Damaged houses, a blocked road and wrecked telephone wires marked the route of the great storm through Cambridge and district. The first ominous rumblings were heard comparatively early but not until the crowds began to pour out of the cinemas after the last performance did the rain stream down and great flashes of forked lightning rend the sky. Cambridge seemed to be almost surrounded by thunderstorms, for sheets of light flashed on the horizon at every point of the compass 36 06 20 # c.12

A bearded man with one eye and a peg leg has been frequently seen in the streets of Newmarket recently. On Thursday he was found lying on the footpath and pedestrians were walking in the road to pass him. He smelt strongly of drink so policemen borrowed a handcart and wheeled him to the police station. The man was a travelling blacksmith who visited Newmarket regularly and was a general nuisance. They could do without his company at any time. He was sentenced to 14 days' hard labour and told not to come back any more. 36 06 20

1936 06 22

The landlord of The Oak in Lensfield Road was awakened by a terrible crash which shook the whole property. He found a Winston Smith van imbedded in the woodwork. It had been crossing the junction with Regent Street and Hills Road at about 4 a.m. when another van ran into it swinging it right round and smashing it backwards into the wooden wall of the pub. At this time of the morning the traffic lights are off and it is against the law to sound a horn or hooter. 36 06 22

1936 06 23
The Cambridge Preservation Society reported that the Three Tuns in Castle Street was in so bad a state of repair that it was unable to put forward a scheme for its preservation and so it will be demolished. Dwelling houses in Cambridge Place will be cleared but a site in New Street was unsuitable for building and should be turned into an open space. The Central Library Reading and Reference Rooms will be closed four days for cleaning with the Corn Exchange used as a temporary alternative, councillors agreed. 36 06 23

Midsummer Fair showmen were in a state of indignation after police banned games and competitions for which prizes are offered, practically paralysing the fair. "They stopped everything, including darts and hoop-la, but these are games of skill or where the element of gambling is of a trivia nature" showmen complained. The games were for amusement, not to encourage gambling and the Home Secretary had said no objections would be raised to people playing for prizes or money not exceeding one shilling in value 36 06 23a # c.27.31

1936 06 24
Somerlite injunction – 36 06 24

1936 06 25
Councillor Wilding asked if the new sewage plant would prevent "the effluvia we all notice so strongly along Milton Road" and if not, whether consideration would be given to the moving the works further from the road. Lately the smell had been terribly bad, although people in the neighbourhood got used to it. The Mayor said he was frequently at the farm and never smelt anything which could be described as "terribly bad". Mr Edwards remarked, amid laughter, that he thought the Mayor should receive nasal attention 36 06 25 & a # c.29.8

1936 06 26
Green King, p4

1936 06 27
Model cruisers, p6

1936 06 29
Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs gathered a thousand strong at Ely to take part in a huge county rally. Six hundred camped over the weekend in the delightful surroundings of the Cathedral Park. The numerous tents dotted here and there among the trees provided a pleasant spectacle. Saturday brought 120 wolf cubs from Cambridge who chose the novel method of travelling by river, starting from Victoria Bridge. Amongst troops present were Prickwillow, Pampisford, Wilburton and the Whittlesford Sea Scouts 36 06 29a

1936 06 30
Newmarket bowls, p5

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1936 07 01
A large number of Methodists gathered to celebrate the anniversary of the Swaffham Fen Methodist Church. This is one of the outposts of Methodism, being situated about four miles beyond Waterbeach and three from Swaffham Prior. It is only reached with difficulty after travelling down lonely fen

roads and crossing the river in an antiquated chain boat. It has been well served over a long period by the stalwart local preachers of the Cottenham circuit. Afterwards a picnic tea was held in the grass roadway near the chapel 36 07 01

1936 07 02
Improvements have been made at Cambridge station yard to provide better parking accommodation and cope with the heavy vehicular traffic. Three car parks have been allotted with an in-way and out-way for 'through' traffic. The Eastern Counties Omnibus Company's services are located at the south side of the passenger station and will 'set down' and 'pick up' at the same place. The taxi-cab accommodation has also been divided into three parks with an in-way and out-way between them. It is hoped that with the co-operation of the owners of road motor-vehicles this will facilitate safe movement into and out of the station premises 36 07 02 # c.26.2 (photo)

1936 07 03
Friday Post and Mid-Week Post creditors meeting – 36 07 03 # c.04

1936 07 04
Cambridge street lighting is being brought up to standard. Hills Road and St Andrew's Street are already ablaze. So is Sidney Street. Twenty-three miles of streets will be illuminated by autumn. Side lights properly equipped with seven watt bulbs are all that are now required by motorists. Pedestrians and cyclists are now visible from afar after dark. The lamps are lit automatically by clock devices and soon the familiar figure of the lamp-lighter will disappear from the streets forever 36 07 04 # c.24.8

"Cambridge is now almost entirely covered with new street lamps, which will hardly be of any use until the dark evenings. Suggestions have been made as what to do with them during the long wait – as hanging baskets, clothes lines and even wireless aerials. But it is more than likely that owing to the summer holidays our streets will become so congested that we shall have to turn them into - police traps!" (Ronald Searle cartoon showing policemen with telescopes mounted in crows' nests high on lamp posts) 36 07 04a # c.24.8

1936 07 06
Stetchworth villagers celebrated the coming-of-age of Viscount Brackley, son of the Earl and Countess of Ellesmere. Proceedings opened with a luncheon for 200 tenants and employees of the Stetchworth Estate followed by sports and a buffet tea. They presented the Viscount with an inscribed cartridge magazine and a trout and salmon fishing rod and reel. A photograph was taken of members of the family together with employees with at least 26 years service. These included J. Lancaster (59 years' service), W. Jolly (54), J. Briggs, H. Cook & R. Turner (51) together with R. Jaggard (44) and 26 others 36 07 06

1936 07 07
When Justin Brooke took Clopton Hall, Wickhambrook in 1928 his idea was just to grow fruit on modern lines. To those who had farmed there for generations the idea seemed preposterous and they predicted his speedy ruin. But today in place of the semi-derelict land there are 300 acres of fruit together with 410 acres of permanent grass and 30 of nursery. There is also a large rose growing business. He employs 153 workers and even old men are invaluable: they only have to take a look at a field and can drain it better than any machine 36 07 07 & a

1936 07 08
Babraham vicar & ice-cream salesman – 36 07 08

Mildenhall aerodrome, scene of the first Royal Review of the British Air Force, was further honoured when King Edward visited the station during the first flying tour of R.A.F. stations ever undertaken by a reigning Monarch. After the scarlet and blue Dragon Rapide came to a halt the King inspected three bomber squadrons, two of Handley Page Heyfords and the third Hawker Hinds, and toured the

Airmen's Barrack Block. As the visit was entirely unofficial only a mere handful of people knew. 36 07 08

Vicar and ice cream man – 36 07 08a & b

1936 07 09
Much regret will be felt at the death of John Morris Bull, the dairyman. Born in Landbeach, he assisted his father who was village smith before buying a diary business from Mr Thompson of Russell Street, Cambridge in 1891. During the War he was one of the organisers of the Dairyman's Association that ensured a regular supply of milk. A life-long Liberal, he had a good record of public service on the Board of Guardians and County Council. He leaves a widow and three sons 36 07 09a # c.27

Royal visit to Mildenhall – photo – 36 07 09

County High School for Girls site agreed in Long Road 36 07 09a # c.36.5

March was likely to be a bull's eye for air attack as it was an important railway marshalling centre, residents were warned. Windows smeared with treacle and covered with paper would prevent glass from flying and one room should be made gas proof by blocking up the chimney and other cracks. No air raid would last as long as twelve hours and they would be able to get fresh air as soon as the 'All Clear' had sounded. Following an attack using mustard, tear and liquid gas decontamination would be carried out by the St John Ambulance Brigade. But people must wear a mask as some gases hang around for long periods.36 07 09b

1936 07 10
Considerable damage was caused by a cloudburst at Arrington where gardens were washed away and crops looked as if they had been flattened by a steam-roller. Several fields were under water and one farmer bemoaned that there were a lot of rabbits high and dry on a hillock, but he could not get to them with a gun. At Toft houses in Brook End and School Lane were flooded with residents 'living upstairs' and empty chicken coops seen floating about outside them. During the thunderstorm the village school was struck and a chimney pot knocked askew 36 07 10

There has been a great demand in Newmarket for convenient facilities for swimming. Now a new pool called 'The Newmarket Dip' will be opened adjoining the White Lion Hotel. It is 75ft by 45ft with depths ranging from nine feet to two-foot-six and the water will be maintained at about 70 degrees. An H.M.V. public address system will relay soothing music to swimmers and sunbathers. At night the whole of the pool and terraces will be floodlit and there is a system of underwater lighting 36 07 10 & a

1936 07 13
Stretham Flower Show and Sports – 36 07 13 & a

1936 07 14
Vicar of Babraham, formerly Fen Drayton, unfrocked – 36 07 14

1936 07 15
James Street was the scene of one of the most serious blazes Cambridge has experienced in years. It started when a Ford van caught fire at the premises of William Scott, house decorators, builders, motor and coach painters. It spread to their motor-body room where a number of cars were in for renovation. The place was soon a veritable inferno as drums of paint and oil exploded. Flames engulfed ladders and handcarts belonging to the Cambridge Window Cleaning Company then Messrs Pate's builders workshops which were reduced to ashes or scrap. The damage must run to many thousands of pounds 36 07 15 & a # c.26.48 # c.34.75

1936 07 18
Samuel Fletcher, a Longstanton diary farmer told the court he had an old motor van that he used as a fowl house. He noticed that the radiator had disappeared; he considered it was worth ten shillings. A cowman's wife said that a Cottenham scrap dealer had offered a shilling for it. But he only gave her three pence together with another three pence for some old rags. Had she got the full amount she would have offered it to Mr Fletcher but as it was so little she did not bother about it. She did not think it wrong as the van was no good. The scrap dealer later sold the radiator for one-and-sixpence. 36 07 18

1936 07 20
Looking back on his 45-year career at the CDN Robert Cleaver remembered when there had been no linotypes but every line had been set by hand – laboriously and painfully slow. The paper was printed only one side at a time, and not folded at all – and the speed about 1,000 an hour! Change had come gradually but the real push and progress had been since Mr Taylor had taken charge. He had transformed the news sheets from their rather dull appearance to a production of which they might justly feel proud. 36 07 20 & a # c.04

1936 07 22
No air raid precautions were being taken in London and it was left to Huntingdon to decide whether they should take any or not. As they had two aerodromes so near it is quite possible that they might be attacked and have 'planes over the town. The Government expects local authorities to provide a gas-proof shelter and appoint air-raid wardens in each street but does not say who should pay for them. It was agreed to form an air raid precautions committee 36 07 22 & a

1936 07 23
The deeds of Bassingbourn Recreation Ground were handed over to the Parish Council as a perpetual playing field for the village. The generous gift was made by Samuel Willmott of Muswell Hill who was born in the village when there was no tennis courts, the cricket wickets were two sticks with a coat thrown over them and at Christmas they played hockey using a large brewers' bung for a ball. He also erected handsome entrance gates at the South End road entrance carrying the words "Willmott's Playing Field" in large letters 36 07 23a

1936 07 24
A large number of civilian aeroplanes were to be seen at Marshall's Aerodrome during a visit to England by foreign amateur pilots. Some 70 were expected but the bad weather upset the arrival of some from abroad. They made a very pretty sight with planes from Belgium, Germany, Holland, Rumania and Switzerland. It is hoped that others from Egypt, Morocco, Portugal and the United States would arrive later. Their occupants took luncheon at Trinity College and made a tour of the colleges before leaving for a reception 36 07 24

A former undergraduate told the court he had hired a plane from Marshall's Flying School and flown to Caxton where he landed and then taxied towards the Gibbet. There was a haystack between him and the hotel and he hit a pole which had been erected with a wind-sock, but there was no wind-sock. The propeller and two wings were damaged. But he disputed the cost of repairs and said the job could have been done in three days and two wings were not necessary: he'd had a similar accident at Lympne when the machine had been repaired next day for £35. 36 07 24c # c.26.1

The Papworth Settlement needed more capital expenditure on workshops, hostels and cottages so men stricken with disease could earn their own living. How large it is going to become no-one could say but judging from the amount of post received every morning from people anxious to come then it would probably encircle both Huntingdon and Cambridge! The new surgical hospital, a magnificent contribution to the fight against tuberculosis, was opened by the Earl of Athlone. It was the 15th visit of the Royal House of Windsor to Papworth 36 07 24a & b

1936 07 27

Landbeach hall opening, p3 & 5

1936 07 28
Cambridge Place houses unfit for human habitation and should be demolished – 36 07 28

A tapestry showing a panoramic view of Windsor Castle that was produced as a personal Silver Jubilee gift for the late King George V and Queen Mary is now on view in London. It represents the very finest modern English weaving and was designed and woven by the Cambridge Tapestry Company in their workshops at Thompson's Lane. The weavers were Ellen Nichols, Sylvia Corby, Ethel Lander, Dorothy Pettit, Elsie Blunt and Alice Haylett working under the direction of Hilda Lister. 36 07 28a # c.27

1936 07 29
New Guildhall takes shape – steel skeleton – photo – 36 07 29

Sutton farm trading as C. Sole and sons in bankruptcy – 36 07 29a

The Fellowship of Reconciliation, a peace movement born in Cambridge during the dark days of 1914 was founded by people united in the conviction that the way of war could not be the way of Christ for righting wrongs and had now spread to many countries. Some 250 people from Germany, France, Italy, Bulgaria and Belgium together with the USA, Japan and the Argentine are attending a conference at Selwyn College on 'Christ: the Peace of the World". 36 07 29b # c.45.6

1936 07 30
The younger generation are not following in their fathers' footsteps and drinking beer, instead they are spending money on cinemas and motor cycles, the landlord of the Rose and Crown at Little Thetford claimed when appealing against his rate assessment. Mr H. Nunn of Sutton said he employed several men in his ice-cream business but the machinery was only used six months a year while Mr G. Cobbin a miller of Downham Road Ely said he had lost trade as the beet industry had hit him heavily; he was grinding very little and the mill had not been in use for two years. 36 07 30 also J.H. Acred said his cottage at Green End Stretham was very old and had not the conveniences of modern houses. He had had a portion added to the building

The Isle of Ely County Council heard that the proposed approach road to the new bridge over the River Nene at Benwick had brought objections from the owner of Cosmo House who said it would be untenable as a residence. An alternative route would entail the removal of the Parish Hall owned by Benwick Parish Council which stood on a piece of land they hired from the objector. He would be prepared to accept compensation of £250 and the Council £150 to remove the Hall to another site when required to do so. This was agreed 36 07 30f

Specimen lamp standards had been put up so that everybody had equal chance of commenting and not one criticism had been received. So standards had been ordered and work was proceeding well. But then criticism poured in from the Preservation Society and Colleges who said the standards were not in keeping with the buildings around them. But while they had antique buildings in King's Parade, they also had modern traffic passing along the road at the modern fast rate. Where were the protests going to stop? 36 07 30b & c # c.24.8

Cattle Market needed modern facilities and expansion – 36 07 30d # c.27.3

Harston flooding, Prickwillow and Sutton Gault bridges, musk rats, Quy Rye Ditch – 36 07 30e

1936 07 31
The High Back Bridge at Jesus Lock was 40 years old and not designed for prams. Recently two little children were trying to push one across when it overturned and the baby was thrown out. However they were getting less bulky and when one of the heavier prams came along people were not

backward in giving a helping hand. A long sloping ramp would be very detrimental to the quaint old lock and increase the danger from cyclists. The Surveyor was instructed to provide two cycle ramps on the steps on Jesus Green side of the bridge 36 07 31 # c.44.7

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1936 08 01
Various conferences have been the principal means of bringing visitors to Cambridge and when one meeting disbanded over the weekend at least two others were in process of starting. One was the International Conference of the Fellowship of Reconciliation when representatives from nineteen countries met at the Guildhall. The University Summer School on 'Tudor England' includes papers on Cambridge and Cambridgeshire 36 08 01 #

The L.N.E.R. has made provision for a heat wave by giving orders that new trolleys which serve light refreshments to the passing travellers from station platforms should be equipped with refrigerating apparatus to ensure minerals and other soft drinks are kept cool. They also serve tea, coffee, cakes, cigarettes and the dainty modern successor to the railway sandwich of grandfather's day. Two of the new barrows will be placed at Cambridge and Ely stations 36 08 01a # c.26.2

1936 08 04
Conservative fete at Gogs – 36 08 04

1936 08 06
March Urban District Council is to resort to firmer measures to deal with horse-play by adults to the recently-purchased swings on the recreation ground in Robin Goodfellow's Lane. The steelwork had been bent due to rough usage. It was one of their most successful schemes for keeping children off the streets but they needed someone living near the ground to keep an eye on things. Houses had been damaged in Eastwood Avenue where putty was removed from recently gazed windows and glass broken. Some tenants were not worthy of the houses and were an annoyance to the others. The Council was doing all it could to make the tenants happy and appealed to them to put an end to what appeared to be sabotage. 36 08 06a & b

Mildenhall St Margaret's Chapel altar stone re-dedicated – 36 08 06

1936 08 07
It is an easy matter to pull down slum dwellings – many are falling down of their own accord. But it is not an easy matter to re-house the low-paid occupants and give them good living facilities at prices they can afford. The Slum Clearance Campaign runs the grave risk of putting them into better dwellings in which they will be poorer owing to higher rents and other charges. As a result the new dwellings will rapidly develop into slums. The answer is to build new towns around factories in the countryside, like at Corby where a community has grown up around new iron works – A.T. Edwards 36 08 07

1936 08 08
Greene, King and Sons of Bury St Edmunds presented the parish of Mildenhall with their old fire tender that was converted from a lorry by the workmen at the brewery. No longer will the parish council have to hire a motor to haul their steam engine to fires. They will would do all in their power to maintain an efficient brigade as far as funds would allow, for in the event of war air raids would mean the destruction of life and property. Despite torrential rain hundreds turned out on the Market Place to show their appreciation. 36 08 08

Prof A.E. Housman, creator of 'A Shropshire Lad' directs in his will that all his prose and fragments of verse should be destroyed. The eminent classical scholar left all the wine in his cellars to the Family Dining Club of Cambridge University. This small and select body has a membership of a

dozen and meets regularly in the houses or college rooms of its members. While the 'Family' dates back to the 18th century, its donnish dining club, the 'Society' was founded in 1857 36 08 08b

1936 08 10
John Herbert Stevens dies - disputed the repair of chancel Hauxton Church – 36 08 10

1936 08 12
Towing Rowing Club crew, p3

1936 08 13
Mrs D.A. Poynter arrived home in Saffron Walden after anxious and terrible days in Spain. "There was street fighting between the Socialists and the Fascist rebels, the dead were taken through Madrid in dirt carts. Rifle and machine gun fire was going on practically all the time and if I went near the hotel window I had to crawl in case a stray bullet hit me", she reported. An English girl-friend saw her husband, brother-in-law and father-in-law shot before her eyes. Nuns were made to walk through the streets completely nude in front of jeering and laughing crowds while British subjects wore red, white and blue armbands to make their identity clear 36 08 13

1936 08 14
The question of the supply of electricity to Saxon Street was discussed by councillors. The Electricity Company required a contribution from Banstead Manor Stud and the District Council together with a guaranteed sum. Although Lord Aston was prepared to use electricity at Warren Stud, if available, he did not feel inclined to make any contribution to the general cost of extending the cable, having regard to the small amount likely to be used at his stud premises. 36 08 14

A retired schoolmaster, F.J. Fuller, has built a large motor-boat in his back garden in Ascham Road with 'tips' from Mr H.C. Banham. He laid the keel in October and it was launched on August Bank Holiday. It has an engine from an Austin Seven car and features oak and spruce steamed to the required curves with mahogany lining. The craft has been named 'Butterfly', reviving that of a steam launch that his father had 50 years ago. 36 08 14a # c.26.3

1936 08 15
Old buildings at the back of shops opposite the 'Blue Boar' in Trinity Street caught fire. This is one of the densest areas with much valuable property including several college buildings. Trinity College fire-fighting appliance tackled the blaze from the back and the brigade's water tower fire engine was soon at work. Onlookers had a laugh when a frightened mouse was seen running along the pavement among the hoses. But the storehouse at the rear of Roper's shop was burnt out. 36 08 15 # c.34.75

The Christian Science Monitor observes: 'In Cambridge, Saturday afternoon shoppers parked their bicycles along the street and left all sorts of packages unmolested in open baskets on the handlebars. Other cycles were left in racks beside the college buildings. If one missed his machine, we were told, he had only to wait till the morrow; someone had taken it by mistake and would return it to its place'. Evidently our American friend has not heard of our undergraduates and their 'taking little ways'. Their 'mistakes' are more frequent than some of us like and both pumps and lights also have a habit of disappearing 36 08 15a # c.26.485

1936 08 17
Sir Henry Lytton, the famous Savoyard, made many appearances in Cambridge in Gilbert and Sullivan operas, the last in 1934 – 36 08 17

1936 08 18
A lorry driver and his passengers jumped for their lives in the nick of time at Main Drove level crossing near Black Bank station. The lorry, belonging to Mr E.A. Cole of The Two Pounds, Little Downham, was being used for carting hay and was on the rails when the driver noticed a train coming. He attempted to reverse, then jumped clear. The train struck the bonnet, smashing it. The

radiator was torn off along with the off-side wheel and lamps. Such was the force of the impact that parts of the railway engine were broken off with one heavy metal plate found 60 yards away. 36 08 18

1936 08 19
Fascism in Spain – letter from Madrid - 36 08 19

1936 08 20
Over and Swavesey Skating Association was presented with a 50-guinea solid silver trophy to be known as The Chicago Cup for the English Grand Prix. It will be competed for by amateur skaters from all England over a course of one-and-a-half miles with three turns. The donor, Mr C.A. King, is a native of Over who has spent many years in America. He has taken a great interest in skating throughout his life and has previous given two other Chicago Cups for local competitions. 36 08 20

Lord Fairhaven's Bottisham and Lode garden competition extended to Swaffham Bulbeck – 36 08 20a

1936 08 21
Burwell Ratepayers Association formed – 36 08 21

The newly-formed Friends of Ely Cathedral will help maintain the fabric of the beautiful church and carry out necessary improvements and adornments. They will help make the Cathedral more a source of inspiration and a house of devotion 36 08 21a

1936 08 22
A lady motorist noticed smoke rising from the thatched rood of a double cottage standing a short distance back from the roadway in The Street, Great Bradley. The alarm was given and as the flames were soon making headway it was deemed advisable to set about removing the furniture. Haverhill brigade attended and as a supply of water was available from a nearby pond they were able to prevent the spread of fire to nearby premises. But the two cottages, mainly lath and plaster built, were extensively damaged. A quantity of clothing in an upstairs cupboard was destroyed 36 08 22b

Cambridge – and indeed the whole of East Anglia – has lost one of its best-known and popular auctioneers by the death of Mr A.L. Rutter. He had carried on business as auctioneer, estate agent and surveyor in Cambridge ever since he left St Catharine's College in 1898. He held office in several professional institutions and was at one time a warden at St Botolph's church where his funeral will be held. 36 08 22c

Mr & Mrs Ben Mills of Sleaford Street received a telegram of congratulations from the King on their diamond wedding. Born at Hardwick, he lost his right arm in an accident at the age of nine. Refusing to allow that disability to mar his life, he came to St Paul's School, Cambridge and soon qualified as a teacher. He worked for W.G. Chater, the woollen merchants before joining the Co-operative movement in 1876, starting at the old shop in Fitzroy Street. In 1901 he opened the new shop in Burleigh Street with a silver key and has seen the premises grow. He became Provincial Grand Master of the Oddfellows. His wife has been a familiar figure at the functions, quietly lending a hand 'behind the scenes' and catering for juvenile outings. 36 08 22a

Cambridge has sent its sons and daughters to places all over the world. Miss Freda Mary Sennitt, 27-year-old daughter of F.O. Sennitt of Milton Road, received training in nursing and midwifery and has now been appointed to the charge of one of the hospitals in Nigeria under the Methodist Missionary Society. She will be the only white woman at the hospital where her first spell of duty, owning to the climate and conditions, will be for only 18 months. 36 08 22d

William Allen, retired railwayman, joined Wesley Methodist Church, Hills Road in 1867 when it worshipped in a temporary building at the rear of the present church. He compiled a book telling how he started at Wesley Church but found them unfriendly 36 08 22e # c.83

1936 08 24
A freshwater eel, well over two feet long appeared in St Andrew's Street about tea-time on Saturday. The eel, which appeared to have been dead for some time, first made its appearance through the grating which carries the stream by the side of St Andrew's Street. A passer-by saw it floating and lifted the grating, allowing the eel to fall into the gutter. It attracted great interest until removed by a Corporation scavenger. The water flows up into the gutter from the underground Hobson's Brook and the eel must have been carried along by the stream 36 08 24

Queen Mary paid a surprise visit to Ely and spent an hour in the Cathedral. A man and his wife in the Cathedral noticed Her Majesty without being immediately aware of her identity. He remarked, however, on her 'likeness to the Queen' and the next moment was astonished to receive a gracious 'Good morning' from Her Majesty. Although she had mingled unnoticed with other visitors the news soon spread and there was a large crowd outside the West Door when her maroon Daimler left for Newmarket Jockey Club 36 08 24a (photo 36 08 25) # c.02

1936 08 27
Mystery surrounds the disappearance of a brilliant young organist, Johnnie Francis. Originally he was a musician in a theatre orchestra but when this was replaced by an organ he was given the opportunity to learn that. He fell out of work and made his way to Cottenham when Miss Maud Gautrey found him work picking strawberries. He was given an audition at the Rendezvous Cinema in Cambridge, borrowing clothes to replace his own worn outfit. He obtained the post at once and played there for a week before drawing his salary and walking out. He has not been heard of since. 36 08 27 # c.76.9

1936 08 28
Cambridge meeting on Spain & Fascists – 36 08 28 # c.33

1936 08 29
Rail times for the journey from Cambridge to Oxford have increased since 1886 when the quickest journey took three hours. But although a noisy minority quick through journeys there were insufficient of them to make such a service pay. The railway company had experimented by running an express petrol rail car but it was a complete failure from a commercial point of view: the patronage was so small they had to give up within a few weeks. Additional stations had been opened on the line since the war, necessitating more stops. 36 08 29 # c.26.2

Did you know that coconut shies had their origin at the Cambridge Fair? A Showman's Guild official says: "These old fairground games are a traditional part of England. They have been in existence for centuries. At the old Cambridge fair they used to shy at live cockerels; then an Act was passed forbidding it because of the cruelty. So the showmen substituted lead dummies and these were the origin of the coconut shies" 36 08 29a # c.27.31

'Sunnyfields' Estate at Histon features the latest type of labour saving houses built by F.L. Unwin and furnished by H.W. Peak of King Street Cambridge. 36 08 29b

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1936 09 01
Cine-variety is back and all who enjoy this dual form of entertainment should hurry to the Theatre Cinema (New Theatre). The bill includes the Krakajax instrumental sextette, Danny Lipton and his Dancing Debutantes – a tap-dance act, the Lorch Family who juggle with their feet and compere Benny Leven, a humorous entertainer, raconteur and singer. On the screen the principal feature is a

new kind of thriller 'Thirteen Hours by Air' with Fred MacMurry and Joan Bennett. Paramount News is also shown 36 09 01

1936 09 02
A car was burnt, wireless set destroyed and a large number of customers' accumulators lost in a fire which broke out at the lock-up showroom, garage and workshop occupied by Mr L. Howard, electrician and motor engineer of Hill Street, Saffron Walden. There was a 500-gallon tank of petrol, but this was not involved. The building, part of which was over 300 years old, was composed largely of timber and was completely gutted but the front of the shop, including the window, survived. Firemen wore rubber gloves as a protection against electrocution as the water from their hoses struck the live wires of overhead cables. The fire was watched by a large crowd, some of whom had come from their beds in dressing gowns and pyjamas. 36 09 02

1936 09 03
Regal Cinema building photo – 36 09 03

When John Brown took charge of Freeman, Hardy & Willis shop on Market Hill in 1897 boots were cheap, and needed to be: "I can remember country women coming in with a dozen children and saying their husbands only earned twelve shillings a week". When he started brown boots were so scarce that people stopped and gazed at someone who sported a pair in Peterborough. Most had hob nails in the sole – even those for infants - and women wore elastic-sided boots – it didn't matter what they wore, because you never saw their feet. The shop was enlarged into premises next door in 1905 36 09 03a # c.27.2

1936 09 04
Fenners cricket ground was opened in 1846 but there have been only three groundsmen, Tom Parmenter who remained to 1862, Walter Watts and Dan Hayward who took over in 1908. He has also been custodian of the University Football and Hockey Grounds. His father used to look over the Rugger and Soccer pitches on Parker's Piece where they played until the Grange Road ground opened in 1896 and the two clubs amalgamated. Dan's own sport is cricket and he once took all ten wickets for 32 runs, though he considers his nine wickets for eight runs against Bury to be his best performance. Now he is retiring 36 09 04a # c.38 : cricket

Dispute over dyke in Grunty Fen at Whitecross Road, Wilburton – 36 09 04b

First ladies' fishing match at Prickwillow – photo 36 09 04c

1936 09 08
March council received complaints from the residents of Robingoodfellow's Lane about nuisances caused by children using the attractions in the recreation ground. But these are new and their enthusiasm would cool off in time. The swings damaged by rough usage on the part of adults had been repaired and other equipment might be installed at the Avenue and Townsend grounds. The present system of street lighting was far from being what it should be. Since the electricity had installed the system, which was done in a hurry, there had been no improvements. 36 09 08

1936 09 10
National Conference of Friendly Societies held at Cambridge Guildhall – 36 09 10 & 12 # c.37.2

1936 09 11
Papworth Hospital nurse murdered – 36 09 11

1936 09 12
Friendly Society, p6

1936 09 14

Haddenham vicar Kirkland leaves – 36 09 14

1936 09 15
Motor Boat Club officials – photo – 36 09 15

1936 09 17
Saffron Walden council discuss water and sewage problems – 36 09 17

Alfred Carpenter has just retired after 32 years as County Court bailiff. He served in the army in Africa and India before taking up his post. When the Great War started he was put in charge of the horses at the Cattle Market that had been commandeered and later was labour supervisor over German prisoners. In the early days his clients were a far tougher proposition than today: "It's a gentleman's job now to what it was". "I never knew when he was coming home with a black eye or broken nose", his wife said. Recently at an East Coast resort he ran into a Cambridge debtor who dashed off at full speed, under the impression he was about to be arrested. "He didn't know I was on holiday", laughed Alfred. 36 09 17a

1936 09 19
A customer died with tragic suddenness in a Cambridgeshire inn. As he had not long arrived in the district, his identity remains unconfirmed. He was in the Three Horse Shoes public house at Stapleford and was about to sing a song to the company when, just before closing time, he collapsed and died. His is believed to have been a native of Chorley, Lancs, and had been working with a party of pea-pickers at Bury Farm, Stapleford. 36 09 19

Alderman W.L. Briggs has been nominated as Cambridge's first Labour Party Mayor. 36 09 19a

St Ives RDC has lodged a strong objection against the installation of overhead electricity cables in the village of Holywell. They would be a tremendous eyesore in one of the prettiest villages which had several thatched cottages that, though modernised, contribute to its antiquity. But people at Hemingford Grey did not want water laid on by the council and could not be forced to have it. However residents of Hemingford Abbots did want a supply 36 09 19b

1936 09 21
Mr H.R. Dimock of Ely, an enthusiastic air pilot, had a lucky escape from serious injury when his machine crashed at Cardiff Airport. He had been demonstrating a Super Drone machine in which the pilot sits at the front, the propeller being above and behind his head. Mr Dimock's hat flew off and caught in the propeller, which snapped. Luckily he was flying fairly low and was able to bring the machine down with only a minor crash. His injuries were very slight 36 09 21 # c.26.1

A pair of cottages at Mepal was completely destroyed by fire. Standing on their own close to the main road, on the Ely side of the village, the cottages, which were thatched, had been empty for about two months. The fire was first noticed at midnight and although the Sutton Brigade, under Chief Officer P. Painter, made a prompt turn-out and were in action until 8 a.m., the flames defeated their efforts and destroyed the buildings 36 09 21a

1936 09 22
An RAF pilot had a remarkable escape when his Bulldog machine – a single engine fighter – landed on the railway line near Six Mile Bottom. He was engaged in taking weather observations in thick fog when he got into difficulties and descended in a field, crashing through a fence and on to the railway track. The force of the impact cocked the tail up into the air and it became entangled on the overhead wires running beside the railway line. This probably saved the pilot's life. An oncoming train was stopped and passengers wheeled the plane into a field. 36 09 22b pic 36 09 22 # c.26.1

Stretham tenant John Sykes given notice to quit 11 Council Houses, Ely Road. Is his 8th notice to quit in two years – 36 09 22a

1936 09 23
The new Folk Museum which is to be opened in Cambridge shortly will not be filled with glass cases containing stuffed birds. The rooms will be authentically furnished – one visitor to the bar-parlour even asked for a pint of bitter. It was unfortunate that the front of the old White Horse Inn had been modernised 25 years ago, but interesting old beams were revealed after the interior walls had been stripped of many layers of paper. A modern fireplace had been removed and electricity installed. They now need everyday objects, craftsmen's tools, toys and an old smock, Mr Saville Peck told Rotarians. 36 09 23 # c.03

Nearly 600 people attended a film show at The Dorothy arranged by King and Harper in connection with Morris cars. The chief film was 'Sahara' showing how a car broke the record from London to Nigeria and illustrated what a standard Morris 25 saloon can do, while the 'Morris Gazette' included boats on the broads and some of the employees social pursuits. The programme included one of Walt Disney's immortal cartoons. It was 'The Service Station' and the audience found plenty to laugh about. – 36 09 23a # c.65.6

1936 09 24
A case under the Official Secrets Act was heard in camera at the Cambridge Police Court when a mechanical and electrical engineer employed by the Air Ministry was charged with having passing information to a person unauthorised to receive it and assisting a man to gain admission to Cranfield Aerodrome, a prohibited place. They were very serious charges but there does not appear to have been any harm as far as the State was concerned. He was bound over 36 09 24

A general dealer of Sutton told the bankruptcy court how he had worked for various market gardeners and then bought some pigs and gone in for breeding. But he lost four sows. He hired ground and began to grow garden produce, then rented a lock-up and carried on a fruiterer's and general business. He moved to Pound Lane but that was more out of the way and he got into arrears. He attributed his failure to bad trade, bad debts and insufficient profit as there was great competition with about ten or eleven general stores in the village 36 09 24a

1936 09 25
The opening and blessing of the new Roman Catholic Schools and Hall at Union Road, Cambridge, presented a picturesque spectacle of stately ceremonial. In the morning Archbishop Goodier preached following a Pontifical High Mass in the Church of Our Lady when the glory of mauve and splendour of gold vestments stood out vividly among the black cassocks and white surplices. The new buildings were opened and blessed in the afternoon whilst the Roswitha Players from London gave the first stage show at the new Houghton Hall in the evening. 36 09 24b 36 09 25a # c.83 # c.36.5

A Horseheath man employed as an ice cream salesman told the court he was in charge of a motor cycle box combination which was stationary in Bardfield End Green. He was serving a girl when a motor cycle combination travelling at 30mph ran into him. The sidecar tilted into the air and the machine travelled some time before stopping. The other rider said there had not been room for him to pass unless he went on to the grass. He was fined but his licence was not endorsed. 36 09 25

1936 09 28
Mr W. Varney Webb was appointed Chief Constable in 1916 and had the task of filling the places of the old men who had carried on during the war so that younger men might be released for military duty. He showed the most paternal care for them in their homes, duties and sports. He brought the County Police to a high state of efficiency and the county enjoys a gratifying reputation for absence of serious crime. He was also a Freemason, Chairman of the Boy Scouts and President of the Cricket Association. 36 09 28a

1936 09 29
Long Road bridge, p5

1936 09 30
Chesterton RDC discussed the Harston water scheme where there had been a breakdown following a collapse of clay into the bore. It was now cleared up. But Coun.Ilsley complained of the quality of the water: it came through discoloured, a grey colour. It was impossible to see through it and had a scum on the top. However the question of charges were 'much more cloudy' than the water. It had been intended to charge people within 200 feet of the standpipes but there had to be a satisfactory supply before this could be done. 36 09 30 & a

A British Legion Club will be formed in Ely. Primarily it would be for the benefit of ex-Service men only, although there was no harm in letting a few others in. They have been offered some premises but these were not up to the standard they wanted. The British Legion tried to help their unfortunate colleagues who were unemployed. There were 600 ex-Servicemen in the district but only 300 had enrolled. They had not joined for what they could get out of it, but for what they could put in: they had the right stuff in them 36 09 30

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1936 10 01
The Vice Chancellor spoke of the overcrowding of the Medical Schools and suggested that despite extensive additions to departmental buildings the University would have to consider placing a limit on the number of undergraduates for medicine or any other subject. Unless something is done the situation may become one of even greater embarrassment than already exists. But the donation by Sir Herbert Austin of £250,000 for new buildings and equipment at the Cavendish Laboratory was the largest ever made by a single person to the University 36 10 01b # c.36.9

A pilot summonsed for flying at a low altitude over the Cam at Fen Ditton told the court he was carrying a photographer for the Sport and General Press Agency. Herbert Cook was taking pictures of the Bumping Races from a side window using an ordinary camera with a long focus lens. They had to fly across the river and would not have got good photographs if they'd come down to the tree tops. There were a number of other planes from Marshall's flying about. Spectators complained he was too low and had caused one of the waitresses at The Plough to spill the things on a tray in the tea garden. The case was dismissed. 36 10 01 & a # c.26.1 # c.65.5 # c.38 : rowing

1936 10 02
Fred Bennett, grocer at Ely, dies 36 10 02

G.H. Lavender, fancy draper, King's Parade – photo - 36 10 02a

1936 10 03
Whittlesey lorry driver trapped in burning cab – 36 10 03

A garage attendant in Ermine Street Huntingdon told an inquest that a Morris Minor two-seater tourer had pulled up beside the petrol pump. The driver asked for two gallons of petrol and he commenced to pump it after opening the bonnet of the car to get to the tank. The filler was on the side nearest the pavement. As he lifted the petrol pipe to drain it the engine burst into flames igniting the fuel which blazed along the pavement. The driver jumped out and fell into the burning petrol, her clothes catching fire. Before filling he had noticed that the engine of the car was still running and had not been told this should not be done 35 10 03

1936 10 05
Six people were injured following a collision near Milton Road level crossing. A passenger train struck a light engine which was stationary on the reception goods line and its driver and fireman had a fortunate escape from being buried under tons of coal from the tender. The crossing-keeper said the

passenger train was on the wrong line. Its front was badly smashed and a coupling broke but it did not leave the track. The passengers received a severe jolting. 36 10 05 # c.26.1

1936 10 07
Folk Museum receive toll board from cottage at Clayhithe – 36 10 07 # c.03

1936 10 08
Newmarket UDC agreed to purchase Stratford House, Old Station Road for its offices and meeting rooms. There was space to construct a council chamber and the price of £900 was reasonable. They could bring all their staff under one roof instead of being divided between Godolphin House and Hadley House and have offices worthy of the council. But they rejected proposals to purchase allotment land on which to build a central school 36 10 08

Cambridge Borough accounts – analysis – 36 10 08a & b

1936 10 09
Sir – I wish to make a protest about the condition of Barton Road in Cambridge. A few months ago this was tarred and chipped, but why were the holes not filled in where the mains were laid to new homes? Now new light standards have been erected and tremendous holes again left. The other day I broke an axle at 28 mph on one of these holes. The motorist doesn't mind. He's used to paying for things not done and to accidents for which he is not to blame – E.K. Howell. 36 10 09

King & Harper new garage Hills Road – 36 10 09a

South Cambs RDC's water scheme was inaugurated with the opening of the new pumping station between Linton and Hildersham. Previously water had to be carted to two parishes and it is hoped that every household within reasonable distance of the mains would take a supply. Councillors then visited the water tower on Rivey Hill where most climbed to the top and inspected the 87,000 gallon tank. 36 10 09 b & c

1936 10 10
The extension to the Beck Row pumping station sees the completion of the Ely rural district water scheme. There was no good water in the area at all so they'd had to go to Suffolk to find it. The first stage had been completed after the war using money from the unemployment grants. Now they had put in a new set of mains, making a complete circuit, and had duplicated the machinery to pump twice the quantity for 24 hours a day. It had been immensely expensive but 95 per cent of the population had the opportunity of a supply 36 10 10

What a different appearance Cambridge presents from that of a week ago. The shops look busy, their windows newly filled with gowns, blazers and scarves. Theatres and cinemas are filling up; there are traffic jams in the streets and almost everywhere one meets undergraduates making their first acquaintance with Cambridge. They are attired in the 'regulation' dress of flannel trousers and sports jackets. An overcoat is a rarity but most men keep their hands in their trousers pockets. In spite of all the troubles they cause, we are very glad to see 'the young gentlemen' back again. 36 10 10a

March councillors debated bridges. A footbridge should be erected over the river at Marylebone Lane: it would help in getting more houses built in the vacant spaces within the town. But the majority of the inhabitants, many of whom were railway employees, preferred to live on the north side of the river. Coun Ogden thought a light bridge could be erected in Wigstones Road and advocated the building of a highway bridge to which a by-pass could be made. An alternative would be a bridge from Creek Road (through Lambs Yard) to Elwyn Road. 36 10 10b

1936 10 12
George John Gray entered the firm of Bowes and Bowes in 1876 and completed nearly 60 years' service. Encouraged by Robert Bowes he carried out bibliographical work and researches, publishing

several works on early Cambridge printing and bookselling. He also indexed the William Cole manuscripts in the British Museum. Mr Gray was a member of the Library Committee, secretary of the Higher Grade Cricket Club and YMCA and organiser of the Penny 'Pops' held in the Guildhall. He also played an active part in Chesterton Institute, Cricket Club and Men's Bible Club, amongst others. 36 10 12a # c.25

Over £120 was collected for the Spanish Medical Aid Committee at a meeting in the Guildhall. If they went to Spain today they would find village after village barricaded. Many people were being killed because they have nothing but their bare bodies to put against the latest legal death which modern science has given to the rebels, the Fascist International, to destroy decency in life in Spain today, Mr J. Langdon-Davies claimed. 36 10 12 # c.45.6

1936 10 13
Precautions to be taken in preparation for air raids were outlined to a meeting of architects, officials, school managers and owners of shops at Cambridge Guildhall. They hoped the dangers would never come to pass but must provide for contingencies. The three main weapons would be the incendiary, gas and high-explosive bombs. The first was the greatest danger. It would burn for seven minutes and could not be put out by water or any known chemical. Food exposed to gas vapour should be thrown away. Respirators would be issued to everyone except tiny children 36 10 13 # c.45.6

Crematorium proposed design – 36 10 13a # c.21.2

Ely shopping week & trades exhibition opening – 36 10 13d

The Housing Committee was told that over 170 people would be displaced by the demolition of buildings in Cambridge Place; the houses would have to be vacated within two months from the date of the clearance order. Plans would be drawn up to build 47 houses to re-home residents on land off Newmarket Road which the Council would purchase from G.P. Hawkins and W. Boyton for nearly £10,000. 36 10 13b # c.23

The Central Library Lending Department is housed in the oldest and most unhygienic part of the building in Wheeler Street. The room is badly provided with natural lighting and artificial light has to be used. When 'open access' was installed in 1921 the annual circulation was 141,968 books and now it is over 309,000. It should move into the present domed Reading Room. Most of the bookcases have been in use since 1862 and would be unsightly; they should be replaced by steel shelving. 36 10 13c # c.77.4

1936 10 14
Willingham recently 'went on the gas' and the Cambridge University and Town Gas Light Company are holding cookery demonstrations in the British Legion Hall. There are already a number of gas cookers in the district and there would soon be a showroom in the village. The parish council had tried for seven years to get street lighting but the Electricity Company had let them down. So they approached the Gas Company who acceded to their request in a business-like manner. They hoped women would do their best to install gas wherever possible and show their appreciation of the Company. 36 10 14

The Ely Trades Exhibition staged in the Canning Factory in Bray's Lane has 102 stands covering every branch of local business activity. In addition to the usual trade stalls there are features of unusual interest such as a talkie cinema, up-to-date television apparatus, a café and the only working model in the world of a roller flour mill. The slogan should be 'Shop in Ely; don't pass – buy! The more local people shopped in the city the better the shops would be. 36 10 14a – photo – 36 10 13d

1936 10 15
More than 737 new street lamps had been installed and from Milton Road to Northampton Street there was excellent lighting. But the council had deliberately left a big black patch along the Backs.

Discussions had taken place with the Cambridge Preservation Society and Heads of Colleges; Queen's Road was unique, they had to reconcile its beauty and character with the efficient lighting which would protect life 36 10 15 # c.24.8

Mrs William Edwards demonstrates mediumship and clairvoyance – 36 10 15a

Some 1,200 children attending Huntingdon schools come from homes where the parents were too poor to provide an extra pair of shoes for wear in schools and for physical training. About 2,000 children were already supplied. The council could purchase these at two shillings a pair, a total of £120, and would need to provide storage on school premises. It was agreed to carry this into effect. 36 10 15b

Exning improvements – 36 10 15c

1936 10 16
Councillors had considered the erection of a municipal crematorium before 1900 and earmarked a piece of land at the cemetery on Newmarket Road. Now a private company had come forward and it was time to act. It would cost £12,000, including land, a chapel, furnace and accessories together with a garden of rest. Running costs were extraordinarily low. Quite half the senior members of the University who died were cremated and it would soon pay for itself. 36 10 16 # c.21.2

1936 10 17
Removing dangerous bottle neck – photo – 36 10 17

County Nursing Association annual meeting – details – 36 10 17a

Two old Churchwardens pipes over the string course of the parapet of Messrs Almond's shop at 11 Sidney Street, now being demolished, are a reminder that it was once used by Joshua Lee for the making of clay pipes. Mr A.T. Potter recalls that there had once been a large kiln in the centre of the shop in which the pipes were baked. There is also a very fine old lead head to the down pipe which has cross clay pipes embossed on it. 36 10 17b # c.27.2

Lending library bookcases too close together and too dark, were designed in days of 'closed access' system when books obtained by assistants – 36 10 17c & d

1936 10 19
Friends of Ely Cathedral newly formed – 36 10 19 & a

Joshua Taylor – 'Our advertisers' photo – 36 10 19b (photo 100.78)

1936 10 20
W.J. Pryor, born Whittlesford, prominent walker – 36 10 20

King's College had employed a firm to supply a pump to serve half-a-dozen jets of water at their fountain. They had intended to use the water over and over again but found that with the heavy wind the water was blown over the gravel and did not go back into the fountain. So they had connected the mains to make up the loss. This contravened Water Company byelaws and there was a danger of contaminating the supply 36 10 20a # c.61 # c.24.2

Sir – I use the Public Library very frequently. The Reading Room is extremely popular and is at all hours of the day well patronised. But the Lending Department might be bettered. The conditions are most undignified and unworthy of Cambridge. The great bulk of borrowers are centred around the 'Fiction recently returned' shelves making use of light from the Wheeler Street windows. However it is a pleasure to watch the extreme precision and incredible speed of the assistants receiving or dating books. 36 10 20b # c.77.4

1936 10 21
A.J. Winship told Rotarians he had visited Germany. The Germans had no more idea of attacking this country than the man in the moon. The attitude to Hitler seemed uniform all over the country. They worshipped him. He was the first real ruler who was absolutely unselfish and sought nothing for himself. He had taken power but was not a dictator. He held a position almost the same as the King did here. But Rotarian Franklin disagreed: Hitler was a dictator who had assumed power by force and murder and the treatment being given to the Jews was diabolical. 36 10 21 # c.45.6

Society for Blind sale of work – 36 10 21a

Ely Isolation Hospital arbitration hearing fixed – 36 10 21a

1936 10 22
Asplin, p2

1936 10 23
Charles Laurence Pemberton Robinson of Hinxton Hall dies – 36 10 23

1936 10 24
Laurie & McConnal 'Advertisers;' feature - 36 10 24
Millers record your own voice advert – 36 10 24a
New telephone calls boxes being installed – cartoon – 36 10 24b # c.27.75

1936 10 29
Cambridge Place, p5

1936 10 30
Eaden Lilley – our advertisers feature – 36 10 30b

1936 November CDN

1936 11 02
Undergraduates demonstrated support for 130 hunger marchers from Durham on their way to London to protest against the Means Test and new scales of benefit. At Girton College girl students served them tea and buns before 250 undergraduates joined the procession carrying torches and banners. There were meetings in the Co-operative and Labour Halls before the protestors had an evening meal in the students' rooms. At Cheshunt College some of the marchers ate in hall. Having slept in the Corn Exchange they continued to Saffron Walden where the Labour Party entertained them with lively tunes from a loudspeaker van. The march is due to arrive in London next weekend. 36 11 02 & a # c.32.1 # c.36.92

1936 11 03
An RAF pilot and observer had remarkable escapes from death when their plane came down and overturned in a field near the Gogs. The pilot thought the place looked safe enough to land on from the air but when the plane touched earth the rain-sodden ground caused it to smash its nose into the ground and turn over. The pilot's helmet was covered with dirt as a result of being dragged along the ground but he escaped with a bruised lip. The observer was entirely unscathed. Jack Utteridge, who has a petrol station nearby, was an eye-witness. 36 11 03a & 03 # c.26.1

A meeting at the Arts School organised by the Child Emigration Society heard about the Fairbridge Farm School scheme which takes orphans and young children from the poorer districts of this country for training in schools in Australia. A similar school had been established in British Columbia and quite recently three boys from the Harvey Goodwin Home have gone to there 36 11 03b

1936 11 04
Charles Frederick Skipper, architect, death – 36 11 04

Work will start shortly on a big railway improvement scheme between Soham and Snailwell junction. Six miles of the L.N.E.R., which is at present single track, is to be doubled. A large amount of labour will be required to complete the work which is part of a general speeding-up scheme. The line forms part of the route used by Continental express trains between York and Liverpool and Harwich. It will mean a reduction in journey time of from two to four minutes 36 11 04a

The Cambridge and County Folk Museum at the old 'White Horse Inn' was opened in the presence of a large company. It would become a clearing house of information on local matters in a town where there is more information about Papua than Pampisford. The Corporation had handed over its old measures, the steelyard used at Stourbridge Fair and the High Constable's stave while the Public Library had loaned portraits and caricatures to give a human touch to the museum. Miss Catherine Parsons has accepted the position of honorary curator with Reginald Lambeth as custodian. 36 11 04b & c # c.03

1936 11 05
The Air Ministry propose to construct a RAF station at Bassingbourn and approached South Cambs RDC about the possibility of obtaining a supply of 15,000 gallons of water a day. This could be obtained from Croydon Hill at a cost of 10d per 1,000 gallons. The scheme would take 20 months to implement and would also serve nearby parishes. But did any of the parishes want piped water? It would mean a rate of over four shillings for Litlington, Shingay and Wendy and there had been too much money spent on water already, all of which was money wasted. 36 11 05c & d

The Isle of Ely County Council approved the erection of a new bridge to carry the Peterborough-Wisbech road over the river Nene at Guyhirn. This was part of a vast scheme which will link up with the Leicester-Great Yarmouth road. At Prickwillow the Ouse Catchment Board had agreed that the new bridge need be only an inch higher than the existing one, instead of 1ft 3ins as originally contemplated. Plans were also submitted for the reconstruction of the bridge on Puntney Hill drove, part of one of the alternative routes for the proposed Isleham-Prickwillow road. 36 11 05b

1936 11 06
Guy Fawkes night disorder, truncheon charges, riotous scenes – court case – 36 11 06 # c.36.94

A. Mackintosh, ironmongers – advertisers feature – 36 11 06a # c.27.2

1936 11 07
Messrs W.T. Thrussell and Sons, the well-known Cambridge firm of shoemakers, held a dinner in honour of Mr F.H. Lucchesi's 70th birthday. 'Fred' has been with the firm for 56 years and recalled many amusing incidents connected with the 'good old days' of shoemaking. Mr E.W. Brett, an employee of 38 years' service also spoke of the early days of the firm. The speeches were interspersed with musical entertainment 36 11 07 # c.27

Cambridge Town Council will make history when it elects a Labour Mayor for the first time. Having retired from the railway service, Ald W.L. Briggs will be able to devote the whole of his time to the duties. But his fellow citizens will not expect him to entertain on the same lavish scale that some Mayors have been able to do. Some people think the mayoral grant is sufficient to meet all demands made upon the holder, but this is not so and it is often necessary to dig pretty deeply into one's own pocket. Ald Briggs deserves further congratulations for he has just passed his motor driving test 36 11 07a cartoon 36 11 07b 36 11 09b # c.35.7

Horace Cole and origins of Dreadnought hoax – 36 11 07c # c.39

Model liners built by F.W. Thiem floated in tank in garden at corner Chesterton Hall Crescent – 36 11 07d # c.26.2

1936 11 09
Gas demonstration platform at Premier Hall, Union Lane – photo – 36 11 09 # c.24.4

Dullingham fire in thatched roof of King's Head pub – 36 11 09a

1936 11 12
Barclays Bank staff count poppy day money – photo – 36 11 12

1936 11 13
Ely Cathedral broadcast – 36 11 13a

1936 11 14
Trumpington petition for faculty to have plain marble kerb to enclose grave – 36 11 14 # c.21.2

Woman council bailiff appointed – 36 11 14a # c.35.7

Trumpington 'The Volunteer' inn sign exhibited in London – 36 11 14b

1936 11 16
Firemen who were attending a Mayoral service at Great St Mary's church were rushed by police car to attend a blaze in Upper Gwydir Street. Mrs Unwin was trapped in her front bedroom but Mr J.H. Turner, a window cleaner placed two of his ladders against the window and, with his son, got her to safety. Neighbours helped to get the downstairs furniture out into the street 36 11 16a

1936 11 17
Croydon fire, p5

1936 11 18
Ely Urban and Rural District Councils had a joint Isolation Hospital which was originally given as a private gift by Mr Cutlack and his wife. However the County Council had decided to include Chatteris UDC as it was too small to provide a hospital of its own. But Chatteris councillors did not want it and objected to having to pay towards its support. They preferred to treat patients in their own home. Anyway it was not a proper hospital: it had no consultant staff and was no different to an ordinary nursing home. 36 11 18 & a

1936 11 20
Gustave David, known as 'David' to generations of undergraduates has died hours after returning by the midnight train having attended a London auction. He came to Cambridge forty years ago, opening his now-famous stall on Market Hill. Later he opened a shop in Green Street before moving to St Edward's Passage. He was the first man in Cambridge to sell rare and old books at low prices. So appreciative were Universitymen of his services that in 1925 a number of distinguished members entertained him to lunch at Trinity in recognition of the 'conspicuous services he has rendered the cause of humane letters'. 36 11 20 a & b # c.25

Grocers' Association dinner. Mayor on need for light industries and guides for visitors – 36 11 20

W. Heffer & sons history – Advertisers – 36 11 20c # c.25

1936 11 24
An elderly man lost his life in a blaze which completely destroyed three thatched cottages at Orwell in the early hours of the morning. Neighbour Harry Freestone got his own family out and then threw buckets of water on the flames. But the thatch caught fire and he had to leave. Royston and

Cambridge brigades arrived just in time to save the Post Office although the Royston pump broke down. The cottages were burnt to the ground, only the chimney stacks being left standing. Deceased always slept downstairs in front of the fire and tied himself to the bed so that he should not roll over into it. 36 11 24a

1936 11 25
Haddenham has lost one of its oldest residents by the death of Henry Thomas Camps of Linden House. He came from an old farming family and had a record of considerable public service as councillor and trustee to Arkenstalls School and the Baptist Chapel. He was correspondent to the Cambridge Independent Press and as Fellow of the Zoological Society was a judge at the Crystal Palace. 36 11 25

An airman challenged the validity of his marriage to a Cambridge woman. He claimed that her former husband, a Cambridge taxi driver, had gone to Canada after getting into financial difficulties. But had still been alive when the two married at Kensington Register Office, though the woman told him she was a widow. As a result the airman had refused to live with her until she produced evidence of the first husband's death. The woman however petitioned for the restitution of her conjugational rights. She lost her case 36 11 25a # WOMEN

1936 11 27
The Territorial Army recruiting campaign at the Drill Hall attracted a large number of people including employers of labour, members of the University O.T.C. and boys from the Perse and County schools. The progress of aircraft means that the channel is now a mere ditch over which planes can fly in a few minutes and a defence force must be efficient. This should be voluntary and employers must make some sacrifices and encourage their men to join the Territorial Army, giving them leave and pay when on service. 36 11 27 # c.45.6

1936 11 28
Billy Cotton, who is bringing his popular band to the Theatre Cinema, St Andrew's Street, has a style of his own. He stands coolly in the centre of the stage and with little more than a flick of the wrist gets just what he wants from the musicians The band is a variety show in itself, best-liked on the stage because the wireless and gramophone cannot do them full justice. The comedians are especially good, there are two Japanese entertainers, a conjuror, dancers and a pair of trick cyclists. But Cotton is also a keen racing motorist and has just bought Sir Malcolm Campbell's original 'Bluebird' which he intends racing at Southport. 36 11 28a & 36 12 01 # c.76

Brazen George Inn was in St Andrew's Street, Alexandra Street was its yard – 36 11 28 # c.27.4

The Truevoice Recording Studio in Jesus Lane is now open every day for the producing of gramophone records. Your opportunity to hear yourself on a perfect 10 inch double sided wax record for a fee of 10/6. Children's voices faithfully reproduced. Specially equipped studio for music and orchestral recordings. These records make ideal Christmas Gifts to your friends. Why not make one and send it to them. They will be delighted – Advert. 36 11 28b # c.69

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1936 12 02
A new church banner at St Andrew the Great features a boat, taken from a medieval brass, resting on a sea of silvery waves in which fishes may be seen. It is an interesting example of needlework, linen and silk having been skilfully applied to a handsome hand-woven blue background and richness obtained with stitchery and couching in silks and metal threads. It was designed by Mrs Allworthy under the direction of the Cambridge Embroiderers 36 12 02 # c.67

1936 12 03

A family feud between van dwellers at Turf Fen, Chatteris, had a sequel in court. They had a grievance over some potatoes which resulted in a 'rare tussle' during which one man was hit on the head with a spade causing him to run to his van, load his guns and fire into the air to frighten his attackers. But some of the shot penetrated their van just missing three children. Police found 30 pellet holes in the side. The assault case was dismissed and he was fined £2 for firing the gun and £1 towards repairs. 36 12 03 # GYPSY

Air raid precautions were discussed by South Cambs RDC. The roads and bridges about to be built in the county should have bomb-proof surfaces. Substantial material was to be used and it would not be at all impossible to make them bombproof. Most of the roads were to be constructed above the present ground level and could have shelters under them 36 12 03a # c.45.6

Clara Harris, the grand old lady of showland, celebrated her 100th birthday in her caravan at Haslingfield. She was the daughter of a showman, Larry Shaw, who was the first steam roundabout proprietor. In 1869 she married Moe Harris of Gamlingay and assisted him at fairgrounds around England. Clara worked until she was 93; the last fair was at Royston where she sat behind her stall selling sweets she'd made herself. Two of her five daughters carry on the tradition. 36 12 03b # c.27.31

1936 12 04
Isle of Ely Highways Committee discussed various road improvements. There may be a bypass at Chatteris from Carters Bridge to link up with Warboys Road but this was a huge scheme. A bottleneck on the Lynn Road north of Ely was caused by a cottage standing close to the road: this could be demolished with a new home built further back. In Stretham the Cambridge Road between the new council houses should be widened with an island at the junction of Wilburton Road. They were faced with this monstrous expenditure because of the foolish position in which the houses had been built. 36 12 04 & a

1936 12 05
Bacon's tobacconist history – 'Advertisers' series – 36 12 05 # c.27.2

J.J. Thompson 'Recollections and reflections' reminiscences – 36 12 05a & b

W.A Fenton, Borough Librarian has done much to raise the standard of library books in Cambridge. He is a worthy servant to the public whose willingness to help all and sundry who frequent the Reading Room is well-known. – 36 12 05c & d # c.77.4

1936 12 07
Since 1921 there have been 2,800 allotment holders in Cambridge. One man had entered the national onion competition and came first in all England. There were 187 applicants for allotments from among the unemployed during the past season. Where men had to do work on the soil to produce food it meant keeping in really good health. That 'daily dozen' weeding or hoeing or digging the ground was of the greatest importance. But the allotments should be permanent: it was hard for a man who has to leave his land after about 18 months. 36 12 07 & a & b # c.18

1936 12 08
The draft Cambridge town planning scheme would see the construction of bridges and closure of the level crossings at Histon and Shelford with footbridges for pedestrians. The line of the Ring Road from Huntingdon Road to Shelford was agreed and the difficult question of the aerodrome settled. 36 12 08 # c.49.4

1936 12 09
Whitemoor railway marshalling yards near March is the most up-to-date in England and the first to be equipped with mechanical rail brakes. The 'up' yard was opened in March 1929 and dealt with traffic from the collieries. The main feature was the 'hump' where wagons were sorted. It was very much

like the Long Road bridge, only much bigger. It had good floodlighting but it wasn't a very pleasant place at night. The working is very intensive. It attracted visitors from around the world, especially the Japanese who spent days there, Rotarians heard. 36 12 09a

The Cambridge Milk Bar opened on Market Hill where all the shakes and soups can be purchased at the standard price of four pence. You have only to visit it once to become an addict. The first milk bar opened in Fleet Street two years ago and they have spread rapidly attracting business men, workmen and shoppers. In cold weather what could be more sustaining that a bowl of soup made with milk while in summer a cold milk shake flavoured with fresh fruit syrups, made 'crisp' with cream and whipped is a creamy delight 36 12 09b # c.27.47

1936 12 10
King abdicates – headline 36 12 10

There was an enormous demand for copies of the CDN containing official news of the King's Abdication. The first edition was on sale within minutes of the Speaker's historic announcement in the House of Commons. It contained a three-column sketch of the new King and Queen and an appreciation of 'Edward – the Man' together with pictures recalling his visits to Cambridgeshire. The Night Final contained many other interesting details about the crisis. Hours after this London papers were still being sold in the streets that contained only a brief announcement in the Stop Press columns 36 12 10 & b-e # c.02

The depressing fog hung over Cambridge like a gloomy portent of the sad news to come as people awaited the King's decision. Thursday afternoon (early closing day) brought shut shops and deserted streets to add to the atmosphere of depression. The usual football matches were in progress but the only topic of conversation was the Abdication crisis. The first to hear the news was the group gathered in the offices of the CDN awaiting the News Agency 'snap' messages. Shortly after three-thirty it came. Soon after the poster 'The King's Decision – Official' brought people into the streets eager for the latest news 36 12 10f

Thick fog invaded Romsey Town hours before it reached Huntingdon Road. Once it settled it did so in earnest and visibility was practically nil. Buses were reduced to trailing through the streets on the heels of the conductors and even they could not see their way properly: one stopped himself just in time from leading a No.106 into the pit on Newmarket Road. Where conditions were not quite so bad drivers 'convoyed' and as many as six buses were seen in single file. One conductor walked from Cambridge to Ely, leading his bus – and did the journey in 4½ hours 36 12 10a # c.12 # c.26.46

King Edward VIII has abdicated. As Prince of Wales he came to Cambridge in June 1921 to receive an honorary degree and inspect Boy Scouts and Girl Guides. More than 5,000 children lined the route so they could catch a glimpse of 'Prince Charming' as he was called in those days. His last visit in June 1932 was to inspect the Leys School. There have been visits to the County, he opened Sawston Village College in July 1930 and reviewed the Royal Air Force at Duxford in 1935 36 12 10d

Abdication: great demand for copies CFB – 36 12 10e # c.02

How the news was received in Cambridgeshire – 36 12 10f

Cambridge Town Planning scheme – 36 12 10g # c.49.4

Private crematorium at Barton turned down – protest – 36 12 10h # c.21.2

Murkett Brothers, automobile engineers, who have large garages in Huntingdon, Peterborough and Bedford, opened their new premises on the corner of Huntingdon & Histon Road in May 1931. Owing to the satisfactory service they have given business has developed to such an extent that an additional garage is shortly to be built. This will cater for commercial vehicles and heavy repairs, whilst the

Huntingdon Road depot will be for new and second-hand cars, with light repairs and service facilities 36 12 10i # c.26.48

When Mr Plumb became landlord of The Prince of Wales pub, Gwydir Street in 1895 the tailors and shoemakers always used to observe 'Saint Monday' and never worked that day. It was common for them to spend the whole time in the bar from early morning until 11 pm. And unless they had two or three sing-songs a week a house was 'not in it'. During the Great War when beer was rationed he had to go out during the day to avoid the crowds who wanted the beer he could not supply them with. When the brewers' drays arrived with fresh supplies they were besieged 36 12 10j # c.27.4

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1936 12 12
All Cambridge listened to the farewell message broadcast by Prince Edward from Windsor Castle. At the Theatre Cinema an announcement was made that the feature film would be interrupted for the relaying of the speech by courtesy of the BBC. Just before ten the curtains over the screen were lowered. When they were drawn back a large receiving set was seen in the centre of the stage with a single spot-light shining on it. The lights were dimmed. A tense, almost painful silence fell on the audience. Suddenly it was broken. Sir John Reith was heard. 'This is Windsor Castle – His Royal Highness, Prince Edward' 36 12 12a

When the new King unveiled the War Memorial – 36 12 12 # c.02 # c.45.5

Cambridge and the new King – his various visits – 36 12 12b & c # c.02

St George's school centenary – 36 12 12d & e # c.36.5

Duke of York caught smoking when undergraduate – 36 12 12c # c.02

Farmer killed in aircraft crash near Caxton Gibbet – 36 12 12c # c.26.1

1936 12 14
Proclaiming King George VI – 36 12 14 & a, b

1936 12 15
The King as a Cambridge undergraduate – photo – 36 12 15

Cyril Ridgeon recalled the early days of his business at a dinner in to celebrate its silver jubilee. When the Great War came ruin had started him in the face. But he managed to get some army contracts and started as an English timber merchant selling thousands of trees to the Midlands and Cambridge builders. At times he worked up to the knees in snow. He bought his first lorry, a Wolverine, in 1922 and put up a sawmill in Cavendish Road. It had been hard work and success was due to the loyal staff 36 12 15a & b # c.23

March magistrates express loyalty to King – 36 12 15c

Proclamations at Huntingdon – 36 12 15d

1936 12 17
Lorry fire at Independent Oil Supplies garage by mill at Hauxton – 36 12 17 & a

1936 12 19
R.H. Lavis was bulldog who caught Prince Albert smoking – 36 12 19 # c.02

Smart & Son, Bridge Street – advertisers – 36 12 19a

1936 12 21
When fire broke out near the organ of Swaffham Bulbeck church all the available men and women rushed to save the tower. After buckets of water failed they used sand taken from heaps by the roadside. Two floors in the tower were burnt out, the organ was badly damaged by scorching and water but the bells remained intact. Next morning smoke was noticed from near the wooden casing of the clock where a beam was smouldering. 36 12 21a & b

1936 21 23
Police Poor and Needy fund distributes potatoes – photo – 36 12 23

Ely Upherd's Lane, air raid precautions – motor drivers, issue gas masks, decontaminate streets – 36 12 23a

Littleport's new Regal Cinema is an entirely new building designed on the most up-to-date lines and presents an imposing appearance. The decoration is on ultra-modern lines with bowl lamps in spray plastic and an illuminated clock. All the chairs from the 'sixpennies' to the 'two-shillings' are comfortable, the armrests being sprung with Dunlopillo. The projector is by Kalee while the sound equipment by British Talking Pictures employs three speakers. It will show the finest films and has a park for 100 cars 36 12 23b

1936 12 24
S.A. Rolfe, wholesale tobacconist – advertisers – 36 12 24

Chesterton Gravel Pits have been transformed into a flourishing business working from dawn to dusk. A Priestman dragline gets the gravel out of the ground, grabbing a third of a ton in its great steel jaws and depositing it in a truck which a patient horse drags to a narrow-gauge railway. It needs no driver but stands still while the load is emptied, then lumbers slowly back to fetch more. An ever-moving belt feeds a constant stream of raw gavel into the washing and grading machine from which it pours into appropriate heaps where a fleet of lorries cart it to its destination. 36 12 24a # c.27

1936 12 28
Christmas Day dawned dreary and dismal but everything was bright and happy at the White Ribbon Hostel. It was beautifully decorated and the crackling of huge fires re-echoed the old-fashioned Christmas spirit. On Boxing Day an old gentleman said, with tears in his eyes, "It was the happiest day I've had since I started 'on the road', and the gifts of socks, ties and handkerchiefs were appreciated by us all" 36 12 28a

Christmas in Sanatorium Mill Road, Church Army work aid home, Harvey Goodwin Home, District Nurses' Home – 36 12 28

1936 12 29
Bottisham stores threatened when lorry standing outside caught fire after driver filled up with petrol – 36 12 29

Thaxted Christmas Morris Dancers – 36 12 29a

1936 12 30
Peas Hill windows smashed – including Sennitt – 36 12 30 & a

1936 12 31
Cambridge Place was a long, narrow cul-de-sac with a narrow entrance from Hills Road. It used to have an unenviable reputation but had now greatly improved. It was a convenient place for residents engaged in unskilled work who left their houses early and returned late. But the houses were unfit for human habitation. Nearly all the roofs were sunken, the doors perished, the plaster was decayed, the stairs dark and steep. They were all were damp, thirty-three shared a water tap with another house and none had a water closet inside nor any proper place to keep food, an Inquiry heard. 36 12 30b & c, picture 36 12 31 # c.23 # c.44.6

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These stories were noted when compiling my Looking Back column. I have digital copies of the complete articles.

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1937 01 01
A disastrous blaze broke out in a boiler house in the pig yard at Colony Farm, Manea. Despite the efforts of the Brigade the flames had a good hold and spread quickly to adjacent buildings in which 150 pigs were housed. Forty of the animals were liberated but the rest perished in the intense heat. The buildings, as well as a straw stack, were razed to the ground. Occupants of the George Hotel Chatteris were also awakened by the sound of the fire alarm when a blaze broke out in the kitchen. Its timely discovery allowed staff to quell the flames and prevent serious damage 37 01 01

1937 01 02
Gang activity at Chesterton – 37 01 02
Cam magazine published – 37 01 02b

1937 01 06
Cambridge Festival Theatre has started a million farthing fund to ensure they have money available in case of emergency. The weekly receipts have to cover weekly expenses. When a bad week comes the manager hopes things will pick up next week. During the summer people had come to the theatre but recently there had been a falling-off. The workers' voucher system had increased attendance but the vouchers were finding their way into the hands of people who were not entitled to make use of them. They entitled people to purchase two seats for the price of one 37 01 06

1937 01 07
Dr Paul Dirac was appointed as-old Lucasian Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge University in 1932 a few days before his 30th birthday, becoming the youngest occupant of this famous chair which was once occupied by Isaac Newton, and remains the youngest professor in Cambridge. He has a reputation for being of a particularly shy and retiring disposition." A London newspaper stated: "More than publicity he fears women. He has no interest in them and even after being introduced to them cannot remember whether they are pretty or plain". He has now wed in London. The marriage was unexpected in Cambridge and even his colleagues at St John's College were unaware of the ceremony. 37 01 07

1937 01 08
Tribute was paid to a water-diviner at the opening of Over's new water works. After one bore had been sunk unsuccessfully the Chairman of the Parish Council contacted Mr Charles Adams and when he was walking with his 'magic twigs' they twisted violently. The well was sunk in that position. They had originally wanted a supply from the East Hunts Water Company but this meant paying Swavesey for the use of their main and they had charged too much. The new station had two pumps which stopped and started automatically when the level in the water tower dropped. 37 01 08 & a

1937 01 09
Les Walton, the popular Rendezvous band leader, who introduced the 'Jig' which proved a success, has introduced a new dance to Cambridge for the first time. It is called the St Bernard. One of the bandsmen, George Oldfield, brought it back with him after a visit to Streatham Locarno. It is undoubtedly going to make a 'hit' and was enthusiastically taken by 'Rendy' patrons. It is nice to have something fresh in the way of a dance. 37 01 09 # c.69.2

A plaster case from one of the decorations in the ceiling of the Cambridge Guildhall Large Room fell to the floor during the night. Although from the floor 60 feet below the petals do not appear very large each is about six inches serious across. Had there been an audience it would almost certainly have struck someone's head with results. Now the Mayor is considering whether the Large Room should be closed. 37 01 09b

'Random Journey' novel by R.W. Barnard has short account of Cambridge – 37 01 09a

The Blue Book Directory of Cambridge, published by the St Tibbs Press, comprises not only streets, trades and names of residents but also a wealth of information and a portrait gallery of our civic fathers (and mothers). An endeavour was made in 1936 to cover the immediate environs, including Shelford, Sawston, Milton and Grantchester. Now it has been enlarged to bring in Girton and Cottenham together with details concerning new or extended streets on the outskirts of the borough. It is extraordinary good value for five shillings. 37 01 09a

1937 01 11
At the first open meeting of the Cambridge Left Book Club tribute was paid to the memory of Mr G.C. Maclaurin, who was killed recently fighting for the Spanish Government in Madrid. He, more than anybody, was responsible for the flourishing members of the club in Cambridge where some 400 of the total membership of 35,000 are resident. The speaker discussed 'Must Capitalism Fail?' In a Socialist society, such as the USSR, all the sources of production were utilised to the full. While Russian workers were enjoying the fruits of their labour, the capitalist workers were saddled with debt. 37 01 11

1937 01 12
Albert Stubbs told the Agricultural Wages Board that farmers must pay workers a living wage or they would not get the labour. The minimum should be £2 for a working week of 48 hours. Rates for horse-keepers, cowmen and shepherds should be seven shillings more while women should earn from five to seven pence an hour. He would advise the men to take work on the roads or aerodromes where pay was higher. Young men would cycle 12-15 miles into Cambridge where they could earn more. But farmers had had a monstrous year and could not afford it. 37 01 12 & a

1937 01 13
Cambridge Preservation Society wants to raise £40,000 to preserve the Gogs. There are two ways of spoiling rural beauty: by ribbon development and the erection of houses at spots chosen because of the pleasant view they command, Rotarians were told. But one disagreed that it was spoiling the countryside to build on it. What was the countryside for? The contention that the Gogs was a most beautiful place was denied by a photograph he had taken of the landscape. "The Preservation Society is wrong and the whole thing is as mad as a hatter", he told the speaker. 37 01 13 & a

Sidney Gordon Clark, antique dealer of Collins & Clark, dies – 37 01 13b # c.06

1937 01 15
A fire at a large house at 10 Adams Road in the early morning caused considerable damage. There were six people living there and the haste with which they had to leave their rooms was obvious, for several were still wearing pyjamas and overcoats whilst engaged in salvage work this morning. The Merryweather fire engine was sent for and the brigade fought the flames from the water tower, managing to confine the outbreak to the upper storeys. Mr P. Hirsch, the owner, said several hundred pounds had recently been spent in redecoration and more damage had been done by water than fire. 37 01 15a, pic 15

The head offices and showroom of the Cambridge University and Town Gas Light Company in Sidney Street, where all the most modern and efficient appliances for heating, cooking, refrigeration and lighting can be seen, were built in 1909. Today the total number of consumers is in the region of

25,000. Recently the villages of Willingham, Longstanton and Oakington were supplied with gas and mains are being laid to Sawston. 37 01 15b # c.24.4

1937 01 16
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth paid her first visit to Cambridge since her accession. Together with Queen Mary she made a number of purchases from Mr S. Woolston's antique shop. Although a private trip, word had got about and despite the drizzling rain a crowd gathered to cheer the two Queens when they arrived from Sandringham. Police had to institute a single-line traffic system to allow vehicles to pass the crush of people who surged round, cheering enthusiastically, when they departed en route to Exning for lunch. It was Queen Mary's fourth visit to the shop 37 01 16c # c.02

1937 01 16
Arthur Hoppett, 73, the oldest organist in Cambridge, started his musical career as a chorister at Trinity College under Sir Charles Villiers Stanford. His first appointment was at the Abbey Church, later moving to All Saint's. He played for five or six services every Sunday during the Great War and was accompanist at the musical evenings given by the late Oscar Browning where he met artistes of world-wide fame. His great hobby was his fine collection of stamps of the British Empire 37 01 13c amusing incidents – bumped into King Edward – 37 01 16f

Herbert George Whibley, ex-Mayor, dies – 37 01 16d

Whittlesey farmer sues drainage board over flooding of his land – 37 01 16d & e

Readers have responded with information on Keith and Tudor's circus on Midsummer Common. Mr R. Bainbridge says it was a large wooden building at the junction of Victoria Avenue, where the lamp standard is, at the corner of Jesus Grove. It was pulled down due to the expense of standing there and rebuilt at the bottom of Auckland Road. Mr Keith was the ring master and Mr Tudor was the clown. Sam George competed for a cup given by the late Charlie Rowell. It was a race 20 times around the ring over four hurdles every round. The circus finished late 1893 or early 1894 just before the Royal Show was held on Midsummer Common. He still has some of the building that was built into a shed. 37 01 16f # c.76.2

1937 01 18
Fire broke out at English Bros' timber yard in Newmarket Road; soon timber stacks, some of them 25 feet high were blazing with over half-an-acre of crackling 70-foot high flames. The Gasworks were far enough away but at Nightingale's garage a number of petrol lorries were in the danger zone and were moved. All three of the Brigade's engines were called into service but it was 13 hours before they were able to return to the station. A timber-drying shed was completely destroyed, a saw-mill damaged and a lorry completely burnt-out. 37 01 18 # c.34.75

The whinnying and neighing of valuable racehorses amid the crackling of blazing wood when their stables caught fire, the rescue of the horses by eager people, and an all-night chase for seven of the animals which dashed away into the darkness, were incidents in an exciting fire at Newmarket. The outbreak at St Gatien House endangered over 20 racehorses seven of which dashed away and disappeared into the darkness. All but three were recaptured on the outskirts of town and the rest lately returned quietly to the stables. 37 01 18a

1937 01 19
Haddenham Rev K.G. Sandberg appointed vicar – 37 01 19

1937 01 21
The Upper House of Convocation meeting at Westminster Abbey discussed a resolution by the Bishop of Ely. He had opposed admission to Holy Communion of persons "who having re-married after divorce and having thereby transgressed the law of Christ and the church, continue to live in disregard of the moral obligations which must bind those who are to be admitted to Holy

Communion" Marriage after divorce is a sin against the seventh commandment, he said. But only one other Bishop voted in favour. 37 01 21 & a

Phyllis Osborne, lady artist, makes glass statuettes – 37 01 21b

Sir – Cambridge's dustbins are insanitary. Until late in the morning they decorate the edges of the pavements and their ugly and battered forms render the streets hideous. But worst of all, they stay there without lids, old tin baths, bent and dented zinc tubs, even cardboard boxes, all filled with garbage, scattering their dust and filth in the winds. In summer they stew in the hot sun. In winter they lie open to the bleak rain and drip their dust and ashes on the pavement. Babies have to run the risk of dust and infection in the streets while mothers at home strive to keep them protected from germs. Can nothing be done? – A maternity nurse 37 01 21c # c.21.15

Cambridge University Film Production Unit described their difficulties in making the film 'Psychology Today'. They used various laboratories for studios and when hounded out of one would look for another. The camera was of the hand-cranked type and had to be held down by three people when in use to prevent it rocking. While the film was being made they had no time for work or any other activities. A commentary had now been recorded and the sound track and visual film were in process of being' married'. The unit is not confined to members of the University: townspeople are welcome. 37 01 21d # c.65.6

1937 01 22
Huntingdonshire county council needs new building – 37 01 22 & a
Belfast Linen Warehouse – advertisers – 37 01 22b
Briscoe Snelson lecture 'With a camera in East Anglia' – 37 01 22c # c.65.5

'One with a memory' writes: "My father put Tudor's circus up twice in Cambridge and once in Ipswich and eventually at the Romsey Town Cement Works, where the main part still stands and is used by Messrs Macintosh for their ever-increasing agricultural department". He has a bill, dated June 1895 which includes six shillings and fivepence for 38 pints of beer from the 'Duke of Cambridge' for the workers. Another reader recalls Samuel Murfitt from Manea, the largest man in the world, who died 50 years ago. His girth was 100 inches and as no hearse could be found large enough he had to be conveyed on a flat. The sashes had to be taken from the windows and nearly 20 men were employed to get the body out. 37 01 22e # c.76.2

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1937 01 26
Fulbourn Hospital is to have a cinema projector following a demonstration of both a 16mm and 35 mm machine. The smaller one was noisy and while it would project for ordinary purposes it would need to be in the same room as the patients. The projectors were of a delicate nature and if they got men of the labouring class moving it about they would get a lot of damage. The larger one was superior, it was compact, easy to work and the pictures were clear and good-sized. . Mr Stubbs said: "The sound was clear and even with a Yankee voice was tolerable – and sometimes they are not" (Laughter). 37 01 26a # c.76.9

1937 01 27
Flooding at Ely High Bridge – photo – 37 01 27 # c.29

1937 01 28
A report from Linton parish council draws attention to the increased heavy traffic through the village and suggests that the old Roman Road from Cherry Hinton should be made up. But this would cost

£6,000 a mile. An alternative scheme would be the classification of the existing road leading from the Cambridge-Haverhill road though Hildersham and the construction of a by-pass linking it with the Haverhill road south of Linton 37 01 28

The Newmarket Tradesmen's Association was formed to promote the trade and industrial interests and advertise the attractions of the district as a residential and holiday centre. 37 01 28a

1937 01 30
Folk Museum disappointed about lack of interest – description – 37 01 30 # c.03

Horace Coulson, the well-known chemist, was one of the best-liked men in Cambridge. – 37 01 30a # c.21.1

Sarah Campion 'Cambridge Blue' novel – 37 01 30b & c # c.74

Gladstone's visit 1887 recalled – 37 01 30d # c.33 # c.02 : 1887

Cambridge Dining Clubs recalled in old issue of 'The Idler', 1898 – Beefsteak & True Blue – 37 01 30e # c.36.92

Peaks Furnishers of King Street was commenced in 1924 by Mr W.H. Peak and by dealing in reliable goods, together with a sound service, he has rapidly built up business. The premises have been extended and improved from time to time and a very large floor space is now devoted to the display of floor coverings and furniture. Consistent advertising in the CDN for a number of years has helped considerably to make this firm so widely known. 37 01 30f # c.27.2

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1937 02 01
Alexander Paul MacAlister was articled to Messrs Fawcett's, a Cambridge firm of architects, before starting on his own in St Andrew's Street 45 years ago. He designed the new block at Fulbourn Mental Hospital and the Tubercular Hospital at Antwerp as well as many houses in Madingley Road. He founded the Cambridge Amateur Operatic Society and played parts in all the Gilbert and Sullivan operas. 37 02 01 # c.61

1937 02 02
The Mayor expressed fears for young people at the Temperance Society meeting. A large number spent their time parading the streets and going to the pictures. Unless occupation could be found for them, people who could see profit in their folly would ensnare them. But Cambridge had some of the best recreation grounds in the country which help to keep children off the road and Romsey Town had a new bathing and paddling pool. The society was up against wealth and convenience. The enormous motor traffic of today could pull up anywhere along the highways and obtain liquor. 37 02 02a

The inadequate accommodation at the Fire and Police Station has now become serious. The proposed changed involve the complete demolition of the Chief Constable's house, garages, policewomen's office and the Remand Home in Downing Lane. There will be a basement for the storage of 320 bicycles and provision for eight motor vehicles together with a workshop with pit for repairs, petrol pumps etc on the ground floor. A flat for the sergeant in charge of the fire brigade will be needed together with a mess room and larder for 12 men, photograph room and offices for the chief constable, coroner and detectives. Above would be ten bedrooms for 12 single men with two bathrooms and various stores. 37 02 02b # c.34.7

St Ives golf, p5

1937 02 03

The death of John Cornford while fighting for the Spanish Government is a grievous loss. He had a brilliant academic career and was preparing for research work in history when the Spanish rebellion broke out. As soon as it was known that Italian war planes were being delivered to the Spanish rebels he went out as a volunteer, joining the British section of the International Brigade and fighting alongside G.C. Maclaurin of Cambridge who was killed in Madrid. He saw continual fighting for five weeks and was commander of the British section on the Cordova front when he was killed reconnoitring in advance of the lines. 37 02 03 # c.45.6 # c.33

1937 02 04
Proposed alterations to the police and fire station were opposed by councillors as it meant compulsory purchase of property belonging to St Andrews Street Baptist Church. The fire station could be moved to Maid's Causeway allowing the police space for the next 50 years. But there did need to be accommodation for constables – recently when a large number of additional men were required for emergency service the Chief Constable had to send motor ambulances and motor patrol vans to whip them up. 37 02 04a & b # c.34.7

Mr W. King's film display at Stapleford Institute featured scenes of the maiden voyage of the Queen Mary together with two of his latest films. 'Armistice Day' included colour pictures of Poppy Day in Cambridge and 'Village Life' showing the British Legion parade, Stapleford school children at their exercises in the playground and many scenes of farming life. Stapleford's ambition is to be right up-to-date. It has a water supply with hydrants in case of fire, gas and electricity though this has not been installed at the Institute and a wire was run from the Old Vicarage to operate the projector 37 02 04 # c.65.6

Magistrates received an application from the Star Brewery for the removal of the licence of the Garden Gate at Little Wilbraham to premises to be erected on Newmarket Road to be known as the Airport Hotel. However Lacons Albion Brewery asked for the removal of the licence of the Cow and Hare at Lode to a new pub to be known as the King George, also on Newmarket Road near the borough boundary. While they might regard one application with sympathy, two were out of the question and the decision was deferred. 37 02 04c # c.27.4

1937 02 06
Motor vehicles are to be substituted for the horses engaged in railway cartage traffic in Cambridge. They will displace 18 horses after which the railway would have no horses in use 37 03 06a # c.26.2

Robert Hensher, draper business – advertisers – 37 02 06

The Star Brewery applied for the transfer of a licence from the Crown and Compasses in Coronation Street to a new 'Vine' pub in Vinery Way. There had been 817 new houses nearby and many residents supported the application. But several residents thought it would devalue their property and Mr Skeel, who has an off-licences in Vinery Road, opposed it. Greene King also wanted to erect 'The Running Footman' in Coldham's Lane opposite Brooks Road. It would be open at all times for the sale of teas and would have a Cumberland turf bowling green. Both were refused. 37 02 06b # c.27.4

Although rebuilt as recently as 1935, Robinson's garage in St Andrew's Street has again been enlarged to meet ever-increasing business. This has enabled them to enlarge their radio department which is quite distinct from the motoring side of the business. It is staffed by men who have made radio their special study and offers hundreds of brand-new sets (some in their original cases) at pounds below list prices. The radio service department is one of the finest in the entire country with engineers from Marconi, H.M.V. and Pye factories. 37 02 06c & d # c.26.48 # c.27.8

Gladstone tree, p8
Boneshaker, p8

1937 02 10

At least 400 Cambridge people took part in Shrove Tuesday dances and Rob Roy Boat Club followed tradition by indulging in pancake scrambles. There were over 100 dancers at Houghton Hall where Geoff Fearn and his orchestra provided a popular medley of new and old numbers. Gay costumes, reminiscent of the days of Uncle Tom Cobley, enlivened the scene at the Dorothy Café for the fancy dress dance held by the Association of West Country Folk while 200 were at the Rob Roy dance at the Rendezvous. 37 02 10

Roy Fox, the famous band leader who is appearing at the Theatre-Cinema, toured Cambridge businesses. He travelled in his own Rolls Royce to the main showrooms of Cambridgeshire Motors in Cherryhinton Road. He always likes to visit the showrooms of the main Ford dealers because so many of his boys use this make of car. "I like Fords. They are a fine job and Cambridgeshire Motors have a wonderful range of them. Their service department struck me as being O.K. Being an American I like this town of yours. It is a great change to find such a wonderful shopping centre in such a beautiful setting", he told our reporter before continuing his tour. 37 02 10a # c.26.48

1937 02 11
A farm cart bore the coffin of Lady Foot Mitchell, of Quendon Hall, to Quendon Church on Saturday, when her funeral took place. Behind it was another cart filled with some wreaths, which numbered nearly 150. Sir William and other mourners walked behind, all the way from the Hall. At the gates of the drive they were joined by the estate workers. There were many sympathisers and the little church was too small to hold a large number of those who attended. 37 02 11

1937 02 12
Mr G.H. Jacob specialises in his tailoring for ladies and gentlemen and holds Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in addition to thirteen trade diplomas. He offers a complete gentlemen's outfitting service. The shop at 34 and 35 Burleigh Street was established in 1859 by Mr P.S. Stevenson and taken over by Mr Jacob in 1912. In 1926 the business was extended by the opening of a branch shop at 23 St Andrew's Street where extensive enlargements and alterations have just been completed. 37 02 12 # c.27.2

Stretham haulage contractors, Algernon, William Gordon and Roland Neville fined for failing to keep records of driving – 37 02 12a

1937 02 13
Sir – I remember Ditton Docks some 70 years ago. It was then a small landing stage, long disused and out of repair. There was also a more pretentious one further down the river – Horningsea Pier we used to call it - and I was told that in pre-railway days this had been extensively used. My father would speak of the times, before the present locks were installed, when strings of barges were kept waiting sometimes for several weeks for the river to rise sufficiently for them to come up. They carried coal and corn to Mill Lane or timber and sand to Walnut Tree Lane (now Avenue). Dant of Dant's Ferry had a fleet of barges at that time – A. Cox 37 02 13 # c.26.3

Cambridge Scientists' Anti-War Group, a technical and advisory body to Peace Movements, has issued a booklet entitled 'The Protection of the Public from Aerial Attack. It is a critical examination of the recommendations put forward by the Home Office Air Raids Precautions Department. They constructed 'gas proof' rooms according to Government plans and measured its resistance to the entry of air from outside. Much of the information is technical with a separate chapter devoted to the protection of children 37 02 13a # c.45.6

Gladstone tree at Newnham College recalled – 37 02 13b
May Week murder p6

1937 02 15
Papworth Colony – old photo taken at Bourn 1916 – 37 02 15

Haddenham football ground has been closed until March 1st by the Cambs F.A. following incidents in the match between Haddenham and Girton in the Creake Shield competition. The referee stated that a section of the spectators used bad language and barracked him throughout the game, ridiculing his decisions when not in favour of the home side. If any similar report is received more drastic action will be taken 37 02 15a

1937 02 16
An inquest heard that a bargeman's son had been in the habit of visiting the Half Acre pumping station at Barway. This had been erected in 1935 and contained a 10 horsepower crude oil engine. The engineer in charge said the lad had been standing with his back to the engine, looking out of the window. He was wearing a mackintosh which became caught in the flywheel. The man had run to stop the engine but the wheel took the boy round four or five times and his head hit the concrete. The flywheel had a projection for fixing a starting handle and this was not guarded. All other drainage engines were larger and let into the floor 37 02 16a. # c.29

1937 02 18
Guildhall and Market Hill site – history by Mrs Keynes – 37 02 18 # c.35.7 # c.44.6

1937 02 19
Work has started on the destruction of houses condemned under Royston Council's slum clearance orders. One of the first to go is the old Well House in Melbourn Street, in spite of the efforts of Mr E.W. Thair to get it preserved. The building had belonged to the Beldams, whose vault lies in the churchyard 37 02 19

Tom Cox motor, p8

1937 02 20
The Jolly Butchers, a famous 17th century inn at Wyton, was extensively damaged by fire. Built in 1662 it contained some fine 18th-century panelling which was practically destroyed. Firemen had to break through the tiled roof to get at the blazing beams beneath. Volunteers worked hard removing furniture and valuables while schoolboys helped to carry to safety bottles of spirits and kegs of beer. Keys to show cases containing chocolates and cigarettes were mislaid, so that the glass fronts had to be smashed to salvage the contents. 37 02 20a

Wimblington and Doddington housing schemes proposed – 37 02 20a

The News made history by holding the first Cambridge and County Press Ball at the Dorothy Café where a gay crowd, some 300 strong, danced, supped and had a really good time. There were two bands – Percy Cowell's and Percy Read's - providing a continuous programme of music for valetas, waltzes and the 'Paul Jones' with spot prizes given by local firms. Two tasty suppers were followed by a midnight cabaret with star turn Tommy Fields (Gracie's brother) who did a spot of female impersonation. His pleasant smile and India rubber legs will be long remembered. 37 02 23 & e – photo – 37 02 20 # c.04 # c.69.2

1937 02 23
John Cornford memorial meeting attended by Communists, socialist, labour, liberals and Bevan – 32 07 23b & c # c.33

New-constructed bus turning point Newnham route, Barton Rd – 32 02 23d # c.26.46

Somerlite, p3

Joseph Reed, the well-known tenor, has retired from his appointment at Trinity College and from the concert platform. He first came to Cambridge in September 1891 as principal tenor lay clerk at Trinity College. He sang in the Mozart Centenary celebrations, at Ely Cathedral and in Dr Mann's musical

festivals in King's College chapel. Sir Edward Elgar was a terribly nervous man and when 'The Kingdom' was being performed in King's he was pacing up and down the side of the chapel all the time. Reed undertook concert tours with Dame Clara Butt when a saloon carriage was attached to any train and they sang on the platform every night. 37 02 23 & a, 37 92 24, 37 02 25b & c# c.69

1937 02 24
Men worked in gas masks when two heavily-laden lorries came into collision at the junction of Chesterton Lane and Castle Street. The crash happened at 5.30 am when the traffic lights were not working. The vehicles were an Eastern Railways lorry laden with ten tons of fruit and a lorry carrying 4,000 bricks. The impact threw the Railways vehicle on to its side and it fell on to the street refuge, the lamp standard and two posts. A passer-by was overcome by gas so workmen donned masks to move the load so a cock could be fitted and the gas turned off. 37 02 24a

G.H. Jacob, tailors, silver jubilee – 37 02 24b # c.27.2

1937 02 25
The Gogs preservation scheme is intended to secure the uplands and keep them open for the people of Cambridge at all time. The Prime Minister wrote a letter endorsing the appeal. There was a danger land might be developed for houses and once this started there was every possibility of it spreading. Speculative builders were spoiling the country. They bought materials cheaply and dumped them anywhere they chose, building incongruous houses all over the country. 37 02 25 & a # c.49.4

Joseph Reed, p6

1937 02 27
The Cambridge Light Car Company opened premises in Hills Road about six years ago as Used Car Showrooms. The business rapidly increased and within two years the management found it necessary to take larger garage premises in Norwich Street for car storage and repairs. They were appointed distributors for the now famous High-class Triumph cars that have come rapidly to the fore during the last four seasons. They are also Morris deals and stock Standard, Austin and other popular makes of car 37 02 27 # c.26.48

"May Week Murders" by Douglas G. Browne – novel set in Cambridge – 37 02 27a # c.74
Cambridge rates, p5

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1937 03 01
The adoption of automatic traffic indicators on modern cars has led to a great deal of reliance being placed upon them by drivers. But 'trafficators' should be kept clean and in good working order. After prolonged use they become dusty and difficult to see in daylight. A weekly rub over with a soft duster is needed to keep them clean and bright. Who has not seen a car in front which according to its indicator is perpetually about to turn to the right or left, yet never does. The application of a drop of oil (preferably machine oil applied with a brush) is a cheap price to pay for safety. 37 03 01

Cycle history lecture – 37 03 01a # c.26.485

A horse attached to a milk float belonging to Messrs W.H. Onyett, dairymen of Chesterton, bolted while standing outside a house in Ramsden Square. After a run of about three hundred yards during which it rounded two sharp corners, distributing pieces of harness, milk crates and bottles, it came to a halt in Kings Hedges Road when the near-side wheel was wrenched off the cart 37 03 01b

1937 03 02
Wesley church youth rally – 37 03 02

1937 03 03
Newmarket's Doric Cinema and Café is the latest addition to the entertainment of the town. With seating for 1,200 the cinema makes an instant appeal by its novel outward appearance. Inside the tasteful decorations include beautiful curtains for the stage which is equipped for every type of theatrical production. There are special seats with microphone apparatus for deaf people. A small charge would be made for the car park but it will be free for those patronising the cafe which is open to the public. The main film was Will Hay in "Good Morning, Boys" and a Mickey Mouse cartoon completed the programme 37 03 03

Cambridge transmitter, G2XV, is one of the most successful amateur short wave radiotelephony stations in the country. Its semi-vertical antenna enables it to be heard on the 20-metre band in almost all corners of the world, including Australia, New Zealand, India, Honolulu and every state in the USA. It is owned by G.A. Jeapes of Perne Road, whose interest in short-wave transmissions goes back to the days before radio broadcasting was ever thought of. 37 03 03 # c.27.8

1937 03 04
Miss Lilian Clarke gave a lantern lecture on 'Lady Margaret and her two colleges' in the Reference Room of the Central Library. She drew on her wonderful store of knowledge of bygone Cambridge with many interesting anecdotes that kept her large audience entertained. Recently it has been found that the main gate of St John's College was being rattled down by the heavy lorries which passed through the narrow streets every night. It will be necessary to rebuild, but there are problems in getting bricks to match 37 03 04

Sir Alan Cobham, the world-famous airman, spoke in favour of a nine-bedroom Airport Hotel on Newmarket Road. Every Continental airfield had a hotel where accommodation was available in the same way as at a terminal railway station. A man had a terrible inconvenience when he landed at an airport and a first-class hotel was one of the amenities which was going to make people fly. A rival proposal by Lacons Brewery was withdrawn: people like Mr Marshall who were training pilots were doing a work of very great importance and entitled to reasonable facilities. 37 03 04a & b 37 03 05 # c.26.1

1937 03 05
Annual Business review: description of activities:
Dorothy Café, Morlin's, Greene King, W.H. Pratt, Rendezvous cinema, Bowes & Bowes, J. Sanders, Murkett Bros, Otto Wehrle, Provincial Homes – 37 03 05
Arnold Bros, A.H. Careless, Dolphin's shoe repair, Whitmore, English Bros, W. Delph, S.A. Rose, Cherry Hinton Granaries, Coulson, S. Ginn – 37 03 05a
Smart tailors, Sennitt's game, Hayward cycle, Marshall's, F.J. Prime, Bird's Chemical works, Flack & Judge, Banham, Leys Laundry, Bell & co travel agents, Hallen's motor cycles – 37 03 05b
Allen & Welcher painters, H. Tredgett florists – 37 03 05c
Miller's music, Cam electrical, Cambs Permanent Benefit Building Society, George Stace costumiers, Trustee Savings Bank, Hyman & Cox opticians, Edw Harper funerals, F. Winton Smith butchers, Austin coal, Cambridge University Gas Light Co – 37 03 05d
Cambridge Brush, Cambridge Secretarial training school, J. Holliman furnishers, F.W. Drake medical herbalist, Cambridge Steam Laundry, A Sidney Campkin pharmacists, F.M. Wilson insurance, Collins & Clark antiques – 37 03 05e
Williamson's furnishers, Robert Sayle, J. Ward cycle, Riding School, Dale's Brewery, Hockey auctioneers, Cambridge Billposting Co, Electric Wiring & Repair, Cambridgeshire Motors, New Cambridge Tyre co – 37 03 05f
Ivett & Reed monumental masons, Evans Flanders chemist, E.E. Harmer income tax, Layton & Leech masons, H.J. Gray sports, S. Rampling surgical appliance, Cambridge Health Spa, George Bolton removal, Kwick cleaners, Wm Farren furrier – 37 03 05g # c.27

Speaking at the Zion chapel centenary celebrations the Mayor, Ald Briggs, said he'd been born in Bradmore Street 60 years ago and had many memories of the meetings in the building. He associated

Zion with evangelical work and for a 100 years there had not been one instance when they'd turned to a 'stunt' to keep their religion going. All the ministers had relied on preaching vividly, strongly and in a clear-cut manner to get the response they'd hoped for 37 03 05h & i # c.83

Magistrates heard that the Old Guinea public house in Russell Street was owned by the Star Brewery who had redecorated it and fitted a new fire and sink. There were seven fully-licensed houses and two off-licences within 400 yards. The Burleigh Arms in Burleigh Street was a beerhouse which provided a living for the tenant who found great difficulty in getting any work. The Rabbit in Gold Street was a comfortable little house; it had two extremely nice trade rooms and Green King had put in new windows. The residents of East Road might be 'scared off' a big place. The Cross Keys in Saxon Street was the only beer house in the neighbourhood which had five fully-licences housed within 400 yards. Beer was drawn straight from the wood, which was an attraction and trade was good. 37 03 05j # c.27.4

The death occurred of Mrs Ann Smith, wife of Gypsy Smith, at their home, Romany Tan in Hinton Avenue. She was associated with Hills Road Methodist Church but led a very quiet life and although she once or twice went on tours abroad, she generally remained at home. The funeral service will be held at the house. The famous preacher is absent in America on an evangelical tour; he is at present in Charlotte, North Carolina. It is not expected that he will be able to return home until April. 37 03 05k

Sir, the new agricultural land settlement by the Huntingdon Road at Fen Drayton daily becomes less picturesque. It would have been more cheerful for the people who have been transplanted to the area if the cottages had been built in a central position around a village green together with a clubhouse and other amenities. The whole layout, although well-intentioned, smacks of the robot mind of the self-appointed planner of other peoples' lives and there is little wonder that one hears rumours that some of the settlers pine to be back in their old haunts – Rusticus 37 03 10
Marshall's Airport Hotel plan backed – 37 03 05l

Proposed Weathervane on Perne Road refused – 37 03 05n # c.27.4

1937 03 08
Cambridge Trades Council and Labour Party celebrated its 25th anniversary with a dinner in the Dorothy Café addressed by Mr C.E. Atlee, leader of the parliamentary party. Mrs Rackham recalled the early Labour candidates: the Rev Rhondda Williams was the first in 1918 while Alec Firth stood in 1922, 23 and 24. Hugh Dalton, hero of the spectacular by-election of 1922 and now Chairman of the National Executive, spoke of the early days of the party in the town. Dame Sybil Thorndike put in an appearance at the close of the evening, receiving an enthusiastic welcome. 37 03 08 & a # c.33

1937 03 09
Conditions at Wyton aerodrome are unspeakably bad; contractors should not permit horses to be worked in such horrible conditions and the Air Ministry should be made to construct better roads, magistrates said. A man had been leading horses with a water cart from a concrete mixer to the sleeper track when the front horse went into the mud. He'd run to release the second horse so that should not also go down, then tried unsuccessfully to raise the fallen animal. But it was ankle deep in mud and it was impossible for it to get up. The owner was fined. 37 03 09 & a

1937 03 10
Fen Drayton, p8

1937 03 15
Ministry of Transport proposals to minimise street parking have called forth dissention from many motorists. We in Cambridge know there has been a steady increase in our shops by the more modern method of road transport. A large proportion of those who come from outlying districts to buy the week's commodities are private car owners. To refuse to allow cars to be parked for a reasonable period outside the place of purchase would cause many to give Cambridge a wide berth. Motorists are

already taxed up to the hilt and police courts would be more than ever congested with these trivial offences. 37 03 15 # c.26.48

The next 25 hours are the critical period in the fight against flood waters which are threatening a large area of fenland near Littleport following the recent heavy rain and high spring tides. A night and day watch is being kept on the rivers around Denver Sluice. Dredgers and barges are standing by ready to stop any gaps. The water has been over the banks in several places, but so far there has been no breach. Flood conditions have prevailed for eight weeks now – the longest period in living memory. The superintendent of Mildenhall Fen pumping station had no sleep over the weekend where the sodden condition of the banks has heightened anxiety. 37 03 15a # c.29

1937 03 16
A great battle is going on over a 50 mile front to save the fens from serious flooding. But in the minds of the hundreds of men working on strengthening the sodden banks is the ever present question 'Will the banks hold?' Despite their efforts the Old West River at Aldreth Causeway overflowed and nine inches of water poured into Haddenham Fen causing people to leave their houses. Great anxiety was also caused when water came over the banks at Willingham and at Lt Thetford where a split occurred in a bank 37 03 16 & a

Cottenham Salvation Army Hall stone-laying – 37 03 16b

Photos – Prickwillow, Earith, Stretham, Ship Inn – 37 03 16c

1937 03 17
Floods, p1, 5,8

1937 03 18
Threat to Barway following Lode burst – 37 03 18 & a

Soham Lode breach – photo – 37 03 18b

1937 03 19
Workers at the end of their tether – 37 03 19 & a

1937 03 20
New peril in the fens – River Lark, Hiam inspects – 37 03 20 & a

St Dunstan's organised a reunion of war-blinded men at the Dorothy Café. Their aim has always been to re-establish the men in their own homes and consequently they have lost touch with fellow sufferers. There were demonstrations of the Talking Book Machine, a kind of gramophone which can be used to play both ordinary records and special recordings of books which run for about 25 minutes. The machine has only been in production for a year but already 100 books have been recorded. 600 have been distributed, half to soldiers, and half to civilians. 37 03 20b & c # c.21.4

Gipsy Smith's bereavement – 37 03 20d

1937 03 23
Commons debate fen floods – 37 03 23 # c.29 # c.12

The present flood conditions in the fens were raised in the House of Commons. A titanic struggle was going on between man and relentless nature. Children had been unable to go to school for months, housewives were marooned and unable to provide themselves with the necessities of life, crops had been destroyed bringing ruin to farmers and unemployment to farm workers. Half a million acres of the richest soil in the country were in daily peril during the winter. Much of the flooding had been

caused to Government cuts in grants for land drainage, Arthur Greenwood declared 37 03 23 # c.29 # c.12

Easter Sunday will be zero time in the second phase of the great battle being put up against the flood peril in the fens. Ten days ago the calamity of a major burst was only narrowly averted when the spring tides were are their peak. This weekend they return. Today all the cracks in the bank of the Old Bedford River were reported to be satisfactory and airmen who had been working day and night have been withdrawn. The spirit of the troops is excellent but the medical officer has certified that rum is desirable and arrangements are being made for it to be issued. 37 03 23a # c.29 # c.12

Cambridge Scientists have challenged Government claims that the majority of London houses could construct a gas-proof room. They say it would need to be lined with sheet tin and the joints overlapped with Vaseline. Even so tear gas could get in. Mustard gas could be spread in liquid form from aeroplanes as had been done in Abyssinia. It gave off a vapour so toxic it was lethal if breathed for six minutes. Government-issue gas masks would cost two-and-sixpence each but would not stop cigarette smoke that could make people cough and be sick. 37 03 23a # c.45.6

Air raid debate – 37 03 23b # c.45.6

1937 03 24
James de Rothschild, MP for the Isle of Ely, ridiculed reports about problems in the fens. The pictures that had been conjured up of whole villages in a fever of anxiety for their lives and even of a panic-stricken population fleeing from their homes clutching their valuables, were totally fictitious. One village was said to have been evacuated but a very successful Liberal meeting had been held there. However despite the aberrations of the press the situation was still very grave and hundreds of acres were threatened with flooding. 37 03 24 & a # c.29

Army return to fens, cracks in Ouse at Redmere – 37 03 24b

When the Salvation Army first came to Cambridge Ellis Merry gave them what was then his wash-house in which to hold their meetings. He was one of the early sergeant-majors and associated himself with their work in the villages, using a concertina and violin to good effect. He was the first to run a penny bus, from Mill Road into town and also did the horse mail work. Until his retirement Mr Merry carried on the business of undertaker. 37 03 24c # c.21.2 # c.83 # c.26.46

Lorry wrecks house corner Bell Lane Histon – 37 03 24d

1927 03 25
Histon cars, p5

1937 03 27
Good Friday skipping on Parkers Piece – 37 03 27 # c.39

The Ouse Catchment Board received a telegram from the King and a letter from the Minister of Agriculture saying they had watched with admiration the heroic efforts made to control the fen floods. Sadly a breach had occurred which led to the flooding of Soham fen. Last year Padnal had asked for a new engine but it had been turned down. As a result the old engine had broken and fens were under water. Unless something was done the South Level was heading for the greatest calamity it had ever known. 37 03 27a & b # c.29

Have you seen the luxury houses on the Fendon Estate (new road leading from Hills Road to Queen Edith's Way?). Make a visit this Easter. Architect designed houses, built with best materials and labour by a firm which is rapidly gaining a fine reputation. Houses have sold quickly to discerning buyers. Every house is detached and different. Schools and churches nearby. Prices from £975 to £1,500. Advert 37 03 27b # c.23

Waterworks Company new workshop and depot foundation stone, Rustat Road – 37 03 27c # c.24.2

Victoria Friendly Society centenary – history – 37 03 27e # c.37.2

1937 03 30
Death W.P. Littlechild, 56 years chapel clerk at Kings – 37 03 30

1937 03 31
The new Regal Cinema, seating about 1,900 people, includes all the latest luxury features with luxurious tip-up seats. It has equipment to enable those hard of hearing to follow the sound with ease and comfort. The first attraction will be the new Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers show, 'Swing Time', when William Southwold will be at the mighty Compton organ. A resident organist will play at each performance 37 03 31 # c.76.9

Haddenham vicar, p5

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1937 04 01 c

Hundred Houses Society annual report – 37 04 01, Water Street estate, 37 04 02 # c.23
Airport Hotel approved – 37 04 01a & b # c.26.1 # c.27.45

1937 04 03
Sutton fatal accident, need traffic island at Brook Corner – 37 04 03a

W.P. Littlechild, chapel clerk at King's – 37 04 03b

One of the big attractions at the new Regal Cinema is the Compton organ, fitted with an illuminated console which produces a wonderful range and combination of colours. It is described as the 'most remarkable instrument of its kind in the world, producing every kind of music from the thrilling peal of a cathedral organ to the colour and tone of a symphony orchestra or the rhythm of a modern dance band'. 37 04 03b # c.76.9 # c.69.4

1937 04 05
Fen floods and compensation, new road at Soham Mere – 37 04 05

The new Regal cinema opened – 37 04 05a & b # c.76.9

1937 04 08
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The new chapel for the use of troops at Mildenhall RAF station was dedicated. The Bishop said that in the past they had to wait a long time for a camp to be equipped with such a place of worship. Now it came at the start of construction. Everyone was sorry that the state of the world meant they could not do without great defences. But they were proud of the Air Force and the devotion shown in the minds of those ready to join in. The men should consider their influence as a body in the parish in which they were living and take care it was a good one. 37 04 08a

1937 04 09
Civil Aviation Service Corps first open day at Cambridge aerodrome; bomb dropping contest – 37 04 09 # c.26.1

1937 04 14
Emmanuel Road tree, p5

1937 04 15
Housing development, p5

1937 04 16
Nicholes advertisement, p8

1937 04 17
Red Cross members will be trained in air raid precautions and encouraged to volunteer for ARP services. They could be assured that people wearing masks would be unaffected by gas, despite a recent study by Cambridge Scientists. Diffusion of elementary knowledge would prevent many casualties caused by panic. They had held six 'gas courses' attracting 350 people. But these numbers would be hopelessly inadequate to deal with a large-scale air raid. 37 04 17 # c.45.6

Pub fire, p3
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Dancer injured, p6

1937 04 18 c
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1937 04 19
The death occurred with tragic suddenness at the Gog Magog Golf Club of Percy William Gray, 65, who collapsed while practicing for a round. The club was immediately closed for the day. He was a member of the well-known auctioneer and estate agent firm, Gray, Son and Cook and was director of the Cambridge Waterworks and Gas Light Companies. In his younger days he played cricket, hockey, golf, rugby and 'soccer' and continued to hold various offices including President of the Cricket Association. He married Miss Strange, daughter of the Chesterton boat builder. 37 04 19 # c.06

1937 04 20
A number of Cambridge police officers have received promotion. Supt. Percy Sharman is in the 23rd year of service, Inspector S.J. Double, Serg W. Ainsworth, Det-Sergt A.E. Robinson, Sergts O. Cornwell, J. Kester, W. Edwards – 37 04 20a # c.34.7
Scientists' Anti-War Group challenge claims about gas proof rooms – 37 04 20b
Midsummer Common, p1

1937 04 21
Fenland is alarmed at another rise in the level of the rivers following heavy rain. The water is now 4ft 6in above normal, the washland is again flooded several feet deep. But the absence of rain so far today gives hope that a further disaster may be avoided. Even so the position is serious. Many fenland farmers have been unable to get on their land which is still completely waterlogged and much will have to lie fallow for a year, as it is too late to sow crops. 37 04 21

Cambridge Photographic Club cine group presented its annual show. Mr W. King's "Flood" was a magnificent epic of the recent Fenland troubles with some really brilliant photography. "Close of the Day" recalled some of the scenes witnessed in Cambridge every afternoon at 5 o'clock and showed the evening's life of a typical couple. Humour and trick photography are the keynote of the film which was written and directed by Mr F.B. Ives and produced by Mr E.J. Twinn. 37 04 21a # c.29 # c.65.6

1937 04 22
Fen Drayton Land Settlement Association bus service – Barker's buses – 37 04 22

A lady who inherited a considerable fortune some 10 years ago and had since resided at Hemingford Grey appeared at Cambridge Bankruptcy Court and told how it had disappeared. She had bought Pear Tree Cottage and been generous in entertaining the people of the village, giving them all a party and dance every year for seven years. She had also given the children a Christmas party. This cost a considerable sum. She kept a stud of beautiful dogs but in November 1932 she had a considerable fire, losing a lot of valuable old china. She lived extravagantly with an expensive wardrobe, including a fur coat. But she never spent the money on cocktails or drink. 37 04 22a & b

Saffron Walden gold chain for Mayoress presented – 37 04 22b

1937 04 23
The Sanitary Inspector reported on flooding in Sand Street, Soham. The sewer which discharged into the river was nearly choked up with silt and water could only get away very slowly. As it was an old brick drain it would be an expensive and difficult matter to clear and they might have to replace it was a new 12-inch glazed stoneware pipe drain. Soham councillors should inspect it and be given power to arrange for cleaning if considered necessary. 37 04 23

Cambridge bus men vote to strike – 37 04 23a

Wicken wells – 37 04 23b

Opening Ascham Road library, the Mayor said it was a great day for Chesterton. In that beautiful building, with good light and accommodation they could look at the books and select them for themselves. The children's library would encourage youngsters to read. At present physical education was the fashion. We were in danger of producing a nation finely developed from the waist downs. The library would hep to counteract it. Ten months ago they opened a branch library in Rock Road and so far 87,799 books had been issued, very close to the number at Mill Road branch which had been in existence 40 years. (Applause). 37 04 23c & d # c.77.4

Wm Scott and Son, art decorators and painting opened their new premises in James Street. On the site of the disastrous fire which gutted the old site in July last has arisen one of the most up-to-date works equipped with the very latest plant and materials for high quality motor-body and van repairs, cellulose spraying, painting, lettering, joinery work etc. They are specialists in glass & sign writing, plumbing and repairs to residential and business property and have achieved distinction for the high quality of all work. – Advert. 37 04 23e # c.27

Barwell Tyre Renewing Company – advertiser – 37 04 23f

1937 04 24
Hundreds of Cambridge people had to walk to work and home again, or to find lunch in the town, because the bus stoppage at the Eastern Counties Omnibus Company's depot was complete. Not a single bus left and two which arrived from March and Peterborough were met by pickets and not allowed to leave. There was no violence, but men surrounded one bus which attempted to leave on the Chesterton-Station service. No other efforts to take out buses were made. Premier Travel services are

not affected. Meanwhile Herbert Robinson have taken delivery of 500 Raleigh bicycles 37 04 24 & a. & c # c.26.46

'With detectives round the world' by Frank Longworth – capture at Cambridge of printer of objectionable books – 37 04 24b # c.34.6

1937 04 27
Basque town wiped out, hundreds killed – 37 04 27 # c.45.6

During the Cambridge bus strike a dispute occurred as to whether the Open-Air School bus should go out. Its windscreen was broken and the radiator emptied. One of the strikers said they were willing to let it go provided one of their men drove it. The manager would not agree. The children were eventually taken home in private cars or on a hired motor coach. The bus did not run next morning despite an offer by the Chief Constable to provide a police escort 37 04 27a

1937 04 28
Cambridge Union Society emulated the Oxford refusal to fight for king and country by carrying a motion in favour of complete national disarmament and individual refusal to bear arms. If re-armament were abandoned in the pursuit of peace our economic system would collapse and we would be faced with a military revolution of the property classes on the lines of General Franco. It might involve us in civil war – unless passive resistance was practiced as it had been by Gandhi, opponents warned. 37 04 28 & a # c.45.6 # c.36.92

1937 04 29
Five RAF men were killed when two bombers collided near Methwold. Three machines were flying in V formation when the propeller of one caught the tail of the leading machine. Both 'planes fell, one bursting into flames and coming down in a field, the other crashing on the bank of the river Wissey. Part of this machine was submerged in the river. Men rushed to help from Wissington Beet Sugar Factory, half a mile away, and tugs were sent up river with tools. Inhabitants of Stoke Ferry saw the planes collide and two men make parachute decent. The squadron only moved to Feltwell from Scampton a few days ago. 37 04 29 # c.26.1

Parts of Newnham College known as 'The Slums' include a number of small dark bedrooms which get no light at all and from which the view consists of a blank wall. Owing to congestion and overcrowding these are now used as students' bed-sitting-rooms. Some bathrooms are used for washing crockery and there is insufficient accommodation for food and coal storage. But some new rooms are large and light with basins fitted with hot and cold water. 37 04 29b # c.44.5

1937 04 30
Marshall's Aerodrome's special fire engine meets Air Ministry specifications for fire, first-aid and crash equipment. It is finished in fire engine red and black, the front seats are upholstered in best selected black hide and fitted with outsized fire and alarm bells. It is designed to meet any possible emergency with an impulse magneto which, together with the dash carburettor flooder and emergency gravity feed petrol tank ensures instant and easy starting in all weathers. 37 04 30 # c.26.1 # c.34.75

Mepal seat damaged – 37 04 30a

During the peak of the floods the river in Littleport rose to such an extent that several layers of sandbags were laid along Lynn Road to keep the water in. But a crowd of 250 people in a 'rough temper' had started to remove them. They claimed the bags had caused their houses to be flooded out and they didn't see why others shouldn't be flooded as well. They'd tried to stop River Board officials replacing them. This was a very serious matter as it would have harmed many people and caused damage in the fen 37 04 30b

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1937 05 01
The Cambridge bus strike is developing into a test of endurance and there seems little that can be done to bring about a settlement. Motorists, with seats to spare, have expressed a desire to help but are not clear how to set about it. The C.D.N. has therefore had a large number of labels printed bearing a blue cross which, when attached to a windscreen, will show willingness to pick up fellow townspeople going in the same direction who may desire a lift. People should stand at the ordinary bus stops and raise a hand if they see a car approaching. The labels may be obtained free at the News office 37 05 01

RAF stations open for Empire Day, Sutton Bridge – 37 05 01a

1937 05 03
The Rural Community Council's new advisory service for parish councils was launched at Cambridgeshire House. Burrough Green, Caxton, Coton, Gt Chishill, Newton and Longstowe were amongst 18 councils whose wish to affiliate were received. 37 05 03

Labour Party's May Day demonstration on Parker's Piece, 500 marches – 37 05 03a & b # c.33 # c.39

1937 05 04
Busmen march – photo – 37 05 04a #

1937 05 06
Cambridge councillors voted against the erection of a municipal crematorium. The practice was confined to a very small proportion of the population – only two percent – and it was undemocratic to call on the mass of ratepayers to foot the bill, especially when it was the well-to-do who used such a service. A crematorium was being erected by a private company and this would be entirely sufficient, there was no need for two. If the council had money to spend, they should erect an indoor swimming bath which would be a paying proposition 37 05 06 # c.21.2

1937 05 07
Bottisham Village College was opened by the President of the Board of Education. During the day the college houses 240 scholars in the senior school with a provided for the county library which will be used by students at evening classes. The warden's house and a house for women members of staff occupy a site opposite the main building. Adjacent is the junior school with a nursery for the under-fives and the Sir Hailey Stewart Clinic for the medical inspection of pupils. 37 05 07 & a

Four members of George Challice's Band had a remarkable escape from serious injury. They were being driven back to Cambridge from a dance at the new Bottisham Village College when their car, a Riley Nine, skidded on the wet road, caught the verge and somersaulted several times. It finished up on the road with the wheels in the air. The occupants scrambled out with considerable difficulty. When an attempt was made to right the car, it fell to pieces. 37 05 07b # c.69.2

1937 05 08
During the last three months as much rain fell on the high lands as fell on the fen land. There has been much more damage to the high lands than ever was done to the fens and thousands of acres will never have a spring crop sown this year. The damage to the high lands is many thousands, compared to the fenlands' shillings and pence. But the Middle Level fen men put up a very fine advertising stunt, they are the finest Press agents that ever were and a tremendous lot of rot had been written about what had happened in the fens, Councillors were told. 37 05 08 # c.29

1937 05 10
Remarkably fine silken embroideries have been prepared for the embellishment of the thrones to be used at the Coronation of their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth. The King's throne is

adorned with the Royal Arms while the Queen's also carried her newly-granted Bowes Lyon arms. The Cambridge Tapestry Company was entrusted with the work of embroidering the backs of the thrones. All the preliminary drawings on linen were made in Cambridge and the work was completed at the company's premises at Ickleford, near Hitchin 37 05 10 # c.27

1937 05 11
It came as something of a surprise to most Cambridge people to find buses on the streets again after a strike of 17 days. When the Eastern Counties Omnibus garage doors opened on Hills Road pedestrians and even motorists stopped to see what would happen. Then drivers and conductors appeared in uniform. Managers say the men have returned to work unconditionally and there would be no victimisation; every man would be reinstated except those who had caused wilful damage to buses. 37 05 11 # c.26.46

Coronation programme – 37 05 11a # c.02

1935 05 12
Coronation Celebration rejoicing – 37 05 12a # c.02

Cambridge celebrated the coronation of King George V with a decorated vehicle display on Midsummer Common. The entries hardly reached the standard of the Jubilee procession and the crowds did not seem to be quite so thick, but the right spirit was present. Modern decorations in the shape of coloured electric bulbs and weatherproof materials were utilised to the full with triple garlands spanning Market Hill and central streets. The war memorial and the colleges were bathed with floodlighting 37 05 12b # c.02

St Ives Coronation procession, man dies – 37 05 12

At the Coronation celebrations one small tent attracted probably more interest than any other with the possible exception of the tea tent. It contained a Pye television apparatus and during the afternoon many availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing the actual Coronation procession taking place. Although Cambridge is almost out of range of Alexandra Palace, everything came through very well. Almost the only interference was experienced when the motor racing was being held in the area only a few yards away 37 05 12b # c.02 # c.27.8

1935 05 13
Coronation tv, p5

1937 05 14
Ely coronation celebrations – 37 05 14

1937 05 15
Chesterton church bells silent on Coronation Day – 37 05 15

Mayor's coronation medal, Cambridgeshire Regiment return from duty in London – 37 05 15a

1937 05 17
A police cordon was thrown round the Regal Cinema in the early hours of Sunday morning after PC Parker saw a man's head out of a bottom floor window. Two men ran away; one was brought down with a rugby tackle by a passing cyclist, Arthur Wright, another punched Inspector Witham with a knuckleduster. One was alleged to have packets of gelignite in his possession, another was found with fuse detonators. Later Scotland Yard's Flying Squad arrested a fifth man. 37 05 17a # c.34.6 # c.76.9
Crown Prince of Japan visits Cambridge – 37 05 18 # c.02

1937 05 19

Spanish children, p5

1937 05 20
Chesterton RDC told an inspector that the parishes of Histon, Impington and Girton together with Shelford and Stapleford were provided with a piped water supply but were entirely unsewered, although some properties were connected to surface water drains that discharged into watercourses passing through the inhabited parts of the parishes. The development of building estates had given rise to cess-pool areas of considerable magnitude with the danger of pollution of the sub-soil. The pumping plants would be electrically driven and would not spoil the appearance of the countryside, there would be no smell unless one broke down. But nearby house owners claimed they might have an effect on the value of properties 37 05 20 & a

Sir - What we have come to know as the Cambridge War Memorial was part of a three-fold memorial scheme which embraced a substantial grant to Addenbrooke's Hospital for extension work, a complete record in Ely Cathedral of the names of local men killed in the war or who died from wounds and the monument at the junction of Station Road. This was to commemorate all Cambridgeshire infantry and should be 'To Victory'. It was not to be a memorial to the dead but to the living. It is for this reason that we who pass the memorial do not lift our hats as we do at the Cenotaph in London – E.W.R. 37 05 20 # c.45.5 # c.62

1937 05 21
Stretham Parade Committee was favoured with a fine day for their annual event for charity, for the first time for several years. The parade was marshalled at the Cross by Messrs P.G. Lowe, P.W. Hazel and PC Boulton and, headed by Haddenham Silver Band, marched off on the tour of the village. The Parade Committee's banner was followed by a van decorated by ladies of the Nursing Association. Afterwards the procession formed up again at the Cross for a service conducted by the Vicar, Rev. S.S. Stitt, who was supported on the platform by the Rev A.R. Routledge, A. Westrupp and E. Stevens 37 05 21

1937 05 22
A wages tribunal was told that agriculture in the Isle of Ely was totally different from Cambridgeshire; the soil was more productive, the crops were apt to be heavier, the type of agriculture was more profitable. And yet there was a uniformed rate of wages for workers in both areas. Budgets were considered of families from Castle Camps, Swavesey and March where the father of a family of five earned only 35s 6d a week clear; he'd had had no Sunday suit or boots for six years 37 05 22 & a

Tradesmen's token issued by Thomas Powell Cambridge 1666 – 37 05 22b

1937 05 24
Basque refugees alarmed by military aeroplanes flying over their camp nr Southampton – 37 05 24 # c.45.6

An inquest into a worker at Shepreth Cement Works was told that trucks were let down into a tunnel under the lime clamps to be filled. Deceased had been clearing lime that was blocking the rail when he had been hit by a loaded truck that had run back after a rope broke. There was a clearance of six inches between the track and the wall with recesses in which a man could stand. A normal person would have heard the truck coming, but the man was more than slightly deaf. A verdict of 'Accidental Death' was recorded 37 05 24a

1937 05 26
A Melbourn grocer and provision merchant told the bankruptcy court that he'd been employed as a grocer's assistant by his father who'd died 40 years ago. He then left Melbourn but returned in 1905 to assist his uncle who was carrying on the business. It had been successful until 1922 when it was wound up. He'd then started as a grocer at the Cross but after three years the competition became too

severe through the opening of other premises offering a dividend. He'd also collected fares for an omnibus company which he'd not accounted for. 37 05 26 grocer was Oscar C. Campkin

Bandstand, p5

1937 05 27
Aerial photo, p5
Congregationalism in Cambridge during C17 – history – 37 05 27a # c.83

1937 05 28
A.P. Herbert's Marriage Bill on divorce backed by University MP – 37 05 28
Ouse Catchment Board discuss floods and dredging river – 37 05 28a & b
Wimbish farm blaze – 37 05 28c

1937 05 29
Within the next few weeks about thirty Basque children brought to England following the terrible air raids at Bilbao and Gurnica will be arriving in Cambridge. They will be taken to Pampisford Vicarage where the children will remain for at least six months being looked after by volunteers from the University. As they are destitute provisions must be made for their welfare and beds, boots and clothes are required. 37 05 29 # c.45.6

Sir – today I wandered down to Christ's Pieces. Hearing the band I came to the entrance and behold there was a sign 'Admittance 3d'. I am told that an ancient footpath crosses there. But it must be kept select or perhaps a poor woman with her pram might mix with the few who have paid their threepence. Besides poor people cannot be expected to enjoy the music of a band. The hedge around the bandstand is thick enough to protect those inside from the gaze of the vulgar crowd. So we listened and looked at the band from the street. Cambridge knows how to keep the common herd in their place. But did I not hear somebody say that the people, not the council, own the park? – Canadian 37 05 29a # c.32.3 # c.69

Bull's diary has cowsheds behind shop in Hills Road – advertisers – 37 05 29a # c.27

1937 05 31
About 2,000 people gathered on Grange Road Rifle Range to see a display of first aid by the British Red Cross Society under air raid conditions. Three bombers from Duxford took part in the raid, exactly as though on active service. As they dived at speeds of 240 mph there were realistic bangs and clouds of smoke. People in the area rushed about screaming and collapsed wounded or from the effects of the gas. When the raid was over the rescue parties, clad in gas masks and decontamination suits commenced work. A musketry party fired on the 'planes during the raid 37 05 31 # c.45.6

Glorious sunshine and the tree-shaded beauty of Impington Park should have promised a record number of spectators at the County Agricultural Show. But attendance was well down. The reason was the Empire Air Display at Duxford Aerodrome – this is notoriously a mechanical age! But there was always something to see with cattle, sheep and goats coming under the judges' eye. His Majesty the King gained several prizes for his sheep from the Sandringham estate while both Chivers and Messrs Towgoods of Sawston had many entries in the pig classes.37 05 31a

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1937 06 01
The King of Egypt arrived in Cambridge on the first visit he has paid to the town. He had been expected at Clare College at about six o'clock but was late as he'd waited for His mother, the Queen, who'd booked a suite at the University Arms Hotel. The King strolled about Regent Street and visited Barbara Fuller's dog shop where he purchased a wire fox terrier puppy which he played with in the

college. Very few people knew of his visit which was to meet Egyptian students. About twenty were introduced to him, many being members of the Pharoahs Club. 37 06 01b # c.02

Regal cinema raid – more details 37 06 01& a # c.76.9

1937 06 02
An R.A.F. Empire Day display saw hundreds flock to Wyton for their first close-up view of the splendid new air station and the machinery and men behind it. The display consisted of aerobatics by two Hinds, demonstrations by a Blenheim and by an instructor in a Tudor aircraft who showed the right and wrong way of flying. Three Gauntlets flew formation aerobatics and a plane loaded with bags of flour staged a low bombing attack on a motor car. Wyton's debut was a success in every way and there was not a single casualty of any kind. 37 06 02

1937 06 03
Ely Cathedral – 'such neglect should not exist' – 37 06 03

1937 06 04
The sale of building land in St Peter's Road Huntingdon is being held up because of a lack of proper sewage. Builders are only waiting for a decision on the extension of the sewerage scheme before putting the land up for auction. But the council had not said how much owners would have to contribute to the cost of £393. Councillors decided to ask the Ministry to sanction the scheme provided owners made a contribution if and when the land was built upon. A similar resolution was passed with regard to Anchor Lane. 37 06 04

Southery coal merchant trading at Littleport – 37 06 04

1937 06 05
The Cambridge Town Magazine, 'The Cam' comes to an end this month with its sixth number. It had hoped to give readers a better appreciation of the town, take an interest in current affairs and emphasise the importance of local trade. But there was a meagre response and it has not been a financial success. The final issue has an article on Cambridge in the '90s, the benefactors of Addenbrooke's Hospital and Cambridge post office. Illustrations include a drawing by H.M. Brock 'Start of the Mays' and a sketch of Ald Mrs Keynes 37 06 05 # c.04

1937 06 08
Radio Society set ups radio station near windmill at St Ives – 37 06 08

Many Cambridge Youth Hostellers attended the opening by Prof Trevelyan of a new hostel at Castle Hedingham, one of the most beautiful villages in Essex. It was an old malting house now transformed to accommodate 12 men and eight women with a large common room and a well-equipped kitchen with separate gas rings for cooking. Electric lighting has also been installed. It is the second hostel opened by the Cambridge Group which has been in existence for two years. 37 06 08a

1937 06 09
Emperor of Abyssinia at Trinity – 37 06 09 # c.02

A meeting at Cambridge Guildhall to raise funds for the Basque children's hostel at Pampisford brought several promises of 'adopting' children by guaranteeing fifteen shillings a week. There will be 29 young refugees at Pampisford Vicarage and volunteers were needed to do cleaning, carpentry and plumbing. Leah Manning described the terrible tragedy of Guernica and the conditions in Bilbao where everyone from the President to the poorest refugee had only black bread, coarse cabbage and a little rice to eat. 37 06 09a & b 37 06 12a # c.45.6

1937 06 10

The new headquarters of the Cambridge branch of the Royal Empire Society was opened at Harper House. The British Empire had been going through a period of depression and almost apologetic inertia 37 06 10

Nine men who worked on the fen banks at Soham Lode during the recent floods appeared in court charged with stealing a shovel each, the property of the Great Ouse Catchment Board. Several of the men said they had lost their own shovels and took another as 'compensation'. One said he had picked one up and taken it home, burying it in a sack in his back garden after he'd been told he would not get any money for his work. The Board had bought extra shovels which had been handed out before being branded; about 40 had gone missing along with 30 lanterns. 37 06 10a # c.29

The reconstruction of four bridges, Popeleys Bridge (Wisbech), Slade Lode Bridge (Chatteris). Brands Bridge and Benwick Bridge will be deferred as contractors cannot obtain the necessary steel for the work. But estimates the reconstruction of the road between Littleport Bridge and Brandon Creek were accepted by the Isle of Ely council. An application by Stretham Parish Council for a speed limit through the village and the widening of the Fordham Road near Green End was granted. 37 06 10b

1937 06 11
Coads, p3

1937 06 12
Millers audio equipment at Agricultural Show – 37 06 12
Leah Manning, p3

1937 06 14
The picturesque Rose Queen Festival which has become such a charming feature in Hardwick took place in a field on the outskirts of the village. A procession formed at the school and, accompanied by a percussion band of school children, paraded to the flower-bedecked platform erected under an ancient elm. There the retiring queen (Mary Dodson) gracefully relinquished her crown to her successor (Iris Kelly). The new monarch seated herself upon the throne, the toy trumpeters sounded a fanfare and everyone cheered. 37 06 14

George Hawkins, the Cambridge caterer, and his wife both sustained injuries in a motor accident. He was driving along Trumpington Street when one of the car wheels got into the run at the side of the road and the car collided with a lamp post. Another accident occurred at Pampisford Railway Station cross-roads when a van plunged down an eight-foot bank after a collision. The driver, Mr T.H. Marriott, a Duxford butcher, was trapped. When extricated it was found he had suffered a severe scalp wound and other injuries. 37 06 14a

1937 06 15
Car struck a telephone kiosk on Trumpington Road smashing it so completely that only the base remained; the roof land upside-down some distance away – photo – 37 06 15 # c.27.75

1937 06 16
Isleham has no public water supply and the inhabitants are dependent on private sources. These consist of shallow wells in the chalk varying in depth from 10 to 45 feet. There were about 160 of them situated close to houses. Samples taken for analysis from wells in the old chalk pit containing 40 houses, show most were unsafe for drinking purposes. Others were liable to pollution. The refuse from pail water closets was disposed of upon garden ground or allotments. But the borehole for Ely Waterworks was near the railway bridge and the water main supplying the Ely rural district passed through the village. 37 06 16

1937 06 17

The RDC scheme for the collection of unburnable rubbish attracted criticism. In the old parts of Burwell the lanes were very narrow and it was doubtful the lorry could get along. Some houses had been left and in others the receptacle had been taken as well. The parish had turned down a cheap scheme which worked well for a dear one that didn't. But Barway and the Fen had help to pay for collection in the past and would now be part of the scheme. The outskirts of Soham would be cleared and the dump shifted to a covered dump at Fordham. In the old area collections were made so casually that to call them collections was an absurdity. 37 06 17

1937 06 18
The Tyre Service Company claims to be one of the oldest tyre firms in Britain. Commencing in Norfolk in 1902 it moved to Cambridge in 1919 and carried on business at Pound Hill and Jesus Lane. Through constant expanding business they have transferred to more extensive premises in Burleigh Street where they carry the largest and most comprehensive stock of motor tyres in the Eastern Counties, including a full range of Dunlop, Goodyear, Indian, Firestone and all leading makes 37 06 18 # c.26.48

A crowd of several hundred people gathered at Cambridge station to welcome the Basque children refugees who are to be cared for at the Pampisford hostel. They travelled from Southampton in a special coach, arriving tired and a little awed. Gradually smiles were to be seen on their faces when they heard an interpreter repeat the welcome in their own language. Then they got down to tea, with plenty of cakes and bananas, before setting off to Pampisford by car 37 06 18a & b # c.45.6

Careless driving at Stretham dismissed – 37 06 18a

1937 06 19
A conference delegate described his college room: "It was well lighted, but the walls were covered with a chilly blue 'distemper'. The grate had a dreadful purple plaque surround with a horrid mantelpiece and neither the carpet nor tablecloth was clean. As for the bedroom, few servants would have tolerated its meanness; three things were cracked or broken. For closet or bath a man had to go out and round the quad, through a passage and some distance further to a huddle of buildings where baths, w.c.s and urinal were all ill-kept. It is doubtful if the taps had been cleaned since they were put in". 37 06 19 # c.27.5

1937 06 23
Sir - The 29 Basque refugee children are now settled in the Vicarage at Pampisford after their ordeal in Spain. There have been heavy initial expenses in creating a home in an unfurnished house not designed for the purpose and insufficiently provided with sanitation. Several firms have supplied goods free or at cost prices and individuals have given their labour in repairing, paintings and cleaning the Vicarage. We hope to employ a cook-housekeeper and charwoman as well as a part-time gardener to grow vegetables for the winter – F.M. Cornford. 37 06 23 # c.45.6

Stonea bus accident – 37 06 23a

1937 06 24
Fatal air crash at Fen Ditton kills Horningsea man – 37 06 24 & a # c.26.1
Cherry Hinton British Legion hut – 37 06 24a 37 06 28b
Bus stopping places not to be used by cars – 37 06 24b
Darby of Sutton operating without haulage licence. 37 06 24c & d

1937 06 25
Society for the Blind annual report – 37 06 25

1937 06 28
Huntingdonshire Agricultural Committee says that Air Raid precautions would be futile if there was a terrible shortage of food and there was never more than four weeks' supply at any time. Large areas of

land have gone out of cultivation and fertility is decreasing as farmers do not maintain agricultural equipment. There has been a continued drift of skilled agricultural workers into urban occupations and this harvest there would be an awful shortage of labour. The farmers must get a fair price for his product. 37 06 28

Anglers say River Lark polluted by Bury Sugar Beet Factory – 37 06 28a

1937 06 30
The Nazi salute was given as German ex-prisoners of war honoured Cambridge's war dead. Members of the Reichsvereiningung Ehem from Kriegsgefangener marched to the memorial where the ranks of local British Legion standard bearers were joined by the German standard-bearer, carrying the Nazi flag. While standards were dipped, one of the visitors placed a laurel wreath on the memorial as members of the German party gave the fascist salute. They then left for a civic reception at the Guildhall. 37 06 30 & a & b # c.45.6

Stapleford fire 'Summerdale' – 37 06 30c

Regal cinema raid convictions – 37 06 30d # c.76.9

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1937 07 02
The new Heath Laundry on Exeter Road Newmarket is housed in an entirely new building with architectural pretensions and is light and airy. The water is naturally hard by softeners have been installed and the machinery reduces the amount of wear and tear to a minimum. A special department is devoted to dry cleaning using non-inflammable fluid which preserves the brilliancy of the colours, something very important in the case of ladies' garments. The girls employed are resident in the town where there is little work for them apart from domestic service and shops 37 07 02

Magistrates heard that the Old Guinea public house in Russell Street was redundant: it sold a little over two barrels of beer a week and there were nine other premises within 400 yards. The Star Brewery was happy for it to close. But brewers Greene King opposed the closure of the The Rabbit in Gold Street. It was a nice clean little house and they had recently made alterations and repairs. It was close to the Burleigh Arms in Burleigh Street and they would not oppose closing that instead. This was agreed. 37 07 02 & a # c.27.4.

Dales brewery modernised with new bottling units and pure air plant; group photo – 37 07 02c # c.27.41

1939 07 03
Model warship, HMS Repulse, to visit – 37 07 03

1937 07 07
Elm disease has attacked some of the trees along the Backs at Cambridge. Some have been topped and others are definitely going bad. But experts believe the disease is not so serious as first feared. A number of trees have recovered and there is no need to be in a hurry to fell those which have been affected. At Sheep's Green and Coe Fen the trees are chiefly willows but some are not as happy as they might be. They could be replaced by cricket bat willows which are pretty trees and the most profitable grown at present, a Forestry expert told Rotarians. 37 07 07b # c.18

Aerial photo centred over Shire Hall – 37 07 07

Charges levied by the Huntingdon Town Clerk for acting as the Council's solicitor for securing ejectment orders in respect of houses served with demolition orders were described as 'exorbitant' by a councillor. It cost them £5.5s.8d to gain possession of a house rented at 2s.6d a week with another

14 guineas to pull the house down. The Mayor pointed out that the Town Clerk was only a part-time servant and when he did solicitor's work he was entitled to solicitor's costs. The charges were recoverable from house owners. The great difficulty was having to turn people into the street and owners naturally postponed the evil day as long as possible 37 07 07a

Newmarket Dip Swimming Baths were robbed of money, cigarettes, two bottle openers, some chocolates and a key to the ladies' cloakroom. Police found a painter asleep in the waiting room of Six Mile Bottom railway station. He was in possession of the missing items together with an invoice that had been in the till. The man said he had been working at a fair in London and bought the cigarettes for a stall. He had taken a train to Ely, then walked to Newmarket where he'd found a brown paper parcel containing the items. He's been deported from Canada and had numerous convictions for theft. He was sentenced to 18 months hard labour 37 07 07b

1937 07 08
Cambridge student's fruiting campaign silver jubilee – photograph – 37 07 08

1937 07 09
Franciscan Brotherhood leaving from St Ives – photo – 37 07 09

1937 07 10
A Swavesey grocer told the bankruptcy court that in 1913 he'd bought his house which had been damaged by fire at both ends and had restored it. He started in business in 1925. But trade declined during the agricultural depression and competition became very keen with various stores sending out vans and calling from door to door. Then buses began to take customers to St Ives and Cambridge where they did their shopping and took the opportunity of having a cheap day out. This was the last straw: the bus service was doing great damage to many small shops in villages 37 07 10

The B.S.A. Company's offer of a brand new bicycle to Britain's oldest woman cyclist has brought several responses. Mrs Mortimer of Chedworth Street is 63; she has ridden a cycle since she was 10 and has toured Ireland, Scotland and much of England on it. Mrs F. Plumb of Gt Shelford is 68 and delivers fruit grown in her garden to Cambridge every day. But the oldest so far is Mrs Cross of Brookside, Toft, who was born at Tydd St Mary's in 1856 and still rides regularly. 37 07 10a

1937 07 14
During recent floods the water in the Hundred Foot Washes had been held up causing great hardship to occupiers. Yet their drainage charges have greatly increased. The water is let into the Wash area through the Seven Holes Sluice at Earith. But Welmore Lake Sluice which had only been built about five years is unable to cope. The Hundred Foot should be dredged: at Littleport it was only 30 feet wide. Alternatively the water should be let through the Hermitage Sluice into the Old West River and then out at Denver Sluice. But the washes were there for the express purpose of taking flood waters and grazing land was hired under those conditions. The problem is that rivers in the uplands have been cleared meaning water arrives in about a day, whereas it used to take a week. 37 07 14 & a # c.29

1937 07 16
Trumpington consisted largely of houses strung out along the main road but new plans for development on land owned by the Pemberton trustees would create a self-contained colony with a recreation ground surrounded by 280 houses. It would allow the village to develop a character rather than being a string of houses, an Inquiry was told. The Council would also like to borrow £13,300 to purchase part of the Cherry Hinton Hall Estate for public walks and pleasure grounds. The Hall might become a headquarters for the propagation of plants. This was likely to be a centre of considerable building development and it would be right to secure such open space 37 07 16 # c.49.4

An 18-feet long scale model of H.M.S. Repulse was exhibited on Cambridge Market Square to stimulate recruiting and advertise Navy Week. It is fitted with electric search-lights and Morse lamps and illuminated by powerful lamps from the Vauxhall lorry that tows it. Extensive alterations have been made to the upper deck of the ship since the model was first made and these have been effected on the model which was originally constructed at Portsmouth docks for instructional purposes.37 07 16a # c.45.6

The Cambs and Hunts Electricity Company plans to erect overhead power lines in Sawston met opposition. Up to 12 months ago they had laid cables underground but this was now too expensive. In Mill Lane the cost would be £183 for overhead wires, but £254 if buried. But SCRDC said that to preserve the amenities of the village, this should not be permitted. The roads could not be called beautiful but putting up poles would make them more unbeautiful. Sawston was a considerable consumer of electricity and the company should meet the cost 37 07 16b.

Newmarket RDC wanted to continue the clearance of unfit dwellings. The first tenants had been satisfactorily rehoused in decent homes, most being eager to take possession of new cottages. At Ashley three dwellings near the Plough Inn were damp and dilapidated; the owner had to bear the cost of clearing them without compensation but she would still own the land. At Cheveley the owner complained that a property had been inspected after phenomenal rain when water from the pond had swamped it, undermining the end wall. At Stetchworth three dwellings at the rear of the 'Live and Let Live' were damp and insanitary, an inspector was told. 37 07 16c & d

Workmen excavating for a sewer at Bishop's Road, Trumpington, found a skeleton about two feet six inches below the surface. A number of Roman coins were found in the vicinity some years ago and the skeleton may be of similar date. The bones were in a crumbling condition but the teeth in the jaw were practically perfect. The remains have been handed to the Cambridge Coroner's officer 37 07 16d # c.41

1937 07 17
Cambridgeshire Regiment march off to camp – 37 07 17

Trinity College remove railings in front of college chapel, Trinity Street – photo – 37 07 17a

Rainwater heads on Three Tuns, Central Hotel, Peas Hill – 37 07 17b

The fate of the open-air theatre on Christ's Pieces is in the balance. Michael Walsh has been most unlucky; three of the four performances have been spoiled by rain. Thursday's show was particularly unfortunate as the programme, with the Town Band and St George on his charger, was essentially an outdoor show. His decision to transfer it to the Corn Exchange was taken to spare the 80 young performers disappointment. He says the drops of rain that fell from the roof to members of the audience are nothing compared to the tears that would have fallen on his head had he decided to cancel the production – 37 07 17b # c.76

1937 07 19
Shepreth cement strike of 1925 recalled – 37 07 19 37 07 21

Cottenham's new Salvation Army Hall was opened in the presence of a large gathering of supporters. It was a great day for the Army and the village itself. Money had been short and yet money was got and it was thought wise to build the hall a little before the final penny had been raised. It had cost a lot of devoted labour on the part of Major Dant, Captain Mitson and Adjutant Vowles. Now it stood looking mature and finished in every way. 37 07 19a & 20

1937 07 21
Strike memories, p2

1937 07 22
Previously warned by the Town Crier, the inhabitants of Sawston gathered for the annual free pea picking. Pails, baskets and sacks were collected for the purpose and passers through the town saw a strange procession. The pickers were started off sharp to time by a blast on the local police constable's whistle. Many years ago, a Sawston squire was deeply affected by the imprisonment of a poor widow who had stolen some peas, and he afterwards grew two acres annually for the poor to pick themselves. On his death he made arrangements in his will for the continuation of the custom. Today the peas are grown on land belonging to Mr R. Driver of Huntingdon Farm. 37 07 22

The Home of Mercy in Christchurch Street is one of the oldest Rescue and Preventive Homes in the country. Miss Meeking, who completed 29 years as manager, had a remarkable understanding of the young girls; many sent to her as 'hopeless cases' were restored to self-respect and received a fresh start in life. In the Home she was affectionately known as 'Mam', but there was no weak sentimentality in her treatment of the girls and she fully understood the need of firmness and discipline. She knew that when they left the shelter of the Home they would meet many difficulties and kept in touch with scores of girls. She was consulted frequently by other moral welfare workers and recognised as a wide and sympathetic counsellor 37 07 22a # c.32.9 # WOMEN

1937 07 23 c
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1937 07 24
Messrs J. Johnson and Son's premises at 51 Sidney Street, usually referred to as 'Johnson's Shirt Shop' is probably one of the oldest outfitters in Cambridge, the premises being first opened in 1880. In 1922 the business was acquired by Mr A.G. Mole and is now under the sole charge of his son, Cecil. Much of the success of this specialised Men's Outfitting business has been due to consistent advertising in the C.D.N. 37 07 24 # c.27.2

Mrs Allen, Willingham, has cycled since 1894 – 37 07 24a

1937 07 27
Milton Road railway crossing bridge proposed – 37 07 27

1939 07 29
Charles Henry Driver, custodian of the Town Bathing Sheds at Sheep's Green since 1903 is to retire. He has saved over 90 lives, receiving several life-saving certificates. It will be children who will miss him most, even though most of them only know him for the firm way he suppresses outbreaks of youthful over-enthusiasm. He has taught hundreds of them to swim. His fancy dives are a speciality and his appearance on the diving board is the signal for a crowd to collect to watch him 37 07 29 # c.38 : swimming

Work on the improvement of the Wash estuary would be very expensive and not only benefit drainage. It could not be undertaken with funding from the Government, but they had no powers to take over the Wash without legislation and that would have no hope of passing. The Ouse Catchment Board were unhappy to have such a liability imposed that not one of them would have thought of accepting. The scheme was an experiment so far as the drainage of the fens was concerned and it would be impossible for internal drainage boards to raise the money. A start should be made on improving the outfall and a large scale scheme for the reclamation of the Wash kept in reserve 37 09 29a & b # c.29

By a majority of one vote Cambridge Town Council voted in favour of establishing the Cambridge Municipal Orchestra of 50 players, the first in the country to be run on a voluntary basis. Being amateur it would only cost £20 a year and the director, Mr Parkinson, would maintain a high standard. But some thought the orchestra's excursions into serious music were very rare and very slight; something should be done to provide serious music and not music of the level of the lunch-hour concerts from the Savoy 37 07 29c # c.69

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Dr A.J. Laird has served as Cambridge Medical Officer of Health for 29 years. Since 1908 the death rate, infant mortality, tuberculosis and all ailments had dropped with the possible exception of cancer. There'd been no complaints about the Infectious Diseases Hospital and he'd twice saved Cambridge from epidemics of smallpox. Nor had there been a quarrel with the County Council over matters of public health – the medical officers had come to agreement. His work had been largely unseen and unspectacular but Cambridge owed him a very great deal. 37 07 29d

1937 07 30
The historic 'Ye Olde Castel Hotel', which dates back to pre-Cromwell days, enters another phase as Messrs Barclay, Perkins and Co. open a new and modern building. The old character of the house, from the time when its stables were filled with horses and latterly its garage with cars, has disappeared and upon the site has risen the Regal Cinema and a smaller, but more modern 'Castle'. 37 07 30

1937 07 31
Harold Davidson, ex-rector of Stiffkey, Norfolk, who was unfrocked by his Bishop for immoral conduct, launched a never-ceasing campaign against the Anglican hierarchy. He had been appearing in a Skegness amusement park lecturing about his case and then entering a cage to give a display with the animals. There were two lions and two lionesses and hundreds of visitors had entered the cage and patted them. But one seized the rector and carried him round as cat does a mouse. A girl lion tamer drove it off, but the injuries proved fatal, an inquest was told. 37 07 31

The appeal for pioneer women cyclists heard from Dorothea Conybeare. Her father, Rev Edward Conybeare of Barrington, had bought her sister a bike on 28 July 1893. By 1894 women's bicycles still rather unusual and fellow Perseans were much impressed when they'd cycled in from Barrington in order to be present at an examination for which the train would have been too late. She does not remember seeing any Cambridge women or girls bicycling before 1893 but saw two during a visit to Leicestershire in 1892 and was agreeably surprised by their grace and dignity 37 07 31a

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1937 08 03
Brilliant summer weather attracted a big crowd to the annual Conservative Fete held at Sir Harold Gray's home on the Gogs. There was a steady stream of buses, cars, cycles and invalid carriages the whole of the length of Hills Road while thousands made the journey on foot. There were numerous games and competitions concluding with dancing and a grand firework display. It was opened by the Home Secretary (Sir Samuel Hoare) who said that there would soon be sufficient gas masks for the whole of the population and production of guns, tanks and warships was coming along. 37 08 03 & a

Inquests on Mepal man struck by van, Stuntney Hall tree branch & of motor cyclist kicked by horse near Caxton Gibbet 37 08 03b & c

1937 08 04
Sir, as a former critic of Histon Road Cemetery may I now acknowledge the improvement which is so apparent, especially to the curator who had no easy task in taking over such a neglected place. However Alexandra Gardens in Carlyle Road is probably the worst kept of all the recreation grounds. The grass verges have been neither mown nor trimmed this year and no hoe has been used on the shrubbery border which is a mass of thistles and other weeds. It seems difficult to believe that no member of the Council ever pays a visit – 'Observer' 37 08 04 # c.32.3

Large crowds found Newmarket Dip an ideal spot for a sweltering Bank Holiday. There was the additional attraction of a swimming gala. Chief of the items was the beauty parade. Six young ladies scorned shyness and entered. The result was a win for Miss Joan Ellis with Miss Mary Garrick second. The swimming events proved both amusement and keen racing with an enjoyable trick display by Mr J. Halliwell, the bath instructor who also swam two lengths of the pool under water 37 08 04a

1937 08 05
A maroon fired shortly after 9.30 caused a smart turn-out of the Ely Fire Brigade. A quantity of tar in front of the tar-still at the gasworks had caught fire and, although not many gallons were involved, the dense smoke gave the impression of a serious outbreak. The brigade found on arrival that the gas workers had almost quelled the flames and it was extinguished within half-an-hour. 37 08 05

Councillors praised a March constable's praiseworthy act in rescuing a drowning horse. In the early hours of July 17th a horse and cart, the property of March UDC, tumbled into the River Nene. When Pc Davies arrived the horse was practically submerged but divesting himself of clothing he plunged into the water and with difficultly succeeded in releasing the animal which swam to the opposite bank. It was a very brave act; but for him the horse would undoubtedly have been drowned. 37 08 05a

A.M. Morley member of Cambridge Railway Ambulance team – 37 08 05a

1937 08 06
Union of Ely parishes, p3
Littleport houses, p3

1937 08 07
Pearl Hills of Willow Walk Ely is the Cambridgeshire winner of one of the bicycles presented by the Union of Cycle Manufacturers to boys and girls born on the same day as Princess Margaret Rose. 37 08 07

1937 08 09
An air "attack" is being made on London by 176 light and medium heavy bombers. All through the night they will concentrate their efforts to 'destroy' the capital and opposed to them will be 19 fighter squadrons with a total strength of 222 machines. The 'attack' will continue two more nights unless affected by bad weather. The main object of the exercise is to provide tactical training for the RAF in conjunction with the Anti-Aircraft Division of the Territorial Army and Observer Corps. 'Casualties' will not be assessed. 37 08 09 # c.45.6

1937 08 10
Bridge Street photo, p1
Air raid, p1

1937 08 11
Royston public library has 1,120 readers but all they can offer is one evening a week with the books displayed in 22 heavy transport boxes placed on school desks in a classroom. These have to be replaced in a corner of the room at the close of the library. In spite of these adverse conditions it is

greatly used and appreciated. The UDC has power to raise a library rate to provide a room. This would allow more books, extended opening and better conditions. As a quarter of the population use the library it merited careful consideration, councillors were urged 37 08 11

Accident at March East railway crossing – 37 08 11a

The landlady's daughter of the Red Lion pub at Kneesworth told the court that when she went to her bedroom just before midnight she saw a man's hat lying on the floor. Bending down to pick it up she noticed there was a man lying beneath the bed. She said 'Come out of it', then went downstairs and told her father. The prisoner had been living at the pub, come back drunk and climbed a ladder to the room. He did not break in or commit a felony. He was discharged. 37 08 11b

1937 08 12
Queen Mary visits Woolston's shop – 37 08 12b # c.02

1937 08 13
Royston estate, p3
Willingham memories, p3
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Heavy traffic, p5
Abington bricks, p5
Saffron Walden air plane, p6

1937 08 14
Mr W. Ridgeon established his shop in old Sussex Street in 1902 and moved to their new premises in 1932 since when the business has steadily grown. Now with their own nursery at Castle Street and lawn mower works at Westfield Lane they pride themselves on giving the best and most complete garden service in Cambridge. The business also includes a modern floral department and a section devoted to all dog and pet foods and requisites. 37 08 14 # c.18

More ladies have come forward in the search for Britain's oldest women cyclists. Mrs Cross of Toft (81) still rides her ordinary lady's bike regularly while Annie Long of Withersfield (75) has a machine she bought in 1898. Mrs N. Plint of Gt Shelford rides into Cambridge each day to deliver fruit grown in her garden & Mrs H. Ball of Staploe (68) also bikes five miles a day to work. Mrs L.M. Mortimer (63) of Chedworth Street is one of the most consistent riders, having done thousands of miles since she was ten years of age. 37 08 14a # c.26.485

Jack Hulbert film – 37 08 14a

Toy Theatre – 37 08 14a

Travellers between London and Cambridge will soon have three additional fast trains performing the journey non-stop in 65 minutes. All will have buffet cars, bringing the total to 10 each way daily, in addition to the restaurant trains already running to Liverpool Street. The first service of five buffet cars was inaugurated between Cambridge and Kings Cross in 1932 when the trains each consisted of three coaches. So popular has the service become that at least double this accommodation has to be provided regularly 37 08 14b # c.26.2

Boxing almost defunct in Cambridge – cartoon 37 08 14b # c.38 : boxing

1937 08 16
Sir – as a small boy in the 1880s my first impressions of Cambridge were so different from today as to be almost incredible. Cambridge, bounded practically by Mill Road railway gates, Paper Mills Bridge, Hills Road Bridge and Queens' Road was a glorified village. It smacked of medieval times with its Spinning House in St Andrew's Street and bread and butter was retailed in yard length by Varsity

tradesmen. The fastest vehicles on the road were the pretty tandem horses in dog carts affected by rich undergraduates and hansom cabs and I remember assisting the shepherd of Mr Joseph Sturton's sheep with his flock to and from Parker's Piece where they were grazed – P.J. Wright 37 08 16

1937 08 17
Thieves were again busy at the Regal Cinema. The doors of the ticket store, ice cream room and managers' offices were wrenched opened and the woodwork splintered, apparently by a jemmy. They helped themselves to a meat of baked beans and fruit jellies at the restaurant upstairs. But they failed to secure much booty, leaving with a small quantity of cigarettes and chocolate. Meanwhile the first defendants to appear in the new Cambridge Police Court were charged with riding with two people on one cycle. They were given the benefit of the doubt. 37 08 17

1937 08 19
Sir – I came to live in Cambridge as a boy of 13, from a local village. I was one of a family of eight and all of us and our furniture were packed on a farm wagon. It was wonderful to come to live in a town built of bricks, to see Cambridge shops, colleges and commons where we could play. My first impression was of a tollgate near Coldham Lane where we had to pay a toll to enter. Having lived here 58 years and seen the wonderful and delightful improvements one can only say that it is a lovely town to live in – 'Content' 37 08 19

1937 08 20
Sir – way back in the 1890s I booked a seat with the Sawston carrier. The morning broke with a grey sky. I remember his suspicious look until I paid him the ninepence fare and threepence extra providing there was no 'scorching'. I also recollect his need of a shave. We made Stapleford in the first three hours, on to Shelford and rounded the Stone Bridge, Trumpington about noon, to schedule. But then the offside-wheel came off. I alighted at Market Hill, walked down Petty Cury and boarded a horse tram. Then from the delightful rhythm and sway of that luxuriously-upholstered vehicle I drank in the scenery of the skyscraper buildings in Regent Street before returning home – 'Blisters' 37 08 20

Sir – London newspapers, suffering from a scarcity of news, have reported unruly behaviour by 18 of the 3,826 Basque refugees in England. Picture 4,000 children from English towns, their nerves wrecked by months of war and air raids, many of them having lost their parents, transported to a strange climate, strange customs and an unknown tongue. Would they all be angels? The refugees at Pampisford have been happy and untroubled. But now we have been asked to take another 30. The great difficulty is to find an empty house large enough. Can readers help? - F.L. Lucas. King's College 37 08 20a

Landlady complaint, p5

1937 08 24
Tanks prepare for manoeuvre, Linton - photo – 37 08 24

1937 08 25
An attempt by an insurgent force to cut the railway at Bartlow Station saw rifle battalions attack on a wide front. A small British machine gun battalion took up a position on the west bank of the River Stour while soldiers demolished bridges to prevent the attackers occupying the high ground at Shudy Camps and Horseheath. Villagers had a fine time watching the ponderous tanks pass by and comparing them with the guns and beautiful horses of the 1912 manoeuvres. It was part of the military exercise simulating that in Egypt before the latest Anglo-Egyptian treaty. 37 08 25 # c.45.6

1937 08 26
Army exercise, p2

1937 08 27

Drivers and staff of Street Tramway Company – photo – 37 08 27 # c.26.44

Tanks featured in the opening attack on Haverhill under cover of a smoke screen. An assault via the Bumpsteads was held up so the advance swung westwards past Shudy Camps towards the Bartlow railway. Late in the afternoon an enveloping movement was successful. Street fighting and sniping was expected and the infantry was served out with an extra supply of hand grenades. The inhabitants thronged the centre of Haverhill eager to see the activity of the military manoeuvres 37 08 27a # c.45.6

1937 08 28
Babraham old bridge removed – photo – 37 08 28

1937 08 31
The premise behind the military manoeuvres was that production of a new lethal gas was about to start in two underground factories at Yole and Barsey Farm near Balsham and Shudy Camps. Different essentials of the gas were to be made at each factory so destruction of either would prevent production. There was a large influx of visitors to the church parade at Shudy Camps Park where 400 men from various regiments had assembled for the training exercise. Afterwards a band concert was greatly enjoyed. 37 08 31 # c.45.6

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1937 09 01
Guildhall demolition, p1

1937 09 02
A notable improvement in the arrangements for feeding the troops is apparent during the exercises at Shudy Camps. The old travelling cookers, used for the first time at the 1912 manoeuvres, have disappeared and in their place are oil-fuelled cookers on which the food is prepared. After about 20 minutes it is sufficiently cooked to be placed in metal chests made on the principle of the hay-box known to housewives during the Great War where the rest of the cooking goes on until complete. The filled boxes are loaded on to troop carriers and taken to the troops where it is kept piping hot until dished out 'done to a turn' 37 09 02 # c.45.6

1937 09 03
The Fire Brigade was called out when a 20-ton stack of hay, the produce of 18 acres belonging to Mr C.S. Wilson of Bonnington Hall, Ugley, caught alight in a field near the Hall. Stansted fireman were also present but nothing could be done and the stack was allowed to burn itself out. 37 09 03

Ely RDC scavenging, rubbish collection proposals – 37 09 03a

1937 09 04
The Army manoeuvres now taking place locally should have a beneficial effect on recruiting. The introduction of the motor into all branches of the service has rendered the soldier's task much less toilsome and robbed the march of its old-time discomforts. The present-day Tommy is better provided for and looked after, better fed and more comfortably clothed. Recruits for the three battalions of the 5th Infantry Brigade now in camp at Shudy Camps Park are coming in steadily. It is expected that a further 100 will soon be ready at Aldershot and will probably also be sent there 37 09 04b # c.45.6

Cambridge Repertory Players moving from Festival Theatre to Cosmopolitan Cinema which will be renamed the Little Theatre – 37 09 04 # c.76

Army manoeuvres Bourn Bridge, Ickleton, Abington Park – 37 09 04a

1937 09 06

Ely troops on manoeuvres can use Isolation Hospital if ill – 37 09 06

1937 09 07
Basque children at Pampisford rectory visited by Dr L. Cobbett – 37 09 07 # c.45.6

Bassingbourn stack fire – 37 09 07a

Stacks, farm buildings, pigs and calves were destroyed in a fire which broke out at Dovecote Farm in the heart of Somersham Fen. The blaze was caused by self-combustion in a straw stack which had become overheated and, fanned by a strong breeze, made short work of the buildings. People hearing the cries of the trapped pigs and calves could do nothing to save them; the animals were roasted alive. The only properties to escape were the horsekeeper's cottage, a granary and a rather large cart shed. Fortunately a threshing tackle had been removed from the stack yard and the horses were in a field out of danger 37 09 07b

1937 09 08
Rendezvous Cinema clerk fraud trial – 37 09 08 & a # c.76.9
Papisford vicar, p5

1937 09 09
Manoeuvres photo, p5

1937 09 10
The Rycroft Rubber Company commenced business in Cambridge in 1904, specialising in waterproof and rainproof garments, surgical and mechanical rubber goods, water hose and all classes of rubber and reinforced rubber tubing and Wellington Boots. It now the finest and most complete shop of its kind in the Eastern Counties and a regular advertiser in the CDN 37 09 10

Many people assembled at Marshall's Aerodrome to see the competitors in the King's Cup air race pass over on their journey northwards. The first swept in from the direction of Cherry Hinton, roared over the 'drome and were lost in the void beyond, travelling at over 200 mph. But the majority of the entrants made for the wrong aerodrome, heading towards the new one near Teversham and when they discovered their mistake had to bank round towards the town. 37 09 10a # c.26.1

Manourvres, p6

1937 09 11
Thompson's houses sell because they are quality built, using only the best materials and stand on good sites. The 'Windsor Estate' is being rapidly completed with houses for sale from £585 to £850 (£32,500 - £45,200 today). It is in a very healthy position on one of the highest points and served by two main bus routes. The 'Thornton Estate' houses cost from £800 to £1,500 (about £83,340). Each is freehold and the price includes roads and paths, fencing, decoration and large gardens. Ralph Thompson Ltd, Fulbourn – Advert 37 09 11a # c.23

Have you ever considered when you've seen police officers riding by in their big new patrol cars what happens to the old motors that have been 'retired' from police service. There must be a market for such second-hand cars. But who acts as salesman and interviews customers? In Huntingdonshire the job has been undertaken by none other than the Chief Constable. However one purchaser complained, saying the Morris saloon he'd bought for £30 had broken down. The cylinders were bad, it was using oil and there were other defects. The Chief Constable had to report the matter to the Police Committee who refused compensation. 37 09 11b

Sturton Town Hall as theatre – memories – 37 09 11c # c.76

Cambridge Gas Bulletin to be issued for staff – 17 09 11d # c.24.4

Wicken band, p5

1937 09 15
The ceremony of the enclosure of the new Carmelite Convent at Waterbeach was performed by the Bishop of Northampton in the shade of a huge plane tree. The Gregorian Chant was led by the priests while Catholic hymns were sung by the laity, numbering over a 1,000. The old convent in Chesterton Road, opened 12 years ago, has proved inadequate so a house standing in extensive grounds has been chosen. Visitors have been seeing over the building at the rate of 100 a day. But never again, except in extremest necessity, will anybody other than nuns enter the door. 37 09 15 & a # c.83

Rumours that action was contemplated against Royston UDC after they revoked their provisional approval of the Priory estate development scheme appear to have fostered the belief that there would be 'some fun' at the council meeting. Fun there may have been, but the Press were not allowed in to report the debate which lasted an hour. It related to a plan submitted by Mr H. Giddings for 52 houses that the council considered too dense for the site 37 09 15b & c

1937 09 16
War will be declared at midnight on Saturday – at any rate for the purpose of manoeuvres – and Ely will be in the war zone. 450 men from Liverpool, Manchester and London arrived in the city and went into camp at Barton Fields, arousing the curiosity of residents who have visited in large numbers and showed considerable interest in the military activities. It is the largest exercise of its kind since 1918 but the only troops are members of the Royal Signals Supplementary Reserve; most are Post Office employees who give up their spare time so they could assist the Regular Army in the event of conflict 37 09 16 # c.45.6

The Isle of Ely County Council considered the construction of a new road eliminating the bends between Chatteris and Warboys Road, together with the widening of the south side of the Haddenham-Earith Road to include the filling-in of the parish pond. But tenders for £440 to improve the conveniences at Manea School seemed a gross extravagance when there were only 200 children on the books. At Manea they could build a bungalow for that price. Some classes were having to be held on the stairs at March High School as there was no room left in the cloakroom, extensions should be started as soon as possible 37 09 16a

1937 09 17
Plans to demolish Newmarket houses under clearance orders were met with objections. The Medical Officer said houses in the Queen Street area were unfit for human habitation. But the owner claimed they were better now than when she bought them; they were all she had to live on and the council were going to take them away. Houses in Regent Street were somewhat dark because of the shrubbery in the churchyard but occupants were able to open the windows. One of the residents had been there 23 years and had brought up ten healthy children. There was such a shortage of accommodation that two families were living in each council house and few houses at a rent of six shillings a week (£16.70 today) suitable for old people. 37 09 17a & b

Gallyon gun makers – advertisers – 37 09 17c

1937 09 18
Pye Radio Sports and Social Club held their first dance at the Rendezvous ballroom. Les Walton and his band were in fine form playing some of the 'hit' numbers of the past two months which were danced with gusto. The high spot was a cabaret item by Sammy Parker whose rendering of 'September in the Rain' was followed by his speciality dance which even the 'hula-hula' girls would have envied. The attendance was one of the largest the ballroom has known with dancers arriving until quite late. 37 09 18

Memorial at Horseheath church commemorates King's visit for 1912 manoeuvres – 37 09 18a

Cabinet-size portraits were invented in the spring of 1866 and John Werge visiting Cambridge two years later was surprised to find Cambridge men had not adopted it; writing in 'Photographic News' of 10 April 1868 he says: 'while there is a rush for cabinet portraits in Oxford, Cambridge holds aloof. … lukewarmness of Cambridge photographers. Carte-de-visite size was most popular – 37 09 18a # c.65.5

1937 09 20
During a severe thunderstorm a ball of fire set alight two stacks at Mitchell Hill Farm, Twentypence Road, Cottenham. They were right in the middle of the farmyard but firemen stopped the flames spreading to the farmhouse and nearby wooden barns, using water from a pond. The lightning struck a wire clothes line strung between a corner of a barn and a tree then travelled back along an aerial wire to the barn and thence it fired the stacks. Stock, including a newly-born calf, was removed for safety. 37 09 20

Bird's Chemical Works at Duxford was threatened when a blaze broke out in a heap coal near one of the boilers. The fire had been withdrawn from the boilers as usual on Saturday but the live coals were placed too close to the heap which smouldered through the night before igniting, setting fire to one side of the building. There was a large amount of grease and tallow on the premises which could have been ignited. Workers wheeled out the six or seven tons of coal in wheelbarrows - coal had never been shifted so quickly – and dumped it beside the river. 37 09 20a

George Hall, Ely coroner died; had held many offices including registrar and high bailiff of county court – 37 09 20a

1937 09 21
New Chesterton Institute opened a new hall over the billiards room; it would be used for debates, lectures, whist drives, dramatic society work and other functions. 37 09 21

An 80-year-old stage coach with a 78-year-old driver brought a breath of more leisurely days into Cambridge's busy streets. Drawn by four superb Dutch piebalds it is being used to draw attention to Gallaher's Park Drive cigarettes. The driver, Bob Smith, began driving in London in 1880 and continued until the horse buses went off the road. Since then he has driven for Bertram Mills in all sorts of places, including the great circus. The coaching tunes are sounded on a post horn by 15-year-old Albert Osmond. The four-in-hand is staying at the L&NER stable and will be here for a week 37 09 21a # c.26.42

Mr A.E. Page started as a butcher at a small shop in Cherryhinton Road in 1897 and now has six shops selling goods of the finest quality at reasonable prices. His factory in Coven Garden produces pies, sausages and cooked meats some from animals bred and fed on his own farm at Barton. He knows it is worth advertising in the CDN 37 09 24a

1937 09 22
Fordham waterworks scheme 37 09 22

1937 09 24
Band photo, p5
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1939 09 25
Jesus Lane Sunday School was set up in 1827, later moving to King Street where many local children were taught religion by undergraduates who rose to positions of eminence in the church. A new large school was erected in Paradise Street in 1868. But times change. After the war many families have moved further out so now they have sold that building and erected a new hall in Brooks Road which will also serve as a temporary church until a new one can be built. All children between eight and 15 are invited 37 09 25 # c.83

Freedom photo, p5

1937 09 27
Microfilm will bring the library resources of the world to the desk of an individual scholar, a Cambridge conference was told. The prodigious daily flood of newspapers can be compressed photographically into little rolls of microfilm making them perpetually 'in print' while censuses, birth and death records and correspondence can be duplicated. The technology is still being developed and will take much longer than expected, but a satisfactory reading machine should cost about as much as a portable typewriter 37 09 27 # c.04

1937 09 29
A scheme of 1853 provided Ely with a supply of water from the River Ouse which was stored in an underground reservoir then pumped to the water tower. The old reservoir was abandoned in 1885 and in 1933 was converted into an open-air swimming pool. Then steam-driven wells were sunk at Isleham to take water from the chalk. Now they plan a new underground reservoir tank which, with the present water tower, will ensure four day's supply in the event of emergency. But proposals for another water tower will not be proceeded with on account of its vulnerability to attacks by aircraft, councillors heard. 37 09 29a

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1937 10 01
The Great Ouse Catchment Board considered anti-flood schemes costing over £300,000. Work was in progress on the Old West bank between Aldreth Causeway and Willingham flat bridge, and on Soham, Swaffham & Lakenheath Lodes where weaknesses were found during the spring floods. Draglines have been hired from several contractors as have several miles of railway track and over a hundred tipping wagons. At Manea they have opened up another clay pit and started re-facing the bank but have had to cross over several watercourses and make several substantial bridges. 37 10 01a & b # c.29

Cambridge Spiritualists held a fair in the Carpenter Hall, Victoria Street, in aid of their building fund. They had bought a piece of freehold land, despite some misgivings, and were anxious to put a church on it. There was no state support. All the spiritualist churches in the country had been secured by their own efforts. "If we are not here in physical form we shall be in the spiritual body to see the church" they were told by Mr A.J. Case, the president 37 10 01 # c.83

1937 10 02
'The Harassed Harrises', a play by local author Gerald Light, features a father who keeps a fried fish shop in a town that is obviously Cambridge. His son, a young man of brains, has won a scholarship to the university but feels he is looked down on because of his father's job. What makes things even more awkward is that his aunt is a bedder at his college who is very fond of whisky. Without a doubt the play was greatly appreciated by the audience at the performance given by the CUP Amateur Dramatic Society 37 10 02 # c.76 # c.36.92

1937 10 04
The 1st Battalion of the Cambridgeshire Regiment lined up on Parker's Piece for their first inspection since they were reformed after the war. Behind them hundreds of Old Comrades also paraded. It is a Volunteer Army undertaking onerous duties and alone stands between us and conscription. With no prospect of war for some years the Government has taken very little interest in either the Regular or Territorial Army but times have changed as a result of the combined efforts of Hitler, Mussolini and now the Japs, they were told. Men, women and children are regarded as suitable subjects for attack by shell and bomb and we must defend ourselves, they were told. 37 10 03b & c # c.45.6

1937 10 06

The famous Festival Grill has been reborn. Connoisseurs of good food and good wine need no longer journey to Newmarket Road as the Grill has opened in more commodious premises at the corner of Bene't Street and King's Parade. It has a new name, the Festival Restaurant with a new sherry and oyster bar which together with the restaurant under the direction of Toni, is first-class in every respect. Its delightful colour scheme of red, black and cream ensures the rooms are bright but not garish and it will become one of the best-known rendezvous. 37 10 06a # c.27.47

1937 10 08
Ely RDC heard that Mr Setchell of Haddenham had given land at West End on condition it was used as the site of four one-bedroom bungalows, but they preferred four houses. Mr Thompson's offer of a building site for four houses near the school at Little Ouse would be accepted provided he made a gift of land fronting White House Drove. At Plantation Farm, Shippea Hill a proposal for four pairs of three-bedroomed houses will be submitted to Sir Frederick Hiam for his approval. But Mr Everitt felt that by erecting houses on sites that had been offered free they were subsidising the large landowners with free labour. 37 10 08 & a

Matthew's new bakery in Cherryhinton Road has a complete absence of machinery in the confectionary department as it was staffed by excellent craftsmen trained specially for the job. Night bakers work from 10pm to 5am when the confectionary bakers and delivery men start. There is a special oven for making Vienna bread with a thermspray boiler operated by gas which manufactures wet or dry steam that is introduced under pressure into the dough, ensuring a crisp crust. An ultra-violet ray lamp, similar to those used in hospital, floods the flour before mixing and the dough before baking, From the ovens the bread is loaded into racks which are placed bodily into electric delivery vehicles 37 10 08b # c.27

1937 10 09
Duxford aerodrome extension approved – 37 10 08c

1937 09 12
Basque arts and crafts - photo – 37 10 12 # c.45.6

1937 09 13
Sir – since the beginning of the Spanish Civil War four Cambridge men have laid down their lives fighting against the Fascist Insurgents. They are John Cornford (Trinity), G.C. Maclaurin (St John's), G. Lorimer Birch (Caius) and Julian Bell (King's). The first three were in the International Column, the fourth as an ambulance driver. Now a branch of the Voluntary Industrial Aid Organisation has been established to recondition motor vehicles as ambulances for Spain. Side-car ambulances are needed that can go up the hills through narrow passes; at present wounded have to be transported by mules. Donations should be sent to me – Joseph Needham, Caius College 37 10 13 # c.45.6

Following the provision of gas at Willingham a year ago, the Cambridge University and Town Gas Light Company has opened a showroom replete with up-to-date equipment. It includes an automatic switch by which a gas lamp is lit by pressing a button, and Ascot water boiling apparatuses. Ladies will want gas after seeing the labour-saving appliances now available and demonstrations of home laundering and cooking will be given throughout the week 37 10 13a

County Council proposals for the establishment of Village Colleges at Swavesey and Impington have been approved by the Government. But they reject plans for a new junior school at Cottenham: it would be better to use the money from Insurance to rebuild portions of the burnt down one. Negotiation would be opened with Cottenham Eleemonsynary Charities for the purchase of land in Lamb's Lane. The County would also discuss with the Air Ministry about school-age children due to arrive in Bassingbourn in connection with the establishment of an aerodrome 37 10 13c

1937 10 15

The Festival Theatre in Newmarket Road reopened under entirely new management. The building has been redecorated and improved and will begin with what it is hoped will be a successful regime of plays, ballet and opera. Meanwhile the glamorous Marlene Dietrich's Technicolor film 'The Garden of Allah' is the principal attraction at the Regal Cinema while the Kinema presents 'The Princess comes across' starring Carole Lombard and Fred MacMurray 37 10 15 # c.76

St Radegund's Hall on the corner of Brooks Road and Coldham's Lane was inaugurated by the Bishop of Ely. It is the property of the Jesus Lane Sunday School trustees and is the third building to be used for their work since its inception nearly 100 years ago. It is hoped that ultimately a new parish church will be built in this rapidly-developing part of Cambridge. The hall will be used not only as a Sunday school but also for regular church services and is a important new centre of Christian worship and teaching 37 10 15c # c.83

Linton Village College could help the agricultural industry and help stem the drift from the countryside to the towns. It is intended to serve as a community centre for education, recreation and social life, the Earl of Feversham said at the opening. The teaching of mathematics would have a realistic connection with what went on in the workshop and school garden. It has a workshop equipped with lathes and means of learning about the internal combustion engine (with an eye on the farm tractor) and electricity while girls do cookery, housewifery and laundrywork in the domestic science room. 37 10 15a

St Ives fair is now nothing less than a gambling show. A few of the push-penny boards do not do any harm but there were some attractions that are detrimental to the young: little boys were putting pennies on Hearts, Spades or Clubs and winning money at odds of 3-1. It would be better that people did not come than allow that sort of thing. The Council had a responsibility and without any drastic changes they could bring back some of the older amusements, the Mayor said. 37 10 15b

1937 10 16
Roof-climbing – Ronald Searle cartoon – 37 10 16a # c.38

1937 10 18
Cambridge University Officers Training Corps gave a demonstration at the Grange Road rifle range. It opened with a display by the Vickers machine gun section followed by mortars laying a smoke screen. Cavalry were in action reconnoitring and dummy-thrusting with swords while communication by wireless and cable was also shown. A spectacular display of demolishing a bridge was followed by a battery action by two 18-pounder field guns. Visitors could inspect the equipment and try out an army gas mask in the gas chamber. 37 10 18 # c.45.6

Hemingford Grey houses, p5

1937 10 19
Major-General Ernst Udet, an ace pilot during the war, was amongst top German airmen at R.A.F. Mildenhall who inspected two squadrons of giant Heyford bombers and the latest Battle Bristol-Blenheims, Harrow, Wellesey and Whitley bombers, specimens of squadrons that were to fly past from their home stations. The Blenheim bomber, with a maximum speed of nearly 280 miles per hour was dwarfed beside the Harrow, which has a top speed of 190 miles per hour. All the machines were camouflaged in the latest muddy style. Before each one stood its crew, wearing flying kit and altitude respirators. Drawn up in lines were lorries forming the transport of the light bomber squadron. The station buildings and equipment were also ready for the Germen's inspection. The visitors walked between the ranks of aircraft and paraded to the five new types of bombers, which they inspected closely. They went into the body of the Harrow plane and three sat in the cockpit of one of the others before watching the engines starting. The visitors, some carrying small dress daggers, also toured the station buildings including the mobile wireless transmitting, photographic and automatic control sections. 37 10 19 &a, 37 10 22CIP # c.45.6 # c.26.1

Death Henry Ernest Foster, Victoria Friendly Society's secretary – 37 10 19a

The Mayor opened a model anti-gas room at Boot's shop in Petty Cury. With the disturbed state of international politics the company was anxious to help people to retain a sense of proportion concerning air raids. Any room could be made gasproof at a trifling cost. It had been tested under the most severe conditions with war gas. The Home Office Air Raids Precautions Department welcomed the initiative. If people took the simple precautions suggested they would be able to deal with the emergency quite successfully. 37 10 19b # c.45.6

1937 10 20
James Wentworth Day's book 'Sporting Adventure' takes us on a night's punt-gunning with its patient stalking in bitter weather with, perhaps, only frozen snow to show for the night's work. He also explains the mysteries of badger-digging, rabbit traps and the art of 'tickling' for trout. It is a record of precious days in the countryside by an expert whose attractive prose grips even the most casual reader. Cambridgeshire is frequently in the picture and the account of adventures on our own doorstep will make the book doubly welcome in this area 37 10 20a

Cambridge and the scientific world have suffered an irreparable loss by the death of Lord Rutherford. Cavendish Professor of Experimental Physics and Director of the Cavendish Laboratory since 1919, he thrilled the world five years ago when two young scientists working under his guidance split the atom. He won the Nobel Prize in 1908, was knighted in 1914 and awarded the Order of Merit in 1925. Rutherford made very little use of mathematical machinery and worked surrounded by a body of assistants and students who were devoted to him. He died in a nursing home following an abdominal operation 37 10 20b # c.36.9

An undergraduate of Peterhouse, Cambridge's oldest college, awoke coughing because of smoke and rushed through his burning sitting room to report the outbreak. Another occupant on the same floor attempted to put out the fire assisted by Mr S. Wilderspin, a porter. The Fire Brigade cut away floor boards to extinguish the blaze caused by a defective fire-place. The whole of the floor together with furniture and a wireless set was ruined. A club room beneath, situated in one of the oldest parts of the college dating back to the 15th century, was damaged by water. Another blaze of a much more serious nature occurred nearby about two years ago 37 10 20b photo 37 10 20 # c.45.5 # c.34.75

Percy Salmon gave a lantern lecture on Melbourn to Cambridge Photographic Club. One drawback was a lack of water supply and this was a serious matter to a photographer. The method of washing slides at the village pump was slow, but healthy, while dangling them in the mill pond merely provided a free picture show for the stickleback, who ruin the slides by their curiosity and rubbed the gelatine off. He deplored the 'slum clearance fever' which has swept Melbourn. It has made the village more healthy but less picturesque and no longer a hunting ground for photography 37 10 20c # c.65.5

The Bishop of Ely says money is needed for building new churches in rapidly developing centres of population, such as St George's off Milton Road, Cambridge, and the maintenance of church schools. But many old buildings are in serious structural difficulties due to subsidence or dry rot. Some such as Upwood and Croydon are already 'hospital cases'. Inhabitants of Balsham, Caldecote, Benwick and Carlton do their best but are unable to meet the expenditure necessary to put their churches into repair. Soon an Appeal Fund will be launched. 37 10 20e

Festival Theatre refurbished with electric candelabra from Alhambra in London – 37 10 20f # c.76

1937 10 22
Mr & Mrs Edward Simeon Flack celebrated 50 years of married life in the same cottage. They married at Fowlmere in October 1887 and went to live at Church Street, Thriplow. Mr Flack started work before he was 10 years old for Mr Joseph Ellis and was employed on the same farm for 63

years. He can remember the bad old days in farming about 1906 when he had only nine shillings a week to provide for his eight children (about £43 today). Now they have 21 grandchildren. His wife, born Matilda Smith, still does her household duties. 37 10 22b

The Cambridge Hebrew Congregation's new synagogue in Thompson's Lane was consecrated by the Very Rev, the Chief Rabbi of the British Empire. Jews were to be found in Cambridge before the Middle Ages and the stone walls of the medieval synagogue were said to be still standing. Cambridge University was the first seat of higher learning in the modern world to have given Jewish studies academic recognition. Arthur Cohen was the first Jew to take up residence at Magdalene College in the early 1850s after representation had been made to the Prince Consort, the then Chancellor, by Sir Moses Montefiore. 37 10 22 # c.83

1937 10 23
A.W. Morlin, ironmongers and builders' merchants started 1909 – 37 10 23 # c.27

A plaque to Edward Fitzwilliam was unveiled on the wall of 19, King's Parade, where he lived from 1826 to 1830 and entertained his friends. Mr Frank Brangwyn made the design and Joseph Cribb sculptured the stone which was quarried in Rutland. It honoured a man who brought the wisdom and philosophy of the East to the West. The Omar Khayyam Club had supported the appeal but George Bernard Shaw sent a postcard saying "I am not a Fitz fan. You can do as well without me". 37 10 23a

Cambridge University and Town Waterworks Company's new workshops and depots in Rustat Road would lead to improved service, enhanced efficiency and – sooner or later – reduced charges. The old premises in Bene't Street had been a veritable shambles and disgrace with pipes stored at the disused Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn pumping stations. They would wage ceaseless war against waste by leakage and had a gang of plumbers ready to deal with any emergency 24 hours a day with the promptitude of the London Fire Brigade. 37 10 23b # c.24.2

Great deal of war talk - Cartoon – 37 10 23c # c.45.6

A new novel deals with the Cambridge of the future. "Thirty Million Gas Masks" by Sarah Campion imagines 'Something like ten thousand Cantabrigians were wiped out (as every schoolboy knows) in the Air Raid of 1939. There are memorials to the Cambridge dead all over the rest of Great Britain. The enemy cared not two buttons about Cambridge but were aiming at London'. In the book a technical mishap on one of the bombing planes releases a new gas which results in the area being evacuated only to be visited by people in gas masks sent by the Government to test the poison-laden country. 37 10 23 c d e # c.45.6 # c.74

1937 10 27
Journalist H.G. Hodder told Rotarians he'd started his career at the CDN. He'd reported on the birth of the St Neots quads and on the death of King George V when he was one of 60 reporters crowded into the Feathers at Dersingham waiting for the news. He'd been accused of overdoing the 1937 floods but it was a good story at a rather quiet time and imaginations were stretched slightly. However it meant that the Government did begin to think what might happen in the Fens unless protection is improved 37 10 27 # c.04 # c.29

1937 10 29
Haddenham boy thrashed mother and tried smash home up – 37 10 29

Cambridge & Counties Crematorium Ltd was incorporated on 8th June 1936 to establish a crematorium on an attractive site on the main Huntingdon Road with a chapel, incinerating chambers, columbaria for the reception of urns and waiting rooms. The Borough Council have decided not to proceed with a Municipal Crematorium so this will be the only one within 50-60 miles and has every prospect of success. The Company's revenue will consist not only of fees for cremations but also for the storage of urns and for niches. Shares are now available – advertisement 37 10 29a & b # c.21.2

1937 10 30
Four unemployed men were charged with stealing scrap-iron from Messrs Swann Bros, brick and lime merchants. Christopher Swann, the manager, said he was cycling on Stourbridge Common when he saw a handcart beside the hedge alongside the works. It was loaded with 21 fire bars, a grate, pieces of pipe and part of a slow combustion stove. They had been kept inside the mess house in the brick yard and no one was supposed to move it. One of the accused said he thought it was a public refuse pit; he had a crippled father, a mother unable to work and thought a few shillings would come in handy. 37 10 30

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1937 11 01
At the dedication of a new organ at Histon Methodist church Dr W.H. Rouse said he had an organ which had been in the late Henry Martyn's church. It was rather like a chest of drawers. It was 'played' by putting rolls like sausages through a hole in it; then one turned the handle and the hymns came out! A Histon church once had a similar organ which played four hymns. It was not possible to select any one of the four; the whole four had to be played in strict order. The new organ, built by A. Noterman of Shepherd's Bush was used as a demonstration instrument in the film made by Gaumont-British showing the building of a church organ. Several of the leading cinema organists of the day have played on it. 37 11 01 # c.69.4

Jan Metcalfe's variety entertainment with Josephine & her Gypsy Band and the twelve 'Pye Radio Girls' – 37 11 01

1937 11 02
Mayor W.L. Briggs' year in office – review – 37 11 02 & a # c.35.7

W.H. Bansall keen photographer, founder Bansall club – obit – 37 11 02b # c.65.5

Isleham church civic service with Sheriff and Mayor – 37 11 02c

1937 11 03
Papworth Village Settlement had been acting illegally by running a bus to and from Cambridge. Journeys were varied according to need, carrying staff, patients, visiting relatives and special visitors. Patients are carried at a special rate and special journeys have frequently to be made to meet them off trains. Ambulance cases are charged according to distance. It would be impossible to carry on their work without it. Eastern Counties provided no service on four days a week and Eastern National came no nearer than Caxton Gibbet. 37 11 03

1937 11 04
Cambridge Co-operative Society's new store on corner of Histon and Windsor Road serves the needs of this new and populous district. The attractive up-to-date building has been designed with a dignity worthy of its position; the elevations are faced with Portland Stone and multi-coloured red bricks, forming a frame for the blue and gold mosaic panels incorporating the Society's name. The shop fronts are of bronze with oak entrance doors and polished granite stall board risers. The floor of the butchery shop is covered with marble mosaic and the grocery shop with rubber flooring 37 11 04a # c.27.2

Milton Road railway bridge over level crossing proposed – 37 11 04 # c.26.2

1937 11 05
Coleridge Senior School in Radegund Road was opened by the Mayor. It was not yet completely equipped – only half the gymnasium fittings were fixed and although they had a dining hall and

kitchen the cooking arrangements were not complete. But the halls were fitted with cinema projection rooms, there were showers for pupils, and rooms for teaching cookery, laundry, housewifery and woodwork. The spread of population to the outlying parts of Cambridge had made it possible to provide new schools with plenty of land for playing fields. 37 11 05a # c.36.5

The cost of providing and maintaining Ely fire brigade and equipment was considerable and there should be payment if they were to attend fires in the rural area, councillors heard. Only Downham, Sutton, Witcham and Haddenham had fire fighting equipment but no one would work the Haddenham engine. The whole district was now connected to a water supply so parish councils should connect to the mains and erect stand pipes. But the Cambridge brigade had offered their services without any retaining fee and that would be cheaper. 37 11 05b

Ald H.F. Peatling, chairman of the Isle of Ely County Council opened the extension to the County Hall at March with a silver key and then unveiled a tablet in the entrance hall to commemorate the occasion. The building, which cost £17,000 (about £94,500 now), would make for more convenient working of the Council officials. Parliament imposed an ever-increasing workload which meant more staff; there had been 300 applications for the last post advertised. The Chairman then entertained the whole of the council to a luncheon. 37 11 05c

1937 11 06
The treat of severe action had a salutary effect on Cambridge undergraduates during the 'Fifth' celebrations. Last year a number of students were rusticated and others heavily fined by Borough justices. The Gas Company surrounded their lamp posts with barbed wire and fitted specially toughened glass over the actual light. Although a number of the taller standards were clambered up in every case the mountaineers had to return baffled. Not a light was extinguished. However two bus windows were broken with bricks and a pane of glass in a telephone kiosk was smashed. Photographers who used flashlights to take pictures had to retire in face of a barrage of missiles. Police arrested a woman but no serious attempt was made to rescue her. 37 11 06 # c.36.94

The Agricultural Wages Committee increased the minimum wage for an agricultural worker by half-a-crown to thirty-five shillings (about £97 now) for a 50-hour week in summer (48 in winter). Extra hours will be paid at overtime rates. Horsekeepers, cowmen and shepherds should have more. This was still behind the cost of living which had gone up by leaps and bounds. Farmers said the past season had been bad and they could not begin to think about granting a week's holiday with pay. Most men were earning thirty-eight shillings with piece work, harvest and occasional overtime. The rent of cottages for agricultural workers was still often as low as two-shillings and sixpence a week (£7 now). But Mr A.E. Stubbs said farmers would purchase their labour in the cheapest possible market, in just the same way as they bought their store cattle 37 11 06b & c

Cartoon showing new Mayor, Saville Peck in a Council radio studio – 37 11 06a # c.27.8

1937 11 08
Sir – I have 4,000 acres in Mildenhall parish so derelict that they cannot be farmed and bring ruin to the families who try it. Given one road to join the five cul-de-sacs and a bridge over the River Lark to a similar road in Cambridgeshire, all these families could get their sugar beet to Ely factory. If the counties won't share the cost of a bridge, a mile of Suffolk road would save the bank where it broke and temporarily corked itself one Sunday morning. It was almost a miracle that the fen floods did not culminate in a great and tragic disaster. But the banks and roads remain bones of contention in various stages of deadlock – Rev J. E. Sawbridge, vicar 37 11 08 # c.29

1937 11 09
Ernest Saville Peck elected Mayor – 37 11 09 # c.35.7

1937 11 10

Newmarket Memorial Hall was filled for a mass meeting of stable lands organised by the Transport and General Workers' Union. It was the end of low wages and miserable working conditions. There was one man in the hall who had seven children and was drawing four shillings a week more when unemployed than when working. It was wrong and wicked that men and their families should be suffering. They had no Fascist, Nazi or Bolshevik instincts but just wanted a fair crack of the whip. 37 11 10 & a

1937 11 11
Dramatic scene at Cenotaph, a man's cry breaks the silence: 'deliberately preparing for war. Gt Silence in Cambridge photo – 37 11 11

Cambridge's act of homage – 37 11 11a & b

A small holder from Furlong Drove, Pymore was killed on Pymore Sidings Road when the wheel of a beet-laden tumbrel cart he was driving passed over and crushed his head. 37 11 11c

Cambridge Labour Party women's section heard that the Government was preparing for war and was not going to spend money on decent houses for its citizens to live in. Gas masks for 'essential' people were available at £1 and ten-and-six each, but for the masses at two shillings and nine pence. They should press for equality for rich and poor alike; gas masks should be efficient and not merely 'eye-wash' to prevent a panic. To capitalist interest war meant vast profits and hard cash. 37 11 11d # c.45.6

1937 11 12
Sir Frederick Hiam appeared before the Potato Marketing Board for allegedly using the wrong riddle to grade potatoes. Also B.A. Hazel of Tile House Farm – 37 11 12

Saffron Walden voluntary fire brigade dinner recalled the olden days when they used horse-drawn pumps and one man was always sent off to get refreshments. They could go eight or nine miles and not see a mouthful of food, and you cannot work on an empty stomach. Previously it was difficult to find hydrants but now the brigade can go right to the spot and the fire is out momentarily. But that is up to them, because they generally like a night of it. (Laughter) They had not always been welcome: at a stack fire at Newport in 1868 the brigade had received more abuse than assistance from bystanders and very little support from the police. 37 11 12b

1937 11 15
Paul Robeson recital at Regal – 37 11 15 # c.69

Cambridge Peace Week ends with march from Parkers Piece to War Memorial – 37 11 15a & b # c.45.6

1937 11 18
People were attracted to the scene from all over the district after an outbreak of fire was observed in a group of stacks at Street Farm, Hundon. The first stack involved was near the roadway and with the wind carrying the flames about half of the others were ablaze within an incredibly short space of time. Haverhill Brigade were handicapped as the nearest water was a reservoir some distance away. Nine stacks were destroyed including three of red clover stover, two of seed clover and one each of sainfoin, trefoil seed, barley straw and trefoil straw. 37 11 18

Motoring byelaw stopping people alighting from vehicles on off-side suggested after fatal accident – 37 11 18a
Mildenhall fen farmers let land go out of cultivation to avoid tithe – 37 11 18b

1937 11 19

The new aerodrome at Teversham Corner is a great improvement. Pilots can glide down without having to dodge or scrape over trees or other obstacles and it is a pleasure to land on a flat piece of ground after the ridges on the old airfield. The size and spaciousness of the main hangar is impressive with huge sliding doors allowing any one of the single and twin engined civil airliners in use today to be accommodated with ease. A control tower is being built to replace the small one on the tarmac and a start has been made on a hotel. They should be in full swing when the aerodrome is officially opened next spring. 37 11 19 & a # c.26.1

1937 11 20
De Freville school, p5

1937 11 23
Santa Claus arrived at Cambridge station en route for Robert Sayle's where he opened the Toy Fair and the wonderful 'Streamline Express'. Every kiddie should take a thrilling ride to meet him. Surprise parcels, 6d, including your fare. – advert 37 11 23

1937 11 24
An inquest heard that three fighters had been attacking three bombers over Therfield when two machines touched wings and spun to the ground. One man fell out but his parachute did not open. – 37 11 26b – photo – 37 11 24 # c.26.1

1937 11 25
Firemen, policemen and airmen watched as Thornhaugh Hall, a Lincolnshire mansion, scene of many smart social gatherings for 30 years, burned itself out. The owner, Mr Stanley Brotherhood, was carried from his bed, where he had lain in for a month, to a servant's cottage in the grounds, while villagers helped salvage furniture. A private lake in the grounds was emptied on to the blaze. Lily ponds were pumped dry. Then the supply of water gave out and the rescue squad stood by helpless while the flames finished their work. The house was reduced to a ruin, only the bare walls being left. There have been a dozen mansion house fires this year. 37 11 25

1937 11 26
The banks on the Reach, Burwell and Wicken Lodes should be raised and the main engine drain widened, the Ouse Catchment Board recommended. At Upware the old scoop wheel, engine and boilers should be sold, the building demolished and a new pump installed. Very few banks had broken in the fens in the last 20 years but those at Soham Lode had broken twice in the last 15 years. Last week the slips were very bad indeed. The County Council were pumping water from Soham Mere Farm into the lode - instead they should pump direct into the Cam 37 11 26 & a # c.29

Rev F.J. Bywaters instituted at Willingham 37 11 26c

1937 11 27
Bridge Street, p1

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1937 12 03
Ely High School buildings are old and a hotchpotch of makeshifts; we are greatly troubled by the noise in the front and a great deal of time is wasted in moving about in congested spaces, Headmistress Miss B. Tilley reported at Speech Day. The domestic science room is being equipped for laundry work and sixth-form girls are taught typing and shorthand, giving them elementary business training. They were fortunate to have a mistress with special qualifications in speech training so girls could learn to speak well and clearly, a necessity for those who wish to make a success of their career 37 12 03

Demolition of houses at Horseheath and Duxford – 37 12 03a

1937 12 04
Cambridge was a prosperous town but much of the trade depended upon the students and members of the University. The colleges are becoming self-contained so the need for lodgings was drying up. On Sunday it is like walking along the streets of a lost city with the shop fronts in darkness. Cambridge should appoint a publicity agent to attract visitors and conferences, said Mayor, Ald Briggs. A great deal of progress is due to the two or three large light industries who have made their home here and it needs more 37 12 04 & a # c.27

1937 12 08
Sir – two months ago I visited Kings Hedges Road and was surprised to find that an entirely new, first class road has been constructed, sewered, channelled, kerbed, grass verged. This has been done by the council under an agreement with the owners who threw into the highway just under half an acre of land, worth £50. The total cost of making the road was nearly £1,500. The building speculators have received a substantial gain, a splendid road, enhanced price for the houses erected, resulting in a bigger profit for them at the expense of the ratepayers – Geo. Edwards 37 12 08 # c.44.6

Over 20 fen men appeared in court for non-payment of Swaffham and Bottisham Drainage Board rates. One said it was nearly impossible for him to pay. "For two years we have been absolutely flooded out. We have a little corn remaining but cannot get a threshing machine down there because of the conditions left after the flood. We are next door to bankruptcy". Another said the farm he occupied had been under four feet of water for three months. The Great Ouse Catchment Board had taken over the district and a new pump had been ordered 37 12 08a # c.29

Dear Ladies. Let me help you to choose a Christmas Gift for your menfolk. How about a shirt? I can show you excellent ranges in neat stripes and plain shades with two collars to match. Is your man warm and cosy at night? If not, let me suggest a suit of woollen Pyjamas. Is he in a hurry? How about a 'Corby' stretcher press so he can start the day immaculate with perfectly creased trousers. I remain, always at your service, S. Phillips, head salesman, shirt and hosiery department, Johnsons, 51 Sidney Street, Cambridge – Advertisement 37 12 08b

W. King took film of fen floods last spring – 37 12 08 # c.65.5

1937 12 09
The court heard of a dispute between a Dry Drayton farmer and Elijah Deamer, machinist and steam ploughing contractor of Hardwick. Charles Wilkinson of Madingley said he had been farming 55 years. The custom was for threshers to come round at the beginning of the harvest and do a little. Then they left and worked round. While they were absent the straw was used to thatch the stacks in readiness for the thresher's return. It was not unusual for them to be away two months and some did not thresh until after Christmas. 37 12 09

1937 12 10
Ely Kumin Café defrauded by lorry driver – 37 12 10

An Emmanuel College undergraduate was trapped when fire broke out in his sitting room. He climbed out of the window holding the automatic life-line installed in the rooms, but as he was unacquainted with its working he was unable to use it. Porters fetched a ladder but by this time the lad, who had been standing on a three-inch ledge, had got on to a roof below his window. The fire brigade threw him a rope and, returning to his room he tied one end on to a bedpost and lowered himself on to their escape. A large hole was burnt in the floor and furniture damaged 37 12 10a # c.34.75 # c.44.5

The late Professor of Mineralogy, Arthur Hutchinson, made his way entirely by his own ability. He was elected to a Fellowship at Pembroke and later Master. He did important research during the war in connection with gas masks He was a Director of the CDN and chairman of the Coffee House Association which ran a cafe for the use of cab-men in a passage beside the Guildhall until the recent

redevelopment. The Cottage Home for Orphan Girls in Fitzwilliam Road was a charity near his heart as was the Evelyn Hospital 37 12 13a # c.27.47

Hughie Green, p2
Emmanuel fire, p5
If war, p8

1937 12 11
Corney Grain, p6

1937 12 13
A new police and fire station should be erected at Parkside, between Warkworth Terrace and East Road. The site is a very central one, had the great advantage of good access and egress from a fire-fighting point of view and the area is adequate for present and future requirements, councillors were told. Bearing in mind the possible future requirements for protection against air raids it was desirable that both police and fire stations should be in one unit on a new site 37 12 13 # c.34.75

1937 12 13
The Borough Council approved a scheme for a ring road from Coldham's Lane to Ditton Walk. This would be a dual carriageway with a grass strip 26 feet wide between them, a nine-foot wide cycle track and paved footpath. It would be reduced to 100 ft under and near the bridge which would carry the railway over the road near Coldham's Lane. This will be constructed by the railway company. The cost would be £77,550 (£4.3m today), to which must be added the construction of a soil sewer. 37 12 13b # c.44.62

1937 12 15
Sutton Gault Bridges to be transferred from Ouse Catchment Board to Isle of Ely County Council – when 37 12 15

Hughie Green, one of the youngest and brightest stars of the variety stage, visited the Doric Cinema at Newmarket. With his gang, supported by his broadcasting band, he crooned and gave some of his clever impersonations which earned the loud applause of a large audience. Hughie, now 17, who was made a star overnight though an appearance on the BBC's 'In Town Tonight', was not the only star name. Hal Swain, an exponent of the saxophone demonstrated how even this much-criticised instrument can produce melody 37 12 15a

Broadcasting House of Parliament … dreary – 37 12 15a

E.M. Vinsen, Newmarket Road post office – advertisers – 37 12 15b

Cambridge Photographic Club's annual competition was 'Street characters and customs". There were interesting entries depicting well-known characters and street scenes. Graham Turner submitted a picture of 'William Davis, pedlar', Capt C.G.M. Hatfield was awarded a certificate for a photograph of 'Banjo Joe', a familiar figure on the Backs, while Graham Turner and T.E. Collier were praised for their entries 37 12 15c # c.65.5

Royston library may yet be decently housed. Royston Men's Social Club is prepared to grant the County Council the use of a room on the ground floor of their premises in Kneesworth Street at a rent of five shillings a week to include lighting, cleaning and heating. It would be available for the continuous storage of books in lock-up bookcases and made exclusively available for the exchange of books for one hour on one evening a week. The cost would be £13 a year for the hire of premises and £20 for the provision of lock-up bookcases 37 12 15d

Bertram Mills, the famous circus pioneer, is being considered as a possible parliamentary candidate by the Isle of Ely Conservative Association in opposition to the sitting Liberal MP, Mr James de

Rothschild. In 1919 he saw a circus show at Olympia and thought he could put on a better one himself. He was offered the venue for the next Christmas season and took on the lease without ever having staged such a show before. He toured the Continent with his son – who was up at Cambridge – and selected the first circus turns which were to make him famous. Since 1928 he has been a London County Councillor 37 12 16a # c.76.2

1937 12 16
Cambridge police station is 'more decorative than useful', Inspectors report. The very inadequate accommodation is unsuitable for present day police methods. The building is out of date. The number of records that have to be kept has changed completely and there is no means of storing them. There is no proper place for interviewing prisoners, nowhere for officers to take their food and no provision for housing firemen or single policemen. To ensure communication between police and fire headquarters, they should be on the same spot and under the same chief. Butt Green was unsuitable as it was common ground so the cheapest and best place for a new station is at Parkside. 37 12 16 # c.34.7

Stretham football ground has been closed for a fortnight by the Cambs Football Association following complaints of disorderly conduct by spectators. The incident occurred in a-Minor Cup tie with Willingham. The Referee reported sending off C.H. Sadler, of Stretham, for dangerous play and using abusive language. He also reported the spectators for disorderly conduct during and after the game. Both cases were proved and Sadler was suspended for one month and the ground closed for two weeks. The Stretham club was also severely censured for playing an ineligible man 37 12 16d

Back in 1924 Green End Road and Kings Hedges Road were narrow country roads with hedges on each side and a narrow carriageway in the centre with rough grass margins on either side. Then the Cambridge Town Planning Scheme began to evolve and development started to take place. The Corporation built some wood framed houses on the west side of Kings Hedges Road and the housing society erected houses on the same side of Green End Road. Gradually houses began to appear on the opposite side and then the proposed ring road was agreed. Builders told to keep their houses far enough back to enable the required width but then the council purchased the land and constructed the ring road in front of the properties without any cost to them. The same procedure was followed on Kings Hedges Road from Milton Road to the old borough boundary 37 12 16c # c.49.4 # c.49.62

1937 12 18
Fire from an untraced source threatened historic Wimpole Hall; smoke and a smell of burning were all firemen had to guide them. Finally after several hours search they found the outbreak to be in the roof of the west wing where some beams were well alight; one was burnt right through. Capt Bainbridge and his wife, who is the daughter of Rudyard Kipling, helped remove furniture and piled it up on the lawn. Several rooms presented a scene of desolation; they were without furniture and water dripped rapidly through the ceiling. 37 12 18

1937 12 21
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1937 12 22
Village college dinners at 2½ d provide sufficient nourishment? — 37 12 22&a

Steeple Morden stack fire, third of series of mysterious fires - 37 12 22c

"Mr Clark", the canary that called 'Time!' at the Spread Eagle, Lensfield Road, was suffocated to death by smoke when fire broke out in the saloon bar. He had been an affectionately regarded inhabitant of the pub for some eight years. His almost human intelligence made his cage hanging from the bar ceiling a frequent centre of attraction. The bird was alive when rescued but although given brandy was too overcome by smoke to recover. The fire was caused by Christmas decorations accidentally catching fire 37 12 22b

1937 12 23
Pantomime at Theatre Cinema - 37 12 23

1937 12 24
Fellowship House toy distribution, which has taken place about Christmas-time for the last five years, came to an end after a very strenuous week. Altogether nearly 1,300 bags were distributed to the children of all unemployment men whose addresses were obtained from the Employment Exchange. Each bag contained an old toy, a new toy, a book, orange and bag of sweets and were delivered by private cars. Then as a 'Grand Finale' some 1,400 children were given a free film entertainment at the Victoria Cinema. 37 12 24 # c.39 # c.32.9

Christmas festivities at Cambridge, Ross Street Children's Home, Home of Mercy – 37 12 28
Mill Road Infirmary, Harvey Goodwin Home, Mill Road Sanatorium, Church Army Home, Union Lane Institution 37 12 28a # c.39

1937 12 28
Blue Book Directory 1938 now on sale – 37 12 28b
Xmas, p5

1937 12 29
Manea – house at Clay Pits belonging Fenn gutted by fire – 37 12 29a
Coursing at Stretham on Boxing Day – 37 12 29b

1937 12 30
Regent Street café owner unable pay Peak's furniture which sold Cooper – 37 12 30

1937 12 31
Supt P.J. Newell, deputy chief constable of Isle of Ely Police retires – Ely practically crime less – 37 12 31

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1938 01 01
Dick Whittington and his cat ushered in the New Year at the Dorothy Café where Percy Cowell and his band kept up a programme of old and new dances including the Palais Glide. Just before midnight all lights in the ballroom were extinguished as Dick, joined by two fairies, bombard the 650 dancers with paper hats and other carnival novelties. At the Salisbury Conservative Working Men's Club in Mill Road just over 200 danced to the rhythm of Cliff West's band while Son's Accordion Band played to a packed floor at the Beaconsfield Hall. 38 01 01a & b # c.69.2

The L.N.E.R. have just issued a new lantern lecture on Cambridge that may be borrowed free of charge by societies through the country. The 70 slides, which depict the colleges and other places of interest, should be of real value, because they will awaken interest in our town and University and may be the means of bringing us many visitors in days to come. Suitable reading matter has been prepared by Mr P.C. Fitzgerald beginning at the Round Church and describing a walk around the centre. This is one of 276 sets of lantern slides available from the Railway Company at King's Cross Station. 38 01 01 # c.26.2 # c.46.45

1938 01 03
Bottisham Police Court, which is a rather primitive building at the best of times, should be modernised. A large number of cases were dealt with during the year and in some there were five or six witnesses. When they were ordered outside there was no seating accommodation for them, and while waiting they were exposed to the weather. The heating apparatus should also be improved, councillors were told. 38 01 03 & a

1938 01 04
Mrs Emma Turner, Cambridge's only centenarian, looks not a day over seventy and stands as upright as she did fifty years ago. Born on 4th January 1838 at East Harling, Norfolk, she has an amazing ability to hold intelligent conversations with a stream of visitors at her cottage in Paradise Row, off Paradise Street. She has not been out of doors for five or six years, but retains all her faculties apart from very slight deafness and is able to sew and read without glasses. The arrival of a telegram of congratulations from the King and Queen brought her much pleasure. 38 01 04

1938 01 05
An occupant of the Council Houses, Mildenhall Road, Fordham was charged with stealing two rabbit traps, the property of Major Thirwell Philipson. Charles Howes, an under-gamekeeper, said he went to look at some rabbit traps on the Chippenham Road and saw two were sprung. He could not set them owing to the frost. The next morning the traps were missing. Pc Parmenter testified that he went to the defendant's house and found two wet and muddy traps in the shed. The man said he'd been walking along the road when his dog brought a rabbit and trap to him. He'd got the other from Isleham Pits. He was found guilty 38 01 05

1938 01 06
Country lanes in the rural parts of Essex should not be turned into 60ft roads, but should be left for courting couples. Anyway, with birth control, there will be no traffic for the roads in 50 years' time. And all the managers of rural secondary schools are of great age and of one class – nobody below the rank of major is required. They have never attended such schools and would not dream of sending their own children there. Working-class people should be appointed instead, Essex County Council was told. 38 01 06

1938 01 07
The demolition of parts of the old Guildhall has meant that several annual functions have lost their normal home. But a Mayoral reception elsewhere than in the Guildhall must surely be unique in Cambridge history. It is symbolic of the happy relations existing between the Town and the University that the Old Schools should have been placed at the disposal of the councillors. Cars containing guests pulled up on King's Parade and a lengthy walk under illuminated awnings led to the Dome Room. The Council Room, East Room, Syndicate Room and Regent House were in use but only the dais where the orchestra played for dancing was decorated 38 01 07 # c.35.7

1938 01 07 ES
A wonderful crop of celery, Soham: photo. 38 01 07ES

Photo car outside house George Darby of Pymoor, 30 years ago. 38 01 07(3)ES

1938 01 08
R.C. Pierce retired as general manager & engineer of the Cambridge Electric Supply Company. Since he came in 1909 the Company has changed almost out of recognition. None of the original generating plant remains; recently the old-fashioned 90 cycle single-phase supply was replaced by the modern 50 cycle three-phase system and whereas when he started the annual output was only 600,000 units now it has risen to 15 million. 38 01 08 # c.24.6

Two wayfarers of the Public Assistance Institution, Union Lane were summoned that, being persons habitually wandering from place to place, they took a five-year-old child with them, thus preventing it receiving elementary education. They admitted they had no fixed abode and the boy only attended school for a few weeks at Long Sutton. The small solemn-faced lad was led into the court and lifted on to one of the benches for the magistrates to see him. He was well-nourished and well looked-after. He had never been neglected. The boy was taken into care though the father could see him once a month. 38 01 08 # c.32.9

After a successful fortnight of the pantomime 'Cinderella', the Theatre Cinema is closing down without any indication as to what its future may be. It was 42 years ago that the New Theatre was opened and has had a great history. Many of our leading actors have appeared and all tastes catered for – comedy, drama, musicals and grand opera. It was the coming of films that changed the Theatre's fortunes and after a hopeless struggle it was converted into a cinema with an occasional week of variety. 38 01 08a # c.76 # c.76.9

1938 01 11
Wrestling at Corn Exchange – 38 01 11 # c.38 : wrestling

Mr W. King showed three of his films at the Dorothy Café. The first dealing with the fen floods of 1937 had been seen before but the others were new. One showing the inspection of the Cambridgeshire Regiment by General Kirke caught the spectacle admirably: the marching of the Territorials was transferred to the screen in colour and many town and county notabilities were seen. Another showed the demonstration given by the Cambridge Women's Physical Culture Club, concentrating on the beauty and grace of their movement and showing the great advance they have made in the art of keeping fit by easy, pleasure-giving exercises. 38 01 11a # c.65.6 # c.45.6

1938 01 12
Three football grounds have been closed by the Cambs FA following complaints. At Gamlingay a referee had been threatened with violence by spectators who followed him to the dressing room, at Foxton a crowd had gathered round the ref, booing and shouting while at Barrington there'd been foul language during a match against the Railway Social team. The Council are determined to put a stop to such disorderly conduct. 38 01 12

Three stacks, a tractor and threshing drum were destroyed at a fire at College Farm, Caxton End, Eltisley. Firemen obtained water from the farm pond, emptying it three times. But after it was used the water drained back along a ditch to the pond again, thus providing a perpetual supply. Then it started to rain and poured all night. Other farm buildings containing carts and a number of other implements, together with wheat, hay and linseed stacks were saved. Four years ago the farmhouse was burnt down 38 01 12a

1938 01 13
Wilburton new school needed due unsatisfactory condition of present one. There was no room for playground 38 01 13

Councillor H.G. Martin proposed that a bridge should be erected over the level crossing at Chettisham station. Not long ago a six-wheel lorry was unable to stop when coming down the hill; it crashed into one of the gate posts before coming to rest on the line causing considerable disorganisation of rail traffic. This was the most dangerous crossing in the Isle and a bridge should be erected. But Coun Sole said it would be most convenient for Coun Martin because he would not then have to wait at the crossing. No action will be taken 38 01 13a

Ely water tower on Cambridge Road, was built in 1853 and took water from the River Ouse until 1884-5 when by a deep well was sunk at Isleham. It was designed for a population of only 6,000 – 2,500 fewer than now – and needed to be constantly topped up. In case of war, when supplies of electricity or crude oil might be suspended, the tank would be totally inadequate to meet demand from the sugar factory, brewery and laundry. This would leave no water for fire-fighting purposes. They needed a larger reservoir in a field adjoining the present tower, an Inquiry heard 38 01 14 & a

1938 01 14
Theft hens from Bertie Hazel of Wilburton – 38 01 14

The old Shire Hall on Cambridge Market Hill, was erected in 1747. At that a time the 14th-century Guildhall which stood on the south of Butter Row was under repair. This was pulled down in 1782 to be replaced by the Guildhall built by James Essex. Now demolition has revealed a fragment of the medieval Guildhall. Two pieces of ancient oak carved with leaves are thought to date from 1386. They will be replaced in the new building 38 01 14b # c.35.7

Haddenham improvements at Duck Lane – Star Brewery give land; but Cherry Tree landlord does not; no bridge for Chettisham railway crossing – 38 01 14c

1938 01 14 ES
Chatteris Picture Palace sold after 25 years. 38 01 14ES *

Lt Downham large hen's eggs. 38 01 14(2)ES

Padnal Fen new pumping engine. 38 01 14(3)ES # c.29 *

Downham bakery staff of A.J. Sennitt: glimpse of past; photo. 38 01 14(4)ES

March Hippodrome cinema attendants in gas masks at propaganda film show. 38 01 14(6)ES

1938 01 15
'Charlie' Driver, the popular custodian of the men's bathing place, Sheep's Green, was presented with a chiming clock at his retirement after 34 years. It was a credit that there had been no drowning cases during his term of office. Parents knew that their children were in safe hands and he took care about its appearance. The Superintendent of Commons, A.O. Richardson, recalled that he had been reprimanded by a small boy for walking on the grass with his boots on – "You won't half cop it when Mr Driver sees you". 38 01 15 # c.38 : swimming

The LNER is going to make a big effort to ensure that the interior of their trains is kept up to drawing room standard. A staff of travelling train attendants and cleaners is to be appointed who will accompany the train throughout the whole journey. They will ensure an adequate supply of clean towels and soap in the lavatories, remove litter from corridors, dust window ledges and empty ashtrays in compartments not occupied by passengers. When trains stop at stations they will polish up the outside door handles. Where conditions are suitable women will be appointed for this work as it is felt that the feminine touch will yield the most satisfactory results. 38 01 15a # c.26.2

Albert Wright entered the service of the LNER in 1891 as a clerk at Bottisham and retired as assistant district superintendent at Cambridge. He had overseen the completion of the new marshalling yards at Whitemore, with the mechanised shunting arrangements, flood-lighting end electric signalling, improvement in transport facilities for various beet factories, up-dated signalling and improved stations. He recalled when the beet sugar season was in the heyday of its prosperity and the days when economy was the keynote in the same industry and he had to make desperate efforts to avoid cutting down the staff 38 01 15 b & c

1938 01 17
Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mary & the Princess Royal visit Woolston's antique shop – 38 01 17 # c.02

1938 01 19
St Giles church stained glass window unveiled in memory Bishop Charles Gore – 38 01 19 # c.83 # c.67

Theatre cinema may be turned into ice rink or swimming pool. Was not suitable for talkies and with cine-variety those who maid the most got the worst seats – letters 38 01 19b # c.76.9

1938 01 20
Anti-Japanese demonstration – photo – 38 01 20 # c.33

Ely Aero Club (Humphrey Roger Dimmock, proprietor) let out planes for private hire but not commercial purposes. They'd received a telegram from a man in Coventry asking to hire a machine for a day. He'd been offered a Hawk for £5. But as the certificate of Air Worthiness was at the Air Ministry the man refused to hire it, saying he was not satisfied with the condition of machine. He'd flown to Ely, having to land at a village because he could not find the airfield, and claimed expenses for the journey and hire of another plane. 38 01 20a # c.26.1

The hostel for Basque children have had to leave Pampisford and experienced great difficulty in finding a suitable house large enough to take all the children. Now they have moved to Salisbury Villas, Station Road 30 01 20c # c.45.7

1938 01 21
Queen Elizabeth and Princess Helena Victoria toured Ely Cathedral. No special preparations had been made and the Cathedral was not closed to others. When news spread there were quickly more than the usual number of visitors within the walls. The Royal party also saw the undercroft & the King's

School. This was the Queen's first visit to the Cathedral; she hopes to come again soon and bring the two Princesses with her 38 01 21a

1938 01 21 ES
Soham churchyard vault to Thomas Cockayne collapses, photo. 38 01 21&(2)ES

1938 01 22
New Chesterton Institute annual children's concert – 38 01 22

Death Mrs Rose Waddelow, daughter Mr Asplin, schoolmaster of Lt Downham – 38 01 22

The most popular man in Meldreth is Mr. H. Ellis, who is fighting against an order that 21 of the village children, who have been attending Meldreth School, must in future go to Melbourn. The greater part of the village showed their support in no half-hearted fashion when they crowded —80 of them—into the Meldreth club room. The only man to speak in favour of the new order, reminded one very much of Daniel in the lions' den! The meeting carried a resolution demanding that "proper education be given to our children in our own village" 38 01 22a & b

1938 01 25
Amos Newell, labourer of Hillrow, Haddenham told the court he'd left an overcoat in a living van along with an axe which George Fairchild, farmer, identified as his property. Arthur Gillett, farm labourer of Twentypence Road, Wilburton, said he'd been offered the axe for half-a-crown by an airman who said he'd found it. The man told magistrates he'd run away from RAF Cardington with only a shilling in his pocket and had lived on turnips and cabbages. He'd not have taken the items if he'd known they belonged to 'two old gents such as these' 38 01 25

1938 01 26
Oakington Isolation Hospital to be closed with cases transferred to Cambridge – 38 01 26 # c.21.4

1938 01 27
Morley Stuart, editor of the CDN, said news of events outside Cambridge came from the Press Association over a wonderful instrument known as a Creed. It was received in Morse code being punched out by a system of dots on to strips of paper which were fed into a machine which automatically transcribed them into typescript on sheets of paper. They had long reports of local meetings and councils; sportsmen were well catered for and ladies not forgotten. Due attention was paid to children in the weekly paper 38 01 27a & b # c.04

Councillors considered building houses at Boggs Gap, Steeple Morden. The site was damp and would be bad to build on as the foundations would be on gault. It was at the bottom of a slope and water was oozing out all the time. It had a north-east aspect and was at the wrong end of the village. There was no water, electric light or fence and it would prove very expensive. But the Housing Officer said it was the best of three available sites and the purchase had now gone so far that it was impractical to stop it. 38 01 27c

1938 01 28
Lieut-Col C.R. Bennett retired after 20 years with the Territorial Army. After service in the First World War he was given command of the 250th Field Company and established its headquarters in Cambridge in 1934. This was the first year of partial mechanisation leading to the loss of all horses and the extra work they made. Parades were less spectacular but were less dangerous to unwary recruits and allowed more training of a strictly engineering nature. His popularity with the troops even survived the task of judging the inter-company tug-of-war which looms very large in importance to the units 38 01 28 # c.45.6

The Great Ouse Catchment Board wanted to complete work on the Marsh Cut, extend the training walls into the Wash and improve the river between Denver and St Germans. Great work in the past

has drained the fens, now they needed to keep the tidal waters out. But they would not proceed without further Government help. The fens had become a very valuable national asset and if a national emergency arose they would be of incalculable value. The Hundred Foot Washes had been flooded time after time for the benefit of other areas and that was absolutely ruining it. Half the wash was derelict but although owners could not let their land, they were called on to pay heavy drainage rates. 38 01 28b # c.29

1938 01 28 ES
Wisbech port history: first seagoing craft passes under bridge. 38 01 28&(2)(6)ES

Queen Mary & Queen Elizabeth visit Cathedral. 38 01 28(3)(4)ES

Wisbech farmer wind action against North Level Commissioners re flooding in 1936. 38 01 28(5)ES

1938 01 29
Henry Brunning of Great Shelford was a blacksmith for 55 years being kicked by horses many times. He did an apprenticeship at Barrington, then joined Alec Redhouse's firm of engineers and general smiths at Balsham. He later worked at forges at Linton, Shelford and Stapleford. He remembers when all travelling had to be done by walking or carrier carts and there were more penny-farthing cycles than anything else. During the Great War he worked in a munitions factory at Trumpington. He treasures a box of six spoons sent by his daughter who served in France as a nurse; each carries the name of a battlefield on which she'd served. 38 01 29

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1938 02 02
New school required at Wilburton and Sutton school enlarged – 38 02 02

About 200 members of Joe Davis' billiards club in Mill Road, Cambridge, watched an exhibition by Miss Joyce Gardiner, six times the world's woman billiards champion who was paying her first visit to the hall. A stylist, she was watched with rapt attention all through her demonstration. Her highest break in an exhibition is 213 but in practice she has made one of over 300.

1938 02 03
The Cambridge University Almanac was the subject of a lecture at Cambridge Central Library buy E.A.B. Barnard. Fifty-six slides were shown of etchings which adored the Almanac from 1801 until 1855. The great majority presented views of the colleges and during 54 successive years new subjects were chosen, making an extraordinarily interesting collection of views of Cambridge. J.E. Baldry was probably the best artist in the series and was particularly good with regard to architectural details. He subsequently moved to Hatfield where he died an extremely poor man, leaving 11 children scarcely provided for. Some of the pictures featured people and the lecturer said that the artists made a point of drawing in well-known characters to give life to the pictures, and possibly with a view to increasing the sale of the Almanac. One of the most interesting was the etching of Sidney Sussex College before the alterations took place. Another was that by Burford showing King's College old buildings. This was the most valuable from the antiquarian viewpoint point and a great novel feature was that the name of the College on the wall. Amongst the others the Fitzwilliam Museum was shown as it appeared in 1838 without the approach which was not completed until 1875. The lecturer spoke of the artistic ability of Bradford Rudge, another artist of the series and a competent draughtsman. Amongst his contributions to the Almanac was a superb etching of the church of the Holy Sepulchre. - 38 02 03

W.F. Turner pictures of Old Cambridge – interesting notes – 38 02 03a # c.65.5

Kings Hedges Road was shown as a private carriageway under the Inclosure Award of 1840, so why was it now repairable by Cambridge ratepayers, Councillor Edwards asked. The Town Clerk said that in 1912, when the Borough was extended, part of Kings Hedges Road was handed over by Chesterton

Urban District Council as a highway repairable by the inhabitants at large and in 1934 the County passed over the remaining portion on the same terms. It seemed Chesterton UDC had simply begun repairing the road thus making it a public highway. It was a mistake made in good faith and it would be a waste of time to consider it further. 38 02 03b # c.49.4

Many unscrupulous Cambridge landlords are charging more than they are entitled under the Rent Restriction Act. There should be a crusade against them. One railwayman about to retire on a pension had been paying three shillings and ninepence rent for over 20 years (about £10.04 today). Now this had been raised by three shillings (£8). Tenants in Cavendish Avenue had been told they would have to pay sixpence a week more because the landlady was supplying sanitary dustbins. Those who felt exploited should see the Poor Man's Lawyer 38 02 03c # c.23

Huntingdon and St Neots Public Assistance Institutions are obsolete, the latter should be closed and cases of sickness and infirmity concentrated at Huntingdon. They needed a hospital for 85 beds and a public assistance building big enough for 124. The grounds of Castle Hill House would be the best site; a modern hospital was out of the question but they might afford one of the bungalow type, the Committee was told. Cottage or 'Sunset' homes would be provided for the 65 other people at present in institutions. 38 02 03d

1938 02 04
A new road linking Mildenhall and Prickwillow will probably be built in the near future to provide communications with the Sugar Beet Factory. It would metal a soft drove at Fodder Fen from West Row to the east bank of the Lark. But a new road away from the bank would be better 38 02 04 & a

Councillors refused the erection of a small cycle shelter in the front garden of a house in Scroope Terrace. There were already two such shelters and it was hard to refuse another. But they had to stop somewhere. This was one of the loveliest terraces in Cambridge and should be preserved. They hoped to get the other shelters removed. There were a great number of front gardens where people would like to have sheds but would never dream of asking the council for permission. They would have many applications if they acceded to this one. 38 02 04b # c.26.45

Pedestrian crossings and Belisha beacons never inspired the pedestrian with confidence. There should be refuges in the middle of the road. They broke the traffic into two lines and walkers felt confidence in passing over. 38 02 04b

1938 02 04 ES
Mildenhall-Prickwillow Road scheme. 38 02 04ES

Wilburton Bridge Inn granted full licence. 38 02 04(2)ES

1938 02 05
Greene King wanted a new pub, 'The Running Footman' on Coldham's Lane, opposite Brooks Road. It would cater for people needing non-alcoholic drinks and keep open outside licensing hours. There were 1,700 residents within a quarter-of-a-mile with more coming soon when the ring road opened. But the licensee of the Brookfield Tavern said it would hit his trade while the Temperance Council claimed alcohol was a narcotic drug and dangerous to motoring – that was why insurance companies offered a rebate to drivers who abstained. It was refused as was another on Perne Road to be called 'The Weathervane' 38 02 05 & a # c.27.4

Gas mask demonstration – 38 02 05b

Three Horse Shoes, Harston granted licence – had tea room – 38 02 05c

1932 02 07
Undergraduate misbehaviour in cinemas – 38 02 07 # c.76.9

1938 02 08
Swann's brickyard damaged by undergraduates- seemed old and disused - 38 02 08 # c.23

1938 02 09
Old Picture of Friendly Circulating Book Society members – 38 02 09

1938 02 10
Briscoe Snelson lecture on East Anglia with a Camera – 38 02 10 # c.65.5

Gt Ouse Catchment Board accept tender for work on Marsh Cut between West Bank Beacon & Fisher Fleet – 38 02 10a

Bert Washington, Littleport bus proprietor in court over disposal of coaches – 38 02 10b
Meldreth School case, petition calls for inquiry – 38 02 11 & a

1938 02 11
When the lake at Madingley Hall was netted the result was not just a matter of kettles of fish but bins full. The ever-growing number of anglers makes such demands on the available fish that annual re-stocking is essential so the Ouse and Cam Fishery Board relies on a number of owners of private lakes who have given permission for some of their fish to be transferred to other waters. The lake at Longstowe Hall has also yielded a large number – once the haul was so heavy that the net broke. Anglers no longer regard fish as something to kill; at one time it was common to see fish left to die on the river bank. Now they are returned at the end of the day 38 02 11b # c.38 : fishing

Charles Harold Evelyn-White, rector of Rampton 1894-1928, funeral – 38 02 11c
Meldreth school, p5
Rendezvous, p5
Light in the sky, p5

1938 02 11 ES
Washington dispute over new buses. 38 02 11ES

Littleport fire engine old photo. 38 02 11(3)ES

1932 02 14
Gamlingay place crash – 38 02 14

Fen dwellers again had to fight the threat of flood caused, this time, by a surge in the North Sea which resulted in an abnormally high tide sweeping up towards Denver from the Wash. The waves broke over the southern bank of the New Bedford River and the inner side began to slip away. An SOS for volunteers was flashed on a cinema screen at Downham Market and many in the audience rushed to the scene in lorries, cars and motor boats. More than 300 people, women as well as men, worked by the light of oil lamps in an effort to stem the overflowing waters. 38 02 14 # c.29

1938 02 15
The vicar of Pidley said he employed a verger at a yearly wage of £6, his duties being to look after the heating and lighting of the church, which was lit by paraffin oil lamps. The man's housekeeper testified: "I saw him bringing coal from the church. He carried it in a bag across the field and over the style near his house. This was on a Saturday evening after he had made the fires up at the church. Several times I noticed on Saturday he hadn't any coal, but had plenty on Sundays. I have never known him buy paraffin – he brought it from the church". But the man testified that she'd told him to do it after he'd run out at home and had intended to replace it. 38 02 15 & a

1938 02 16

Cottenham orchard owned by Jeeps of Willingham neglected by Gautrey family – 38 02 16

A recommendation that cars should not be allowed to park in Newmarket High Street for longer than 20 minutes was rejected by Councillors. Such restrictions would be harmful to the trade of the town. One of its greatest assets from a shopping point of view, was the wide High Street which enables people to park. That is what brought them in from villages and to take it away would do tradesmen a lot of harm. Some people have left cars for an unreasonable time, but two hours should be the minimum allowed. But the High Street was a trunk road and cars were not allowed to park on a trunk road. 38 02 16a & b

1938 02 17
A Fen Ditton shopkeeper told the court that after a four-hour meeting with a representative of National Automatic Machines Ltd he'd agreed to have a cigarette machine on a week's trial. He was told he could then buy it for £22, paying in monthly instalments. So he'd signed a piece of paper, much of which had been folded over, and the machine had been fixed to the wall. But he'd only been married a few weeks, and found he could not afford it. However the firm said he'd agreed to have it and demanded payment. Their claim was dismissed. 38 02 17

1938 02 18
Rickling and Quendon Rat and Sparrow Club is over 30 years old & one of only two in the country. The rules say that each member must kill thirty sparrows (four eggs are accepted as one bird) and 10 rats during the year. There is a halfpenny fine for each pest short of these numbers. Last year the club accounted for 1,709 sparrows & 2,681 rats – one member alone killed over a thousand 38 02 18

1938 02 18 ES
Serious slip in bank Hundred Foot River near Denver Sluice. 38 02 18&(2)ES # c.29

1938 02 23
Tipperary Club tea – photo – 38 02 23

1938 02 25
Deaf & Dumb Association annual meeting – 38 02 25

Alderman Payne said many of the homes for mental defectives in the Isle of Ely were becoming overcrowded and could take no more patients. They wanted to build a new colony at March to accommodate 128 men. But the cost had soared and savings must be made. However Coun Sole thought they should not be so sparing and that money should be found to allow the walls to be plastered. 38 02 25a

The headmistress of Meldreth School said that following the reduction in her staff she could not on her own teach children whose ages ranged from eight to 13 properly. Their capabilities were so different that they would not progress. She would be sad if the older ones had to go to Melbourn but it was for their good. But parents say that a child could not be compelled to go to anther school if he could learn reading, writing and arithmetic at the school he is attending. Anything beyond that is optional. They continued to refuse to send their children to Melbourn 38 02 25b & c

1938 02 26
The Fendon Estate, (new road leading from Hills Road to Queen Edith's Way). Architect designed houses built with best materials and labour by a firm which is rapidly gaining a fine reputation. Near golf course. Schools and churches nearby. Houses have sold quickly to discriminating buyers during the short period this Estate has been open. Prices £1,050 to £2,000. Secure your site now to avoid disappointment. House now ready for sale, £1,475 (about £79,000 today). Specifications include large oak hall, dining room, coal and coke stores, larder, central heating with three radiators, electric lighting, power and bell points. – Advertisement 38 02 26a # c.23

Girton's new almshouses foundation stone – photo – 38 02 26

J.L. Wilkinson retires as Official Receiver in bankruptcy – 38 02 26b

1938 02 28
Sir Frederick Hiam, a former High Sheriff, died at his residence, Grange Road. He was best-known as an agriculturalist, acquiring many farmers in the Eastern Counties after 1910. He was Director of Vegetable Supplies in the Ministry of Food 1918-21 and toured the Colonies, being knighted for his services. He took a great interest in skating, winning the 220 yards word championship in 1895 in record time and was president of Cambridge Town Football Club. He was a member of the Ouse Drainage Board and chairman of three Drainage Commissioners. His funeral will take place at Ely, where Lady Hiam was laid to rest three weeks ago. 38 02 28

Stretham car, p6
Hearse, p6

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1938 03 01
Charles Edmund Brock, the artist, died at his residence in Grange Road. He was chiefly known as a water colour artist and book illustrator, including novels by Charles Dickens and Jane Austen and also did a fair amount of work for 'Punch'. He painted portraits of University worthies, several being exhibited at the Royal Academy, and two portraits of former Mayors, Ald Spalding and Ald Sinker, hung in the Guildhall before the rebuilding. His brother H.M. Brock, another artist, lives nearby. 38 03 01 # c.64

1938 03 02
Cambridge Photographic Club started at a horticultural show in the Corn Exchange in September 1902 when W.C. Squires and Addison organised a small photographic exhibition run by the YMCA. It was founded at the Prince of Wales' Hotel in October when several people came from Ely. Some of the early meetings featured a talk by Mr Stoakley on colour photography. W. Tams was a founder member - 38 03 02 # c.65.5

Meldreth playwrights Muriel & Iredale Nelson's new thriller – 38 03 02a

1938 03 03
Creditors of the Rendezvous cinema accepted an offer of 10s in the pound, payable immediately. After Mr C.L. Naylor took over management of the Company in 1937 it had made quite a profit but previous debts were responsible for the present unfortunate position. The sale was completed in Feb 1938 when the cinema and equipment was disposed of for £18,373, a loss of about £10,000. 38 03 03 # c.76.9

1938 03 04
Romsey Labour Club 10th annual meeting – 38 03 04

The White Swan was one of four pubs in Norfolk Street; in five years the sale of beer had doubled but spirits had gone down.- working classes could not afford spirits. The licensee had been barman at the New Theatre for 37 years but had to leave when it was converted to a cinema. The Tailors Arms nearby was a beerhouse and it would be better to cut down methylated spirits licences rather than beerhouse licences. Trade at the Gwydir Arms had declined as the licensee, Mrs Newman had got old so the brewery had offered her ten shillings a week for life to give it up. It was one of the 'nicest little houses in Cambridge' and they would add a bathroom if the license was renewed 38 03 04a & b # c.27.4

George Samuel Morley, 76, a retired market gardener of West Row is homeless after his 350-year-old farmhouse was burnt to the ground. It was originally three cottages made of lathe and plaster and thatched but within an hour it was completely gutted. Mildenhall fire brigade, with their steamer, were joined by Mildenhall R.A.F. tender and thanks to an inexhaustible supply of water for a 12-foot deep well were able to save a large barn, the Plough Inn and adjacent cottages 38 03 04c

Albert E. Tebbitt formerly of Milton and farmer of 400 acres at Wentworth was British amateur skating champion 1895-1905; won the cup outright, also winning Duddleston Cup and Cameron Cup twice. In 1895 skated dead heat with H.A. Palmer over 37.5 miles on the Cam. 38 03 04d # c.38 : ice skating

The Health Foods and Herbal Store of Green Street has been established several years and specialises in non-fresh foods of many kinds; unrefined cereals, wholemeal flour, biscuits and cake; choice fruits, nuts, honey & oils – in fact everything nearest to nature and consequently the cheapest for man, woman and child. Now they have bought a speedy little delivery van to distribute their goods to customers. Some of their products however travel by post almost to the ends of the earth 38 03 04e # c.27.2

1938 03 05
Part of Sidney Street was closed to traffic following the development of a bulge in the front wall of the premises of Austin & Co., coal merchants. The bulge is sufficiently marked to be easily visible. Last night crowds gathered in the expectation that the wall might fall, but they were disappointed. In shops on either side it was a case as 'business as usual'. Traffic has been diverted via Petty Cury and St John's Street while builders work on the affected wall 38 03 05 & a # c.44.6

Folk Museum, p5

1938 03 07
The landlord of the Old English Gentleman at Harston said trade had increased and 101 new houses had been built nearby. There were plans for alterations with a car park for 30 cars. It had a slate club paying money in sick pay and a darts club where players were accompanied by female relatives who did not drink beer but asked for 'short drinks' he was not allowed to sell. He had to refuse the sale of four or five bottles of gin or whisky on a Saturday. But the licensee of the Coach and Horses said there were already four fully licensed premises for a population of 1,000. If you pooled all their takings in wine and spirits no tenant would get a living – brewers only allowed a margin of sixpence on a bottle of whisky. 38 03 07a

Hiam funeral, p4

1938 03 10
Cambridge Reference Library was packed to capacity for a lecture and demonstration on television by Mr D. Jackson of Pye Ltd. Severe electrical interference unfortunately ruined the first half of the programme from the Alexandra Palace but when after half-past-nine this eased off they were able to see some quite good vision signals and appreciate the high standard which can be expected in an area where interference is not so acute as it is in the centre of the town. 38 03 10 # c.27.8

Red Cross to plan demonstration of Air Raids Precautions work; in event of war a war hospital was to be established near Cambridge – 38 03 10 # c.45.6

1938 03 11
Home-grown Chicory Ltd, operating a factory at Lakenheath alleged St Ives Chicory Ltd was seeking to poach its staff. The pay was less but their conditions better. Chicory drying was a highly-skilled job working in very hot temperatures up to 200 degrees. It took weeks to train a man and if he left the gang was thrown out of gear. There were only two factories in England and the market was limited. But the St Ives firm said they had had heard their rivals had a better method of drying and were

employing Belgian labour. So they had gone to the Swan at Lakenheath and brought some of the men a drink to try and find out. 38 03 11 &a

Eastern General Hospital Old Comrades reunion – 38 03 11b

Linton Congregational Church new minister – 38 03 11b

1938 03 11 ES
Sir Fred Hiam funeral. 38 03 11&(2)ES

Littleport fire near Three Horse Shoes. 38 03 11&(2)ES

1938 03 12
Saffron Walden was deserted on five days out of seven & there were days when you could fire a machine-gun up the street and never hit anyone. Plans for a by-pass to relieve traffic passing through the centre would hit trade. But the big hay lorries and heavy traffic would be kept out and private cars would still be able to visit. Without a by-pass streets would have to be widened and houses pulled down. Then there would be precious left for anyone to see. 38 03 12

Nutt Motor Co, Hills Road – advert – 38 03 12a
Leaning shop, p6

1938 03 14
Horse cash, p5

1938 03 15
Abington Land Settlement Men in dispute – 38 03 15

Padnal fen road at Ely should be finished 18 inches above the existing level to allow it to be better drained. Since the road lies under the bank the pressure of water percolating under it might cause the surface to break up as happened during the recent flood. The filling under the road should have porous material but if this is too expensive then there should be a row of field pipes under the road at the toe of the bank with drains every 200 feet, Ely council was told. – 38 03 15a

Ely water supply – 38 03 15a

1938 03 16
Young couples are caught in a trap: they cannot have Council houses until they have produced a family, and they must not produce a family unless they have a proper place to live, Prof John Hilton told the Cambridge Housing Society. The nation was taking no steps to provide houses for young people who wanted to marry. They might try the hire purchase system but are required to find about £50 deposit – where are the working-classes to find such a sum (about £2,700 at present prices). And is it desirable that those starting out should begin by buying a house? They are not settled in their work and may want to move only to find that because of a change in the value of the house, they have lost all they have poured into it. 38 03 16 # c.23

1938 03 17
Mr W. King gave the premier presentation of two new films depicting his tour of the Continent, tracing the journey from Cambridge to Germany. Everywhere he went he was given a wonderful reception but he noticed the extraordinary signs of militarism with numerous little armies of men and children being shown. The first film was ‘Flood’ which has been placed among the ten best amateur films of 1937. It was followed by ‘May Week’ and ‘Club Clippings’ showing many well-known members of the Cambridge Motor Boat Club. 38 03 17a # c.65.6

Saffron Walden air raid protection plans – 38 03 17

1938 03 18
Wyton court martial over abandonment of Blenheim aircraft – 38 03 18 & a

1938 03 18 ES
Whittlesey fire, Boat & Anchor, King's Dyke. 38 03 18ES

Photo Alfred Clark in motor car, 1899. 38 03 18(3)ES

1938 03 19
Mount Pleasant folk have had an interesting time seeing a modern workshop and showroom built on a corner site at Huntingdon Road without spoiling the beauty of an old house. Part of the ground below road level at the rear has been made full use of by having a sunk workshop built upon it with steel runners over the lower floor. This does away with the old idea of a car having to be run over a dark pit, when one can neither see to work well or do a job well. Dan Morley, well-known in the motor trade, had got this business going in less than four months. 38 03 19

Two Scotland Yard detectives investigating the death of a farm labourer have inspected the house in which he lived at West Dereham. There is little for them to see as the cottage is now empty of furniture and has been prepared in readiness for another tenant. They also searched a rubbish tip. The man lies buried in the churchyard; the grave is not yet marked by a tombstone but is covered with flowers. It is not expected that an exhumation will take place for some days. He collapsed suddenly at work with a series of convulsive fits. A few days earlier he had pared a corn with a penknife and the inquest verdict was 'Death from tetanus caused by a poisoned corn or chilblain'. 38 03 19a

London Co-operative Society Cambridge Creamery sent four million gallons of milk and nine million eggs to London – 38 03 19b & c

Cyril Rootham distinguished musician and composer – 38 03 19d # c.69

Cambridge Spanish refugee relief organisation had transformed Pampisford Vicarage, which had been practically derelict. Twenty-nine Basque children had arrived on 19th June 1937, the youngest aged seven, all fresh from their tragic experiences. The Hostel had moved in January to No.1 Salisbury Villas. The children had all lost one parent and to send them back would be cruelty; they did not know where some of their guardians were and one lad would face the firing squad if he returned. But if donations were not forthcoming, they would soon run out of funds. 38 03 19e # c.45.6

Queen Anne Lodge at Milton was threatened by a fire that started in the sheds of a market gardener in High Street. Flames gained such a hold that they were burnt to the ground and the contents including a pig float, motor cycle and several bikes destroyed along with a sow, dog and 50 head of poultry. The flames spread to within a few feet of the two neighbouring thatched cottages and some outhouses in one of the gardens were caught. But the brigade was able to stop the outbreak. 38 03 19e

1938 03 21
A witness at Cambridge Police Court took the Confucianist oath by smashing a saucer in the witness-box. Then the clerk said: "You shall tell the truth, and the whole truth – the saucer is broken, and if you do not tell the whole truth your soul will be broken like the saucer". Mr Fan Hung testified that he was a research student at Fitzwilliam Hall and that money had been taken from his wallet in his lodgings. A fellow-lodger admitted the theft and was bound over. 38 03 21 # c.34.9

Eastern Counties Omnibus Company complained of difficulties manoeuvring their buses at the Drummer Street terminus. They suggested the Corporation reduce the width of the footpath. The Borough Surveyor disagreed. He suggested that the space reserved for the parking of cars should be reduced by 54 feet from the high kerb against the coffee stall. But the Watch Committee decided that

the time was now approaching when Eastern Counties should cease to use Drummer Street and consider the provision elsewhere of their own bus station 38 03 21a # c.26.46

Abington Land Settlement Tenants return to work after dispute – 38 03 21c

Joseph Ward of Toft celebrates Golden Wedding – 38 03 21d

Agriculture was in decline: more than three million acres had gone out of arable cultivation within the last 40 years and there were 250,000 fewer men on the land than at the end of the last century. Since the war a large number of farmers had bought their own farms. A lot of them had to borrow money to pay for it. They borrowed up to two-thirds on mortgage and now the land was often not worth the mortgage. Agricultural land should be bought by the community and put in proper order, Labour Party delegates meeting in Cambridge were told. 38 03 21e

Cherry Hinton Hall was a 'white elephant' and should be let as a Youth Hostel. Some 2,000 people a year would use it, spending money in Cambridge. To turn the Hall, which had many rooms, into a place for meetings would mean expensive interior alterations – it would be cheaper to put up a smaller place. When the council had bought the area, the house had not even been valued, it was bought on land value alone. Parts of the ground could be used for recreation with an outdoor swimming pool - there was a stream to provide the water. 38 03 21b, 38 03 25 # c.32.3

1938 03 22
Exhibition of furniture at Central Hall, Market Passage – 38 03 22

Footpath from Coldham's Common to Teversham Church across the new aerodrome closed – 38 03 22a

House clearance Saxton Street, Gothic St area & Park Street – 38 03 22b
Chicory factory dispute, judgement for St Ives firm – 38 03 22c
One-way traffic, Hobson St deleted from scheme, Perne Road roundabout – 38 03 22d
Market Hill fountain water not fit for human consumption – 38 03 22e # c.24.2

1938 03 23
Isleham church small chapel and window dating back to 12th century unveiled – 38 03 23 & a

1938 03 24
Nutt Motor Co moves from Newnham to Hills Road – 38 03 24

Plans for an indoor swimming pool for Cambridge were rejected by councillors. Swimming was healthy exercise for children and there was no evidence that epidemic diseases were spread by indoor baths. It would help solve unemployment in the building trade and Cambridge was one of the few towns without one. But Saffron Walden baths were built in 1910 when costs were much lower than today and they did not pay. People would still prefer the river in summer time. It would be better to have baths just for children that adults could use in the evening. 38 03 24b # c.38 : swimming

Kings Hedges Road controversy – no further action – 38 03 24c

1938 03 25
Drummer Street park was made for private cars, and now they seemed to be letting the Bus Company monopolise it; they should find a parking place of their own, a councillor urged. But Ald Starr said it was opened not for private cars but for the benefit of the working men and women who came into Cambridge by bus. Now it was used as a car park by professional and business people who left their vehicles there all morning and afternoon. Coun Stubbs said they were at their wits' end to know what to do with the traffic. It was easy to talk about telling the Bus Company to find a new park, but where could they go? 38 03 25a # c.26.46

'Luxicabs', an entirely new fleet of taxis has begun operation in Cambridge, providing a handy and economical alternative to a private hire for driving to dances, shopping or trips into the country. Long or short journeys will cost eightpence per mile (about £1.80 at today's prices). Luxicabs are saloons of the latest type, notable for their modern, streamlined bodywork, luxurious riding comfort and swift, silent performance. They will be in the charge of courteous chauffeurs and the taximeters will be concealed from the outside public. In view of the difficulties of parking private cars such an attractive service will meet a wide need 38 03 25b # c.26.47

1938 03 25 ES
River Ouse at Ely, 1937 & 1938. 38 03 25ES

Historical Association for the Fens? 38 03 25(2)ES

Isleham church window completes restoration. 38 03 25(2)ES

1938 03 26
Exhumation of farmhand from Pentney churchyard, near West Dereham – 38 03 26

Meldreth school petition reaching crucial stage – 38 03 26a

Widow of Dr Heinrich Hertz presented with gift from Pope – 38 03 26b

ARP precautions – 38 03 26c

1938 03 28

Railway Social Club gives up recreation ground – 38 03 28

Cambridge Instrument Company annual dinner – 38 03 28

Thomas Gregg, a familiar face on the Market Hill, has retired after 30 years as a colporteur. He came to Cambridge in 1908 and has sold Bibles, Testaments and texts on his market stall near the fountain every Saturday since. It was often used as a meeting place for preachers and people from the villages. He also works as a lay preacher and travels round on his bicycle. "I have cycled to chapels as far away as Ely and once preached five sermons at Wilburton on one Sunday", he said 38 03 28a

Collision with hearse at Chittering – 38 03 28b

1938 03 29
Mrs A.S. Cunningham-Reid changes name to Ashley; has featured in law case concerning financial arrangements with husband – 38 03 29

1938 03 30
Telephone Manager's office opens in Cambridge – amalgamation of various telephone services into one body; engineers provided the lines and apparatus but needed sales department & operating staff. Superintending Engineer's office had been in Cambridge for 70 years – 38 03 30 # c.27.75

1938 03 31
Orwell stack fire caused by threshing machine proprietor – 38 03 31

Cherry Hinton petition for bus service – 38 03 31a

The Cats' Home in Garlic Row, which opened in 1919, received 604 stray cats last year. Of these 541 were chloroformed, homes were found for 57 and six were claimed. Taken over by the Dumb Friends League in May 1937 – 38 03 31b # c.19

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1938 04 01 ES
Observer Corps details. 38 04 01(2)(3)ES
Littleport A.R.P. has 70 volunteers. 38 04 01(2)ES

1938 04 02
Parliament has decided that local authorities must prepare schemes for safeguarding the population against attack from the air. This does not mean war is imminent, but the risk cannot be ignored. Large numbers of volunteers are needed; men as air raid wardens, demolition workers, auxiliary firemen and messengers, women for first-aid, gas contamination and ambulance duties. The Mayor (Coun. Peck) appealed for people to come forward and say what they can do 38 04 02 # c.45.6

Miss Moggach has retired as Matron at Addenbrooke's Hospital after 13 years. There have been many changes: the number of beds has increased from 190 to 320 and the number of nurses from 48 to 180. A preliminary training school for nurses has been established, a bed endowed at Delhi in memory of former matron Mary Cureton and a fund started for a chapel for nurses. She took a keen interest in nurses' recreations, starting the various sports clubs and presenting the first cups for tennis. 38 04 02a # c.21.4

1938 04 04
James Wentworth Day, who has made a reputation in Fleet Street, strongly criticised the sensationalising tendency of the national Press. "The present trend towards the invasion of privacy is scandalous", he told a Cambridge journalists meeting. He got his early training at the C.D.N. where he started at a pound a week and owed a debt of gratitude to Morley Stuart, the editor, who fired him for attempting one boisterous night to set fire to the New Theatre. Next day he joined the 'Cambridge Chronicle' and supplemented his income by writing advertisements for Joshua Taylor. Afterwards he got a job on the 'Daily Express' 38 04 04a # c.04

1938 04 05
Suttle, p6

1938 04 08
Miss D.I. Macdonald, who lives in Sherlock Road, has recently returned from Spain where she was caught in air raids. "There is nothing you can do except sit still and I was frightened because I felt completely trapped". The universities were picked out specifically as targets by the attackers who feared the people in them. Government suggestions that covered-in trenches should be constructed in the gardens of houses here are very sensible; the great thing is to have covered protection against splinters and machine gun bullets. In Spain they were not unsightly as flower beds have been planted on top of them. 38 04 08 # c.45.6

George Wybrew started his railway career in 1892 as a clerk at Sawbridgeworth from which he was transferred to Bishop's Stortford, Liverpool Street and finally to Haverhill. He was appointed stationmaster at Stretham in 1912, then went to Burwell and Mildenhall. In 1927 he was made stationmaster at Saffron Walden and since 1930 has also been in charge of Audley End station. He believes that in spite of the ever-increasing road transport the railways, which have reached a high degree of efficiency, are unrivalled for speed and safety 38 04 08a

Ely RDC discussed the large amount of water that continues to overflow from the water tower at Haddenham on to residents' gardens. Pipes could be put down to Grunty Fen, but people did not want it there. There was also the question of what the village would do if, in the event of war, the tower

was struck by a bomb. But Mr Cross said that aircraft seldom hit their objective. Messrs Harding of Duxford's tender was accepted for the erection of three-bedroomed houses at Witcham but in future they should consider building two-bedroomed homes in view of the cost 38 04 08b & c

1938 04 09
The inspector of constabulary had stressed the necessity of creating a detective department so that up-to-date methods could be used for the investigation of crime, taking of photographs and keeping of records. But there were no available constables so two more should be appointed. Sergeants should have an increased allowance for the use of their own motor vehicles and bicycles. All members of the force, except one, are qualified to render first aid and the majority can swim, Cambs Chief Constable reported. 38 04 09a & b

Hunts Chief Constable said the patrol car at St Ives was unfit for police service and a new Ford 10 should be purchased. But there was no money in the estimates and last year £730 had been spent on police vehicles. The committee passed an estimate of £149 for a bathroom at the Deputy Chief Constable's house but in future such large sums should be budgeted for. Trained detectives should be appointed; they would go on a proper course and be used in important cases. But the chairman considered such a step was quite unnecessary. 38 04 09c

1938 04 11
The First Eastern General Hospital is to be revived as part of a War Office plan. The site has not been officially approved but will not be far from Cambridge. It would have 600 beds on mobilisation, possibly expanding to 1,200. There will be a permanent staff of three officers and 24 other ranks with 19 medical officers, a matron and 49 nursing sisters. On mobilisation the staff will be increased by other ranks largely composed of V.A.D. men and women. They hoped it would never be called into action, but they must be prepared, ex-servicemen were told. 38 04 11a & b # c.45.7 # c.21.4

1938 04 12
Sir Fred Hiam's will – leaves £400,000 – 38 04 12

1938 04 13
Cambridge Photographic Club Cine Group annual show includes three from W. King – 38 04 13

1938 04 14
Gurney Way, p6

1938 04 15
Bertram Mills, circus proprietor and prospective Conservative candidate for the Isle of Ely died at his country home. – 38 04 15

Go house hunting this weekend. See the new attractive labour-saving houses at Gurney Way, just off Milton Road. Four bedrooms, bathroom (h & c), two reception rooms, large kitchen with 'Cozy' stove, garage and nice garden. Prices from £1,150 freehold, main sewerage and no road charges (about £66,000 at today's values). Builders S. Ginn & Sons, Herbert Street – Advert 38 04 15a

Douglas Fairbanks visits Cambridge – 38 04 15b

1938 04 15 ES
Littleport cinema fire. 38 05 15ES
Fred Hiam will. 38 05 15(2)ES
Ely Holy Trinity and Ely St Mary united into one parish. 38 05 15(2)ES
Hall, Cutlack & Harlock, Forehill Brewery, Ely have taken over Mills Brewery of Wisbech: feature. 38 05 15(3)(4)ES

1938 04 18

An ancient gate-house was saved from destruction when a number of stacks became ignited at Down Hall Farm, Abington Pigotts. 38 04 18

1938 04 19
A Cambridge newsagent for over half a century, Mr Frederick Rossendale passed away after a stoke at the age of 81. A well-known figure locally, he was a member of the Borough Police Force before he opened his newsagent's business at 14 Fitzroy Street, trading under the name of Rossendale and Clamp. As a bank messenger he had the task of taking the bank money from Cambridge to London by train before the days of modern transport facilities. 38 04 19

1938 04 20
Millions of tons of refuse have been tipped into the disused blue gault pit belonging to Messrs Watts and Son in Newmarket Road during the past 35 years. The Corporation and innumerable householders have dumped their rubbish there until an area of nearly two and a half acres has been filled to a depth of fifty feet. Now the tipping has got to stop. There is a grave danger that, in the event of a heavy rainstorm, part of the area filled in will be carried over a slender barrier and encroach upon the adjoining pit being worked by the Cambridge Brick Company. The blue gault is used for making bricks for the majority of local houses and is the best wearing material because of its remarkable durability. 38 04 20a

'Desperate measures' are needed to save part of Queens' College where the river wall of the Essex block is in a severe state. It is absolutely necessary to deposit a bank against the wall to avert a disaster and when made temporarily safe the foundations will have to be underpinned, the Cam Conservators heard. There was concern that Silver Street Bridge might also be slightly under-mined and it should be rebuilt when money was available. 38 04 20a 38 04 27

Royston market, p2
Burwell water, p6

1938 04 21
Cambridge is to be the subject of an 'air raid' on July 14th. It is actually an ARP demonstration which will take place on Midsummer Common which is to be laid-out in the form of a street and made as realistic as possible. The scenario is that several squadrons of enemy aircraft fly over en route to Birmingham but are turned back and unload their bombs over Cambridge after they are attacked by aeroplanes from Duxford. The whole of the enemy machines are destroyed. Meanwhile the Mayor of St Ives, Mr D. Bryant, has built and air-raid shelter in his garden with the help of his sons. The first in the town, he is giving his townspeople a lead. 38 04 21 38 04 22a # c.45.6

1938 04 22
Ballets Jooss at Arts Theatre – 38 04 22
ARP test, p3

Mrs Ethel Robinson, described as "Hinxton's Lady Bountiful" has died. She came to live with her husband at Hinxton Hall in 1917 and took an active interest in village life, being connected with the Mothers' Union and Women's Conservative Association. Every Christmas she entertained the children at the Hall and extended similar hospitality to the old folk in the New Year. She ran a clothing and coal club and was a willing supporter of anything which had as its object the benefit of the village. 38 04 22b funeral 38 04 26

1938 04 23
Huge crowds turned out to welcome the Princess Royal when she laid the foundation stone of St George's new church on Milton Road. The building with its 107 ft tower is visible for several miles around and has become a new landmark in the northern part of Cambridge. The ceremony took the form of an open-air service conducted by the Bishop of Ely. Practically all the local clergy came

together with the Lord Lieutenant, the Mayor, architect (T.H. Lyon) and the builder (Mr C. Kerridge) 38 04 23, a & b, 25 # c.83

Old Chesterton bells poem composed by Richard Robinson 63 years ago – 38 04 23c

Telephone developments of future described – 38 04 25b # c.27.75

Electricity would be supplied to Wicken, Hardwick, Barrington, Orwell and possibly Teversham this year. But the Beds, Cambs and Hunts Electricity Company had to abandon a scheme at Fulbourn because of restriction on the overhead line. Telegraph poles had been passing through villages for many years carrying hundreds of wires without undue problems, but as soon as they come along with an overhead line, exception is taken to that. No one liked to spoil nature but it cost double the price to run cables underground bringing the cost per house up from £2 to £5. Six years ago there were 4,615 consumers, now it was 13,145; the number of electric cookers had risen from 526 to 2,039 38 04 25c

1938 04 26
Mr R. Wright's butcher's shop in Ely High Street was completely gutted by fire. The old raftered premises and a quantity of fat offered a good hold for the flames which cast a glow over the whole city and only the skeleton of the building now remains. Everything was destroyed, including the whole stock of meat with the exception of that in the refrigerator; tinned stuffs were piled up on the floor with the charred remains of sides of beef, pork, carcases of mutton and sausages. Mr Wright and his family have been rendered homeless and residents of the adjoining property, which was considerably damaged, have had to seek shelter elsewhere. The blaze roused the whole city 38 04 26 38, 38 04 26a

1938 04 27
Queens, p1

1938 04 28
Royston cattle market is finished, it would be better if the pens were cleared away tomorrow and the Market House done away with so the space could be converted into a parking place for cars, Royston Council was told. But James Hargreaves objected to the proposed Market Hill Compulsory Purchase Order. He owned the market rights and was entitled to also receive tolls payable at the annual fair. The proposal would serious affect the amenities of the market, the fair and the rights of stallage, he claimed. 38 04 28

Tudor fair, p1

1938 04 29
While the band played 'Auld Lang Syne', a special train drew out of Saffron Walden station carrying 19 officers, three warrant officers and 237 men of the 80th Squadron, RAF, which has been stationed at Debden for some time. They were bound direct to Southampton for embarkation, sailing on Saturday for Egypt, where they will be stationed at Ismailia. Friends and sightseers who saw the men off envied them on leaving bleak Britain for the sunny Suez 38 04 29

1934 04 29 ES
Ely disastrous fire, High Street. 38 04 29(3)(4)ES
Haddenham say goodbye Dr Howe. 38 04 29(5)ES

1938 04 30
The proposed new buildings for St John's College involve the immediate erection of buildings to complete the present Chapel Court with wings projecting beyond to the north and east. These should be ready for occupation by Michaelmas 1939, including 50 undergraduates and ten fellows' sets of rooms. There will be an open court facing Bridge Street should the houses eventually be taken down

and the road widened and ultimately a riverside court overlooking Magdalene 38 04 30 & a # c.44.5 # c.46.5

Air Raid Precaution plans contemplate the division of Cambridge into three main areas each of which could be operated separately in the event of communication being destroyed in an air raid on one or more of the river or railway bridges. The total personnel required should be not less than 3,300 with street wardens dealing with about 500 people. The existing staff of the Corporation, Water, Gas and Electricity companies will form a strong nucleus of the personnel required and are being trained in anti-gas measures There will have to be co-operation between the Borough and County to give mutual assistance in case of need 38 04 30b # c.45.6

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1938 05 02
May Day big demonstration 38 05 02 & a # c.33

Charles Daisley, a library assistant of Coronation Street, was injured when the aeroplane he was piloting crashed at Quy. He was practising forced landings when the two-seater, of which he was the sole occupant, landed in a field and tipped sidewards. The front cockpit was damaged by the engine being forced into it. He was in the rear cockpit but sustained a broken nose and concussion. He was one of the first to join the RAF Volunteer Reserve when they started training in Cambridge a few months ago and was doing part of his 15 days' annual training. 38 05 02b # c.26.1 # c.26.1

1938 05 03
Cambridge's air raid precautions are taking shape with council workers and college staff being trained in anti-gas measures and first aid. But volunteers were needed for decontamination, rescue and demolition work and 100 messengers, ambulance drivers and despatch riders were wanted. Cherry Hinton Hall would be an important centre for training and, if necessary, for a first-aid station. The greatest danger in air raids came from high explosive bombs but nothing was included about underground shelters. The Government said there is no precaution against bombing; it was the council's duty to look after the injured and see damaged buildings were taken down properly. 38 05 03 & a # c.45.6

1938 05 04
Meldreth school parents lose their fight to stop children being sent to Melbourn (see Memories) 38 05 04 & a, 38 05 06b

1938 05 05
Ancient brickworks discovered in field at Quy thought to be part of a secret passage from Anglesey Abbey to Barnwell or an old bridge - 38 05 05

1938 05 06
New diesel train tried on Cambridge-Oxford service – 38 05 06 # c.26.2

A tablet was unveiled at Ramsey's new grammar school in memory of the late Hon Mrs Broughton. She spent much of her childhood at the Abbey and offered it to the Governors so that its ancient beauty might be preserved. The building dates back to 989 but was extensively altered in the nineteenth century with a new wing. It now houses the headmaster's residential quarters, assembly hall, laboratories and five classrooms. 38 05 06a

Bottisham Village College celebrates 1st birthday – 38 05 06c

1938 05 07
In Cambridgeshire villages 700 air raid wardens had been appointed and 251 trained in simple elementary gas precautions. Each resident would be measured for respirators of which there were

three sizes. There would be five or six centres with mobile apparatus and men trained to render first-aid, repair bridges and do decontamination work. The rural area was regarded as one of the least vulnerable but Cambridge was one of the most attractive spots for airmen in the world 38 05 07 # c.45.6

Mr H.G. Morris had been chief reporter of the CDN for nearly 30 years. In 1911 he was sent out on his push bicycle to collect news of the Army manoeuvres and afterwards Lord Kitchener said his reports were so well done there was hardly any need to publish the usual blue and white papers issued each day. Captain Taylor said Mr Morris need not worry about the future from the financial side. The News appreciated his energy and sound work over the years and the least they could do was to make his future safe and secure. They hoped that, freed from the worries of newspaper life, his health would improve 38 05 07b # c.04

Railway exhibition with rolling stock opens – 38 05 07c # c.26.2

Ronald Searle cartoon about library issues – 38 05 07d # c.77.4

1938 05 10
RAF Wyton had a day of tragedy. Five members of the RAF lost their lives in two terrible crashes within an hour of each other. At 10 o'clock a two-seater trainer nosed dived from the clouds into a field at Hilton, leaving the pilots practically unrecognisable. Wreckage was scattered over a large area. Then a Blenheim bomber was taxi-ing along the airfield when the engine failed and the machine toppled over and caught fire. The pilot was thrown out and killed but the observer and mechanic were trapped and burnt alive in the wreckage. 38 05 10 inquest 38 05 12 # c.26.1

1938 05 12
A fire which destroyed 295 bales of wheat and barley straw threatened the farmhouse at Wood Farm, Knapwell. It broke out amongst some stacks shortly before 6 o'clock and as a keen wind fanned the flames in the direction of the house, the building was in considerable danger. There were also outbuildings and farm stock in the vicinity. The Cambridge Borough Fire Brigade under P.c. Carpenter were quickly on the scene, and despite water provision difficulties – the only source being a pond – they prevented flames from gaining a hold, although the house was slightly damaged. 38 05 12a

Blenheim bomber crash at Wyton – inquest – 38 05 12 # c.26.1

1938 05 13
Stapleford church celebrate May Day with Morris dancers – 38 05 13

1938 05 13 ES
Photo Arthur Hall, High Sheriff) in coach, Cambridge. 38 05 13ES

1938 05 14
A new mental welfare centre for children was opened at the Fitzroy Hall, Wellington Street. When such a child came of school age he was excluded from school so the mother had to have him at home all day, teaching what she could and preventing him getting into danger. This was in addition to her ordinary work. The child missed the social life and companionship of other pupils. The new centre would allow classes five days a week with the elder girls cooking a hot meal and doing all the laundry and kitchen work. 38 05 14 & a # c.21.5

Swaffham Bulbeck Commercial End memories – 38 05 14b

1938 05 16
Saffron Walden water supply problems – 38 05 16

1938 05 17
Dufaycolor demonstration – 38 05 17a # c.65.5

1938 05 18
Ickleton haulage contractor bankruptcy – 38 05 18

1935 05 19
Councillors heard that three double houses were to be erected at Great Chishill. One large family would occupy each pair of houses and probably remain for a long period of time. In these circumstances it was not necessary that the two bathrooms should each have a bath. If two were fitted one might be used by the tenants as a coal hole or a place for keeping rabbits. And the mothers would not thank them for having two baths to keep clean. While she was watching some children in one bathroom the others would be running water in the other and doing mischief. But the pipes should be fitted so the room could be used as a bedroom. Later, when the properties were occupied by two families then another bath could be installed 38 05 19

1938 05 20
A most spectacular crash occurred at Royston Cross when a six-wheeled lorry laden with five tons of cardboard was struck by another six-wheeler carrying 14 tons of bricks. It was only by a miracle that the drivers escaped death. The wooden bodywork of one lorry was broken in half by the impact and the front of the other was completely smashed in. The force of the crash drove one into the front of Beale's Corner Café. Had it not been for the steel posts on either side of the doorway – erected as a result of previous accidents – a great deal more damage would have been done 38 05 20

Car strikes pedestrian at Ely, Prickwillow Old Bank woman theft – 38 05 20a

1938 05 20 ES
Stretham Baptist Chapel stone laying & history. 38 05 20&(2)(3)(4)(5)ES

1938 05 21
Stretham Baptist chapel foundation stone laid – 30 05 21
Ian Miller novel 'Doorstep; describes residence in Cambridge – 38 05 21a

1938 05 23
Putting, p5

1938 05 25
Land Settlement dispute Abington - 38 05 25

Wyton airfield to be 'bombed' – 38 05 25a

1938 05 26
Cawdle Fen Drainage Commissioners were sued by a farmer whose land was flooded in 1936 and 1937 when water flowed across the railway line. The sluice gates in the lock had been worn out for tears and water leaked back into the fen. The drains were grown up and had not been 'mudded out' for some time. The gauge on the pumping station was out of place because the fen had sunk. In Lt Thetford they had stopped the old paddle wheel and installed two efficient pumps and it was not possible to drain Cawdle Fen without pumping. But the Commissioners said the system could not be expected to cope with abnormally high flood conditions 38 05 26 & a # c.19

1938 05 27
Wyton Link Trainer aircraft simulator – pic – 38 05 27

There is a real danger that there may be a break in the South Level barrier bank. It was in a very dangerous condition. Since a slip in February bags had been put on it but no gault had been used to

repair it .Unless something is done before the high tides come next winter there may be a great disaster. In 15 years there would be another demand to raise the banks because the fens had fallen and the sea had remained the same. But they had so many schemes they had run out of money, Commissioners heard 38 05 27a & b # c.29

1938 05 27 ES
Ely Aero Club new plane. 38 05 27ES

1938 05 30
Insurgents shell Madrid … Cambridge shop explosion, Cromwell Road – 38 05 30

W.M. Nightingale garage, Newmarket Road – advert – 38 05 30a

S.A. Rolfe's wholesale tobacconist and confectioners business began in a very small way in East Road, in 1911. Now it is the largest in the Eastern Counties employing nine full-time travellers. In March 1935 they moved to Newmarket Road where the stock is kept in perfect condition and its 20 motor vans can be loaded completely under cover. They cover a territory reaching as far as Clacton, Frinton-on-Sea, Peterborough and Luton conveying tons of tobacco every day. All leading brands are stocked including R.S. Murray (chocolates and confectionary) and Messrs Parkes 'Classic' boiled sweets – Advert. 38 05 30b # c.27

Five people were burnt by blazing fat by an explosion at a fried fish shop in Cromwell Road. It occurred a moment or two after boiling oil in the fryer caught fire. The force was so great that it blew the window out of the shop and a woman customer standing inside the door was blown out into the street. Blazing fat dripped from the ceiling, it was like a firework display. A 15-year-old assistant and a five-year-old girl were detained in Addenbrooke's Hospital with severe burns 38 05 30c # c.34.75

Wm Scott & Son, the oldest motor body decorating firm with modern ideas, James Street – 38 05 30

Blue Boar hotel – advert – 38 05 30e

Joshua Taylor, eight reigns of service – advert – 38 05 30f
Cambridge University and Town Waterworks Co, new workshops & depot – 38 05 30g # c.24.2

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1938 06 01
Strychnine was found in the body of a farmhand that was exhumed two months after his death at West Dereham. The man had suddenly lost the use of his legs while riding to work on a horse and subsequently died. A doctor had thought death was caused by tetanus poison from an infected corn on his foot. But the inquest showed he'd been administered strychnine on the morning of his death. A green bottle containing traces of the poison was found in a cesspool connected to his cottage His wife's friendship with another man had ripened and she was expecting a baby, the court was told. 38 06 01

1938 06 02
Great Abington Land Settlement Association unrest – 38 06 01
Gt Abington Land Settlement scheme – 38 06 01a

Mrs Margaret Heitland, the well-known worker for women's causes was the daughter of the Master of St John's. She became secretary of the Cambridge suffrage society in 1884, an interest she continued all her life. She was a member of the Women's Industrial Council, travelling extensively in Europe studying the conditions in factories and writing articles in many periodicals. During the war she served on the Cambridge Women's War Employment and the Belgian Hospitality Committees. Later

she helped establish the Cambridge Women Citizens' Association which has played an important part in local politics 38 06 01b # WOMEN

1938 06 03
West Dereham woman acquitted of poisoning husband – 38 06 03

Wyton RAF station air day – description of planes – 38 06 03a # c.26.1

The Isle of Ely Highways Department had since 1931 been cleansing four drains at Stretham, nine in Witcham and one in Sutton that had been set out in the Inclosure Awards as public drains. This work had been undertaken under a legal mistake and should have been done at the expense of the respective parishes. This meant a serious cost would now fall on the Rural Council. At Haddenham nothing had been done with the drains and those at Wentworth had not been touched for 50-100 years. Who was going to pay, Councillors asked 38 06 03b

Conservative daylight cinema propaganda van tour villages – 38 06 03c

1938 06 03 ES
Padnal & Waterden Fen new pumping plant. 38 06 03&(2)ES # c.29
March A.R.P test. 38 06 03(3)ES
South Level bank breach . 38 06 03(4)(5)ES # c.29
Roy Boon, Chatteris boxer, beats reigning British champion. 38 06 03(6)(7)ES
Ely Brewery workers: old photo. 38 06 03(8)ES
Sutton in the olden days: pageant. 38 06 03(10)ES
Southery fire damages house, shop & bakery. 38 06 03(11)ES

1938 06 04
Cambridge Daily News jubilee – Capt Taylor reminisces about early days and foundation of paper – 38 06 04 & 04a # c.04

1938 06 05
Lilian Clarke makes scrapbooks of CDN cuttings – 38 06 05

1938 06 07
One of Balsham's oldest inhabitants, Suzan Chambers, figured in a fire drama when the picturesque cottage she had lived in for 89 years was completely destroyed together with the one alongside. Firemen concentrated on saving other thatched buildings and had to damp down the old Tythe barn attached to the Rectory to prevent it being damaged. So rapidly did the flames spread there was no time for salvaging more than a few trinkets and a couple of chairs. Mrs Chambers' parents, grandparents and great-grandparents had lived in the same cottage– 38 06 07, 38 06 08

1936 06 08
Frost and drought have so affected the Cambs fruit crop that many growers are facing ruin. Many have no alternative livelihood and their distress reacted on the labourers – many hands are being discharged. Cottenham is nothing more than a distress area, hundreds of acres are going derelict. At Bluntisham the position is piteous, many were on the verge of destitution. The plum and apple crop had been absolutely wiped out and the flower industry had also been badly hit. There had been nothing like it since 1884 38 06 08a & b

During an air raid the children attending infants' and junior schools should disperse to their homes, the Air Raid Precautions Committee was told. The responsibility of keeping children at school was great. Mothers would certainly come for them. 38 06 08c # c.45.6

Col Thornton, Shudy Camps Park dies 38 06 08e
Clavering cottage demolition – 38 06 08f

1938 06 10
Firemen were called to the main road between Littlebury and Little Chesterford where they found a fairground wagon ablaze. The Foden wagon, owned by Mr J.H. Manning of Bedford, contained a Jollity Farm and was on its way to Coton. They did their best to save some of the parts but the whole of the wagon and practically all its contents were completely destroyed. Damage was estimated at between £1,000 and £2,000 38 06 10

1938 06 11
A report on A.R.P. progress in Cambridgeshire says 1,100 air raid wardens have been appointed with 235 trained in anti-gas precautions. Respirators will be stored but not assembled and distributed to each village until the emergency arises. A number of buildings have been inspected as first air posts to be manned by volunteers trained in decontamination and dealing with gas affected cases. There will be mobile parties able to rescue people from damaged buildings. 38 06 11 # c.45.6

CDN first editor was a Mr Andrews who stayed a short time, then George William Townsend, previously chief reporter – reminiscences – 38 06 11a # c.04

1938 06 16
At King's college May ball over 400 guests assembled to dance and make merry. It was a pity the night was not warmer but even so quite a few ventured on the river or wandered into the darkness to admire the scene from afar. The chapel was floodlit – though not with that subtlety one might have desired – and the college hall presented a gala atmosphere, contrasting with its customary sombre appearance. There was dancing to novelties such as the 'Lambeth Walk', fox-trots like 'The Loveliness of You' and a Noel Coward waltz. 38 06 16 # c.36.97

The Bishop told the clergy he had money to make Mill Road cemetery chapel more dignified and beautiful. He would ask an architect to prepare plans. The chapel was used from time to time and more funerals might be held there. But it was felt that as so few burials took place, it was not worth the expenditure. It was extremely damp, there was no heating, it was difficult to ring the bell and it was such an ugly building it could never be made beautiful. But it was too drastic to close it altogether 38 06 16a & b # c.21.2

1938 06 17 ES
Chatteris Palace Cinema transformation. 38 06 17ES

1938 06 18
Trainee pilot crashes at Marshall's aerodrome in Hawker Audax two-seater plane – 38 06 18 # c.26.1

Guildhall organ electrification report – 38 06 18a # c.69.4

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1938 06 20
Cambridge Training College for Schoolmasters had gradually disappeared during the War but in 1919 Charles Fox was told to re-establish it. There was no building, no library or archives and no staff – only a debt. But there were ex-Service men keen to get on and shoals of applications arrived He not only had to function as director, lecturer and demonstrator, but also as tutor to 150 students, a retirement presentation heard. 38 06 20 & a # c.36.72

1938 06 21

Bridge Street redevelopment by St John's college discussed – 38 06 21 # c.44.6

1938 06 22
Queens' College have to underpin the foundations of the Essex Buildings and may rebuild it further from the road instead of on its present alignment. They asked whether the Corporation wished to acquire the land released and expedite the rebuilding of Silver Street Bridge. This could be widened to 40 feet instead of 28 feet as present. The erection of new college buildings and the construction of the bridge would proceed at the same time with the bridge completed by October 1939 38 06 22 # c.44.5 # c.44.7

1938 06 23
Cheveley Park estate consists of 176 houses including those in course of erection along Duchess Drive, Centre Drive and Ashley Road, each being drained to a cesspool. There must be some limit to the number that can dispose of their sewage in that haphazard manner. The estate was so near Newmarket it would seem easy to solve the problem by draining into the Council's sewers. But they were too small, the Medical Officer reported 38 06 23

Part of the old school at Cottenham had burnt down; it belonged to the trustees and was just leased to the Council who'd insured the school. The portion razed was used as a public hall as well as an assembly hall for the school. The Council had postponed rebuilding to see whether they could get a junior school built in its place. But this cannot be done. The Trustees feel it should be rebuilt by the autumn. But it was an out-of-date school in an unsuitable location and the Board of Education must guarantee it would not then be condemned 38 06 23a

1938 06 24
The new automatic telephone exchange for Royston came into use for the first time. Strings were attached to the fuses at the old exchange and at the arranged time these were all pulled out. Immediately afterwards a similar operation took place at the new exchange and the change-over to automatic telephoning had been effected in less than 60 seconds. This means users will be able to dial nearly 5,000 telephone numbers without the aid of an operator. The charges will be registered automatically on the calling subscriber's individual meter. 38 06 24

The new Cambridge Guildhall basement could be regarded as splinter-proof and it would not be difficult to render it gas-resisting, the Air Raid Precautions Committee heard. If not done they could be criticised for allowing a public building without adequate protection and could not ask other stores or factories to comply with such regulations. But it would need to have 25 feet of concrete, with earth on top, to make it bomb-proof. It was absolutely and entirely impossible. 38 06 24a & b # c.35.7 # c.45.6

Hillrow, Haddenham, farmers Walter Newman, Fred Wright, Percy Allen & Arthur Thulborn fined for failing to dress cattle infested with maggots of the warble fly 38 06 24c

Littleport swimming bath to reopen – 38 06 24d

1938 06 24 ES
Rumours are floating around Ely concerning a possible erection by the Air Ministry of a military hospital or landing ground in the vicinity of the city. No official information has yet been given although several sites have been inspected with a view to purchase for some purpose. Mr W.H. Mann who hires 147 acres of pasture land between Lynn Road and the end of New Barnes Road from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners says he has received a letter from the Ministry instructing him to surrender his agreement for 47 acres of his land and vacate his house by the 11th of July. He has no idea as to the use of the land, which is immediately around his house, but has been asked to submit his terms for surrendering it. Accordingly a sale of all the farm effects and stock which includes 600 sheep, 50 cattle and the number of pigs, will take place on July 8th. He is very upset at the short notice

particularly as he is just in the middle of the grazing season, a very important time of the year. 38 06 24(3)ES

1938 06 29
Several towns in the Isle of Ely were 'raided' by bombers in the early hours. There was no cause for alarm, because the raid was nothing more than an experiment to test the effectiveness of air raid precautions. Two bombers from Marham left the aerodrome to spot the black-out area in Whittlesey, March, Chatteris & Wisbech. March and Chatteris were in complete darkness and it was an eerie sight to see the chain of lights representing the brickyards, being switched on and off during the flight. But some motorists would not comply with the requests of air wardens to dim their lights. 38 06 29

1938 06 30
Demolition of old buildings on corner of Fen Causeway makes improvement – 38 06 30

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1938 07 01
The Gwydir Arms was a fully licensed house. Within a radius of 400 yards there were seven fully-licensed houses, two beer houses and one beer-off. The area was fully developed and did not need this number. Its trade was small and declining. But Greene King had spent money on improvements since they bought it in 1925 and would put in a bathroom and private lavatory. There was an atmosphere in the building which puts it in a street by itself. The licence was renewed. But that of the Tailors Arms beerhouse in Norfolk Street was refused. 38 07 01 & a # c.27.3
Cottenham Social Retreat refused

1938 07 05
SIidney Street, p3

1938 07 06
Burwell lads had been drinking at Waterbeach and arrived at Upware ferry about 11pm. There was a ferry staging and they pushed it adrift. It weighed half-a-ton and was dangerous when floating submerged. A notice board was also pulled off and they turned their attention to the South Level tollhouse. Windows were smashed with a hoe and the bedroom covered with glass. One lad said they went to the house for shelter as it was raining, but could not get in and spent the night in a barn. He wanted to swim the river for the boat, but the others would not let him. They were fined. 38 07 06

Clavering cottages clearance – 38 07 06a & b

Ely had suffered a scarlet fever epidemic of some severity; over half the children affected attended the National School in Market Street. They should be taught in as hygienic conditions as possible. But the buildings are badly lit and ventilated with inadequate windows or sanitary provision. For children of a tender age they are a disgrace to the city, the Medical Office reported. There were also epidemics of measles and mumps striking the 5-10 year old age groups 38 07 06c

1938 07 07
The Government was aware of the danger to civilian populations and had made elaborate preparations. But these would be useless unless the civilian population co-operated. In Germany practically every civilian had been trained so that in the event of an air raid they knew what to do. It was deplorable that men, women and children should be destroyed by the abuse and misuse of science, but they had to be prepared for passive resistance. Cambridge would be divided into 10 minor centres which would act as headquarters for the mobile first-aid parties and there would be five main first-aid posts. At least 1,000 volunteers were needed but at present only 200 had come forward, mainly women. They could not be expected to carry stretchers and do heavy lifting work. Cherry Hinton needed 30 air raid wardens, each looking after 120 houses 38 07 07 # c.45.6

Alex Wood's A.R.P. protest – 38 07 07a

Lolworth Grange estate. extending to 750 acres, will be sold by auction. It includes The Grange, an attractive old-fashioned residence in well-timbered ground, a good farm house, 23 cottages including the village post office and the village institute is also on the property. The estate is ideal for mechanical cultivation and grows heavy crops of wheat, sugar beet & potatoes. 38 07 07b

1938 07 08
King's Cup air race, Henshaw pilot – 38 07 08 & a

Little Ouse Catchment Board have authorised their Engineer to prepare plans for the reconstruction of the bridge at Feltwell Anchor, with concrete piers. The Board never had any liability with regard to the bridge but might find it necessary to take steps under the Land Drainage Act to secure that the interests of land drainage were not deleteriously affected. They would write to Norfolk and Isle of Ely County Councils suggesting the bridge should be taken over by them 38 07 08a

Littleport, Sutton, Downham & Thetford councils want more houses – 38 07 08a

1938 07 09
The death of George Alfred Warren closes one of the remaining links with the past history of the London coal trade. Born in 1843 at Cambridge, he went to London when the Eastern Counties Railway was being extended to Bishopsgate and with his brother founded a coal company at Stratford and Spitalfields, later joining with Thomas Coote & Son of Huntingdonshire to form Coote and Warren Ltd 38 07 09

1938 07 14
A steam wagon loaded with 60 coomb of rye grass seed and drawing a trailer carrying 40 coombs, ran off the road and crashed into the river at Nordelph. As it plunged into the water clouds of steam enveloped the vehicle and the driver experienced considerable difficulty in escaping from his cabin. His mate jumped from the vehicle as it was entering the water. The accident happed as the wagon was turning over Nordelph bridge. The steering gear locked, causing it to crash through the railings. Attempts to salvage the vehicle during the day proved unavailing but the bags of seed were recovered. 38 07 14

The Bursar of Downing College complained that water supply to cottages they owned near Valley Farm, Croydon, had beef affected by the new Gamlingay and Lt Gransden water scheme. It was a bored well to the greensand and always provided an adequate supply but since the last pumping operations the water had completely failed. Tenants had to fetch water from the standpipe at Toll Bar Bungalow. He asked the RDC to meet half the cost of connecting the cottage to the main 38 07 14a & b

Ely High School for Girls was a 'rabbit warren' and a new Market Street School needed – 38 07 14c & d

The County Council intended building a road and bridge at Whittlesford Station, above the railway and river giving about 15 feet of overhead height. There would be a considerable amount of concrete used in the construction with a series of arches in the viaduct open at each end. These could be closed and made gas-proof at little extra cost, making them suitable for protection from an air raid. But there was only a very scattered population and it was a bad idea to construct shelters at a place where there was an important road and railway 38 07 14e

1938 07 15
The Cambridge Reserve School are using Tiger Moths, Hawker Harts and Audax for their training – 38 07 15

Coton village flower show was revived by the WI for the first time since 1913 and attracted over 300 entries. Beautiful flowers were not the only things on show, the mothers bringing along some bonny specimens of babyhood. The winners were: John Sadler, Rex Webb, Marigold Saunders & Elaine Cousins. A fete with side-shows and competitions proved a great attraction and in the evening young and old spent a jolly time dancing to the strains of Josephine's Gipsy Dance Band. 38 07 15a

1938 07 15 ES
North Level drainage pumps, Cross Guns to start, Dog-in-a-Doublet soon. 38 07 15ES # c.29 *

1938 07 16
Territorials off to camp down Hills Rd – 38 07 16 & a

Fen Ditton ferry boat sinking 1883 – personal memories – 38 07 16b

Cambridge lorry for Spain – 38 07 16c

1938 07 18
The Spanish people were fighting our battle & the British Government should take strong measures, a Conference on Spain in the Cambridge Masonic Hall was told. If Franco were to win as the pawn of Mussolini and Hitler another European war would be much closer. Meanwhile a service of prayer on behalf of religious persecution in Germany was held at the Synagogue in Thompson's Lane. Cambridge Refugee Committee exists to help all German and Austrian refugees and would be pleased to receive gifts of money 38 07 18 & a

Cambridge & Jewish, p5

1938 07 19
Ely cemetery conditions – 38 07 19
Concrete roads to be made on Isle smallholdings – 38 07 19

Each village should have a utility squad of men or women with knowledge of first aid, buildings and fire-fighting who could help in an emergency. Parish councils should establish a first-aid point with hot water where a casualty could wash. There might be five storage-distribution stories for about 80,000 respirators that would be assembled and sent out in cartons to air raid warders for personal distribution, the Home Office suggests 38 07 19a & b

1938 07 20
Silver Street bridge, p6

1938 07 22
Sussex Street is the most striking of the many improvements made in Cambridge during the past few years. Those who recall the dark, narrow lane of bygone days, with its overhanging roofs on either side, and its small, ill-lit shops, will hardly recognise the imposing street that has emerged from the builders' hands with its line of modern shops and shop-fronts. It is now Cambridge's latest shopping centre. 38 07 22

HMS Repulse, battle cruiser scale model visits for Navy Week - 38 07 22a, 23

1938 07 22 ES
RAF plane forced landing Ely Flying ground. 38 07 22(3)ES
Cawdle Fen drainage compensation claim. 38 07 22(4)ES
Steam roller loses wheel, Soham: photo. 38 07 22(6)ES

1938 07 23

The Air Raid Precautions Committee has constructed several types of household trenches at Ditton Lane for demonstration purposes. Two are about six feet below ground level and are roofed in, whilst the third is merely an open trench with an embankment around it. Shelters of this type can be constructed of any suitable material in the average garden and are strongly recommended as give the best practical protection to a man and his family. The duties of Air Raid Wardens were outlined: they should be sensible and able to keep their wits in times of stress. 38 07 23 c-e # c.45.6

H.W. Peak new premises, Sussex Street – advert – 38 07 23f

A farmer claimed his land at Wissington, near Stoke Ferry, had become waterlogged and flooded as the pumping machinery was quite inadequate and broke down frequently. An engineer said the engine was of an old type and the boilers were not strong enough to drive the pump properly. But the Ouse Catchment Board said they'd got a new drainage plant since it broke down in June 1938. Any problem was due to excessive rainfall and seepage from the river Wissey. Although some celery had rotted there was no damage to wheat. 38 07 23g # c.29

1938 07 25
There were many hundreds of acres of sugar beet in the Aldreth area and the condition of the Causeway made a three-horse job out of a one-horse job, County councillors heard. This winter they were likely to have a big increase in unemployment and the Ministry of Transport might give a good grant to improve it. But Government had already contributed to the Twentypence Road. It would cost about £30,000 including the bridge. If the land was a valuable as claimed why did the farmers not supply a road for themselves, as smallholders at Soham had done? 38 07 25

1938 07 27
Silver Street Bridge was at present 21ft 6ins wide. Some years ago the Council bought land on the south side to enable it to be increased to 28ft when re-building was done. But it was unnecessary to increase it to 40ft as the road beside the old buildings of Queens' College could not be widened. Now the college wanted to redevelop and had offered land provided the bridge was widened – 38 07 23a & b Borough council decide to apply for funding – 38 07 27 # c.44.7

1938 07 28
Plans for a new police and fire station on Parkside between Warkworth Terrace and East Road came before an Inspector. It was a central site with good access for engine and ambulances and suitable for future requirements. It comprised five houses with a pork pie factory behind. But owners, Peterhouse, did not want to sell. They were concerned about noise at night and some undesirable 'guests' at the police station reducing the value of adjacent property. 38 07 28 # c.34.7 # c.34.75

1938 07 29
The Great Ouse Catchment Board says £1.3 million must be spent on strengthening the banks of the Hundred Foot River between Denver Sluice and Welmore Lake, lining and dredging in the Eau Brink and Marsh Cut, construction of an intermittent barrage and training work in the Wash. The people who live in the fens are unable to pay for them so the Government will contribute 75% of the money. The fear was that they were spending money on a scheme which might not be an effective solution to the problem 38 07 29 & a # c.29

1938 07 29 ES
Ely Aero Club fly to Hunstanton, to organise new Civil Air Guard. 38 07 29ES
Cawdle Fen drainage judgement reserved. 38 07 29(2)ES

1938 07 30
Castle Camps fire, four houses involved – 38 07 30

Horace Gray, head of H.J. Gray & sons retires – 38 07 30b

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1938 08 02
Thousands of people enjoyed nine hours' fun at the Gogs Fete on August Bank Holiday. Sir Harold and Lady Gray's gardens presented a beautiful appearance and non-stop variety shows were given. There was a quoits championship, darts tournament, whippet races as well as games of skill like Aunt Sally, coconut shy, skee ball and hoop-la. The County MP made a speech and there were gifts to Conservative workers. 38 08 02

1938 08 03
A car owned by Mr J.E. Bidwell of Gt Shelford and driven by his chauffeur was proceeding down Castle Hill when the front nearside wheel came off. The wheel collided with Alexander McFarlane, of no fixed abode, who was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital with leg and hand injuries. He was treated and taken to the Poor Law Institution. After the wheel had become detached from the car, the vehicle was stopped without further damage being done 38 08 03

1938 08 04
Pilot parachutes from plane into beech tree at Thriplow, plane crashes Duxford 38 08 04 # c.26.1

1938 08 05
Queen Mary visits Woolston's antique shop – 38 08 05 & b # c.02

Some 900 aircraft are taking part in an exercise testing the air defence of Great Britain. The attacking force will have 36 bomber squadrons (some from Bassingbourn and Wyton) while the defenders will consist of 23 fighter stations and 14 bomber squadrons, including planes from Duxford, Debden, Feltwell, Mildenhall and Stradishall. Anti-aircraft and searchlight batteries will be spread across the Eastern Counties. Bombers will fly without navigation lights unless other aircraft approach and fighters are forbidden from attacking below 1,000 ft 38 08 05a plane crashes at Melbourn – 38 08 08. Mayor made tour of town, all in darkness apart from one or two lighted windows – 38 08 08b # c.45.6 # c.26.1

1938 08 06
People in an area from Yorkshire to Buckingham, including Cambridgeshire and Norfolk, should extinguish out-door lights on their premises, draw blinds and curtains and take all other measures to prevent illumination from being visible during the air defence exercises. Those compelled to travel by road during the period must bear in mind that streetlights will be extinguished. If weather conditions are such that large numbers of bombers can operate without due risk, intensive raids may be anticipated. Fighter patrols will probably be kept away 38 08 06 # c.45.6

Ely RDC receives tenders for houses at Coveney, West End & Duck Lane Haddenham, Witchford, Downham, Littleport & Lt Ouse. Wilburton school & ditch Carpond Lane 38 08 05c

Frederick James Sebley, book lover & collector, dies 38 08 06a

1938 08 08
Hundreds of acres of barley ripe for the reaper were devastated by a disastrous storm which raged over Gt Wilbraham. Hailstones as large as lump sugar left a trail of destruction; beet was stripped of its greenery as if by a plague of locusts, hedges cut by the sharp ice and barriers of ice, like miniature mountain ranges rose to a high of four feet. "It would have killed a man if he had been out in it", an old farm worker said. 38 08 08a & b

1938 08 11
Water scheme including Bassingbourn aerodrome – 38 08 11 & a

1938 08 12

Queen Mary named the first block of the new buildings at Newnham College after Professor and Mrs Fawcett and their daughter Philippa. It was at the Fawcett's house in December 1869 that the first meeting was held to discuss plans which resulted in the foundation of the college. Twenty-one years later Miss Philippa Fawcett justified her parents' faith by being placed above the Senior Wrangler in the Mathematical Tripos. She was amongst the guests and was presented to the Queen who has taken the keenest interest in the College 38 08 12 # c.44.5 # c.02

1938 08 12 ES
A visit to Wicken Fen: how moths are caught. 38 08 12&(2)ES
Ely St Mary church floor in spire collapses. 38 08 12(4)ES
Charlie Grey of Witchford builds Austin 7 Sports Car. 38 08 12(5)ES *

1938 08 13
The harvest is in full swing; the dry summer means gain to the heavy land and fenland farmers but a loss to the light lands with corn yield and quality far superior to last year. Against this must be set off the partial failure of the hay, sugar beet, roots and other green crops required to feed the cattle and stock during the coming autumn and winter. At Burwell there is a total failure of fruit owing to severe frosts, Ickleton report a poor year for roots – the soil is much too dry, Oakington wheat looks well but sprouts and cabbage are very poor at Steeple Morden. - 38 08 13

British Association meeting at Cambridge 1833 first moving pictures demonstrated, 'Phantasmascope' – 38 08 13a # c.76.9

1938 08 17
Exhibition of historic scientific apparatus in Cavendish Laboratory – microscopes etc, steps should be taken to find permanent home – 38 08 17 # c.03

1938 08 18
Queen Mary visits Folk Museum – 38 08 18 # c.03 # c.02
Nearly 3,000 scientists gathered in Cambridge for the inaugural meeting of British Association for the Advancement of Science held in the Regal Cinema. It last met here in 1904 38 08 18a # c.27.9

The Bishop told clergy he had money to make Mill Road cemetery chapel more dignified and beautiful. He would ask an architect to prepare plans. The chapel was used from time to time and more funerals might be held there. But it was felt that as so few burials took place, it was not worth the expenditure. It was extremely damp, there was no heating, it was difficult to ring the bell and it was such an ugly building it could never be made beautiful. But it was too drastic to close it altogether

1938 08 19
Rural depopulation is a serious issue as the influx of people to the towns continues. The towns had all the amenities of life – water, electricity and gas – and men and particularly women would not suffer the lack of comforts which others enjoyed. These amenities must be provided in the country. The Government had given a million pounds for water supplies in rural districts, but that grant was exhausted. Sawston waterworks was the fourth in South Cambs and if people came to the district the rateable value would improve enabling them to construct more 38 08 19a

T.C. Lethbridge said a great number of ancient weapons had been found during dredging operations in fenland waterways. An enormous number of daggers dating to the Peasants' Revolt had been found between Cambridge and Clayhithe together with a cup that was probably a chalice stolen from a church. Near Aldreth battle-axes of the type used at the Battle of Hastings had been found; they had hoped to find evidence of Norman knights falling from the causeway into the bog, but succeeded only in finding relics of the Bronze Age. 38 08 19b # c.41

1938 08 19 ES
Russell Wright opens new Ely butchers and food store. 38 08 19ES *

1938 08 22
An invention that makes motoring simpler, safer and more economical was described at a conference. A hydro-electric power transmitter was fitted in place of the clutch and gearbox of a Standard car. Acceleration was lively with optimum performance achieved without gear changing skill on the driver's part. And there was an appreciable saving in fuel consumption. The driver is not wearied by declutching and gear changing over long distances, in traffic and climbing sinuous hills, Prof Lea reported. 38 08 22

Mr H.G. Wells criticised Cambridgeshire Village Colleges: "They are very beautiful specimens of architecture. I admired the decoration of the rooms, the beautiful chairs and tables. And then I went into the library and was shocked beyond measure at the unattractiveness and want of imagination. There were no dictionaries or encyclopaedias. There were no books of reference. There was not even a Whitaker. These things are of great educational importance" If some of the money spent on flowers and tables was expended on reference books it would be better for the village college as an educational institution", he told a conference. 38 08 22a. also 38 08 23 response from wardens – 38 08 24a # c.77.1

1938 08 24
One of original 'Flying Scotsmen' locomotives runs through Cambridge – 38 08 24a # c.26.2

1938 08 27
Many cemetery chapels are utterly dismal and depressing, the Bishop of Ely says, work may be undertaken at Mill Road cemetery – 38 08 27

1938 08 26 ES
Transport & General Workers Convalescent Home, Littleport. 38 08 26ES

The foundation of Silver Street Bridge, built about 1850 has been partially washed away by the rush of water from the King's Mill sluice, a diver underpinning Queens' College discovered. The Cambridge Borough Survey donned a diving suit and personally inspected the damage. There is no danger of it collapsing yet but as a precaution buses and heavy lorries will be banned. For many years heavy vehicles have been limited to a speed of five mph. In June the Council adopted a scheme to construct a new one by acquiring land from the college. But the County Council opposed it. 38 08 27 # c.44.7

P.C. Yeomans testified that he was on duty in Cambridge Road Papworth when he stopped two men who were cycling towards Boxworth village. They were strangers and were hanging about with a bicycle. When searched they had a brace and bit, screwdriver, pair of pliers, hacksaw blade, glass cutter, electric torch with two spare accumulators and one spare bulb, two pocket knives, three bunches of keys, a roll of wire, two attaché cases, two nails and two pieces of string together with a tin opener. These were house-breaking implements. 38 08 27

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1938 08 30
The Vicar of Abbots Ripton, Rev E.H. Vigars, was presented with a long-service medal for 22 years voluntary service as a special constable. He joined the constabulary in February 1916, did service during the Great War and the General Strike of 1926 and more recently identified himself with the

Observer Corps. The vicar said the small duties he had been called upon to perform had given him infinite pleasure. 38 08 30

Ely council – Barracks field, waterworks – 38 08 30 & a

1938 08 31
Smart-looking Army Recruiting Office in Mill Road attracts inquirers – photo – 38 08 31

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1938 09 01
Fen Causeway – Barton Road temporary roundabout pic – 38 09 01

1938 09 02
Speedway enthusiasts visiting Wembley Stadium were unaware that amongst the finalists was a local man. Tommy Price was born in Cambridge and attended the old County School. An enthusiastic mechanic he acquired an A.J.S and took part in his first grass-track race at St Ives. Having moved to London he graduated to a pukka speedway machine and began his racing career with the Wembley team competing against the finest riders in the world. He also studied aeronautics and has build several model planes which he flies at Northolt Aerodrome. 38 09 02

Saffron Walden's new Close Garden, commemorating the Coronation of King George VI was formerly opened, joining the Jubilee and Bridge End Gardens, also open to the public. The idea had been suggested by a veteran of the town, William Adams in order to open up a view of one of the best old churches in Essex. It added to the attractiveness of an already beautiful town. People who are troubled or hard pressed will find repose and rest there. 38 09 02b

A ceremony, believed to be unique, took place at Duxford Aerodrome at the funeral of one of the young airman killed in a road crash near Abington cross-roads after special authority had to be obtained from the Air Ministry. Following a service in the RAF church on the aerodrome the ashes were carried in a special urn on a gun carriage draped with a Union Jack escorted by a bearer party of six airmen. The 'Last Post' was sounded before the ashes were committed to the air by the Commanding Officer. 38 09 02b

Ely RDC heard that there had been no decoration of the inside of their houses at Littleport for 20 years, although sometimes a good tenant would paint. There was a pressing need for housing and they accepted a tender of £2,250 for the erection of six at Wilburton. The present sewerage system had served the village satisfactorily for 30 years so if the Church wanted to build a new school in Carpond Lane they should pipe the ditch at their own expense 38 09 02

1938 09 02 ES
Haddenham grand old people: seven, average age 90. 38 09 02&(2)ES
Ely Brewery workmen – photo. 38 09 02(3)ES

1938 09 05
Meldreth church was packed when Capt H.O.S. Ellis an 82-year-old barrister, was married to a lady 30 years his junior. The bride had planned a private wedding, but the parishioners altered all that. A continual dream came on foot, by cycle and even in bath-chairs until the whole of the path to the church was lined four or more deep. The ceremony over the couple faced a crowd armed with confetti, rice and cameras and some force had to be used to clear the way for the CDN photographer. They left by car for the Corner Café, Royston and their wedding feast. The groom has spent all his life in the village, is a councillor and was leader of the recent school strike. He first met his bridge about six weeks ago. 38 09 05 & a

Mr & Mrs Albert Wenham were married at Castle Camps church in September 1888. He is a native of the village but his bride was born in Helions Bumpstead. They have a family of nine – three sons and six daughters - and 16 grandchildren. He recalled when they had eight children, not one old enough to be at work and his wages as a horse keeper were just fourteen shillings a week. Mrs Wenham then did her share by taking in sewing work for Messrs Gurteen's factory at Haverhill, following the example of a large number of women. 38 09 05a

Ex-Inspector Lazarus March collapsed while on his way to morning at St Paul's church. Born in 1854 at West Wratting, he came to Cambridge on joining the Borough Police Force in 1874. In April 1892 he was appointed detective-constable and, six years later, was promoted detective-sergeant. The in April 1920 he obtained the rank of inspector, retiring a few weeks later when he received a public presentation from many friends who appreciated his work. He had lived in Covent Garden for about 50 years. 38 09 05b

Mr M.C. (Jack Scudamore) served his apprenticeship with Mr J. Stranger, boat builder of Chesterton and, after serving in the Boer War, started business as a boat and launch builder in Mill Lane about 1903. He had considerable success in building motor boats and his craft won prizes for motor boat racing. When the Thames punt became the vogue he turned his attention to the building of this type of boat and was the pioneer of their use on the Backs and Granta. Since the popularity of the punt in Cambridge he has supplied them to users all over the country. 38 09 05c # c.26.3

1938 09 07
New police houses, garages and recreation room at Shire Hall – 38 09 07 # c.34.7

1938 09 09
Soham parish council to sell old fire engine – 38 09 09

1938 09 09 ES
Ely basket-making industry fading into oblivion. 38 09 09&(2)ES
Littleport Brickmakers, Portley Hill photo. 38 09 09(3)ES

1938 09 10
'Doctor Dido' novel by F.K. Lucas set in Cambridge & Babraham at time of Pitt – 38 09 10 # c.74

1938 09 13
Cambridge A.R.P. headquarters, GPO building – 38 09 13

An experimental stream-lined Diesel-driven light passenger unit, something new in rail transport, made its first trip on the Oxford and Cambridge route. The unit consists of three cars permanently coupled together with a driver's cab at each end of the train. Acceleration was much more rapid than a steam train and instead of the familiar 'chugging' there was a pleasant whirr. Soon it was travelling at 75 mph with unusual smoothness. It has loud-speaking communication between driver and guard and the seats are reversible, so passengers can face whichever way they please. 38 09 13a & b # c.26.2

1938 09 14
Condemned cottages at Duddenhoe End raise concerns of repetition of Clavering case – 38 09 14

The Cambridge Scientists' Anti-War Group, whose book 'The Protection of the Public from Aerial Attack' was criticised in the House of Commons, has been championed by Prof J.B.S. Haldane. He says they should carry out experiments into the effect of gas with the assistance of the Chemical Defence Research Department. They have also worked out a scheme for evacuating many of the population of Cambridge into surrounding villages 38 09 14a # c.45.6

Last days of Clayhithe toll – 38 09 14b

1938 09 15
Nearly a mile of Main Drove, Little Downham, may be metalled now the Ministry had approved a grant of 50% of the cost providing owners contribute one-third. The road would be 12 feet wide with passing places and link up with Short Drove, Pymore. If it were constructed in concrete it would shorten the work by five weeks. There is no provision in the budget but £1,400 had been provided for the proposed Isleham-Prickwillow road and there was no likelihood of this being built during the present year, Isle Councillors heard. 38 09 15

Residents of Hope Street, off Mill Road, should not be surprised if they see a goose and gander waddling down the road. Mr E.R. Smith has tamed them to accompany him for walks each morning and evening. "You can get a goose to follow you by enticing it with a piece of cabbage or lettuce", he says. The pets are not traffic shy and keep to the side of the road or go on the pavement. They wait outside while he goes shopping. He bought them when they were a fortnight old and is fattening them to adorn the table at Christmas. 38 09 15a

1938 09 16 ES
Ely Brays Lane bungalow erection: photo. 38 09 16ES
21,000 gas masks arrive. 38 09 16 ES
Stretham death Isaac Asplin, former postman & village crier. 38 09 16(2)ES
Ely Lynn Road new sports ground. 38 09 16ES *

1938 09 17
Lloyd's Bank, p10

It has been a momentous week. Those of us involved with the daily production of a newspaper have spent a harassing time. Some say that today we know too much of the happenings in the world and know it much too quickly. The tension became painfully apparent at the weekend when the world waited for Hitler's pronouncement. Was it to be war…? But then a bolt from the blue. 'The Premier is to fly to see Hitler tomorrow to endeavour to find a peaceful solution to the crisis'. Our fervent hope is that international chaos has been adverted 38 09 17a # c.45.6

1938 09 19
Mr Chamberlain's mission – CDN readers' views – 38 09 19

1938 09 21
Arthur Chapman worked at Pembroke College for over 60 years, during the last 30 of which he was manager of the kitchen and buttery. During the war he was responsible for the feeding of hundreds of troops at Pembroke and was also in charge of a large field kitchen on the polo ground. He was held in great esteem by many generations of Pembroke men 38 09 21

Positively the best house property value in Cambridge is obtainable at Winston Road Estate, Cherry Hinton. Delightful houses, overlooking meadows, contain two reception rooms, three bedrooms, W.C., bath (h. & c.) and all latest labour-saving fittings. Main sewerage. Large garden. Near bus route. No road charges. Price £550 freehold (about £31,300 at today's prices) (Advert) 38 09 21a

Thornton estate, Huntingdon Road – finest house value in this district – 38 09 21b

In the event of air attack schools would be closed for a month as men would not be able to prevent their wives from going out to fetch their children. Many homes had no room in which to build shelters so two types had been constructed in Ditton Lane; one was open and about six-feet deep but there was nothing to prevent a corrugated iron roofing to be placed over the top. The other was covered and had seating. They afforded a greater degree of protection than cellars where there was a great danger of being buried by masonry, a meeting was told 38 09 21c. # c.45.6

1938 09 23 ES

Sugar Beet campaign, improved facilities; vehicles – adverts. 38 09 23&(2)ES

1938 09 26
Mayor's air raid shelter – pic – 38 09 26

The Mayor, E. Saville Peck, writes: "I realise that at this time we are all anxious about the present international crisis. I wish to assure the public that so far as practicable the necessary steps in regard to A.R.P. are being taken to provide protection against both gas and high explosive. Sufficient gas respirators are already in Cambridge and instructions will be issued as to where they can be obtained. First aid posts are being organised and equipped. Householders should consider making small trenches in their gardens for protection of their families in the case of emergency". 38 09 26a # c.45.6

Huntingdon is to establish a police reserve to replace constables called to the colours in the event of war. There will be a retaining fee of £1 to anyone joining with a bonus at the end of the year. Men would be entitled to boot allowance, refreshment and lodging allowances as other members of the force. When called up they would receive ten-pence a day pay. The age limit is 55. Three air raid sirens will be bought for use on the large police cars; they would be useful in the event of a power failure or in areas where there were no other air raid sirens 38 09 26b.

1938 09 27
Sketch for a garden ARP trench – 38 09 27

1938 09 28
Ladies lead the war – women with respirators picture – 38 09 28

Leys school dig ARP trenches – 38 09 28a

The Mayor's air raid shelter: trench in garden. 38 09 28 [circa]

With the delivery of 20,000 gas masks from the Home Office – part of a consignment of 70,000 for the Isle – the Ely depot has been the scene of tremendous activity. Wardens, special constables and members of the public have been assembling them ready for distribution. A census of rooms available in houses will be taken to accommodate people who may be evacuated from London. Territorials have been filling bags with sand at the Barracks ground. They will be used to protect the Drill Hall, which is being made gas-proof 38 09 28b

1938 09 29
Newspaper heading reflect crisis – 38 09 29

Cambridge colleges have sent out notices to undergraduates ordering them not to come into residence until further instruction. However examinations will take place as usual and candidates will be allowed to come up for them. Meanwhile preparations continue for the reception of 10-11,000 London children it is planned to evacuate. Church halls and schools will be suitable for temporary accommodation. Women helpers, blankets and rugs are still needed 38 09 29a # c.45.6 # c.36.9

Calmly and without fuss, Cambridge people have started to collect their gas masks in readiness for 'come what may'. A steady stream of callers arrived at all distribution centres. Schoolmistress and volunteers showed each caller the simple method of fitting the masks on. Tragic was the contrast at Milton Road School where during playtime small children shouted 'We want peace' while adults waited outside to be fitted with their masks. It drove home Mr Chamberlain's words "How horrible that we should be digging trenches and trying on gas masks because of a quarrel in a far-away country between people of whom we know nothing" 38 09 29aa # c.45.6

Air-raid trench in garden, Coleridge Road – 38 09 29aaa

Newmarket trainers say no useful steps could be taken for the protection of bloodstock in the event of a national emergency – 38 09 29b

Cambridge prepares for influx of evacuees; sandbags piled outside East Road drill hall 38 09 29bb # c.45.6

International newspaper headlines – pics – 38 09 29c

1938 09 30
Anti-aircraft gun manned by Territorials – pic 38 09 30

Pye dig trenches Old Chesterton Recreation ground – pic – 38 09 30b

1938 09 30 ES
War clouds lift: Chamberlain meets Hitler. 38 09 30ES
Witchford proposed speedway. 38 09 30ES
Precautionary measures throughout Isle, gas masks assembled, plans for billeting refugees; how county would react in event of war. 38 09 30(2)(3)(4)(5)ES

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1938 10 01
The Mayor said he'd received a telegram that plans to evacuate London children had been cancelled. Later he got another saying they were on their way. They arrived in three motor coaches, the children's ages ranging from six weeks to four years. Accommodation was found at Homerton and Newnham College. Their mothers left the children, aged from six weeks to four years, to the tender mercies of students and returned to London. Today the babies have rejoined their mothers, which is a very happy solution. 38 10 01 # c.45.6

1938 10 05
Martin's bank opens new branch on Market Hill – 38 10 05 # c.32.8

At Ely, 16,600 respirators were assembled at Woolworth's but there was a shortage of smaller ones and none at all for infants. The W.I. and Mothers' Union made plans for evacuating 500 children under five, they would be placed in Ely Badminton and W.I Halls and Littleport Constitutional Hall. Tradesmen report a brisk trade for black-out material and corrugated iron for dug outs. The drill hall is practically encased with sandbags and a pit for the anti-aircraft guns prepared in the parade ground. In event of an air raid the Ely Jam Factory siren will be sounded 38 10 05aa

ARP precautions in South Cambs in state of chaos, digging trenches – 38 10 05b & c

1938 10 06
Cambridge aerodrome has been in use for some months but the building operations have only recently been completely finished. The immense aeroplane hanger already houses over 20 machines and has room for more. The engine overhaul and repair shops are every well equipped and all the parachutes are stored, packed and aired. The airport hotel has lounge bar, dining rooms and kitchen with guest rooms on the second floor. I have seen a lot of aerodromes but this takes a lot of beating for its well planned layout 38 10 06 # c.26.1

Martin's bank advert – 38 10 06a # c.32.8

1938 10 07
William Coad of Cavendish Avenue has come up with an answer to the need for underground A.R.P. shelters. His scheme is to construct a sub-way car park underneath Cambridge Market Square with inlet and outlet ramps, which, in the event of an emergency, could be converted into an effective shelter accommodating several thousand people. A nominal car-parking fee would eventually pay for

the initial outlay and alleviate the need for suitable garaging for business men coming into the town. 38 10 07 # c.44.6 # c.45.6

The new drill hall for Newmarket is a spacious well-equipped building and includes an armoury, rifle range, officers' rooms and canteen. 38 10 07a

Cambridge airfield was opened by Secretary of State for Air. There was no airport in Europe, with the possible exception of Berlin, which is so conveniently placed in relation to the town. D.G. Marshall recalled that in 1919 he purchased his first hangar from the Disposal Board and bought his first aeroplane. Some of his neighbours had told them to take their business elsewhere and now they had moved further out. The Flying School has been run in full understanding of University regulations; in most aerodromes the most profit-making department is the club bar, but there is not one here. 38 10 07b & c # c.26.1

H.M. Inspector of Police had urged the creation of a detective department so that up-to-date methods could be used in the investigation of crime. But this would involve an increase in the establishment and is not justified at present. The two officers who have received training in detective work will be stationed in the least-busy sub-sections and be ready to help if their skills were needed. Other officers could also be trained, the Police Committee decided. 38 10 07d # c.34.7

1938 10 07 ES
Air raid precautions brought into operation. 38 10 07ES
Gale recalls great tornado of 1895 – Abraham Ward poem. 38 10 07&(2)ES
Soham A.R.P. 38 10 07(3)ES
Ely photographer W. Trevers marries. 38 10 07(4)ES

1938 10 08
At long last a start is to be made on the construction of a railway bridge on Milton Road in place of the present level crossing. Ministry of Transport approve has finally come through and work is expected to take 18 months. The crossing is frequently closed to road traffic and the adjacent subway, which has not sufficient head-room for larger vehicles, is narrow with steep gradients. Now there will be a bridge 44ft wide with a 30 ft carriageway and two footpaths. In 1935 2,000 motor vehicles and 1,000 pedal cycles used the road each day 38 10 08 # c.26.2

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What to do with gas mask now crisis over – Ronald Searle cartoon - 38 10 08a # c.45.6

1938 10 10
Coldham's Lane new street proposed – 38 10 10

One of the biggest attractions at the air display that followed the official opening of Marshalls Aerodrome was the first public appearance of some of the R.A.F.'s news Spitfire fighters. Three of these machines were demonstrated and flew in formation. Other items come first, but it was obvious to everyone was waiting to see the Spitfire. And the show that the Squadron Leader and his colleagues put up in them was worth watching. The display had been opened by a flight of three Hawker Harts which carried out practice routine formation flying. The Cierva Autogiro Company's chief test pilot amused the crowd when he demonstrated an autogiro. He hovered over them disconcertingly and then caused the machine to shoot off suddenly. He also demonstrated the autogiro's amazing taking off and landing capabilities.

Captain Percival, the famous aircraft designer, demonstrated the Percival Mew Gull racing monoplane which has a top speed of 195 miles per hour. A gliding demonstration was also given. – 38 10 10a, b # c.26.1

Silver Street Bridge widening recommended in report – 38 10 10c # c.44.7

1938 10 11
Anti-aircraft battalion placed searchlights around Cambridge – thanks – 38 10 11a # c.45.6

Soham Grammar School reorganisation – 38 10 11b, 12

1938 10 13
A.R.P. needs in Cambridge debate – 38 10 13, a # c.45.6

1938 10 14 ES
Stretham Nursing Association meeting. 38 10 14ES
Soham Literary and Social Institute difficulties. 38 10 14ES

1938 10 15
Marshalls' spacious new motor premises on Jesus Lane include an entrance and exit to the petrol and oil filling stations, wide enough for three lines of traffic. There are showrooms on three upper floors which are approached by ramps, with the stores department in the basement. The garage and workshops behind is equipped with the most modern and up-to-date machinery and run by a large and efficient staff. The whole is laid out to afford every luxury and comfort for the motorist 38 10 15, b # c.26.48

New Cambridge aerodrome opened – 38 10 15a # c.26.1

John Cornford memoir – killed in Spanish Civil War – 38 10 15aa

Indoor swimming pool possible – cartoon by Searle – 38 10 15bb # c.38 : swimming

Cambridge Electricity advertisement – 38 10 15cc

Saffron Walden to oppose A.R.P. centralisation – 38 10 15d, e

1938 10 17
Cambridgeshire Regiment to be raised to war establishment but First Eastern General Hospital will not remain and recruiting will cease – 38 10 17 & a # c.45.6

Downing College rebuilt boat house opened – 38 10 17b # c.38 : rowing
Newmarket Amateur Operatic Society – 38 10 17b

1938 10 18
Petersfield playground objections – 38 10 18

1938 10 19
Festival Theatre to reopen under direction Neville Towne with his own Repertory Company – 38 10 19 # c.76

Two RAF Wellesley bombers collide over Gt Dunmow – 38 10 19a # c.26.1

The tenant of Alderbooke Farm claimed damages from Cawdle Fen Commissioners over flooding. Their pumps were insufficient and inefficient, their lock gates were excessively leaky and their dyke walls were not high enough. The judge agreed. The Commissioners had a duty to inspect, maintain

and care for all their drains and drainage works and keep them in good condition. They did not have a sufficiently powerful pump nor spend enough on rebuilding banks. But the Act merely authorised them to do the work, it did not direct them to do so. The claim was dismissed 38 10 19b # c.29

1938 10 21
A.R. Nichols and Son, butchers on the corner of Petty Cury and Guildhall Street notify customers that owing to building reconstruction in Petty Cury they are temporarily carrying on their business at their East Road shop and also at a stall on Market Hill 38 10 21

Waterbeach fire, thatched barn at The Gables – 38 10 21a

1938 10 21 ES
When Cherry Hill was a castle: lecture. 38 10 21ES
Cawdle Fen flood case fails. 38 10 21(2)ES
Stretham Baptist Chapel opening. 38 10 21(3)(4)(5)ES
Ely railwayman W.A. Bailey retires. 38 10 21(6)ES

1938 10 22
The publication of the first volume of Victoria County History of Cambridgeshire is welcome. It covers geology, botany, zoology and the Domesday Book. Four more volumes will appear at annual intervals. There is one drawback – the price; at three guineas a volume it is very unlikely you can afford to buy it. But you can impress your public library that there should be copies for loan. But if you can afford it, buy it, for it will be a joy for ever. 38 10 22 & a

Racing pigeon registered 1920 found in chimney of house in Castle Row – 38 10 22b

1938 10 24
A sixteen-year-old boy was injured by an explosion in a shed 'laboratory' in his garden at 132 Ramsden Square. Neighbour C.F. Brown said "There was a terrific bang like the explosion of an eighteen-pounder shell. Seeing that the shed had been wrecked I jumped over the fence and looked for the lad among the ruins. Then I heard his mother scream. He had been blown through the door of the shed and managed to stumble into the house". Only the frame of the hut remained, the sides and roof was blown away, some being flung 20 yards. Flames and smoke shot 40 feet into the air. The lad had been making fireworks. 38 10 24

1938 10 25
For over ten years the road fork near Trumpington A.A. box has been free from serious accident. But after the introduction of a system of experimental traffic islands there was a collision between a lorry and a van. Another slight accident also occurred earlier. 38 10 25

Ely Council discussed air raid precautions and thanked the 140 volunteers who assembled the respirators, working till three in the morning without a break. However there were difficulties: "Whatever we try to do at Ely, the big bugs at March put the damper on it", Col Archer said. They were going to test the air raid siren that had been fixed to the roof of the police station. The siren had been tested at March and was not thought satisfactory, so it had been passed on to Ely. But if it was not good enough for March, it was not good enough for them. 38 10 25a

Ely Field Club asked the council to restore ancient names to certain streets, such as Castle Hithe to the part now known as Railway Terrace, Smock Mill Lane to the lower part of Barton Road and Walpole Lane to Silver Street. Perhaps a double name plate could be erected with the old name underneath the present one. The old names sounded very well but there would be difficulties with the post. People would not like West Fen Road to be called Cow Lane and where is Bugs Alley? 38 10 25b

1938 10 27

Park Street was a very congested area in the heart of Cambridge and the houses were upwards of 100 years old. The brickwork was weather worn and crumbled, the walls were damp, natural light was poor and the staircases narrow, winding and dark. The ceiling plaster was cracked and liable to collapse and the floor boards were weak, springy and worm-eaten. In some cases there was no copper or sink and no proper food store. Some had no water supply. They were unfit for human occupation and should be demolished, an Inquiry was told. But residents objected 38 10 27 & a also Saxon Street # c.23

1938 10 28
The Cambridge & County Girls School started in 1900 in the Drill Hall, East Road, then known as the Technical Institute. By 1903 they overflowed into rooms belonging to the Zion Chapel Sunday School and it was not until 1909 that they moved to the present buildings, retiring headmistress, Miss Dovey said. But in August 1914, when war broke out, the school was taken possession of by the Welsh Fusiliers and other regiments. For a year the school was housed in Emmanuel College lecture rooms and St Andrew's Street Sunday School. Soon they would move to new premises in Long Road 38 10 28 & a # c.36.5

1938 10 28 ES
Making fens safe: probably large scheme outlines. 38 10 28&(2)ES
Stuntney's new and modern village hall, 38 10 28(3)ES
Ely air raid sirens, anti-gas bombs exploded. 38 10 28(4)ES
Ely Brewery workers old photo. 38 10 24(5)ES

1938 10 29
Briscoe Snelson lecture on River Ouse

Fireworks, jeers, cheers and shouts punctuated a meeting organised by the University Socialist Club addressed by Major Atlee, the Leader of the Opposition, in the Corn Exchange. The noise died down when he began to speak but there were frequent interruptions caused by exploding fireworks. All police leave was cancelled because of the meeting and a visit by Sir Oswald Mosley to the C.U. Fascist Association dinner in the Dorothy Café. But rowdyism was principally of the vocal kind. 38 10 29a # c.33

The West End comes to Cambridge. Paris House, the beautiful new fashion rendezvous in Sussex Street caters specifically for the High Class trade. The Inner Court, richly executed in Indian Padouk and Australian Walnut, displays the most lovely garments, becoming the rendezvous for ladies of taste. To Car Users – our Commissionaire will attend to your car with pleasure while you are in our salon – Advert 38 10 29b

1938 10 31
Detailed statement of County Air Raid Precautions shows 30 tons of gas masks had been transported to Shire Hall where they were assembled by clerical staff and outside helpers. But they were still over 5,000 respirators short and telegrams had been sent to the Home Office. Parish Councils will establish a first-aid point in each centre of population but there will be no public shelters as it was safer for people to disperse rather than congregate. They would provide services to meet needs of casualties caused by the chance dropping of bombs 38 10 31a

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1938 11 01
Parish councils to be asked for a list of parochial documents under their control; they should be stored in a museum. But they were very loathe to part with them. 38 11 01

Mid-air plane collision near Dunmow – 38 11 01a, b

1938 11 02
Captain Taylor, Managing Director of the CDN, spoke of the many features of newspaper working which are creating financial difficulties. They are paying a very high price for paper and metal prices had risen due to the re-armament programme. With new complicated modern printing machinery they needed much more skilled operators. But a man in one union would not do the work of a man in another one. Unions had done a great deal of good but must not be virtual dictators of the industry. There was no cure to the evils they were suffering and he hoped no diminution in the supply of their life blood, sales and advertising. 38 11 02, a

A Wilburton gypsy was killed when his car overturned at Hillrow – 38 11 02b

1938 11 04
Ely RDC considered replacing pail closets in Council Houses with water closets and suitable catchpits. But this would cost £4,000. Mr Darby said it needed serious consideration. He thought they had made a mistake in not putting in the flush system when the houses were built. For the time being those houses with pail closets should remain and they put the new system in new houses. Others said it was not fair that some should have the flush system and others not – 38 11 04 & a

1938 11 05
"The Gobblecock Mystery" by Lois Austen-Leigh tells of attempts by foreign spies to secure details of an experiment on the Suffolk coast to save the country from successful air attack. Scotland Yard suspects Cambridge is being used as a base by men working with "Mr X". It involves a Cambridge Professor of Cryogenic Crystallography, a weird old boy who is too much for the Suffolk police, and the murder of an undergraduate who went to do a bit of sleuthing. It's a good yarn on a subject that is very topical. 38 11 05

1938 11 07
George Buck was head St Andrew's School, Chesterton, parish clerk and captain Boys Brigade 38 11 07

1938 11 11
Undergraduates invaded the streets, skilfully extracting all the spare coppers with various ingenious stunts. In white sweaters and kilts of many clans the University Pipe Band paraded to Market Square for a display of Highland dancing, then toured public houses. The 'Peace Group' were perched on a cart disguised as a camouflaged tank decorated with "Atlee's pants" – which appeared to be pale pink in colour. Standing on the tank were two dictatorial-looking figures in uniform. Amongst the individual performers was a man on a pair of stilts made from sculls while barrel-organ players were dressed as ghosts 38 11 11.

Poppy Day revels: mud wrestling and 'Hitler' and 'Chamberlain' on float. 38 11 11a

1938 11 11 ES
Witchford Social Club opened. 38 11 11ES
Sugar Beet the salvation of agriculture. 38 11 11(3)ES

1938 11 12
Mrs F.A. Keynes has rendered magnificent service to Cambridge council; her election for Fitzwilliam Ward in 1914 followed the passing of the County and Borough Councils Qualification Bill. Previously a married woman, although otherwise qualified, could not be a councillor, whereas an unmarried woman could be. Mrs Keynes was largely instrumental in persuading the Government to alter this state of affairs and it was fitting that she should be among the first women in the country to be elected. She was elected first woman alderman of Cambridge in 1931. 38 11 12 # c.35.7 # WOMEN

Robert Clark, the Royston photographer, literally takes a camera to be with him so he can dash out after pictures of accidents at Royston cross, near his home. He has photographed 60 smashes at the spot during the past two years. 38 11 12a

1938 11 14
Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain at Gt St Mary's – 38 11 14*a

1938 11 16
Newnham improvement, p1

1938 11 17
The President of the Cambridge Union Society is amongst signatories of a letter to the German Ambassador in London protesting strongly against the barbarous violence and cruel legislation inflicted without mercy or justification on the Jews of Germany. "We record our horror and revulsion at these acts of collective punishment, deprivation and arbitrary arrest and are appalled at the terrible suffering imposed on thousands of men, women and children for no other reason than their race", it reads. The University branch of the League of Nations also passed a resolution in protest 38 11 17 # c.45.6

1938 11 18
Messrs W.A. Bull commenced business in Burleigh Street over 30 years ago – Advertisers – 38 11 18

Cambridge auxiliary firemen in action – photo – 38 11 18a

1938 11 19
Visitors chase round the colleges in a couple of hours leave without having spent even a penny on a bun or twopence on a cup of tea – or twopence on a bun and fourpence on a cup of tea as it is in Cambridge. Something must be done to make the town more attractive so they will want to stay two weeks. So many colossal companies with huge capital have come into Cambridge, purchased the finest sites and are trading at cut prices to the detriment of the private trader. But there will always been room for people with enterprise and personality, Commercial Travellers were told. 38 11 19

1938 11 20
Julian Bell killed fighting in Spain, biography published – 38 11 20 # c.45.6

1938 11 22
The Theatre Cinema reopened after a closure of over nine months with a performance of 'The Mikado' by Cambridge Amateur Operatic Society. They had found the building in a poor and dirty condition and put in much work to recondition it. Now it was crowded with a delighted throng; it was itself again. That pre-overture buzz of conversation created a delightful feeling of mild excitement. At the final curtain everyone was thoroughly happy 38 11 22 # c.76

1938 11 23
The Isle Ely police reserve will replace constables who, as Reservist, would be called up in the event of war. They would be paid ten shillings a day with a bonus at the end of the year. Boot, refreshment, subsistence and lodging allowances would be granted. They would be responsible for the safe custody and maintenance of any uniform issued, a report says – 38 11 23a

Ely new water tower work starts; new hospital will need 30,000 gallons of water a day – 38 11 23b

1938 11 24
During the recent gale the roof of St Barnabas' Institute was damaged, bricks blown from a chimney stack at Hawkins' shop on the corner of Gold Street and a chimney pot lifted clean off a house in Sturton Street. Extensive damage was also caused to two shops at Green End Road. Haystacks,

especially those unthatched, suffered badly and a furniture lorry was blown over near the Swavesey turning when the gale was at its height. 38 11 24a

1938 11 26
Collins' Agency, High-Class Registry for Servants at 55 Regent Street has been established in Cambridge for over 28 years and now has offices in Bridge Street, at Peterborough and Chelmsford. The extent of the business is shown by the fact that in 1937 more than 1,500 ladies were suited with maids in spite of the great dearth of servants. Collins' Agency advertisements regularly appear in Cambridge newspapers 38 11 26 # c.28 # c.32.1 # WOMEN

There was a mistaken idea that to send a girl to Ely High School was a heavy expense to parents. The school fees were only £10 a year and included books and stationery. There were scholarships offering total remission of fees and travelling expenses, headmistress Miss B. Tilley said. Education is extraordinary cheap and attended by splendid opportunities which no girl should be allowed to miss. Ivy Steadman had obtained honours at Southampton University College while Hilda Ames and Beatrice Rushbrook have completed their training as teachers. 38 11 26a,

1938 11 28
A pacifist convention held in Labour Hall, Norfolk Street under the chairmanship of Dr Alex Wood called for every citizen to renounce all participation in and preparation for war. It was a crime against humanity and a sin against God. You cannot destroy German militarism through killing German soldiers. The colossal expenditure on death should be stopped and our country should take the lead by disarming 38 11 28 & a

1938 11 29
Mayfair, Cambridge's new fashion specialist opened its salon at 75 Regent Street, transforming an empty shop into a revelation of smartness and beauty. Mannequins displayed a collection of the loveliest prevailing fashions comprising a galaxy of dresses grave and gay, day and evening gowns, tailored suits and winter coats. They will supply only exclusive models with special attention to smart styles for the fuller figure. 38 11 29

Eaden Lilley's 'Toyland' department has toys of all kinds, sizes and prices and for sixpence the young visitor can pay a trip in the Flying Comet to the Land of the Midnight Sun and (perhaps more important) Father Christmas. There is a range of Meccano and Hornby products together with the Mickey Mouse Circus Train. Dinky toys, marionettes worked by hand and outfits to transform the wearer into a bus conductor or soldier are obtainable from a shilling upwards. Games including the still popular 'Monopoly', its successor 'Totopoly' and home cinemas are a strong feature 38 11 29a

Gift ideas. New fashion gloves in rich suede, fine glace kidskin, pigskins, calfskin … all beautifully styled. Classic shortie, gauntlet, costume types – George Stace, Petty Cury. British made sewing machines and stainless bread knives – A. Macintosh, Market Place. Private Christmas cards; sample book sent to your home for inspection. Autograph cards from 6d per box – Harry Johnson & Nephew, St Andrew's Street. The popular G.E.C. electric cleaner will be welcomed because its period of service extends far beyond the festive season; £8.15.0 cash or 8/6 a month – Allin's, Sidney Street.– Adverts 38 11 29a

In 1903 was a small cycle shop. Today it is a handsome building comprising car showrooms, up-to-date workshops, radio and cycle showrooms and efficient service department. Such is the remarkable history of Messrs Herbert Robinson whose modern premises are one of the features of Cambridge. Herbert Robinson senior, the present Managing Director, was the founder of the firm and other members of his family are directors 33 11 29b

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Fire brigade, p3

1938 12 02
Charles Wright of Shudy Camps paid the price of active service in the Great War 20 years after the Armistice when he collapsed and died at his home. He had served in Salonika and afterwards suffered from malaria. His colleagues in the British Legion pulled the old-fashioned bier carrying his coffin draped with a Union Jack along the road which winds to the church. The cortege was preceded by the Legion standard fluttering bravely in a stiff breeze which sang through the leafless trees. Since the death of Canon Thornton the church has had no minister 38 12 02

The King Street Riding School is the largest and most up-to-date indoor riding school in the country. The Principal (Capt E. Cooper), as an instructor and horseman ranks second to none, having the reputation of being one of the finest riding masters to serve in the British Army. The long list of successes gained by his pupils in all branches of equitation during his thirty years at King Street testify to his outstanding ability as a Riding Master. 38 12 02a # c.38 : riding

Western area water scheme – 38 12 02

1938 12 02 ES
Gorefield minister Payne leaves for Littleport. 38 12 02ES *

1938 12 03
A young Indian student who incurred debts of over £700 while up at Cambridge appeared at Cambridge Bankruptcy Court. He had received an allowance of between £600 and £700 a year from his parents (about £40,000 at today's prices) which should have been ample for a bachelor student to live on. But he found it particularly easy to incur debts and got in a set which invited him to incur credit. He'd been called home because of his father's illness but had now paid his creditors in full. 38 12 03

1938 12 05
A pavilion erected in memory of H.G. Comber and W.F. Smith was opened on the University Hockey Ground, Barton Road. Comber had been captain of the University side in 1893, chairman of the council of the Hockey Association and first President of the Eastern Counties Association formed in 1908 while Mr Smith had been its Secretary for many years and had played for England from 1911-21. Inside is a case containing a collection of old hockey and bandy sticks 38 12 05 # c.38 : hockey

1938 12 07
Death of Dennis Barton Ginn, family solicitor of Newton Manor 38 12 07

1938 12 09
Grocers and their assistants were a very courteous set of people. They supplied a greater variety of goods than any other branch of the retail trade. Quality had gone up and up although the arrangement for opening tins was not yet perfect. A tin should be guaranteed to open with a key but the number of knives and other weapons being ruined by tin opening was beyond computation. With regard to voluntary registration for service in an emergency there were fewer trades that could be as well done by a woman as a man, the Grocers' Association dinner was told. 38 12 09

Wimbish man Arthur Ridsdale walks 5-miles, married 60 years – 38 12 09a

1938 12 10
Queens' College have commenced a Chancery Court action against Cambridge Corporation seeking to prevent them from diverting the Cam at the sluice near the former King's and Bishop's mill so as to undermine the college buildings in Silver Street and seeking £5,150 damages for damage already caused. The Town Clerk has been instructed to protect the Corporation's interest and take any action advised by their counsel 38 12 10 # c.35.7 # c.46.5

When Jimmy Overton, retiring secretary of the Trades and Labour Council, came to Cambridge in 1909 no Labour movement existed apart from the Independent Labour Party so he set about forming one. They contested Romsey, the strongest Liberal ward in Cambridge, in 1911 to prove Labour was not just a wing of the Liberal Party. Cambridge's first parliamentary Labour candidate was Rev Rhondda Williams but stories that members of the party pawned their furniture to finance the election are untrue. However Mr Overton had a great deal to do with providing his deposit. 38 12 10a # c.33

The Home of Mercy dates back to 1836 when residents concerned about the lack of provision for women, hired Dover House in East Road as a place of refuge. Then in 1838 the Cambridge Female Refuge opened in Christchurch Street in which girls who have fallen into evil ways can receive Christian guidance and discipline in a home-like atmosphere. Last year nine left to go into service and four were returned to their parents. One was baptised and three received Confirmation. 38 12 10b & c # c.32.9 # WOMEN

Spiritualist meeting – 38 12 10d, e

1938 12 13
Testing a medium's power – letter – 38 12 13 # c.39

Cambridgeshire Photographic Record exhibition – includes watercolours of areas impossible to photograph including view of Fitzroy Street and Burleigh Street corner from roof of Laurie & McConnals painted by Beryl Pickering; other sketches include the Saxon Cement Works, Eagle Hotel yard, Hobson Street from King Street end, Miss M.C. Greene paintings of yards – Ninepin, True Blue, Ram Yard, Falcon Yard. Last thatched roof in Blackamoor Head Yard - 38 12 13a # c.65.5 # c.64

1938 12 14
Councillor Dorothy Thirza Stephenson worked for women's causes; elected Board of Guardians 1912, councillor 1919. Original member of Cambridge Housing Society, founder Hundred Housing Society, organised soldiers' canteen during war, Chesterton National Kitchen Committee, Belgian refugee and communal pig keeping committee 38 12 14 38 12 15

1938 12 16
Guildhall large room seating, public abattoir – 38 12 16

J.H. Bullock re-elected to Library committee for 51st time; first elected 1887 (?) and served over 50 years 38 12 16

The Bishop of Ely spoke in favour of cremation at the opening of the Cambridge Crematorium: it overcame the difficulty of overcrowded cemeteries and the danger of water pollution which might arise from earth burial – 38 12 16a, b Advert 38 12 17c # c.21.2

1938 12 17
Steeple Morden parish council protested against the proposed acquisition of 500 acres of good agricultural land by the Air Ministry for use as an emergency landing ground. The site was extremely valuable & would mean 20 people would be put out of work. Nearby was a farm which only employed one man, it was practically derelict. Two miles away was land of thin chalk soil that the owner would be pleased to get rid of; it would make a highly suitable landing ground. 38 12 17

The Christmas dinner of No.37 Squadron, 'B' Flight Feltwell was held at the White Lion Hotel, Newmarket. The menu contained tasty dishes described as Crankshaft cocktail and lead punch, filleted pistols and filings, roast rocker boxes and force feed baloney. Speeches were practically non-existent. Wing-Commander Fogarty said a squadron badge had been suggested; it was a candle burning at each end - as they flew by day and night. There were Air Force 'games' and the conviviality of the evening left nothing to be desired 38 12 17a

1938 12 19
Cambridgeshire Regiment dinner addressed by Commanding Officer, R.N. Drake Digby. The responsibilities resting on the Territorial Army were tremendous. They had got their new Bren guns and anti-tank rifles and every man had to learn to use them to be ready to defend Newmarket 38 12 19 & a # c.45.6

Nearly 2,000 young members of the Cambridge Independent Press and Chronicle's Robin Fellowship filled every seat in the Regal Cinema for the annual entertainment. As they entered they dropped pennies into pails which will go towards the Robin cot at Addenbrooke's Hospital. From out of the corner of tightly-clasped handkerchiefs or from the deep recesses of small pockets came the freely given coppers. Then the organ rose from its pit and Cecil Atkinson played well-known tunes for community singing. Then came the revue with comedy and magicians, songs, plays and a 'bearded lady' 38 12 19b, c

1938 12 21
RAF plane crashes in snowstorm near Milton Road railway crossing – picture – 38 12 21# c.26.1

Police work had changed: in the old days it was mainly concerned with 'drunks' and poaching; today offences had mainly to do with motoring. All would agree that if a motorist can go on for many years without a motoring offence he is a very lucky man. There was not a policeman who sometimes wishes the internal combustion engine inventor had never been born. Their duties went on increasing constantly. Now air-raid precaution had been thrust upon them, Saffron Walden police dinner was told. 38 12 21a & b

1938 12 22
After many hours of continuous snow-fall 400 men commenced work on the gigantic task of clearing a path for road traffic and pedestrians and six snow ploughs were brought into use. The three new motor ploughs were a great success and buses were able to keep to schedule exceptionally well. But everything is disorganised at the post office: some of the mail trains are arriving late and it looks as if letter deliveries will have to be pushed right up to Christmas Day. A large crowd skated on a flooded meadow at Newham but at Milton Sewage Farm the ice was too thickly coated with snow. 38 12 22 & a # c.12

Lingay Fen skating called off because of snow on approach roads – 38 12 22b

It was a custom in Cambridgeshire for labourers to drag a Yule log into the manor to the accompaniment of singing and to place with the new log a charred piece of the log of the previous year to ensure prosperity to the household. There is also a belief that if a piece of the burnt Yule log is kept in the cellar throughout the year it will preserve the house from fire. Boughs of mistletoe hung outside a door to ward off evil. Cottages burn light in window to guide baby Jesus to the dwelling and disk of milk and 'creed' wheat, sweetened with honey or sugar, sometimes laced with run, was served to all comers. Carol singers with the old violin, concertina or double-bass, farmer throws feather into air to forecast growing conditions, Christmas day dinner, University scholars erected Prince of Misrule, Mumming plays - Stuart-Baker 38 12 22c # c.39

1938 12 23
Cambridge Police Poor and Needy Fund ensures many needy families can enjoy a good Christmas dinner and plenty of coal. A large queue formed in Downing Place, young and old, they call carried baskets, jugs and sacks – even pillow slips. A huge pile of potatoes was in one corner and milk was handed out from churns together with butter, tea and cartons of peas. The Police Santa Claus No.1 (the Chief Constable) chatted with people as they came in. Then came a Distribution Day lunch of roast beef and Christmas pudding in the police station. 38 12 23 # c.34.7 # c.32.9

1938 12 23 CIPof

Snowed Off.—Skating has been in progress this week at Lingay Fen and Mere Fen, Swavesey, but heavy snow on Wednesday put the damper on arrangements for races.—The snow cloak, which Cambridge had been donning over the last few days, was yesterday becoming a bedraggled and dirty gown. After many hours of con¬tinuous snowfall—the longest, if not the deepest, fall for many years—a partial thaw set in, and the typical Christmas scenes slowly changed to a sandy slush, most uncomfortable for those on foot and equally uncomfortable for vehicular traffic. But it is unlikely that even the most hardened lover of the so-called "seasonable" weather regretted the change. After a trying two days of attempting to thaw frozen pipes, and kneeling in the snow to turn off stop taps, it was a welcome change to find water running freely, even though walk¬ing to work meant going through knee-deep snow. In Cambridge 400 men were employed (during the fall of snow) to clear a path for road traffic and pedestrians, and six snow ploughs were brought into use. # c.12

Another Hobbs' Century!—Mrs. Isabella Esther Victoria Hobbs celebrated her 100th birthday yesterday at the home of her daughters, Mrs. Dee and Mrs. Watts, of the Causeway, Godmanchester. She has been without a home of her own since 1915. The house she lived in at Woodford, near Thrapston, was burned down, and since then she has stayed in turn with her six daughters in various parts of the country. Now, having reached the century, she has decided to settle down in Godmanchester. Mrs. Hobbs is Godmanchester's second centen¬arian of recent years. Mrs. Roberts, who died early this year, was 104.

New Stationmaster. The L.N.E.R. announce that Mr. C. E. Solly, stationmaster at Clacton-on-Sea has been appointed stationmaster at Newmarket.

Boon Welcomed Home. Eric Boon, youngest ever of British lightweight champions, returned to his home at Chatteris on Tuesday afternoon, amid scenes unparalleled in the town since the Coronation celebrations, or even the excitement which heralded his sensational victory over Dave Crowley at Haringey last Thurs¬day. Arctic conditions held no qualms for the large crowd which waited patiently at the station in the blinding snow to welcome them, and Great Britain's, young champion home. To mark the occasion, the whole town had taken the "day off." School¬children were given a holiday, and farmers and employees, regardless of the shivering conditions, had travelled for miles from the surrounding fens to add their salutations to the conquering hero. An address of welcome was delivered by the Chairman of the Council, Mr. W. E. Seaton.

1938 12 23 ES
Looking Back over 1938. 38 12 23&(2)ES
Doddington link with Eddystone lighthouse. 38 12 23(3)ES

1938 12 24
A farmer from West Row was fined for making and constructing a dam at no.6 culvert, Cooks Drove Drain, Mildenhall Fen without the consent of the Fen Drainage Board. The obstruction caused a settlement of the culvert heading causing a crack in the brickwork. The farmer said he'd put a board in the drain to supply water to his cattle 38 12 24 # c.29

Henry Tomlin celebrates 70 years marriage – 37 12 24a

Lombary Poplar by Catholic church was planted by Julian Skrine in his garden at 'Lensfield' the grounds of which extended to where Catholic Church now stands; has photo of garden showing windmill in Mill Road. 38 12 24b # c.18

1938 12 27
Two tramps broke windows to spend Christmas in gaol – 38 12 27

1938 12 28
Christmas Day at Victoria Friendly Societies' institution, Home of Mercy, Harvey Goodwin Home, Cottage Home for orphans – 38 12 28

1938 12 29
Snowed-up streets a disgrace – letters – 38 12 29
Canon Thornton's will, Shudy Camps - 38 12 29a

1938 12 30
The new Cambridge Model Aircraft Club, formed to get model makers working together, held an exhibition at the YMCA including flying scale models of actual machines. They have been very lucky as the old Cambridge aerodrome on Newmarket Road has been generously loaned to them by Mr Marshall and already Mr Powdrill has recorded the longest flight with the 'Merlin', a model of his own design while the "Fairy Facular" built by Mr Hayden flew for over a minute-and-a-half from a hand launch 38 12 30

When Haverhill elementary schools opened in 1877 they were under the management of the School Board which was publicly elected every three years for the Haverhill and Sturmer district. In 1902 control passed to the County Council and Sturmer and Haverhill separated, one under Essex, the other Suffolk 37 12 30a

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Water leak at Bartlow Hall – 38 12 30c
Addenbrooke's Hospital Christmas decorations – 38 12 30d

1938 12 30 CIPof
Wedding Rush. A record for Christmas Eve weddings was es¬tablished at the Shire Hall Register Office, Cambridge on Friday. There were 14 ceremonies as against last year's four. They were all coun¬try weddings. Small decorated Christmas trees and other season¬able decorations adorned the Re¬gister Office, to which couples came from as far away as Somersham.

Christmas. Thaw, thaw, thaw was the rhythm of the Christmas weather in Cambridge. It was very much a home and fireside festival this year; in fact, it was everything implied by that phrase "A good, old-fashioned Christmas." The town on Sunday was not as white as the Christmas cards would have the ground appear at this season — the thaw had seen to that — but there, was a covering of snow. Then on Christmas night Dame Nature decided that a party dress was indicated and on Boxing Day, Cambridge awoke to find snow falling and the slush covered with a white mantle. The evening brought with it a rapid thaw. Though weather conditions and the fact that it was Sunday kept most people at home for the greater part of the Christmas Day, there were many who made the early morning journey to church. The cele¬brations this year of the Birth of the Prince of Peace had a significance more emphatic than any attached to Christmases of the re¬cent past. And the fact that of necessity this year it was a family round-the-fire Christmas stressed the bounteous blessings of an unbroken peace.

New Vicar of Milton. — The Rev. Geoffrey Thomas Berwick, M.A., has been appointed by the Provost and Fellows of King's College, Cambridge, to the Vicarage of Milton, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. G. S. Osborn.

Married 50 Years. — The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kerry of 144a, Gwydir Street was celebrated on Christmas Day. The wedding took place at St. Matthew's Church, Cambridge or December 25, 1883, between John William Kerry, and Georgina Smith, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. F. E. Rogers. Dur¬ing a very happy married life, Mr. Kerry has carried on the business of a boot and shoe salesman in many villages around Cambridge. He is well known and highly re¬spected by all who have done business with him. In the early days, Mr. Kerry travelled with a

horse and van and in these later years, he has had the advantage of the more modern method of transport, the motor car. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kerry have been very active workers in religious and temperance movements for over 40 years as members of the Sturton Street Methodist Church and previously as members of the local Salvation Army.

A Chesterford Jubilee. — A pre¬sentation of a scroll and cheque to Mr. A. L. Denny was made at Great Chesterford Post Office on Thursday of last week. It was in appreciation of his work in the village and there were 193 sub¬scribers. The presentation was made by Lt. Col. A. S. W. Stanley, who spoke appreciatively of Mr. Denny's work in the village both as postmaster and also as verger at the parish church. He had done very much for the village and they were all very grateful. Col. Stan¬ley added that it was the 50th Christmas Mr. Denny had spent in the local post office.

1938 12 31
Arthur Rutter auctioneers and estate agents Cambridge branch sold to staff – 38 12 31 # c.06

Sanitary conditions in Ely in the 1830s were terrible and in 1853 the Board of Health built the existing water tower; now the foundation stone was laid for a new concrete reservoir to cater for increased growth. Nothing sort of an earthquake or a direct hit from an aerial torpedo would deprive consumers. 38 12 31a

County councils first established 50 years ago; has had ten chairmen – listed – 38 12 31b

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1939 01 02
Sir – During the last snowfall some bridges were a sheet of ice for a whole week and Garrett Hostel Bridge and Walk were never touched. Neither was any clearing done on Mount Pleasant, one of the most dangerous parts of Cambridge. More lorries are needed to cart away the snow which could be dumped on the Commons, rather than taking it miles to the river. And the by-laws should be enforced – residents in Portugal Street turned out to clear the snow but one of the worst lengths of pavement in Castle Street was in front of the Shire Hall. The unemployed or people receiving public assistance should be utilised 39 01 02

The Home Office has overruled Cambridgeshire Police on the appointment of detectives. The detective organisation of any force must be adequate not merely for carrying out work in that area but also for co-operating with other forces. It needs not only investigating officers but an organisation at headquarters capable of dealing with the necessary records. This officer could be shared with the Borough Police force. But the Chief Constable said that with the enormous amount of extra work caused by traffic problems, he was finding it difficult to cope with the men at his disposal. 39 01 02a

1939 01 03
Sir – Teversham people cannot understand why we are not going to be allowed to have electric light brought into our houses. Two years ago an inspector came and condemned our pumps and put up notices saying 'Not fit to drink'. Still we are waiting for the piped water supply. It seems as though the chief objection to electric light is against poles being stick up in the village. But what about the lovely-looking building on the corner of Teversham Road – a machine gun range. We are going to have all the noise from guns, aeroplanes etc but not a little comfort and cleaner water. – Lightwater 39 01 03

1939 01 05
Royston residents who don't go to church are invited to the Priory Cinema Services on Sunday evenings. They will be entirely undenominational where speakers will choose their own subjects. They will not deal with prophecies or propound theories, just bring facts before people. It is not a stunt and they are not trying to compete with the churches. There are many people who don't go to church because they don't like the parson or because it's cold. Meetings will be held for the next four Sundays and last about an hour. 39 01 05

1939 01 06
Meldreth will, p5
Special constables, p5
Emilie Agnes Elin establishes almshouses for poor persons in Meldreth in her will – 39 01 06
Cambridgeshire has 1,050 special constables all trained in anti-gas and other duties 39 01 06a

1939 01 06 CIPof
College Master Knighted.—In the New Year Honours List, Mr. Will Spens. Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, becomes a Knight Bachelor "for public ser¬vices." The honour follows im¬mediately on the publication of the Report on Secondary Education. He was appointed chairman of the Committee in succession to Sir Henry Hadow.

Golden Wedding.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Alsop, of 150, Fitzroy Street, Cambridge, celebrated their golden wedding on Sunday with six of their sons and six grandchildren. One son out of the five who went

was killed in the Great War. Mr Alsop, who is 73, has been a smith at the Britannia Works, East Road, for 58 years. Mrs. Alsop is three years younger than her husband.

£10,000 for Almshouses. — Mrs. Emile Agnes Elin, of The Gables, Meldreth, who died at Harrogate on October 10, has left £96,519 (net £93,285). In her will she leaves the residue to her husband, Mr. Henry Dyne Elin for life. Then: £10,000 to establish "Emile Agnes Elin Alms-house" for poor persons of 60 years of age or more, resident in Mel-dreth for at least 10 years, and £500 for a fund to be known as "The Emile Agnes Elin Coal Fund" for the distribution of coal among the poor of Meldreth.

A Family Affair.—Mr, J. John¬son, Chairman of the St. Ives Bench, on Monday had the unusual distinction of presiding over a case in which his nephews, Messrs. Kenneth and Malcolm Wheeler, were opposed to one another. Mr. M. Wheeler is the County Council's assistant solicitor.
Flood.—As expected, the melting snow has caused a flood (at Over), but not so bad as anticipated. The Drainage Commissioners report only a normal flood, but they have had to run the water engine for three or four nights. The river is in full flood, but most water to be seen in on Mere Fen and Swavesey Fen from the barrier bank to Webb's Hole Sluice.

1939 01 06 ES
Wisbech food ship for Spain? p8
Ely new water tower foundation stone laid p9 - photo p11
Chatteris Cromwell school completed - photo p14

1939 01 07
Cambridge Town & County Lawn Tennis club to have last season on existing ground in Madingley Road and Wilberforce Road; will move to fine ground nearer centre town with 16 to 20 first-class grass and one hard court 39 01 07

1939 01 09
A mass meeting of farmers held in Cambridge Corn Exchange expressed alarm at the catastrophic fall in the price of certain agricultural produce and called for guaranteed prices. In 1938 they'd increased their production of barley by 60,000 acres but received the same amount as the previous year. The consumer demands cheap food, but this should not be at the expense of the farm worker; acres were going out of cultivation and farmers were getting harder and harder up. The farmer was traditionally Conservative and in the old days the party was drawn largely from the land. But now it was made up of industrialists and financiers. 39 01 09 & a

1939 01 11
Ely RCD discussed the Government's scheme for the evacuation of civil population; children would have priority; the acceptance of children will be voluntary but those who refuse must accommodate other persons. Schools will be required for the education of the children transferred; there would be one teacher or helper for ten children. There will be payment of 10s 6d per week where one child is taken, and eight and six each for more. Children under school age will be accompanied by their mothers or some other person and in these cases householders will only provide lodgings, not board., at the rate of five shillings a week for each adult and three shillings for a child. 39 01 11

Work will start on a huge new power station at Little Barford to cope with the increased demand for electricity 39 01 11a

The aconites are coming up in the Spinney, the little triangular bit of woodland at the end of Burrell's Walk with the Binn brook running through it. When old Mr Whitaker was a boy it was a pretty stream fringed with rushes and haunted by butterflies. He watched a fresh water mussel creeping over the mud at the bottom of the ditch and remembers boys used to catch cray fish to sell to St John's kitchens. In February 1919 came a great snowfall which led to Garrett Hostel Lane being flooded from end to end and the boys were climbing along the railings from the Queen's Road to the Bridge. 39 01 11b

Royston's hill-sides may soon be riddled with tunnels. The idea to provide permanent A.R.P. shelters would be better than completing the half-dig trenches on The Warren which, at best, would be only splinter proof, councillors say. These were intended for people who had no gardens in which they could construct their own shelters and those away from their houses during an air raid. But the hills were a long way from where the main part of the population live and people could not be forced to go into them 39 01 11c

1939 01 12
Much opposition to women taking holy orders came from a spirit of trade unionism among the clergy, a conference at Ridley Hall was told.. The present position was illogical: women were allowed to give addresses, but seldom to preach and were not permitted to use the pulpit. The ministry of the Sacrament was denied, the priesthood was forbidden. Women had intelligence and wit worthy to be matched against the finest masculine brains and had to receive the opportunity to make full use of their God-given powers. But if they came crowding into the church it would bring competition for male clergy – a job that though poorly paid was safe and still fairly respectable. 39 01 12

The Old West River is very narrow and in normal conditions appears slow, lazy and far from dangerous. But now it has risen above its low banks, covering the washes and lapping against sandbags placed along the A10 road near Stretham Ferry Bridge. Four barges are tethered to willow trees, loaded with gault to mend the banks. It is a scene reminiscent of what happened here in 1937 when water ran across the main road to the low-lying fields beyond. A little more snow or rain will cause flooding 39 01 12b # c.29

An Exning coal merchant told the Bankruptcy Court he'd started in 1919; he'd no experience or capital but thought it would be 'a good game'. His wife had carried on the business successfully until 1934 and he'd only received pocket money. But things declined because of restrictions of his haulage business just after he'd bought four new lorries. There'd been additional competition and creditors began to press him seriously 39 01 12c

Lt Downham Football Club has been closed for a fortnight because of complaints about the conduct of spectators. The start of a match between Ely City Reserves and Little Downham Swifts was delayed by half an hour due to the non arrival of the referee and, owing to the hostile and abusive spectators who constantly encroached upon the ground and hooted the referee and Ely players, the game became a farce. The linesman, who encouraged and assisted in the disorderly conduct of the spectators, was suspended from taking part in football for the rest of the year 39 01 12f

1939 01 13
First vicar of St George's – 39 01 13 # c.83

1939 01 13 CIPof
Floods.—Ouse Catchment Board men have (in view of the existing floods) reinforced the bank run¬ning alongside the road on the Cambridge side of the bridge over the Old West River (at Stretham). When a Pressman visited the district, he saw flood water lapping menacingly against the sand¬bags. The Old West River, which runs from Earith to just below Ely, is at this point narrow but now it has risen above its low banks, and is covering the washes which extend from the normal water's edge to higher banks running parallel. Willow trees along¬side the normal river, which in summer time afford adequate protection from the sun to the many anglers who sit along the banks, are now half under water. Four large barges are tethered to these trees. They were brought up from Ely loaded with gault to mend the banks in the vicinity. With the continuance of fine weather, the flood water should soon be drained off. A little more snow or rain, however, would bring it over the main Ely to Cam¬bridge Road, and many adjoining fields would be flooded. The Ouse at Holywell is over its banks, and water is within six feet of the Ferry public house. But it has to rise several more inches before it reaches the level of the house. . . . The flood position at Welney yesterday showed little

improve-ment, for there is still 3ft. 6in of water over the road across the wash between Welney and the Suspension Bridge at Oxlode. The flood waters from the Old Bedford River have risen slightly at Earith but there is at present no anxiety. Flooding is most severe at Bran¬don Creek and in the Hilgay area. # c.29

Shop Episode.—"Hands Up!" was the order given to a Cambridge man when he went to a room in his shop after business hours to view Bertram Mills' circus on his television receiver on Thursday night. The central figure in this alarming incident was Mr. B. G. Reynolds, of the Renbro Wireless Service, East Road, Cambridge. The intruder who threatened him, escaped through a window after Mr. Reynolds had looked him in the room. He took with him about £12 from a cash box, but had Mr. Reynolds not returned to the shop for the television pro¬gramme, he might have got away with the whole of last week's takings. # c.27.8

P.O. Attacked.—Police in Cam¬bridge Borough and the County were making an intensive search last night for two men who attacked P.C. Renwick, of the Borough Constabulary. When the constable was examining an un¬occupied house in Clarkson Road, Cambridge, at about 8.50p.m., he discovered that it had been entered and goods had been packed for removal. He was then attacked by two men, receiving head injuries. He blew his whistle, and getting no response, staggered to the house next door where be phoned the police station. At Addenbrooke's Hospital later, several stitches were inserted in wounds in the constable's head.

Rain, Snow, Gales on Wedding Day.—"It rained snowed and the wind blew a gale when we were married 50 years ago. It was very different, from today." These were the reflections of Mrs. Frederick Chapman, when she and her hus¬band celebrated their golden wedding yesterday. They live in a small cottage in Winfold Road, Waterbeach, where they have been for 40 years. Both are now in their 72nd year.

"Specials."—It was reported at Friday's Cambridgeshire Quarter Sessions during the transaction of civil business that there were 1,050 trained special constables in Cambridgeshire.

1939 01 13 ES
Evacuation in wartime - survey to be made p4 & p9
Gas mask census - another check p12

1939 01 16
Huntingdon Road house struck by lightning – photo – 39 01 16

1939 01 17
Queen and Queen Mary visit Woolston’s shop – 39 01 17 & a # c.02

1939 01 18
Ely livestock market gives cause for concern, a report says. Changes made by A.T. Grain could have been better planned and considerable improvements could be made on Messrs Comins’ area. Various articles were sold that should not be permitted in a livestock market. The entrances should be improved, Comins’ section completely reconstructed, cattle pens removed and the sale of timber and ironmongery prohibited. 39 01 18

1939 01 19
Four radio devotees at Haddenham were fined for using wireless receiving sets without licences. One, in Lode Way, claimed he was a repairer and had no sets of his own but there were several sets in a shed together with an aerial and he’d charged batteries for years. Two accused, living at Vine Farm and Hillrow, did not appear in court. Nor did a man from the Council Houses in Station Road where inspectors had found a fairly new set in working condition – the man had claimed it belonged to a lodger. 39 01 19

1939 01 20
Wards on East Road was originally a cycle business, producing Crown bikes, then came a wireless department and baby carriages, electrical installations and fittings – 39 01 20

1939 01 20 CIPof
On Top.—That Cambridge had j come out on top for punctuality of passenger train service was mentioned by Mr. S. N. Wright (Stationmaster) in a speech he made at the London and North-Eastern Railway Cambridge station all grades' dinner at the Dorothy Cafe on Saturday night,

£1,000 a Week Increase.—An average increase of £1,000 a week ever since the bank was started in Cambridge was revealed in the report of the Cambridge and Dis¬trict Trustee Savings Bank, presented at the annual meeting in the Wesley Library, Christ's Pieces, on Friday. It was also disclosed that the average annual increase in the number of accounts was over 400.

Queen Again in Cambridge. — The Queen paid her fourth visit and .Queen Mary her eighth visit to Mr. Stanley Woolston's antique shop at Cambridge on Tuesday. The large car in which Queen Mary customarily travels to Cambridge arrived in St. Andrew's Street from Sandringham about 11.40 a.m. Passers-by, who noticed the numerous policemen in the vicinity, congregated near the shop and there were about 150 waiting when the two Queens alighted. As soon as the royal car drew away, more people congregated, and pavements on both sides of the main street became practically impassable for the one hour 40 minutes the royal visitors were inside the shop. They were re¬ceived by Mr. Louis Clarke, Director of the Fitzwilliam Museum, and Mrs. Featherstouhaugh, widow of King George V.'s racing manager. Both the royal visitors made purchases of furniture, china and objects d'-art, and found many things to claim their interest. A crowd of 400 were thronging the roadway at the lunch hour, and at 1.20 the cheers which greeted their Majesties' reappearance were acknowledged both from outside and inside the car. . . . The car was surrounded directly they were inside, and a passage had to be cleared for them to drive away to Exning, where they lunched with Mrs. Featherstonhaugh. # c.02

Jewel Raid.—Jewellery valued at nearly £300 was stolen from Col. O. M. Lanyon's home, London Road. Royston, on Wednesday by thieves who entered by means of a ladder while the owner's wife and two maids were in the house.

House Struck by Lightning. During Monday's thunderstorm - an unusual phenomenon for the time of year - a Cambridge house was struck by lightning and considerably damaged. Fortunately none of the five occupants was injured or complained of shock. The house, 54, Huntingdon Road, is occupied by Mr. John S. Furnival, a retired Indian Civil Servant.

1939 01 20 ES
Ely to be blacked out - experiment; gas van to visit p7
Ely RAF hospital - local men employed - no "foreigners" p7
Drastic alterations pending at Ely cattle market p9
Regional transport in war time - plan for voluntary organisation p12
Glimpses of the past - Stuntney villagers 47 years ago - photo p14

1939 01 21
Evacuation scheme - Mayor sends letter to each home – 39 01 21 TT

1939 01 21
Claude Hulbert, who appears in the film 'His Lordship Regrets' at the Victoria Cinema, was not born in Ely, unlike his brother Jack. He came to Caius aged 17, took part in Footlights productions and made his first professional appearance in Cambridge at the A.D.C. Theatre with Ernest Crampton's concert party 'Cigarettes'. He finds broadcasting easiest, then screen work – if you make a mistake you can do it again, but on stage it's too late, he says. 39 01 21

1939 01 24
Queen Mary and Princess Royal visit Fitzwilliam Museum – 39 01 24 & a # c.02

1939 01 25
Flood photos at Earith – 39 01 25

1939 01 26
Dennis Ginn, solicitor will leaves money to his servants at Newton Manor – 39 01 26

Cambridge has been scheduled as an evacuation area in event of war. If properties have less than one person per inhabitable room enquiries will be made as to whether the householder was suitable to take unaccompanied children. An old lady or somebody who was out at work all day would not be considered. First aid posts were ready and manned. But during an air raid was the danger of going from a warm bed into a trench in a garden not greater than staying indoors. If you had to remain in a cold trench for hours you might died in a more unpleasant way than if hit by a bomb. 39 01 26a # c.45.6

1939 01 27
Flooding at boat houses, Midsummer Common – photo – 39 01 27

Shepreth and Meldreth ratepayers objected to the new water extension scheme. Everybody would pay an extra rate, whether they used the water or not. But there were 39 artesian springs in Meldreth that could all be made to run to a small pump. Water supplies in Orwell were inadequate and unsafe, being favourable to an outbreak of typhoid. The Government evacuation scheme made a pure supply a necessity for children coming from London: they would not be used to well water and serious illness might break out. 39 01 27a

The Ouse Catchment Board agreed a scheme for Roswell Pits showing the proposed lay-out of the buildings, dock, roadways etc at a cost of nearly £5,000. Any old iron that may be on hand at the depot should be sold off. At present the yard is used mainly on the South Level Scheme but the time had come when it should be used for the general work of the Board. 39 01 27b # c.29

1939 01 27 CIPof
Train Crash.—A woman passenger—Mrs. F. O'Dell, of Sandy— was killed, and five other passengers injured, one seriously, in a collision involving three trains on the L.N.E.R. line two mites north of Hatfield on Thurs¬day. Capt. John J. Metcalfe, of Morden Hall, Guilden Morden, was a passenger in front of the Cambridge express, one of the trains concerned.

County Alderman's Retirement, When the Cambs. County Council meets tomorrow, they will have before them the resigna¬tion of Ald. A. B. J. Chaplin, of Fulbourn. A member of the Council since 1922, Mr. Chaplin has served on the following com-mittees: Finance, Roads and Bridges, Public Health and Hous¬ing, Selection. County Agricultural and several sub-committees, Standing Joint, Public Assistance Accounts Sub-Committee, and Fulbourn Visitors. Elected Alderman in March, 1937, Mr. Chaplin would have held office until 1943. His successor will be chosen at to-morrow's meeting.

Royal Visit to Museum. — Her Majesty Queen Mary and her daughter, the Princess Royal, paid a visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum at Cambridge on Tuesday. Queen Elizabeth was also to have come, but she was unable to do so. It is understood that she had a cold. The royal party spent over two hours in their tour of the building. In the course of it they saw almost the whole of the collections on view within its walls. # c.02 # c.03

Death of a Nonagenarian — Elsworth has lost its oldest inhabitant by the death of Mrs. Edith Brand, who passed away on Sunday at the great age of 97 years.

A Bad Omen.—A correspondent writes: There was some excite¬ment in the village on Monday afternoon, when a flock of fifteen geese was seen passing westward over Melbourn. Old inhabitants and the weather-wise said the geese presaged wintry weather, and they were right, for Wednes¬day was one of the worst days so far of a real old-fashioned winter, with its east wind, snow, sleet and slush.

Floods.—Some of the low-lying fields in the district (Histon) are under water. Farmers and fruit¬growers are experiencing con¬siderable difficulty, and work is being held up as many acres are waterlogged.

Water protest. "A wanton waste of public money" was the phrase used in a resolution carried by a large majority at a crowded public meeting at Shepreth on Monday evening. The meeting was called to discuss the proposal of South Cambs. Rural District Council to supply the village with a main water supply. Of an attendance of between 90 and 100, only six voted against the resolu¬tion, which read as follows: That this meeting of local electors in the village of Shepreth whole¬heartedly disapproves of the pro¬posal put forward by the South Cambs. Rural District Council to supply the village with a main water supply as being utterly and entirely unnecessary and un¬wanted by the majority of residents of the village, and as being a wanton waste of public money. The Chairman (the Rev. C. J. Sharp) drew attention to the fact that there were three public pumps, many private pumps and that Shepreth always had a good supply of water. A remark came from the audience: "What we want is a scheme to get rid of water. We have enough as it is."

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Ely flying club plane burnt out in hanger, now 4 - photo p7

1939 01 28
Aerial pictures of flooding in fens – 39 01 28
ARP on agenda – 39 01 28 TT

The fenland flood situation is very serious, with water six feet above normal. Patrols are watching the banks day and night and additional engineers have been sent in.. At Littleport and Prickwillow waters have encompassed a number of properties and the occupants are preparing to evacuate. With further rain there would be as serious a threat of flooding as in 1937. Pumps at St Germans were operating at full throttle and Denver is pumping 11 out of 12 hours 39 01 28a # c.29

Cherry Hinton has a non-provided school with teaching of a definite Christian character. It was founded by Rev Buick Bridge and later benefactors added to it bit by bit. But it was not built to meet the ever-increasing demands of the Board of Education and 14 years ago was placed on the black list. Now it has been improved with a storeroom and staff room, modern classrooms and cloakrooms with hot water. The playground space had doubled and a field rented so the children could use it for games. 39 01 28b # c.36.5

1939 01 30
Flood precautions at Manea – pics – 39 01 30

1939 01 31
Flood levels in the fens remain high. At Waterbeach the Town Crier made a call for volunteers and rallied forty men to work on the banks of the Bottisham Lode. At Littleport station sleepers are covered and only the tops of the lines are showing. Goods trucks are standing with water beneath them. In the Holmes inhabitants have left before their houses were surrounded. At Swavesey Mow Fen and Middle Fen railway gatehouses have had to be evacuated. 39 01 30a pic Holmes flooding – 39 01 31 # c.29

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1939 02 01
King and Queen with princesses join Royal train at Cambridge after visit Newmarket - 39 02 01a # c.02

The Jubilee Clock at Newmarket, a well-known landmark to all road users, has stopped and refuses to start again. The guttering round the tower had split allowing water to get through the roof and rusting some of the pinions. Scaffolding will have to be erected and they hoped to put something over the top of the clock to prevent further damage. But the council does not have enough scaffolding and they may have to call in one of the large builders. Major Griffiths said that when he heard the clock has stopped he hoped the tower had fallen down, but was disappointed. 39 02 01b

Men at Barway worked in mud and water through the night to strengthen the sluice gates which divide Soham Lode from the main river. One large barge loaded with clay was wedged in the mouth of the lode. But when the bank burst huge clods of earth weighing many hundredweights were blown out by the water. The edges of the gap are so sheer and straight that they might have been cut out by a gigantic knife. With the earth went sandbags and all manner of other material used to strengthen the bank. Tarpaulin sheets had been stretched over the top of the bank and held down by weighted sacks. Parts of these are now lying in the water swirling through the gap 39 02 01 & c # c.29

1939 02 02
Swavesey clock stopped, needs overhaul – 39 02 02a

Throughout the night 300 men patrolled between 3-400 miles of the banks of the Ouse, Cam and Lark. The patrols, equipped with field telephones, are part of the extensive flood prevention scheme organised following the floods of two years ago. News of the gradual decrease in the water level has brought relief to scores of families who had abandoned their houses. A number have returned by boat to Barway and Soham and set about restoring order out of the chaos created by the water. 32 02 02b # c.29

1939 02 03
Hurricane crashes at Debden, it came down like a bomb, pilot killed – 39 02 03

Central library alterations, Miss Green givers watercolours – 39 02 03a # c.77.4

1939 02 03 CIPof
Fen Floods. After a week fraught with anxiety, and over¬shadowed by the darkest fears, the position in the Fen country is now easing. Yesterday a steady fall in the level of the water all round was reported. The watch on the banks of the rivers and lodes of Fenland however continues. Throughout the night 300 men patrolled between the 400 miles of the banks of the four rivers—the Great and Little Ouse, the Cam and the Lark. These patrols, equipped with field telephones, are part of the extensive flood preven¬tion scheme which was organised by the Catchment Board following the floods two years ago. The scheme is now playing a vital part in defensive measures against an¬other flood menace. The news of the gradual decrease in the level of the flood water has brought re-lief to scores of families, who had hurriedly to abandon their homes earlier this week. When the flood waters dropped nearly a foot in some parts on Wednesday, a num¬ber of families returned by boat to their homes and set about restor¬ing order out of the chaos created by the water. At Barway, near Soham, where five families had hurriedly evacuated on Tuesday, there is mow said to be no danger. Yesterday men were working at Barway building a dam to relieve the pressure of Water on the gates of the lode. Steel piles are being driven into the bed of the river. # c.29

Mr. C. J. Moore.—The death occurred at his home at St. Mary's Street, Ely, on Friday of Mr. Charles James Moore, managing director of Messrs. G. & J. Peck, Ltd. ironmongers, of High Street. A well-known member of several local organisations, Mr. Moore had been for many years Secretary of the Ely Literary Society. He was one of the original members of Ely Field Club and was partly

responsible for forming a branch of the League of Nations Union in Ely in 1923, becoming its first secretary. He was also one of the founders of the Ely Rowing Club and a member of the Chess Club.

Plane's Terrific Nosedive. — Hurtling to earth at the terrific speed of 400 m.p.h., a Hawker Hurricane R.A.F. machine crashed half a mile from Debden aerodrome shortly before four yesterday (Thursday) afternoon. It struck open ground on Pamphillians Farm, Debden, and such was the force of the impact that the plane buried itself nearly 20ft into the earth. It came down like a bomb, and was completely lost to sight, the earth falling back over the remains of the machine. A man some distance from the spot stated that when the plane crashed, earth and mud were thrown high into the air so as to be visible over the tops of the trees. There was no explosion and the plane did not catch fire. Pilot Officer Terence Hugh Knapp O'Brien, in charge of this single-seater fighter was killed instantly. He was attached to 87 Squadron at Debden. R.A.F. men from Debden later recovered the body, digg¬ing their way down to the machine with spades and shovels.

Drill Hall.—A scheme to remodel the Cambridge headquarters of the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Territorial Association at a cost of £5,650 was approved, subject to confirmation by the War Office, at the quarterly meeting of the Asso¬ciation, held at the Drill Hall, on Saturday. It was also decided to acquire a garage in East Road (Cambridge) at a cost of £2,500. It was announced that the new Ely Drill Hall would be completed by the end of March.

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1939 02 04
The new Cromwell School at Chatteris will accommodate 640 senior pupils from an area including Benwick, Manea & Witcham and be a recreational centre for young people and adults. It is one of the most modern schools with a separate department for boys and girls each with a hall equipped with a complete range of Swedish gymnastic apparatus. There are ‘practical rooms’ where boys will be taught handicrafts and girls housecraft and a clinic for medical inspection and dental treatment 39 02 04

St George’s players first performance – 39 02 04 # c.76

1939 02 06
Ralph Wright, Ely RAF Volunteer Reserve Pilot, does stunting over Ely, then crashes and killed at Chatteris – 39 02 06 # c.26.1

Paul Robeson gave a concert at the Regal Cinema; his friendly smile and magnificent stage presence completely won his crowded audience. He included items of both Russian and Negro origin including “Short’nin’ Bread” and Ezekiel Saw de Wheel” with the well-known “Canoe Song” from “Sanders of the River” as an encore. It was followed by “Ol’ Man River”, “Ma Curly-headed Baby” and “Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho” 39 02 06a # c.69

1939 02 07
Men and women members of the International Brigade, who have seen service in Spain fighting for the Government, spoke at the Guildhall which was almost filled to capacity. The meeting was called by the Cambridge Co-ordinating Committee for Spanish Relief. In Spain rickets was becoming rife, hunger dropsy was beginning to appear and anaemia was present. Between 300 and 400 people were dying from actual starvation in Madrid every day. For the first time in history in America surplus food was not being destroyed but was being sent to Spain. 39 02 07 # c.45.6 # c.33

The Auxiliary Fire Service wound up their training at Cherry Hinton Hall with a demonstration with specially made incendiary bombs. Two were used to set fire to a house of boxes kindly donated by local tradesmen which was tackled using an ordinary hand-pump with a spray jet. Many important lessons were learned. The bombs give off intense heat and coloured glasses must be worn by the fireman to protect his eyes. The application of water increases the ferocity of the flames. 39 02 07a

1939 02 08
Cambridge Place demolition pictures – 39 02 08

Flood waters from the Ouse at Littleport have caused residents of a number of houses in the Station Road area to either evacuate their homes or live upstairs. It is not the first time this has happened and despite protests nothing has been done. Now ratepayers are demanding action. The council are proposing to build a concrete wall, three feet high. But residents from the Holmes believe this would tend to flood their properties even more. Sewage matter from the homes was emptied on the gardens and it would be easy for bacteria to get into the flood waters 39 02 08a

The Grove Nursing Home was opened in 1920 with three beds. Nine years ago it was moved to Chesterton Road where there were nine beds. The most recent expansion is to 159 Hills Road where a newly completed extension gives accommodation for 20 patients as well as an up-to-date operating theatre with anaesthetising room and all the modern apparatus. The home is, of course, centrally heated 39 02 08b

1939 02 10
Inquest on pilot Wright of Ely, who crashed at Chatteris – 39 02 10

1939 02 10 CIPof
Death of Professor.—Professor John Hay Lobban, who retired from the Professorship of Litera¬ture at London University three years ago, died suddenly at his home, South Cottage, Gt. Chesterford, on Wednesday. His wife is sister to Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, Professor of English Literature at Cambridge University. Professor Lobban had been about the village as usual during the day. He was seized with heart failure while chatting after dinner.

Pilot's Fatal Crash.—Mr. Ralph Ernest Wright, a 19-year-old Ely pilot, set out in a Hawker Hind for his usual Sunday "flip" from No. 22 Training Centre : of the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve at Marshall's Flying Ground, Cambridge, on Sunday morning. Over Ely he attracted the attention of many with his stunting. His brother Duncan was among the interested spectators, though he did not know at the time who it was in the machine. Later more aerobatics thrilled the people of Chatteris. Then fate took a hand. Sud¬denly, after a double loop, the plane dived from about 1,000 feet towards the earth, straightened out and rose slightly at about 500 feet, then dived again, striking the ground with a sickening thud. The machine narrowly missed a house and buried its nose deeply into the grass turf, killing the pilot instantly. Mr. Ralph Ernest Wright was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Wright, of High Street, Ely. His father told our representative that Ralph had been flying for about 12 months, and was used to flying solo. It had been his ambition to fly. Mr. Duncan Wright said his brother would have celebrated his 20th birthday on Thursday. " I watched the plane stunting over Ely," he said, " but at the time I did not think it was my brother. Shortly afterwards I received news of the disaster. I immediately 'phoned my parents, who were 80 miles away at Holland-on-Sea. In about two hours they were at Ely. My brother had been flying solo for about eight months." # c.26.1

Hunts. Jockey's Fate. — Peter Fitzgerald, 29, a well-known jockey, of Little Stukeley (Hunts.), who rode three horses at Derby on Wednesday, died in Stamford Hos¬pital on Wednesday from injuries received when the horse-box, in which he and his wife were riding, was in collision with a stationary furniture van on Casterton Road, Stamford. His wife had a cut lip, but the driver of the horse-box escaped injury. Fitzgerald was attached to J. C. Cockton's stables at Little Stukeley. He was a useful jockey under National Hunt rules. Last season he rode six winners.

Minister's Anniversary, — An inspiring series of services marked the first anniversary of the settlement of the Rev. Wilfred Monk as Minister of the Congregational Church (Castle Camps), which was celebrated on Sunday and Wednesday.

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1939 02 11
In March 1937 flood waters breached Soham Lode, causing thousands of pounds worth of damage. This year the same bank gave way to the enormous pressure of flood water, bringing a further trail of havoc. Natural seepage and pumps have cleared this away but at Swaffham Prior Fen about 1,000 acres are under water caused through seepage from the banks of the Lodes. Pumps have been going day and night but still farms are isolated and cattle have had to be moved. Distress warrants are being issued for drainage rates but farmers won't pay because they haven't any money 39 02 11

Cambridge Central Library lending department will transfer to what is now the main reading-room making it more commodious and in every way more convenient both for borrowers and the library assistants. With better natural lighting and the new bookcases the books will be shown to greater advantage and readers should be able to move round more freely. The present lending department will be used mainly for the newspapers. Magazines and periodicals will be found on the other side in the present reference room and librarian's room which will open into each other. The librarian's new room will be upstairs in the present education offices, and there too the reference room will be found. 39 02 11a

King's College old pump and fountain – notes – 39 02 11b

New County dental caravan – 39 02 11c

1939 02 13
W. Kester, worked as signal man at Swavesey station for 43 years – 39 02 13

An exhibition of watercolour studies of old Cambridge yards by Miss Mary C. Greene, which were recently given to the library committee has opened in the Reference Room. Many of the picturesque places depicted now, alas, no longer exist but similar spots are still to be found in Cambridge by those who took the trouble to look for them. Many should be inspired to take up this hunt for them by this exhibition which is valuable both from the artistic and historic point of view. The old-world air associated with the subjects depicted has been delightfully captured by the artist. All the studies have atmosphere and make one regret that the demands of progress have necessitated the alteration of much that is beautiful in the town of Cambridge. In some of the studies one sees spots that still exist, though they now bear the signs of change. Falcon yard, for example, as pictured in this collection, has galleried houses along one side of it. And Ram Yard in 1899 had an archway at one end. The arch was demolished in 1905. Of the yards still much as they were when Miss Greene painted them in the early years of the present century that of the White Horse Inn, now the Folk Museum, and that of the Eagle Hotel stand out. Sayle's Yard too is easily recognisable as is the yard at of the Merton Arms. One scene that no longer exists is to be seen if the study of the Bell Inn and Corn Chambers in Peas Hill, on part of the site now occupied by the new Guildhall. The yard of the old Castle is another scene that now lives only in paint. These and a large number of others makes this exhibition one of the most interesting scene in Cambridge for a long time – 39 02 13a

Auxiliary Fire Service first batch of 134 recruits now training at Cherry Hinton Hall – 39 02 13b

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Kurt Jooss ballet company first visit to Cambridge – 39 02 14

Royston evacuation scheme – 39 02 14

Ely ARP scheme most efficient – 39 02 14a

Camtax one year old today – 39 02 14b

1939 02 17
An automatic machine dealer of Mill Road told the bankruptcy court he'd set up in 1934 starting with 20 machines on licensed premises. He was making a profit of £25 a week until police prohibited the machines in Cambridge and he was forced to move to other territories where profits were much lower. In 1937 he took the tenancy of the Magpie Transport Café at Shelford but it lost money. He carried on business as a bookmaker, losing £140 in one day. He kept no books. He was questioned about three machines at Prickwillow and a pawned gold ring. 39 02 17

1939 02 17 CIPof
Pantomime.—This year's Papworth pantomime is being produced in a hall which has a new stage and a new name, but there is no change in the quality of the show. The Pendragon Theatre, as the scene of the Papworth Players' former pantomimes is now called, has been enlarged and new stage equipment has been fitted. It is excellently employed in this year's pantomime, the title of which is "Beauty and the Beast." It is highly appropriate that there should be something special about it, for this year Papworth Settle¬ment comes of age. "Beauty and the Beast" the seventh pantomime, the Papworth Players well main¬tain their reputation for staging a good show.

Unusual Accident.—A St. Ives railway platelayer had his leg broken on Tuesday at a level crossing by a motor car. The victim of this unusual accident, John Peggs had opened one of the main gates at St. Ives to road traffic when he stepped in front of a car and was knocked down. A doctor rendered first aid on the spot, and Mr. Peggs, who is 62, and resides at London Road, St. Ives, was taken by ambulance to the County Hospital. .

Over 40 Years on Railway. Mr J W. Kester, a signalman at Swavesey Station, retired on Saturday, I after 43 years service on the railway, and at a meeting held at the station, he was presented with a suitably inscribed canteen of cutlery, subscribed for by members of the staff and platelayers.

Centenarian.Willingham's oldest inhabitant, Mr. George Barton, passed peacefully away on Sunday morning at the residence of his son, Mr. Charles Barton, Silver Street, in his 102nd year. Mr. Barton spent the whole of his life in Willingham, and was married at the age of 24 years, when his weekly wage was 9s., and on that amount he and his wife brought up a family of eight children. He was able to work on the land and sow crops until he was over 80. His wife died 31 years ago, and he has survived seven of his children. 1 He had 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Diamond Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. George Chapman, of Fen Leigh, Smithy Fen, Cottenham, who were married at the Cambridge Register Office on February 1 14, 1879, celebrated their diamond wedding on Tuesday, and were the recipients of telegrams and letters of congratulation. After their wedding, they settled in the vil¬lage and a few years later Mr. Chapman left for Australia, where he worked on a sugar plantation, and later in the tin mines. He returned to his family in the vil¬lage in 1889, and moved to Smithy Fen, where he had been farming until recent years. He was a well-known figure at Cambridge Cattle Market, which he attended for up¬wards of 30 years. Mr. Chapman is 80 and his wife 83. Of their seven children, three daughters and one son are still living, one son being killed in the Great War. They have five grandchildren, two in England and three in Canada, I and five great-grandchildren, also in Canada.

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George Pearson of Fen Road Milton said he was about to milk his cows when the whole yard suddenly lit up and he noticed a brilliant white light moving across the sky. There were no flames coming from it; it was something like an electric light. Then there was a boom like thunder – he thought the I.R.A. were trying to blow up the bridge. The meteor was also seen by Mr Ketch of Corporation Terrace, Cheddars Lane; a blue light followed by a red glow passed over him with a whizzing noise and afterwards came an explosion. 39 02 20

H.G. Morris, former chide report on CDN, covered 1912 army manoeuvres – 39 02 20a

1939 02 21
Much of the charm depended on traditional cottage architecture but man thatched cottages were derelict and beyond repair. The use of country cottages as 'bolt holes' for the townsman wanting a foot in the country could help preserve them. But it was not to be encouraged from the social point of view of preserving village life. There was one village in Cambridgeshire which was empty during the week and full only at weekends. There were still plenty of thatchers but they were almost all old men, the chairman of the Cottage Improvement Society said 39 02 21.

1939 02 22
A labourer of Hillrow, Haddenham said he lived in a portion of the house where the old widow lived. At 10:30 p.m. everything was quiet in his house and the deceased's. At about 11 p.m. while he was asleep there was a knock which awakened his wife. She woke him and told him that the old lady said "Come, Frank I have got a fire".
The lady had told him that if there any time she needed his help she would knock on the back bedroom window. On this occasion she knocked on the inside door. He threw open the back window, saw the flames coming from the deceased's part of the house and told his wife and children to get out as soon as possible.
"I then ran downstairs to her door but it was impossible to get in. The heat was intense and the door frame was falling. I ran around the front door and burst open the door but could not get through a door leading to her front room. When I got the door partly open the fumes and flames beat me back".
The deceased was in the habit of staying up till midnight before going to bed. She always read the bible for an hour before getting into bed. The light in the house was supplied by a paraffin oil lamp. When she read in bed she used a candle in a tin lid. There was not room at the side of the bed for a table but she could possibly have got a chair there. She very rarely used a cold fire but was dependent on heat and for cooking upon the oil stove. She had had no fire in her front room for five years. He never knew of her taking an oil stove upstairs for heat.
Haddenham Fire Brigade Chief said he had to go around the village to call up the men to go to the Fire Engine House. They got to the fire but found the nearest hydrant was a quarter of a mile from the burning building. He had no hose which would reach from the hydrant to the fire.
The only thing he could do was to phone the Cambridge Fire Brigade. Ely was nearer than Cambridge but the local authorities had an arrangement with Cambridge Brigade if they could not cope with a fire. He phoned up at 11:55 p.m. and the fire brigade arrived at 12:40 p.m. In the meantime he had his men tried to put the fire out with the aid of buckets.
There were only seven hydrants from Haddenham to the corner of Earith Bridge period. The brigade had only 200 yards of hoes and owing to not having enough appliances there had been several serious fires in Haddenham.
The coroner commented that the candle might have been the cause of the fire. The death was accidental. But for a village the size of Haddenham the firefighting apparatus was inadequate and

many valuable properties were unprotected. If the brigade had had enough hose they could have saved one part of the house but now a man and his family were without a home 39 02 22

1939 02 23
East Hatley water supply – 39 02 23

No.7 Petty Cury, comprising a double-fronted shop in the occupation of Messrs Lipton, the upper floors providing part of the bedroom accommodation of the Lion Hotel was offered for sale by auction. Shop property in the heart of the shopping centre of Cambridge seldom came to market by public auction and formed an excellent purchase for occupation, speculation or investment. It would be very difficult to find a much better investment. Demand was especially keen in Cambridge where the best shopping area was limited owing the centre being 'horseshoed' by college buildings. But it failed to reach its reserve and was withdrawn at £11,750 (about £650,000 today) 39 02 23a # c.44.6 # c.06

1939 02 24
A report proposes a new drainage canal about six miles long, between the Ten Mile River near Denver Sluice and a finishing point near St Magdalen's Bend on the tidal river. The water would be controlled by sluice gates at both ends with a battery of irrigation pumps. This canal would only be used in times of severe floods allowing water in the Ten Mile River to flow interrupted down the new canal, the old sluice at Denver being kept closed. The storage capacity would be sufficient to cope with the accumulation of water during high tide. 39 02 24 # c.29

University Gas Light Company install new carbonising plant – 39 02 24a # c.24.4

Lt Thetford postman accused of stealing postal packet 39 02 24b

1939 02 24 CIPof
Boon Retains Title. Eric Boon, the Chatteris boxer, retained his British lightweight title at Haringey Arena last night, when he beat Arthur Danahar, the referee stopping the fight early in the 14th round. This was a thrilling contest between two hard-hitting boxers. Danahar showed clever boxing ability early in the fight, but he was down for two counts of nine in the 8th round, and was saved by the gong at the end of the 11th round. Danahar was again down three times for the same count (nine) in the 13th. When he was down for another count of nine in the 14th round, the referee stopped the fight.

New Appointment for Bishop's Son. Many will offer congratulations to the son of the Bishop of Ely, Mr. F, M. Heywood, M.A., Fellow and Assistant Tutor at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, upon the announcement last weekend of his appointment as Master of Marlborough College. Mr. Heywood, who is 30 years old and married, is the fourth son of the Bishop. He was educated at Haileybury where he became head of the school and captain of the cricket and Rugby football teams, and at Gonville and Caius College, where he was a Scholar of the College and was placed in the First Class in the Classical Tripos. Parts I and II. He won his Blue for Rugby football at Cambridge. After taking his degree at the University, Mr. Heywood went back to Haileybury as assistant master and house tutor. In 1935 he was elected Fellow of Trinity Hall, where he is at present Assistant Tutor and Praelector. He is also Secretary to the Cambridge Committee of the Uni¬versities Council for Unemployed Camps.

A Champion Stallion. A ten-years-old bay stallion broke records at the Shire Horse Show at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Wednesday by win¬ning the premier award at the show for the fourth time. The stallion, Power Winalot, is owned by Mr. J. G. Runciman of Cambridge. He was awarded the King George the Fifth Champion Challenge Cup and the Society's 100 gns. gold challenge cup, both given for the best stallion in the show.

Jockey Weds at Newmarket. The wedding of a prominent jockey and the daughter of a well-known Newmarket licensee took place at the Church of Our Lady Immaculate and St. Etheldreda, Newmarket, on Monday, and created considerable interest. The bridegroom was Mr. Peter Patrick Maher, son of Mr. Patrick Maher, of Ireland, and his bride was Miss Winifred Kate Pudney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs^ Charles Pudney, of the Black Horse Hotel, Newmarket. The bride's father is Chairman of the Newmarket and District Licensed Victuallers' Association.

Meteor Seen in Cambridgeshire. A meteor was seen in Cambridgeshire on Sunday about the time one was observed in London and near King's Lynn. One of those who saw it was Mr. George Pearson, of Fen Road, Milton, who said it came into view at 6.10 a.m. "I had got up to milk my cows," he went on. "As I stood outside my cowshed, the yard suddenly became lit up. I thought it was a freak thunder¬storm, but when I looked up I saw a brilliant white light moving across the sky. It was like a white hot aeroplane body, and about the same size as an aeroplane would seem to be in the sky. It moved quite slowly in a straight line from the direction of Histon towards Horningsea. Shortly after I first saw it, it seemed to divide; then it was shut out from my view by a shed. There were no flames coming from it: it was something like an electric light . . . The meteor seemed to come through the clouds." # c.12

1939 02 24 ES
Ely & Littleport blacked out - trial of value p11
Haddenham Legion clubroom opened p11
Food ship leaves Wisbech p14

1939 02 25
Fendon Estate new choice residential area of Cambridge – advert – 39 02 25a # c.44.6

Mr H.R. Dimock flew over Ely in a Heyford bomber as official observer during the two-hour blackout to test the A.R.P precautions. The night was wet and rain on the windows made visibility difficult and light from the engine exhaust caused a slight haze preventing weak lights from being visible. So he used the revolving turret which was quite open. As they discussed where to drop imaginary bombs the number of lights diminished but there were always about 300 showing somewhere. The railway station was plainly visible and could have been bombed with great precision 39 02 25b

1939 02 27
The tragic end of a widow who perished by the flames which destroyed her home led to a special meeting of Haddenham parish council. Had there been sufficient length of hose or more hydrants in Hillrow the house might have been saved. Twenty hydrants at £100 each would never perish in a hundred years. But a hundred yards of hose would perish in a very short time. The council paid three capable people to take charge of the brigade but they got fed up with criticism and chucked the job in. 39 02 27a

Arab delegation from Pakistan conference visit Cambridge – 39 02 27b

New planned towns should be created to allow decentralisation of population from London, a conference was told. Large cities were susceptible to mass emotion. Jewish riots, Fascist processions etc were becoming dangerous because of the multitudes of men without a place in the world who were ready to act as hooligans and acerbate every situation. But the absence of communal life, lack of social interests or civic centres leads to deadness and dullness which reacts unfavourably on the inhabitants 39 02 27c

1939 02 28
Folk Museum's progress, Catherine Parsons honorary curator – 39 02 28 # c.03

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1939 03 01
Blenheim crash at Wyton inquest – 39 03 01c # c.26.1

1939 03 02
ARP trenches – 39 03 02

Borough Librarian, W.A. Fenton, lectures on Guildhall site – 39 03 02a

1939 03 03
Licences renewed – Golden Rose, Pickerel, Arts Theatre – 39 03 03

A new automatic telephone exchange situated in High Street Histon provides the latest modern automatic apparatus to serve the telephonic requirements of 200 subscribers, day and night. Now they are able to connect themselves automatically to nearly 5,000 telephone numbers without the aid of an operator. The charges, varying from one penny to four pence will be registered automatically on their individual meters. The service is not comparable to that enjoyed in the largest cities 39 03 03a

Cambridge is to raise a 600 bed Military Hospital (Territorial) with an establishment of 23 officers, 50 nursing sisters and 145 other ranks. Steps are being taken to provide temporary accommodation for officers and social purposes pending the erection of permanent buildings. This new unit replaces the original 1st Eastern General raised in Cambridge and the Isle of Ely in 1908. After the war, the hospital was disbanded, but in 1938 it was reconstituted under the command of Lt.-Col. C. H. Budd. M.C. T.D. 39 03 03 CIPof

Cambridge A.R.P. trenches: permanent A.R.P. trenches are taking shape on Midsummer Common between Auckland Road and Brunswick School – photos – 113.70 - 39 03 03

1939 03 03 CIPof
Bus Mishap. Three men were injured at Papworth Everard on Wednesday, when a bus got out of control and jumped a ditch on the road between Kisby's Hut and Lattenbury Bridge.

Flu Sweeps Hunts Institution. During the last nine days. 16 deaths — the majority due to influenza — have occurred at St. Neots Public Assistance Institution, which has been closed to visitors by order of Dr. E. H. Harrison, the Medical Officer. On one day four deaths took place. The victims are mostly elderly people. Yesterday only people with relatives on the danger list were admitted. Several members of the staff are ill

New Master of Christ's.—Canon C. E. Raven, D.D., Regius Pro¬fessor of Divinity, was yesterday elected Master of Christ's College, Cambridge, in succession to Dr. C. G. Darwin.

New Territorial Unit. Once more history is to repeat itself, and Cambridge is to be called upon to raise a 600 bed Military Hospital (Territorial) with an establishment of 23 officers, 50 nursing sisters and 145 other ranks. The hospital is to be raised at once, and already steps are being taken to provide temporary accommodation for officers and social purposes pend¬ing the erection of permanent buildings. This new unit replaces the original 1st Eastern General raised in Cambridge and the Isle of Ely in 1908. After the war, the hospital was disbanded, but in 1938 it was reconstituted under the command of Lt.-Col. C. H. Budd. M.C. T.D. c.45.6 # c.21.4

Lady as Deputy Grand.—A satis¬factory outcome of the most diffi¬cult year experienced for a con¬siderable time was reported at the annual meeting of the Cambridge District, Manchester Unity, Inde¬pendent Order of Odd Fellows held on Saturday at the Lion Hotel. Cambridge. For the first time in its history, the district is likely to have a woman Provincial Grand Master next year. The 121 dele¬gates elected Sister M. Woodford of the Strangers' Refuge Lodge, as Provincial D.G.M. She is the wife of the District Treasurer (Bro. J. M. Woodford), who is himself a Past Provincial Grand Master.

Aurora Borealis.—Last Friday's display of the Northern Lights. visible from many parts of the country, was seen very clearly at Intervals between 7.30 and 9 p.m. from points on the Melbourn-Meldreth Road, many people going to the railway bridge, where an un-obstructed view northward could be obtained.

Presentation, — Twenty years' service by Mr. H. S. Smith as hon. secretary of the Free Church Social and Literary Society (St. Ives) was recognised this week, when the members presented him with a barometer.

Death of a Nonagenarian.— Great Wilbraham has lost a very old and highly respected inhabitant by the death of Mrs. Wye, who passed away on Febru¬ary 24, aged 99 years. 'For the last few years she had resided with her daughter in Cambridge.

1939 03 03 ES
Ely trial blackout discussed p7
Delivery of steel shelters begun p7
Improving Isle air raid precautions p14

1939 03 04
Christ's Lane bar – 39 03 04

Tuberculosis work has been carried on in Camden Place for 25 years. Now the old dispensary is being demolished with a new clinic adjoining Shire Hall, Castle Hill opened by Prof Ryle. It is equipped with an X-ray apparatus of the highest quality with a skilled radiologist in charge of it. Now the death rate from tuberculosis in Cambridgeshire was one of the lowest. The new dental caravan was also on display 39 03 04a # c.21.1

1939 03 07
Cambridge & District Town Planning scheme inquiry heard that Grantchester Meadows, a large area of land between Cambridge and Coton, the University Farm and land at the Gog Magog Hills had been safeguarded. An area of 160 acres near Trumpington should be reserved for a municipal golf course. But at Rectory Farm, Milton the field the Corporation wanted to take was the only old pasture on the farm and the tenant had 21 cows and a bull. If he had to give it up it would take 10 years before the grass would be useful for milking purposes 39 03 07a # c.49.4

Little Chishill was inarticulate: there was no parish meeting or ways of making their voice known. It was a straggling hamlet of nine houses round the church and others down one side of the road; the other side was Great Chishill. The refuse was collected from one side, not the other. They should be combined, Gt Chishill council said. But residents were opposed; dust-carts spoiled the beauty of the countryside and they always buried their tins. 39 03 07b

Camden Place demolition for new head office Telephone Area – 39 03 07c

1939 03 08
The RDC heard that a drain needed for Stretham council houses should run inside the recreation ground and join up with the existing sewer. The Parish Council Chairman had said they'd be no difficulty but the council then refused permission. If they brought their outlet to the open ditch it would create a nuisance and the parish council would have to pay for it. That would bring them to their senses. 39 03 08 & a

Wilburton sewage & evacuation scheme

Huntingdon will be able to accommodate 2,212 persons evacuated in the event of war, nearly half the present population of the town. The majority would be children but include 888 adults. 39 03 08b

1939 03 10
Dora Pertz, Cambridge research worker – 39 03 10

Debden airfield construction fraud – 39 03 10a

Madingley wood future – 39 03 10b

Grantchester parish council did not want the construction of any road near the village. One of the advantages was the acute corners which meant that people cannot go through at speed. Widening them would lead to increased speed and greater danger. The nearer a ring road was to Grantchester the more disastrous it would be. The beauty of the village was to be sacrificed to an ideal of a boulevard, an inquiry was told. 39 03 11, 10c

1939 03 10 ES
Stretham: death of William Tyrrell Rayner, 68, builder of Ely Rd; family established in Stretham for 300 years, now died out; 1907 took over building business in S; was son late Philip Rayner, builder & wheelwright of Lt Downham; funeral p4

Littleport ARP organisation p7
The lighter side of ARP - supper p9
Ely RDC consider village fire appliances p11

1939 03 11
Ramsey St Mary haulage contractor's problems 39 03 11a, b

1939 03 13
Keith Falkner, the famous singer, gave a concert in Sawston, the village of his birth, in aid of a memorial to his father. He brought several other artists from London 39 03 13

1939 03 14
There are too few women councillors in Cambridge, said Mrs Hartree. Political parties have had the wisdom to put forward women candidates but it was better to be independent. 39 03 14

Ely jam factory chimney causes complaints; the fountain was an eyesore and should be moved – 39 03 14a

1939 03 15
Royston council's decision not to allow part of the Priory Estate to be used for shops, a garage filling station and showroom has been upheld by an Inspector. It was zoned for residential purposes and is unnecessary for local needs. The owners of the land had offered it to the council to be preserved as an open space, since development would mean the clearance of the trees. But there were a great many principles and a certain amount of money involved so it should be discussed by the full council 39 03 15

1939 03 16
Royston Council's old manual fire engine is a venerable relic but retains its 'Directions for Use'. "Put as many men at the handles as can stand both inside and out and move the handles quickly from top to bottom", it says. "Should an obstruction of the water appear … it should be immediately stopped to allow the rubbish to be cleaned away … On return from a fire it is advisable to pump clean water through the engine and remove mud … that may have been drawn into the works", But in one of the pipes we discovered the mortal remains of a rat. The engine was given to the town by Henry Fordham and was only used for in-town fires. Now it may be sold. 39 03 16 & a # c.34.75

Cambridgeshire Cottage Improvement Society annual report 39 03 16b

1939 03 17
Value of air photography – detailed article – 39 03 17 # c.65.5

Plans to make the Festival Theatre a twice-nightly music-hall were knocked on the head by the war scare last September, a bankruptcy hearing was told. A lady trading as 'Diana Tempest', who was previously a clairvoyant under the name of Alexia, became actress manager at the Festival and the Theatre Royal Aldershot. But the venture was not successful: she did not take more than £50 a week and the expenses were £90. She was now earning £2 a week in Cambridge by her clairvoyancy. 39 03 17a # c.76

Meldreth builder bankruptcy 39 03 17b

1939 03 17 CIPof
Trainer's Will. Mr. College Leader, of Fairway House, Exning, racehorse trainer for the Earl of Derby, who died on December 9 last, aged 55, left gross estate of the value of £26,465 1s. 4d., with net personalty £14,657 12s. Id.

New Post. At the end of Sep¬tember, Mr. B. Touch, manager of the Ely and District Co-operative Society Ltd., will leave that post to take over the secretaryship of the Countess of Huntingdon's Connexion, whose offices are in London. In his new appointment, Mr. Touch will succeed Mr. E. Dolby Shelton now in his 83rd year, who has held the position for 34 years. Many residents of Ely will remember Mr. Shelton's connection with the city, where, in High Street, he was associated with a well known firm of printers. Mr. Touch, besides being vice-chairman of the Ely Urban District Council, is a member of the Public Assistance Sub-Committee and many other public and social bodies.

Artist's Sudden Death. Shortly after complaining to his servants that he was feeling unwell, Mr. Alfred Frederick William Hayward, the well-known artist, died in his chair in the studio at his home at Hemingford Grey on Tuesday. He was 82. Mr. Hayward specialised in painting flowers, al¬though he was a highly skilled still life artist. He was a member of the Royal Institute of Oil Painters and exhibited at the Royal Academy. He came to this country from Canada some years ago and purchased the house at Hemingford of a fellow artist, the late W. Dendy Sadler.
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Strange Sequence. Four players with equal score had to cut for second and third prizes at the Literary Institute whist drive at the Constitutional Hall (St. Ives) on Tuesday. They turned up the two of hearts and the three, four and five of spades. Numbers four and five took the prizes.

Presentation, At a business meeting of the Baptist Old Meeting (Gamlingay) held recently, Mr. E. Garrott, who has resigned from the post of treasurer, was presented with an easy chair as a token of the appreciation of the congregation of his valued services to the church for many years. During his long connection with the Baptist cause, Mr. Gar-rott has been Sunday School Sup¬erintendent, Deacon and Trea¬surer.

Water Supply. A meeting concerning the village water supply (at Pampisford) was held in the school on Friday under the chairmanship of Mr. R. C. C. J. Binney (chairman of the Parish Council). After Mr. Binney had explained the details of the scheme, the meeting was thrown open for a general discussion. Several of those present expressed their own particular views and eventually the following resolution was passed by 15 votes to none five not voting. — "That as the village of Pampisford already has an adequate supply of pure water, there is no necessity for a piped water scheme."

1939 03 17 ES
Ely RDC plan new housing p7
Prickwillow: Ely council to build 12 houses on Padnal bank p7
Eastern counties food ship seized; British Destroyers rescue it from Spanish warships p11

1939 03 22
Isleham-Prickwillow road costs – 39 03 22

The Basque Children's Hostel is still in need of support. The children came over in 1937 and moved to the present hostel in 1938. The conquest of the greater part of Spain by Franco and his Fascist friends meant their parents were scattered and it was dangerous for them to return. Several businesses had given valuable support including Chivers and Pordage. It was a very happy home. There had been no bullying or dishonesty. Three of the boys were at garages being trained as motor mechanics, one girl was a dressmaker, another a laboratory assistant 39 03 22a # c.45.7

1939 03 23
A Hardwick family had been tenants of Pembroke College on lands at Hardwick for nearly 100 years. Now a widow claimed the tenancy belonged to her. She said the land had been granted to her grandfather by Lord Hardwicke and she'd lived for 15 years in a house consisting of two railway carriages. The deeds had been stored in a box that had been destroyed in a fire. But Pembroke produced documents showing they'd been granted the land under the Hardwick Inclosure Act. 39 03 23

Parts of Milton Road branch library are unsafe and re-building is the only cure, the Library Committee was told. It was constructed on the site of an old brickyard and there has been a serious settlement. Every cove cornice in every part was cracked and the whole library should be pulled down. A new building a short distance away was erected a short time ago and when the foundations were exposed it was found they had no bottom. It had to be built on piles that went 15 feet down to get a foundation. 39 03 23a # c.77.4

1939 03 24
Cherry Hinton factory proposed for Lamson Paragon Supply Company – 39 03 24

Cambridge Housing Association – needs desperate, perhaps use land Cherry Hinton Hall – 39 03 24a, b

Swann's Yard, Newmarket Road 'offensive trade' – rags & bones – 39 03 24b

1939 03 24 CIPof
Police Chief's War Prophecy. Huntingdonshire Chief Constable, Capt. J. T. Rivatt-Carnac, caused a Huntingdon and Godmanchester audience at a National Service meeting on Friday to gasp when he declared : "I think we are almost certainly due for another world war, either this year or next." Professing not to be a pessimist, he went on to say: "It is far better to face it. I think it is a mistake to tell people of improving conditions. It is far better to make them out to be worse than they are. To tell people in a voluntary country that they are all right will cause them to slacken and decline to volunteer. If you tell them they are really bad — they are worse now than they were last September -it is only self-preservation to .." The Chief Constable did not finish the sentence. Then, as if sensing the stir he had caused, he said: "I hope I am not being too pessimistic." The only opinions on that came, from other speakers on the platform. Wing Commander Findlay, of Wyton, speaking of the possibility of hostilities occurring, said: "I notice the police are a bit depressed about it." This raised a laugh. Dr. S. J. Peters, M.P., con¬fessed that the Chief Constable had "made him feel gloomy."

First Within Living Memory. For the first time within living memory a marriage was solemnised in Magdalene College Chapel on Saturday. The bridegroom was Mr. R. F. Bennett, a graduate of the college, who was elected a Fellow last June. He was married to Miss Daphne Mayler, of Haverfordwest. Before the college ser¬vice, a civil ceremony was performed at the Shire Hall.

R.D.C.'s New Clerk. Of the seven candidates interviewed by St. Ives Rural District Council on Wednesday for the post of non-legal Clerk, Mr. D. J. Tansley was selected. He is 34 years of age and

is at present Deputy Clerk to the Dunmow Rural District Coun¬cil. At St. Ives Mr. Tansley suc¬ceeds Mr. G. L. Day, who resigned because the work interfered with his private practice as a solicitor.

Presentation. — The Soham Station waiting room was the scene of a pleasing ceremony on Thursday week, when Mr. and Mrs. W. Ayres were presented with an armchair and a handbag respectively on the occasion of Mr. Ayres' retirement from the service of the L.N.E.R. The presentation was made by the Stationmaster (Mr. H. M. Parker). Mr. Ayres commenced service on the railway in 1898, and after a number of moves, went to Barway siding as signalman in 1909 and to Soham in 1912. He has thus completed 40 years' service, 29 of which were

1939 03 25
Mill Road cemetery chapel to be decorated by Reginald Hallwood – 39 03 25 # c.21.2

Chesterton Community Centre needed – 39 03 25a

Babraham Road development approved – 39 03 25b

1939 03 27
Marshall's airfield new hangars – 39 03 27 # c.26.1

1939 03 28
Cambridge members of the Women's Voluntary Services for Civil Defence are being trained as ambulance and car drivers. A feature of the classes is tuition in driving in the dark in gas masks and without lights and in changing wheels, fuses etc under the same conditions. This instruction is being given by Mr North of Messrs Marshall's, Jesus Lane. Women wishing to enrol for this important National Service should apply to the W.V.S., Old Post Office, St Andrew's Street - 39 03 28 # c.45.7

1939 03 29
Air Defence Cadet Corps Squadron formed – 39 03 29 & a # c.26.1

1939 03 30
The A.R.P. First Aid post at Auckland Road will be staffed by a doctor and trained nurse and give more extensive first-aid. Two practices have already taken place. A sham air raid was enacted last night with casualties brought in by ambulance and unloaded by stretcher bearers. Nurses and orderlies under the direction of Dr Walker, dealt with them. Realism was added by squibs which were let off and red paint was used to give the impression of real wounds. 39 03 30 & a # c.45.7

1939 03 31
Lands in the South Level are in greater peril of inundation than ever before owing to the rapidity of flood waters flowing down from the upland due to improvement of the upland water courses and because Denver Sluice in time of flood is impeded by water passing through the Hundred Foot River. The report by Sir Alexander Gibb should be examined, the Ouse Catchment Board was told. But the Board's engineer had criticised it. "This is the most inefficient body I have ever sat on, far worse that the most incompetent parish council", one member complained. 39 03 31 & a # c.29

1939 03 31 CIPof
Churchyards. A letter from Thriplow, signed "E. T. Hellins" follows up a note I had last week (says Watchman) about country churchyards. It says: "With reference to your note regarding country churchyards, in addition to the ones you mention, I think it is generally agreed that the churchyard at Great Shelford is kept in excellent order. It has been closed for burial for some years — with the exception of the interment of persons whose relatives are already interred there. Another nicely kept one is, or was — I have not visited the place for some years — at Hildersham, close to Linton."

An Old Servant. Mr. John Vincent Bellairs, who spent nearly the whole of his life in the service of one farm, died on Saturday at the age of 66 (at St. Ives). He entered the local office of Messrs. Coote

and Warren Ltd. as a boy and when he left it over 50 years later, he was office manager. He had been retired about 18 months. He was a bachelor and lived with his mother at Needing-worth Road.

Dedication of New Organ. The new organ in the Congregational Church (Sawston) was dedicated on Tuesday evening. The Minister (the Rev. L. J. Ballard) conducted the service of dedication, in which thanksgivings were offered for all who had worked towards the raising of funds. In his address, the Minister remarked that gifts had come from Australia and Canada from old Sawstonians. The organ cost £315.

Veteran's Death. Mr. J. T.I Osborne died at Girton this week after a useful life of much activity in the village. He was Clerk to the Parish Council for 40 years, a tithe collector for 55 years, a village charity trustee for 33 and a school manager for 30. He was 90 years of age.

Director of Religious Education. The Rev. A. Wayment, who has been appointed to the Vicarage of Barton, has also been chosen by the Diocesan Board of Education to be Director of Religious Education in the diocese of Ely. Before he was ordained Mr. Wayment had a long and successful experience as headmaster of .a large elementary school for boys at Lambeth He succeeds the Rev. B. F. Sheppard in the post, but the work of Sun¬day School Adviser, which Mr Sheppard combined with the directorship, will now be other¬wise provided for.

1939 03 31 ES
Witcham has had fire engine since 1808

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Rudd's Garage and Petrol Filling Station on the Huntingdon Road is well-known to thousands of motorists as a place where they may obtain expert and courteous service at a reasonable charge. For many years it has specialised in the presentation of reliable used cars. They currently have a very handsome selection of the popular low horse-powered used vehicles, all spick and span and ready for the road and almost indistinguishable from new. They are also sole agents for the new Renault 'Eight' 39 04 01

Mill Road cemetery chapel has been redecorated and a dedicatory service was conducted by the Bishop of Ely who said he was very keen about cemetery chapels, some of which were in a very sorry condition. Before this chapel was redecorated it was much better than some others. It is exceptional for a cemetery chapel to be inspiring and uplifting; they should be beautiful and eloquent of the Christian faith. He thanked the decorators for their work and a collection was taken in aid of the fund for the readornment of the chapel. 39 04 01a

1939 04 04
Clayhithe new bridge tested, will open to general traffic soon. Pedestrian traffic starts at once – 39 04 04

Ted Robinson licensee of British Queen for over 30 years – 39 04 04a

1939 04 06
A Lt Thetford man told the court he had served in the army until 1919 then commenced work as an agricultural labourer. In 1921 he became a postman. He was married with five children and farmed 65 acres of smallholding. He brought his own implements and made a good profit until 1937 when, during the disastrous floods, seven acres were completely under water and other crops were poor. Next year was equally bad owing to drought. He worked harder but his health failed him and he fell into temptation. 39 04 06

St Regis luxury flats, Chesterton Road. The main staircase has Rexine-finished walls with soft lights dispensing an atmosphere of well-being. The stairs are covered with cork to silence the noise. All flats are expensively fitted out and a resident caretaker will remove refuse and arrange for domestic cleaning. A unique feature is the provision of a large air raid shelter build under the garages. It has a concrete roof and will be perfectly safe against all but a direct hit by a heavy bomb. Provision has been made for gas-proofing it in case of emergency. 39 04 06a

1939 04 07 CIPof
Retirement. Alderman W. Few, the well-known member of the Cambridge Town Council, retired from the L.N.E.R. on Wednesday. He did his last job of driving— to Mildenhall—that morning. He has been with the Company for 46 years, and a driver since 1914.

Married. The wedding took place at Cherry Hinton Parish Church early on Monday morning of Barbara Ruth, daughter of Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. F. N. Drake Digby, of 20 Fendon Road, and William Nicholas, son of Mrs. Carter, of Slough, and the late Rev. T. B. Carter, some time Vicar of Little Farringdon, Gloucester¬shire. The ceremony was very quiet, only very close relatives being present.

Youngest Team of Bell Ringers? An article in a national newspaper (writes Watchman) recently told of a schoolgirl, aged 16 years, who was an expert bell ringer. Meldreth's church bells were re-hung two years ago, and a team (of ringers) was made up of Wilfred Butler, 13; John Gipson, 13; George Newell, 12; Archie Tuck, 16; Jim Turner, 16. The boys were very keen. They joined the Bell Ringers' Association and attended all the meetings round about. A few weeks ago they rang their first peal, and are very proud of it. I wonder if they are the youngest team? Their ages now, of course, are 15 years. 15. 14 18 and 18
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Death.—Sir Charles Wentworth Stanley died on Friday at his home, Bentley Corner, Cambridge, aged 79. He had been in ill-health for some years. Sir Charles, who was High Sheriff of Cambridge¬shire and Huntingdonshire in 1930, took a wide and active interest in many county activities until his retirement a few years ago. Born in 1860, he was the eldest son of Capt. Sidney Stanley, of Longstowe Hall. He was a member of the 4th Suffolk Regiment, and during the war was with the Cam¬bridgeshire Regiment. Prominently associated with the Conservative Party in Cambridgeshire, he was a past President of the Association. He was knighted for public services in 1929. Until his retirement a few years ago, he was an alderman of' the Cambridgeshire County Council and Vice-Chairman of Cambridgeshire Quarter Sessions. For over 40 years he was a J.P., and during that time was Chairman of the Caxton Bench.

Champion Darts Team. — The championship of the Shelford and District League has changed hands this season, the winners being the Horseshoes (Stapleford) team. Having obtained the lead several weeks ago, the team has never looked like being caught, and were eventually easy winners. Proof of the team's merits is also emphasised by two of the players being concerned in the final of the singles championship. Messrs N. Johnson and J. Sanderson, the former winning the trophy for the second successive year.

Golden Wedding in Australia. — Mrs. Potter, of the Anchor (Bottisham) has received a paper from Maryborough, Australia, containing an account of the golden wed¬ding of her brother, Mr. Alfred John Jarvis. Mr. Jarvis is the eldest son of the late Mr. W Jarvis, who lived for many years at the Anchor with his daughter He was born at Waterbeach and went to Australia in March, 1887 in the sailing ship Eastminster, the journey taking 91 days. His brother, Mr. Walter Jarvis, went with him. They landed with but 9d. between them, and of this they spent 6d. for a stamp to send a let¬ter home to say they had arrived safely. At various times, Mr. A. J. Jarvis worked on a sugar plantation and at timber hauling, serving at the latter for nearly 50 years with one firm

1939 04 07 ES
Ely RDC make doubly sure of pure water supply; chlorination plant to be installed; trailer pumps at Littleport & Haddenham p11

1939 04 08
Good Friday skipping photo – 39 04 08 # c.39

1939 04 11
Mayoress tries out a Bren gun on Parker's Piece – 39 04 11

The Cambridgeshire Regiment displayed its new mechanical vehicles on Parker's Piece on Easter Monday, attracting large crowds. There was a small tank, anti-tank rifle and a Bren gun mounted on a tripod which can be used as an anti-aircraft gun to keep invading aeroplanes at least 2,000 feet up. The Mayoress (Mrs A.A. Spalding) became so interested that she insisted on going through the motion of firing it without live ammunition 39 04 11a

Swaffham Bulbeck cottage fire – 39 04 11a

1939 04 12
New Guildhall rapidly nearing completion – photo – 39 04 12

1939 04 14
Caxton Gibbet Cut Down. The Caxton Gibbet is no more. The famous hanging post, which stood on the side of the Old North Road as a reminder of olden days' justice was cut down by someone unknown on Sunday. "Neatly sawn off" was the way the man-ageress of the Caxton Gibbet Hotel described what she found early on Monday morning. The gibbet was still dominating the scene late on Sunday evening, but on Monday morning only a stump of about six inches was standing. It took eight men to carry the famous oaken sentinel to the hotel yard, where it now lies. "We wish we could find some clue," said the manageress, "but there is "none. Everyone is very indignant about it. Holidaymakers passing through called and wanted to know where the gibbet had gone." The gibbet stood at the side of the Old North Road a few yards from the spot where it crosses the St. Neots Road. It was not knocked down by anything, but carefully sawn through. Though very few of the passers-by must have known it, the gibbet was actually a replica of the one which stood at the spot years ago and had only been standing about five years The site had always been remembered as the scene of old-time hangings, and a notice to this effect was erected prior to the erection of the replica. The 20th-century gibbet was made by the brewers for the hotel. They made it with some very old oak and erected it with the permission of the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Monuments. An official of the brewery went to the spot this week, and it was decided to replace the gibbet. So Caxton will not lose its claim to fame after all.

1939 04 14 CIPof
Fire Engine for Museum. Royston's ancient manual fire engine has been found a home. At the Royston Urban Council's meeting on Tuesday, it was reported that the Vicar of Shepreth had asked whether the Coun¬cil would give it to the Shepreth Museum Committee, and the Council decided that they would # c.34.75 # c.03

Married. A well-known Ely doctor, son of a medical man who practised in the city for many years, was married to the daughter of a Cambridge physician in St. Benet's Church, Cambridge, on Wednesday afternoon. He was Dr. Francis George Archer Beckett, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., L.R.C.P., son of the late Dr. F. H. M. A. Beckett. The bride was Miss Lucy Daville Haynes, daughter of Dr. G. S. Haynes, of the Corner House. Cambridge. Over 300 guests attended the reception, which was held in the hall of King's College.

Died Five Months after Diamond Wedding. Mr. George Skeel, a well-known Cambridgeshire farmer before the War, died on Sunday at his home, 154 Girton Road Cambridge, Born on his father's farm near Bottisham Lode 86 years ago, he went to Sanderson Farm, Girton, in 1891, when the village was remote from Cambridge. He retired in 1911. An expert at duck and snipe shooting, Mr. Skeel used to take University, men shooting on his father's farm on the lode. He used to be assisted in this by a Mr.

Tarrant, who was a gunsmith in Sussex Street. In later years, Mr. Skeel was a great worker in the Girton parish. Mr. and Mrs. Skeel celebrated) their diamond wedding last October. His widow and three sons survive him. One of his sons, Mr. Arthur Reginald Skeel, is well known in Cambridgeshire as a Cycling pioneer.

1939 04 14 ES
Ely hostel for refugees - help solicited p7

1939 04 15
Caxton Gibbet stood on its usual site on the Old North Road late on Sunday evening. Early Monday morning only a stump of about six inches remained. The gibbet had not been knocked down but neatly sawn off. It was a replica made by the brewers Payne for the hotel using very old oak and had only been standing about five years. The site had always been remembered as the scene of old-time hangings. Now it will be replaced. 39 04 15

1939 04 17
The old First Eastern General Hospital had been born again last year, but it had a short life and died in the September crisis. Then the Cabinet decided to form eight Territorial General Hospitals and it was revived as the "2nd (1st Eastern) General Hospital". There are 23 officers and 145 other ranks, a matron and nurses and it will have the same number of beds, about 600. Old Comrades can assist training recruits in the initial stages, they were told at their annual dinner 39 04 17 # c.21.4 # c.45.7

1939 04 18
Tank stimulates recruits – photo – 39 04 18

1939 04 19
The Master of Corpus Christi College has been appointed Commissioner for the Eastern Region under the Civil Defence Scheme, with Lord Eltisley as his deputy. Sir Will Spens, 57, has been Master since 1928 and was knighted last year. Lord Eltisley is the former MP for Cambridge, an alderman of the County Council and High Steward of the Borough of Cambridge. The twelve Regional Commissioners will direct civil defence on behalf of the Government in war-time from cities and towns throughout Britain. 39 04 19 # c.45.7

The inquest on a 19-year-old aircraftman who shot himself while on sentry duty at Bassingbourn airfield failed to find any evidence as to what had led him to commit suicide. He had been issued with a rifle and five rounds of blank ammunition. Police found the empty case of a live cartridge in the magazine. There was no blank ammunition anywhere. Later the missing rounds were found in another airman's coat pocket. It seemed he had taken the wrong coat by mistake. 39 04 19a

British Portland Cement has constructed an emergency headquarters at the disused Saxon Cement Works in Coldham's Lane. Built by William Sindall it includes a complete set of offices with bombproof shelters and all A.R.P. necessities. There are two decontamination rooms with gas proof windows and splinter-proof steel shutters. Seven bomb-proof dugouts covered with eight inches of reinforced ferro-concrete and two feet of earth can each accommodate 30 people. It has an air-filtration plant, central heating and electricity supplied from an accumulator driven by a crude oil engine 39 04 19b & c # c.27 # c.45.7

National service and ARP: the young man's job: prepare today. How you can help yourself – articles explaining situation – 39 04 19d & f

Lavender & Bateman for air raid shelters of all kinds – advertisement – 39 04 19e

Air raid precautions. Every house should have a refuge room. A cellar or basement is the best. The stronger the walls, floor or ceiling the better. If possible the room should be without windows. If this is impossible steps can be taken to lessen the danger of the windows being blown in by blast and so

perhaps allow the entry of gas-laden air. Sandbags or boxes filled with earth should be placed outside them. Otherwise trenches can be dug seven foot deep with at least two entrances and covered with corrugated iron topped with two feet of earth. Keep these pages for future reference – 39 04 19 e,f, g, h # c.45.7

1939 04 20
Water supplies at Old Wimpole adequate, no householder wanted to take water from mains, but Gt Chishill wanted supply – 39 04 20

1930 04 21
The Victoria Friendly Institution was inaugurated at a meeting at the Wrestlers Inn, Petty Cury in 1837 and the foundation stone of the old building laid in 1841. A programme and a number of coins were also placed in a bottle. But there is no trace of them. Now six houses have been erected to mark their centenary, providing happiness for those fortunate enough to be elected tenants. It was a great satisfaction to know there were such places in which people could spend the eventide of life 39 04 21 # c.32.9

1939 04 21 CIPof
Police Wartime Reserve.—The recruitment of a special Police War Reserve and the provision of private telephone lines for police use in time of war was approved at Friday's meeting of the Hunt¬ingdonshire Standing Joint Com¬mittee at Huntingdon.

New Head of Clare.—Mr. Henry Thirkill, M.A. President and Tutor of Clare College, was on Monday elected Master, in succession of Mr. G. H. A. Wilson. Mr, Thirkill was educated as an undergrad¬uate, at Clare College, and was elected a Fellow of the College in 1910, shortly after he had taken his degree. He was elected Tutor of the College in 1920, and has held the Presidency since 1930.

Championship Retained.—Jackie Clarke, of Cambridge, retained the Eastern Area lightweight boxing championship on Monday, when, at Bury St. Edmunds for the second time in six weeks, he out¬pointed Walter Redit, of Wicken, the former holder.

Presentation. — Twenty - five years' devoted service as Secret¬ary of the Cambridge Trades Council and Labour Party were honoured on Wednesday evening, when presentations were made to Mr. J. J. ('Jimmy") Overton and to Mrs. Overton. An interesting feature of the proceedings was that Mr. Overton, who has been associated for many years with a well-known Cambridge firm of watchmakers and jewellers, selected as the gift from the Party of a gold watch. He was also pre¬sented with a cheque and a hand¬some album containing the names of all subscribers. Mrs. Overton received an armchair.

Defence Chiefs.—Sir Will Spens, Master of Corpus Christi College, has been appointed Commissioner for the Eastern Region under the Civil Defence Scheme, with Lord Eltisley as his deputy. The names of 12 of the Regional Commis¬sioners, who are to direct Civil Defence on behalf of the Govern¬ment in war-time from 12 cities and towns throughout Great Bri¬tain were announced in the House of Commons. The Commissioners are nominated for three years as from April 1. # c.45.6

Plane Crash. — An aeroplane, piloted from Cambridge by F. Rickaby, the well-known Newmar¬ket jockey, crashed while trying to land at Uttoxeter racecourse on Tuesday. The machine collided with a hedge and overturned. There were two passengers in the plane and both escaped injury. Rickaby, who has held a flying licence for six years, rode in the third race at the meeting.

Blossom Time.—A correspon¬dent .writes: The air for the past week at Over has been heavily scented with perfume thrown off by the blossoming trees. There is a wonderful show of blossom, and the trees look as if they are cov¬ered with snow. All the plum trees have blossomed well, the Czar

blossom being exceptionally heavy. The pear blossom is just out, but the apple will not be out for a few days, while in the hedgerows the wild sloe has an abundance of blossom, as has the wild cherry plum, which has now shed it and is covered with leaves.

1939 04 21 ES
Glimpses from past: Engine used as Royal train 1903 - photo p16

1939 04 22
An appeal was made for townspeople to join the army of National Service. Cambridge requires 540 air wardens, 189 special constables and 90 men for the auxiliary fire service. Women could join the Land Army, nursing or first-aid services or help with the evacuation of children. The world is in the hands of certain irresponsible and uncontrolled men. Vast multitudes had lined the streets of Berlin to cheer their leader, the man who had massacred the liberties of two neighbouring people. We need to be ready 39 04 22 # c.45.7

Regional commissioners for civil defence – editorial – 39 04 22a

Caxton gibbet – last man hanged was Partridge – 39 04 22b

J.M. Bull, dairy farmers, open new. Rock Estate depot, Cherryhinton Road – 39 04 22c

1939 04 25
The Central Cinema, Hobson Street, was burnt to a shell in the early hours of the morning. Only the fire-proof operating box, the foyer, crush hall and some of the back stalls remain intact. Firemen hauled hoses up to the roof of the Dorothy Café and from the high ladder of the Merryweather turntable in Hobson Street P.C. Kelly poured another stream of water on to the flames. But after an hour-and-a-half the roof fell in amid a shower of sparks. There was concern about Christ's College chapel where the roof had been removed because of damage done by the death watch beetle and only a tarpaulin covered the wooden ceiling. But a shower of rain helped to prevent it catching alight 39 04 25a, b # c.76.9 # c.34.75

1939 04 27
Progress is being made on the construction of the Cambridge Waterworks Company's new reinforced concrete service reservoir on Lime Kiln Road. With a capacity of two million gallons, it will double the available storage so that in the event of a breakdown at the pumping station the supply could be maintained for practically two days. Over 1,400 tons of concrete and 150 tons of steel will be used. When finished the banks and roof will be soiled and sown with grass seed to provide effective camouflage for something which would doubtless prove attractive to raiding aeroplanes 39 04 27a # c.24.2

1939 04 28 CIPof
Worst Angling for 58 Years. — Hopes for a better season were expressed at the annual meeting of the St. Ives and District Fish Preservation and Angling Society on Wednesday evening. Mr. E. Collinson (secretary), in his report, stated that it had been the worst season during his 58 years as secretary, but they lived in hope for the future.

Appointment. — Mr. Henry Tomlinson, M.Sc., at present Warden of the Village College, Linton has been appointed headmast¬er of Sexey's School, Blackford. Somerset, in succession to Mr. Laurence Abram, M.Sc., who is retiring. Mr. Tomlinson had a brilliant academic career at Manchester University. Sexey's School, Blackford, is an endowed secondary boarding school for boys and girls situated in the Somerset countryside. The school has attached to it a small farm. An agri¬cultural course is conducted for boys and girls and the produce of the farm supplies the boarding side of the school.

Gold Medallist. — Mr. Albert Cox, the well known local bass, who recently obtained a gold medal for singing at the London Academy of Music, also won the Miller Bowl for singing at the Cambridge Solo Festival on Saturday. He is a student of the Mackenzie School of Music.

Councillor Bereaved. — Mrs. Emma Chapman Horn, wife of Councillor W. W. Horn, of St. Mary's Street, St. Ives, died at their residence on Tuesday morning aged 74. Mr. and Mrs. Horn were married at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington in 1890 and had lived in St. Ives for the past 28 years. Mrs. Horn made many friends, particularly during her husband's mayoralty in 1925.

Cambridge Cinema Gutted. — The Central Cinema, Hobson Street, Cambridge was burnt to a shell in the early hours of Tues¬day morning. Adjoining property was endangered but the Cam¬bridge Borough Fire Brigade managed to prevent the flames from spreading. When they finally subdued the outbreak after a five hours' fight, only the walls, the fire proof operating box, the foyer, crush hall and offices and some-rows of the back stalls remained Intact, though, viewed from the outside, the building shows little evidence of the havoc wrought by the flames. The damage amounted to several thousands of pounds. # c.76.9 # c.34.75

New Vicar. — The Rev A. Wayment was inducted and instituted to the living of Barton on Friday by the Bishop of Ely, assisted by Bishop Price.

Not a Bomb. — Last week-end a gentleman deposited an attaché case in the parcels office at Hunt¬ingdon railway station. A little later one of the clerks heard a ticking sound coming from the case. Being suspicious, he called the porters and also the clerk at the bookstall. The ticking still went on, and the case was carefully carried out and placed at the extreme end of the platform to await the explosion. The owner of the case came along and explained that all it contained was a travelling clock.

Golden Wedding. Mr. and Mrs, Oliver Pink, of St. Michael's Lane, Longstanton, who celebrated their golden wedding on Sunday, all the family, consisting of three daughters 18 grandchildren, one great grandchild and three sons-in-law, being present. Altogether 28 sat down to tea. Mr. and Mrs. Pink were married at Bene't Street Register Office, Cambridge, on April 20, 1889. Mr. Pink, who is 78, is a native of Longstanton and has resided in the village all his life. Unfortunately he has been for some years in failing health. Mrs. Pink, who is 73, is a native of Swavesey.

1939 04 28 ES
Nurse Clark to retire after 32 years, Ely - photo p9
Ely's new water tower progress - photo p9
River Ouse improvements at Denver - photo p16

1939 04 29
In the event of war there would be several hundred thousand casualties in the first few weeks. Cambridge was tolerably safe from air raids but patients would be transferred to Addenbrooke's Hospital from other areas. But there was a shortage of nurses. A nurse could do a great deal for a casualty with no hospital, but a hospital could do nothing for a casualty without a doctor and a nurse – 39 04 29 & a # c.45.7 # c.21.3

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1939 05 01
It is unlikely that the Water Company's source of supply, the Fleam Dyke pumping station, would be chosen as a target by enemy bombers, but even if it were it is less likely that a direct hit capable of putting both duplicate sets of machinery out of action would be registered. However the disused Fulbourn pumping station has been completely reconditioned as a precaution. But if Cambridge was raided it is almost inevitable that water mains would sustain considerable damage the Manager said.

The Company supplied water to 81,000 people but this may well be increased to over 110,000 by evacuations from London, 39 05 01 & a

1939 05 02
Allied newspapers, telling the public the truth; Lord Iliffe to retire – 39 05 02

1939 05 03
If war came some kind of press censorship would be inevitable, the Home Secretary told the Newspaper Society dinner. Retiring President, Captain A.C. Taylor, Managing Director of the CDN, said the provincial newspaper editor was very discrete and trustworthy but must make a true and faithful record of events as they take place. Only a free Press, unfettered by Government interference, can be looked upon as a true Press, and a faithful record of everyday affairs 39 05 03b

1939 05 04
The cries of a twelve-month-old baby saved the lives of an unemployed man, his wife and four children on the St Neots Road near Hardwick turning. It awakened her mother, who found that the room in which she and the other members of the family were sleeping was rapidly filing with smoke. They ran to safety outside, clad only in their night attire. The fire rapidly caught hold and the building was burnt to the ground, only the brick chimney remaining 39 05 04

1939 05 05
The Ely and Chatteris area would receive abut 9,000 evacuees in three days, the W.V.S. was told. Accommodation offered for the children far exceeded the number that would be billeted, but there was not sufficient accommodation for adults. The first batch of evacuees would arrive at Ely at 1.05pm, brining 1,000 and the second train at 5.35 and the W.V.S. could escort them to their billets. The receiving stations in Ely would be Silver Street and Broad Street schools. Food would be provided but the authorities did not have the means to prepare or serve it 39 05 05 & a

1939 05 05 CIPof
Bungalow Gutted.—The cries of a 12-months-old baby saved the lives of an unemployed man, his wife and four children when fire broke out in their bungalow on the St Neots Road near Hardwick turn in the early hours of yesterday morning. The child, Patricia Pink, awakened her mother, who found that the room in which she and other members of the family were sleeping, was rapidly filling with smoke. She roused her husband, Mr Wm. Stephen Pink, who took hold of Anita, aged 2, and Derrick, aged 6, while his wife took the baby, Patricia, and Terence, aged 5. They ran with them to safety outside, clad only in their night attire. The fire rapidly obtained a firm hold, and before long the building was burnt to the ground, only the brick chimney stack re-maining standing. The Borough Fire Brigade turned out under P.S. Clague but no water was available. All the family's belongings were destroyed except a bundle of wash¬ing and a dress of Mrs. Pink's which Mr. and Mrs. Pink grabbed as they ran outside.

Recruiting Speed-up. — Recruit¬ing for the Territorial Army in the County of Cambridge and the Isle of Ely has made great strides in the last few days. Already the 1st Cambridgeshire Regt. and the 2nd General Hospital has reached war strength and the 250th Field Company Royal Engineers, expect to do so before the end of this week. This is very encouraging progress, and is largely due to the support which has been given to their men by employers, who have promised that the man who comes forward to de¬fend his country shall not risk either being out of pocket or losing his job. Many employers have also been very helpful in promising men who enlist now that they shall have a holiday on full pay additional to the time spent in camp.

Three - Hour Chase. — A cow brought to Cambridge Cattle Market on Monday became enraged and had to be shot after a chase lasting over three hours. In the course of its mad stampede through fences, hedges and gardens it knocked down an old gentleman, Mr. Ernest Warboys of 218 Hills Road. He was not badly hurt, but had to go to bed after being seen by a doctor.

Railway Fireman Injured. — A railway fireman was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital with injuries to a shoulder after an accident near Cambridge Railway Station on Tuesday morning. He was Arthur Cambridge, aged 38, of 24, Suez Road. He was working near the station when he was caught between a truck and the engine, but his injuries are, fortun¬ately, not serious.

Presentation.—At the County Education Offices (Huntingdon) on Saturday, Mr. H. A. Holloway, who has retired from the position of school attendance officer, was pre¬sented with a gold wristlet watch by the staffs of the Education and Public Health Offices. Dr. Moss Blundell made the presentation and Major Harvey also spoke of Mr. Holloway's good work.

1939 05 05 ES
Isle's part in evacuation - reception of 18,000 planned p9

1939 05 06
Dorothy Garrod of Newnham College elected first woman professor of Cambridge University – women are not officially members of the university and have no gowns – 39 05 06 # c.36.98

1939 05 08
A.R.P. trenches to be discussed in congested areas where gardens too small to build their own – 39 05 08 & a

1939 05 09
Milton Road Library – surveyor's report on site; some movement but hundreds of houses have been built on sites excavated for gravel or coprolite – 39 05 09. But cracking continues – 39 05 11b # c.77.4

For many couples contemplating marriage, the biggest obstacle is a home. Mr L.M. Parker, a local bricklayer, was faced with that problem in 1935 and set to to build his own. It took him three years to finish but if you go along to 187 Hinton Way you will agree his time has been well spent. It is a home any working-class man would be proud to possess with six rooms, modern labour-saving devices and inlaid cupboards. Above all the cost was comparatively negligible. 39 05 09 # c.23

1939 05 10
Dr H.M. Leake has invented a seed drill which will revolutionise the sowing of root crops. The Leake Spacer Drill sows groups of four seeds at intervals of nine inches – 39 05 10

1939 05 11
Air raid trenches would not protect people in event of air raid. Seven minutes would elapse after the warning before the planes were here. During that time head wardens had to get their wardens out of bed and they, in turn, had to get people out of their beds into the trenches. Under this scheme 30,000 people would be turned out into the darkened streets where there might be a lot of transport. Instead steel shelters should be provided, councillors were told. Cambridge was a safe place and trenches were practically no defence against aerial bombing. And they were narrow: young men will be touching knees with girls (Laughter) 39 05 11 & a # c.45.7

1939 05 12
Sir Murdoch MacDonald was appointed consulting engineer to the Great Ouse Catchment Board to report on the whole programme of the tidal river and whether a barrage is the right solution to the problem. He had worked chiefly in Egypt, built a bridge across an estuary in Scotland and was now working on a large harbour scheme on the West coast of England. He also had considerable experience in carrying out work on the Wash 39 05 12 # c.29

1939 05 12 CIPof

Cambs. Council Chairman, — Coun. A. R. Fordham was re-elected Chairman and Ald, W. J. Taylor Vice - Chairman of the Cambridgeshire County Council at the annual meeting of the Coun¬cil on Saturday. No other nomi¬nations were received, and the elections lasted only 10 minutes.

Woman Professor for Cambridge. —On the anniversary of her birthday, Miss Dorothy Annie Elizabeth Garrod, of Newnham College, Cambridge, was on Saturday elected the first woman professor at Cambridge University. Miss Garrod, who is an archaeologist of distinction, was educated at both Oxford and Cambridge, and is the daughter of the late Sir Archibald Garrod, the former Regius Professor of Physics at Oxford. She succeeds Dr. E. H. Minns, of Pembroke College, on October 1 in the Disney Professorship of Archaeology, # c.36.98

Cool and Clever Riding. — An exhibition of cool and clever riding, seldom witnessed, even on a racecourse, was seen at Newmarket on Tuesday, when Orange and Green, a big jumper trained by Ryan Jarvis, bolted with the tiny lad, T. Fitzgerald, who was riding him. The horse dashed through the High Street at top speed. Approaching the traffic island at the top of the town, the boy attempted with all his strength to check the horse's pace, but without avail, and disaster seemed inevitable. To the astonishment of the onlookers, Fitz¬gerald managed to get him safely round the sharp turn, and after he galloped another half mile, pulled him up safe and sound.

Harry Pink Dies Suddenly. "Harry Pink was popular with his colleagues and his pleasant man¬ner and ready welcome will be missed by visitors as well as staff at the hotel." This tribute was paid by Mr. L. B. Barr. a director of the Lion Hotel, Petty Cury, Cambridge, to Mr, Pink, a mem¬ber of his staff for 28 years, who died at his home suddenly on Saturday evening. He lived with his wife and three of their four children at 145 Chesterton Road. "Mr. Pink," continued Mr. Barr, "was hotel porter, and also had charge of the stock rooms, in which capacity he became known to hundreds of people from all parts of the British Isles. Hotel visit¬ors and friends are continually coming and saying, "Where is Harry?" Mr. Pink, who was 46, went to the hotel in 1911 as "buttons," and except for the period of the war when he joined the 203rd Field Company of the Royal Engineers, remained a mem¬ber of the staff. He was also a member of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes and an A.R.P. warden for Chesterton. # c.27.45

Mothers' Union Jubilee. — Over 2,000 members of the Cambridgeshire branches of the Mothers' Union attended a special service in Ely Cathedral on Wednesday afternoon, the occasion of a thanksgiving festival in celebration of the jubilee of the Union in the Diocese of Ely. Altogether, 98 branches brought with them 74 banners, and the scene was a most inspiring one as 55 robed clergy headed the procession from the West End of the Cathedral to the Octagon. The Union diocese ban¬ner was placed at the foot of the altar. The sermon was given by the Dean of Ely (the Very Rev. L. E. Blackburne) and the collection was devoted towards the Bishop's Appeal Fund.

1939 05 12 ES
Isle reassessment of licenced houses "will force tenants out of business" p4
Civil defence - county council scheme complete p7

1939 05 13
Clayhithe Bridge opened – 39 05 13

Ronald Searle cartoon having joined Royal Engineers – 39 05 13a # c.45.7

1939 05 15
Sir – my criticism of the appointment of Sir Malcolm MacDonald as consulting engineer with the Ouse Drainage Board is that he is 72 years of age. This is rather old for such a tremendous undertaking since the Ouse is probably the most difficult river problem in the world. He is also a Member of Parliament and may not have time to give to the work. And the fee seems a lot. Mr O. Borer, the Board's skilled, resident engineer, is hampered by having so many Saturday afternoon members of the Board who adopt a parish pump attitude. – S.S. Wilson 39 05 15 # c.29

Cottenham King George V Memorial playing field opened – 39 05 15a

Cherry Hinton Hall Youth Hostel opened – 39 05 15b

1939 05 16
There was only a solitary sweet stall on the green which is usually well-filled with swings and roundabouts when the Mayor of Cambridge came to open Reach Fair. After lunch two or three side-shows had arrived, but they were unrepresentative of the noise and excitement traditionally associated with the event. But the ceremony followed its time-honoured procedure, pennies were thrown and the Town Clerk read the proclamation. Though it seems a little decrepit, the fair may flower again, the Master of Magdalene predicted 39 05 16 & a # c.27.31

1939 05 17
When Christ Church was established, 100 years ago, Barnwell inhabitants were described as 'heathen and dissolute'. Nelson Street was known as 'Devil Street' and there were many proctorial raids. The credit for the change was due to churches such as Christ Church and Zion who had now eliminated many of the differences between themselves. Congregations had been very hard hit by the demolition of houses in the districts but they hoped more young people would offer support, the centenary celebrations were told 39 05 17 # c.83

Ely's old Drill Hall was an awful place, not fit for a gangster to live in. But the new one is one of the most modern of its type and will be used for the training of personnel. The Isle's own Territorial Army battalion is nearly up to strength and if youngsters joined the Territorials they would be 'old hands' when called up for service in the Regular Army 39 05 17a, 18a

1939 05 18
Tackling an incendiary bomb – photo – 39 05 18

Godmanchester council's action in purchasing a siren for A.R.P. purposes was unauthorised and they must pay for it themselves. Everybody had thought the County Council would pay as they were responsible for public air raid warnings all over the county. But they had decided sirens were only needed at Fletton, Ramsey, Huntingdon, St Ives and St Neots. The Huntingdon siren, supplemented by one at the hosiery mills was sufficient for Godmanchester 39 05 18b

Jack Brignell carried on business as a builder and undertaker in Newmarket Road for over 40 years. He erected many large buildings in Cambridge but was recently mainly engaged on Council schemes such as the erection of the Coleridge Senior School. He was a county councillor and took a keen interest in the Mill Road Infirmary, Salvation Army, Victoria Institution and Cambridge Brotherhood. He died on the eve of his only son's 21st birthday so a coming of age party arranged at his college, Sidney Sussex, has of course been abandoned. 39 05 18c # c.23

1939 05 19 CIPof
Welcome for Mrs. C. R. Attlee. — Mrs. C. R. Attlee, wife of the Leader of the Opposition, opened a fair held by the Cambridge Trades Council and Labour Party in the Labour Hall on Saturday afternoon. It was held in aid of the fund to reduce the debt on the hall. Mrs. Attlee was introduced and welcomed by Mrs. Rackham.

First in the County. — The first King George V Memorial playing field was opened at Cottenham .on Saturday. It is a spacious ground in Lamb Lane, and in the words of the Chairman of the Cottenham Parish Council (Mr. Arthur Cundell), it is what the village has been trying to get for 30 years. Now the sporting element of the village will be well catered for. The local Sports Association is contributing £50 a year to the cost of the project, to which the King George Memorial Fund gave £600 —a third of the local cost. Satur¬day's opening was performed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County (Mr. C. R. W. Adeane) who formally unlocked the main gates. Dr. R. Salisbury Woods

congratu¬lated Cottenham on being the first village in Cambridgeshire to possess a King George's Memorial Field, a field which would be held in perpetuity, and therefore free from the encroachment of the builder.

Pilot's Narrow Escape. An R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve pilot had a narrow escape at Marshall's Aerodrome (Cambridge) on Saturday. As he landed, his machine overturned, finishing up on its back. He ducked his head inside the cockpit, so escaping injury. The machine was badly damaged, but did not catch fire. # c.26.1

Death of Mr. John Brignell.—On the eve of his son's 21st birthday Mr. John Brignell, the well-known and esteemed Cambridge builder died yesterday in his 68th year. He had carried on a business as a builder and undertaker for 40 years. He erected many large buildings in Cambridge, but latterly was mainly engaged on Borough Council schemes, one of the most recent being Coleridge Senior School in Radegund Road. Outside his business activities he had many public, philanthropic and religious interests. He had been a member of the Cambs. County Council since 1931, and took a keen interest in the Mill Road Infirmary. He was a staunch supporter of the exten¬sive improvements carried out there and was a frequent and popular visitor. He was a member of the Cambridge Board of Guardians until that body was dissolved. Another interest extending over many years was the Cambridge Salvation Army. The Cambridge Brotherhood claimed his active support over a long period, and for the past six years he had been president. He was an active Liberal in former years, and always retained his faith in Liberalism # c.23

Dedicatory Service.—There was a short service in Ely Cathedral on Tuesday evening, when an altar cloth and other gifts by the Cambridgeshire Regiment were dedi¬cated in the Memorial Chapel. The service was conducted by the Rt. Rev. H. Mcc. E. Price, Assistant Bishop, assisted by the Dean, the Very Rev. L. E. Blackburne.

Disgraceful Conduct. — Within three hours of the burial of a re¬spected local resident in Great Shelford Cemetery last week, members of the family visiting the grave found ribbon had been taken from the floral tributes and the cards destroyed. This disgraceful conduct has shocked many residents and it is hoped the inquiries being made will reveal the culprit.

1939 05 19 ES
Ely new drill hall opened - photo p4
Wentworth rectory withdrawn at sale p8
Ely market hill fountain removing to Brays Lane - photo p9

1939 05 20
Cambridge Corn Exchange was packed with 2,500 undergraduates when Winston Churchill made a striking speech on conscription which was relayed to the Lion Hotel. There was some violence when those unable to get in attempted to force an entrance; during the melee a policeman lost his helmet. Several hundred undergraduates remained outside until a proctor ordered them to disburse. Inside a motion accepting conscription was carried by ten to one 39 05 20 & a # c.33 # c.45.7

1939 05 23
Christ Church centenary – sketch on back admission card for first service – 39 05 23

1939 05 24
Tansley Typewriter Works – picture – 39 05 24

The court heard that an argument in the pantry with a footman had led to the sacking of the butler at Kimbolton Castle. He later went to the cocktail bar, then entered Lord Mandeville's dressing room and took a coat and gloves since he had not been given a month's wages in lieu of notice. He'd also taken some articles from the silver cupboard and removed the crest from a cigarette case because he

was going to use it himself. He'd indulged in more varieties of crime than most members of the criminal classes and was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour 39 05 24a

1939 05 25
Home Office won't pay for Cambridge ARP trenches – 39 05 25

1939 05 26 CIPof
2nd Battalion Formed. News was received on Friday that the Cambridgeshire Regiment had succeeded in what everybody regarded as the definitely hopeless task of raising a second battalion. From now onwards, those applying will be placed on a waiting list, as pending other possible arrange¬ments, it is not permissible to recruit over the establishment laid down. # c.45.6

Undergraduates Rush Churchill Meeting.—The 2,500 undergraduates and others who packed the Corn Exchange (Cambridge) full on Friday night, when Mr. Winston Churchill made a striking speech there on conscription, gave, at the end of the meeting, a convincing demonstration of the measure of their support for compulsory military training. By an overwhelming majority, estimated by the Chairman (the Master of Clare) to be about ten to one, the audience carried the following motion: "That this meeting of Cambridge undergraduates gladly accepts the measure of conscription involved in the Military Training Bill, and they express their determination to maintain, at any sacrifice, Eng¬land's power to play her part, and to do her duty for the British Empire and the world causes that are now at stake". Thanking the audience for its vote, Mr. Churchill declared. "Make no mistake about it, what you have done tonight will travel far, and wherever it travels it can do nothing but to consolidate the assurances of peace and freedom throughout the world." The opposition at the meeting con¬centrated chiefly in a block towards the centre of the hall. Mr. Churchill was occasionally inter¬rupted by cheers, ironic laughter, and cries such as "Chamberlain must go," but generally speaking, the meeting passed off quietly. What violence there was occurred outside. Long before the meeting was due to start a queue formed up outside, and after the hall filled, some of those unable to get in attempted to force an entrance. A rush was made on the west door and in the course of the melee, a policeman lost his helmet. Other officers repelled attempts to enter by the main door. A crowd of undergraduates several hundred strong remained in Corn Exchange Street until a proctor ordered them to disperse. All Cambridge police were on duty. # c.45.6

New Public Orator,—Mr. W. K. C. Guthrie. M.A., Fellow of Peterhouse, was elected on Tuesday Public Orator of Cambridge. Mr. Guthrie is a Lecturer in Classics, and was a member of Trinity Col¬lege before being elected a Fellow of Peterhouse. He was formerly at Dulwich College, and gained an entrance examination in classics to Trinity College in 1925. He suc¬ceeds Mr. T. R. Glover, M.A., Fellow of St. John's College, who has held the office since 1920.

Fire at Works. — The packing room of the Forum Cleaning Works, Hartington Grove, Cam¬bridge, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday. Damage was also done to the office and articles of cloth¬ing. The fire started in a machine in one of the cleaning rooms. This was put out with the aid of a fire extinguisher. The clothing was then put in one of the tanks and was run through a press room. When some of the staff reached the door, however, the handles of the tank burst, and the whole lot went up in flames. The outbreak occurred soon after one o'clock. At the time, the night staff was on duty, and the works manager called the Borough Fire Brigade. It is understood that there was some danger at one time of the fire spreading to a 500-gallon tank of white spirit. # c.27 # c.34.75

Empire Air Day.—Local interest in Empire Air Day was divided between Duxford, Mildenhall, Debden and Wyton. Thousands of people were present. The atten¬dance at Duxford was a record for the occasion, being only about 100 short of the 12,000 mark. The day passed off without serious mishap. Cambridgeshire saw its Spitfires in action over Duxford aerodrome.

1939 05 26 ES
Villagers still without gas masks - ARP organiser explains shortage p10
Prickwillow: making new Prickwillow - Isleham road - photo p16

1939 05 27
A feature of the newly-finished ring road between Ditton Walk and Newmarket Road in Cambridge is a special track for cyclists, which is an innovation in this district – 39 05 27 # c.26.485

1935 09 29
Oil dumps all over East Anglia were specially guarded as a precaution against possible I.R.A. outrages. Watchmen have been on duty at distributing depots for some time, a number of which supply RAF aerodromes. Today the guard was increased and special constables were on duty – 39 05 29

1939 05 31
Cossacks on horseback gave a breath-taking display of acrobatic riding at the Cambridge Town Football Club ground. As the horse swept at full gallop past the crowd the riders did tricks. Vaulting at full speed was just the simplest of the exercises. Jumping from the horses to the ground, first on one side then the other was made to look easy. The lancers' drill saw them spear a ball placed on a pole and they cut down branches of trees doing the sabre drill. A charge through a burning straw hoop was the highlight. 39 05 31, 31a

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1939 06 01
Three women were killed and a dozen injured when an express train from Hunstanton to London collided with a lorry on an occupational crossing near Hilgay station. The dead were all in the second carriage, which toppled over on to a stationary goods train. The driver, D. Barber and firemen R. Miller, both from Cambridge, were injured. The train was travelling at 40 mph when it struck the lorry, flinging it 30 feet into a ditch. The side of the cabin was torn off and the railwaymen scrambled out. 39 06 01 & a

Clayhithe bridge improvements – photos – 39 06 01b

1939 06 02
Under the Military Training Act, 1939, the names of some 1,200 undergraduates and 800 other men are being registered at the Senate House and the Central School. Medical examinations will begin next week and men allocated into four grades, one being unfitness for any degree of service. The others will then be interviewed by the War Office to determine their most appropriate allocation to the Forces. They are expected to be conscripted in Cambridge 39 06 03

1939 06 02 CIPof
County Show.—The Cambs and Isle of Ely Agricultural Society's show became a septuagenarian on Monday. It celebrated the attainment of this ripe old age by draw¬ing the largest crowd; ever seen in the 70 years of the Society's history at Leverington Hall, near Wisbech. The entries, as compared with those at Chatteris last year, were fewer, but in every other respect the show achieved unsurpassed success. The judges were almost unanimous in expressing the opinion that what the exhibits lacked in quantity they made up for in quality. The total number was 582 (excluding late entries in certain classes) compared with 780 last year. H.M. the King, showing more extensively than in previous years, gained a number of suc¬cesses, including several championships.

Train Crash- — Three women were killed and seven or eight other passengers injured, one of them seriously, when an express train from Hunstanton to London, via Cambridge, collided with a lorry on an occupational crossing near Hilgay at midday yesterday (Thursday). The dead were all in the second carriage of the train, which toppled over on to a station¬ary goods train. The driver of the lorry had a miraculous escape, sus¬taining only a cut arm, while the driver of the train, a Cambridge man, also

escaped with a grazed leg and shock. The fireman, also of Cambridge, received head injuries. The driver of the train was Mr. D. Barber, of 73, Hills Avenue, Cambridge, and the fireman. Mr. R. Miller, of 2, Brookflelds, Mill Road, Cambridge. The guard, Mr. I. Jolley, of Liverpool Street, escaped unhurt. # c.26.2

Golden Wedding.—Bank Holiday had a special significance for Mr. and Mrs. David Cox, of 169, Mill Road, Cambridge, for it was their golden wedding anniversary. They were married 50 years ago at Zion Chapel by the Rev. Frederick Griffith. Mr. Cox, of Bicester, came to Cambridge in 1884. After being in private service, he opened in 1901 the now well-known fruit shop bearing his name. He informs us that in those early days he used to work from 4 o'clock in the morn¬ing' till 11 o'clock at night, with no half-days. His son now looks after the business. Mr. and Mrs. Cox are both 75 years of age, and they have one grand-daughter.

Unusual Incident—When the local Salvation Army Band was march¬ing along High Street (Cottenham) on Sunday morning, a young man drove by in a car obviously un-aware that the underpart of the car had caught fire. Seeing the flames the bandsmen promptly stopped him and helped to extinguish the, fire, thus saving him from what might have been a much more serious result.

Pyrethrum Week. — A (Willingham) correspondent writes: This week has proved a busy time for the Willingham gardeners and smallholders among the pyrethrums. It is pleasing to see the fields a mass of red, pink and white blooms, and every day thousands of boxes are transported from the village to the various towns by rail and road. The ideal weather has also brought out the blue, yellow and white iris, and also the lovely coloured poppies. This year, too, everything points to a good prospect for strawberries, also crops of plums and applies. Even the allotments are promising plenty of all kinds of vegetables.

1939 06 02 ES
ARP demonstration at county show - photo p6
Rothschild celebrates 10 years as Isle MP, defends Jews p9
"Welcome to Ely" signs erected - photo p16

1939 06 05
An extended camping ground for scouts opened at Little Abington. By the aid of friends in Newmarket they had procured a hut and then the field was bought, increasing the size of the camping ground to 5½ acres. With the opening of the new ground more boys who lived in Newmarket would be able to go out and enjoy the light and sunshine. The ceremony coincided with the annual Wolf Cub weekend and after 'The Grand Howl' (signifying a warm welcome), they gave a short entertainment. 39 06 05

1939 06 08
It would be utterly misleading to talk about great enthusiasm for the beginning of the May Races. One aged riverside dweller said "I've been living here for 54 years, and there never has been much doing on the Wednesday". There certainly was not last night and the Cam came through the ordeal with a relatively calm and placid face. If there were not a great many townsfolk, there were the usual bands of almost rabid collegiate supporters who galloped, pedalled and ran with the crews, sounding like the I.R.A. at work. 39 06 08a

Two cottages in Town End Fulbourn were completely destroyed by a fire caused by the intense heat acting on the thatched roof. They are owned by Bishops Charity and occupied by Mrs Brand and Mr & Mrs Osbourne, their three young children, a grown-up son and Mrs Osbourne's mother who celebrated her 76th birthday. Neighbours helped sort out the household articles and clothes rescued from the fire but the beds, heavy furniture and bedding was badly damaged. "It might have been much worse" was Mrs Osbourne's comment. 39 06 08 & b

1939 06 09 CIPof

Company Decline Responsibility. After formal evidence had been given, the inquest at Downham Market on three of the four victims of the Hilgay (Norfolk) train disaster on Thursday was ad¬journed. The train had been in collision with a lorry at a level crossing. Mr. F. C. Scott (for the L.N.E.R.) said: " I am instructed to say that the L.N.E.R. consider that in the circumstances in which this accident happened, it is clear, in their view, that it is not an accident for which they can accept responsibility." Mr. W. O. Carter, speaking for the lorry driver, commented: "I do not think this is the right and proper time to say anything with regard to any question of liabil¬ity."

Charlie and His Maud.—The fair folk at the May Fair had a day of celebration on Tuesday, when a granddaughter of old Harry Bailey, of Barnum and Bailey's circus, was married at Fen Ditton Church. Besides those from the fair, show people came to the wed¬ding from all over the country. The bride was Miss Maud Amey Bell, and her bridegroom Mr. Charles Baron Prestney. Both of them are on the shooting galler¬ies, and they are busy at work today. At the ceremony were a hundred friends. Among them were members of the celebrated Thurston family. In the evening there was dancing on the Plough lawn to amplified recordings, illumination being provided by a network of lights above the lawn. # c.27.31

Commander.—It was reported in Tuesday's "London Gazette" that Lt-Col. H. P. Gadd, D.S.O., M.C., of the Reserve of Officers, has been appointed a Lieut-Colonel. He will command the Second Battalion of the Cambs. Regiment. He recently commanded the Second Battalion of the Suffolk Regiment in India.

Fire Destroys Fulbourn Cottages.—Two cottages situated in Town End, Fulbourn, were completely destroyed by a fire which broke out about 4-45 on Wednes¬day afternoon. The intense heat acting on the thatched roof is believed to have been the cause of the outbreak.

Golden Wedding on Birthday. — Mr. and Mrs Lemuel Thurlbourn, Mayfield Cottages, Ness Road, Burwell, celebrated their golden wedding yesterday (Thursday). They were married at St. Mary's Church, Burwell, 50 years ago, and still enjoy very good health. Not only was the day noteworthy as the wedding anniversary, but was also Mrs. Thurlbourn's 71st birthday. Mr. Thurlbourn is four years older.

An Octogenarian Alderman. — Aid. Dr. J. W. Ellis, who was born at Swavesey on June 10, 1853, will celebrate the 86th anniversary of his birth tomorrow (Satur¬day). He retired from practice some years ago, but retains his seat oh the County Council, of which he has the distinction of being the "Father," having been a member since 1891; except for a short break between 1895 & 1898.

1939 06 09 ES
Ely concern over demolished houses, will soon be faced with 'ugly places' p11

1939 06 13
Stepney and Son applied for an additional lorry to cope with the increase of work owing to Eastwoods having opened up a depot in Cambridge. The firm made use of vehicles from fifteen other contractors to haul their bricks and there was keen competition. Even if Stepney got the licence there would still be a shortage of vehicles for the haulage of bricks – they would need dozens of extra vehicles. The Corona Company had also approached them to carry two loads a week. But the licensing authority did not believe haulage power for the building material was exhausted and they refused to licence another vehicle. 39 06 13

An inquest heard that a car had come into contact with a lamp standard in Hills Road. The impact was very severe indeed as the car ran up the post for a distance of eight feet and the force of the impact was sufficient to break the axle of the front wheel, which came off. There must have been considerable speed behind the car, for despite the loss of the two front wheels, it travelled for some distance. The driver was found unconscious ten feet away. He'd previously been drinking with an undergraduate friend in a pub and had a slight collision with a taxicab 39 06 13

The weather was unreasonably dull for the annual First and Third Trinity Boat Club's Ball. and rain meant that the delightful after-dance wandering over the grass was only indulged by the less cautious. Most welcome were the braziers delivering heat to shivering bodies. In the blue-and-white marquee Joe Loss and his dance orchestra reigned supreme playing the 'Eton Boating Song', 'Jeepers Creepers' and other dances. There were three suppers and the dance ended at 6 o'clock with a photograph. Amongst those present were M. Swithinbank, J.C. Balfour and the Earl of Euston. 39 06 13a # c.36.97

1939 06 15
Clayhithe Bridge has been in use for some weeks but the official opening was performed by the Chairman of the County Roads Committee. The first vehicle to cross after the ceremony was a horse and trap driven by Ald Francis and not until a bicycle and bath chair had crossed did a car make an appearance. The old bridge had been built under the 'Clayhithe Bridges Act' of 1871 with toll gates charging for its use. But with the coming of motor cars improvements were needed and the County Council purchased the undertaking to provide a free crossing 39 06 15a

1939 06 16
Two men from Leeds who stood outside schools and collected old woollen articles from children, giving new coins in exchange were fined. They'd distributed leaflets offering 3d or 6d bits for old clothes with a special consolation prize for the person bringing most wool. But no person who deals in rags should deliver any article to a person under the age of 14 years. The men said they thought cash was money and not articles. But they had convictions to similar offences at Dewsbury, Wakefield and Castleford. 39 06 16

1939 06 16 CIPof
Plane Crash.—A young member of the R.A-F.V.R- at Marshall's Aerodrome received concussion and the sergeant with him slight in¬juries when their plane crashed at Lode on Saturday. As a result of the accident Geoffrey Bray, 22, a civil servant of Canterbury Close, Cambridge, is detained in Addenbrooke's with concussion. The other man, Sgt. John Stearn, was treated at the hospital, but was later allowed to leave. The crash occurred during practice flying. It is understood the plane hit a tree. Sgt. Stearn is a son of the Rev. A. J. S. Stearn, Vicar of Swaffham Prior. # c.26.1

Golden Wedding. — On Monday, barely six months after his brother's diamond wedding, Mr. Samuel James Mills, of Haslingfield, celebrated, with Mrs. Mills, a golden wedding. They live at 6, High Street, Haslingfield. At All Saints' Church, in the same village, they were married by the Rev. G. C. Clements, and they have been in that village ever since. Mr Mills, who is aged 74 and a member of a family of seven, retired two years ago from his work as a farm labourer at Messrs. Chivers' River Farm, Haslingfield. He received a long-service medal for 51 years' service there. His brother, who celebrated his diamond wedding in January, was Mr. George Mills, who is also of Haslingfield. Mrs. (S. J.) Mills, who is 67, was before her marriage Miss Annie Flack, daughter of James Flack, of Haslingfield. She works for the local Methodist Chapel. She and her husband had seven children and 19 grandchildren.

Clayhithe's New Bridge.—The new bridge over the River Cam at Clayhithe, which has superseded the old toll bridge, was formally opened on Wednesday by Ald W. Clark Jackson, the- Chairman of the Cambridgeshire County Council Roads and Bridges Committee. The first vehicle which crossed over the bridge after the opening was a pony and trap driven by Aid. Francis. # c.44.75

Pals Far 50 Years.—One of the secrets of the 50 years of happy married life enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henry Cooper, of Gt. Abington is they have always been pals. What better state of affairs could exist than that?" We have shared alike, even to the extent of sharing the same purse," Mr. Cooper said. "What little we have been able to save for our old days is in our joint names." Mr. Cooper, who is 73, and a year older than his wife has had a busy life. Born in the neighbourhood of

Gwydir Street, Cambridge, he has been a general smith by trade. The big thing outside his home has been Friendly Society work.

1939 06 16 ES
Hunstanton pier on fire p4 - photo p13
Lt Downham church tower repairs - photo p9

1939 06 17
Theatre Cinema, St Andrew's Street, known for many years as the New Theatre, was closed in January of last year after the pantomime but specially reopened for one week in November for the annual production by Cambridge Amateur Operatic Society of 'The Pirates of Penzance'. Now the ABC company has decided to use the building once again as a cinema 39 06 17 # c.76 # c.76.9

Hundreds of Cambridge people will feel a sense of regret at the disastrous fire which destroyed the pavilion on the end of Hunstanton pier. It has always been a popular holiday ground for local families and many cherish happy memories of hours spent on the pier. It was six o'clock on Saturday that the flames burst through and within a few seconds the pavilion was blazing. But by tea-time on Monday a postcard was produced showing the fire at its height. 39 06 17a

Cartoon about summer conferences in Cambridge by Ronald Searle – 39 06 17b # c.27.9

1939 06 19
A barrage balloon was seen drifting in the vicinity of Saffron Walden during a heavy rainfall. At dawn it was discovered caught on the side of a tree between two fields at Mitchell's Farm. Only partly deflated, it extended to its full height and remained against the tree waving in the wind. When discovered it was quickly made fast by the ropes attached. The balloon had drifted 55 miles from Hook, Surrey, where it broke away during exercises 39 06 19

1939 06 23
A Royal Institute of British Architect's plaque was unveiled on the new Caius College building in St Michael's Court and a medal presented to the architect, J. Murray Easton. At no time have more buildings of distinguished character been erected and yet many buildings are not very pleasant t live in and certainly unpleasant to look at. This was due to lack of public appreciation of beautiful architecture. Accepting the plaque, the Master said that the building was very popular among the undergraduates. 39 06 23 # c.44.5

1939 06 23 CIPof
Fingerpost Damaged. A Melbourn correspondent writes. The famous old finger-post at the cross-roads in the centre of the village has been damaged. A party of roisterers, on leaving a dance in the Council School on Thursday week, tried to uproot the post and turn it round in order to puzzle passing motorists and lorry drivers. They failed to move the post bodily, but climbing it, managed to dislodge the Royston and London arm. Row¬dyism after dances has not been unusual of late, and villagers are of opinion that something should be done to put an end to it.

Death of sub-postmistress. Willingham has sustained a severe loss by the death of the highly-esteemed sub-postmistress, Miss Kate A. Gadsby, who passed peacefully away after a short illness on Friday at the age of 69 years. Miss Gadsby had held the position of sub-postmistress for 38 years, having succeeded her father, Mr. William Gadsby, who had been sub-postmaster for 23 years. Through all these many years of service, she had always carried out her duties faithfully and with the utmost trustworthiness She will always be remembered for her kindly and cheerful disposition, ever ready to help all with whom she came into contact, especially the old-age pensioners.

Late Mrs. Guy Dale. Mrs. Eileen Primrose (Bobbie) Dale, wife of Mr. Guy Dale, head of the well-known Cambridge firm, died on Saturday evening at her home at Woodlands, Long Road, Cambridge. Mrs. Dale, who was 32 years of age, had been ill for a long time from a disease which she contracted

during a holiday at Madeira. The only child of Mr. R. Lindsay and the late Mrs. Lind¬say, of Jesmond, Newcastle, and Wellington Square, London, she was married on July 25, 1935, at St. George's, Hanover Square, London. Mrs. Dale was greatly interested in all her husband's activities, especially in regard to his work as President of the '99 Rowing Club, and her death will be keenly felt

139th Anniversary.Large congregations attended the inspiring services which marked the occa¬sion of the 139th anniversary of the Congregational Church Sunday School (Linton). The special preacher was the Rev. J. Wesley Green, of East Ham, son of the late Rev. J. Wesley Green, who was Minister of Linton Congregational Church for over 21 years.

Postponed Games. In an attempt to alleviate the end-of-the-season congestion, due to replayed cup-matches, members of the Cambridgeshire Football Association, at the annual meeting at the Railway Social Club, Cambridge, on Friday, discussed proposed alterations to the rules. The council's suggestion that an extra half-hour should be played, if necessary in cup games prior to the semi-finals was not accepted, but a proposition by Histon Football Club that the Council should review the postponed matches from January onwards met with general approval. In recognition of 20 years' service with the Council, Mr H. W. Onion, of Ely (Cambs.) was presented with a gold medal.

1939 06 23 ES
Ely cathedral lighting scheme approved p4

1939 06 24
The Air Ministry's proposal to purchase land at Winfold Farm, Waterbeach, thereby displacing 20 tenants, seven of whom lived on the farm with their families, was criticised by councillors. The land had been brought to a high state of cultivation by tenants since they took their holdings as ex-servicemen in 1920. They would have the utmost difficulty finding a farm as good. The Ministry were dealing with the defences of this country but there must be other land they could use. 39 06 24

1939 06 27
Cambridge has expanded but the sewage disposal plan has remained practically unaltered. People were invited to the opening of the new bacteria beds which will treat half the dry-weather flow and can be expanded later. 39 06 27 # c.29.8

1939 06 28
Godmanchester accounts to be investigated - 39 06 28a

Sir - The War Office states that no permanent military camp is being contemplated on Royston Heath. I saw the Heath a week ago. Near the road were a number of substantial hutments and tents which look to a war-time soldier very much like dwellings of an advance party. But the rape of common land would make even the War Office careful. The agents of a foreign power can see that the hutments are there and they seem to be occupied by the Royal Engineers. If that information is any importance to a possible enemy why allow newspapers to publish it – H.A. Baker. The camp is headquarters for the anti-aircraft searchlight units around Royston. The period for which the searchlights are to be maintained is not officially stated – Ed. 39 06 28b

1939 06 29
Emergency plans envisage that as London will probably be attacked before Cambridge the County Infirmary should provided for 250 casualties from Central London. The Ministry would provide bedding and equipment but mattresses and pillows would be supplied as cases only, to be filled as required. It would be up-graded with an operating theatre and X-ray rooms, emergency lighting and better sanitary conveniences. But in the event of local casualties the London cases would be transferred to other hospitals 39 06 29

1939 06 30
Auxiliary Fire service drill – photo – 39 06 30

The Red Bull in New Street was redundant, magistrates said. It was in a poor state. There were twelve other licensed premised within 400 yards and the population had reduced following slum clearance schemes. The licensee had another job and his wife did most of the work at the pub. But the Star Brewery said it was doing a trade of barrels a week and other pubs did less. They had already re-built the Fives Bells and the Star, nearby, and had plans for rebuilding it when cash became available 39 06 30a

1939 06 30 CIPof
Death of Mrs. Anderson Scot. Cambridge has lost one of the most-liked of its women personalities by the death in a nursing home of Mrs. Anderson Scott, wife of Dr. Charles Anderson Scott, of Huntingdon Road. Her charm and sympathetic kind - heartedness made her friends wherever she went. A pleasant personality and a keen sense of humour were other attributes which endeared her to those who knew her. She was the same with everyone. "Thank goodness I've only one set of manners for everybody" was a remark she once made. She was for some years Secretary of the local Women's Liberal Club, a member of the Board of Guardians (1920-30), a member of the County Council and various of its committees and a member of the Executive of the League of Nations Union. She spoke through¬out the length and breadth of the county at Women's Institutes, for the local Sisterhood Movement and for the B.W.T.A. In connection with the last-named, she had much to do with the erection of a shelter in the station yard—an example of her great interest in the wel¬fare of the people of the town. She was an ardent worker for the Presbyterian Church. For the last six or seven years she had been an invalid, but her cheerful and philosophical outlook never left her. "Old age," she used to say, "shut many doors, but it opens many windows."

Starlings Galore. A correspondent writes: Melbourn is now, and has been for some time, suffering from a plague of starlings, and it is said by the oldest inhabitant that never before have starlings been so numerous in the village, or so daring. Some have been seen to damage the growing fruit, and as they rarely, if ever, attack singly, but usually in companies their unwelcome presence in such large numbers is a source of worry to fruit growers. A local bird lover says starlings do more good than harm, as they destroy vast numbers of the larvae of the crane fly (better known as daddy-long-legs), cockchafer and other pests. 39 06 30

Another Egg. The 30-years-old West African parrot (at Meldreth) which laid its first egg a few weeks ago and caused much excitement to her owners, has now laid another, but unfortunately it was without a shell.

Fifty Years Wed.—Mr. and Mrs. E. Butler, of Ness Road, Burwell, celebrated their golden wedding on Sunday last.

Midsummer Fires. Motoring through the heart of the Cambridgeshire Fens on the evening of June 23—Midsummer Eve— (writes Watchman), a correspondent was a little surprised, but even more interested, to see an unusually large number of bonfires in the fields. He wondered if the makers of them were aware that they were keeping alive an age-old tradition. Most probably they were not aware of it. In former times it was the custom in the Fens, and in most agricultural districts, to have organised or traditional bonfires in the fields in the evening before Midsummer Day (St. John the Baptist's Day), also upon St. Peter's Day, which is June 29. Why the two bonfire nights are so close together cannot be explained (says the correspondent), but the old-time authorities are agreed that such fire were believed to exercise a quickening and fertilising effect on animals, crops and even mankind, as witness the old Irish custom of driving barren cattle through the flames of a bonfire to ensure progeny. 39 06 30 # c.39

1939 06 30 ES
Littleport St John Ambulance brigade, names - photo p16

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Mill Road library was built on part of the old workhouse field; a Chesterton reader recalls "The firm who did the plumbing were so short of work that they 'small-ganged' this job and in the forming the foreman used to say "Mill-road gang, fall in". The library is very handy to pop in to read the papers. A.E.H. remarks: "I have good reason to know it as I spent many happy hours in the management of that establishment when I was an assistant librarian under the late John Pink" 39 07 01

1939 07 06
Lord Brackley, son of the Earl and Countess of Ellesmere, of Stetchworth Park, who was recently married at Westminster Abbey, introduced his bride to the employees of the estate on Saturday. The new Lady Brackley is the younger daughter of the late Duke of Northumberland. The couple have just concluded their honeymoon and their visit was taken as a suitable occasion for celebration. Accordingly the 90 odd employees of the estate, with their families and all the school children of the village were entertained to sports and tea and an extremely happy time was spent. 39 07 05
Haymaking on Grange Road rifle range – photo – 39 07 06 # c.38 : shooting

1939 07 07
The office of parish constable has been abolished in Cambridgeshire. They were no longer necessary for the preservation of the peace or the discharge of public business. They cost about £250 a year and every other county had abolished them. The county had 956 special constables and an additional 168 members of the Observer Corps. 39 07 07 # c.34.7

Two Littleport wireless and electrical dealers trading as the Granby Service Company in bankruptcy court – 39 07 07a

If war should come a number of London University students studying medicine and science may be evacuated to Cambridge – 39 07 07a

1939 07 07 CIPof
Outstanding Successes. Having shown pedigree Percheron horses, Shorthorn cattle and Middle White pigs at the Royal Show continuously for the past 20 years, it was fitting that Messrs. Olivers should reach the climax of their successes in this year's great centenary show of the Royal Agricultural Society. The firm were second larges exhibitors at the show, making 44 entries, only two fewer than Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, who, however, showed a further breed—Southdown sheep. In all, Messrs Chivers secured five were second largest exhibitors at championships, three reserve championships, nine first prizes, eight second prizes and five third prizes, making a total of 30 awards with their 44 entries. This does not include the milk yield and butter fat test results, which are not to hand at the time of going to press, and in both of which the Dairy Shorthorn and the Lincolnshire Red section. Messrs Chivers and Sons at present stand top yielders for quantity of milk.

Clever Ruse, — Three men walked into White's garage, on the Stukeley Road, Huntingdon, on Friday and asked if they could use the telephone. While so engaged, they opened the till and took about £4 without being noticed by Mr. and Mrs. White or their two sons. The theft was discovered about ten minutes later. Up to the present, the police have made no arrest.

Vipers. — Miss Hearn of the Chestnuts (Great Wilbraham) killed a viper about two feet in length in her garden this week, and on Wednesday, Mr. J. Drury at Fulbourn, when cycling to Wil¬braham, saw another of about the same length crossing the road. After holding it with his back wheel, he killed it.

Mr. Dan Royston. — Amid manifestation of deep sympathy, the funeral took place on Saturday afternoon at the (Willingham) Cemetery of Mr. Daniel Royston, who passed away suddenly on the

New Recreation Ground (of which he was groundsman) on June 28 at the age of 45 years. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. B. Blacfcaby (Minister of the Tabernacle).

Clerical Appointment. The Rev, R. J. Hills, M.A., Selwyn College, elder son of the Rev. Rowland Hills, Vicar of Fen Drayton and Rector of Conington, has been appointed Chaplain of Cuddesdon Theological College, near Oxford.

A World's Record. From a village in Huntingdonshire comes a remarkable claim (writes Watchman). A nine-years-old crossbred sow owned by Mr. Frank Haggar of South Farm, Upton, near Huntingdon, has pro¬duced 177 pigs in 17 litters. Mr. Haggar claims that this is a world's record.

Sunshine Roof Rescue. A passer-by tore off the sunshine roof of an overturned car to rescue one of three men (a driver) injured in a collision between two cars on the outskirts of Cambridge on Thursday. The collision occurred at the junction of Girton Road and Huntingdon Road.

Well-Known Cambs. Farmer. Mr. Francis William Bertram Parrish, a well-known Cambs. farmer and cattle dealer, died on Tuesday at his home, Church Farm, Steeple Morden. Sixty-eight years of age, he was a regular and popular attendant at Cambridge, Norwich and other markets over a wide area.

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1939 07 08
During the forthcoming ‘Black Out’ test there will be something like a thousand people taking part. There will be no general alarm but air raid signals will be transmitted by telephone to the various centres. You will be relieved to know that no houses are to be set on fire (!) but a red lamp and smoking candle will indicate than an outbreak of fire has occurred and wardens finding them will call the brigade. There will also be casualties of various kinds in the streets with labels on them to signify they are ‘injured’. Streets lights will be extinguished and motorists asked to drive with sidelights. 39 07 08 # c.45.7

Women farm workers wages – 39 07 08a

1939 07 10
Perse School Scout Troop demonstrated the way they can assist in an emergency. Into the arena strolled a group of passers-by, then came the wail of a siren leading to a mad rush for an ARP shelter. Exploding rockets gave a hint of realism to the scene. Scouts ran to various ‘casualties’ and treated their ‘wounds’. Afterwards the wounded were carried on emergency stretchers made of Scouts’ staves placed through the arms of overcoats and mackintoshes. The wounded took great care to make themselves comfortable on this rather uncomfortable mode of transport. 39 07 10 # c.37.9 # c.45.7

1939 07 12
Royston’s A.R.P. control centre is totally unsuitable for the job and in the wrong place, councillors say. They don’t know how many hundreds of pounds it will cost or even if it is bomb-proof. The Home Office were pressing for the building to be in concrete but the one they have is more of a glorified chicken-house and should be scrapped. But it will only come into use in case of an actual air raid and might only be occupied for an hour. 37 07 12

Col F.N. Drake-Digby, C.O. of the Cambridgeshire Regiment, said the Territorial Army have far greater responsibility than before with a weapon that will fire into the air and keep machines well up. Every single man has to learn about his rifle, a Bren gun and an anti-tank rifle for use against different types of armoured fighting vehicles. His knowledge of everything connected with gas must be very

high. Corporals are the most important men in the army and the success of a major operation may depend on their initiative and skill. 39 07 12a & b

1939 07 13
N.F.U. meeting: women to be trained for Land Army – 39 07 13

Wicken Coronation Band have smart, new, bright red uniforms and playing better than ever – 37 07 13a

F.S. Fuller of Field Farm, Upware invents machine for hoeing sugar beet, attached to front of Austin Seven – 39 07 13b

1939 07 14
The office of parish constable has been abolished in Cambridgeshire. They were no longer necessary for the preservation of the peace or the discharge of public business. They cost about £250 a year and every other county had abolished them. The county had 956 special constables and an additional 168 members of the Observer Corps 39 07 14

An exercise demonstrated war-time black-out conditions in Cambridge. Streets lamps were turned out, speed limit signs extinguished and red hurricane lamps were placed on traffic islands. The external lights on police boxes were also put out and the bulbs removed as an additional precaution. Most vehicles drove slowly with only side and rear lights and cars using head-lights were stopped. Lights at the railway station were left on but carriage blinds on the 11.55 from London were drawn at Bishop's Stortford 39 07 14 # c.45.7

The A.R.P. exercise envisaged that an incendiary bomb had fallen on the Tivoli Cinema and no water was available from the hydrant. Within a few minutes a van-drawn Scammel pump pulled up outside. Firemen transported the pump to the riverside from which a hose was laid to a portable canvas dam near the burning building. There were four casualties – presumably usherettes, two suffering serious burns. Eighteen lorries were used as ambulances with an illuminated red cross on the front. 37 07 14a # c.45.7

1939 07 14 CIPof
Death of Professor Temperley. The death occurred at Peterhouse, Cambridge, on Tuesday of Dr. Harold William Vazielle Temperley, University Professor of Modern History and Master of Peterhouse. Doctor Temperley, who was the son of Mr. Ernest Temperley, Tutor of Queens' Col¬lege, Cambridge, was born on April 20, 1879. He was educated at Sherbourne and King's and in 1901 was awarded the Gladstone Memorial Prize for his performance in Part II of the Historical Tripos. He was appointed his¬torical lecturer and Fellow of Peterhouse in 1904. He was made Professor of Modern History in 1930, being the first holder of that chair. In 1938 he became Master of Peterhouse, in succession to Lord Birdwood. Professor Temperley was one of the leading his¬torians of the Great War. He edited the history of the Peace Conference, and with Dr. G. P. Gooch, was responsible for "British Documents on the Origins of the Great War." He has published a number of other historical works.

Women Teachers and Marriage. .—The desirability of employing married women teachers formed the subject of considerable discussion at Tuesday's meeting of the Cambridge Borough Committee. By nine votes to seven the meeting decided that married women teachers should be eligible for re-appointment. The matter would now go before the Town Council. In favour of the resolu¬tion were Aldermen Briggs and Condor, Councillors Arnold Elvin. Mrs. Rackham, Swift and Dr Wolf. Against the Mayor, Alder¬man Brown Dr. Dalton and Starr Councillor Wilding, Dr. Rattray and Mr. Bullock, Ald Pollock and Coun. Eraut were neutral and Mrs. Salter was not present at the voting.

Pea Picking.—The annual picking of peas grown by Mr. R. Driver in Church Lane field, Sawston, took place on Monday afternoon. The majority of the village people turned up to fill their baskets and bags. There was a fairly good crop.

100 Years Old.—The death occurred on Thursday last of Mrs. Esther Hobbs at her daughter's residence, The Causeway, Godmanchester. Mrs. Hobbs, who was born in London, was in her 101st year. Her husband, Mr. Frederick William Hobbs, died in 1914. There were ten children of the marriage.

Golden Wedding.—Mr. and Mrs. N. Williams, of Station Road, Histon- who were married at Queen Street Baptist Chapel on July 10. 1889 - celebrated their golden wed-ding on Monday, They were the recipients of many messages of congratulation.

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1939 07 15
The Black Out exercise went off satisfactorily but I hope next time it won't be on a Thursday night because the hours between twelve and four are very busy ones in a newspaper officer where there are a series of weekly titles to be made up and printed ready for Friday morning publication. Our own difficulty was increased by the fact that the printers work under glass roofs. We did our best to meet the emergency and the bulk of the work was done before midnight. But the last page or two had to be put together under one small light, suitably shaded. I have never seen pages made up so quickly before – 39 07 15 # c.04

Although a considerable number of Militiamen from Cambridge travelled to their depots the scene at Cambridge railway station was little different from a normal Saturday. I expected to see goodbye and good luck messages being given to the first of the young men who are to give the next six months to the service of their country. But there were no martial strains to cheer them on their way. The explanation is that the men were free to travel as they wished and by travelling in small parties they avoided any publicity – and any reporters 39 07 15a # c.45.7

1939 07 18
Stretham Horticultural show – 39 07 18 & a

Hinton Avenue flooding pic – 39 07 18a

Snailwell does not have a garden fete every year, but when it does it is a splendid effort for so small a village. The proceeds were for church funds and the churchyard extension. Notable among the attractions was the voluntary band of the R.A.F. station Mildenhall who also played for dancing on the lawn in the evening. There were stalls and competitions like balloon race and a tug-of-war and many visited Mr Webb's dairy and saw the milking machine in operation 39 07 18d

1939 07 19
Two mobile first aid posts are to be provided, one stationed at Waterbeach and the other at Gt Shelford to deal with air raid casualties and second-hand vehicles will be purchased for adaptation as ambulances. 39 07 19

1939 07 20
PC Brookes joined the force in January 1913 and for the first seven years was engaged mainly in plain clothes work with special reference to the campaign against the white slave trade. He also investigated the burning down of a house in Storey's Way when Suffragette troubles were at their height. Afterwards he spent time on cycle patrol, inspector of diseased animals and hackney carriages. Then

he became coroner's officer and was engaged in three major tragedies – the King's College shooting affair, the five-fold shooting tragedy in Hinton Avenue and the death of a Sidney Sussex undergraduate. 39 07 20 # c.34.7

Thomas Walter (Tom) Hayward one of most famous professional batsmen was born in Cambridge in 1871; obituary – 39 07 20a

1939 07 21
The A.R.P. exercise envisaged that an incendiary bomb had fallen on the Tivoli Cinema and no water was available from the hydrant. Within a few minutes a van-drawn Scammel pump pulled up outside. Firemen transported the pump to the riverside from which a hose was laid to a portable canvas dam near the burning building. There were four casualties – presumably usherettes, two suffering serious burns. Eighteen lorries from local firms were used as ambulances with an illuminated red cross on the front. 39 07 21

1939 07 21 CIPof
30,000 At British Legion Rally,— Some 30,000 of the "old brigade," massed on Jesus Green on Sunday afternoon, cast an approving eye on those carrying on their tradition—over 1,000 of the new brigade, the Territorials, who took part in the huge rally. The old brigade were members of the British Legion attending the Eastern Area's second rally at Cambridge. Their greying hair indicated that it was long since they marched to the war-time tunes played during the rally, but the passage of years had made no difference to their uprightness on parade. Line upon line they stood in front of the platform from which the service, which formed part of the rally, was conducted, medals gleaming on every breast To one side of the serried ranks was a space reserved for the standards, a sea of blue and gold against the green background of the Common At one point in the service the ranks broke into hurried movement as the rain, which threatened most of the afternoon, began to fall, and the Legionnaires donned their mackintoshes A few minutes later it ceased and held off for the remainder of the rally Twenty thousand spectators were in attendance A far wider audience heard the service, for it was broadcast. A feature as remark¬able as the assembly itself was the clockwork precision with which the schedule was kept. A ceremonial march that preceded the service provided an impressive spectacle. An address was given by Admiral of the Fleet the Rt Hon. Lord Chatfield, Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence. # c.45.6

21st Year In Office.—Cambridge Town Football Club members at Friday's annual meeting at the Lion Hotel, elected Mr. H. H. Neve as Hon. Secretary for the 21st year in succession. The reports showed that as a result of the Hospital Saturday effort, the sum of £137 18s 3d had been handed to Addenbrooke's Hospital. Although showing a reduction on the previous year there was a profit of £112 13s. 6d. on the season's working. The President, Mr. W. Kidman, was in the chair

Death of Tom Hayward. — The death took place after a long illness at his home in Glisson Road on Wednesday of Tom Hayward, one of the most famous professional batsmen that cricket has even known. He was 68 years of age, and although many years had elapsed since he last played, he still held many records at the time of his death. His name was Thomas Walter Hayward and he came of a famous cricketing family. His father was Daniel Hayward and his uncle, Thomas Hayward, another fine batsman in the sixties. Tom Hayward was born in Cambridge on March 19, 1871, and first came into the public eye by some fine performances when playing with the Cambridge Y.M.CA. He went to the Oval in 1891 and qualified for Surrey by the usual period of residence. In 1892, he played so well for Surrey Club and Ground that he earned himself a trial for the county in the following year. In his second season he was chosen as one of the "Five Cricketers of the Year" in Wisden's Almanack and he actually scored a century in his second county match, against Leicestershire. At the beginning of his career he was a good medium pace bowler and outfielder, but later he concen¬trated on run-getting, and stipulated in his contract with the Surrey Club that he was not to be put on to bowl. When he finished his first class career at the end of 1914, he had made 43,518 runs, with an average of nearly 42, and had scored 104 centuries. He was the first batsman after W. G. Grace to complete 100 centuries, and in 1906 scored 3,518 runs, figures which still stand as the record aggregate for one

season. It was at Hay ward's persuasion that Jack Hobbs decided to abandon second class cricket. The two Cambridge men made prolific opening stands for Surrey. Their association began in 1905 and two of their partner¬ships produced over 300 runs and 40 over three figures. In one week in 1907 they topped the 100 four times. On the only occasion on which they played together for England they were not particularly successful. Hayward visited Australia three times, and altogether played in 29 Test matches and batted 51 times. He with … A. C Mclaren against New South Wales in 1901, 352 with Hobbs against Warwickshire in 1909, and 313 with Hobbs against Worcestershire in 1913. During 1906, he achieved the feat of scoring four centuries in succes¬sion, and during the same season he scored 13 centuries. His highest score, 315, was made against Lancashire at the Oval in 1898. # c.38 : cricket

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Road flooding between Stretham bridge & Chittering to be discussed p15
Ely's new water tower - photo p16

1939 07 22
Waterworks new service reservoir is most up-to-date in country; Fulbourn pumping station brought back into use as ARP standby; history – 39 07 22

Silver Street bridge new design, dispute between Cambridge and county – 39 07 22a

The new Cambridge Guildhall will be opened on October 9th by the Earl of Derby. The grand staircase is much more imposing than the old one, the new small room, complete with carpet, will be very convenient and the large hall improved though it is not nearly large enough for conferences, political mass meetings or big musical enterprises. The new Council chamber also seems on the small side and the aldermanic bench has been considerably shortened. 39 07 22b

1939 07 24
Waterbeach aerodrome site of smallholdings, 20 tenants, two had lost legs in war – 39 07 24 & a

1939 07 25
Waterworks Company new bowling green opened, the only one with an air raid shelter – 39 07 25

1939 07 26
Cambridgeshire Regiment at station for camp – 39 07 26

Strangers drinking the water in Houghton and Wyton would be risking typhoid or other disease, due to the putrid wells, but the natives were immune, an inquiry heard. The school well was condemned and cottages with pail closets had to bury the contents in an inclosure that seeped into the wells. The supply was from very shallow wells and liable to contamination. The wells were of dried brick, most of the tops being below the surface of the ground. Some were on cultivated plots that were manured. Two in Hemingford Abbots were so grossly polluted they were not analysed, the Sanitary Inspector reported 39 07 26a

Vicar of Wilburton opposed the rating assessment of the new vicarage: the individual who assessed it took it for a rich eccentric's whim instead of a poor man's house. It was not only small but of a different class to the old vicarage which was a gentleman's residence. That had grounds but this had barely an acre which was to be reduced by widening the road. It was no more than a couple of council houses and too close to the cemetery. It had a flat roof because they could not afford to pay for a pitched one. He'd had nothing but trouble and if there was no reduction he would stop building. The appeal was refused. 39 07 26b

1937 07 27

Brampton water polluted 39 07 27

1939 07 28
Bomb explodes at King's Cross – 39 07 26c; one victim on way to Cambridge 39 07 28

Comberton straw stacks in field opposite church destroyed by fire – 39 07 28a

Cambridge Town council held its last meeting at Shire Hall while the Guildhall was reconstructed. The Library committee asked to use the Small Room as temporary reading room during the re-arrangement of the Central Library. But it had a very expensive carpet that might get spoilt. The library might use the Corn Exchange annexe if the cycles were moved. Ald Briggs said that was not a proper alternative: "The fact is that we have had made a beautiful Guildhall, but must not use it". The carpet could be taken up. But the Guildhall might not be finished by that time and it would be unfortunate if people were allowed in the Small Room before the rest were completed. The request was denied – 39 07 28b & c

1939 07 28 CIPof
Waterbeach Aerodrome, — At a meeting of the Cambs. County Council on Saturday, Ald. W. C. Jackson, referring to the proposed acquiring by the Air Ministry of County Council land at Winfield Farm, Waterbeach, as an aero¬drome, said the Council had 20 tenants there. Two of them won cups for the best smallholdings this year; both lost legs in the war. To have men like that turned out was a very serious matter. The County Council had no idea where to find land to put them on. The Committee had written to the County Member drawing his attention to the matter, and had made a strong protest to the Air Min¬istry against the proposal to acquire the land. The reason the Air Ministry gave was that they must have an aerodrome in that district. They said there was nowhere else they could possibly go. Coun. Richards moved, and Coun. Woodman seconded, that the Member be asked to raise the matter in Parliament. The Council felt, however, that the steps taken by the Committee to draw attention to the position were sufficient and the motion was lost. # c.26. 1 # c.45.6

Funeral of Tom Hayward. — Representatives of the local cricket fraternity, as well as of the County Club, with which he had such a renowned association, were pres¬ent at the funeral of Mr. Tom Hayward at Mill Road Cemetery (Cambridge) on Saturday. The service was conducted by the Rev. P. H. Potter (Vicar of St. Barnabas). There was a wreath from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hobbs and another from the Surrey County Cricket Club. A two minutes' silence was ob¬served at 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon by teams on Parker's Piece.

Holiday Fatality. — Mr. Robert Fisher Alexander, a second year undergraduate, of Emmanuel College, was killed in a climbing accident on Friday in Switzerland. With Mr. Richard Wheelock, of Magdalene College, Cambridge, he was climbing the Aiguille de la Za, 12,050 ft., opposite Arolla, in the Canton Valais when a rock broke loose and struck Mr. Alexander, who fell 600 feet and was killed. Mr. Wheelock returned to Arolla and a search party re¬covered Mr. Alexander's body and brought it down the same night. Alexander, who was 20 years of age, was an only son. He was studying law at Cambridge, and his home-address was Rachan, Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire. He was an experienced climber, and had mountaineered in Switzerland be¬fore.

A Golden Wedding Celebration.— Many in the diocese, I am sure (writes Watchman) will join me in offering congratulations to Archdeacon and Mrs. G. H. Ward, who will be celebrating their golden wedding next Tuesday. Archdeacon Ward has been Rector of Hilgay since 1915, and became Archdeacon of Wisbech in 1924. A son of Oxford University, the Arch¬deacon held scholastic appoint¬ments and a curacy before taking up the living at Hilgay.

Three Die in Burnt-out 'Plane. An aeroplane crashed and was burnt-out at Massingham, near King's Lynn, early on Tuesday. The three occupants lost their lives. One of them was Sgt. Aubrey Alan James Sheriff, of Huntingdonshire.

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County council to take over water & sewage p14

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Ronald Searle cartoon saying au revoir to Cambridge – 39 07 29

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1939 08 02
The Fire Brigade reported they had difficulties arranging for a motor lorry to tow the trailer pump based at Haddenham and arranged for it to be removed to Sutton where a suitable motor tender would always be available. The owner would be paid sixpence a mile with more if it had to convey firemen. Now all Haddenham Brigade were going to resign, though if there were a fire they would probably bring out their hose. 39 08 02 & a

Turner & sons, Trinity Street was founded by John Leach, chemist and photo dealer 50 years ago and taken over by W.E. Turner in 1912; has one of the most modern photographic developing and printing factories at Humberstone Road – 39 08 02b

1939 08 04
Balsham blaze, High Street – 39 08 04

Owing to a misunderstanding, a fire at a cottage-cum-general-stores in Balsham High Street was raging for forty-five minutes before the Fire Brigade was notified. But they managed to save a semi-detached cottage. The blaze broke out in an out-house and destroyed all but a front room and bedroom; a garage at the back was razed to the ground. Although most of the property perished, a tin containing money collected for Addenbrooke's Hospital was found to be intact after the fire – 39 08 04 & b

Old Crown pub, Girton entirely rebuilt – 39 08 04a

Cambridgeshire was not likely to be attacked in the event of war: there were no munitions factories and places of military importance. This is why it would be one place to which people were evacuated. Two first-aid parties would be stationed in Soham together with three ambulance depots. There would be mobile first-aid units to carry doctors and nurses to casualties and four decontamination units, one based at Burwell, Thirty ambulances would be needed and they were trying to get lorries of suitable size fitted up with everything necessary, a meeting was told. 39 08 04c, d

1939 08 04 CIPof
New Master of Peterhouse.— Mr. Paul Cairn Vellacott, Head¬master of Harrow since 1934, has been appointed Master of Peterhouse in succession to the late Prof. H. W. V. Temperley. The appointment was announced on Sunday, but Mr. Vellacott will not take up duties at Cambridge until Christmas.

Big Black-Out Test.—Cambridgeshire and adjoining counties will be the centre next week of a gigantic black-out test. Twenty-five counties, in which the County and City of London will be included, will be in complete darkness—or as near to it as possible—on the night of August 9-10. More than half of England (from the Isle of Wight up to Lincolnshire, Stafford¬shire and Derbyshire) will be included in the biggest black-out test ever attempted. In all places, except the London region, the test will start at midnight. To meet the special requirements of London, the exercise will begin in that region at half-past twelve. It ends throughout the area at 4 a.m. There are no penalties for not observing the request made to everyone in the whole area, that there shall not be any light to interfere what is aimed at—a 100 per cent, black-out. R.A.F. observers will be flying to report on the results of the great dark¬ness, which is to approach as near to war conditions as possible. # c.45.6

Golden Wedding Party.—A party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Rayner, of The Grove, Wendy, on Tuesday to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their wedding. Of the family of ten, three sons and three daughters are living, and they were grouped round the old couple, together with their husbands, wives and children to have their photograph taken. Mr. Rayner has been a farm labourer all his life. Before his marriage and for nine years afterwards he worked at Manor Farm, Shingay. Before retiring about four years ago, he was employed for 37 years at Vine Farm, Wendy, first by Mr. O. Brown and then by Mr. W. Bath. Mr. and Mrs. Rayner were 27 and 24 years of age respectively when they were married at Wendy Parish Church . . . Both Mr. and Mrs. Rayner enjoy good health, and are very proud of their family. Mr. Rayner remarked: "Some people nowadays make a fuss about bringing up one or two children: I don't know what they'd do if they had ten."

New Mayor.—Councillor W. J. Wing, of 10, Storey's Way, will be the next Mayor of Cambridge. He has agreed to accept nomina¬tion on .November 9, and other groups on the Council expressed approval of the Independent's choice. He is the elder son of the late Mr. William Wing, and brother of Aid. H. T. Wing (who was Mayor in 1935-36). Mr. Wing I was a chief bank cashier at the time of his retirement nine years ago.

Gifts.—Miss I. N. Mitchell, the Matron of Mill Road Isolation Hospital, is leaving after 25 years' work, and on Friday afternoon the Cambridge, Public Health Com¬mittee made a presentation to her. At the same time, they made a presentation to Sister M. A. Carnochan, who is leaving the Isolation Hospital after 22 years. The presentations were made by the Mayor, Ald. A. A. Spalding.

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Black out - mock bombs & fires will add to realism p5
Church bells not to give aid raid warning; Soham not to be warned - "not worth much to enemy air raiders p7
Rural fire engine to be kept at Sutton p10
Presentation to Dr McFeeters - his work in connection with new road, Prickwillow-Isleham p11 - photo p16
Ely territorials off to camp - photo p16

1939 08 05
In 1880-81 Headley and Edwards built an iron bridge over the river near Coe Fen and in 1897-8 the sum of £411 15s was paid for Robinson Crusoe bridge. But mystery surrounds the name. Leases from 1500 call the site the Swan's Nest which, with the old stock of boats, was sold by auction in 1895. Readers recall there was previously a ferry boat. Mr Edward Goode lived with his sister in a little cottage beside the bridge and a former Chief Constable used to have a garden there. Mrs Robson loved to sit in the garden beside the boatman's house 39 08 05

1939 08 06
Spitfire. Pilot killed, near Duxford airfield. E-H.

1939 08 07
Czechs rose to their feet and cried 'Long Live Czechoslovakia' when ex-president Dr Eduard Benes broke his silence to address the Liberal Summer School at Cambridge. Special precautions had been taken against demonstrations. He told the crowded audience that democracy would be victorious. He analysed the background of 'a Duce and a Fuehrer'. They were persons of adventurous character, ambitious, emotional and amoral. Such regimes finished in catastrophe, war and revolution, he said. 39 08 07

1939 08 08
Dr Benes at Cambridge – photo – 39 08 08

1939 08 11

The prospects of the approaching cereal harvest have deteriorated during the last week owing to the abnormal heavy rain. Winter oats, only half the normal crop, are now sodden in the shock. Spring oats, which gave promise of excellent yield, are uncut and battened down. Wheat has stood up to the wet pressure but through damp and humidity now shows sign of rust and blight though barley has held its own. Fruit is a heavy crop but the market value barely covers the expense of picking and distribution. And field peas are practically a failure 39 08 11

If the A.R.P. exercises which took place during the black-out had been the 'real thing', you, dear reader would not have a copy of this paper. For one of the buildings supposed to have been fired by an incendiary bomb was the Cambridge Daily News office. A patrolling warden summoned the A.F.S. unit which dealt with the 'blaze' effectively. But whether any vital damage was done by the fire was a matter left to the imagination. Thankfully only one pub was 'hit', the Jolly Waterman in Chesterton Road. 39 08 11a & b

1939 08 11 CIPof
10,000 at Gogs Fete.—Throughout the 16 years of its existence, the Gogs Fete has created a remarkable record for inducing the Weather Clerk to show his best and most generous behaviour. When this annual Cambridgeshire Conservative bumper fun-fair, with its penny per hour programme of entertainment, opened on Mon¬day, however, it seemed that 1939 would be an exceptional year—in the wrong sense. Rain in the morning and an overcast sky at lunch-time caused a good deal of anxiety among the organisers and the 500 voluntary helpers, who had visualised hours of assiduous pre-paration reaping but a small harvest. Nevertheless the threat of rain did not prevent thousands of Cambridge and County holiday- makers from joining the stream of traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, which had assumed large proportions, even by two o'clock, with the Gogs as its objective. The earlier part of the programme was watched by several thousands, and during the afternoon there was a steady influx of people. Shortly after three o'clock the sun emerged from the greyness to the immense relief of the organisers. By tea-time the weather had cleared and the 10,000 people who had defied the clouds entered the carnival spirit of the occasion, unhampered by climatic conditions. They were not under the brilliant sky of last year, but the cooler weather yesterday was almost ideal. For the convenience of the public, the avenues and car parks of the estate were electrically illuminated at night. Mr. Ronald Cross, Par-liamentary Secretary, Board of Trade, was the principal speaker at an evening meeting, which was attended by hundreds. # c.33 # c.38

Cambridge-Lynn Canal.—A new canal from Cambridge to King's Lynn is being considered by engineers of the Great Ouse Catchment Board as a permanent solution to fen flooding. At present, however, the scheme is "in the air." Surveying is being undertaken to see if the scheme is practicable, and if it is found that it is, a full report will be submitted to the Board at a later date. It is prob¬able that the new canal, if it is decided upon, will run from near Cambridge, via Mildenhall, Bran¬don and Stoke Ferry to Denver, and then to King's Lynn, a course which would take the surplus water from the highlands. The cost would be in the region of £2,500,000. # c.29

Co-operative Pioneer Dies.—The death occurred at his home, 5 Sleaford Street, Cambridge, on Tuesday, of Mr. Ben Mills, who was one of the pioneer workers in the early days of the Cambridge Co-operative Society. He was born on August 17, 1848, and joined the Cambridge Society in 1873. He was appointed part-time secretary in 1882. He served as secretary, and for some time as secretary-manager until 1910. Owing to failing health, he had to relinquish that position, and was found a suitable job on the Society's staff. He retired on pension on January 13, 1923, but always took a keen interest in the Society and the neighbourhood in which ' he lived. When his health permitted, he always took a daily walk round the Society's premises. # c.27.2

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London evacuees from Caledonian Road pictured in Newton – 39 08 12

Seventy local villages took place in the A.R.P. exercises, all suffering some pretend bombing. The first aid party leaders asked for cars in their villages and three were used as ambulances. In one large village a woman playing the part of a casualty was missed and after waiting two hours she rang up the warden to say, 'Please can I go home? I'm cold'. At Histon Chivers allowed their fire brigade to take part and general utility grades went out to 'explosions'. 39 08 12a

1939 08 16
Saffron Walden council heard that billeting of evacuees would become compulsory and a tribunal should be appointed to hear appeals from people not wanting to have them. They would have to accept them and their appeal would be heard as soon as possible. A second-hand fire tender had been bought for the Great Chesterford brigade and smoke helmets should be bought for Stansted, Newport and Chesterford brigades with hose parties established in Berden, Elmdon and Hempstead. 39 08 16

Royston council heard that A.R.P. trenches at the Warren and Melbourn Street together with the control centre at the Town Hall will cost £720. Walter Hart, William Palmer and George Starr were appointed as Auxiliary firemen and extra uniforms would be obtained while 17 others have been trained and would receive a one-pound bonus. Supplies of respirators for small children and protective helmets for babies will shortly be available but must not be issued until necessity arose. 39 08 16a

1939 08 18
Oak Cottage, Shelford has been restored after four months work by Messrs Kerridge of Cambridge under the direction of Douglas Loukes. Much work was done internally and is not obvious to passers-by but all who visit the village will be able to appreciate the removal of the external plaster to expose the vertical studs, beam ends and the long oak beam running the whole length of the house. 39 08 18

1939 08 18 CIPof
Cafe Owner's Road Death.— Alphonse Felex Lienard, better known as "Toni", proprietor of the Festival Grill, on King's Parade, Cambridge, received fatal injuries in a car crash on Tues¬day night. He was a passenger in a motor car which came into collision with a motor on the Barnet by-pass. # c.27.47

Royal Visit to Papworth.—Just before the conclusion of a 2 ½ hour visit to Papworth Village Settle¬ment yesterday afternoon, Queen Mary strolled in to the grounds of Papworth Village Hall and delighted several of the patients by posing several times for "snaps" to be taken. Her Majesty spent two hours going through several departments of Papworth Indust¬ries, and also visited for the first time the new Nurses' Homes. It was after she had had tea in the Hall that Her Majesty unexpectedly appeared in the grounds where a great many of the more advanced patients were enjoying themselves in the sun. # c.02

Medals for School Attendance.— My recent note (writes Watchman) about the school attendance feat of a Heydon child has brought me this week the following inter¬esting letter from Mr. T. F. Teversham, of Hillside, Sawston, "Joan Smith, of Heydon deserves our congratulations, but her performance does not reach the standards of a previous genera¬tion. I will quote the case of Mr. Stanley Barker, of Orchard Road, Sawston. He holds the bronze medal, with six bars, awarded by the Cambs. County Council for unbroken attendance for seven successive years, 1904-10, at the same school, Sawston Board School. For a time, also the County Council awarded a silver watch for seven years' unbroken attendance, but by the time Stan¬ley had qualified, the Council had raised the period to eight years, and he was not allowed to stay on for another year to qualify. Mr. Stanley Churchman, also of Sawston, holds the medal and the watch for the seven years' record - altogether, he attended Sawston Board School for eight years with-out being absent, two years at the Infants' School and the

six years following at the Senior School. Both these honours were gained during the headmastership of John Falkner, the most noted schoolmaster of' his time in this county. I have no doubt that others gained similar honours at Sawston and elsewhere in this county." # c.36.6

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1939 08 19
Cambridge black-out exercise reviews – 39 08 19

Blinded by the dazzling beam of a searchlight and unable to see his instrument panel, an RAF pilot leaped by parachute from his plane as it dived to the ground and burst into flames at Steeple Morden. Flying Officer Jeff, of Debden, was flying a Hawker Hurricane in formation with two other planes when he was caught by the searchlight. He dare not move out of the beam for fear of colliding with the other planes and, unable to see his panel, got into a spin. He jumped out and landed in a churchyard. The machine fell near a cottage, setting fire to some trees and killing several chickens. There were several small explosions as flames reached the ammunition. All that remained was a charred and tangled mass of metal strewn about an orchard 39 08 19a # c.26.1

1939 08 21
Queen Mary surprise visit to Stanley Woolston's shop, her ninth visit – 39 08 21 # c.02

Royal Engineers return from training – photo – 38 08 21b

Lightning strikes Trumpington general store, houses at Huntingdon – 39 08 21a

1939 08 23
A man with 'a cultured authoritative voice' phoned the Regal Cinema and Arts Theatre in the name of the Commanding Officer of the Cambridgeshire Regiment, asking for a notice to be put on the screen ordering all Territorials to report to their stations immediately. Both managements took the precaution of verifying the message and discovered it was a hoax designed to create panic 39 08 23

King & Harper garage – reminiscences of H.H. Harper – 39 08 23a, b

1939 08 24
Should lighting regulations be brought into force motor car side and rear lamps must have electric light bulbs not exceeding seven watts, acetylene lamp burners must not consume more that 14 litres per hour and in oil lamps only one burner must be used. Light may be emitted only through a single aperture facing to the front or rear of the car of not more than two inch diameter. Front glasses must be obscured with white tissue paper or paint. Head lamps may be used provided the whole of the reflector is blackened. 39 08 24, a

Shoppers at Cambridge's Woolworth stores were suddenly shepherded outside as part of an A.R.P. test. The staff had been warned but customers were quite in the dark when whistles blew just before the usual Thursday closing time. Four of the girls behind the counters approached the 250 customers on both floors and asked them to leave as a test was in progress. Others opened all the tills and put the money into bags, then made for the 'safety room' at the back of the store. Within two minutes fifteen seconds all money was placed in a fire-proof safe, the lights were out, the doors locks and the store's fire-fighting squad had their equipment ready for action. 39 08 24b

1939 08 25

Norton & Naylor, electrical engineers, started in Staffordshire Street in 1920; acquired G.N. Edward's business in Bridge Street and added radio & television – 39 08 25

In view of the crisis all police leave has been cancelled and special constables have been called up. The Fitzwilliam Museum is packing valuable items so they can be removed should the situation worsen and cinemas warned they will be closed in the event of war. Kerbs at street corners have been painted white in readiness for any black-out. There was a constant stream of people collecting gas-masks and a steady demand for black paper and curtains. Prayers for peace will be said at churches and it is hoped that Hitler will see it is suicidal to attempt to make war 39 08 25a

Saffron Walden proposed bypass 39 08 25b

1939 08 26
Sir Alfred Ewing, Prof of Mechanism and Applied Mechanics at Cambridge University 1883-1903 established room 40 where experts deciphered enemy messages and intercepted wireless calls during war 39 08 26

1939 08 25 CIPof
Surprise Visit. — Queen Mary arrived in Cambridge almost un¬observed just before noon on Monday. When Her Majesty alighted from her car in St. Andrew's Street, she was only noticed by a handful of people. It was her ninth visit to Mr. Stanley Woolston's shop. She motored over from Sandringham, being again accompanied by Mrs. Fetherstonhaugh. With her was a Curator of the Fitzwilliam Museum, and to¬gether with Mr. Woolston they went over the whole of the establishment's rooms. As on pre¬vious visits, Queen Mary showed a great interest in the antiques, inspecting china, furniture, pictures and other works of art. She made several purchases . . . the parcels being placed in her large car as she left. # c.02

Houses Struck. —When lightning struck a new house and general store at Trumpington on Sunday, debris from a chimney stack was strewn over the road and several vehicles had to go carefully to avoid accidents. The incident occurred about midnight. Mrs. A. J. Day, who was sleeping in a bedroom on the side of the premises farthest from the chimney stack, said "When we went to bed at about 10 p.m. there was a lot of lightning. The storm continued, and it was just before midnight when there was a terrible crash. Pieces of the chim¬ney were strewn all over the road, but fortunately the policeman was coming up the street and soon had things in hand. After striking the chimney, the lightning entered the upstairs sitting room down the chimney and through a window, and debris was strewn all over the floor. It ran along the wall into my son's bedroom, but luckily he went on holiday on Saturday. It smashed the electric switch in his room into small pieces. The trail of lightning could be clearly seen in the house. It made two holes in the sitting room wall near the ceiling, ran along the electric wire, and made another hole. The chimney stack was cut in half."— Mr. and Mrs. Lilley, of 22, Hartford Street, Huntingdon, were awakened by a loud explosion about midnight, and, rushing downstairs, they found the house filled with smoke and soot. It appears that a large chimney at the back of the house had been struck by lightning. Most of the structure was hurled to the ground, but luckily the outer walls stood fast, otherwise the whole would have crashed through the roof of the house. No one was hurt, but Mr. Lilley, who is the local manager of the Liverpool Victoria Friendly Society, and his wife were terribly alarmed. The tele¬phone was put out of action.

Cambridge and the Crisis. — Complete confidence in Cambridge preparations against air attack was experienced by Aid. W. L. Briggs (Chairman of the Cambridge A.R.P. Committee) in an interview. In the course of this he said: "I feel that we shall be able, in case of emergency, to put up a thorough working skeleton organisation which we shall make every endeavour to enlarge as the necessity arises. With the volunteers that we have got we have worked persistently to put into operation all the necessary measures. But it must be realised that from the first we have been, from the Government point of view, a non-vulnerable area, and this has restricted us very much in making the preparations which we think are necessary, but every section has persistently and thoroughly worked out the details

of their duties. First aid is trained and equipped as far as possible." With regard to the evacuation scheme", Aid. Briggs added: "Everything has been worked out to the fullest detail, both with regard to reception, billeting, feeding and medical attention." # c.45.6

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1939 08 28
There are to be two anti-aircraft batteries and one anti-aircraft signalling unit based in Cambridge. Recruiting for the batteries opens at 45 Parkside and Salisbury Villas for the signalling unit. Cambridge has already responded to the call for National Service. The Cambridgeshire Regiment is over establishment, the Royal Engineers unit, 2nd General Hospital and the Cambridge National Defence Company are complete. A second Auxiliary Territorial Service (clerical) company for women will also be raised. 39 08 28

1939 08 29
First ARP shelter at junction Cherryhinton Road & Perne road – 39 08 29

Air-raid siren set off accidentally at Waterworks in Rustat Road – 39 08 29a

1939 08 30
Ambulance drivers on parade- photo – 39 08 30

Addenbrooke's Hospital & Police station guarded by sandbags – 39 08 30a & b

1939 08 30
Wellington. Pilot baled out uninjured, on approach to Duxford. E-H

1939 08 31
Police station sandbags photo – 39 08 31a

Evacuation from London begins – 39 08 31

Lloyd's Bank practiced evacuating their staff to air raid shelters in the two strong rooms adjoining the main hall of the bank. Those in Lloyds Bank Chambers used a specially constructed cat-walk over the roof to the fire escape window. The two strong rooms are situated one below the other and a trapdoor will supply a means of escape should one of the entrances become blocked. In the event of a raid customers can accompany the staff or seek the nearest public shelter in wine vaults under Peas Hill 39 08 31 # c.45.7 # c.32.8

Bourn welfare centre babies – photo – 39 08 31a

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1939 09 01
Poland invokes treat with Britain, gas masks, evacuees – 38 09 01 # c.45.7

The first children who have been separated from their London families by the dark threat of war arrived at Cambridge station. The train contained 800 boys and girls, all had a label bearing their name and address, a few carried a football, several had oranges. They were handed bags containing their rations and helped on to the waiting buses 39 09 01a # c.45.7

The first 600 of the 1,100 children allotted to Huntingdon arrived at the North Station. They were received on the platform by officials and after being given refreshments were taken by a fleet of buses to the districts allotted to them. Other train loads followed at short intervals and are being cared for by Huntingdon residents who are doing all they can to make their little visitors as comfortable as possible. 39 09 01b

An experimental gas mask drill was held for Ramsden Square children. Over 100 assembled and were instructed in the proper use of the gas masks by the senior warden, Mr E. Winkworth. They were told a whistle would sound in the event of an air raid, that the sound of a rattle would indicate a gas attack and a bell would sound when it was safe for them to come from their shelters. Aeroplanes roared overhead as the children were instructed 39 09 01b # c.45.7

Compulsory powers of billeting are now in force in Cambridge. Quite simply it amounts to this. Enough voluntary offers have been received to take in all the children who are coming in school parties. But expectant mothers and those with young children are also expected and householders will be required to house them. The payment is five shillings a week for each adult and three shilling for each child for lodging only. The adults will be responsible for their food. The third class comprise voluntary helpers from the evacuated areas working full time in Cambridge. The payment for them will be twenty-one shillings for board and lodging which will be paid by the Government. 39 09 01c

1939 09 01 CIPof
Protest Meeting. — A protest meeting was held on Thursday evening in the Hempstead school¬room against losing the water of the Fountain. Villagers made indignant expressions against the Saffron Walden Rural District Council for posting on the Foun-tain a notice stating' that the water supply would be discontinued on September 2 as the Council's main supply was now available. The meeting was called by the Rev. T. P. Conyers Barker (Vicar of the Parish), who had been asked by several villagers for an opportun¬ity to discuss whether the Fountain should be closed. Villagers maintain that the Fountain has supplied the village with drinking water for generations past and there was also a great demand by travellers, hikers, cyclists and motorists pass¬ing through. It was emphasised that the water had been analysed from time to time, and was stated to be perfectly pure spring mineral water, always flowing in abund¬ance and recently approved by the Ministry of Health for dairy pur¬poses. It was known as the "Dipping Well" until about 60 years ago, when the overseers of Hempstead village built up the Fountain and it was paid for by subscriptions collected from the villagers. # c.24.2

Villagers Show Appreciation. — The Rev. R. Doble (now at Forest Hill) paid a return visit to Great Chesterford on Thursday week when about 80 people gathered in the schoolroom to greet him- The occasion was a presentation to Mr. Doble by the parishioners of Gt. and Lt. Chesterford in recognition of the services he had rendered to the villages during his 15 years as Rector and Vicar. When Mr. Doble entered the hall, he was greeted with great applause, and after the presentation, "For he's a jolly good fellow" was sung. There were 140 names of subscribers on the list that was lying in the wal¬nut bureau which bore the inscription: "Presented to the Rev. R. Doble by the parishioners of Great and Little Chesterford." Mrs. Green made the presentation.

Strongrooms as Shelter.—A full rehearsal for evacuating the staff at Lloyds Bank, Cambridge, and the various offices in Lloyds Bank Chambers to air raid shelters provided by the two strongrooms adjoining the main hall of the bank was conducted with full satisfaction on Wednesday afternoon. # c.45.6 # 32.8

"Everything is Ready."—Con¬fessing that he hardly expected to find himself opening a garden fete at Newmarket on Thursday afternoon. Capt. F. Heilgers, M.P., said: "The only reason I am able to come here this afternoon is because as far as our country is concerned, everything is supremely ready." Applause and murmurs of "Hear, hear" greeted this statement. Capt. Heilgers was speaking at the garden fete held in aid of the funds of St. Agnes Church in the vicarage grounds. In a short speech he made before declaring he fete open, Capt. Heilgers first made the reference already quoted to Britain's readiness, and then added: "The country is not only ready, but it is steady”

Cwt. of Bream.—Mr. Searle, of the Green, Willingham, caught over one cwt. of bream on Sunday in the Albion Club's water at Earith. Mr. Searle was fishing between 11.30 and 6-30 and his six best specimens averaged 3 ½ lbs.

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Ely's emergency preparations complete; billeting arrangement for evacuated, buildings sandbagged - photo p7
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Still hope for peace
Evacuation to start today
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1939 09 02
Concrete air raid shelter from Cambridge Artificial Stone Co – advert – 39 09 02

An important announcement from Cambridge bakers. As new Acts have been applied to the baking trade, Master Bakers have agreed to provide a shorter working week for employees. We have decided not to bake or deliver dread on Thursdays. Signed: J. Harwood of Derby St, W.H. Pratt of Halifax Road, G.P. Hawkins of Parsonage Street, A.E. Mason of Trumpington Street together with Tylers, Maskell, Markillie, Horspool, Summerlin and over 20 other bakers. [advert] 39 09 02a

The fete at Spicer's Sports Ground for Sawston Maternity and Infant Welfare Centre was curtailed by messages requesting mothers to return to their homes for the reception of youthful evacuees. Beside the usual stalls an entertainment by Miss Joan Slipper and her Juvenile Sprarklettes had been arranged together with a marionette show. However the entertainer had been prevented from attending owing to being called up for national service. It was decided to have the public tea immediately. 39 09 02b

1939 09 04
Cambridge had its first air raid warning in the early hours of the morning and hundreds of householders left their beds and adjourned to lower rooms. Others, however, slept through the noise of the sirens. One householder, doubtful about the efficiency of their black-out wrapped a woollen scarf round the electric light. Shortly afterwards they donned their gas masks after noticing a very pungent smell. Later they noticed it came from the scarf which had been charred through. The alarm was caused by the passing of unidentified aircraft over the Eastern Counties. Fighter aircraft went up to investigate 39 09 04

Children with gas masks – 39 09 04a

Smiling evacuee – photo – 39 09 04b

CDN reduced to four pages due war conditions – 39 09 04a

1939 09 05
Many weddings have taken place in Cambridge during the last few days. They include those of Lieut Robert E. Strong and Miss Prudence M. Lathom, married at St Paul's Church and Sapper Frank Rooke and Miss Nellie Haylett, both of Cambridge, who married at St Philip's Church. [Photos on front page]. Owing to war conditions, all newspapers will be reduced in size. The CDN until further notice will consist of four pages. – 39 09 05

Cambridge is getting into its war stride. After-dark bus services are curtailed owning to lighting restrictions, no cinemas are open and public libraries close at sunset. Banking hours are now 10 to two on weekdays and delays may occur in the collection of cheques. Various museums are taking steps to protect exhibits from damage and already half of the stained glass in the east window of King's

College Chapel has been removed. It is being packed and taken to a place of safety. The remaining 23 windows are being left as they are, owing to the enormous nature of the task of removing the glass. 39 09 05a

1939 09 06
Cambridge company of the ATS – Territorial Unit for women – leave – 39 09 06

1939 09 08
The War Agricultural Committee is taking steps to get al least 10,000 additional acres under the plough. They have wide power but they hope farmers will voluntarily get the land broken up and sown to wheat this autumn. But there are grave difficulties especially in connection with labour and machinery. 39 09 08

Appeal for two anti-aircraft batteries – 39 09 08a

Len Garner, drummer in Reg Cottage's Band, weds – 39 09 08b

1939 09 08 CIPof
Blow Falls. — Well, (writes Watchman), the blow has fallen at last. When I wrote this feature last week, there was still hope that hostilities would not break out, but Hitler has decided other¬wise, and now the whole country and Empire is rallying with France to fight for a great principle . . . We enter the conflict regretfully, but resolutely, and fully confident that we shall win through . . . The new lighting restrictions have made progress difficult and strange during the last few days, but we are gradually becoming used to the new conditions . . . One day this week the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries broadcast an important message to farmers and the rural community generally. He said that the farmer's main job is to increase, in an orderly fashion, our home production of essential foodstuffs—a task just as vital to the nation as that which has to be carried out by our armed forces. As far as the immediate after-harvest plans are concerned, the majority of farmers must think in terms of ploughing up more land, both for supply of human food and animal feeding stuffs. The immediate task is to plough up as much land as possible for next year's harvest. # c.45.7

War Measures at Cambridge. — Cambridge, in common with the rest of the country, is getting rapidly into its war stride. Banks, buses and libraries are among the services affected by the situation. Mr. A. Cousin, the Eastern Counties Company District Traffic Supt., said that after-dark bus services had had to be curtailed, owing to lighting restrictions "and of course, the cinema buses are not running at the moment, as there are no cinemas open." He added: "We are running buses up to 10.15 p.m." . . . Both lending departments and reading rooms of the public libraries in the borough are closing by sunset, in view of the lighting regulations. Banking hours have also been altered. They are now from 1.0 to 2 from Monday to Friday and 10 to 1 on Saturdays. They are subject to revision. This week the stained glass in the east window of King's College Chapel was removed. It was being packed and taken to a place of safety. # c.45.7 # c.77.4

Evacuees at Cambridge. — The first of the children who have been separated from their families by the dark threat of war arrived at Cambridge from London on Friday. During the weekend many others arrived and were dealt with. On Friday, numerous helpers gathered at the station. Among them were a number of Rangers who came on duty at six o'clock in the morning to fill the "ration bags" ready for distribution among the evacuees destined for the county on their arrival. # c.45.7

Early Morning Raid Warning.— Cambridge, in common with other towns and districts in East Anglia and the Midlands, had its first air raid warning in the early hours of Monday. Nearly half an hour elapsed before the "all clear" signal was given—about 3.15 a.m. —and in that time hundreds of householders left their beds and adjourned to lower rooms. Others, however, slept through the noise of the sirens. Not until morning was it revealed that the alarm was caused by the passage of unidenti¬fied aircraft over the Eastern Counties. # c.45.7

No Cambridgeshire. — Yesterday's "Racing Calendar" stated that no indication has been received of the withdrawal of the prohibition of sports gatherings. Several meetings, including Newmarket's First and Second October meetings, have been definitely abandoned, and the Cambridgeshire will not take place this year. Newmarket trainers are following the Government advice to the general public, and are carrying on for the time being. Horses are being exercised as usual, although, as there is no immediate prospect of a resumption in racing, strong work is not done.

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1939 09 09
Peas Hill air raid shelter opens; large cavity under road shelters 400 people in converted wine cellars – photo – 39 09 09, 09a

Cambridge graduate on torpedoed Athenia liner – 39 09 09b

1939 09 11
Newnham youngsters at paddling pool with gas masks –photo – 39 09 11a

Ladies lead the way: a general distribution of gas masks began in Cambridge today. Here five women trying out their respirtators which they received at St Luke's Girls School. [c]39 09 11b

1939 09 12
The outbreak of war and the cancellation of all sports gatherings had had severe consequences on horseracing in Newmarket. With only a few race meetings, owners are not inclined to maintain their horses and the number in training have been considerably depleted. Many stablemen have lost their employment and others, including jockeys, find themselves without work. Newmarket's future is a matter of speculation – 39 09 12

1939 09 13
Milton Road school ARP trenches – 39 09 13

Anti-gas protective helmets for babies are being produced but for moment youngsters (not babies) can use ordinary respirators, Royston council told 39 09 13a

1939 09 14
Cambridge University will not cancel examinations this term and entrance scholarships will be held in December – 39 09 14

Isle of Ely County Council form special emergency committee – 39 09 14

The headmistress of the Jews' Infant School, Commercial End, London says they were all given the heartiest welcome in Fordham. Not one teacher is in an uncomfortable billet and nobody wants to be rehoused. Quiet a number of parents came down pm Sunday and all were delighted at the reception given to their children. Mr Pickett, headmaster of the village school, is excellent. Village people have

been quite ignorant of Jewish children and Jewish ways and a great deal of good should result from the contact. 39 09 14a

1939 09 15
Sir – when my husband handed me his pay packet for last week I found it was 1s.10d short. He told me it was one-and-a-quarter hours lost for the air raid warning which made work impossible. I think it very mean to stop working men's wages. He clocked in as usual and was ordered to the works' A.R.P. shelter. Does this mean that if an air raid warning is given during working hours money will be stopped, as work has to cease and the men take shelter? – Working Man's Wife 39 09 15

1939 09 15 CIPof
Cambridge Police Promotions. — Six new promotions in the Cambridge Borough Police Force were announced on Wednesday to take effect from tomorrow, viz. Det-Sgt. Bird to Detective Inspector; Sgt. Ainsworth to Inspector and Chief Clerk; Sgt. Rogerson to Inspector, Air Raids Precautions Department; P.c. Lock to Sgt,, Air Raid Precautions Dept.; P.c. Reginald Lewis to Patrol Sgt.; P.c. Beckett to Sgt., General Office. All the promotions are made following the augmentation of the Force earlier in the year.

Death of Mr. Charles Armstrong. —The death occurred suddenly on Saturday at The Grove, Hunting¬don Road, Cambridge, of Mr. Charles Armstrong. He was in his 86th year, and had lived at The Grove for the past 40 years. The late Mr. Armstrong came to Cambridge in 1889 and in the same year bought the Star Brewery from Mr. Bailey. He was Chairman of that company until it was taken over by Tollemache's five, years ago. The Star Brewery is still in existence as a subsidiary of the Tollemache business, and the late Mr Armstrong was trustee for the first debenture holders of the Star Co. He served for a short time on the Cambridge Town Council about 40 years ago, but his chief local interest was the Royal Albert Benevolent Society Almshouses. He was President of the Society, and every year invited the residents to the Grove for an outing. He was a Past Master of the Brewers Co. and a Past Master of the Curriers Co. He had many business interests in London. # c.27.41

Doctor's Daughter Weds. — The daughter of a well-known Cambridge doctor was married quietly at St. Giles' Church on Tuesday. She was Miss Frances Hope Roderick, daughter of Dr. Henry Buckley Roderick, of Newnham Cottage, Queen's Road, Cambridge. The bridegroom was Mr. Nigel Winsor Hean Gaydon, the son of Mr. Harold Wallace Gaydon, of Hornsea House, Hornsea, Yorks.

War-time Farming Push.—The war has come at a time of the year that gives farming the best possible opportunity to prepare for the great effort it must now make in the defence of our country (writes Watchman). Harvest is nearly finished, and has turned out better than at one time seemed possible. Given reasonable weather, farmers will be able to push on with their normal early cultivations and supplement them with ploughing up even more land, for another 1½ million acres of land must be brought under the plough this coming year. It is an ambitious programme, for we are attempt¬ing in one, year what we only achieved in four years in the last war .... Cambridgeshire and Hunt¬ingdonshire are expected to have little difficulty in supplying and probably exceeding, their allotted contributions towards the 1,500,000 acres of land which the Minister of Agriculture proposes to bring under the plough this autumn. # c.45.7

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Ely amusing black out incidents p5
Evacuee children have play centre p5
Parents visit evacuated children; how evacuee will be taught p5
Ely High school to open on Monday in conjunction with evacuated school p7

1939 09 16
The postponement of petrol rationing gives car owner an extra week's normal driving and enables hundreds of others to see that their tanks are full by the time rationing comes in. Many motorists left the filling of their tanks to the last day and there was a tremendous rush on garages. Several sold out

of petrol and one motorist was only able to get one gallon after calls at eight Cambridge garages. For that one gallon he used nearly a half! 39 09 16

Victor Rothschild, brilliant scientist, a handsome but shy undergraduate married Barbara Hutchinson – 39 09 16a

1939 09 18
Elderly man knocked down by car at Stapleford during black-out – 39 09 18 & 19a

The University Arms management pleaded guilty to failing to obscure lights in the hotel and preventing them being visible outside the building. Mr Bradford, the manager, said he had 400 windows and 40 skylights. It had been impossible to screen all these within 36 hours of war being declared. The skylight in the kitchen took four men three days to screen properly. Four of the six hotel porters who would have done the work had been called up and although they'd bought dark blinds some light shone through little cracks. They'd also put notices in each room asking visitors not to open the windows until they had put the lights out. 39 09 18 & a Geldhart public house, Sleaford Street also accused

1939 09 19
Central school pupils return school – photo – 39 09 19

1939 09 20
Kerbs painted white to assist during black out – 39 09 20

Newmarket air-raid warning fined over black-out – 39 09 20a

Arthur Palmer, Hillrow, butcher bankrupt – 39 09 20a

Claude Sadler, Stretham butcher, bankrupt – 39 09 20b

A Meldreth wheelwright and blacksmith claimed the increased use of motor traction and the slump in the agricultural industry were the cause of his failure. He'd open an ironmonger's shop in Melbourn in 1934 and bought a van to drive round villages selling hardware goods. But he did not make a profit so he sold the van to pay creditors. Two butchers, one at Stretham, the other Haddenham were also insolvent 39 09 20c

The proprietor of the Empire Cinema, Littleport told the court he'd been a cinema manager at various towns in the Midlands, then been told about the Littleport cinema. Business was very good to start with but then his wife was taken ill and two months after the opened the cinema caught fire and was partly destroyed. The cause was never discovered. After rebuilding business was not so good because harvest time was approaching. Then creditors began pressing and one obtained a bankruptcy notice. 39 09 20d

During the Great War food was in short supply and Motor Agents were told to buy up mechanical implements. They managed to get some tractors and others arrived from America. Ladies, college tutors and errand boys came forward to drive and groups of engineers formed to attend them. At first they ploughed both day and night though farmers complained they turned up the sub-soil, making the land unusable. Now, once more at war, we must grow more food, Rotarians were told. 39 09 20e # c.45.5

1939 09 20 [circa]
Evacuees at Newnham College: girlds from Downshills Central School who are guests of Newnham students. 39 09 20

1939 09 21

King's college chapel glass removed – photo – 39 09 21

1939 09 22
Taking precautions – protecting windows – photo – 39 09 22

Haverhill depot for supply of bandages – 39 09 22a

1939 09 22 CIPof
Night Blaze. — Members of the Fire Brigade and the Auxiliary Fire Service and other helpers, including small boys with buckets, fought a serious outbreak of fire with outstanding success at St. Ives on Friday night. The fire was at the wood yard of Messrs. G. Fuller and Sons, which is close to the railway station and some garage properties. The alarm was given at 6.45, and the brigade arrived to find that the flames had gained a strong hold. So hard did the fire fighters work, however, that within an hour they had the blaze completely under control and had prevented it from spreading further. They left the scene just before midnight. The high tension cable running through the wood-yard represented a considerable danger to the men with the hoses playing on the flames around, and to minimise the risk, the current was cut off in that section.

False Alarm. — It is possible (writes Watchman) to see the funny side of things in connection with the war. I was told the other day of a raid warden in a small village in Hunts., who, on hearing noises which he interpreted as a raid warning, dashed from his house and along the street blowing his whistle and urging the popula¬tion to take cover. He met a party coming out of the "local" and insisted that they should go back until the raid was over. Having fulfilled his duty, he and the villagers sat back and waited for the enemy. But the enemy did not come and have still not arrived. It transpired later that a town a mile or two away (as the crow flies) was having a fire near the railway line. Traffic on the line was temporarily delayed, and an impatient engine driver sounded his engine whistle. It was this which caused all the excitement.

Warning to Pedestrians.—"I do not think it can be too publicly stated that pedestrians should walk facing the oncoming traffic. We have had a lot of cases lately," said the Borough Coroner (Mr. W. R. Wallis) when he held an inquest at the Guildhall, Cambridge, on a 72-year-old farm worker, of no fixed address. The man died as a result of injuries he received when he was knocked down by a car at Stapleford about 11 o'clock on Thursday evening. The Coroner was emphasising the necessity for pedestrians to take special care in view of the present restrictions

Evacuees Return Home. — Many of the women evacuees who had been billeted in Fulbourn have returned to their own homes.

A Good Apple Crop.—Gathering apples last weekend in an orchard in Orchard Road, Melbourn, belonging to Miss Emily Hagger, Mr. John Hinkins was able to procure 16 bushels (32 half-sieves) of fruit from one tree, and then to leave a few apples upon it. The tree, a summer Pearmain, is believed to be one of the oldest and the only one of its kind, in the village.

1939 09 22 ES
Ely council protest over treatment in evacuation scheme; evacuation of mothers a failure - 60% from Fordham go home, complaints, billeting tribunal formed p5
Soham to have siren p7
British Legion Hall, Littleport opened p7 (- photo 20th p10)
Stretham schools reopened but due number evacuated children need to use Methodist Chapel scholroom for infants as well as Infants school; Stretham will work separately from London infants but at Upper school work together p10

1939 09 25
County Council employees called up to fight will have their army wages made up to what they would have received. But what other employer would think of making up salaries in this way? They were

already more fortunate than others because their jobs would be kept open for them. But they would have to be replaced meaning wages and salaries would be re-duplicated. Many people in business would have to close, others were working for nothing. Properties would fall into the hands of the receivers and rateable values go down, councillors heard 39 09 23 Cambridge does same – 39 09 25 # c.35.1

There was only a remote possibility of villages being bombed but mobile units had been fitted up to deal with casualties and there was a first-aid point in every village It was not practical to provide air raid sirens but a parish could provide one if the Chief Constable approved. Warnings would be given every time a hostile aircraft crossed the coast between King's Lynn and the Thames. If you are in bed at night and the warning comes, you should stop in bed. If it comes in the day, you should go to bed, people were told. 39 09 25

Evacuees – some teachers doing the minimum required; they had arrived with little clothing but there were W.V.S. centres in every village – 39 09 25a

1939 09 27
Problems with regard to evacuees in the Isle were discussed. At one Ely school there were only two English girls, the rest being Jews. They were receiving Jewish education and had been told they had to fast on Saturdays, as laid down for members of the Jewish faith. It was too expensive to black out the windows of every school but children must receive a full education. At Outwell boys of 15 were billeted in the homes of fruit pickers who had to return home early to look after them. As a result hundreds of tons of fruit would be ruined. The lads should help with the crops. 39 09 27

Blackout offences - Soham fish shop, Cheveley & Burwell houses – 39 09 27a, b

1939 09 28
Ely old brewery was completely gutted in one of the most disastrous fires seen for many years. Thirty-five members of the brigade and all available equipment were needed in combatting the blaze. The blaze was at its height at about 7 o'clock when the old portion of the brewery was belching fourth flames to a height of about 60 feet. Firemen armed with the plentiful supply from the River found difficulty in approaching the building owing to the proximity of adjoining property. But with nine jets pouring 1,500 gallons of water per minute on the building they managed to gain the upper hand after a three-hour struggle. Falling debris constituted a grave danger. Huge girders came crashing down from the four-storey building along with brickwork, masonry, flooring and roofing material. The most serious threats were from a tall chimney stack and a huge water tank situated high up in the building. The lower portion of the premises used for bottling ginger beer and for the storage of thousands of bottles were gradually devoured, threatening stock of well over 100 tons of cold. Burning debris fell on cottages on the west side, which abutted Ely's public Air raid shelter. Fortunately, these buildings were well protected with sandbags otherwise, they too might have caught fire. The old brewery buildings were used for the storage of bags by the Beet Sugar Corporation. The building was packed to capacity with them and it is believed the fire was due to combustion caused through the stacks of bags. Only part of the old building remains and police guard were posted around the shell as it is feared that the walls make collapse. 39 09 28

Mortuary accommodation required, need disinfection plant for verminous evacuees & bedding – 39 09 28a

1939 09 29
Cambridge councillor rescued after freighter in which crossing Atlantic torpedoed – 39 09 29

County school trenches construction – photo – 39 09 29a

1939 09 29 CIPof

Making up pay. — By 31 votes to 22, Cambs. County Council de¬cided on Saturday that they will make employees' service pay up to the amount they had been re¬ceiving in civil life. The decision meant an overthrow of the Staff Committee's resolution, which was that no general resolution be passed to make Service pay up to civil remuneration, but that any cases of hardship be given special consideration. The Committee had also resolved that the Council pay into the Superannuation Fund the employees' contributions and their own In respect of all officers and servants on naval, military or air service.

The Record of Records, — Writing this week from 18, Hillside, Sawston, Mr. T. F. Teversham writes.—"During the past few weeks you have pub¬lished many attendance records. I have kept one up my sleeve, which, I believe, eclipses all of them. It is held by Mr. Frank Barker, of New Road, Sawston. He performed what seems to be an almost in¬credible feat of attending the Sawston Council School for ten years, and was never absent and never late. The particular period was 1897-1901. He started school at the age of 3 plus, and was allowed to leave when 13½, six months before his full time, as a reward for an extraordinary achievement. His wife also attended for 7 years at Duxford School without an absence being recorded against her."

Close Vote. — Cambridge Town Council have decided (by 27 votes to 22) not to make up Service pay of all men called to the Colours to the amount which they would receive in their normal employ¬ment. Additions will be made, however, in the case of men join-ing top before September 15.

"No Truth". — The following message from the Regional Com¬missioner for the Eastern Region (Sir' Will Spens) has been received.—"The Eastern Regional Commissioner has noticed that allegations have been made of food profiteering in the Eastern Region. After making inquiries, he is satisfied that, generally speaking, there is no truth in such reports. On the contrary, the Commissioner finds that the food traders of the Region have, to a marked degree, resisted any temptation to profiteer, and he desires to emphasise the import¬ance and the value of their action. The Commissioner wishes, at the same time, to acknowledge the debt of the Region to all concerned in the production and distribution of food, who, in many cases, have been working for long hours, and, owing to lighting restrictions, in trying circumstances."

Six injured in Smash. — Six people were injured when a Standard Nine car came to grief near Worsted Lodge, not far from Balsham cross-roads on Sunday morning. The car was proceeding in the direction of London, and was overtaking a motor coach at the time of the accident. It is be¬lieved it struck the off-side kerb and then went on to its near-side, colliding with the coach. The car was badly damaged and all its six occupants were injured.

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Ely old brewery, Waterside, gutted p5 - photo p10
Evacuees compulsory billeting, new maternity home opens soon p5
Schoolchildren to work on land p7

1939 09 30
Colonel Cody flew over Cambridge during Army manoeuvres at Hardwick, 1912 – photo – 39 09 30 # c.26.1

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1939 10 03
Many University staff have already left Cambridge since the start of the war and students from London and St Bartholomew's Hospital have joined students at the Medical School. Undergraduates will continue their studies 39 10 03 & a # c.45.7 # c.36.9

City girls on the farm – photo – 39 10 03b

1939 10 04
Barton ARP hut – photo – 39 10 04

Cambridge business is experiencing a war boom with the influx of thousands of evacuees and fewer facilities for getting to London to shop. A feeling of optimism prevails among tradespeople who point out that although prices will rise in the near future it will not be due to profiteering on their part. The Paris House reports a flourishing sale in fur coats and higher priced merchandise while Mr Hensher of Peas Hill says his shop has been crowed by purchasers of black-out materials, blankets and bedding. Millers say gramophones and wirelesses are selling well and they expect a rush on pianos. 39 10 04a

1939 10 05
Dressmaker, hairdresser, dancing expert, officer clerk, shop assistant and television worker. All these are working side by side potato picking, milking cows, muck spreading and clearing out pigsties at the Cambridge University Farm on Huntingdon Road. The girls are members of the Women's Land Army undergoing a month's training before being sent to work for farmers. The majority are in their late teens and early twenties but some are older. One has her two grown-up daughters with her; her son and his brother are doing their bit in the Tank Corps in France. 39 10 05 # c.45.7

1939 10 05 CIPof
£4,000 Horse Sale at Histon.—Approximately £4,000 changed hands at the 12th annual sale of Percheron horses at the sale yard, Histon, on Friday. It was one of the largest sales of the breed which has been conducted in Great Britain for some time. The magni-ficent work of the Percheron during the last war gave the introduction of the breed into Britain an enthusiastic reception and the interest displayed at yesterday's sale was a patent tribute to the part to be played by these animals particularly in respect of agriculture, during the present conflict. A feature of the sale, which was attended by a large selection of buyers, was the inclusion of the entire noted prize-winning Aldenham stud, the property of Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan. There were also entries from many other famous studs.

For Evacuees.—A social club for the benefit of evacuees has been started in the village (Histon) and at the first meeting 38 mothers and a good number of babies and young children were present. It is proposed that the club should meet every Monday and Friday at Impington School.

The "Square Pegs" Depart. — Evacuated London mothers and children billeted in the village (Melbourn) are slowly, but surely drifting back to their homes. Exactly how many have gone back is not known, but it is estimated that about 50 mothers, with their offsprings, have left Melbourn since the great influx of September 2 and the few following days. Villagers bravely, and often at, great inconvenience, did their best to make the refugees comfortable, but many refused to settle down, grumbling at the quietness of country life, the absence of a cinema and other amusements, the scarcity of shops and other "inconveniences." The great trouble at the moment, particularly at weekends, is the uninvited and unannounced relatives of the evacuees who descend upon the village and expect to be fed and entertained by the villagers.

Presentation. — Mr. Harry Spencer, for 12 years sub-post¬master at Great Sampford, has taken up duties in the same capacity at Great Shelford. A native of London, Mr. Spencer served in the last war, and on leaving hospital following war injuries, was appointed sub-post¬master at Great Sampford in 1927. While in the village, both Mr. and Mrs. Spencer won many friends for themselves, and the active interest they took in village affairs was much appreciated. At Samp¬ford, Mr. Spencer founded a branch of the Essex County Library and conducted its affairs for five years. For three years he was a member of the Sampford Parish Council, and in addition to taking a keen interest in all the social affairs of the village, helped with legal matters. Mrs. Spencer was for many years secretary of the Great Sampford Women's Institute as well as a member of the Child Welfare Committee. At a large and representative gather¬ing in the Parish Hall, Great Sampford, on Wednesday last week, a cheque for over £15 was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Spencer.

1939 10 06

South Cambs RDC discussed a request from the School of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart for the transfer of 300 evacuees from other parishes into Sawston Thirty children had arrived in Ickleton who were dirty, filthy, badly-clothed and badly cared for. They were put into cottages which are clean, bright and healthy and the cottage people had changed them. The children are now clean and tidy, their manners have improved. But if they were taken to Sawston there would be no more evacuees taken in that village. 39 10 06

Suggestions for brightening the black-out at Cambridge. Heffer's have a selection of indoor games such as Autobridge, dominoes and jig-saw puzzles. Coad's stock khaki wools and other artistic shades for personal shoppers while Johnson's have a range of novels as well as black-out paper. Gray of Sidney Street can supply miniature billiard tables but those who prefer the real thing should visit the Guildhall Street Billiards Saloon which is open from early morning till late at night. 39 10 06b

1939 10 07
Auxiliary fire service headquarters, Victoria Road – photo – 39 10 07

Demolition of part of St John's College, Bridge Street – 39 10 07a

Concert parties to entertain troops – 39 10 07b

First Eastern General Hospital cooks – photo – 39 10 07c

1939 10 09
The small new Roman Catholic chapel on the corner of High Street, Old Chesterton is a corrugated iron structure but its lines are good and the interior fittings and decoration are in excellent taste. After the Reformation there was no Catholic church in Cambridge. Then Mass began to be said in the room of a house and in 1841 a small church opened in Union Lane. This was supplanted in 1890 by the fine building in Hills Road. Now there are large congregations at four Masses every Sunday and two other chapels of ease beside the one now opened. 39 10 09 # c.83

The majority of basements in Cambridge are useless as public air raid shelters since they need to be capable of holding between 50 and 100 people. But those at Herbert Robinson's Garage in Regent Street, Zion Baptist Church, Mr Wheatley's in Sturton Street and Potts' Mineral Water Works in Castle Street are suitable. However these are not enough and shelters should be constructed in various areas. They will be of brick and concrete and accommodate 50 people. Shelters in schools should be available for the public during the night and at week-ends.39 10 09a # c.45.7

1939 10 10
Ely Beet Sugar Factory fire – 39 10 10

1939 10 11
Air Raid precautions committee have ensured that petrol supplies will be available for special services and several garages have reserved tanks and pumps for them. There are decontaminating centres at Mill Road store yard, Cherry Hinton Hall and Victoria Road. First aid depots have been set up at Shirley and other Schools with first aid parties and two ambulances. Electrically controlled sirens have been installed which together with the steam sirens should be adequate to give necessary warnings 39 10 11 # c.45.7

1939 10 12
ARP shelter under construction at Christ's Pieces – photo – 39 10 12

Guildhall first council meeting – 39 10 12a & 12b [and see Memories 20th Oct 2014] # c.35.7

1939 10 13

No action will be taken against schoolboys aged 12 and over who are absent from school assisting the harvest. But there were a great many women volunteering for the land who were not being engaged – why should children be used as cheap labour. There was no need to employ boys and girls of that age. Coun Taylor said it was only a question of boys leading horses but this meant breaking off education during the last few months when a boy could be educated.39 10 13

Happy evacuees from the poorer parts of London enjoyed a birthday party for 'Little Joan'. She had told her new 'mummy' that she had never had a birthday party before and it added to her happiness to share it with chums from Fulham. Joan enjoys her 'holiday' home and only wants to go back 'now and again'. She would like her mother to come and see her in Cambridge. But she cannot afford the trip. Other children are saving their money to pay their own mummy's fare. 39 10 13a

Work re-arranging Cambridge Central Library is going on well. Book cases are being installed in the domed room, the Reference Library has moved to the Education Offices and its old home will house magazines. 39 10 13b

An Ely police constable told the court he was cycling with another officer along Cambridge Road on the first night of the black-out when he was struck by a van. The driver said he was travelling at 10-15 mph with only sidelights, due to the blackout. He suddenly saw two cycles; they carried red and white reflectors, but had no light on. The first thing he'd seen was the strap of a gas mask. The policemen admitted they did not have lights on their bicycle but claimed the man was speeding. The driver was fined. 39 10 13c

The Isle of Ely Surveyor said there was no need to sack roadmen as the work was vital and a number were digging trenches at schools. He was disappointed not more had gone to work on farms where they would earn more money. But they could not force them unless they first sacked them. Then when they came to the Labour Exchange they could send them. Any farmer needing labour should contact him for a list of volunteers available. 39 10 13d

1939 10 13 CIPof
Happy Evacuees.—A suggestion, made during a short discussion concerning evacuation, that there should be a re-shuffling of evacuees around Cambs. villages, drew a spirited protest from mem¬bers at a meeting of the Cambs. Education Committee on Tuesday afternoon. The Chairman (Ald. E. G. G. Frost) stated that the number of evacuated children of: school age attending public elementary schools was 4,289, made up of 2,713 in school parties and 1,679 others. Three hundred and sixty-six secondary school children had been evacuated. Ald. Frost said he had been out to several of the schools with the Education Officer, and on his own to other schools in the county. "I would | like to say that what has struck me more than anything else has been the extraordinary good feeling there is on the whole between evacuated teachers and our own teachers. I was also struck with: the happiness of the evacuees," added the Chairman. # c.45.7

A Refugee Story.—A Polish refugee, a corporal in the Czech Army, arrived at Huntingdon North Railway Station on Friday, but as he could not speak English, the officials were unable to help him in his travels. The help of the police was sought, and at the station, Supt. E. Afford, with a Press representative, attempted by signs to make the corporal under¬stand, and found that he wanted to go to Baldock. It was too late for a train, so Sergeant Fardham found him lodgings for the night, and the next morning he was safely on his journey. The next day a Czech refugee called at the station with a piece of paper, on which was written, "I thank all Polish men and Mr. Inspector."

New Catholic Chapel.—The small chapel erected on the corner of the site in High Street, Old Chesterton, purchased by the Roman Catholic Church, was inaugurated on Sunday. Mgr. Canon Marshall (Rector of the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs) blessed the chapel, and Mass was celebrated by Father Watkis. The chapel is a corrugated iron structure, but its lines are good, and the interior fittings and decoration are in excellent taste. Canon Marshall announced that the Bishop of the Diocese wished their new chapel to be put under the patronage of St. Laurence, the great martyr of

the Roman Church in the 3rd century, a saint to whom the con¬version of Rome from paganism to Christianity was largely attributed by the fathers of the church. # c.83

A Pathetic Note.—There is a pathetic side (writes Watchman) to some of the stories concerning small evacuees, and here is one sent by a Cambridgeshire billeting officer. A small child billeted with a "very respectable family" saw the husband preparing to go out one evening, so she said rather pathetically, "I know where you are going. You are going on the booze." Somewhat anxiously she watched for his return. Her anxiety was understood when she said to him, "I wish you were my daddy. When my daddy goes out on the booze, he throws cups at my mummy when he comes home."

Funeral of Peter and David Leggett.—A large number of sympathisers and friends attended the funeral at the Parish Church (Over) on Friday of Peter James Leggett (11) and David John: Leggett (9), sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Leggett, of High Street, who died last week from diphtheria. The two boys were popular in the village. They were members of the Church Sunday School and Guild and also of the church choir to which they had belonged for the past three years and had the distinction of having the best attendance records of all the choir boys.
1939 10 13 ES
Ely's two public air raid shelters - underground accommodation for 1,000 people p5

1939 10 14
Field kitchen sited in churchyard – photo – 39 10 14

Farm workers pay was raised by 2/- week. This was not a living wage but in the last war fathers and mothers brought up families of 10 and 12 children, all well and working, on a farm worker's wage. At Warboys a man and his wife, both over 80, were living in a tumbled-down cottage. He had brought up 19 children on an agricultural wage and every one of them was alive and well. But just because they had a certain measure of happiness, this did not mean they'd had a very good life 39 10 14a

farm workers wages discussed – 39 10 14b

New Guildhall – first meeting; poor view from gallery – 39 10 14c

1939 10 17
Stretham lorry driver Herbert Gillett drove without care – 39 10 17

1939 10 18
Entertainers leave to give a show for the troops – photo - 39 10 18

1933 10 20 CIPof
Ouse Flood Water. — In spite of the serious flooding which has occurred in the Midlands, where the Ouse and Grand Union Canal have overflowed their banks, there appears little danger that the Cambridgeshire Fens will be greatly affected. Mr. Oscar Borer, Chief Engineer to the Great Ouse Catchment Board, said that although the level of the water at Newport Pagnell is 7ft above normal, the flood waters of the Ouse have not reached Bedford, and they should be dispersed before they can get down to the Fens. He added, too, that all the washes were empty.

Fire Fighting. St. Ives Rural District Council, at its meeting on Friday afternoon, revealed con¬cern at the lack of fire-fighting equipment in the district, and attacked the system which pro¬vided for the requirements of urban districts being met first.

Call-up. — It is expected that between 600 and 800 students and townsmen will be affected by the first proclamation under the National Service (Armed Forces) Act, 1939. The smallness of the number is accounted for by the fact that many men in this age group have already joined the Forces. On Saturday, October 21, _ the anniversary of Trafalgar, all men who on October 21 were between the age of 20 years and 22 years, are required to register at the Senate House, King's Parade. # c.45.7

Archbishop at Cambridge. — Dr. Temple, Archbishop of York, addressed an audience of over 2,000 at the Regal Cinema, Cambridge, on Sunday evening. Professor C. E. Raven presided.

8,000 Acres for the Plough. — Of the 10,000 acres of grassland, which is the ploughing-up quota for Cambridgeshire in the nation's effort to produce more food, some 8,000 acres are accounted for by promises. This is disclosed in a statement received from Mr. J. A. Macmillan, Executive Officer of the Cambridgeshire War Agricultural Executive Committee.

Rise for Farm Workers. — Im¬proved rates of pay for farm workers were approved by the impartial members at Friday's meeting of the Cambs. and Isle of Ely Agricultural Wages Committee at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge. Basically the decision provided for an increase of 2s. a week for workers, who will earn 37s. a week instead of 35s. An increase of 5s. was applied for by the workers' representatives.

Golden Wedding. — Mr. and Mrs. Albert Taylor, of Pond Green, Wicken, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage on Tuesday. They were married at Isleham Church by the Rev. Robinson, but had lived in Wicken ever since. Mrs. Taylor is 76 and Mr. Taylor 74. Both are in robust health.

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Ely air raid shelter - photo p5
Ely maternity home fully staffed - evacuation scheme p5
Evacuees: new mode of school life working well

1939 10 21
Undergraduates make sandbag wall – photo – 39 10 21

Troops march past War Memorial – photo – 39 10 21a

Dr William Mortlock Palmer of Linton, the well-known antiquary, started his career with Messrs Campkins, chemists and in 1901 took up practice in Linton, retiring seven years ago. In 1935 he proceeded to an honorary degree of Master of Arts and became a member of Pembroke College. He was best-known as a member of Cambridge Antiquarian Society and wrote several volumes, the last on of the History of Burrough Green. In 1931 he received an address of thanks from Cambridge Town Council for his work on the Borough documents 39 10 21b

Nursing Association report – 39 10 21c

The Cambridge School of Flying started in 1916 and was open to those applying for commissions in the Royal Flying Corps for training as air pilots. A field was rented from Mr Lilley, a farmer in the old world village of Harston. Soon afterwards only cadets entering the R.F.C. were admitted. After the serious side was finished for the day it was natural that young men of high spirits should have an occasional ‘rag’. They removed the sign from the village pub and fixed it to the gate of the church. An investigating policeman found his bicycle missing; it was found in the branches of the highest tree. The villagers were very tolerant and forgiving, friendships were formed and some found life’s partners in this romantic old village 39 10 21b & c & d # c.26.1

1939 10 23
Mr J.A. Scudamore, the boat builder, has died aged 52. He built several motor launches when they were first introduced on the Cam and had considerable success in the races promoted by the Motor Boat Club of which he was an early member. In the summer months he was a well-known and genial figure in Mill Lane, being in charge of the new Granta boat houses which he’d helped to plan. 39 10 23 # c.26.3

1939 10 25

Gathering at Matthew's Café for scheme to supply cigarettes and comforts for soldiers – pic 39 10 25

T.R. Glover, Public Orator, looks back, including Emperor Hirohito of Japan & Abyssinia – 39 10 25a & b # c.36.9

1939 10 27
Evacuees entertained Baptist Church Hall, Arbury Rd – 39 10 27

Hitler's bombs will have no effect on the air raid shelter in the basement of Herbert Robinson's garage in Regent Street which is not only the largest in Cambridge but impregnable even from a direct hit. It has three steel reinforced floors above the actual basement which comprise the shelter. Experts say that even if the first or second floors were damaged by a direct hit from a bomb, people sheltered would still be immune. It comprises 6,000 square feet and has accommodation for over 700 people 39 10 27a # c.45.7

1939 10 27 CIPof
Death of Mr. C. Askew.—By the death on October 18 of Mr. Charles Askew, of Fen End, in his 91st year, Willingham has lost its oldest inhabitant. Highly respected, Mr. Askew took a keen interest in the affairs of the village and held positions on many public bodies in the district. His knowledge of the Fenlands and his many years of experience have always been in¬valuable to so many, and right up to his death his memory had not weakened and he loved to show his deep interest and pass on any helpful information.

Next Mayor.—Councillor William Pratt Anderson has accepted the invitation of the Godmanchester Borough Council to be their Mayor for the coming year. For some years, Coun. Anderson has served on the Council, and his practical knowledge of local government work has been of real service to the borough. For 16 years he has been Headmaster of the Godman¬chester Boys' School, and has taken a particularly keen interest in elementary school sports.

Mr. A. J. Scudamore. — The funeral took place on Saturday of Mr. A. J. Scudamore, boat builder, who died the previous Thursday at his home, Rosario, King's Hedges Road, Cambridge. Mr. Scudamore was in business with his brother, the late Mr. J. C. Scudamore, who died about a year ago, assisting him in the carrying-on of the well-known business in Mill Lane and the Granta Boathouse. When motor launches were first introduced on the Cam, deceased built several of them, and they attained considerable success in the races promoted by the Motor Boat Club. He was also one of the first members of the club. # c.26.3

A Technical Hitch. — After 25 years of faithful service and bearing hitherto an unblemished character, the clock in the church tower at Melbourn stopped working after mid-day on Monday, and remained dull and lifeless for two days. The clock, seen daily by hundreds of passing motorists, has received professional attention and now appears to be working well again. Monday's stoppage is said to have been the first during the quarter of a century of the clock's life

Strawberries. — Several ripe strawberries have been gathered during the past week in Over and it is also reported that quite a lot of plants are on flower, especially the Brenda Gautrey variety.

Presentation.—During the "Pleasant Hour" at the Old Baptist Church on Sunday evening a pleasing little ceremony was per¬formed by the Rev. J. S. Swain, when he presented a hanging mirror to Mr. J. Cornell, a gift on the occasion of his marriage, subscribed for by members of the Young People's Fellowship Committee and the Deacons

1939 10 27 ES
Burnt Fen seaman lost on Royal Oak - Horace Martin p5
Memories of WWI Ely hospital supply depot p5
Mines washed up at Hunstanton p9

Glimpses of past - Dandies concert party - photo p10

1939 10 28
The Food Officer in Cambridge (Mr C.H. Kemp) and his stall of about 100 have been busy preparing ration books for the time when the Government brings the scheme into operation within the next three weeks. Workers, some volunteers, others recruited from the Ministry of Labour, have prepared 500 cards a day. Now all is ready. Rationed foods will be meat, bacon, ham, butter, margarine, cooking fats (including lard and dripping) and sugar. There will be an ordinary ration book, another for children under six, one for travellers and a supplemental book for boys aged 13-18 who are considered to need more meat than the average adult. 39 10 28 # c.45.7

Silver Street bridge will be strengthened so it is able to takes buses again; work needs to start soon because of the inconvenience – 39 10 28a # c.44.75

1939 10 31
The Pike & Eel Inn, a 16th-century property on the banks of the Gt Ouse at Overcote Ferry Needingworth, has been modernised and enlarged with a new part in complete harmony with the old. The installation of central heating, running water and other modern conveniences has been unobtrusively carried out and the interior, with its period furniture, armour and arms has remained unchanged for centuries. Legend says that Oliver Cromwell held council of war there. It stands in 11 acres of gardens with garages for six cars and has good fishing. Wild fowl and rough shooting is available together with golf, bathing, boating, tennis and hunting. 39 10 31

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1939 11 01
Rev E.M. Tweed was at The Perse 1884-87 under Rev John Wisken; played in football team; then to St Catharine's and 'coached' while undergraduate. Guy Fawkes day memories & proctors 39 11 01

A.F.S. station – men waiting call to action, photo – 39 11 01a

Picturesque villages might be left to burn while Cambridge fire brigade concentrated on town buildings. They had agreed to provide cover for various villages but had not been able to obtain more hose - 39 11 01b

1939 11 02
ARP trenches, Brunswick school – photo – 39 11 02

Rampton church bell dedicated memory Rev C.H. Evelyn-White – 39 11 02a

Work on dwellings for the re-housing of people living in condemned properties has been suspended owing to the shortage of timber. A number of houses, if left half-build would be ruined, councillors heard. Ninety percent of the timber contracts from the Baltic had been cancelled or sunk in process of delivery. They could not get wood to finish urgently-needed houses for farm workers - but a farmer was allowed to use wood to erect buildings for agricultural purposes. There is no shortage of bricks 39 11 02b

The Corporation want to construct a refuse-dump at Swann's brickyard, Newmarket Road. Their destructor could only incinerate two-thirds of the town's refuse and the remainder disposed of by controlled tipping. It was a deep disused clay pit and brick-making works and when filled a good part of the area could be added to Stourbridge Common. There were houses only on one side and it was quite remote. There would be a seven-foot high screen around the pit and the estimated life of the tip was ten years 39 11 02b # c.21.15

Linton black-out fines – 39 11 02b

1939 11 03
County High School for Girls speech day facts - 39 11 03

1939 11 03 CIPof
To Continue Office.—The Mayor of Huntingdon (Coun. W. E. Driver) will continue in office for another year, as will also three of the councillors due to retire from the Town Council. Godmanchester and the county are acting in a similar way, and no elections will take place.

Licensee Retires.—After 37 years as licensee of the Black Bull public house, Mr. A. Laurie retired on Monday. Mr. Laurie and his wife have had a life - long association with the trade, and before going to the Black Bull were at the Wilken's Head, a public house which used to stand opposite the Post Office, They are going to continue to live in St. Ives.

Royal Visit.—Huntingdon had its first visit by royalty for 25 years yesterday, when His Majesty the King arrived about midday to inspect the various units and services in the district. He was met by various high officials of the Forces. The visit was strictly private. It was not until about 10 o'clock in the morning that the news spread that His Majesty was arriving about noon. By that time crowds lined the route and, as the King passed, the sightseers waved and cheered. Huntingdon will remem¬ber a visit of the late King George V in the early days of the last war, September, 1914, when His Majesty came to inspect the Lovat Scouts.

Isle M.P. Gives £1,000. — Mr. James A. de Rothschild, M.P. for the Isle of Ely, has given £1,000 in response to the Lord Mayor's appeal for the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross Appeal Fund. The fund has already passed the half-million mark.

Ripe Raspberries.—Mr. Albert G. Parish, of High Street, Swavesey, last weekend gathered ripe raspberries in his garden for a good-sized pie for his Sunday dinner.

Memorial Dedicated.—At evensong last Sunday, the new electric organ blower in the Parish Church (Waterbeach) was dedicated. It has been installed as .a memorial to the late Vicar, the Rev J. H. Davies, who died at Waterbeach two years ago. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. G. L. Swann) who also read the dedicatory prayers. Mrs. Davies was present. Mr. F. C. Stiff was at the organ.

Bright. Swavesey L.N.E.R. station is now looking very bright in its new colour scheme, after re¬painting, which has been carried out at this and other stations on the St. Ives branch line.

1939 11 03 ES
Ely boxing club disband p7
Return of child evacuees p7
History made at Sutton - story of Homefield dairy - largest in Eastern counties p8
Evacuee mothers in Ely maternity home - photo p10

1939 11 04
Cambridge is a much more cheerful place in the black-out today than it was when the war started. Then cyclists and pedestrians were few and it felt like a dead city. Now with theatres and cinemas going strong there is plenty of life and the whole atmosphere has changed. But with more traffic comes more danger. Some motorists and cyclists go too fast in the darkened streets. But the worst offenders are pedestrians dawdling in the roadway without any thought for the poor people awheel who with dim lights have to threat their way through the streets. 39 11 04

Roosevelt and teddy bear when got degree – 39 11 04

1939 11 07

Constance Porter, Highfield House, Hillrow Haddenham – will – 39 11 07

1939 11 08
Cambridge Fire Boat trial – photo – 39 11 08

Sir – may I draw attention to the wanton destruction of air raid shelters in Histon? For many Sundays a band of volunteers have worked to construct shelters for the public and school children in case of emergency. But elder children delight in removing the sandbags. Now almost the complete side has been taken from the shelter at School Hill and spread about. May I appeal to the special constables who seen to be rather efficient in some other instances – G. Grimwood – 39 11 08a

1939 11 09
W.J. Wing selected mayor – 39 11 09 & a

1939 11 10
The first part of the new scheme for improving the Central library is complete. In the new lending department book shelves radiate from a central staff inclosure, providing more room and improved natural lighting. The old lending library will become the newspaper reading room while the old reference room will be used for magazines. An innovation is the transfer of the Reference room upstairs to the old Education offices, entrance to which is gained through Peas Hill. Refugees, evacuees and any person resident in Cambridge are eligible as borrowers. 39 11 10

1939 11 10 CIPof
King Congratulates Airman. —Squadron Leader Philip R. Bar-well, with his squadron, drove off an attack by 12 enemy bombers on a convoy in the North Sea. He brought down the first of the raiders and altogether his squad¬ron accounted for seven. On November 2 he was personally congratulated by the King when he presented his squadron to His Majesty. Squadron Leader Barwell is the eldest son of Mr. Reginald Harwell, founder of Barwell's Tyre Renewing Co, Swave¬sey, Cambridge and King's Lynn.

Golden Wedding.—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Pettit celebrated their 50th anniversary of their wedding on Tuesday. Both were born in Longstowe, and their marriage took place at the Parish Church. They have 11 sons and daughters, 31 grandchildren and one great grandchild, and they hoped that all would have met to celebrate the notable event, but several of the boys, who are serving with the King's forces, were unavoidably absent. The rest spent a happy day with the old couple, and the absent boys were not forgotten as a piece of wedding cake was sent to each of them. Both Mr. Pettit, who is employed on Capt. Briscoe's farms, and Mrs. Pettit are in the enjoyment of good health. Theirs was the first golden wedding to have been celebrated at Longstowe, at any rate, for many years.

New Mayor. — Counc. W. J Wing, was at yesterday's meeting of the Cambridge Town Council elected Mayor of the Borough. He was first elected as a member of the Council as a representative for Castle Ward in November 1930, and has done useful service on several committees. He has been Chairman of the Library Committee during the past three years. His brother (Aid. H. T. Wing) was Mayor in 1935-36.

Late Raspberries. — On Friday Mrs. Norman Haddow, of Over Road, Willingham, picked a 41b chip of raspberries from her garden.

Roadman Injured.—Mr. George Hepher, of Swavesey, when walking along the main road through the village, accompanied by two other men, about 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, was knocked down near the junction of Ramper Road by a bicycle ridden by Mr. Douglas Canham. A lorry, it is said, was passing at the time. Mr. Hepher, who appeared to have sustained somewhat serious head injuries, was taken to Dr. Fetter's surgery close by, and after receiving attention, was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he was detained. On inquiry at the hospital yesterday, it was stated that Mr. Hepher's face was badly lacerated, but that he was comfortable.

1939 11 10 ES
Gas attack - Ely decontamination squad at work - photo p5
Evacuee children cause damage, Soham p7

1939 11 11
The changes at the Central Library are working well with at least 200 books dealt with in the first half hour. There was a long queue of borrowers with half-a-dozen assistants in the centre issuing books as hard as they could go. From the point of view of light and supervision the new Lending Library will be very much better than the old. In the new magazine room – the old reference room and Librarian's office rolled into one – the mural decoration was tasteful. The new Reading Room opens in a week or so. The new Reference room upstairs have been open for some time and a good many townspeople have found their way up there 39 11 11b

Hitler poppy day, p3

1939 11 13
The Conscientious Objectors Tribunal under Judge W. Lawson Campbell heard its first cases. A teacher from St Faith's School thought war was incompatible with the teaching of Jesus Christ, a clerk at the Cambridge Electrical Supply Company was a member of the Peace Pledge Union & believed military training led to the decadence of the human race while an undergraduate felt war degraded humanity but would do medical work. 39 11 13 & a; also 39 11 14, 39 11 15, 39 11 16a & b

Horace George Gray was the son of the founder of H.J. Gray, sports good manufacturers. Early premises were in Grange Road and firm later moved to Benson Street – 39 11 13b

1939 11 16
Trinity Hall undergraduates practice fire fighting – photo – 39 11 16

A letter from the Rev 'Tubby' Clayton was read when Cambridge Toc H Club opened above no.13 Corn Exchange Street, a place which three weeks ago was a home for pigeons. With the town labouring under the restrictions of black-out it was in need of a place where Service men can read, write and play games. On Sundays they can bring their lady friends. Above the entrance are these words: "All rank abandon ye who enter here". 39 11 16c

1939 11 17
Caswell fined, p5

1939 11 17 CIPof
Not Forgotten.—Notwithstanding the anxieties lot the present time, the sacrifices; made by our men and women, too, during the fateful years 1914-18 have not been forgotten in Cambridgeshire. In a few places services of Remem¬brance and Dedication were held on Sunday, November 5, but more generally they took place last Sunday.

An Old Servant of St. Ives. — When Mr. George Denis Day retires from the position of Town Clerk of St. Ives in February, he will have completed 50 years in that office. He succeeded his father in 1890. Mr. Day was born in St. Ives in 1860, and. entered his father's business after being educated at Amersham Hall School, Reading, and St. John's College, Cambridge. He was admitted a solicitor in 1885. Since then he has proved himself a veritable Trojan for public work. He has served as Clerk to the St. Ives Board of Guardians—a body served in a similar capacity by his grandfather 102 years ago —and to the St. Ives and Swavesey Rural District Councils. Three years ago he handed over the St. Ives R.D.C. clerkship to his son, Mr. Lewis Day, after 53 years in office. He was Clerk to the Hurstingstone Division of Hunts. (St. Ives) Justices for about 30 years until 1925, when Mr. Lewis Day took over. He was also Clerk to the old St. Ives Borough Justices. Among the other appointments he has held are the Clerkship to the St. Ives Assessment Committee and Supt. Registrar, the latter now

being held by Mr. Lewis Day. Mr. Day has also acted on two occasions as Under-Sheriff. He is a Past President of the Hunts. Agricultural Society.

Former Councillor.—The death occurred on Sunday at his home, 220, Milton Road, of Mr. Horace George Gray, who was, until his retirement last year, managing director of Messrs. H. J. Gray and Sons Ltd., the sports goods manu¬facturers, of Benson Street, Cam¬bridge. He was 23 years of age and had been ill for only a short time. Mr. Gray was a son of the founder of the firm and entered the business when quite young. The early premises were off Grange Road, and later the firm had a factory in Searle Street before moving to Benson Street. Apart from his business life, Mr. Gray took a keen interest in town government and social and philan¬thropic matters. He was a member of the now defunct Chesterton Urban District Council and served for many years on the Cambridge Town Council. He was elected to the Town Council in March, 1912, being one of the first three representatives of East Chesterton on its inclusion in the Borough. He remained a member until 1927. For a long period he was appointed by Quarter Sessions as visitor to Bedford Gaol, and he was also an Income Tax Commissioner. He was made a J.P. for the County in 1930. # c.27

Brewery Chairman.—Mr. Charles Armstrong, of The Grove, Hunt¬ingdon Road, Cambridge, Chair¬man of the Star Brewery Co., who died on September 9 last year, aged 85, left gross estate of the value of £246,375 13s, 10d., with net personalty of £144,610 18s. 6d.

1939 11 17 ES
Conscientious tribunal for East Anglia, first sitting p3
Changes in Ely's ARP
1st war-time armistice - photo p5
Ely hospital supply depot - photo p10

1939 11 18
Suffrage photo, p5

1939 11 20
Despatch riders inspected – photo – 39 11 20

Cambridge Municipal Orchestra presented the first Sunday concert of the season. Under the able conductorship of Mr J. Parkinson, the 45 voluntary musicians rendered a programme of popular melodies. Although the opening overture started well, it was ponderous and a poor indication of what was to come. Guest artists William Armistead & Alan Murray sang “I’ll walk beside you” and the performance concluded with “Chu Chin Chow” 39 11 20a

1939 11 21
The Bishop of Ely is to leave the Palace permanently for a six or eight-bedroomed house. – 39 11 21a & b

The last Georgian bow-fronted shop window in Cambridge was at 45 Bridge Street It was saved from demolition and re-erected in the yard of the Cambridge Folk Museum by Mr E.C. Lambeth, assistant curator. It is thought that the shop was Ald Nutting’s coffee house attached to the old Red Lion Inn in Bridge Street 39 11 21c

1939 11 22
People think that war is good for newspapers because of increased sales, when every day brings fresh sensations, success or disaster on land, sea or the air. But it brings a crop of trouble: rising price of newsprint and the blackout adding to difficulties of distribution. Censorship was not to conceal the truth from the public but to prevent information getting into the hands of the enemy. Local news had to be sent to London to be censored but foreign stories arrived at the CDN over a private wire ready for publication. They were able to give later news than the London evening papers as they had to

come on the afternoon train which often took two hours. There was terrible unemployment amongst journalists over 30. They were a reserved occupation and could not enrol in any of the services 39 11 22a

During a very dry summer wells in Kennett run dry and people have to get water from their more fortunate neighbours. In the event of a fire a hose attached to an ordinary household pump would run the well dry in a very few minutes. At Kennett End there is a builder's yard containing a large amount of timber with houses and a petrol pump close by. If fire broker out it would be difficult to deal with, villages said. But the water scheme was extravagant and there was a war on. 39 11 22c

Soham firemen want payment for attendance at a fire at Wicken on 4th Sept 1939 – 39 11 22c

1939 11 23
Hundreds of parents had not been able to visit their evacuated children at Saffron Walden because of the cost of the journey from Tottenham although by arrangement with the railway company they were allowed to travel at cheap rate on one Sunday in each month. . Lodging money made available for poor parents who wanted to stay the night when the made the trip and some children might be moved nearer London 39 11 23b

1939 11 24
One of Charlie Everett's proudest possessions was a chair in which the late King Edward once sat. Originally it was in a cottage on the Madingley Hall estate and one day the Prince of Wales, when an undergraduate, sought shelter from a thunderstorm. After a while the woman who lived there, who did not know who he was, offered him an old umbrella, remarking "You can have this one; I wouldn't lend my best one, not to the King of England". A day or two later it was returned with a sovereign and a note of thanks signed 'The Future King of England'. Mr Everett married the woman and the chair always had a place of honour. Born at Duxford, he travelled the country with Joseph Arch, speaking on behalf of the Labourers' Union. He started work for the Corporation as pindar thirty years ago. Regularly during the months when the commons were open for grazing he would get up at sunrise to start his work. 39 11 24

1939 11 24 CIPof
At a meeting of the Whittlesford Parish Council last week, the Vicar, on behalf of Mr Spicer, handed to the Chairman the deeds of a freehold recreation ground of approximately five acres, which is to be known in perpetuity as King George's Field as a memorial to the late King George V. The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council, received the deeds and proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Spicer, which was carried unanimously.

Appointment for Mgr. Marshall. Monsignor Canon J. B. Marshall, Rector of the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, has been appointed Vicar Capitular of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Northampton, consequent upon the sudden death of the Bishop of Northampton (Rt. Rev. Laurance Youens). As Vicar Capitular, Mgr. Marshall will have charge of the administration of affairs of the diocese, including the granting of commissions and faculties until the appointment of a new Bishop. Mgr. Marshall last Friday attended the solemn Requiem Mass at Northampton Cathedral for the repose of the soul of Bishop Youens, and was one of the deacons at the throne, at which Cardinal Kinsley presided.

Bishop of Ely Offers Palace. As a gesture to indicate that the Church does not belong to the privileged classes alone, the Bishop of Ely (the Rt. Rev. Dr. B. O. F. Heywood) offered at the Ely Diocesan Conference at Cambridge on Tuesday to give up £1,000 a year at least and leave the Palace permanently for a six or eight-roomed house, using the surplus income to advance the Kingdom of God. The urgent need of maintaining moral welfare work in war-time was also com¬mented on by the Bishop in his address to the conference, which was held at the University Arms Hotel (Cambridge). He expressed dismay at the indirect inducement to sin which seemed to be offered—in some places, at least— to members of His Majesty's Forces 39 11 24

Station Crash. A light engine crashed into the rear of a stationary passenger train at Ely Station on Friday evening. As the result of the accident windows of three coaches and the guard's van were smashed and several people were treated for shock and minor injuries. The only real casualty was a sailor returning home on leave. His name is Cook, and he was removed to a hospital, where he was detained. Passengers were .alighting from the Hunstanton to Liverpool Street express when the whole train was shaken by a terrific impact. Station officials and passengers ran to the rear of the train and found a light engine embedded in the guard's van. Driver G. W. Bailey, of Cambridge, was uninjured. The whole train was delayed for about 20 minutes while the damaged coaches were replaced. None of the coaches was derailed. The cause of the accident is not known. 39 11 24

1939 11 24 ES
Bishop of Ely offers to vacate his palace p5

1939 11 25
Lord Dunedin, 90, claims to be the first Cambridge undergraduate to ride a bicycle – 39 11 25

Soldiers and women window cleaners, WWI photo – 39 11 25a

1939 11 27
Richard Cuthbert Stone survives sinking of merchant cruiser Rawalpindi – 39 11 27

1939 11 28
Air Raid Precautions. Testing of air raid warning sirens. In accordance with instructions from the Ministry of Home Security, all air raid warning sirens in Cambridge will be tested at 1pm on the first day of each month. If an air raid warning is received on a day when tests are to be held the signal will be reinforced by a free use of whistles by wardens and police. Any siren which has been sounded for real during an alert will not be tested the following month – C.H. Kemp. Town Clerk 39 11 28 # c.45.7

Hilgay railway smash caused by accident – 39 11 28a

Something should be done about the housing of old people: the number of old people is growing out of all proportion to the number of children and people of working age, Cambridge Women's Luncheon Club was told. In the old days people with nobody to look after them had to go to an institution. Now most live with relations but are not wanted, cause overcrowding, are treated as unpaid nurses and servants and appreciated very little. Some live in attic rooms in other people's houses with no water or cooking arrangements. It would be better to convert middle-class houses for them where they could form some sort of community. 38 11 28b # c.32.9

1939 11 28
Fairey Battle. Night time take-off, engine cut out, pilot killed, one unhurt, Bassingbourn.
Pilot thrown out in steep turn, parachute deployed but pilot slightly injured, Littleport. E-H

1939 11 29
Air raid shelters being dug on Parker's Piece – photo – 39 11 29

James Starr, a builder who was developing a building estate near Cambridge was approached by the Criterion Publicity Service about preparing a brochure describing the houses for sale. They would supply him with 250 copies free of charge, but had the right to obtain advertisements and retain the profits. But later they wanted £15 for printing blocks so Starr told them he would have nothing to do with the scheme. However they claimed £150 for breach of contract. 39 11 29a # c.06

Some classrooms in Trumpington and St Paul's schools were 'dark pits' because of first-aid depots being placed in schools. There was a great danger of sandbags making the rooms damp and as classrooms were being used for people to sleep in all night it was difficult to get them aired, councillors were told. It was also alarming to see enormous laundry vans standing in narrow playgrounds which have to be manoeuvred when the children were about. But at Cherry Hinton there was nowhere else they could go. However three halls there were being used by children now. If they were not fit for first-aid posts, they were not fit to teach children in, Mrs Rackham said. 39 11 29c # c.45.7

1939 11 30
Over possessed an obsolete Merryweather manual fire engine dated 1789 which with three lengths of unserviceable hose and eleven buckets was valued at £7 10s. Willingham's 1827 manual engine with trailer tank, ladders and hose was valued at rather more - £14. Other parish engines at Caxton, Cottenham, Horningsea, Oakington and Swavesey would be acquired by Chesterton District Council at the valuation price 39 11 30 # c.34.75

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Joseph Gay, gatekeeper at Cambridge Road, Lt Thetford, said he saw nothing approaching so closed the gates which had red lamps on them. Then he noticed a vehicle coming from Ely and could see it was not going to stop. He showed a red light with a hand lamp but the car crashed into the gate. The driver said he was travelling at 35 mph with side lights only, because of the blackout. He saw red lights but thought they indicated an obstruction on the site of the road. He had applied his brakes and skidded. If it had been peace time he would have had his headlights on. 39 12 01

Ouse Catchment Board agreed that a pumping plant be installed where the Soham Lode enters the main river. As this was not possible before winter portable pumps should be readied in case an emergency arose 39 12 01a & b

Scores of undergraduates interrupted a rally organised by the University branch of the Communist Party. Despite the provision of loudspeakers the uproar made it impossible for the Press to hear the speeches. Two fights started in the gallery and there was an attempted raid on the red flag on the platform. The Chief Constable went to the scene. The appearance of two proctors and their 'bulldogs' was a quietening influence. Their coming was the signal for a general donning of gowns by stewards who had removed them in order to carry out more easily their work as 'chuckers out' 39 12 01c # c.33

A Clare College undergraduate told the Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal that he hoped to do psychological work. The idea had come into his head while working in a Basque children's camp when he noticed that many of them had a king of fit at the sound of an aeroplane. He was registered on condition he continued his studies. A shop assistant from Hinton Avenue, who was a lay reader in the Methodist Church, was registered on condition he undertook agricultural work. A man from Fulbrooke Road objected on religious grounds; he was a research physicist at the Cavendish Laboratory while a King's College graduate appealed on moral grounds. He was prepared and anxious to perform non-combatant service. 39 12 01d & e

Councillors objected to Roman Catholic evacuees being moved from Linton to Clacton at public expense. They were in very comfortable homes, were well looked after and educated. "I do not care if they are Catholics or Hindus but they should not be moved at public expense", one said. Now they were being removed simply because the Roman Catholics wanted them to be under their supervision. They had previously agreed to take another 80 children; 40 were due to arrive at both Sawston and Whittlesford, but none came. At Bassingbourn only six out of 27 had arrived. Rooms had been gone ready and people ought not to be put about like that. They had begged and worried people into taking them and they didn't turn up. 39 12 01f & g

1939 12 01 CIPof
1789 Model. — A valuation by Chesterton Rural District Council of fire-fighting equipment provided by Parish Councils, mentioned that Over possessed an obsolete Merryweather manual fire engine of the year 1789. Together with three lengths of unserviceable hose and 11 buckets, it was valued at £7.10s. This information was included in a report which was before the Rural District Council at a meeting in the old County Hall, Hobson Street, Cambridge, on Tuesday. Willingham's fire-fight¬ing equipment, consisting of an 1827 fire-engine, a trailer tank, six 60ft. lengths of 2-inch delivery hose, 20 galvanised buckets, two small ladders, two standpipes and turnkeys, and two drags, was valued at rather more — £14. Caxton equipment, valued by Messrs. Merryweather at £40 3s 3d was valued by the Council's surveyor at £27. Cottenham's valued .by the Parish Council at £53 7s, was the engineer suggested, worth £37. Waterbeach Parish Council valued their equipment at £48.17s 9d, but the engineer placed the value on it at £29. Other parishes' equipment was valued as follows, Horningsea £3, Oakington £2 and Swavesey £6. # c.34.75

Escape at sea. . — Among the 17 known survivors of the British merchant cruiser Rawalpindi—the sinking of which was announced on Sunday is Mr. Richard Cuthbert Stone, a well-known Cambridge man who has served in the Mercantile Marine for the past ten years. While employed in the kitchens of Caius College, he was a keen footballer and was a popular figure in the town.

£2,000 Topped.—Cambridge has again exceeded expectations in its support of Poppy Day. It was thought that war-time conditions and the restrictions they brought with them would prevent this year's total from exceeding £1,500, but to the efficient organisation of the collection by undergraduates and the generous support of the townspeople, this sum has now been exceeded by £800. The grand total is now £2,328 14s, and it is estimated that there is still £50 to come in. The exceptional circumstances last year produced a sum of about £2,819, but the 1939 total is already near the £2,382 collected in 1937 and the £2,452 collected in 1936. All will agree that to collect such a sum under present conditions is a fine achieve¬ment on the part of the organ¬ising secretaries, R. N. Jones (St. John's) and R. Finn (Emmanuel) and their helpers. Pembroke heads the list of individual college coll¬ections with a sum of £223 - £80 more than the runner-up, Christ's. # c.36.95

Golden Wedding.—Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Plumb, of 24, Cottenham Road, Histon, celebrated their golden wedding on Friday. They were married at Carlton Church on November 24, 1889, by the Rev. Govern. There was a happy reunion with their family last Friday. Both Mr. and Mrs. Plumb are in good health. Mr. Plumb re¬tired about five years ago, after 43 years on the same farm.

1939 12 01 ES
Cost of ARP work in Isle p4

1939 12 05
Charles Thaxter, worked for Cambridge University & Town Gas Light Company nearly 68 years – 39 12 05

1939 12 06
Newnham College students instructed in use of stirrup pump – photo – 39 12 06

Mrs Tharp has offered to lend part of her house at Chippenham Park for three months for the purpose of a sick bay, including all the necessary furniture for the nurses, patients and staff dining rooms, sitting room etc for sever wards containing 35 beds. 39 12 06a

Repairs foundations of Silver St bridge – photo – 39 12 06b

The Isle surveyor reported on the purchase of three cottages at Main Street, Stretham from Mr H.G. Ellwood with a view to improvement. It would not be possible to obtain possession of the site for some time. Agreed to proceed - 39 12 08

Road at Second Drove, Lt Downham to be taken over – 39 12 08

1939 12 08
Cambridge's public air-raid shelter push. A News reporter inspected all types of shelter and was impressed with the comparative comfort of the interiors. The person who looks for armchairs will be disappointed, but in some of the larger basements there is plenty of space to walk about and in some there is even central heating. Most shelters have been constructed to withstand any likely fall of masonry and air locks to keep out gas have been installed. The have been arranged within a short distance of areas such as the centre of town where there are usually considerable congregations of people. They are primarily intended for the protection of people caught in the streets in an emergency. None are now ready with the cellars under Peas Hill holding 400 people 39 12 08b

1939 12 08 CIPof
Married 60 years,—A reporter, who called at 119, Oxford Road, (Cambridge) on Monday to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Covill on the completion of 60 years of married life, found two staunch believers in the old-fashioned way of country life. Although they have lived in Cambridge for 27 years and gas is laid on in the house, they still use oil lamps for lighting and have no use for the wireless. A glass of parsnip wine with which to drink their health completed the illusion of being in a country cottage miles away from overhead cables, blaring load speakers and other blessings of this modern age. Mr. and Mrs. Covill were both born at Lode, and were married there in the parish church on December 4, 1879. They are now 83 and 82 years of age respectively and enjoy excellent health. Mr. Covill has not missed a month in the harvest field for 76 consecutive years. "I started when I was seven, and have done every job on the farm," he said. "Since I came to Cambridge 27 years ago. I have taken a month off from gardening to go to my son-in-law's farm at Hempstead. I went this year and worked on the stack unloading. There are not many who have done more work than I have. I fed 60 pigs this harvest". "I should think he's finished with Work now", interposed Mrs. Covill, but her hus¬band disagreed, and Mrs. Covill remarked "I wonder what they call it when you have been married 70 year's!" Before coming to Cambridge Mr. Covill farmed at Anglesey Abbey Farm, Lode, Horseheath and Little Cornard. In Cambridge, he was for 18 years gardener to the late Professor Nuttall in Madingley Road. Longevity runs in the family. His mother died at the age of 88, having been married when she was 17, and his father lived to be 86. A brother was 82 when he passed away. Both have been life-long .attendants at the Methodist Church, and still attend the Castle Street Church. A family party was held at their home on Monday after¬noon to celebrate: the anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Covill have two sons and a daughter.

A Fine Pike.—A fine pike, weigh¬ing 16 lbs. 5 ozs. and measuring 42 inches, was caught on Sunday by Mr. George Morgan.....He was fishing in Hilgay Drain, which runs into the River Ouse at Ten Mile Bank. The pike, which was caught on live bait, gave him a good 15 minutes' sport.

New Presbyterian Moderator. — The Rev. R. H. Strachan. of Westminster College, Cambridge, has been nominated Moderator Designate of the Presbyterian Church of England for 1940. Dr. Strachan's associations both with University and Town have been long and cordial. He was up at Christ's College, and after holding charges at East Wemyss Church of Scotland (where he was ordained) and Elie (Fife), he came back to Cambridge as minister at St. Columba's. Later he ministered in Glasgow and Edinburgh, and then came back to Cambridge some years ago as Professor of New Testament Language and Literature at Westminster College. The General Assembly will meet in London on May 6.

Golden Wedding.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Marriott, of East Street, New Town, Huntingdon, will celebrate their golden wedding tomorrow (Saturday). Both are well-known in the town, and are connected with various societies. Mr. Marriott was for 43 years a signalman on the L.N.E.R., and was at Huntingdon when he retired in 1931.

1939 12 08 ES
Fire threatens Lady Chapel p7

New Soham cinema declared open p9
List of Ely wardens p11

1939 12 09
Call to the colours: thousands of young men registered for military service – old Church Schools Newnham - photo – 39 12 09

YMCA Camera Club 1901: photo – 39 12 09a

1939 12 11
Eric Boon made a Lonesdale belt his own property when he retained his British lightweight boxing championship by knocking our Dave Crowley at Haringey. Only one man has achieved the feat in less time. 39 12 11

1939 12 12
Libraries to close at black-out time – 39 12 12, 39 12 15

1939 12 15 CIPof
Centenary. — The Huntingdon Literary and Scientific Institute held it 100th annual general meeting on Wednesday evening, when Mr. Edmund Dear was elected President for the ensuing 12 months. As a point of interest, it was noted that Mr. Dear's grand-father was in 1840 one of the first shareholders of the Institute.

Golden Wedding. — On Sunday next, golden wedding celebrations are being held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson, Bell Hill, Histon. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have resided at Bell Hill for the last 36 years. During these years they have rendered very valuable service to the parish church. They have eight children and 11 grand¬children living. Their many friends wish them a still longer union of happiness.

Death of Well-known Inhabitant. —Mr. George Jude, a well-known St. Ives garage proprietor, died at his home on Sunday, aged 84 years. It was in 1880 that he came to the town from Bury St. Edmunds, and after being employed for a time by Messrs. Fowell he set up in business on his own account about 40 years ago. A staunch Methodist, he attended the East Street Methodist Church, and he remembered the time when the Methodists used to meet in the building on the Quay now used as the Masonic Club. A widower, he leaves one son and one daughter.

Council Changes its Mind.—The recommendation of the General Purposes Committee that employ¬ees of the Cambridge Town Coun¬cil undertaking war service should have their war pay made up, subject to certain conditions for food and clothing, again provoked con¬siderable discussion at yesterday's meeting of the Town Council. When it came to a division, an amendment to refer the com¬mittee's report and recommenda¬tion back was lost by 24 votes to 20. The committee's report was then adopted except that the deductions for food and clothing were increased to 14s. for the indoor staff and teachers and 7s. for the outdoor staff. It was also agreed that the whole question should be reviewed in a year's time.

Black-out Deaths. — Two Cambridge women have died as a result of accidents which occurred in the black-out at Cambridge on Wednesday. In one case, where the woman was killed almost instantly, the accident occurred in the Trumpington road, near the Evelyn Nursing Home. Miss Mabel Timms, who was in service in Storey's Way, Cambridge, was struck by a lorry owned by Dickerson Ltd. and driven by William Douglas Weekley, of 65 Humberstone Road. The other accident occurred at the junction of Histon Road and Gil¬bert Road. Mrs. Maria Elizabeth Smith, of Pepys Road, Girton, was knocked down by a bus while walking. After the accident she had to be freed from beneath the vehicle. She was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital in the police ambulance suffering from severe injuries, to which she succumbed # c.45.7

1939 12 15 ES
How evacuees will spend Christmas p5
Cathedrals not to be camouflaged - would still be recognised
93 register for military service
Ely WVS in office - photo p7
Evacuees "holiday camps" suggested, or Bishops palace p9
Eric Boon wins Lonsdale belt - photo p14

1939 12 16
The new concrete reservoir on Lime Kiln Hill has been built partly below ground and covered with earth which will be sewed with grass seed, adding a pleasant green mound to the skyline. To guard against an interruption in supply due to a breakdown of pumping machinery or the bursting of trunk mains, the Water Company now had duplicate plan together with a reserve of four million gallons – nearly two days' supply – in its three reservoirs. 39 12 16

Raymond Bennett has made a name for himself on the professional stage and will soon be returning to his home town, Cambridge, as the principal comedian in the pantomime. He has recently spent some weeks entertaining troops and homes to go to France shortly with Wee Georgie Wood and Jasper Maskelyne. He has faced big audiences at the London Palladium, the Coliseum and the Alhambra but confesses to a slight nervousness about coming home. 39 12 16a photo 16b # c.76

1939 12 18
Police are dragging the river for two local cyclists who disappeared during the black-out after they had set out to cycle to their homes. Following a report that what appeared to be two cycles had been seen lying on the bed of the river near Dant's Bridge police commenced dragging and recovered a lady's machine. Later a man's cycle was brought to the surface. They have been identified as belonging to the missing couple. The man could swim but had a disabled leg due to a football injury. The girl is the daughter of a stone mason and worked at a local factory. 39 12 18 & a # c.26.485 # c.45.7

1939 12 20
Three men were sent for trial charged with stealing a wooden tool box containing various tools, a grease gun, a copper funnel, a crowbar, two tins of grease, a pair of gauntlet gloves and a five gallon drum of paraffin oil, the property of Messes Masters & Co at Upwell. The box was found in long grass down the embankment near the Suspension Bridge on the Littleport-Welney Road. They were further charged with stealing seven bags of potatoes, the property of Levi Goose 39 12 20

Mr W. King's latest films represent a remarkable advance on his past achievements. Apart from films of a domestic nature, such as the visit of Rotarians to Hemingford Grey and their outing to Houghton, there was one of the proclamation of Reach Fair. He visited this year to make a pictorial record but was unlucky in that the fair itself failed to materialise apart from a few side shows. He was able to catch the atmosphere of the opening ceremony and the children scrambling for new pennies. He also filmed the lunch in the village schoolroom, obtaining some candid shots. This might find its way into the archives if the fair suffers the same fate as Stourbridge Fair. The best of his colour films depicted a visit to Messrs Engelmann's nurseries at Saffron Walden showing glasshouses filled with carnations. 39 12 20 # c.65.6 # c.27.31

Soham Grammar School has appointed Stanley Stubbs, Senior Language Master of Gresham's School, Holt to be headmaster at a salary of £600 a year (about £35,000 today). 39 12 20a

Ely Council Surveyor reported that a number of cracks and bulges had appeared on the south-east side of the old water reservoir. There was no doubt the damage had been caused by lightning. The settlement of the new tank had nothing to do with it. The tank was drained of 990 tons of water and when it was filled another pier started to crack, so it was immediately drained again. Twelve months

ago there was nothing wrong with the tower which was built 84 years ago. They should claim on their insurance 39 12 20b

1939 12 22
Petrol rationing is focussing attention on town gas as an alternative fuel for motor vehicles. One of the Cambridge University and Town Gas Light Company's coke lorries has just been fitted with a gas container to enable it to run without petrol. The lorry carries enough gas for 11 or 12 miles, which is adequate for deliveries of coke in the district. The range could be extended by putting a second bag on the trailer 39 12 22 # c.26.44 # c.26.48 # c.45.7

1939 12 22 CIPof
Late Mr William F. Taylor.—The funeral took place at Linton on December 13 of Mr. William F. Taylor, who died suddenly in Addenbrooke's Hospital. The eldest son of the late Mr. William Farrow Taylor (founder of the "Cambridge Daily News"), Mr. Taylor was well known in Linton and district, having been captain of the Linton Cricket Club and a member of the committee of the Linton Granta Football Club. The funeral service was held in St. Mary's Church, Linton.

Long Service at Sawston.—An interesting record of long service reaches me (writes Watchman) from a correspondent who, very rightly, considers it should receive a measure of publicity. It concerns Mrs. Matilda Coe, of 11 High Street, Sawston. Mrs. Coe, my correspondent tells me, began work at Sawston Paper Mills in 1881 at the age of 14, and remained in continuous employment there for nearly 59 years, retiring last month. Her mode of travel to and from the works was walking, and it is estimated that she thus covered a total distance of over 55,000 miles on "Shanks' pony." Mrs. Coe, I am glad to hear, is still hale and hearty, and looks good for a long, active spell. I wish her a merry Christmas and a happy retirement.

In River Plate Battle.—Trevor Surkitt, a Cambridge boy, of Coldham's Lane, was on HMS Exeter in the battle of the River Plate. Aged 17½ years, Surkitt was a scholar of St. Philip's School, Cambridge, and from there he went to Watts Naval School in Norfolk and later to HMS Ganges at Shotley. He gained early pro¬motion to Leading Boy soon after his arrival, and later to Boy Petty Officer.

New Reservoir,—Professor Inglis, Chairman of the Company, opened the outlet valve, thereby releasing into the main, water from Cam¬bridge Waterworks Company's new 2,000.000 gallon reservoir on Lime Kiln Hill, Cherry Hinton, on Friday afternoon. # c.24.2

To Make up Wages.—At their monthly meeting on Monday, Fulbourn Visitors decided to make up the wages of members of the staff called to the Colours.

Conington School. — Conington Church of England School, a little school of 11 pupils, three of whom have only just come so were not in the entertainment, gave a very .good performance on Tuesday of the "Sleeping Beauty" and a little nativity play. Considering the youngest performer was four and the oldest ten—and the only one of that age—Miss Molone and her pupils were heartily congratulated on the delightful afternoon's enter-tainment.

Death.—Mr. William Stocker, of High Street, Huntingdon, died on Sunday at the age of 84 years Deceased was a retired decorate and painter, and was considered one of the cleverest craftsmen in the county. He was keenly inter¬ested in local affairs and served on the Town Council for some years.

1939 12 22 ES
Evacuees in East Anglia - 7.000 p4
Cracks & bulges in side of old water tower, Ely p7
Stanley Stubbs appointed head Soham Grammar school p7
Prickwillow evacuees in trouble p7

1939 12 23

For two years a small community of Basque children have been our guests. Cambridge has become familiar with the little black-eyed, black-haired boys and girls and has enjoyed watching them dance and sing. They arrived under tragic circumstances, racked and nervous; the peace and quiet of the country village of Pampisford, redeemed and restored them. Now they have been adopted into English homes until they can return in safety to their own beloved land of Spain. Now a booklet has been published about their experiences 39 12 23 # c.45.7

Daguerreotype photographs were expensive and it was not until 1851 that a cheaper process came along. This was the collodion positive invented by Mr F. Scott Archer of Bishop's Stortford who died in 1857. These were framed portraits on glass and they were made in thousands at feasts in Cambridgeshire villages and on the beach at the seaside. One of the most notable makers was a Cambridge man called Dick Hutchinson who lived somewhere on the East Road and worked Yarmouth beach every summer. He had no studio in Cambridge. 39 12 23a # c.65.5

1939 12 27
Christmas festivities; Addenbrooke's Hospital, Church Army Home, Mill Road infirmary evacuees 39 12 27

War could not 'black-out' the Christmas Eve Festival of nine lessons and carols at King's. From the crowded chapel the message of peace and goodwill travelled by wireless across Europe to France, Italy and Switzerland. The candles flickered even after black-out for a test showed no dangerous amount of light could be seen from outside. But there were dark, blank spaces among the rich glory of the stained windows which told of the removal of some of the glass for safety's sake. 39 12 27a

1939 12 28
A collision between an Army tank and a lorry occurred on the Station Road, Ely, underneath the railway bridge. The tank, which was driven by R.W. Baker, was travelling towards Newmarket when it hit the lorry which was travelling to the Ely Beet Sugar Factory with a load of beet. Very little damage was done to the vehicles and both drivers escaped injured. But traffic was held up for about half an hour 39 12 28

Cambridge public air raid shelters are nearing completion and the public is urged to visit specimen shelters. When complete there will be 60 new public shelters accommodating 6,700 people. They include the basement at Scroope House and the Union Society – detailed survey 39 12 28a # c.45.7

1939 12 29
William Harry Smith was chairman of library committee and edited Public Library Record – obit – 39 12 29

1939 12 29 CIP
Golden Wedding.—Mr. and Mrs. James Wilson, of 79, High Street, Chesterton, celebrated their golden wedding on Christmas Day.
Christmas was Different. Christmas, 1939, has meant more solemn thoughts than usual for many. In countless homes, the traditional joy and gaiety has been tempered by absence of one or more members of the family. And yet, in spite of gaps at the dinner table, and because the advice to carry on as usual is so obviously sound, there has been little outward change in the character of the Christmas festival. In Cambridge, as elsewhere, people remembered their absent ones, but through the inspiring co-operation of the radio, were able to satisfy themselves that the men in the Services were not forgotten. At home, it was the usual day of gifts—the children's day—and for many the delight lay in entertaining little evacuees whose parents were unable to do the job themselves. The change in the times was reflected, perhaps, in the opening of some cinemas on Christmas day, but found themselves comparatively few patrons; it was still a home festival for most. The Town club had their usual football fixture in the morning, but this had to be scratched. On Boxing Day their fixture with

Rushden resulted in a decisive win for Cambridge. Another regular feature was the appearance of the Christmas Day bathers, who found not thick ice, but a deep fog to greet them. 39 12 29 # c.45.7

Party. A section of Popham Road, Tottenham, evacuated school held a successful children's Christmas party in the Church schoolroom (Cottenham). The party opened with community singing, followed by some exciting games. Meanwhile the tables had been gaily decorated by a willing band of helpers, and amidst great hilarity, the children donned paper hats, pulled crackers, and sat down to a sumptuous tea prepared by Mr. J. Sherrer. After tea, all eyes were turned towards the giant Christmas tree, laden with presents, distributed later by a youthful Father Christmas

1939 12 29 ES
Review of year - local p6 - photo p10

1939 12 30
George Proctor was earliest photographer, says Pink; he lived in New Square and died 1867. Ernest Smart has a number of family portraits 39 12 30 # c.65.5

1940 Cambridge Daily News, Cambridge Independent Press 'From our old files' feature (CIPof) & Ely Standard

The same story may be reported in both papers
I have copies of each article

January 1940 CDN

1940 01 03
The Lord Mayor of London visited evacuated children in Cambridge. At St Paul's school he saw classes from St Martin's Parochial School, St Philip's School has scholars from St Martin-in-the-Field while that at Cherry Hinton is attended by children from Brompton-Road School. Later he visited St Matthew's School where other London children welcomed him before going to a Pulteney School Manager's party in the Co-operative Hall. The children were very happy and well-placed and it would be foolish for them to return to the danger area 40 01 03,04 # c.45.7

1940 01 04
P.C. Wren told the court he saw a light from an uncurtained pantry window in Downfields, Soham: it was visible for half a mile. A farm labourer was fined for allowing light to be seen from a bedroom window - there were thin curtains and they parted in the middle. But one defendant protested against such a trivial summons. The light from a candle had been twice curtained and had been used owing to his wife's illness. But the policeman said it could be seen 300 yards away and he was fined ten shillings. Magistrates also fined cyclists from Kirtling, Burwell and Soham for riding with no lights. - 40 01 04a

1940 01 05
Hugh Smith, farmer Shippea Hill, leading authority on fen drainage, death – 40 01 05a

1940 01 05 CIPof
Died Soon After Diamond Wedding. Two months after he had celebrated his diamond wedding, Mr. William Smith, of The Mount, Mill-lane, Ashdon-road, Saffron Walden, died on Friday morning at the age of 86. He had been ill for about a year and had recently been much worse. Born at Hinxton, Mr. Smith's first job was as apprentice to a Sawston butcher, and he then branched out on his own with a shop at Duxford. He went to London, and although he came to Elmdon after his marriage, he returned to town after two years in the country. He spent the greater part of his life as representative of R. White and Sons, a mineral water firm. Mr. Smith moved to Linton, travelling from London at week-ends, and here he and his wife spent 14 years before coming to Saffron Walden in 1918. Retiring 10 years ago, Mr. Smith lived in Ashdon-road, and it was there that he and his wife celebrated their golden wedding. They moved to The Mount with their eldest daughter, Mrs. Backler, about three years ago. Their diamond wedding took place last October. Mr. Smith leaves a widow, one son and two daughters. He was one of the oldest members of the Hearts of Oak Society, which he joined in 1873, and was a member of the Saffron Walden. Conservative Club for many years.

Long Service on Town Council. Many in Cambridge heard with regret of the death of Councillor William Henry Swift, which occurred suddenly at Cambridge last week at his home at 34 Halifax Road. He was 73 years of age. A familiar figure in Cambridge, where he had lived since he started his career at the University Press, Mr. Smith had given close on 20 years' unbroken and faithful service to the Cambridge Town Council. It was in 1920 that he was first returned to the Council as the representative of West Chesterton, where he had lived since coming to Cambridge, and when the redistribution of seats took place in 1935, he was again elected as one of the three members for Castle Ward. And until the last he attended meetings of the Council and the meetings on which he served. Born in the vicinity of Harrogate in 1866, Mr. Swift came to Cambridge at an early age, when he started work at the Cambridge University Press. Over 50 years later, in May, 1931, he retired from the

post as head of the Reading Department. In the course of his service there he saw the building double and treble its size, and watched its marvellous modern developments added as time went on. 40 01 05

Town Footballer Weds. When Mr. George Henry Dean, the well-known and popular half-back of the Cambridge Town Football Club, was married at Mill Road Baptist Church, Cambridge, on Saturday afternoon, he had as his bride Miss Hazel Orile Leverington, only daughter of. Mr. and Mrs. A. Leverington, of 129 Gilbert Road, Cambridge. Mr. Dean is the younger son of Mrs. C. Dean, of 7 Gwydir Street, Cambridge.

Fine Record of Public Work. Newmarket has lost one of its most prominent residents by the death of Major Osmond Edward Griffiths, aged 73 years, of Park Gate, Park Lane, Newmarket. In his capacity as auctioneer and estate agent he was widely known throughout the Eastern Counties. He was also auctioneer to the Jockey Club and a member of Tattersall's Com¬mittee. He devoted many years of considerable energy to public work. The longest serving member of the West Suffolk County Council, he was elected in 1904 and became an alderman in 1926. He had served on the Newmarket U.D.C. since April, 1898. In 1904 he was elected Vice-Chairman and was Chairman for a period of three years from 1905. He was again Vice-Chairman in 1911 and 1912 but declined to accept, the chair in 1913. He was a magistrate for about 30 years.

1940 01 05 ES
Picture: mammoth tea party for evacuees p5
Jews free school newssheet p7

1940 01 06
Gog Magog Hills showing trenches constructed during WWI 40 01 06a

1940 01 08
Several Hilton families were living in very bad conditions and urgently needed rehousing, the Sanitary Inspector reported. Five houses had been in very poor condition for a number of years and the owner had been given the opportunity of carrying out repairs. Attempts had been made to patch them up. But they could not be reconditioned while they were tenanted by agricultural workers and there was no alternative accommodation. St Ives RDC had land and should erect four houses. The - 40 01 08a

1940 01 10
ARP shelters being erected on Jesus Green – photo – 40 01 10a

1940 01 10
The 'Services Club' at the old Post Office, Royston was opened. The canteen is well equipped and offers a long and varied menu. Most indoor sports are provided in the games room while the writing room is a delightful place of comfort and quiet. About 40 men visited and expressed warm appreciation of this new provision —40 01 10b

1940 01 10
Sir - we notice that the Rex management persists with their 'curfewed' dances, closing at 11pm. The men of the Services who now frequent the ballroom go away at about 10.30 pm so they say there is no need to carry on the late nights till midnight. Yet it was the regulars who kept the place going before the war and it will be these dancers who will be expected to do so when the war is over. - Rendy Regular 40 01 10b # c.69.2

1940 01 11

The condition of Dykemoor Drove at Doddington makes it impossible for smallholders to move their produce, meaning tons of sugar beet are lying perishing. Many farmers have horses or tractors and still cannot get down it. The drove is part of the common land and the Isle of Ely County Council can

repair it and levy a rate on the commoners. If not, the Rector of Doddington can claim compensation for the loss of crops. The cheapest way out would be the erection of a light railway 40 01 11a

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Still & Sugar Loaf fire spotted by police officer – 40 01 11b

1940 01 12
The crew of the London steamer Keynes, which was sunk by Nazi aeroplanes in the North Sea, were landed safely. A hero of the encounter was Sam Brown, of West Wickham, who, with the single machine gun on the Keynes, harassed the enemy airmen while the Wireless Operator sent out distress calls under the barrage of bullets and bomb fragments. Brown came through the ordeal with nothing but a burned neck caused by an empty cartridge case from his machine gun. – 40 01 12a

Adult evacuee's impression about Cambridge – 40 01 12b # c.45.7

1940 01 12 CIP of
Cambridge's Debt of Two Millions. Further substantial increases in the net loan debt of the Borough of Cambridge, and also in the rateable value of the Borough are the outstanding items revealed in the Abstract of Accounts for the year ending March 31, 1939, which has just been issued by the Borough Treasurer (Mr. A. G. Emburey). He points out that in the year under review there was a net increase in the loan debt of £216,892, bringing the total net debt to £2,085,000—the first time that the two million mark has been topped. Of that amount— which represents nearly £30 per head of the population—it is interesting to note that £1,159,925 is in respect of housing

Thaw Stops Dustcart. Notices throughout the village (Melbourn) announced that if the weather was favourable and the ground hard on Monday, the dustcart would make its half-yearly collection of household refuse on that day. Unfortunately for householders, however, a thaw set in on Sunday, followed by heavy rain, which made the road to the old chalk pits, where the rubbish was to be deposited, impassable, and the visit had to be postponed. It will be a great disappointment to the many villagers who had collected and deposited hundreds of empty tins, etc beside their cottage doors ready for removal.

Creation of a Song.—Many of my readers (writes Watchman) will, I hope, have enjoyed the successful pantomime, "Cinderella" at the Cambridge Arts Theatre, and will consequently find this note of interest to them. A few days ago, I was chatting to my talented friend, Raymond Bennett, the Cambridge-born comedian, who is playing '.'Buttons" in the show, and who is now well-known in Lon¬don and the Eastern Counties. Ray claims to have been the first to use the new popular chorus song "The Chestnut Tree" which he is singing at the Arts, and this is how it came about. "Many years ago," he told me, "whilst I was here in Cambridge, I was going down to the Cam Sailing Club grounds at Clayhithe, and on the way I passed a school where the children were doing an action song. I watched them for a time, and it struck me that here was something that could be used as a good chorus song. And I memorised enough to enable me to sing it with success for a good many years." Continuing his story, Ray revealed that his song from Cam¬bridgeshire was responsible for an interesting sequel. "A few years ago," he went on, "I was playing in a concert party at Southwold, and, of course, I introduced my 'Chestnut Tree.' Whilst there, a man came and asked me about it, and the next thing I knew was that it was being used as a camp song by the boys at the Duke of York's camp there. As you probably know, the newsreels filmed the King doing it there with the boys, and eventually somebody produced the current version. And so was born a popular num¬ber known to all ballroom and music hall habitués. # c.76

1940 01 12 ES
Picture: old Ely water tower, pillars cracked p10

1940 01 13
Cambridge University has adopted special measures to meet the difficulty of interrupted studies. Many men cannot be expected to reside for more than two years in wartime so modification have been made in certain important courses, particularly engineering and law to enable them to make the best use of the time available. Colleges will admit scholars in December so they may begin their University studies nine months earlier than normal. – 40 01 13a # c.36.9

Field Marshall French inspecting VTC on Market Hill WWI – 40 01 13b

1940 01 15
Gas Company effect of black-out on consumption offset by large number of people who had come to town – 40 01 15b

Air Defence Cadet Corps inspection – 40 01 15b

The stretch of road near the Horse and Groom public house, between Royston and Baldock is becoming notorious for two wayfarers have met their deaths the in the black-out within the past six weeks – 40 01 15b

1940 01 16
A Hardwick steam ploughing contractor sued his brother-in-law over the cultivation of land at Caxton. He had been asked to do all the steam-ploughing and cultivating on the land and to buy certain seeds when he went about farms. It was cheaper to plough by steam than by horses. He had sent in a bill but it had not been paid after two years. But steam tackle owners frequently had to wait two, three or four years for their money. The judge commented that if the parties had been sensible this ridiculous case would never have come to court. – 40 01 16a, b

Cambridge Brotherhood annual meeting – 40 01 16b

History was made in Cambridgeshire when the Coroner held the first ‘treasure trove’ inquest of the century in Hildersham Recreation Room. A 15-year old girl said she was walking with friends in Lt Abington when she noticed what appeared to be a two-shilling piece lying on top of a dirt bank. Bending to it pick it up, she spotted more coins but the ground was too hard to dig them out. The earliest was dated 1843 and the latest 1919. It was declared treasure trove and the money returned to the children – 40 01 16c

1940 01 17
A.R.P. Ambulance – specially-converted car – photo – 40 01 17
Soham cyclists – 23 stopped for no lights – 40 01 17a

1940 01 18
WVS blankets from Canada to Cambridge – photo – 40 01 18

1940 01 19
Conscientious Objectors’ Tribunal – 40 01 19a # c.45.7

1940 01 19 CIPof
Cambs. Sailor Hero. The inhabitants of the little Cambs. village of West Wickham look like preparing a big welcome for their sailor hero, Sam Brown, when he returns home in a few days. On Thursday Sam Brown became the hero of the 1,700-ton London steamer Keynes, which was attacked and sunk by Nazi bombers in the North Sea. Firing the ship's only machine-gun, Brown staved off the first attack and, to quote him, "I saw several hits, and I think the airmen were rather worried by my fire,

and the plane eventually made off." Later Sam Brown had a man to man engagement with a second and larger bomber. Sam Brown is a single man of 41. He joined the Navy as a boy of 13, and served in the Great War. He was a gunner of a battle cruiser which took part in the battle of the Falkland Isles. After the war he continued to serve as an A.B. and completed 24 years' service before retiring on a pension in February of 1936. Returning to civilian life, Brown obtained a job on an aerodrome, and was thus employed until he was called up at the outbreak of the present conflict. His mother and father are both dead, and in civilian life Brown lived at home with his unmarried sister, Miss Doris Brown, who looks after the home. Brown, who lost an elder brother in the Great War while serving in the Suffolks, is one of a family of 13. Miss Brown said that her .brother had wired her that he was safe and that all the crew were saved. "He did not mention any part he took in the encounter, but we are proud of him." A younger brother said "Good old brother. We'll have a celebration when he comes home —and what a celebration!"

School Shelters. A £10,000 scheme to provide shelters at Cambridge schools was submitted meeting of the Borough Education Committee on Tuesday afternoon when a report of a sub-committee approving the proposals was received. The Committee resolved to approve the estimate involved and to authorise the Town Council to make application to the Ministry of Health for sanction to raise a loan for that amount to cover cost of the work, lighting, drainage, etc.

Treasure Trove. History made in Cambridgeshire on Saturday afternoon, when the County Coroner (Mr. Jasper Lyon) held the first treasure trove inquest of the century. Sitting at Hildersham with a jury of 12, the Coroner took formal evidence of the discovery of a hoard of silver, after the jury had duly recorded that the money did constitute treasure trove, he explained according to practice since 1925 it would probably be returned to the finders—a party of children for a Sunday walk.

1940 01 19 ES
Picture: Ely evacuated school group p5
Old Soham & Isleham fire engines - £11 offered p7

1940 01 20
Beta airship during 1912 manoeuvres – photo – 40 01 20a
WWI communal kitchens, one at Christ Church Institute, soup cooked in Mr Langford's shoe-mending shop, another in St Eligius Street – 40 01 20b, 40 01 20c
Y.M.C.A. mobile canteen starts – 40 01 20b

1940 01 22
Baron of Beef pub fire – 40 01 22a

1940 01 23
Sir Will Spens, Regional Commissioner, takes tea from YMCA canteen – photo – 40 01 23 # S.1940

1940 01 24
Post Office Telephones new building being constructed – photo – 40 01 24a

1940 01 25
Coal merchant charged excessive sum for delivery coal to Dernford House, Sawston, when in use as a sick bay for evacuated children – 40 01 25a
Sawston pantomime – 40 01 25b

1940 01 26
Black-out protection for baby – lighting attachment runs from battery reads 'Mind the pram' on mudguards – 40 01 26

Welfare of Youth temperance meeting; David Moore & wife presentation; illustrated lectures to children of Shepreth 20-30 years ago; she spoke of her work at the Ragged School, of early days of Band of Hope when Cambridge entertained 300 delegates, coronation year, of the demonstrations & processions of over a mile long – 40 01 26a, b

Scots celebrate Burns Night – 40 01 26b

Hunts school children ARP shelters; carrying of respirators in reception areas now unnecessary unless leaving home to stay away for any period; Fletton school shelters can be used by public out of school hours– 40 01 26c

1940 01 26 CIPof
Death of former Dean of Ely. — Dr. Alexander Francis Kirkpatrick died at Bournemouth on Monday at the advanced age of 90. He was Dean of Ely from 1906 to 1936 and Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge, from 1898 to 1907. Born at Lewes and educated at Haileybury and Trinity College, Cambridge, Dr. Kirkpatrick became a Fellow of Trinity in 1871, Winning the Carus Greek Testament Prize in 1870, he was an assistant tutor of Trinity by 1871, and in that year sat for the theological examination, being placed in the first class. The examination was reconstituted as a Tripos two years later. Besides being placed in the first class, he was awarded all three prizes in that examination. He was ordained a deacon in 1874, and a priest in the following year by the then Bishop of Ely, Dr. Woodford. He became examining chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester in 1878, and later served Dr. Davidson in the same capacity. When he was 33 he became Regius Professor of Hebrew and Canon Residentiary of Ely, retaining the Chair till 1903, in which year he followed the newly-elected Master of Pembroke, Dr. Mason, in the Lady Margaret Professorship. When Bishop J. R. Selwyn died, Dr. Kirkpatrick succeeded him as Master of Selwyn. He left Cambridge in 1906 for the Deanery of Ely, and in Convocation he persistently supported those who worked for Prayer Book revision. In 1936, at the age of 86, failing-health forced him to resign his post at Ely, but he showed surprising vigour in his last years.

New Chairman.—Mr. Grafton D. Pryor was appointed Chairman of the Newmarket (Suffolk) Bench at a meeting of magistrates held on Tuesday morning. A member of a well-known Cambridge family, Mr. Pryor has practised as a barrister for many years, and in 1937 was appointed Recorder of Ipswich. He takes a prominent part in public life, being a member of the West Suffolk County Council and Newmarket Urban District Council, of which he has been Chairman.

President. — At the annual general meeting of the National Federation of Building Trades Employers, held in London on Thursday, Mr. Charles Kerridge, of Cambridge, was elected President for the year 1940.

Lightweight Meets Heavyweight. —Eric Boon, of Chatteris, when driving his car at the crossroads, Haddenham, at mid-day on Monday, collided with Mr. H. T. Setchell's motor lorry. It is reported that the lightweight was the loser in the encounter, as Boon's car was more damaged than the lorry. Both vehicles were, however, able to proceed on their way, and neither of the drivers was injured

1940 01 26 ES
Ely ARP chief addresses civilian population p7
Citizens advice bureau to be established for Isle p8
German non-ayrian refugees at Ely p9

1940 01 27
Skating at Newnham – photo taken fortnight ago, blocked due censorship – 40 01 27a

The Hon William Montagu, the younger son of the Earl of Sandwich, Lord Lieutenant of Huntingdonshire was killed flying. The other occupant of the plane was also killed. Mr Montagu originally entered the Royal Navy but left this service to take up aviation as a hobby. From 1930-34

he was Flying Officer in the County of London Bomber Squadron A.A.F. and rejoined last year. He was married twice, both marriages produced one son. He was once struck by lightning when golfing and broke an ankle when ski-ing at St Moritz – 40 01 27b

The War Agricultural Committee was concerned that valuable land in the fens which is two or three miles down an impossible road is lying derelict. Much is well-drained and would produce very good crops but is impossible of access at present. Internal Drainage Commissioners should construct roads good enough for individual fens so the produce can be got away. Coun Jeeps said that in Willingham there were 1,700 acres derelict because of the condition and nature of the roads. Improvements would increase the value of the land in Burwell Fen from £4 to £40 40 01 27c

Margarine queue in Petty Cury, photo taken Jan 28 1918 – 40 01 27d # S.1918

1940 01 30
Shortly after 2 am the premises of Mr W.P. Burges, clothier & outfitter of High Street Huntingdon were found to be on fire. The property stands in a fairly enclosed part of the High Street and on arrival the brigade found the rear of the premises to be well alight. They were hampered by severe weather conditions but a plentiful supply of water was available and they were able to prevent the blaze spreading to other buildings. There have been two other fires nearby within the last few years; one at the Mayor's grocery shop and the other at Mr Kirkham's establishment. Apart from the damage done by the fire many hundred pounds worth of clothing have been ruined by water – 40 01 30a

The Ministry of Transport has raised no objection to work on the Cambridge Ring Road from Coldham's Lane to Newmarket Road proceeding. Jews request space in cemetery for 25 graves separate from remainder; Space to be set apart for burial Forces as war casualties and also of enemy dead; children's clothing and gas masks to be stored in pavilions on Coleridge Road recreation ground & Parker's Piece– 40 01 30b, c

Having regard to the large number of children evacuated to Cambridge there is need for additional isolation accommodation for the treatment of infectious diseases. Premises known as 'Meadowcroft', Old Chesterton were suitable. It would cost £650 to equip and running costs would be £1,400 pa. Shelters using pre-cast units instead of bricks should be constructed at St Philip's girls, Central, Open Air, & other schools 40 01 30d

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1940 02 01
Councillor Doggett was nominated as chief air raid warden to replace Lord Rothschild. The Government has said that Cambridge was considered a safe area and it was unnecessary to man posts. Wardens needed common sense and not to follow the letter of the law as laid down in the little green book. It was better to go to the nearest telephone immediately rather than wait to fill up the report form. Wardens wanted to do the right thing but were bothered by red tape and the thought of examinations. Mickey Mouse gas masks were now available for children aged 18months to four years – 40 02 01a,

1940 02 02
Children in fenland schools should remain inside in the event of an air raid or escorted to trenches if these have been constructed. There is nothing to prevent parents from fetching children from school when an air raid warning has been given, though such action is deprecated. School shelters could be used, out of school hours, by the public as wardens would be on duty whether the schools were in session or not. Even if the school was in session when an alarm was given, the public who were in the street at the time could make use of shelters, March councillors were told. 40 02 02a

Paper strips should be placed over the settlement cracks at Milton Road Library to see whether there was further settlement. It was of very nice design but parts would have to be taken down and rebuilt.

If the surveyor had known what was gong to happen it would have been built on piers. But he had no knowledge that the ground had been disturbed. However any idea the library was going to fall down on the people who were consulting books was absolutely ridiculous. 40 02 02b # c.77.4

An RSPCC inspector said he saw two children at Adelaide School. They were dirty and when asked when they washed they said 'Never'. The boy had no soles to his boots and they were under-nourished and under-clothed. Their feet were covered with chilblains. He went to their home and found a fire in only one room. There were no carpets and no means of washing. There was insufficient bedding – only sacking being provided. A girl was lying in a bed wet with urine and was dressed in thin clothes. The father could not earn enough for food and clothing. They were taken to the Poor Law Union. 40 02 02c

Citizens Advice Bureau, Saffron Walden – 40 02 02c

1940 02 02 CIPof
Night Blaze. Shortly after 2 a.m. on Tuesday the, premises of Mr. W.P. Burges, clothier and outfitter, of High Street, Huntingdon, were found to be on fire. The fire brigade was summoned immediately, and on arrival, found the rear of the premises to be well alight. The property stands in a fairly congested part of the High Street and access to the fire was a difficult matter for the brigade. It is presumed that a stove, which had recently been installed, set fire to a large wooden beam, which had been smouldering for some time, and was the cause of the outbreak. Mr. Burges, who does not live on the premises, was informed, and was soon on the spot. The brigade was hampered by the severe weather conditions, but a plentiful supply of water was available, and within a short time they were able to prevent the fire extending to surrounding properties. Apart from the damage done by the fire, many hundreds of pounds worth of clothing have been ruined by the water, and it is estimated that the total damage will reach several thousands of pounds.

Carnival Queen Weds. Miss Joan S. Brissenden, Royston's Carnival Queen for the Coronation, Day celebrations of 1937, was married on Saturday to Mr. John Stanley Cosford of 75 Melbourn Road, Royston. Miss Brissenden, who lives at 45 Green Street, Royston, is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Brissenden, of 28 Rowley Road, Carshalton, Surrey. The wedding took place at Hitchin Register Office.

Killed While Flying.—The Hon. Wm. Drogo Sturges Montagu, the younger son of the Earl of Sandwich, Lord Lieutenant of Huntingdonshire, was killed while flying on Friday. He was 32. The other occupant of the plane, Pilot Officer G. S. Taylor, was also killed. Mr. Montagu originally followed the career of the First Earl of Sandwich in the Royal Navy, but only left this service to take up aviation as a hobby. Simple but impressive was the service at St. Mary's Church, Brampton, on Tuesday afternoon, when the funeral took place. The Ven. Archdeacon Knowles, assisted by the Rector of Brampton (the Rev. W. A. Uthwatt) conducted the service, which was fully choral. The deceased officer was accorded military honours, the coffin, covered with the Union Jack being borne by six R.A.F. sergeants. Pilot officers acted as pall bearers, and others followed as it was carried from the church. Outside stood a large escort of airmen with reversed arms. After the service the body was taken to Cambridge for cremation, and later the ashes will be placed in the family vault at Brampton.

1940 02 02 ES
Survey of air raid precautions p7
Picture: skating on Ouse at Ely p7
School shelters, when public may use them p8
Books for searchlight men p8

1940 02 06
Pilot escaped by parachute when his plane crashed at Steeple Morden last August; had been blinded by beam of searchlight; pilot R. Voase Jeff awarded Croix de Guerre; was the first to bring down German plane in the B.E.F. area – 40 02 06a # c.45.7 # c.26.1

1940 02 08
Heavy fall of snow on Hauxton Rd, Jan 1940 – photo – 40 02 08 # c.12

In Cambridgeshire there are thousands of acres of really good land which is standing idle; a quarter is actually derelict and the remainder growing hardly anything at all. Much money has been spent on its drainage and it has to bear high drainage rates. For six months in the year no loaded vehicle can get on or off the land. There are only soft roads. Until hard roads are made this exceptionally good land will never be able to grow the amount of food it ought. 40 02 08a & b

Mole drainage can only be done at certain times of the year and a time that there is a tremendous rush on the local steam tackle or tractor contractor. Only steam tackle or the heavy 60 hp caterpillar tractors will do mole drainage. You have to rely on steam tackle contractors to do the work, Captain Briscoe MP said 40 02 08a & b

Ely RDC – underground bakehouse at Haddenham unsuitable, Aldreth needs proper water supply – 40 02 08c

1940 02 09
End wall of house in Tunwells Lane, Gt Shelford, collapsed leaving two rooms exposed – 40 02 09

Mr G Dennis Day held the office of St Ives Town Clerk for 50 years.. He recalled that 100 years earlier his grandfather had drafted the St Ives Improvement Act which described it as 'a large and populace place'. He had saved the ratepayers immense expense and often poured oil on troubled waters. His son, Mr G. Lewis Day was appointed Clerk in his place. . – 40 02 09a b

1940 02 09 CIPof
Jockey Weds. Eph. Smith, the prominent jockey attached to Mr. J. L. Jarvis's stable at Newmarket, was married at Dullingham Church on Monday. The ceremony took place quietly. The bridegroom is well-known as the rider of Blue Peter, the horse which achieved such fame last year by winning the Derby and other famous races. Mr. Smith's bride was Miss Doreen Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Moore of Dullingham, and a niece of Mr. Reg Day, the Newmarket trainer.

House Wall Collapses. When a Cambs. soldier due from France on leave returns to his home, he will find it looking as though it had been bombed; An end wall of the house, which is situated in Tunwell's Lane, Great Shelford, collapsed on Wednesday as if torn off by high explosive, leaving two rooms exposed to view. Fortunately no one was inside at the time, though had the occupant, Mr. Thomas Roslyn, arrived on leave as expected, he and his wife might both have been there. As it was, Mrs. Roslyn went to the house to air it, but when her husband did not turn up she went to her mother's home in Stonehall Road, Shelford. The collapse occurred about 8.30 p.m., and the house looked like a doll's house with the end off. The furniture in the two rooms visible was undisturbed; a wardrobe in the bedroom could be seen standing within a few inches of the place where the wall had been. 40 02 09

New Stationmaster.—Mr. F. Pick worth, stationmaster at Holme, has been appointed Stationmaster at Huntingdon in succession to Mr. W. G. Wenman, who resigned to take up an appointment as yard, master at Lincoln. Mr. Pickworth; has seen service on the railway for nearly 43 years, commencing as a clerk on the old Great Northern Railway at Mablethorpe Lincs., in 1897.

Death of Professor Hickson. —One of the leading authorities in the world on his own subject, the study of certain branches of undersea life, Professor Sydney John Hickson, died at his home at 26 Barton Road, Cambridge, after a short illness. He was 91 years of age.

Huntingdon Licensee. — A well-known Huntingdon licensee, Mr. Arthur Radcliffe Brattle, died in the High Street late on Tuesday; afternoon. Mr. Brattle, who was 74 years of age, had been to the

barber's, and was on his way home, when he was seen to fall. Life was extinct when he was picked up. For many years he had been the licensee of the Queen's Head, in the High Street, and formerly held the licence of the Railway Inn at Brampton.

1940 02 09 ES
Problems arising from evacuation p7 40 02 09ES

Special service for evacuated Jewish children held in Stretham school; service in Hebrew, conducted by Miss Levi & Miss Barnett (headmistress); Barnitzvah of David Massingham, billeted with Stevens; family arrived late due roads 49 09 09ES

1940 02 12
Cambridge Brick Co (1937) Ltd petition for compulsory winding up adjourned – 40 02 12a # c.23

Fire was discovered at the Ancient Shepherds public house, Fen Ditton which completely burnt-out its well-furnished lounge. It might have spread to other parts of the premises were it not for the timely arrival of a youth who called on the son of the licensee, Kenneth Riddle. He opened the door and was met by smoke. Helpers attacked the fire with buckets of water but were unable to save any of the furniture which included two settees, two armchairs, a piano and two tables. 40 02 12b

1940 02 14
Parker's Piece under water – photo – 40 02 14

George Palmer, had been a grocer at the Corner Shop, Market Street, Fordham for 12 years, applied for an off-licence to sell wine and spirits, but not beer. There was no off-licence in the village and many people did not like going to public houses of which there were seven. But Whitworths Stores had previously been refused and the licensees of the Green Dragon, Chequers and Crown objected. The application was refused. 40 02 14a

A.R.P. exercises were held in Ely on Sunday afternoon. They consisted of messages being delivered at the report centre by telephone and by runners. Several fires were reported to have broken out in New Barnes Road, West Fen Road, Station Road, the Butter Market, the Vineyards and at Prickwillow. The outbreaks were dealt with by the wardens and firemen very satisfactorily. 40 02 14b

Numerous writers have covered aspects of the fens but none has attempted so comprehensive and so ambitious a work as Dr H.C. Darby, the well-known historical geographer in his books 'The Medieval Fenland' and 'The Draining of the Fens'. The wealth of information and detail which is given in both volumes is supplemented by numerous diagrams and photographs and a useful bibliography providing an absorbing account of the problems that still face those attempting to grapple with the flood menace. 40 02 14c

1940 02 15
Alderman Henry Clement Francis of Burleigh House, Newmarket Road, Cambridge left this country to farm in Australia in 1876. staying there until 1896. Then he returned and became a director of the Star Brewery. The firm's fine horses were an especial interest and when the new Clayhithe bridge was opened a horse and trap driven by his was the first vehicle to cross. His local government career began in 1902 and he served on many committees. 40 02 15a

Hunstanton Convalescent Home was closed at the outbreak of war when it was scheduled as a Grade Two Emergency Hospital in view of the possibility of large numbers of civilian casualties from air raids. At first it was used as the Hunstanton First Aid post and ambulance depot. A bare minimum of staff was retained. Considerable expenses were incurred to maintain the buildings and the Home's invested resources alone were inadequate. Now there is hope it might be reopened, the annual meeting held at Cambridge heard. 40 02 15b

Coleridge Ward ARP wardens meeting – 40 02 15b

Church hall buildings at Stretham, Haddenham, Ely area occupied by evacuees, rates discussed – 40 02 15c

Nearly half the 550 people evacuated into Royston have now left again and the number of evacuees partaking of communal meals at the Green Plunge Café had diminished very considerably, the numbers not justifying the expense of providing the meals. The tenancy should be terminated as soon as possible 40 02 15d

Saffron Walden to pay for firemen to ensure adequate protection against peace-time fires – 40 02 15e, f

1940 02 16
Chinese ambassador visited Cambridge in aid of British Fund for Relief of Distress in China – 40 02 16

1940 02 16 CIPof
Burnt Out. About 2 p.m. on Sunday, a fire was discovered at the Ancient Shepherds public house, Fen Ditton which completely burnt out the well-furnished lounge.

Late Butler of Emmanuel. The Master and Fellows of Emmanuel, as well as many of the staff, attended the funeral of Mr. Percy William Fisher, butler at the college, which took place in the college chapel on Monday. Mr. Fisher, who was 58 years of age and lived in Warkworth Street, Cambridge, had been in the service of the college for 36 years, during the last two of which he had been butler.

Mr. H.C. Francis. A well-known County Council alderman, Mr. Henry Clement Francis, of Burleigh House, Newmarket Road, Cambridge, died in a Cambridge nursing home on Wednesday after a short illness. He was born in Cambridge in 1857. In 1876 he left the country to farm in Australia, staying there, save for a period of leave, until 1896, when he returned to England. After a year's work on an estate as agent, he became a director of the Star Brewery, Cambridge. The firm's fine horses were an especial interest of his; he used to supervise their care and their purchase, with results of which material evidence was the awards they won at local shows. In local government matters, and in many other ways, he did much for the Abbey Ward, where his helpfulness will be especially missed. One of his acts was to present to the Abbey Football Club their Newmarket Road ground. Of this club he was President. His local government work began in 1902 when he was elected to the Board of Guardians for the Abbey Ward. He was chairman from 1924 to 1925. In 1907 he was elected to the County Council, becoming an alderman in 1931. He served on many committees.

Huntingdon's Accordionist. Mr.Verdun Howes, of St. Mary's. Street, Huntingdon, who is considered the county accordion champion, played to an audience of 2,000 at the Palace Theatre, Wellingborough, on Sunday. He was accorded a great reception

"Happiness in Prison.' An interesting address was given at the Women's Bright Hour in the schoolroom of the Methodist Church (Huntingdon) by the Rev. G S. Tydeman, of Godmanchester, who spoke on 'Happiness in prison."

1940 02 16 ES
Ely Blue Pilgrimage hostel for refugees to close

1940 02 17
Pentacle Club 'ghost' appears – photo – 40 02 17

Parker's Piece meeting on crisis in Ulster, 1914 – photo – 40 02 17a

1940 02 18
Spitfire. Dived into ground, pilot killed, near Duxford airfield. E-H

1940 02 21
Overcote Ferry with frozen river – photo – 40 02 21

Jan Masaryk, former Czecho-Slovak Minister in London and son of the first President spoke at a meeting of of the Cambridge Masaryk Society and made striking observations about Hitler, Goering and Von Ribbentrop. He expressed his absolute conviction of the eventual victory of the Allies. The Mayor, (Coun Wing) said the Czechs had made a big sacrifice and expressed the hope that they would rebuild their great nation 40 02 21a

Robert Shildrick was employed as an errand boy by Tom Lilley, grocer of Royston, when aged 11 years, then apprenticed as a carpenter with T.L. Gimson the builder. In 1883 he joined Royston Fire Brigade, which was then voluntary, where he served for 50 years, retiring in 1934 as Second Officer 40 02 21b

Seaman Trevor Surkitt, hero of River Plate, proposed presentation – 40 02 21c

There will be an allotment plot for every citizen who requires one and within a reasonable distance of his home, Old Chesterton Allotment Society was told. It was important to produce every possible ounce of food. George Newman compared the position with that in 1916 when he could not find an allotment. The great push to grow more food did not come until 1917. Then there was a tremendous waste of seed by new gardeners. This would be avoided now. After the war land would remain in the hands of allotment holders unless the council could prove it was needed for building. 40 02 21d

1940 02 22
Robert Hensher, Ltd, the house for beautiful furnishing fabrics, announces the introduction of new window draperies for 1940. A larger and comprehensive range that ever, ‘Sunlover’ guaranteed fabrics, art silk broches and folkweaves of distinction. Peas Hill and St Edwards Passage Cambridge – Adv 40 02 22a

1940 02 23
Paris House, Sussex Street, fashions – advert – 40 02 23a

A Royston woman summonsed for showing a light from her house in Briary Lane explained that a blanket used to conceal the light had been taken down for a few minutes to enable her evacuee children, who had been having a bath, to stand on it while drying themselves. She was fined 7s 6d 40 02 23b

The first offenders against the regulation imposing a 20 m.p.h. speed limit in the black-out appeared at Cambridge police court. A lorry driver from Peterborough was summonsed for driving at 28 m.p.h. with a heavy motor car goods vehicle at Huntingdon Road. He claimed the van would only do that speed when flat out. An RAF sergeant reached 25 mph in Trumpington Street. He said he was driving without his dashboard light on and did not realise the speed, 40 02 23c

1940 02 23 CIPof
Curate Married. The Rev. G. Brian Whittaker, curate of St. Matthew's Cambridge, and Miss Jean Margaret Hay, of Dean Court Holbrook Road, Cambridge, were married at Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge, yesterday (Thursday).

"May-Ladying" at Hildersham. In last week's "Passing Hour" (writes Watchman), Mr. Kidd, of Fen Drayton, gave some interesting extracts from a Histon school log book, one of which was: "1871, May 1st—It is the custom . . . for the girls to go May-ladying, i.e., they go to the principal houses carrying dolls and begging 'Please to 'stow a ha'penny on the poor old Maylady'. This event was

common enough in many Cambridgeshire villages in bygone days but the village of Hildersham was looked upon as being the headquarters of the movement. Here the girls, encouraged and helped by the aristocracy in the village, produced one of the finest Mayladies to be seen in the county, parading with it through their own and neighbouring villages. The parade was at its best in early Victorian days, but began to fade out about 70 years ago. There are many old inhabitants now living who can recall the dolls dressed and paraded by the Hildersham girls. The annual Cambridgeshire event became notable, and may be found briefly described in Brand's "Popular Antiquities", published in 1911. # c.39

Distinguished Service Recognised. It was officially announced on Wednesday that the King has approved the award of the Distinguished Medal to Sergeant Lionel Wood, R.A.F. Sergeant Wood, who is a son of Mr. Charles Wood, Headmaster of Swavesey Council School, was educated at the Cambridge and County High School for Boys.

Former Vicar's New Living.— The many friends in the village (Oakington) of the Rev. W. W. Lillie, formerly vicar of the parish, will be interested to learn that he has been appointed to the living of Cheddar, Somerset, where he was instituted on Saturday by the Bishop of Bath and Wells.
Curate Married.—The Rev. G. Brian Whittaker, curate of St. Matthew's (Cambridge), and Miss Jean Margaret Hay, of Dean Court Holbrook Road, Cambridge, were married at Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge, yesterday (Thursday)

1940 02 24
A.V. Hill new University MP – photo – 40 02 24

Studentship for study of psychological pneumonia, Prof so overwhelmed with enquiries that takes refuge in air raid shelter – 40 02 24b

1940 02 26
Saffron Walden library review year – 40 02 26a

1940 02 27
Divorce for Cambridge & Soham men (William Rouse) – wife's insanity – 40 02 27a

1940 02 28
Eastern Counties Red Cross Conference – group photo – 40 02 28

Residents of River Bank, Isleham, applied for the extension of the water main. There were ten houses in the vicinity which were unable to obtain any water fit for drinking purposes. The distance of the new main would be 1,910 yards. But people would build beside the new fen road and there might not be any more building on Fen Bank. They should be asked what they were prepared to pay for a supply. 40 02 28a.

Mr Markham had offered a strip of road way through his property leading from Padney Road Wicken to Barway to enable it to be taken over as a public highway, together with the sum of £100, but this was refused. During the recent fall of snow, owing to the stoppage of the public road, a number of private vehicles and pedestrians had used the private road and he was again prepared to offer it to the council, but he would not repeat the contribution of £100 40 02 28a

Soham firemen had attended fire at Wicken but they could not claim as they had no right to go out of the parish of Soham for fire fighting purposes. - 40 02 28a

A.R.P. exercises were held at Ely on Sunday morning when the decontamination and demolition squads took part. The exercise lasted two and a half hours and was very satisfactory, despite the absence of many members through illness. The squads taking part were decontamination, rescue and

demolition, water supply and roads and sewers. The exercises consisted of dealing with gas bombs, craters, relaying a length of water main and a length of path. About 40 men took part 40 02 28b

Newmarket had a quota of 800 evacuees - but it was quite unsuitable for them - 40 02 28c

1940 02 29
Spitfire. Dived into ground, one killed, Fowlmere. E-H

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1940 03 01
Hugh Wooll West, farmer and fen drainage expert, dies – 40 03 01
F.W. Hunt, manager Three Tuns, Gt Abington, dies – 40 03 01a

1940 03 01 CIPof
University Election. The result of the Cambridge University by-election, made necessary by the death of Sir John Withers, was announced on Saturday as follows. —Dr. A. V Hill (Ind. Cons.) 9,840; Prof. J. A. Ryle 5,386; Majority 4.454. Polling, which was by post, began on February 19 and was completed on Friday. At the last election, Sir J. Withers (Cons.) 7,602 and Mr. K. Pickthorn (Cons.) 6,917 were elected, and Mr. H. L. Elvin the unsuccessful Labour candidate, polled 3,453 votes. # c.33

Innkeeper for 31 Years.Mr. Frank Wm. Hunt, of 6, Council Houses, Gt. Abington, wellknown for 31 years as the manager of the Three Tuns Inn, Gt. Abington, died on Tuesday. He was 66, and retired in November 1938. He died in Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he had been for a week, and leaves a widow, son and daughter. He became a church warden six months' ago. For the early part of Mr. Hunt's stay at the Three Tuns, the inn was under the Cambridgeshire; Trust Ltd., but it was later taken over by the People's Refreshment House Association. A native of Suffolk, Mr. Hunt had been butler: to Mr. Binney, senr., of Pampisford Hall, in whose employ also was Mrs. Hunt

Parting Gift. The Rector (the Rev. C, G. Poynder), on behalf of many of the parishioners (of Boxworth), on Wednesday week presented Miss Beaumont with a parting gift in token of their esteem and appreciation of her 12 years' service as head teacher of the village school. In his remarks, Mr. Poynder spoke of the loss the parish would suffer at her departure, as she had been a most energetic, generous and loyal supporter of the church and institute. Miss Beaumont, in reply, spoke of the happy years she had spent at. Boxworth, but said she was obliged to resign because of ill-health. She thanked the donors for their present. The presentation took the form of a silver toilet set. 40 03 01

Confirmation. Nine candidates were presented, viz., five by the Rector of Girton and four by the Rector of Cottenham at the confirmation which was held in Girton Parish Church by Bishop Price on Thursday week. Tea was provided after the service for the candidates' and their friends in the Village Hall.

1940 03 02
Guiders' training rally at Cambridge – photo – 40 03 02

Isle of Ely County Council considered a scheme for providing feeding stations and shelters for people rendered homeless and destitute by the destruction of their homes by enemy action. Buildings have been earmarked and stocks of food, sufficient for 1,000 people for six days, have been stored at three institutions. Arrangements had been made for the opening of sick bays at Ely and Wisbech for the treatment of evacuated children suffering from non-infectious diseases. School air raid shelters and trenches were intended solely for the use of children. Although the public had free access out of school hours it was hoped they would not use them in school hours unless they were caught in a raid and some distance from home. 40 03 02a

An Inspector told the court he visited Appleby's Stores, Main Street, Littleport and bought some 'County Garden Cheese de Luxe'. This was enormously popular because of its palatability but when analysed was found to contain excessive water – it was in fact processed cheese with water. But the product had been labelled by the manufacturer and had since been withdrawn. The case against the shop was dismissed. – 40 03 02b, c

A London cheapjack was fined for selling chocolate at the Cattle Market as Fry's Chocolate when they had not been made by Fry's. This was serious, this sort of thing was going on through the Eastern Counties and they had to put a stop to it. The manager of Fry's depot at Cambridge, just outside the market, confirmed they were not made by them. The vendor said he'd sold them as 'Desire' chocolates but the label had mysteriously disappeared. – 40 03 02d

1940 03 02
Wellington. Crashed just after take-off, six killed, Burnt Fen, Ely. E-H

1940 03 04
Sugar beet growers urged not to sign contracts – 40 03 04a

Egyptian ambassador guest of Cambridge Pharaoh's club – 40 03 04a

1940 03 05
Cambridge Brick Company (1937) Ltd wound up – 40 03 05a # c.23

War service for women in 1914-18 and today was contrasted in two talks. The W.A.A.F worked as motor transport drivers, cooks and waitresses. The Women's Royal Naval Service started in 1914 – 40 03 05b

1940 03 06
Huntingdonshire would receive another 4,400 evacuees if London was raided and they would be sent down within 36 hours whether accommodation was ready for them or not. It was a great injustice to farm labourers that they should have to put up with these women and children. One lady had said she would sooner go to prison than take any more. This good woman had three women with children billeted on her. The first had six and left taking several things, the second departed owing money and the third should have paid 15 shillings board but went home owing over £5. – 40 03 06a

1940 03 08 CIPof
High Sheriff. Sheriffs for the year were appointed by the King at Buckingham Palace on Thursday. For Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, Mr. Arthur Herbert Carter, of Tydd St. Giles Wisbech, was appointed. Mr. Carter, who farms a large acreage in the north of the county and in Lincolnshire, has been a member of the Isle of Ely County Council several years, and was appointed alderman about four years ago. He is one of three Isle men nominated for this honour in November last. The other two were Mr. J. W. H. Ollard, of Wisbech and Mr. L. Childs of Chatteris.

Romance Began at Séance. Mr. C. S. Collen-Smith, a native of Cambridge, is to be married on March 13 to Mrs. Betty Walker, youngest daughter of Capt. Jon Buttledge, of County Mayo., Ireland. They first met at a séance in Knightsbridge. The son of a former reader at Cambridge University Press, Mr. Collen-Smith was born on August 13, 1904. From the old Higher Grade School he gained a scholarship to the Perse School in 1916. Mr. Collen-Smith is founder of the World Service Group and of the Healers' Association and is Editor of "World Service and Psychic Review." # c.39

25 Years' Service. An interesting ceremony took place at a meeting of the Huntingdon Rural District Council on Friday, when Mr. Kenneth Hunnbun, who has resigned the clerkship after 25 years' service, was presented with a silver cigarette box as a token of esteem and regard

Station "Explosion" Test. A presumed explosion in a railway station cloakroom provided a topical setting for the practical tests for the Cambridge District Officers' Shield ambulance competitions held in Houghton Hall Cambridge, on Saturday. Six teams from L.N.E.R. stations took part and the championship was comfortably retained by March "A," who scored 338 points out of a possible 400, 204 in the team test and 134 in the individual (oral) test.

Heirlooms. The Very Rev. Dr. Alexander Francis Kirkpatrick, D.D., of 9 Cavendish Road, Bournemouth, Dean of Ely, 1906-36, and formerly Master of Selwyn College and Regius Professor of Hebrew at Cambridge, who died on January 22 last, aged 90 years, left gross estate of the value of £13,916 15s., with net personality £13,763 14s. 7d. Testator left the following bequest to his son Alexander Pemberton Kirkpatrick, to be kept as heirlooms. The watch given to him by Archbishop Lord Davidson, the plaque given to him by Lady Davidson, "which was given by Queen Victoria to Archbishop Davidson" and the silver box given to him by the Emperor of Japan when he visited Ely as Crown Prince.

1940 03 08 ES
Tramp knocked down on A10 p7
Vicar's views on evacuation, children's habits come as shock p7

1940 03 09
Saffron Walden town council discussed the Government's evacuee scheme in the event of serious air raids. They proposed sending another 400 but this was too many and they should come from Tottenham and not from Stratford. Some had been billeted in property at Cates Corner which was the subject of a clearance order as being unfit for human habitation. But one lad who came six months ago, verminous and in rags had been turned into a perfect little gentleman. This reflected well on the working women of the town – 40 03 09a, b, c

Teachers appeal for boots for children – 300 in need – 40 03 09d

1940 03 12
Waterbeach and Oakington manual fire engines in yard to be broken up – photo – 40 03 12 # T.I. # Y.Wat. # Y.Oak

1940 03 13
Gt Chesterford house fire – 40 03 13

Hostile aircraft dropped bombs on Ely causing ten casualties in Waterside where cottages were wrecked. Incendiaries set light to the old brewery and the road from Forehill was rendered impassable by bomb damage. Gas was also prevalent in the area. Later more bombs dropped causing a major fire at Harlock's maltings, the Ship public house was damaged and electricity cables in Little Lane destroyed. High explosives also caused casualties in Littleport where the bridge collapsed and repair squads were rushed to Black Horse Drove after the river bank was breached, causing flooding. Fortunately it was just an ARP exercise – 40 03 13a

Huntingdon Butchers Association dinner – 40 03 13a

Police Ball at Dorothy – 40 03 13b

Newmarket's Doric Cinema is presenting stage variety as an experiment and who could fail to respond to Nellie Wallace. Vivacious in spirit and outrageous in costume it was a very few moments before she had the house rocking. She sang of her mother's advice to look under the bed before putting the candle out and the trials and tribulation s of love-making on a bridge. It was glorious if at times a little naughty. Nellie is a queen at laughter making and no brighter or more popular music hall star could have headed this introduction to variety. During the interval the ever-interesting Movietone

news was screened. Newmarket fights shy of anything new and the audience was interested, but wary – 40 03 13b

Civil Servants evacuated to Cambridge opened their club at the Masonic Hall in Corn Exchange Street with a dance to the music of Dan Maskell's band. It is estimated that altogether there are a thousand of them in Cambridge and they are likely to remain for the duration of the war. The club is equipped with table tennis tables, darts boards and a game of skittles. There is a comfortable lounge, reading room and bar as well as a sewing machine and a small iron for the ladies. It is hoped to provide a snack bar at lunch time– 40 03 13c # c.45.7

Gurney's Bank history – 40 03 13d
Royston – more ARP shelters – 40 03 13e

1940 03 14
'Modern Hairdressing' – new ladies hair saloon and Stanwell Shoe Company, St Mary's Passage – 40 03 14a

1940 03 15 CIPof
Sacrifice for Finland. There can be few people (writes Watchman) who have made a greater sacrifice in this country for Finland's cause than Mr. R, E. Way, M.A., of Brinkley. Mr. Way has three farms at Burrough Green, Cambridgeshire, and keeps a number of thoroughbred mares at his Hall Stud there, and only recently he purchased a stallion named The Hour. Mr. Way was a familiar figure in the hunting field with the Newmarket and Thurlow Hounds, and his love for horses of all kinds is only equalled by his love for dogs; his large Irish wolfhound was usually to be seen with him when he was walking or riding round his land. Three years ago Mr Way started the Burgh herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle, which this year won several prizes at the agricultural shows. Keenly interested in all matters concerning the countryside, Mr Way was a member of the Newmarket Rural District Council and of various societies. Yet he willingly left all at a few hours' notice to go and join the British contingent of the International Volunteer Force which he regarded as a crusade. Previously he had been rejected for the British Army. Mr Way's employees have been watching the recent moves in the Finnish-Russian war with special interest and they are all hoping that the conclusion of hostilities will result in Mr Way's early return

Funeral of Two Brothers – Passing away within a few hours of each other Mr Bertram William James and Mr. William L. James, two brothers were laid to rest in Godmanchester parish churchyard on Friday Both were firemen of the borough and lived at Depden Farm on the London Road

Village College. At the invitation of Mr. Stanley Chivers, a number of old age pensioners foregathered in the common room at Impington Village College on Tuesday morning, when the Chairman explained the conditions under which they would be welcome to use the common room and with certain restriction the Institute premises adjoining. During the meeting the aggregate of the ages of these old age pensioners was taken. This amounted to 2,516 years, the average being 74, the youngest 65 and the oldest 85 40 03 15

1940 03 15 ES
Ely ARP test picture p7
Stretham: bankruptcy William Alfred Victor Pinion, garage proprietor p9

1940 03 16
Cottenham manual fire engine for demolition – photo – 40 03 16a # T.I. # Y.Cott
Crematorium chapel interior – adv – 40 03 16b # c.21.2
Cambridgeshire Permanent Benefit Building Society celebrates 90 years – 40 03 16c
Church parade of Suffolk Hussars, Gt St Mary's, 1913: photo – 40 03 16d # T.G.K13

1940 03 18
A few minutes after coming off A.R.P. duty at the N.I.A.B. on Huntingdon Road, a University worker was knocked down by a car and killed. He had been a member of staff for some years and taken special interest in vegetables, making contacts across the country. He had many interests and had become an air raid warden, work he did with his characteristic energy and enthusiasm. The fact that he was killed just as he was going off duty as a warden adds further poignancy to the tragic manner in which he died. – 40 03 18a

Cambridge Instrument Company's sports and social club will continue in spite of the heavy pressure of war, the annual dinner at the Dorothy heard. The numbers included fifty from the Muswell Hill branch and several members serving with the Forces. They organised whist drives and children's shows, the fishing club was going strong but the darts and rowing club had been hit because of the amount of overtime being worked. Cycle and tennis were well supported and the dramatic section had been busy rehearsing two plays. 40 03 18a

A new housing estate of 30 houses at Cherry Hinton had been designed and they had a long waiting list of tenants, the Cambridge Housing Society reported. But due to the outbreak of war the scheme cannot proceed. They had encouraged tenants to grow vegetables and gave vouchers for seeds, tools or fertiliser as well as the usual gift of seed potatoes. Many tenants spoil their rooms by using inferior distemper of unsuitable colours for re-decorating. Now they had a stock of good quality distemper at wholesale prices. – 40 03 18a

1940 03 20
Men who broke into Joshua Taylor's and Walden Cinema arrested at station – 40 03 20a

New hospital for Ely to deal with infectious diseases – 40 03 20a, b

Animals ARP centre organised by NARPAC – seven first-aid posts – 40 03 20c # c.19 # c.45.7

1940 03 21
A German refugee with a certificate of exemption from internment as a refugee from Nazi oppression told the court he'd arrived in Cambridge and given his address as Pink's Café, sleeping in Christ Church Street. He got a job as a car-hire driver at the 'Newtax' garage and moved to the Central Hotel. But he did not notify the change of address to the police within 48 hours; there was nothing secret about it, he had not had time. The man was fined under the aliens' regulation – 40 03 21a

Air raids on Cambridge improbable says Vice Chancellor – 40 03 21b

1940 03 22 CIPof
Father of Council. The Cambridgeshire County Council has lost its oldest member, not only in age, but in the number of years of service, by the death of Dr. Joseph Watson Ellis, who passed away suddenly early on Sunday afternoon. He had not been well for some weeks, and latterly had been confined to bed. Born at Swavesey on June 10, 1853, the son of the late Dr. Robert Sage Ellis, he was educated at Epsom and Hurstpierpoint, and at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. On becoming qualified as a medical man, he was for a time house surgeon at the Huntingdon County Hospital until in January, 1877, he succeeded to the late Dr. Darnell's practice at Swavesey, and was also medical officer for the district. He retired from practice in May, 1927. At Swavesey, at one time or another during his long life, he held practically every public office including those of churchwarden, parish councillor, Gallon's Charity feoffee and school manager. In politics he was a strong Conservative, and was chairman of the local Association. He was greatly interested in all forms of sport. In his younger days he was a keen cricketer, and up to last summer rarely ever missed an important match at Fenner's. It was in 1891 that he was first elected to the County Council, defeating Mr. G. Long in the Electoral division. In 1895 Mr. Long turned the tables, but it was only for three years, and Dr. Ellis was again elected in 1898, since which time he has served without a break. He was elected an Alderman on March 18, 1922. During the long service Dr.

Ellis was a member of the following committees: — Local Government, Maternity and Child Welfare, Public Health, Roads and Bridges and Standing Joint.

Honour for Land Girl. Miss Ruth Hill of St. Ives, was one of two Hunts, representatives of the Women's Land Army who were inspected by the Queen at Gold-smith's Hall, London.

Through Fire and Water. Increased expenditure for fire brigades was the reason given at Wednesday's meeting of the South Cambridgeshire Rural .District Council for a rise of 2½ d. in the amount of the rate for Rural District Council general purposes. As the County Council rate is 3d. less, the general increase in the amount required is only small.

1940 03 22 ES
Barrage balloon shot down at parson Drove p8

1940 03 23
Good Friday skipping – army take part – photo – 40 03 23 # V.F.

Planners discussed a proposal for 36 houses, a builder's yard, six shops and a hotel or cinema at the junction of Coldham's Lane and Cherry Hinton High Street. Under development plans a site had been set apart for shops in another part of Cherry Hinton and they were not prepared to allow a hotel or cinema opposite the church; that land must be retained as a housing site at eight to the acre. But they would allow a cinema or hotel on another portion of the site 40 03 23a

The problem dealing with soft roads in the fens to make highly productive agricultural land more accessible was again raised in the House of Commons. Many thousand acres are dependent for their crops for this season on decisions made now. But nearly the whole of the Isle of Ely was under the plough and the reason that more could not be done was that there was no grassland left to plough 40 03 23s

1940 03 26
There were a number of serious 'casualties' from a Bank Holiday 'air raid' on Cambridge. The realistic-looking 'wounds' of the 'injured' consisted only of grease-paint. High-explosive bombs on Jesus Green, Parker's Piece and Market Hill were supposed to have inflicted severe injuries. Experience gained from actual raids in Spain was made use of in determining the proportion of the various types of casualties. The 'wounded' were expertly and quickly dealt with by the A.R.P. first aid parties 40 03 26a

1940 03 27
Seaman Trevor Surkitt, the young Cambridge man who fought in H.M.S. Exeter at the battle of the River Plate was honoured at the Guildhall for the heroic part he played in the fighting. The presentation took the form of a statuette of a sailor holding a telescope and a silver cup. Seaman Surkitt, of Coldham's Lane, was the youngest seaman on board and was on duty through the battle in the one turret of the ship which was able to continue firing. But he declined to say anything about the action. 40 03 27a

Harry Coulson was a versatile sportsman. A baker and confectioner in Magdalene Street, he played for the Cassandra, Victoria and Camden Cricket clubs, was groundsman when the First Eastern General Hospital occupied Burrell's Walk and laid out the present King's and Clare ground at Barton Road.. He played billiards, won swimming championships, skated in the amateur championship and gained trophies on the running track. He also bred poultry and won championship cups at Crystal Palace 40 03 27a

1940 03 28
Miles Magister. Dived into ground, one killed, Fowlmere. E-H

1940 03 29
During the last winter they had been through four serious floods, and had not had the dangers they'd had in other years. The sluice keeper at Denver had never seen the water go through as fast as it had this year. But the banks are much stronger now than at any time within the memory of living man, H.G. Martin told the Ouse Catchment Board. If no pumping station was installed at Upware it would be necessary to raise the banks of the lodes by five feet and taking the settlement into consideration the costs of maintenance would be £4,000 pa. The pumping station would cost £5,000 and the existing banks would be topped. Previously the practice had been to pun in a puddle trench about six feet deep and to complete the lode banks on this basis would cost a further £5,500 40 03 29a

1940 03 29 CIPof
Married 50 Years. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Arthur Andrews, of 68, High Street, Great Shelford, celebrate their golden wedding today (Friday). Mr. Andrews has been a Forester and a member of the local Baptist Church for many years. The couple have had six sons and seven daughters (four sons were in the last war). There is one adopted daughter, and they have 26 grandchildren (three of them now in the Forces) and two great grandchildren.

Busy Easter. Cambridge had one of its busiest Easters for years. Shopkeepers and others who had occasion to frequent the centre of the town seem to be agreed that the crowds in the town were exceptionally large, and so great was the demand for Easter eggs that most confectioners had to report themselves sold out before Good Friday. 40 03 29

Alderman's Funeral. — The funeral of Aid. Dr. Joseph Watson Ellis, of Swavesey, "father" of the Cambs. County Council, took place on 'Thursday week at Swavesey Church. Dr. Ellis, who was 86 years of age, died on March 17. The funeral service was taken by the Rev. C. C. Dickson. A muffled peal was rung. The interment was in the churchyard.

Versatile Sportsman. Cambridge has lost one of its most versatile and best liked sportsmen by the death, which occurred on Monday in a nursing home, of Mr. Harry Coulson. He was 74 years of age and his home was at 16, Grantchester Road. The late Mr. Coulson was a native of Cambridge and in his early days was a baker and confectioner in Magdalene Street, and played for the Cassandra and Victoria Cricket Clubs. He went to Cheltenham College as a coach and after, two years there was coach at Bedford Grammar School for six years. He returned to Cambridge on being appointed groundsman at King's and Clare, a position he held for some 30 years. When he was appointed to the position the ground was on the site of the new University Library in Burrell's Walk, and during the time the ground was occupied by the 1st Eastern General Hospital, Mr. and Mrs. Coulson rendered valuable service by catering for the nurses. The present King's and Clare ground at Barton Road was laid out by Mr. Coulson. In his younger days he won fame as a cricketer when playing for Cambridgeshire. In a fortnight in 1909 he performed two remarkable bowling feats. Against Herts., at Hitchin, he took eight wickets for 13 runs, and then, at Newmarket, against Norfolk, he took eight wickets for only five runs. In commemoration of this accomplishment he was presented with a rose bowl. Mr. Coulson had many other sporting interests. He could make 80 and 90 breaks at billiards; he won the championship of the Cam; he skated in the amateur championship, and won trophies on the running track. He also used to breed poultry, and twice won championship cups at the Crystal Palace. Mr. and Mrs. Coulson celebrated their golden wedding in November, 1933. There are six daughters, all married. 40 03 29

1940 03 30
Edwin Turner Cottingham, the well-known maker of scientific time recorders, renovated the clock at Trinity College. This had a curious effect on the popular pastime of the undergraduates, who used to run round the quadrangle while the clock was striking twelve. In cleaning the clock he speeded up the striking and it was not until Lord Burghley, the champion hurdler, was up at University that the feat could be accomplished in the time. He also accompanied Prof A.S. Eddington on the British Eclipse Expedition of 1919. 40 03 30a

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note: The Looking Back column has been discontinued but I continue to scan for stories

1940 04 02
Farm workers are to receive a minimum pay rise to 42 shillings a week, a rise of five shillings, for a working week of 48 hours, 50 in summer. Wages of horsekeepers, cowmen and shepherds will also increase. Advertisements had appeared for a horse keeper at Chatteris for 44 shillings a week with garden and part coal found yet men working on aerodromes were getting 60 shillings. They would not get Irish labour and while they were grateful to the women who had come forward, they could not do what a skilled worker could. The rise was opposed by farmers who would go bankrupt as a result. 40 04 02a

Comberton soldier killed on sentry duty by backing lorry – 40 04 02a

1940 04 04
Chesterton Senior School football team photo – 40 04 04

1940 04 05
RAF troops march past King's chapel – photo – 40 04 05

In the event of an air raid bus drivers were to stop their buses immediately sirens were heard, in a wide thoroughfare or side street so as to allow fire engines and ambulances to pass. The passengers would be told to alight and directed to the nearest shelter. People in Sidney Street from Market Street to Christ's Lane and the northern end of Petty Cury could be directed to the Christ's Pieces shelters which will accommodate 600 – 40 04 05a

1940 04 05 CIPof
Farm Blaze. Prompt work by farmhands with pails of water and the speedy arrival of the Fire Brigade saved what would almost certainly have been a serious fire at Westfield Farm, Comberton, on Monday The outbreak occurred in a stockyard, where a quantity of straw and litter became ignited. A strong wind fanned the flames, but several employees and others threw pail after pail of water on them until the brigade arrived. With two deliveries from a pond nearby, the worst of the outbreak was soon quelled. Most of the fowls and pigs, which were kept in sheds in the yard, were removed to safety. The farm is owned by the Cambridgeshire County Council and tenanted by Mr. Eric Pryor.

Golden Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Coote, of High Street, Horningsea, celebrated their golden wedding on April 1. They have spent all their married life in Horningsea and have brought up a family of 10 children. Although 75 years of age, Mr. Coote, who served for many years on the Parish Council, still goes to work, and until recently was carrier for the village with his pony and cart.

Business Changes. Two well-known businesses, side by side in the main street (at Melbourn), changed hands last weekend. Mrs. A. R. Loomes, who has conducted a drapery business for 25 years, retired from it, but will continue to reside in the village. Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Cranfield also retired from the Post Office, newspaper and general stores, and they, too, will continue to live in Melbourn. Both businesses have been sold and are now under new management.

Recognition Services. A large congregation, including ministers and friends from neighbouring villages and Cambridge, attended the recognition services of Mr. S. J. Miller held at the Old Baptist Chapel, Willingham, on Thursday week.

1940 04 05 ES
Soldiers' canteen to open in former Temperance Hotel, Ely p7

1940 04 06
Evacuees' birthday party – photo – 40 04 06
Volunteer Fire Brigade parade Coronation King George V, 1910 – photo – 40 04 06a # T. # S

1940 04 08
"Animal War Guard, National A.R.P. for animals" – N.A.R.P.A.C. register animals so in event of animal getting lost its owner can be informed – 40 04 08a # c.45.7 # c.19

1940 04 09
Airmen marching in Regent Street wearing gas masks – photo – 40 04 09 # T.FG. # S.

George Charles Pope, street musician – has gramophone and wheelbarrow in East Road area, marries – 40 04 09a # c.69

1940 04 10
Cherry Hinton ARP wardens vote against black-out patrols – 40 04 10c & d

Comforts for troop fund meeting – 40 04 10c & d

1940 04 11
Teversham blacksmith instruct trainee blacksmiths – photo – 40 04 11 # Y. # PC.Bla

Airmen at drill, New Square – photo – 40 04 11a

Homeless in air raids – material to be kept in County Infirmary – 40 04 11a, b

Provision for people rendered homeless by air raids – to use Labour Hall, Romsey Town, Beaconsfield Hall, Houghton Hall and others – 40 04 11b # c.45.7

1940 04 12
Harold Elwood, Stretham and Edgar Stevens stored petrol without licences – 40 04 12a

Railway station fire in book room of Loco Running Superintendent's office, records destroyed – 40 04 12b

Congregational Union retirement Rev Chapple & Rev Williams – used to travel round on bicycles – 40 04 12c & d

1940 04 12 ES
Review of Ely wardens' service
Prickwillow: review of warden activities p3

1940 04 15
Huntingdon High Street serious fire Murkitt, motor engineers – 40 04 15a

1940 04 16
If a raid should come – ARP plan for animals – 40 04 16b
When evacuees came – Hunts educational upheaval – 40 04 16b

1940 04 17
Masters Printers in for lean time with paper rationing – 40 04 17a

1940 04 18
White lines on roads now put down with machine – photo – 40 04 18
Bartlow cottage which used as Naafi showed light at night – 40 04 18a

1940 04 19
Waste material collects in Cambridge being compressed at Newmarket Road dump & turned into handy bales – photo – 40 04 19a # c.21.15

Meat sent to rural butchers 'unfit for human consumption', salvaging scrap – 40 04 19b

1940 04 19 CIPof
College Master's Death. Mr. Arthur Gray, Master of Jesus College since 1912, died at the Lodge, there on Friday night at the age of 88. Mr. Gray first entered the college as an undergraduate and had held various college positions. He was a former president of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society and had written books on the history of his college, of the university and of the town.

Eeling at Bottisham Locks. In a recent issue (March 22), writes Watchman, reference was made to a possible revival of a once important Fenland industry, namely eel fishing. A correspondent, who, about 70 years ago was born and reared within a mile of Bottisham Locks, once a famous place on the Cam for eels, is reminded of some interesting happenings and of' an eel pie business there. About a century ago, the keeper of the locks was old William Robinson, who lived in a little cottage opposite the sluice gates with his wife and daughter. And he was one of the most famous, eelers of his time, working not only on the Cam, but also along the lode that runs from Bottisham to the locks on the main stream. He rarely used an eel fork or spear for catching eels, preferring the "eel-set" (snare) or eel-buck (trap), a kind of wicker tunnel closed at one end. The old lock keeper caught more eels than he could comfortably dispose of alive, and this led to the making of two penny eel pies by his wife and daughter. On certain evenings the old fellow would go into Waterbeach village and at the Sun, Rose and Crown, Dog and Duck, Travellers' Rest, and other taverns marketed his wares. The fame of Robinson's eel pies, reached Cambridge, but before a branch business or "round" could be established in the town, the famous old eel catcher died and the business came to an end. According to my correspondent, who often discussed the eel trade with other eelers at the locks, the: female eel is "very tasty, very sweet" and far better than the male of the species, the male being smaller and tougher than the female. CIPof 19 Apr 1940

A Sister's Birthday. — A Melbourn correspondent writes: It is of course, not unusual for sisters to meet and celebrate a birthday, but an event in the village seems, to call for special mention. One of the inhabitants had her 79th birthday one day last week and she invited her two sisters to tea; one of them was 84 years of age and the other 77years. The; combined ages thus amounted to 240 years

1940 04 19 ES
Two Ely men in sea battler with Scharnhorst p7 & 26th p7
Picture: London Jews school play p7

1940 04 20
L.H. Gawthrop in consular service Norway not heard off since German invasion – 40 04 20a

Abington Pigotts thatched cottages destroyed by blaze – 40 04 20a

C.D.N. receives only 30% usual paper, changes to eight smaller pages in place of present four large ones – 40 04 20b # c.04

Tut-ankh-amen rag – photo – 40 04 20 # V.WP

1940 04 22
Chesterton St Andrew's Church chapel and organ restored – 40 04 22
Alfred Court Haddon, anthropologist dies – 40 04 22a

1940 04 23

Arrington farmers dispute results in one drilling wheat on land the other had prepared for Brussels sprouts – 40 04 23

1940 04 24
Schools unsatisfactory due temperature – 40 04 24a

Cambridge Brick Co (1937) formed in April 1937 to take over business carried on by Cambridgeshire Brick Co; reconstructed and modernised works, adding new plant but hit by outbreak of war – 40 04 24b # c.23

St Ives old cattle market transformed with covered-in ring; had been opened 1886 when farmers hardier than today – 40 04 24c

1940 04 25
Sign of times – fruitier appeal for paper bags – photo – 40 04 25

When parents of illegitimate children of serving men are willing the Cambridge Soldiers', Sailors & Airmen's Families Association endeavours to get them adopted – 40 04 25b # c.45.7

1940 04 26
Geographical students engaged in survey work on Midsummer Common – photo – 40 04 26

New drainage engine to be installed at Oxlode and oil engine should take the place of the Hundred Foot steam engine. Grunty Fen drainage to be improved meaning water comes at faster rate. A new engine at Oxlode would pump straight into the Hundred Foot and save it going 12-13 miles. Steam engine was extravagant; £378 spent on coal for 316 hours of work – 40 04 26a # c.29

1940 04 26 ES
Ely distribute 200 babies respirators
Air raid precautions for animals p5
Motor cycle ARP messengers p7
Picture: Ely waste paper salvage lorry p7
Stretham: Tim Caswell arrested as deserter, although had not received call-up papers

1940 04 27
Conscientious objector refused to join the R.A.M.C. but willing to join a Friends' ambulance unit; students also appeal – 40 04 27

Death Sergt-Pilot Peter William Robertson, left CDN Process Department to become civil flying instructor; killed in accident – 40 04 27a

How news covered Waterloo & Trafalgar 40 04 27b

Play The Seven Deadly Virtues' by Hugh Ross Williamson takes place opposite Trinity – 40 04 27b # c.76

First World War snowman – photo – 40 04 27b

Church people should befriend lonely soldiers in the A.A. unites near them – 40 04 27c

1940 04 30
Ely Parsons Charity almshouses – tablet in the tower unveiled – 40 04 30

Reach fair comprised one sweet stall, lunch cancelled – 40 04 30 # c.27.31

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1940 05 02
Dr Alex Wood, chairman of Peace Pledge Union summoned for publications and posters – 40 05 02

St John's choirboys ascend chapel for Ascension Day service while airmen wearing gas masks marched below – 40 05 02a # c.39

1940 05 03 CIPof
Presentation. In making a presentation on Tuesday to Mr. F. Bunnett (former Chief Sanitary Inspector), on behalf of Chesterton Rural Council, Capt. R. S. Hicks said he would be glad for Mr. Bunnett to succeed him as representative of Great Wilbraham and become one of the council. Captain Hicks spoke highly of Mr. Bunnett's knowledge and common sense and prophesied that if Mr. Bunnett did join the council, it would not be long before he reached the chair. The presentation took the form of an illuminated address signed by members of the council, and it was given in recognition of Mr. Bunnett's 38 years' work as sanitary inspector, from which position he retired in September last.

New Evacuees. Tuesday's .meeting of the Chesterton Rural District Council, Mr. E. B. Newman, who is chief Billeting Officer, reported that the council had been asked to prepare to receive 2,000 additional evacuated schoolchildren if air raids developed. Of 10,000 leaflets sent to householders, 368 replies had been received, 60 of these from people unable or unwilling to receive evacuees. He suggested the council should press the Ministry of Health to reduce the number to the district to 1,500. On the proposition o-f Mrs. Bennett, who spoke highly of the way the people of Histon and Impington looked after the evacuees, the matter was referred to the committee, with a recommendation that the figure should not be more than 1,000.

Almost a departed glory.When the Mayor and Corporation of Cambridge visited Reach on Monday, it was found that the fair consisted of one sweet stall. Owing to the petrol restrictions, the Mayoral party was much smaller than usual, and the lunch in the village schoolroom was also cancelled. Apart from these differences, the procedure followed the usual lines. The Town Clerk (Mr. C. H. Kemp) read the proclamation at two places in the village and: new pennies were distributed in the villages en route. Several of the visitors made purchases at the "fair" and went up on to the bank before returning home. # c.27.31

Visit of the Duchess of Gloucester. The Duchess of Gloucester paid a private visit to Huntingdon on Friday, and inspected headquarters of the W.V.S., the Central workrooms, the Edwards Home for children and other places in the district. The Duchess appeared pleased with all she saw.

A Centuries-old ceremony. The ancient ceremony, known locally as "walking the causey" (causeway) was solemnly carried out (at Barrington) last Sunday. The ceremony, which is said to date from time immemorial, is closely allied to that known as "Beating the bounds." The Barrington beater, however, operates only upon the village green (an area of nearly 30 acres) and not around the parish boundary, as is customary in some places. Barrington's official "walker" is now Mr. Fred Patman, and a few minutes after ten o'clock on Sunday morning he appeared clad in a frock coat, gorgeous waistcoat and a silk "topper," carrying a sword, said to be Roman, and a monster bell, gagged this year because of wartime conditions and ARP conditions about bell-ringing. Starting from the south-western end of the green, he walked with stately stride along the old cobbled pathway across the green to the church, making "official" proclamations en route, and knocking at the door of an old thatched house, once the town hall, but now renovated and a private residence, his progress towards the church being witnessed by many villagers. Among the visiting spectators this year were Mr. Jubal Howard Howard, and Mr. P. R. Salmon, of Melbourn, students of local history and folklore 40 05 03 # c.39

1940 05 04
Corporation dustcarts have bins for food scraps for pigs; emptied at dump from which is ready sale – 40 05 04 # c.21.15 # PC.Dus

Corn Exchange Wall has notice 'Headquarters, The Queens' from when Regiment billeted there – photo – 40 05 04a # S.1914

E.T. King memories from France of Café du Chalet where Cambs Reg based 1915 with electric wiring made for footlights of the Cantabs concert party; landlady has cutting from 1916; other memories – 40 05 04a # c.45.5

Silver Street Bridge closed to buses as foundations unsafe – 40 05 04b # c.44.75

1940 05 06
A.R.P. shelters are now complete – 40 05 06

1940 05 07
Ambulance protest against condition of traffic lights at Castle Hill junction – sun light means cannot see what colour they are; several accidents – 40 05 07 # c.26.48

Steeple Morden stack blaze – 40 05 07a

1940 05 08
Isle County Council to dispense with services of teachers in elementary school who registered as conscientious objectors – 40 05 08

1940 05 09
Alex Wood in court over Peace Pledge Union poster urging men not to fight – 40 05 09 # c.45.7

Fordson Tractors advertisement features WWI U-Boats- 40 05 09a

1940 05 10
Sunday cinema opening vetoed – 40 05 10

1940 05 10 CIPof
Re-elected.—Ald. A. R. Fordham, as chairman, and Ald. W. J. Taylor, as vice-chairman, were unanimously re-elected at the annual meeting of the Cambs. County Council on Saturday.

Sunday Cinemas issue.—After a long debate, Cambridge Town Council on Thursday rejected a recommendation that steps be taken to enable cinemas to be opened in Cambridge on Sundays. The recommendation was made by the Watch Committee following the receipt of a certificate from the competent service authority that the cinemas should be opened. Sixteen voted for the recommendation and 20 against # c.76.9

King Charles II at Newmarket. - Mr. Donald Dale, of Chesterton Road, Cambridge, in a letter to Watchman, refers to King Charles II's association with Newmarket, stating: The racecourse at Newmarket was one of Charles II's favourite resorts. Horse racing, indeed, was the most popular pastime of the Court, or nearly so ... In one of his poems, my Lord of Rochester refers to "Dragon," "Darcy" and "Gee," and these names would appear to refer to racehorses, the training of which was a pastime of many noblemen and the King himself. In October, 1680, Samuel Pepys, Prince of Naval Administrators and Diarist, was with the Court at Newmarket, taking down in shorthand (Shelton's tachgraphy) from the King's own lips the story of his escape after the battle of Worcester. The manuscript in longhand, is now in the Pepysian Library at Magdalene College. "I cannot tell whether the Rowley Mile is named after the Merry Monarch's nickname (Old Rowley) . . ." he says.

Ely Theological College Principal.—The Rt. Rev. Bishop Walter J. Carey, D.D., Chaplain of Eastbourne College, has, I learn, accepted the Bishop of Ely's invitation to become Principal of Ely Theological College in succession to the late Canon C. J. Smith (writes Watchman). The new Principal will also be installed as a Canon of; the Cathedral. Dr. Carey returns to Ely, for in 1898 he was a student at the college. He also had a well varied career. An Oxford man, he was in charge of the Church of Ascension, Lavender Hill, London, and Librarian of Pusey House, Oxford, from 1908 to 1917. Two years later he was appointed warden to Lincoln Theological College, and in 1921 he was consecrated Bishop of Bloemfontein, South Africa. He retired in 1934, and later took up office as secretary of the S.P.G., later accepting the position as chaplain at Eastbourne. During the last war he was chaplain in the Navy

1940 05 10 ES
Conscientious objector teachers not to be employed p5
Prickwillow: picture : Adelaide girl guides p7

1940 05 13
Railway train collision near Long Road bridge, goods wagon derailed and hit by passenger train – 40 05 13 # c.26.2

Large number of male enemy aliens rounded-up – German and Austrians aged 16-60; t\ken to internment camp. A number of university men, including Fellows. All other male aliens to report daily to police station, not use car or bicycle or be out after 8pm – 40 05 13a # c.45.7

1940 05 15
'Germans Suffer Enormous Losses' … Dunkirk; rush to join LDV photo – 40 05 15, a # c.45.7

Anti-parachutist corps of LDV – rush to join – 40 05 15b # c.45.7

1940 05 15
Wellington. Crash landed after hitting tree, Bassingbourn. E-H

1940 05 16
Body found hanging in tree, Teversham – hanged – 40 05 16

Appeal for women to join WAAFs – photo – 40 05 16 # c.45.7

1940 05 17
Cambridge Building Material Supply Co started by Charles Lovell Naylor in 1930; built considerable number of houses in Scotland Road and King's Hedges Road and sold all bar five. But problems at outbreak of war lead insolvency. Bought Rendezvous in 1930 and rebuilt it 1931 after fire. He lost £2,000 over fire. In 1935 a limited liability company took over the cinema but sold it again because of his ill health – 40 05 17 # c.23 # c.76.9

Undergraduate fired blanks from starting pistol in Round Church Street – 40 05 17a

1940 05 17 CIPof
Driver Saves Train. The driver of the 5.31 p.m. passenger train from Cambridge to King's Cross averted a serious accident near the Long Road Bridge on Saturday, when some goods wagons became derailed across the passenger train's path. Rapidly applying his brakes, he brought the train to a standstill just as it touched one of the wagons. Its four leading wheels were derailed, but neither passengers nor train crew were hurt. The only injuries were those sustained by Driver Johnson and Fireman Layton, of the goods engine, which also became derailed. Johnson sustained a bruised shoulder and Layton burned his hands. The goods train, which was on a loop line adjacent to the main line and was travelling in the same direction as the passenger train, was derailed by a pair of safety points designed to prevent any train from the loop line entering the main line when the

line has been signalled as clear and some dozen trucks came off the rails blocking both the up and down main lines. The front of the passenger train ploughed ten or 12ft. into one of the waggons before coming to rest. The goods engine fell on its side, and the driver and fireman scrambled clear # c.26.2

Enemy Aliens Rounded Up. A large number of male enemy aliens who come within the scope of the provisions of a new Home Office order were rounded up at Cambridge. In Cambridge the round-up was carried out by members of the Borough Police in plain clothes. The procedure adopted was for the police to go in cars to the homes of the men affected and ask them to go to the police station. From there they were taken to the Guildhall. Before being conveyed by bus to internment camps, they were allowed to go home, accompanied by the police, to collect clothes and other personal belongings. A number of University men, including Fellows of colleges, were among those dealt with. Four brothers and a man, who will be 60 in a fortnight, were other cases. In several instances, aliens who were out when police called, went voluntarily to the police station. # c.45.7

1940 05 17 ES
"Dead" soldier returns, name on Wimblington war memorial p4
Enemy aliens interned, 6 from Isle
German offensive launched p9

1940 05 18
First aid for your pets lecture – 40 05 18

1940 05 21
"Allies stemming German onrush" headline – 40 05 21

1940 05 22
Cambridgeshire Regiment troops 1915 – photo – 40 05 22

Rev Henry Darlow, rector Shepreth & Barrington dies – 40 05 22a

Fenstanton King William IV sick & share out club – landlord charged fraud – 40 05 22b

Ely decide not use Grange for additional infectious diseases hospital – 40 05 22c

1940 05 23
National Defence Corps on duty for first time; full guard in the new uniform and equipped with riddles patrolled Gas Works – 40 05 23 # c.45.7

1940 05 24 CIPof
Roast Pork. Eleven fat pigs were roasted alive and 11 more were severely burnt that they had to be destroyed after fire had broken out in a piggery at Longstanton on Saturday night. Over 100 chicks were also destroyed. The sties were burnt to the ground. Two brooders - which are believed to have caused the fire - were similarly burnt out. The pigs were owned by Mr. Thomas Henry Hazel, a smallholder. Neighbours and police attempted to quell the outbreak by forming a bucket chain from nearby pumps to the scene of the blaze. Mr. Hazel opened the doors of the sties to let the pigs escape and when they were afterwards rounded up many were found to be too badly burned to live. The fire was first noticed about midnight by a railway signalman.

Retirement After 19 Years. — Mr. P. J. Squires has retired from the office of secretary of the Ruri-Decanal Conference of the Cambridge Deanery after 19 years' work. Mr. H. E. F. Pateman has been appointed his successor.

Pastor Dies.— The villages of Shepreth and Barrington have suffered a great loss by the death on the 16th inst, of the Rev. Henry Darlow, their Congregational pastor. Mr. Darlow conducted a meeting at the Shepreth church that evening and died shortly afterwards at his home. In spite of his advanced years — he was 78 — he had been remarkably active and every Sunday he used to walk from Shepreth to Barrington, where he had held the pastorate for the past 17 years. Mr. Darlow's influence for good in the village of Shepreth began with his appointment as headmaster of the school. He continued in this office for 29 years and during the period he won the affection of the young people of the village to such an extent that when 21 years ago, he took the oversight of the church, his ministry could scarcely have been other than a successful one. His devoted service was soon recognised by his fellow ministers and churchmen over a wide area, and he had been elected to the chair of the Cambs. Congregational Union. 40 05 24

1940 05 24 ES
Ely CAB opens p7
Stretham: nurse Lowe of Haddenham - her record p7

1940 05 25
"Nazis drop bombs in East Anglia"- Essex – 40 05 25

Land Army recruiting drive; Cambridge recruiting centre – photo – 40 05 25a # c.45.7

Steeple Morden barn destroyed Coldharbour Farm – 40 05 25a

1940 05 28
Eastern Counties Bus company introduce conductresses; pictures of Mrs E. Maskell as conductress and Ortona bus, 1916 – 40 05 28

1940 05 29
Oscar Borer, Engineer to Ouse Catchment Board had wireless apparatus in car – 40 05 29

1940 05 31
"Troops pour back from Flanders" … continue to hold Dunkirk – headlines – 40 05 31

A.R.P. for pets – photo – 40 05 31a

Joan Metcalfe gives first of open air concerts 'War time tonics', Christ's Pieces – 40 05 31a

1940 05 31 ES
Stretham: Women's Institute combine with Ely for meeting p3
London Mayor visits Soham evacuees p3; picture 31st p10
Isle ARP emergency cmte given full power p5
Stretham ARP to demonstrate incendiary bomb & use gas mask

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1940 06 01
"More shiploads of troops arrive… rear-guard en reach Dunkirk – headlines – 40 06 01

Swastikas painted on shops by students – 40 06 01aa # c.45.7

Road signs removed – photo – 40 06 01aa

Undergraduates leave ten days before normal end of term so can do work of importance rather than have social time – 40 06 01bb # c.36.9

1940 06 03
Nazis shell and bomb Dunkirk, drop bombs Essex – headlines – 40 06 03

Willingham assault – 40 06 03a

1940 06 04
John William Scott manager of the CDN Photographic and Engraving Department has died. During the war he served in the Royal Flying Corps in Mesopotamia. On returning to Cambridge he worked with his father as a member of the firm of Scott & Wilkinson and did occasional photographic work for the Cambridge Daily News. He was also the official police photographer for a number of years. When the CDN was re-organised in 1929 he was asked to take control of the Photographic and Engraving Department and he managed a rapidly expanding branch of the papers activities with conspicuous success.– 40 06 04 # c.65.5 # c.04

1940 06 05
St Giles church railings removed – photo – 40 06 05 # M.Gil.K40

1940 06 06
National Savings Campaign indicator, Post Office – photo – 40 06 06
Alex Wood & pacifists to withdraw poster – 40 06 06a

1940 06 06
Wellington. Crash landed, six killed, near Ely. E-H

1940 06 07
Biggest night of air raid alarms include Cambs – headlines – 40 06 07
May Week madrigals – photo – 40 06 07a

1940 06 07 CIPof
Brotherhood Member.We have to record the death of Mr. Ernest Porter, who passed away suddenly at his home at Histon on May 31, aged 80 years. For many years the late Mr. Porter resided in Jesus Lane, Cambridge, and was on the committee of the Cambridge and District Brotherhood and Sisterhood, and was literary secretary of the same movement. He was also an honorary member of the St. Audrey Lodge of Freemasons. A native of Ely, he was a brother of the late Mr. Holland Rose Porter, of Stretham, and of the late Mrs. Granger, of Vineyard House, Ely. His wife was a daughter of the late Mr. William Sennitt.

R.A.F. Man's Rescue. A Royal Air Force man, Cpl. R. A. Laxton, effected a river rescue at Cambridge on Sunday afternoon. Seeing a man in the water, near the Fen Causeway Bridge, he dived in from the bank and brought him to safety. It is understood that the man, Mr. P. C. Phillips, of Milton Road (Cambridge), had fallen into the water from a punt. 40 06 07

Former Rector of Willingham— News has reached Willingham (writes "Watchman) of the death of a former Rector, the Rev. A. Campbell Hair, M.A., which took place suddenly at Lyme Regis. Canon Hair had recently undergone an operation, from the effects of which he appeared to be recovering. The end came unexpectedly on Tuesday. He is survived by his daughter, Miss Joan Hair. Canon Hair succeeded the Rev. C. H. Crossley, M.A., as Rector of Willingham in October, 1922, and resigned in October, 1936. For some years he acted as Rural Dean of North Stowe.

Retirement.—After close on 50 years' service with the Cambridge Electric Supply Company, during which he worked his way up to be secretary and chief accountant, Mr. J. H. Taylor has just retired. Born in Cambridge, Mr. Taylor began work with the company when it was first formed in 1892. He was actually on the staff before the first power station was built. "Nine years later he became secretary, an office which he has held for the past 39 years. To mark his retirement, a presentation has been made to him. # c.24.6

1949 06 07 ES
Epic of Dunkirk withdrawal p5
Stretham School closed so elder children help singling beet; councillor Bayliss wants check make sure they do
Home Front meeting on recreation ground - carry gas mask etc
Stretham ARP pass exam; shown how to deal with incendiary bomb in Red Lion inn yard & gas in cloakroom Infants school

1940 06 07
Defiant. Engine failed and abandoned, two baled out over Linton. E-

1940 06 08
Local Information Committees suggested to circulate reliable news in an emergency – but this is role of newspapers – 40 06 08 –# c.04

1940 06 11
Defiant. Stalled on landing, one killed, one injured, Duxford. E-H

1940 06 12
Stretham evacuee killed – Gerald Cohen, staying Mrs Albert Holiday; inquest at Red Lion – 40 06 12a

Hadstock man had sub-machine gun – 40 06 12b

1940 06 14 CIPof
More Conscription Sought. St. Ives Town Council, at its meeting on Thursday, decided to support a resolution from the Romford Council, urging upon the Government the need of conscription for all men between the ages of 18 and 55, in order that A.R.P. and other services should obtain much needed support. Emphasis was laid on the need for more recruits for the A.F.S.

Land in Trust. Mr. Henry Clement Francis, of Burleigh House, Newmarket Road, Cambridge, who died on February 13 last, aged 83 years left gross estate of the value of £33,512 13s. 2d., with net personality £30,614 17s. 11d. Testator left Freehold land in the parish of Fen Ditton, now used by the Abbey United Football Club, to the Vicar of Fen Ditton and the Mayor of Cambridge, in trust to be used for football and for grazing and dancing, and if no longer required for those purposes, to sell the ground, and one half of the proceeds to be given to the Cambridge and District Nurses and one half to the Abbey Church. # c.38 : football

Italians Detained. Cambridge Borough Police began a round-up of Italian subjects in the town immediately after news of Italy's entry into the war on Monday. Activity continued next morning and altogether about a dozen were detained. About half are members of the University and the remainder shop assistants. They have left Cambridge for an internment camp. It is understood that there are none in the county. 40 06 14 # c.45.7

Dunkirk Experiences. The village has accorded a warm welcome to Pte. Ernest Marshall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marshall, of Barton Road, Comberton, who returned home during this week for a few days' leave after a thrilling experience during the withdrawal of the troops from Dunkirk. Relating his experiences, Pte. Marshall said they were about five miles from Dunkirk when orders were received to make for the coast, and to take to the boats as they became available. Reaching the coast at daybreak, they waded in the water up to their armpits in a vain attempt to board a boat, but every boat was already filled to its utmost capacity. Still undismayed, although shells were bursting continuously around them, they decided to return to the shore, and make their way along the coast in the direction of Dunkirk. That five-mile journey Pte. Marshall described as one of living torture. Numerous bombers were hovering overhead, dropping their deadly bombs around them, and heavy

shellfire added to their discomfort. By lying flat on the ground and snatching every effort to proceed during a brief lull in the attack, he and his comrades, after seven long hours, eventually reached Dunkirk, where they boarded a boat, which, in spite of heavy enemy attack, landed them safely in England. 40 06 14 # c.45.7

1940 06 14 ES
Haddenham soldiers in BEF wounded
Stretham: evacuee killed - ran across Ely road; foster mother Mrs Albert G Holliday

1940 06 15
County to sack conscientious objector teachers – 40 06 15 # c.36.5 # c.45.7

1940 06 17
France gives up the battle – headline – 40 06 17

1940 06 19
Twelve killed in big raids on England. 100 German bombers engaged. 12 civilians, including five children were killed and many others injured as Germany opened its direct war on Britain during the night with extensive raids over East of England. Nine people were killed when bombs hit a row of cottages in a working-class district of a town in Cambridgeshire during last night's air raid. A baby girl aged five months was killed in her cradle. The mother and father were rescued from the wreckage. A mother, father and baby boy of two were killed in another of the cottages. A boy of six died in hospital. Those who went to the scene of the bombing paid tribute to the morale of the neighbourhood. There was no sign whatever of any panic. A.R.P. services went into operation smoothly and efficiently. The A.F.S. speedily dealt with small outbreaks of fires and rescue and demolition parties removed most of the injured in a very short time. The man whose baby was killed, said that when the siren went he and his wife took their child downstairs where they remained for 15 minutes, and then thinking it was a false alarm went back to bed. "It was lucky we did because if we had remained downstairs we should certainly all have been killed, as the room in which we had been sitting was completely wrecked. My wife and I were lying in bed, with our baby in the cot beside us. There was a whistle and a boom and wreckage fell across me. I managed partly to protect my wife and I calmed her and then waited until I heard voices. I felt somebody stand on the wreckage which was pinning my shoulder. I pushed by hand up and wiggled my fingers to attract attention. Helpers then moved the wreckage from my wife and myself. I was only scratched, my wife was bruised but my little daughter was killed in her cradle." A family who lived in the house next to that in which a mother, father and child were killed, had a remarkable escape. That are five members of this family. A son, told a reporter that they were sitting in a downstairs room with their backs to the stairs when the bombs fell. "Wreckage found around us and the light went out. I pushed at the door at the bottom of the stairs and it opened sufficiently to allow me to get upstairs. Wreckage, however, blocked the way. I pushed a piece of board and saw a shaft of light. I thought the light was on in the room above and was about to climb through to put it out when I suddenly realised that what I could see was the moon. The room above had been blown away. I made the gap in the wreckage a little larger and helped out the rest of my family. Had we stayed in bed instead of getting up when the siren sounded we should undoubtedly have been killed. "My sister who is to be married on Saturday lost her trousseau which was in a wardrobe now buried in wreckage. It was one she had made herself which makes it all the harder for her as she still intends to get married on the day fixed". Slates and chimney pots were blown off houses in the vicinity, but a church, which is about 30 yards away from the scene of the explosion was undamaged. Not even a pane of glass was cracked. An evacuee girl of about 12 years of age was amongst those taken to hospital. One man escaped unhurt, though his two children were killed. The sister of one of the girls who is dead owes her life to the fact that she was sleeping with another woman to keep her company. A rabbit in the hutch of a garden of one of the houses was recovered from beneath the wreckage none the worse for its ordeal. Broken timber and rubble of every kind is all that is left today at the house is which stood in a row. It was late last night when the bombs were dropped on the poorest part of the town demolishing eight of the little grey-bricked dwellings. The thud of the bombs was felt for some distance around. Windows in nearby houses were

broken and roofs and chimneys of others smashed. One woman in a house nearby was blown off her seat. It is a district of narrow and congested streets and it is surprising there were not far great number of casualties. Today, after the ARP demolition squad had gone home their place was taken by Council workmen. They hacked through the debris, finding bits of broken furniture and household goods as well as stacking up bricks and pieces of timber. Household property was taken into the nearby Vicarage to be sorted out. Amongst the articles taken from one house was a clothes-horse full of washing and still almost spotlessly clean. Lying amid the wreckage of another house, a canary was discovered by demolition workers six hours after the houses have been brought to the ground and it chirruped merrily as it was taken away in a cage. Children's toys and a book of nursery rhymes were in evidence amongst the rubble – grim reminders of the little regard Nazi Germany, has for women and children. A demolition worker told a reported: "One man and his wife had the most miraculous escape. When we were one the scene we found them surrounded by rubble; in fact they were half-buried by it, still wrapped up in their bedclothes" One man said that cries had been heard coming from part of a house. Buried beneath the bricks and masonry was a chair in which a lady had been sitting. She was trapped there in a semi-conscious condition. A tunnel was made beneath the rubbish and a soldier crawled into it and held the chair while workers made frantic efforts to fasten a rope around it. He was there for three hours before they were successful and she was rescued badly injured. A tribute to the work of AARP services was paid by the Eastern Regional Commissioner Sir Will Spens. – 40 06 19, 19a, 19e # c.45.7
Nazi airmen descended by parachute after Heinkel destroyed by fighter watched by Cambs people – 40 06 19b # c.45.7
Extensive raids over Eastern England – 40 06 19c # c.45.7
Tenison Road old gun to be disposed for scrap – photo – 40 06 19d # c.45.7
Last night's raid casualties listed – Vicarage Terrace; learning to tackle fires – Chesterton ladies with stirrup pump photo – 40 06 19e, f, g, h, i # c.45.7

1940 06 19
Blenheim. Hit by return fire from Heinkel He 111, one killed, near Fulbourn. E-H

1940 06 19
Spitfire, Hit by return fire from Heinkel Hel 11, one injured, near Fulbourn. E-H

1940 06 19
Heinkel. Shot down by the above Spitfire and Blenheim, one killed, one injured, two uninjured, Fleam Dyke, Fulbourn. E-H

1940 06 20
Over 100 bombers in biggest raid – headlines – 40 06 20
Wreckage of houses Vicarage Terrace – photo – 40 06 20a # B.Vica.K40
More air-raid shelters approved for Newmarket Road similar to those on Christ's Pieces – 40 06 20b
Why school shelters are not open – 40 06 20c

1940 06 21
Shot down in Cambs – German plane – photo – 40 06 21a

1940 06 21 CIPof
Nine die in raid. Nine people were killed when bombs hit a row of cottages in a working class district of a town in Cambridgeshire during Tuesday night's air raid over East Anglia. A baby girl aged five months was killed in her cradle. The mother and father were rescued from the wreckage. A mother, father and baby boy of two were killed in another of the cottages. A boy of six died in hospital. An eye-witness who saw an enemy plane brought down in Cambridgeshire, said that the machine was caught in the beam of a searchlight. (It may now be said that the cottages mentioned were in Vicarage Terrace off Norfolk Street. Cambridge)

Shot Down Eight Aircraft. In the list of R.A.F. awards published on Saturday appeared the name of Flight Lt. Nicholas Gresham Cooke son of the late Mr Arthur Cooke and of Coun. Mrs. Cooke. He receives the Distinguished Flying Cross. The official notice stated: "This officer, acting as flight leader, was responsible for shooting down eight enemy aircraft during two patrols". Mr. Cooke, who has held a commission in the Royal Air Force for the past five years, is now reported missing. He was educated at Marlborough and Trinity College, Cambridge and represented the University in sailing. With Mr. Peter E Scott, he represented England in 1934 in sailing against Canada. In 1938 he represented the R.A.F. in bob sleighing.

Fair Cancelled. It was an announced at the start of Thursday's meeting of the Cambridge Town Council that Midsummer Fair will not be held. Making the announcement, the Mayor (Coun. W.J. Wing) stated that up to a day or two ago it had been decided that the fair should be held, so that the people might make a little money. "But, considering what has happened recently," he added, "it has been felt that it would be unwise to hold this fair". That decision, which has the support of the Regional Commissioner, is also supported by an address from residents in the vicinity of the Common It has been decided, therefore, that we shall not hold the fair 40 06 21 # c.45.7 # c.27.31

Death of Mr. C. G. Worledge. A circle of friends over a wide area will learn with regret of the death of Mr. Charles George Worledge which occurred at the home of his son at Leamington Spa. Mr Worledge, who was 80 years of age, left Cambridge only about three months ago. Born in Essex, Mr. Worledge was associated with the firm of Messrs. Hallack and Bond as a commercial traveller for well over 36 years. Before coming to Cambridge, he travelled for a Saffron Walden firm. He had a long association with the Odd Fellows and was Past Grand of Earl Fitzwilliam Lodge and a member of the Henry Ratcliffe Lodge of Past Grands. An ardent lover of cricket, he was a familiar figure at Fenner's and up to last season acted as scorer for Camden Cricket Club for about 10 years. In his early days he was a playing member of the Rickling Green, club

1940 06 21ES
Church bells not to be rung p3
France unable to continue, Britain to wage war p4
Picture: war savings, Ely p5
Stretham soldier killed, Pte Matthew William Bidwell, Further farm p5
Stretham Parish council to purchase stirrup pumps, establish iron dump

1940 06 24
Great salvage drive – refuse collector on Market Hill – 40 06 24a

1940 06 25
Bombs on S.W, town: 5 feared dead – headline – 40 06 25, 25a
Ely decide no war-time street lighting – 40 06 25b

1940 06 26
Farm workers threaten to strike if conscientious objectors sent to work with them – 40 06 26a

1940 06 28
LDV volunteers on parade with broomsticks – photo – 40 06 28a # c.45.7

1940 06 28 CIPof
Children for farm work. At a meeting of the Hunts. Education Committee on Wednesday, the Agricultural (Education) Subcommittee reported that they had under consideration the serious difficulty caused by the shortage of agricultural labour in certain areas in the county, and they were of opinion that the practice followed in the last war by which boys and girls over 12 years were released from school attendance at harvest periods without closing the schools should be followed. It was, however, understood that such leave of absence, if granted, would have to be subject to the

observance of such conditions as would safeguard the health and well-being of the children. Various members voiced their opinions, and it was agreed to release the schoolchildren for such purposes, provided the parents gave their consent.

Death of Mr. Harry Hobbs. The death occurred in Huntingdon County Hospital on Sunday of Mr. Harry Hobbs, who, for the past 10½ years, had been manager of Messrs. Freeman, Hardy and Willis' High Street (Huntingdon) branch. Deceased, who was 49 years of age, and was a brother of Mr. Jack Hobbs, the England and Surrey cricketer, had been ill a long time. From August, 1914, to March, 1918, he served as a sergeant in the 11th Suffolk Regt. in France, and was badly wounded several times, losing the sight of one eye. After a period of convalescence he returned to France and served behind the lines. As a member of the Cambs. and Isle of Ely Athletic Association, he figured prominently in sprint events in Cambridge and district. He also played football for New Chesterton Institute.

Presentation. As an acknowledgment of his services as billeting officer for Histon and Impington, Mr. A. W. Smith has been presented with a fountain pen by members of the local panel. The presentation was made by Mrs. Frances Bennett, the present billeting officer.

Awarded D.F.C. Acting Flight Lt. J. W. C. Simpson. R.A.F., a native of Ramsey St. Mary, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. While leading a section over Northern France, he met a superior enemy force and destroyed three aircraft. In all he has accounted for seven.

1940 06 28 ES
Shelters for village schools to proceed
Public urged to build shelters p5
Stretham soldier killed, Pte Matthew William Bidwell, Further farm, pic p5
Raiders over East Anglia, most bombs in open country p7
Picture : how to distinguish troop carrying planes p10

1940 06 29
Romsey Town stirrup pump demonstration – group – 40 06 29

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1940 07 02
Cottenham Methodist church annual rally Swaffham Fen, Upware – 40 07 02a
Clare College railing removed for munitions – photo – 40 07 02b

1940 07 03
Gunner John Clark shot by sentry, Ely coroner told – 40 07 03a
Burwell farmer failed to plough five fields – 40 07 03b

1940 07 04
Sailor Peter Barker, Mill Road describes sinking by submarine – 40 07 04a

1940 07 05 CIPof
Stacks Destroyed.—A large haystack and part of a stack of straw on the farm of Mr. W. Pepper, Melbourn Heath, were completely destroyed by fire on Saturday. Royston Fire Brigade received a call about 3.30 p.m., and under the direction of Second Officer Carter, rendered every assistance. Owing to the absence of a water supply, it was found necessary to pull the stack to pieces and burn it out. Chief Officer Witts took charge of the evening operations. The fire necessitated the attendance of the brigade until the early hours of Sunday morning. The stack had been thatched on the Friday, the day before the outbreak.

Sirens.—Denying once again the rumour that the air raid warning sirens "are not going to be sounded any more." Mr. F. Doggett, chief warden for Cambridge, stated at a meeting on Wednesday that they would still be operated when there was grave danger of bombing. He emphasised that the sounding of sirens in Cambridge did not necessarily mean that the town would be attacked. "Don't, please, get panicky," he said. "That is what Jerry is after. For goodness sake don't let him succeed in his first attempt to get you panicky because you have heard rumours, started probably with intention, that the sirens are no longer going to be sounded." # c.45.7

New Rotary President.—"I am convinced that the club will have elected one who will be a first-rate president," said Rotarian G. F. Hickson (retiring president) when he installed his successor (the Rev. Dr. R. F. Rattray) at Tues day's luncheon of the Cambridge Rotary Club.

Golden Wedding. “Given good health, we could live it all over again." Thus said Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Gilbert, of 254 Mill Road, Cambridge, reviewing their married life on their golden wedding day. They were married at Christ Church on July 1, 1890, and in 1892 opened a grocer's business in Kingston Street. At the same time. Mr. Gilbert was bacon store manager for Messrs. Hallack and Bond. It was here, in 1904, that he fell down a lift shaft and was unconscious for three days. It may be added that Mr. Gilbert is a non-drinker and non-smoker. He retired from business in 1937. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert have two daughters and a son, and speak proudly of their four granddaughters, Mr. Gilbert; is 74 and his wife 70, but both look at least ten years younger. In this respect it is interesting to note that Mrs. Gilbert made her own cake for the celebration supper.

1940 07 05 ES
Ely Jews school results p5
Area controller warns the public p5

1940 07 06
Cottages gutted Moulton Road Ashley – 40 07 06a

1940 07 08
William Brown, Cross Street missing since Dunkirk – 40 07 08a

1940 07 09
Emmanuel College railings removed – 40 07 09a

1940 07 10
Air raid shelter constructed by two neighbours in Milton Road – photo – 40 07 10b # B.Milt.K40 # S.1940
1940 07 11
From frying pan into Spitfire: Milton Road scholars collect articles: photo – 40 07 11

1940 07 12
St Ives council not in favour of building air raid shelters, to inspect passages on Market Hill – 40 07 12a

1940 07 12 CIPof
D.S.C. for Isleham Man.—Sub-Lt. Philip Donald Julian Sparke, R.N. (Fleet Air Arm), son of Donald Sparke, R.A.F. and grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sparke, Isleham, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for bravery. Sub.-Lt. Sparke was one of the survivors of H.M.S. Courageous in the early part of the war.

Bottisham Players. “Lady Audley's Secret," a play that delighted the hearts of our grandparents, was "Called up" to help the war effort on Saturday afternoon and evening at Bottisham. It was presented at the Village College in aid of the funds of the Cambridgeshire branch of the Red Cross

and of the Comforts for the Troops Fund. The cast was drawn from members of the Drama class which is run at Bottisham. 40 07 12

Old Cambridge Inn Signs. Writing in a London journal (says Watchman) a student of old and-curious inn signs says that, in his opinion, one of the rarest of them is "The Chopping Knife," said by some to be a variant of, or rival to, the "Butcher's Arms," a sign which speaks for itself. A local correspondent tells me that there was once a "Chopping Knife" in Cambridge. A Dr. Palmer used to tell in one of his lectures of a Cambridge Vice-Chancellor (Fogg Newton. D.D.) who, on April 19 1611, certified that "honourable and creditable persons of Little St. Mary's Parish" had assured him (the Vice-Chancellor) that the "house known as 'The Chopping Knife' in the said parish hath sufficient worth and bedding for 20 persons and stables for 20 horses." and on this evidence the house was licensed for an inn. Other 17th century inns in the same parish were the "Green Dragon," "White Lion,' "Hoops," "Blue Anchor," "Golden Key," "Carpenter's Arms" and "Durham Arms."

Drink Curfew. — Cambridge licensees, it was learned this week, have received instructions not to serve soldiers with drinks after 9.30 p.m. The new order, which was circulated by the police to all occupiers of licensed premises, on the instructions of the military authorities, warns them that if any violations are reported, action will be taken. Local Defence Volunteers are not affected it was authoritatively stated. # c.45.7 # c.27.4

Retirement.—The Rev. G. W. Gervis announced on Sunday that he would be retiring at the end of September as minister of Fowlmere and Thriplow Congregational Church, after 6½ years' ministry. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gervis will be much missed, not only by members of the congregation, but by many friends over a wide district.

1940 07 12 ES
Prickwillow: bazaar, nurse Douglas receives her medal p4
Lady conductors on Ely buses p5
Prickwillow: Adelaide man in blackout charge p5

1940 07 13
Spitfire. Stalled during dogfighting practice, pilot killed, Balsham. E-H

1940 07 15
Morning raid on south coast towns – headlines – 40 07 15

1940 07 16
Warren Road shelter interior – photo – 40 07 16a # B.War.K40

1940 07 19
Conscientious objectors – majority of undergraduates ordered to do land work – 40 07 19a
Stirrup pump demonstrated Malcolm St – photo 40 07 19b # B.Mal.
Sappper W. Gurner, Willow Place missing since Dunkirk – 40 07 19c
W.V.S. sort clothes send from America – photo – 40 08 19d

1940 07 19 CIPof
Emergency Traffic Control. New directions for dealing with traffic in the event of invasion were issued by the Eastern Regional Commissioner (Sir Will Spens) on Wednesday, acting under powers conferred upon him. In a statement issued by the Eastern Regional Office of the Ministry of Information, it is explained that these directions empower chief constables, at the request of a corps or divisional commander, both to exclude all traffic (other than certain essential traffic) from any specified roads, and if it appears desirable, to prohibit the use of motor vehicles (other than those employed for essential services) within any area specified, and to require the immobilisation of such vehicles within the area. The statement adds: "The latter action, which is most likely to be

applied in large towns, may be taken at very short notice, and it is vital that everyone concerned should accept the consequences." # c.45.7

Leys boys on the land. Boys from the Leys School, Cambridge (writes Watchman) have formed themselves into teams working under the supervision of their own masters for seasonal work on the land. They have recently been engaged on sugar beet hoeing. The July number of the 'Sugar Beet Review' has two pictures of them, taken on Mr. R. B. Taylor's farm, Ashley, near Newmarket, where the boys put in several days' work. About 50 boys were engaged on each occasion, with four or five masters, and they made an excellent job of about five acres per visit. Mr. Taylor - who has a 150-acre contract with the Bury St. Edmunds factory - first demonstrated how the work should be done, and then left supervision entirely to the schoolmasters. It speaks well both for the boys and their masters, that, with their help, more than 100 acres were singled. 40 07 19 # c.45.7 c.36.5
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Cambridge man on "Shark" — A Cambridge man was on the submarine Shark which is presumed lost. He is Able Seaman Joseph Harry Coleman, of 22. Fitzwilliam Street, Cambridge. His wife received a telegram on Saturday, informing her .that her husband was missing or a prisoner of war. He joined the navy in 1915, leaving in 1930. Shortly afterwards he obtained employment at Sidney Sussex College. As he was on the reserve, he was called up at the end of August. # c.45.7

1940 07 19 ES
Picture : Ely's pots and pans for aeroplanes p5

1940 07 20
Stourbridge Grove man has air raid shelter from old car body – 40 07 20a

1940 07 22
Double wedding – Douglas Day and Doris Day, Ferry Path – 40 07 22a

1940 07 24
Motor cyclists appealed to sell motor bikes for war purposes; photo of civilian machines in front of Hallens, Chesterton Road – 40 07 24a # c.26.485 # P.Hal. # Q.Am.K40

Red Cross supply books for wounded in hospital from Magdalene Street – 40 07 24b # c.77.4

1940 07 25
Cambridge bus driver from St Matthew's Street collided with army lorry at Lt Abington; was nervous after nearby house damaged during air raid – 40 07 25a

Dumps for scrap to be set up, manned by W.V.S. – 40 07 25d

1940 07 26
"Explosions heard by readers last night we not due to enemy action" – 40 0 26a # c.45.7

Linton congregational minister, Rev Harvey, killed in London – 40 07 26a

1940 07 26 CIPof
Awarded Military Cross, — One of four Cambridge brothers who are serving with the forces has been awarded the Military Cross. He is Lt. Frederick Morley Smith of the R.A.M.C., a son of the late Coun. Sidney Smith, and it is believed that he is the first Cambridge man to be thus honoured in this war. Lt. Smith is an Old Persean and a brother of Major S.I. W. Smith of the Cambridgeshires. He was working at Hull in civil life until the outbreak of war and then returned to Cambridge, where he acted for a short time as medical officer to the 2nd Battn, the Cambridgeshire Regt. He was then posted to a South country regiment and afterwards proceeded overseas. Lt. Smith is now on leave in Cambridge suffering from a wound in the head. No details of the act which led to the award are yet available.

Call-up Contrasts. — Many of the 1907 class registering at Cambridge on Saturday (for service) numbered 646. Three expressed preference for the submarine service, 48 for the Royal Navy and one either for the Navy or the Marines. Three hundred and thirty two men chose the RAF (20 for flying, 303 for ground staff) and nine for either ground or flying duties. There were five conscientious objectors. # c.45.7

Visit to University Farm. — At the invitation of Mr. W. S. Mansfield (writes Watchman), members of the Cambs. War Agricultural Committee, with parish representatives paid a visit on Tuesday evening to the University Farm. Cambridge. After the party had been entertained to tea, the chairman of the committee (Ald. W. C. Jackson), Mr. Mansfield and the executive officer (Mr; J. A. MacMillan) spoke briefly of the importance of the work in hand and indicated to the parish representatives the programme which they might be expected to carry out in the coming year. It was emphasised that probably more regard will have to be paid to the growing of special food crops — crops which will prove of the greatest value from the national point of view. Later in the evening, the party were shown over parts of the farm and saw the work being done there in ploughing up grass land for the cultivation of animal crop's. # c.45.7 # c.36.9

1940 07 26 ES
Ely "terrier" accidently shot - S.I.K. Howard p3
Littleport farm fire p5
Littleport up in arms - light seen mile away p5

1940 07 26
Wellington. Engine failure, near Newmarket. E-H

1940 07 27
Waterbeach vicar rang Fen Mission Church bells – he'd forgot they banned – 40 07 27a

Supt P.H. Sharman retires from police after 26 years – memories – 40 07 27b # c.34.7

1940 07 29
Concrete road to be constructed Swaffham Prior Fen but military had commandeered all cement – 40 07 29a

Four men injured when rifle went off accidentally in Sun Inn, Waterbeach – 40 07 29b

War-Ag inspect Dig for Victory initiative on Croxton Park – 40 07 29c

Silver Street Bridge is safe despite sag in middle, Castle Mound closed as people seen with binoculars and they might be spies – 40 07 29d

1947 07 30
Lone raider bombs East Anglian town – 40 07 30

Workers overhaul rifles for Home Guard – photos – 40 07 30a # T.G.K40

Marmora Road neighbours construct joint shelter – photo – 40 07 30b # B.Marm.K40

A.J. Warren of Rampton found in Old West at Twentypence Bridge, Wilburton – 40 07 30c

1947 07 31
Kennett labourers stole wood to build shelters – 40 07 31

V.C. soldier is liaison officer Cambridge Airport – 40 07 31

Wilburton vicar appeals rating on Vicarage, building unfinished and used as an air raid post – 40 07 31b

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1940 08 02
Samuel Rudd, Mowbray Road reported wounded and missing since Dunkirk – 40 08 02

1940 08 02 CIPof
Sunday opening of cinemas. After previously deciding against making representations for the war-time Sunday opening of cinemas, Newmarket Urban Council on Monday voted that the matter should again be considered. The question arose on a letter from the manager of the Doric Cinema. During the debate, Mr. J. O. White felt the opening would be a good thing. He moved that representations be made to the Home Office for Sunday opening for the duration of the war. Mr. S. G. Woollard, seconding, said it would be a cheap means of relaxing, and in the winter the men (of the forces) could get into the warm. The resolution was carried.

One bullet—four hurt. Four men were injured when a rifle went off accidentally in the bar of the Sun Inn, Waterbeach, on Sunday. The bullet first hit the floor, and then ricocheted, striking George Edward Cudworth, and John Wm. Utteridge. Fragments from the floor wounded Albert Murfitt and Arthur Gifford. All four men come from Waterbeach and all sustained injuries to the legs. They were taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital in the police ambulance. The rifle was being demonstrated by a soldier, who had been asked if he would do so by an old Army man. This man was unhurt. 40 08 02

M.C. for Cambs. man. Among the recent awards to soldiers in the Middle East is that of the Military Cross to Second Lt. W. V. Hamilton Cape. Aged 22, 2nd Lt. Cape is the surviving son of Capt. and Mrs. N. W. Cape, of Caxton Manor, Caxton. The incident for which the award is made occurred when Second Lt, Cape attacked a large Italian column which was protected by 12 tanks. During the battle, one of Lt. Cape's two armoured cars had a puncture. Despite heavy enemy fire, he changed the wheel, at the same time directing the second car to harass the Italians. This kept the enemy at bay until British reinforcements arrived, when the entire Italian column was destroyed or captured. It may be remembered that Capt. and Mrs. Cape's elder son, Flying Officer Roy N. T. Cape, was killed at Duxford in August. 1926. 40 08 02

1940 08 02 ES
All railways now being patrolled p1
Prickwillow: Adelaide land sold p5
Isle preparations for air raids p6

1940 08 03
Complaints over chiming Our Lady clock – 40 08 03

Leys and the war, no evacuation of students, not to be requisitioned for hospital purposes, say Governors – 40 08 03

Rhodes Moorhouse, VC, recalled – 40 08 03a

1940 08 09 CIPof
Suspended for Duration. — The Cambs. F.A. decided at the annual meeting held at Cambridge Town football ground on Wednesday to suspend all competitions promoted by the Association for the duration of the war, with the exception of the Minor League. It was considered that as Minor

League clubs only included players under 18 years of age, the competition would be well supported. The officers and council were re-elected to carry on for the duration of the war. # c.38 : football

River Rescue. — Two men, one of them a non-swimmer, were rescued from the Cam by an Army officer when their canoe overturned near Jesus College boat-house on Sunday afternoon. They were Harold Hinchliffe of 24, St. Catherine Street, and Wm. Prythetych of "Ellstan", Linton Road, Hadstock. The officer, who was in another canoe, picked them up and took them to the bank. They were both taken to hospital in an ambulance, but were allowed to go home after treatment. — Another week-end river rescue took place on Monday afternoon, when a four-year-old girl, Josephine Salmon, of 86 Suez Road, Cambridge, fell into the river while playing on the footpath near Victoria Avenue bridge. She was pulled out by a man who is at present unknown. Hot cocoa was given, to her at a nearby house, and she was then taken home wrapped in blankets.

Carrying on. — Friends of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire (writes Watchman) will be glad to know that the Rev. H. J. Cossar, who was due to retire this summer from his post as Secretary of the East Midland District, has kindly consented, in view of the present situation, to continue his work a little longer.

A Naval Visitor. Mr. Philip Donald McCutchan, grandson of Mrs. Gardner, of Conington Hall, who is now serving in the Royal Navy, paid a visit to Conington last week-end. Both he and his mother attended the parish church on Sunday. 40 08 09

More Farmers' Boys. - A party of 32 lads from the Central School Melbourne Place, Cambridge, arrived in the village (Melbourn) last Saturday, and on Monday commenced farm and orchard work where required. The lads are accompanied by the Headmaster, Mr. J. D. Livingstone, and take the place of the 30 lads from the Coleridge School, who returned home on Saturday after a fortnight's work in the orchards. After a fortnight in the village, the Central lads will leave, and their place will be taken by another party. The boys sleep in the infants' room of the Council School, and have their meals in the Church Room. # c.45.7 # c.36.5

1940 08 13
Eric Pointer sued Cambridge Holdings for salary; he and father had formed in 1939 formed Pointer & Co to built and run modern cinema - the Victoria - & Still & Sugar Loaf. In 1935 Cambridge Holdings formed to acquire cinemas; bought Pointer & Co for £30,500 and asked him to help acquire others. Had agreed salary but this terminated – 40 08 13a, Also worked for Union Cinema's Cambridge cinemas – 40 08 14b. Receives judgement – 40 08 16 # c.76.9

Seaman James Thorburn, Mill Street, dies from wounds – 40 08 13b

Corp F.S. Halliday, Catherine St, died on service – 40 08 13d

1940 08 13
Wellington. Crashed just after take-off, six killed, near Bassingbourn. E-H

1940 08 14
Duchess of Gloucester tours emergency hospital for service and civilian patients; University Examinations Hall now an emergency ward of Addenbrooke's Hospital – photo – 40 08 14 # c.21.4 # c.45.7

1940 08 15
Fordham gravel pit accident, six girls trapped, three die – 40 08 15

1940 08 15
Hurricane. Stalled on approach, Needham Hall, Wisbech.E-H

1940 08 15
Blenheim Collided with T1929, three killed. E-H

1940 08 15
Blenheim. Collided with L9264, four killed. E-H

1940 08 16 CIPof
A Patriotic Family.—Mr. Sidney W. Wright of Askey Row, Swavesey, who served in the Army in the last war from 1915 to 1919, and was wounded on three occasions, is again, wearing His Majesty's uniform. With him this time are his seven sons, four of whom are with their father in the Home Guard, two are in the Army and the seventh is having some exciting experiences in a minesweeper.

Local Man's Achievement. On Sunday Flight Sergeant Donald Kingaby, son of the Rev. E. P. Kingaby (Vicar of Impington) brought down one German aeroplane and damaged another, and on Monday he followed up his successes by bringing down two more enemy planes.

Plum Crop. Of the heavy plum crop with which fruitgrowers have been busy, only greengages are making a good price. Excellent Czars sent to markets have returned ¼ d per lb.—Histon news Item.

For Devotion to Duty. A correspondent writes:—It is not often that the village of Tadlow, on the border of Beds, and Cambs., comes into the limelight, but it did on August 7, when Sergeant-Major Charles W. Goodhand was presented with the medal of the Order of the British Empire, awarded for devotion to duty. Sergeant-Major Goodhand, who has 24 years' Army service to his credit, was wounded in his legs and arm in the last war, and he was with the B.E.F. in France from September last until the evacuation. Mrs. Goodhand (formerly Bunyan) and his ten-year-old daughter, Betty, were present at the presentation.

Duchess's Tour. The Duchess of Gloucester visited Cambridge on Tuesday. At an emergency hospital, the whole of the nursing staff, regular and auxiliary, were lined up and inside the ward, the royal visitor talked with some of the patients, including several members of the B.E.F. back from France. On leaving the Hospital, the Duchess chatted to nurses and members of a Scottish regiment. An R.A.F. sick quarters, which is entirely nursed by the Red Cross, was the next place of call. After inspecting two of the wards, the Duchess saw a short display of surgical work by the nurses. Proceeding next to the University examination Hall, now an emergency ward of Addenbrooke's Hospital, the Duchess saw some of the American ambulance units presented to the region. After inspecting the joint war organisation emergency hospital stores, the Duchess had tea with Sir Montagu and Lady Butler at Pembroke Lodge. # c.02 # c.45.7 # c.21.4

1940 08 16 ES
Lt Downham lady dies in air raid shelter - 1st time they'd used it p1
900 attachments to be fitted to respirators

1940 08 17
Fold Museum only museum open to public at present; issues pamphlet – 40 08 17a # c.03

"The Light Blue" journal issued in 1866 – recalled – 40 08 17b

1940 08 21
ARP see demonstration of National D.X. powder to extinguish incendiary bombs, at Cherry Hinton Hall – photo – 40 08 21 # S.1940

1940 08 22
Westwick fire thatched cottage – 40 08 22

1940 08 23 CIPof
Golden Wedding. Messages of congratulation from all parts of the world were received on Monday by the Rt. Rev. J. A. and Mrs. Kempthorne, of Maris House, Trumpington, on the occasion of their golden wedding. The first one they opened came from the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr. Kempthorne and his wife, who is the daughter of the late Master of Christ's College, Mr. Peel, were married in the college chapel on August 19, 1890. Dr. Kempthorne has held appointments in many parts of the country, including Hull, when he was Assistant Bishop to the present Archbishop of Canterbury, who was then Archbishop of York. In addition, he was Bishop of Lichfield for 23 years, retiring three years ago. On his retirement. Dr. Kempthorne and his wife made a trip round the world, and then settled down in Trumpington. Though he is 76 (his wife is three years younger), Dr. Kempthorne still travels about frequently, preaching in various places.

Harvest Bugs. — According to old (Melbourn) inhabitants harvest bugs are more numerous this year than ever before in living memory.

The Village Pump, — A Ratepayer writes: The only public pump in the village (Fen Drayton) on which many inhabitants rely for water, has been out of order for the past three months, notwithstanding the fact that the attention of local representatives of the local authority responsible has been called to the matter, nothing has been done.

Long Service Award. — During the past week. Mr. Vincent M. Heath, of Horningsea, has received the Special Constabulary Long Service Medal. In a letter which accompanied the medal, the Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire (Mr. W. Winter) states: I have pleasure in forwarding you herewith a medal which His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award you for your services in the Cambridgeshire Special Constabulary, with the hope that you will have good health to wear the medal for many years

1940 08 23
Ely's cannon not for scrap p5
2,000 more evacuees for Ely district p5

1940 08 24
Home Guard men inspected by King during tour East Anglia – 40 08 24

C.D.N. cannot sponsor ‘Spitfire’ funds due much reduced staff; Cambridgeshire waterways the only area to be commended commercially as ideal centre for holidaymakers – 40 08 24a

1940 08 26
R.A.F. bomb Berlin arms factories; German bombers given hot reception – headline – 40 08 26; raids – 40 08 26b

Seaman Reginald Carter, Histon Road, kia – 40 08 26a

1940 08 26
Last night’s raids … Wales, South-East … Roof off – but crockery unbroken. It is believed that altogether six high explosives bombs were dropped on another South East town. Two fell within a few feet of houses and although windows were shattered no casualties were reported. One bomb fell a few feet beyond the end of the street of houses behind a hedge, the thickness of which took most of the force of the blast. Part of the roof of one house was dislodged and practically all the windows smashed but crockery in a cupboard immediately facing the bomb crater was unbroken. The occupier, Mr. R.J. Shipcott said: “We had just gone back to bed when we heard the whistle of a bomb and a terrific explosion. Glass from the windows was blown onto the floor by the side of the bed, but we were not scratched.” The bomb crater was about 10 feet wide, and 6 feet deep. A second bomb fell in

the roadway of a thickly-populated district, not far from the centre of the town. And a third fell on farm sheds. No casualties were reported.
Three days later the Cambridge Daily News published photographs
Windows in these houses suffered from the blast in a recent air raid, but the people all seem pretty cheerful about it. The tree was struck by one of the bombs in a recent raid on a South East town 40 08 26; photos [Pemberton Terrace] – 40 08 29a # c.45.7

1940 08 27
RAF bomb Germany and Italy – headlines – 40 08 27

1940 08 28
RAF shoot down six planes – headlines – 40 08 28

1940 08 29
RAF raid on Berlin – headlines – 40 08 29

1940 08 30
J.J. Thomson obituary, discovered electron, world-famous physicist – 40 08 30 # c.36.9

Fire Rectory Farm Pampisford, stacks Cherry Hinton – 40 08 30a

1940 08 30 CIPof
Dornier Down. A Dornier 215 was brought down by anti-aircraft gunners in Cambridgeshire shortly before midnight on Friday. The three-inch guns damaged the bomber just sufficiently to force the German pilot to land. All five of the crew were taken prisoner. This was one of the four aircraft which the Nazis lost on Friday. A Junkers 88 was brought down on the north-east coast by Lewis gunners, and two other enemy planes were shot down by British fighters. # c.45.7

Bishop of Ely's Health. The Bishop of Ely (Dr. B. O. F. Heywood), who left the Palace about a fortnight ago, for a rest cure under doctor's orders, returned to Ely on Monday (writes Watchman). Unfortunately, this does not mean that Dr. Hey wood has been returned to health, but it is hoped that the rest he is continuing to take will soon bring about the desired effect. A vigorous worker who does not spare himself, the Bishop, who is in his 70th year, has found that the willing spirit has overtaxed the none-too-robust body.

Golden Wedding. Bishop Price is deputising in many ways for the Bishop of Ely, and on Tuesday next he and Mrs, Price will celebrate their golden wedding. Bishop Price's association with the diocese dates back to 1919, in which year he was appointed Vicar of Pampisford, Assistant Bishop and Arch … was appointed residentiary Canon of the Cathedral, when he resigned from the living of Pampisford. For well over half a century Dr. Price, who is 77, has rendered devoted service to the church, first as a missionary in West Africa and the Far East, and latterly in this diocese. Locally he is connected with various organisations.

King Inspects Cambs. Men. Members of the Home Guard from the Cambridgeshire zone were among those inspected by the King during his tour of defences in East Anglia on Friday. About 200 men were drawn up outside a railway station under the Zone Commander for Cambs. (Major W. N. Phillips), the Cambs. detachment being under Vice-Admiral Lake and a detachment from the Isle of Ely under Mr. Levitt. After Major Phillips had been presented, His Majesty chatted to several men in the detachment, most of them old soldiers of the last war who wore the honours won then. Among the Cambs. men with whom his Majesty talked were ex-R.S.M. Harvey, D.C.M., formerly of the West Yorks Regiment, R.S.M. Harmer, D.C.M., of March, late of the 14th Hussars, and an 18-year-old telegraph boy now in the Home Guard. Before leaving, the King sent a message congratulating the men on their smart appearance, and he left to the sound of three ringing cheers. # 40 08 30 # c.02 # c.45.7

1940 08 30 ES
Isle to buy fighter p5
King inspects local home guard p5

1940 08 31
Spitfire. Shot down by return fire from Dornier 17, pilot baled out severely injured in leg, Little Shelford. E-H

1940 08 31
Spitfire. Shot down by return fire from Dornier 17, pilot killed, Fowlmere. E-H

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1940 09 03
Rhodes Moorehouse recalled – 40 09 03a

More PoW's, good news for relatives Sapper Gurner of Willow Place, Geoffrey Laman of Harston, Lieut Onyett – 40 09 03a

Three Ely children saved from evacuee ship sunk by U-Boats – Lavender of High Street – 40 09 03b

1940 09 04
F. Gillson, Mill Road, Salvation Army memories – 40 09 04a # c.83.08

1940 09 05
Walter Francis, solicitor, dies – 40 09 05a

Three more PoWs – Lilley of Mill Rd, Jacobs of Ashfield Rd, Rudd of Mowbray Rd – 40 09 05b

Cambridge to have Sunday cinemas – four to open – 40 09 05b # c.76.9

1940 09 06
Leys School to move Scotland, will be used as hospital annexe – 40 09 06a # c.45.7 # c.36.5

1940 09 06 CIPof
Death of Mr. W. H. Francis. A familiar figure in Cambridge, of which he was Mayor before the Great War, Mr. Walter H. Francis, passed away on Thursday at the age of 82. His home was at 3 Grange Road and he had been in failing health for some time. Since the death of his brother (Mr. Musgrave Francis) Mr. Francis had been senior partner in the Francis and Co., solicitors of Peas .Hill. He was a brother of Mr. Henry Francis, a well-known member of the County Council, who died a short time ago, and of Major Wolstan Francis, of Quy. Mr. W. H. Francis was a member of the Town Council for 23 years. He was first elected in June, 1902, and was made an alderman in 1914. He did not seek re-election in 1925. He was Mayor of Cambridge in 1912-1913, and his year of office was made memorable by his outspokenness and his independent attitude at various functions it was his duty to attend as Mayor. At a sale of work he once expressed his disagreement at such a method of raising money. On another occasion - the opening of Melbourne Place School - he criticised the scheme. Politically he was a staunch Conservative, and he was a churchwarden at St. Andrew the Great for a great many years, relinquishing the office about two years ago. # c.35.7

Salvationists' Diamond Wedding. Two Salvation Army veterans who took part in Cambridge's first Army open-air service, celebrated c their diamond wedding anniversary on Wednesday. They are Mr. and Mrs. F. Gillson, of 67 Mill Road, now staying at 12 St. Phillip's Road, Cambridge, who were married in St. Matthew's Church at 8 o'clock on September 4. 1880. "There was no such thing as confetti in those days," Mrs. Gillson said. "They threw rice, which stung your face." Mr. Gillson is 80 years old and his wife 78, and they can remember clearly their first march through Cambridge

as Salvationists. "The Norwich band came here to be present at the opening of the Cambridge Corps about 55 years ago," said Mr. Gillson. "My wife and I met the band at the station, and marched through Regent Street, St. Andrew's Street, Hobson Street, King Street and the Causeway, finishing up at Sturton Town Hall. We got a hiding for our pains, too. We were pelted with clods of earth from Butt Green, and one enterprising person threw an old cat at us. The police had been told to stop us holding an open-air meeting. We held it, all the same, in Hobson Street, by walking very slowly, singing all the time. Our main meeting was held at Sturton Town Hall." Mr. and Mrs. Gillson have stuck to the Army through thick and thin. It was popular at first to manhandle the "Sallies" and on one occasion they were besieged by a crowd of students in their citadel. 40 09 06

Death of Master of Trinity. By the death of the Master of Trinity (Prof. Sir J. J. Thomson) which occurred on Friday, the world of science has lost one of its most famous sons. Known throughout Cambridge as "J.J.," he had been Master of Trinity since 1918, and was the oldest head of a Cambridge college. His death took place in the college with which his connection had extended for over 60 years. Although he had few interests in the town the Master of Trinity was a very familiar figure about the streets. The King sent a telegram of sympathy to Lady Thomson. Paying tribute to Professor Thomson, Prof. W. L. Bragg, Cavendish Professor of Experimental Science, said: "His great contribution to science was his pioneer research into the structure of the atom, which was the start of a new era in physics. J. J. Thomson discovered the electron —a particle or corpuscle (as he liked to call it) which forms part of the structure of all atoms. The Research School which he built up at the Cavendish Laboratory, was a great piece of pioneer work —one of the first of its kind. Many of the early students afterwards became famous, the greatest being Lord Rutherford, who succeeded him in the Cavendish Chair." The funeral took place in. Westminster Abbey. # c.36.9

1940 09 06 ES
Anti-blast & safety window net advert p1
Isle's fighter fund p5
Ely children on torpedoed liner p5
Review of last year since Chamberlain announced war p7
Cameronians help Isle War ag committee - picture p8

1940 09 07
St John's new buildings, Bridge Street now fencing removed – 40 09 07 # c.44.5

1940 09 09
American Ambulance unit stationed in Cambridge inspected – 40 09 09a

Pilot Hugh Ellis, Fulbrooke Road, missing – 40 09 09b

1940 09 10
Air raid shelters – corporation authorised to assist householders; specimen blast walls erected – 40 09 10a # c.45.7

1940 09 10
Hurricane. Caught fire in the air, pilot baled out, Fen Ditton area. E-H

1940 09 10
Hurricane. Pilot thrown out in steep turn, no injuries, Duxford. E-H

1940 09 11
Morley Stuart lectures 'Leaves from an autograph album' – 40 09 11a

Police promotions – A.E. Lilley, W.E. Silk, J.L. Breed – 40 09 11a

1940 09 13

Buckingham Palace bombed – headline – 40 09 13

Daniel Dunsden, platelayer of Mill Road killed when caught be trailing cable of barrage balloon and carried for 300 yards; cable threw wireless pole through roof of house Mill Road, damaged chimney stack Teversham Hall Farm – 40 09 13a, 40 09 17a # c.45.7

1940 09 13 CIPof
Farewell Gift.We are informed by Mr. Bushe-Fox, hon. secretary of the Cambs. branch, Royal Society for the Prevention of the Cruelty to Animals, that a cheque for £30 with a list of subscribers have been sent, with the branch's good wishes, to Inspector Riley, former R.S.P.C.A. officer. Inspector Riley left Cambridge before the closing of the gift fund, and it was not possible to make a public presentation. A mounted copy of a tribute written by Mr. C. J. H. Gaskoin, hon. treasurer of the branch, has also been sent to Inspector Riley.

Percheron Makes 130 Guineas. A three-year-old Percheron filly was sold for the exceptionally high price of 150 guineas at the annual show and sale of the British Percheron Horse Society held on Wednesday at the sale yard Histon.

Killed by Drifting Balloon. A man was killed and considerable damage done when a barrage balloon drifted over Cambridge yesterday afternoon. The dead man was Daniel Dunston, a platelayer, of 146 Mill Road, Cambridge. Aged over 60, he was near the railway between Mill Road and Coldham's Lane bridge when he was caught by a steel cable trailing from the balloon. He was carried for a distance of over 30 yards and then dropped, sustaining fatal injuries. Before the accident the balloon had passed over the town at a considerable height. In the Mill Road area it came lower, and the cable threw a wireless pole through the roof of a house in Mill Road. The interior of the house was not damaged and no-body was injured in this incident. The balloon then gained height and drifted in the direction of Teversham. At Teversham Hall an old chimney stack on a scullery was struck by the cable. A piece of the cable was snapped off and the balloon at once shot up into the air and continued in an easterly direction. Telephone wires were damaged and the electricity supply for a village was affected for a time. 40 09 13 # c.45.7 # c.26.1

Former Mayor.—The funeral of Mr Walter Hamond Francis, a former Mayor of Cambridge, took place on Monday afternoon. The first part of the service was held at St. Andrew's-the-Great, where he had been churchwarden for many years, and the interment at Quy.

Police Promotions-—Promotions affecting three members of the Cambridge Borough Police Force were announced on Wednesday. They are as follows: Insp. A. E. Lilley to be Superintendent; Sergt. W. E.F. Silk to be Inspector; Det.-Con. J. L. Breed to be Patrol Sergeant. The promotions took effect from Thursday September 12. Supt. Lilley joined the Borough Force on April 4 1915

1940 09 13 ES
Fighter fund - figures - include Prickwillow p5
Raiders over country districts p5
Metalling of soft droves, including Haddenham, Downham p7

1940 09 14
Buckingham Palace bombed – headlines – 40 09 14

1940 09 18
Girl killed by army motor truck, Mill Road – 40 09 18a # c.45.7

1940 09 19
Junkers. Combat damage and mechanical failure, four safe, Oakington airfield. E-H

1940 09 20
Nazi bomber, Junkers 88 crashed near Cambridge, four arrested – 40 09 20a # c.45.7 # c.26.1

RAF sentry shoots soldier in a gun-post near an aerodrome – 40 09 20b

1940 09 20 CIP
Foolish war-time names. All praise, say I (writes Watchman) to the Rev. J. A. F. Ozanne, of Bassingbourn, who is making a welcome stand against giving children foolish war-time names. Many children, says Mr. Ozanne, according to the "Daily Mail", are being christened 'Siren", because they were born in an air raid. "One might just as well name a child 'Foghorn' or 'Basin'", he says, “because it was born on the high seas. I have always refused to baptise any child with out-of-the-way names."

Boxing. So well supported was the boxing tournament on the Newmarket Town ground on Thursday last that it is expected that over £70 will be raised for the Newmarket and Racing Industry Spitfire Fund. The attendance, which numbered over 1,000, included Air Vice-Marshal Baldwin and a large proportion of officers and men of H.M. forces A fine programme had been arranged between R.A.F. and Army teams, but, unfortunately, owing to unavoidable circumstances, the programme had to be considerably curtailed, although not before some excellent fights had been seen. Good care was taken to see that the "stars" were among those who appeared. A.C. Eric Boon, the lightweight champion, now getting fit for his fight with Ernie Roderick, looked fit and strong as he boxed three exhibition rounds with Sergeant Gallagher. He is obviously enjoying his training. 40 09 20

Wasps' nests destroyed.—The fruit crop of the village (Newton) has been exceedingly high this year, partly due, perhaps, to the fact that early in the season 25 wasps' nests and a hornet's nest were discovered and destroyed in the neighbourhood.

Cars and Invasion.—A further warning to the public concerning the necessity for carrying out at once any order for the immobilisation of motor vehicles was issued on Monday by the Eastern Regional Commissioner (Sir Will Spens). The Commissioner's warning, which followed an earlier statement issued on Thursday, declared: "Owners of motor vehicles should, in their own interest, understand the necessity for immediate compliance with any order which may be given for the immobilisation of motor vehicles, if invasion is taking place. In the event of any failure by the owner, the police or military will inevitably have to use rough-and-ready methods of immobilisation, involving serious damage to cars. The same will apply in the case of any attempt to use vehicles in areas where such use has been prohibited." # c.45.7

1940 09 20
Dornier Down. A Dornier 215 was brought down by anti-aircraft gunners in Cambridgeshire shortly before midnight on Friday. The three-inch guns damaged the bomber just sufficiently to force the German pilot to land. All five of the crew were taken prisoner 40 08 30 CIPof

1940 09 20 ES
Spitfire figures - incl Stretham
Stirrup pump demonstration at Ely - photo p5
Refugees from London arrive, Ely; homes bombed London p5

1940 09 20
Junkers 88 crashed near Cambridge after being engaged by RAF fighters; four occupants taken into custody – 40 09 20a

1940 09 21
James Thomas Masters, gentleman’s outfitter King’s Parade, dies – 40 09 21a

Truck load of aluminium caught fire Coldham's Lane and spread to three other trucks – photo – 40 09 21b # c.26.2

'Cambridge Bowman' button discovered – 40 09 21c

1940 09 23
Horace Grainger killed by army truck, Bulstrode Gardens – 40 09 23a # c.45.7

1940 09 24
London outskirts & S.E. towns bombed – 40 09 24

Germany says bombs dropped on Cambridge in retaliation for British bombing on Heidelberg which contains no military objects – 40 09 24a # c.45.7

1940 09 26
Marshall sends cheque for Tiger Moth to Minister of Aircraft Production – 40 09 26a # c.26.1

1940 09 26
Wellington. Crashed just after take-off, six slightly injured, Newmarket. E-H

1940 09 27
Fenners bombed – photos – 40 09 27 # c.45.7 # c.38 : cricket

Myra Hess and Isolde Menges play in Cambridge – 40 09 27a

Macdonald scheme for flood protection fens – includes 'cut-off channel' from Grantchester to St Germans – 40 09 27b # c.29

Polish fete at Cambridge; wife of Polish ambassador visits – 40 09 27

1940 09 27 ES
Spitfire fund figures p5
Bishop's Palace changes hand - for Convalescent Home? p5

1940 09 28
Pavement show for Spitfire fund – St Martin's School of Art – photo – 40 09 28a

1940 09 30
A.R.P. arrangements in Romsey Town; after recent raid no wardens arrived for 20 minutes claim disputed – 40 09 30a

Cambridge children on torpedoed boat are safe – 40 09 30b # c.45.7

Lieut James Sambridge, Pretoria Rd is PoW – 40 09 30c

Home Guard concert at Cosmopolitan – 40 09 30c

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1940 10 01
Department of Applied Economics announced, review of war on university – 40 10 01 # c.36.9

1940 10 02
An army sentry at an aerodrome in Cambridgeshire told an inquest that when he went off duty at a pill box he left his rifle outside while he answered the 'phone. The rifle was loaded, according to orders,

but the breach was empty. Almost at once he heard a shot and saw Private Stokes, from Barnet, sink to the ground. The other sentry said that he was at the pill-box and while putting on his equipment left his rifle outside. “I picked up a rifle intending to clean it”, he said. “I pulled the trigger and a shot was fired. Then I realised it was not my rifle. Stokes was three or four yards away and I knew the shot hit him”. His own rifle had been unloaded earlier. Medical evidence was given by Dr Davison. He found the bullet had passed through the chest and out at the back. Death was due to internal haemorrhage. The Coroner ruled that the man had been accidently shot in the execution of his duty and expressed sympathy with the relatives. 40 10 02a, 40 10 04a # c.45.7

A.C. Taylor helped raise Anti-Aircraft battery of Cambridge men. They had to bring down bandits, protect vital spots and force raiders to high altitude. People grumbled because warnings were not sounded but sounding them three or four times a night would upset morale. When they have solo machines floating about trying to put the wind up he is glad sirens are not sounded. – 40 10 02b # c.45.7

Tramp knocked down by car during blackout in Trumpington High Street – 40 10 02c

1940 10 04 CIPof
Carrot. A foot-like object sent to this newspaper by Mr. Harry Bradman, of Bay Farm, Barton Mills, who dug it from his garden, was a carrot.

Golden Wedding Days. Two Cambridge couples have just reached the golden anniversary of their weddings. Mr. and Mrs. William Charles Stacey, who celebrated their golden wedding on Friday at Annesdale House, Mill Road, were formerly well-known in Newmarket, where they resided for many years. Mr. Stacey worked as a painter and decorator for Mr. Peck, Newmarket, and other employers. He and his wife were married at Isleham Parish Church, and although 76 and 77 respectively, have excellent health. They came to live with their daughter, Mrs. Haylett, at Annesdale House, a few years ago. They have two sons and a daughter living and four grandchildren. One son was killed in the last war. In celebration of the anniversary, a family party is to be held on Monday.—Five years after their wedding 50 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. William Loker came to live in Great Eastern Street (Cambridge), and they have lived there ever since. They have occupied No. 2, Great Eastern Street, for the past 36 years, moving there from No. 14. Mr. and Mrs. Loker, who are 73 and 72 respectively, were married at Holy Trinity Church, Wimbledon, on September 28, 1890. Before coming to Cambridge, they lived at Little Shelford for five years. Mr. Loker's connection with the Foresters' Hope Lodge at Little Shelford extends over 57 years, and he has held every office, including that of Chief Ranger. He worked at Foster's Mill, near the station, for 37 years, retiring seven years ago.

Killed in Air Fight. Pilot Officer Frederick Harrold, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Harrold, of 38, Hills Road, Cambridge, is reported killed in action during air fighting on Saturday. Educated at the County School, he was employed at the University Library until a year before war broke out, when he joined the R.A.F. on a short service commission. He was a well-known member of the Cambridge Town Rowing Club. 40 10 04

1940 10 04 ES
£3M flood protection scheme p3
"Official" evacuees arive p5

1940 10 08
Futile Nazi bombs in East Anglia – photos of mound and crater with wardens, bomb by roadside and pieces found in area – 40 10 08a S.1940 # c.45.7

1940 10 08
Tiger Moth. Spun into ground, one mile south of Cambridge. E-H

1940 10 09
Recreation ground railings to go – 40 10 09a

Milton Road library slight movement on one side caused by sub-soil, not to underpin at present due shortage pf material – 40 10 09a # c.77.4

1940 10 10
Evacuee lack of cleanliness – 40 10 10a

1940 10 11 CIPof
Fewer Students. Full term at Cambridge on Monday at the start of the second year under war conditions saw the number of students up still further reduced from last year's figures. Instead of the normal peace time total of 5,000, it is estimated that the number of men coming up will be only 2,500. Graduates, as well as undergraduates, have left on national service of one form or another, but the Union authorities have arranged for teaching to be given in all faculties. Third year men of course, represent only a small fraction of the total coming up, while the number of freshmen is only a little over half that usually to be found second year men are in the majority by far, and the number is estimated to be only 20 below normal. # c.45.7 # c.36.9

New Master of Trinity. The King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Professor George Macaulay Trevelyan as Master of Trinity College, Cambridge in succession to the late Sir 3 J. Thomson. Prof. Trevelyan, a Fellow of the College, was educated at Harrow and Trinity, and has been Regius Professor of Modern History in the University since 1927. Many of his books on historical subjects are standard works. Prof. Trevelyan, who received the O.M. in 1930, is a trustee of the British Museum and National Portrait Gallery, President of the Youth Hostels Association and Chairman of the Estates Committee of the National Trust. He received the C.B.E. in 1920 and is an honorary D.C.L. of Oxford, Honorary LL.D of St. Andrews, Edinburgh, and Honorary Litt.D. of Cambridge, Manchester and Durham.

1940 10 11 ES
Bombs on East Anglia p5
Downham vicar & evacuees p5
Refugee mothers need prams p5

1940 10 12
H.M.J. Loewe since 1933 played active part in work of ex-patriated Germen and others with no concern for creed. His house was a place where all in trouble could go. Took active part in Jewish community – 40 10 12a

1940 10 14
Heydon Church hit by bomb – fell on tower; service had been held that evening. Another village received several bombs – 40 10 14a

1940 10 15
Ely not to resort to compulsory billeting as did year ago – 40 10 15a

R.G. Clarke, chief engineer Middle Level who saved fens from flooding resigns. He designed St Germans pump – 40 10 15b; funeral 40 10 29a

1940 10 16
Barrow Road houses bombed; residential houses wrecked, one killed; also oil bomb – photos – 40 10 16a, b # c.45.7 # B.Barr

1940 10 18 CIPof
Golden wedding. The golden wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs Stephen George Day, of 29 Brick Row was celebrated on Wednesday. Mr Day who is 74, and Mrs Day who is 70, were married at Hildersham Church in 1890. Mr. Day has worked for the Lord Lieutenant and Mrs Adeane for 42 years. He retired at the beginning of the year but has begun light work again. Six children and are living. One son was killed during the last war

Village College tour. During a visit to Cambridge on Monday, the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. R. S. Hudson) expressed a wish to see one of the county's famous village colleges and social centres. He was taken to Impington—one of the most recent of the colleges—where he was shown some of the many aspects of community work, not only of children, but also for adults. 40 10 18

Church hit by bomb. Bombs were again dropped on various parts of East Anglia during Sunday night, but the most serious damage appears to have been to a village church. In the area four high explosive bombs were dropped, but no casualties have so far been reported. At the church, the bomb fell on the tower and continued into the churchyard. Chancel, choir stalls, organ and pulpit were all undamaged, and all the stained glass, which was covered with thick brown paper, was unbroken. The church holds about 250 people and a service had been held there in the evening. Recently £200 was spent on renovation to the fabric and the bells. Another village a few miles away also received several bombs, but no information has been received of serious damage or casualties and some of the bombs are known to have fallen m open fields. (Note. News of this description was subject to war-time censorship). # c.45.7 # c.83

Awarded D.S.C. Capt E.S. Lewis, Royal Marines, of 98 Glebe Road, Cambridge – the badge of whose corps is the famous Globe and Laurel – has been awarded the D.S.C. Before being called up last October, Capt Lewis was well-known as the Cambridge manager of Messrs E. Pordage & Co. Ltd, Hills Road and his new honour is of particular interest because during the last war he won the D.S.M. 40 10 18 # c.45.7

Magistrates 48 years. — Expressions of regret were voiced at Huntingdon Divisional Court on Friday morning when after nearly 48 years as a magistrate, Mr. F. L. Towgood, of Farm Hall, Godmanchester, retired from the chairmanship of the Bench, a position which he has held for a long period. The Clerk (Mr. V.H. Sykes) said Mr. Towgood had decided to retire owing to his increased deafness,

1940 10 16
Hurricane. Crashed on training flight, pilot killed, near Ely. E-H

1940 10 18 ES
Ely & evacuees: we won't have compulsory billeting p5
Evacuees: another 600 arrive
Littleport Spitfire fund helpers - photo p5
Ely air raid shelters
Prickwillow Church roof damaged by gales

1940 10 21
Rifle fired during dance at Beaconsfield Hall by drunken soldier – 40 10 21a # c.45.7 # c.69.2

1940 10 21
Wellington. Overshot landing and crashed into a gun post, one killed in the gun post, Bassingbourn airfield. E-H

1940 10 24
Wilburton evacuee killed in accident, Stretham Road – 40 10 24a

1940 10 25 ES
Surplus crops from allotments p3
Evacuees - letters p4
Baby evacuees killed, Wilburton-Stretham road p5
Special constables nearly hit by bomb p5

1940 10 26
Compulsory billeting in Cambridge; more evacuees – 40 10 26a

University numbers in residence – 40 10 26a

1940 10 29
Hurricane. Aerial collision, pilot killed, Duxford. E-H

1940 10 29
Hurricane. Aerial collision with above, pilot injured, Duxford. E-H

1940 10 30
Round Church railings removed for scrap – photo – 40 10 30b

1940 10 30
Junkers. Shot down by Hurricanes, four slightly injured, Stuntney Fen, near Ely. E-H

1940 10 31
Raider down in Cambs – Nazis surrender to woman: Junkers 88 shot down at Stuntney; two bailed out were captured in Soham Fen, two remaining occupants threw down revolvers and surrendered Mrs Ashman – 40 10 31

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1940 11 01
Memorial Henry Hughes, first principal of Wesley House 40 11 01a

Peas Hill air raid shelter interior, showing old wine bottles – photo – 40 11 01b

Airman shot dead in bed at a station – 40 11 01c

1940 11 01 CIPof
Nazis Surrender to Woman. When a Junkers 88 bomber was shot down: at Stuntney, near Ely, on Wednesday afternoon, two occupants, aged about 18 to 20, threw down their revolvers and gave themselves up to a woman, who was the first person on the scene. The two other members of the crew, who had baled out by parachute, were captured in Soham Fen and taken to Newmarket. The machine had been badly damaged by R.A.F. fighters and was finished off by another fighter. The Nazi pilot crashed on Mr. Owen Ambrose's farm at Quanea Fen. Later, Mr. Ambrose told a reporter "The plane touched down in a ploughed field, jumped a ditch and came to rest in a beet field. The first person on the scene was Mrs. Ashman, who lives at the farm. As she approached the two men, they emptied their revolvers and threw them away. Other men from the farm came up and the Germans were driven away in a lorry by Mr. Brooks." The two who baled out were uninjured. # c.45.7

Husband must obey! One woman got her own back at Cambridge on Saturday, when her husband was forced publicly to agree to obey all orders she gave him. This resounding "victory" was won at a special meeting of the Cambridge district of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, when Brother Jack M. Woodford was initiated as Provincial Corresponding Secretary by his wife, who happens to be the Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Woodford agreed at his institution to

obey all the orders which the Grand Master and committee might give, so he is therefore responsible to his wife in his new post!

Compulsory billeting. Compulsory billeting powers have already been used in Chesterton rural district, and one billeting officer at least has resigned rather than countenance their use. In 12 cases compulsion had been used, reported Mr. M. S. Pease chairman of the Public Health Committee, to the council meeting on Tuesday. The success of compulsory billeting had, he said, "far exceeded our hopes." "In selecting," he said, " what the war communiqués refer to as targets, we have decided that compulsion should be used more against those larger houses where strangers can be accommodated with less interference of the occupier's domestic arrangements than a smaller house." The chairman (Mr. S. C Lamb) said that as a council they had fought hard against resorting to compulsory billeting. Ultimately he had decided to notify the public officially of the legal position and wrote a letter to the Press explaining that there never had been a voluntary system, but always a compulsory one. # c.45.7

Golden wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Adams, of Glover Street (Over), celebrated their golden wedding on Friday at their home, where they had spent the whole of their married life. They were married at Over Church by the Rev. Dixon in 1890. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have one son and two daughters living. The eldest son was killed in action at the Battle of Somme, 1916.

1940 11 01 ES
Haddenham fire, Linden house - photo p5
Conscientious objectors
Billeting - evacuees took away co8uncil's furniture p5

1940 11 02
Joan Mortimer, WAAF, awarded Military Medal having been organiser since 1938 40 11 02a

1940 11 04
Salvo of bombs dropped on an East Anglian town, damaged mission church – 40 11 04a

1940 11 06
H. Loewe tribute – 40 11 06a

Gt Shelford bungalow, Cambridge Road gutted by fire – 40 11 06b; photo 40 11 07b

New Street schools communal feeding for children – photo – 40 11 06c

1940 11 07
Fordham schoolmaster accused receiving stolen petrol from soldiers – 40 11 07a

1940 11 08 CIPof
New Chairman. After a double ballot, owing to the absence of a clear majority on the first count, Mr. W. C. Jackson was appointed Chairman of the Great Ouse Catchment Board on Friday in the place of Mr. M. G. Townley. The appointment, which is for three years, carries with it a Salary of £500 a year. Voting was conducted by ballot, and on the first count Mr. Jackson received 14 votes for the chairmanship, Mr. W L. Raynes 12 and Mr. M. G. Townley two. On a further vote between the first two candidates only, Mr. Jackson was declared elected by 16 votes to 13.

Bungalow burnt out. A bungalow in Cambridge Road, Great Shelford, belonging to Mr. G. E. Evans was completely gutted by fire on Wednesday. The outbreak started just after ten o'clock, when, it is believed, something in a room was ignited from the fire, and before the flames could be extinguished the whole room was ablaze. The Borough Fire Brigade was called, and regular men, assisted by members of the A.F.S., soldiers and several local special constables, fought the blaze for

two hours before it could be brought under control. Fear that the fire would spread necessitated the removal of furniture from an adjoining room.

Air- Raid. An enemy plane dropped a high explosive bomb in a field shortly after midnight on Friday. Fortunately the only damage done was to the windows of several houses. Two semi-detached houses had the front window frames completely blown out and another house was also damaged. A woman and daughter, the tenants, were in bed and a clock on a chair was lifted on to the bed and struck the woman. All the pans and crockery in the scullery were thrown to the floor and broken and the back door to the kitchen was lifted from its hinges. There were no casualties. Several other houses in the villages some distance away had windows broken. # c.45.7

Messerschmitt on View. A German Messerschmitt 108 arrived at Royston on Tuesday and was on view at a nominal charge in aid of the local Spitfire Fund. The machine was brought down in England some time ago. It was in charge of a local committee, and placed at the rear of the Town Hall. A substantial sum was paid by onlookers.

1940 11 08 ES
Sutton bomber pilot missing p5
Stuntney woman takes charge when raider crashes p5
Downham rector & evacuees problem p5
People injured in EA raid p5
Littleport cinema damaged fire p5
Swine fever in Isle p7
Stretham Schools - work start on air-raid shelters for Mixed school, quantities of bricks etc have been waiting for some time & the garden of the School House is now being cleared as a preliminary to construction of the shelters. When an air raid warning is given the children attending the Infants School & the Robert Montefiore infants go to a large cellar at the Rectory which has been inspected & approved

1940 11 09
Duchess of Gloucester opens new WVS club, St Andrew's Street – 40 11 09a & b # c.02 # c.45.7

1940 11 13
Woman bombed out of her house in London left her furniture in cottage at Coton and refused to leave - 40 11 13a

1940 11 14
Recreation centre opened St Andrew's Hall, Chesterton, for men & women – 40 11 14a

1940 11 15
Coveney smallholder, Edward Leach, fined for not ploughing six acres 40 11 15a

More railings: Wesley church railings removed – photo – 40 11 15b

1940 11 15 CIPof
A Lost "Muckinger." — An octogenarian farm worker in a South Cambs village (writes Watchman) was heard one day last week to lament the loss of his "muckinger" in the fields and he hoped any one finding it would return it to him, as it was a present from his daughter in London. A correspondent interested in old words and sayings, told of the incident, informs me that "muckinger" is an old colloquial name for the large red cotton pocket handkerchief in common use by farm workers. The name is heard more often in Essex than Cambridgeshire and it is interesting to note that the word heard last week was voiced by an old inhabitant of Heydon, a village which, in September, 1895, was (with its neighbours Great and Little Chishill) transferred from Essex to Cambridgeshire. # c.39

Presentations. — On the occasion of their recent marriage, Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Paintin were the recipients of wedding gifts from the Congregational Church choir and Sunday School (Linton), where they have both rendered excellent service. The gifts included a silver tea service and an electric iron. On leaving the employment of Messrs. Chivers (Histon), where he has been for some nine years, Mr. Jack M. Woodford has been presented by his co-workers with an oak writing bureau and a standard electric lamp

Remembrance Day. At the express invitation of the Mayor (Ald. E. O. Brown) members of the County Council accompanied the Council and Corporation to the annual service of Remembrance and Dedication at Gt. St. Mary's Church on Sunday. The Lord Lieutenant and Mrs. Adeane, members of the British Legion, headed by their band, under Mr. W. Cant, representatives of other ex-Servicemen's organisations, the police and members of the A.F.S., the Boys' Brigade and a contingent from the St. John's Ambulance were also present. After the service, wreaths were laid on the War Memorial by the British Legion and the Borough Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, as well as by the Mayor. 40 11 15

Duchess of Gloucester at Cambridge. — The Duchess of Gloucester honoured Cambridge with another visit on Friday; afternoon when she opened the new WVS Club for Servicemen and Women in St. Andrew's Street. Although the visit had been kept very secret, a crowd of several thousands gathered in the street and gave Her Royal Highness a hearty send-off at the conclusion of her visit. The new club has been made possible through the generosity of an anonymous donor, and includes a. separate room for women. # c.45.7 # c.02

1940 11 15 ES
Bomb havoc in East Anglian town - long account p5

1940 11 16
Night bombs near East Anglian town – 40 01 16a

1940 11 18
Lt Downham evacuee death – run over by tractor – 40 11 18a

Trinity College – Trevelyan installed as Master – 40 11 18a

1940 11 19
Home Guard training, includes military band – 40 11 19a

Rev Vale, vicar Wilburton killed in car accident, Yorkshire – 40 11 19b

1940 11 20
Cottage hit by bombs – photos – 40 11 20a

1940 11 21
Bombs demolish upper part village house – 40 11 21a

Bombs on Land Settlement Estate blow in doors – 40 11 21b

1940 11 22
Bombs damage houses and shops; field and fen – 40 11 22a

1940 11 22 ES
Failed to plough up land, Coveney smallholder fined p4
Evacuees run over by trailer, Downham p4
Wilburton vicar, Sillery, killed p5
Littleport cinema reopens after fire

Church damaged in EA raid p5
John Hilton, broadcaster, at Ely p5

1940 11 23
Duchess of Gloucester shops at Eaden Lilley – 40 11 23a

Messerschmitt shot down in county to be exhibited Corn Exchange – 40 11 23b

County first war convalescent home and auxiliary hospital inspected – 40 11 23c

1940 11 25
Stretham evacuee death, London driver heavily fined – two girls walking from Wilburton, one carrying child who knocked from her arms, Mrs Williamson wheeling pram – 40 11 25a
War weapons week: impressive Civil Defence parade – 40 11 25b

1940 11 26
Canada ex-prime-minister at War Weapons exhibition – 40 11 26a

Nazi that was Messerschmitt-en – Corn Exchange war weapons exhibition – 40 11 26b, c # c.45.7

Boy burglars 'shoot' Home Guard – 40 11 26d

1940 11 27
Cinema van helps war weapons week – 40 11 27a; picture 40 11 28a

1940 11 29
War weapons week parade cars – photos – 40 11 29a

1940 11 29 CIPof
Horse-sense on the Farm. A Fenland correspondent (writes Watchman) is of opinion that he can explain the word "Waukenmella," a term used by Essex, and perhaps other farm hands, when it is desired to instruct a horse to turn left, a Heydon happening to which reference was made last week. "Waukern-ella", or like-sounding word, he opines, is simply a corruption of the age long instruction "Whoa. Come hither," when a horse is to turn to its left. "In the Fenlands," he says, "whoa is now often omitted and only 'Come hither' used, but in other parts of the country, notably in Essex, the three-word instruction seems to be used, as it has been for generations."

Hospital Inspected.—Cambridgeshire's first convalescent home and auxiliary hospital under the Joint War Organisation and the Ministry of Health was formally inspected on Thursday by Dame Beryl Oliver. The hospital is staffed by two trained sisters, Miss Simmons and Mrs. Bailey, and B.R.C.S. members of detachments Cambridgeshire 14 and 38. Commandants Mrs. Martin Wright and Miss S Phillips, who were all present # c.45.7 # c.21.4

Wicken Native's Appointment -Mr. Stanley J. Granfield, a. native of Wicken, has recently been appointed acting headmaster of Chesterton Senior School, Cambridge, while the Headmaster (Mr. G. W, Mansfield) is away on military service. Mr. Granfield will be remembered in the village for his activities in connection with the Tit-Bits Concert Party, the East Cambs. Motor Club and Fordham Rodeo. Gaining a scholarship at the local Council school, he was later at Soham Grammar School and the University of London Goldsmiths' College. He has been teaching in Cambridge since 1924.

Awarded Bar to D.F.M.—A bar to the D.F.M. has been awarded to Sgt. Ernest William Gimson, of No. 107 Squadron, R.A.F. Gimson was born at Sawston, but his home is at Babakin, Western Australia. Before joining the R.A.F., he was a storekeeper's assistant. He was awarded his D.F.M. for gallantry in air operations. Sgt. Ernest Gimson attended the Linton schools for a number of

years before he emigrated with his parents to Australia. His lively interest in the village has always been maintained as he had a number of pen friends with whom he corresponded regularly. His father, Mr. E. R. Gimson, served in the Great War, 1914-18, and afterwards during his service with Messrs. R. Holttum & Sons, took a very active interest in the Linton branch of the British Legion before leaving for Australia.

Personal. — Among those upon whom the degree of Master of Arts was conferred in the Senate House last Friday was Mr. B. F. Hounsell Dammers, of The Haven, Histon.

1940 11 29 ES
Evacuee accident on Wilburton-Stretham road - driver guilty p5
Witchford benefactress - death C.L. Beldam p5

1940 11 30
Ouse River Board, W.E. Doran appointed engineer – 40 11 30a

Fire engine in parade – photo – 40 11 30b

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1940 12 03
Girl guides in war-time: what they are doing – 40 12 03b # c.37.9
First marriage at the People's Mission, Abbey Walk – 40 12 03c # c.83

1940 12 04
Soldier killed in recreation hut of an anti-aircraft battery during Lewis gun demonstration – 40 12 04a, 40 12 27b

Communal kitchen run at Blinco Grove Parochial Hall – photo – 40 12 04b

1940 12 06
St John Ambulance centre opened in Falcon Yard – 40 12 06a

1940 12 06 CIPof
A Tragedy. — The following note by the Vicar appears in the current issue of the Melbourn Parish Magazine: On Saturday evening, a poor, homeless wayfarer stepped into the road, and was knocked down by a passing car. He died as a result of his injuries. He was buried in our cemetery. The priest, the undertaker and two of his helpers were all that were present. His relations, if he had any, will never hear of his death. How thankful most of us should be for home, friends and love."

47 Years a Solicitor. — We regret to announce the death of Mr. S. J. Miller, which occurred at his home, "Gilmerton," Trumpington, on Tuesday. Mr. Miller, who was 70 years of age, was a Cambridge man, educated at the Perse School, and University School, Hastings. He had been practising law in Cambridge since 1893. During the last war he was national service representative for Cambridge, and was for 15 years secretary of the Cambridge Conservative Club. Mr. Miller, who was -married in London 42 years ago, leaves a widow and a married son and daughter.

D.F.M. for Cambs. Man. — The D.F.M. has been awarded Sergt Donald Ernest Kingaby, only son of the Rev. P. F. Kingaby, Vicar of Impington, and Mrs. Kingaby. Sergt. Kingaby, a member of 92 Squadron, R.A.F., has displayed great courage and tenacity in his attacks against the enemy, and it is officially stated that he has destroyed at least nine enemy machines, four of which he shot down in one day. On one occasion his plane caught fire over the sea, and he baled out at 10,000ft falling into a field near Whitstable. On another occasion he crashed on landing at another place in Kent, but was uninjured.

River Rescue. Writing from 66, Hills Avenue, (Cambridge), Mr Thomas C. Catlin states: "Will you allow me space in your valuable paper to express my sincere thanks and gratefulness to the gentleman who on Monday night dived into the river Cam in the fog and darkness, near Chesterton, and rescued my son from drowning? It was a very gallant and heroic action on such a. night. I would also like to thank the girls, who, returning home from work, went back to fetch help, and therefore helped to save the boy's life. Although still suffering from shock, he is recovering again." 40 12 06

War Weapons Week. — The final total of Cambridge War Weapons Week is £908,269 4s. 6d. This magnificent result was given by Mr. E. Gilchrist, secretary of the Campaign Committee.

1940 12 06
Ely theological college closing; being taken over by Government; was used as hospital in last war p5

1940 12 11
Sharing the kitchen stove – evacuation – a woman's point of view – 40 12 11a

1940 12 13 CIPof
A Phenomenal November. According to the village octogenarians, last month was the wettest November in living memory (in Melbourn), and possibly the wettest on record. The average November rainfall in Melbourn is 2.20 ins., but last month rain was registered on 23 days, the wettest being the 4th (1.08 ins.), and the 14th (1.03 ins.) and the total for the month 6.20 ins. An authority on meteorology says that the heaviest rainfall, ever recorded for a single month in this country was 7.21 ins., and the date, June, 1903.

Outbreak of fire. The lane adjoining the village green (at Melbourn) was the scene of an alarming outbreak of fire at 1 p.m. last Saturday. In this lane the men engaged in putting down water pipes through the village had placed a caravan, wooden shed and a tarpaulin tent for the storage of material. The works foreman and his son furnished the wooden hut as a temporary home, and while they were absent the place caught fire, the fire spreading to the tarpaulin tent, both erections being burnt to the ground, the former occupants losing clothes, camp beds, money, portable wireless set, cooking .stoves, lamps and much other property. Mr. H. Stanford and Mr. W. J. Wiseman, members of the local fire brigade, were quickly on the scene, and managed to get the fire under control, but not before the caravan, in which lives the clerk of the works, was seriously damaged by the flames, also a large proportion of the garden fencing. The origin of the fire is unknown. 40 12 13

Bishop Resigns. — Many in the diocese will learn with regret that the Bishop of Ely (Dr. Heywood) has found it necessary to resign. The King has approved the resignation of Dr, Heywood, who had previously intimated to the Archbishop of Canterbury his desire to vacate the see owing to ill-health. The resignation will take effect on December 16. Dr. Heywood, who was appointed to the see of Ely in 1934 in succession to Dr. White-Thomson, was Bishop of Southwell from 1926 to 1928, when he resigned on account of ill-health. Later his recovery enabled him to accept appointment as assistant bishop of the diocese of York and Bishop Suffragan of Hull.

Youngest Billeting Officer?—Mrs Barbara Meadows, of Brampton. Huntingdonshire, is the executive billeting officer for Huntingdon, She is aged 19.

Mayoress Four Times. — The funeral took place on Tuesday of a former Mayoress of St. Ives. It was with deep regret that St. Ives learned on Friday of the death in the early hours, of the morning of Mrs. Beatrice Mary Johnson, wife of Aid. J. Johnson, of "Westwood." Following a recent illness, Mrs. Johnson made progress, but a relapse occurred a few days before she passed away at the age of 65 years. By her charming personality, Mrs. Johnson won all hearts and St. Ivians will remember with gratitude the service she performed for the Borough as Mayoress on four occasions when she

so ably assisted Ald. Johnson as chief citizen. This was in 1919, 1920 (when Coun. J. R. Ingram died within a few days of taking office, Mr. Johnson stepping into the breach) and again in 1932.

1940 12 13 ES
Ely to have three surface shelters?
Stretham lorry driver Herbert Gillet fined
Evacuees "have bad habits" p7
Bishop Heywood resigns p7

1940 12 14
East Anglian church damaged bomb – 40 12 14a
W.V.S. work reviewed – 40 12 14b

1940 12 16
Cambridge club for officers opened at Union Society – 40 12 16a

1940 12 18
F. Gough & son, Hills Road; fire averted – 40 12 18a

1940 12 19
Women help sort & deliver mail at Post Office – photo – 40 12 19a

1940 12 20 CIPof
The Christmas Turkey. Although authorities seem to be agreed (writes Watchman) about the date of the corning of the first turkey to England (it was during the reign of King Henry VIII) its place of origin is still a question often debated in certain quarters. The popular belief is that the bird was brought from Turkey, hence its name, but there appears to be strong evidence of its coming originally from the wilds extending from the South of Canada to Mexico, where it is, even today, the most plentiful. For generations large number of the bird have been bred and fattened, mainly in Cambridgeshire and Norfolk, to supply the London markets. Some old farm accounts of 146 years ago discovered and deciphered by Dr. W. M. Palmer, tell of 1,700 dead turkeys being carted along the Royston Road to London on a Sunday before the Christmas Day of 1793 the birds — all from one farm — weighed in all 9 tons 2 cwts, and were valued at £680. They were followed on the following Monday and Tuesday by 850 from another farm.

Died for his Country. News has reached Cambridge of the death in action of a young Cambridge man who was serving with the Royal Navyduring the great evacuation from Dunkirk. He was Ordinary Seaman V. G. Stearn, aged 18, who was reported missing, believed drowned, in May last. Educated at the Brunswick School, Stearn was a very keen swimmer, and held medals and certificates for success in this sport. After leaving school, he was employed for over a year at Messrs. Herbert Robinson and Son, Regent Street, Cambridge, and joined the Navy just before the outbreak of war. An elder brother is now serving with the R.A.F. in Egypt.

1940 12 20 ES
Evacuees: Christmas festivities prepared p7
Stretham A.R.P. : to obtain hut for storage equipment & use as wardens post; at present no official shelter for wardens when on duty; series lectures for wardens & volunteers to replace those called up

1940 12 23
Trumpington first-aid post opened – 40 12 23a
Post women WWI – group photo – 40 12 23b

1940 12 24

King's college carol service broadcast; residents not allowed as seats for military personnel – 40 12 24a

1940 12 27
Christmas festivities – Mayor's visits – 40 12 27a
Cambridge Home Guard band was first;

1940 12 27 CIPof
Golden Wedding. Mr and Mrs. Fred Gifford, of 20, Orchard Close, Oakington Road, Cottenham, celebrated their golden wedding on Christmas Eve. They were married at Cambridge Register Office 50 years ago and of their nine children, five sons and three daughters are surviving and. they have nine grandchildren. Both enjoy excellent health and are a remarkably active couple. Mr. and Mrs. Gifford held a reception on their anniversary at the home of their son-in-law and daughter (Mr. and Mrs. F. Beaumont, of 106 High Street) where they spent a happy time with their children and grandchildren.

Busy Day for Mayor. The war seemed to bring but little change in the Christmas activities in the various institutions in Cambridge. Turkeys were for the most part absent from the Christmas Day dinner menu, while for obvious reasons profuse paper decorations were avoided. Almost all the other attributes of the season — plum puddings, mince pies, crackers and of course, Father Christmas himself — were, however to be found and at several places cooks had done wonders in the way of producing Christmas cakes, often with icing. As usual, the Mayor and Mayoress (Ald. and Mrs. Brown) made the traditional long round of visits and in addition to the usual places of call, found time to call at the W.V.S. Services Club in St. Andrew's Street, where they saw some typical hospitality being enjoyed to the full.

Presentation. As a token of esteem, and to mark the close of a year in a seasonable way, Mr. W.S. Hudson, Eastern Area Supervisor for the Associated British Cinemas, was this week presented with a canteen of cutlery from the managers and assistant managers of the A.B.C. cinemas in his area. Mr. Hudson's area is a big one, extending from Oxford and Dunstable night to the coast and the tribute therefore comes from a good many A.B.C men.

1940 12 27 ES
Soham "special" who arrested two Germans at Stuntney received award p5
Ely mock raid
1940 reviewed in pictures - ARP practice at Ely p8_

1940 12 30
Lone raider's attack in East Anglia – 40 12 30
first parade of local battalion Home Guard on St John's College playing field – 40 12 30a

1940 12 31
Harry Salmons, Haddenham knocked down in Black Out on Boxing Day – 40 12 31a

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1941 01 02
Air raid shelters; Haldane shelters would not be approving owing to lack of material and labour but blastproof walls were desirable; new brick walled surface shelters planned – 41 01 02a # c.45.7

1941 01 03
A Brinkley Nonagenarian. Everybody in Brinkley, and also people in surrounding villages, will congratulate Mr. Richard Hart on attaining his 90th birthday. They will also wish him continued good health through 1941. Mr Hart still helps in the engineering shop of Messrs. T. Hart and Sons, and is completing his 48th year's churchwarden. He served his apprenticeship in the days when trains were still a sufficient novelty to make the people go to the station to watch the morning train come in.

Talking Bird helps Red Cross. - A cheque for £3 has been handed in for the divisional fund, Arrington II, British Red Cross Society by Mr. Wedd. The money was collected by the famous talking budgerigar at Arrington Filling Station.

Retirement. Mr. Fred W. Green, Clerk to the Ely R.D.C., who retired on Tuesday, received a presentation in appreciation of his work at a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. The gift was a wristlet watch, and the presentation was made by the Chairman of the Council (Aid. H. J. Martin), who spoke of the number of years Mr. Green had served the Guardians and then the Rural District Council

1941 01 03 ES
Americans send gifts for evacuees p3
Wisbech evacuees accused of jewellery raid p3
Run-down by car in blackout - Haddenham man killed p5
Ely's ARP must be strengthened p7
Ely evacuee woman dies from shock of being bombed out of her home p7
Review of 1940 - local stories p9
Evacuees spend jolly Christmas p9

1941 01 04
Fordham headmaster not guilty of receiving stolen army petrol – 41 01 04a

1941 01 04
Wellington. Overshot landing, two killed, two injured, Newmarket. E-H

1941 01 07
Roof-spotter at work in Cambridge – interesting points for discussion – 41 01 07b
Serg Pilot Donald Kingaby of Histon awarded DFM at Impington village college – 41 01 07c

1941 01 08
St Paul's church first wedding in 200 years – 41 01 08b

1941 01 09
Cambridge railway control centre in bomb-proof shelter – feature – 41 01 09a # c.26.2

1941 01 10

Bahamas present mobile canteen – photo – 41 01 10b
John Henry Sadler, South View, Wilburton Rd, Stretham fined for drinking at Chequers; spotted by PC Boulton – 41 01 10c

1941 01 10 CIPof
Honoured by villagers. Nearly 400 residents of Histon and Impington paid tribute to the gallantry of a local hero at Impington Village College on Saturday evening, when Sgt. Pilot Donald Kingaby who was recently awarded the D.F.M., was the recipient of a presentation. It was a happy thought on the part of the organisers and the college hall was well filled. The presentation took the form of cigarette cases, a lighter and cash.

Testimonial. — The courtesy and business-like habits of Mr Heavens, the Newmarket station-master, has won for him not only the confidence of the company and the esteem of the townspeople but also the respect of the proprietors of racing studs, trainer and others who have experience his strict attention to their convenience in the discharge of his duty. In order to testify their appreciation of his conduct, a subscription has been raised. M James Manning acting as Treasurer and on Wednesday last the latter, on behalf of subscribers, some of whom were present, presented Mr. Heavens with a purse containing 150 sovereigns. Mr. Heavens briefly acknowledged the handsome compliment in an appropriate and feeling manner.

Measles, — Although measles has extended to two further villages, in the St Ives rural district, the Medical Officer does not think there is any cause for worry. The epidemic is much as usual, but it happens there are more children about.

Golden wedding. — Mr. and Mrs. David John Nicholls celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding on. New Year's Eve (at Quy). They were married at Quy Church on December 31, 1890 by the Rev. F Watson, then Vicar of Quy. Mr. Nicholls was born at Fen Ditton but has lived in Quy for the past 70 years, and worked for Mr. J. Brown, Bush Farm, for nearly 40 years. Mrs. Nicholls was born in Quy; and has lived in the village all her life.

1941 01 10 ES
Social centre opened at Ely where evacuees can meet friends p5
"Ely is not getting full meat ration" p5
Stretham evacuee's party - 200 children for billeted children and children of homes taking evacuees - bread, jelly etc; then by bus to Ely cinema

1941 01 11
Baden Powell in Cambridge – memories of scouting – 41 01 11a # c.37.9

1941 01 14
LNER lorries bring undergraduate luggage – pic - 41 01 14a

1941 01 14
Blenheim. Forced landing near Wisbech. E-H

1941 01 15
Home Guard Band – photo – 41 01 15a # T.

1941 01 16
Miniature fire blitz – incendiaries on Perse School – 41 01 16a, b, c

1941 01 17 CIPof
Miniature Fire Blitz.—A town in East Anglia was the scene of a miniature fire blitz early yesterday (Thursday). A famous public school dating back to about 1600 was badly damaged, and a garage and wireless store also suffered severely. Scores of incendiaries were dropped, but the magnificent work

of the police and members of the Civil Defence services had all but a few of the bombs extinguished before they could do any serious damage and the value of prompt action by the fire watcher and others was again strikingly demonstrated. It was a tragic piece of irony that the headmaster of the school was himself bombed out of his house only a short time ago and as he stood watching firemen at work later in the morning, he told a reporter: "I fear the whole of the interior of the building has gone, but we have managed to save most of our papers". While he spoke, pupils' at the school continued to arrive as usual for their lessons, unaware of the disaster. The manager of the wireless store stated that the place was burned out in about four hours. 41 01 17 # c.45.7 # c.36.5

Open Air School Head. — The death of Miss E. M. Cowles, head teacher for Cambridge Open Air Council School, took place in a nursing home on Monday. Miss Cowles, who lived at 77 De Freville Avenue, was taken ill on Saturday and an operation was performed.

A giant mandrake. From Stretham comes the news that whilst engaged on Stowbridge, Mr. H. C. Holliday discovered a fine specimen of a mandrake (writes Watchman). It weighed over 30lbs, excluding the smaller side roots, and is 30½ inches round at the thickest part. Many consider it the largest they have ever seen, and the finder believes that its seed was carried from 'somewhere' by birds. Any doubters as to its size may inspect the root on payment of 3d. for the Comforts for Troops Fund. 41 10 17

1941 01 17 ES
New Air Training corps - Ely & Soham schools want to join in p5

1941 01 21
University lecturer electrocuted on pylon – 41 01 21a

1941 01 23
First wedding of refugees in synagogue – 41 01 23a`

1941 01 24
W.E. Rayner of Stretham fined for allowing cattle to stray, Cambridge Rd – 41 01 24a

1941 01 24 CIPof
Major wins George Cross. Though a native of Ipswich, Major H. J. L. Barefoot, R.E., who has been awarded the George Cross "for most conspicuous gallantry in carrying out hazardous work in a very brave manner" is no stranger to Cambridge. He is a partner in a firm of Ipswich architects, and before the war took an active part in amateur dramatics, being the founder of the Leslie Barefoot Players, a company, which, incidentally presented "Out of Bounds" at the Arts Theatre two years ago. He lives at 100 Chesterton Road, Cambridge

Council Sued,—Plans, maps and huge cases of documents, some of which dated back to 1660, were in court at Cambs Assizes on Friday for an action brought against Chesterton Rural District Council. The case concerns a claim for damages on account of flooding on land at Wilbraham.

Fighting Fen Floods. — The Special committee set up by the Cambridgeshire County Council to consider Sir Murdoch Macdonald's scheme for the protection, of the Fens against flooding will make their report to the Council tomorrow. The report includes a note prepared by the Clerk of the Council in which he recalls the three methods of approach which have been put forward at different times by different people. The methods are (a) Deepen the Tidal River. This is possible only if silt is prevented from coming in from the sea. It therefore means either a barrage to keep salt water and silt from entering d, the river or an extension of training walls to deep water, (b) Divert the water at Denver into of a new channel parallel to the Tidal River. At some point nearer on the sea it would have to be pumped into the Tidal River, (c) Remove the upland waters to a new channel on the edge on the of uplands, the new .channel

discharging below Denver and being available to receive (by pumping) the water awaiting discharge at Denver. # c.29

1941 01 24
Compulsory fire-fighting; men 16 to 60 liable for service p3
War weapons week preparations - photo p5
King & Queen visit newly opened RAF hospital p5
Prisoners in Germany - list p5
Raiders machine gun village p5

1941 01 25
Dr Eduard Benes, President Czecho-Slovak republic visits Cambridge – 41 01 25a

1941 01 27
Sand bags tied to lamp posts vandalised in Mill Rd – 41 01 27a

Civil defence – more sirens suggested – 41 01 27b
Fire fighting display – photo – 41 01 27b

1941 01 28
Fire and frost: photos of bitter weather conditions during raid on Perse School – 41 01 28

1941 01 29
Engineers in the making – Technical college courses, demand for women workers – 41 01 29a & b

1941 01 30
Air Defence Corps formed – 41 01 30a

1941 01 31
East Anglian day raiders – 40 01 31a
Bombs next door … Mill Road bombing – 41 01 31b
Sir Vendrill Varrier-Jones death. Papworth – 41 01 31c

ARP exhibition included incendiary bomb detector, poison gas detector; prepared by Cambridge scientists – 41 01 31d

1941 01 31 CIPof
Well-known farmer.— The death of Mr. Charles Albert Franklin, which occurred at his residence, "Kingswood", Cambridge Road, Barton, after a brief illness, will be regretted by a large circle of friends. Until his retirement about a year ago, Mr. Franklin had for many years been a successful farmer at Hoback Farm, Wimpole. For some years he was a sidesman at Wimpole Church and a manager of the' Church of England School.

East Anglian Town Bombed.— Three people are feared to have been 'killed and four others received head injuries when a German raider dropped several high explosive bombs on an East Anglian town yesterday afternoon. The plane dived low before releasing the bombs, said an eyewitness. One bomb fell on a row of small houses, demolishing two, and some of the casualties were people in these premises. # c.45.7

Airman Missing.—Local sporting circles will learn with regret that Sergeant W. H. H. Johnson, a wireless operator air gunner in R.A.F.V.R. is reported missing, believed killed, while on a training flight. Sgt. Johnson was an active rowing member of the Rob Roy Boat Club, a delegate to the C.R.A. and a well-known playing member of the Cambridge Rugby Club. He was employed in the Surveyor's Department at the Corporation Storeyard. 41 01 31

1941 01 31 ES
Evacuees: Haddenham man lets house subject to demolition order p7

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1941 02 05
Cambridge People's Vigilance Committee ARP exhibition includes incendiary bomb detector & Haldane shelter details – 41 02 05a

1941 02 07 CIPof
Czech footballer weds.—A Czech international footballer, at present in the Royal Air Force, and his Cambridge bride were married at the Church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs on Saturday. The bridegroom was Karel Novak, who at one time played for Czechoslovakia, and has made several appearances as centre-half in the Cambridge Town team. His bride was Miss Florence A. Farrington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Farrington, of 14 Covent Garden, Cambridge. Mr. Novak is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. K. Novak, of Prague.

Leaving Ely.—News has reached me this week (says Watchman) that one of the best-known figures in the Ely district. Canon T. J. Kirkland is leaving for a church appointment. Headmaster of Ely Kings' School since 1918, Canon Kirkland has now been appointed Vicar of Rustington, Sussex, and he expects to leave Ely some time in April. Canon Kirkland was born at Wakefield Yorks. in 1884, the son of Mr. Alfred Kirkland, a well-known organ builder in his day. He came to Ely in 1906 as a junior science master at the King's School, and he was appointed Headmaster in 1918. At the school he was responsible for the formation of the Boy Scouts group, and he was for some years District Commissioner of the movement. For a number of years Canon Kirkland has been a J.P. and a member of the Urban Council.

Killed by enemy action. News has reached Cambridge that A/C George Pope, son of Mr. J. Pope, of 55 Gwydir Street, Cambridge, has been killed as the result of enemy action. A/C Pope, who was 29 years of age, had been employed by Mr. T. Freeman, plumbing and heating engineer, of Histon Road, Cambridge, and was very popular with all his workmates. He joined the Volunteer Air Reserve, and was called up for service at the beginning of the war. 41 02 07

1941 02 07 ES
School shelters to be heated p3
Ely to house 300 more evacuees - nobody wants them; "saturation point" in voluntary billeting - to use compulsion p5
Man killed in EA raid p5
Ely's shelters alarm MO - very unsatisfactory from health viewpoint p5
Land Girls - Women's Institutes asked to help p6
Whistle warning for fire bombs announced p7
Stretham air raid warnings, problems now whistles only when incendiary bombs falling; no plans for siren in village p8

1941 02 12
RAF bomber crashes on top houses in Histon Road, three aged women killed – Miss Catharine Allen, Mrs Ann Warland, Mrs Ada Sara Blackwell. A fourth, Mrs Mary Hewitt, taken to hospital. An RAF bomber crashed on top of houses in Histon Road, killing three aged women. A fourth was taken to hospital.
Pc George Smith told the Inquest that at 2.25 a.m. he was on duty in Histon Road, Cambridge when he saw a large plane flying very low.
It struck the roofs on one side of the road and then crashed into the houses on the other side of the road coming to rest on a tennis court at the back of the houses. The chief damage to the houses was to the roofs and top floors

With the help of other officers he searched the wreckage and found the bodies under the debris in the bedrooms of the respective houses. He also assisted other people out of the damaged houses, which were 145 and 147 Histon Road and numbers 1 and 2 Roseneath Villas.
A warm tribute to the work of the police in rescuing other residents in the damaged houses was paid by Miss Allen, two of whose sisters were amongst those who escaped.
An eyewitness who was on the scene few minutes after said that the first officer to arrive was no longer recognisable as a police officer, being covered with plaster and dirt from the debris in his strenuous efforts at rescue.
The Pilot Officer in command of the air craft describing the incident, said he was returning from a raid on Germany in very bad weather. A Squadron Leader said the pilot took the only possible action. The crew were uninjured. The coroner said it was a very regrettable accident. We were living in unusual times and unusual things happened, of which this regrettable incident occurrence was one. He expressed sympathy with the relatives of the deceased women and the R.A.F Squadron Leader asked to be associated with this – 41 02 12a photo 41 02 13a. Inquest details – 41 02 14a # c.45.7
[Plane was Wellington IC R1004 of 115 Squadron from Marham. All crew survived bailing out. Pilot was Pilot Officer Clarke. Aircraft code KO-U. From Chorley Bomber Command Losses 1941'.]

1941 02 12
Wellington. Crashed returning damaged from raid, one killed, near Wisbech. E-H

1942 02 14
Fire-fighting practice using stirrup pump – 41 02 14b

While civil defence personnel in Singapore town are dealing with damage and civil casualties caused by Japanese shelling and bombing, British, Australian, Indian and Malaysian troops are resisting every enemy attacks in considerable strength which developed yesterday afternoon . Today's Singapore communique adds that the defenders are disputing every attempt to advance further towards the heart of Singapore town. It says our troops had counter attacked on at least one point and established a new line. The Japs admit British counterattack but claim to have occupied the naval base in the north of the island. In these days the thoughts of us all our very much centred upon Singapore and I should be failing in my duty if I refrained from stressing very strongly the importance of not spreading rumours. It is natural that East Anglians should be particularly concerned as we have many of our friends and relations in the thick of things. Cambridgeshire men who joined up did not expect this war to be a picnic. They trained to help fight for the Empire and were prepared for any demands made upon them. It may be they have been called upon to perform a great service to the Empire which have considerable historic importance but history is not made without great sacrifices. The people of Cambridgeshire can keep a stiff upper lip and take it but do not let us add to pain and sorrow buy any unguarded statements. As soon as any official information is received we will assist to the best of our ability by passing on that information with the least possible delay. There are influential friends who have promise to keep this newspaper well informed it is a hard thing to have to say but there is nobody to whom you can apply for information. It is just a case of waiting until news arrives as it shortly will do from one source or another – 42 02 14 & c

1942 02 14 CIPof
Train derailment,—Due to faulty points, a goods engine and about 25 trucks were derailed on the north side of Soham station about 7 a.m. on Saturday, causing the suspension of services on the Newmarket-Ely line for 12 hours. Driver Cross and the fireman managed to jump clear from the engine. By nightfall one line was working again, and the speed and efficiency with which the breakdown gang did their work was praised by the L.N.E.R. District Superintendent (Mr. Sutcliffe).

Memorial Service.—A memorial service to the late Sir Pendrill Varrier-Jones, founder and director of Papworth Village Settlement, was held on Saturday afternoon in St. John's College Chapel. The service was conducted by the Chaplain of the College (Rev. Alan Welford) and the lesson was read by Dr. Lewis Shore. A passage from Bunyan was read by the Vice-Chancellor (Mr. E. A. Benians, Master of St. John's) 42 02 14

Bomber deaths.—Houses were wrecked in Histon Road, Cambridge, on Tuesday when an R.A.F. bomber crashed on its way back from a raid on the Continent. Three old ladies were killed instantly. # c.45.7

Target of £200,000.—Arising out of a meeting held in Huntingdon a fortnight ago, when it was decided to organise a War Weapons Week commencing on March 23, it has been agreed to make the target £200,000, although it is anticipated that this sum will be exceeded.

1941 02 14 ES
Voluntary fire watching - two groups formed p5
Downham to plough up common land for food p5
Jeffery P Smith leaving Ely; breaks association of 108 years p5

1942 02 15
Perse school treasures saved after fire destroyed library and classrooms. The shields which hung around the walls, the War Memorial and the portrait of Dr Rouse survived – 41 02 15a

1942 02 17
Raider's night bomb demolishes house front; 10 people escaped when high explosive bomb fell a few feet from house – 41 02 17a Photo damage to house, front blown out – 41 02 18b # c.45.7
Frederick Harris, chemist, obituary - 41 02 17b

1941 02 18
Four night raiders down, many casualties – 41 02 18a

1941 02 19
Lone raider bombs busy street; market day casualties – probably Newmarket – 41 02 19a

1941 02 20
Dornier believed damaged after raids – 41 02 20a # c.45.7 # c.36.5

1941 02 21
Impington Village College dance band – 41 02 21a

1941 02 21 CIPof
Another Swavesey D. F. C. —Flying Officer Eric C. Barwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Barwell, the Old House, Swavesey, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. After flying with the Cambridge Volunteer Reserve for a year, he was mobilised on the outbreak of war, and in December, 1939, he was granted a commission as pilot officer. He is a brother of Wing Cdr. Philip Barwell, who was awarded the D.F.C. in December, 1939

House front demolished. —Ten people, including two young babies, had a remarkable escape from injury in an East Anglian town on Saturday night, when a high explosive bomb fell only a few feet from the front wall of the house in which they were staying. The whole of the front of the building was affected, but Mr. and Mrs. Coles, who were in the front bedroom, were unhurt. The other occupants of the houses, which are semi-detached, were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis and their two-year-old baby, Mrs. Mapey, Mrs. Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. Honeywell and their two-year-old baby. # c.45.7

Last local wearer.—A correspondent (writes Watchman) states that some time ago a few interested Cambridgeshire antiquaries tried to discover who was the last farm hand in the country to wear the smock front seriously. He says "seriously" because one often sees it worn nowadays in fancy dress parades. The investigators came to the conclusion that the smock was last worn by an old shepherd at Little Abington, near Linton, somewhere about the year 1892. My correspondent goes on to say the smocks were worn on Sundays as a sort of best dress, long after it was customary to wear them as a

working dress, and that a clean smock, corded breeches, worsted stockings, a beaver or other make of top hat and greased lace-up boots formed the approved rural costume for Sabbath and holiday wear. A little more than half a century — in some parts of Cambridgeshire a full century — however, has passed since the gabardine or smock was as honourable & distinction of carters and shepherds as the uniforms of the men in our fighting forces today. 41 02 21 # c.39

1941 02 21 ES
"Beginning of the blitz on the Isle"; girl college student denies publishing disturbing statement; what they said Lord Haw Haw said ... "every village to be smashed for taking Jewish refugees" - evacuees letter home from Sutton p5
War weapons week preparations p5

1941 02 22
Bijou Amateurs performance in 1870 – letter – 41 02 22a

1941 02 22
Spitfire. Dived into ground, pilot killed, near Duxford. E-H

1941 02 25
East Anglian town night raid, nine people killed; main damage to business and commercial premises where along both sides of Hills Road shops were damaged or demolished. Elsewhere a single bomb landed on house killing the misses Barker, Miss Thaxter, Mrs Woodcock & Mr Ashman. Also many incendiary bombs – 41 02 25a, b, c # c.45.7

1941 02 26
Raider shot down on Sudbury – 41 02 26a

1941 02 27
Widespread night raiders, church damaged – 41 02 27a

1941 02 28 CIPof
Ten Die in Raid. — Ten people are known to have been killed and a number of others injured when a fairly concentrated attack was made on an East Anglian town (Cambridge) on Monday night. Six of the dead are women and four men. Three of the injured are stated to be in a serious condition. The fatal casualties included an elderly air raid warden, Mrs. Charles Gent and several other fire watchers who were standing in the road outside a hotel. Sapper Day and Mr. Brittain were among the other victims. Hund-reds of incendiary bombs and a considerable number of high explosives were dropped by the raiders, which flew over very low at intervals. Many flares could be seen in the sky around the outlying parts of the town and British fighters were heard overhead. The main brunt of the damage was borne by business and commercial premises in one street, where for some distance along both sides of the road (Hills Road) shops were demolished or damaged. Hardly a pane of glass intact in this district and several houses in side streets nearby suffered broken windows. It was in this area that two of the other fatal casualties, Mr. A. Negus and Mrs. Robertson, occurred. An eyewitness said next morning that during the raid a German plane appeared to fly over the road dropping incendiaries and was followed a few minutes later by another machine, which dropped high explosives. It was these which caused a large number of casualties. In another district a single high explosive bomb landed directly on a house, killing the Misses Barker, who were in the building at the time. Neighbours were also injured, but not seriously. The three others to lose their lives were Miss Thaxter, Mrs. Woodcock and Mr. Ashman. # c.45.7

Relics of a Former Industry. — In Cambridge market recently (writes Watchman) a farmer was heard to complain about the growth of teasels in one of his pastures, saying that try as he would, he could not get rid of them. He wondered how they came to grow there, as old inhabitants of the district had told him they had no knowledge of any teasels being planted in the field. It was then that a brother farmer ventured to explain the presence of teasels on the land, and his remarks may be of interest

(says a correspondent), as teasels are by no means uncommon in some parts of the county. Centuries ago, particularly during the reign of Richard Third (1483-85), the baize industry flourished in East Anglia and later Colchester and Norwich became centres of the industry, with the result that teasels used for raising the nap of the material were grown in large quantities for manufacturers. 41 02 28

1941 02 28
Ely man makes own fire engine p3 - photo p7
Description fighting in Somaliland p3
Immobilise your car p5
Girl guides in wartime p5
No Sunday films for Ely rural area p7
Welcome club established for visiting parents evacuees p9

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1941 03 01
Wellington. Crash landed, three killed, Bassingbourn. E-H

1941 03 04
Newsprint cut reduces size of papers – 41 03 04

1941 03 05
German incendiary bombs dropped in large number – photo – 41 03 05

1941 03 07 CIPof
Death of Husband and Wife— Villagers at Melbourn were shocked to hear last week of the death, within a few hours, of both Mr. Edward Hawkins, aged 61 years, and his wife, Mrs. Annie Hawkins, aged 60. They lived in a cottage on the Moor and had been in poor health for a long time. The double funeral took place in Melbourn cemetery on Tuesday.

Soldiers in Fatality,—Two members of the Northants. Yeomanry lost their lives as the result of an accident near Fulbourn Mental Hospital on Wednesday evening. They were in an Army truck which hit the grass verge after swerving to avoid two approaching cyclists.

Golden Wedding, — Married at Over, Cambridgeshire, on March 3, 1891, Mr. and Mrs. A, W. Golding, of St. Ives, celebrated their 50th anniversary on Monday.

Presentation—In recognition of his 30 years' service in the Huntingdonshire Constabulary, P.c. John Hufford, of Huntingdon Town Force, was presented with a cabinet wireless set to mark his retirement from the officers and constables at the police station on Friday last. The Deputy Chief Constable (Supt. E. Afford) made the presentation. 41 03 07

Smock Wearing Shepherd, — Writing from 57 New Road, Sawston (says Watchman), Mr. Alf A. Hills states: "I was greatly interested in the letters from your readers of 'The Passing Hour" last week in regard to the shepherd mentioned there Mr. E. Gilbey, who is living with me, informs me that the name is spelt quite correctly and that his name was William Gooden, an uncle of his wife's, whose maiden name was Jessie Gooden. This old gentleman used to wear his smock on Sunday as well as weekdays, and as far as Mr, Gilbey remembers, used to visit him at Worsted Lodge (in smock) in 1905. # c.39

1941 03 07 ES
News film unit to visit Littleport for war weapons campaign
War weapons week speakers tour villages
Ely ATC om parade for 1st time - photo p7
Bombs near small town p7

County Council debate ARP matters, shelters, equipment, sirens - one at Haddenham to cover Wilburton and Stretham?; Steel questions decontamination and gas masks at Haddenham p9

1941 03 11
Czech Foreign Minister, Jan Masaryk speaks at Guildhall – 41 03 11

1941 03 14 CIPof

Saffron.—The Rev. E. Conybeare - (writes Watchman), in his "Highways arid Byways in Cambridge," makes special mention of saffron in this district, saying that until the 19th century Cherry Hinton fields were bright with the flowers of the saffron crocus, which was grown, as it was by the ancient Greeks and Romans, for medical use and for dyeing purposes; indeed, its cultivation may very probably have been introduced into Britain by the Romans. Not only was the saffron grown here, but it was, in the words of Mr. Conybeare, "considered the best in Europe, and fetched no less than thirty shillings a pound." Its cultivation abounded" during the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries, and in 1678 it was officially stated that one acre of saffron yielded on an average 12 pounds of good saffron. The industry died a lingering death during the 18th and early part of the 19th century.

A Village Record?—The war comforts knitting party in Ickleton have now knitted 2,000 comforts since November, 1939. The members are keener than ever, and' more keep joining, there being now just over 100.

Mr, G, D, Richardson.—-The funeral of Mr. George Dennis Richardson, who died in Addenbrooke's Hospital, following an accident, took place at the Parish Church (Bartlow). Deceased had lived all his life in Bartlow, having worked on the Bartlow Hall estate since he was nine years of age. He belonged to one of the oldest families in Bartlow, and was greatly respected by all in the village. He will be sadly missed at the church, where he was so regular in attendance. The church was filled with friends, who had come to pay their last tribute. Among them were two members representing the Linton Lodge of the Loyal Order of Ancient Shepherds, of which deceased had been a life-long member and over 40 fellow-workers on the estate.

1941 03 14 ES
Enthusiastic war weapons meetings - villagers harangued p3
Haddenham wardens object - letter p4
War weapons target exceeded on 3rd day - photo p5
Stretham air raid warnings: during blackout with long blasts on whistles and all clear by handbells; no day warnings as wardens not on duty
Women's Institute consider jam centre & wartime cookery

1941 03 17
Wilbraham flooding case – White Bros of Hawk Mill v Chesterton RDC – 41 03 17

1941 03 18
Herbert Hall, secretary of New Theatre for 30 years, dies – 41 03 18 # c.76

1941 03 19
Protecting library dome will cost £50 – 41 03 19
Ouse cut-off channel; Murdoch Macdonald flood scheme will adversely affect Cambridge – 41 03 19a

1941 03 21 CIPof
Shelling out with a vengeance. From Mrs. Joshua Barnard, of Barton Road, Haslingfield (writes Watchman) I have had this interesting letter—Dear Watchman, I've a hen that has laid three large eggs, one every third day. The measurements are 9½ inches round lengthwise, seven inches round the centre; they weigh six ounces each. Is this a record? I wonder if any one of my readers can equal or surpass this.

The Young Idea. From Miss Watson, of Swaffham Bulbeck (says Watchman) come, the following amusing instances of intriguing sayings by children. Small evacuee admiring border of yellow and mauve crocuses saw a few had fallen down after the rain: "I should fink they've been fighting. Mum."—Small boy under school age talking about his new sister, three weeks old, remarked: "What will she do when she grows up, Mum—go to Olivers?"

Mr. A. Hagger. By the death of Mr. Arthur Hagger, which occurred on March 12, Bourn and district has lost a well-known and greatly respected resident. For over 50 years, Mr. Hagger had successfully carried on the business of a baker and corn merchant, and for over 30 years was sub-postmaster at Bourn. He served as a sidesman, at the church, and later as churchwarden. He was also a trustee of the local Court of Foresters. There was a large attendance at the funeral.

Flying Accident, Corporal Jack F. W. Dunn has been killed in a flying accident while on active service. He was the youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dunn, of 52, New Street, Cambridge. Jack was an old Central School boy and on leaving school he worked at Messrs. Herbert Robinson's, Mill Road, and then at Messrs. A. Macintosh and Sons until he joined the R.A.F. about six years ago. Before joining the R.A.F., he was in the local Territorials, and was a keen machine gunner. He was very keen on boxing and belonged to Billy Pitt's old school

Will. Miss Catherine Louisa Beldam, of Witchford, who died on November 25 last, left gross estate of the value of £25,753 8s. 8d. with net personalty £16,228 15s. 2d.

1941 03 21 ES
Haddenham wardens object - letter p4
War weapons week final totals p5
Rumours of serious floods can now been rebutted p5
Danger of serious epidemic due to overcrowding p5

1941 03 22
Pembroke college fire cases extensive damage to north wing – 41 03 22 # c.34.75 # c.44.5

1941 03 24
W.S. Farren of Trinity is one of ‘back room boys’ developing aero engines and bombs – 41 03 24

1941 03 24
Spitfire. Aerial collision with a/c below, Fowlmere. E-H

1941 03 24
Spitfire. Aerial collision with a/c above, Fowlmere. E-H

1941 03 27
Ancient tractors being used in field as precaution against parachutists – photos – 41 03 27

1941 03 28 CIPof
College blaze. Extensive damage was done by a fire which broke out in the north wing of Pembroke College (Cambridge) in the early hours of Saturday. The fire is believed to have started in one of the bedrooms of an upper storey, and the flames quickly spread along the whole length of the block under the roof. A fire-watcher raised the alarm, and regular and auxiliary firemen were soon on the scene with several trailer pumps, in addition to the three regular engines. Fire squads from the laboratories across the road and the college fire squad also assisted in fighting the flames. They had secured such a hold, however, that it was two hours before they could be brought under control. Most of the damage due to the flames was in the roof and upper part of the block, but the thousands of gallons of water poured on the fire soaked through to the lower rooms. Many of the occupants of the block were roused from their beds when the seriousness of the outbreak was discovered, and some of them

assisted in removing furniture to the court. The treasurer of the college (Mr. J. T. Spittle) said:' "It is impossible yet to estimate the damage, as we cannot get into some of the rooms. The damage, however, is extensive." # c.45.5 # c.34.75

Diamond Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Ager, of Nosterfield End Shudy Camps, celebrated their diamond wedding on Wednesday. They were married in the parish church on March 26, 1881, by the late Rev. William Joy, who was for 35 years vicar of the parish. They have 13 children, 74 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. They were the recipients of many good wishes.

A loss to Linton. — There was widespread regret when it became known at the weekend that Mr. F. D. Wood, Headmaster of the C of E School, would shortly be leaving Linton consequent upon his being appointed Headmaster of Eccles-hall (Staffordshire) Senior School. Mr. Wood succeeded Mr. A. Samuels as Headmaster on April 10, 1934 and he leaves at the end of the present term on April 10,

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Soham buy mobile canteen - photo p5
Stretham school air raid shelters now completed; of the surface type they are constructed of brick and coated with pitch p8

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'Cambridgeshire' fighter plane funded by Lord Fairhaven – photo – 41 04 01 # c.45.7

1941 04 04
Printing war-time difficulties – report – 41 04 04

1941 04 04 CIPof
Sexton's Record. I wonder (writes Watchman) if any parish clerks in Cambridgeshire can beat the record of Mr. Wm. Thomas Ayres, of Abbey Lane, Lode, who has just completed 50 years' service for the parish church of Lode. Mr. Ayres, who is still carrying on, thoroughly fit, at the age of 69, holds the posts of verger, clerk and sexton of the church. It was on Easter Sunday, 1891, that he began his service for the church under the Rev. John Holding. Since then he has served under the Revs. H. W, Forbes, H. Ellis, W. E. Ellis, W. E Lewis and, of course, the present Vicar, the Rev. G. F. D. Pitts. Mr. Ayres has kept an interesting record of his work, and he tells me that during the past 50 years he has attended no fewer than 475 funerals and 571 baptisms. He has heard the publication of banns on 254 occasions and has attended 211 weddings. Born in Lode, he has lived there all his life, and for more than half a century he sang in the choir, being also a member of the glee class. He is a keen sportsman, being a member of the cricket club for 40 years and still acts as hon. secretary. He is, too, very fond of a bit of shooting. Mr. and Mrs. Ayres have five sons, of whom three sing in the church choir. One is choirmaster, and another blows the organ.

Scolded Emperor. A nonagenarian, who always thrilled at the memory of having scolded a boy who became the Emperor of Russia has died in Cambridge. She was Miss M. A. Lucas, who was for 55 years the dearly loved and devoted nurse and friend of the family of the late Rev. H. A. Morgan, D.D., Master of Jesus College, Cambridge, and of the late Mrs. Morgan. Miss Lucas was aged 95. One of her friends and correspondents in later life was Sir Harry Lauder, who on leaving for his last great tour abroad, sent her a farewell greeting on the wireless. 41 04 04

First Visit. The recently appointed Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich (the Rt. Rev. Richard Brook) paid his first official visit to Newmarket on Sunday afternoon. The occasion was a confirmation service at All Saints' Church at which there was a large congregation. The candidates numbered about 100.

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Women wanted for decontamination work; what not to do in gas attack p3
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Littleport parish council get war weapons film p5
Isle of Ely fighters - Hereward & pride of the Isle - photo p5

1941 04 08
St Edward's church railings removed for scrap – photo – 41 04 08

1941 04 10
Blenheim Ran out of fuel, Childerley Hall. E-H

1941 04 10
Wellington. Shot down by intruder, two injured, near Steeple Morden. E-H

1941 04 11 CIPof
Memorial Trees. The children of the Open Air and Special Schools (Cambridge) on Monday afternoon planted in the school grounds four groups of flowering trees—peach, hawthorn, pink and white cherry— as a memorial from the children and staff to Miss N. Cowles, their late head teacher.

Choice Joint. An amusing incident (says Watchman) was witnessed in the High Street, Huntingdon, last weekend. A small dog entered a butcher's shop and unbeknown to the man behind the counter, selected a choice joint. He was seen a little later trotting along with a forequarter of lamb larger than himself. And no one stopped him.

Vocalist and Sportsman. A well-known Cambridge vocalist and sportsman, Mr. Arthur Richard Beaten, of 33 Garden Walk, died on Tuesday at the age of 71. Mr. Benten, who was a native of Grimsby, had lived in Cambridge for 48 years, and had been principal alto of King's College for 34 years. He had been assistant librarian and later music librarian at King's. Before coming to Cambridge he was a school teacher and organist at Lincoln. As a follower of cricket, his keen knowledge of the game was well recognised, and Fenner's has lost a real personality. There were few better judges of a potential cricketer than Arthur, and many a Varsity team has he "selected" with unerring judgment after critically watching the earlier trial matches. It was a great joy to him also to attend matches on Parker's Piece when the younger generation were playing. The Cambridgeshire Cricket Association, of which he was a vice-president, will miss him sadly, for as a committee man he was very regular in his attendance and his comments always were worthy of consideration and in the best interests of the game. 41 04 11

Children's Useful Work. Barrington children have dispatched 712 eggs to Addenbrooke's Hospital as an Easter gift from the village, and they were kindly conveyed free of charge by Mr. J. Hall. The children's war work during the winter has included 35 pairs of knitted socks from the school wool fund for the village men serving in H.M. Forces, eight children's frocks for Jersey refugees, 12 nightdresses for the W.V.S. and 52 blankets for the Red Cross.41 04 11

1941 04 12
CAS Photographic record has 7,000 prints; catalogued by Dr Mary Scruby and being used by Architects' Panel for recording ancient buildings; seeks pictures – 41 04 12 # c.65.5

1941 04 15-16
Junkers. AA Fire damage over Liverpool, four PoW, Steeple Morden. E-H

1941 04 17
St Barnabas church now restored with new bell – 41 04 17 # c.83

1941 04 17

Junkers. Shot down by night fighter, 4 killed, Gothic House Farm, Thorney. E-H

1941 04 18 CIPof
London Comes to Cheveley.“The Rectory in the village of Cheveley (Cambs.) must be among the handsomest property now used by Friends." So states a note (says Watchman) in a recent "News" sheet issue by the Society of Friends' War Victims' Relief Committee, which announces that towards the close of last month this rectory was occupied by mothers and children from Stepney and Limehouse. These folk were selected from East End shelters in which the. Friends work. Most of the women had been to the country before — they returned because they could not stand living in other people's houses and the separation from their London friends. And they have come to Cheveley because they had been allowed to take some of their own essential furniture with them and live in a community of their London neighbours. To help them to make up their minds about coming, a film of Cheveley was made and shown in the shelters—which strikes me as being extremely accommodating, to say the least. "The scheme," says the 'News' note "would never have come into operation without the advice, help and encouragement of a Cheveley resident. Mrs Morriss, whose horse won the Derby a few years ago." There is, I believe, a similar 'Friends' centre at Wood Ditton for bombed-out people. # c.45.7 # c.65.6

1941 04 18 ES
Second wartime Easter p5
War weapons week financed war for 40 minutes p5

1941 04 19
Women register at Senate House with 1920 class – the first batch to be called under the Government new Registration for employment Order – 41 04 19 # c.45.7

1941 04 23
Salvage campaign – photos include road roller flattening tins – 41 04 23

1941 04 24
Folk Museum treasures – Ald Peck talks to Women’s Luncheon Club – 41 04 24 # c.03

1941 04 24
Wellington. Shot down by a nightfighter, collided with a parked Wellington, Bassingbourn airfield. E-H

1941 04 25 CIPof
Minister as Chaplain. The Rev. A. Manley, who has been resident minister at Royston Methodist Church for the last four years, has joined the R.A.F. as a chaplain, and he will leave Royston in the course of next week. Preaching his farewell sermon on Sunday evening, Mr. Manley said he was sorry to leave Royston for many reasons, one of which was because there had always been a friendship between the members of the church in the town and district and himself. At the close of the service, Mr. John Oliver, the society steward, on behalf of the church, presented Mr. Manley with a wristlet watch, and expressed the hope that he would have a successful and safe ministry with the R.A.F.

Interesting Trumpington Wedding. The wedding took place quietly at Trumpington Church on Saturday of Francis Wingate William Pemberton, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Pemberton, of Trumpington Hall, and Diana Patricia Woods, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Salisbury Woods, of St. John's House, Grange Road. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. A.B. Wright (Vicar of Trumpington) and the Rev. C. C. H James, late vicar of St. Giles'. Dr. H. S. Middleton (Trinity College) was at the organ, and the Trumpington choir led the singing. The bride was given away by her father.

Judge Farrant Leaves the Bench. Few people (writes Watchman) who know the upright figure of His Honour H. G. Farrant would realise he is 77 years of age and I hear that his advancing years have led to his retirement from Bench activities in the County. Judge Farrant, as he is usually called - although he retired from the position of County Court Judge in 1937 - has been Chairman of the Cambridgeshire County Quarter Sessions since 1927, and of the Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions since 1921. It was in 1927, too, that he was elected Chairman of the Cambridgeshire Divisional Bench. Previously he had had experience in Worcestershire, having been appointed a Justice of the Peace there in 1909 about the same time as he became a revisionary barrister on the Oxford Circuit. Among the important positions which he has held was that of President of the Society of Chairmen of Quarter Sessions, to which he was elected in 1930. He has been a well-known figure in local sporting circles, particularly with the Cambridgeshire Hunt. 41 04 25

1941 04 25
Evacuees: alarmed at arrival of more, voluntary billeting ends, officer resigns; big epidemic expected this Summer p5 & p7
121 girls register for war work p5
Prickwillow evacuees: considerable number of London mothers and children arrive p7
Stretham: sand for public - wardens to fill bags, available from opposite police house and from pond p8

1941 04 26
A.J. Pointer cinema pioneer; took over Victoria Assembly Room in Market Hill which he ran as a roller skating rink, converting it into Cambridge's first cinema in 1910, had previously used Alexandra Hall for occasional picture shows. In 1916 he took over the Kinema, previously a variety theatre which is now the oldest cinema in Cambridge. Victoria closed 15 years ago and when new Vic re-opened under a company he handed over control to his son, Eric. Personally directed Kinema till last year when son Frank took over – 41 04 24a; had been occasional films at Midsummer Fair but Pointer responsible for first regular showings at Alexandra Hall, now YMCA and comfortable seating was not one of the main attractions. Performances were shorter but comprised nine or 10 items such as five 'comics', one 'coloured trick', one news film of racing and two dramas. Early films were crude affairs and constant flickering made it seem as if picture taken in heavy downpour of rain – 41 04 26a. Early films – old Victoria cinema was called Electric Theatre and run by a Mr Jordain – 41 05 03a # c.76
Fallowfield wardens arrange own gas text – photo – 41 04 26

1941 04 28
Land Army – 100 assemble on Parker's Piece for rally; need billets – 41 04 28 # c.45.7 # c.22

1941 04 30
Ely isolation hospital needs extra hut – 41 04 30

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1941 05 02 CIPof
D.F.M, — It has been officially announced that Sergt, Pilot A. F. Wiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wiles, of 85 Sedgwick Street, Cambridge, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal. Sergt Wiles, who has been employed by the L.N.E.R. has been in the R.A.F. for the last ten years, and has gained high distinction in boxing circles, he is the holder of the Middle East Command championship, and has many cups and medals to his credit.

Third Year of Office. — The Chairman of Chesterton Rural Council (Mr. S. Camb) was re-elected on Tuesday for his third year of office.

Social Centre Soon for Ely - Ely (writes Watchman) is on its way to solving its problem of finding a social centre for evacuees. I learn that the organisers have every reason to hope that they will be

allowed to use premises in St. Mary's Street. Plans have been made and work can begin as soon as the sanction of the committee of management has been obtained. A committee of women, appointed by themselves, has been formed, and a squad of cleaners is ready to begin work. Crockery and tea-cloths have been bought, and a sewing-machine has been promised for the use of the many women who want to sew. Another acquisition is a piano.

1941 05 02 ES
Evacuees blitzed out Londoners need your help - letter p4
Ely dispensary as evacuees club p5
Ely's "no more evacuees" plea turned down by commissioner p5
Oranges seen in Ely!; one case arrives p5
Land Army rally; parade through Cambridge p6

1941 05 02
Stirling. Shot down by a nightfighter, seven killed, Dry Drayton. E-H

1941 05 03
Iron rails removed for scrap – St John's & Emmanuel back scheme - 41 05 03
Roller skating craze at height in 1910 with University and Town Rink in Magrath Avenue, Victoria Assembly Rooms, skating rink on Market Hill and in Pythagoras Gardens where was open-air skating and shooting range – 41 05 03b # c.38 : roller

1941 05 05
Hurricane. Shot down by intruder, pilot killed, near Duxford. E-H

1941 05 07
Library dome – cannot obtain wire netting to protect glass dome so recommend it closed on sounding of an alert – 41 05 07 # c.45.7 # c.77.4

1941 05 07
Wellington. Shot down by intruder, three injured, near Wendy village. E-H

1941 05 09
Fire bomb damage on East Anglian town – thousands of incendiaries and high explosives (Coldham's Lane, Marshall Road area) – 41 05 09 # c.45.7

1941 05 09 ES
Ely & "no more evacuees": report of meeting
Evacuated boys & their Ely benefactress - photo p5
German airmen's' night decent; bomber crew rounded up p5
Prickwillow shelters: anti-gas curtains now installed in school air rad shelters & corrugated iron doors fixed at entrance p8

1941 05 09
Stirling. Engine failure on take-off, near Oakington. E-H

1941 05 14
Assize Courts railings to be removed – 41 05 14

1941 05 15
New Kitchen Club under Ministry of Food scheme in Trinity Street; equipped with electric and gas cookers – 41 05 15

1941 05 16 CIPof

March and May Frosts. One often hears quoted in the Cambridgeshire orchards the centuries old saying, "So many frosts in March, so many in May," and a correspondent who has kept records says this is a long way from being true today (writes Watchman). Whether or not a frost attacks fruit trees very badly depends very largely upon the position of the orchard; an orchard in one part of a village often being badly bitten while another in a more sheltered part will show little or no sign of a frost. But in no case in recent years, says my correspondent, have May frosts been as numerous or severe as the frosts of March. May seldom passes without a brief spell of very cold weather and there is another old saying, often heard in the country, which goes, "Many a night in May will make a cow quake."

Council Chairman. — Ald. W. J. Taylor of Newmarket was recently elected chairman of the Cambridgeshire County Council. With more than a quarter of a century of council service behind him, Ald. Taylor is now eighth in point of seniority. He was elected an alderman about a dozen years ago. With him on the council are two brothers — one older and one younger than himself.

1941 05 16 ES
Evacuee scholars prize-giving - Central Foundation Girls school p5
More evacuees for Ely this weekend; to be billeted in private houses
Witchford wants wardens - only three p5
Landworkers fight fire bombs p5
Evacuees: reception areas praised by Minister of Health at Cambridge p7
Stretham AFS tackle first fire in old Spring Brewery, Akeman House which used by G Dimmock, occupier, as a store shed; within six minutes AFS on scene; hoses soon connected up and with skilful action prevented blaze spreading to house itself. Traffic diverted by special constables. 87 chickens destroyed p8
Stretham evacuees: parish room to be used as social centre for adult evacuees 3 afternoons a week; evacuees form committee; books and games provided; hoped 60 people will use it p8

1941 05 17
Belgian Students' Association bulletin is edited from Cambridge – 41 05 17

1941 05 17
Wellington. Collision with A/C below, six killed, Prickwillow. E-H

1941 05 17
Hurricane. Collision with A/C above, pilot killed, Prickwillow. E-H

1941 05 19
Cambridgeshire Chief Constable W. Winter resignation due health – 41 05 19 # c.34.7
Women's Institutes war work; food production – 41 05 19a
Gt Shelford farmer fined as failed to plough land at Stapleford – 41 05 19b # c.45.7 # c.22

1941 05 20
Reach Fair proclaimed, but no fair – 41 05 20 # c.27.31

1941 05 22
Picture of interior of St Andrew's Hall land then Theatre Royal which used as theatre and skating rink till demolished for New Theatre which opened 1898 – 41 05 22, 41 05 29 # I.L

1941 05 23
E.W. Amies, former Mayor, dies – 41 05 23

1941 05 23 CIPof
An Appeal to the Stork? — Notice seen outside a Cambridge shop one day this week: "Wanted, girl or boy."

"Quads" in Cambridge. — The people of Cambridge town (writes Watchman) had a "quads" sensation 175 years ago. A correspondent interested in old parish registers stated that the register belonging to the church of the Holy Sepulchre (the Round Church). Cambridge, records the baptism of four children of Henry Coe, a shoemaker, of Bridge Street, two girls and two boys born at one time. Their baptism in the church is thus recorded: "November 5th 1766, William and Henry (sons) and Elizabeth and Sarah (daughters), of Henry and Mary Coe. These four children were all born at one birth on the night between the 6th and 7th October last." A newspaper of the time said that the procession to the church consisting of 16 sponsors, nurses, father, etc., was attended by a great concourse of people and that the mother was doing well. It was stated by the newspaper 42 years later (in 1808) that "Sarah the only one of the four that grew up, is still alive .today. One of the children died at the age of two months, another at 15 months and the third at 20 months."

Cambs. Police Chief. — Notification of the impending resignation of Mr. W. Winter, Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire, was received with regret at a special meeting of the Standing Joint Committee on Saturday. In a letter to the committee, Mr. Winter said his request was made on grounds of indifferent health. The committee accepted the resignation, but asked him to continue in office until a successor was appointed. Ald. W. C. Jackson who was re-elected chairman of the committee, in a tribute to Mr. Winter, mentioned that he had risen to the position of Chief Constable after starting in the ranks in Cambridgeshire.

1941 05 23 ES
Ely councillors and evacuees; why only two have them p5
Soham war weapons week parade - photo p5
No Sunday cinemas at Soham p5
Food supplies if invasion comes; parish organisers announced p7
"Fen Tiger" hurricane - photo p8

1941 05 29
Ouse Drainage scheme being delayed by serious shortage of labour; not enough for ordinary maintenance work – 41 05 29a # c.29

1941 05 30 CIPof
Willingham's Big Boy. — Visitors to Willingham (writes Watchman) often hear from old inhabitants a strange story of a big boy or baby giant, and a correspondent who has been investigating the matter, sends me some particulars which appear not to be generally known. The boy was named Thomas Hall; he was born on October 31, 1741, and died on September 3, 1747; and although he was only five years and 10 months old, he grew almost to the height and proportions of manhood. He was so extraordinary that a famous surgeon, Dr. Dawkes, published a pamphlet about him, now rare and valuable, entitled "Prodigium Willinghamense". Some particulars concerning the boy were also communicated in 1744 to the Royal Society by a Mr. Almond, and these details were afterwards published in the "Philosophical Transactions"; his age was then two years and 10 months, and he was then 3ft 8½ inches in height and still growing, and was large in proportion. Mr. Almond, who was a native of Willingham, stated that the boy was then so strong as to lift and throw a hammer of 17 lbs in weight; he had the marks of puberty and a moustache. According to Dr. Dawkes' pamphlet, the boy grew at the rate of an inch a month until the end of March, 1745; in the next year he grew only 5 inches. In November, 1746, when he was five years of age, his height in his socks was 4ft 5½ inches, the length of his foot was 8 inches and the calf of his leg 10s inches in circumference, and he weighed one pound over 6 stone (85 lbs).

Starling Lights up Black-out. — That a starling sat on the electric switch and turned up the light was the novel defence put forward by a woman defendant when she appeared before the magistrates for a black-out offence. The Chairman said the defence was a very good one, but whether it was sound he was not so sure. They had decided to give her the benefit of a certain section of the regulations, and this he quoted, and the case would be dismissed

1941 05 30 ES
More wardens needed for Isle p6
Commissioners powers in emergency - his word law p6

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1941 06 02
Account of duties of Regional Commissioner for Civil Defence for Eastern Region , Sir Will Spens; a miniature Cabinet to see government plans carried out; if invasion he becomes virtual ruler of area with extraordinary powers – 41 06 02 # c.45.7

1941 06 05
Censorship – facts raiders must not know – 41 06 05 # c.45.7 # c.04

Madrigals on the river: May Week festivities at the back of King's College: photo – 41 06 05

1941 06 06 CIOPof
Snake. A particularly fine specimen of grass snake, 38 inches in length and of phenomenal girth, was caught and killed last week in Bury Lane, Melbourn, by Mr. Frank Harper. According to the old inhabitants who examined the reptile, it was "the largest ever caught in the village."

Invested by the King. At the investiture held by the King at Buckingham Palace recently, one local airman was decorated with the medal of the Order of the British Empire. The recipient was Sergeant Robert V. H. Haley, of 319 Milton Road, Cambridge, eldest son of the late Mr. J. B. Haley, who served for 25 years in the R.A.M.C. and was awarded four medals in the Great War. Sgt. Haley, won his award some eight months ago, but owing to serving with the Fleet Air Arm abroad, has only been in England about a month. Mrs. Haley (mother) and Sgt. Haley's fiancée of Edinburgh were both present at the Palace ceremony.

Ely Cathedral Railings.—I learn from the Dean of Ely (writes Watchman) that the Ministry of Supply has communicated with the Dean and Chapter requesting that the wrought iron railings around the cathedral be taken down to help the war effort. The Dean remarks that he does not like the idea at all and intended to write a letter to the Press on the subject in due course. Although he is anxious to help the war effort as much as possible, he considers that the removal of the railings may possibly lead to similar occurrences which led to the closing of the Lady Chapel some time ago. 41 06 06

New Bishop of Ely After the "threat" in the London Press that the new Bishop of Ely might be an Oxford man, it was something of a relief on Friday to learn that a member of a Cambridge college, had been nominated (says Watchman). For this and for other reasons, the selection of the Rev. H. E.Wynn, of Pembroke, is distinctly welcome, and the choice is one which, I am sure, must have given great pleasure to many in and around Cambridge. Possessed of a very likeable personality, and that very desirable quality, a sense of humour, Mr. Wynn is young for a bishop, for his two immediate predecessors were over 60 when elected; but an interesting point is that Dr. Chase, who preceded Dr. White-Thomson and Dr. Heywood, was just Mr. Wynn's age when he took up the diocesan duties in 1905, and was also, like Mr. Wynn, a distinguished member of a Cambridge college.

1941 06 06 ES
Stretham: Able Seaman Billy Goad in hospital wounded following sinking of HMS Mashona after taking part in Bismark hunt - photo p4
"Ely evacuee thrown out by council" allegation p5

1941 06 08
Hurricane. Spun into ground during low level flight, pilot killed, near Girton. E-H

1941 06 09
Cambridge popular concert party 'Romas' present 71st performance of their Forces Show to air raid wardens of Castle Ward; includes Maurice and Betram Garner, Rita Thurbon, Phyllis Burling, Les Germany and Dorothy Green – 41 06 09 # c.76 # c.45.7

1941 06 13 CIPof
Longevity. Paragraphs in the London newspapers often tell of longevity in Cambridgeshire villages, particularly those in or bordering upon the Fens (says Watchman). In January, 1910, for instance, most of the daily newspapers told of Over being notable for its old people, saying that of a population of 860 there were 76 persons between 70 and 90 years of age. A remarkable instance of contemporary longevity occurs in the history of Oakington, a village figuring in the old records as Hokington. In the year 1315, during the reign of Edward the Second, there were living in the village at the same time one person 120 years of age, two who were upwards of 100, and two who were 95 years of age. These facts were recorded in the proceedings in a tithe cause, recorded in the register of Crowland Abbey.

Former Vicar.—The death took place recently at Devizes of the Rev. Justin L. Douglas, former Vicar of Godmanchester.

Golden Wedding,—Mr. and Mrs. C. Buttress celebrated their golden wedding at Teversham on June 9. They were the last couple to be married by the Rev. Knipe at Teversham Parish Church in 1891. Both were born at Teversham, have lived there all their lives, and have occupied their present home for 45 years. They have two sons and three daughters, 12 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Many good wishes were received by the old couple, and all the family had a pleasant meeting in the evening.

Postman Honoured.—The King has awarded the Imperial Service Medal for long, zealous and meritorious service to Mr. Charles Potter, postman, of 10, Derby Road, Cambridge, who has recently retired from the Post Office after nearly 50 years' service. On Wednesday the medal was presented to Mr. Potter at the Sorting Office, Mill Road, Cambridge. Mr. G. W. Harding, the Acting Head Postmaster, made the presentation in the presence of a large gathering. He said Mr. Potter enterer the Post Office Service as auxiliary postman at Gt Wilbraham in 1893, when he was14 years of age.

1941 06 13 ES
Sutton shopkeeper in row with evacuee billeting officer p5
Why bombed towns are not named p6

1941 06 14
Senate House pillars and big urn decorated with paint to celebrate end of term – 41 06 14
Lady Louis Mountbatten inspects St John Ambulance HQ, Falcon Yard – 41 06 14a

1941 06 14
Hurricane. Pilot dazzled by a searchlight, span into ground, killed, near Duxford airfield. E-H

1941 06 20
Cambridge A.R.P. Messengers Bugle Band believed to be first in country – 41 06 20 # c.69

1941 06 20 CIPof
One shilling a spoke. A colleague (writes Watchman) drew my attention a few days ago to the following advertisement to be seen on a Cambridge notice-board—Bicycle in pink of condition, rather camouflaged, seeks new position. Excellent references from previous master, willing to work all hours, Sundays included. Qualifications: One matured saddle; two wheels, nearly round; one brake almost works; one basket for shopping, books and babies; all for the unprecedentedly low figure of 25s.—Approximately 1s. a spoke.

Old-time names of villages. The recent paragraph giving the old-time names of several Cambridge streets has led a correspondent to compile from old books and documents a list of some old-time village names (says Watchman). Most of these old names, it may be said, are taken from the "Cambridgeshire"' section of "Magna Britannia." a valuable work compiled by the Rev. David Lysons and Mr. Samuel Lysons and published in the year 1808. The present-day name is given first, the old name following it in parentheses; Abington Pigotts (Abington in the Clay). Babraham (Baburham, Badburgham, and Badburham), Burrough Green (Burgh), Coton (Cotes), Croydon (Crawden), Fowlmere (Foulmire and Fulmere), Harston (Harlston), East Hatley (Castell Hatley), Hatley St. George (Hungry Halley), Hauxton (Hawkstpn), Cherry Hinton (Hinton), Oakington (Hokington), Isleham (Iselham), Horningsea (Hornsey), Kirtling (Chartelinge. Catlige and Catlage). Pampisford (Pamps-worth), Quy or Stow-cum-Quy (Stow-Qui), Thriplow (Triplow). There are, of course, very much older and more peculiar names to some villages, notably those in the Domesday Book, compiled in the time of William the Conqueror and finished in the summer of 1086. The above old names, however, are some which appear to have been in use in comparatively modern times, or, say, 133 years a so. 41 06 20

1941 06 20 ES
Evacuee children tour Ely p4
Lady Mountbatten at Convalescent Home (? Littleport) - photo p5
Littleport band - Joe & musical rascals - photo p8

1941 06 21
Queen of Yugoslavia sees film of King Peter – 41 06 16; King arrives in England – 41 06 21
W.H. Edwards appointed Chief Constable Cambridgeshire in succession W. Winter – 41 06 21a # c.34.7
Mayor cuts down railings WVS HQ, St Andrew's Street – photo – 41 06 21b

1941 06 21
Wellington. Dinghy broke loose and fouled tailplane, six killed, near Waterbeach. E-H

1941 06 23
Trooper shot accidentally at Marquis of Granby pub, Stetchworth – 41 06 23

1941 06 24
Potatoes grown on lawns of St John's College, Bridge Street – 41 06 24, photo 24a
CDN increases price to 1½ d due costs – 41 06 24b # c.04

1941 06 25
Parker's Piece railings removed – photo – 41 06 25

1941 06 27 CIPof
New County Chief Constable. Mr. W. H. Edwards. Supt. of the Taunton Division, was appointed Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire, in succession to Mr. W. Winter, at a meeting of the Cambridgeshire Standing Joint Committee on Saturday. Mr. Edwards is 40 years of age. 'The appointment was made by the committee from a short list of three candidates submitted after the joint sub-committee had interviewed eight of the 22 applicants for the post. Two of the three final nominations were of men aged 33 and 29, both graduates of the Metropolitan Police College. Among the 22 applicants were five Chief Constables from other boroughs. Mr. Edwards' record showed that he joined the Somerset Constabulary in 1920, being appointed a sergeant in 1933 and ail inspector in 1939. He has been superintendent of the Taunton Division since August last year. # c.34.7

Schoolboys' Capture. Last Friday, when Ronnie Whiting, Arthur Pateman and John Bedford, three Melbourn schoolboys, were playing beside a stream running between the village and Shepreth, they espied in the water, and were successful in capturing, a particularly fine specimen of fresh water lobster, known as a crayfish or crawfish, characterised, like its allies, by the presence of ten walking

legs. It was greenish brown, about six inches in length, and weighed between four and five ounces. The creature was placed in a large glass jar, and exhibited to many interested persons. It has since been returned to the stream at the spot where it was found, and apparently none the worse for its experience in the hands of the lads who captured it. 41 06 27

Worked on a Windjammer. For more than 40 years cashier with Messrs. Coote and Warren Ltd., Mr. A. H. Frost died at his St. Ives home on Thursday of last week, aged 95 years. He was not a native of St. Ives, but had lived at 10 Parkside for over 60 years. He retired from business 20 years ago. At the age of 17 he ran away to sea and worked his way to Australia on a windjammer. He twice married, but had been a widower for several years.

1941 06 27 ES
Home Guard despatch rider runs into Home Guard member checking identity documents p5
Ely evacuees club in full swing
Army exercises on big scale in Eastern counties p7

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1941 07 04
W.S. Farren, born Cambridge and educated Perse School & Trinity appointed director of Royal Aircraft Establishment at Farnborough – 41 07 04

1941 07 04 CIPof
Open Day. Friday last was Open Day at Sawston Village College. The main attraction was the crowning of the May Queen (Nina Cromack, of Shelford) by Mrs. Robert Ellis, of Cottenham. Folk dancing was performed by the girls and physical training exercises by second year boys. The afternoon's programme included exhibitions of needle work, woodwork, metalwork and art. Evacuees took part in all the activities.

Fierce blaze. Huntingdon was the scene of a disastrous fire on Saturday afternoon, as the result of which a motor garage and valuable materials were totally destroyed. The outbreak was at White's Service garage in Stukely Road, near the railway arch. It is thought that the fire originated from a short circuit wire, and the damage is estimated at £1.000.

Tableau. An appeal on behalf of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Association was made by the Mayor of Cambridge (Mr. E. O. Brown) when he attended a performance of "This England" in the Rex Cinema on' Tuesday. The Mayor delivered his appeal after the tableau, arranged by the Manager (Mr. R. Wolsey) and Mr. Eric Harnden, representative of all the Services, both civil and military. The part of Britannia was taken by Liela Roland, who led the singing of "There'll always be an England."

Leg-up. Stockings (writes Watchman) are to be provided as part of the uniform supplied to nurses at institutions controlled by the Cambridgeshire Public Assistance Committee. At a meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, the chairman (Mrs Hellish Clark) said the nurses could not possibly afford coupons for stockings to wear with uniform.

1941 07 04 ES
Many jam-making centres close down; WI workers wait in vain for fruit p5
Ely man's escape from Crete p5
Tomato famine hits Ely p5
Wilburton hospital parade p7

1941 07 10
Meldreth public water supply is unfit to drink – 41 07 10

1941 07 11 CIPof
Suspension of Feast. For the first time, it is believed, since its establishment many centuries ago, .there were no outward and visible signs of the annual village feast (at Melbourn) during the first week in July, and this caused great disappointment in many quarters, as its suspension had not been announced. The decision not to hold the feast was not arrived at until the night before the stalls, etc. were due to appear. Many visitors carne to the village from the surrounding district last Friday and Saturday, as during recent years the event has been one of the largest and most popular in South Cambridgeshire. The absence of the feast was not due to diminishing interest, but rather due to transport difficulties, petrol rationing and other war-time conditions. Feast Sunday, however, was well observed, many visitors coming into the village to see old friends-talk over old times, and to find home-made cakes and wines, for which Melbourn housewives are noted, up to pre-war standard.

Cottage fire—Prompt action by a young man named Francis Blows with a garden hosepipe saved serious damage to a cottage in Mackerel Hall (Royston), the eaves of which had caught light through a spark from a copper flue. The Royston Fire Brigade received a call on Tuesday afternoon and. the fire was soon out. The tenant of the cottage is Mrs Bogier.

Cambridge A.R.P. Difficulties.— In the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Glenvil Hall (Lab., Colne Valley) asked the Secretary of State for the Home Department if he was aware that difficulties have arisen in the Cambridge Civil Defence organisation, as the result of which certain individuals had been called upon to resign, and whether he will set up an inquiry to report upon the matter. Mr. Herbert Morrison (Home Secretary) replied that he understood there had been some complaints and that these were the subject of investigation at present # c.45.7

1941 07 11 ES
Home Guard accident: man dies p5
Church architecture: detailed records needed in case of bombing p7

1941 07 14
Miracle of reclaimed fenland – potatoes grow on land that was derelict a few months ago At Feltwell Fen; new branch of the light railway known as ‘Bread and Butter Express’ and owned by Ministry of Agriculture – 41 07 14 # c.45.7 # c.22

1941 07 15
ARP exercises Milton Road area – photos – 41 07 15

1941 07 16
Tiger Moth. Tail shot off by intruder, pilot baled out safely, near Caxton Gibbet. E-H

1941 07 18
Loss to Royston Methodism. A prominent figure in the life of Royston and Methodism in particular has been removed by the death on Friday, of Mr. William Henry Tobyn, of Clovelly, Old North Road, at the age of 71 years. Coming to Royston 22 years ago from Biggleswade, where he was born, Mr. Tobyn went into business with Mr. Wright as drapers and outfitters in Market Hill, and the firm of Messrs Wright and Tobyn became known for miles around. He retired about ten years ago. It was said of Mr. Tobyn that he lived for Methodism and the Methodist Church, and the Methodist Church and Sunday School owed much to his help.

Ald J.S. Conder. After a lengthy illness, Ald. J. S. Conder passed away on Saturday at his home at 324 Cherryhinton Road, Cambridge. He was 77 years of age. A - Cambridgeshire man by birth. Mr. Conder was a familiar figure in the town until November, 1939 when he had a stroke, which caused him to be confined to his bed. His interest in local government affairs, however, remained unbroken, and from time to time the Borough Education Committee, of which he had been chairman since 1927, heard messages from him indicating the continuance of that interest. He served the town well as

Mayor in 1926-7 and earned for himself the title of "the tranquil Mayor" by his unruffled temperament.

Beer Shortage. Most of the ten licensed houses of the village (Melbourn) were short of bottled and draught beers during, the weekend, and a few of the inns were closed for a few days. The shortage was not due to any phenomenal thirst on the part of the villagers and visitors, but to the brewers cutting down supplies on the delivery days of last week.

1941 07 18 ES
Reclamation of fenland acres - Feltwell fen p5

1941 07 19
Jack & Claude Hulbert visit with Hulbert Follies, Jack born Ely, both at Caius college, wrote Footlights production 'Cheer Oh, Cambridge!" – 41 07 19, 41 07 26a # c.76
Loewe account of mission to Damascus – 41 07 19
Are 80 PoWs – 41 07 19

1941 07 21
Milton Road library wall underpinned; problem with clay – 41 07 21 # c.77.4

1941 07 24
War-time allotments – over 50 acres under cultivation, 2,000 provided with vegetables; first piece of land was in Ainsworth Street in Oct 1939 – 41 07 24 # c.32.3 # c.45.7

1941 07 25
Mobile canteen given by Company of Veteran Motorists – 41 07 25 # c.45.7

1941 07 25 CIPof
Rare Bloom, — A shrub that rarely blooms in this country — Yucoo Gloriosa — is in full flower in the garden of Mr. E. W. Bullman, Tenterleas, St. Ives. We learn that the stick which carries the flowers grew at the amazing rate of nearly six inches a day for three weeks.

Rev J. C, Wood's Departure,— At a farewell meeting on July 16, a presentation was made to the Rev, and Mrs, J. C. Wood in the Congregational Schoolroom, Duxford. In happily chosen and affectionate words, the .Rev. G. Porter Chapple presented to Mr. Wood a wallet of Treasury notes from the Duxford Congregational Church and friends in the village on his resignation after 19 years in the pastorate. Presentations were also made to Mrs. Wood.

Sessions Chairman, — The King, on the recommendation of the Lord Chancellor, has approved the appointment, of Mr. Grafton D. Pryor as chairman of the Cambridgeshire Quarter Sessions, It will, be remembered that at their last meeting members of the court agreed that the Lord Chancellor be asked to recommend the appointment of a legally qualified chairman, and suggested the name of Mr. Pryor. A native of Cambridgeshire, being the son of Mrs. J. V. Pryor, J.P., of Park Terrace, Cambridge, Mr. Pryor went to Pembroke College, and was called to the Bar, Inner Temple, in 1909. He served throughout the last war, and holds the retired rank of major, Cambridgeshire Regiment.

Death of Former Vicar. Friends in Cambridge will learn with regret of the death at Watlington, Norfolk, of the Rev. Francis Woodbury Fulford, Rector of Watlington, and, from 1921-34, vicar of St. Andrew the Great, Cambridge. Mr. Fulford, who was 62, made many friends and was very popular during the years he was in Cambridge.

1941 07 25 ES
"Hitlers 'invasion fails" - Ely swimming gale p5
10 days in open boat : Soham and Prickwillow men's escape from Huns p5

1941 07 26
Cambridge man had wireless set taken from German plane hidden in clothing in his wardrobe – 41 07 26– trial – 41 08 09 # c.45.7

1947 07 30
Officer shot and killed by sentry near Cambridge – 41 07 30, 41 08 02 # c.45.7

1947 07 31
Stretham Strict Baptist Chapel win scripture examination shield – names – 41 07 31
70-year-old Ely Home guardman dies from injuries while on duty – run into by motor cyclist while on road block duty – 41 07 31a
New Valentine tanks on Matilda transporter to tour Cambridge – 41 07 31b, 41 08 01a, b # c.45.7

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1941 08 01
Death Mrs C.R.W. Adeane, wife of Lord Lieutenant – 41 08 01

1941 08 01 CIPof
Cambridge's 1780 Complacency. —Among the many historical MSS and letters written by eminent persons to be sold in London during August is one from the Younger Pitt, referring to the invasion scare of that time (writes Watchman). Pitt, who was at Pembroke College, wrote: "The alarm is, I suppose, great on the sea coast, but in this county (Cambridgeshire) our oxen, and horses graze in security, and the gentlemen of the University seem scarcely more affected than the brute creation." A correspondent, who calls attention to the letter says it was written during the wars with France, which lasted from 1778 to 1782, when invasion was feared. It may be recalled that the Pitt Press was chiefly erected (1831-3) by means of funds raised for the purpose of erecting a memorial worthy of the distinguished statesman.

New Headmaster.—It is announced that Mr. John Henry Tucker, formerly Headmaster of Baldock Church School, now closed, will succeed Mr. L, S. Stuart as Headmaster of the Royston Church Day School.

A Notable Anniversary. Mrs. Gardner, of Conington Hall, widow of Mr. P. T. Gardner, D.L., J.P., is celebrating her 89th birthday today (Friday). 41 08 01

Oldest Inhabitant. Gamlingay has lost its oldest inhabitant by the death of Mr. John Brittain, of Heath Road, who passed peacefully away on Tuesday morning at the great age of 96 years. During his long life he enjoyed remarkably good health, and up to within a week or so he was about as usual, and still enjoyed the pipe of tobacco, of which he was very fond. He retained all his faculties to a remarkable degree, and could tell many interesting stories of the days of his youth. He resided with his daughter, Mrs. E. Croot, and had two granddaughters, one grandson and a great grandchild. For many years he carried on the business of market gardener at Gamlingay Heath, and his familiar figure will be greatly missed. 41 08 01

1941 08 01 ES
Home Guard death: despatch rider fined p4

1941 08 03
Laurence Green, stage director – 41 08 03

1941 08 04
First production of Mikado at Theatre Royal, May 30 1885 – 41 08 04 # c.76

1941 08 07

Melbourn water safe for drinking – 41 08 07

1941 08 08
Bishop Wynn enthroned at Ely cathedral – 41 08 08

1941 08 08 CIPof
Sudden passing of Mrs. Adeane. We deeply regret to record the death of Mrs.C. R.W. Adeane, O.B.E., which occurred suddenly from heart failure at Babraham Hall on Thursday evening of last week. Mrs. Adeane was in Cambridge only a few hours earlier, and almost up to the last carried on her indefatigable work for the many good causes in which she was interested. The deepest sympathy will go out to Ald. Adeane, Lord Lieutenant of the county, and his family in their loss. By her unfailing charm of manner as much is by her ever-ready willingness to help any good cause, Mrs. Adeane had made herself a wide circle of friends, both in the county and elsewhere. And since the beginning of the war particularly, she had rendered unstilted assistance to her husband in helping on the many charitable organisations to which he gave a lead. It was Mrs. Adeane who instituted a fund for the Air Defence Corps. Before the sitting of Linton Court on Wednesday, the chairman (Mr. H. Titmarsh) paid a tribute to the memory of Mrs. Adeane. "Since the court last met," he said, "we have lost a much-loved member. For the last 20 years Mrs. Adeane has served this court with unfailing courtesy." Mr. Titmarsh went on to speak of her wide sympathy and understanding. She had passed on, as she would have wished, with-out any fuss or ostentation; her charming personality was a refreshing memory to them . . . She had left behind her a sense of irreparable loss'.

Enthronement of New Bishop of Ely. With traditional ceremony and piety, the 63rd of a long line of the illustrious prelates to the bee of Ely was formally enthroned yesterday. Clergy and laity from all corners of the diocese, numbering about 2,000, saw the ceremony of the initiation of Dr. H. E. Wynn as the new Bishop. The stately ritual, steeped in centuries-old tradition and splendour, was observed with due solemnity and rite. Waiting at West door with the mandate of induction were the Archdeacon of Canterbury (the Ven. T. K. Sopwith), the Dean of Ely. Archdeacons, residentiary and honorary canons, minor canons and chaplains. At 2.30 the Bishop, attended by his chaplains, knocked three times on the door with his staff and requested enthronement and installation. The oath of allegiance was taken in the choir. Later, kneeling before the High Altar, with the Dean and Archdeacon of Canterbury and Canons kneeling at the steps of the Sanctuary immediately behind the Bishop, the ceremony of enthronement began, and was concluded at the Episcopal Seat. The ancient mandate of the Archbishop of Canterbury was read during the ceremony of installation at the Bishop's stall in the Choir.

1941 08 08 ES
Coveney Manor estate broken up p5
Littleport: another fire at Regal cinema, 2nd mystery outbreak in year p5
Soham invasion committee plans - interview p5

1941 08 09
Scheme to assist traders who suffer from air raids – 41 08 09a
Need preservation of old parochial documents and papers – Bishop’s Advisory Committee will advise – 41 08 09a # c.43

1941 08 12
Blenheim. Shot down by nightfighter, three killed, Wilburton. E-H

1941 08 13
Barley rector, 73, accused indecent assaults on boy evacuees; sent to mental institution – 41 08 13

1941 08 15
Wilburton farmer Fitch Everitt fined for failing to plough up land as required by War Ag; planted new trees– 41 08 15

James Henry Kidd of Kidd & Baker dies aged 72; first worked for Faulkner-White in St Andrew's Street, then Scott & Wilkinson. Opened his own business in St Mary's studios 36 years ago and was joined by Miss Baker who had worked with him at Scott & Wilkinson. Business thrived, good mixed trade with University and town. War produced difficulties in obtaining materials and the studio was forced to close – 41 08 15a # c.65.5

1941 08 15 CIPof
Marvellous Escape. — As Mr. L. Curtis, a porter on the L.N.E.R. North station at Huntingdon, was shutting a carriage door of the 12-28 train to London on Saturday, he was caught by the door and dragged under the moving train. The latter was immediately signalled to stop, and it was found that Curtis had escaped with minor injuries and shock. He was removed to the County Hospital, where he regained consciousness, and on Monday he was able to return to his home.

Late Mrs. Wesley Wolfe. Uncle David writes: "In the passing of Mrs. J. Wesley Wolfe, one of Histon's most strenuous social workers has left the scene of earthly activity to sound the mysteries of the beyond. No special occasion presented itself in the village but she was ready and willing to play her part, however strenuous and exhausting that part proved to be, for she seemed to revel in hard work and the overcoming of difficulties; but temperance work, especially amongst children, was her chief concern, and as Secretary of the Methodist Band of Hope for 27 years she was the inspiration of a devoted band of enthusiastic helpers who followed her lead, and the guide and friends of hundreds of children, who, now grown men and women, owe a deep debt of gratitude for the lesson and influences that helped to mould their lives in the impressionable years."

St. Ivian as London Editor. Mr. A. L. Cranfield, son of the late Mr. A. E. Cranfield, solicitor of St. Ives, has been appointed editor of the London "Star" (writes Watchman). During his journalistic career Mr. Cranfield has been connected with the "Warwick Advertiser", the "Sheffield Daily Telegraph', the "Birmingham Gazette" and for four years was chief sub-editor of the "Evening News". He has also been editor-in-chief of the Press Association. His native town will be proud to know that, he received his early training there, first at Slepe Hail School during the Headmastership of Mr. P. H. Copley.

1941 08 15 ES
Bishop of Ely installed p5
Land derelict a year ago - Wilburton - photo p8

1941 08 16
Massed bands sound 'Retreat' King's – 41 08 16; Parker's Piece – 41 09 01

1941 08 18
Augustine Barrett Chater, third son Josiah Chater; accountant – 41 08 18

1941 08 19
Wellington. Shot down by nightfighter, Barrington. E-H

1941 08 20
Fire bombs fall on housing estate in East Anglian town last night; tackled by wardens and no damage – 41 08 20 # c.45.7

1941 08 21
Sawston Spitfire fund dance 'fracas' – 41 08 21

1941 08 22
Cherry Hinton Hall Hostel for evacuated children opened at start war for children who cannot be kept in their billets. Some may stay; psychological treatment has been obtained – 41 08 22 # c.45.7

1941 08 22 CIPof
Eric Boon Injured. Eric Boon, the British lightweight boxing champion, now serving with the RAF, was injured on a motor cycling accident on Sunday night. He was riding on the Newmarket- Fordham road when he ran into a heifer which had found its way on to the road. Boon was thrown from his machine and taken to hospital at Newmarket, where he was detained, suffering from cuts and abrasions. The heifer was killed
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Death of Mr. A. B. Chater. Mr. Augustine Barrett Chater, who died suddenly at his residence, 21, Hartington Grove, Cambridge, was the third son of the late Mr. Josiah Chater. He was educated in Cambridge and took his B.A. degree at the university. He was unmarried. He was admitted an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in 1895. Mr. Chater joined his father and his brother the late Mr Vernon Chater in practising at 5 Alexandra Street. He continued the business up the time of his death. 41 08 22

Won D.F.M. Sergeant Samuel Sargent has been awarded the Distinguished' Flying Medal for taking over the controls after his pilot was wounded and flying the aircraft back to base. In April last Sgt. Sargent married Miss Patricia Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Wright, of Lynton House. Cambridge Street, Godmanchester.

Snacks for Farm Workers. It is hoped to start a temporary canteen at Stapleford for the provision of snacks for harvest workers, to be opened on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. This was to have started this week, but was held up, waiting for the meat. It is hoped this difficulty will soon be solved and the food provided. The farmers' wives in the village are making a special effort to help, the cooking being done at Bury Farm and Magog Farm. Mrs. Layng, of Three Ways, is acting as secretary. At Melbourn, a harvest canteen opened at the council school last week 41 08 22

1941 08 22 ES
Littleport: no volunteers come forward, ARP meeting a complete failure p4
"British restaurants" coming!; investigate desirability p5

1941 08 23
Max Pemberton 'Varsity Tales' articles in Windsor Magazine includes a tin theatre with troupe of comedians; shower of oranges, boots etc – 41 08 23 # c.76
Poison gas exhibition at Public Library – 41 08 23a, 41 08 26 # F.D.K41

1941 08 25
Photo of Cambridge men taken 49 years ago when camped at Brandon Creek – includes E. Saville Peck, A.P. Dixon – 41 08 25

1941 08 28
Temperance Jubilee Celebrations Parker's Piece 1907 – photo – 41 08 28 # RA.Tem

1941 08 29
An old lady and a four-year old boy lost their lives when high explosives and incendiary bombs were dropped on an East Anglian town last night. A Sunday School was destroyed and a Chapel and private houses were considerably damaged. The dead are a Mrs Louisa Rowell, aged 82 and John Gilbert Bowles, aged four, both of whom were sleeping in the same house. Mr & Mrs W.E. Bowles, the parents of the lad were injured and have been detained in hospital. A high explosive bomb, which fell outside the Chapel caused damage to the interior. But incendiaries which were dropped were promptly tackled by A.R.P. personnel and neighbours and overcome before they could gain a hold. Mrs. Bell, who was living in the house where the old lady and boy were killed said: "We went to bed as usual, and all, I can remember is being encased in something. I was badly bruised and received abrasions". Mrs. Jones, whose house is nearby told a reporter that she woke up suddenly and heard a terrible explosion. "I nearly fell down the stairs with my child", she added. Next door to a demolished house lives Mr. Webb, who was also asleep in bed when the bombs fell. "My wife shook me up", he said

today, “And I heard rubble flying. I got up and had a look out and went back to bed when things quiet down”. We understand. That five other people, Mrs L. Clark, Mr & Mrs A. Petit, Mrs Dorothy Driver and Mrs Florence Bell received attention at hospital for slight injuries but were not detained.
– photos – 41 08 29 # c.45.7 # B.Stu.K41 # S.1941

1941 08 29 CIPof
Railwayman's lifetime. A lifetime spend in the service of the railway company is the proud record of Mr. Christopher Cornell, Needingworth Road, St. Ives, who reached the retiring age of 65 years yesterday (Thursday). He started his railway life with the old Great Eastern Company when he was 17 years old, and of 48 years' service, he has spent 44 of them at St. Ives, and has been a signalman for 42 of them. During that time he has served under six stationmasters.

Harvest Horn. Among the "Wanted" advertisements in last week's paper (writes Watchman) was one asking for "domestic bygones," and making special mention of old fire hooks, a farm smock, a harvest horn, articles required for the Old English Museum in Shepreth. A correspondent, himself a collector of antiquities, says it is good to know that such bygones are being sought after and saved from destruction. Smocks and fire hooks are bulky articles not likely to be destroyed, but the harvest horn, a comparatively small instrument, may easily be overlooked, mislaid or cast aside as something of no importance, and perhaps not understood by the average villager today. Years ago in every agricultural village at harvest time, it was customary for a boy to walk slowly through a village, at or shortly before sunrise, and blow a horn as a signal for the labourer to go into the harvest fields. These horns were of simple design and of various sizes, and were sold mainly at Stourbridge Fair. Those in common use in Cambridgeshire were of stout block-tin, 16 "inches in length, straight in shape, and tapering from a quarter of an inch (excluding trumpet-like mouthpiece) to an opening of about 2½ inches in diameter. The last of the horn-blowers in South Cambridgeshire was William King, of Melbourn, who died in December, 1935, aged 84 years. When a lad of about seven years of age (say about 1858) he was chosen to perambulate at sunrise and blow the horn, a harvest-time job he did for several years, his horn notes being heard at times both at Shepreth and Meldreth. 41 08 29 # c.39

1941 08 30
W. Winter, Cambs Chief Constable retirement presentation – 41 08 30
Sanger’s Circus to close due blackout, lack animal feed, petrol difficulties etc; during WWI camels and elephants used for ploughing and haulage – 41 08 30a # c.76

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1941 09 03
Red Cross & St John mobile canteen newly arrived from London under Joint War Organisation; will form part of an Emergency Flying Squad to help with invalid and children’s cooking in case of a major blitz – 41 09 03 # c.45.7

1941 09 03
Wellington. Returned damaged from raid on Frankfurt and crashed, six killed, hit houses at Bar Lane, Stapleford. E-H

1941 09 04
Farm worker dies in Addenbrooke's Hospital annexe after treading on object while walking across a field – 41 09 04 # c.45.7

1941 09 05 CIPof
Bombs on Town. An old lady and a four-year-old boy lost then-lives when high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped on an East Anglian town last week. A Sunday School was destroyed and a chapel and private houses were considerably damaged. The dead are Mrs. Louisa Rowell, aged 82, and John Gilbert Bowles, aged four, both of whom were sleeping in the same house. Mr. and Mrs.

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Half Century of Service.—In the Council Chamber of the Shire Hall on Saturday, Mr. W. Winter, M.B.E., retiring Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire, was presented with a silver tea service and cheque to mark half a century's service to the county. The ceremony was performed by Mr. W. C. Jackson, Chairman of the Standing Joint Committee on behalf of Justices of the Peace, members of the County Council and the Jockey Club and personal friends.

Fish Floating on Cam. —- There has been serious mortality of fish in the River Cam below Cambridge, extending at least as far as Bottisham Locks. Large numbers of dead fish have been seen on the surface and on the river bed. Among those taken from the river were a trout of 21b. and some fine specimens of roach, bream, rudd and pike. The mortality appears to have commenced towards the end of last week, and many anglers were disappointed to find fishing out of the question on Sunday. We understand that the Ouse and Cam Fishery Board have made investigations and the matter is under consideration-

1941 09 05 ES
Soham ATC spend week with RAF p5
Hitler will invade - opener of Wicken fete p4

1941 09 06
Queen Marie of Yugoslavia visits Cambridge, inspects Queen's Messengers Convoy & WVS canteen – 41 09 06 # c.45.7
King Peter of Yugoslavia to become undergraduate at Clare College, the first time a reigning monarch has been entered - 41 09 06a # c.36.9
'Charon' Jolley, ferryman, recalled by E.A. Barnard – 41 09 06b

1941 09 08
National Day of Prayer mass church parade at Christ's Church – photos – 41 09 08 # c.45.7
Soldier killed and eight injured in army vehicle road crash, Hills Road – 41 09 08 # c.45.7

1941 09 10
James Wentworth Day summoned for non-payment of drainage rate on land at Wicken – had bought it as duck shoot and it had been under water ever since – 41 09 10

1941 09 11
Skeletons discovered while digging trench Midsummer Common; thought connected with Jesus nuns – 41 09 11

1941 09 12
Jewish evacuee removed to new billet at St Ives without permission – 41 09 12

1941 09 12 CIPof
Double Wedding at Royston. For the first time for over half a century, a double wedding was solemnised at the Royston Parish Church on Saturday, the brides being two sisters. The senior couple were Driver Victor H. Cotton, of the Hampshire Regiment, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cotton, of Rockbourne, Millbrook, Southampton, and Miss Elsie M. Robinson, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson, of 20 Lankester Road, Royston. The other couple were Lance-Corporal G. E. Vaughan, of the Hampshire Regiment, second son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Vaughan, of 169, Manor Road, Itchen, Southampton, and Miss Edna Jean Robinson, of 20 Lankester Road Royston, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Robinson. At the conclusion of the double ceremony, a reception was held at the Corner Cafe, at which about 50 guests were present.

Percheron Sale. ~ The highest price paid for a mare at the annual Percheron horse sale at Histon was 300 guineas, bid by Dr. Gregory, of St. Ives, for Mr. Thomas Cook's Louvette. Mr. Cook's stud is at Great Yarmouth. Louvette was first imported from France, and won first prize in its class at the show which preceded the sale.

Prisoner of War. News was received on Friday last by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Rogers, newsagent, High Street, Cottenham, from their son, Richard E. Rogers, of the R.A.F., that he is a prisoner of war in Stalag XI B, Germany, and is at present in hospital with a slight fever. During the evacuation of Greece, a boat was sunk and young Rogers was picked up after an hour in the water and landed at Crete. A cable was then received by his parents saying he was safe and well, but had lost all his possessions. After the battle of Crete he was reported missing on May 31. Rogers.. .made a wide circle of friends, both young and old, and he was the popular secretary-player of Cottenham United Football Club. He will celebrate his 21st birthday on September 28. His father was a prisoner of war in Germany during the last war.

Gleaning. The old custom of gleaning has been much revived locally (at Histon) this year owing to the desire that nothing should be wasted and also because of the scarcity of poultry food. # c.39

1941 09 12 ES
"Invasion chances not destroyed" p1

1941 09 13
Briscoe Snelson has pictures accepted for Royal Photographic Society's annual show; all of fenland scenery – rainbow over Reach lode, Reach, river farm at Fen Ditton – 41 09 13 # c.65.5

1941 09 19 CIPof
Childerley of Other Days. A correspondent's remarks about the Cambs village of Childerley (writes Watchman) have brought me the following very interesting comment by a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, who signs himself "G.H.K." In the 1833 edition of Gorton's Topographical Dictionary, Childerley is given a population of 50. It is stated that 'the church is actually demolished.' Actually, Childerley once possessed two churches, both of which, it is stated, were demolished and the village depopulated, by Sir John Cutts, Bart., at the beginning of the 16th century, for the purpose of forming a deer park. How this high-handed procedure was permitted, as regards the churches, we are not told. Richard Cutts, a squire of Arkesden, inherited the Childerley property about 1670 and was father to General Lord Cutts, author, soldier, and Commander-in-Chief in Ireland, who took part in most of the battles of his day with conspicuous gallantry. His second wife was the daughter of a Cambridgeshire baronet, Sir Henry Pickering, of Whaddon. Childerley Hall stands on the site of the old Cutts' mansion. If the Pickering home exists, it must now be a farmhouse, several of which in Whaddon have attractive architectural features. Referring to another note, this time about Nell Gwyn, my correspondent says: "Nell Gwyn is traditionally associated with old houses at Clavering and Newport and with the Crown House, formerly an inn, on the Newmarket Road at Great Chesterford."

Mayoralty. — At a private meeting on Monday, the Town Council (at Godmanchester) gave a unanimous invitation to the present Mayor (Ald. W. P. Anderson) to continue in office. Tributes were paid to the work of the Mayor and Mayoress by Sir William Prescott; Alderman Pettit and others. The Mayor consented to serve for 1941-2 for a third year.

1941 09 19 ES
Ely & district women "going to it" - Beet Factory - photo p5
Ely Isolation Hospital's iron lung will soon be ready p5

1941 09 20
Air raid on Huntingdon Road – photos of debris – 41 09 20b # c.45.7 # B.Hun.K41 # S.1941

1941 09 25
Mobile help for blitz victims on display New Square – converts into mobile office, carries marquee – 41 09 25

1941 09 26 CIPof
Oldest Gardener? Who is the oldest gardener in Cambridgeshire? (asks Watchman). Mr. Henry Colgate, of High Street, Slough, who is 92, claims that he is the oldest in Britain. He cultivates a nine-rod allotment, and has a six-rod garden. He cycles to his plot, and puts in an average of seven hours a day among his vegetables. If Cambs. can't equal this, there must, be many veterans who can run it very close. What about it?

Mural Tablets. During the morning service at Bottisham church two tablets of Hopwood stone, which have been placed on the north wall by the vestry door, were unveiled. The first has the inscription: "In dear memory of Cara Leland. Lady Fairhaven. November 24. 1867-March 18. 1939. To the most devoted mother. From her unforgetting son." and the family coat of arms. The second contains a plan of the memorial chapel to be erected to her memory, and the inscription: "The memorial chapel projected beyond this door by her elder son, Lord Fairhaven, was postponed on the outbreak of war, 1939."

Golden Wedding, Congratulations were received by Mr. and Mrs. T. Burgess, of Mill House, Histon Road, Cottenham when they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday last. They are both active and enjoy good health, and they have one son, one daughter and one grandson. They spent their anniversary quietly at home with their family.

Harvest Supper—New Style. In years gone by the harvest supper. “hawky" or “horkey," was a popular event in the villages of Cambridgeshire, and last Friday the custom was revived—but with a difference (says Watchman). This new-style "horkey" took place at Stapleford, and was organised by the committee of the canteen that has been run there for the harvest workers. It was given to farmers and workers who had patronised the canteen and thus enabled them to get the benefit of the small profit made on the harvest snacks. 41 09 26

1941 09 26 ES
Ely jam factory need jars - photo p5
4,481 saw war film "Target for tonight" - were queues p5

1941 09 27
Plane crashes garden Bene’t Place, pilot killed – photos - 41 09 27 # c.45.7 # c.26.1 # B.Len.

1941 09 29
County High School for Girls new buildings opened – photo – 41 09 29 # c.36.5
Incendiary & high explosive bombs on East Anglian town, several houses damaged; fire guards at work, repairs in hand; small preparatory school had bomb in basement, nursery school also damaged; Mrs Rootham had fortunate escape, found accommodation with Mr Reddaway – 41 09 29a # c.45.7
ARP test of gas attack – 41 09 29b, c

1941 09 30
Surprise gas test – 14 09 30
Mab Brinkley, popular entertainer, marries – 41 09 30a

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1941 10 01
New chair American studies needed – 41 10 01

1941 10 03

Billeting scheme evacuees has been successful, complaints that rich received fewer evacuees than poor – but they had left as house too posh; many houses had rooms reserved for relations – 41 10 03 # c.45.7

1941 10 03 CIPof
Death of Mr. H. H. Sills. Mr. Henry Hebb Sills, Senior Fellow of King's, whose sudden death occurred last week, was the second son of Mr. Thomas Sills, of Sunbrooke House, Ancaster, and a nephew of Mr. H. K. Hebb, Town Clerk of Lincoln. In 1892 he entered King's as a classical scholar, graduating four years later with a double "First." Two years as a master at Uppingham followed, but his college elected him Fellow and appointed him a teacher of Classics. Such he remained throughout his life, with varying offices and examinerships and an eight years' term as Dean (1900-8). As chairman of the Diocesan board of Finance he rendered admirable service for many years.

Large sale at Hauxton. Farmers from all over England attended a dispersal sale at Manor Farm, Hauxton, on Friday afternoon, when the entire attested herd of pure-bred Jersey cattle and seven horses, in addition to a quantity of agricultural implements and dairy utensils of Mr. H. B. Hart were sold by auction. The steady prices which prevailed proved that while show stock is in demand these times at a discount, there is a real demand for quality milk producers. 41 10 03

40 years sub-postmaster.—After nearly 40 years of efficient service as sub-postmaster at Comberton, Mr, Louis Baker relinquished the office on Tuesday last. At present no one has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

Presentation to Stationmaster. — On the occasion of his leaving Oakington after five years as Stationmaster to take up an appointment as sack auditor at Crewe, Mr. Jenkinson has been presented with a hall set, subscribed for by the staff at Oakington station. Mr. Rutledge, the chief clerk, who made the presentation in the presence of the staff, expressed their regrets at losing such a good Stationmaster and friend, and wished Mr. Jenkinson and his family every success and happiness in their new surroundings.

1941 10 03 ES
Isle civil defence matters p1
Ely fliers 14 raids over Germany p4

1941 10 03
Stirling. Shot down by nightfighter, five killed, two survived, Kisbys Hut, near Bourn. E-H

1941 10 04
Shah of Persia hoax recalled in cartoon – 41 010 04 # V.
Women, war and victory campaign – 41 10 04a
Cambridge Home Guard – group photo – 41 10 04b

1941 10 07
Civil defence – 108 new public shelters planned – 41 10 07 # c.45.7

1941 10 08
An elderly woman received fatal injuries when she was run down by an army motorcyclist on Wilburton Road Stretham. A soldier said he was riding in the last lorry of a convoy with the dispatch rider on a solo motorcycle immediately in front. They had just entered Stretham from the direction of Wilburton when he noticed the last vehicle of a convoy going in the opposite direction past the motorcyclist. Mrs Harriet Wheeler who had been waiting to cross the road then stepped out into the highway and was hit by the Dispatch Rider who did his best to avoid her. The speed of the motorcyclist was about 40 miles an hour. Mrs. Rose Asplin, a shopkeeper Wilburton Road told the Coroner the deceased who had been to see her was just about to leave and she told her about the heavy traffic on the road at the time. Deceased remark that she would be careful, and would cross to

the other side of the road where there was a footpath. There was only a grass verge on the side where the deceased was then standing. She waited for the last vehicle off a convoy to pass and then ran across the road. But in doing so, she came into collision with an army motorcyclist coming in the opposite direction. The driver who did his utmost to avoid her was flung together with his motorcycle into the ditch by the side of the road. The rider said it was his duty to ride up and down the convoy to see the vehicles kept in close contact with one another. He was riding some distance in front of the last lorry of the convoy when suddenly he saw a woman step from behind the rear vehicle of a convoy going in the opposite direction. He braked hard, but was unable to prevent a collision. PC. Angee said he was called to the scene of the accident and saw skid marks where the motorcycle had braked which proved the driver was well on his correct side.
A verdict of accidental death was recorded. 41 10 08 ES

1941 10 09
Clement Attlee sees war work factory at Robinson's premises, Regent Street – photo – 41 10 09 # c.45.7

1941 10 10
Hostel for evacuated boys at Meadowcroft, Church Street, Chesterton – photo – 41 10 10 # c.45.7 # B.Chu.K41
Mrs Alice Jones set up factory where she and maid used drilling and milling machine; soon six drillers, two millers and three lathes with music relayed from a wireless set in house. Then relocates to building formerly used as a piano store where more machinery installed and 40 people, 10 girls and 30 men now working – 41 10 10a # c.45.7

1941 10 10 CIPof
Married 50 years. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pledger, of the Grange, Longstanton, and formerly of Church Street, Gamlingay, were married on September 28, 1891, and are now 76 and 77 respectively. To celebrate the event 30 guests were entertained at "Rutholme", Swavesey, the home of their youngest daughter. The toast of the couple, who were in excellent health, was proposed by Mr. Victor Pledger, of Barkway, the youngest brother of Mr. Pledger, and the aged pair replied, thanking everyone for the flowers, presents and greetings which had been sent them.

Gleaning at Willingham. Following upon correspondents' recollections of gleaning in Cambridgeshire, says Watchman, a reader at Willingham writes: "Corn gleaning was the regular thing at Willingham in years gone by. At first they used to go early and stay late, but mothers with large families who needed it could not do that. So it was stopped. No one was allowed to go until the gleaners' bell sounded at seven o'clock, and they had to leave off at five. Different parts of the village went in different parties. The men would sometimes take a field to mow and tie and shock at a price; then the wife and children would help the farmer and would leave a sheaf in the field so the woman had the privilege of the field and other gleaners must keep out. Gleaners would tramp miles sometimes round about, villages, and sit by the roadside until they had done cutting. They would each take something with them at the finish and have a gleaners' tea and a bit of fun in different cottages-" 41 10 10

Diamond wedding.—Mr. and Mrs. T. Tofts, of 12 Malting Cottages, Linton, celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding on Monday. They were married at Linton Parish Church on October 6, 1881, by the Rev. Hall. Mr. Tofts, who is 86, is a native of Linton, having been born at 3 Malting Cottages, while Mrs. Tofts, whose maiden name was Hannah Brown, was born in Morley's Yard, Sawston. She will be 86 in December. The old couple have lived in the same cottage during the whole of their married life, and Mr. Tofts probably set up a record by living in the same row of cottages for 86 years. They have lived a very active life, and Mr. Tofts is still able to "dig for victory" in his garden and his wife to do her own housework.

1941 10 10 ES
Evacuee: Soham man fined for refusing dirty girl p4

1941 10 11
Lloyd George inspects Queen's Messenger Convoy in King's Parade; consists of 13 vehicles ready to visit any area damaged by enemy action; are two water vehicles, two food vehicles, two kitchens, four canteens, a utility van for the staff of 30, W.V.S. kit van and W.V.S. staff canteen – 41 10 11 – c.45.7

1941 10 13
YMCA mobile canteen started January 1940 with small Ford carrying urn of tea and buns, shaving equipment, writing paper & New Testaments required by troops; others added; go to airfield dispensing 25 gallons of tea – 41 10 13

1941 10 15
Wellington. Overshot landing, three killed, one injured, near Bassingbourn. E-H

1941 10 16
Serg Herbert 'Dick' Mansfield missing after operations – 41 10 16

1941 10 17 ES
Evacuee receives stolen boots p1
Evacuee: Jewish boys do their bit; life at Hereward Hall p4
Will Ely get a British restaurant p5
400 soldiers to help farmers p5

1941 10 20
Women shoot with Home Guard – photo – 41 10 20a
Bright light visible in Glisson Road on night when bombs were dropped – 41 10 20b # c.45.7

1941 10 21
Worker damaged aircraft with hammer – sabotage – 41 10 21a

1941 10 22
Jewish evacuees at Hereward Hall, Ely – photo – 41 10 22a

1941 10 23
Sawston bakery gutted by fire – 41 10 22b; photo – 41 10 23a

1941 10 24
Romas Concert party – photo – 41 10 24a
Wedding guard of honour, Chesterton – photo – 41 10 24b

1941 10 24 CIPof
A disastrous fire broke out on Tuesday at the premises of the Sawston Co-operative Society, Sawston, resulting in extensive damage to the bakery, which was practically gutted. The outbreak was discovered at 11.30, by which time the flames had a good hold on the premises. Adjoining buildings, many of which are largely of timber construction, were at one time threatened, but the prompt arrival of the Sawston Fire Service and the Cambridge Borough Fire Brigade confined the fire to the Co-operative premises. The fire broke out again on Wednesday, necessitating another visit by the firemen. Hoses were played on the smouldering ruins.

Death of Mr. Walter Brett.—We have to record the death of Mr. Walter Brett, of Station Road, Histon who passed away at his home on Friday, aged 68. Prior to his retirement, about three years ago he had been employed by Messrs. Chivers for over 40 years. The interment took place at Histon cemetery on Tuesday morning.

Diamond Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. William Bowers, of 8 Brampton Road, Cottenham, celebrated their diamond wedding on Saturday. Of their nine children, four soils and three daughters are still living, and they have ten grandchildren and seven great grandchildren-

Loss to Wicken. The many friends of Mr. Robert L. Fuller, of Spinney Abbey, Wicken, will learn with regret of the loss he has sustained by the death of his wife who passed away on Saturday at the age of 67 years. The eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fuller, of Padney Farm. Wicken, she was married to Mr. Robert Fuller at St. Laurence Church, Wicken, on September 16, 1903, and they had lived at Spinney Abbey ever since. Many Cambridge friends had at one time or another enjoyed her kindly hospitality there. Mrs. Fuller was a devoted member of Stretham Parish Church, and took a keen interest in the welfare of the Wicken Almshouses and Nursing Association. 41 10 24

1941 10 24 ES
Evacuee charged with theft
Ely & district Air training corps - photo p5

1941 10 29
Civil Nursing recruiting drive, Sayles – photo – 41 10 29a

1941 10 30
Rumours that high Nazi official had parachuted into Cambs denied; one of our bombers returning from Germany found itself in difficulties and two crew bailed out; Home Guard called out – 41 10 30a # c.45.7

1941 10 31 CIPof
Golden Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. L. Pettitt, who celebrate their golden, wedding today, were married at St. James's Church, Lode, by the Rev. Mr. Holden on October 31 1891. They have resided in the village all their lives, and have two sons and three daughters, two grandsons and three granddaughters.

A Wonderful Achievement.Well over 3.000 knitted comforts have now been made by members of the Ickleton War Comforts Knitting Party, this wonderful achievement having been done in just under two years. There were also 50 pairs of stockings sent to be lengthened which are not counted in the total. Ickleton is indeed proud of this effort. Knitting was not started until November 20, 1939, as bandages, etc., were not made till then.

A 1798 Chaff-cutter. An aged Fenlander (writes Watchman) has found in the family archives an illustrated account, dated 1798, of a "new" chaff-cutter, one which must have caused some sensation among farmers in general, and farmers' boys in particular, 143 years ago. This particular chaff-cutter was invented by Mr. Robert Salmon, of Woburn, Bedfordshire, and he received for it an award of 30 gns. from the London Society for the Encouragement of Arts. "It is so simple and easy to work," says the booklet describing it," that a boy may cut with it as much as thirty bushels of chaff an hour. And further, it is so simple in construction that any carpenter might, after inspecting it, easily make one." "Oh to be' a farmer's boy," says my correspondent, "and to be expected to cut 30 bushels of chaff in an hour with a huge hand-propelled machine." A description, useless without the heavily-lettered illustration, is too lengthy to be given. Briefly the machine is a cumbersome mixture of cutting-knives, wheels, chains, spiked rollers, levers, counter-balance etc. 41 10 31

1941 10 31 ES
Grunty Fen drainage: in 1860 Grunty Fen paid Littleport & Downham to take their water; about 1930 Grunty Fen drain so poor condition that adjoining Littleport district not sufficiently drained; Littleport to maintain drain from Alderforth to Crooked Drain for payment from Grunty Fen. War ag now pressing for improvement but this would cost Littleport £40,000 & Grunty Fen land worth only £15 per acre p3
Iron railing to be taken p5

Prickwillow school closes two weeks for beet & potato harvest p7

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1941 11 01
Sid Moon, former News cartoonist now working for Sunday Dispatch, asked for drawing by Winston Churchill – 41 11 01a

1941 11 07 CIPof
Married. The marriage took place at the Church of St. Giles, Cambridge, on Saturday of Mr. John Dick Livingston Booth, West African Artillery, Royal West African Frontier Force, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Livingston Booth, of Barden, Etchingham, Surrey, and Miss Joan Ashley Tabrum, twin daughter of Mr. Ashley Tabrum, Clerk to the Cambridgeshire County Council, and Mrs. Ashley Tabrum, of 48 Storey's Way, Cambridge. A reception was afterwards held at 48 Storey's Way, and later Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Livingston Booth left for their honeymoon in Devon.

President. The installation of Professor C. E. Inglis (Cambridge) 35 President of the Institution of Civil. Engineers — the highest honour that can be paid to any civil engineer in the British Empire, — took place at Westminster on Tuesday. After the meeting Professor Inglis delivered his presidential address, taking as his subject "Engineering Education."

New Postmaster for Cambridge. Cambridge's new Head Postmaster, Mr. A. G. Mackay, who has just taken over, is a Scotsman with 38 years' experience behind him, having first entered the G.P.O. in 1903. He has spent a large part of his career in Scot-land, and began work in his home town of Stornoway. He later became Head Postmaster of Lerwick and afterwards served in the .Edinburgh Post Office. Previous to his appointment at Cambridge, he was Head Postmaster at Folkestone.

New Magistrates. Two new borough magistrates were sworn in by the Mayor of Cambridge (Ald. E. O. Brown) on Monday. They were Mr. Bernard John Matthew, of The Thatched Cottage, Caxton, and Mrs. Elizabeth Florence Cole, of 99 Hawthorn Way, Cambridge. Mr. Matthew, managing director of the well-known Trinity Street firm of Messrs. Matthew and Son Ltd., is a former President of the Cambridge Rotary Club, and now holds the office of honorary secretary. Mrs. Cole has for some years taken a leading part in adult education matters, and has been especially active in her work for the Workers Educational Association. Her particular interest has been in the sphere of local government. She is a keen supporter of the Co-operative movement. 41 11 07

"Father" of the Force.—Father of the Force at the age of 56. That is the unusual position of Supt. A. E. Allen, of the Cambridgeshire Force, who retires at the end of this month. He rose through the ranks in a remarkably short time and has been a superintendent in the Cambridge division of the force for 31 years. In that time he has served under five Chief Constables

1941 11 07 ES
Civil defence: 31 invasion committees in Isle p3
Evacuee mother's tragic discovery: baby dead in bed p5
New editor of Ely Standard - F.W. Wilson - photo p5
Littleport guides wonderful effort - waste paper - photo p8

1941 11 08
Department of criminal Science in Faculty of Law recommended by General Board – 41 11 08a

1941 11 10
King of Greece granted Honorary Degree – 41 11 10a # c.36.9 # c.02

1941 11 14 CIPof

33 Years' faithful service. — To show the appreciation of the managers, mistresses and scholars of the Parochial School (Bourn), a presentation to Mrs. Ingle on her retirement as school caretaker took place at a special meeting held last week. The presentation took the form of an oak clock, inscribed: "A gift to Mrs. Ingle to mark 33 years of faithful service. From managers, staff and scholars of Bourn School".

"Freeing the Traction Engine".— According to a Waterbeach-born correspondent (says Watchman) today is the 45th anniversary of the repeal of what people were pleased to call the old Red Flag Act. It was on November 14 1896, that traction engines, then largely used for agricultural work, were first allowed on the public roads without a man walking some yards in front and carrying a red flag to warn people of the coming of mechanical transport. Steam engines, used for driving roundabouts and for drawing showmen's vans, were in the same category as traction engines used by farmers, and the man with a red flag was a familiar figure on country roads. It was about eighty years ago that the first steam roundabout appeared at one of the Cambridge fairs, and it is said to have been invented by an engineer James Savage, who lived at King's Lynn. 41 11 14 # c.26.48

Sir Montagu Butler Elected, — The Master of Pembroke, Sir Montagu Butler, was unanimously elected Mayor of Cambridge in succession to Ald. E. O. Brown at the annual meeting of the Town Council on Monday. Proposing his election, Aid. Pollock said few of the Council members would remember the last occasion when the Head of a college—Dr. Pearce —was appointed Mayor. Ald. Pollock recalled that Sir Montagu Butler, unlike some other College Heads who has served on the Council, was educated at Cambridge, taking a brilliant classics degree at Pembroke, at which college he was made a Fellow. He had been President of the Cambridge Union, and was one of four members of three generations of Butlers to hold the office, the others including his son, Mr. R. A. Butler, the present Education Minister. # c.35.7

1941 11 15
Stirling. Crashed on take-off, two killed, four injured, Oakington. E-H

1941 11 15
Wellington. Hit ground in poor weather, six injured, Waterbeach. E-H

1941 11 21 ES
Mobile cleansing units - now have 3 p3
Five soldiers die from burns when fire wrecks guard hut p5
In event of blitz Ely would take Cambridge evacuee p5
Evacuee child gets lost at Haddenham

1941 11 15
Ely Coroner conducted an inquest on five soldiers who died from burns sustained while on guard on the night of November 11th to 12th. Two others are seriously ill in hospital. Second Lieutenant Shacklady suggested that fire was due to petrol having been thrown on the stove in the guard hut. After the explosion a petrol can was recovered from the hut and he could only think the petrol was obtained from an aeroplane, but there was no evidence to prove that. One of the victim's fathers said: "My protest is that there is not sufficient fuel supply for the stoves. Two other boys were on guard for two hours in the rain and had to go to sleep in the hut in their wet clothes. I suppose they wanted to dry their clothes but not having any coke to burn, which should have been supplied, they put something on the fire to make sufficient heat". The enquiry was adjourned 41 11 15a

1941 11 19
Cambridge traders affected by many wartime regulations; Chamber of Commerce will assist those suffering from air raid – 41 11 19a # c.45.7

1941 11 21 CIPof

Origin of focal words,—Writing from 10 London Road, Newmarket, Mr. P. B. Standley, asks. Dear Watchman, can any of your readers tell me the origin of the following local words, please?: 1 Jill, 2 Half-shooter, 3 Long-sleever, 4 Cuffs, 5 Boot, 6 Passidge. No. 1 used as follows:- (meaning to swing): "Now then, gal, don't you 'jill' on that geate," Nos. 2 and 3 refer to a half-shooter of beer, and long-sleever refers to the measure applied. No. 4 probably a corruption of "puffs" and "clay doot" and 5 refers to a clay pipe, both used as follows: "O'm jest agoin ter hex two or three 'cuffs' at me old clay 'doot'." No. 6: Spelt as pronounced, and refers to a part of the village of Lode; possibly used in other villages in the district. Used as follows. "I jest sin her gooing cross 'Fassidge' met." # c.71

Lost at sea, — Many expressions of sympathy have been received by Mr and Mrs. J. Marsh, of Commercial End (Swaffham Bui-beck), on their only son. News was received last Friday that Petty Officer James William Marsh lost his life when the Royal Oak was sunk on October 14th, 1939. He had been in the service 21 years and was 38 years of age.

Beagles run at Harlton. — Mr. R. E. Wallaces beagle's which are being run for the benefit of troops in the district over the Trinity Foot Beagles' ground, were out at Harlton recently. Mr. Roger Parker, Master of Cambridge Foxhounds, and friend followed them. Mr. Wallace hunted the Eton Beagles in 1936-8; Christ Church, Oxford, Beagles, 1939-40, and Hawkstone Otter Hounds.

New Savings Centre. — A new centre, chiefly for the benefit of secretaries of savings groups, was opened on Monday at the Theatre Cinema by the Mayor of Cambridge (Sir Montagu Butler). This enterprise has been made possible through the work of the Cambridge Local Savings Committee, and should prove of very great benefit to those whose duty it is to provide the means for weekly saving, for they will be able to obtain supplies, information and advice from an office run exclusively for that purpose.

1941 11 24
Wellington. Hit goods wagons on train line whilst low flying, nine killed, March. E-H

1941 11 27
HMS Loyal warship week programme – 41 11 27, 41 11 29 # c.45.7

1941 11 27
Hurricane. Span in from 1000 feet, pilot killed, Benet Place, Lensfield Road, Cambridge. E-H

1941 11 28 CIPof
Grand National Memories. The sale of the contents of the residence at Warren Close, Royston, yesterday (Thursday) by Messrs. Nash. Son and Rowley, brought together a big company of buyers, and high prices were obtained for many of the lots. The items associated with the famous steeplechaser. Golden Miller, came in for a large amount of attention, and we understand the bronze statue of the horse fetched £10, and the oil painting, by Earl, £69; an additional painting of Insurance, also by Earl, realised £55, and the Trainer's Cup presented for the Grand National victory of 1934 was knocked down for £75. The purchaser in each case was Mr. Mortimer, of Darlington, a former resident of Royston.

The "Old Clay Doot."—A Fenland correspondent (says Watchman) writes: "Clay doot and jill are old Fenland words, but I cannot at the moment trace their origin. My great grandfather (born 1800. died 1897), who was a boy at the time of Waterloo, and remembered the news of the battle coming to Waterbeach, often said he would "now have a cuff or two at my old clay doot," and he also often told me not to 'jill about' (be fidgety)." Half-shooter, long-sleever and Fassidge, says the correspondent, are new to him # c.71

Target—a Destroyer. — At an enthusiastic meeting held at Gazeley House (Huntingdon) on Saturday it was decided that Huntingdonshire should hold a Warship Week on March 14 to 21, and that the target should be a destroyer costing £700.000. Lord Sandwich presided and Major Kinghan, Regional

Commissioner, spoke on the scheme of the Chancellor of the Exchequer for raising more money. Delegates were present from all parts of the county, and areas are to be set up for organising purposes.

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"Is provision for evacuees but not for own poor people" p5

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1941 12 01
Warship week provided on of most inspiring parades ever seen; a score of contingents took part – 41 12 01 # c.45.7

1941 12 04
Great Ouse Catchment Board report and accounts publication prohibited because enemy might obtain information for operations against the country – 41 12 04 # c.29

1941 12 05 CIPof
Too Many Dancers, — The Chief Constable drew the attention of the Borough Council (at Huntingdon) on Tuesday to the excessive number of persons attending dances at the Town Hall. He requested them to arrange as a matter of safety that the number should not exceed 230. The council agreed that the number should be limited to 200 from January 1, 1942.

Too Much To Eat. — The Mayor (Coun. A. R. Maddox) paid a visit to the Huntingdon British Restaurant recently to see for himself how the 7d. lunch went down. After partaking of sausages and vegetables, with sweets, and a cup of tea thrown in, he said he .was quite satisfied and really had too much to eat.

Diamond Wedding. — Mr. and Mrs. Lawford Cundell, of Fire-thorn Cottage, Toft, have recently celebrated their diamond wedding by entertaining a number of friends. They were the recipients of a number of telegrams and gifts, including a gift of hot water bottles from the Mothers' Union, Mrs. Cundell having been a member of the branch since its formation. Mr. and Mrs. Cundell have resided in Toft for over 50 years. 41 12 05

844 lbs. Of Jam. — The Over Jam Centre organised by Mrs. W. R. Wayman had a successful season. Jam made amounted to 844 lbs., of different varieties, the majority of which was disposed of locally.

T.A. National Organiser. Mr. E. F. Andrews is the newly appointed National Organiser of the Typographical Association. His region will be Southern England, comprising the Home Counties and South-Eastern group (including East Anglia) and the South-Western group (including part of South Wales).

Death of D. R. C. Gillie. — Many in Cambridge will regret to learn of the death, which took place suddenly in London on Saturday, of the Rev. R. C. Gillie. One o£ the most noted Free Church preachers in the country, Dr. Gillie, who was 75 years of age, had resided in Cambridge for the past two years, and though retired from the active ministry, was still in great demand as a speaker and preacher. His modern outlook and vigorous personality endeared him to many friends. A fire watcher in his little group on Barton Close, Dr. Gillie would have been on duty the night before he died.

1941 12 05 ES
"Helmets rather than stars & stripes" - is there any chance of steel helmets for wardens p3
253 Cambs men are prisoners p3
Ely civil defence on parade - photo p5
Inspection of ARP personnel p5
Battle dress for rescue parties p6
Women may work on highways p6

1941 12 06
Romsey Town was named after Romsey House, a small old mansion noted for its fine carved oak and finely-built chimneys; stood in a lovely setting of large trees extending from Salisbury Club to Malta Road with a background cut through by the old GER; temporary Dining hall of Pembroke College erected as mission room – Montagu Butler memories – 41 12 06

1941 12 08
Mayor Montagu Butler in serious accident during civil defence exercise; knocked down by ARP Ambulance – 41 12 08 # c.45.7

1941 12 08
Wellington. Returned damaged from raid on Aachen and crashed, one killed, five injured, Waterbeach. E-H

1941 19 09
Home Guard check motorist identity papers Swaffham Prior – photo – 41 12 09 # Y.Swa.

1941 12 11
WVS open-air cooking demonstration, New Square – 41 12 11

1941 12 11
Miles Magister. Crashed whilst low flying, one killed, Duxford airfield. E-H

1941 12 12 CIPof
Presentation -The deacons, on behalf of the Baptist Church (at Over) performed a pleasing duty in the vestry on Sunday evening, when they presented Mr. A. Barker, who has been voluntary organist for 30 years, with an organ copy of Hymns Ancient and Modern as a token of their appreciation

Death of Mr. Charles - By the death at the age of 71 years of Mr. Charles Winter - better known locally as Mr Fred Winter—the village (Melbourn) loses one of its most highly respectable inhabitants and most familiar figures, as for 2Z years he has been in the employ of the County Council as a local roadman. He died in Addenbrooke's Hospital, where he had been a patient for four weeks. In by-gone days, when the Salvation Army had a place of worship in the village Mr. Winter was one of its most ardent supporters being one of the bandsmen and the local treasurer 41 12 12

Married 50 years – Many friends and neighbours will join in congratulating Mr & Mrs A.W. Cook of 70 Huntingdon Road, Cambridge, who celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday. They were married in 1891 at St. Giles Church by the Rev. G. R. Christie, and had lived in the St. Giles district ever since. Mr. Cook was a well-known professional cricketer in Cambridge, and was, last year umpire for St. Giles' cricket team He was for some time a messenger at Trinity College, and, he later became a gyp at Magdalene, retiring at the age of 65. He is now 72 and his wife 71. She is obviously very proud of her eight children, and said of them that they had not caused her or her husband any trouble at any time Mr. and Mrs. Cooks first address was 95 Alpha Road. In 1899 they moved to 13 Histon Road, where they remained for 32 years moving thence to their present address in 1929. 41 12 12

The Knowing Dog.—The following true story came my way this week (writes Watchman). A gentleman, who is in the habit of visiting a small shop m the High Street. Huntingdon, has to be careful he is not minus a leg of his trousers before he leaves for a small house dog is always ready to attack till called off. On asking the proprietress why the dog took such a strong objection to his presence, the victim was informed: "My dog always recognises the Air Force blue and Army khaki, and is more amenable to them, but anyone dressed in civilian clothes appears like a red rag to a bull No doubt he thinks that everyone should be wearing H.M. uniform.

1941 12 12 ES
Evacuee: Wicken woman opens house as meeting place p4
Test "invasion" - military & civil defence engaged
Will Ely get British restaurant p5
Evacuee women working to fill gaps p5
Soldier crushed by Bren carrier during exercise p5

1941 12 13
Hurricane. Crashed in poor weather, pilot killed, Great Wilbraham. E-H

1941 12 18
Women make camouflage netting; two-hour shifts of 50 women work till 10pm – 41 12 18 # c.45.7

1941 12 19
Lt Downham man fined for large drum of petrol found in dyke - 41 12 19

1941 12 19 CIPof
P.c,'s Heroism. "Although warned of the danger of unexploded bombs, P.c. Haynes persisted: in going to the aircraft, where he did splendid rescue work, which resulted in the saving of valuable lives." These words are contained in a commendation by the Royal Air Force of P.c. Albert Haynes, of the Cambridge Division, for gallant conduct and exemplary behaviour when a British aircraft crashed and caught fire. His heroism was reported by the County Chief Constable (Mr. W. H. Edwards) at Saturday's meeting of the Standing Joint Committee, and it was added that the commendation had been promulgated to all members of the Force and "recorded in the constable's personal record. The Chairman (Mr. W. C. Jackson) said the highest commendation was due to P.c. Haynes for his courageous attitude in saving the lives of several airmen. # c.34.7 # c.45.7

William Caxton and Caxton, — Telling of the Cambridgeshire village of Caxton, some of the guide books state that it was the birthplace of William Caxton (1422-1491), who first introduced the art of printing into England, and a correspondent interested in the art of printing and of Caxton's work says the statement is entirely erroneous says Watchman. We have Caxton's own authority, says my correspondent, that he. was born in the county of Kent, for he says in the preface of the first, book he printed, and which he translated from the French, the "Recule of the Historyes of Troye": In France was I never, and was born and lerned myne English in Kente in the Weeld, where English is spoken broad and rude". This avowal must therefore be regarded as decisive. A famous Caxtonian was Matthew Paris, who was born in the village, about the year 1195. He became a Benedictine monk of St. Albans, and was one of the most learned men of his time— architect, mathematician, poet, orator and historian. 41 12 19

1941 12 19 ES
Ely housewives as fire fighters - photo p5

1941 12 26 CIPof
Old Age Pensioners in one house. Regarding my note (says Watchman) recently about the number of people in one house receiving the Old Age Pension — there were five whose ages totalled 370 — I have received no claim from a private house to equal it. But from the Grosvenor Nursing Home at "The Mulberries," Bourn, a correspondent writes: "I have at present in my home four Old Age Pensioners whose ages total 328. During War Weapons Week it was suggested as a good competition that people should guess the combined ages of patients and staff in the home". And my correspondent supplies a list of 15 ages which make 1,071.

Graves in Orchards. Commenting in a London magazine upon the seemingly strange places in which the bodies of human beings have been buried, a writer makes special mention of interments in orchards, and names the Eastern Counties as being the place where once upon a time such burials were by no means unusual (writes Watchman). A Waterbeach born correspondent, in calling attention

to the matter says that from the parish register of this village may be found an entry, which reads: "1679, December 10, Francis Wilson excommunicated; buried in his orchard." Villagers under sentence of excommunication (continues my correspondent) were very often not allowed any burial ceremony, and, strictly speaking, could not be interred in the village churchyard.

Police Promotions. Cambridgeshire Police promotions include: Supt. Donald Charles James Arnold to be Deputy Chief Constable. Mr. Arnold, whose appointment was announced at a meeting of the Standing Joint Committee last week, started his career in the Force in 1920, and has had special experience in the fingerprint photography branches of the Force — Inspector Frank Housden is to be Supt. Joining the police in 1919, he rose to the rank of inspector in April, 1932. He will go to the Newmarket Division, Supt. Charles Barrett and Sgt. Raymond Eric Squire to be inspectors. The latter, who commenced his career in 1921, two years after Mr. Barrett, will take Inspector Housden's place. The promotions will take effect on January 1 next

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Man fined for illegally storing petrol p5
Inquest into soldiers killed in hut fire
Pictorial review of year p8

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I have copies of each article – not ES

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Ely cats are disappearing during blackout; thefts organised from London? 42 01 02
Co-op and the war – call-up draining staff – 42 01 02a

1942 01 02 CIPof
"Sam Weller" of Sawston,—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wakefield, of Sawston, celebrated their golden wedding last week, and (says Watchman), in the course of some reminiscences, a correspondent tells me that many years ago. Mr. Wakefield often took part in local entertainments, frequently playing the part of Sam Weller in Dickens sketches. As a result, he has a still much treasured letter, dated January 18, 1888, addressed as follows, which reached him without difficulty. —
Postman, please this letter take,
To my trusty old friend, Wake,
He is a tall, thin lanky feller,
Better known as Sammy Weller.
In bed, postman, I'll be bound;
In Sawston town he can be found.
Then he will stand you a pot of beer,
As sure as he lives in Cambridgeshire

Death of Mr H.B. Hart. Cambs Cricket Club lost a valuable old servant and one of its most active members by the death of Mr Harold B. Hart, of Manor Farm Hauxton. Mr. Hart, who died on Monday at the age of 54, had been in failing health for some time. He first played cricket for Cambs in 1913, and continued till 1935. Elected joint secretary in 1920, he was also appointed captain in 1927 and for some seasons combined these offices. He worked exceptionally hard in the lean period following the resumption of cricket after the last war, and had the satisfaction of seeing these energetic efforts rewarded by the building up of a useful side. A fine batsman I his younger days, he also played for Camden and Royston. He was also associated for many years with Royston Town Football Club of which he was captain, and earned a big reputation as a centre-half. Mr Hart had been at Manor Farm for about three years. Before that he lived for 19 years at Harston, where he was bailiff to the late Sir Charles Walston

1942 01 02 ES
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1942 01 03
Gas Company installs pipe & cigarette lighter outside offices to save matches – 42 01 03

1942 01 05
Cambridge Spitfire ready to take to the air – photo – 42 01 05

1942 01 06
Newmarket man won DSO when flew burning aircraft for three hours – 42 01 06

1942 01 08
Typhoid – mild outbreak at Ely – 42 01 08

1942 01 09

Hard fighting in Malaya – 42 01 09

1942 01 09 CIPof
Cambridgeshire Regt. - The Question of the origin of the Cambridgeshires (writes Watchman) is again being discussed in certain quarters and there seems to be a belief, according to a correspondent, that the regiment was first formed in 1914 at the commencement of the First Great War. It was then thought to be new, but it may be recalled that Mr. Hubert O. S. Ellis, of Melbourn, wrote to the Press during September, 1914, giving a brief history of the regiment. Mr. Ellis (whose father was born in the barracks in the island of St. Helena in the year 1818) stated that the 18th Regiment of Foot was known as the "Cambridgeshire;" it was at Waterloo, besides being in Egypt and the Peninsula Wars; facings were yellow and lace silver. The grandfather of Mr. Ellis, Capt. John, Hitch Ellis, who received his commission as Ensign in the Cambridgeshire Regiment (30th Foot) in 1803, and eventually Joined the 66th Foot (the "Berkshire"),

Presentation to Retiring Head Teacher - Mr. H. Appleyard, late head teacher of Bassingbourn Council School, has been obliged to retire from his post owing to continued ill health. At the close of the Christmas term a testimonial was presented to him in recognition of his services during the past seven years. Several friends spoke of Mr. Appleyard's good services to the school and of his social work in the village. An album artistically inscribed by Miss Waddelow, with the names of upwards of 250 subscribers was presented to Mr. Appleyard, together with a cheque for £50 as a token of sympathy and good wishes for Mr. and Mrs. Appleyard. Of this sum £4 9s. 1d. was raised by the schoolchildren 42 01 09

New Archdeacon, — The Rev. W. L. Mackennal, Vicar of Hitchin, has been appointed Archdeacon of Ely, in succession to Bishop H, McC E. Price, who died last November. Mr. Mackennal is well known in Cambridgeshire, for he was formerly Vicar of St Andrew's, Chesterton and chaplain at Westcott-House,

1942 01 09 ES
Typhoid in Ely p5

1942 01 09
B-17. Broke up in cloud, five killed, Shepreth. E-H

1942 01 10
Cyril Ridgeon, timer and builder's merchant dies; started with Watts & Son, then Bristow & Copley timber importers at King's Lynn. Started on own in 1913 in Tenison Road, took son C. Elliott Ridgeon into partnership 1925; formed limited company 1931 – 42 01 10 # c.23

1942 01 12
Cambridge fire guard organisation – duties of street parties – 42 01 12 # c.45.7 # c.34.75

1942 01 13
YWCA Hostel appeal launched – hostels needed for girls in services; for 15 years the club in St Columba's Church had done splendid work; quite often the warden would be woken up at two in the morning by a policeman with some very weary girls who had missed their lasts train and had nowhere to sleep. The hall was full of camp beds which, although not luxurious, were better than nothing – 42 01 13 # c.45.7

1942 01 15
Singapore's 'Secrecy for security' – 42 01 15
Lieut Col Frederick Drake Digby commissioned – 42 01 15a

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Deputy Lieutenant—The London Gazette contains the following notice of a commission signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Cambridge: "Major (local Lieutenant Colonel) Frederick Newton Ball Drake Digby, T.D., of 20 Fendon Road, to be a Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Cambridge. Dated 6th January, 1942" Colonel Digby is a former Commanding Officer for the Cambridgeshire Regiment.

Death of Q.M.S. Hopkins.—The sad news was received this week by Mr. and Mrs. William Hopkins, of 33 Oakington Road (Cottenham) that their youngest son, Quarter-master Sergeant Reginald Hopkins, who has been serving in India with H.M, Forces, passed away on January 7, after contracting fever. Quartermaster Sergeant Hopkins, who was 25 years of age, enlisted in the Army 10 years ago; he has served seven years in India. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins have two other sons serving in the forces.

Three preachers at Oakington. A recent note of mine (says Watchman) has brought me the following interesting letter from Mr. H. Young, 5 Rampton Road, Cottenham.—"I was interested to read your account of a burial in an orchard at Waterbeach. At Oakington three Nonconformist preachers were buried in a garden near the parish church. They were the Revs. F. Holcroft, died 1692; Joseph Oddy, died 1697 and Henry Oasland, died 1711. Can any reader remember the date of the great Commemoration Festival held in a field, belonging to a Mr. Morris, to do honour to the memory of these three Nonconformist preachers? Dr. Green of Cambridge presided; the speakers were the Revs. J. C. Wells, of Cottenham; Flanders of Swavesey; King of Gransden; Neal of Waterbeach; Parish of Cottenham; Shaw of Over; and Mr. J. Smith, of Willingham, I have in my possession a book giving an account of the day's proceedings, and it would be interesting to know how many years ago this was. More than 2,000 people are said to have been present"

1942 01 16 ES
Fighter plane "Hereward the Wake" lost, Spitfire attached to Polish squadron; shot down whilst escorting bombers p5 (photo 23rd p5)

1942 01 17
Jim Wooders has minded parcels at Drummer Street, Christ's Lane for 23 years – photo – 42 01 17
Pictorial postcards – Varsity sketches – 42 01 17a

1942 01 17
Hurricane. Made mock attack and collided with Stirling below, pilot killed, near Earith. E-H

1942 01 17
Stirling. Tail sliced off by Hurricane above, eight killed, near Earith. E-H

1942 01 21
Allegation that Isle police constable had been slandered by a Special Constable sergeant at Manea over adultery at Purls Bridge – 42 01 21

1942 01 22
Heavy fighting in West Malaya – 42 01 22

1942 01 23 CIPof
Escape at Second Attempt. - In September, 1940, we reported that Gunner E. Dimes, an old Duxford man, was a prisoner, and subsequently his wife received notification that from the authorities that they were unable to trace him and so he was reported "missing." However, in actual fact, Gunner Dimes was in a German prison camp, where he attempted to escape, but was captured and punished. With typical British tenacity he "tried again" and this time was successful. As a result, Gunner Dimes is now spending a well-earned leave at his home at 131 Station Road, Histon. Before the war he was a mail van driver, at Royston Post Office, but, being a reservist, was called to the Colours at the

outbreak of hostilities. He would not tell of the conditions in a prison camp, nor of his escape, but when questioned as to what the food was like, said "Not so good."

1942 01 23 ES
Sutton's war efforts p4
"Be prepared for invasion" warning p6

1942 01 24
Adoption of HMS Loyal following warship week campaign – 42 01 24

1942 01 26
Newmarket to adopt Destroyer, HMS Newmarket, transferred from United States – 42 01 26
Histon & Shelford sewage scheme agreed – 42 01 26a
Boys and Girls registration order – 42 01 26a

1942 01 28
Hunts Women's Institutes make 15,000lbs of jam – 42 01 28
Albert Powell, retired newspaper report dies – 42 01 28a

1942 01 29
State of cowsheds and dairies, Ely area – 42 01 29

1942 01 30
Intensified raids on Singapore – 42 01 30
Midsummer Fair not to be held – 42 01 30a # c.27.3

1942 01 30 CIPof
Death of Mr "Bert" Grimwood, — A well-known Cambridgeshire sportsman died after a short illness at Huntingdon in the person of Mr. Herbert Grimwood, known to the Eastern Counties cycling world as "Bert." He was 39. Chiefly known as a cyclist, he was one of the founders of the Histon Wheelers Cycling Club, and at one period its secretary. Several times he figured in the winning team in the Eastern Counties team championship and shield. He was well-known at all sports meetings in the Eastern and Home Counties and was the winner of many prizes and medals. He was a prominent member of the Cambridge Town and County Cycling Club and of the Huntingdon Town and County Cycling Club and also a timekeeper and official. He was the joint holder of the 25 miles tandem record of the Cambridge Town and County C.C. and held several records of the Histon Wheelers C.C. He was also the holder of the ten miles Eastern Counties N.C.U. championship. After his business took him to Huntingdon, it occupied most of his time, but he always spared time to assist at races and record attempts, and in recent years a spell of fishing often occupied his leisure hours. He had been employed by Messrs. Chivers and Son since he was 15.

Parish Church, — Mr, Frank Osborne Horben has been appointed vicar's warden (at Tadlow), in succession to his father, the late Mr. Louis Horben, a memorial service for whom was held at the Parish Church last Sunday evening.

New Mistress of Girton. The Council of Girton College have elected Miss K. T. Butler, M.A., Fellow and Vice-Mistress of the College, University Lecturer and Deputy for the Professor of Italian in the University of Cambridge, to succeed Miss H. M. Wodehouse, M.A., as Mistress of the College from July 1, 1943. 42 01 30

1942 01 30 ES
Refused to have evacuees : complains of unfairness p1
American troops arrive in Ireland p1
Wilburton hostel for evacuees assessed for rates p1

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Battle of Singapore begins – hold fortress till help comes – 42 01 31 & a

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Japs massing against Singapore – 42 02 02

1942 02 03
Japs dive-bomb Singapore – 42 02 03
William Brown of Cross Street missing for 18 months and reported killed – 42 02 03a

1942 02 04
'Great Reinforcements' – Wavell; order of the day to Singapore – 42 02 04

1942 02 05
More Singapore dive-bombing – 42 02 05
Ely people facing a serious crisis – paratyphoid outbreak blamed on milk supplies – 42 02 05a

1942 02 06
Intermittent Singapore shelling – 42 02 06
Cambridge leave hostel for serving women opened Rose Crescent – 42 02 06a – c.45.7
Folk museum large attendance on 'free days' – 42 02 06b

1942 02 06 CIPof
Where the petrol goes. All over the Eastern Area retailers are getting together to formulate delivery pooling schemes to save petrol and manpower (writes Watchman,). And not without reason, apparently, judging from the following comment from a correspondent in a Cambridgeshire village: "Our lane has nine houses and a community of about a score of bodies; yet we are visited week by week by four butchers' vans, two bakers, three milkmen, four coalmen, and other odds and ends. Time a little co-ordination was adopted, eh?"

Death of Mr. W. Clarke, — Mr. Wm Clarke passed peacefully sway at his residence, The Farm, Swaffham Prior, on January 29, aged 84 years. He had enjoyed health up to only a few days before the end. He leaves two sons, Mr. W. T. Clarke and Mr J.W. Clarke of Swaffham Prior and one daughter, Mrs R.C. Chinery of Bury St. Edmunds. Mr. Clarke had farmed all his life, and before his retirement a few years ago farmed extensively at Swaffham Prior, Burwell and Kirtling. He also carried on a considerable business as a straw merchant, and for over 60 years supplied trainers with this commodity, his early patrons being Matt Dawson, Fred and Charlie Archer, Dick Marsh and a host of others, leading up to the present day. He was a well-known figure in Newmarket, and his fondness for tile town led him to choose it as his resting place, the internment taking place at Newmarket cemetery yesterday (Thursday) afternoon.

Good Record. — The chairman of the St. Ives District Petty Sessions (Mr J. Johnson), at the court on Monday, congratulated the licence holders of the district on the excellent manner in which all their houses had been conducted. The number of cases for drunkenness for the year was one of the lowest on record.

1942 02 06 ES
Ely cannon will not go for scrap p5
Police check identity cards p5

1942 02 07
Singapore city shelled – 42 02 07
British Legion provides mobile canteen to Food Ministry – 42 02 07a

1942 02 09
Mopping-up Singapore invaders – 42 02 09

1942 02 10
More landings at Singapore – 42 02 10
Shunter dies after falling from railway engine in shunting yard – 42 10 10a # c.26.2

1942 02 11
British Singapore counter-attacks – 42 02 11

1942 02 12
Jap tanks press Singapore line – 42 02 12
Organising the fire guards – Cambridge scheme explained – 42 02 12a
Death of famed bell ringer – W. Eusden one of foremost ringers for 60 years at Chesterton; was deaf – 42 02 12b # c.69.6

1942 02 13
Singapore: severe Jap pressure – 42 02 13

1942 02 13 CIPof
Bell-ringer's Death. Many friends in Cambridge and throughout the Eastern Counties will learn with regret of the death, at his home in Union Lane, Chesterton, early on Wednesday morning of Mr. Walter Eusden, known for over three score years as one of the foremost bellringers in East Anglia. Eighty-two years of age, he had earned for himself by his unique knowledge of bells a reputation that was second to none. For 61 year of his life, he was bellringer at St. Andrew's Church, Old Chesterton, where perhaps his loss will be most felt. It was his hands that helped to toll the bells of Great St. Mary's, where for over 30 years he rang for countless famous occasions and events. Naturally, the curtailment of bellringing at the outbreak of war robbed him of his greatest interest in life. It was his ardent wish that he might ring for his diamond wedding, which he celebrated about 18 months ago. On one occasion, that of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, he rang no fewer than 5,042 changes on the bells of St Andrew's, Old Chesterton, and a tablet in the left aisle can be seen commemorating this. One of his greatest performances was to ring the first peals on the bells of the Roman Catholic Church, where also a tablet, this time in the bell tower, can be seen recalling the event. One of the most remarkable things about Mr. Eusden was that although he suffered from extreme deafness, he could tell exactly when any one bell was not striking correctly by the pull of the rope alone. He was also a great handbill ringer # c.69.6

Histon's Treble D.F.M, Married, Histon, in spirit, was much in evidence at Bromley, Kent, on. Saturday when the marriage of its most noted hero took place, Pilot Officer Donald Kingsby, of Beaucourt, Park Lane, Histon, being married to Miss Helen Watkinson, of Stanley Road, Bromley, The ceremony took place at St. John's Church, Bromley. Pilot, Officer Kingsby has won the Distinguished Flying Medal with two bars (a triple winner)

1942 02 13 ES
"Understanding America" lecture p1
Capt F.A. grounds of March kia p5
Waste paper collections p5

1942 02 14
Strong Jap attacks at Singapore – 42 02 14
Nurse Gertrude Prior awarded for distinguished service in Middle East – 42 02 14a
Capt Robin Cutlack of Ely & Lieut High Chivers of Wisbech killed in Far East – 42 02 14b
Singapore in thoughts of all … many of our relations in thick of things … don't spread rumours – 42 02 14c

1942 02 16
Singapore: no large evacuation – 42 02 16

1942 02 17
The Cambridgeshires were in Malaya … gallant fight, waiting for news – 42 02 17a # c.45.7

1942 02 17
Wellington. Crash landed, four killed, near Steeple Morden. E-H

1942 02 18
Skating match at Lingay Fen in Feb 1895 – photo – 42 02 18 # c.38 : skating

1942 02 20
New Cambridge YWCA Hostel opened for women in forces – 42 02 20 # c.45.7
Romsey Town gardening society – 42 02 20a

1942 02 20 CIPof
A Thirsty Town—A sound financial position was revealed at the ordinary general meeting of the Cambridge University and Town Waterworks Company, which was held on Friday at the company's offices at Bene't Street. Reference was also made to the increased consumption of water and to the fact that the pumping plant used coal, which was required for war production, so that economy in the use of water was still necessary.

Firemen go 1¾ miles for water— A fifty-ton stack of baled wheat straw caught fire on Friday at Great Wilbraham. Units of the Cambridge N.F.S, attended, and water had to be relayed for 1¾ miles. The fire started at about 1.45 p.m., but the N.F.S. was not notified until the evening. A tractor near the stack was damaged.

Killed In the Far East - It is announced that twowell-known officers, with strong Cambridgeshire associations, have been killed in action in the Far East. They are Lt. Hugh Chivers of Wisbech, and Capt. Robin Cutlack, only son of Col.W. P. Cutlack, Zone Commander of the Isle of Ely Home Guard, chairman of the Cambs, Isle of Ely Territorial Army Association, a former High Sheriff and a former Commanding Officer of the County Regiment. He was also the grandson of the "G.O.M." of Ely, Mr. William Cutlack, a former Chairman of the Isle of Ely County Council and also a former High Sheriff. Robin Cutlack, who spent his boyhood in Cambridge and played cricket for St. Giles in the holidays, was one of those people who had a most stimulating effect upon all whom he came into contact. Apart from his efficiency, this characteristic no doubt contributed to his quick promotion, which was due to merit, not to the fact that he was the son of an old C.O.—a fact probably unknown to his recent Commanding officers. Like his father, he was up at Pembroke. Lt. Hugh J, Chivers was the son of Mr. A. J. Chivers, who was for many years well-known in Cambridge as a member of the staff of first Foster's and then Lloyds Bank. Hugh's two uncles, the late Mr. Fred Chivers, of Cottenham and Mr. Jim Chivers of Willingham are well-known names in a wide circle. Lt. Chivers was thus steeped in Cambridgeshire traditions. After leaving school he took to banking as a profession, and just as his father before him had done, he devoted all his energies to his vocation. When the war clouds were gathering he was back in his father's old branch at Wisbech. During the recruiting "Sweep" he joined the ranks of the Fen Tigers, and it was a very short time before he was given a commission.

1942 02 20 ES
Ely warship week - Walpole - figures p1
Boys raid military camp, get away with revolvers & ammunition
Cambs Regiment were at Singapore

1942 02 21

Dr Peter Kapitza awarded Faraday Medal – 42 02 21
Lt Shelford Old Enclosure thatched house damaged by fire – 42 02 21a
John Gambling, magician, honoured by Magic Circle – 42 02 21b
Much of the mystery which the tank - Britain's secret weapon of the last war - still holds for a good number of people is explained by the Ministry of Information exhibition which opens at the Central Library, Cambridge. Photographs, scale models, diagrams, drawings and explanatory text throw an interesting bite on the many technicalities, present a complete record of the evolution of the tank from scrap metal heap to fighting line, and explain the vast array of mobile facilities which make up a British armoured division. Briefly the exhibition is a sterling record of Britain's tremendous effort to beat the Axis Powers in the production of this most vital weapon of war. Two points stand out from a mass of detail: the fact that Britain still builds the best tanks. The second - and the most important of all - is that we still need immense numbers. Only now after two years of war are we catching up with the enemy strength– 42 02 21c, d

1942 02 24
Women's war work bureau set up in Eaden Lilley's store – 42 02 24 # c.45.7
Leys laundry fire King Street – 42 02 24a

1942 02 26
How the 'Call-up' affects the women of Britain: an official explanation – 42 02 26
King Peter of Yugoslavia to speak in Guildhall – 42 02 28

1942 02 27 CIPof
Shelford House Gutted. A spark from a chimney falling on to the thatched roof on Friday evening started a fire which caused extensive damage to the Old, Enclosure, a house in Newton Road, Little Shelford. There was no loss of life. The occupier is Mr, F. Bagnell, who lived at the house with his two sisters. Mr. Bagnell was alone in the house at about 8 p.m. when a neighbour came to the door and told him a chimney was on fire. Once ignited, the Norfolk blazed fiercely and Mr. Bagnell's efforts to control the flames with stirrup pump and chemical extinguisher were ineffectual, and the Fire Services were called. The fire was brought under control by ten o'clock. Nevertheless, the roof and. most of the interior were completely burnt out, and a large part of the furniture and other property were destroyed. In the house was a very valuable gold watch and chain belonging to Mr. Bagnell, which have not yet been recovered.

Golden Wedding—-Mr. and Mrs. Robert Symonds, of the Flower Pot, Duxford, celebrated their golden wedding on Friday. They were married at Smithfield Martyrs Memorial Church. Clerkenwell, London, on February 20, 1892. Mr. Symonds is a native of Essex, and was born at Brights Farm, Ashdon. Mrs. Symonds is a native of Birmingham. Of their four children, one son and two daughters are living; one son died through a motor cycling accident. They have one grandchild. They have received several congratulatory telegrams upon their celebration

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The lesson of Singapore : Isle MP speaks p3
Killed: local men in Far East

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King Peter and Queen Marie of Yugoslavia visit Cambridge – photo – 42 03 03 # c.02

1942 03 04
Cambridge Home Guard platoon 6 of 5th Battalion – group photo - 42 03 04 # T.G.K42
Gas Works tar storage tank catches fire, two men die – 42 04 04b # c.37.75 # c.24.4

1942 03 06

Richard Welcher, carried on business at King Street in name of Allen & Welcher, dies – 42 03 06

1942 03 06 CIPof
Longevity of Unionism — in Linton there are several octogenarians, and many septuagenarians and a few nonagenarians. A well-known resident Mrs. T. T. Suckling, reached this latter goal, her 90th birthday, last Saturday, when she was the recipient of many congratulatory greetings telegrams, messages and gifts at her residence, Sunny side. Mrs. Suckling is well-known over a wide area as the widow of. Mr. T. T. Suckling, the highly esteemed local chemist for many years. Regular in her attendance at the Congregational Church, where she has rendered splendid service for many years, Mrs. Suckling also takes a lively interest in current affairs, and hopes to live to see the Allies victorious in their great struggle for freedom, and the blessings of peace return to this troubled world

Played for Varsity—It is interesting to note that the Cambridge goalkeeper against Oxford in the University hockey match at Oxford cm Wednesday was R. H. Ellis, son of Dr. Robert Ellis (Cottenham). The match ended in a 2-2 draw. R. H. Ellis who went up to St. Catharine's College from Marlborough is also expected in Varsity circles to be heard of during the cricket, season. He showed good form for his college, as well as for Cambridge clubs, last year.

Ordination—At the Church of St. Gabriel, Bounds Green. Edmonton, Mr. Edward C. W. Rusted was last Sunday ordained deacon by Bishop H. Crotty. Mr. Rusted was presented by the Rev. F. C. Synge, (chaplain to the Bishop of London), who also preached the sermon. He is the second son of Canon and Mrs, E. Rusted rector of Carbonear and the grandson of Mrs, and the late Mr. George Rusted, of. Cherry Tree Cottages, Bassingbourn. Mr, Rusted has on several, occasions assisted at the parish church. It may be of interest to mention that his grandmother, Mrs. G. Rusted, celebrated her 91st birthday last Sunday. 42 03 06

1942 03 06 ES
Warship week - whole page advert p1
Jews free school concert - photo p5

1942 03 07
Fred Rayner lino-type operator at CDN – details of changes etc – 42 03 07a # c.04

1942 03 08
Typhoon. Spun into ground, one killed, near Duxford airfield. E-H

1942 03 12
Council take over Pitt Club as British Restaurant – detailed review 42 03 12 # c.27.47 # c.45.7

1942 03 13 ES
Warship week exhibition p5

1942 03 13
Wellington. Undershot on landing approach, five injured, Bourn airfield. E-H

1942 03 14
Civil Defence Committee consider invasion plans; will be shelter provision for 26,000; Coleridge Road and Lammas Land recreation grounds to be cultivated for foodstuffs; flower-growing to stop at Cherry Hinton Hall – 42 03 14

1942 03 16
Frida Stewart of Girton escapes German internment camp in France by crawling through hole in barbed wire – 42 03 16
Cambridge men in Malaya posted as ‘missing’ – photos – 42 03 16a, 42 03 25, 42 03 27, 42 03 30, 42 04 01, 42 04 04, 42 04 10, 42 04 11, 42 04 13, 42 04 14, 42 04 16 # c.45.7

1942 03 20 CIPof
King As Darts Organiser. King Peter of Yugoslavia turned darts organiser last week, and on Saturday ran a tournament as part of the Gransden Warship Week effort. The games were played in the local schoolroom and at the close King Peter presented the prizes, thus terminating an event which must be almost unique. On Sunday the young King, who was accompanied by Queen Marie, took the salute at a church parade there

Ninety Last Monday, — Mr. Wm. Cutlack of Cambridge Road, Ely, reached the age of 90 last Monday (writes Watchman). In local government he has played a prominent part, and he was known as "father" of the County Council. As a young man Mr, Cutlack became associated, with the brewery established at Waterside, Ely, by the late Mr. Frank Harlock, and which today trades under the name of Hall, Cutlack and Harlock. He is a native of Littleport and was one of the original members of the Isle County Council, having attended the first meeting when the council came into being in 1889. In 1931 he was made an Alderman and in that year he presented to the Council the official arms of the county. Ald. Cutlack was presented with an illuminated transcript of the minutes as testimony of the esteem and regard which the Aldermen and Councillors entertained for the high character and faithful service, which, as administrator and High Sheriff, he had rendered to the county during a period of 40 years. For 14 years he served on the Ely Urban District Council and from 1913 to 1918 he occupied the chair,

1942 03 20 ES
Escaped from Singapore
Warship week - good show

1942 03 23
Frank Evans, Fitzroy Street tailor & outfitter & Cam Sailing Club supporter, dies – 42 03 23

1942 03 24
Helions Bumpstead argue over parish room furniture – village or church property? – 42 03 24

1942 03 26
Simper, rope and tarpauling maker, New Street – was one of few people who could spin hemp two-handed – 42 03 26 # c.27

1942 03 27 CIPof
Increase in indictable Offences. - Increases both in indictable offences and accidents during 1941 were reported by the Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire (Mr. W. H. Edwards) to the meeting of the Cambs, Standing Joint Committee on Saturday. During the year 362 indictable offences were reported to the police, 238 of which were detected. The number of offences .was 199 more than in the previous year, which the Chief Constable attributed, to war-time conditions, facilitation in commission afforded by black-out conditions, the diversion of regular police officers from their normal duties, and the large increase in population, due to evacuation. The amount of property stolen or damaged during 1941 was £1,933 10s. 7d and that capable of being recovered £1,634 18s. 0d. Accidents reported during the year totalled 660, as the result of which 38 persons lost their lives and 469 persons were injured. The corresponding figures for 1940 were 534 accidents, 37 persons killed and 414 injured.

Missing in Malaya.—Many Cambridgeshire families have received this week official intimation concerning husbands and sons who were serving in Malaya up to the fall of Singapore. In all cases the notification has stated that there is at present no news of the man concerned, and for the time it is necessary to post him as "missing." Most of the official notices concern men serving with the Royal Engineers, and amongst these are two brothers, Sergeant William Turkentine and Sapper Allan Turkentine, sons of Mr. and Mrs. A. C, Turkentine of 34 Albert Street, Cambridge. # c.45.7

1942 03 27 ES

Ely Standard front page now principal news page but comes down to six pages due rationing
Ely soldier and Russian supplies
Bronze age sword discovered at Wilburton
Mobile kitchen presented by women of Alberta p5 - photo p8

1942 03 28
Fred Pearson of Westwick Hall Farm, Oakington awarded medal for saving airmen when plane crashed and caught fire nearby – 42 03 28 # c.26.1

1942 03 31
Wedding couples, Cambridge & Fen Ditton – 42 03 31 - # V.R.K42
Are 299 Cambridgeshire prisoners of war – 42 03 31a

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1942 04 01
More Malaya postings – 42 04 01

1942 04 03 CIPof
New High Sheriff. The new High Sheriff for Cambridgeshire for 1942, appointed by the King in Council, is Mr. Roger H. Parker, M.A., M.C. of Thorneycreek, Herschel Road, Cambridge. A director and local director of Barclays Bank, Mr. Parker was educated a Eton and Trinity. During the last war he served with the 5th (P.C.W.) Dragoon Guards, and was awarded the Military Cross. His interest in Addenbrooke's Hospital, of whose General Committee he is chairman, is well-known, whilst his county associations include the Joint Mastership of the Cambridgeshire Hunt, his work for Trumpington No.2 electoral division and a deputy lieutenant-ship. As commander of the 4th Battalion of the Cambridgeshire Home Guard, he holds the rank of lieutenant colonel.

Daring Rescue. The British Empire Medal (civil division) has been conferred on Mr Frederick Bertram Pearson farmer, of Westwick Hall Farm, Oakington, for the courage and determination he showed in saving the lives of two airmen when their machine crashed and caught fire. The plane, which was "bombed up", narrowly missed Mr Pearson's house, crashed through his garden and landed in an adjoining field, where it burst into flames. Rushing to the spot Mr. .Pearson found one man trying to pull another more seriously injured from the burning wreck. With great coolness, Mr. Pearson cut of the harness of the badly injured man and carried him clear of the flames on his back, giving a hand to the other man at the same time. While he was doing this the heat was discharging bullets and the bombs were liable to explode. Two horticultural workers from Oakington, Wilfrid Josiah Brickwood and Edward Jabez Smith, have also received commendations for their share in the rescue. # c.45.7 # c.26.1

1942 04 03 ES
Missing in Malaya - many local men posted p1

1942 04 04
Missing at Singapore – photos – 42 04 04

1942 04 10
Today's list of missing local men – 42 04 10, 42 04 11, 42 04 13

1942 04 10 CIPof
Cathedral Wedding. At Ely Cathedral on Tuesday afternoon, Miss Gwendolen Sara Wynn, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wynn, of Debden, Guildown, Guildford, was married to Canon John Sandwith Boys Smith, of The College, Ely, and St. John's College, Cambridge, elder son of the late Rev. E. P. Boys Smith and of Mrs. Boys Smith. The officiating clergymen were the Bishop of Ely,

uncle of the bride, and the Dean of Ely. The service was choral and a reception was held at Bishop's House.

£300 per Acre. — An acre of orchard land at Cottenham was sold by auction on Thursday evening for £300. The occasion was the sale of the land and orchards of Mr. Wm. Bicheno and other property, and the land Concerned was in Beach Road. Cottenham.

Missing Since Singapore.—Many families in Cambridge and County have received official notification concerning local men of the Cambridgeshires and other regiments, who, following the fall of Singapore, must for the present be posted as missing. A list of men from the County (33) is given below. # c.45.7

Blacksmith's Death.—Swavesey and the surrounding district have lost a well-known personality by the death of Mr. Millice Charles Culpin, blacksmith, who passed away in Addenbrooke's Hospital aged 76 years. A son of the late Mr. M. C. Culpin, blacksmith, of St. Ives, as a young man he served in the Army and subsequently took over the blacksmith's and shoeing smith's business at Conington, Cambs. Thirty-seven years ago he removed to Swavesey. He had been in failing health for some time. 42 04 10

1942 04 10 ES
Missing in Malaya p1

1942 04 13
Ministry of Transport order makes bus queues compulsory when six are waiting – local effects – 42 04 13a # c.45.7 # c.26.46
Girls as plane-spotters with Royal Observer Corps – first in area – 42 04 13b # c.45.7
War-time control of fruit crops, derelict orchards – 42 04 13c # c.22
Need for inquiry into Singapore capitulation – whole youth of Cambridge thrown into places without even a fighting chance and whole population of East Anglia profoundly shocked – letter H. Bowles, AEU – 42 04 13b # c.45.7

1942 04 14
Singapore missing – photos – 42 04 14, 52 04 16

1942 04 15
CDN tribute to F.G. Rayner, senior linotype operative, 50 years – 42 04 15

1942 04 17 CIP0f
Senior Schools. I see (writes Watchman) that Mr. R. A. Butler, President of the Board of Education, and M.P. for the Saffron Walden Division, has been championing the senior council schools —and having a word to say about false criteria. Speaking at Frome in Somerset, this week, he said that senior council schools yield nothing to many secondary schools in training practical citizens. "We should get rid of the misguided idea that the School Certificate is the goal in an educational race," he added. "This is due to mistaken values—the result of excess, competition for jobs, and a false criterion for deciding who is qualified for the job."

First News after Singapore. News from a member of the Cambridgeshires who was at Singapore when it fell on February 15 reached Cambridge on Saturday. Mrs. Bagstaff, of 107 Suez Road, received an airgraph letter dated March 7 from her husband, C.S.M. Bagstaft, of the 2nd Battalion, now in hospital at Karachi. In the mistaken belief that she might have received the worst news, he says: "'I first of all wish to tell you to ignore the cable saying that 1 am 'missing, believed killed'. As you can see, I am safe, and although in hospital, am reasonably well." Other extracts from the letter are: "I have not been wounded, but was the victim of shell-shock." I have almost recovered now, but am deaf in my left ear. I lost every item of kit that I had in Singapore and Malaya. Please do not worry. The

names and photographs of more than 70 local men missing after the Singapore episode are published. # c.45.7

1942 04 17 ES
Missing in Malaya - photo p1

1942 04 23
Powell Bros, cheese makers of Sutton in dispute with Peterborough shopkeeper – 42 04 23

1942 04 24 CIPof
Golden Wedding, — Mr, and Mrs H. H. Greenwood, of St. Ives, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Monday. Mr. Greenwood is known throughout Huntingdonshire as a Methodist lay preacher, having been on the County plan 37 years, with a record of 1,357 appointments.

Late Mr E, J, Hagger.- The many friends of Mr. Edward John Hagger heard with deep regret of his sudden death, which occurred at Addenbrooke's Hospital after a brief illness, Born 64 years ago the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hagger, he was a native of Eversden, where, until his recent removal to Little Fen Farm Waterbeach, he farmed for many years at the Church Farm, and being keenly interested in the welfare and activities of the district, he held many public offices, among them: Chairman of Caxton and Arrington R.D.C. and Board of Guardians (now defunct) and subsequently a member of the South Cambs. R.D.C., Chairman of the Parish Meeting, Churchwarden at both Great and Little Eversden, School Manager and member of the Cambs Special Constabulary. He had also been Chairman of the Cambridge branch of the .National Farmers' Union.

Rector's Son Decorated. — At the investiture at Buckingham Palace on April 15, the son of the Rector of Duxford, Flt.-Lt. R. D. Braham, D.F.C., received a bar to his D.F.C.

1942 04 24 ES
Waste paper salvage p1
More missing in Malaya p1
Billeting allowances - higher rates for unaccompanied children p1

1942 04 24
Spitfire. Dived into ground, pilot killed, Boxworth. E-H

1942 04 25
Lammas Land used for allotments – photo – 42 04 25 # J.Lam.K42

1942 04 27
Barton Home Guard marching – photo – 42 04 27 # Y.Bart.K42, T.G.K42

1042 04 29
Ely Cum-In Café owner charged theft army blankets – 42 04 29

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1942 05 01
Henry Payne ran father's newsagent's business; when New Theatre opened he got job as programme seller and continued till it ceased to function for stage shows; kept file of old programmes – 42 05 01

1942 05 01 CIPof
Guard of Honour, — There was a guard of honour for Sapper V. A. Hagland, of London, and his Impington bride, Miss I. Meredith, of 19 College Road, after their wedding in the village- on Saturday. The bridegroom was photographed while being greeted by his father, Mr. Wm, Hagland, who, though now retired, was once the oldest driver on the L.N.E.R. He has had a notable career.

Starting as a van boy in 1880, he qualified as a driver, and had the “Aberdonian" and other famous expresses in his charge. Mr. Hagland was twice on television, and has also appeared in the "In Town Tonight" programme on radio. He has 14 living children and 24 grandchildren.

Death of Major-General. The death occurred suddenly at Melbourn on Tuesday of Maj.-Gen. Sir Layton John Blenkinsop, K.C.B., B.S.O. who had a distinguished career with the Royal Army Veterinary Corps and was Director-General of the Army Veterinary Service. He was 79 years old. He was a great supporter of the British Legion, from the branch county and area points of view. He was the first President of the Melbourn branch, and later became President of the Bassingbourn and District branch. 42 05 01

Resignation of Ald, Adeane, — The resignation of Mr. C. R. W. Adeane from the office of Alderman, which the County Council are to receive tomorrow - with, it goes without saying, a great deal of regret — will terminate many years of useful and much valued service in local government affairs. Mr. Adeane, who was born in 1863, first joined the council in 1892, serving for a period of three years. There was a break until 1904, when he again became a member, so he can look back upon an association of altogether 40 years with the county administration (says Watchman). And for many of these years he has graced the aldermanic bench. As Lord Lieutenant .for the County, Mr. Adeane has brought to the office a dignity that has at all times befitted such a distinguished personage. He suffered a severe blow by the sudden death some months ago of Mrs. Adeane

1942 05 01 ES
More Malaya missing p1
Ely's departed railings, some streets left in "disgraceful condition" p1

1942 05 02
Fire watching compulsory – 42 05 02
Herbert Morrison speaks – 42 05 02

1942 05 06
Ford Emergency Food Van presented by Cambs Motors, will cook for families affected by enemy action – 42 05 06 # c.45.7

1942 05 07
Theft from petrol from Air Ministry, found Six Mile Bottom – 42 05 07

1942 05 08 CIPof
Prisoners. Cambridgeshire relatives of men missing in Malaya will be interested in an, extract from a letter passed on to us by Dr. Haynes. It was received by his daughter, Mrs, Stallard, wife of Captain F. H. Stallard, chaplain to the Beds and Herts Regt., who himself was posted as missing after the fall of Singapore. The letter which was written by a lady friend living in Northampton included the following: "An officer of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders escaped and a friend of ours has just seen him. He says the prisoners in Singapore are well treated, on the whole and that the Japanese General in charge of them is a Christian Churchman — a Roman Catholic -~ who was educated at Oxford. I do think the fact they are in charge of a Christian General, with an English education, does make an enormous difference to our anxiety and I hope you will find strong hope in it." — Several more local men have been posted missing following the fall of Singapore,

Airman Saves Child. Prompt action on Sunday by an R.A.F. man saved the life of Janet Chapman, aged 2½, of 3 Gloucester Street, Cambridge, She was in a pram in charge of her elder brother near Quayside when it started to run down some steps and the child was thrown out of the pram into the river. Maurice Frederick Buy, the airman, dived fully clothed into the river, rescuing the child. After; treatment she was allowed to go home. 45 05 02

1942 05 08 ES

Escape from Singapore, reaches Littleport p1
Local PoW relatives association formed p3

1942 05 09
What to do in event of invasion – 42 05 09

1942 05 11
Romsey & Coleridge Civil Defence inspected – 42 05 11
Letter from Cambridgeshire man with Royal Engineers at Singapore, hint of light casualties – 42 05 11a # c.45.7

1942 05 13
Blenheim. Dived into ground, two killed, near Thorney. E-H

1942 05 14
South Lodge, Abington Hall which was severely damaged by air raid in 1940, stoned by boys – 42 05 14
Home Guard two years old; its past & future – 42 05 14a # c.45.7

1942 04 15
Fred Rayner senior Linotype operator at CDN for 50 years – memories – 42 04 15 # c.04

1942 05 15 ES
Malaya : report prisoners well treated p1
Your duty in invasion
Picture from German PoW camp

1942 05 17
Tomahawk. Stalled, pilot killed, Limekiln. E-H

1942 05 22 CIPof
"Invasion" Test. Cambridge is to be the centre of an important "invasion" exercise this weekend. The public, however, unlike the recent exercise at Plymouth—are not to take a direct part in the exercise, which will last from 8.30p.m. on Saturday to 11 a.m. on Sunday. The "picture" of the exercise is that invasion by the enemy is presumed to have started and that enemy forces are approaching Cambridge. Such an attack would carry heavy air raids on Cambridge itself. Military and Home Guards are taking part in attack and defence, and members of the Civil Defence Services in Cambridge and Cambridgeshire will be actively participating. The public are warned that in the course of the night there will probably be "unusual sounds," with "bombing," and planes may be used. # c.45.7

Bombs on village.—Bombs were dropped on an East Anglian village on Tuesday night. They caused no damage, however, except to fowls, and most of the damage was confined to poultry houses. It is thought that only one raider was concerned.

Swavesey Young Man's Commission,—Cadet D. V. Murray White, son of Mrs. C. Northrop, of Ingleton, Swavesey, and the late Captain White, has been granted a commission as Second Lieutenant' in the Indian Army. He is 21 years of age. He was educated at Arnold House, Blackpool, and later at St. Ives Grammar School. After leaving school he was employed in the office of the well-known firm of Messrs. Tom M. Scotney, of St. Ives, and was a member of the Swavesey Home Guard until he volunteered for service in the Army.

1942 05 20
Birdwood Club for dependents of service people, children garden in Portugal Place – photo – 42 05 20

1942 05 21
Printers face wartime problems – lack of paper, increase wages etc – 42 05 21 # c.25
Country dances in Guildhall, sword dance – 42 05 21a # c.69.2
News of Shenton Thomas, Governor of Singapore, son of former vicar of St Barnabas – letter – 42 05 21b # c.45.7

1942 05 21
Wellington. Returned damaged from raid on Cologne and crashed, two killed, three injured, Soham. E-H

1942 05 22 CIPof
Drowned in the Cam. A young soldier from an anti-aircraft, unit was drowned in the Cam during the course of exercises on Wednesday afternoon. The deceased was Lance Bombardier Jack Harpin, whose home was at Heckmondwyke, Yorkshire, The accident occurred near a bridge, and other soldiers, as well as members of college boat crews, who were training nearby, dived several times before the body was recovered. Artificial respiration was tried, but without success. # c.45.7

Parting Gift. The gift of a sum of money subscribed by members of the congregation of the parish church (St. Ives) and friends were presented to the Rev. W. Hum last week. With the good wishes of all, he has taken up duties at Littleport.

No Feast. That ancient festival Swavesey Feast, should have been celebrated this week, but owing to the war, it had to lapse. Not one showman's caravan put in an appearance, and visitors have been conspicuous by their absence. There have been no cricket matches, and no entertainment. 42 05 22

Death of Mr. J. H. Durrant. We have to record the death of Mr. J. H. Durrant, of 24 Merton Road, Histon, who passed away at the age of 79 years. Deceased was a retired Metropolitan policeman, and had lived in Histon for about four years.

1942 05 22 ES
Home Guard - from parashots to formidable force : cartoon p1

1942 05 29 CIPof
Prisoners at Singapore, — An interesting reference to the treatment of prisoners in Singapore is contained in a letter which Mrs. E. J. Harper, of 28 Abbey Walk, Cambridge, has received from Mrs. Pringle, mother of Lieut. Alastair Pringle, of the Royal Engineers, who was taken prisoner at the same lime as Major Harper. After expressing pleasure that her son has the company of Major Harper, Mrs Pringle goes on: "Now I have good news to give you. I had a setter from Ted Furse's mother this week, and she has had word from the father of a man who escaped twelve days after the fall of Singapore that the prisoners were being well treated up to the day he left and that all were at work repairing the damage that had been done. It is a blessing that they have got something to pass the time. How they will each react to this captivity I do not know, and we must just hope for the best. It is very comforting in the meantime to have this news." X"

Stationmaster. Railway passengers and others in the Royston area (says Watchman) will learn with interest of a staff change involving a popular railway official. He is Mr. George Green, who has been well-known in the town as Chief Clerk at the local station, and who has now been appointed Stationmaster at Meldreth and Melbourn. In the last war he lost a leg at Builecourt; but this handicap did not damp his enthusiasm upon the formation of the Home Guard in the town, and he became one of the original local members, And he is now Company Sergeant Major- testimony not only to his keenness, but to the recognition in higher quarters of his useful mi1itary experience. 42 05 29

1942 05 31
Hurricane. Collision with Halifax W1013 that survived, three killed, one injured, near March. E-H

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1942 06 04
New welding techniques allow for repair of crankshafts etc; demonstration in Liddiard's Garage – 42 06 04
Madrigals on river, one of few surviving May Week events – 42 06 04a # c.39 # c.69

1942 06 05 CIPof
Bishop Walsh installed at Ely. — The Rt. Rev. Gordon John Walsh., D.D., was installed as Residentiary Canon at Ely Cathedral on Saturday by the Bishop (Dr. H. E. Wynn), who at the same time handed in Bishop Walsh his commission as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese.

Jack Hobbs to the Rescue. There is a strong likelihood that in the near future the boys of Chesterton Senior School will have a matting cricket pitch in place of the existing turf one. This step was provisionally decided upon at a meeting of the Cambridge Borough Education Committee in the Guildhall on Tuesday. The alteration was suggested by Coun. E. H. Church, who explained that: he had recently accompanied Jack Hobbs to the present pitch in the school grounds. There, he added, Mr. Hobbs had expressed the opinion that, it was impossible for the boys to play cricket, and for them even to get the pitch into a playing condition: The turf was full of weeds, and to get a good pitch would mean a complete re-turfing. The only solution was that some matting be laid down at the cost of about £10. Coun. G. Wilding expressed his agreement with the suggestion. It was agreed that the matter be left to the Education Officer for him to have the work carried out if he found it advisable.

1942 06 05 ES
Ely WVS demonstrate emergency field kitchen p1
Refused to have evacuee, Ely woman fined p1
Soham siren : public meeting selects new site p3

1942 06 08
Stretham child, Sheila Hobbs, Council Houses, Cambridge Rd killed by motor lorry – 42 06 08
Cambridgeshire seed growers association formed – 42 06 08a

1942 06 10
Sea Cadets force launched for lads 14-17 – 42 06 10 # c.37.9

1942 06 12
Henry Hunt verger at Gt St Mary's since 1906, drummer New Theatre orchestra – 42 06 12a
University dispatch riders the 'eyes and ears' of Regional Commissioner; during raids on Norwich they gave assistance Civil Defence Services; formed at outbreak of war – photo – 42 06 12b # c.45.7

1942 06 12 CIPof
Honour for Col. E, C. M. Phillips. The Territorial Army has once again been recognised in the King's Birthday Honours List. Col, Eric Charles Malcolm Phillips, D.S.O., T.D. D.L., of Earl's Hill, Royston, who now becomes a C.B.E, (Civil Division), is Chairman of the Territorial Association of the county of Hertford. Col. Phillips served with the Hertfordshire Regiment in France and Belgium during the Great War, In recognition of his services he was appointed Companion of the Distinguished Service Order on January 30, 1920, He was mentioned in dispatches on May 25, 1918, and was awarded the 1914 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal. In 1923 he was awarded the Territorial Decoration. Col Phillips has been a military member of the Territorial Army Association since 1931. He is at present rendering valuable service as Zone Commander. Home Guard.

New Cambridge Peer. Cambridge occupies a singularly prominent place in the King's Birthday Honours. Not only is Mr. Maynard Keynes created a peer - the only new baron in the list - but two

professors at Cambridge also received important honours, while the C.B.E. (Civil Division) is bestowed on Mr. Henrt Morris, the County Education Secretary. Mr. Keynes, the economist, is a member of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Consultative Committee, Secretary of the Royal Economic Society and a Director of the Bank of England. Mr. Morris is well-known for his pioneer work in the establishment of Village Colleges. Prof. Edward Douglas Adrian, Professor of Physiology at Cambridge University, receives the Order of Merit. Prof. Ralph Howard Fowler, Professor of Mathematical Physics at Cambridge, becomes a Knight Bachelor. 42 06 12

1942 06 13
Typhoon. Flew into ground at high speed, pilot killed, Welney .E-H

1942 06 15
King and Queen meet Land Army girls at Priory Farm, Burwell, Swaffham Fen – 42 06 15, 15a-b # c.22 # c.45.7 # c.02
United Nations day in Cambridge – march down Market Street – 42 06 15c

1942 06 19 CIPof
King and Queen Tour Fens. Their Majesties the King and Queen on Saturday paid a visit to reclaimed fen land in Cambridgeshire, and saw for themselves the magnificent work that is being carried out by the Cambs War Agricultural Executive on the vital food front. Indeed the whole five thousand acres at Swaffham Prior Fen and Adventurers Fen, Burwell is nothing more nor less than a battlefield where men and women, armed with the latest weapons of agriculture, are carrying out relentless warfare against rushes, scrub, bog oaks and flooding. Considerably more than half the 5,000 acres was derelict in 1939; the remainder produced only moderate crops . . . During their visit their Majesties travelled over miles of new concrete roads through Reach to Adventurers Fen, Burwell where they embarked on barges at Cock Up Bridge on Burwell Lode, which runs through artificial banks above the level of the fen. While the barges were sailing down the Lode demonstrations of blasting bog oaks by explosives were given,

Royal Visit to Papworth. The Duchess of Gloucester paid an unofficial visit to Papworth on Thursday afternoon and spent just over half an hour of her two-hour stay talking to men and women patients. Her Royal Highness also made a tour of the printing works, where she spoke to men and women at work.

1942 06 19 ES
King & Queen tour Burwell fens
New Civil defence uniform to be issued
Photo: from German Prison camp, shows Pte George of Soham

1942 06 20
Blenheim. Hit trees night flying, near Snailwell. E-H

1942 06 25
MPs tour fens around Swaffham Prior House, a hostel where 65 members Land Army reside – 42 06 25d # c.22

1942 06 26 CIPof
Boy Drowned. A boy, aged 9, was drowned in the river at Huntingdon on Wednesday evening. He was bathing with other boys near the railway bridge at Castle Hill. He apparently got out of his depth. The police, under the direction of Sgt. Gilbert, dragged the river until nearly midnight but up to then the body had not been recovered.

18,000 miles. A correspondent (Says Watchman), writing of the Cambridge Independent Press, says: An old lady, in pre-war days, bought a copy of the "Independent" ' every week, and after reading it she loaned it to four neighbours. Later on the paper was sent to a son in Newcastle, who then

forwarded it to a brother at Plymouth. From Plymouth it went to a brother in Melbourne, in Australia, who then sent it to a brother in Canada. The itinerary or programme was carried out weekly for several years, and according to the correspondent, each copy of the "Independent" must have travelled quite 18.000 miles. 42 06 26 # c.04

Mentioned In dispatches. In the King's Birthday Honours List in the London Gazette, June 11, Sgt. F. G. Wisbey, R.A.F.V.R., (Arlington)., was mentioned in dispatches. He joined the R.A.F.V.R. in February. 1939, and was called up when the war broke out.

Col. Henry William Hurrell, J.P, D.L., Alderman of the Cambridgeshire County Council, Vice-Chairman of the Cambridge County Quarter Sessions and Chairman of the Standing Joint Committee. Col. Hurrell was a member of a well-known county family, who for several generations have been connected as landowners and occupiers in the parishes of Newton, Harston, Madingley and Great Shelford. His father, the late Mr. Henry Hurrell, was a former occupant of Madingley Hall, where Col. Harding now resides. Col. Hurrell was born in 1857.

Second son to fall. Much sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs Carse, of 5 David Street, Cambridge, who have recently received news that their second son, Gunner Arthur George Carse, of the Royal Garrison Artillery, has been killed in action. It is only about two months ago that another son, Sapper H. Carse, was killed. Gunner Carse had been in the Army about eight years, and had served in India for four years. When war broke out he volunteered for the Front, and went about 18 months ago. He was 26 years of age, and before he joined the Army was at Messrs, Robert Sayle's St Andrew's Street.

1942 06 26 ES
"90 tons of iron railings = six medium tanks" : Ely's contribution to war effort

1942 06 29
Lord Glanely of Exning House killed in air raid on west coast town; was racehorse owner – 42 06 29
Home Guard parade on Parker's Piece, 3,500 men – 42 06 29a # c.45.7
Cottenham Methodist Rally, Swaffham Fen; although the chain boat at Upware was shaky and taking water badly the Ouse was crossed by many but others decided to try out the new concrete roads – 42 06 29b # UPWARE

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1942 07 02
Air raid shelters – Anderson and Morrison shelters available for free issue from Guildhall – advert – 42 07 02
Girls' Training Corps established, many in uniform – 42 07 02a # c.37.9 # c.45.7

1942 07 02
Stirling. Tyre burst upon take off, No injuries, Oakington airfield. E-H

1942 07 03
Victoria Friendly Society Institution group photo with names, 1901 – 42 07 03 # RA.Vic
Murdoch Macdonald Ouse flood scheme explained – 42 07 03a # c.29
Men missing in desert – 42 07 03a

1942 07 03 CIPof
Sawston Rose Queen Day. The delightful ceremony of crowning the Rose Queers was carried out at Sawston last week. The "Queen," elected by the vote of her fellow pupils, was Valerie Spicer (Pampisford), and she was followed to the throne by four girls who had had the honour in previous years, Joan Knight, Joan Bradford, Ruby Searle and Nina Cromack. The ceremony was performed by Mrs. H. Gage Spicer in the presence of a very large company of parents and friends of the children.

Demonstrations of physical training and country and maypole dancing were followed by an exhibition of art needlework, metalwork, woodwork and cookery.

Home Guard Parade. Thousands of Cambridge people thronged the edge of Parker's Piece on Sunday to give testimony to the already recognised belief that there is nothing that draws the Englishman's attention like a military parade. The occasion proved not only the greatest event of its type we have seen in the town since the outbreak of war but, in addition, constituted — and not altogether unexpectedly — an achievement on the part of the local Home Guard that all may be proud of. Home Guardsmen, numbering 3,500, came from all over the county to take part, and to be inspected by Lieutenant-General K. A. N. Anderson. The military arrangements of the parade and march past were carried out by the Commander, Cambridge Sub-Area, and staff. # c.45.7

1942 07 04
David's bookstall featured in Canadian radio broadcast, started 1886 now one of oldest on market– 42 07 04 # c.27.8
News from Singapore, many families will be grateful – 42 07 04a
Leys School in Scotland has speech day – 42 07 04b

1942 07 06
Home Guard in Nazi uniforms – photo – 42 07 06 # T.G.K42
Donald Foister of Napier Street returns after being Italian pow – 42 07 06a # c.45.7
Air Training Corps parade – 42 07 06b

1942 07 10
Peaks carting co, Fitzroy Street – furniture delivery vans – advert – 42 07 10
David Gregory Marshall killed while riding, founded flying school and motor company; bought first plane at end war and erected hangar; founded Flying School in 1929 and built airfield 1938 – 42 07 10a # c.26.1 # c.26.48

1942 07 10
Married 50 years. Mr. and Mrs. T. Fuller, of 6 David Street, Cambridge, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Thursday. They were married at St. John's Church, Littleport, on July 7, 1892, Mrs. Fuller being a native of that Isle village and Mr. Fuller of Soham. He is 74 years of age and his wife 70. He was a bricklayer by trade, and they came to Cambridge when the New Theatre was being built, Mr. Fuller working on the job. They were members of the Salvation Army for 40 years, and Mr. Fuller has been a member of the Brotherhood for 20 years. Having retired, Mr. Fuller now makes gardening his hobby, and both attend the Mill Road Baptist Church. They have had two sons and three daughters, and have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Became Lord Mayor of London, —Sir William Phene Neal, a former Lord Mayor of London, died in London on Tuesday at the age of 81. For some years he lived at Cherry Hinton Hall, and from March, 1919 to March, 1922, he represented the old Fulbourn electoral division on the Cambridgeshire County Council. A solicitor by profession, he was elected Member of Ward of Broad Street for the Corporation of the City of London in 1893. He was Senior Sheriff of the City of London 1929-39, and was elected Lord Mayor of London the following year. He received his knighthood in 1931.

1942 07 15
HMS Loyal ceremony at Guildhall as part of Warship Week – 42 07 15 # c.45.7

1942 07 16
Stirling. Caught fire in the air, six killed, Newmarket Heath. E-H

1942 07 17 CIPof
Youngest Inspector.—At the age of 36 Leonard Arthur Unwin becomes the youngest inspector in the Cambridgeshire County Constabulary. The promotion took place as from the first of this month.

Inspector Unwin joined the force in 1927, and was given the rank of sergeant in 1938. He has been stationed at Melbourn. Bourn, Girton and Madingley and is at present out at Newmarket. He is one of the most earnest supporters of sporting activities in the Force, and is a member of the cricket eleven. He is secretary of the recreation club.

Group Captain Barwell Dead. — On the day after his 36th birthday. Group Captain Philip Reginald Barwell D.F.C. has been killed during an operational flight over the South Coast. A Swavesey man, Group Captain Barwell was, at the time of his appointment, the youngest of his rank in the R.A.F. Educated at Wellingborough, where he captained the Bisley eight, he obtained a short service commission in 1925. It was seven years later that his permanent commission was granted. As a fighter-pilot commanding his Squadron, he was awarded his D.F.C., and it is interesting to recall that the operational section which he commanded at the time of his death had more enemy machines to its credit than any other in Fighter Command. On June 22 this year he stood godfather to the daughter of his youngest brother, Squadron Leader E. G. Barwell. D-F.C. at Boxworth Church. 42 07 17

Newnham Legion standard dedicated: photo – 42 07 17

1942 07 17 ES
Concrete roads in Isle; good progress being made p3

1942 07 24
Isolation Hospital Mill Road temporary extension opened for infectious diseases – 42 07 24 # c.21.4

1942 07 24 CIPof
From Cowpuncher to Prebendary. F.A. Cardew who was buried in Little Willingham churchyard last week, had an adventurous life. In his youth he was a cowpuncher in Canada, and later became a bush parson in Queensland. It was as Chaplain of St. George's English Church in Paris that he won fame. Serving in this capacity for 27 years, he did much for the English-speaking people in general and especially for the stage community. There were floral tributes from the Actors' Church Union and the Theatre Girls' Club. The British and French Governments recognised Mr. Cardew's work by making him an O.B.E. and Chevalier of the Legion of Honour. He had been a Prebendary of St. Paul's since 1931. Prebendary Cardew married a daughter of the late Canon H. P. and Mrs. Stokes, and it was near the family grave that he was buried. Mrs Cardew and members of the family, together with several parishioners, were present.

35 years with Hunts, School - After 35 years' service as Headmaster at the Hartford Council School (Huntingdonshire), Mr. Albert John Hard has retired and last weekend he was presented with a barometer and smokers': outfit by the parents and scholars.

1942 07 24 ES
Death of W Jefferson, Ely printer p4

1942 07 27
National Fire Service – women train at Homerton – 42 07 27

1942 07 28
Lone raider's bombs – three killed, others injured, damage to business and houses – 42 07 28, 28a, b # c.45.7

1942 07 28
Wellington. Collision with Stirling below, five killed, Rampton. E-H

1942 07 28
Stirling. Collision with Wellington above, all seven crew survived, Cottenham. E-H

1942 07 29
Oarsmen's service, Fen Ditton – photo – 42 07 29

1942 07 30
German raiders were active but no bombs dropped; considerable opposition from ground defences, hundreds in streets saw lively exchange of fire, tracer bullets could be seen in both directions. Later another single machine, flying at roof-top height was met with fire from ground – 42 07 30 # c.45.7

1942 07 30
Junkers. Flew into 25,000 volt power line, four killed, near Thorney. E-H

1942 07 30
Dornier. AA fire, four PoW, Duchess Drive, Cheveley. E-H

1942 07 30
Junkers. AA fire, four killed, Cuckoo Farm, Oakington. E-H

1942 07 31 CIPof
Death of Dr. F.L. Nicholls. The news of the death of Dr. Frederick Lucius Nicholls, O.B.E., on Thursday of last week, came as a great shock to the village of Fulbourn and to a wide circle of friends, colleagues and admirers in the county and still further afield. For nearly 55 years Dr. Nicholls had practised in Fulbourn and the neighbouring villages, and his skill, kindliness and ever-present sense of public duty endeared him to all with whom he came into contact. Some of the older residents will remember him many years ago, when he was to be seen on horseback visiting his patients, and will have seen him riding up to the doors, and, whilst still in the saddle, knock with his riding whip, and often prescribe by the road-side; and now that he has passed on, his generosity of heart can recorded with gratitude, for many families have benefited by his care and attention, but never received a bill for his professional service. He refused to be enrolled as panel practitioner, preferring to retain the old family doctor tradition, but he was always ready respond to all appeals for his services. During the last war successfully conducted a hospital in the village without any remuneration, and for which he received the O.B.E. in the post-war honours list. During these years of national difficulty he made it a rule never to make any charge for professional services to any members of servicemen's families # c.21.1

1942 07 31 ES
Adoption of HMS Walpole p1
Ely report centre - want them to get alternative accommodation p1
"East Anglian town bombed" p4
Busy days at petroleum office p5

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1942 08 01
Recent raid damage at Cambridge: bombs on Union Society; debating hall escapes; flying at less than a hundred feet and in full view of many people a German raider dropped HE and incendiary bombs. Main damage was done to the library, writing room, committee room and the lounge. Masonry which was flung about by the explosion burst through the roofs and all the windows at the front of the premises and overlooking Round Church Street were blown out. The debating hall was only very slightly damaged and that mostly by water. The end of the library received a direct hit from a small high explosive bomb and several fire bombs but the steel stacks in which the books were housed saved them from the effect of the blast. The collection of music books were lost. One stained glass window of the Round Church was blown in, otherwise the church escaped – 42 08 01, 42 08 01a [raid was July 23rd] # c.45.5 # c.36.92

1942 08 03

End of a raider – picture of German raider that fell in field – 42 08 03 # c.45.7

1942 08 05 AD
Holiday of sports and fetes in Wisbech district.
Elm fete for local troop comforts. 42 08 05AD
News of district: Long Sutton squadron-leader presumed killed.
Wisbech vicar's criticism at Gorefield fete. 42 08 05(2)AD

Elm young people not helping: salvage complaint. 42 08 05(3)AD

Wisbech man too busy to enrol in Home Guard. 42 08 05(4)AD

Wisbech fairground fracas leads to court. 42 08 05(5)AD

Home Guard 'swank suits' criticism.
Child labour on the land. 42 08 05(6)AD

Front page. 42 08 05(7)AD

1942 08 06
Home Guard cadets; camp – photo – 42 08 06

1942 08 06 HP
Hemingford Grey 100 army cadets in camp
Hemingford seaside fun at home: sand pits. 42 08 06HP
Adopted destroyer: exchange of plaques with H.M.S. Ramsey.
Buckden firemen display. 42 08 06(4)HP

Hunts farmers failed to grow sugar beet
Huntingdonshire Grammar School boy shot down five planes. 42 08 06(5)(6)hp

Village News:
St Ives prisoner
Broughton evacuee presentation. 42 08 06(7)HP

1942 08 07
Sharp attack on East Anglian town, few casualties; fire guards prove their worth; the most intensive raid, only four people slightly hurt. A few HE landed on open ground where they did not damage except to one cow that had to be destroyed. Many houses sustained direct hits from incendiaries but fire parties had the flames under control and NFS pumps were soon in action. Mr Story said he had just taken his young child from its cot when an incendiary crashed through the rafters and on to the empty cot. In another outlying part a 'bread-basket' of incendiaries fell in the road and damage by blast was caused to shop premises. Incendiaries were also scattered over other streets and little piles of sand testify to the efforts of the fireguards. Here and there a hole could be seen in the rafters of houses where bombs had scored direct hits. Charred window frames and little piles of scorched furniture outside were further evidence. One air raid warden returned home to find the house adjacent to his had been almost completely destroyed by fire. The new phosperous bombs were also dropped. [700 incendiaries dropped Chesterton, Unicam factory, Stourbridge Common Newmarket Road, Ditton Fields] – 42 08 07 # c.45.7

1942 08 07 CIPof
Missing—now safe — We learn that W-Cdr. F.V. Benton of No. 2 The Westering, Meadowlands Estate, Cambridge, who was on June. 20 reported missing in Libya, is now safe. Mrs. Benton has received official notification that her husband has been located, and has also received a letter from him from a hospital in the Middle East.

The Special's Matchbox.—Here (writes Watchman) is the story of a well-known. Special Constabulary Inspector of the St. Ives Division. Last week he transferred a number of Treasury notes for safety from a worn-out wallet to an empty match-box. Later he sought to light his briar, and threw the empty matchbox into the police station grate. Some time afterwards he remembered and quickly made his way to the station, to be informed that all the rubbish had been put into the stove. He has now to thank "summer time" for a recovery of his money, which is still kept in the matchbox. Whispers among the specials may mean that a new wallet will be soon on the way.

Eat More Potatoes,—Those who have their meals at the British Restaurants in the South Cambs. District will be encouraged in the future to eat more potatoes—but less bread.

1942 08 07 ES
Soham connection with torpedoed liner p1
Children on land work; country request another fortnight p5

Village news:
Littleport pig scheme
Lt Thetford tanks from prison camp
Lt Downham: Fred Gibson hymn-singing collection. 42 08 07ES

Early black-out is back again
More evacuees
Ely next-of-kin meeting talk on 'Life amongst the Japanese' 42 08 07(2)ES

Fordham holiday fete
Wisbech misuse of shelters
Wisbech fire watchers. 42 08 07(3)ES

Defence Corps' sports
Sutton Victory garden show & fete
Civil Defence provision of 'swank suits' 42 08 07(4)ES

Soham's stay-at-home holiday. 42 08 07(5)ES

Littleport water gala
Courage of girl in torpedoed liner
Manager of Ely Red Cinema leaving. 42 08 07(6)ES

Cinema advertisements. 42 08 07(7)ES

1942 08 08
American troops expected - need suitable provision for reception of officers and men who visit Cambridge; Mayor forms committee. American Red Cross to provide facilities and Information Bureaus should be established – 42 08 08a # c.45.7

1942 08 11
Retreat from Burma – letter from Driver B. Roberts, York Terrace – 42 08 11

1942 08 14
Cambridgeshire salvage campaign – at Rich's scrap metal yard, Coldham's Lane, metal is graded, magnetic crane; used for tanks – photo feature – 42 08 14, a,b # c.45.7
Market Hill fountain covered in scaffolding – photo – 42 08 14c; displays salvage drive figures – 42 08 20a

1942 08 14 CIPof
Squadron Leader Downs a Dornier. Squadron Leader John R. D. Braham, D.F.C. and Bar, brought down another German bomber recently, when, after a burst of fire, a Dornier went down. Dr. Ernest G. Braham, of Duxford, the father of the squadron leader, was a pilot himself during the last war, when 22years of age. Squadron Leader Braham is a night "ace," and has brought down 11 enemy night bombers. His father is justly proud of his son's outstanding merit.

Presentation. On Sunday afternoon the scholars and teachers of the Methodist Sunday School (at Bourn) presented the Superintendent, Miss Banks, with a pewter tray to mark her forthcoming marriage.

Harvest Volunteers. A party of harvest volunteers, organised jointly by the Cambs. War Agricultural Emergency Committee and a Cambridge political party, completed its first 14 days' work at Bourn, where 14 workers shocked 35 acres of winter oats in seven hours. This was only the first week-end campaign. One bus only is being run at present, in which there is accommodation for 30 people, so more recruits would be welcomed. 42 08 14

1942 08 14 ES
Boys raid army huts p1
Ely church army canteen appeal additional premises p1

1942 08 15
Commando assaulted girls after Guildhall dance – 42 08 15
Ghandi's visit to Cambridge, Oct 1931, recalled – 42 08 15a # c.02

1942 08 17
Cambridge salvage stewards corps –volunteers needed for every street – list of names – 42 08 17 # c.45.7
Cambridge army of volunteers parade Parker's Piece; drumhead service – 42 08 17a # c.45.7
Four main schools close for summer holidays – poor response to scheme for voluntary attendance at school during holidays to counter-balance the dearth of holiday facilities in wartime – 42 08 17b # c.37.9

1942 08 18
Ant-aircraft guns – why they do not go off – co-operation with fighter command; sometimes guns act as 'beaters' for fighters or fighters 'beat' for guns; would also give raider detail of where they are – 42 08 18 # c.45.7

1942 08 19
Cambridge's second war-time nursery, Shirley School in prefabricated hut; for war-working mothers paying 1/- a day – 42 08 19

1942 08 20
Salvage drive feature – McGorian, waste paper merchant of Russell Street – 42 08 20

1942 08 21 CIPof
Drumhead Service. A striking example of the volunteer spirit of the citizens of Britain was provided on Parker's Piece on Sunday afternoon, when members of Cambridge's many voluntary services paraded for a drumhead service. Volunteers all were assembled from the contingent of the Old Contemptibles, who kept the British flag flying in the early days of the last war, to the youths of the A.T.C, who will keep Britain's planes flying in the later days of this. A further venture of the Cambridge Borough Entertainments Committee the proof of its overwhelming success, was provided by the huge and enthralled crowd which thronged the Piece. It is estimated that parade and spectators numbered somewhere between 4,000 and 5,000. Alter the service there was a march-past by all the units on parade, the salute being taken by the County Member (Capt. R. G. Briscoe, M.C.). # c.45.7

Police changes. Police Sergeant Squires, after being stationed at Great Wilbraham for nine years, has, on promotion, been transferred to Soham, being succeeded in the village by P.c. Lane from Harston.

1942 08 24
NFS drumhead service – 42 08 24

1942 08 26
Duke of Kent killed in plane crash – 42 08 26
Duke of Kent – Cambridgeshire memories recalled – 42 08 26a, 42 08 29a # c.02

1942 08 28
Midsummer Fair – photos – 42 08 28 # V.

1942 08 28 CIPof
Duke of Kent. The tragic death of the Duke of Kent will be felt no less in Cambridgeshire than in other parts of the country, for his visits to this area over a period of years won him many admirers among the people here (writes Watchman). And so, on account of this personal regard and because the Royal Family's sympathy has readily gone out to all similarly bereaved, we shall offer in our hearts, if not in actual words, our condolences to the King and Queen and the Duchess. They will be sustained, one feels, by the knowledge that the Duke shares with thousands of others the honour of having met his death in the course of duty for his country.

New Vicar. We learn that the vacant living of Holy Trinity, Cambridge, has been accepted by the Rev. John Howard Cruse, at present Vicar of St. Paul's, South Harrow. He was at one time at Jesus College.

1942 08 28 ES
Chairman of food control cmte resigns - "very unfair treatment"

1942 08 29
German-born undergraduate imprisoned under Aliens Order – 42 08 29 # c.45.7
Cambridge airman in crew that brought Churchill from America – 42 09 29a

1942 08 31
Making American troops feel at home – do's and don'ts – 42 08 31 # c.45.7

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1942 09 01
Russians were encamped at Newmarket at end WWI but had nothing to do with phantom Russian Army that passed through Cambridge station night after night with snow on their boots; was training camp for Russians who were trained to take commissions, 1918 – 42 09 01 42 09 26b

1942 09 02
Death of Lord Eltisley of Croxton Park, Cambridge MP for 12 years – 42 09 02 # c.33

1942 09 04
Cambridge Volunteer Fire Brigade c1919 – photo – 42 09 04

1942 09 04 CIPof
Death of Solicitor. Many people in Cambridge will learn with regret of the death of Mr. H. F. Shaw, which occurred on Sunday after a long illness, at his home at 54, Lensfield Road. A well-known and much respected figure, Mr. Shaw had practised as a solicitor in the town since just after the last war. He was 50 years of age. During the last war he lost the sight of an eye while serving in the 12th

Suffolk Regiment, and very shortly afterwards came up to Christ's College to study law. He took his M.A. and Ll.B. degrees and studied practical law for some time under Mr. Guy Stanley. Later he became a partner in the firm, and for the past 18 month, since the retirement of Mr. Stanley, had been in sole charge. In 1936 he was appointed Clerk to the Cambridge County Petty Sessions at the Shire Hail. In the Borough he was a frequent prosecutor for the police, and also instructed many counsel for the Crown at Assizes

12 Years M.P. for Cambridge. We regret to announce that Lord Eltisley, High Steward of Cambridge, died early on Wednesday at his home at Croxton Park. He had been ill for some considerable time. Aged 63 years - his birthday fell on July 14 last - Lord Eltisley was created first Baron in 1934. In 1922, Lord Eltisley (then Sir Douglas Newton) defeated the Liberal and Labour candidates in a three-cornered light and was returned as Conservative M.P for Cambridge, which he served in that capacity until 1934 when he was raised to the peerage. He was a former Vice-Chairman and later Chairman of the Cambridgeshire County Council. In 1917 he was created a K.B.E. A famous agriculturist, he held various important posts in this sphere. He controlled, with the aid of his farm manager, 2,000 acres at Croxton Park.

1942 09 05
Halifax. Stalled on landing, eight injured, Newmarket. E-H

1942 09 07
King Peter of Yugoslavia inspects cadet rally, Ely – 42 09 07

1942 09 07
Miles Magister. Collision with Magister below, pilot killed, Newton. E-H

1942 09 07
Miles Magister. Collision with Magister above, pilot killed, Newton. E-H

1942 09 08
Dornier. Shot down by Mosquito nightfighter, four killed, Rectory Farm, Orwell. E-H

1942 09 09
Guildhall and Regent House histories – 42 09 09
German raider shot down by night fighter – Dornier crashed on a farm near a village; seven bombs on experimental farm, cottages damaged – 42 09 09a # c.45.7

1942 09 11 CIPof
Cadets' Parade. As Dickens once observed, a military parade is "indeed a beautiful and noble .sight" and Sunday's Army Cadet rally at Ely provided striking evidence of the truth. The cadets, nearly 1.200 of them, came from all over the county for the parade, which was one of the largest of its kind that England has ever ever seen. An added point of interest was the fact that among the interested spectators at the march was none other than the young monarch of Yugoslavia, King Peter, who was celebrating his 19th birthday. Preceding the inspection by Major-General Viscount Bridgeman, chairman of the British National Cadet Association on the Paradise ground, the battalions attended divine service, held appropriately enough in Ely Cathedral, within whose precincts he met the fighting men of generations. The Dean of Ely, the Very Rev. L. E. Blackburne, conducted the service, the congregation filling the whole of the great cathedral

Funeral of Lord Eltisley. The funeral service for the late Lord Eltisley, which took place at Croxton Church on Saturday, was attended mainly by the family and by tenants at the Park and members of the staff. There were other mourners, however, who went out to pay a last tribute to a noted agriculturist and a beloved squire, and the tiny church was packed to capacity. After the service the coffin was lowered into the family vault, covered with wreaths and with sunflowers from the estate. 42 09 11

1942 09 11 ES
Army cadet rally p1

1942 09 17
St John's College gateway Bridge Street decorative additions – eagles placed on gateway – 42 09 17
Punts and canoes placed on NFS reservoir on lawn in front of King's – photo – 42 09 17a # c.45.7 # c.36.93

1942 09 18 CIPof
Ninety Not Out. Ex-Ald. H F. Corbett, Hop Bine House, St Ives, celebrated his 90th birthday on Monday. Although some years have elapsed since he took part in borough affairs, he still takes the keenest interest in the administration of the borough, and follows with a watchful eye all that is done for the welfare of the town.

Death of former headmistress.--Old scholars of Therfield will hear with regret of the death of Miss L. Attlee, headmistress of Therfield C.C School for 20 years (1903-23), which occurred at Tunbridge Wells, Kent, after a month's illness.

Gleaning. 'One who has benefited" (Trumpington) writes: "I am sure that many would join me in this, a letter of appreciation, to Mr Cornwell farmer, of Trumpington, for not only allowing folk to glean his fields, but encouraging them to do so, thus helping them to try and solve the poultry food problem for the winter."

Met in the Desert. Some interesting facts have come to light regarding two Hauxton brothers who are now reported prisoners of war in the Middle East. Despite the fact that they were sent abroad at different dates, they met in the desert and fought together at Tobruk before the capitulation. They are now both prisoners in the same Italian camp. The two brothers are Lance Corporal Sidney Frank Mead, husband of Mrs. Eva Mead, of The Lane, Hauxton and Driver Richard Frederick Mead, who is unmarried. Their mother resides at Hauxton Mill

1942 09 18 ES
Householder returned evacuee - fined p1

1942 09 19
Women to register for fire-watching duty – 42 09 19
Photographic club meeting room Ram Yard damaged by bombs, move – 42 09 19a

1942 09 21
Barton farm buildings destroyed in one of largest fires seen for some time; village 'lit up like day; animals burned – 42 09 21

1942 09 23
Soldiers read CDN in desert – photo – 42 09 23 # c.04

1942 09 24
A.E. Stearn started as grocer in East Road in Jan 1893; in 1908 wholesale side transferred to Fitzroy Street where carried on by sons. – 42 09 24 # c.27.2

1942 09 25
Did he escape from Singapore? Among the Cambridge men reported missing when Singapore fell was Sapper William Hall, of 178 Kings Hedges Road, Cambridge. His wife has now received news from a Mrs. Harradine of 13 Owlstone Road, Cambridge, that her husband was amongst those who made their escape from the Japanese. It will be remembered that the escape of Mrs Harradine's husband. Lt. R. R. L Harradine was reported last March. Mrs. Harradine has now received a letter from her

husband saying that Sapper Hall was with him when he got away from Singapore. Mrs. Hall, however, has heard nothing from her husband, and is endeavouring to get in touch with him # c.45.7

Fewer cases of crime. Fewer eases of crime and more detections is the record of the Cambridgeshire County Constabulary during the last quarter of the year as shown in the report of the Chief Constable to the Standing Joint Committee. The report of the Chief Constable stated that for the quarter ended June 30, 1942, one hundred and seventeen indictable offences were reported to the police, of which 57 detected. During the previous quarter 129 indictable offences were reported to the police, of which 48 were detected.

1942 09 25 ES
Evacuee died making bed p1

1942 09 26
Singapore soldiers – some postcards arrive – 42 09 26
Information Centre for American forces to open at Matthew's Café – 42 09 26a

1942 09 27
Typhoon. Span into ground, pilot killed, near Duxford. E-H

1942 09 28
Stetchworth had combined military and civil defence exercise – details – 42 09 28

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1942 10 02 CIPof
Petrol Prosecution. Several well-known Hunts figures were the defendants in a big petrol prosecution which was opened at a special sitting of the Hunting don Borough Magistrates yesterday. Altogether there were 76 charges against 17 defendants involving coupons for 17,028 gallons, and in opening the case for the Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr. Gerald Howard declared that the cases amounted to about as flagrant a case of contravention or the Petrol and Defence Regulations as could be imagined It is expected that the case will last for two days at least

Former Cambs Labour Official. The funeral will take place today of Mr Henry John Kearsey, whose death at the Bernhard Barron Hospital, Papworth on Saturday is regretted by many friends. Mr Kearsey had been a patient for 9 weeks. He was aged only 31. Only son of Mrs. and the late Mr Kearsey, of Fulham, Mr Kearsey was well- known throughout the borough and county of Cambridge for his political and trade union activities. He was for several years the organising secretary of the Cambridgeshire Trades' Council and Divisional Labour Party, only resigning to take up a post as school welfare officer under the Cambridgeshire County Council, a position he was forced to resign owing to a breakdown in health.

1942 10 02 ES
Adoption of HMS Walpole p1

1942 10 03
Welcome for American visitors – information centre opens Matthew's Café – 42 10 03 # c.46.45
Baptist Missionary Society celebrates 150th anniversary – 42 10 03

1942 10 05
Women to undertake vital work – advert – 42 10 05
Frank Robinson, former Medical Officer Health Cambs dies in river, career – 42 10 05a # c.21.1

1942 10 06

Eight people were killed and two are missing as the result of a British plane crashing in the middle of the village of Somersham last night. Six cottages were wrecked and a number of others damaged. The plane was in difficulty and the crew baled out and landed safely. There was a tremendous blaze visible for miles which was fought by N.F.S. formations. The local Home Guard did good work in rescuing trapped people and recovering bodies from the debris. They were helped later by soldiers and airmen. Mr E.C. Norman, a sergeant in the special police told a reporter: "O heard a plane revving overhead rather peculiarly. I went out and saw two planes flying around with a sort of halo round them, and took them to be on fire. One appeared to dive and then climbed and went out of sight. Shortly afterwards I saw the other plane flying at great speed in a southerly direction. It crashed into the houses in the village street and burst into a mass of flames". The plane took the roof off one house in Rectory Lane but the occupants of the house, who were downstairs, were not hurt. The plane then went straight through the house occupied by Mr Lamb and his mother on the opposite side of the street. Some of the premises damaged were thatched cottages. Two people are still buried under the debris and rescue parties are trying to reach them. 42 10 06
An inquest was reported on 16th October: A fire in the aircraft, caused by the ignition of a flare, caused the plane crash in the village of Somersham when eleven civilians were killed and seven houses destroyed. The crew were compelled to bale out from the aircraft, which was engaged on an operational flight 42 10 16 # c.26.1

1942 10 27
Stirling. Stalled and span into ground, six killed, Oakington. E-H

1942 10 09 ES
Plane crashes in village street - Somersham p5
Refused to take in evacuee p7

1942 10 10
Cambridge failed to reach 'Tanks for Attack' target – 42 10 10
'Grassy Corner' meadow owned by Stearn family and transformed into Pitt Club Lawn for May Races, now sold – 42 10 10

1942 10 11
American forces' view of Cambridge – 42 10 11 # c.45.7

1942 10 12
Felix A. Harta, Cambridge artist – appreciation – 42 10 12a # c.63

1942 10 13
General Smuts visited Cambridge 1917 – 43 10 13

1942 10 15
Wood Ditton fire four thatched cottages – 42 10 15

1942 10 16
Ignition of flare causes plane crash at Someraham – 42 10 16

1942 10 16 CIPof
Golden wedding in Australia, - News has been received from Mount Morgan, Australia, of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Stock. The second son of the late Mr and Mrs. George Stock, of Foxton, Mr. Lewis George Stock left England for Australia in December, 1887, and was married to Miss Ellen West, of Rockhampton, on May 14, 1892. There are two sons and four daughters of the marriage, all of whom were present at a surprise party given in their parents' honour. There are six granddaughters and four grandsons. Mr. and Mrs. Stock paid a visit to England in 1923 to see the old homes. Both enjoyed the best of health, and received many congratulatory letters and telegrams.

Wed done!—A correspondent writes (from Ickleton): "Last week this village could boast of two items to be proud of. First, we nearly doubled our target in the 'tanks for attack.' drive, as we had achieved £3,925 and our target was £2,000. Secondly, the members of the War Comforts Knitting' Party have now knitted just over 4,500 comforts for the troops."

1942 10 16 ES
Evacuees: condition of requisitioned houses in Ely - appalling p1
Somersham funeral of aircrew p5

1942 10 19
Day raiders over East Angliam streets and trains gunned – 42 10 19
Clothing without coupons Cambridge costumier, La Sport, supplied chiffon dress and trousers to woman – 42 10 29a

1942 10 21
Cambridge hostel for boy delinquents disused by Court Mission – 42 10 21

1942 10 23
Women's Institutes in war-time: activities reviewed – 42 10 23

1942 10 23 CIPof
New Deputy Lieutenant. An announcement in the "London Gazette" states that a commission has been signed by the Lord Lieutenant of the County of Cambridge appointing Col. Charles Herbert Budd, M.C., T.D., of 6 Scroope Terrace, Cambridge, a deputy lieutenant for the County of Cambridge, The commission is dated October 8, 1942. Well-known in Cambridge medical, social service and Territorial circles, Col. Budd had a distinguished career in the last war towards the end of which (in July 1918) he won the Military Cross. In 1934 he was awarded the Territorial decoration.

Milton's Centenarian. In a bungalow looking on to the Fen Road, Milton, lives a kindly, white-haired lady, who attained her 100th year last Monday. She is Mrs. Eliza Gooding, and is affectionately known as "The Centurion" She enjoyed a "great" birthday in more ways than one. Among her 14 telegrams was one very special greetings sheet which read: "The King and Queen are much interested to hear that you are celebrating your 100th birthday and send you hearty congratulations and good wishes." Mrs. Gooding, who lives with her daughter, Mrs. George Pearson, is able to trace her lineage back to very ancient farming stock, and she originally came to Milton, where she has remained for 66 years, from Willingham

1942 10 23 ES
Adoption of HMS Walpole : plaques to be exchanged p1
Oranges this weekend - large supply expected p1

1942 10 24
University Marshall Frederic Cowles celebrates 50 years at University – 42 10 24

1942 10 26
Prickwillow girl, Doreen Howe, rescues James Pearce of Old Bank following fire – 42 10 26a

1942 10 30 CIPof
Preferment - Parishioners who listened to him some weeks ago at the parish church, Great. Chishill will be pleased to hear of the appointment of the Rev. Conrad Ough, son of the Rev, John Ough, priest-in-charge of Great Chishill, to the vicarage of Loscoe, Derbyshire. He was curate with his father in East London for three years, going from there to be curate at Belper. While in London he acted as Assistant Commissioner of Scouts.

Road crash victims. The inquest on two women munitions workers, who were knocked down and fatally injured by an Army vehicle at Snailwell on Saturday night, was opened and adjourned at Snailwell School on Tuesday afternoon. Owing to injury to the driver of the vehicle, only evidence of identification was heard. The accident happened about 9 p.m. on Saturday, and the women were cycling along Snailwell Road, Snailwell, towards Newmarket at the time. The vehicle was travelling in the same direction |

New Alderman. At Saturday's meeting of the Cambs County Council, Coun Nash was elected an alderman of the council in place of the late Lord Eltisley, being the only nominee. The chairman welcomed to the meeting Dr. Cecil Webb as a new councillor.

1942 10 30 ES
Railings removed from Haddenham war memorial, council accused of vandalism p1
"Invasion" exercise over area p4
Post office in wartime: how Ely is coping p5

1942 10 31
Cambridge novels include 'The dog it was', 'Afternoon of Murder' and 'The Shuttle of Hats' by Richard Harrison – 42 10 31

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1942 11 04
Mrs Roosevelt, American First Lady comes to Cambridge, vists Bull Hotel, W.V.S. – 42 11 04a, b, 42 11 05b, 42 11 07 # c.45.7 # c.02

1942 11 05
Mrs Roosevelt vists Arrington, inspects Red Cross and W.V.S. – photos – 42 11 05

1942 11 06
'Cambridge' Spitfire in action – photo – 42 11 06

1942 11 06 CIPof
Officer killed. — News has been received of the death from wounds in. the Middle East, on October 26 of Lt. C. R. Parker, Beds, and Herts. Regiment. He had joined the Army as a boy of 14 and had risen from the ranks to lieutenant at 21 when death cut off his career, so full of promise. He was a middleweight boxer, well-known in the services. Condolences go out to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parker, of 56, Cottenham Road, Histon who lose their elder son

Call for more Nurses, — A very large audience assembled at the Cambridge Guildhall to hear an appeal by Miss Florence Horsbrugh, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, for more women to take up nursing both nationally and locally. The occasion was a concert contributed to by distinguished artists, who gave their services for the Civilian Nurses Air Raid Victims Fund. # c.45.7

Twins set a problem. — I hear (writes Watchman) that Ptes. Ethel and Elsie Cole, 19-year-old twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cole, of Lynn Road, Littleport, resemble one another so closely that, their colleagues and N.C.O.s in the ATS, which they joined in January, for some time did not know there were two Ptes. Cole. Only their mother can distinguish them apart. The problem has now been solved in the Signals Mess where they work in the S.E. Command, by the cookhouse sergeant, who insists on their wearing different overalls.

1942 11 07
Honorory Freedom of Cambridge to C.A.E. Pollock – 42 11 07

1942 11 09

Miles Magister. Collision with A/C below, east of Ely. E-H

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1942 11 10
Child, Margaret Scott, killed by lorry at Haddenham – 42 11 10

1942 11 11
Russian woman sniper visits Cambridge with members of the Red Army – 42 11 11

1942 11 13
American baseball demonstrated on Caius College ground – 42 11 13

1942 11 13 CIPof
Famous General. — I learned with great interest this week (writes Watchman) that Lt. Gen. S. Rowell, commander of the Allied Forces which recaptured Kokoda, New Guinea, who was pictured in the National Press some days ago, has associations with Cottenham. Writing from Dulwich, Mr. T. Gautrey states: "During his military training in this country, he was a frequent visitor to Cottenham, and spent one holiday picking fruit in the Histon Road orchards. At the beginning of the war he was promoted to General - the youngest in Australia. His forebears were emigrants from Cottenham about a century ago and settled in South Australia and grew fruit; some of the family are still doing so. The family, now much increased, have been remarkably patriotic, four of them went voluntarily through the South African campaign at the end of the last century and eight came to assist during the Great War, Several, among them Gen. Rowell, are helping in the present, war. The emigrants lived in Church End, and their barn was the original meeting place of one of the Baptist chapels.

1942 11 13 ES
Haddenham railings - parish council not responsible for removal p1

1942 11 16
Great St Mary's bells ring out for Victory in Africa – 42 11 16 # c.69.6

1942 11 17
New YMCA hut and canteen opened at Bourn – 42 11 17

1942 11 20
Bombed houses in East Anglia above national average – 42 11 20

1942 11 20 CIPof
Joy Bells for Victory,—The bells of the Parish Church, Swavesey, long-silent as a war-time precaution, were rung from 9.30 to 10 a.m. in celebration of the British Army's victory in Egypt There were similar peals at various other churches, # c.69.6

Birthday celebration - On Thursday, Mr. T. J. Tompson celebrated his 90th birthday (at Linton). A native of Bury St. Edmunds, Mr. Tompson lived for over 40 years in London, coming to reside in Linton some 14 years ago. Mr. Tompson has made many friends, and these numbering over 30, including a well-known local nonagenarian (Mrs. T.T. Suckling), were present at his residence, The Dial, Springfield, Linton, at a. celebration reception and tea on Thursday afternoon to offer their felicitations.

Diamond Wedding. — Mr. and Mrs. Owen Churchman, who celebrated their diamond welding at their residence, 4 Crampton Terrace, Sawston, yesterday (Thursday), were married at Bethnal Green on November 19, 1882. Mr Churchman comes of old-time Sawston stock. He joined the Metropolitan police on April 24 1884, retiring on pension in 1909 after 25 years' service. Mr & Mrs Churchman,

both still hale and hearty, have three sons and two daughters, 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren

1942 11 20 ES
Direction signs to be replaced in built up areas and important junctions p1

1942 11 27 CIPof
Market Banns at Linton. Linton market, 10 miles from Cambridge, is said to have been a favourite place for banns and even marriages of East Cambs couples (writes Watchman). Here, for example, is one of the entries in the Linton parish records - "10 January, 1656. Contract published between Richard Lofts, of Abington Parva, widower, and Mary Tilbrooke, of Castle Camps, widow, in this market Three Several Days, this being the last day of 'publishing." At the Restoration (1660), when all Acts of the Long Parliament passed after the trouble with the King were expunged from the Statute Book, the children born of these marriages were rendered illegitimate, but later on a special Act was passed to legitimise them.

D.S.M. for Cambridge man, — Mrs. Ellis, of 67 Cromwell Road, Cambridge, has just received news that her husband, W /Bombardier W. C. Ellis, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for gallantry in action and that he has been promoted L/Sergeant. Details of the exploit for which the honour has been awarded are not yet available. Formerly in the employ of Messrs. Cyril Ridgeon and Son, Sgt, Ellis joined up at the outbreak of war.

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1942 12 04 CIPof
Death of Mrs. Charles Salmon. We have to record the death, after a very short illness, of Mrs. Alice Salmon, widow of ex-Supt. Charles Salmon, a member of the Cambs. County Constabulary for 35 years. Mrs. Salmon, who was 82 years of age, died on Monday at her home, York House, Melbourn. She was widely known throughout South Cambs, as during her husband's occupancy of police stations at Melbourn (as sergeant), Caxton (as inspector) and Arrington (as superintendent), she acted as police matron. She was also well-known in Melbourn and Trumpington where Mr. Salmon was stationed as a constable before his promotions. When ex-Supt. Salmon retired in September, 1919, he and his wife came to live in Melbourn and he died there in February of this year.

Fowl Stealers Busy. - Fowl stealers have been busy in Cambridge recently, and several domestic poultry-keepers have suffered from their activities. The thieves usually seem to show a preference for gardens which are easy of access, and their procedure is to remove a bird from its perch after dark.

1942 12 11 CIPof
Wounded Military Medallist. News of a Waterbeach man well-known in Cambridge in peace time as a boxer, has been received by his parents. He is Sergeant G. H. Payne and Mr, and Mrs. Payne, of. 5 Orchard Cottages, Waterbeach, have learned that he was wounded in the Middle East at the beginning of October last while serving with the Royal Artillery, and that since then he has been awarded the Military Medal.

Former Vicar of Meldreth. - Many mourners from Christchurch, near Wisbech, and from Meldreth, were present at Little St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, on Monday afternoon for the funeral of the Rev. Percy Harvey, who died at his home at Grantchester Meadows, Cambridge, on Friday. Mr. Harvey, who was in his 82nd year, was for 37 years vicar of Meldreth, and for the past three year or so had been doing duty at Christchurch, in the absence on war service of the vicar. While returning from a service one night, he lost his way in the black-out, and fell into a dyke. He sustained a shock from which he never recovered.

1942 12 11 ES
Ely to have British Restaurant p1

Evacuees: bug infestation of requisitioned houses p1

1942 12 12
Theft of food from airfield, trial at Linton – 42 12 12

1942 12 14
Lord Woolton pays tribute scientists at the Low-Temperature Research Station for part in discovering best war-time foods – dried eggs, powdered milk and powdered meat – 42 12 14 42 12 19 # c.45.7 # c.36.9

1942 12 18 CIPof
Death of Mr. Mrs Towley, The death took place on Saturday of Mr. Maximilian Gowran Townley at Aviemore, Inverness-shire, in his 79th year. He was the fifth son of the late Charles Watson Townley, of Fulbourn Manor. Mr. Townley had a fine record of public service in the district, and will be best-remembered for his work on the Ouse Catchment Board, on which he served for 21 years, resigning in July of last year. He was the nominee of the Minister of Agriculture. He was a former chairman of the old Ouse Drainage Board. From 1918 to 922 Mr. Townley was Conservative M.P. for Mid-Beds, and in the following year he contested the Isle of Ely, being narrowly defeated by Mr. H.L. Mond, now Lord Melchett. The figures were H. L. Mond 11,467; M. C. Townley 11,069. Latterly Mr. Townley had lived at Aviemore.

20th Century Domesday Book. A survey of all agricultural holdings of over five acres in England and Wales, which greatly surpasses in its wealth of detail the Domesday Book of 1085, is nearing completion. It has been taken on the instructions of Mr. R. S. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, who insisted on the survey to permit the organised expansion of wartime food production. 42 12 18

Helping Red Cross, — National Provincial Bank Ltd. announce that they have placed the services of Major E. H. Lee Warner at the disposal of the British Red Cross Society, in order that he may devote full time to his many important honorary attempts with that organisation. Major Lee-Warner has been manager, of the Cambridge branch for the past eight years

1942 12 21
Baby girl abandoned at Corner House Café, Petty Cury – 42 12 21

1942 12 23
Reach Fair proclamation 1912 – named photo – 42 12 23 # V.E.

1942 12 24
Henry Thomas Mortimer, former footman to Judge of Assize – obit – 42 12 24

1942 12 25 CIPof
Captain Mack, D.S.O. The congratulations of the whole village (Duxford) go out to Capt. Mack, of the Merchant Navy, on, his appointment, as a Companion of the Distinguished Service Order for gallantry, skill and resolution during recent convoy work. His parents, who live at the Villas, Duxford, must feel indeed proud to know his gallantry has been recognised.

Familiar vane disappears. For generations, one of the most looked at weathervanes in South Cambridgeshire has been that on the tower of Melbourn parish church. Some months ago, however it was seen to be in an unusual position, and on Sunday last it crashed and disappeared from view. The direction letters, N.E.S.W. and accompanying revolving arrow will be missed not only by villagers, but by the thousands of motorists and others who pass through the village, and its early return to the summit of the tower is hoped for. 42 12 25

Church Army Canteen, — Although the response to the Bishop of Ely's appeal for funds for a new Church Army Canteen at, Ely Market Place has not reached the proportions hoped for, the new accommodation has been erected, and was in use for the first time on Sunday.

1942 12 25 ES
Nazi barbarism to Jews - Rothschild in Commons p4

1942 12 29
Stirling. Crashed after sharp turn to avoid colliding with another Stirling, six killed, near Oakington. E-H

1942 12 28
Was 'austerity' Christmas - festivities – Ross St children's home, District Nurses Home, Church Army Hostel, YMCA, Harvey Goodwin Home, WVS – 42 12 28, a
American servicemen party for children at Bull Hotel – 42 12 28b # c.45.7

1942 12 31
American serviceman knocks down child in Newmarket Road – trial – 42 12 31

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1943 01 01 CIPof
A fine roach. — Fishing near Brazel Bridge on Boxing Day, Mr R. E. Clarke, of 51, Shelford Road Trumpington landed a fine roach 17 inches long and weighing 2 lb. It was in excellent condition and in the words of a correspondent "was evidently an old warrior, as it showed some battle scars."

Cromwell Decorated. - The Oliver Cromwell statue took an unwilling part in the Christmas festivities at St. Ives when soldiers stationed locally festooned the Protector and placed a bottle of lemonade in his hand. The visitors had previously enjoyed their Christmas dinner at the Huntingdon British Restaurant and a tea dance followed at St Ives Corn Exchange. Many townspeople were among the guests and a jovial time was spent.

Married 50 years – The married life of a Cambridge couple which has extended over five reigns reached its 50th on Boxing Day when Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Webb, of 22 Suez Road, Cambridge celebrated their golden wedding. They were married on Boxing Day 1892 at St. Paul's Church, Cambridge. Mr. Webb, who is 70 years of age, is doing his part in the war effort, being engaged on war work in the town. His wife, who is one year older and still does the whole of the domestic work about the house, said "He has been working at nights but has had to give that up, it was too much. Mr. and Mrs Henry Lane, of 7 St. Luke's street Cambridge, celebrated their golden wedding on Monday. Mr Lane has been a college servant at Trinity Hall for more than half a century and still does occasional service there. Mrs Lane was also at the college for 37 years. They are both in good health

1943 01 01 ES
Stretham: London County Council organise party evacuated schoolchildren in Parish Hall; paper hats etc although catering difficult

1943 01 02
Abandoned baby traced by CDN photo – 43 01 02

1943 01 03
Oxford. Engine failure, one killed, near Cambridge airfield. E-H

1943 01 04
Prof F.M. Cornford death – 43 01 04
Civil training plane, piloted by a woman, failed to take off from a local flying field at Cambridge and crashed into house, three trapped, pilot killed. House previously occupied by the head of the firm operating the flying field – 43 01 04, 43 01 06a # c.26.1

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1943 01 07
US private shot 2nd-Lieut after dispute on length of sentry duty; evidence from Negro sentry – 43 01 06; sentenced to death – 43 01 07 # c.45.7

1943 01 08 CIPof
O.B.E. for Cambridge Men.—The award of the O.B.E. (Civil Division) to two men well-known in Cambridge was announced on Monday in the second Part of the New Year Honours List. The recipients are Mr. C. O, Stanley, of Pye Ltd., and Major E. H, Lee Warner, County Director of toe Cambs. and Isle of Ely branch and regional representative of the British Red Cross Society. The Honours also include the award of the M.B.E (Civil Division) to Ald E. Rooke, lately Mayor of Saffron Walden.

Golden Wedding on New Year's Day. — On Friday. Mr. and Mrs Samuel Birne of the Golden Rose, Emmanuel Road Cambridge, celebrated their' golden wedding on New Year's Day. Mr. Birne, who, at the age of 73, has just recovered from a serious stomach operation, is well-known in the sporting world as a former racehorse trainer, and a sports correspondent. Until the start of the present war, he was Royston correspondent for the "Sporting Life," 'the "Sporting Chronicle" and the Press Association. He had served in this capacity for these newspapers for 50 years and for the P.A. for 40 years. He once had his own training establishment at Royston. This he closed owing to the Heath restrictions in 1904 although he kept on a stable with a few horses. Mr. and Mrs. Birne were married in London in 1893, and have had three sons and two daughters, all of whom have married.

1943 01 08 ES
Stretham: Air training corps; unit to be established at Wilburton

1943 01 09
Corney Grain of Teversham remembered – 43 01 09, 43 02 15
News of Japanese PoWs expected – 43 01 09

1943 01 11
Mobile Operating Theatre attached to Red Cross Flying Squad – 43 01 11 # c.21.1
Mayor Montagu Butler's son kia – 43 01 11, 43 01 16a

1943 01 13
Hostel for civilian women stranded in Cambridge may be established – 43 01 13
Childerley helps war prisoners – 43 01 13

1943 01 15 CIPof
Lord Eitlsley's Will. George Douglas Cochrane Newton, Baron Eltisley, of Croxton, Cambs, who died on September 2nd last, aged 63 years, left £183,651, with net personalty £25,263 14s. 3d. (duty paid, £9,829). He left an annuity of £150 to Dorothy Bowie, secretary, and the residue to his wife, stating that it was his expressed wish that she should by her will give such property to his daughter, the Hon Myra Alice Lady Fox.

Death of "Sid" Brans. -- Sportsmen throughout the county will be grieved to hear of the death of Mr, "Sid" Brans whilst on active service. He was buried in the military cemetery at Cologne. Brans was a local boy and after leaving the County School, became an assistant in the Zoological Department of the University. Early in the war he volunteered for the Royal Corps of Signals but later transferred the R.A.F, in which service he met his death. He was for a number of years a member and captain of the … and a member of the Camden Football Club.

"Wrecked" Church. Two boys were seen running from St. Andrew's Church, Cherry Hinton. When investigation was made this is what was found inside: All the chairs had been turned on end, a number of buckets of water and sand had been upset; the Christmas decorations had been scattered about; the Crib was stuffed with hassocks and figures had been removed and put into the stove; a pillar near the door find been hacked with a pickaxe; two candles had been broken; all the hassocks in the vestry had been damaged and the mirror there had been smashed against the table; in short, the church had been wrecked, Two boys, aged 10 and 9, were summoned for causing wilful damage. Mr. W. L. Briggs,

chairman of the Bench remarked "The best thing for you boys would be two or three good thrashings. The elder boy was put on probation under Mr Vione for two years, the first six months …

1943 01 15 ES
Fire guard organisation discussed, Ely
Irish failed to register

1943 01 16
American concert party at Services Night, Rex Cinema – 43 01 16 # c.69

1943 01 20
Miles Magister. Flew into ground at high speed, two killed, near Fulbourn. E-H

1943 01 21
Oakington Baptist chapel dispute – pastor locked out and set up elsewhere – 43 01 21, 21a

1943 01 22 CIPof
Diamond Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. George Ingle, of Church Street, Willingham, celebrated the 60th anniversary of their wedding on Saturday, Both are natives of Willingham, and have lived practically all their lives in the parish. Since their marriage at the parish church they have lived at the same spot in Church Street, but the old thatched home gave way to a new and substantial one some, years ago. Their family consisted of two sons and three daughters. Their eldest son, Albert George, was killed in action in the last war, and their daughters. Beatrice and Olive Jane passed away some years ago, all unmarried. The second son is the Rev. Frank Ingle, Rector of Outwell, and the third is Mr. Horace Ingle, of Church Street, who continues to carry on the business of nurseryman, Mr. and Mrs. George Ingle are both members of the church. In failing health at the respective ages of 86 and 82 years, they nevertheless continue to take an interest in all local matters.

New Archdeacon. Announcement has already been made that the Ven. Dr. K, D. Knowles is resigning the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon (says Watchman). He will relinquish the office on March 31 next, but will remain Vicar of Diddington. Now I learn that the Bishop of Ely has appointed the Rev. W. A. Uthwatt, Rector of Brampton, to be Archdeacon in his place. For some years Mr. Uthwatt was vicar of Bottisham.

1943 01 22 ES
Irishman run down at Witchford
Then & now: contrasting lack of potatoes in 1917 and present supply - photo p4

1943 01 23
Albert Minstrels 1896 – named photo; XLCR Minstrels – 43 01 23 # W.69.

1943 01 27
Unsatisfactory distribution of sweets, work Food Control committee – 43 01 27

1943 01 29 CIPof
Trained for three Kings. The well-known Newmarket trainer, Mr, Wm Rose Jarvis, of Egerton, died in a London hospital on Wednesday morning. He was 57. He recently underwent a third operation, and had been seriously ill for some days. Mr. Jarvis was the trainer of racehorses for three kings. He succeeded R. Marsh in 1924 as trainer for King George V. He also trained for King Edward VIII, and also for the present king until last September, when the royal horses at Newmarket went to Captain Boyd-Rochfort's stable. Mr. Jarvis was the oldest of three brothers training at Newmarket, the others being Mr. Basil Jarvis and Mr. Jack Jarvis. The family is a famous one in racing annals an ancestor having trained Gustavus to win the Derby as long ago as 1821. The best horse Mr. W. R. Jarvis trained was Godiva, who won the 1,000 Guineas and Oaks in 1940. His most successful season was in

1928 when he won 14 races to the value of £15,000. That year he trained Scuttle to win the 1,000 Guineas for. King George V.

Golden Wedding. Mr, and Mrs. Fred Taylor, of Grebe Farm, Brinkley, celebrated their golden-wedding on Tuesday. January 19. Mr. Taylor, who is 78, and enjoys good health, was born in the village. He was a parish constable for 25 years and a school manager for nearly 40 years. They have a family of ten all of whom are still alive, and seven were present at a party. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor received nine telegrams of congratulations and a large number of presents.

1943 01 29 ES
Fire guard organisation: to apply for compulsory powers p1
Ely surface aid raid shelters "not fit to use" p1
Ely British Restaurant: requisition Bidwell's house p1

Stretham: sailor Leading Seaman William "Billy" Goad, 21, wins Albert Medal: went over ships side on a line in water below freezing to rescue unconscious man - heavy seas, might have been washed away. He very popular in village, joined Navy aged 16. Has sister in A.T.S. & brother in Far East p1

1943 01 29
Blenheim. Crashed, cause unknown, two killed, Abington Pigotts. E-H

1943 01 30
Harry Denton Hartle awarded medal after plane taken off from airfield crashed and burst into flames near home, lived Milton – 43 01 30

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1943 02 01
P47. Broke up over Oxcroft Farm, Balsham. Pilot killed. E-H

1943 02 02
Edward Rose, Plantation Farm, Littleport, pilot, killed – 43 02 02
Pindar, pound and pony – horse placed on Stourbridge Common impounded but released by owner – 43 02 02a # c.19

1943 02 05 CIPof
Sole survivor of Air Crash. — Mr. John Howard, the young British diplomat, who was the sole survivor of an air liner crash in Peru last week, is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Howard, of 257, Chesterton Road. Cambridge. His parents on Friday received a cablegram from the hospital where he was taken, saying that there is no need to worry. Mr Howard, who is 28 years of age, was educated at the Perse School, and later at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, of which he is an M.A. He went out to South America about six months ago, and at the time of the crash was flying from Buenos Aires to Miami. News from Lima (Peru) described how Mr. Howard was catapulted from the back seat of the plane when the Liner crashed into a mountainside. The purser was sitting, with him, and was also thrown out but he died later from his injuries. For three days, it was stated, Mr. Howard lay injured beside the bodies of the victims before rescue services could reach him. The bodies of the 15 dead, who included three women and two other British diplomats, were taken to the Anglo-American Hospital at Lima.

Prisoner of War. News has at last been received of another Cambs. man of whom nothing had been heard for some time. Mrs. J. Goodrick, 2, High Street. Haslingfield, has been notified by the War Office, under the date January 29, that her son, Pte. Henry Victor Rutterford, No. 5933505, 2nd. Cambs. Regt., is a prisoner of war in Japanese hands, and is interned in a Malayan camp.

1943 02 05 ES

Ely sea cadet corps - photo p1
Mobile operating theatre presented p1 - photo p4
Air Training corps 2nd anniversary p1

1943 02 10
Singapore prisoners of war – Col Clayton clarifies the position – cables arrive irregularly, only 10% names received – 43 02 10
Ely police were called to search for a 74-year-old lady who had disappeared from her home in Fieldside. After half-an-hour's organised investigation of the neighbourhood her body was found in a flooded communal air-raid shelter a few yards from her home. The shelter, between two houses, was never used in winter because it contained from two to three feet of water. The coroner decided that death was due to drowning – 43 02 10a
Fanny Johnson, 87, notable lady, organised amateur plays, suffragist, Women's International League, Labour Party member, wrote play Earth and her children – 43 02 10b

1943 02 11
Death C.R.W. Adeane, Lord Lieutenant, at Babraham – 43 02 11, 43 02 15
Alleged sabotage at aerodrome – tore up vital plans – Irish labourer sent for trial – 43 02 11a # c.45.7

1943 02 12 CIPof
Death of Mr, C, R. W. Adeane,—We regret to announce the death of the Lord Lieutenant, Mr. C. R. W. Adeane, who passed peacefully away at Babraham yesterday in his 80th year. Mr. Adeane had been in failing health for some time and had been confined to the Hall since Christmas. Mrs. Adeane died in July, 1941, and he is survived by one son, Lt. Col. Robert Adeane, who has been serving abroad for three years, and by five daughters. Mr. Adeane was educated at Eton and Christchurch, Oxford, and married in 1888. Since early in the 18th century, the name of Adeane has been an honoured one in Cambridgeshire and ever since the family have maintained the closest association with .the county's history. Mr. Adeane, no less than other members of his family … enjoyed his patronage, and all will miss the great personal interest he took in their activities. His father, grandfather and great grandfather in turn all represented the county in Parliament, but Mr. Adeane was unsuccessful, when he stood as Liberal candidate for South Hunts, in 1900. A Justice of the Peace for the County since 1886, he was Vice-Chairman of the County Quarter Sessions from 1912 to 1915. It was in the latter year that he was appointed Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire. He had seen many years of service on the County Council, which he first joined in 1892. He was a member for three years and then, after a break, was elected again in 1904. Babraham Hall, which has been the seat of the Adeane family for generations …

1943 02 12 ES
Aldreth farm gate lifted off hinges when caught by trailing wire of barrage balloon; found Hill Row p1

1943 02 13
Bull hotel formally handed over to American Red Cross as leave centre – 43 02 13 # c.45.7 # c.27.4

1943 02 14
Pindar's on Coe fen – memories - 43 02 14

1943 02 19
Cambridge Christy Concert Company, 1875 – photo – 43 02 19 # c.69 # w.69

A packed audience at the Cambridge Guildhall gave unanimous support to a resolution to the government to take all action in fighting the Nazi party's extermination of the Jews in Europe.
A resolution associating themselves with the feelings of horror and indignation expressed by the allied nations in the Nazi policy of extermination of the Jews in occupied Europe was passed. In spite of the

terrible bestialities that were being perpetrated upon them the Jews would not cry out for revenge but would expect justice. The criminals must be published in order to prevent similar crimes in the future. A Jewish member of the Polish National Council said the Jews would survive their present suffering. There would come a time when eye witness documents of mass murders and bestiality would find a place on the table of the Nations' Courts of Justice. The Jews had earned the right to demand action and wished to live in Palestine as free human beings and as a free community. The final speaker made it clear that the persecution of the Jews was only the larger part of a persecution against all subjected nations. The suffering of the Jews was only greater numerically. Dealing with anti-Semitism in all cases Germany was at the root of it, and it was Nazi money that sponsored such movements. He also answered those who constantly stated that it was the Jews who operated the whole of the black market
Extermination of Jews deplored – 43 02 19a

1943 02 19 CIPof
Sturgeon caught In the Cam - Mayor Newton, of Cambridge, tells in a diary, under the date of June 11, 1680, of a fine sturgeon being caught in the Cam (says Watchman). Here is the entry condensed and in modern English: "At the back of Alderman Dickinson's house in Cambridge next to the causeway between Small Bridges and Newnham, against Felmonger's Pits, was taken in a casting net, by a fisherman named Coward, a sturgeon near two yards long measured by my Japan cane. I saw it measured, and it was very near two lengths of my cane, which, with its ivory handle, is Bear a yard long. The waters were then pretty high, and the place where the fish \vas caught about four feet deep."

Death of Mr, J. E. Holdway,— Mr. John Edmund Holdway, of St. John's House, Longstowe, died on Friday, aged 31 years. After his marriage to Miss Olive Sylvia Lilley in October last, deceased, who had lived with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Holdway, at Lower Farm, took up residence at St. John's House, where he carried on the farm and poultry-raising. He was always ready to give anyone a helping hand. He was a member of the Cambridgeshire Special Constabulary, and showed the keenness in his duties.

1943 02 19 ES
Jews Free school operetta - photo p1
Stretham: St Valentine Old custom of visiting houses and wishing "Good morning Valentine" kept up by five girls
Parade organised by Home Guard; procession to church & around village, looking smart in uniforms

1943 02 20
W.E.B. Vail, special constable, 70 – 43 02 20 – c.34.7
Folk Museum annual meeting, E. Saville Peck acting chairman, Frost's flying machine had been offered but was nowhere to store it – 43 02 20a # c.26.1 # c.03

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1943 02 22
Pictorial impressions of the big parade – Wardens march past Kings, showing blacked out windows and water tank, Home Guard pass Fitzwilliam Museum, A.T.S. band pass Bull Hotel – 42 02 22, a-c # c.45.7
Eastern region tribute to Red Army – memorable parade – 42 02 22d # c.45.7

1943 02 26 CIPof
Acute staff position.—The acute position caused by the call-up of staff, was the subject of a special statement by the Chairman of the Cambridgeshire County Council (Ald. W. J. Taylor) at Saturday's meeting of the Council. Ald. Taylor said that, just before the war the staff operating from the Shire Hall - 30 men and 25 women. Of the men, 60 were serving with the forces, 15 were no longer with the

council, and seven had been lent to other services. Only 48, therefore, of the original men were left, and of these 26 were over 42. Seventeen of the remainder were liable to be directed elsewhere by the Manpower Board, but only two were under 35 years of age. "We in Cambridgeshire, therefore, cannot be accused of 'protecting' a lot of young men from the services," the speaker added. Ald, Taylor next dealt with the women, and there was a general laugh after he said, "Two are married, and two are liable to be directed. Dr. Woodman asked "What — to marriage?" # c.35.1

Diamond Wedding—Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins, of Button End, Harston, on February 18 attained their 60th wedding day anniversary, They were married at All Saints' Church Shepreth, by the late Rev. Mr. Mines. The family is widely known and respected in the surrounding district. There were 10 children, eight of whom are living, one son being killed in the last war. There are 29 grandchildren. 43 02 26

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1943 03 05 CIPof
Waterloo Cup Winner, — The Waterloo Cup winner, Countryman, was bred and reared in the Isle of Ely by Miss I. Smith, of Witcham House Farm, Witcham. His present owner, Mr. T. Cronopolis, frequently visits the village, where he first saw the dog being put through its paces. He was interested, and later had him sent to Mr. John Wright, of Hope, near Wrexham, for his final training. Countryman is 20 months old and is the youngest dog ever .to have won the trophy.

Non-petrol buses. — It is proposed to adapt 55 more Eastern Counties buses to producer gas in 1943. The Tilling group aim at converting 651 in all during the present year. Already they have adapted 107 including 26 of the Eastern Counties, and these had run 2,500.000 miles, so saving 415,000 gallons of important fuel. # c.26.46

Farm fire follows Incendiaries. —Slight enemy activity occurred over a rural district of East Anglia early yesterday. A shower of incendiary bombs dropped by a single plane caused damage to farm buildings and stacks, but it is understood that nobody was hurt. Members of the N.F.S. were occupied for some considerable time before they were able to get the fire under control. # c.45.7

1943 03 05 ES
Jap prisoners: names not coming through as over-efficient Japs are putting them in alphabetical order p1

1943 03 05
Wellington. Flew into houses near Whittlesey. E-H

1943 03 06
Lord Keynes elected High Steward of Borough of Cambridge – 43 03 06 # c.35.7

1943 03 12
Thornton estate, Girton, cesspool problems –43 03 12 # c.29.9
Home Guard anti-gas instructors – photo – 43 03 12a # c.45.7
Death Sidney F. Ellison, solicitor – 43 03 12b

1943 03 12 CIPof
High Steward. Lord Keynes, one of Cambridge's most distinguished sons, received the highest order that the town can bestow on Saturday, when he was appointed High Steward of the Borough in succession to the late Lord Eltisley. The presentation of the Grant of Office by the Mayor (Sir Montagu Butler) took place at a special meeting of the Town Council, in the presence of numerous spectators, representing the Town and University, who included Lady Keynes. Lord Keynes' father and mother (Dr and Mrs J. N. Keynes. with other members of the family) the Regional Commissioner

and Lady Spens, the Mayoress and the Borough Member (Lieutenant Commander R, L. Tufnell) # c.35.7

Burglaries. Jewellery and other property, valued at several hundred pounds, was stolen in burglaries at several Cambridge houses on Monday night. The intruders appear to have concentrated on houses in the Hills Road district. From three of them property was taken, but in the fourth the burglar was disturbed. 45 03 12

Married 50 Years,—Mr and Mrs Beavis, of West Wickham, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding day yesterday. They were married at the Parish Church on March 11, 1893, and have lived in the village all their lives. Mr Beavis, who "is 75, still continues work, Mrs Beavis, who is 72, is a collector for Addenbrooke's Hospital Maintenance Fund. They have had three sons and three daughters, but have lost two of the latter. There are 21 grandchildren.

1943 03 13 ES
Death Bertram Hall of Hall, Cutlack & Harlock, brewers p1; funeral 19th p1 - photo
Plane crash at Coates wipes out family p4

1943 03 14
Stirling. Engine failure, crashed in Oakington village. E-H

1943 03 15
Pitt Club British restaurant to allocate priority tickets for essential workers; colleges will feed 300 students for lunch daily during term which will eliminate their attendance – 43 03 15 # c.27.47

1943 03 18
Inquest at Royston into soldier shot through abdomen in camp on March 14th – 43 03 18 # c.45.7

1943 03 19 CIPof
Appointed Stationmaster. The L.N.E.R. announces that Mr. F. C. Thompson, clerk, Dovercourt, has been appointed stationmaster at Six-Mile-Bottom.

Golden Wedding. On the occasion of their golden wedding the Home League invited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Isom to tea at the Salvation Army Hall (Willingham), but unfortunately, owing to illness, Mr Isom could not attend. Major Jordan and Captain Hoskins sent greetings from Wales. The guests included Mrs. Langan, Mrs, George Hart, Mrs. Garner, Mrs. Stanley Jeeps, Mrs Leetch and Mrs. Burkett. The old couple received telegrams, letters and cards of congratulation, also presents

Nursery Corner. Glancing quickly (writes Watchman) at a typescript news sheet one day this week. I read with astonishment: "By now some of us have the long-awaited kids," A bit off hand, I thought, for nursery corner – and then I discovered that it referred to that very useful and progressive organisation, the Cambridgeshire Goat Club. Apparently one instance when "getting your goat" is a pleasure.

1943 03 19 ES
"The fens" broadcast on radio
Prickwillow: request for new road to Littleport p3

1943 03 26
Model bulldogs guard gates of PoW camp for Italians – photo – 43 03 26 # c.45.7

1943 03 26 CIPof
Five sons in the Army. -Three Cambridge brothers, one in the R.A.O.C. and two in the R.A., met recently in the Middle East for the first time since early in 1940. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. A.

W. Brown, of 58, Cherryhinton Road, Cambridge, who also have two other sons in the Forces and a daughter in the Red Cross.

From P.C to P.S. Fourteen years ago, Mr. Arthur Abrey, son of Mr.Rial Abrey, and the late Mrs, Abrey, left his home in Melbourn to join the Northamptonshire Police Force, and he has been stationed at Wellingborough, Finedon and Rothwell, and recently at Corby, where he was attached to the C.I.D. He was one of the best known young men in Melbourn, and his many old friends will be pleased to learn that he has now at the age of 34 years, been promoted to police sergeant, and is taking up duties at Earls Barton. 43 03 26

Mr A. S. Ling dead. Old Cambridge sportsmen will hear with regret of the death at Haling of Mr. Arthur Samuel Ling, "Sammy" as he was familiarly known, was an outstanding Cambridgeshire cricketer and footballer. He kept goal for the old Cambridge Swifts, at the time when they were in their heyday and also represented the county. Later he became a professional and played for the old Leicester Fosse club, Swindon, Brentford and Norwich City, finishing his playing career with the last-named. A fine batsman, he played many good innings for Cambs., whom he captained for a number of years before his retirement, owing to ill-health, early in the 1927 season.

1943 03 26 ES
Life in the fens: enjoyable radio programme; farming, war-ag. p3

1943 03 28
Stirling. Hit by flak over Berlin, u/c collapsed on landing, Oakington airfield. E-H

1943 03 30
Duchess of Gloucester tours Red Cross and St John war organisations – 43 03 30, 31 # c.02 # c.45.7

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1943 04 01
Grenade laid in Dullingham field for 10 days, explodes and kills boy – 43 04 01

1943 04 02 CIPof
Death of Sir Havilland Hiley, — The death occurred in a London nursing home on Tuesday of Sir Havilland Hiley, the Eastern Regional Traffic Commissioner. His home was at 14 Madingley Road, Cambridge, but he had been in London for a short time for medical treatment. In East Anglia, Sir Havilland was best known as Chairman of the Eastern Area Traffic Tribunal, with its headquarters at Sussex House, Cambridge, having been appointed when tribunals were set up all over the country in 1931. An acknowledged expert on transport matters, he gained, much of his early experience with the London and North-Eastern Railway, which he joined in 1891. (It was then the G.E.R.). He held responsible posts at York, Hull and Newcastle and, from 1905-8 was Passenger Member of the Great Northern Railway in London.

Over 50 years at Mills. - By the death of Mr, Horace George Teversham, which took place at his residence, No. 1 Mill Lane, Sawston on Friday, Sawston has lost one of its most respected inhabitants. Deceased, who was 72 years of age, worked in the Sawston Paper Mills for over hall, a century, and when he retired about two years ago, he was the recipient of a gold watch for long service

1943 04 07
Deserter found in Burwell house – 43 04 07
Eunice Fuller applies for possession of cottage at Wicken from farm worker – 43 04 07a

1943 04 09

Two N.C.O.s of the American Army appeared before a U.S. court martial in Cambridge Guildhall on various charges, one of them a shooting incident. It was alleged that they had without lawful permission taken and used a Jeep, property of the United States, acted in a disorderly manner and fired a Thompson sub-machine gun in the Headquarters orderly room. It was stated that both accused went to a dance; they returned to their billets and later went out in a Jeep. A Military Policeman said he was on duty at a dance and observed a soldier leave the room. He was swearing so he remonstrated with him and was subsequently forced to strike him. Sometime later he was typing out his report at Headquarters when four or five soldiers entered the room. Someone asked him to come outside but he made his way to the phone. A struggle followed and he was unable to communicate with his officer. A voice shouted 'Let me have him', and two shots were fired through the ceiling with a Tommy Gun. 43 04 09 # c.45.7

1943 04 09
Wedding salute by plane. Planes dipped in salute over St. Mary's Church, St. Neots, on Saturday, when a Cambridge D.F.M. Flying Officer and a St. Neots young lady were being married. The bridegroom was Flying Officer Arthur Charles Leigh, son of Mr, and Mrs, H. J. Leigh, of 6, Green End Road, Cambridge, and the bride Miss Joan Irene Townsend, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs F. Townsend, of 42, Cambridge Gardens, St. Neots. The bridegroom's Commanding Officer was among those attending the reception afterwards.

Gamekeeper and breeder. The death has taken place at Great Topham, Essex, of Mr. William Andrews, who was well-known in Cambridgeshire as a gamekeeper and gun dog breeder. Born at Whittlesford, Mr. Andrews was for several years gamekeeper to the late Mr. H. Towgood, of Sawston Paper Mills. He held the post as head gamekeeper to the late Lord Eltisley, and for 15 years was head gamekeeper to the Longstowe Hall Estate. For the past eight years he had been head gamekeeper to the Du Cane Estates at Great Totham, Essex. Mr. Andrews' life as a gamekeeper and gun breeder brought him In touch with many great sportsmen, and his "prefix" Longstowe, which he held in the British Kennel Club, was widely known between the years 1920-35, when numerous prizes were won by the Longstowe gun dogs. His outstanding success was at Crufts' International Dog Show in 1929, when he won the Hundridge Game Farm Cup, the Liphook Game Farm Cup, Crufts silver cup, the Chairman's Cup and Spratt's silver cup. He was well-known in the show ring as a judge of sporting dogs.

1943 04 10
Cambridge radio broadcast to Middle East Forces – list of contributors – 43 04 10 # c.27.8

1943 04 12
Bringing bombers back to earth – work of the Flying Control during fog or when damaged – 43 04 12 # c.45.7 # c.26.1

1943 04 14
Construction of airfields – problems addressed – 43 04 14 # c.45.7 # c.26.1

1943 04 16
Masque café, All Saints' Passage accused of waste of food – 43 04 16 # c.27.47

1943 04 19
John Albert Townsend founded Light Blue Cycling Club – 43 04 19

1943 04 20
Fire at dentist's, Minster Place, Ely – 43 04 20

1943 04 21
John Arthur Fenner, Panton Street, awarded George Medal for moving ammunition train from danger in North Africa – 43 04 21 # c.45.7

1943 04 23
Snailwell man suicide attempt – 43 04 23

1943 04 23 CIPof
Pygmalion. — In presenting George Bernard Shaw's Pygmalion at the Village College on Friday and Saturday, the Histon and Impington Dramatic Society put on undoubtedly one of its best performances. In its 10th season, it was the 25th production of the society. There were large and appreciative audiences both evenings, and the ovation accorded the players at the end of each performance was well deserved. It would be invidious to pick put any member of the cast, for all were in remarkably good form, and the whole show was put over with considerable credit, a high standard of acting being reached.

Spankers in Dame schools, — The mention of a "spanker" being used in dame schools (schools for the young usually kept by women) of a century or so ago has aroused considerable interest (says Watchman). An octogenarian correspondent, who, in her infant days sometimes "had the spanker," writes, "The spanker, which preceded the cane or willow stick, was a wonderful implement shaped like a small or domestic coal shovel, or an enlarged wooden spoon. The usual side of the 'business portion,' rectangular or oval, was about four inches by three inches, and half an inch in thickness, with a handle of about one foot in length." The implement ‘patted' the child's open hand, the 'hurt' or 'spank' being thus distributed over a wide area, not 'stinging' a small portion of the palm as a cane or osier would. The 'spanker' is said to have had its origin in Holland. It is to be seen pictured in some of the old Dutch paintings, notably 'The Village School' by Jan Steen (1626-79) who was known as the Moliere of painting. In this painting a village schoolmaster is depicted using the implement upon the hand of a weeping lad.

1943 04 23 ES
British restaurant a little nearer p1

1943 04 24
Norfolk blacksmith collided railway crossing gates at Chettisham – 43 04 24

1943 04 24
Mustang. Exploded in the air near Bottisham. E-H

1943 04 26
B-26. Crashed Lords Bridge, Cambridge. Five killed. E-H

1943 04 27
Death W.W. Pemberton, Trumpington, former High Sheriff – 43 04 27, funeral 43 04 29

1943 04 28
Maurice Dobb addresses Rotary on Russia – 43 04 28
Plane crashes at Wilbraham Fen, kills pilot – 43 04 28a # c.26.1

1943 04 28
Plane crashes at Wilbraham Fen, kills pilot – 43 04 28a

1943 04 30 CIPof
Death of Mr W. W. Pemberton. The death occurred at Trumpington Hall on Easter Monday: of Mr. William Warburton Pemberton, a former High Sheriff of the county and for some years a member of the Cambridgeshire County Council. Mr. Pemberton was born at Ludford, Lincolnshire, in 1866, and was the elder son of Mr. William Wingate. He received his early education at Tonbridge School, going up to Guy's Hospital in 1885. After qualifying as a doctor, he came up to Jesus College in 1890 and took his M.B. degree four years later. He then went into practice at Cambridge with the late Mr.

Hyde Hills and Dr. Doughtey, first at 60, St. Andrew's Street, and after 1911, from Scroope House. He retired from the practice in 1919. Mr. Pemberton was married in 1895, but lost his wife by death in the following year. They had one daughter, now the wife of Mr. R. V. Southwell, F.R.S. In 1915, he was married again to Miss Viola Pemberton, of Trumpington Hall, and in 1923, when Mrs. Pemberton became possessor of the Pemberton estates, they changed their name by Royal licence from Wingate to Pemberton. There are for sons of the marriage. Mr. Pemberton was a Justice of the Peace for the county for many years, a member of the Addenbrooke's Hospital General Committee and from 1933-39 chairman of the Evelyn Nursing Home. When he was appointed High Sheriff for Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire and the Isle of Ely in 1935 one of his duties was the reading of the proclamation of the Coronation of King George VI

1943 04 30 ES
Littleport fire guard position unsatisfactory p1

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1943 05 01
Announcement that undergraduates need not in future wear caps with their gowns on academical occasions is no surprise. For some time there has been trouble in getting material – 43 05 01 # c.36.9

1943 05 03
Polish president addresses Senate House – 43 05 03

1943 05 05
Lancaster. Ran out fuel after raid on Dortmund, crew baled out over Chatteris. E-H

1943 05 05
Lancaster. Collided with parked Stirling on landing, one killed, three injured, one unhurt, Waterbeach airfield. E-H

1943 05 07
Cambridge will need 4,000 new houses after war say planners – 43 05 07 # c.49.4 # c.23

1943 05 07 CIPof
New Lord Lieutenant. The King has been pleased to approve the appointment of Captain Richard George Briscoe, M.P. as Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire in succession to the late Mr. C. R. W. Adeane. The announcement will give general pleasure, for Captain Briscoe is one of the most popular men in the County, which he has represented in Parliament for close on 20 years. He has been a Deputy-Lieutenant of the County since 1931. Captain Briscoe is a native of Cambridgeshire. Born on Aug. 15, 1893, he is a son of the late Mr. William Arthur Briscoe of Longstowe Hall, and was educated at Eton and Magdalen College. Oxford. He served throughout the last war, 1914-18 and was awarded the Military Cross. He re-joined his old regiment, the Grenadier Guards, nearly three years ago and has since held a number of staff appointments. His membership for the County dates back to 1923.

Honorary Fellow. Air Chief Marshal Sir William Tedder has been elected into an Honorary Fellowship at Magdalene College (Cambridge). Sir Arthur was "up" at Magdalene as an undergraduate.

Three Little Sisters. By picking and selling wild flowers in the village (Girton), three little sisters, Barbara, Hilda and Lily Seymour, have forwarded the sum of £1 10s. to the British Red Cross Agriculture Fund. 43 05 07

1943 05 12
Rotary club celebrates 21st birthday – 43 05 12 # c.37

1943 05 13
South Cambs RDC plaque to commemorate adoption of HMS P57 during warship week – 43 05 13 # c.45.7
Plane crashes Newmarket racecourse, racing postponed – 43 05 13a # c.26.1 # c.38 : horseracing

1943 05 14
American baseball match on Fenners – first seen – 43 05 14 # c.38 : baseball

1943 05 14 ES
News of Dr Bamford, in Libya - photo p1

1943 05 17
Cambridge pays tribute men of First Army to celebrate victory in North Africa – 43 05 17 # c.45.7
Home Guard parade celebrate third anniversary, one of biggest Cambridge has ever seen – picture of early days – 43 05 17a, b # c.45.7

1943 05 21 CIPof
Home Guard Parade. The General Officer, Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Command; Lt.-Genl. J. A. H. Gemmnell, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., took the salute at Cambridge on Sunday at one of the biggest military parades the town has ever witnessed. The parade, which had counterparts all over the country, was in celebration of the third anniversary of the founding of the Home Guard, and over 4,000 Home Guard from Cambridge and district were present. The scale of the proceedings can be judged by the fact that the march past the saluting base alone took more than 40 minutes. To use the official wording, the occasion "was designed to show the Home Guard to the people." Genl. Gemmell said, after an inspection: "I would like to . . . congratulate the battalions and other detachments on the parade. The turn-out has been good, arms drill quite creditable and everyone has stood firm and steady, which is a credit to you all." # c.45.7

Big Fire at Sawston.—Over 600,000 paper containers were containers were destroyed or damaged by fire and water at the premises of Pulp Industries Ltd., Sawston, on Tuesday. About £2,000 worth of damage was done to stock, and it is estimated that it will cost a further £1,000 to make good the damage to the buildings. But an official of the company said later: "Things are not as bad as were at first thought." Nobody was hurt and the production machinery was unaffected. The cause of the fire it was stated, is not known, but the police have been carrying out investigations.

Awarded the D.F.C. The King has been pleased to approve the following award in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the execution of air operations: D.F.C.: P.O. David Rogers, R.A.F.V.R., No. 9 Squadron. Pilot Officer Rogers has taken part in many operational sorties against the enemy. He has invariably displayed efficiency and ability of a high order as a wireless-operator-air gunner. Under the most harassing circumstances his coolness and courage had been worthy of the highest praise and has rendered him a valuable member of his squadron. Pilot Officer Rogers was born in 1914 at Histon where his home is. 43 05 21

1943 05 21 ES
Wings for Victory week launched by King Peter of Yugoslavia p1
New Church Army hut opened Ely, for visiting servicemen etc p5
Stretham feast week uneventful - no parade, people journeyed to see Haddenham "Wings" activity; no fun fair but cricket match held
E.J. Dimock known to be interned in Malayan camp - 15 months with no news; his wife had escaped to Australia

1943 05 26
Queue outside Guildhall for ration books – photo – 43 05 26

1943 05 27
Death T.R. Glover, former Orator & proctor – 43 05 27

1943 05 28 CIPof
"Orgy of Marriages. A soldier, who was said by the prosecution to have indulged in an "orgy of marriages" and to have alternated between being a bachelor and a widower when he was neither, was at Huntingdonshire Assizes on Wednesday sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for bigamy and making false statements respecting entries in marriage registers. He was a 42-year-old private in the Pioneer Corps giving an address at Godmanchester.

206th Anniversary. Good congregations attended the services in connection with the 206th anniversary of the Baptist Chapel (Over) on Sunday, when Pastor W. S. Baker, of Gurney Road, Stratford, London was the preacher.

£300 for bottle of whisky. The Milton Parish Council made a new venture when they held a social in aid of Wings for Victory on Saturday. The festivities were ably supervised by the chairman (Dr. Woodman) and Messrs F. E. Garner and B. E. Lander, two councillors experienced in these events. The whole evening realised £2,000, of which the auction was responsible for £1,581. Notable prices were.- Bottle of whisky £300, port £220, basket of groceries £175, basket of tomatoes £150, silk tablecloth £100, sitting of eggs £85, bottle of home-made wine £60, case of beer £55, and a box of chocolates, a basket of new potatoes and three separate Savings Certificates £50 each.

1943 05 28 ES
"Wings" results p1
Cars need no longer be immobilised p3

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1943 06 04
Poultry Keepers Pleased. Nine foxes were destroyed in a field in Meadow Lane (St. Ives) last week. Mr. R. Anderson, who assisted in the good work, says that in one instance a vixen and four cubs was dug out, and a vixen and three cubs not more than 200 yards away. This is certainly good news for poultry keepers.

Vicar, billeting officer. The Evacuation Committee reported to the Saffron Walden Rural Council that the Rev. R. E. Fanshawe had agreed to act as billeting officer for Debden in place of Mr. Palmer.

Presentation of Trophies. The end of six months hard work by members of the Cambridge Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade was marked by the presentation of trophies by the County Commissioner (Dr. K. S. Maurice Smith) at the Falcon Yard (Cambridge) headquarters on Saturday. Earlier in the afternoon teams from the ambulance and nursing divisions, both cadets and senior: &, took part in competitions and demonstrations at the old Post Office, where a number of visitors were interested spectators. 43 06 04

Birthday Honours.—The names of several Cambridgeshire men figured in the first part of the King's Birthday Honours List on Wednesday. Col, W. P. Cutlack, chairman of the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Territorial Army Association, a former High Sheriff of the county, and Mr. W. S. Farren (one of Beaverbrook's "Back Room Boys") are appointed Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath. Captain Robert Cecil Metcalf Cannon, of the 3rd Battalion, Cambridgeshire Home Guard, receives the M.B.E. Another award announced is that of the K.B.E. to Dr. A. D. McNair, now Vice-Chancellor of Liverpool University and formerly Professor of International Law at Cambridge. Prof. George Paget Thomson, Professor of Physics at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, who becomes a Knight Bachelor, is a son of the late" Sir J. J. Thomson, Master of Trinity College, Cambridge.

1943 06 04 ES
Col W.P. Cutlack awarded Companion of Order of Bath p1
In Japanese hands : more local men p1

1943 06 07
Painting of an aircraft in flight, autographed by British and American service men has been subject of a competition in aid of Prisoners of War Fund at Eagle in Bene't Street. Other men have covered ceiling with lipstick or lighter flame records of their own units – 43 06 07 # c.27.4 # c.45.7 # O.Eag
Minister of Agriculture tours Ouse Catchment Board area – 43 06 07

1943 06 09
Arts Roof Garden party supports Aid to China fund – 43 06 09, a

1943 06 11 CIPof
New Stationmaster. — The L.N.E.R. announces that Mr, H. W. Scoffield, stationmaster at Harston, has been appointed stationmaster at Shelford.

Days To Be Remembered. — Although, taken as a whole (writes Watchman) Sunday School anniversary services are not what they used to be, it is interesting to know that in some parts of the country the event is just as eagerly anticipated and special hymns are practised for weeks before the event. The Methodist Sunday School anniversary at Meldreth attracts child lovers from many miles around and a special feature is the performing of a little playlet at the afternoon service. Each child is given a part to play, thus creating an interest in the Sunday School which is not soon forgotten. A north countryman staying in the village told a correspondent that people at his home look on the children's anniversaries as very special events, but in this case, children and teachers parade their district and sing hymns in the streets before the service. Each denomination has its own special district and neither encroaches on the other even though each anniversary is on a different Sunday. He told how all the children were "decked out" and of the rivalry for each district to "out-deck" the other. About four members of a local band - usually Church Army or Salvation Army - volunteered to lead the singing. Collections for Sunday School funds are taken at each stopping place and, my correspondent was informed, amounted to anything between £100 and £150

1943 06 11 ES
More Jap prisoners p1

1943 06 18
Ely nurseryman fined for growing glowers in glasshouse instead of vegetables – 43 06 18

1943 06 18 CIPof
District Nurse. Nurse F.M. White, the district nurse, has left the village (Whittlesford) to take up a senior nursing post in the Midlands, She was a much-loved nurse, and untiring in her efforts for the villagers. To mark the villagers appreciation of her services, an impromptu collection, was arranged by Mrs, Saunders and over 100 people subscribed. A cheque for £10 was presented to her, together with a list of subscribers, by two of her old patients, Miss Agnes and Miss Sarah Twinn.

"Going to be a bit late Home," -The following message was sent by Second Lieut. Charles Roland Brown, Tl90473 (a prisoner of war) to his wife, Marjorie Dodd Brown, 31 Trafalgar Road, Cambridge, over the German radio: "Hello, Marjorie darling. I am afraid I am going to be a bit late home. Complications seem to have arisen, so I thought I would spend the time in Germany. It is really a pretty country … But even though I am far away, my body will be absent, but you will have my heart. Remember the Browns always smile. The German frauleins are pretty, but I am socially confined, so you don't have to worry." 43 06 18 # c.45.7

Growing Land Army. At the end of May, the Women's Land Army numbered 65,406 strong. Over 19,000 were in direct employ of the County War Agricultural Executive Committees and nearly 3,700

were engaged on forestry work. May showed a net increase of 3,626 in the total number employed. There are, however, still many vacancies to be filled. 43 06 18

1943 06 18 ES
Hymn singing for prisoners, Fred Gibson has provided 150 parcels, p1
Stretham - RAF hospital: with so many villages smaller than Stretham "adopting" wards at a RAF Hospital, Stretham might follow suit - meeting called

1943 06 22
Jitterbug contest at Rex – photo – 43 06 22 # V.Q.K43
Evacuee mother neglected children, Doric St – 43 06 22a

1943 06 24
Liddiards Garage demonstration of how 80,000 vehicles engaged on essential work may be kept running without calling on motor manufacturers for spare parts and replacement – welding – 43 06 24 # c.26.48

1943 06 25 CIP of
Presentation. Home on leave from the forces last week, Mr. Sidney Waldock was on Sunday presented with a pocket Bible, suitably inscribed, in appreciation of his many years' service as superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School (Melbourn). The presentation was made by Miss Kathleen Abrahams, senior scholar, on behalf of the teachers and scholars of the school.

Second Bar to D.F.C. Wing Commander John L. D. Braham, D.F.C. and bar, has been awarded a second bar to his D.F.C, for great daring and courage in sinking a U-boat and firing another German vessel from end-to-end in the Bay of Biscay. With great determination he attacked the enemy vessels from 200 feet. Wing Commander Braham is the son of Dr. Braham, until recently Rector of Duxford, and now Rector of Newtown, Fareham, Hampshire.

Hymn Singing for War Charities. I hear that Mr Fred Gibson, of Little Downham, has raised a considerable sum of money in aid of war charities by his hymn singing tours in various parts of the district. On Sunday afternoon he visited Ely and sang through the streets. His efforts met with a generous response from a large audience. In the evening he continued his tour and the afternoon's collections were considerably augmented. During the tour Red Cross Cadets and Nurses went out with collecting boxes, a total of £35 1s. 8d. being raised for Prisoners' of War Parcels Fund. Mr. Gibson expressed his appreciation for the help he received from these collectors, and for the response of the public. 43 06 24

1943 06 25 ES
Jehovah witness in court; refused to do National work p1
Stretham Ministry of Information films at Wilburton Rd hut

1943 06 29
Queue for horse meat for pets in Wheeler Street – photo – 43 06 29 # c.19 # B.Whe.K43
American soldier killed when army tank ran down hill at Whittlesford before stopping at Morrison shelter – 43 06 29a

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1943 07 02
New nursery for 50 children opened at Ditton Fields – third day nursery – 43 07 02; an example to whole country – 43 07 02b; photo – 43 07 19 # c.37.9
RDCs have adopted submarine 'Universal' – ceremony – 43 07 02a # c.45.7

1943 07 02 ES

New rest room for Gas company workmen - photo p1
Stalingrad appeal in Ely p1
Stretham RAF ward: unanimously agree to adopt ward
Lieut-Cmdr George Stitt publishes book "HMS Wideawake (Allen & Unwin)

1943 07 03
E. Saville Peck retires from Pharmaceutical Society council – career - 43 07 03 # c.21.1
B.W. Beales' retirement marks end of tailor and robemaker's business started in 1800; his shop in Sidney Street the last with small-paned windows – 43 07 03a # c.27
"When you arrive in Cambridge" guide for American servicemen – 43 07 03b # c.46.45
Memories of Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence who died of influenza in 1892 – 43 07 03c

1943 07 05
Duchess of Gloucester inspects parade 300 members Land Army at Cambridge – 43 07 05 # c.45.7

1943 07 06
Kendal Way children help Red Cross – named photo – 43 07 06

1943 07 07
Death Mrs John Chivers – 43 07 07

1943 07 08
YMCA opens 18th centre in area – 43 07 08 # c.37.9
Salute to China, 7th year – 43 07 08
Thomas Sidney Moore, sec Photographic Club, dies – 43 07 08a

1943 07 09 CIPof
Women's Land Army Parade. Nearly 300 members of the Women's Land Army from the County of Cambridge paraded before the Duchess of Gloucester at a W.L.A. rally at Cambridge on Saturday afternoon. Clad in their distinctive green and fawn uniforms, the women made an impressive sight as they marched through the town from Parker's Piece to the Guildhall, where the Duchess presented awards for good service. Her Royal High-ness wore a summer dress in pink and white, with a white summer hat and gloves to match. # c.45.7

44 Years' Railway Service,—Mr. S. B. Carter, signalman, retired on June 5 after 44 years' railway service at Swavesey station. His genial disposition endeared him to his colleagues and traders alike and to mark the occasion they joined in presenting him with a pipe and a suitably inscribed electric clock as a token of their good wishes

Memorial of Beloved Priest - Friends of the late Father Purcell, who for 33 years was priest of St. Ives Roman Catholic Church, have inaugurated a fund for the purchase of a suitable; memorial for the beautifying of the church he loved so well.

Fenland Relic.—The Fens continue frequently to produce evidence of early settlement and recently the University Museum of Archaeology had brought to them a fine specimen of a Romano-British trefoil lipped wine jug. The jug, which is extremely well-preserved, was discovered by a Doddington man while roding a dyke. Noticing something protruding from the side of the ditch, he at first thought it was a tin lid, but further excavation led to the unearthing of the vessel. The museum authorities identified the jug, which holds about four pints, as" having been made at pottery works at Castor, near Peterborough, in the fourth century.

1943 07 09 ES
"Toughest harvesting job in history" - Farm Sunday celebrations p1
BBC broadcast re holiday camp in Isle p1

Stretham evacuees: Sidney Epstein confirmed; 33 trees planted in Palestine in names of Robert Montefiore School, Stretham who have contributed to fund to rescue Jewish children from persecution in Nazi-controlled Europe

1943 07 13
Far East prisoners' postcards arrive – names - 43 07 13, 43 08 06. 43 08 16, 43 08 26 # c.45.7

1943 07 16
NIAB work reported at 22nd annual meeting – 43 07 16

1943 07 16 CIPof
Camouflage. Passing by an outhouse the other day (writes Watchman), a farmer caught sight of a hedgehog going in at the door, but when he went to investigate, it had, to his amazement disappeared. The floor was of concrete and the place was quite empty, except for a heap of sawdust which a hen had chosen as her nest and was "sitting" there. The incident was forgotten until a few days later, when he heard noises like a litter of newly born puppies coming from the same direction. Still nothing could be found until Biddy was lifted off her nest, protesting very loudly. Then by the side of her nest was discovered a tunnel in the heap of sawdust and inside were newly-born hedgehogs.

"Combined Operation." Opening a farmers' gift sale at the Cambridge Cattle Market yesterday, in aid of the Cambridgeshire Red Cross and St. John Fund, Lady Mountbatten, wife of the Chief of Combined Operations, said: "This sale, I am sure, is going to be one of the most successful 'combined operations' we have seen." Farmers for miles around gave livestock — ranging from cows to kids — to be sold for auction for the Red Cross and St. John Fund. And hundreds of farmers turned up to buy what was on sale. Not that the auction was confined to animals; far from it. There were also bottles of whisky and champagne, as well as one ton of sulphate of ammonia from Swaffham Prior, to be sold.

1943 07 18 ES
Visit to operational Spitfire station p1
Conscientious objector wins M.M. p1
Letter from Middle East p1
Ely rural workers houses - 10 dwellings allocated Ely area - 4 at Wilburton, 4 at Littleport & 2 at Sutton - plans & pic p1
PoWs - more news - photo p1 & 3
Evacuee school, Central Foundation School farewell party p4

1943 07 23
Athletics ground needed – long overdue – 43 07 23 # c.38 : athletics

1943 07 23 CIP of
Honours Award presented. — A pleasing little ceremony took place at 'F' Co's Camp (Home Guard) last weekend, when Sergeant A. W. Melbourne (Gt. Shelford) was presented with the Certificate of Merit end Good Service awarded to him in the honours list. The District Commander, when visiting the camp, took the opportunity of presenting the certificate on behalf of the G.O.C.-in-C., Home Guard Forces, and congratulated Sgt. Melbourne on his award, saying these honours were not easily won, and he had no doubt, therefore, of the good work that had been done by the sergeant in the national effort. Sgt. Melbourne, who is well-known in the district served in the last war with the Cambridgeshire Regt.

Day School Festival—Last Sunday was observed in the parish church (Oakington) as the day school festival. At the evening service the visiting preacher was the Lord Bishop of Ely. During the service the children sang some of their favourite hymns. There was a good congregation. The collection throughout the day were given to the Day School Managers' Fund,

New Vicar. It is announced that the Rev. Edward H. Sibson, vicar of Histon, has been appointed to succeed the Rev. James Thompson at Christ Church (Cambridge). He has been at Histon since 1936. In 1935 he married Miss M. L. Squires

1943 07 23 ES
More PoWs - photo p1
Lady Louis Mountbatten inspects Ely St John units - photo p1

1943 07 24
Cosmopolitan cinema sustained considerable damage from fire, part of ground floor and seats destroyed and ceiling broken away in places – 43 07 24 # c.76.9 # c.34.75
Jack Overhill junior dives from tree at Grantchester Meadows – 43 07 24a

1943 07 30 CIPof
New County Alderman - Captain R. G. Briscoe, Lord Lieutenant of the County, was elected an alderman of the County Council at Saturday's meeting of the Council in place of the late Ald. Samuel Moore, His name was the only one before the council.

Willingham Resident, — The village (Willingham) has lost a respected resident by the death of Mr. William Hind, of Rockmill End, who passed away after much suffering at the age of 69 years. Mr. Hind was well-known in the district, having carried on business as a dairyman and cheese-maker. He served the village as a special constable for over 30 years.

Institution of new Vicar. — The institution and induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. F. E. A. Shepherd, took place at Whittlesford Parish Church, the Lord Bishop of Ely conducting the institution and the Archdeacon of Ely the induction,

Greengage gathering, — A few growers gathered greengages for bottling about ten days ago, but the principal growers for London, and other markets did not start gathering until last Monday, which is given as the official date. The gages are plentiful and more forward than last year. Last year's gathering started on August 13.

1943 07 30 ES
Women fined for fraternising Italian pows p1
Jap pows - photo p1

1943 07 31
Two men awarded for saving aircraft in fire at hangar containing 26 aircraft (incident probably took place in Southampton) – 43 07 31

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1943 08 03
Cyclist killed in collision with tank, one of a number in a big convoy in a Polish unit in Lime Kiln Road – 43 08 03 # c.45.7 # c.26.485

1943 08 04
Oxford. Collision with B-17F, two killed, near Cambridge town. E-H

1943 08 05
Army cadets camp at Babraham Park – 43 08 05

1943 08 06
Observer Corps work – photo – 43 08 06a; area nerve centre in Cambridge – photos – 43 11 10a # c.45.7

Old Volunteers' last muster, 29 Mar 1908: photo – 43 08 06b # T.G.K08

1943 08 06 CIPof
Snake in Garden.—On Tuesday afternoon a snake 33 inches long was seen in Mrs. Cavey's garden in Hall Street Soham by Miss F. Elsden, who lives next door. On being informed, Mrs. Cavey and a nephew found it under some dried elder, and as it came out Mrs. Cavey killed it with a stick, as she did not know it was harmless.

Old Register, - The following note by the Vicar appears in this month's Parish Magazine (at Melbourn): The first names in the burial register of 1558 are Campion, Atkinson, Luddington and Poole. All these names are no longer found in the parish. Soon after occurs the names that are still with us — Stockbridge, Webb, Smith, Collis and Ingrey. A correspondent adds: "Melbourn's 385-years-old register is one of the oldest in the district, the starting date of some of the others being Orwell 1560, Fowlmere 1581, Shepreth 1569 and Meldreth 1681. It may also be recalled that after various unsuccessful attempts, commencing in 1538, to secure a proper register of births, marriages and deaths in a village, it was not until July 1, 1837 that the present system of registration was established in England and Wales, Scotland followed in 1854 and Ireland in 1863." 43 08 06

1943 08 06 ES
The lost village of Cratendune: important discovery p1

1943 08 07
'The Labourers News' was published by Ald. W.P. Spalding. It started on 9th Jan 1886 as a small four-page sheet called 'The Labourers Friend' but then changed title to 'The Labourers' News'. It was enlarged in August 1886 with many new features. It was an attempt to educate new voters in sense of responsibility, published in Conservative interest and looked at things from that angle. Gradually more village news appeared much of it concerned with start of new Conservative clubs – 43 08 07 # c.04

1943 08 12
Mrs Clarke, 50 East Road grows tomatoes in front garden – photo – 43 08 12 # B.Eas.K43

1943 08 13
Harvard graduate's impression of Cambridge – 43 08 13

1943 08 13 CIPof
Film Star at St. Ives. I hear (writes Watchman), that the famous movie star Adolphe Menjou and a party of about 15 are making their temporary headquarters at the Golden Lion Hotel, St. Ives. Representing the equivalent of our E.N.S.A., they have come to entertain American Forces. Already there has been a demand for autographs, and the visitors from overseas have been found most obliging.

New Postmaster. Mr. J. W. Berry has recently taken up his duties as Postmaster of Cambridge. Mr. Berry has had more than 40 years in the Post Office Service, Entering it at Oxford in 1902, he reached the position of postal superintendent at that office. He was promoted Head Postmaster of Leatherhead in 1935 and became Head Postmaster at Bedford in 1941. In the last war, Mr. Berry served in the Royal Engineers, Signal Section, from October 1914 to 1919. The greater part of this was spent in France with the 62nd Infantry Brigade, and he was mentioned in dispatches in 1917. Mr. Berry is a keen gardener and a lover of the countryside.

1943 08 13 ES
Members of local Royal Observer corps - photo p1
Prickwillow Junior Home Guard at camp, rides in tanks

1943 08 15

F47. Crashed near Duxford. Pilot killed. E-H

1943 08 16
Fire guards – new plan, to work with N.F.S. to combat fires caused by hostile attack and summon assistance – 43 08 16a # c.45.7 # c.34.75

1943 08 19
Electron microscopes – Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge has one of only eight – 43 08 19 # c.36.9
Home Guard killed in accident at Stuntney – 43 08 19a

1943 08 20 CIPof
Former Jockey Club employees - Well-known to users of Newmarket Heath, where he had been employed by the Jockey Club for over 60 years, Mr. Harry Jarvis, of Jockey Club Terrace, Lacey's Lane, Exning, died on Tuesday. He was in his 80th year.

Croydon Stacks Destroyed. — Considerable damage has been caused through a fire which broke out at four o'clock on Wednesday afternoon at Valley Farm, Croydon. Five wheat stacks, involving the produce of 65 acres, were destroyed.

Awarded D.F.M. A former member of the Cambridge Borough Police Force, Sergt. Douglas Alaric Boards, R.A.F., whose mother lives at 80 Radegund Road, has been awarded the D.F.M. for his part in saving a burning bomber,

Second-Hand Clothes Ban. Unless second-hand clothes vendors can produce a satisfactory certificate to the effect that all such clothes being offered have been properly sterilised, their sale will be prohibited at Ely Market Place. This was the recommendation of the Markets Committee, which was approved by the council on Monday, when the Clerk was directed to ascertain from all local persons offering second-hand clothes for sale what precautions were being taken against the possibility of spreading disease 43 08 20

1943 08 20 ES
Stuntney Home Guard man killed in road accident (funeral 27th p4)
No British restaurant for Ely "we missed the bus" p1
In Singapore two weeks before fall; prisoners' relatives told of living conditions p5

1943 08 21
Robert Ingle, born Willingham in 1854, memories – 43 08 21

1943 08 25
War reserve police constable given pint of beer at Queen's Head, Kirtling – 43 08 25

1943 08 27 CIPof
Boy of top of Express. An amazing story was told to Mr. Lionel Abrahams (Coroner for Hunts.) when he held an inquest in the waiting room at Abbots Ripton Station on Saturday afternoon. The story was that a boy who received fatal injuries whilst climbing along the top of coaches of an express train through being struck by a bridge under which the train was passing, was knocked on to the four-foot way and then run over by two light engines. The boy was 14 years and 10 months old and his home address was at Camberwell. He had been sent, by a juvenile court to an approved school at Darlington. The Coroner said it was clear that deceased met his death from injuries received when he came into contact, with the bridge, and his verdict was 'Accidental death,'

A double Miracle? There is every sign (writes Watchman) that the harvest, in Cambs. this year will exceed in quality and yield that of 1942. This "is not only, as Mr. H. C Webb, the Cambridge farming authority, puts it, a miracle due to the weather, but also, I venture to suggest, a miracle of hard work as well. There is no doubt that when the full history of the war is written, many chapters will be

devoted to the great part played in its success by the farming community and in this Cambridgeshire has won a worthy place. This is indeed not only the 'crown of the year.' but the crown of our agriculturists' valiant labours during the years of war. No one will quarrel with Mr. Webb's apt description-— 'Victory Harvest.' 43 08 27

1943 08 27 ES
Welcome refreshment in Tunisia - photo p1

1943 08 28
J. Hopkins of Stretham retires from Cambridge market after 60 years selling poultry, eggs and butter – 43 08 28 & a # c.27.3

1943 08 28
Whitley. Exploded in the air near Great Wilbraham. E-H

1943 08 31
Halifax. Cause unknown, seven killed, near Wisbech. E-H

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1943 09 03 CIPof
Fight Against Diphtheria. A call to start an intensive campaign in Cambridge for immunisation against diphtheria was made at Wednesday's meeting of the Cambridge and. District Trades Council, held at the Labour Hall, Cambridge, under the chairmanship of Mr. P. F. Dennard. The importance of bringing home to the parents of Cambridge the need for immunisation and a realisation of the fact that it caused no ill-effects was urged.

Pins Put in Onions. A clever device by a Huntingdonshire policeman, in marking onions lying on an allotment at Brampton lead to the appearance in court at Huntingdon of a lorry driver. He pleaded guilty to stealing a quantity of onions value 10s, 6d. The magistrates asked to see the onions that were marked by the policeman and it was found that a pin had been inserted in those marked. The chairman: That's rather clever 1 had not thought of that. He commended the policeman. Defendant was fined £5

New Stationmaster. The L.N.E.R. announces that Mr. A. E. Stalley, stationmaster, Saltfleetby, has been appointed Stationmaster at Oakington.

Thriplow Onions. Mr F. C. Talbot, of Thriplow Farms, has grown a record crop of Giant Rocco onions. Many weighed 1lb. each, several 1¾ lb. each, and one turned the scale at 2¼ lbs.

1943 09 03 ES
National Fire Service anniversary parade - photo p1

1943 09 04
Motor coach loaded with Italian prisoners of war caught fire opposite Lady Margaret Road. Fortunately a N.F.S. fire tender was passing at the time and quickly put out the fire. Non one was injured – 43 09 04 # c.45.7

1943 09 05
P47. Melbourn. Pilot baled out. E-H

1943 09 06
University Air Squadron receive picture of Flying Officer Kenneth Campbell, the squadron's first 'VC', the pilot of a lone Beaufort that carried out low level attach on German battle cruisers in Brest harbour' Was 'up' 1937-1939 43 09 06 # c.45.7 # c.26.1

1943 09 08
Cambridge Master Bakers and Confectioners Association jubilee dinner, first meeting July 1893 – 43 09 08 # c.27

1943 09 09
John Hilton the first Professor of Industrial Relations at CU making regular broadcasts called 'This and that' and writing weekly articles in the News Chronicle. At outbreak of war became Director of Home Publicity in Ministry of Information but stood down to return to broadcasting … at Cambridge had a team of helpers, each an expert in his own subject and was custom to invite people from Government departments to give them lectures from time to time – 43 09 09; In 1942 approached by News of the World to do same thing for that newspaper and became Director of the News of the World Industrial Advice Bureau which at his death in August 1943 was renamed after him. Based in Cambridge it called on panel drawn from dozens of professors and continued till 1968 [Wikipedia] # c.45.7 # c.27.8

1943 09 10 CIPof
Death of Mr. W. Housden. The death occurred on August 30 of Mr Walter Housden, of Council Houses, Gamlingay. On his retirement from the Cambs. Constabulary, ex-Sergeant Housden came with his wife to reside in Gamlingay. When taken ill some weeks ago, he and his wife went to reside with their son at Soham, where he passed away to the regret of all who knew him.

Master Bakers' 50 years. — To celebrate their 50th anniversary, the Cambridge and District Master Bakers and Confectioners' Association held a jubilee dinner and concert in the Dorothy Cafe on Tuesday. Over 70 people attended. During the proceedings opportunity was taken to present the President of the Association (Mr. J. Harwood) with a solid silver fruit bowl. It was suitably inscribed and presented by the local secretary, Mr. F. G. Darler. Mr. Darler recalled that Mr. Harwood was the only one of the Founder members now remaining. He had been President for nearly 30 years.

For War Prisoners. - A novel mingling of age and youth took place at Chesterton Institution on Saturday afternoon, when the grounds were thrown open to the public for a garden fete in aid of the Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund. The first event of its kind to be held there, it was an unqualified success, the total of £60 raised being £10 in excess of the target figure.

1943 09 10 ES
The Pacific situation - talk p1
Ely civil defence units inspected at Wisbech p1 (- photo p5)
Italy surrenders p4

1943 09 17
Wonders of the Flying Fortress – visit to Memphis Belle – 43 09 17 # c.45.7 # c.26.1
"Wings for Victor" trophy presentation; includes five aircraft log books to be used in planes bought by Cambridge which will be returned after the war as a permanent memento – 43 09 17a # c.45.7 # c.26.1

1943 09 17 CIPof
Country Mansion Blazes. Newsells Park, the beautiful Queen Anne country mansion home of Sir Humphrey de Trafford at Royston, was badly damaged by fire on Wednesday night. Sir Humphrey told a reporter that only the walls were left standing. "Fortunately" he said, "all my own possessions had been removed. My wife and I live in a cottage 100 yards down from the house, and Lady de Trafford was awakened early this morning by screams. Two girls had to be rescued from the top floor with the help of ladders," Sir Humphrey hopes that his valuable cellar, which was bricked in, has not been ruined.

Young People's morals. - Following a meeting of many prominent people in the religious and social side of St Ives who were gravely concerned about the increasing laxity of morals among young people, the following resolution was presented at Thurs-day's meeting of the Town Council: "This meeting greatly deplores the growing laxity of morals, conduct and the drinking habits among some young people of the town, and earnestly press for the support of public opinion to whatever can wisely be done to counteract the deplorable state of things". The resolution was supported by the Council. The Mayor said the resolution had been sent to him as a magistrate, and he pointed out the numerous organisations in the town working to counteract this moral laxity. In the case of the young girls there was always the influence of their mothers and the youth organisations at work. It was a very difficult matter, and he did not see how as a public body, they could do much more in the matter. 43 09 17

1943 09 17 ES
Plane crashes on east Anglian village - photo (Sutton) p1 & p4
Killed in action p1

1943 09 18
Souvenirs of 1st Cambs Rifle Volunteer Corps (Headquarters Company). Pte J. Warrington enrolled in Jan 1861 – 43 09 18

1943 09 24 CIPof
Village Party. All the schoolchildren in Hinxton and the parents of those between three and five; were entertained to a real American party on Saturday. Over 100 were present, including youngsters from Ickleton, who' gate-crashed! There was a cinematograph film and games of every description. Sandwiches, lemonade, cakes and—believe it or not—ice cream, were served. No wonder the children cheered enthusiastically. The Rural Dean-. (Rev. A. E. Penney) thanked the Americans for their hospitality. Then, in order to provide each child with a bag of sweets on leaving, the Americans sacrificed their week's sweet rations. Great guys, these Americans

1943 09 24 ES
Ely special constabulary - photo p1

1943 09 25
RAF men injured at Bourn when large RAF Liberty Waggon thrown on its side, a taxi completely overturned – 43 09 25 # c.45.7

1943 09 28
Pte Tom Rollings of 2nd Battalion Cambridgeshire Regiment died from malaria while PoW in Japanese hands; came from Prickwillow – 43 09 28

1943 09 28
Stirling. Hit by flak over Dutch coast, crashed near Witchford. E-H

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1943 10 01 CIPof
R.A.F. Man Injured. As a sequel to a night accident at Bourn, in which, a large R.A.F. wagon was thrown on its side and 17 R.A.F. men returning from Cambridge injured, the driver of the R.A.F. vehicle appeared before Caxton Bench on Friday. He was summoned for driving without due care and attention and pleaded not guilty. The magistrates found the case proved and imposed a fine of £3, costs amounting to £1 12s, 6d.

Death of Prominent Farmer. By the death of Mr. John Russell Jarman, of the Grange, Kneesworth, another exponent of the old-style farming — now a fast dwindling race — has been removed and his death means not only the loss of a first rate farmer, but a high-grade cattle dealer well known and

highly respected throughout East Anglia and other parts of the country. He had been in indifferent health the past five or six years and death occurred on Friday morning last at the age of 74 years. He built up a large first class breeding flock of cattle and sheep and in doing so became a well-known figure throughout the West Country (the home of good cattle) and he was always a regular attendant at the Cambridge East Anglian markets. He came to be looked upon as one of the best judges of cattle and sheet the country and one of the … farmers. During the last war, he was a Government grader of cattle. 43 10 01

1943 10 01 ES
Battle of Britain Sunday; comments on small parade - photo p1
Testing of air raid sirens - new arrangements p1

1943 10 02
P47. Duxford Village. Pilot injured. E-H

1943 10 07
Car damaged by bombs dropped during weekend; were no casualties and little other damaged. The car was standing in a shed. [perhaps Roseford Road] – 43 10 07
Cambridge Photographic Society move HQ from Ram Yard to Cambridgeshire Technical School, though dark room will continue until Christmas; first lady president (Mrs K. Moore) retires Hon Sec for 15 years, I.S. Moore had died – 43 10 07a; death Agnes Johnson – 43 12 30

1943 10 08
Airmen stole petrol, varnish and tine of jam from airfield, Ely men charged with receiving it – 43 10 08

1943 10 08 CIPof
Golden Wedding. — Mr. and Mrs. A. Hutchinson, of the Fountain Inn, Dennis Green, Gamlingay, celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday. For many years Mr. Alfred Hutchinson was employed in the Hatley Park Gardens, and now works part-time in the garden of Mr. W. J. Empson, of Gamlingay. They have two sons, one daughter and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, the majority of whom are residing in the village and they were all able to participate in the celebration.

A Good Friend. The Local Food Produce Officer (Mr. J. G. Wilkerson) has left the village (Barrington) to reside in Cambridge. During his stay of just over three years, Mr. Wilkerson has acted as Clerk to the Parish Council, served on the Invasion Committee and has been organising secretary and chairman of the War Weapons, Warships and Wings for Victory Weeks Committees. He was always ready to help in anything connected the village. 43 10 08

Death of Ald. M. V. J. Webber — We regret to announce the death, which occurred on Monday at his home at Wimbish Manor, Shepreth, of Alderman Mr Vivian James Webber, D.L. M.B.E. Ald. Webber, who … had been in failing health long time. The only son of the Capt. and Mrs. Webber, of …ham House, Ryde, Ald. Webber was a barrister. He leaves a widow and daughter. First elected as a county councillor in … he became an alderman within … years, on February 1, 1912. … appointed vice-chairman … and with the exception of a … break, occupied the chair… 1923 to 1927 and again November 1927 to March … During that period he was High Sheriff of the County in 1927 In 1907 he was appointed Justice of the Peace

1943 10 08 ES
Theft of petrol and sheets from aerodrome

1943 10 09
Club for transferred war workers to be established at 8-9 Petty Cury to provide canteen and recreational accommodation for men and women, including washing and ironing facilities. Will be

open 10am-10pm; an attractive meeting and resting place for workers who have come from away – 43 10 09

1943 10 15 CIPof
Ely W.A.A.F. plots fighters. A Cambridgeshire sergeant in the W.A.A.F., who slept out in the fields when her quarters were bombed during the Battle of Britain, is today a sergeant floor supervisor in the operation room of a Fighter Command station on the South Coast. Her most-exciting days on duty were during the Dieppe raid and the escape of the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau from Brest. She is Sergeant Rita Harvey, a 23-years-old native of Glasgow, whose home is near Ely,

Former Vicar. On Tuesday afternoon a number of the villagers attended the Parish Church (at Guilders. Morden) to pay a last tribute to the late Canon A. Williams, D.D., a former vicar who died at the age of 90 and whose remains had brought from Nutfield, Surrey for interment. It is 24 years since he retired after a ministry of …. years.

Is this a record? A correspondent tells me that potatoes weighing … pounds each have been dug a back garden in a South Cambridgeshire village, and goes on to say "Although it has been … son for large potatoes, I … potatoes of four pounds … record?" Well, can anyone b…

1943 10 15 ES
Evacuees: condition of requisitioned house; derequisitioning of houses; council to take no action p1

1943 10 20
Albert Institute Harriers at annual sports, Fenners, 1896 – named group – 43 10 15 # U.Ath. # RA.Alb
East Huntingdonshire Water Company wound up – set up 1887 to establish water works in Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire, recently taken over by a joint water board formed by the Ministry of Health – 43 10 20 # c.24.2

1943 10 21
Civil Defence Reserve, Eastern Regional column inaugurated; HQ in a country mansion to go anywhere at moment's call – 43 10 21 # c.45.7
St Andrew the Great celebrates centenary of present church – 43 10 21a # c.83

1943 10 21
Whitley. Pilot radioed in a problem to base then span into ground, five killed, near Cottenham. E-H

1943 10 22 CIPof
Loss to Village. By the passing of Mr. W, G. Levy, at the age of 70 years, Guilden Morden has lost another well-known and highly respected inhabitant. A native of Somborne, near Winchester, Hants., he came to reside in the village some 10 years ago, and his genial disposition soon won him the respect and affection of many friends. He became a member, and later a deacon, of the Congregational Church, and at a memorial service on Sunday last, the Minister spoke of his dependability in all that he undertook, and stressed the great loss the church had suffered. Mr, Levy was also an early member of the 25th Detachment of the Cambs. B.R.C.S. and acted as quarter-master of the detachment until his health forced him to resign

Married Sixty Years. Mr. and Mrs. William Gifford, of Histon Road. Cottenham, celebrated their diamond wedding on Feast Tuesday. They were married on October 16, 1883, on Feast Tuesday, of the old village feast week at the parish church by the Rev Mr Barker, and they have lived in Cottenham all their married life. Mr, Gifford is 83 and Mrs Gifford is 79, they are both hale and hearty and are a grand old type of country people. Mr. Gifford has completed 75 years' work on the land, and can still be seen every fine day working on his plot of land, and in the summer, with Mrs. Gifford, gathering in the fruit and vegetable crops, including the back aching task of picking strawberries. In his younger days he was an expert ploughman, and won several prizes at local ploughing matches. Of their family of five, two sons and a daughter are surviving, and they have

one grandson. They lost one son in the last war and one son died previously to that. They spent a happy time on Tuesday with members of their family gathered around them.

1943 10 22 ES
Ely NFS move into new home - photo p1
Littleport man meets George Fornby - Edward Barber - photo p1
Ely wardens' supper p4
Japanese treatment of prisoners - no single case of atrocities p4

1943 10 24
P47. Crashed near Orwell. Pilot killed. E-H

1943 10 24
Stirling. Crashed, cause unknown, four killed three injured, near Mepal. E-H

1943 10 26
Duchess of Kent visits Addenbrooke's Hospital, Leys Annexe and had tea at Falcon Workers Club – 43 10 26 # c.02

1943 10 29 CIPof
Duchess Visits Hospital. An addition to the programme arranged for the Duchess of Kent's visit to Cambridge on Tuesday afternoon was a call at the American Red Cross hostel at the Bull Hotel. Earlier, after visits to Addenbrooke's Hospital and The Leys Annexe, the Duchess had tea with workers in their canteen at the new Falcon Club in Petty Cury. Her Royal Highness chatted with hospital patients, workers and American soldiers at the U.S. hostel in the course of her tour. She was accompanied by Lady Rachel Davidson. During the Duchess's visit to the children's wards at Addenbrooke's the behaviour of the little ones was exemplary. # c.45.7 # c.02

Golden Wedding. Mr and Mrs Albert Weeden, of Heydon, celebrated their golden wedding on Thursday of last week. They were married at the parish church at Shudy Camps on October 21, 1893. Mr. Weeden is 79 and Mrs. Weeden 69. Mr. Weeden, a retired blacksmith, has just completed 24 years as secretary of the local branch of the Transport and General Workers' Union. His health has been quite good until just recently. The couple have lived in Heydon for 32 years, and have five sons and two daughters. One son served 28 years in the Navy, and another in the Army was partially disabled in the Great War. A third son is a local coach proprietor. All the family were able to meet on Sunday to celebrate the occasion.

1943 10 29 ES
Stretham: Pte D.A. Gibbs reported seriously wounded Feb 1942 in Singapore, is missing p1
Evacuee in Canada: Sutton girl's experiences p4
Home Guard's wife shot dead - rifle went off whilst cleaning p5
Coveney soldiers writes from Italy

1943 10 30
Charles Coe and wife have lived 50 years in Cockburn Street, Romsey Town; attached to Peoples Mission, was member Salvation Army – 43 10 30

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1943 11 01
Cambridge Corn Exchange venue for Barn Dance staged by American Red Cross for US forces' celebration of traditional American custom of Hallowe'en … at one end a Guy Fawkes surrounded by straw … dances consisted slow foxtrots and quicksteps to the famous American Flying Eagles band. Were crates of apples and pears from which the many dancers, numbering about 1,800 were at liberty to help themselves. Refreshments served free of charge by an American clubmobile – a canteen on

wheelers – about 3,000 American doughnuts, 25 gallons of coffee and 30 gallons of cider, beside orange and lemonade. Pumpkins cut into faces grotesquely illuminated by candles … 43 11 01 # c.45.7 # c.69.2 # c.39

1943 11 02
Cheers from neighbours who had assembled in the street were the first warning that Mrs Coleman of 22, Fitzwilliam Street, had that her husband, Able Seaman Joseph Coleman had arrived home after being repatriated from Germany. He lost his arm when his submarine was sunk and was missing for four months. He brought good news for Mrs Shipp of 64, Howard Road, of her husband who was captured when his submarine, Starfish was sunk – 43 11 02 # c.45.7

1943 11 05 CIPof
5½ lb potato -A note about giant potatoes had not been in print very long last week before I received a visit from Mr. A. H. Worth, who brought with him a potato weighing over 5lb. (writes Watchman). This was grown on his farm at Soham. I shall learn with interest of anyone who can beat this - but don't send the potato to me!

Plum and Apple from Meldreth. - From Meldreth, a small station on the L;N.E.R., in the heart of the county plum and apple orchards, over 2.000 tons of these fruits have been sent away by train during the recent fruit season, The tonnage is three times greater than the pre-war figure, and fruit merchants in the North of England have not been slow in congratulating the stationmaster at Meldreth on the fact that, in spite of the war-time congestion of the lines, these large quantities have been promptly dispatched, and what is more important for this traffic, have been promptly received

55 Years Married. — On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Spencer, of The Brambles, Balsham celebrated the 55th anniversary of their wedding. They were married at Attleborough, Norfolk, on October 31, 1888. Mr. Spencer, who was born at Sprowston, Norwich, on May 10, 1859, was for some years head gardener at Six Mile Bottom Hall. Mrs. Spencer, who was born at Mettingham, Suffolk celebrated her 86th birthday on November 3. They have resided at Balsham for about 18 years.

1943 11 05 ES
Fire guard organisation in Ely, well established p1 & p3
Mechanised Home Guard, Ely platoon in exercise

1943 11 09
Hurricane. Collision with Stirling (Stirling crashed in Suffolk), pilot baled out near Ely. E-H

1943 11 10
Captain A.C. Taylor talks about how the latest instrument of scientific warfare are combined to clear skies of enemy planes – fighter command, balloon barrage, AA guns, searchlights, linked by private telephone lines – 43 11 10 # c.45.7

1943 11 10 ES
Church Army Ely hut fund oversubscribed p1

1943 11 12 CIPof
Ald, Briggs takes over again.— By the unanimous and cordial vote of the members of the Town Council, Ald W, L. Briggs was on Tuesday again elected Mayor of Cambridge for the ensuing year in succession to Sir Montagu Butler.

Cambridge College Economy, - One cwt. of coal per man per week was saved last winter in a Cambridge University college because fires were not started until October. It is hoped that a reduction will be maintained in the coming months. The kitchen account showed a £100 cut in the gas bill during the financial year ended July 31st last, though more meals were served than during the previous 12 months

Gift to Minesweeper, -~ The Isleham branch of the G,T.C. have for the last three months been sending a hamper of vegetables and fruit fortnightly to a minesweeper. A number of grateful letters have been received, thanking the girls for their kindness. One letter said: "It does help tremendously when we are at sea to know that you people at home are thinking of us and doing so much to make things pleasant for us."

1943 11 16
Regent of Iraq visited University School of Agriculture etc – 43 11 16 # c.02

1943 11 19 CIP of
New Post - Mr. J. D. Matters, Registrar of Cambridge and District County Courts for the past seven years, and also Registrar of Bishop's Stortford, King's Lynn and Wisbech County Court groups, has been appointed Registrar of Leicester County Court. He takes over at Leicester on January 1. In the Cambridge County Court on Wednesday, congratulations and good wishes were extended to him by His Honour Judge Lawson Campbell, Mr. Grafton Pryor, Deputy-Judge, and others.

Minister's Departure.—The Rev. J. Stanley Swain, Minister of the Old Meeting Baptist Church (Cottenham) has accepted a unanimous invitation to the pastorate at the Baptist Church, Long Buckby, Northamptonshire, and hopes to commence his ministry there on the first Sunday in January.

Guide Medal-Winner. Sixteen-year-Old Joan Phyllis Folkes, of 60 Windsor Road, Cambridge, has been awarded the Gilt Cross of the Girl Guides Association for bravery in rescuing 18-year-old Joyce Collis from the Hauxton Mill when they were on a camping holiday last Whitsun. It happened that there were several Girl Guides bathing at the time, but they were quite unaware that Joyce was in difficulties, Joan noticed that the other girl had already gone under twice, and quickly dived and got her out—Joan is a Patrol Leader of the Poppy Patrol in the 12th County School Company, and holds several proficiency badges, with service stars and a war service badge. 43 11 19

1943 11 20
Sir Oswald Moseley release from prison rally interrupted by University Labour Society – 43 11 20 # c.33

1943 11 22
Cambridge adopted destroyer HMS Loyal engaged enemy convoy – 43 11 22; 43 11 29

1943 11 23
Home Guard members inspect US bomber station – 43 11 23; also members Anglo-American Hospitality Committee – photo – 43 11 30

1943 11 25
Scotney’s butchers of Mill Road summoned for selling met above maximum price and delivering food to Romsey Community Feeding Centre without proper paperwork – 43 11 25 # c.27.47

1943 11 26 CIPof
Honorary Degree for Lord Lieutenant —At a congregation of the Senate at Cambridge on Friday, the Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire (Capt. R. G. Briscoe, M.P), received the honorary degree of M.A. of the University. He was presented to the Vice-Chancellor (Dr. T, S. Hele) by the Master of Magdalene. Mr. A, B. Ramsay (Deputy Orator), who recalled that Capt. Briscoe gave up his studies at Magdalen College, Oxford, during the last war to join the Army, and never went back to complete them. As one whose home was in the county, Capt. Briscoe was a great lover of the county, and they welcomed him as Lord Lieutenant with affection. Cambridge, welcomed him from Oxford and Magdalene College from Magdalen College.

C.A.O.S. Choir Honoured. - The great work of the Cambridge Operatic Choir for the British Red Cross Society was recognised on Sunday, when each member of the choir was presented with the badge of associate membership of the British Red Cross Society. Earlier in the afternoon a service led by the choir was held in Holy Trinity Church.

Decorated by the King. Mrs. Doggett, of 12 Granta Terrace Stapleford, and her son and Miss A. Fuller, who is serving in the A.T.S. had an exciting day on Tuesday, when they attended an investiture at Buckingham Palace to see Sgt George Doggett decorated by the King. Sgt Doggett won the British Empire Medal in Canada, where he has served for 2½ years 43 11 26

1943 11 26 ES
Nation's morals declining - speaker p1
Ely man in group of prisoners - photo p1

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1943 12 03
Percy Robert Robinson, Trumpington school master 40 years, collected data on history village and gave lantern slides; dies – 43 12 03
R.J. Pearson, chief constable of Cambridge resigns through ill-health – 43 12 03, 43 12 16 # c.34.7

1943 12 03 CIPof
An inverted rainbow.—A letter to the Editor, signed S. R. G, Willis, Little Shelford, states: I witnessed a curious phenomenon on November 25, and it would be interesting to know whether other people noticed it or whether anyone else can explain it. At about 2.30p.m. my attention was directed to it by my companion, and together we watched it for perhaps four minutes, after which it faded quickly out. At that hour the sun's altitude would have been about 13½ degrees and the azimuth 160 degrees west. The bow was right above the sun at an altitude of 60 or 70 degrees. The arc was perhaps one of 40 degrees or more. The red end of the spectrum was towards the sun on the convex edge. The violet end was particularly well marked. The sky was blue, with light mists blowing very rapidly across it. There were a good- many aeroplane trails about. I could under-stand a ring around the sun, but why the 'inverted' arc with its centre somewhere near the zenith?

D.S.C. Award.—Acting Squadron Leader Guy de Grave Sells. D.F.C.. R.A.F.V.R., No. 83 Sqdn., has been awarded the D.S.O. in recognition of flying operations against the enemy. Squadron Ldr, Sells has participated in a very large number of sorties, involving attacks on targets in the Ruhr and many other important centres. He is an outstanding leader whose achievements have been highly commendable. His home is at Harston.

1943 12 03 ES
Gave money to Italian prisoners - civilian fined for purchasing blankets p1

1943 12 04
Macmillan publishers and booksellers Bowes & Bowes – history by Charles Morgan – 43 12 04 # c.25

1943 12 06
Queues outside Mothercraft Clinic, Willis Road, for toys made by the women whose children attend the clinic – photo – 43 12 06 # B.Wil.K43

1943 12 10 CIPof
"Insufficient sleep." — At the annual meeting of the Cambridgeshire Association of the National Union of Teachers, held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Saturday, it was agreed to submit the following resolution to the N.U.T. Easter Conference: "That this conference instructs the Executive to

call the serious attention of the Board of Education to the ill-effects, physical, mental and educational, on schoolchildren of insufficient sleep. It further instructs the Executive to use its influence with the Press to promote a campaign designed to induce parents to send children to bed at an early hour, under conditions which will enable them to obtain the amount of sleep they require,"

Schoolmaster for 40 years – By the death last week of Mr. Percy Robert Robinson, of Trumpington, the county loses a typical village schoolmaster. Aged 65, he had been a schoolmaster for 40 years and for 36 years headmaster at Trumpington School. During this long period, his staunchness and character caused him to become the friend and adviser of the villagers, and his passing removes a man of wise counsel and high standing

1943 12 10
P47. Three miles north of Duxford. Pilot killed. E-H

1943 12 11
Suicide first-year student and naval cadet of Jesus College, found hanging – 43 12 11
Cambridge Anglo-American Committee to organise Christmas party from Guildhall, part to be broadcast to US Forces – 43 12 11a # c.27.8

1943 12 17 CIPof
Chief Constable says goodbye. The very great regret of Cambridge Borough Council at the retirement of the Chief Constable (Mr, R. J. Pearson) was expressed at yesterday's meeting by the Mayor (Ald W. L. Briggs). "We all regret," he said "that the time has come when we must part with Mr. Pearson. I think the resolution of the Watch Committee will be accepted by the whole of the council. I was a magistrate a year before Mr. Pearson was appointed, and I should like to bear testimony to his services." Twenty-five years ago, said the Mayor, the police force was in a very different position. It had now been humanised - Mr. Pearson in reply, said he had served under 26 mayors, "My retirement will be a very great wrench. All my life I had been a policeman, I was born in a police building, and I had gone all through the ranks. After service of 41½ years, I feel I ought to give way to a younger man. # c.34.7

Exhibition. An exhibition, featuring old mills and milling of Cambridgeshire, held at the Linton Village College from November 29 to December 10, was most interesting. The organisers were indebted to the Cambridge Folk Museum for many of the interesting relics displayed.

1943 12 17
Lancaster. Returning from raid on Berlin flew into ground, six killed, one injured, near Bourn. E-H

1943 12 17
Lancaster. Returning from raid crashed and caught fire, four killed, three injured, near Graveley. E-H

1943 12 17
Lancaster. Crashed in poor weather, six killed one injured, Sutton. E-H

1943 12 17
Lancaster. Crashed in poor weather, seven killed, near Graveley. E-H

1943 12 17
Lancaster. Crashed in poor weather, seven killed, near Gransden. E-H

1943 12 17
Lancaster. Crashed in poor weather, five killed two injured, near Bourn. E-H

1943 12 17
B17. Crash landed at Whittlesey. Crew safe. E-H

1943 12 18
Cyril R Vincent dies, 50 years associated with Cambridge newspapers CDN & CIP; lived at Swavesey where organised political and other functions. In 1896 he became village correspondent for Swavesey, first in Cambridge Express then Cambridge Weekly News (later CIP and Chronicle). In 1922 was appointed to take charge of village correspondence at CDN; he kept a record of every paragraph sent in and could turn up any item at will. Retired to Malvern – 43 12 18 # c.04

1943 12 20
Marshalls Flying School party for 400 children – 43 12 20

1943 12 24 CIPof
Fifty years with local Papers. - For nearly 50 years associated with the Cambridge newspapers, Mr. C.R. Vincent has died at Malvern at the age of 85. It was only two months ago that he relinquished his association with the "Cambridge Daily News" and "Independent Press," and past and present members of the staff joined warmly in a presentation to him on that occasion. Formerly engaged on clerical work with the Post Office Savings Bank Department in London., Mr. Vincent was obliged by health reasons .to give up his duties. He came down to Cambridgeshire and established his home in Swavesey, becoming, in 1898, village correspondent. In 1922 he was appointed to take charge of village correspondence at the head office of the newspapers. With over 70 villages in the county, his training in the Civil Service came in remarkably useful. It was his duty to keep a record of every paragraph sent in, and it was his proud boast that he could always turn up any item at will. Mr. Vincent gave a helping hand to Uncle Robin in the early days of the Robin Fellowship, and he was affectionately known in the office as "Uncle Cyril." # c.04

Champion "Needle-clicker." Champion "needle clicker" is Mr, Harry Chapman, of Globe Lane, Littleport. So far in this war (writes Watchman) his needles have put together no less than 1,367 ounces of wool in the shape of various garments for the Forces. A boot repairer, he does this in his spare time, and his needles are still clicking furiously. His up-to-date record is: 187 pairs of socks, 15 pullovers, 14 helmets, 20 pairs of mittens, 45 pairs of gloves, 2 scarves, 14 pairs of seaboot stockings and two pairs of operation socks.

1943 12 24 ES
Visit to HMS Walpole - photo p1
Alleged offences under rationing order - butcher for trial

1943 12 28
King's college carol service broadcast – 43 12 28
Stanley Rampling, dies; was surgical appliance maker, Market Street – 43 12 28a

1943 12 31
Magdalene College fire, started boiler room spread to upper part of the building which abuts the river; part of floor collapsed – 43 12 31 # c.34.75 # c.44.5
Folk Museum receive Cottenham cheese press – 43 12 31a

1943 12 31 CIPof
Landbeach Diamond Wedding,-— The marriage register at All Saints' Church. Landbeach, records that on Christmas Day, 1883, the wedding of Mr. Arthur Fromant of Milton, and Miss Mary Ann Bowers, of Landbeach, was solemnised by the Rev Dr. Brian Walker, and to commemorate the event of 60 years ago, a celebration family party was held on Saturday last at Ranworth House, the residence of their son, Mr. A. E Fromant. Nearly all their married life has been spent in Landbeach but Quy and Histon could, for brief spells, claim them as parishioners. Of their family of 14 children, 10 are still living. Three are now in the U.S.A. (George Charlie and Mabel) and Stanley is serving with H.M, Forces in India Among a host of congratulatory messages there were 30 wedding cards and

five telegrams, which included one from the King and Queen and one from the U.S.A. Mr Fromant is 79 years old and Mrs Fromant 82.

War-time Christmas.—The sound of church bells in the still, cold air of the pre-dawn brought a reminder on Christmas morning that much has happened since the greatest of all festivals was celebrated a year ago. For many it was, inevitably in war, a time of sorrow, but beneath the cloud of sorrow could be seen the light of victory, bringing with it the hope and belief that 1943 may be the last Christmas of the war. With many of their loved ones away from home, scattered over the four corners of the earth, the people of Cambridge yet made the most of their celebrations. And in many homes absent places at the fireside were filled by other Service men and women, both British and American, who were offered that personal hospitality which means so much at Christmas tide. The Mayor and Mayoress of Cambridge, Ald and Mrs. W. L. Briggs, made a particularly full round of calls to hospitals etc on Christmas morning and afternoon, and it was well after tea-time when they made their way back to their own home.

1943 12 31 ES
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1944 01 01
Magdalene College fire in building now used as boiler room and store; the college pump brought into action, flames leapt through roof, extinguished by NFS – 44 01 01 # c.44.5 # c.34.75
Christmas broadcasts from Cambridge went well – 44 01 01a

1944 01 05
Prisoners in Far East – list of names – 44 01 05

1944 01 07 CIPof
Well done, schools. In connection with the National Savings Association the Linton Schools head the list in the half-yearly returns of the South Cambridgeshire area. Having topped the list before, the junior schools, on this occasion, with £775 13s. 6d. to their credit raised considerably more than double the amount of any other village. The Linton Village College, in spite of the fact that a number of the students save in their home villages, stepped up their amount to £481 16s., the second highest in the area. The grand total was £1,257 9s. 6d.

In New Year's Honours.—Three well-known, figures in the County received New Year's Honours were: Prof Frank Leonard Engledow, Drapers' Professor of Agriculture in Cambridge University, and Col Arthur Charles Davis, D.L., J.P., who become Knights; Mr. J. A. Beardsall, Secretary-Superintendent of Addenbrooke's Hospital awarded the O.B.E. and Mr. W. E. Pattison, Assistant Engineer to the Great Ouse Catchment Board, who receives an O.B.E.

A Notable Share-Out - The-annual share-out in connection with the Melbourn and District Sick and Dividing Club took place in the Council School a few days before Christmas. Six hundred and fifty-six members shared out the sum of £788 10s., 530 non-benefit members each receiving 25s. and each benefit members 20s. The sum of £788 10s. 2d. was available for distribution after expenses, including £29 11s. 8d. sick pay, had been met. 44 01 07

1944 01 07 ES
Ely butcher fined for supplying jam to canteen p1

American soldiers as hosts, Haddenham p1
News from Far East p1
Flying Fortress forced landing, Whittlesey p5
Chatteris man helped sink Scharnhorst p5

1944 01 08
H.J. Robinson retires as Librarian, Mill Road; was appointed in 1897 when 12,000 books issued. Brother was P.R. Robinson of Trumpington – 44 01 08 # c.77.4

1944 01 10
First group of agricultural cottages opened in Piece's Lane, Waterbeach – 44 01 10

1944 01 11
Farm worker crushed by railway wagon he was about to unload at Black Bank station, Lt Downham – 44 01 11

1944 01 11
P47. Eight miles west of Cambridge. Pilot baled out. E-H

1944 01 14
Haddenham farmers supplied poultry dealer with corn without permit – 44 01 14
NFS exercises – photos – 44 01 14a

1944 01 14 CIPof
Village names, — It is well known (writes Watchman) that many villages in Cambridgeshire have down through the years, been spelt in various ways, but Haslingfield seems to hold the record locally. At the January meeting of the Women's Institute the Vicar gave a talk on the history of the village, and it was revealed that in old deeds & records the name 'Haslingfield' has been spelt in 101 different ways. Can any other Cambridgeshire village approach this remarkable figure?

Agricultural Cottages. The first group of agricultural cottages to be completed in Cambridgeshire was officially opened at Waterbeach on Saturday, afternoon by the Chairman of Chesterton Rural Council, Mr. W. D. F. Davey, in the presence of other officials of the council and representatives of the builders. Built as a terrace, the four Cottages is situated in Piece's Lane. Each comprises a parlour and living room downstairs, with a kitchenette, and three bed- rooms upstairs. Electric light is installed and cooking is done on a coal range. There is also provision for hot and cold water. Another feature which will appeal particularly to the womenfolk is the generous built-in cupboard accommodation. 44 01 14

1944 01 14 ES
HMS Walpole look forward to Ely Standard p1
Soham Home Guard officer gets MBE p1
Wilburton nurse, Audrey Norfolk, nursed Churchill p1

1944 01 19
Royston Hospital closes as is unable to obtain domestic staff – 44 01 19

1944 01 21 CIPof
Awarded Military Medal. Trooper E. D. Smith has been awarded the Military Medal. He is the only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Jesse Smith, of 20 Queen's Meadow, Cherry Hinton. Before being called up he was employed by Messrs Hallock and Bond at their warehouse in Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge.

Poultry Yard Raid.—Remarking that condign punishment must be meted out to people who go about the country with lorries raiding poultry yards, the chairman of the Cambridgeshire Quarter Sessions

(Mr. Grafton Pryor) on Friday passed sentence of 18 months' imprisonment on two London men found guilty of stealing 103 fowls at Melbourn on the night of November 25. The chairman commended the promptness with which the owner of the fowls telephoned the police on hearing a disturbance among the birds, and the police of Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire for the speed with which they effected the arrest of the two men concerned. 44 01 21

Death of former Churchwarden. —The death occurred on Friday, after a brief illness at the age of 81 years, of Mr. Joseph Butler Porter Clarke, of Manor Farm, Caldecote, where he farmed successfully for many years. Well-known and respected in the district, Mr. Clarke had in past years been overseer of the parish, and for about 50 years had faithfully discharged his duties as a churchwarden at Caldecote.

1944 01 21 ES
Lt Thetford man recaptured after escape PoW camp p1
Ely Air Training corps - names p1

1944 01 23
B24. Crashed for unknown reasons, six killed, Shingay. E-H

1944 01 24
B17. Caught fire in the air, crashed at Ickleton. Four killed, six baled out. E-H

1944 01 25
Ely Urban and Rural councils presented with plaques from Air Ministry for War Weapons Week – 44 01 25

1944 01 28
H.M.S. Loyal photo sent by W.D. Howard of Sleaford St who sails on her – 44 01 28

1944 01 28 CIPof
New Chief Constable.—Mr. B. N. Bebbington, 33-year-old sub-divisional inspector of the Metropolitan Police, is to be the new Chief Constable of Cambridge. It is expected that he will commence his new duties in succession to Mr. R. J. Pearson in a little over a month's time. The news was made public at yesterday's meeting of .the Borough Council by the Mayor (Aid. W. L. Briggs), who said that 45 applications for the post had been received, and seven candidates selected for interview. Mr. Bebbington joined the Metropolitan Police in 1932, and after serving three years as a constable, was sent to the Metropolitan Police College at Hendon. He had served in different divisions, and had been appointed a sub-divisional Inspector at Tower Bridge. "I hope and believe we have a worthy successor to Mr. R. J. Pearson," concluded the Mayor. # c.34.7

Village Timekeeper. — At the time of going to press, we are informed that the list of subscribers for the upkeep of the church tower at Melbourn has been placed in the window of the post office for all to see. Some villagers complained about the clock being deliberately stopped in order to call attention to the need of money, but the plan appears to have been effective, as the subscription list is larger than some expected it to be. There is, however, ample space for many more names, and more money is required. It is to be hoped however that a more satisfactory and agreeable method of obtaining the annual amount called for will be formulated and adopted. 44 01 28

1944 01 29
CDN publisher, C. Maile celebrates 50 years – memories – front office was at extreme end of arcade facing the street; on one side entrance to Theatre Royal and on other entrance to kindergarten school when New Theatre wanted old office as refreshment buffet for stalls the front was moved to present editorial offices. Later moved right up to St Andrew's Street in place of Alphonso Smith's boot shop and Scott & Wilkinson's photographic establishment. Helped publish Victoria Diamond supplement. Appointed published in 1913 and has remained. Remembers when 'Weekly' printed four pages a time

on the old Wharfedale press when copies had to be 'knocked up' and counted out in dozens. During General Strike of 1926 CDN produced a single morning sheet which circulated widely. Delivery of weekly paper provided problem in absence of trains and buses and with only one horse and cart for town delivery. Managed with help of Bim Hodder and his sports car, the Herts and Beds Bacon Company and a hired lorry – 44 01 29 # c.04

1944 01 31
Accident saw mill at Watts' Wood Yard, Newmarket Road – details - 44 01 31

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1944 02 02
Bernard N. Bebbington new Cambridge Chief Constable – photo – 44 02 02 # c.34.7

1944 02 06
Mosquito. Engine failure, two killed, near Drayton. E-H

1944 02 07 ES
North Sea patrol with HMS Walpole p1
Duke of Gloucester inspects airfields
Firebombs in Fieldside - exercise
NFS water tanks are being filled with rubbish - includes Market Place, Ely & Cambridge where US uniform found in one p1
Woman fined for fraternising with Italian PoWs

1944 02 10
P38. Crashed at Friday Bridge. Pilot killed. E-H

1944 02 10
P38. Tried to land on the A505 at Duxford, hit a lorry. Pilot injured. E-H

1944 02 18 CIPof
Former well digger. By the passing of Mr. F. Webb at the age of 91, the village (Guilden Morden) has lost its oldest inhabitant. In earlier years he achieved fame as a well digger and borer for water, and gained an extensive knowledge of local water supplies over a wide area. He had four sons, three of whom are still living, one being, in Australia, and two daughters.

Keeper of Wicken Fen. Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Barnes, of Wicken, were present in the Balfour Library of the University Department of Zoology recently to receive from members of the National Trust Local Committee a presentation marking the completion of 30 years' service by Mr. Barnes as Keeper of Wicken Fen. The gift consisted of a handsome black mahogany arched brass dial bracket clock, together with a cheque for £15. The clock bears a silver plate engraved with the inscription: "Presented by Members of the National Trust Local Committee to Mr. G. W. Barnes in recognition of 30 years' service as Keeper of Wicken Fen, 1913-43." The Master of Christ's (chairman of the local committee) made the presentation.

Golden Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, of Knapwell, celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday. A family party was held at their home on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson received several presents, also telegrams of congratulation. 44 02 17

1944 02 19
New Museums Club renamed Association of Cambridge University Assistants – 44 02 19 # c.36.9

1944 02 21
Lancaster. Pilot reported colliding with another a/c over Stuttgart, seven killed, near Bourn. E-H

1944 02 22
Dornier. Hit by AA fire over London, Milton Road, Cambridge. E-H

1944 02 24
Believed damaged by anti-aircraft fire over the London area, a German raider, thought to be a Dornier 217, crashed on some allotments in the country late last night. The crew bailed out and the later captured between London and Cambridge, and the plane narrowly missed roofs of houses as it crashed on the soft ground of the allotments. As it was only a concrete post at the foot of a private garden prevented to plane from continuing another 100-ft into a row of houses. An air raid warden said, "I was on patrol with another ward and when I heard a plane rattling. It seemed to be getting lower and lower and then I heard a sort of mild crash. I knew it was very close to the houses so we went through a hedge and on the allotments saw the outline of the machine. Incendiary bombs which lay all around the plane made investigation difficult but it was established pretty soon that there were none of the crew left on board. Police and members of the Civil Defence Service helped form a cordon round the machine until it have been examined by R.A.F. experts when an armed guard was posted. In view of the possibility of time bombs having been left on the plane wardens warned occupies of all houses in the district to open windows and were out again at first light to search for any bombs or other objects which might have been flung from the machine. 44 02 24, photos 44 02 25 # c.45.7 # c.26.1

1944 02 24 CIPof
Cambridge newspaper of 200 Years Ago. This year (writes Morley Stuart, Editor of the Cambridge Independent Press and Chronicle) marks the 200th anniversary of the first publication of a weekly newspaper in Cambridge. Its title was the "Cambridge Journal and Flying Post," and it was linked by the process of amalgamation and absorption with the present "Independent Press and Chronicle." Such an occasion, I think, even in these days of restricted space, calls for some commemoration. Unfortunately, the earliest copies are not now in existence, or it would be possible for us to add yet another heading to the regular feature which interests so many readers - "From Our Files." Many papers had been published at various times in Cambridge in the interest of one or other of the political parties. Some of them had a brief and inglorious existence; others continued for many years until taken over by more successful publications.

Old Clay Pipes. Among the many small and portable relics now being searched for and collected by visitors to Cambridgeshire are old hand-made clay tobacco pipes (writes Watchman). Really old clay pipes in perfect condition are now somewhat rare, but good specimens, most of them damaged, are occasionally dug or ploughed up in the Fenlands around Ely. These home-made clays of primitive design went out of fashion half a century or more ago, when machine-made ones were introduced. An octogenarian Cambridgeshire Fenlander says that when he was a lad short clay pipes were called "doots"; they were retailed in village shops for one penny, but later one halfpenny was the price of a new pipe. The usual price of a long churchwarden clay was threepence.

1944 02 26
W. King started as bicycle maker and agent in 1896. built motor bicycles and motor tricycles and won Gold Medal for Best Motor Bicycle at Motor Exhibition in Crystal Palace, 1902' reliability medals. Saw 4 h-p Peugeot car with man walking in front with flag, driver C.S. Rolls. First motor experience was to Ely and back on a De Dion tricycle with coachbuilt trailer attached which, with French mechanic, Rolls brought from France – 44 02 26

1944 02 29
This year marks the 200th anniversary of the first publication of a weekly newspaper in Cambridge, the 'Cambridge Journal and Flying Post'. Many papers have been published at various time in the interest of one or other of the political parties. When I first set foot in Cambridge in March 1909 to take up a post on the Cambridge Independent Press, [wrote Morley Stuart) I went into a newsagent's shop and asked for a copy of each of the local papers. There were then four 'weeklies' running in

addition to the 'Cambridge Daily News'. One was making its last appearance. The 'Cambridge Express' was being taken over by the 'Cambridgeshire Weekly News' published in conjunction with the C.D.N. It became known as the 'Weekly News and Express'. A few years later, during the last war, the 'Independent Press' which was then more than 100 years old, was amalgamated with its younger rival and the name adopted was the 'Independent Press and News'. Then, a few years before the present war, the 'Cambridge Chronicle', the oldest surviving local weekly, was taken over and the title altered to the 'Independent Press and Chronicle'. There have been other Cambridge papers before and since. [The C.D.N. carried a two-page article charting the development of the press – at a time when paper was severely rationed due to the War] – 44 02 29-29e

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1944 03 03 CIPof
Village College in London Show. "Revealing Britain," an exhibition of British Council photographs, now on view at the Kodak Galleries, 84 Regent Street, London, W.I, shows for the first time a selection of the photographs which the British Council is sending abroad with its Press articles, etc; (says Watchman). One feature of interest to us in Cambridgeshire is a series recently taken of Impington Village College, showing the activities both during the daytime and during the evenings, when it is used for adult education and as a social centre. Copies of two of these pictures reached me yesterday. One is a spectacular "shot" of an open-air physical training class and the other an informal glimpse of a meeting of the College Horticultural Society.

12s rate.—Cambridgeshire County Council on Saturday adopted without debate the total rate of 12s in the £ proposed by the Finance Committee. It is made up as follows. General County Purposes 3s 6d, High Education 1s, Special County Purposes 3s, Elementary Education 4s 6d. The Chairman of the Finance Committee said: "To judge from the figures in the budget, one might take a rosy view of the finances of the County Council."

Oldest Inhabitant. — The death occurred on January 27 of Mrs. Sarah Ann Farnham, the oldest inhabitant of Meldreth. Mrs. Farnham was the widow of Mr. Thomas Farnham, who died 20 years ago. She was within a week of her ninety-second birthday. Only two members of the family of five are left.

Ranji's Church Clock. As much is now being written and said about parish or church clocks attention might be drawn to a paragraph which appears in Arthur Mee's book on Yorkshire North Riding published in 1941. Writing (on page .77) of the village of East Gilling, the author says: "It has a spacious green where an Indian rajah loved to play cricket and a church with a 16th century tower" The rajah was the famous Prince Ranjitsinhji, one of the best batsmen of our time. He lived at the rectory with the tutor he had met at Cambridge. It was Ranji who gave the church tower its clock.

Performance of "Aladdin"—an excellent performance of "Aladdin" was given in Impington Village College on Thursday week by a cast of sixty performers, and was enjoyed by a large audience.

1944 03 03 ES
HMS Walpole patrol - photo
Oxford win boat race at Ely - photo p1, report p4

1944 03 04
First Cambridge newspaper Journal and Flying Post- 44 03 04

1944 03 04
B17. Crash landed at Bunbury Farm, Swaffham Prior, five safe. E-H

1944 03 05

B47. Crashed at Babraham. Pilot killed. E-H

1944 03 05
C47. Crashed at Elmdon, three killed. E-H

1944 03 06
Town Clerk's daughter killed in plane crash when testing Tiger Moth after repair – 44 03 06 # c.26.1
Red Cross shop takes record £20,000 – 44 03 06a

1944 03 08
P51. Cause unknown, pilot killed, possibly suffering from anoxia, Wendy. E-H

1944 03 10 CIP of
Daring Shop Robbery. A daring robbery, carried out in broad daylight, resulted in rings valued at £1,079 being removed from the display window of Messrs. Walter Stockbridge and Son, the well-known antique dealers, of Sidney Street, Cambridge. "The rings, which were of gold, set with diamonds, were in place in the window at 11.30 on Saturday morning," Mr. Stockbridge said "They were missed at 12.10, when we next had occasion to visit the window. It is not known whether the thief, had an accomplice who distracted the attention of the assistant while the robbery was carried out.

62 Years Wed. Mr. and Mrs. Eli Johnson, of Bell Road, Bottisham, have recently celebrated the 62nd anniversary of their wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson: (nee Benstead) .were married at Bottisham Church on February 2, 1882, by the then vicar (Rev. J. D. Williams). Many congratulations have been received by the old couple including a telegram from the King. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have lived in Bottisham all their lives. Mrs. Johnson was a regular attendant at church, a regular communicant, a member of the Mothers' Union, a member of the Parochial Church Council and other organisations, as long , as she was able to get out. Mr. Johnson, who is 80, works in his garden and walks about the village.

1944 03 10 ES
Monty visits cathedral p1
Home Guard supper, Littleport
Coveney wife, Dorothy Duffield sends radio message husband in Gibraltar p4

1944 03 16
P51. Crash landed two miles east of Steeple Morden. Pilot safe. E-H

1944 03 17 CIPof
Death of Mr. H. G. Spicer. Many in Cambridgeshire and beyond will learn with regret of the death on Saturday last of Mr. Henry George Spicer, J.P., of 20 Old Queen Street, Westminster, and of Homewood, Sawston. He was 68. A former High Sheriff, Mr. Spicer was well-known in Cambridge as a magistrate, and on the retirement of Judge Farrant, became chairman of the Cambridge Division. He was known in Sawston as chairman of Edward Towgood and Sons, Ltd., the old-established paper mills, which he bought for his company in 1918, and which he re-organised and modernised extensively. He also bought the Towgood estate and other land in Sawston and Whittlesford, in order to develop a flourishing group of factories for companies of which he was chairman. For his employees and others in neighbouring villages, Mr. Spicer was particularly thoughtful, and for these he laid out a sports ground, erected a theatre and cinema and a reading room and library. He also supported many other local improvements and charities. He was a generous benefactor to Sawston Village College, which, when it was built, was the first of its kind in the country.

Judge's Hint to Overcharged. At Cambridge County Court on Wednesday, His Honour Judge Lawson Campbell said: "I hear many complaints of overcharging in Cambridge. It may be so or it may not be, but insofar as overcharging for furnished accommodation is concerned, there is a remedy in this court

for anyone who thinks he or she is aggrieved. If they don't take that remedy, which is speedy and not very expensive, that is their own fault."

1944 03 18
Trinity College steps-jumping records – 44 03 18, 18a, 44 03 25a

1944 03 24
HMS Loyal ship's company photo – 44 03 24
Wanderers cycling club photo, 1894 – 44 03 24a # RA.Wan.J94

1944 03 24 CIPof
Death of Tom Phillips. The funeral took place at Trumpington on Friday of Mr. Thomas Martin Phillips, of 1, Hauxton Road, who died on the previous Monday at the age of 70. Mr. Phillips, who had been in failing health for some time, was well-known in sporting circles, particularly football, having been connected with the Cambs. Football Association since 1902 first as a member of the Council, then as acting Vice-President, Assistant Secretary and Hon. League Secretary. He was also actively associated with the Cambs. Referees Association. In his younger days he was a stalwart supporter of the old Albert Institute, and excelled at boxing, cricket, football, gymnastics, rowing and swimming. At cricket he was a first string bowler, a decent bat and a good fielder and captain. Jack Hobbs played for the Ainsworth C.C. under his captaincy. Tom also captained the Albert Institute football team and later was a member of the Cambridge St. Mary's team when they won the Senior Cup for the first time in 1898-9. He played a leading part in the formation of the Cambridge Railway Sports Club, of which he was the first secretary, a post he held for several years. Until his retirement a few years ago, he was employed in the Civil Engineers Department of the L.N.E.R.

Golden Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Good, of Windy Ridge, Harlton, are celebrating their golden wedding today. Mrs. Good is a native of Orwell, and lived for many years in London until Mr. Good's health failed. They then returned to Windy Ridge. They have one daughter, Mrs. Pryse Lloyd, of Streatham and they suffered the loss of their only son some years ago. 44 03 24

1944 03 24 ES
Witcham - Sgt Saberton kia p1
Coastal areas prohibited p4

1944 03 25
'We Also Served' Home Guard history published – 44 03 25

1944 03 27
Harston villagers' presentation Dr W.J. Young celebrating 44 years medical practice – 44 03 27

1944 03 31 CIPof
Presentation to doctor. An informal little ceremony, probably unique in the history of Cambridgeshire, took place at Harston on .Sunday afternoon, when representatives from 22 villages gathered to make a presentation to Dr. W. J. Young, in celebration of his 75th birthday and 44 years of medical practice in the district. The ceremony took place at his house, where brief, but moving, tributes to Dr. and Mrs. Young were paid by some of the guests, and on behalf of nearly 1,000 Cambridgeshire residents from the villages, Dr. Young was presented with several gifts and an inscribed address. Afterwards tea was served, complete with an iced birthday cake with 75 candles.

Golden Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. A. Wayman, of the George and Dragon, Elsworth, celebrated their golden wedding on Sunday. A reception was held at .which about 40 guests were entertained. A number of gifts, telegrams, letters and cards of congratulation were received.

1944 03 31 ES
Women's Land Army dinner - photo p1 & p5

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1944 04 03
YWCA Hostel in Lensfield Road opened – two roomy houses standing side by side; the old hostel in Rose Crescent outgrown; many hundreds had stayed in earlier years of the war. Can now accommodate 65 service women; 1,400, including Land Army have stayed. 44 04 03 # c.45.7 # c.27.45

1944 04 07 CIPof
Front Line Woman. A London artillery man recently wrote to his parents: "A Y.M.C.A. canteen is due at our gun position today, and believe it or not, a woman is in charge — one of the very few seen in the front line." the worker is the Hon. Dudley S. North, only daughter of the Dowager Lady North, of Newmarket, who went to the Middle East in April last year. "She writes: “I am enjoying myself. The boys who had been firing the guns were very grateful for the hot tea, while those who were going back to the guns asked me to keep some hot for them."

Recovering stolen property. At Cambridgeshire Quarter Sessions, on Friday, the chairman (Mr. Graf ton Pryor) had something to say on the proportion of stolen property recovered during the past year. He pointed out that according to the Chief Constable's report that value of property stolen during the year was about £9,081, of which property worth only £989 was recovered. "At first it struck me as a rather horrifying state of affairs that something over £8,000 worth was not recovered,'" he added, "but going into the matter, I find that it is not as bad as it looks, because one lady alone lost jewellery worth about £5,000. That, of course, goes a long way towards the total of property not recovered."

1944 04 07 ES
Girl Guides helping war effort

1944 04 08
Good Friday skipping survives, though not to same extent as pre-war; a small van arrived with some gaily-coloured windmills, paper hats and balls – 44 04 08 # c.39

1944 04 09
Mosquito. Hit obstruction, two killed, near Wisbech. E-H

1944 04 12
Stirling. Hit trees whilst night flying, Wratting Common. E-H

1944 04 14 CIPof
Witchcraft. The recent witchcraft, trial in London (writes Watchman was of particular interest to many of the oldest inhabitants of Fenland villages, where stories of witches and their nefarious doings may often be heard. Indeed, a writer in one of the London magazines about five years ago went as far as to say: "The Eastern Counties in general, and the Fenlands of Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire in particular, are still the hotbeds of superstition and witchery, and to some of the old folk in the most out-of-the-way villages, the witch's cauldron is as real today as it was to Macbeth." It was in the days of the Commonwealth that full rage against witches broke out (writes a Fenland correspondent), in Suffolk alone in one year 60 persons were hanged for witchcraft. After the revolution of 1688 the belief in witchcraft; began slowly to decline, but as; late as 1716 at Huntingdon, a Mrs. Hicks and her nine - year - old daughter were executed for "being in league with the Devil and raising a terrible storm of wind by taking off her stocking and shoes." Mother and daughter are believed to have been the last in England executed for practising witchcraft, the penalty being abolished in 1736

1944 04 14 ES
St John Ambulance competition - photo p1
Death Edward Shelton, of Shelton & Tibbitts, printers p4

1944 04 15
Stone gateway at Holy Trinity churchyard erected by Richard Reynolds in 1770; he occupied a house and hand a right of way over the churchyard from Crane Lane. It was made from materials removed from the ruins of an ancient chapel at Reach, a small portion of which remains – 44 04 15 # c.61

1944 04 18
Lancaster. Shot down by Me 410 nightfighter, seven killed, Common Farm near Witchford. E-H

1944 04 18
Lancaster. Shot down by Me 410 nightfighter, seven killed, near Ely. E-H

1944 04 21 CIPof
A Fenland "Twist". — A Cambridge reader (writes Watchman) having read last week's twists of speech tells me that they reminded him of something: he heard when sitting 'in an inn in the Fen country many years ago. He writes - Heavy rain was falling, and it was a very dark night. The landlord had opened the door and looked out several times. One of the customers asked him what he what he was looking for, and this was his reply: "It's raining dark and pitches pouring, and if that 'ere girl ain't home 'arf an hour afore soon she shan't go out agin no more yet lately. She served me so twice once afore" Apparently his daughter was out and expected to return.

Holidays with pay. A meeting of the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Agricultural Wages Committee, held at the Lion Hotel on Wednesday, agreed to a proposal of the Agricultural Wages Board that agricultural workers should have not less than six days' holiday a year with pay. 44 04 21

"There for the asking". — At the Cambs Divisional Court on Saturday, two airmen admitted having stolen two fowls, saying they were loose on the road at Waterbeach) and "just there for the asking". They were fined' £2 each, with costs of 7s. between them.

1944 04 21 ES
Stretham farm fire, ancient barn destroyed - NFS prevented widespread damage; Bertram Parish's farmyard old barn on fire; thatched roof caught alight, modern cowsheds seemed in danger, animals removed. Infants' school, playground of which adjoined the barn was in the danger zone & black-out curtains on one window already burning with PT apparatus smouldering. Children not able to attend Monday owing additional spring cleaning p1

Stretham: death of Mrs S.S. Stitt : much-loved personality; lady of gracious charm with sympathetic understanding for those in need of comfort... her visits to homes in village will be greatly missed. Daughter of Lieut-Gen James Marquis. Stitts came to Stretham in 1906 … true help mater rector; he conducted service p5

1944 04 24
Cambridge men in Italy – photo – 44 04 24

1944 04 28
Cody's circus five day visit – 44 04 28 # c.76.2
Cambridge Passive Resisters 1902 – photograph, 44 04 26, names and details – 44 04 28a

1944 04 28 CIPof
A Medicine Woman's Garden. A correspondent (writes Watchman) sends me the following note, written by an old lady now over 80 years of age. "I have read about 'medicine' or 'wise women' in villages. When a little girl I lived in a Cambridgeshire village and next door to an old woman said to be a witch and a fortune-teller, also a maker of ointment and pills. She was very ugly and much wrinkled, but I will not name her or the village, because some of her family are still living. I used to run errands for her, and go with her for walks, as she was very old. She had a garden full of wild

flowers, most of which she is said to have used in her ointments, etc. I was always fond of plants and flowers, and knew her garden well. Some of the things she had, if I remember rightly were foxgloves, fennel, featherfew, coltsfoot, dandelion, sowthistle, periwinkle, woodsage, rosemary, mouse-ear, marigolds, and, of course, rhubarb and common nettles. In our walks in the fields she would take a bag and collect, when in season, cowslips, male fern, red clover, bark from oak and alder trees, also the leaves of the white violet and horse chestnut. A doctor came in a gig only when sent for and when children had a rash, pimples, bumps and minor aches and pains, they were taken to. the old medicine woman for treatment and parents appeared to" be perfectly satisfied." # c.39

Memorial Service. — At the memorial service held at Sawston last week for the late/late Mr. H. G Spicer, over 250 people were present, chiefly employees from the mills and factories in Sawston, from companies of which Mr. Spicer was chairman, and local residents.

1944 04 30
Lancaster. Dinghy inflated and became wrapped around tail unit, seven killed, near Wilburton. E-H

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1944 05 05
Telephone supervisor, Grace Curzon retires after 45 years; was one of two telephone operators in Trunk Exchange of Old Post Office. The local telephone exchange was on Market Hill under control of the National Telephone Company. In 1913 the Post Office took control and a combined trunk and local exchange was installed in old Telephone Exchange premises in Alexandra Street. When automatic telephone working was introduced in 1925 it moved to new head Post Office in St Andrew's Street – 44 05 05a # c.27.7

1944 05 05 CIPof
Scout Inspection. — There was a fine muster of 500 for the annual St. George's Day service of the Cambridge Boy Scouts Association, held, at Cambridge on Sunday. The parade was made up of Scouters, Scouts, Rovers and Wolf Cubs and included troops from the district and also Cambridge University Rovers. District Scoutmaster R. P Ellwood was in charge of the parade, which formed up on Parker's Piece, and to music provided by the 5th Cambs Home Guard Band, marched to Holy Trinity Church. Here the Bishop of Ely (Dr. Edward Wynn) gave the address, and, following the service, inspected the Scouts on Parker's Piece. # c.37.9

Street Singer. Mr. Fred Gibson, of Little Downham, who sang in the streets of the village (Cottenham) on Sunday raised the splendid sum of £44 3s. for the Red Cross. The money was handed to Lady Brackenbury at the end of the day and was later forwarded to the Cambridge Red Cross headquarters.

Ill-treated cat. — Three Fen Ditton youths who threw sticks and stones at a cat and then set their dogs, on it, were fined £2 each at Bottisham Court on Wednesday. 44 05 05

1944 05 05 ES
Ely Jam factory 4,000 lbs theft case starts p1

1944 05 06
Romsey Labour Club celebrate being free from debt – 44 05 06 # c.33

1944 05 08
Record crowd salutes the soldier – troops march past Fitzwilliam Museum – 44 05 08a, war-time monsters on King's Parade 44 05 08 # c.45.7
Old Glory was at Salute the Soldier parade – 44 05 08b # c.45.7
Salute the Soldier advertisement shows swastika on punt- 44 05 08 # Q.BPK44

1944 05 11
Mosquito. Caught fire in the air, two killed, near Waterbeach. E-H

1944 05 12 CIPof
"Saluting the Soldier". Will Cambridge make it a million? This is the question, the answer to which is eagerly—but confidently - awaited as the town's great "Salute the Soldier" Campaign draws to its close. Up to Wednesday night the total subscribed was £866,870, and while this is a particularly fine effort, a final spurt particularly by the small investors, is needed if the goal is to be reached and practical tribute paid to the grand fighting men of the modern British Army. A fine example has been set by the Cambridge schools, whose target was £5,000, and who, having already reached £5,181, have now been raised it to £10,000. The Week was effectively launched on Saturday afternoon, when Field Marshal Lord Ironside, whose birthday, incidentally, it was, opened an attractive and interesting exhibition of war equipment in the Corn Exchange, Cambridge. # c.45.7

Elected Chairman.—Ald. Dr. Robert Ellis, vice-chairman for three years, was on Saturday, elected chairman of the Cambridgeshire County Council in succession to Ald. W. J. Taylor. History was made by the election of Ald. Mrs. Mellish Clark as vice-chairman—the first woman to hold that office.

1944 05 12 ES
Salute the soldier activity p5

1944 05 13
Arthur Quiller-Couch dies in Cornwell – 44 05 13

1944 05 15
Stirling. Unknown, two killed, Banstead Manor, Cheveley. E-H

1944 05 19
Australian and New Zealand prime ministers receive Honorary Degrees 44 05 19, 20a # c.36.9

1944 05 19 CIPof
Pub Harvest Festivals.—The death occurred in his sleep on May 9 of Mr. Alfred William Essam, landlord of the Six Bells Inn Guilden Morden. Mr. Essam, who was 69 years of age, was a native of Newnham Paddocks, Worcestershire, and came to the village four years ago. One feature of his tenancy of the Six Bells was his annual harvest festival sale, the proceeds of which were given to Red Cross funds

Farm Sunday.—Good congregations attended the three services held in the parish church (Great Chishill) on Farm Sunday. Appropriate hymns were rendered by the choir. The Rector of Heydon (the Rev. Adams-Clarke) gave topical addresses.

Salute the Soldier.—The village target for Salute the Soldier Week (at Great Wilbraham) is £1,000 The week's programme includes a baby show, a children's spring festival, whist: drives and dances, Girl Guides' social, children's parade, film show, and a performance by Mrs, Ferryman s Ballet Girls.

1944 05 19 ES
Salute the Soldier schemes - photos
American baseball match, Ely

1944 05 22
Undergraduate officer in Home Guard experimented in his room with drilling hand grenades and left a bomb filled with gun powder on his mantelpiece – inquiry into explosion at Home Guard post – 44 05 22 # c.45.7

1944 05 25
Madingley cemetery dedication, famous service chiefs present – 44 05 25a, 44 05 30a, 44 05 31a # c.21.2 # c.45.7

1944 05 26 CIPof
Boxing.—Members of the R.A.F. supported Salute the Soldier Week (at Waterbeach) by organising a boxing tournament in the grounds of Rookery Nook on Tuesday evening. In addition to R.A.F. representatives, boxers from the U.S. and some local lads figured in the programme, and some grand contests were seen.

Old Guides meet Chief Guide– Many old Girl, Guides on Sunday morning had the pleasure of meeting Lady Baden-Powell (Chief Guide), who had been staying with Lady Brackenbury at Mitchell House (Cottenham). Members of the Cottenham Company, who were unable to see the Chief Guide at a rally at Cambridge, formed a guard of honour on the lawn as Lady Baden-Powell left Mitchell House for Ely.

Lady Eltisley Re-married. The marriage of Lord Huntingfield and Lady Eltisley of Croxton took place quietly on Wednesday in St Faith's Chapel, Westminster Abbey. The Dean of Westminster officiated. Lady Eltisley, left a widow on the death of her first husband, Lord Eltisley, who was the first baron and formerly Sir Douglas Newton. Lord Huntingfield, who is 61, is the fifth holder of a barony created in 1796. He was born in Australia and appointments he has held include the Governorship of Victoria 1934-9 and that of acting Governor-General of Australia. In 1941 he was appointed Governor of Southern Rhodesia. For six years, from 1923, he represented the Eye Division of Suffolk in Parliament and during 1927 he was Parliamentary Private Secretary to the President of the Board Trade. 44 05 26

1944 05 26 ES
Salute the soldier totals - village figures p1
Ely jam case convictions p1
Lady Baden Powell at Ely - photo
Houses hit by canon fire - EA town p6
New American cemetery - commemoration ceremony next week p6

1944 05 31
First Eastern General Hospital concert by Co-op Society to wounded – photo – 44 05 31 # G.Eas.K17

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1944 06 02
Ammunition trains blows up, station and town damaged, scores made homeless – 44 06 02; Three railwaymen save Soham – 44 06 03a # c.45.7 # c.26.2

1944 06 02 CIPof
U.S. Military cemetery dedicated. Memorial Day — the day when Americans pay special honour to their dead— was marked in Cambridgeshire on Tuesday, with a service at the U.S. Military Cemetery (at Madingley). High ranking officers of the American and British Armies, as well as the R.A.F. were present together with leading civic representatives of the Eastern Region and the Town, University and County of Cambridge. A detachment of the British Legion, with their colours, members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade and the British Red Cross Society, and members of the W.V.S., who have undertaken to provide flowers for the chapel, were also among the large gathering. Centrepiece of the service was a small grass mound, rising from which flew the Stars and Stripes. The Bishop of Ely (Edward Wynn) walked to the mound from the little chapel, followed by the senior officers carrying wreaths. The ceremony opened with an invocation, followed by a scripture reading and a prayer for the fallen. An Order of the Day was read from the Allied commander-in-chief (Gen Eisenhower).

During the service either by accident or design three Fortresses flew low over the company. Official and private wreaths were laid and the proceedings came to a close with the National Anthems of America and Britain, the Benediction by the Bishop of Ely and finally "Taps" by two buglers. # c.45.7 # c.21.2

1944 06 02 ES
Littleport man repatriated from German PoW camp p1
Italian PoW swallowed pig-ring, dies p5

1944 06 09
Prefabricated houses wold make ideal permanent homes for old people in villages – 44 06 08

1944 06 09 CIPof
C.B.E. for Alderman. Two Cambridge men figure in the first part of the King's Birthday Honours List. Both receive the C.B.E. They are Prof. J. D. Cockcroft, Ph.D, Chief Superintendent, Air Defence and Research Establishment, Ministry of Supply, and Alderman W. C. Jackson, Chairman of the Cambridgeshire War Agricultural Committee. Alderman Jackson, of Fowlmere, receives his award for service to agriculture, besides being Chairman of the Cambridgeshire War Agricultural Committee since its inception, he is Chairman of the Great Ouse Catchment Board and has for several years served as Chairman of the Cambridgeshire County Council. His practical knowledge and experience as a farmer have given added weight to his work for all three bodies. 44 06 09

1944 06 09 ES
Three rail heroes save Cambridgeshire town - Soham explosion, photos p1 & p5
Invasion armies land In France p4
At cinema: Tunisian victory, Public room, Ely; "Something to shout about" Regal Littleport

1944 06 12
Air raid shelters damaged and used for improper purposes; should not be used except during raids – 44 06 12 # c.45.7

1944 06 15
Some of the men engaged in the first assault wave of the Allied invasion of the continent are recovering from their wounds in the Leys Annexe, Cambridge and have told how the landings were made. Everything, according to one of them, went off as smoothly as an exercise, but immediately the landing craft ramps were lowered they were subjected to a withering crossfire from machine guns and a heavy and effective mortar barrage. The beach obstacles encountered were easier than anticipated and the Navy and Air Force bombarded the enemy shore positions.
All of the men spoke with high praise for the efficiency and unceasing work of the Naval and Army Medical Services.
Private S. Beaumont of Stowmarket, in the first wave of assault troops said in his section, the troops walked through the beach obstacles at low tide. "I was in the water with about 10 yards to go when I was hit by shrapnel", he said. "It was marvellous to see the battleships and cruisers, right in close, bombarding the enemy shore positions with the Air Force also pounding them from overhead.
Private Walker from Hull was hit while wading to the shore. "The invasion was all over for me within the first three minutes", he said. "Immediately, the Landing Craft ramp was let down there was a heavy crossfire from machine guns and mortars. Everything previous to this had gone off as smoothly as an exercise".
Lieutenant Peter Cruden, a former undergraduate of Pembroke College, Cambridge, landed with a company of Commandos soon after the initial landings. Things on the beaches were pretty well organized when we were there, he said, "and we stuck straight inland with the task of joining up with the airborne troops. We walked in practically unopposed apart from snipers, for about one mile before meeting opposition in a village. We had penetrated 2½- 3 miles inland before I was hit by a sniper. Up to then casualties with my company had been light".

Captain Thomas Dale of Guilford, who set up an anti-aircraft gun position on the beaches and was there for about an hour before being wounded, said "Enemy fire was from mortars and guns. But infantry went in and turned them out. After that, it was mainly sniping, and the scene on the beaches was one of desolation with burning vehicles".
Captain William Carruthers from London said, "I went in with the assault Royal Engineers and was in a tank. We cleared the beach obstacles and went about 200 yards inland. I was jumping out of the tank when hit by a hand grenade. Earlier four Germans had come running up to us with their hands up".
Lieutenant Eric Ashton, from Lytham St Annes, who went in with the second assault wave said, "We were running up the beach as the mortar bombs were coming down. The enemy mortar fire was heavy and effective.
Private J. Worlock of Bristol said he only saw four enemy planes over the beaches and they were unable to drop their bombs as they were immediately given battle by our fighters.
Private Derek James of Coventry who was wounded as soon as he said foot on the beaches said he was immediately attended to by the Royal Army medical core and taken to cover in a trench.
Gunner Flanagan of Luton was on the beaches for about four hours before being wounded and said that while enemy fire in his section was not heavy, the snipers were dangerous. During the landings the most effective enemy fire was from mortars.
His tribute to the Royal Navy for the treatment and care given by them after being wounded is typical of many expressions heard: "I have never seen such treatment given to human beings as they gave us to us" , he said, and added that surgeons, doctors and medical orders worked continuously.
Also in the hospital are two wounded German prisoners. 44 06 15

Invasion stories by wounded at Leys Hospital annexe – 44 06 15 # c.45.7

1944 06 16
Nazis use pilotless aircraft in raids on Britain – 44 06 16; robot plane crashes on Hospital (not local) – 44 06 17# c.45.7

1944 06 16 CIPof
Sports Ground Project. The scheme to open a sports ground at the Cambridge Town Football Club's ground evoked considerable debate and criticism at yesterday's meeting of the Cambridge Town Council. The matter rose on the report of the Entertainments Committee, and the Chairman (Coun. A C. Taylor) made a statement explaining what the committee proposed should be done. After the debate the council agreed to a resolution that the Entertainments Committee be asked to continue their efforts relating to a sports ground, with wide facilities, for Cambridge. By a large majority the committee were given power to continue negotiations with the Football Club "on a peaceful basis" # c.38 : football.

Schoolboys With Cordite.—Two schoolboys, who set light to some cordite in an air raid shelter and so caused burns to some other children, one of whom had to be taken to hospital, appeared at juvenile court at Linton on Wednesday. They admitted stealing the cordite, the property of the War Department, valued at 1s. The boys, aged 12 and 13 respectively, were each given a good character, and after they had promised not to do anything the kind again, were placed on probation for two years

1944 06 16 ES
Explosion town recovering p1
Ely laundry's war work - photo
German PoW camp group - includes Lt Thetford - photo

1944 06 21
Prof Frank Dobie granted Honorary degree – 44 06 21

1944 06 23 CIPof

Wild Flower Show. For the second year in succession, Miss M. Purkis, with the support of the teaching staff of the Junior School (Linton) and friends of the late Dr. W. M. Palmer, has made efforts to resuscitate the annual wild flower show. This year there were over 120 entries, including a few from the Village College. Some really fine collections were on view. In presenting the prizes at the show, Mr. E. W Bullman warmly commended Miss Purkis and her helpers and spoke of the generosity and very keen interest of the late Dr Palmer when the show was held at his residence, Richmonds, for so many years.

Link with Ely Cathedral. An interesting link with Ely Cathedral comes to notice as the .result of the award by the King in his Birthday Honours List of the silver leaf medal of the Victorian Order to Mr. W. Bell Kempton (says Watchman), He received the award on the completion of nearly 59 years as lay clerk at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, the medal entitling him to the designation M.V.O. He is 81 and his family have been connected with Ely Cathedral since the 14th century. His father was a lay clerk there and his great-great-grandfather, Mr. Thomas Kempton, was the composer of the service Kempton in B flat, which is still frequently sung in cathedral and collegiate churches. Mr. Bell Kempton was a chorister at Ely Cathedral from 1870 to 1878.

1944 06 23 ES
Semi-mobile kitchen demonstration - photo p1
Glider pilot missing, D-Day p1
Jews free school play - photo p4
Soham explosion - application for pre-fabs p7

1944 06 26
Police carry out identity card check at Midsummer Fair, four arrested – 44 06 26 # c.45.7

1944 06 28
Blazing truck load of bombs – inquest on Soham explosion – 44 06 28 # c.45.7 # c.26.2

1944 06 30 CIPof
Effort to Save Town from Destruction. Driver Benjamin Gimbert gave a graphic account on Tuesday of the efforts of himself and his fireman to save a small Cambridgeshire town (Soham) from destruction when they discovered a blazing wagon in their ammunition train. He was giving evidence at the resumed inquest on the two victims of the explosion, which occurred on June 2, completely wrecking the local railway station and causing considerable damage to houses in the town. The blazing wagon, loaded with 500lb bombs, was nearest the engine, and after being uncoupled from 50 other wagons was being driven away when it exploded. The fireman and a signalman lost their lives. "As we approached the station," said the train driver (Driver Gimbert, of March), "I saw a fire in the first truck attached to the engine. The bottom of the wagon was ablaze all over. I asked the fireman to uncouple the blazing truck from the remainder of the train and he uncoupled it. The fireman then re-joined me on the footplate. I thought that by pulling away with the blazing wagon, we could save the in-habitants of the town and the station. That was my main worry. As we neared the signal-box, the signalman, 'Sailor' Bridges, appeared on the platform and I shouted to him to stop the mail train. Before he replied, there was the explosion. I think we had travelled 100 to 150 yards when the explosion occurred." Verdicts of 'Misadventure' were: recorded, tribute being paid to the railwaymen's bravery.

Boy Burned on Pylon.—An 11-year-old boy climbed| an electricity power pylon and was killed, it was stated at a Fen Drayton inquest on Friday afternoon. The fatality occurred at the junction of Gootes Lane and Mill Road on Wednesday evening. A schoolboy, aged 11, told how he, with two others, including the deceased, went bird's nesting. Witness, said he happened to look up and saw deceased a little way up the electricity standard. "I shouted to him to come down, but he would not." Deceased climbed up among the insulators near the top of the pylon, and hung over a girder that ran across the two pylons between insulators and among the wires. He saw the boy fall back and hang by his arms, with smoke coming from him, A lorry driver said he heard a crackling noise and saw the

boy among the terminals about 30ft. from the ground. He was hanging limply with his left arm over a terminal and his right leg over a girder a little lower down. The boy fell from the pylon with his clothing all alight. He was badly burned and dead. It was stated that the high tension cable at that point carried 11,000 volts. The Coroner returned a verdict that the cause of death was shock by electrocution, through the boy climbing the pylon

1944 06 30 ES
Soham explosion - resumed inquest p1
Haddenham man fined for not attending Home Guard activities p7

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1944 07 05
New fen drainage pumping station opened (name not given due censorship) – 44 07 05 # c.29

1944 07 07 CIPof
Retirement. — Superintendent Frank Housden, who has been in charge of the Newmarket Division of the Cambridgeshire Police since January 1, 1942, is retiring from the Force to date from August 31. By the retirement, the Force will lose a competent and popular officer.

New Cambridgeshire J.P Mr. W. G. Hutchings, of Sawston, who was appointed a magistrate for the county, was sworn in at Linton Divisional Court on Wednesday and took his seat on the Bench.

Golden Wedding. — When Mr. and Mrs. Kester, of Council Houses, Hardwick, celebrated their golden wedding a few days ago, among those present was Mr. Kester's father, who will be 97 this September. Mr. and Mrs. Kester have lived at Hardwick all their married life and are proud of their family of 11 (all of whom are living) and of their 30 grandchildren.

1944 07 13
Fire guards from Newnham and Grange Road extinguish real incendiary bombs with stirrup pumps in exercise – 44 07 13

1944 07 14 CIPof
Sword of Honour. An interesting ceremony took place at Elsworth on Sunday, when the Lord-Lieutenant (Capt. R.G. Briscoe, J.P.) presented Major B. Brook, O.C. "B" Co. 1st Battalion, Cambs. Home Guard, with the Sword of Honour, which was won this year by "B" Co. The sword is competed for annually by the companies of the 1st Battalion, and was awarded this year on the results of a competition which included marksman-ship, turnout, general efficiency and a battle platoon competition.

Campanology. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Basil-Wood), a 5,040 change peal was rung on the bells of St. Andrew’s Swavesey on Saturday. This is believed to be the first full peal of doubles ever rung in this church.

Village Feast. According to an ancient custom, Melbourn's annual three-day feast commences on the first Thursday in July, but so little had previously been heard of the event this year that little or no feast was expected, mainly because of war-time restrictions of one kind or another. We have to record, however, the coming of one of the largest, liveliest and best patronised feasts for many years - within living memory, some old villagers say. 44 07 14

1944 07 14 ES
Canadian airman killed - run over by WAAF when cycling back to base after landing from mission p1
News from Far East prisoners p1

Flying bomb victims - evacuees find new homes p1

1944 07 15
Anglo-Soviet friendship committee send ambulance to Russia – 44 07 15
William Keech works with CUP for 70 years – 44 07 15a

1944 07 17
Mosquito. Hit trees, two killed, near Girton. E-H

1944 07 19
B17. Hit by flak over Granville, two baled out, near Wisbech. E-H

1944 07 21 ES
Evacuation problems discussed
Normandy casualties p1

1944 07 28 CIPof
Explosion Heroes Honoured. Cambridgeshire people will feel a sense of keen satisfaction at the award of the George Cross - the civilian Victoria Cross—to two local men for their heroism in the ammunition train explosion at Soham last month. The awards were announced in the London Gazette. One of the men, Fireman James Nightall; aged 22, of the Hythe, Littleport, lost his life in the explosion. The other, Driver Benjamin Gimbert, aged 42, of 17, Estover Road, March, was severely injured, but was able to travel to Cambridge this week, accompanied by his wife, to receive the congratulations of his superiors on the award. The official citation said: "Gimbert and Nightall were fully aware of the contents of the wagon which was on fire and displayed outstanding courage in endeavouring to isolate it. There is no doubt that if the whole train had been involved, as it would have been but for the gallant action of the men concerned, there I would have been serious loss of life and property."

1944 07 28 ES
Soham: George Cross for railwaymen p1

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1944 08 04 CIPof
Stole explosives. — Two Histon boys, who stole a big quantity of high explosives from Home Guard stores, appeared before the Cambs County Juvenile Court on Saturday. Aged 16 and 15 respectively they admitted two charges of breaking and entering and stealing from Home Guard stores, and asked for eight similar cases to be taken into consideration. The value of the property involved was £35 and the whole of it was taken from Home Guard stores in the Histon and Impington district. A constable said one boy had told him he had blown up some old dead trees. The magistrates fined the 16-year-old boy £5 on the first charge and £3 on the second, and the other boy £2. and £1.

Toy raises £25.—Mrs. Ward (West Wratting) made a beautiful toy which was auctioned and made £25 19s 2d. The money has been sent to the Prisoners of War Fund (Red Cross).

1944 08 04 ES
Soham - George Cross recipients - photo p5

1944 08 10
Rector of Lt Wilbraham, Rev L.L. Chaplin, killed at Six Mile Bottom level crossing – 44 08 10

1944 08 11 CIPof
Farmer Gamekeeper. — Death occurred on August 1 at Butler's Farm, Great Yeldham, Essex, of Mr Charles William Dockerill, aged 71, formerly residing at Bartlow, and for many years gamekeeper to

the Rev C. H. Brocklebank. After going to Great Yeldham, he was employed by Mr. J.B.A. Hayter, Spaynes Hall, Great Yeldham. He was a former member of the Bartlow and Great Yeldham choirs.

Holiday gala. An easy first in popularity with the stay-at-home Bank Holiday crowds at Cambridge on Monday was the big programme of sporting events on the Town football ground at Milton Road. Some 7,000 people made this event their mecca, and partly forgetting, at least, the troubled times of the moment, lapsed back for a few hours into the traditionally-English Bank Holiday spirit. Arranged by the Borough Entertainments Committee, the events included a continuous four-hour sports programme, an A.T.S. physical fitness display, a spectacular display of flags of the United Nations, a variety entertainment and a beauty show. 44 08 11

1944 08 11 ES
Red Cross week-end in villages p1 & 5

1944 08 14
C.A.E. Pollock obituary. Corpus Christi president, councillor – 44 08 14

1944 08 15
RAF plane crashes in flames at Burwell, civilian and three crew killed – 44 08 16 # c.26.1

1944 08 16
RAF plane crashes in flames at Burwell, civilian and three crew killed – 44 08 16

1944 08 17
Frederick William Thulbon, wheelwright and carpenter of Wilburton Rd, Stretham drowns himself – 44 08 17

1944 08 18
Electric kitchen displayed – 44 08 18
'Journey Together' film made by RAF for RAF features scenes in St John's College – 44 08 18b a# c.65.6
Albert Institute boat crew, head of river 1888 – photo – 44 08 18a # U.Row.J88

1944 08 18 CIPof
Rector Killed by Train. Evidence that a Cambs. rector apparently failed to notice the approach of a train and was cut to pieces was given at an inquest at Great Wilbraham on Friday The victim of the accident, which occurred at an occupation crossing above Six Mile Bottom station on Wednesday evening, was the Rev. Lindsay Lennox Chaplin, rector of Little Wilbraham. It was stated that the train was travelling at between 45 and 50 miles per hour and the deceased's cycle was found 400 yards along the line. The verdict was "Accidental death," # c.26.2

A Fine Catch. While L.A.C. Derrick Walker, of Stonehill Road Shelford, was home for 36 hours' leave during the past weekend he thought he would try his hand at fishing, and he had the good fortunate to land a large pike weighing just under 15 lbs. Luckily he had company with him to help him land this monster. When he got the pike home and opened it, he was surprised to find inside a large water rat which the fish had swallowed

1944 08 18 ES
March man decorated for D Day bravery p5

1944 08 18
Stirling. Failed to attain sufficient height over airfield, 12 crew and passengers killed + one man on ground, Duxford. E-H

1944 08 23

Wellington. Lost control on landing, one killed six injured, Wratting Common. E-H

1944 08 24
Clark and Butcher, Soham, fined after men injured by machinery – 44 08 24

1944 08 25 CIPof
Retirement. Having held office as district officer of the Transport and General Workers Union at Cambridge for 25 years, Mr.A.E. Stubbs is relinquishing the post to devote himself to politics in the county. Since 1936 he has been prospective Labour candidate for Cambridgeshire and has already fought six Parliamentary elections. Mr. Stubbs has had a colourful career, rising from a newsboy to become a local champion of the farm workers and working classes, and also directing his energy to other forms of public work. "I am going straight over to the political field to get ready for the General Election," he said. He has, for many years been a member of the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Agricultural Wages Board, a member of the Cambridge Borough Council for about 12 years and on the Cambridgeshire County Council for a similar period. He is a member of six Joint Industrial Councils under the Whitley Scheme. # c.33

Vicar's Retirement, — Having been Vicar of Trumpington for 10 years, the Rev. Arthur Basil Wright is retiring from the parish on September 30. He will devote himself to voluntary work. He came to Trumpington in 1934 and was appointed Rural Dean of Barton in 1938.

1944 08 25 ES
Great events in Europe : Paris & Marseilles fall, Rumania quits axis p5

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1944 09 01 CIPof
Cambs Police Changes. The retirement on August 31 of two members of the Cambs County Police Force has meant promotions and a reshuffle. Those who retire, both after 25 years' service, are Supt. Frank Housden of Newmarket, and Sergeant C. Gilby, of Bottisham. Inspector L. A. Unwin, of Newmarket, will succeed the superintendent, having been appointed temporary superintendent. Sergeant Walter Leach, of Linton, becomes temporary inspector, while Detective Constables F. W. G. Fouracre and F. G. Brown, both at present attached to headquarters, have been appointed to the rank of temporary sergeant. P.c. Miller, of Waterbeach, will be transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department at Headquarters.

Sunday School Teacher for 59 Years. This year, owing to deafness, Mr. F. Burton, of Chittering, relinquished the office of superintendent and teacher after 59 years' loyal service in the Baptist Sunday School there. Nine years ago, Mr. Burton received the Diploma of Honour from the N.S.S.U. for 50 years' service, and was hoping to complete sixty. When Mr. Burton was 15 the-late Mr. Mark Wyatt, who was the Pastor of Chittering Baptist Church, along with the teachers, persuaded him to take a small class of infants. When 17 Mr. Burton was baptised in the River Cam by the Rev. Frank Thompson, late of Hove, and ever since has made it his life's work to teach in the Sunday School

1944 09 01 ES
Soham: Gimbert gets LNER medal p4

1944 09 03
Halifax. Engine failure, four killed, near Ely [probably Stretham Mill Drove]. E-H

1944 09 04
Bomber crashes Pampisford, four crew and civilian killed; farmhouse damaged – 44 09 04; four American soldiers also killed – 44 09 05; inquest – 44 09 06 # c.26.1

1944 09 08

HMS Loyal shells Rimini – 44 09 08

1944 09 08 CIPof
Promoted Head Postmaster. The many friends of Mr. J. Moir, postal superintendent at Cambridge will be pleased to learn that he has been promoted head postmaster of Sudbury, and will take over his new duties at an early date. Mr Moir who lives at 30 Marlowe Road, Newnham, began his postal career at Montrose, Scotland, and came to Cambridge 34 years ago. He served from 1914-19 in the Great War in England, France and Salonica. Since then he has passed through the successive grades of official promotion, becoming overseer, assistant superintendent and postal superintendent.

New Labour candidate. The Executive Committee of the Cambridge Trades Council unanimously nominated a Cambridge man Major Arthur Leslie Symonds M.A. to the Prospective Labour candidate for the Borough of Cambridge. Major Symonds, who is 33 years of age, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Symonds, of 60 Scotland Road Cambridge # c.33

Girton Golden Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sadler, of 70 High Street, Girton, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Monday. They were married on September 4, 1894, at Saxmundham Parish Church and for the past 35 years have lived in Girton. On Monday last a reception was held in the Village Institute to mark the occasion and approximately 150 guests were entertained. Mr Sadler will be well remembered by members of the old 11th Battalion, Suffolk Regiment, in which he held the rank of C.S.M. having 25½ years of service to his credit. 44 09 08

1944 09 08 ES
Black-out to be eased p4
"Farm in the fen" published p7

1944 09 12
Gas Company work on streetlights in anticipation of removal of blackout – 44 09 12 # c.24.9

1944 09 13
OBE awarded to William Benton of Trumpington for action at exploding ammunition dump; another gets George Medal – 44 09 13

1944 09 15 CIPof
Presentation to Minister. The Rev. Wilfred Monk, who had been Minister at the Congregational Church (Castle Camps) since January, 1938, closed his ministry on Sunday, August 27, having accepted a call to be minister of the church at Wethersfield, Essex. At the close of the evening service, Mr. Monk was presented with a wallet of Treasury notes as a token of appreciation and esteem from the members of the church and congregation.

Married 60 years.—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Baker, of 111, Ross Street, Cambridge, celebrated their diamond wedding on Wednesday. They were married at Box, Wiltshire, on September 13, 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Baker have seven children living out of ten, having lost one son in the last war. Two of their daughters live in Canada. There are 14 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. There are three grandsons serving in the Forces—two in the Navy and one in the Army. Both Mr. and Mrs. Baker enjoy good health, and are 80 and 79 respectively. Mrs. Baker was born at Box and Mr. Baker was born at Colerne, Wiltshire. For many years he did dairy work he served as bailiff to Mr. Sadler and during the years 1913 to 1919 at Manor Farm, Grantchester. Both have received many telegrams of congratulations, cards and presents. 44 09 15

Re-e!ected President—At the annual meeting of the Newspapers Mutual Assurance Society Ltd., held at Salisbury Square House, London, on Tuesday. Captain A. C. Taylor, of Cambridge, was again elected president and chairman of the society

1944 09 15 ES

Fireguard duties eased p1
Lt Thetford church wall painting discovered - by Miss Baber, 1860s-70s p5
Post-war road developments p6

1944 09 20
Home Guard relax with bowls – group photo – 44 09 20

1944 09 22 CIPof
Duchess's Visit. Members of the Rural Pennies Section of the British Red Cross Society were rewarded for their good work in connection with the Fund by a visit from their chairman, the Duchess of Marlborough at the Cambridge Guildhall on Wednesday afternoon, when a talk by the Duchess was followed by tea. The Duchess also visited the Cambridgeshire Red Cross Club, which is now situated at 22 St. Andrew's Street, and formally declared the club open.

New Minister inducted. The Presbyterian Church, Cambridge, the Rev. A. S. Cooper, was inducted there last week, the service being followed by a welcome meeting, at which greetings were extended by a number of speakers.

Married 70 Years. Mr and Mrs. William Archer, of 32 Hartington Grove, Cambridge, on Saturday celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary, which indeed must be a record. They were married at St. Andrew's Church, Cherry Hinton, in 1874 by the Rev. W. S. Parrish. Mr. and Mrs. Archer have four sons and three daughters, 19 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Four grandsons are serving in the Forces. For 19 years after they were married they resided at John Street, City Road. Mr Archer has been a builder practically all his life. Mrs. Archer was 90 last March and Mr. Archer celebrated his 91st birthday last November. They were both born at Cherry Hinton. 44 09 22

1944 09 23
Reuben Smith, Cambridge's oldest ex-soldier and ARP warden – funeral – 44 09 23

1944 09 26
Street lights turned on – 44 09 26, 44 09 27; how it was done – 44 09 28 # c.24.9

1944 09 27
Home Guard Officers conference – photo – 44 09 27a

1944 09 29 CIPof
Vicar's departure. The resignation of the Rev. E. W. Buswell, who has been Vicar of Comberton for the past 12 years, will become effective on September 30, and he anticipates beginning his new duties at Chesterfield next week

Promotion. The many friends of Mr. Archie E. Clark (Gamlingay) will offer their congratulations to him on gaining his commission in the R.A.F., in which he is now a pilot officer.

67 years wed. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams (of Over) celebrated the 67th anniversary of their wedding on Tuesday. They were married at St. Mary's Church, Over, by the then vicar (Rev. W. Dixon) on Feast Tuesday, 1877. Mr. Adams is 87 and Mrs. Adams 85. Both are natives of Over. Mrs. Adams' maiden name being Sutton. They have five living children, 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Both are in fairly good health.

New Stationmaster. The L.N.E.R. announce that Mr. R. E. A. Hall, relief clerk, District Superintendent's Office, Knebworth, has been appointed Stationmaster at Great Shelford.

A Nuisance. Some of the older villagers (at Elsworth) are complaining about a gang of lads who are going about at dusk knocking at people's doors. It is hoped that someone will make an example of one, "so as to stop this nuisance."

1944 09 29 ES
Littleport new houses for agricultural workers - photo p1

1944 09 30
Stirling. Possible collision with another a/c in formation, four killed, three baled out, Pampisford. E-H

1944 09 30.
Stirling. Caught fire in the air, six killed one injured, near Horseheath. E-H

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1944 10 05
Cambridge Sea Cadet Corps take Oyster Bar, Garlic Row for HQ; dates back to 1707 – 44 10 05 # c.37.9 # c.61

1944 10 06 CIPof
The Tec.' goes up in the World. The Cambridgeshire Technical School is in future to be known as Cambridgeshire Technical College and School of Art. Agreement to the change was given at Tuesday's meeting of the Cambridgeshire County Education Committee. Ald. Mrs. Mellish Clark pointed out that other institutions in the country doing advanced work of a similar nature were called colleges, and it was felt only right that their school should have the same standing. The alteration was agreed to without comment. # c.36.7

Diamond Wedding.—On Wednesday of this week, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holland, of New Road, Melbourn, celebrated their diamond wedding day. They were married at Melbourn Parish Church on October 4, 1884, and have spent the whole of their married life in the village. Nine of their 13 children are living, one son (Percy) being a prisoner of war in Japanese hands. They have 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Owing to wartime conditions and the family being scattered, there were no family celebrations, but members near at hand and numerous friends visited the couple and offered their congratulations, and a cable was received from a friend in Cairo. Both are in fairly good health. Mr. Holland, now 80 years of age —his wife is 78—did not give up work in the fields and orchard until two years ago. 44 10 06

1944 10 06 ES
Soham railwaymen get their LNER medals p1
D-Day exploits of pilot p1
Tributes to Home Guard, Littleport p5

1944 10 11
Underground petrol storage which were filled with water as an anti-invasion measure now being emptied and will be filled with petrol; soon lorries and cars will not have to queue for petrol at ‘official’ stations – 44 10 11 # c.45.7

1944 10 13
Bus overturns in Sidney Street – 44 10 13 # c.26.46

1944 10 13 CIPof
Orgy of Crime." Said to have been in prison for seven or eight weeks because he kept escaping from approved schools, a boy of 16 was sent to Borstal at the Cambridgeshire County Quarter Sessions on Friday. The youth was stated by the Chairman (Mr. Grafton Pryor), to have indulged in a "perfect orgy of crime" and to have shown considerable ingenuity in what he did. The boy admitted two

charges of house-breaking at Cambridge, and asked for a number of other cases of a similar nature to be taken into account

Books Villagers Borrow. The register of books issued by the Cambridgeshire Education Committee to the many village libraries in the county is a most interesting document, as it gives some indication of tastes of the villagers today. At the last census the village of Melbourn housed 392 families, and had a population of 1,294, and the number of borrowers on the register was 350: The books issued during the 12 months ending September 30 last numbered 12,849 (an increase of 136 over the previous year) and they are classed under the following headings: Philology 0, Religion 3, Philosophy 28, v Bibliography 38, Natural Science 57, Fine Arts 87, Sociology 132, Literature 135, Useful Arts 172, Biography 481, History and Travel 1,164, Fiction 10,552. 44 10 13

1944 10 13 ES
Paratrooper missing after Arnhem p5

1944 10 18
Blaze at East Anglian dump. Firemen braved bursting 'ammo'. Details are given today of a fire at a returned ammunition dump in East Anglia shortly before D-Day, when the National Fire Service fought under conditions similar to those of a modern ammunition barrage. At great risk they saved most of the heaviest ammunition and thus prevented widespread devastation. For their part in the eight-hours' fight with the fire, Chief Regional Fire Officer, H.J. Benton and Assistant Fire Force Commander R.C. Welch have been awarded the O.B.E. and M.B.E. respectively, and Section-Leader L.C. Crickmore the B.E.M.
The fire started among some stacks of small arms ammunition and rockets. Although it was put out in eight hours, watch was maintained by the N.F.S. for some weeks – 44 10 18 # c.45.7 # c.34.75

1944 10 19
Flying bomb crashes on housing estate in a town – 44 10 19

1944 10 20
Ammunition stores broken into, rifle and ammunition stolen by Cambridge man – 44 10 20 # c.45.7

1944 10 20 CIPof
Memorial Tablet. A memorial to the late Mr. R.W.B. Jenyns, of Bottisham Hall, was recently dedicated by the Archdeacon of Huntingdon (Ven. W. A. Uthwatt, late Vicar of Bottisham). It is in the form of a tablet designed in the Renaissance style, with a carved and coloured coat of arms above the inscription within a surround of delicate mouldings. It is placed against the stone chancel screen and is dedicated to him by his wife and three sons.

Woman jailed. A woman, who lived for three years with a man, left him and married his son, and four years later bigamously married an American soldier, was sent to prison by Mr. Justice Singleton at Cambs. Assizes on Monday on a bigamy charge. It was stated that the woman introduced her real husband to the American as 'her son', and that the husband referred to his wife as "Mum." Accused was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment — nine months on the bigamy charge and six months for stealing and receiving a wallet containing £20 and papers. 44 10 20

Golden wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ward, 57 High Street, Cottenham, celebrated their golden wedding on Sunday. They were married at the Parish Church on October 15 1894. Both enjoy good health, and they have three daughters and six grandchildren. They celebrated their anniversary with a happy family party.

1944 10 20 ES
Flying bomb damages cottage p1
Arnhem: Sammy Croft, Haddenham missing p1 (now prisoner Nov 10 p1)
HMS Walpole appeal for comforts, books & games p1

1944 10 23
Myrtle Wright of Huntingdon Road talks of experiences in Norway and of resistance – 44 10 23 # c.45.7

1944 10 24
Gardeners' Question Time broadcast from Guildhall – 44 10 24 # c.27.8

1944 10 26
Marshall's Flying School strike - 44 10 26a # c.27.1 : Marshalls # c.32.5
All Saints church new windows in honour of womanhood – 44 10 26 # c.83
Garret Hostel Bridge 'an ugly blot on the Backs' should be rebuild as war memorial – 44 10 26b

1944 10 27 CIPof
Golden Wedding. A happy party of 46 relatives and friends met at Valley Farm Croydon to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Papworth who were married at Bourn Church on October 21. 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Papworth resided at Bourn for a short time, then at Barkway for over 30 years, and came to Valley Farm in July, 1939. During the day a large number of presents and messages of congratulation were received. Among the guests were the family of three sons, two daughter and 14 grandchildren. One serving in the Forces was unable to be present owing to leave restrictions. Also with the company were Mr. and Mrs. Yeomans, of North Road Farm (Mr. Yeomans being Mr. Papworth's employer). "May they have many more years of happiness" was the toast of the company.

Oldest Ploughing Society?—The Cottenham and District. Ploughing Society, which claims to be the oldest in the country, will carry on its tradition and hold a ploughing match next month. Their last match was in 1939. The secretary (Mr. E. Blunt) tells me (says Watchman) that, before the war, a running commentary on a ploughing match was being given by the B.B.C., the commentator stating that the ploughing society in question was 64 years old and believed to be the oldest in the country. Mr. Blunt wrote to the B.B.C. saying that he had proof that the Cottenham and District Society had then been in existence for 84 years. He duly received an apology from the B.B.C.

1944 10 27 ES
Ely street lighting extension p1
Complaints about Italian prisoners p1
End of invasion committees - no longer needed p4
Holland's plight: appeal by patriots

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1944 11 01
American troops celebrate Halloween at dance – 44 11 01
Home Guard to stand down – poem – 44 11 01
Royal Observer Corps – group photo – 44 11 01a

1944 11 03 CIPof
Education Sunday. Sunday was observed at the Congregational, Church (Linton) as a day of prayer for the great work of education. In the course of his sermons, the Rev. J. S. Wilson emphasised the value of religious instruction in the schools, and welcomed the emphasis given by the Education Act to worship and Bible teaching which is to be provided in the curriculum of every school. Reference was made to the great loss which the whole country had sustained by the passing of the Archbishop of Canterbury, whose radiant faith, high courage and deep sincerity made him a truly great Christian leader.

Praise for potatoes. I hear (writes Watchman) that the recent Wisbech "Dig for Victory" Exhibition had some notable features. One visitor, an American soldier, was particularly impressed by the potato

section Gee! This is sure something to write about to the folks back home,' he said. He was particularly impressed when faced with the prize King Edward potatoes and he confessed that they even surpassed any that he had ever grown on his own farm in the States.

1944 11 03 ES
Air raids on Isle: full story p1 & p3
Ely Home Guard platoon farewell gathering p1

1944 11 06
P51. Collision with P51 below, pilot killed, Duxford. E-H

1944 11 06
P51. Collision with above, pilot baled out, near Whaddon. E-H

1944 11 08
Bonfire Night rag protests – 44 11 08 & a, b # c.36.94

1944 11 10 CIPof
21st Birthday party. The Haslingfield Women's Institute celebrated its 21st anniversary with a birthday party on November 7. Each member was invited to bring along a friend, and the President welcomed ten members of Comberton W.I. A card of greeting and congratulations was received from Lady Denman. A varied programme of games, competitions and sketches was arranged by the entertainments committee.

Golden wedding.—The inhabitants of the village (Bourn) extend their congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Mettinson, of Caxton End, who celebrated their golden wedding on October 31. They were married at Bourn church in 1894, and have always lived in the village.

Appeal for £75,000.—An appeal for £75,000, to be raised in seven years, to help the church in the diocese overcome some of the difficulties which are hindering its proper work, was made by the Bishop of Ely (Dr. Edward Wynn) at the Ely Diocesan Conference in the Guildhall (Cambridge) on Tuesday. The Bishop outlined some of the causes of the need for his Seven Years Plan, mentioning particularly the need for a living wage for all clergy, for action about over-large parsonages, for pensions, for new churches in Cambridge, and for training more people to teach religion under the new Education Act.

1944 11 10 ES
First gunners into Germany - Chatteris man p4

1944 11 11
Mosquito. Engine failure, one killed one injured, near Wisbech

1944 11 17 CIPof
Presentation — Mrs. Charles Plumb has been cleaner of the village school (at Great Chishill) for nearly 30 years, serving during that time under five head teachers. She has now retired and to mark the occasion, Mr. H. T. Drage, chairman of the managers, presented her with the sum of £6 11s 9d, subscribed by the managers, teachers and children to show their appreciation of her work for so many years.

Longevity.—A well-known and highly esteemed resident, Mr. T. J. Tompson, of the Dial, Linton, celebrated his 92nd birthday on Sunday. He is regular in his attendance at the services at the parish church and a welcome visitor when he calls daily on his friends and fellow parishioners.

Awarded the B.E.M.—The King has been pleased to approve the following award in recognition of gallant conduct in carrying out hazardous work .in a very brave manner: B.E.M.—Military Division —No. 13012195 Pte Patrick O'Brien, Pioneer Corps, Wicken, near Ely, Cambs.

Trumpington Vicar.—"The future generation must be taught to know God and to learn the Christian faith of God's Will better", said the Bishop of Ely at an induction service held at Trumpington Church last night, when the Rev. Thomas Young was installed as vicar of the parish. He was formally a member of the Royal Army Chaplain's Department

1944 11 17 ES
Soham nurse dies on hospital ship sinking p1
Soham soldier receives Russian bravery award p1
Wicken soldier gets BEM for saving Spitfire p1

1944 11 21
First pre-fab house erected on Parker's Piece – 44 11 21 # c.23

1944 11 22
Sir Arthur Eddington F.R.S., Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge and Director of the Observatory here died in a nursing home during the night aged 66. From 1904 to 1913 he was Chief Assistant of the Royal Observatory, Greenwich relinquishing his post on his appointment as Plumian Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge. In 1914 he became Director of the Cambridge Observatory. He held degrees and honorary degrees at many well-known universities around the world and was created a Knight in 1938. His death came as a shock to a great many people. Sir Arthur was one of those sons of Cambridge whose fame extended the wide world over. His investigations into the more obtuse branches of astronomy and mathematics attracted widespread attention of scientists but over and above that his ability to translate his thoughts and reports into language intelligible to the layman meant that his books reached an unusually wide public. His actual work covered a remarkably wide field ranging from the internal constitution of the stars to the problems of the expansion of the universe and the whole philosophy of science. It was Sir Arthur who first confirmed the General Theory of Relativity propounded by Einstein by measuring the deflection of light during the solar eclipse in 1919 44 11 22, appreciation – 44 11 25

1944 11 24 CIPof
Strange moneybox. Coins (writes Watchman) had been found from time to time in curious places, but here is a mystery story of money in a queer place. A Cambridgeshire motorist recently acquired a new car, which had been laid up in a garage for some time. It had lamp masks, which the owner at once replaced with the latest type. One of the old masks, on being removed, rattled just like a child's moneybox, and sure enough, upon investigation of this unusual behaviour, the car owner found that the mask contained money — 17 rusty threepenny pieces. ,

To police office in rail truck. A goods wagon was used by a railwayman late one night to convey a suspected thief to the L.N.E.R. police, office at Cambridge, it was stated at Cambridge Borough Quarter Sessions, when a man was sent to prison for 21 months with hard labour. He was charged with stealing two cartons, containing cigarettes and shoes, together valued at £51 5s., the property of the L.N.E.R. The prosecution described how a railway policeman, on special duty at Coldham's Lane siding heard a noise coming from one of the wagons. He then saw the accused jump out of the wagon, and then stand on a carton, reach into the wagon, take another and put it on the ground beside the first one. As he was fastening the doors, the policeman arrested him.

1944 11 24 ES
Home Guard farewell dinner p1
Arnhem heroes p1
Newton men rescued airmen from burning plane p3

1944 11 25
J.H. Bullock retires from Library Committee after 55 years, presents Cooper's Annals to two branch libraries – 44 11 25a # c.77.4

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1944 12 01 CIPof
Awarded M.M. at 19.—News has been received that Pte John Hills, of The Leys, Barton, has been awarded the Military Medal. He is only 19. Before joining up, he was employed by Messrs. Olivers and Sons, Histon.

Evacuated, then killed.—When the inquest on a baby girl killed in a car accident near Longstanton turn was opened and adjourned on Saturday, the father said he had evacuated his wife and child to the country for safety after their home had been damaged by a flying bomb. The inquest was held at Cambridge.

Revived Ploughing match. — 'There was a number of specially interesting features at the highly successful ploughing match held at Cottenham last week by the Cottenham and District Ploughing Society—claimed to be oldest of its kind in the country. One feature remarked about was the fact that, here were 24 horse ploughs despite the growing increase of machinery, and another cause for comment was the large attendance of spectators—between 500 and 600, the largest crowd seen at the event for a great many years. Considerable interest, too, was centred in the newest type of plough, the "Auto-Culto," which takes the place of two horses. Messrs. Olivers' ploughman. Mr. P. Bowers, won a cup and two shields. The events in which he competed were open to ploughmen from all over England. It is not usual for three prizes to be won in the same match.

1944 12 01 ES
Arnhem prisoner p5
Prickwillow Home guard successful platoon dinner p6

1944 12 04
Home Guard 'stand down' parade, Parker's Piece – 44 12 04 # c.45.7

1944 12 08 CIPof
Old inhabitant—By the death on November 29 of Mr. William K. Stockbridge, the village has lost another of its oldest and best known inhabitants and a member of one of the oldest families in Melbourn. He was a son of the late Mr. Joseph Stockbridge, the once well-known farmer and dealer in horses. He passed away after a short illness at his home, Ivy Villa, High Street. The funeral took place last Saturday 44 12 08

A "Bright" reply?—With barely 25 per cent of the street lights working, Ely Urban Council on Monday seemed agreed that there were certain "black spots" that needed attention (writes Watchman). Caution has been the lodestar in their deliberation on re-lighting the city and a member remarked ironically that somehow Cambridge seemed much brighter than Ely. The given answer was that there were more lights. Ely's "bright" reply was, of course, more lights—three of them. There are still 172 that can be lit.

"Stand down" parade. — The famous sward of Parker's Piece has been the scene of many historic ceremonies, but none, surely in what feelings of those taking part as principals or spectators have been so mixed as on Sunday, when Cambridge saw her own part in the great Home Guard "stand down". After an impressive last parade, the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Home Guard marched away, conscious not only of the thanks of the King, but of the gratitude of their own fellow citizens. # c.45.7 # c.32.3

1944 12 08 ES

Local Home Guard have "greatest day" - farewell parade p1
Arnhem prisoner p1

1944 12 12
American Military Hospital entertained by C.A.O.S. – photo – 44 12 12

1944 12 15 CIPof
Centenary Celebrations. On April 1, 1844, the title deeds were signed of Madingley National School by which "all that piece or parcel of land being part of Pigs Close, situate in Madingley" was consigned to the vicar and churchwardens and their successors as a site for a school. Such a school was built in the year 1844, and last week its centenary was celebrated. On Thursday the present scholars invited their parents and the managers to an entertainment and afterwards tea, cigarettes and cakes were handed round. Later fall sat down to a wonderful spread arranged by Mrs. Ruddell, the headmistress. Games followed, and while these were going on the Bishop of Ely came along and joined in. On Saturday the managers invited all the old scholars and all the old teachers, with whom they could get into touch, to a tea and social evening. Some 50 sat down, the youngest of whom was 10 years of age and the oldest 84, with a sprinkling of 70's. Bishop Walsh was present on behalf of the Bishop of Ely.

Legion Reject Home Guard. — The admission of men of the Home Guard to the British Legion was strenuously opposed at the annual County conference of the Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely British Legion, held at the Dorothy Cafe on Saturday. When a resolution was put, recommending that the British Legion charter should be amended to enable Home Guards to be eligible for membership, only one present voted for it, and it was lost by an overwhelming majority. # c.45.7

1944 12 19
Ely woman falls from train, associated with lodger – 44 12 19

1944 12 20
Dry Drayton suitable site for Farm Institute – 44 12 20
Marshall Flying School Rescue Squad photo – 44 12 20a
Cambridge library has dearth of up-to-date books, auctions old periodicals – 44 12 20b # c.77.4

1944 12 22 CIPof
Former Sexton. By the death of Mr. Mark Parrish Wayman, which occurred at his Kingston home Sunday last, after a brief illness, the village has lost a well-known and respected resident. For about 40 years Mr. Wayman faithfully carried out the duties of clerk and sexton at Kingston Church, where he was also a member of the choir, vacating these duties about three years ago. The funeral took place at the parish church on Wednesday. In an address, the Rector paid tribute to the long and devoted service of Mr. Wayman to the church.

Borough v County.—It looks very much to me (writes Watchman) as if the new Education Act Will provoke a first class "storm" between the Cambridge Town Council and the Cambs County Council. The cause of the impending trouble was officially revealed by the Deputy Mayor (Aid. W. L. Briggs) at last week's meeting of the Town Council. The core of the matter, I gather, is the fact that under the new Act a considerable amount of the Borough's educational facilities will be controlled by the County, and since Cambridge, educationally, is an exceptional place, and, because of the poor rateable value of the rural parts, the town has to find 75 per cent of all the County finances, Borough people feel that they, and not the County should be in control of their own affairs.

1944 12 22
Mosquito. Crashed in poor weather, two injured, near Bourn. E-H

1944 12 28
Christ's College fire quickly extinguished; prevents major damage – 44 12 28 # c.44.5 # c.34.75

George Henry Tyndall, proprietor Minster Press, Ely; accomplished photographer featured in Atkinson's Ely Cathedral and Hunts VCH – 44 12 28a # c.65.5

1944 12 29 CIPof
Former R.S.P.C.A. Inspector. Many readers throughout Cambridgeshire and the bordering counties will learn with regret of the passing of Mr. W. A. Riley, who for many years was the inspector of the R.S.P.C.A., stationed at Cambridge. He will be remembered with respect and high esteem for his energetic and just activities in his capacity of inspector, and of his ever-ready smile and clever wit. Mr. Riley left Cambridge in 1940 on his retirement from the society, owing to ill-health, and settled in his native county, Derbyshire.

Ploughing match revived. — Willingham's annual ploughing match, revived after an interval of 14 years, proved, in spite of the weather, an outstanding success. The competition took place in a Willingham meadow, the number of entries totalling 76, of which 33 were horse teams.

Golden Wedding. — On Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. James Lindsay celebrated their golden wedding at their home, 6 Council Houses (Kingston), most of their children being with them for the event. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay have ten children, six girls and four boys. Two of the boys are serving in H.M. Forces, and one daughter and grandson are living in Western Australia. Mr. Lindsay has been a member and deacon of the Congregational Church for 20 years.

1944 12 29 ES
HMS Walpole in lively action: two E-boats sunk, others damaged p1
Review of Year (national)
Map showing where bombs have fallen in Isle

1945 Cambridge Daily News, Cambridge Independent Press 'From our Old Files' & Ely Standard
Also notes compiled for 'Time War' broadcasts; have notes of national/internation headlines

I have copies of each article

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1945 01 05
Death Dr Joseph Griffiths former CO of First Eastern General Hospital & surgeon Addenbrooke's Hospital – 45 01 05, obit 45 01 06 # c.21.4
Minister praised efficiency with which NFS tackled fire Christ's College – flames coming through one of the oldest roofs 45 01 05 # c.34.75

1945 01 05 CIPof
Runaway Pony. At about 11.20 a.m. on Tuesday a pony and trap was left outside Messrs Holland and Blackwell's shop in Pembroke Street, when the pony took fright. It turned into Trumpington Street and ran towards King's Parade land at the corner of Bene't Street and King's Parade struck a lamp standard. The trap and harness were damaged, and the pony having freed itself, ran along King's Parade and Trinity Street, being finally stopped uninjured in St. John's Street, It caused no further damage.

Golf Secretary's Death. Mr. J F. Wyllie, secretary of the Gog Magog Golf Club, collapsed and died while on his way to the office at the Club about 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Mr. Wyllie, who was 67, lived in Coppice Avenue, Great Shelford. He had not enjoyed good health for some time. He had been secretary of the Gog Magog Golf Club for about 11 years, having held a similar post with the Bushey Hall Club. While at the Gogs he played a big part in the formation of the Cambridge and District Professional Golfers' Alliance, of which he was secretary. He leaves a widow and one daughter, whose husband, a squadron leader in the R.A.F., is in India.

1945 01 05 ES
Stretham:
Diploma William Jarman
Charles Constable home from Middle East
Baptist Chapel Young People's Meeting
Red Lion Home-Coming Fund hamper won by Thelma Blayney
Pte Billy Hobbs letter
R.A.P. Ward adopted by village send greetings card Christmas morning. 45 01 05ES

1945 01 12 CIPof
Army Dentist—Among the men who arrived in; England recently on compassionate leave from Burma was a Cambridge dentist, Capt. M. A. Freeman, who reached his home at Beechurst, Babraham Road, on Tuesday. One of the first things he found on arriving was a cable from his Commanding Officer, congratulating him on having been awarded the M.C. Capt. Freeman was reluctant to talk about his work with the Army Dental Corps in S.E.A.C. "Our troops out there are doing a marvellous job," was all he would say except to add: "Although they are sometimes known as the 'forgotten army' they don't feel quite so forgotten when they get bags of mail." His journey home occupied about six weeks, and the first 200 miles were covered over the mountains by jeep. Later came a week's travelling by train and the sea voyage

Cambridge Champion Weds. - The marriage was solemnised on Monday at Cherry Hinton Church, the Rev. R. E. Walker officiating, between Leonard Ellis Baker, R.A.O.C. a D-Day officer, son of Mrs. E. M. Baker, of Tooting, London, S.W.17., and Dorothy Florence Ockenden, lady golf champion of Cambridge and Hunts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Dew, of the Empress, Thoday Street,

Cambridge. During the service, Mr. Edwards was at the organ. The bride, given away by her father, was in a blue cloque dress, a musquash coat and a blue flower hat with blue veiling. The duties of best man were ably carried out by Lieut-Colonel B. Spiers, R.A.O.C. Both the reception and wedding breakfast were held at The Fountain, Regent Street.

1945 01 12 ES
Soham airman H.V. Ames killed
Stretham news. 45 01 12ES

1945 01 12
Mosquito. U/c collapsed on landing, Bourn airfield. E-H

1945 01 13
Woman drives Cambridge bus – Mrs Atkinson from Fulbourn – 45 01 13

1945 01 16
Sedley Day Nursery – photo feature – 45 01 16
Birdwood Club for dependents of those serving in Armed Forces; grown from 5 in 1940 to over 100 in 1944 – 45 01 16a # c.45.7

1945 01 19 CIPof
Judge's Birthday. Birthday greetings and good wishes were extended to Mr. Justice Macnaghten at Cambs. Assizes on Friday afternoon. Mr. Frederick Levy, on behalf of the Bar, told His Lordship: "I desire to congratulate and offer happy good wishes on the occasion of your birthday today." The Chief Constable of Cambs. (Mr. W. H. Edwards), on behalf of the Police, also joined in the expression. His Lordship expressed his thanks at the kind remarks.

1945 01 19 ES
Life in Thailand camp: first-hand account by escaped prisoners p1
HMS Walpole - two killed p1

1945 01 20
George Kidman of Dry Drayton on radio programme, talks of tractor driving – 45 01 20

1945 01 24
A report on bombs dropped in Cambridgeshire by enemy aircraft during the war gives the following figures: High Explosive bombs 1,634, parachute mines 7, anti-personnel bombs 221, phosphorus bombs 6, incendiary bombs, exact figure not known, but at least 7000 counted
The incidents were spread over 115 parishes, and resulted in three civilians killed, 25 known to have been injured. There were some minor casualties which were not reported
Damage to properties was mostly of a minor character, but 11 houses were damaged beyond repair and a few other buildings, including a church.
The Civil Defence Committee's Clerk reported requests from householders for removal of blast walls, and that removal could not be effected without the consent in writing of the County Council where the wall had been erected free of charge. But that no decision had been arrived at as to whether or not the cost of removal by the council would rank for grant. It was resolved that for the present consent be not given unless but wall is in dangerous condition or there is some special or exceptional reason – 45 01 24 # c.45.7

1945 01 26
Soham Mere windmill may be taken over by County Council as an ancient monument – 45 01 26

1945 01 26 CIPof
Officials' Salaries. — Substantial increases in salary for the principal officers of the Cambs. County .Council will be recommended to the Council at their meeting on, Saturday. The

Special Committee, which has been considering the matter recommended that the following increases be given from the 1st April, 1945: Mr. H. Morris, Education Secretary, from £1,100 per annum to £1,400 per annum; Dr. R. French, Medical Officer, from £1.200 to £1,300: Mr. A. E. Peake, .Surveyor, from £1,100 to £1,250; Mr. A. H. .Wool, Accountant, from £1,100 to £1,250; Mr. J. A. McMillan, Agricultural Organiser, from £950 to £1,250; Mr. W. H. Wingate. Architect, from £850 to £1,100. They also recommend that the joint Staffing Committee be asked to consider an increase in the salary of Mr. A. Tabrum, Clerk of the Peace and of the County Council, from £1,750 per annum to £2,250 per annum as from the 1st April, 1945.

Pye Victory.—Pye Radio maintained their leadership of the Business Houses Football League on Saturday, when they defeated one of the bottom sides, R.A.O.C. by seven goals to one. Granta Works, who share bottom place, with the soldiers, went down 4-1 to Marshall's in a game in which both sides served up some good football, in spite of the players' difficulty in keeping their feet.

1945 01 30
First horse bus to operated in Cambridge, driven by H. Willis; taken outside depot in John Street, the bus serving the Mill Road district – photo – 45 01 30 # Q.Ab

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1945 02 01
HMS Loyal Captain speaks at Rotary – was a 'L' class destroyer – 45 02 01 # c.45.7

1945 02 02 CIPof
Stolen Wheat. Alfred John Kester, Meadow Farm Cottages, Oakington Road, Histon, pleaded guilty to the theft of a sack containing about cwt. of tail wheat valued at 11s., the property of his employer, Sidney Smith Rowley. P.S. Fouracre, of Histon, gave evidence of stopping the defendant, whom he saw carrying a sack over the handlebar of his cycle. When questioned about what was in the sack, the defendant said it was wheat he had grown on his allotment. After further questioning, the witness asked if the wheat came from the farm and the defendant replied: "Let me take it back." The defendant had nothing to say in court about the matter, but his employer told the magistrates that his work was perfectly satisfactory and he was willing to keep him on. "I have given him a good talking to, and he has promised me it will never happen again," he said. A £2 fine was imposed.

Withdrawn. — Owing to difficulties in raising a representative side, Saffron Walden Wanderers have withdrawn from the Cambs. Minor League.

Skating Accident — while skating at the Willows Skating Rink, Cambridge, on Monday evening, Mrs. M. C. Thompson, of 47 Victoria Park, Cambridge, hurt her wrist, and a fracture was suspected. She was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital in the Borough ambulance.

1945 02 06
Civilian casualties were caused when two aircraft collided in mid-air over Cambridgeshire today. One plane fell near Prickwillow and killed two children; three other people were injured.The plane fell on Putney Hill Farm, where to cottages were demolished, and other houses had to be temporarily evacuated. It is believed that the second plane involved crashed at The Brecks, Wicken. The two children killed were Patricia Legge, age 2, and Pamela Turner, an 11-years-old London evacuee from South Woodford. Three people who were in bed at the time of the crash were injured and taken to hospital. They are Mrs E. Legge, Mrs G. Howe, and Mr R. Howe. – 45 02 06a

1945 02 06
Soviet delegates to World Trades Union Congress visit Cambridge; see Mond Laboratory – 45 02 06 Two aircraft crash in mid air, one fell at Putney Hill Farm near Prickwillow and killed two children – Patricia Legge and Pamela Turner and three others who in bed were injured; - Mrs E. Legge, Mrs G, Howe and Mr R Howe; thought second fell at 'The Bracks' Wicken – 45 02 06a # c.45.7 # c.26.1 a

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1945 02 09 CIPof
Bomber crashes. Late on Saturday night a returning bomber overshot its aerodrome and landed in a Cambridgeshire village. It came to rest against two dwellings one of which was partly damaged and the other badly damaged. The occupier of one house, Mr. John Bellaire, was in a room when he heard a crash, and on going to the door he found that his bakehouse had been completely demolished and that a plane was standing in its place. A wheel of the plane had come to rest against the house next door, partly demolishing the building. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Murfitt found it a mass of rubble. There were no civilian casualties but the crew of the aircraft were injured.

Road accident.—The Cambridge Borough Police have issued an appeal for witnesses of an accident which occurred in Victoria Avenue near the junction of Chesterton Road, about 10.20 on Wednesday, when a pedestrian, received serious injuries after being struck by an Eastern Counties bus. The injured man was taken to hospital in the Borough Ambulance. The accident may have been seen by passengers on the bus and any witnesses are asked to communicate with the Borough Police as soon as possible.

1945 02 09 ES
Prickwillow -blazing plane crashes on cottages p1 (funeral victims 16th p4)
Plane crashes in village p1

1945 02 16 CIPof
Soccer victory.—-Cambs. (including the Isle of Ely) beat Northants by six goals to one at Northampton on Saturday, and so qualified to meet the winners of Beds and Herts in the next round of the Army Cadets East District competition at Cambridge. For the first 20 minutes it was anybody's game, but after .Rowell had opened the scaring and Murfett had quickly followed with a second goal, Cambs. dominated the exchanges. All their forwards scored, further goals coming from Free, May and Muggleston. After Northants had reduced the lead, left-half Prewett added Cambs. sixth point.

Never off sick.—Mr. R. S. Rust, 58, Argyle Street, Cambridge, retired recently after 51 years of service on the Post Office, during which he was never absent on sick leave. This is probably a Post Office record, as no other case can be traced of an officer enjoying perfect health for so long. He has recently been presented with the Imperial Service Medal.

No thriving licence. A resident of Portugal Place pleaded guilty to driving a car at Histon on January 13th without being the holder of a licence. The case was proved by W. R. Ison, Histon, who said that the defendant's licence had expired on March 1st. 1943. The defence put forward by Mr. Wild was that the defendant was a member of the Observer Corps, and had overlooked the fact that they did not cover him for a licence. He was fined 30s. 45 02 16

1945 02 16 ES
Prickwillow letter about plane crash

1945 02 17
Two rooms at New Court, Trinity College were severely damaged by fire which also destroyed valuable files and documents. One room was occupied by the Rural Land Utilisation Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and the other by the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments and it was in this room that records of work done during the past three years were destroyed. The fire was discovered early in the morning by a porter and the college fire brigade were called out to deal with it until the arrival of the local N.F.S. The porter, Mr A. Jex said smoke was

seen coming from the block and at first it was thought to be from a chimney. Then flames could be seen at the windows. Very heavy smoke which spread by communicating passages and stairways to the offices of the Ministry of Fuel and Power in an adjoining block was encountered by the N.F.S. but they succeeded in keeping the flames from spreading.Six fire appliances were in action and an oxygen breathing apparatus was also used in fighting the outbreak. The cause of the fire is unknown 45 02 17 # c.45.7 # c.34.75 # c.45.5

1945 02 23 CIPof
College Fire.—Two rooms in a block at New Court, Trinity College, Cambridge, were severely damaged on Saturday by a fire which also destroyed valuable files and documents. One room, on the ground floor, was occupied by the Rural Land Utilisation Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and the other, on the first floor, by the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (England), and it was in this second room that records of work done during the last three years was destroyed. Dr. Hall, the Junior Bursar of the College, told a reporter that the fire was discovered early in the morning by a porter, and the college fire brigade was called out to deal with it until the arrival of the local N.F.S. The porter who .discovered the fire was Mr. A. Jex, who said smoke was seen about 7 a.m. coming from the block, and at first it was thought to be from a chimney. Then flames could be seen at the windows. Very heavy smoke, which spread by communicating passages and staircases to the offices of the Ministry of Fuel and Power in an adjoining block, was encountered by the N.F.S., but they succeeded in keeping the flames from spreading. Six fire appliances were in action, and an oxygen breathing apparatus were also used in fighting the outbreak. # c.34.75 # c.44.5 # c.45.7

Rescued from Japan.—News has been received that local prisoners of war are among those listed as being rescued from a Japanese transport carrying them from, No. 4 Thailand Camp to Tokyo. They are Sapper G. F. Spurgin, eldest son of Mr. F. Spurgin, of 65 Greville Road, Cambridge. He was formerly employed by the L.N.E.R. as a fireman. Pte. A. G. Kitson, Royal Norfolk Regiment, husband of Mrs. E. L. Kitson, of King's Lynn. Before marrying and going to King's Lynn he lived at 1French's Road, Cambridge 45 02 23

1945 02 23 ES
Prickwillow: children neglected, parents sent to prison p1
Plane crash: proposed relief fund for victim p1

1945 02 26
Lancaster. Engine failed after raid on Dortmund, six killed one injured, near Chatteris. E-H

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1945 03 02 CIPof
"Chief Education Officer" was the title finally agreed upon by Cambs. County Council for Mr. Henry Morris, when the matter was raised on Saturday. The decision was made on a "compromise" resolution by Coun. Burkitt in view of their previous decision against "Director of Education". Coun. Hardman seconded the compromise which also found favour with the Chairman of the Education Committee. Coun. Ramsey (who moved the resolution against "Director" at the last meeting) thought this a great improvement but still preferred the word Secretary, owing to its historical and Parliamentary traditions "I should, suggest Secretary for Education" he commented. Dr Woodman seconded Counc Ramsey's amendment was lost and the Council then confirmed the title "Chief Education Officer"

Gratuity—At the meeting of the Cambs. County Council on Saturday, it was agreed to give a gratuity of £100 each to the hall-keeper of the Shire Hall, and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Marsh, in recognition of their services. Following the reference back of the matter at the last meeting the Staff Committee suggested paying £100 to Mr. Marsh and £50 to Mrs. Marsh as they were leaving before becoming entitled to a pension Ald. Stubbs moved an amendment that they should be paid £100 each, and Mrs.

Nicholls seconded. There was some discussion on the amendment which was finally carried by 23 votes to 20.

1945 03 02 ES
Stretham NFS stand down: farewell dinner; Company Officer T. Kempton p4

1945 03 06
Another fire Trinity in coal bunker, New Court, little damage – 45 03 06 # c.34.75

1945 03 09 CIPof
Kit store supervisor – When the gunners go to war from the Middle East the man in whose safekeeping they leave their most treasured possessions (writes a Military Observer) is Gunner Alfred Barrett, whose home is at 28 Hope Street, Mill Road: Cambridge. He is clerk and supervisor at the kit store of the Middle East, B.D.R.A., and the largest military kit store out there. At the present moment he is helping to look after the baggage of many regiments, and over 5,000 miscellaneous kits in addition. "Batches" of letters from home, photos, watches and 'civvy' clothing, is what the boys are most anxious should be kept safely for them," Gunner Barrett said recently. Before the war he was college porter at Downing College. Cambridge. He joined the Army in October. 1940, and went out to the Middle East in July. 1942. 'He has served with the 53rd A/Tank Regiment, but went to B.D.R.A when he was medically downgraded. He is married and has two daughters, Anne, aged ten and Judith, seven. His mother is Mrs A.W. Barrett of 22 Derby Street, Newnham, Cambridge

Health Service. An outline of some of the health services urgently needed in East Anglia was given yesterday by Dr. L. Banks, Regional Medical .Officer of Health for the Eastern region, speaking at a Red Cross training day in Cambridge. The first need, he said, was an extension of hospital services for the acute sick, then a good cancer and midwifery service, a chest surgical unit and chest and brain surgeons. "We want better clinics scattered in rural districts," he added, "more consultants, better laboratories and, lastly, an improved ambulance service, particularly in country districts." These things could only be got, he thought, by co-operation between interested parties. "You know who these parties are in East Anglia," he said. "The University, with their research facilities, the big voluntary hospitals, the local authorities and voluntary societies, of which your own is the leader. If all of you get together after the war, we shall get the services we need."

1945 03 09 ES
Stretham first public domino drive ever held in village for Home-coming fund

1945 03 15
Woman cyclist killed in Victoria Avenue, thought struck by trailer in American convoy – 45 03 15

1945 03 16 CIPof
Soccer victory. Histon Institute reached the area final of the East Anglian Cup in which they will meet Cambridge, by winning the replay 6-4 with Newmarket at Histon on Saturday. The game opened at a fast pace and the Institute quickly opened the scoring through Kimpton. Within three minutes Knott added to the lead after Carlss had hit the bar The Newmarket defenders were finding it difficult to hold the fast moving Histon forwards, and after Brown had cleared off the goal line, Knott burst through the middle to score again. Then Newmarket began a series of rushes on the Histon goal and from one of these their inside right headed a neat goal. Play became more even, with both teams attacking in turn. Ten minutes from half-time Knott completed his hat-trick and almost from the restart Sanderson scored the Stutes fifth goal. Half-time: Histon 5 Newmarket 1. Newmarket took up the offensive in the second half, forcing Stephen, in the Stutes goal to make some fine saves, although he was well beaten by a good shot from the Jockeys' inside left. Within a minute Sanderson went through to score Histon's sixth goal. For a period the game slackened off. Newmarket then began to force the pace, and with the Stutes defence tiring scored two quick goals. Newmarket tried hard to level the scores, but were held, and the game ended with the Stutes on the attack.

Fine Pike. -A fine pike was landed from the waters of the Lark at Marsh's Corner, Prickwillow, on Sunday, by Mr. A. E. Meadows, of Broad Street, Ely. A number of anglers saw him land the fish, which weighed 21¼ lb. In length it was 37½ and in girth 19¾ ins.

1945 03 16 ES
Trouble over billeting - Ely householders summoned p1
Prickwillow plane crash relief fund opened p1

1945 03 19
Mosquito. Stalled during single engined landing, two killed, Cottenham. E-H

1945 03 21
Chivers Home Guard bomb disposal group; the only unit in area, has dealt with an unexploded bomb. Corp Frost was awarded Certificate of Merit – photo – 45 03 21 # P.Chi # T.G.K45
Drainage history lecture – mentions 1877 bill that each river and its catchment area should be under control of one authority but this rejected; also later debates – 45 03 21a, b # c.29

1945 03 22
A disused brickworks in Coldham's Lane, now serving as an Army motor cycle store was severely damaged by fire but only nine of the several hundred machines inside were affected. The glow of the fire, with occasional spurts of flame, could be seen from more than a mile away and the alarm was given to residents over a wide area. Many people gathered to watch the N.F.S. in action and willingly assisted in moving the motor cycles to safety. One of the helpers, Master Sidney Jones of 215, Newmarket Road, received cuts about the knees when the machine he was pushing fell against him, while two of the firemen were also slightly injured. An eye-witness praised the work of the firemen and member of the public in removing the motor cycles. "The back wheels of some of the cycles were blazing", he added, but there were soon extinguished with the aid of stirrup pumps and buckets of water. The cause of the outbreak is being investigated – 45 03 22c # c.45.7 c.34.75

1945 03 23 CIPof
Pictures of the week at Cambridge. - REGAL: Sunday, March 25th Richard Dix in "My Son Alone and "Spies in the Air"; next week, William Powell and Myrna Loy in "The Thin Man Comes Home (A) and "Father is a Prince." VICTORIA: Sunday, Claudette Colbert, Fred MacMurray in No Time for Love" (U) and Albert Burden in "Jailbirds" (U); next week, Susanna Foster, Boris Karloff, Turhan "Boy in The Climax" (A) and Ruth Terry in "Jamboree" (U). CENTRAL: Sunday, George Montgomery in Ten Gentlemen from West Point" (U) and Frank Graham in "Crime Smasher' (A); next week, Paulette Goddard, Sonny Tufts in "I Love a Soldier" (A) and Edgar Kennedy, Irene Dare in 'Everything's on Ice (U). PLAYHOUSE: Sunday, "Hitting the Headlines" (U) and "Affairs of Jimmy Valentine" (A); Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Maria Montez, Jon Hall in "Gipsy Wild Cat" (U) and Dave Hutcheson, Margaretta Scott in "Sabotage at Sea" (U). TIVOLI: Sunday, "Hitting the Headlines" (U) and "Affairs of Jimmy Valentine"; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, The Marx Brothers. Kitty Carlisle, "A Night at the Opera" (U) and Judy Campbell in "East of Piccadilly" (A). REX THEATRE: Sunday, Louise Albritton in "Fired Wife" (A) and "Man Who Returned to Life" (A); next week (excluding Good Friday), Jeanne Grain. Frank Latimore in "In the Meantime. Darling" (A) and Betty Grable. Victor Mature and Laird Gregar in "Hot-Spot" (A); Good Friday only, Claudette Colbert in "Remember the Day" (U) and Charles Ruggles in "Dixie Dugan (U).

1945 03 30 CIPof
Easter Postal Services in Cambridge District. Good Friday, March 30, 1945: There will be one delivery of letters and parcels and two collections from town letter boxes. The Head Post Office will be open from 8.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. All postal, telegraph and telephone facilities will be available. All town Sub-Post Offices will be closed. Saturday, March 31, 1945: Normal Saturday deliveries and collections. The Head Post Office and all town Sub-Post Offices will be open as on a normal week day. Easter Monday, April 2, 1945: Normal Bank Holiday arrangements in force. Head Post Office

open from 9 a.m. to noon (5 p.m. to 8 p.m. telegrams only). All town Sub-Post Offices will be closed. One delivery of letters and parcels and one collection from street letter boxes.

Football. Willingham Juniors completed a double over Cottenham at Willingham on Saturday in the Cambs. Minor League. Willingham missed several good chances before Jeffrey flicked a loose ball into the net. Cottenham attacked, but finished badly, although towards the interval both goals had narrow escapes. In the second half Willingham had the balance of play. Jeffrey scored again with a splendid cross shot from a pass by King, and Few whipped in a third goal after a shot from Ingle had been blocked. Cottenham improved, but could not penetrate. Lee played well at full back for Cottenham. The final score was 3-0 to Willingham

1945 03 30 ES
Stretham evacuees : in 1939 Miss Francis Levi came to Stretham with children of the Robert Montefiore school which included her own 'squad' of 50; children of the school dispersed between several villages but Miss Levi's all billeted in same village. Some of these children still remain & with others who have joined will lose a good friend when she retires & returns to London. Undertaken many activities & thanks to her that Headteacher, Miss C.R. Barnett has been able to do so much to keep alive the religious spirit amongst Jewish children

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1945 04 06
Fire damages several hundred 20s in tyre store behind Eastern Counties Omnibus Co garage, Hills Road – 45 04 06 # c.34.75

1945 04 06 CIPof
Salvage. The hon. local salvage organiser (Mr. E. W. Bullman) reports that over two tons of waste paper and cardboard was sent from Linton last week, also 3 cwt. of bones. Waste paper and bones are still urgently needed by the Ministry of Supply to aid victory in the war effort, but rubber, tins and scrap metal must not be dumped in the Market Place. All rubbish of this kind must be put out by the householder when the monthly collection of house refuse is made.

Freed. One of the first members, of the Cambridgeshire Regiment to be freed from the Japanese Sergeant Tweed whose parents live at Cheveley, is on his way home. This news was given at a meeting of the Newmarket Prisoner of War Relatives' Association on Tuesday. Repatriated prisoners from the Far East are officially interviewed, when they arrive in this country, and any information about other prisoners is passed on to the next of kin as soon as possible.

Dr. R, Newton Flew, Principal of Wesley House, Cambridge, will be the new Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council, which meets for three days at Westminster Chapel. Buckingham Gate, beginning Tuesday

1945 04 06 ES
Stretham "unexploded bomb": tail fin of bomb buried by boys in garden of house, Short Road p1
Stretham death of William Russell, 80, lived village all life
Stretham Village Produce Association - lecture as preliminary to forming

1945 04 09
Fire Jarrold's shop, Market Street; hundreds of books destroyed – 45 04 09 # c.34.75
Cambridge princess rescued from Japs – Mabel Phillips of Chesterton married undergraduate who now Swaba of Mongmit, of Burma; liberated by British troops – 45 04 09a # c.45.7

1945 04 12
Social centre for welfare of airmen and airwomen, built by YMCA presented to RAF station – 45 04 12 # c.45.7

1945 04 13
Guildhall flag at half-mast to mourn President Roosevelt, USA – 45 04 13

1945 04 13 CIPof
Indictable Offences. At Cambs. Quarter Sessions on Friday, a decrease in the number of indictable offences reported to the police, compared with the previous year. As reported by the Chief Constable (Mr. W. H. Edwards) in his annual report for 1944. In 1944, he said, 480 indictable offences were reported to the police compared with 571 in 1943 and 257 were detected, compared with 254 the previous year. The value of property stolen during the year was £2,966 16s. 6d., of which property worth £787 12s. 4d. was recovered. Cases determined summarily by the justices numbered 785, compared with 838. in the previous year. Juveniles dealt with totalled 51 against 69 in 1943.

G.P.O. Van Burnt. The N.F.S. were called out at, about tea time on Tuesday to deal with a G.P.O. engineer's van which caught fire, whilst standing in the Cambridge railway station yard. The man in charge of the van was Robert William Benton of 49 Great Eastern Street. Cambridge, and also with him was Ernest Napier, another employee of the G.P.O., who lives at 106, Thoday Street. The men were engaged on work connected with the railway, and it is thought that a blow lamp which was standing near blew up, and ignited the contents of the van. The N.F.S. quickly dealt with the fire, although the body of the van was burnt out. Both men attempted to put the fire out with extinguishers. Mr. Benton received burns to his right hand, and Mr. Napier singed eye brows and hair. Both men were given first aid by the Ambulance Division of the L.N.E.R.

Foxton Fire. Earlier in the day the N.F.S. were summoned to an outbreak in an outhouse in High Street, Foxton, on property owned by Mr. Barnes. The shed was severely damaged but thanks to the firemen's efforts, there was only slight damage to the house nearby. 45 04 13

1945 04 13 ES
Ely man amongst first to cross Rhine p1

1945 04 13
Mosquito. Hit trees, two killed, Oakington. E-H

1945 04 17
B24. Crashed and burned, six killed, near Caxton. E-H

1945 04 19
'Death March' across Germany, prisoners tell grim stories – 45 04 19 # c.45.7

1945 04 20 CIPof
Labour Meeting, — When the annual meeting of the Cambridgeshire Federation of Labour Parties was held in the Labour Hall, Norfolk Street, on Saturday, with Mr. Proctor in the chair, the secretary was directed to send to the American Ambassador a message of sympathy on the death of President Roosevelt. The isle of Ely Divisional Labour Party was admitted to the Federation. The meeting appointed the Hon. Mrs. Pease to represent the Federation at the forthcoming annual conference of the Labour Party at Whitsuntide, and decided to put down the following resolution for the conference agenda: This Conference deplores the failure of H.M. Government to make proper preparation for rebuilding Britain, both town and country; it regards the present initial programme of 300.000 houses as a woeful confession of impotence, and it calls upon H.M. Government to unify the building industry now in the same way that it organised the expansion of the aircraft industry in 1940. The Conference is convinced that only thus can the rebuilding of Britain go forward swiftly according to an orderly time-table based on our country's needs and carried out with regard to amenity, thus avoiding the waste, uncertainty, insufficiency and ugliness of haphazard speculative building. The annual report and accounts for 1944-5 were adopted, and the officers for 1945-6 were elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. T. Parsons: vice-chairman, Mr. Patterson, C.C.; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Pease.

Award for Gallantry.—The King has been pleased to approve the following award in recognition of gallantry and devotion to duty in the air operations: D.F.C.: Acting Squadron-Leader Anthony White Farrell, A.F.C., 85281, R.A.F.V.R., No. 105 Squadron. Squadron-Leader Farrell has at all times shown great skill and ability as a pilot. He has displayed outstanding courage and determination during a large number of operational sorties. Many of these have been completed successfully against heavily defended targets in Germany and enemy occupied territory. His high standard of resource and gallantry has enabled his crew to attain valuable results. Acting Squadron-Leader Farrell was born in 1917 at Hampstead, and his home is at Cherry Hinton, Cambs. He enlisted in December, 1939, and was commissioned in September, 1940. He was awarded the A.F.C. in 1944.

1945 04 20 ES
Ely men in "death march": grim stories p1
Cadet presentations. 45 04 20ES
Littleport Methodist sale of work
Mepal accident. 45 04 20(2)ES

1945 04 23
Stolen army hut allegations, Caxton court – 45 04 23

1945 04 24
American President Roosevelt memorial service, King's chapel – 45 04 24

1945 04 26
Forced march ordeal – Arthur Rumsey, Shelford Rd, Trumpington – 45 04 26 # c.45.7
Vivid stories of prison camps – 45. 04 26 # c.45.7

1945 04 27 CIPof
Corn Exchange boxing. A crowd of about 1,500 saw Eric Hall (Milton) bring off another of his spectacular wins at the Corn Exchange on Monday, when he knocked out John Newman (Cambridge) after the contest had been in progress one minute. The first time Hall connected he put Newman on the canvas. Newman was quickly sent' down" again and, on rising, was unable to keep Hall away. Hall brought the fight to an end with a perfect right to the chin. J. Ryan (Gloucester) beat W. Redit (Soham) on points. Ryan, using his reach to advantage, had the better of the first round. Next two rounds were fairly even, though Redit's general ship, took him out of a nasty situation. In the fourth round Redit carried the fight strongly, but Ryan was sound in defence. Ryan missed badly, but continued to have slightly the better of the exchanges, and he was awarded the decision after a very close contest. In the top-line contest, Jim Anderson (Waltham Cross) outpointed Marcel Ludavino (Free French Navy). Other results: Henry Maguire (Cambridge) beat Sgt. A.G. Norman Boon (Leicester) on points; L.A.C. Tommy Myers (R.A.F. and Leeds) beat Bill Haley (London) on points; Billy Boyd (Peterborough) knocked out Roy Pearmain (London) in the second round.

Dog show,—As a result of a dog show held by the Cambridge Town and County Canine Society on Thursday, April 12, the organisers, were able to hand over a cheque for £50 to the Cambridgeshire Troops Comforts Fund (Next of Kin Parcels).

1945 04 27 ES
Prickwillow suicide Ernest frost p1
Sutton soldier liberated by Americans p5

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1945 05 03
Jewish refugees should stay, says meeting – 45 05 03 # c.45.7 # c.83
Princess Mary visits Papworth – 45 05 03

1945 05 04
Librarian's salary should be £650, which low – 45 05 04 # c.77.4
Cambridge elementary gliding school opened at Marshalls – 45 05 04a

1945 05 04 CIPof
Fen Roads. Following conferences between the Roads and Bridges Committee and representatives of the internal drainage boards, Cambs. Council will be recommended on Saturday to approve grants towards the maintenance of fen roads. The report of the conference shows that after the County Survey or had presented particulars of a census of traffic taken at the end of certain roads for five consecutive days, it was resolved to recommend that none of the roads be taken over as repairable by the inhabitants at large, but that a contribution be made to the cost of the maintenance of the roads, subject to certain conditions. The amount of the proposed contribution varies from 20 per cent to 5 per cent of the annual cost for the five roads mentioned.

Wounded Servicemen. Another convoy of wounded servicemen, including a number of released prisoners-of-war, arrived in Cambridge on Wednesday. The men, 140 in number, have been distributed to Addenbrooke's, the Leys Annexe and the Examination Hall. # c.45.7

Business Houses Football League. The Business Houses Football League Championship has been won on goal average by Madingley Road Sports, having secured the title from Pye Radio, who had been leading the field for so long. Both have 14 points from 10 games but the Sports have scored 48 goals against 26, compared with Pye's 41 against 24. In the match which decided the championship the sports beat their colleagues from Bourn by the odd goal of five.

1945 05 04 ES
More liberated prisoners reach home includes Croft p1
Death Alderman William Cutlack p5

V.E. Day, how the occasion will be observed. 45 05 04&b(5)ES
Returned; Pte C.E. Howard, German PoW; Pte T. Edmondson
Sale land Mepal, Witcham, Coveney
Death W. Rickwood
Pte J.D. Fyson, Ely, died of wounds. 45 05 04(2)ES
Ald Cutlack, Littleport obit. 45 05 07(3)(4)ES

1945 05 07
Rural Community Council last meeting before changes name – 45 05 07

1945 05 08
Hostilities end at Midnight: front page – 45 05 08a

Cambridge's Spontaneous Celebration. Students, war workers and Servicemen celebrated the end of the European War in their own way at Cambridge last night. A crowd of several thousand gathered on the Market Square as dusk approached, singing, dancing, cheering, and to generally giving vent to high spirits. Later, as darkness fell, the waste paper dump in St. Mary's Passage became a bonfire, with several 'satellite' fires at other points on the square. It was a good humoured, noisy, cheerful show, and there was little sign of deliberate hooliganism. A few lamp glasses were smashed, and several stalls were damaged as the more agile' raggers' tried to use them as a grandstand. Several cars which have been left on the Hill also suffered through a similar cause. Not a few people waited on the Square earlier in the evening, expecting the Victory broadcast, and some mistook the practicing of bell ringers at Great St Mary's for a Victory peal. Cries of "We want the Mayor" went up later, when it became clear that there was to be no official celebration, but the crowd soon forgot that when a lively spirit climbed 60ft, to the top of the fountain steeple to plant the Union Jack , soon joined by the

Red Flag and the Stars and Stripes. Cheers greeted the efforts. Later another daring individual was seen on the face of the illuminated Guildhall clock, 100 feet above the ground, putting the hands back.

Homemade 'thunder-flashes' and cracker-jacks added to the liveliness of the evening, but the numerous police on duty had nothing to do except prevent excessive exuberance. The Arts Theatre publicity trolley suffered from attempts to use it violently, but when it seemed as if injury was likely to people, police intervened and removed it. Spirits began to flag about midnight, and soon after all was quiet again 45 05 08, 45 05 10 # c.45.7

1945 05 09
Happy crowds celebrate VE-Day – 45 05 09, 09a # c.45.7 # S.1945 # c.02

1945 05 10
Top fountain damaged – photo – 45 05 10 # B.Mar.K45 # K.H.K45
Crowds dance Market Hill – photo – 45 05 10 # s.1945

1945 05 11
Victory bonfire night scenes – 45 05 11

VE celebrations –45 05 11a; Beaconsfield Hall children, Sturton St, Cowper Rd, Norwich St – 45 05 16; Perne Ave, Mowbray Road, Beche Rd, Norfolk St – 45 05 18; Hobart Rd, Bradmore St, Russell St – 45 05 19b; Young St, Gonville Road & Charles St, Cam Causeway, Gt Eastern St – 45 02 22a; Ditton Fields, Romsey Women Conservatives, Suez Rd, Covent Garden, Eden St – 45 05 23; York St, Thoday St, Kingston St, Northampton St, Cherry Hinton – 45 05 24; Hills Ave, City Rd, Cavendish Rd, Malta Rd – 45 05 25; Mowbray Rd, Willow Walk, Springfield Rd, Kelvin Close – 45 05 26b; New St, Chesterton High St – 45 05 28a; Cockburn St, Newnham Croft, Madras Rd, Henley Road & Coldham's Lane – 45 05 30; Barnwell, Wellington St, Fitzroy St, Devonshire Rd – 45 05 30b; children entertained Cherry Hinton, Fairfax Rd – 45 06 02; Vinery Rd, Eastfield – 45 06 04; Catherine St, Ditton Walk, Union Lane – 45 06 05; Gwydir St, Abbey (East) – 45 06 06; Meadowlands Estate, Argyle St, Hope St, De Freville Estate – 45 06 07; Ross St, Hemingford Rd, Green End Rd, Staffordshire St, Selwyn Rd, Coldham's Grove, Coldham's Lane, Akeman St – 45 06 11; Brooks Rd, Sedgwick St, Langham Rd, Oxford Rd, Haig Road, Chesterton – 45 06 13a; Windsor Rd, Stretten Ave, Kimberley Rd, Abbey Road, Walnut Tree Ave, Brookfields – 45 06 18; Trumpington, Mansfield Hall – 45 06 19; Cavendish Ave, Hinton Ave, Hope Hall for Deaf – 45 06 21a; Histon Rd children – 45 06 30; St Peter's St, Greens Rd – 45 07 10

1945 05 11 CIPof
Stack Fires. On Tuesday the N.F.S. were called out to deal with numerous stack fires outside Cambridge, mainly caused by VE-Day celebrations. The areas affected were Bourn, Toft, Gransden, Linton, Foxton, Wrestlingworth and Comberton. In some villages watch was kept by the N.F.S. to prevent the fires from spreading. # c.45.7

Gallantry. — Lieut. S. G. Love, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Love, of 15 Burleigh Street, Cambridge, has been mentioned in dispatches for gallant and distinguished services in North-West Europe. Lieut Love is in the R.A.S.C. and is attached to the Armoured Division.

Reach Fair. — Even though we are in the midst of world-shaking events, the old tradition of proclaiming the opening of the Reach Fair was not neglected on Monday morning. The Mayor of Cambridge (Mr. G. Wilding), together with the Town Clerk (Mr. C. H. Kemp) and the Sergeant-at-Mace (Mr. W. H. Ingle), made the journey out to the village for the formal proclamation, which is the only remaining feature of the Fair, but though much of the old glory has gone, the children were still able to scramble for halfpennies. For the youngsters, at least, Reach Fair still means something. # c.27.3

Three Cornered Fight for Cambs? — With Mr. Gerald Howard (Conservative) and Ald. A. E. Stubbs (Labour) already in the field, interest in the political situation in Cambs. is increased by the news that County Liberals have a candidate in view. They are meeting at the Dorothy Cafe tomorrow afternoon to hear a speech; by Lieut. L. E. Goodman, RASC with a view to his adoption as prospective candidate

1945 05 11 ES
Memorable VE-Day scenes at Ely. 45 05 11&ES
Village news. 45 05 11&a(2)ES
Stretham. 45 05 11(3)ES
How the victory news came. 45 05 11&(4)ES
National Victory news. 45 05 11(5)ES

1945 05 12
How Cambridge learned VE news – 45 05 12 # c.45.7
Charles Phythian appointed clerk county council – 45 05 12 # c.45.1

1945 05 12
B17. 'Honky Tonk Sal' five miles East of Cambridge. Collision. E-H

1945 05 14
Thanksgiving service Gt St Mary's church – 45 05 14 # c.45.7
Dagenham girl pipers at final VE celebrations – 45 05 14aa

1945 05 18 ES
Sutton church floodlit
Local prisoners home - including Arnhem
Victory in the villages. 45 05 18&a&(3)(4)ES
Victory – Stretham. 45 05 18a&(5)ES
Royal Observer Corps post opened at Stretham. 45 05 18ES

Stuntney man in capture of circus. 45 05 18(2)ES
Thanksgiving Sunday at Ely. 45 05 18ES
Black Horse Drove celebrate VE. 45 05 18aES

1945 05 19
Blast walls in front Emmanuel College demolished – photo – 45 05 19
VE street tea parties a good idea – 45 05 19c
VE street party photo – 45 05 19a

1945 05 22
National Fire Service – 500 part-time men and women parade, Parker's Piece for stand-down; thanked for work – 45 05 22 # c.34.75 # c.45.7

1945 05 25
Charles Circuit, Holbroke Road tells of life in Italian and German prison camps – 45 05 25 # c.45.7
1945 05 26
Council for Preservation of Rural England gravely concerned that factories placed on Madingley Road – 45 05 26
Farewell party of No.4 Regional Column of the Civil Defence Reserve at Newton Hall; established two years ago has 15,000 Civil Defence workers, attended 400 incidents; undertook rescue work and tackled flying bombs and rockets, help with ambulance trains and returned prisoners of war. In 12 months 570 groups of Civil Defence personnel had gone from the Regional camps and of these 386 groups, representing 12,000 men had gone to air raid damage in the region. Thousands of pounds have

been recovered and in one town £3,000 found at one house was handed over. Much valuable property salvaged. Regional Commissioner to resign soon – 45 05 26a # c.45.7

1945 05 25 CIPof
Local P.O.W. Gunner E.C. Prevett, R.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Prevett, of 182 Newmarket Road, has returned home after three years in captivity. He was captured Tobruk in July 1942, and was in an Italian P.O.W. camp until Italy capitulated when he was transferred to Stalag 4C, whence he was liberated. Another Cambridge man has this week returned home from a German P.O.W. camp. He is Brd. J. Andrews, of 59 Ross Street, and has been a prisoner for nearly three years, being liberated from Stalag 18A. Previous to the outbreak of war he was in business with his uncle, Mr. W. Bell, butcher, of Ross: Street. H.A.V. Clark, of 8a George IV Street, Cambridge, has returned home from Stalag XXB. He was taken prisoner on May 23 1940 at Boulogne. He is known as Nobby the Cook. News has been received by Mr. A and Mrs. Gurner, of 19 Willow Place, Cambridge, that their son, Sapper B. Gurner has arrived in England, and will be shortly at home. He was in Stalag 344 and was a prisoner five years. # c.45.7

Cambs. Cricket League.—New Chesterton Institute pulled off their second Cambs League victory by defeating Chemical Laboratory by 54 runs in Parkers Piece on Saturday. Batting first, N.C.I, knocked up 146. Mace (27) and Arnold (31) put on 45 for the second wicket, and after a lean spell Stocker hit freely for 39. The Laboratory lost two wickets for two runs, but Whittaker (34) figured in stands of 52 with Peper and Hill. Then the batting broke down before Stocker, who secured five wickets for eight runs.

1945 05 25 ES
Stretham: Richard Clark son of G.B. Clark of Post Office killed in aircraft accident in Italy; spent VE night in Venice - photo p1
Stz "bomb scare": Leslie Pinion & Basil Sadler - charged him with misuse of petrol - had found fin at Chittering p1
Prickwillow tragedy: lad drowned beneath tractor
Ely dentist Jefferson Smith in Burma
Stretham Royal Observer post - windmill - opened to public- teas served, displays of model planes; from top Stretham seemed small & with many trees
Stretham evacuees : presentation prior to return; headmistress C.R. Barnett; Miss F Leir, former member staff said she was like second mother to evacuees; Miss E.M. Kitson & Mrs G. Mason, foster parents, spoke. Miss Barnett said her pupils would go from Stretham with unselfish characters ...; songs by Miss Joyce, member staff, puppet show
Stretham Feast Sunday revived. 45 05 25&a&(2)ES

1945 05 28
R.J. Green install modern washing and grading machine with loading hopper at Milton Pits to supply stone – 45 05 28, 45 06 05a

1945 05 30
Home Guard pay tribute to American airmen at Madingley cemetery – 45 05 30a
Madingley Road factories – was essential that Sebro should be built at the most convenient point for the surrounding aerodromes. The building, working and running of the factory meant a great deal of energy and terrific amount of worry; when built was one of a chain of shadow factories; repaired bombers; was built in wrong place from workers' point of view – should have been built near backs and then Trinity could have been used as a hostel, saving long journeys to work. That part of Madingley Road is hardly a beauty spot – letters – 45 05 30b # c.45.7

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Award for Gallantry. The many friends in Cambridge and the County of Lieut-Col. F. N. Drake Digby (former C. O. of the Cambridgeshire Regt.) and of Mrs. Digby (of 20 Fendon Road, will learn with interest and pleasure that their only son has received an award for gallantry in Burma. The official notification reads: The King has been pleased to approve the following award for distinguished and gallant services in Burma— D.S.O. Major (Temporary) Anthony Sergeant Drake Digby, 66273, the Suffolk Regiment, Cambridge. Before the war Major Digby had adopted the stage as his profession, and many local playgoers will remember that he appeared at the Arts Theatre, Cambridge, in "French Without Tears", a fellow player in the cast being Richard Greene, who soon afterwards went to Hollywood and has since become a well-known film star.

Junior Athletics—Cambs. Junior Athletics Championships at Fenner's on Saturday were held as a complete programme for the first time—previously only 100 yards and 180 yards have been held. Both holders of these titles, A. Muggleton (100 yards) and V. Steel (830 yards) had no difficulty in retaining their titles, and both secured doubles, Muggleton taking the 220 yards and Steel the mile. F. Kantorowicz also won two events—the 120 yards hurdles and 440 yards M. Shayer also had a good evening, winning the long jump and being runner-up in high jump and weight putting events. Southern A.A.A. standard medals; were won in the weight putting by J. Churcher, who beat the standard by 4 inches, while in the walk both first and second men beat the standard time of 8 mins 45 sees. After the sports the 'Lord Lieutenant (Capt. R. G, Briscoe, M.C. M.P.) presented certificates to winners and runners-up.

1945 06 01 ES
Walpole's last patrol (January 1945) p1
Prickwillow: pinned beneath tractor : death George Quantril p1
Ely man in Guernsey landing p5
Burn Fen man memories of German PoW p5

1945 06 02
Hunstanton beach minefields – not all was mined; not yet open – 45 06 02a

1945 06 08
Secret jobs by Labs & Pye – Radiolocation – Ground Control of Interception designed and built by University Cavendish scientists in conjunction Pye engineers – put fighters at right height on tail of enemy aircraft near enough to pick them up on Airborne Interception equipment – 45 06 08 # c.45.7
Mayor entertains returned Prisoners of War – 45 06 08a # c.45.7

1945 06 08 CIPof
Liberal Candidate.—Full employment and social security will form part of the political policy in the forthcoming election campaign of Lieut. Lionel Edward Goodman, R.A.S.C., of Norwich, who, at the meeting of the County of Cambridge Liberal Association on Saturday, was adopted Liberal candidate for the County. The resolution was proposed by Mr. G. C. Fetch. It was seconded by Miss F, O. M Taylor, and supported by Mr. R. T. Howlett and others. "We soldiers who are here at home must make sure that when the other boys return again they will get the welcome they deserve— not with flags and music, but with houses, jobs, and freedom to live decent, happy lives," declared .Lieut. Goodman Above all, he said, we are out to fight for full employment in a free society. "I am incensed," he added, "by the way unemployment was allowed to rise to phenomenal proportions between the wars, bringing squalor, want, illness and lack, of houses in its trail." Lieut. Goodman has only just been released from the Services, and will shortly address his first public meeting. Arrangements for the forthcoming contest were fully discussed in a meeting of the Executive Committee prior to the adoption.

Distinguished Service. Captain Reginald Carter, R.A.O.C., husband of Mrs. R. Carter, of 28 Windsor Road, Cambridge, has been mentioned in despatches for "distinguished service." At the time of being mentioned, Capt. Carter was serving in Italy, where he still is 45 06 08

1945 06 08 ES
Soham ammunition train remembrance service p1
Hunstanton beach clear of mines
Stretham: Leslie Caswell has two pictures accepted for Royal Academy; was at Slade School of Art p5

1945 06 09
'Sacrificing the Jews will not make the Arabs friends' talk to Women Zionists Society – 45 06 09

1945 06 13
Folk Museum new home – Lord Fairhaven offers Abbey House in recognition of VE Day – 45 06 13

1945 06 15
Abbey House – historical facts by F.A. Keynes – 45 06 15 # c.61 # c.03

1945 06 15 CIPof
Birthday Honours.—Two names of local interest appear in the list of King's Birthday Honours announced today (Friday). They are those of Prof. C. E. Inglis, F.R.S., lately Professor of Mechanical Sciences at Cambridge University, who becomes a Knight, and Mr. S. O. Chivers, a director of the Histon firm of Messrs. Chivers and Sons, who has been awarded the C.B.E. Well-known in Cambridge for his great interest in Addenbrooke's Hospital, Mr. S. O. Chivers receives the CBE as Hon. Technical Advisor to the Ministry of Food on Fruit and Vegetable Products. In 1942 he went to America for the Government on important work, and for this was attached to the British Food Mission. A member of the General Committee of Addenbrooke's, he is also chairman of the Maintenance Fund Committee.

Cambridgeshire Teachers met on Saturday at the Technical College by the kind invitation of the Principal, Mr. R. W. Wilson. Welcoming the assembly, he expressed his great pleasure in the close relations now established between the college and the County teachers. Several matters of interest were dealt with at the meeting. Miss Nan Youngman, county advisor on Art education, outlined a scheme to be considered by the Education Committee for the purchase by the committee of original contemporary works of art for circulation among the schools. She stressed that pictures chosen would be easily understood by children, and would have a realistic approach to the subject. It was important that children should appreciate the immense difference between original works and reproductions. Donations from schools would be welcomed, as well as gifts or loans from interested persons. Mr. P. J. Walling, reporting the matter of the attendance of children at public dance halls, said that the County Youth Organisations Committee was to be asked to deal with the problem. Recent discussions of the Joint Advisory Committee were also considered, and the secretary reported that an individual record card, which would assist materially in the difficult matter of selecting children of the three new types of secondary schools had been finally approved, and referred to the Education Committee for adoption. Mr, Walling was warmly congratulated on his work as secretary of the teachers' panel during the committee's first year.

1945 06 20
Evacuees go back – cheery picture at Cambridge railway station – 45 06 20 # S.1945 # c.45.7

1945 06 21
25 Germen Prisoners of War at work on Lichfield Rd housing site; the 100 temporary houses will be pre-fabricated 'Unisec' type – photo – 45 06 21 # Y.Tru.K45 # B.Lic.K45 # c.23 # c.45.7

1945 06 22 CIP of
Birthday Honours. The second section of the Birthday Honours List, published on Friday, includes the award of the O.B.E. to the following officials: Mr. J. M. McMillan Executive Officer of the Cambridgeshire W.A.E.C.; Capt. C. O Groom, hon secretary of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Help Society for the Isle of Ely and Cambridge; Mr. McMillan was trained in Edinburgh, where he

took a B.Sc. in Agriculture. He came to Cambridge in 1930 as organiser of Agricultural Education for the County Council, and at the beginning of the war was seconded to the W.A.E.C. He has been concerned to a large extent with fenland reclamation and the construction of concrete roads in the fens at Swaffham Prior, Burwell, Isleham, Over and Cottenham. The King and Queen saw some of the work when they visited Swaffham and Burwell in June, 1942. Capt. Groom is a retired Regular Army officer, living, at Wisbech, and takes a keen interest in the ex-Servicemen. He is president of the Workmen's Club and the Institute of Wisbech, and is also a. director of Groom Bros. Ltd., who are farmers in the district.

Fire Force Netball. A team of Cambridge firewomen, representing No. 12 (Stevenage) Fire Force, won the N.F.S. All-England Net-ball Championship on Saturday, when the semi-final and final were played on the Amalgamation ground, Queen's Road, Cambridge. In the semi-finals No. 26 (Liverpool) defeated No. 4 (Leeds) by 15-13 while No. 12 scored a 17-14 victory over No. 31 (Brighton). The Cambridge girls left nothing to chance in the final and notched 22 goals against Liverpool's nine. The winning team comprised: AGO H. M. Cornwall (captain), A.G.O. D. B F. Pamby, L.-Fw. J. M. Collins, Fw. V. M. Leigh, Fw. R. Finbow. Fw. P. Anderton, and Fw. P. Coxhead (reserve).

1945 06 22 ES
Lt Ouse: lightning strikes twice p1
Evacuees leave for home

1945 06 23
Clementina Elese Austin was professional companion and dresser to famous musical comedy actress Violet Cameron and toured country with plays. Later was principal dressmaker to world-famous costumery house of Alias, Soho Square – 45 06 23

1945 06 26
Queens Messenger convoy at garage at Trumpington before leaving to do welfare work for troops – photo – 45 06 26 # c.45.7

1945 06 27
Balloons Command started operations in 1937 and by the end of 1940 there were 2,400 balloons forming a dense belt to the South and East of London. They were also used for the production of many of our large towns; were flown over Normandy beaches and played an important part in guiding our shipping. In 1940 the difficult in the supply of hydrogen acute, due to the increasing enemy action and the Ministry decided to invite the co-operation of the gas industry. Cambridge Gas Company were approached as to facilities which were available such as blue water gas and steam or existing plant such as purifiers and gasholders. Cambridge was one of 19 sites selected were plant for the production of large quantities of water has and steam were available and the production of hydrogen started early 1942. The high standard attained in the production of hydrogen resulted from experimental work, much of which was carried out at the Cambridge Gas Works. It producing enough gas for 8,000 balloons. When news was received that enemy aircraft had been brought down over an East Anglian city by balloons filled with hydrogen manufactured in the Cambridge plant there was much jubilation among the personnel. The original fillings, and the maintenance of the large number of balloons required for the flying bomb barrage imposed a severe strain on the country's hydrogen production system and the output of the Cambridge plant was stepped up to 2½ times its normal capacity. Many people have wondered what the loads of long round steel cylinders contained which were frequently borne on large trailers through the town and now the facts are revealed, Cambridge has learned of yet another vital contribution to the national war effort which was made by a local company. Supplying gas for inflating balloons is no new experience for the Cambridge Gas Company. Many will remember the ascents made from Midsummer Common before the last war and the required has was supplied from the Newmarket Road works by a main specially aid for the purpose. More recently the Gas Company has become responsible for the production of nitrogen of a very high degree of purity for Air Ministry – 45 06 27 # c.45.7 # c.24.4 # c.26.1

1945 06 29
Music, singing and dancing licences for Theatre Cinema, Regal, Victoria, Tivoli, Central and Playhouse transferred to Max Milder from Eric Lightfoot who leaving the A.B.C. company – 45 06 29 # c.76.9

1945 06 29 CIPof
Crime Figures. In his report for the first quarter of this year, presented to the Standing Joint Committee on Saturday, the Chief Constable of Cambridgeshire (Mr. W. H. Edwards) stated that during the period 85 indictable offences were reported to the police, 38 being detected. Comparative figures for the previous quarter were 116 and 58. The amount of property, stolen during the quarter was £1,204 8s. 4d., and that recovered £270 15s. 10d. Cases dealt with summarily during the quarter numbered 214, compared with 233 in the previous period, while 14 juveniles were dealt with by the courts, against 22. Ninety accidents were reported, as a result of which five persons were killed or died from injuries received and 50 were injured. In the corresponding period last year the figures were 1,597 and 110

Motor Cycle Trials. A Cambridge man who entered the Royal Tank Corps in 1934, and was a despatch rider in Egypt and the desert before the war, won the motor cycle trials recently held in Germany by the 79th Armoured Division. Over a course on Luneburg Heath, in Hanover, which contained eight stiff hazards, Lieut C. T. Mace, of 29, Garlic Row, Newmarket Road, Cambridge, came in first with a score of 194 points out of a possible 200. The trial consisted of two laps of a five-mile course, and was a severe test for both men and machines. Hazards included a long run through a sand pit, baptism in a' water splash, and an arduous run through a muddy field.

Angling. Cambridge Fish Preservation and Angling Society, renewing their match programme after a lapse of six seasons, had 34 entrants in their first competition at Earith Bridge on Sunday. All caught fish, and 11 competitors weighed in, the winners being; 1 A. Osborn, 3 lbs. 9 ozs.; 2 R. Parr, 1lb. 12 ozs. 14 dr.; 3 A. Argent 1lb. 4 ozs. 4 dr.; 4 H. Jeffrey. 15 ozs. The next match will be fished on July 22, also at Earith.

1945 06 29 ES
Evacuee special leaves - photo p5
Stretham householders welcomed Jewish children of Robert Montefiore school and cared for them particularly well p5

1945 06 30
Cambridge had 419 air raid alerts during war according to E.A.B. Barnard – details by year – 45 06 30; figures disputed – 45 07 02a # c.45.7

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1945 07 02
Farewell parade of Special Constabulary, Civil Defence and Fire Guard Services, Parker's Piece – 45 07 02 # c.45.7

1945 07 03
'War against Japan' exhibition at Cavendish Laboratory – 45 07 03
Col Arthur James Vavasor Durrell dies – 45 07 03a

1945 07 05
Polling scenes at Cambridge, photo candidates – 45 07 05
Woman shot at American camp, Milton Rd p7 - inquest 7th p3
American red cross celebrate Independence day p7
"Make it V.L. day" - victory for Labour p6

1945 07 06
Tributes to Ashley Tabrum, Clerk of the Peace for 32 years – 45 07 06
Leys School speech day, plan to return to Cambridge from Pitlochry – 45 07 06a
Food & clothing difficulties p5
War against Japan exhibition, Cavendish laboratory p7

1945 07 06 CIPof
Musical Service, — With the closing of the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross Fund, the Cambridge Amateur Operatic Society's Choir, of which Mr. R. Alsop has been organiser, with Mr. E. Wedd musical director, held their last musical service at Little Shelford on Sunday evening in aid of the Duke of Gloucester's Fund. This made the 145th occasion of which the choir have sung for this purpose, and they have raised over £2,600. The service was very well attended, and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. B.H. Hardwick, O.B.E., M.A., Mr. J. Pares Wilsom (vice-chairman of the Joint County Committee) read the lesson. The choir gave a beautiful rendering of the. "Magnificent," and among the other items the solo "Wher'ere you walk" was sung by Mr. George Cornell. Afterwards the choir, with members of the Joint County Committee and other visitors, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Pares Wilson at the Manor House. Lord Fairhaven, introduced by Miss Gaskell (vice-president), in a short speech, thanked the members for all they had done. Dame Beryl Oliver, Headquarters Staff, of the British Red Cross Society, presented badges of associate membership of the society to members during the afternoon.

Water Board; — At the annual meeting of the Chesterton and St. Ives Joint Water Board held at the Town Hall, St. Ives, on Thursday week, Mr. H. G. Waddelow (Chesterton R.D.C.) was elected chairman of the Board for the ensuing year, and Mr. J. H. Leycester (St. Ives R.D.C.) vice-chairman. In addition to the usual quarterly business, consideration was given to the question of instructing the engineer to prepare a report on the potentialities of the Board's water resources, and also the necessity for obtaining estimates from the constituent authorities of their supply requirements over a period of years.

1945 07 06 ES
Election: Rothschild fractures thigh, Tholomas Drove p1
Death in Jap hands p1

1945 07 07
An inquest heard that a 37-year old woman had been shot through the heart by a sentry at the American camp in Milton Road, Cambridge after she persistently disregarded his challenges. The sentry said he saw somebody coming down the road from inside the camp at 4.40 a.m. and when the person got closer, found she was a woman. He stepped out into the road and called out 'Halt' but she did not stop, got right up to him and was walking by. He asked what she was doing the depot area at that time of the morning, and she replied that she had spent the night in the camp. He told her she did not belong in the camp and ordered her off the post. The woman started swearing at him, calling him foul names, and advanced towards the sentry box, saying she wanted to get warm. He again ordered her off the post and when she still insisted on going to the box, told her she did not belong to it. She turned towards the sentry. He warned her not to come any closer. She paid no attention. He loaded his rifle and fired. Woman shot through heart by coloured sentry at American camp in Milton Road; said she had spent the night in the camp, called guard names, refused to stop – 45 07 07. c.45.7

1945 07 09
Civil Defence services of county farewell ceremony, Shire Hall – 1,600 high explosives had fallen and hundreds of incendiaries – 45 07 09

1945 07 10
Demobbed men have accommodation problems p5

1945 07 11
Two girls slept in Home Guard hut opposite American camp on Milton Road, had blankets got from an American – 45 07 11
Fashion parade at hostel - American clothes shown to British brides p5

1945 07 12
Disastrous fire at Clark & Butchers mill, Soham p5

1945 07 13
Waterworks booster station, Castle Hill opened to boost supplies to north Cambridge – 45 07 13
Cut-off channel plan – Murdoch discussed – 45 07 13a
Impington VC first speech day p6

1945 07 13 CIPof
Barn Fire. The barn at the Manor House, Papworth St. Agnes, which was used as a Dance Hall, was practically gutted in a fire which broke out there early on Monday, shortly after midnight. It quickly got a hold, spreading to an adjoining garage, and both buildings were well alight when the Cambridge N.F.S. arrived on the scene. The roof and walls of both collapsed and a car inside the garage was severely damaged. The N.F.S. was there all night and, tackling the blaze with water tenders, soon had the fire under control and prevented it from spreading further.

Clerk of the Peace.Tribute to Mr. Ashley Tabrum's loyal and helpful service during 32 years as Clerk of the Peace for the County was paid at the transaction of the civil .business at Cambridgeshire Quarter Sessions on Friday. The Chairman (Mr. Grafton Pryor) is moving that the Court's high appreciation of Mr. Tabrum's work should be placed on record, recalled that he had also had experience of the Clerk while he (Mr. Pryor) was, so to speak, on the other side of the table—before he (the speaker) retired from the Bar in 1939. "I thank him for his courtesy and the ungrudging help he gave me," said Mr. Pryor, "and I also thank him on your behalf." In wishing Mr. Tabrum good luck in his retirement, the chairman remarked: "I feel quite sure that your wife will be only too glad to have a little more of your time than she has had in the past 32 years." Capt. R.-S. Hicks seconded the motion, and Mr. Tabrum, in reply, expressed thanks for what had been said, and added that the office of Clerk of the Peace was one he had always been proud to hold.

1945 07 13 ES
St Nazaire raid hero - Ely man DCM

1945 07 14
Communists decide contest Cambridge municipal elections for first time, Mrs Pearl Lilley candidate for Trumpington Ward – 45 07 14 # c.33

1945 07 16
Special constables stand down – photo – 45 07 16 # c.34.7

1945 07 19
W.A. Munford appointed Borough Librarian, comes from Dover – 45 07 19 # c.77.4
T.V. Burrows appointed Borough Engineer & Surveyor – 45 07 19a # c.35.7

1945 07 20
Disastrous fire Histon, four houses ablaze, 21 people homeless – 45 07 20
Old Post Office had been purchased about 1937 to give council control of improvements to the corner of Petty Cury; would have to be set back; might make ideal site for new library – 45 07 20a # c.77.4
30,000 more PoWs as harvesters p3

1945 07 20 CIPof

Storm. While Cambridge did not feel the full force of Saturday night's storm, the outlying districts were affected. Some telegraph poles were damaged, and two houses, one at Soham and one at Kirtling Green, were struck by lightning. The N.F.S. were called, and the damage caused was slight.

"Letters about Animals." We have pleasure in announcing today the result of the "Letters About Animals" competition, organised on behalf of the R.S.P.C.A. A large number of entries was received, including batches from four schools. After careful reading the letters were reduced to 20, and from these Dr. Rattray has selected the following winners: Seniors, 12 and 13 years—l Rita Britchford, 22 Hillside, Sawston ("Shy animals and birds are afraid of human beings"); 2 Margaret Freestone, Sunnyside. London Road. Sawston ("The care of dogs"); 3 Rosemary Godfrey, 21 Storey's Way, Cambridge ("The care of rabbits"); Juniors, 11, 10 and 9 years—1 Joyce Pestell, 19 Hope Street. Mill Road, Cambridge ("Things I ought to do for my pet animal"); 2 John Tooke, 79 Ainsworth Street, Cambridge ("Things I ought to do for my pet animal"); 3 Jane Unwin. 29 Chalmers Road. Cambridge ("Things I ought to do for my pet animal").

Awards. The King has approved the following awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in North-West Europe: Military Cross, Captain John Clarke, M.B. Royal Army Medical Corps (Cambridge); Military Medal, Lance-Sergt. Donald James Lanham. Corps of Royal Engineers (Madingley).

1945 07 20 ES
Soham - Clark & Butcher mill destroyed by fire - photos

1945 07 23
Queen Mary shops Stanley Woolston's antique shop – 45 07 23 photo – 45 07 24 # c.02

1945 07 26
Labour win elections for Cambridge – Major L. Symonds and County – A.E. Stubbs – 45 07 26 # c.33
1st Labour victory in Cambridge & county.
Cambridge : Major Symonds 882 majority over Lieut-Cmdr Tufnell - represented town since 1934
A.E. Stubbs in county
in Isle Major Harry Legge Bourke defeated sitting Library James de Rothschild by 2,321 votes
Hunts Maj Renton LNat
R.A. Butler in Saffron Walden - majority down from 10,000 to 1,150 p5

1945 07 27
Wilburton brothers' dispute – Furness – over rent of land – 45 07 27
Celebrate victory - borough & county MPs for Parker's Piece p5

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County Council. — In addition to a resolution to place on record appreciation of the service of Mr. Ashley Tabrum, who is to retire after 32 years' service as Clerk to the Cambs County Council, the council will have before them on Saturday the names of candidates for the post of County Accountant, consequent on the impending retirement of Mr. A. H. Wooll. The Finance Committee, who have been considering the applications, report that of 27 candidates who applied for the post, the Special Committee interviewed eight, including the Deputy County Accountant (Mr. R. P. Thorne), and they will put before the council for final choice three of the eight —again including Mr. Thorne. The Clerk will also report to the council the resignation of Ald. A. R. Fordham and the members will elect a new alderman to fill the vacancy so caused. From the Local Government and General Purposes Committee comes recommendations that Lt. Col. C. E. Roper, of Low Farm, Elsworth be elected a County Councillor for Elsworth (in place of Mr. E. Ashcroft, resigned), and Mrs. Susannah Crown, of 7 Clarendon Road, Cambridge, be elected a County Councillor for Abbey No. 2 (Cambridge) Division, in place of Mr. E. Darlington, who has resigned.

Cambs League. — Left about 100 minutes to get 166 to beat New Chesterton Institute, in the Cambs League on Saturday, Marshall's just failed to beat the clock, being 14 runs behind, with three wickets intact at the call of time. Feature of the Institute's innings of 153 for nine declared was the display of B. Arnold, who made 78 (including 10 fours) before being seventh out at 142. Half the side were out for 53, but B. Bull helped to add 75 for the seventh wicket. S. Kirby, who secured five of the wickets for 28, was top scorer for Marshall's with 46 (five fours). J. Peel, who hit a six and three fours, in his 26, was his partner in a second wicket stand of 64, and later B. Brown hit out, having two sixes and three fours in an unbeaten 40. Bowling unchanged for 19 overs, Bull took four wickets for 46 runs.

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Conservative victory in Isle - Legge Bourke majority 2,321 over Gray, Rothschild 3rd p1

1945 07 28
August Lady Bragg may stand for council and might be elected mayor – have been two women Mayors – Mrs Hartree 1924-25 & Mrs Keynes 1932-3 - 45 07 28
Stubbs needed to fight sevencampaigns before victorious p6
Hugh Dalton appointed Chancellor of Exchequer - fought first parliamentary campaign in Cambridge p6
David Hardman, chairman of Library committee now elected MP Darlington p6

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USAAF made freemen of Cambridge - photo p1,4,5

1945 08 03
The association between the people of Cambridge and the men and women of the Eighth. U.S. Air Force was marked with an historic ceremony when the Honorary Freedom of Cambridge was conferred upon members of the force. The principle part in the ceremony took place in the Market Square decked with flags and banners when the mayor of Cambridge Councillor George Wilding presented to Major General William E Kepner, Commanding Officer of the Eighth Air Force, an oak casket containing the scroll formally recording the council's resolution. In reply General Kepner asked the Mayor to accept an Eighth Air Force shield to be housed in the Guildhall in commemoration of the occasion. Large crowds who had assembled on the Market Square in brilliant summer weather were entertained by massed American and R.A.F. bands as the many distinguished visitors arrived. Crowds began to gather long before proceedings were due to start and hundreds of business people and others found windows overlooking the square a first-class viewpoint. Apart from the markers the first on parade were contingents of the RAF and the WAAF. The Mayor said the Honorary Freedom was the greatest distinction that can be awarded. He gave an assurance that any member of the American Eighth Air Force of whatever rank who may return in the future to visit us here will always receive a special welcome from the people of Cambridge. "It seemed but a very short time ago that the people with Cambridge listened to the first rumours of the arrival of U.S.A. airmen. Then rumour became fact and they found themselves watching the assembly of more and more well-equipped men and more and more wonderful machines, both air-borne and earthbound. The First Air Division, which comprised the forces in more immediate contact with Cambridge established their headquarters in Brampton in June 1942. It was Cambridgeshire's privilege to provide a site for the last resting place of those of the Force who died in the cause of freedom. The wives parents and other relatives of those who will not return may in time find some comfort in knowing that the Cemetery is situated upon what is considered to be the most beautiful hill in the neighbourhood of Cambridge. In Cambridge, their chief leave town, the Americans have endeared themselves to us by their heroism, their understanding and their great generosity. And above all the great love they have shown to our children". In replying General Kepner said that Cambridge had been a tremendous source of inspiration for them. And even greater inspiration came from the people. "During this war time, when you were least prepared to offer us hospitality, you shared with us that you had. All of us have made real lasting friends in Cambridge. And now we are Honorary Citizens of Cambridge I promise you

that many of us will return from time to time in the future, reliving our memories and revisiting our friends." – 45 08 02, a & b Crowds celebrate 45 08 03 # c.45.7 # c.35.7
American aerodromes at Duxford & Fowlmere open to public for first time – 45 08 03a, 45 07 31

1945 08 03 ES
Stretham death Rev Stitt, resigned living month ago; was Chaplain in SA war; "brilliant man with great literary ability ... remembered with affection p1 (funeral 10th p1)

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Appointment. By the unanimous vote of the members, Mr. R. P. Thorne, deputy county accountant to the Cambs. County Council was on Saturday appointed chief accountant, in succession to Mr. A. H. Wooll who retires shortly. The post carries with it a salary of £1,000 a year rising to £1,200. Mr. Thorne, who was one of three candidates interviewed for the office from a total of 27 applicants, was educated at the Cambridge and County High School for Boys from 1907 to 1911. Later, from 1928-31, he read for the Economics Tripos at Cambridge University, taking an honours degree. He spent the whole of his service with the Cambs. County Council, rising progressively from being junior clerk in 1912 to chief clerk in the Accountant's department in 1922, and deputy county accountant in 1935.

Bowls. Cambs. registered their first win of the season by defeating Norfolk by 13 shots at Chesterton on Saturday. The Lord Lieutenant (Capt. R. G. Briscoe, patron of the Cambs. Association) paid a visit to the green and was introduced to many of the players on both sides. The green was fast and in fine condition. Cambs. made a good start. They gained a lead of 19 after five ends, the score then reading 37-18, and bowled steadily throughout, being up on four rinks. Scores: at 10 ends 61-47, 15 ends 91-74, final score 121-108.

Award. — The King has been pleased to approve the following award for gallantry and skill and marked devotion to duty in air strikes in the Far East: D.S.C.—Temp. Lieut. (A) Richard Henry Reynolds, R.N.V.R.—Cambridge.'

1945 08 07
Atomic blitz on Japan planned – front page – 45 08 07aa
Cambridge real 'home' of Atom bomb: early work at Cavendish Laboratory; four members of Technical Committee from Cambridge – 45 08 07; details – 45 08 11 # c.45.7 # c.32.9
Man died in Thailand in Nov 1943 p4

1945 08 08
Dead 'uncountable' at Hiroshima – front page – 45 08 08
1945 08 10
Letters re Cambridge A-bomb connection p5 p2

1945 08 10 CIPof
Heroic Seamen. The W.V.S. have been asked to organise a Seamen's Flag Day in Cambridge in aid of King George's Fund for Sailors, the Missions to Seamen and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, "in token of gratitude for the heroism and devotion of our seamen in bringing vital supplies in the face of the utmost peril," writes the Mayor. "I sincerely hope that Cambridge will make every effort to make this a success. No-one in these days has much time to spare, but if all combine to help, this effort can be carried through without throwing too much of a burden on the shoulders of one or two." .

Angling. — An Ely competitor, Mr. L. Harvey, won the Cambridge Albion Angling Society's match for the Addenbrooke's Hospital Cup (given by "Cambridge Daily News"), which was fished at Little Thetford on Monday. He had a "bag" of 151b 12oz 6dr comprising -mainly of bream. There were 62 competitors, of whom 18 weighed in fish totalling 791b loz 2dr. Bream formed the bulk of the catches, but there was nothing of exceptional size. Several .others caught fish in a match which, contrary to the Society's custom, was "all in." Runner up was Mr. W. Marshall, jun., with 10 lb 8oz 4dr, and other placings were: 3 Mr. E, Newman, 71b 3oz. 4 Mr. L. Parr, 61b 8oz 2dr, 5 Mr. D.

Doggett, 41b 12oz, 6 Mr. H. Langley sen. 41b 10oz 12 dr, 7 Mr. H. G. Barker, 41b 3oz. In the unavoidable absence of the president (Mr. J.H. Cartwright) the cup was presented to the winner by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. G. Barker). The financial result in not yet available, but it is anticipated that about £20 will be handed to the Hospital.

1945 08 10 ES
Stretham: Fish & Duck sold by Geo Utteridge to H.M. Osborne, of Birmingham. Heavy seasonal demand ... private ferry etc p1
DSM for gallantry at Crete p5
Salute the soldier week. 45 08 10&bES

1945 08 15
How Cambridge heard the great victory news. The Prime Minister's broadcast came after most people in Cambridge had gone to bed, feeling confident no doubt that the news of Japan's surrendered would not be made known until this morning at the earliest. Nevertheless, a lot of people, including students did hear Mr. Atlee's announcement. But although some went out into the streets and others set off fireworks, there was no large scale merrymaking.
A Cambridge Daily News reporter who went to Market Hill immediately after the broadcast found half a dozen undergraduates busily engaged in starting a small bonfire on one corner of the Square. Shortage of suitable fuel that made their task difficult and they began to cast covetous glances at the wood of the market stalls. But the timely arrival of a police officer prevented any damage being done and the fire eventually died a natural deaths.
Next morning, the loudspeaker cars toured the town announcing the declaration from the Guild Hall at noon of the news. But sometime before then, crowds gathered waiting for the announcement. It was the VE-Day all over again on Market Hill. Once again all roads lead to the Square. As on that other memorable occasion, they started to collect early and by 9:30, there was a fair number. More and more collected as the morning went on and the hundreds soon grew into thousands, many of them large family parties, the children carried shoulder high and not realizing the significant of the event. Union Jacks, rosettes, paper hats another patriotic favours carefully cherished for this occasion from the other one were well in evidence, and the people waited patiently, the wait enlivened by a few bangers and listening to stirring martial music from the loud speakers. The windows of the shops and offices on the square were again framed with people getting what you call a bird's eye view, as they waited for the historic declaration by the Mayor - 45 08 15
Market Hill scenes at declaration, spontaneous revelry – 45 08 15, a; Victory night of revelry on Parker's Piece – 45 08 16 # c.45.7
Problems of the colour bar - negroes and the war p5

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Victory night of revelry on Parkers piece p4

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Combined Parade. Cambridge was well presented on Sunday at Bury St Edmunds when 1,500 troops of the Suffolk Regt., the Beds, and Herts. Regt., the A.T.S., and the General Service Corps, together with members of the 4th Cadet Batt., Suffolk Regt. took part in a combined parade. The occasion was the commemoration of Minden Day and Blenheim Day. At the Battle of Minden on August 1, 1759, the 12th Foot (the Suffolk Regt.) picked roses as they pursued the retreating French, while the Battle of Blenheim — August 13, 1704—is one of the battle honours of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment. There were several old veterans on parade among them being Lieut. Mr. William Taylor, of Cheveley, near Newmarket, who is 80 years old, and who holds the Hazara. In command of the parade was Lieut-Col. G. A. Anstee, M.C., commanding No. 3 Infantry Training Centre, and as they were brought on parade, the .colours of both regiments, those of the Suffolk Regiment being the oldest in the British Army, were received with the royal salute, for which the bands of both regiments played. The service was conducted by the Archdeacon, of Sudbury, the Ven. H. R, Norton, formerly Assistant, Chaplain General Eastern Command, and the Rev. J O. V Hogarth, Chaplain to No 3 I.T.C., and the lessons were read by Col Nicholson and Brigadier Foss. Afterwards, there was the impressive

ceremony of trooping the colours of the Suffolk Regiment, and the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment which were then formed up for the troops, cadets and old soldiers to march past. The ceremony, which took place at Gibraltar Barracks, was watched by a large gathering of townspeople.

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Jap acceptance of Allies terms; Ely celebrated p1. 45 08 17ES
Chatteris VJ celebrations p4

1945 08 18
Victory joy sweeps world – front page – 45 08 18a

1945 08 21
Dean of Ely on bomb - justification, shortening war horrors p4

1945 08 22
How Cambridge entertained Americans – Supervisor of Hospitality for American Red Cross at Bull hotel; problems of arranging hostesses for some of the shyer lads, one wanted to see polo ponies, 'good-time boys' – 45 08 22 # c.45.7

1945 08 24
Queen Mary re-enters car after shopping visit to St Andrew's Street – 45 08 24 # c.02
"Utmost vigour for housing" p3

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Royal Shopper. — People who happened to be in St. Andrew's Street about noon yesterday had the pleasure of seeing Queen Mary, who paid a private shopping visit to Mr. Stanley Woolston's antique shop. Before Her Majesty arrived, there was only a handful or more people in the vicinity of the shop, but as her car drew up outside, the crowd rapidly grew and people pressed forward to catch a glimpse of the distinguished visitor, Queen Mary, who attended by Lady Cynthia Colville, from Sandringham, wore a pretty powder blue frock, a white coat with a large white fur collar and a small white hat. She wore pearl and diamond earrings. As Her Majesty re-entered the car later, the cheers and clapping went up from the crowds, and many people ran behind the car to get a last view of her as she drove for Exning. # c.02

Award for Gallantry.—The King has been pleased to approve the following award for gallantry, resource and devotion to duty while serving in H.M.S. Clyde. 'In six patrols in the last year H.M.S. Clyde has carried out eight special operations under hazardous conditions, in the Far East: Mentioned in Despatches. Leading Stoker Tom Bosworth, P/KX, .90,104 (Cambridge).

Cricket.—Strong batting put Cambs. in a good position at Fenner's on Saturday, but their bowling, apart from a brilliant short spell by Trapnell, was not powerful enough to get the better of the Beds. batsmen. Cambs. were given a fine send-off by Coots and Taylor, who put on 110 in 98 minutes before Coote was caught in the gully for 61, which included nine 4's. Taylor reached his 50 just before lunch, and he and Sunshine added 78 before Taylor was bowled for 73, in which were a five and eight 4's. Sunshine and Ridgeon attacked the bowling, and the total had gone to 236 when Ridgeon was caught at deep square leg for 40, half of which came in fours. A lively partnership by Sunshine and Trapnell increased the score to 296 before the innings was declared, Sunshine's sparkling 87 not out included eight fours.

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Victory celebrations in Ely & district p1 & p7. 45 08 24&aES
Victory letter from Legge Bourke
Dean replies to atomic bomb critics p5
Stretham victory celebrations: bunting, bells; several men in Japanese hands & hopes tinged with anxiety ... deep thankfulness for victory ... church service; children's tea & sports

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Lieut. Richard H. Reynolds of Suez Road wins medal fighting Japs in Pacific – 45 08 25
Far East prisoners p6

1945 08 28
Three-day VJ celebrations for Newmarket planned p4

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VJ Parties – Eden St, Cherryhinton Rd, Chestnut Grove – 45 08 29; Queen Edith's Way, Ditton Fields – 45 09 04; Young St, Petworth St, Geldart St, Marshall Rd – 45 09 04; Darwin Drive, Stretton Ave, Victoria St, Hobart Rd, Adam & Eve St – 45 09 07b; Gloucester St, Castle St, Ashfield Rd – 45 09 10; Gilbert Rd, Kings Hedges Rd, Ditton Fields – 45 09 11; Lichfield Rd, Cromwell Park estate, Hawthorn Rd – 45 09 12; Catharine St, Kendal Way – 45 09 14; York St & York Terrace, Brooks Road, Gold St – 45 09 17d# Bateson Rd, Garden Walk, Argyle St, St Philip's Rd , Sedgwick St, Holbrook Rd, Mowbray Rd – 45 09 18; Akeman St, James St, Parsonage St, Vinery Rd, Kingston St, Kingston St, Mowbray Rd, Hurst Park Estate – 45 09 20; Eastfield, New St, Kelvin Close – 45 09 24a; Hertford St, St John's Rd, Norwich St, Alpha Terrace, Sherlock Rd – 45 09 27a# c.45.7
Premier Travel take over services of F.E. Weeden of Chrishall – 45 08 30; Silverwood Close, Newmarket Road, Fallowfield, Fen Rd, Water St, Mowbray Rd – 45 10 04a; Cavendish Rd, Stourbridge Grove, Fulbourn Rd, Bradmore St, Petersfield, Gwydir St, Newnham Croft, Scotland Rd, Scotland Close – 45 10 08; Suez Rd, Hale Ave, Harvey Goodwin Ave, Glebe Rd, Radegund Rd, Golding Rd – 45 10 10; Selwyn Rd, Abbey Estate, De Freville Ave, Stanley Rd – 45 10 12a; Milton Rd, Thoday St – 45 10 18 # c.45.7

Life in Far east prison camps "cheerful under trying conditions" p5

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Impressions of House of Commons by Simmonds p4
Prisoners missing after sinking of Japanese transport between Thailand & Japs in Autumn 1944 p5

1945 08 31
First news of Cambridgeshire from Capt. Philip Unwin – 45 08 31 # c.45.7
Volunteer Car Pool provided cars and drivers for the sick and those engaged on work of national service for whom no alternative means of transport, Cambridge drivers in their 70's have done over 40,000 miles – 45 08 31a # c.45.7 # c26.48

1945 08 31 CIPof
Repatriating Prisoners. Among British troops who will be helping in the repatriation of prisoners of war from the Far East is Capt. Albert Cox, R.A., whose home is at 158 Newmarket Road, Cambridge. He leaves shortly by air for the Far East, and is one of a number of British officers and men, who, having been engaged on work at transit camps in this country, will now use their experience in repatriating men from Japan. Well known before the war as a singer, Capt. Cox is a former member of the Mackenzie School of Music,

Atomic Energy. Sir Lawrence Bragg, Cavendish Professor of Experimental Physics at Cambridge, took an optimistic view of the recent development of atomic energy, when he gave a broadcast talk on Sunday night. We were at the beginning, he said, of one of the epochs when the whole structure of human society underwent vast change and reorganisation. .epochs which came at long intervals, measured in tens or hundreds of thousands of years. He joined with the optimists who thought that the inevitable end of our scientific and technical achievements was a world welded into one unit.

Released. What is believed to be first news of one of the Cambridgeshires released from captivity in the Far East reached us last night as we were going to press. The following cabelgram, addressed to "Unwin, Seedsman, Histon." was received earlier in the evening; Philip, fit and well, Bangkok. Reply

c/o Swiss Consulate. The cable was handed in at Bangkok on Monday, August 27th. Capt. W. P. p Unwin, of the 2nd Batt, Cambridgeshire Regt., is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Unwin, of Orchard House, Impington. He is married and has a little son of 34, whom he has never seen. "We are exceedingly lucky to hear so soon," said Mr. Unwin in response to a phone call last night. "I believe we were among the first to hear that Philip was a prisoner after the fall of Singapore. We have had three, cards in all from him. The last, received about Christmas time, was dated May, 1944." Bangkok is the capital of Thailand, formerly known as Siam. 45 08 31# c.45.7

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Railways: a single raid needed 1,012 wagons p5

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Cheering news – postcards from Saigon – 45 09 06
What censorship meant - spy shot in shelter p4
More VJ parties

1949 09 07
Censorship relaxed, what could not be previously told – Vicarage Terrace, Dornier bomber, Spy shot in shelter – 45 09 07 & a # c.45.7

1945 09 07 CIPof
Chinese scientist. Dr. Lu Gwei-Djen, the distinguished Chinese woman scientist, has arrived in London from the U.S. and will be shortly returning to China as advisor on nutritional science to the British Council Cultural Scientific Office in Chunking, During her stay she is having consultations with nutritional authorities. After several years at the Lester Institute, Shanghai, Dr. Lu came to Cambridge in 1937 to work with Dr. Needham. For some years she has been in the U.S., where she has been a Chinese delegate at international conferences on nutritional and food research,

Parliamentary secretary. Mr. Arthur Greenwood (Lord Privy Seal) has appointed Dr. David Hardman, the new Labour member for Darlington, to be his Parliamentary private secretary. Mr. Hardman is the assistant secretary and organising lecturer to the Cambridge University board of extra-mural studies, and is a member of the Cambridge Town Council and Cambridgeshire County Council, Recently he was appointed Chairman of the County Education Committee. He is also a Justice of the peace for the Borough

Royal Visit. Two young Ethiopian Princes, both direct descendants of the Emperor, paid a private visit to Cambridge on Saturday, when they were guests of the Vice-Chancellor. The Royal visitors were Prince Sachie Salassie, the 15-year-old son of the Emperor, and Prince Alexander Desta, aged 11, a son of the Emperor's daughter. They arrived at Trinity at midday, where they were received by Mr. A. Marcos, a third year Ethiopian student at the college, before meeting the Vice-Chancellor at Emmanuel and going on to lunch at the University Arms Hotel. With Dr. Hele and Mrs. Hele at the lunch were Mr. Zaude (Secretary of the Ethiopian Ministry in London), Professor Jevons (English

Adviser to the Ministry), Mr. P. W. Duff (of Trinity) and Mr. A. Marcos. During the afternoon the Princes toured the University with Mr. Duff as guide, and when they arrived back at Trinity they were shown round by the Vice-Master (Mr. D. A. Winstanley). An informal tea followed in Mr. Marcos' rooms. Mr. Marcos, who is the only Ethiopian representative in Cambridge, was previously chaplain to the Royal household at Bath. Professor Jevons is the founder of the Abyssinian Association, and was one of the Emperor's confidential advisers while he was in England. The young princes, who are at present in London, are going to school in Scotland in September. Another relative Princess Aida, sister of Prince Alexander, will be coming to Cambridge to study at Newnham. # c.02

1945 09 07 ES
Stretham: Eric Dimock safe; elder son of J Dimock, Home Farm, was planter in Malaya & joined up there; wife, former Constance Jacobs and family left Singapore just before fall
Press censorship ended p1
Littleport victory parties p1
Need for tolerance: address to prisoners relatives
Prickwillow victory celebrations p5
Stretham VJ celebrations committee: balance to be banked; children to be given memento & fireworks when national day of rejoicing announced

1945 09 08
Cambridge & Singapore – is in our hands again, significance of news from Saigon – 45 09 08
British Council issue information pamphlet on Cambridge for British and Allied Visitors from Overseas – 45 09 08
Bog oaks in fens article in Illustrated Carpenter by W.G. Undrill – 45 09 08

1945 09 10
'Behind the scenes with the railway, problems of the Blitz, Cambridge's special efforts at train control room – details – 45 09 10 # c.45.7 # c.26.2

1945 09 11
First news of released engineers p4

1945 09 14
Now it can be Told - More about Cambridge Air Raids; some remarkable escapes; bombs which failed to explode.
There is a large book in the Guildhall which might be placed in Library as a reminder of what air warfare meant to Cambridge. It is a large book which lists the total casualties (about 30 people killed and 70 hurt), the damage (51 houses demolished and 1,271 less badly damaged) and that the 424 official 'alerts', plus one or two false alarms. It also tells the story of some amazing escapes. One tells of an old lady in the Rock Estate district who heard whistles for the first time during an incendiary raid. One warden, busily engaged in dislodging an incendiary bomb from the roof of the branch library told her 'We've got a football match on'.
No resident needs reminding of the first raid on June 19th 1940 when 10 people were killed by two bombs on Vicarage Terrace. But few are aware than some 10 weeks previously 11 High Explosive bombs were aimed at Cambridge but fell in sugar beet fields on the outskirts of the town, causing damage only to crops. One night in August eight h.e.s were dropped on different parts of town, including Fenners and on August 26th another eight fell, one failing to go off. This fell a few feet from a house at the end of Leys Avenue, stripping wallpaper, but without harming the people in the house. Some other bombs fell in Pemberton Terrace and Shaftesbury Avenue, damaging houses. Then on October 15th one person was killed when a single bomb fell in Barrow Road.
1941 was the worst year for bombing. On January 18th, a bitter, icy night when pipes were frozen, raiders dropped some 100 incendiary bombs in the vicinity of Hyde Park Corner, damaging the Perse School. A fortnight later Mill Road Bridge was attacked, damaging two cottages. Two lost their lives and 10 others were injured. On February 15th a bomb fell in front of a house in Cherryhinton Road but all eight occupants of the building escaped. Then on 24th a sharp attack resulted in the deaths of

11; incendiaries were dropped in the Cherryhinton Road district, two h.e.s made a direct hit on a house in Grantchester Meadows killing two women. Then a whole batch of bombs and incendiaries fell in the Hills Road area, wardens and firewatchers were caught in the streets while other people were injured in their homes. A more determined attack with fire bombs was made on May 9th when hundreds of incendiaries were showered in the area between Hills Road and Trumpington Road. Fifty houses received direct hits but resulting fires were put out with stirrup pumps and sand. Two houses in Great Eastern Street, Romsey Town were hit by 10 h.e.s. on August 29th causing two deaths but the fact that it was a pouring wet night – something newspapers were not allowed to report at the time – was responsible for the complete absence of casualties when a 'stick' of high-explosives and incendiaries fell in Huntingdon Road.
Ten months elapsed before the next raid, then on July 28th 1942 a single low-flying raider straddled the Bridge Street – Sidney Street area with 11 high-explosives and many incendiaries. It was in this raid that the Germans made first use of their new explosive incendiary bombs, one of which caused the big fire at the Union Society. Three people were killed and seven injured, 10 buildings were demolished or rendered so unsafe they had to be pulled down, and 127 other properties damaged. The results would have been much worse but for the fact that three of the h.e.s failed to explode. One fell through the roof of a house in Portugal Place and came to rest on the hearth immediately above a basement where residents were sheltering. One lodger who was still in bed awoke to see a bomb sticking through the party wall! High explosives and incendiary bombs were used again on August 7th when Chesterton and the Stourbridge Common area were hit. The h.e.s were of the 250 k.g. type and incendiaries numbered about 700. Again both damage and casualties were light.
The last raid of the war to affect Cambridge occurred over 12 months later, on November 5th 1943, when two high explosive bombs of small calibre fell off Milton Road, causing damage to a house but no personal injuries. The rest of the 'stick' fell in Histon.
Cambridge was fortunate enough to escape all flying bombs, although their ominous drone was heard low over the roof-tops on quite a number of occasions. Similarly no rocket bombs landed within the Borough boundaries. In the county, week after week bombs were dropped but almost always they fell on open ground. From over 1,600 high-explosive bombs, seven parachute mines, 10,000 incendiaries, five fly-bombs and one rocket, the total civilian casualties were only three killed and 23 injured. Service men suffered during the attacks on aerodromes, but details of casualties were not made known to Civil Defence authorities. It may now be stated that five fly-bombs fell at Melbourn, Burwell, Castle Camps, West Wickham and Heydon when one fell close to the spot where in 1940 a bomb had damaged the church. Only one rocket fell in Cambridgeshire – at Fulbourn. Also in the county five raiders were brought down at Balsham, Orwell, Westwick, Oakington, Cheveley and Litlington – 45
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1945 09 14 CIPof
Liberal Conference. Lieut. Lionel Goodman, prospective Liberal candidate for the County of Cambridge, Mrs. Goodman and members of the County Liberal Association attended the National Conference of Liberal Candidates at the Beaver Hall. Garlick Hill, London, last weekend. The conference decided to prepare for the next election in such great strength as to be an alternative Government. Lady Violet Bonham Carter and Mr. Wilfred Roberts. M.P., were in the chair respectively, and speakers included Sir William Beverage, Mr. Dingle Foot. Mr, Clement Davies. M.P., and Sir Andrew McFadyean .

Bowling.The Executive of the Cambridgeshire County Bowling Association were successful on all six rinks in the match with Ely Beet Sugar B.C. at Ely on Saturday, and won by 141 shots to 86. Mr. E. Pritchard welcomed the Executive, whose captain. Mr. Ernest Bedford, responded. Scores (Executive first): G. Edwards. E. D. Ilett. L. Edwards. F. Hewish. 22; T. Cornwell. W. Bemment. A. Saunders, G. Lawrence, 18. J. C. Gautrey R. Keating, P. Childs, A. Whitehorn. 22; J. Jowers, G. Green, T. Barkaway. A. Blakeway, 12. J. A. Fell. H. W. Wilkin, F. H. Ellis, A E. Rose 24; E. Cooper, L. Martin. E Pike, E' Pritchard. 20. A. Leader, H. O. Williams. C. H-Jameson T. R. Atkins. 22; H. Harris H. Williams. W. Haylock. P. Nikols 14 R. J. A Bishop, L. G. Willis, J. W. E. Rule, C. G. Gilbert. 24;. S. Brett. B Oakman. V. Baldwin. J. Herding. 12. H. Pearson, S Aveling. F. W. Green. E. Bedford, 27; W. Payton, W. Clarke, A. Barber, R. Day. 10.

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Ely ATC to disband
Methodist minister George Demaine appointed p1

1945 09 15
Postcards had been received from Japanese prisoners with coded messages in Dec 1943 – 45 09 15
Falcon Club for War Workers were set up for women, now open doors to civilians – 45 09 15 # c.45.7
Letter from prisoner describes conditions p4

1945 09 17
First news of Cambs in battle at Singapore – 45 09 17a # c.45.7

Part of the War-time story of the Fitzwilliam Museum was revealed to members of the Cambridge Women's Luncheon Club. It was felt that the walls of the original building might not stand up against blast and that the roof were not easy for firewatching. In August 1939 work was begun on a scheme of air raid precautions. The most important works of art sent to a private house in Wales and a bank in Cornwell. Many valuable pieces of pottery and porcelain were stored in a cave which after a time was found to be damp. The rest was packed and stored in the best protected parts of the Museum and measures taken to defend the building against incendiary bombs and the effects of blast and splinters with a small air raid shelter for visitors constructed in the basement. There were applications from societies in London to store books and furniture but this seemed a foolish idea since they themselves were sending things away. They did however store blankets and other Red Cross property in one of the downstairs rooms. Part of the Museum was wanted by the R.A.F. as a training room to install the apparatus by which cadets becoming pilots were given the illusion things were flying at them and of the sky whirling about them when they were sitting firm and motionless. But while the Courtauld Galleries might have been excellent for the purpose, it was likely that the floors and walls would have suffered very serious damage from the setting up of the machinery necessary and the amount of traffic which would have followed. The request was never pressed home. The Museum reopened in part in March 1940 with a range of exhibitions which attracted numerous visitors who were grateful for the refreshment of mind which they got from their visits. Shortly after VE-Day the Museum closed for ten days to re-arrange and re-hang all the rooms. The evacuated works of art had to be received back and the upper galleries put into beautiful order. The lower floors had to be kept shut because time was needed to unpack and clean the smaller objects but all of the departments will be opened in time 45 09 17b # c.45.7 # c.03
The Cambridgeshire Regiment in action (cont) – 45 09 17c # c.45.7

1945 09 19
News from one who on sunk transport p4

1945 09 21 CIPof
Tool Shed Fire. Fire broke out in a tool-shed at the rear of 37 Windsor Road, Cambridge, in the early hours of Saturday. The Cambridge Section of the N.F.S. received the call at 4 a.m. and, using the hose reel, had the outbreak under control in less than half an hour. The shed, which was used as a workshop, was only slightly damaged. The cause of the fire is not yet known 45 09 21

Post Office Supervisor. The night telephone staff of Cambridge Exchange gathered to tea at Thurston's Cafe, St. Andrew's Street, to bid farewell to Mr A. F. Hornsby, a night supervisor, who has, apart from his service in the Great War been, with the Post Office since 1899. Many tributes were paid to him during the evening, and among those who spoke were the Head Postmaster (Mr. J. W. Berry)), the telephone manager (Mr. H. R. Jones), the chief superintendent (Mr, G, W. Harding), and representatives of the supervising and manipulative staffs. Mr. Hornsby has borne a full share of the added responsibilities which have resulted from war-time conditions, and each of the speakers made a special point of acknowledging his valuable services in this connection. To conclude the proceedings, the Head Postmaster presented Mr. Hornsby with a cheque and a suitably inscribed, parchment, which

has been contributed by his colleagues as a mark of their regard for him both as a supervisor and as a member of the staff had described him, a very real friend.

Spartan League. Benefiting from their previous games, Cambridge Town gave a capital display to win their opening Spartan League match at Hatfield on Saturday by five goals to one. It was Hatfield's first season, and their lack of practice was evident, particularly in their finishing efforts. Town had changed from the previous week. Ferris was unable to play owing to an injury, and R. Taylor, home on leave, came in at centre forward, where he showed good form. He was quickly off the mark and his first time shooting was generally accurate as his three goals testify. On the right wing Haylock showed some useful touches and took his chances well. He was kept well in the game by Evans, whose passing was accurate. Barnard did the purveying in his customary manner and used the cross pass to advantage, while J. Gallego showed good speed and centred well.

1945 09 21 ES
More news Jap prisoners p1
Cambridgeshires: first news of last of battle at Singapore p1

Stretham: good news from William (Billy) Hobbs ex Singapore p1
Prickwillow: Ron Turner, Lark Bank, safe (Jap PoW)

1945 09 22
Briscoe Snelson & Cliff Squires successful at Royal Photographic Society – 45 09 22
First pictures of released prisoners of war, Ronal Searle announces safety with cartoon – 45 09 22a, b # c.45.7

1945 09 24
F.R. Whitaker, antique dealer, Bridge St, dies – 45 09 24

1945 09 25
The first two Cambridge ex-prisoners from the Far East are back home again. They arrived late on Saturday night after being flown from India. The men are Private James Craft, First Battalion Cambridgeshire Regiment. Son of Mr. and Mrs. P.B Craft of Holbrooke Road, and Private Morris Foreman of the Royal Norfolks, son of Mrs. E. Foreman of Burleigh Street. Both of them seem surprisingly fit and cheerful after their long ordeal. Private Craft was taken prisoner in Singapore in 1942 and during his captivity was in about 29 different camps in Burma and Siam. “I had a pretty rough passage”, he told a reporter, “and at one time, my weight was down to six stone. But I am now getting back to normal” . Released on August 31st, he said that since then life had been like a dream. “Everyone, everywhere has been almost too good to us. But words cannot describe my feelings when at last, I got out of the train on Cambridge Station”. Conditions in the bigger camps were fairly comfortable, but in the jungle things were not so good. “Our food consisted mainly of rice. I couldn’t look a rice pudding in the face again. Yet the first meal, they gave us when we reached England included a rice sweet. I didn’t eat that”, he said– 45 09 25 # c.45.7
Account of releasing pows p5

1945 09 28
First pre-fabricated houses on Histon Rd site – 45 09 28 # c.23

1945 09 28 CIPof
Orders for victory handbells, made from scrap metal from shot down German aircraft, are flowing in thick and fast at the Cambridge Gas Company's showroom, Mr. Stanley Miller, the hon. organiser, tells us. The bells, which are being sold in aid of the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, are seven inches high and are made at labour cost by a Kentish firm. Some of them have been photographed by Battle or Britain pilots. One of them, personally cast by Group Capt. Douglas Bader, the famous legless flyer, will be sold at Cambridge in the near future to the highest bidder. So far over 70.000 bells have been

sold in Britain alone. America has bought 20,000 of them. The metal for the bells comes from a scrap dump at Biggin Hill and was given by the Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Awards for Courage.The King has been pleased to approve the following awards in recognition of numerous operations against the enemy in which the undermentioned has invariably displayed the utmost fortitude, courage and devotion to duty: D.F.C. Flying Officer John Bramston Luard (15433), R.A.F.V.R., No. 635 Squadron. Flying Officer Luard was born in 1923 at Plymouth. Devon and his home is at Cambridge. He served in the A.T.C., enlisted in 1942, trained in Canada, and was commissioned in 1943. Flying Officer Leonard Harry Hancock (158418), R.A.F.V.R. No. 482 Squadron. Flying Officer Hancock was born in 1921 at Liverpool, and his home is at Cambridge. He was educated at Cambridge and County High School and Jesus College, Cambridge. He enlisted in 1941 and was commissioned in 1943. 45 09 28

Savings in Cambs. "Chesterton Week" in November.—Last week a meeting of the above named committee was attended by the Deputy Commissioner for National Savings, Mr. H. B. Goodman. After an interesting address on policy, he presented the Savings League challenge trophy to Mrs. Currington, who received it on behalf of Graveley, which has again resumed its former place as the winning village. The committee subsequently decided to hold Thanksgiving Week from November 10th to 17th inclusive, and fixed the target at £200,000

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Ely ATC farewell supper p1
Cambridgeshire Regiment: liners bringing them home p6
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1945 10 03
New YMCA for East Barnwell opened – 45 10 03 # c.37.9

1945 10 04
New washing machine installed at Dale's Brewery, Gwydir St: photo – 45 10 04

1945 10 05 CIPof
Malayan Examinations. One of the-last things that many children in Malaya did before the Japanese invasion in 1941 was to take the examination for the Cambridge School Certificate. Now, after a lapse of nearly four years, the office of the Examination Syndicate in Cambridge has received a cable from Singapore inquiring about the results of that examination. An official of the Syndicate told the "Press and Chronicle" that most of the scripts from Malaya arrived safely but from Penang and two other places only portions were received. A statement of the results of the examinations has been prepared and will be delivered to the waiting candidates. Those who were only able to complete part of the examination will be allowed to take their other paper now without additional fee. Before the war an average of about 4,000 candidates took the Cambridge School Certificate examination on the Far East - most of them being Malayans and Chinese.

Narrow escape. The Earl of Rosebury narrowly escaped serious injuries when his car, which he was driving, overturned near Duxford Aerodrome on Sunday afternoon. A back wheel came off while the car was travelling at about 50 miles per hour. The car somersaulted twice, and Lord Rosebury was pitched through the canvas run roof into some barbed wire. He was bruised and cut, but otherwise unhurt when the Duke of Norfolk, who was in a following car, picked him up and brought him on to Newmarket. Lord Rosebery was travelling from Mentmore to Newmarket. His car was completely wrecked.

Road accidents. — The return of road accidents in Cambridge during September, snows that one person, a pedal cyclist, was killed during daylight. Three people, two of them cyclists, were seriously injured in daylight while another cyclist was seriously hurt, after dark. The "slightly injured" numbered three at night and 23 during the day. Of the latter, eight were pedestrians (three under 15 years of age), and 12 were cyclists.

1945 10 05 ES
First prisoner home p1
More cheering messages p5
Stretham Methodist schoolroom has been used since outbreak of war as school for evacuated children; are two rooms which open into one large hall, the whole of which redecorated; reopening ceremony planned

1945 10 06
Ronald Searle cheery cartoon from the Far East – 45 10 06; dines with Lord Mountbatten – 45 10 06a # c.45.7

1945 10 08
First batch of repatriated prisoners from Far East arrive home – 45 10 08a # c.45.7
How the Post Office beat the 'Blitz' – 'fixed bayonets' at G.P.O., Americans and phone boxes – 45 10 08b # c.45.7 # c.27.75

1945 10 09
R.E. Holttum of St John's College home soon, describes treatment under Japs – 45 10 09a
The great reunion, ex-prisoners arrive at station – 45 10 09 # c.45.7

1945 10 12
Last US bomber over Europe – instrument panel from last Flying Fortress over Germany presented at Guildhall – 45 10 12

1945 10 12 CIPof
Cambridge Town made a comfortable advance in the F.A. Cup on Saturday, when they beat a strong King's Lynn side by a comfortable margin. The visitors hard throughout, but never looked like getting the better of the Town, who were superior both in offensive and defensive work. The leading light in the Town forward line was Fessis, who playing centre forward this time once again turned in a cracker- jack performance. He was well supported by his inside men, Allen and Barnard, the latter being as reliable as ever Allen started off a little shakily, but soon settled down and put in some nice constructive work. The wingers Gallegro and Rose, were competent, but not outstanding. The halves were again sound. Evans, making his second appearance at right half, showed a pleasing improvement over his previous display, while Saddington at centre half, and Trevett, on the left, were consistent stumbling blocks to the Lynn forwards. At full back Harmer and Wren were in great form. Gallego, in goal, did all that was required of him. For King's Lynn, Elfett and High were the chief dangers in the forward line. Silfs was a hard-working centre half, ably backed up by A. C. Ward, Moore and Woodhouse, while Havers and Fakenbridge - the latter a well-known pre-war visitor - struggled gamely at full back. Brown had plenty to do between the posts and made some good saves. In the third round, Town visit Wisbech, who defeated Newmarket 5-0 at Wisbech.

Cambridgeshire Troops Comforts Fund. Donations received for the, month of June, 1945. Brought forward £2,528 12s. 6d., Employees, of Cambridge University Press. (64th donation) £3 2s. 5d., Gonville and Caius College Staff 16s. 8d., Cherry Hinton Wardens' Service 30s. 8d., Next-of-kin parcels for Cambridgeshire P.O.W.'s: Coton members of Cambs. Red Cross (Cambs. 120 £15 12s., Mrs. J. Smith 10s., Mrs Benstead £2, Chittering whist drive, per Mrs. Long £7 5s., Mrs. Clark £3, Signalman Richard Gray (returned P.O.W.) £10, Miss Helen Sizer (coll.) £2 8s. 6d., Ex-P.O.W. Anon - £100, Ainsworth Street Savings P.O. Telephones £1 15s. 3d., Miss Martin 10s. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and lads of George and Dragon £15 5s., Mrs. Butcher £1 10s., , Mr. Hagger 10s., Mr. Clarke 10s.,

Dvr, R Stokes £1, Anon 10s., Mr. Smith £8 9s 6d., Mrs. Knight 10s., Mrs Herrell 10s. Flack and Judge. Mr Ayres £1 10s., Mrs. Brown 10s., sundry donations under 10s., £1 11s 6d; total £2.715 19s. 2d. Subscriptions may be paid to any branch of any bank in Cambridge or they may be paid direct to the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. R. H. Parker, Barclays Bank Ltd., Bene't Street, Cambridge 45 10 12

1945 10 12 ES
Home - great welcome for first of Cambs regiment p5

1945 10 15
Princess Royal attends British Red Cross Society thanksgiving service at Ely Cathedral – 45 10 15
Chief Constable B.N. Bebbington becomes student of Jesus College studying for history degree, but will be done from home – 45 10 15a
Cambridgeshires still arriving, how things are worked, causes of the delay – 45 10 15b # c.45.7

1945 10 19 CIPof
Headmaster. The Governing Body of the Cambridge and County High School for Boys have appointed as headmaster, Mr. Brinley Newton-John, Sixth Form Master at Christ's Hospital. Mr. Newton-John, who is thirty-one and married, has served in the Intelligence Department of the R.A.F. (England, Africa and Italy) with the rank of Wing-Commander. He was educated at the High School, Cardiff, and at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, of which he was a Major Scholar, and where he gained first-class honours in both parts of the Modern and Mediaeval Languages Tripos and a. second-class, division 1, in Part II of the Historical Tripos. Mr. Newton-John will take up his duties in January.

Stack Fire. An N.F.S. engine from Cambridge successfully dealt with a 50-ton stack fire at Nice Farm, owned by Mr. Prior at Church End, Cherry Hinton, which broke out early yesterday afternoon. Other straw stacks in the farmyard were prevented from igniting.

Skilled Farmworkers. In the House of Commons on Thursday week the Member for Cambridgeshire (Mr. A. E. Stubbs) asked the Minister of Labour if he would give consideration to placing skilled farmworkers, namely common housekeepers and tractor drivers in Group B owing to the great need of the special workers in agriculture. Mr. George Isaacs, in reply, said: "I would, refer the Hon. Member to the reply I gave to the hon. Member for Hallam on 9th October, a copy of which I am sending him. The reply referred to by Mr. Isaacs was as follows: "Considerable assistance has been, given to agriculture by the loan of Service labour to help with harvesting and by the grant to leave to agricultural workers. The question to whether further steps by way of special releases from the Forces can be taken in under examination." We understand _that Mr. Stubbs is to raise this matter again in the Commons at any early date. 45 10 19

1945 10 19 ES
Cambs Regiment colours at Ely cathedral; Princess Royal visits p1
Second Cambs Regiment at Singapore - gallant stand described p1
WVS regional rally p5
Cambs Regiment: poem by Captain Beckett p5
Soham railway heroes honoured - commemorative plaque at March p6

1945 10 23
Tank kills student at junction Newnham Rd & Queen’s Road – 45 10 23; inquest – 45 10 25, 45 11 30 # c.45.7

1945 10 26
Paston House school speech day – 45 10 26

1945 10 26 CIPof

House of Commons. In the House of Commons on Monday, the Member of Cambridge (Major Leslie Symonds) asked the President of the Board of Trade what were the figures of exports from this country to the U.S.S.R. in 1938; what they are now; and what steps are being taken to stimulate trade between this country and the U.S.S.R. Sir Stafford Cripps replied: "Total exports to the U.S.S.R (including re-exports) were valued at £17,000,000 in 1938. The annual rate for this year is about £34,000,000. I am most anxious to stimulate trade between ourselves and the U.S.S.R., and I am prepared to discuss the future basis of trade between the two countries as soon as the authorities of the Soviet Union are ready."

Ploughing Match. A ploughing match of the Sawston District Young Farmers' Club and the Hinxton, Ickleton and Duxford Ploughing Society was held on land belonging to Messrs. A. Home and L. Howe on Saturday, when there were 22 entries for the horse and tractor classes. It was judged by Messrs. A. Tinney, of Horseheath; F. H. Garner, manager of Higham Estates; C. L. Marr and J. Smith. The competitors found ploughing difficult, as the ground was hard. Refreshments on the field were provided by the president, Mr. I, Howe. The event was followed by a ploughmen's supper in the Sawston Village College, the principal guests at which were Mrs. Bowen, who has always taken an interest in agricultural activities in the district, and who presented the prizes; Mr. Howe, Mr S. A. Taylor, Mr. J. A. McMillan, Mr. Tangney and Mr. Marr, Mr. W. L. Wood was toastmaster, and a number of toasts were proposed and replied to. The evening concluded with an entertainment by the Foxton Yokels Concert Party. The following were winners: Single-furrow horse plough—1 S. Pledger, 2 A. Whitehead and H. Nunn (equal). Two-furrow tractor plough—1 S. A. Badcock, D. Neale. Three or more furrow tractor—1 E. C. Barton, 2 F. Whitby, 3 J. Wright. Three or more furrow tractor plough for young farmer's—1 J. Churchman, '2 H. D. J Stigwood, 3 B. Beavis, complimentary, L. Allen. Special prizes: Best horse team—A. Whitehead; best tractor turn-out—D. Stigwood; best work done by a Ransome tractor plough (given by makers)—I. R. Ford-ham, 2 H. R. Driver. 45 10 26

1945 10 26 ES
Stretham: as result of sale of Stitt's effects auctioneers fined - were firearms p1
Stretham: Pte William Hobbs home: Cambridge road bedecked with flags; only got one letter, written Jan 1944 and arrived April 1945; worked on Siam railway but despite all in fairly good health

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1945 11 01
Revolutionary new television system demonstrated by Pye Ltd in their television theatre – would allow production receivers for £40 – 45 11 01 # c.27.1 : Pye # c.27.8
Harry Slater, accountant, dies – 45 11 01a

1945 11 02 CIPof
Cambridge Town returned to winning form on Saturday, when they defeated Welwyn Garden City by five goals to one. Ken Wright, George Ferguson and Eddie Collins came into the side, together with George Dean, and the result was an effective team. Welwyn were triers to the end, but the Town deserved their win. Although once laid out, A Gallego kept goal well and showed good judgment in coming out to clear. At right back Overhill did very well, keeping a clever winger in check and kicking well, while Wren did his job with his usual enthusiasm. Dean showed he is still a fine half-back, and he tackled well. Saddington had his hands full frequently, but used his head and feet grandly. Parr completed a good middle line, his use of the ball showing improvement. On the right wing, Collins did some clever things, combined well and centred accurately. Barnard, changed to inside right, worked well throughout. Ferguson used the ball cleverly, bringing all the forwards into the game. Ken Wright dribbled and schemed cleverly. Rose combined neatly with Wright and was always trying to make ground-in the Welwyn goal, Blowers had plenty of work which he did well, while Rees and Brady were steady backs. Farr was a consistent half, his use of the ball being clever, and Gilbert until injured, defended well, while North also tried hard. Of the forwards, Verlander and

Hurst worked hard, and O'Brien. Hums and Mullen played neatly, but the whole line should keep the ball moving quicker.

Annual Show. — The second annual show and sale of pedigree and grading-up dairy shorthorns, organised by the Eastern Counties' Dairy Shorthorn Association, will take place on Tuesday, November 6, at Histon. Some 50 animals will be sold from some of the leading herds in the Eastern Counties, including 12 choicely bred young bulls. All cattle are from attested or licensed T.T. herds and are agglutination tested. The show classes will be judged by Capt. Milne Haroo, of Ruabon, North Wales, at 10 a.m. The sale, conducted by Messrs. John Thornton, Hobson and Co., will commence at 12 p.m.

1945 11 02 ES
Cambs Regiment: they did not fail - tribute p1
Stretham home-coming fund - 113 now eligible; benefit to be paid on application; next-of-kin of death no need apply

1945 11 03
Fireworks offered for sale by Barretts, great queue – 45 11 03

1945 11 06
First peacetime 'Fifth' rag, street lights extinguished, attack on 'Bull', Regal stormed – 45 11 06 # c.36.95

1945 11 08
Lancaster. Possibly flaps adjusted at too low an altitude, five killed near Shingay. E-H

1945 11 09
Lady Bragg elected Mayor – 45 11 09
Cleaner set fire to articles in house of Lady Maud Darwin – 45 11 09a

1945 11 09 ES
Stretham church: induction Rev John Edward Cowgill
Stretham death: Charles Frederick Cook, came Stretham after London home damaged by bombs five years ago; entered into life, lectured

1945 11 10
Council to buy Petty Cury properties adjoining old Post Office – 45 11 10

1945 11 12
Armistice day march – 45 11 12

1945 11 14
Soviet atomic discoveries by Peter Kapitza who worked Cavendish – 45 11 14
Five soldiers killed when their Liberty truck overturned near Stetchworth – 45 11 14a
Atom bomb might end life - late Prof Thomson p1

1945 11 15
Fruit growing in the future; need for collective marketing – Cambridge conference – 45 11 15

1945 11 16
The Commandant of the Special Constabulary was killed and the Cambridgeshire Chief Constable, W.H. Edwards together with three other officers were injured when the car in which they were travelling was involved in a head-on collision with an armoured vehicle at Melbourn. The impact was so violent that the police car was wrecked and the armoured car overturned. Three other officers sustained injuries. Mr Edwards is very ill indeed (he died a few days later). At an inquest the driver of

the armoured vehicle said he was part of a convoy of 13 vehicles. They had been told not to exceed 30 m.p.h. and to travel 60 yards apart. On rounding a bend he was dazzled by the undipped lights of a car. He sounded his siren – which was similar to that of American speed cops – and slowed down. He heard a tinkle and found the glass from his driving mirror was missing. He felt no impact but looking back he saw another of the 'Staghounds' on the grass verge and smoke rising and realised there had been an accident – 45 11 16; W.H. Edwards dies – 45 11 26; funeral – 45 11 30a, inquest – 45 12 17, 45 12 18 # c.34.7

1945 11 16 ES
Remembrance Day scenes in Ely

1945 11 21
Meteor plane missing from Molesworth p3

1945 11 22
Alfred C. Mansfield, founder of New Street Bible Class – 45 11 22

1945 11 23 ES
Ely library: new home - photo p1
Deaths in Far East p1

Stretham death Edward "Ted" Lowe, carrier for 60 years; brother of Jack Lowe & Mrs Feetham & of Nurse Lowe, had; not resided S for many years but used to visit
SJAB open medical comforts depot, Oakley House - can be hired for small sum
Stretham village savings group thanksgiving week target

1945 11 27
Americans entertain voluntary helpers at Red Cross Services Club to mark closure of the Doughnut Dugout in Hobson St – 45 11 27 # c.45.7

1945 11 29
War leaders and US Ambassador receive Hon Degrees – 45 11 29

1945 11 30
Ronald Searle exhibition drawings from Japanese prison camp – 45 11 30b, 45 12 01. 45 12 04

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1945 12 04
Exhibition Searle drawings p5
1945 12 07
Rugby cum American football match Pembroke v Bull college - photo p5

1945 12 07 ES
Stage & radio stars at Ely concert p1
British PoW Relatives Association final meeting p1

1945 12 11
Senior police officers A.E. Lilley and Inspector Jacob retire, memories of CID work. King St murder and Sinn Fein arrest – 45 12 11 # c.34.7 # c.34.6

1945 12 14

Police war reservists finishing - photo p7 tribute 20th p9

1945 12 14 ES
Prickwillow: Pte Wesley, Adelaide presumed lost at sea p1
Stretham: news death Pte John Edward Wesley, belied died at sea 21st Sept 1944; Mrs Wesley a widow, her husband died two weeks after birth of their son; had been at Singapore but missing following sinking of Japanese transport carrying prisoners of war p1
Wilburton tributes to defence services p5

1945 12 17
Girton first 25 demobbed soldiers return – 45 12 17a

1945 12 18
William Joyce appeal quashed, to die p3

1945 12 20
Police war reserves finishing – group photo – 45 12 14; their part in police history – 45 12 20 # c.45.7

1945 12 21
Welcome home Far East prisoners, Christmas party at Guildhall – 45 12 21 # c.45.7

1945 12 21 ES
Prickwillow Collison Mile End crossing - express hits lorry

1945 12 27
Christmas morning bathers – includes Jack Overhill – photo – 45 12 27a
Lieut-Col B.W. Beales, one of oldest tailors, dies – 45 12 27b
Memorable peace-time Christmas – reunions for men who came back – 45 12 27c

1945 12 28 ES
First peace-time Christmas; austerity but the spirit lives on p1
Review of year - national

1945 12 29
King's College chapel windows to be restored soon; location kept secret for fear theft – 45 12 29

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I have copies of each article

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1946 01 02
Cambridge's big contribution to war was the housing of troops based here; War Office acquired empty houses for troops. This was better than billeting them in private houses. Then there were RAF personnel, official evacuees, unofficial evacuees, war workers with large families and civil servants said F.N. Drake Digby, quartering commandant – 46 01 02 # c.45.7

1946 01 03
RAF Club at St Columba's Hall closes after six years – 46 01 03 # c.45.7

1946 01 10
Last 'welcome home' party for returned prisoners at Dorothy Café – 46 01 10 # c.45.7
Ralph Starr honoured at lunch – 46 01 10a

1946 01 12
Anglo-American Hospitality Committee wound up' started in 1942 when known that more than 300,000 American airmen would be stationed in East Anglia. Leave hostel established in lecture room over St Andrew's Street Baptist church until the Bull Hotel opened on Nov 4th. By then an information centre – later club – had been opened at the English-Soaking Union at Matthew's Café. Hospitality arranged in colleges and private houses. August 1943 saw first reception at Guildhall to a regiment of Supply Troops; also Christmas Eve party in Guildhall which broadcast. Concentrated on US Hospital patients and staff of their hospitals. Garden party at Pembroke when Freedom of Cambridge to US Eighth Air Force. – 46 01 12 # c.45.7

1946 01 17
Cambridgeshire Regiment drums found in Singapore by Red Cross lady, daughter of Fred Taylor of Dullingham. To be shipped back - 46 01 17 # c.45.7
Cambridgeshire craftsmen – R.C. Lambeth talk on blacksmiths, windmills, cricket bat makers – 46 01 17a

1946 01 19
Council to settle claim of Queens' College for damage to buildings as result of works carried out by Corporation many years ago – 46 01 19
Library has copy of 'London Daily News' for 1846 – 46 01 19
'Before the lamps went out' by E. Wingfield-Stratford includes memories of King's – 46 01 19 # c.77.1

1946 01 26
Leys School back in Cambridge after five years in Highlands – 46 01 26

1946 01 28
Queen & Queen Mother visit Woolston's antique shop, only Queen's second visit – 46 01 28

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1946 02 01
Francis Gatward Metcalfe, head of printers and stationers, dies. Known as 'Metcalfe's' in 1730 and as Metcalfe and Palmer before then. Original premises in Green St. He joined 1884 – 46 02 01

1946 02 08

Elementary Gliding Training School at Marshall's hopes to increase 'field' activities – 46 02 08 # c.26.1
Long Melford Civil Re-settlement Unit housed Cambridgeshire Regiment and other ex-prisoners to prepare them for full return to civilian life – 46 02 08

1946 02 12
Post Office launches '999' scheme – instead of '0' for calls to fire, police and ambulance – 46 02 12 # c.27.75

1946 02 13
Cambridge Motor Boat Club given gift to provide wrought iron gates and new pavilion – 46 02 13

1946 02 15
Water Company annual report – 46 02 15
Battle of Britain pilot killed in Meteor crash at Milton – 46 02 15 # c.26.1

1946 02 16
A.B.C. Minors, providing Saturday films for children, inaugurated – 46 02 16
'Poetic Reflections of University Life at Pembroke College' by H. Cross reprinted – 46 02 16a # c.77.1
Mounting stone on Backs was being used by RAF mechanics as an anvil; was moved to Fellow's Garden of King's and will be returned – 46 02 16a

1946 02 18
Cambridgeshire Regiment parade at Ely Cathedral – 46 02 18

1946 02 20
Coloured airmen in scuffle on Mill Road – 46 02 20

1946 02 23
'Grace on their doorsteps' by Kathleen Wallace – picture of Cambridge childhood at beginning century with Dons as playfellows – 46 02 23 # c.74

1946 02 25
Landing planes in fog; radar wonders at RAF Bassingbourn – 'Fido' demonstration – 46 02 25 # c.26.1

1946 02 17
Cambridgeshire Regiment 2nd Battalion in action, fighting in jungle & Singapore – talk – 46 02 27 # c.45.7

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1946 03 02
Licence removed from 'Crown and Compasses' to new 'Weathervane' on Perne Road – 46 03 02; not confirmed – 46 03 30a
Richara Morrow-Tait completes flying test for Air Ministry A Licence; has flown solo and will shortly attempt some long distance solo flights. Is first woman pupil to fly alone since war stopped civilian flying – 46 03 02a; photo – 46 03 13 # c.26.1
Early cinemas – Guildhall and Corn Exchange licenced on Mar 26 1910; that year licences granted to Sturton Town Hall (now Kinema) and old Victoria Assembly Room which known as Electric Cinema. Thurston's Electric Vaudeville at Midsummer Fair. New cinemas – Playhouse, 1913, Rendezvous originally built as roller skating rink licenced 1915 but this lapsed after fire. Present building opened Nov 1932. Sturton Town Hall, first known as Empire and then as Kinema was licensed as cinema in 1910 but used as music hall until 1914 and from then to 1916 as a music hall-cinema. Central opened

1921, rebuilt 1928 it showed first 'talkies' Destroyed by fire 1939 it re-opened in 1940. Tivoli opened 1925, Victoria 1931, Cosmopolitan in Market Passage, (better known as Central Conservative Club) licensed in 1933 and in Sept 1933 the New Theatre turned into cinema and carried on until Jan 1938 presenting film shows and cine-variety with brief breaks for an occasional play. Reopened for the C.A.O.S. production of 'The Mikado' in Nov 1938. Arts Theatre has had cinema licence but films shown rarely. The last and biggest is Regal opened 1937 – 46 03 02b # c.76.9
Highest flood between Jesus Lock and Baitsbite Lock was 1917 when nearly two feet water over office floor; river bank broke Brandon Creek and flooded fen around Southery which quickly cleared water at Abbey Road – H.C. Banham – 46 03 02b, 46 03 09a # c.12

1946 03 05
Malachi Waddelow, farmer of Ely – will – 46 03 05

1946 03 06
Pte F. Wayman, Longstanton reported missing Apr 9 1943 now reported kia – 46 03 06

1946 03 07
Capt Bryan Stubbings, well-known entertainer tragic death – 46 03 07
Folk Museum raises funds to accept Lord Fairhaven offer of Abbey House – 46 03 07 # c.03

1946 03 09
Cambridgeshire regiment drums returned – were discovered on picnic – 46 03 09; photo – 46 03 11 # c.45.7
J.H. Bullock remembers that 'Priory' site was nothing but a grass field unbuilt on below the Old Abbey House with a few houses at the top of Walnut Tree Lane. Down East Road one of main sewers discharged into river; storm may have caused back-up which flooded Dover St – 46 03 09a

1946 03 13
Bull College closing. 140 students have left mark all over the University, members of various colleges during Michaelmas term but because of overcrowding this term moved to billets formerly occupied by War Office. Studied under barrack-room conditions. Played sports and one elected president Union Society – 46 03 13a # c.45.7 # c.36.9

1946 03 15
St Columba's Club, new club for citizens opens; run by people who made RAF club success – 46 03 15
Chesterton Men's Club building presented to club by the owner, Mrs Clark in memory son – 46 03 15a

1946 03 19
Atom case trial; Sir Wallace Akers was appointed director to supervise nuclear research in Nov 1941. Work carried out by teams in various universities, one the Cavendish Laboratory. Dr Nunn May worked there and required to sign secrecy undertaking. Moved to Canada in 1942 – 46 03 19, 19a # c.45.7 # c.36.9

1946 03 23
Road hauliers ask for inquiry before nationalisation of road transport – 46 03 23
Boxes labelled 'Vintage Champagne' but containing Parker Collection of manuscripts returned under guard to Corpus Christi College from wartime home in Welsh National Library – 46 03 23a # c.43
Vicarage Terrace bombing – experiences of CDN reporter who suspected of being German paratrooper as was wearing red and grey under his greatcoat – his pyjamas. Was not the first – the first bombs on mainland fell near Canterbury on May 9th; May 24th Middlesbrough was first industrial town – 46 03 23b

1946 03 25

Abbey House as a Museum, National Trust approves – 46 03 25

1946 03 26
Break-in at Milton Camp, gum, chocolate and confectionary stolen – 46 03 26 # c.45.7

1946 03 30
Wilfred Stuart, chief reporter CDN moves to House of Lords – 46 03 30

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1946 04 10
Houses under construction at new estate, Trumpington – photo – 46 04 10 # Y.Tru

1946 04 16
R.C. Verrinder of Coldham Model Laundry, responsible for allocation of military and Air Force laundry work – 46 04 16
Sidney Gillet trampled and killed when tried to stop runaway horses in potato field, inquest at Three Horseshoes, Lt Thetford – 46 04 16a

1946 04 17
Thornton Estate litigation over refusal permission for further houses on grounds that drainage proposals unsatisfactory – 46 04 17
John Bland housing architect city council dies – 46 04 17

1946 04 18
Marshalls fitter crushed by collapse undercarriage of Dakota – 46 04 18

1946 04 22
John Maynard Keynes, economist, death, tribute – 46 04 22; memorial service – 46 05 06
Bourn fire, Gills Hill Farm – 46 04 22b

1946 04 23
Shelford Memorial Hall – exhibition of rare objects to raise funds – 46 04 23

1946 04 29
Ely Remand Home master assaulted, boys escape – had been demolishing air raid shelter in school playground – 46 04 29

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1946 05 01
St Andrew's Street and Emmanuel Street road widening, discussion council and Emmanuel College – 46 05 01

1946 05 02
Demolition of air raid shelters – photo – 46 05 02 # c.45.7 # S.1946
George Love repaired sewing machines in Christ's Lane and Burleigh St, then furniture removals and auctioneer conducting passive resisters and Ouse Drainage distress sales – 46 05 02a

1946 05 03
Proposal for car park at rear of Regent Terrace, would take 85 cars and no parking ban on St Andrew's Street – opposed – 46 05 03; demolition of air raid shelters means more light for residents # c.49.62

1946 05 04

S.C. Roberts of Pembroke College, chairman of Borough Library committee to chair University Library Syndicate – 46 05 04 # c.77.4
Charley Hynes gathered watercress from Granta and sold in streets – memories – 46 05 04

1946 05 11
Police officer with portable loudspeaker equipment in Market Street for road safety campaign – photo – 46 05 11 # T.H.K46 # B.Mar.K46

1946 05 13
Plans for new hospital at Chesterton on site of present one approved by County Council and will go to Ministry. There were beds at Chesterton which could have been used for a long time and enable them to close down the disreputable, disgraceful, uncomfortable and insanitary beds which patients now occupying. But this 50-bed ward was away from the main building and the Medical Officer would not take responsibility of opening it when they did not have enough trained people to look after it – 46 05 13

1946 05 20
Fire in Old Court Corpus Christi College in building dating from 1352; NFS arrive quickly; if left longer the whole court might have been destroyed – 46 05 20 # c.34.75 # c.44.5

1946 05 31
Camden Cricket Club – photo of founders, 1881 – 46 05 31

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1946 06 07
Steeple Morden windmill fire damaged engine room and hopper – 46 06 07

1946 06 08
J.W. Clark's Concise Guide 12th edition is first to appear since the ban on such publications was lifted; printed on good paper with illustrations by Hanslip Fletcher and updated – 46 06 08 # c.46.45

1946 06 11
Queue for papers outside News office on Bank Holiday – photo – 46 06 11 # P.Cam.K46

1946 06 12
Cambridge University Air Squadron ceases its wartime function and reverts to peace-time role as flying centre for undergraduates – photo – 46 06 12 # c.45.8 # c.26.1

1946 06 19
Bridge Street footpath set back as preliminary to widening road – photo – 46 06 19 # B.Bri.K46

1946 06 20
Mitcham's Corner roundabout enlargement – photo – 46 06 20 # B.Mit.K46

1946 06 22
Biggest-ever Midsummer Fair opened, includes Wall of Death, Big Wheel, new Dodgem and the Moonrocket – 46 06 22 # c.27.31

1946 06 25
Gasworks explosion and fire injures seven workers – 46 06 25 # c.24.4 # c.36.75

1946 06 27
Thornton Estate drainage litigation to continue – 46 06 27
Second Tactical Air Force control officers – wartime work described – 46 07 27a

1946 06 28
Anstey Hall should be used for emergency housing – 46 06 28

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1946 07 02
St John Ambulance association exhibition opened by Queen Mary of Yugoslavia – 46 07 02 # c.02

1946 07 08
River Lark overflows banks at Isleham – weeds block flow; teams battle on banks, NFS pump water – 46 07 08 # c.29

1946 07 13
New Borough ambulance – cheque handed over – 46 07 13

1946 07 19
Undergraduates under 22 banned for keeping a motor vehicle within 25 miles Gt St Mary's if proposals accepted; those eligible to drive will need licence from Proctor – 46 07 19 # c.26.48 # c.36.92

1946 07 20
University Library gift of rare Chinese books – 46 07 20

1946 07 22
Bottisham airfield to become a training centre for builders – 46 07 22

1946 07 25
Cavendish Laboratory Austin wing opened – associated with Atom bomb – 46 07 25 # c.36.9

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1946 08 14
Rev J.N. Duckworth speaks on experiences Jap PoW – 46 08 14 # c.45.7

1946 08 15
Bridge Street reopens after widening – photo – 46 08 15 # B.Bri.K46

1946 08 17
H.G. Wells visit to Cambridge August 1938, account his employment at University Correspondence College – 46 08 17

1946 08 21
Dorothy L. Sayers speaks to Italian Summer School – 46 08 21
CDN office rifled – 46 08 21

1946 08 22
Haddenham woman, Doris Blake, and German PoW Alexander Todt – he formerly from Africa Corps working at Chivers Farm, Aldreth, she from 'The Retreat' Sand Lane; found on yacht in channel– 46 08 22; in court – 46 08 24 & a; Todt returns Ely PoW camp – 46 08 26b

1946 08 26
Mgr Canon Marshall resigns from Our Lady parish – 46 08 26 # c.83
Storm damage Histon haystack, Motor Boat Club bungalow – 46 08 26
Queen Mary visits Woolston's antique shop – 46 08 26a, photo 46 08 26c; visits Fitzwilliam – 46 08 29a

1946 08 29
Squatters occupy RAF huts at camp outside Newmarket – 46 08 29

1946 08 30
Graveley RAF station wartime memories at inspection – 46 08 30

1946 08 31
East Anglian Magazine restarts – 46 08 31

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1946 09 05
Squatters occupy Nissen huts in grounds of 247 Hills Road, a house formerly occupied by Army Lancers Regiment and the R.E.s which empty for a year; huts empty for two 46 09 05 # c.45.7 # c.23
Central lamp standard Parker's Piece restored after being damaged on VE night – photo – 46 09 05a

1946 09 06
Army huts in Trumpington Road have been partially taken over by people in need of a home. Of the 21 huts in the camp, at least seven were occupied this morning. The other 14 were locked by Military Police in an attempt to stop squatters getting in. The first squatter to arrive was Mr Allen who staked his claim last night in a hut complete with partitions and a telephone. He said "We read about the Hills Road huts, but when we got there they were all taken. So two or three of us decided to come round here. We didn't move in, but marked our places. A Civilian came up and tried to put us off by saying that the water was bad, and added that some officers were to move in. This morning we arrived properly". A Lieutenant in the Military Police, told that a woman with a baby was going round the camp looking for a hut, put two Military Police behind her to prevent her from entering one. A villi policeman on motor cycle patrol, was requested by the officer to ask the lady to leave. This he did, but added that it was all we was empowered to do. A Military Policeman said they had no ruling on the matter and could not eject them. An open hut was found for the lady and she was quickly installed, together with a chair. Some of the huts bore chalked inscriptions, a number of them "Isolation Ward", and those not occupied by squatters were completely empty. Another hut bore the word 'Danger, booby traps". Two huts containing live ammunition were left well alone by the squatters. All huts are wired up for electricity and the water is supplied from the town main. A Military Policeman said they were not ideal for winter conditions. They could be very cold, especially in the morning when the frost was about. The reason for the huts being empty was given by another soldier. The soldiers who had been living in them had been billeted outside to make room for the garrison engineer and staff who would soon have to move out of requisitioned house next door – 46 09 06 # c.45.7 # c.23

1946 09 07
Squatters take RAF wooden dormitory huts Newmarket Road – 46 09 07 # c.45.7 # c.23
King of Greece received Hon Degree in Nov 1941 – 46 09 07
Pte C. Shipp, Commercial End relive Arnhem battle for 'Theirs in the glory' film – 46 09 07b

1946 09 09
Squatters occupy old 'ack ack' site Long Road, at 'Leighton' Trumpington Rd and Madingley Rd huts that NFS HQ; had been empty for a year and were to have been taken over by Ministry of Works for milk testing – 46 09 09 #

1946 09 10
Squatters 38 Lensfield Rd which requisitioned and used as extension of the YWCA hostel next door; photo of military policeman guarding wire-barricaded huts on Donkey Common, making sure ATS do not get any squatter neighbours – 46 09 10 # J.Don.K46

1946 09 11
Oakington RAF Pathfinder station opens public – 46 09 11

MP A.L. Symonds talks about his job – 46 09 11

1946 09 12
Squatters take former WAAF site opposite Slap Up Waterbeach next door to German prisoners' camp – 46 06 12

1946 09 13
First Meteor jet plane on exhibition at Marshall's – 46 09 13 # c.26.1

1946 09 16
Fire near engine sheds, railway station – 46 09 16 # c.26.2 # c.34.75
RAF Thanksgiving service Ely Cathedral – 46 09 16a

1946 09 18
Lancaster crashes in field off Cambridge Road, Waterbeach – 46 09 18 # c.26.1

1946 09 21
New allied cemetery Singapore unveiled – 46 09 21 # c.45.7
Gale's trail of havoc blows down trees – 46 09 21a

1946 09 30
Cambridgeshire Regiment freedom – 46 09 30 & a-d # c.45.7

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1946 10 02
How tarring roads began – general history – 46 10 02

1946 10 03
Ely Cathedral war shrine sketch – 46 10 03

1946 10 05
If atom bomb dropped over Perse School it would damage all houses between Homerton College and Castle Hill, Newham and Gas Works; soon anybody will be able to manufacture it in back garden – 46 10 05 # c.45.8
Magnetic telegraph used to catch thief who boarded train in Cambridge in 1846 – 46 10 05a

1946 10 09
Gt St Mary's curfew bell to be rung again for first time since war; will sound at 9m followed by number of strokes indicating date of month; until 1929 a bell was rung at 5am, this 'The Apprentice's Bell', later 'The Bedmakers' Bell'; was discontinued as not needed now there were alarm clocks – 46 10 09 # c.39

1946 10 10
German prisoners see council meeting to watch democratic process in action – photo – 46 10 10 # T.G.K46

1946 10 11
General Eisenhower and Field-Marshall Montgomery visited Cambridge today – but this time there was no cloak of secrecy such as covered their previous visit over two years ago. Then – it was in March 1944 – they had come to do some of the final planning for D-Day. Today they came to be honoured for the victory which had brought us out of the dark days of war. They came each to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Law. Monty's Rolls-Royce glided by the crowd almost unrecognised until reaching St Mary's Street, when a cheer went up. They were on the watch after that and when General Eisenhower arrived in a camouflaged Packard, followed by three other cars, a

big cheer went up. As the two walked through the Old Schools to take their place in the procession Monty noticed a group of men from Coulson's, the builders (who are doing some repair work there); he grinned cheerfully, waved and said 'Good morning' to them. Inside the Senate House the Public Orator in presenting General Eisenhower said "It is pleasant to recall that this is not the first that this great man has visited our town. It can now be revealed that over two years ago on a dark night in spring the Union Society buildings stood closed and empty. Armed sentries stood at the doors to bar unauthorised entry. When all was prepared certain vehicles stole through our streets and halted at the threshold. Mysterious packages were carried within whose nature remains sealed from the profane. In short, the Supreme Commander was expected, and here with the aid of those mystic chests he and his most intimate helpers put the finishing touches to their plans before letting loose the thunderbolts of justice on the fortified coasts across the channel. Of Field-Marshal Montgomery he said: "It would be superfluous to try and recall the magnificent deeds … Before Alamein we survived; after Alamein we conquered … We know his father when at Trinity performed the almost unexampled feat of clearing the Hall steps at one leap. He was the son of a Trinity man and (as we all hope) the father of another" – 46 10 11, 11a # c.45.7

1946 10 13
Soham Cherry Tree pub gutted – 46 10 13

1946 10 16
Group photos of soldiers when 3rd Volunteer Battalion of Suffolk Regiment became 1st Battalion Cambs Regiment 1906 – 46 10 16 # c.45.4 # T.G.K06
Steel re-fabs being erected at Trumpington – photos – 46 10 16a # c.23 # Y.Tru.K46

1946 10 17
Goering effigy hanged Caxton Gibbet – 46 10 17, photo 46 10 18
Cambridge station would be improved with spacious ticket halls and wide platforms, refreshment and buffet rooms under new plans – 46 10 17a # c.26.2

1946 10 18
Lichfield Road estate pre-fabs from air – photo - 46 10 18a # B.Lic.K46 # c.23

1946 10 19
A court heard that if an aircraft brought to Marshalls was found to be beyond economical repair it was certified to be broken up and taken to the salvage buildings. There was a list of certain component parts that had to be salvaged if they were in order. If they were not they were put out with the rest of the aircraft and a hammer was put through the face of them, they were put on the salvage dump, then taken away and dumped in a disused pit.
A clock was one of a number of articles usually taken from aircraft and the accused had put one from a Dakota it in a cupboard and forgotten about it. Several months later it has been found, the glass was broken and the works were not in order. He had offered it to a man for £5, then accepted thirty shillings.Police later visited the man's home in connection with another matter and noticed the clock standing on a bedroom mantelpiece. They also saw a bicycle standing in the halls which had been reported as missing by another member of the firm.The men were found guilty and fined £10 each. One had won the B.E.M. during the war for putting out fire in main hangar – 46 10 19 # c.27.1 : Marshalls # c.45.7

1946 10 23
Centenary King's Lynn to Ely railway line commemorated; owing insufficient capital for Ely-Huntingdon line the project abandoned and only a short length build from St Ives station to terminus on Old North Road, Huntingdon. Failed to pay. East Anglian Company then built a vehicle to convey 60 passengers drawn by horse ridden by postilion with some outside seats for passengers. A special device enabled the 'driver' to disengage the engine from the vehicle when in motion. This continued for some time until steam locomotives again employed – 46 10 23

1946 10 31
Granta singers perform at Wicken church – 46 10 31

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1946 11 01
Plan for new town in Cambs welcomed - 46 11 01; alternative to 'urban sprawls' – 46 11 05 # c.49.1

1946 11 05
Miss M.H. Catley, headmistress of Perse for 20 years, resigns; numbers had increased from 284 to 486 – 46 11 04

1946 11 06
Princess Royal opens Red Cross exhibition – 46 11 06

1946 11 13
Heffers bookshop night blaze, CID investigate – 46 11 13; Heffer's fire arson case – 46 12 14 # c.25 # c.34.75

1946 11 20
County hospital, Mill Road, largely used as Maternity Unit – feature – 46 11 20 # c.21.4
Charles Henry Dennant, sec Cambs Football Association nearly 50 years – appreciation – 46 11 20a # c.38 : football

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1946 12 04
'Foot-the-ball' match as part of best rag for years – 46 12 04, 04a # c.36.93 # c.38 : football

1946 12 06
Railway station £1.2M plan; double single line from Ely Dock to Soham, restore pre-war standards – 46 12 06 # c.26.2

1946 12 07
A.G. Mackeggie of Foxton garage builds own motor car – 46 12 07 # c.26.48

1946 12 09
George Brimley Bowes, former head of bookshop – appreciation – 46 12 09 # c.25

1946 12 11
British Restaurant at Pitt Club may transfer for Old Post Office – 46 12 11 # c.27.4

1946 12 12
Business and Professional Women's Club established – 46 12 12

1946 12 13
Baits Bite Lock plan for Nissen hut tea-garden rejected – 46 12 13 # c.46.5

1946 12 14
Heffer's bookshop arson caused £25,000 damages – 46 12 14 # c.25 # c.34.75
Borough libraries see deline in lendng due deterioration of condition of books due to war – 46 12 14 # c.77.4

1946 12 20
Pathe newsreel file of Cambridgeshire Regiment Freedom to be presented Mayor – 46 12 20 # c.65.6

1946 12 31
CDN dinner to welcome home staff from war – if history of what was done in University laboratories is ever written – but will not as scientists so modest; no accommodation for returning men as lodgings taken by Civil Service; memories of W.L. Reynolds – 46 12 31& a # c.04

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There are no copies of the articles

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1947 01
A London company secretary who left his Chrysler car on King's Parade during the night of Christmas Eve and the morning of Christmas day was summonsed for obstruction and for leaving it without lights. PC Tasker spoke of getting a hurricane lamp from the police station & attaching it to the car to warn other traffic. He was fined 10/- in the first case and 20/- in the second

1947 01
Housewives are dealt yet another blow today. Cambridge University & Town Waterworks Company will reluctantly be compelled to close down the water softening plant at Cherry Hinton. Cambridge's water will then be about twice its present hardness. There have been drastic reductions in the coal required to evaporate the brine at the salt works in Cheshire. Mr Philip Porteous, managing director of the company told a reporter "The Government takes the view that water softening is one of those amenities without which we can manage in times of crisis, but we appreciate only too well the difficulties of the housewife in these days of soap rationing"

1947 01
Between 60 and 70 persons were in an upstairs room when the Falcon Club was alleged to have been maliciously fired by a former member. Company Officer James Hyden of the N.F.S. spoke of receiving a fire call at 9.21pm. The structure of the staircase was of dry matchwood and it would have burst into flame in about another ten minutes. A former committee member said "I did it out of spite" .. some of the members had not been kind because "I was not dressed as well as them"

1947 01
Mrs Thurlborn of 29 Victoria Road rented a bedroom and sitting-room at £1.15.0 a week in December. It included gas and electricity, and she and her husband had the use of the coal shed. Recently a cold water basin had been put in. Her landlord told the Tribunal he paid £1.10.0 a week rent for the house. He wanted the rooms for his family as he, his wife and two children, the elder aged nearly 5 all slept in the same room. The rent was reduced to £1.5.0

1947 01
Twelve months' disqualification from driving was amongst the penalties imposed on a "freelance motor dealer" against whom there were four summonses. The first was for driving a motor truck at a dangerous speed in Victoria Avenue (50 mph), the second for exceeding the permitted speed for that class of vehicle, the third for driving without third party insurance in force and the fourth for driving without a current driving licence. When spoken to defendant told police "I am afraid I was over the limit" but claimed he had the vehicle in full control, his brakes were perfect and he could have stopped if necessary. He was fined a total of £10.10.0

1947 01
The Air Ministry say they believe a general thaw will arrive within the next 48 hours. Yorkshire was the coldest area having 29 degrees of frost. Gangs of prisoners of war are today trying to dig through deep drifts of snow to reach a point near the village of Octon Grange, Yorkshire, which has now been cut off for more than six weeks. The R.A.C. report that road conditions in many parts of the Midlands are worse than ever, and the majority of roads in Yorkshire are impassable

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Ralph Starr reminiscences, 47 01 08, p10

1947 01 09
Dean of Corpus found shot, p4, suicide 11th p9

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Byrons Pool sluice near to collape, p14
Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary shop in Cambridge # c.02

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Cambridge meat carriers on strike, p7

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One-way traffic extension scheme – Sidney Street, St John's Street, p5 # c.26.48

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Nuffield Foundation survey old people – live in two-room cottages over 100 years old, p4
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Trial Heffers bookshop arson & Lion Hotel, p6 # c.34.75

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Propose adapt old Post Office to replace Pitt Club as British Restaurant, p4 # c.27.47

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Borough propses boundary extension, p4

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Food dropped to isolated villages, snow dying out, p1
Gas Company broke records, p4
Jack Overhill – Table Talk article, p6

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Complete change to milder conditions, p1
Power cuts hit factories
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Electricity switch on, p5

1947 03 04
There is to be no night-shift in Cambridge. Instead there will be an attempt by local industry to save, during normal hours, 30 per cent of its electricity consumption. To do this the larger firms, among them Pye's and Marshalls Flying School, will make use of stand-by generator sets which will relieve the grid at peak periods. The breweries have worked out plans to transfer part of their share of the load by running a proportion of their machinery outside the peak hours. A spokesman said this might be described as "a semi-nightshift". A large proportion of the peak load is accounted for by domestic users who will have to make a drastic reduction in the use of electrical appliances if industry is to avoid cuts in power, p5 # c.27.4

Man shot tame pigeon, p5

1947 03 05

Bus passengers stranded this morning when their vehicle ran into a 5 ft drift on the Harston-Fowlmere road, walked waist-high through the snow to another bus. A "Clippie" accompanied them. The 7.40 Premier Travel coach from Royston to Cambridge was stuck in the drift for 3 1/2 [three and a half hours. A snow-plough called in to its assistance was itself stuck about 300 yards away. Several roads in the district were completely blocked this morning after last night's blizzard. Worst local road, classified by the A.A. as "very dangerous" is the Cambridge-Huntingdon thoroughfare where the snow has been wind driven into three and four foot drifts, p5

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1947 03 06
Last night's blizzard completely cut off villages around Newmarket and an official of the Eastern Counties Omnibus Company told a reporter: "The position is absolutely hopeless. We can run no bus services to the country whatsoever". All roads to Ely are impassable and drifts piled ten and twelve feet high have bought road traffic to a standstill. Villages cut off by snow included Elsworth and Knapwell. "Neither the mail nor the papers have arrived to-day" an Elsworth resident told the "C.D.N." today. "There are waist-high drifts in the village. The children are having a forced holiday", p4

Bought clothing coupons & ration book, p5

1947 03 07
The work of clearing Cambridge streets of snow is costing £500 a day. Every available lorry and a labour force in the region of 400 men is engaged in the task. There is a generally held view in the town that the snow clearers are ding a hard job very well. Meanwhile there has been an almost cheerful acceptance of the inconveniences. For the second morning in succession, most of Cambridge walked to work today - strange sight in the normally bicycle-crowded streets, p7

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1947 03 10
A night with one degree of frost, followed by the warmest day of the year, and then a night with no frost at all. This was Cambridge's weekend experience. This morning at half-past ten it was 35 and still rising. Work on snow clearance proceeded throughout the week-end in both borough and county with the result that all main roads are now open both ways and all by-roads passable. "We are hoping for the best" said Mr W.E. Doran, engineer to the Ouse Catchment Board this morning. He was asked about the prospect of flooding and explained that at present there is only a slight increase in river discharges. But a quick thaw will no doubt cause floods in the upper reaches. There is no immediate danger of a crisis in the fens because there is a very large storage area available. "If the thaw continues slowly there is a very good chance of it passing off without undue trouble", p1

Music and dancing licences approved p4

1947 03 11
"We all have our share of food and those who want more are greedy - and when they take illegal means to get extra it is something far more serious. A charwoman of Coldham's Lane heard these words from the chairman of Cambridge Borough Magistrates (Mr W.L. Briggs) at the Magistrates court when she was fined £2 and £3 respectively for stealing a ration book and using it when it was not issued to her. The defendant was 59 years old. On leaving school she took up domestic work. In the 1914-18 war she worked as a charwoman and was still employed as such. Her husband died two years ago and there were six in the family - all married with the exception of a daughter aged 18. Defendant's earnings, a widow's pension and an allowance from her daughter, amounted to £2 a week, p5

Town council rates, p4
Louis Cobbett death, p5

1947 03 12
The Kent Medway and the Wiltshire Avon - reaching their highest level for 20 years - and the Thames were to-day providing the greatest flooding dangers. At Maidstone riverside basements, cellars and yards of warehouses were flooded, and water seeped into houses and shops. Some streets in Sailsbury were flooded to a depth of several inches and piles of clay were dumped in the main street ready to block up shops and houses. The Thames rose 18 inches at Maidenhead during the night and at Windsor it was 2ft 6 ins above normal. Flood waters invaded many more acres. The A.A. reported numerous flooded roads in Somerset, Wales, East Anglia and the Home Counties. The latest Air Ministry forecast is that there will be local slight snowfalls in many areas, becoming more general and heavier. Snow clearance in Cambridge up to Feb 18th cost approximately £2,000. Another unusual expenditure is that of 35s a day incurred during the recent lighting restrictions in removing electric lamp bulbs from the various traffic signs which cannot be switched off, p4

Three rivers threaten floods, p1
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1947 03 13
From all parts of the district today come stories of flooded roads, following on the thaw and rain, with some of them impassable to traffic. In Cambridge itself, Parkers Piece, which for weeks has been an expanse of dazzling white, with not so much as a blade of grass showing, now resembles a lake. At St Ives some of the back streets are flooded fairly extensively, the water on the road to a depth of about 10 inches entering many houses in the town, forcing people to move their belongings upstairs. Traffic had to be diverted last night because of the movement washing water into the houses. Three feet of water in places is reported at both Pampisford and Caxton, with vehicles stuck in the mud at the latter village and having to be dug out., p5

B. Newton-John, head High School for Boys, speech, p4
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1947 03 14
Cambridge has been hit today by some of the worst flooding for 30 years. The rapidly rising and flowing river has invaded riverside homes, Midsummer Common and other open spaces are flooded, there have been fears for the safety of Silver Street Bridge, and there is no sign of any diminution of the abnormal flow. There is an unconfirmed report that the Byron's Pool sluice has broken, and Grantchester Meadows and the "Backs" are completely under water. Silver Street was closed to all

traffic during the morning. There were fears that the rush of water would seriously affect the foundations of the bridge. Street lighting was switched on in Linton when residents of houses in Meadow Lane and Chapel Terrace made a hurried evacuation of their waterlogged homes. The water rose to well over knee-deep but was subsiding this morning. At Sawston the sub-power station was marooned and electricity was cut off this morning. The Great North Road beyond Brampton is under water and the A.A. scout at Brampton cross roads was "up to his knees" at his post this morning, p4 # c.46.5 # c.29

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1947 03 17
In the still of this morning's sunshine there was graphic evidence all over the county of the devastation caused by last night's gales which produced tornado-like gusts screaming over the countryside at a velocity of 99 m.p.h. A tree fell across a Prisoner of War hut and Hemingford Abbots and seriously injured the occupants. When a tree crashed on a P.o.W camp at Whittlesford two Germans were injured. The complete roof of the kitchen of Downing College, Cambridge was blown off., p1, p2
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1947 03 18
Hundreds of men and women, troops and German prisoners among them who worked throughout last night are still pitting their efforts against the biggest flood threat of all time. The breach at Over today widened to over 20 yards during the night and at about 1 o'clock this afternoon water began to pour over the top of the Old West. River bank at Haddenham. The break at Lt Thetford yesterday afternoon flooded over 2,000 acres, p4 # c.29

Bid to save baby's life, appeal drug, Addenbrooke's Hospital, p5

1947 03 19
The bank has burst at Ten Mile Bank and on the River Wissey and water is pouring through a thirty-yard breach. A huge area of fenland is involved and livestock is being evacuated. Another breach has occurred in the bank of the Old West at Stretham and water is pouring in a torrent into Waterbeach fen. The waters of the Cam have dropped seven inches at Clayhithe but a break in the bank is feared about a mile and a half beyond towards Ely # c.29
Tortoise resuced from flood, p5
Over's ordeal, German Prisoner of War killed Hemingford Abbots, p7

1947 03 20
Over 200 men of the Beds. & Herts. Regiment were still working after nearly 24 hours with little or no respite in their fight against the rushing water from the breach of the Wissey. Throughout the night they filled sandbags by the light of hurricane lamps stacking them in a seven-feet wall along a mile stretch of the Ely to King's Lynn road south of Southery. The total area affected by the flooding is now more than 100 square miles, p1
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Bassingbourn RAF closing hostels, p6

1947 03 21

An attempt was to be made this afternoon to rescue a bull marooned since Monday in a stall at Crane's Fen farm near Earith. It was hoped to borrow an army "Duck" for the attempt. Mr J Cook said it was standing in about two feet of water. "It seems quite happy but it may prove different when we try and rescue it. The job will not be easy as the animal weighs at least half a ton", p6

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1947 03 22
"Operation Neptune", the scheme to seal the great gap in the banks of the River Ouse near Over by using Neptune amphibians began this afternoon. Nine Neptunes - weighing anything between 37 and 40 tons each – are being employed, as well as submarine nets and sandbags. One has its nose against the bank several yards from the breach and a number of others are in a field about half a mile away on the other side of the river. They will be brought to the gap, line up across the breach and netting will be dropped from them. Tarpaulins will be fastened over the netting and weighted down with sandbags, p4

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1947 03 24
Under the glare of "artificial moonlight" "Operation Neptune" was successfully put into effect last night. Nine great amphibian tanks have sealed the breach in the River Ouse at Over. It was the first of its kind ever to be performed in England. The whole area was reminiscent of wartime, crowded with duffle-coated mud-caked troops many of them tired out but still cheerful enough to sing, and military equipment of every description. The operation was due to start at 5 0'clock but owing to technical hitches it was late evening before everything was ready to commence, p6

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Fenland river levels dropping, p1
Over breach sealed, p4

1947 03 26
Ready at a moment’s notice to help clear floods in the fens, 50 National Fire Service pumps are standing by in London awaiting the call from Cambridge. Up to midnight on Saturday last 600 pumps had been engaged for more than 3,000 pumping hours and 78 million gallons of water have been moved. Meanwhile fen river levels generally continued to drop today. The flow of flood water from the breach in the Ouse near Earith has been completely halted, p6

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1947 03 27
It is thought it may only be a matter of weeks before the fens are drained again. Where pumping stations are out of action auxiliary pumps will be installed while other will operate from the various

banks taking water from the flooded fens back into the rivers. Hundreds of millions of gallons of water will have to be taken off the flooded areas. The biggest fen pumps can throw 35,000 gallons a minute. Amongst offers of help received at the Catchment Board office is one from Liverpool of an unlimited quantity of dehydrated potatoes for use in filling the breaches, p4

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1947 03 29
On the subject of suitable cropping in the fens the National Farmers Union said today that provided that certain of the lands are drained within a month cropping may be possible - but one must bear in mind that the residue of artificial manure will have been completely washed away. Should the yield be low it would represent a financial loss and Government should guarantee them an average seasonal price on an acreage basis
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NFS begin ‘Operation Fenland’

1947 04 07
Members of the Yugoslav Government Commission were amongst the buyers at the 35th annual sale of large white pigs held at the sale yard, Histon. The pigs were from Messrs Chivers & Sons Ltd Histon herd. Representatives from New Zealand and the Russian Government Commission were also present, though they made no purchases. The total realised was approximately £2,636, 47 gilts averaging £41.19s.3d each and 11 boars averaging £67.11s.7d each. Mr O.H. Mercer of Harlaston, Tamworth, Staffs was the buyer of the top-price gilt, Histon Lady Mollington, 367th at 130 gns. Histon Eastern Boy, the top-price boar was bought by Mr R.V. Boyce of Lidgate, Newmarket

Pumps from Holland to clear fens, p4

1947 04 08
Sir, I am interested in the letter of H.O. Fleming on the collection of refuse. The only way to have the old dustbin removed is to see the dustmen personally and make a suitable arrangement with them. I have had to do this myself and have found them very civil and helpful. The dustmen are highly selective and seem to go through the bins carefully, taking out anything they do not fancy and strewing it about. They also batter the bin out of shape very quickly and in many case leave it some distance away from where it is placed outside my premises. Now that we have provided cars for officials they might perhaps get around a little and see what is being done - (letter from J.R.Partington, Maids Causeway, Cambridge), p7

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1947 04 09
Twelve months ago, when landing craft were offered for sale to the public, the 12th Cambridge Scout Group bought one, and under the direction of their Scoutmaster, Mr W.A. Mackrow, they set to work with a will to convert it for troop use. On Saturday the result of their hard work and skill - a trim looking and extremely comfortable seaworthy craft was named the "Adventurer". Founder of the troop in 1911, its first Scoutmaster - and a staunch supporter ever since - Mr J. Murrish performed the ceremony, which took place at Peterhouse boat yard. In just under twelve months the group have transformed the hull and converted it into its present form, complete with bridge, containing full navigation equipment and remote engine controls etc. It has a ward room which sleeps 12, and a galley which would delight the heart of many a housewife, p9. # c.37.9

1947 04 10
Flood clearance pumping is now being done by individual farmers in many places in the fen district. Some 25 small pumps have been issued from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries pump depot at Warboys. The depot maintains a "flying squad" which goes out day or night should any of the pumps cease because of need for service. Since the depot came into being at the former R.A.F. Pathfinder airfield is had dealt with between 120 and 130 units. The depot started from scratch with just three bare buildings of the deserted airfield. It is now a complete unit with canteen, and administrative office, petrol supplies and even facilities for doing a certain amount of servicing of motor vehicles if necessary. No sooner had it opened than a stream of lorries bringing pumps, equipment and what one man described as "an odd assortment of pipes" began to arrive from all over England. P4

1947 04 11
The opinion that the people of St Ives had suffered for a fortnight unnecessarily from water in their town and houses that had nothing to do with the river was expressed a meeting of St Ives Borough Council. Mr T.H. Burgess said "I consider the river had some part to do with the water in the town but not quite so big a part as we would like to think". The original flush of water had been from land drainage due to the lack of ditches and the fact that existing ones were full of snow. The river at that time was very low. He said the reason why they were left with drainage water was because they were dealing with an antiquated sewerage system. The sewer itself had been covered with walls, fences and trees, p9

Mayor reception, p6
Engineers review floods, p7

1947 04 11 CIPof
25,000 acres cleared from cropping?

1947 04 14
The question of a site for a Village College at Swavesey was referred back to the General Purposes sub-committee (of the County Council). Subject to the consent of the Ministry 25 to 30 acres of the

Manor Farm, Swavesey will be purchased as a site (the Manor House and farm buildings to be excluded from the sale). Coun. Johnson pointed out that the land did flood occasionally, at the same time he did not think they would find a better site, p5

Forgotten shelters, p9
Soham flooded land, p10

1947 04 15
An event of unusual interest took place on Sunday night when the congregation of St Andrew-the-Great held their ordinary evening service in the chapel of Christ's College. The organ of St Andrew's church has been out of action since melted snow came through the roof some weeks ago. As the estimated cost of repairs lies between £100- £200 and will take some months to effect, the congregation was grateful for this opportunity for a service accompanied by an organ and the College chapel was crammed from end to end, p5

1947 04 16
Hundreds of men and women now starting on teaching Courses at the Emergency Training Colleges being opened all over the country will emerge fully qualified to take posts in the schools waiting so anxiously for them. One of these colleges was opened in the grounds of Wimpole Park. Used during the war as an American Red Cross Hospital the buildings have been adapted for the purpose and now house 260 students drawn from all over the country. All men, and mainly in their late twenties they will share a communal existence and all sorts of clubs and societies will be started for their leisure hours, p5

Mrs Mop ourfit to rescue, p5

1947 04 17
Numerous Cambridge bankmen lost all interest in interest last night. The occasion was the post-war revival of Barclays Bank ball, always one of the outstanding features of pre-war Cambridge. The Large room of the Guildhall had undergone one of its most attractive transformations. A special floor gave added pleasure to the dancing, though the beautiful tempo of Bunny May's broadcasting band would have made it possible to dance on almost any surface. It was the kind of music that slashes the bar profits, because it positively enticed you to dance, p4

1947 04 18
A conference to discuss water problems and their solutions heard recommendations as to the water supply to the parishes of Longstowe, Babraham, Duxford etc. Merits of a scheme for a supply of water to those parishes without a piped supply were discussed. The main point at issue was whether the existing source at Croydon should be maintained and developed. One hundred and twenty thousand gallons of water per day were wasted during the recent severe weather. Owing to the snow and floods it was difficult to account for the losses. Eventually however they were found to be due to burst pipes at Bassingbourn airfield, p9

Walter Lane photo of Mr Newman boating into house, p5
Bus service, p4

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Distributing relief - committees set up p1

1947 04 21
Simplicity and speed is the key-note in the Cambridge Borough Council's Birdwood Road building site, when 158 permanent concrete houses are being erected. Machinery used in the work of construction - like cranes, cement- mixers and lifts for conveying concrete to the scaffolding tops - is electrically powered from the Electricity Company's supply. Briefly the method of construction is this : a concrete foundation is laid and on it a steel case is placed in position. Concrete is poured into this

steel “skeleton” and after the mixture has set the case is removed - leaving concrete walls with an air-space between. The roofs will be tiled. Ninety per cent of the labour, incidentally, is Polish 47 04 21

Young Farmers’s Clubs, p6

1947 04 22
The Cambridge sporting fraternity has lost one of its most colourful characters by the death of Mr Charlie Driver. His aquatic achievements are legion and more than 90 people owe their lives to his life-saving prowess in the water. Among many tangible reminders of this contributions to the art of life-saving is a silver cigarette case presented to him as long ago as 1908 on behalf of readers of the Cambridge Daily News in recognition of his skill and promptitude in saving 31 lives from drowning at the Town Bathing Place. He retired after 34 years of service as custodian of the ton bathing sheds on Sheep's Green, only to come back again and carry on during the war years. Putting the clock back some 60 years one recalls how, at the old swimming sports at the Old Ladder on Sheep's Green, he made us envy his skill in bringing to the surface the largest number of plates cast in the river, to win the prize for that event, p5 # c.38 : swimming

Local government reoprganisation, p3
Circus, p5
Upware farm fire, p5

1947 04 23
Among the Big Tops, Bertram Mills' tenting-circus is surely the top. It is a circus-de-luxe. To begin with every one of the 3,500 seats has a back to it and you can see in comfort. And as the animals are the backbone of the circus let us take a look at the Bertram Mills collection. First the horses - horses clever, horses dignified, horses graceful and all beautiful. Less graceful, but with their own beauty of their quiet grey colour were the six performing elephants, everyone a lady - but not lady-like enough to stifle the yawn with which they sat up after lying down to "sleep" to the strains of dreamy music. Strength was combined with grace in the Tovarisch Troupe and finally of course, there were the clowns, a merry nonsensical crew. Visitors to Bertram Mills Circus this week watching the daring acts carried out in a brilliant array of colourful costumes might be surprised to hear that as many as a thousand costumes and uniforms are used in the show. I had a talk with the wardrobe mistress, Miss Wilmer, and learnt that she designs them herself, cuts, fits and makes them. Like everybody else Bertram Mills Circus have their coupon problems - especially when costumes need replacing every year. They have two allocations by the Board of Trade but have to account for every coupon they spend and give an account of the number of yards used in each garment, p5

Cambridge MP comes home, p5
German Prisoners of war fire Orwell, p7

1947 04 24
Women cook shortages, p5

1947 04 25 CIPof
Seed sewn from air at Boxworth p8

1947 04 26
Next Thursday will see the opening of recruiting for the new Territorial Army. For a great many years our local voluntary commitments were more or less confined to the Cambridgeshire Regiment. The future however, holds out something much greater in scope and more varied. The total numbers to be recruited will be three times as many as in pre-war days. It is idle to suppose we do not regret the passing of our own Infantry regiment but the name and the traditions of the "Cambridgeshires" will live on in the 629 L.A.A. Regiment R.A. So will the spirit of our two war-time Sapper Companies live on in the 121 Field Engineer Regiment, while the General Hospital will have added a second Unit in the form of a Field Ambulance, p6. # c.45.8

1947 04 28
Field-Marshall Hermann Goering's Super-Mercedes bullet-proof car is going to help the Mayor's Fen Flood Relief Fund in Cambridge. It will be exhibited at Messrs King & Harper's Bridge Street garage. The car, captured by the British Army, weighs five tons with an engine roughly four times bigger than the average 8 h.p. one. The engine is equivalent in volume to that of the average-size bus, p4

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Walter Lane photos of floods displayed, p4

1947 04 30
That a secondary school is incapable of teaching its pupils a proper sense of right and wrong was the view of Mr E.C. Emery, speaking at a ceremony at St Michael's church, Cambridge. "Apparently religion is going out; the rising generation have no sense of right and wrong". He referred to the present crime wave as "appalling". Probation officers and approved schools were over-worked. "I do not believe the crime wave is, p7

For over five hours the pros and cons of a proposal to erect a greyhound and sports stadium at Cherry Hinton were argued at a local inquiry into an appeal against the Borough Council's refusal of an application by Messrs Bartlett, Dash and Evans. The intention was to establish a handsome stadium, which would become a sports centre for the Eastern Counties. A promoter said Cambridge was the centre of by far the largest area in England without a greyhound track. The borough surveyor said the whole idea of the town planning scheme was to make Cherry Hinton a self-contained village community. He considered it highly important that the five mile green belt should remain inviolate. The Minister's decision might be expected in five or six weeks, p10 # c.38 : greyhound

Police cars, p8

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1947 05 02
Cambridgeshire County Council's proposal to extend its boundaries by including the southern part of the counties of Huntingdon Isle of Ely will not be adopted by the Local Government Boundary Commission. Cambridge Borough's application for an extension of boundaries is to be investigated, apart from the proposal for County Borough status, which is already under consideration.

Alderman Dr Wood, chairman of Cambridge Housing Committee said "We are in an extremely difficult situation. We have got perhaps a hundred and fifty cases where we have a man working in Cambridge with his wife and family elsewhere - cases where after six years of separation during the war the family and the father are still separated". It appeared that it is going to take ten to twelve years at the present rate to find accommodation for all wanting it. Coun Cutting said "I think we will have a very ugly situation before us next winter. I cannot imagine that those who suffered and fought are going to endure this for many more months" # c23

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Cambs extension plan turned down - wanted to take in Hunts and Isle p1

1947 05 03
Cambridge & New Zealand, p6

1947 05 05

A series of questions on the demolition of air raid shelters was answered by the Town Clerk at the Cambridge Borough Council meeting. He said the number of underground and surface air raid shelters remaining to be demolished was 42. The number of shelters already demolished was 175 12-person units and 44 20-person units and 44 50-person units and a single trench for 300 people. The work on the shelters should be completed in about eight weeks. Other Civil Defence structures waiting demolition were 18 warden's posts, 23 50-person school surface shelters, 95 48-person underground school shelters and 26 static water tanks. # c.45.7

Lammas Land allotments, p5

1947 05 06
A period piece, the period of which the members of the Library Committee do not particularly appreciate, was how the present high domed roof of Mill Road branch library was described when a resolution authorising the provision of a new false ceiling was criticised at Cambridge town council meeting. Ald E.S. Peck said "When I was chairman I thought it was rather a charming building architecturally and I think it would be entirely spoilt if they put a new ceiling in. # c.77.4

1947 05 07
Wives and mothers of American Service men who lost their lives in the war are now coming to Cambridge in small numbers on a pilgrimage to Madingley Cemetery, which is the largest of the three in the United Kingdom. Lack of shopping space still keeps the number down to a trickle, but it is expected to grow as the position improves. I am assured that relatives go back happier for having visited the graves and that they are most impressed by what the cemetery staff have done, and how well it is run

Some 200 local women took part in the Guildhall in the first big physical culture display to be held in Cambridge since before the war. It was a first-rate demonstration given by members of the Cambridge Women's Physical Culture Club, which is run by the Misses Marjorie and Mary Vinsen. In a display lasting and hour and a half they gave eloquent proof of the buoyant elasticity which can be attained through exercise and an indication of the physical fitness which results, for at the end of a strenuous performance they appeared as fresh as when they started.

1947 05 09
Road accidents, p8

1947 05 09 CIPof
No reprieve Soham windmill p10

1947 05 10
Cambridgeshire County Council made history today by electing its first woman chairman, and many friends will join in congratulations to Ald Mrs Clarke on the distinction accorded her. Mrs Clark is the first woman chairman of a County Council outside London.

1947 05 12
A.E. Stubbs, MP for the county, is to raise in the House of Commons the Minister of Transport's decision to slash Cambridgeshire's road grant. Ald Jackson said "It means we shall be unable, on class three roads, to do any work at all, except in so far as for five and a half miles of road we shall have one roadman. He will not be able even to do the necessary sweeping in the villages. We shall not have the money now to fill up potholes, we shall not have the money to do snow-clearing, and in fact we shall do practically nothing at all"

First woman chairman County Council, p8

1947 05 13

Youngest of the 29 prize-winners in the Cambridge Accident Prevention Council's Milk Bottle disc competition is three-year old Judith Wynn. Last night, attired in a tiny Tartan kilt and clasping her mother's hand she toddled on to the stage of the Regal Cinema to receive her prize from the Mayor. He hoped everyone who collected the discs would read the slogans printed on them and take note of them, then reread them and read them yet again. Cambridge streets were built long before the days of motor cars, he commented, "and it is essential in this town, where cyclists are more numerous than most, that they should read and remember these slogans

Malcolm Street tribunal, p5

1947 05 14
Filmgoers who have seen Miss Betty Grable's previous films with doubtless find her latest something of a novelty for "The Shocking Miss Pilgrim" shows her as one of the first typists, taping merrily on the keyboard of one of the first typewriters ever manufactured, nearly 80 years ago. There is an added novelty however, inasmuch as a machine similar to the one she uses is actually owned by a Cambridge resident who taught herself to type on it many years ago. This collector's piece is the property of Miss M. Pate, proprietress since 1900 of the University Typewriting Office in Trinity Street. Before that it was owned by Oscar Browning of King's College and bears on the lid a handwritten note saying it was "seen with much interest and tried by George Eliot" when on a visit to Mr Browning

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1947 05 15
In the Dorothy cafe, where it began, with its founder-President and a number of other founder-members present Cambridge Rotary Club celebrated the 25th anniversary of its foundation and of the coming of Rotary to Cambridge. Founder-President E Saville Peck visualised the club celebrating its 50th anniversary and trusted that its members would be proud of the work they had accomplished.

1947 05 16
Still more pumps brought over from Holland are coming into the Cambridgeshire fens to help add further food- producing acres to the thousands already cleared of flood water since "Operation Fenlands" began about two months ago. One, a 36-inch pump capable of throwing 110 tons of water a minute - nearly 25,000 gallons – is about to be installed on the Earith-Sutton road at Chain Drove. It will reinforce the battery of three 24-inch ones from Holland already operating there. Together with three similar pumps they can take over half a million tons every 24 hours off the flooded Haddenham Fen area. In other words they will clear daily an amount of water equal to Parker's Piece flooded to a depth of twenty feet

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First woman county council chairman - Mrs Mellish Clark - 1st woman county council chairman outside London p10
Record-breaking Mosquito returns to Bassingbourn p12

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Goering car, p4

1947 05 19
"However any calamities the war brought, it brought one great saving - it has resulted in closer relations between England and Poland than ever before in history. The Poles have 'discovered' the English, and learned to appreciate their great qualities, and in the same way many English people have 'discovered' the Poles. This opinion was expressed in Cambridge on Saturday by Dr Z.

Lubienski, lecturer in the department of education, Cambridge University, when he addressed members of the Cambridge Women's Luncheon Club, after a luncheon in the Dorothy Cafe.

Safe driving awards, p5

1947 05 20
For what he described as a "horrible cowardly offence" - that of robbery with violence against an elderly Ely jeweller - Lord Chief Justice Goddard, at Cambs Assizes, sentenced a 21-year-old man to two months imprisonment and 12 strokes of the birch. The judge said "If I were merely to send you to prison I should have to send you to prison for a very long time. The best thing to do is to treat you like what you are - a thoroughly naughty boy - and give you something you will remember. I hope you will take it like a man"

Falcon Club fire, p5

1947 05 21 c
So that parents of young children can go out to the cinema, or visit friends or relations, a sitters-in service was started in Cambridge a year ago and has been operating ever since. At the present time there are 49 sitters and 62 parents on the register. The cost of the service is an annual subscription of 2s 6d which enables the parent to be on the register for a year, and 2s 6d each time a sitter-in is employed. Their "star turn" I am told, was, until she left Cambridge recently, much to the regret of all, a grandmother of 70!

1947 05 22
New Eastern General Hospital, p5

1947 05 23
The manageress of an Ely cafe who bought 360 eggs from the proprietor of a grocers' business for the benefit of flood-workers who frequented her cafe at that time was fined £5 by Ely magistrates for obtaining the egg without the authority of the Ministry of Food. On April 16th the Divisional Enforcement Officer of the Ministry of Food visited the Kum-In Cafe with another official and asked for hot lunch. They were served with eggs, chips and sausage and noticed that other customers were also being served with eggs. The manageress had purchased 360 eggs for the correct price of £3. The only authority she had for eggs was six - her allocation for the members of her family
1947 05 23
The devastated fenlands have been the objectives of many distinguished visitors of late, not least of whom was the Premier and Minister of Education of Ontario. They stopped to inspect many of the flooded houses, which, although now clear of water, are still carpeted with layers of thick, slimy mud. The walls, too, are in many places still damp, and the paper which once hid the walls is peeling off leaving bare ugly patches. The road between Ely and King's Lynn is once again open to all traffic. The Haddenham-Earith Road is also free of water, but that between Earith and Sutton is still flooded

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1947 05 27

A penny-farthing earned some thousands per cent interest at an Empire Day fete held by the Balsham Conservative and Unionist Association in the Park, Balsham, on Saturday. But this penny-farthing was nothing so ordinary as a sum of money. It was an example of the cycle of that name and it earned the interest by people paying to ride on it. It was a "star" attraction in an event full of attraction. Other items were a fancy-dress competition, a baby show, a goat show, and a Punch & Judy show

Madingley exchange, p5

1947 05 28
Detective work by police officers of the Cambs County Constabulary led to the appearance at the Newmarket Petty Sessions of an ex-member of the Polish Army who was charged with breaking and entering a N.A.A.F.I. canteen at Chippenham. Amongst the evidence called was a statement given from the witness box by one of Scotland Yard's foremost finger-print experts. Defendant, who was described as neither a member of the Polish Army nor the Re-settlement Corps, was living at the North Camp, Chippenham. He was charged with stealing a steel safe containing £21.5s 3d in cash, 4 National health Insurance cards, 4 unemployment cards and 4 ration books to a total value of £41.5s 3d

There is an urgent requirement at Trumpington for school accommodation to meet the needs of children from the new housing estate. Coun Mrs Rackham told the Cambridge primary education sub-committee that children were "coming in fast" from the new estate but it would not be a wise proceeding to erect huts as it would take such a very long time and it was doubtful if they would be ready before the new school in, it was hoped, September 1948. The playground too would be very much spoiled by building operations and it was a far better idea, if possible, to use the Free Church Schoolroom

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Polish workmen at Cottenham, p10

1947 05 29
Many of the 2,400 persons in the Borough of Cambridge who had been notified that they were to receive a gift of food-stuffs given by the peoples of Melbourne and Sydney (Australia) and South Africa, were on the doorstep of the Guildhall promptly at 9 o'clock this morning when the distribution began. These foodstuffs, comprising syrup, preserves, meat and vegetable stew, orange crush, grape fruit juice, and small quantity of canned fruit, totalled some 6,000 tins and bottles. Some of the recipients had previously received similar gifts from other countries and knew their value. For others the nature of the presents were a pleasant surprise

German prisoners of war lay out Wimpole fair ground, p4

1947 05 30
Today, May 30th, day on which America remembers her war dead, there was heard over Cambridge a sound which was once so frequent above the English countryside – the roar of the engines of a Flying Fortress, the sound of which was the requiem of so many of the gallant, gay and generous company of American service men and women, nearly 7,000 of them, who lie at rest among the green and wooded loveliness that forms the slopes of Madingley Hill. Some hundreds of members of the public had made the journey up the hill to join in the ceremony, proof that the affection inspired in our midst by the American troops and Air Forces was of the kind which transcends death

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1947 06 02
Yesterday, in the little fen town of Soham, the memory of two railwaymen who three years ago gave their lives that the town might be saved from complete obliteration, was remembered and honoured by Soham people. Local people recalled how in the early hours of June 2nd 1944 fire broke out in an ammunition train standing in Soham station. Driver Benjamin Gimbert of March, and his fireman Mr E. Nightall of Littleport uncoupled the blazing wagon and started to shunt it away from the town. Signalman F. Bridges of Soham was about to warn other rail traffic in the area when the wagon containing high explosive bombs exploded. Soham station was completely wiped out and Nightall and Bridges were killed. On the spot where the station was now stands a pre-fab hut which serves as a booking office, waiting room and control centre. But the match-boarding wall of the hut now bears a brass tablet which tells the story of Soham's escape from destruction

Agricultural show, Wimpole, p6

1947 06 03
Visiting Cambridge today to attend a celebration associated with age - the 400th anniversary of the foundation of Trinity College - the King and Queen were greeted early by youth, represented by 6,000 Cambridge schoolchildren who cheered wildly as their Majesties drove along Station Road on the first stage of their journey. In several shop windows in the centre of town goods had been replaced a few minutes before the King and Queen passed, by assistants, etc, and the blue-frocked staff of Messrs Boots had a grandstand view from large packing boxes placed in the front entrance # c.02 # c.44.5

Jewish anniversaries, p5

1947 06 04
Although the Royal visit to Trinity College was mainly a University affair the women of Cambridge had an opportunity of seeing the Queen, aptly described during the recent Royal tour as British womanhood's ambassadress. The question, a natural one, many of the women were asking was "What was the Queen wearing". The Mayoress (Mrs F. Doggett) had the experience of waiting on the Queen almost throughout the day. She said that both the King and Queen asked many questions about the fen floods showing a real interest and sympathy in the difficulties of the flood victims. She was impressed by the Queen's great charm. "She was untiring and knew just what to say to everybody", she observed # c.02

1947 06 04
With regret many enthusiastic and appreciative cinema-goers have learned of the closing at the end of the week of the Cosmopolitan Cinema, Cambridge. For fourteen years now it has been open and has a proud record since right from its beginning it gave Cambridge something out of the ordinary. The owners of the Central Hall, the Conservative Club, have seen fit to raise the rent to a sum which the directors of the Cosmopolitan Cinema Ltd feel unable to pay. Developing out of the first Cambridge Film Society, the Cosmo was opened on October 16th, 1933. (It later reopened as the Arts Cinema in October 1947) # c.76.9

1947 06 04
The need for water economy in Cambridge is still urgent, if restrictions are not to be placed on supplies for the first time in the 94 years of the Cambridge University and Town Waterworks Company's existence. Emphasising this today Mr P. Porteous, managing director said that the position showed a slight improvement. "Consumption dropped from over five million gallons to just above

four and a half millions gallons yesterday". "We find ourselves able to get just a little back into the reservoirs. Rain and a drop in temperature will help us". Sun temperatures was 84 degrees, compared with yesterday's maximum of 104 degrees, the highest yet recorded in the present heat wave

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1947 06 09
Sir, - A disturbing rumour has recently come to my notice that one of our famous beauty spots in Cambridgeshire may be in imminent danger of being despoiled. I refer to Barrington Hill. There appears to be a project afloat for the building along the side of Barrington Hill of a number of workmen's dwellings for the housing of operative employed in the Cement Works. We know only too well that the need for such dwellings exists. We point out however that there are other and more suitable thoroughfares what would serve a far more useful purpose for such building schemes than this beautiful and historic spot - the desecration of which will be a matter of the greatest distress to many thousands in Cambridgeshire. - letter from Miss M.S. Gabrielle Breeze, Landbeach

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1947 06 11
The revival of May Week Balls in something of their full glory brings back to Cambridge something of the spirit of gaiety and colour which we knew before the war and which is now more than ever welcomed as much by townsfolk as by members of the University. The courts of Trinity presented a fairyland-like appearance with its lantern lit cloisters which were also decorated with palms. At Clare College the dining hall was used for dancing to the melodies of Tommy Kinsman's Band from London. Cyril Stapleton and his band provided the music for dancing at Downing College.

1947 06 11
As an emergency measure the Public Health Committee of Cambridgeshire County Council has agreed that the Infectious Diseases Hospital be made available for any initial cases for which observation in hospital might be necessary, until the smallpox hospital at Oakington could be opened. Following further negotiations the National Fire Service is now prepared to allow the Council to retain the static water tank on the Romsey Recreation Ground (it has been proposed that it shall be used as a children's paddling pool), and to pay the Council £107.8s.10d, the revised estimate of the cost of demolition and reinstatement of the site

1947 06 12
A report by the Bishop of Ely's Advisory Committee on the Care of Churches considered eight churches which were in danger of partial collapse. Typical examples are the fine medieval towers of Soham and Orwell, the interesting chancel of Hatley St George, the roof of Caxton and almost the whole church of Wicken, which is splitting in half. There were also a large number of churches where considerable repair was needed now to prevent serious decay later. Some of the failures could be attributed to soil subsidence or rough weather, but for the most part were due to the accumulation of repairs postponed because of the war

1947 06 13
The road was partially blocked and a single line of traffic caused at Milton Road crossing, Cambridge, yesterday when an engine loaded with tanks at the army camp, G.23, ran into the buffers and was carried on to the road. It came to a standstill with the engine projecting across the grass verge. It is understood that the engine began to move whilst each of the 12 trucks was being loaded with a Sherman tank. We understand that the front wheels of the engine were buried in the ground and that the rails are being burnt up. It may be some time before the engine can be lifted off the road by crane. # c.26.2 # c.45.8

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1947 06 16
"There is a general feeling throughout every grade of society that we want to have a brighter old age - and this is one of the first steps taken towards it". This comment was made by Alderman W.L. Briggs when he opened the first Old People's Welfare Club in the Tracy Memorial Hall, Romsey Town, Cambridge. This club is the first of its kind in the town, and more will be opened. "This new movement throughout the county was to take an interest in people who had reached the sensible years of life". Remarking that as far as pensions were concerned things were getting better every day - and it should be. "After all, we are the people who have borne the heat and burden of the day and have made England what she is" # c.37.5

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1947 06 18
On Saturday, after a quarter of a century of service to the public Sergt Policewoman Carnegie Brown, one of the pioneers of women police, goes into retirement and the Cambridge Force loses its senior woman member and the Cambridge public a well-known figure. The history of women police has evolved during her lifetime. One of the earliest policewomen in the country, starting at a time when women police were not generally recognised by local authorities, Miss Brown has done much to over-ride any prejudice that might have been held at the time and now has the satisfaction of knowing that women police are considered an essential part of the police service. In the early days women police did only welfare work, such as helping patch up matrimonial difficulties. Today they handle all matters connected with women and children who are involved in any way with the police # c.34.7

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1947 06 20
The fen floods and emergency payment to be made for damage done by them were the subject of discussion in parliament. The Ministry of Agriculture said it was a magnificent task on the part of farmers and workers to plant 1,950,000 acres of wheat. He mentioned that nearly 700,000 acres of agriculture were flooded. The floods were not due either to delay or negligence in carrying out drainage schemes, or to war-time drainage works carried out in the uplands. "We have no assurances that next winter nature may not break even the disastrous record of this year", he added. "Therefore much urgent work must be done if next year our river systems are going to be able to carry the volume of water that may descend on them" # c.29

1947 06 20
To-day, their work of pumping the floods off the Fens completed, National Fire service men who have been taking part in "Operation Fenland" left the area for their home station. The men were volunteers who came from all over England. One said: "It's good to be able to see some concrete results of the work in cleared land after so many weeks of seeing nothing but a vast expanse of water going down inch by inch". In many places you see a land of smooth, dried grey mud, cracked into many-lined patterns by the heat of the sun. There is an air of desolation in the now-dry flood-wrecked farms. Yet the hardy Fen people are already moving back. # c.29

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1947 06 21
Miss Cambridge 1947 was last night chosen from about a dozen young girls who entered for the competition at the Summertime Ball in the Guildhall. Arranged by Billy Kaye, the ball which was in the modern manner, had non- stop dancing to three bands, one of them the Orquestra Cubanos, providing a complete rhumba session. The competitors were called on the platform and the best three chosen by two judges. They were then placed in order of merit by the volume of applause received from the audience. The winners were 1 Miss Margaret Bale, 2 Miss Gwen Aves, 3 Miss Jean Kirby

1947 06 23
The temptation caused by a salvage dump containing equipment which was expected by two men to be "broken up and thrown away" led to their appearance at the Cambs Petty Sessions on Saturday. Defendants pleaded guilty to being concerned in stealing four petrol motors and generators to the value of £40 from the salvage dump at Waterbeach Aerodrome. One said "About a fortnight ago I was working on the dump with a civilian driver called "Spike". He asked me if I could get some engines. He said he could sell the engines and make some money and would stand me a drink sometime". Defendant said he understood from "Paddy" that the engines were to be broken up and he thought they would be thrown away

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1947 06 25
An afternoon and evening literally crammed with entertainment for both spectators and competitors took place on the Histon recreation ground when Messrs Chivers and Sons held their annual sports

day. Major E.R. Dudgeon (Eastern Divisional Food Officer) said "There are no more outstanding products for quality than those produced by Messrs Chivers & I want to congratulate both management and workers on the great job they are doing. They send the fame of this island to the four corners of the earth"

1947 06 25
"I think the people who have fought in favour of Newmarket remaining in Suffolk have fought brilliantly - by discouraging discussion and crying 'We want Suffolk, we want Suffolk' they have beaten all the thinking people in the town and I take my hat off to them". So declared Mr W.J. Taylor, one-time chairman of Cambridgeshire County Council and prime mover behind the Council's proposal to include Newmarket in a new Cambridgeshire. He condemned - in no uncertain terms - the general apathy he claimed existed among the people of Newmarket with regard to the boundary question.

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1947 06 26
Plans for providing Airey houses at a number of villages in the Chesterton R.D.C. area in lieu of permanent brick houses are being prepared. The Ministry of Health have ruled that during the next 18 months, rural authorities must erect one Airey house per three houses constructed. The architect is preparing revised lay-out plans for the sites at Fulbourn, Teversham, Longstanton and Elsworth. A lay-out plan for Coton, providing for a total of 54 houses was approved. Housing progress up to May 29th 1947 reveals 77 houses completed (includes 31 prefabs, 4 bungalows and 5 Swedish), 136 permanent houses and 19 temporary houses in course of erection # c.23

1947 06 27
It is the opinion of the Headmaster of Chesterton Modern School that every boy there is two years retarded in certain subjects. When presenting his report at yesterday's Speech Day and prize-giving he said "My estimate is that every boy in this school is two years retarded in many subjects - such as mental work, where there was no teacher during the war, science, where there was no teacher for a long period, and art, where there was a great variation of teacher and method". He knew a number of parents realised that, because many of them were only too anxious to have their boys return to school after the school-leaving age had been reached. Last year 29 returned voluntarily, and 22 of these were coming back again in September

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1947 06 30
Pembroke College, Cambridge has celebrated its Sexcentenary. The celebrations took the form of a luncheon and garden party during which valuable manuscripts and college plate were on show. The display of college plate included two irreplaceable cups. One has a curse associated with it. This is the Anathema cup. It bears the inscription "Who shall alienate it, let him be anathema". For this reason when, during the Civil War, all the College silver was sent to the King, the lid only was sent, and the Cup kept back to defeat the curse # c.44.5

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1947 07 01
Well known and a popular figure in Cambridge musical circles for many years, Mr Percy Cowell, Musical Director at the Dorothy Cafe, died at his home. He was 61. Born in Cambridge he was first employed in the office at Messrs Eaden Lilley's, playing the piano in his spare time. In the early twenties he took up his musical career seriously. At one time he ran a band at the Rendezvous and several years ago he had a band at the Trocadero restaurant, Piccadilly, London. When the New Dorothy Cafe was opened in 1930 his band was installed as a resident one and he was fully employed until the early months of the war, when he was joined by Mr Reg Cottage and his band # c.69

Summer school for prisoners of war, p5

1947 07 02
Mr W.E. Doran, Chief engineer to the River Great Ouse Catchment Board, has announced plans costing £5,000,000 to prevent flooding of the Fens. The plans, which are described as being able quite definitely to give safety to the fens, are a modification of the scheme proposed in 1942 but shelved owing to the war. The 1942 proposal provided for the cutting of a new river from Denver to St Germans, with a balancing reservoir at Denver to accommodate the flow when the tidal door was shut. A new channel 30 miles long is planned from Denver to Barton Mills to cut off flood water from the high ground before it reaches the embanked sections of the fenland rivers. This channel up to the Lark is part of a previous scheme which provided for a cut-off channel going right up to Grantchester. # c.29

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1947 07 05
"Sir - Living in Newmarket Road, Cambridge, in close vicinity to Christ Church I would like to ask whether this road is intended to make up for the now closed Brooklands motor race course? The speed limit seems to be double that of other roads of the town, judging by the racing prevailing among country buses, motor lorries of the heaviest type, even 60 feet long ones, and motor cycles, the throttles of which to open in this region of private houses seems to be point of honour. It seems to me high time the police came with their stop watches, specially in the late afternoon" - letter signed "Ignotus"

1947 07 05
Many of the German p.o.w. recently in the camp at Cambridge have been sent to other parts of the country, and I was shown this week a copy of the final issue of the 1025 camp newspaper. This starts

with a farewell message by the C.O. (Major A.J. Ferris) who writes "I had hoped to retain the Company as such until repatriation thinned us right down but Higher Authority has ruled differently and now 1025 has to disband – you to work in agriculture and I go to civil life. The year of this Company's existence will I hope not be the worst of your time in captivity. I wish you all the best of luck when you eventually get back to your own country, and I hope that your return will not be long delayed" - Table Talk # c.45.7

1947 07 07
Men and women from all parts of Cambridgeshire attended the British Legion County Rally on Parker's Piece, Cambridge, on Sunday afternoon. In the course of an address the Rev J.N. Duckworth mentioned the presence of German prisoners of war amongst the crowd of onlookers and, welcoming them, said: "There is no enmity here". "We are", he went on, "living in very, very dangerous days. We are threatened with losing all those things for which we have fought and struggled, and for which we have endured. The friendship and comradeship of those several long years of war seem to be melting away. In their place there was fear and the seeds of distrust were being sown as never before. The word had reached a state where people, in modern parlance 'just couldn't care less'"

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Harbouring deserter, p9

1947 07 08
Flying officer R.W. Ford was ferrying a Meteor jet-aircraft from Gloucester to West Raynham yesterday, when turbine trouble forced him to attempt a landing at Cambridge Airport. He crash-landed in a barley field about 200 yards short of the airfield. The tail unit broke off, and the aircraft turned completely round before skidding to a stop. Flying Officer Ford stepped out, uninjured except for a chip in the skin on the bridge of his nose. Within an hour he was on his way in an Anson that had been sent to fetch him. Crash-apparatus from the airport was quickly on the scene and R.A.F., Waterbeach, provided a guard. # c.26.1

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1947 07 09
May I explain why St Matthew's Piece has not yet been restored to its former state. It was requisitioned by the War Department for a vehicle car-park. The surface and foundations were not suitable for such purposes and the military authorities were told that their vehicles would cause extensive damage to the playing area and would involve them in a heavy claim for compensation. When the War Department released the site the Corporation lodged a substantial claim for reinstatement. The claim has now been referred to higher authority for arbitration. My committee sincerely regret that the ratepayers of St Matthew's ward and their children in particular, have been deprived of the use of this ground for so long – letter from G.F. Nobbs, Chairman Cambridge commons and cemetery committee # c.32.3

Ration books, p5

1947 07 10
Sir - This week Histon villagers should normally be celebrating the traditional age-old annual Feast, but alas! When the children and their accompanying parents assembled to partake in the amusements that one is accustomed to find pitched on the village green, they found this pleasant open space as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard. Excepting for one or two years during the war the oldest inhabitant states that she never remembers the showmen missing Histon feast and the family of Thurston have always been associated with the festival. The Histon council includes many people who have migrated to the village and personally have no room for such traditional customs as village feasts. - letter

1947 07 11
The Great Ouse Catchment Board yesterday resolved unanimously that the construction of the relief channel from Denver to St Germans be proceeded with as soon as possible; that the work of preparing the plans for the cut-off channel up to the River Lark be completed at once; that the work in the rivers above Denver Sluice be modified on the basis of the construction of the cut-off channel and that a fifty years loan be arranged. Another decision was that the Over barrier bank be heightened by three feet at a cost of £40,000. # c.29

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Lion Hotel car park, p6

1947 07 14
Homes specially intended for old people should be in towns rather than in the country said Lord Amulree in addressing the Woman Public Health Officers' Association Summer school in Cambridge. It was a great advantage to have the home in a town, he said. For a large majority of people a home in the country did not work at all. "Most of our population are townspeople and also, when they are growing old, their interests become rather contracted. Old people do enjoy calling on their friends' houses. They like to go to the local pub or to the pictures, and if they cannot do that they like to sit in the window and watch other people going to the pub and to the cinema"

1947 07 14
Sir - I think it is scandalous that 31 trees should be removed from Newmarket Road, Cambridge. This is easily the least imposing approach to the town and the removal of the trees will make it ten times worse. Why is this road always chosen when a site has to be found for a new refuse dump. Why has it such a bad road surface for such an important main thoroughfare. Those things just have to be tolerated, I suppose, but I sincerely hope that Newmarket Road may retain its one redeeming feature - the trees - letter from L.R. Thurston # c.18

'Granny-lore' neglected, p7

1947 07 16
In order to complete the Housing Committee's anticipated programme of 5,000 houses, the following additional site are to be purchased subject to the approval of the Minister of Health. Arbury Road-King's Hedges (number of houses 1,300); Coleridge Road (180), Queen Edith's Way (250), Cherryhinton Road (365). Total number of houses 2,095. # c.23 # c.49.4

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1947 07 17
Cambridge has not yet produced any reports of flying saucers, but yesterday there occurred the perfectly genuine episode of The Flying Hay. The phenomenon was seen by Mr Philip Porteous, engineer and manager of the Cambridge Waterworks Co as he was standing in his garden at Fulbourn early yesterday afternoon. "I was looking at a field with hay lying in it, when suddenly large quantities of the stuff rose straight up into the air for some five hundred to a thousand feet and then floated off in a westerly direction", he told a C.D.N. reporter. "What had happened was that a small

whirlwind had struck the field. I did not feel the effects myself, but I saw it give a tree quite a shaking"

1947 07 18
"From inquiries made of my friends I find that to-day more money is spent at the greengrocers and fishmongers than at the grocers", Mr John Stamps, Deputy Secretary, Family Welfare Association told a Summer School. Talking of housing he pointed out that it was uniformly accepted that the rent to be paid by a family should not exceed one sixth of the total income. "Before the war", he continued, "people chose to live in a house, the rental of which they could afford. I wonder how many are doing that today. What I am concerned about is the cost of houses for purchase and the fact that in order to secure accommodation young people are undertaking mortgage repayments considerably in excess of one-sixth of their income. I wonder if they realise that this is to be a fixed charge over a long period, and that whether one, two or three babies come along they will still have this charge on their income"

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Reprieve Newmarket Road trees, p8

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1947 07 21
"This was a sweepstake for a very excellent charity and there is really no distinction in morality between this and the lottery which takes place at the church bazaar" said Mr F.W. Elsworth (Messrs Few and Kester) defending a man summonsed at Cambridge Petty Sessions on Saturday for distributing four books of tickets in the Irish Hospital Sweepstakes. He added "Public opinion is unquestionably of the view that the law on the subject requires reform. There is at the moment a situation where there is one law for the rich and another for the poor"

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1947 07 22 c
The death occurred at the Catholic Nursing Home in Brooklands Avenue of Mr Edmund Joseph Kett who has been ill for the past week. Mr Kett who was 85, was a partner in the firm of Messrs Rattee and Kett, builders and contractors where he started as a boy immediately on leaving school. He retired from the firm in 1925 when the business became a limited company. During his time with the firm he was responsible for the building of the Cambridge Catholic Church and was also connected with the restoration of Arundel Castle, the Duke of Norfolk's country seat. This took 16 years to complete

1947 07 23
Sir. It is very interesting to read that those in authority on our local Council at last have abandoned the idea of spoiling Petersfield by spending nearly £2,000 on a paddling pool and reverting to its former condition, the present static water tank will therefore be demolished. Would it be out of place to suggest some sort of supervision be given to safeguard the beautiful trees and shrubs from destruction and grounds kept in decent condition. Perhaps, at the same time, those unsightly and out of date notices "To the shelter" could be removed - letter from E.H. Tatchell, 1 Willis Rd, Cambridge

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1947 07 24
Seven members of the Cambridge National Fire Service were at Addenbrooke's Hospital this morning suffering from slight burns from mustard gas sustained in dealing with a fire involving a truck-load of 60 112lb American gas bombs on the railway line between Six Mile Bottom and Fulbourn late last night. The main line between Cambridge and Ipswich was closed to traffic as a result of

contamination over 100 yards. Later the damaged wagon was tipped off the rails to the side of the line. The truck was one of a train of 30 to 40 carrying mustard gas bombs from Warren Wood, near Thetford, to Barry in Wales, for dumping in the sea. As it passed through Six Mile Bottom the stationmaster saw that the truck was ablaze. The burning wagon, the third from the engine, was uncoupled, and the engine restarted to pull it away from these. An eye witness said to a "Cambridge Daily News" reporter: "It was a spectacular sight. About fifty per cent of the bombs exploded with a "whoosh" and a burst of flame which shot fifty feet into the air. Poisonous fumes spread over a range of fifty or sixty yards. The police afterwards sealed off an area around the blaze to await decontamination" # c.26.2

1947 07 25
The foundation stone of what will be a home solely for the care of children suffering from Tuberculosis was laid at Papworth Village Settlement by the Princess Royal. It will be known as the Edith Edwards Children's Home. The Home will accommodate 50 children, from infancy to the age of 1 years. At present there are not more than six children's homes in the whole of England devoted wholly to tuberculosis cases, and with the increase of the disease during the war years, these have long waiting lists.

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Kings buy film studio, p6

1947 07 28
A protest about the waste of paper involved in the presentation of committee minutes was voiced at Saturday's meeting of Cambridgeshire County Council. Coun R.M. Jackson asked whether it was really necessary to go into such detail. Ald Stubbs thought, in view of the shortage of paper, which, among other things, had a limiting effect on keeping the public fully acquainted with what was going on, the minutes showed a sheer waste of paper. In addition there was a waste of the time of the staff, and he thought attention should be called to this "colossal waste"

1947 07 30
History was made in the Shire Hall Council Chamber on Saturday, when Ald Mrs Mellish Clark, first woman chairman of the Cambridgeshire County Council, and of any County Council outside London, took the chair for the first time. She brought to it exactly the same degree of competence she brings to all meetings over which she presides, conducting the proceedings in a practical, business-like way, wasting no time on unessentials. She did not hesitate to call the meeting to order - doing this on two occasions when more than one tried to speak at the same time. # c.35.1

1947 07 30
Sir - When will something be done about the disgraceful state of the traffic in Petty Cury, Cambridge. I understood some time ago that steps were being taken to stop the parking of cars on the left side of this narrow thoroughfare. Far from this being done, it is now worse than ever. Saturday, with the exception of the entrance to the Lion Hotel there were 15 large cars parked from Sidney Street to Guildhall Street, and as prams and mail carts can only use the sidewalks, pedestrians who venture on the street are taking serious risks of getting knocked down. Truly a street only fit for the quick or the dead - letter from W.M.F., Gt Shelford # c.26.48

Housing, p4

1947 07 31
At the meeting of the Chesterton Rural District Council it was reported that a further three parishes (Coton, Fen Drayton and Lolworth) had been supplied with water mains. It was anticipated that the work involving the supply to Barton, Comberton, Toft, Haslingfield and Harlton would be put in hand during the coming year. Several parishes, notably Croxton, Eltisley, Graveley, Hardwick and Dry Drayton were extremely short of water for domestic and stock purposes and trouble was anticipated in the summer months. The position could not be improved until a new high level water tower was erected thereby affording sufficient pressure to enable a mains supply to be taken to these villages.

Gas bomb victims, p5

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1947 08 01
Socks for kaffir trade, p9

1947 08 02
The necessity of reducing the waiting list at Addenbrooke's Hospital was a point emphasised by several Brethren at the meeting of the Cambridge & County Friendly Societies Council. Brother W.A. Driver said something would have to be done in the near future because it was alarming to find that the present waiting list was 1,082, as compared with 987 last month. It did not speak too well to those who were waiting to get in and could not through lack of beds. In the private wards for 1946 there were 146 patients, while for 1947 were 163. Bro. Brasher said "We have got to see that there is a bed waiting for every patient and not a patient waiting for the bed. We must see that when anybody wants hospital treatment it is available for them"

1947 08 02
When I met the County MP the other day and asked how he was feeling after the all-night session he told me an amusing story against himself. He had been to see his daughter in London and was returning to the House on the top of a bus, when he fell fast asleep. Someone told the conductor below that there was an "old cove" upstairs snoring away like anything. Going upstairs he roused our "Albert" and remonstrated with him, asking him where he was going. Mr Stubbs replied he was "going to work". "Where do you work?" asked the conductor, and, having reached Westminster by this time, Mr Stubbs pointed to the Houses of Parliament and said "Over there!"

Addenbrooke’s waiting list, p5

1947 08 06
Only in cases of "exceptional hardship" can private householders hope to employ in domestic service the displaced persons now coming into the area to help relieve the labour shortage in certain industries. Since the beginning of June some 1,400 of these displaced persons have arrived from Germany at a West Wratting holding camp. Their nationalities are Latvian, Lithuanian, Estonian and Ukranian. Ages range from 25 to 40. The jobs woman can take include laundry work, domestic service in hospitals and hostels, and agriculture, and these are the sort of jobs they have taken in this region. Men, too have gone into agriculture. I understand that another camp accommodating about the same number will shortly be opened in Bottisham

1947 08 04
Friday bump supper, p3
Romsey garden show, p6
Council baby – indoor water, p6

1947 08 05

A Bank Holiday gala dance attracted large numbers to the Guildhall on Monday night, when they found Billy Kaye and his Sextet much to their liking. Liela Rowland was a big hit, with her interpretation of the popular tunes of the day, and particularly pleasing was "People will say we're in love". The rhythm of the samba, the calypso, the beguine and the rhumba were heard in a special Latin-American session and met with marked success # c.69.2

1947 08 06
Because of the danger of ice-cream spreading conditions of infectious diseases three defendants were summoned for not displaying their name and address on the vehicle from which they were selling the ice-cream. Ernesto Fella of Mill Road, Cambridge pointed out that his tricycle had just been painted, but the address had been omitted. This error had now been rectified. Another said that while he was waiting to get the name painted on the van he had stuck two labels on the side but these had come off during one of the storms. The name and address were painted on the following morning. All were fined £1

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Bank Holiday sports, p8

1947 08 07
Baby show, p5

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South Cambs Airey homes, p5
Difficulties of spare parts, p6

1947 08 09
An obituary notice in "The Times" of Wednesday began with these words: "Mr Rodney ('Gypsy') Smith, one of the most remarkable evangelists of modern times, died at the age of 87 on the Queen Mary while on his way to Florida to recuperate after a severe illness". It was I believe in 1938, a year after the death of his first wife, that Gypsy Smith gave up "Romany Tan", his residence in Cambridge, but for many years before that he was a familiar figure in the town. In his autobiography he tells how he was converted at "a little Primitive Methodist Chapel in Fitzroy Street", Cambridge.

Cambridge leads the way, p5
Kelly acquires Spaldings, p6
Fens floods story broadcast, p6 # c.29 # c.27.8

1947 08 11
A change in command in the National Fire Service in Cambridge and district had just taken place. Divisional Officer J.W. Gibson of Arbury Road, Cambridge has left to take up an appointment in Scotland. In Cambridge two of the outstanding fires he attended were those at Heffer's and Corpus Christi College. But the fire he will remember most vividly is the last he went to - that on the railway line between Fulbourn and Six Mile Bottom recently when a truck load of mustard gas bombs caught fire

Kiddie on the keys, p7

1947 08 12
One of this morning's news items was: "The Secretary of State for War flew to Germany today. He travelled in an R.A.F. Transport Command aircraft". When you read that and similar items concerning famous men journeying in Service aircraft you can be pretty sure that the crew and their plane have come from Bassingbourn R.A.F. Station. There is the "home" of 24 (Commonwealth) Squadron whose job is carrying V.I.P.s. The aircraft used are Yorks, Lancastrians and Dakotas. The Squadron's planes all have one thing in common - the shining, burnished brightness of their exterior. Metal polish

and elbow grease are the means of obtaining this effect; mechanical polishers cannot be used as they are liable to damage the metal. The planes are masterpieces of smartness

1947 08 12
A free-for-all political argument developed on Parker's Piece last night at a meeting organised by the Cambridge branch of the Communist Party to discuss "Britain's Crisis". Among the hecklers was a small band of Conservatives who interrupted the speakers by words and music through another amplifier. Mrs Pearl Lilley declared that the Socialists were not carrying out the policy they were elected on. After several interruptions from the Conservatives over the loudspeaker, Mrs Lilley remarked on the very low level to which the Tories had got to stoop to gain their audience. Several questions concerning starvation in Russia, the secret police there and the lack of freedom of speech were answered by the speakers despite interruptions from the "opposition" loudspeakers over which was played the National Anthem and "Land of Hope and Glory" # c.33

Taxi radio controls – film, p5 # c.26.47

1947 08 14
Let her wait till 21, p6

1947 08 15
People passing over Victoria Avenue Bridge, Cambridge, must often have seen long, securely fastened and labelled packing cases leaving the boatyard there. The cases are addressed to rowing clubs in distant parts of the world, and inside each is a slender, beautifully finished racing craft. Each boat bears a small name-plate stating simply "H.C. Banham, ltd". Banham's eights, fours, pairs, "funnies" and whiffs are known wherever there are rowing men and for many years now the firm has accepted orders from clubs in all corners of the world. Scarcity of material and labour is the only thing that prevents the ready acceptance of every order. Prices are nowadays a cause for regret. Eights that once sold for about £60 now cost £190. There is the consolation though that as the post-war world settles down to something more approaching normality, Banham boats will continue to carry the name of Cambridge all over the world # c.29.6

St Ives Corn Exchange, p4

1947 08 15 CIPof
Man breaks English javelin record p1
"We shall win through this crisis p6

1947 08 16
The annual report of the Fitzwilliam Museum begins by recording "the nine most dangerous and difficult years of its history. The collections had to be packed and removed in 1939 to places of safety as remote as Wales and Cornwall where they remained until they could be gradually be brought back to Cambridge six years later. The Museum itself and those of its possessions too frail to be moved had meanwhile to be protected. By the spring of 1940 the museum reopened with the first of more than 40 exhibitions arranged during the war, although deprived of all the fit younger members of staff. By 1944 the Museum had more visitors than in 1937 or 1938. The Museum had finally to be restored to order before members of the staff away on National Service had returned. # c.03 # c.45.7

Deflated cycle tyres, p4
Cambridge Instrument Company honour Mayor, p6

1947 08 18
It will be learned with regret in Newmarket that Major W.V. Beatty will be retiring from training at the end of the present year, and in view of this has decided to sell Phantom House with its training establishment and stud farm. This is one of the most important properties to be offered for public sale in Newmarket for many years. It will be offered for sale as a whole, providing an opportunity of

acquiring intact a first-class bloodstock undertaking. It comprises Phantom House and Phantom House Training Establishment, Phantom House stud farm with 3 sets of premises and 15 well-maintained paddocks, covering in all about 53 acres

Cambridgeshire scouts in France, p5

1947 08 19
Housing target inadequate, p4
Methodist youth rally, p5

1947 08 20
The fact that Norman Hartnell as achieved the distinction of designing Princess Elizabeth's wedding-gown is of particular interest to Cambridge, where many people recall he was a prominent figure in the Footlights Dramatic Club in the years immediately after the First World War. He designed dresses for at least two productions and appeared in shows wearing some of them. In fact it is claimed that he was "discovered" here and took up dress designing as a career as a direct result

1947 08 20
Sir - May I join the protest against the excessive charges now being asked for the hire of a punt on the river. It is within easy memory that it was possible to hire a punt out for and afternoon and evening for five or six persons and still have 10s change from a pound note. I can see nothing which warrants the present-day prices. Is it that the ordinary townsfolk are being slowly squeezed from the river in order to allow the varsity men and the more wealthy visitors to the town to enjoy "our" river? The Borough Council should either consider setting up a municipal boatyard for the hire of punts or investigate the charges with a view to softening the blow to the everyday working-class family of Cambridge - letter from "Constant User"

Cambridgeshire Regiment at work again, p7

1947 08 21
Flood relief, p5

1947 08 22
An unusually early harvest in ideal weather, particularly for combines - but one with disappointingly low yields. That, in brief, sums up the situation in Cambridgeshire where a certain amount of new corn is now on the market. Yields of wheat generally are very poor, averaging only about four sacks an acre, compared with twelve last year. The position in East Anglia generally is worse than in the rest of the country owing to the drought. Land which was lightly-flooded around Stretham, Waterbeach and Over has yielded crops, some better than the average because of the moisture which the dry land lacked

1947 08 22
Further steps are to be taken by Huntingdon, St Ives, Godmanchester and St Neots, the four towns so badly affected by the March floods, to press home to the Government the urgency of some action being taken to mitigate further floods of these places. Mr W.E. Doran (Ouse Catchment Board Engineer) said that in his view the inhabitants of those towns were suffering from the sins of their ancestors in building houses in a flood area. At the height of the recent flood water was passing St Ives at the rate of 11,000 cubic feet per second. It was impossible to dig a channel capable of taking such an enormous volume of water. A new sluice at the paper mills, St Neots would improve the position for that town but would not stop flooding there # c.29

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Farm wages rise to minimum 90/- - also overtime rates p8
Teversham publishes pt 2 Sawston p8

1947 08 25
Romsey old folk, p8

1947 08 27
Sir - a recent letter in defence of present punt charges prompts me to indulge in some mathematical calculation. At a large boathouse on the upper river I counted seventy punts recently. On any fine summer afternoon there is usually a queue waiting to hire them. Assume that each punt is hired for three hours only at 3s.per hour, and it must be clear that the weekly turn-over must be approximately £200. Deduct from this the wages of four men (say £25), allow £25 for running costs and there is a clear profit of £150 per week - J.A. Parkinson, Newnham Rd, Cambridge

Women in swim, p5
Flood lino, p8

1947 08 28
Fines totalling £35 were imposed on a Cambridge baker who admitted having sold 71 loaves of bread without coupons to Ukranians from the European Volunteers Workers' Hostel at West Wratting. It was stated that the bread was being sold at the camp by the men for 6s. for a 2lb loaf. The baker said that a procession of displaced persons told him a terrible tale about the shortage of food at their camp. Some told him they only got three slices of bread a day and pleaded with him to let them have some. He let them have some stale loaves as with the particular flour used now it was difficult to sell stale bread. He made no profit out of it and had no idea they were being sold for such exorbitant prices at the camp

Addenbrooke's Hospital financial position, p4
Taxi radio control savings, p5

1947 08 29
A petition by the Rector of St Peter's church, Duxford, for the demolition of the disused St John's church, Duxford, on the ground that it was in a very advanced sate of decay and there was a possibility of serious accidents happening, was heard at a Consistory Court at Ely Cathedral. The Rector said that St John's church had been broken into, defiled and misused in a great many and scandalous ways and in a state of considerable dilapidation. The walls were opening up and breaking away from the roof, and tiles were coming off. The rain had already destroyed a great deal of the medieval contents and irreparable damage had been done to "really good stuff". Efforts had been made to persuade the R.A.F. to take over the church as a chapel in memory of the American pilots who fell in the Battle of Britain, but that scheme ended in failure.

Queen Mary visits antiques (& 30th p6) # c.02
Oakington night flying, p8

1947 08 29 CIPof
Duxford petition to demolish church p5

1947 08 30
An assurance that he would try and bring their families over to England as soon as possible was given to the displaced persons at West Wratting Eastern Volunteer Workers' Camp by Mr George Isaacs, the Minister of Labour, when he visited the camp and inspected it. He had lunch with about 250 of the E.V.W.s in one of their two dining rooms. The meal, the normal one served at the camp, consisted of soup, cold beef, salad and potatoes, baked apple and custard and, finally, coffee. After Mr Isaacs had visited all sections of the camp, which houses some 900 volunteer workers awaiting employment, he went on to the former Bottisham airfield where final preparations were being made for opening another camp the following day when the first intake of 270 was to arrive

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More German PoWs, p6
Flack & Judge closes, p6 # c.27.2
Guildhallfloor, p6

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1947 09 01
A young couple paying 30s. rent for two rooms in Cambridge had their rent reduced to 19s. weekly at a sitting of the Rents Tribunal in the Guildhall. Appellant rented two rooms in Longview Terrace, Histon Road. She had the use of the kitchen and a gas stove, and the cost of electricity and gas was included in the rent. Because the bathroom was now used as a bedroom, she said, it was only possible to have a bath once every three weeks or a month - and then water had to be carried into the bathroom

1947 09 01
Wimpole Park Teachers Training College, one of the newest in the country, as it has been in existence only since mid-May, held its first Open Day when some 300 relatives and friends saw an exhibition of work by students, most of whom are ex-Servicemen and who are now well into a 13-month training course. In this short space of time the 266 students have made an amazing variety of articles which will be of use in teaching and which they will teach others to make. The Wimpole Park film society are making a film of college life and the camera was in action throughout the afternoon.

1947 09 02
Hardwick centenarian, p5

1947 09 03
In the words of Councillor Frank Priest "the new floor of the Cambridge Guildhall is well and truly laid". This brief ceremony was performed last night at the first Ball of the season, and what a delight it was to dance on such a new and beautifully polished floor. One couple, probably so unaccustomed to such smoothness in Cambridge, were rather too enthusiastic and found themselves, quite unintentionally, making a seat on the floor! It is thought that some of the shoes and hob-nail boots worn by dancers during the war years was the reason for the bad state of the previous floor.

Soham pistol, p7

1947 09 04
Secrecy surrounding boring operations now in progress at Coton has given rise to extraordinary rumours in the village. "They are prospecting for uranium deposits" was the general brief amongst several villagers. The operations began last week when to men from London started boring a 20ft hole on the Whitwell bridle path, which is War Department property and used by the Territorial Association as a rifle range. The truth is that the borings are being made on behalf of the Metropolitan Water Board to discover the type of ground through which mains would have to pass if the Board proceeded with a scheme to take a supply from the River Ouse.

1947 09 05
Out of the remains of the Priory Grounds at Royston there is about to be created a centre of open-air recreation that will be worthy, not only of the town, but of the Glorious Dead, whose Supreme Sacrifice it will call future generations to honour. This week there is being launched an appeal for the final £1,000 needed for the provision of this, the townspeople's chosen Memorial to the Fallen of the Second World War. Work has already been started by direct local labour, but other special skilled work will be needed to install the tennis courts, erect fences and entrance gates etc and, in view of the ever-increasing cost of materials, it is advisable to proceed with the utmost speed.

Willow Grange farm, Stretham flooded & now, p5

Repair flood-damaged houses, p9

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Willow Grange farm - Spring & Aug - photos of contrast p1
Staghound armoured car in fatal accident p9
Problems getting flooded houses repaired p13

1947 09 06
Red Cross old folks club opens, p5

1947 09 08
A Manchester young doctor engaged in atomic research, involving a substance produced infrequently at Cambridge, which becomes useless after about 34 hours, received a telephone message that the substance had been taken out of the instrument. He started from Manchester at midnight and drove to Cambridge mostly through mists. He thought it was essential for him to return at once. At 7am he was involved in an accident which rendered the substance useless. It was impossible to carry the substance mentioned by train because of the number of changes on the route. They had endeavoured to carry it by aircraft but this had not proved practical. At the time of the accident defendant had been driving slowly, because the substance was in glass tubes

1947 09 08
One of the good things which had come out of the war, was the way in which Mr Leslie Symonds (Borough M.P.) described the Falcon Club when he was opening their annual fete on Saturday. The Club was now open to any man or woman over the age of 18 who was making some contribution to the welfare of this country. It was started during the war particularly for the benefit of transferred war workers, but since then the whole basis of the organisation had been extended and now is very definitely a club for everyone - perhaps not everyone, because it is obvious that spivs are not eligible for membership
German PoWs stole hens, p6

1947 09 09
A dangerous-looking U.S. Army 45 Remington pistol – a souvenir of the days when members of the American armed forces outnumbered the local populace - occupied the attention of the Newmarket Magistrates on Tuesday. Since leaving the possession of its former American owner the weapon had survived last year's fire at the Cherry Tree public house, Soham. The licensee (his present premises form the only pre-fabricated public house in Cambs having been destroyed by fire in September 1946), was charged with having unlawful possession of the pistol. The defendant came by the gun in 1944 when some American soldiers left it outside his premises. He expected them to return for it but they did not do so and he eventually forgot about it

1947 09 10
Nearly 1,500 employees at Messrs Chivers' Histon factory were on the air for the first time yesterday to supply those generous blasts of applause which characterise the "Workers' Playtime" half-hour. Packing the works canteen to capacity they observed compere-cum-cheerleader Bryan Sears' "instructions" in good part and precisely at the end of the ten-second on-the-air red warning, unleashed a swell of applause. Particularly during the war the Chivers canteen has been the venue for many E.N.S.A. lunch-time concerts and the Works Orchestra now often entertains the workers there.

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Eva Hartree, first woman mayor dies, p7

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NAAFI theft, p5
RAF Waterbeach to open, p5

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Workers Playtime from Chivers p1
Pole from camp at Fowlmere had revolver p6

1947 09 13
While housing is still one of the most urgent problems facing the country, it is encouraging to see where progress is really being made, and such an excellent example of British workmanship as the house at Waterbeach which has been erected under the Chesterton Rural District Council's post-war programme. This house, no.28 Bannold Road, was inspected by members of the council on Thursday. Built of red brick it makes use of every available inch of space. The front door opens into a red-tiled hall, at the end of which is situated a red tiled kitchen. Mr F. Cooper (chief carpenter) said these tiles had been used because of expenditure but all other rooms had the usual wooden floors. Few housewives would find fault with this though, for besides looking very attractive, it is easier for cleaning. The front room has a plug for wireless aerial and power points, which, incidentally are in every room of the house

1947 09 15
On Saturday airfields and stations throughout East Anglia will be open to the public. The largest - and by common consent certainly the most attractive of these stations is the Bomber Command operational station at Stradishall. It was from these West Suffolk runways during the latter years of the war that Wellingtons, Stirlings and, later, the giant Lancaster bombers took the R.A.F.'s attack right into the heart of industrial Germany. Members of the public will be invited to control an aircraft in flight by radio. If you feel like dropping a bomb you can do so - at the A.M.L. bombing Teacher

Police houses, p10

1947 09 16
Clerks, shopkeepers and mechanics during the week, fifty motor-cyclist enthusiasts of the South Midland Centre took their courage - and their machines - in both hands on Sunday to give 5,000 cheering spectators the sports thrill of their lives. The occasion was the Cambridge Centaur Motor Cycle Club's second scramble of the season at Cherry Hinton chalk pits and, unhappily the last for an indefinite period because of the abolition of the basic petrol ration. For five exciting hours, the competitors urged their snorting, bucking, skidding mounts over a gruelling course which comprised nearly a mile of the toughest ground in the county

1947 09 17
Cambridge's first midnight matinee, attended by film star Richard Attenborough, and stage-and-screen star Hermione Baddeley, drew a packed house of near 2,000 to the Regal last night. The show, organised by the Cambridge branch of the R.A.F. Association was part of the Battle of Britain Week activities. "Dicky" and "Totie" as the stars are popularly known made a stage appearance before the show. Major Simpson, area manager of A.B.C. cinemas recalled that Mr Attenborough was born in Cambridge. Dicky mentioned that though he had been born in Cambridge he left the town "practically before my eyes were open". When the show finished shortly before two o'clock "Dicky" and "Totie" stayed behind to autograph programmes

Tractor demonstration, Bottisham, p8

1947 09 19
Eagle Tavern Children's Outing. An exciting day out was enjoyed by 70 children in a river trip to Upware. On arrival they sat down to an excellent sandwich lunch, and then managed to consume five gallons of ice-cream kindly given by a local firm, besides over 1 cwt of fruit, given by a friend in the country. An exciting sports programme followed in which every child received a prize, and then sat down to an excellent tea after which they sang themselves back to Cambridge

Electricity cut, p6

1947 09 20
I hear that the "shooting" of the Cambridge Accident Prevention Council's new film finished this week, after difficulties caused by the death of five of its "extras" through poisoning. The "extras" concerned were puppies who absorbed through their pads a solution with which the kennels had been sprayed. They were duly replaced, and final shots of a number of pups walking over a pedestrian crossing were taken on Thursday in a garden at Stapleford. Teaching some of the lessons of road safety the film will show a dog doing kerb drill, as well as driving a small car and observing the rules of the road, including stopping at the traffic lights! The film is believed to be the first of its kind.

1947 09 22
Waterbeach R.A.F. station - a wartime home of Bomber Command and now operated by Transport Command - was on Saturday invaded by at least ten thousand people at the Air Forces "at home" on the 7th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. Waterbeach is one of the permanent type of R.A.F. stations, and its main job is the transporting of troops, mail and freight from this country to Singapore. Daily giant Avro Yorks, as safe and as comfortable as human ingenuity can make them, leave for Lyneham in Wilts, where they pick up passengers. In a large hangar visitors saw an Avro York aircraft being services and clambered all over the plane which is capable of carrying 37 people, including crew, and which enables them to travel more comfortably then they would often do on the ground. In another hanger was a German V.1, different kinds of bombs, aircraft spares and equipment.

Lethbridge yacht adventure, p7

1947 09 24
A device by which chimneys can be cleaned without making any soot or dirt in the room is being tried out in Cambridge by Super-clean from Hartington Grove. I understand the customary method of chimney sweeping is followed. The difference is that a device is fitted right over the stove, thus preventing soot from flying into the room. The main difficulty is that of adapting it to fit the many different sizes and types of grate. It costs more, and takes longer to have chimneys swept this way. An ordinary chimney costs 6s and it takes three-quarters of an hour to do the job - maybe longer. As a symbol as the cleanliness of the method the operator arrives at your door in a short white jacket

1947 09 24
The question of providing further primary school accommodation at Cherry Hinton was mentioned at the Cambridge Borough General Purposes Committee. At a July meeting, when it was thought 200 aluminium bungalows were to be built immediately it was decided to arrange for the early erection of two classrooms adjoining Cherry Hinton School. However it is now proposed to proceed with the erection of only 100 aluminium bungalows, 75 of which would be allocated to civil servants and it was impossible to forecast the amount of educational accommodation required.

1947 09 25
A meeting of the Gas and Electricity Fuel Economy Committee was held in the Cambridge Guildhall. Mr H.R. Stanley pointed out that most of the colleges have made an arrangement whereby they can cut off the heat entirely from the rooms at times when it is not permitted. "You can take it from me, they are getting no preference whatever". Shop lighting was also discussed. Mr P. Sydney (Cambridge Electric Supply co) said: "I think this economy business has been in force so long that a lot of people have forgotten the time before the war when shops blazed with light, and as many as 3,000 watts were used in one window. Shops won't waste electricity", he added. "They don't want to invite criticism from people"

1947 09 26 CIPof
Waterbeach airfield open day p1

1947 09 27

Urging whole-hearted support by members of the Cambridge & District Grocers' Association, the retiring President (Mr E.H. Cherry) warned "There is in this town and district a strong flood of opinion favouring the co-operative and chain-store movement. We know that these opposing forces have got to exist in the world of free enterprise; it is good for us that they should, and it is good that the housewife should be at liberty to choose between the type of trading she prefers. But it is up to us to build our banks of private enterprise so strong as to keep the opposing forces flowing in their proper channels"

New Theatre reopening, p5

1947 09 29
Sir - A dustman's wage is £3.16s.0d a week, irrespective of loads or journeys. I wonder if your readers would like to try this job for a while. They would then find out the discomforts which are a dustman's lot. He mustn't mind when lifting a bin if water and filth trickle down his neck through a hole; he mustn't mind if somebody puts some acid in a bin which when emptied sprays on one's clothes and burns holes in them (these are not replaced). One pair of overalls a year is the limit. Each motor is given a district and that has to be cleared, and if the dust and smell should make him feel ill he must just carry on. With all this we are expected to sort all the paper from the dirt. If all householders kept it separate it would be different. Critics should try on a windy day, emptying a bin that has been crammed full. It is impossible to do it without some dropping but if the loaders top to pick it up every time, the driver would be in the next street" - a Dustman

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1947 10 01
The Chief Constable (B.N. Bebbington) told Cambridge Rotary Club that he would like to see a scheme whereby traffic was banned - at least buses and heavy traffic - in the centre of Cambridge. "In Petty Cury on Saturdays there is insufficient room for traffic, let alone pedestrians. It would be more satisfactory if that central part of the town was for pedestrian traffic only. That is a sweeping thing to say and will not find favour in all quarters". Referring to criticism that the one-way traffic scheme soon to be introduced in the centre of town was "the wrong way round" he explained that it diverted from the town centre the large amount of traffic going to the station from the Chesterton direction and would encourage lorry drivers passing through Cambridge to take the route through the Backs. More car parks in the centre of the town were obviously a need, and there were plans in existence to provide them

Harvey Goodwin home, p5

1947 10 02
New premises, a new name and new services for Cambridge's British restaurant were marked by the attendance of the Mayor at an informal opening ceremony. The new premises are in the old G.P.O. building at the corner of Petty Cury. The new name is the Cambridge Borough restaurant, and the new services are a more varied lunch menu instead of the old "flat rate". The cafeteria system of serving is being introduced, by which you slide a tray along choosing your dish and pay when you have completed your selection. First to eat in the new premises were the workmen employed on the job who were entertained to lunch with a typical menu of cream of vegetable soup, roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, baked and boiled potatoes and cabbage, blackberry and apple tart and custard. # c.27.47

1947 10 03

A "brain" that will be capable of completing 1,000 questions a minute is in course of construction in the University Mathematical Laboratory. Work on the "brain" has been going on for about 12 months. It is carried out by a team of six who are led by Dr H.V. Wilkes, director of the laboratory, and wartime radar research "expert". Officially the brain is known as "Esdac" (electronic delay storage automatic calculator). At present one "memory unit" has been completed. It consists of 16 metal tubes full of mercury weighing about 200 pounds. Another has yet to be assembled and when finally completed the "brain" will consist of these and eight racks containing between 1,000 and 1,500 valves. Questions will be fed in on a punched tape and the answers delivered by teleprinter. # c.27.5

South Cambridgeshire housing, p8

1947 10 04
A bus driver who allowed his sympathy to exceed his caution was fined a total of £6 when he appeared before the Cambridge Petty sessions. PC Bert Patton was on patrol duty at 6.30 pm when he saw the single decker Premier Travel bus in Trumpington Street. He noticed it was a twenty seater being used as an express carriage. Besides those seated there were 20 adult passengers standing. Several more were sitting on the steps at the entrance, and on the right of the driver there was a passenger sitting on the emergency door, the window of which was open. The body of this passenger was protruding outside the bus for a distance of nine inches. The constable allowed the defendant to drive the vehicle to Drummer Street so as not to inconvenience the passengers. Here he pointed out that the vehicle was being used as an express carriage and there should have been no people standing. To this the driver replied "Well, you cannot very well leave them behind"

Bus station, p6

1947 10 06
In the converted green and cream day nursery, and to the happy shouts of the little ones playing in the spacious garden outside, the Harvey Goodwin House, Harvey Goodwin Avenue, which has been adapted from a Home for boys to a nursery for babies and toddlers in the care of the Church of England Children's Society (formerly the "Waifs and Strays") was opened by Lady Whitby. It will accommodate 20 children who remain there until adopted or boarded out. Many friends gathered in the day nursery which has been ideally adapted for the purpose with its cheerful colour scheme, gay chintz curtains at the big windows, nursery pictures on the walls and evidence of its young occupants in the soft toys scattered around.

Castle Camps dump, p5

1947 10 07
A family who had been bombed out four times in London, yesterday evening lost their home at Toft when it was gutted by fire. The cottage was one of three completely destroyed at Brookside, Toft and was occupied by Mr Thomas White, his wife and daughter. Most of the furniture was saved. In another cottage occupied by Mr Owen Braysher practically everything was destroyed, although the animals at the rear of the property were rescued. A German prisoner of war did great work in helping to save furniture. Fire brigades from Cambridge and Whittlesford attended the fire and two major pumps were used.

Stapleford memorial, p3

1947 10 09
Rotary & town planning – East Road & Regent Street, p5

1947 10 10
There have, so far, been six cases of infant paralysis in the Borough of Cambridge. One has been transferred from the Infectious Diseases Hospital to White Lodge, Newmarket. It is expected that three of the six patients will recover without any appreciable degrees of paralysis. One is under five

years of age, three are between five and 10 and two are over 15. Referring to a decision that infantile paralysis cases should be accepted from Saffron Walden the Chairman of the Public Health Committee said it was a very wise decision and pointed out that the Cambridge Infectious Diseases Hospital had a special facility in the form of an iron lung

1947 10 10
A proposal to improve Drummer Street bus station was discussed at Cambridge Town Council. Ald Briggs said "Drummer Street is already overcrowded and traffic is going to increase in the coming years". The Committee had discussed a suggestion that a portion of Butt Green should be used as a bus station and had previously considered the use of New Square as a bus station. Coun Cutting considered that the proposal was too urgent to wait, "If you saw last year the thousands standing out in the cold in Drummer Street you would not have thought it was any credit to the town"

1947 10 10
Ald Dr Alex Wood, chairman of the Cambridge Housing Committee said that 500 houses had been completed, of which 206 were permanent. The number of houses completed by private contract was 68. The greatest difficulty was in regard to labour. On one site he discovered but one bricklayer at work. He commented "We are attaching no blame to the contractors; I met two of them and found both almost broken-hearted about the difficulties with which they had to contend, and the shortages they were up against. The slow rate of building means that people have got to keep on living in emergency accommodation and other families which ought to be moved into emergency accommodation are, therefore, kept waiting. They were still completely unable to deal with a number of families living separated in almost impossible conditions of overcrowding - sometimes 11 people in three bedrooms - and in property which ought not to be inhabited" # c.23

1947 10 10 CIPof
County Council collect for Princess wedding present - would appreciate anything suitable for her future home p8

1947 10 11
There will be a warm welcome for "Varsity Handbook", the Undergraduate's Guide to Cambridge, produced and published by "Varsity". This is a brand new publication, printed on good paper and contains a mass of information of interest and value to University men. Much of the material has never been collected before. For the first time, for instance, a full detailed list of the 180 odd University societies is published. And then "One Man's Opinion" contains some frank advice - possibly a little too frank - for the Freshman on a variety of matters # c.36.92

1947 10 13
Sir - We secretaries, typists and general office workers of this town have a grievance. Isn't it time something was done about the congestion existing in the Cafeterias and Quick Service Restaurants at all the rush hour times, caused by the invasion of undergraduates. Surely the facilities at the various colleges provide them with a mid-day meal, and if this should not prove sufficient, why must they patronise all the catering establishments at the critical time when we, the working population, adjourn for lunch? Owing to the acute food shortage, after spending the first 20 minutes of our brief lunch hour queueing, we arrive at the service counter to find all the most nourishing dishes gone and have to satisfy ourselves with the inevitable sausages and other equally indifferent fare. (This can become extremely monotonous every day). One of many "Hungry Typists", Yours etc Mavis Bennett, Gt Shelford

1947 10 14
It was "L'Entente Cordiale" night when the redecorated New Theatre, Cambridge, after an almost ten-year closure, re-opened yesterday as a cinema for the showing of Continental films. The Cross of Lorraine hung side-by- side with the Union Jack outside the cinema in honour of the visit of Francoise Rosay, the famous French film star who performed the opening ceremony. The Mayor (Coun. Doggett) wished the venture every success and expressed the hope that successful films may be

followed by stage plays. "We have one theatre in this town but in my opinion there is plenty of room for a second theatre, particularly one with a larger stage". Capt A.C. Taylor, Managing Director of the "Cambridge Daily News" echoed the hope that some theatrical shows would be staged. # c.76.9

1947 10 17
The new "temple" of the fifth art was opened by the Mayor last night. The art is that of cinema; the "temple" the former Cosmopolitan in Market Passage, re- decorated and renamed the Arts Cinema. He said "I feel the cinema will prove an added amenity to Cambridge". The success of the cinema would depend to a very great extent on a wise selection of films and efficient management. Sound and projection have been improved since the cinema was the Cosmopolitan though teething troubles prevented both being experienced that their best. The seating - with seats from the Festival Theatre - is now sloped # c.76.9

1947 10 17
Cambridge Guildhall was transformed into a hairdressing salon for the first hair styling competition ever held in Cambridge. There were 22 entrants in the contest, two only were men. There were several original styles but the general line of dressing was upswept, following the line of the hair, and close fitting, with waves and curls. Many of the competitors favoured swathed backs with waves moving across the head and curls haloing it. Practically every shade of hair was represented, from platinum to silver, but reddish shades predominated. The winning competitor (Muriel Ham) designed an original creation, the finished effect of which looked rather like a Geisha girl. The hair was built high on the crown in an asymmetric yet balanced line and the nape hair taken in with swathed cuts

1947 10 17 CIPof
Mayor of Cambridge also collects - house to house collection, maximum of 1/- p8

1947 10 20
History was made in Cambridge Guildhall yesterday afternoon. The occasion was the debut in Cambridge of the recently formed Eastern Region Symphony Orchestra, a new combination of Mozartian proportions, created to fill the gap caused by the difficulty of getting already-established orchestras away from their accustomed venues for a whole series of concerts

1947 10 22
Cambridge people are likely to be without their washing if a strike threatened at Newmarket today materialises, Strike pickets took up positions outside the Heath Laundry, Newmarket, at lunch-time, following a walk-out by seven employees and the dismissal of an engineer. The laundry, one of the largest in the district - about 100 are employed at Newmarket - has offices in Cambridge, and is carried on under the name of Hopkinson Bros

Territorial Army units camp, p7

1947 10 23
Fen Drayton's 97-years-old oldest inhabitant and two Darby-and Joan old-age pensioners were among the 98 victims of last Spring's flooding in the village who found themselves the possessors of several months' extra rations of butter and lard, as well as tins of sausage meat and dried milk. The food was the gift of the Mombasa Thank Offering to Britain Fund, whose local daily paper "The Mombasa Times" is edited by a former member of the "Cambridge Daily News" staff, Mr Ronald Roper. Similar distributions have been made at Willingham, Swavesey, Over and other places in the affected area

1947 10 23
An assurance that there would be an improvement next year in the distribution of ration books was given at a meeting of the Cambridgeshire Federation of Women's Institutes. One member said their village was one of several small ones within varying distances of Bourn and at least six sent to Bourn to collect their ration books. "Imagine what happens", she said, "when the inhabitants of all these

villages advance on the centre in the two days allowed". She quoted an instance of one mother, leaving a young baby in the house, queuing from 10 o'clock till 4.30 in the afternoon and then having to travel three miles home

Harold McMillan at Cambridge, p6

1947 10 24
Nearly 2,000 old or needy Cambridge people yesterday received gifts of foodstuffs sent from the people of Victoria, Australia. The gifts were many and varied, consisting of Christmas puddings, preserves, canned fruit, dripping, meat products, dried milk, soups, dried fruit, vegetables, cheese and soap. The Agent-General of Victoria said when they discovered we were short of food housewives throughout Australia had queued up to give it to be sent to the people over here

1947 10 24 CIPof
Flood victims get aid from Mombassa p1
Extra rations for working farmers urged p5 - editorial p8
Photographer Percy Salmon honoured p8

1947 10 27
High School for Boys memorial, p7

1947 10 29
A notable honour in the world of fencing was won by a Cambridge girl when Miss Caroline Drew, aged 16, won the Schoolgirls' Foil Challenge Cup Competition held at the London Fencing Club - and brought the cup to Cambridge for the first time. Caroline is a pupil of the Cambridgeshire High School for Girls and a member of the Cambridge Ladies Fencing Club which was founded some 20 years ago has a membership of about 40, comprising girls and women of both University and town

1947 10 29
Nine short months after he decided to enter the competitive field of dress designing Ron Hardwick and his wife Jean, a former London and Paris trained designer, are supplying some of the leading fashion houses throughout the U.K. with their distinctive creations. It was in February that the Hardwicks trading under the name of "Elizabeth Nels" introduced an entirely new industry into the racing town of Newmarket. Today, after establishing themselves securely on the home market, the Hardwicks are able to embark on their first "for export only" drive

Harper House conference, p8

1947 10 30
The Principal of the Cambridge Training College for Teachers maintained that what was needed above all else was some kind of stability for the young people, who had not had the pre-war background of the older generation, and were trying to find themselves in a difficult world. "Bed time has been an immense problem; many mothers have allowed girls of 12 upwards to stay up and keep them company. The result was there were now so many young people - possibly at the Universities - who had simply not had enough sleep for the length of their life". Youth clubs were affecting the older girls who went in for dancing that kept them out late. The wireless, too, was a disturbing influence during homework

1947 10 31 CIPof
Few subscribe to war memorial p5

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1947 11 01

Managers, employees and customers all met on the same side of the counter when Lloyds Bank Ltd, Cambridge, held their first social function since the end of the war. It took place at the Dorothy Cafe and consisted of a dinner and ball which included a variety of dances, both old and new, to suit all ages. Two rooms, the lower dining room and the Oak Room were used for the dinner and the guests then returned to the ballroom where the resident band had already started on the lengthy programme of dances. These included such things as the palais glide, conga and hokey-cokey in which everyone joined.

1947 11 01
The introduction of the Town and Country Planning Bill, 1947 was described as "a great step forward" at the annual meeting of the Cambridge Preservation Society. Elliot FitzGibbon of the Ministry of Town and Country Planning said that local people are never to be trusted to preserve their own natural and architectural treasures. They are too often quite unconscious of their value and any thief may take them away, or any vandal destroy them while their owners sleep, drugged with the politics of the parish pump.

1947 11 03
Ald A.E. Stubbs, M.P., made observations on agricultural wages; he said "We have been carrying on with prisoners of war, displaced persons and any scratch labour we can get. It is of enormous importance we should have full production. We must have the manpower to carry it through. I think it safe to say that in the next year the German prisoners of war will have gone. Poles will be going, and it will leave the agricultural industry 250,000 men short on the land. The fact that the industry was highly mechanised would make up for some of the loss of manpower, but would not close the gap".

War-ag to blame, p8

1947 11 05
The first R.A.F. "permanent" cinema in the country to be fitted with 16 m.m. sub-standard size projectors was opened at Duxford. Those who remember the somewhat bare camp cinema of the war days would not recognise the one at Duxford. RAF personnel have fitted it with a sloping floor using chiefly wood from old aircraft packing cases. The walls have been decorated with brightly-coloured murals based on Disney cartoon subjects and the whole atmosphere is that of a cosy "intimate" cinema. The projector picture is clear, and the sound reproduction excellent. The equipment has been provided by the RAF Film Corporation, which also supplies the films

1947 11 05
In spite of the fact that there are even fewer fireworks about this year than last, we shall doubtless hear quite a few bangs to-night, organised by those boys whose hours of patient waiting have been rewarded by securing a few of the precious squibs, spinning wheels, golden rain and other varieties which delight both the eye and the ear. The shortage is due to a combination of three things - shortage of paper, labour and fuel, paper being possibly the primary one. The Board of Trade have issued an appeal to the public not to use waste paper and cardboard for November the Fifth bonfires as it goes to make packaging for exports and ceiling boards for new houses

Coal & atomic energy, p6

1947 11 06
Six undergraduates and two RAF men were arrested during the usual Guy Fawkes Night scenes in the centre of Cambridge last night. From 7.30 crowds grew steadily on Market Hill. Fireworks were discharged freely and the din reached its peak between eight and half-past. Members of the University who earlier had been outnumbered by more than ten to one were in force by nine o'clock, several minor scuffles occurred about this time, and the first of several policemen's helmets disappeared. Proctors and their "bulldogs" early kept undergraduates on the move. After that the crowd gradually thinned away, and by 1.15 there were only groups here and there # c.39.94

1947 11 07
The President of the Coton Women's Institute said that such was the pressure on the present bus services from the village that housewives had to shop "by proxy". When people did eventually get into Cambridge they found "the cupboard bare". Mrs Burbage of Cambridge Road, Coton, said that people were often left behind and had to reply on motorists to give them a lift into Cambridge. The last time she travelled back on the 12.20 bus from Cambridge she said, "We were really packed in like sardines and I was really scared to travel"

1947 11 08
Poppy Day rag, p5

1947 11 10
Cambridge's Remembrance Parade, 300 strong, which yesterday honoured the fallen in church and at the War Memorial, was the biggest muster for several years. Big crowds lined the streets as the parade marched to Holy Trinity for the British Legion's annual Service of Remembrance, and as later it made its way to the War Memorial, where wreaths were laid.

1947 11 11
The question of providing access to Cambridge railway station from the east side of the town was mentioned at the Town Council. Coun Amey said that at one time the people of Romsey had a bus service to the station but that had been taken away. Many railway workers lived in the Romsey area and the lack of any access to the station from that side caused them unnecessary miles of cycling and walking. He considered the 25 per cent of the population of the town should have access to the station. He understood that in the plan for rebuilding the railway station such an access is provided for

Cambridgeshire Regiment flag Guildhall, p4

1947 11 12
I am assured that people have started Christmas shopping even earlier than usual this year, as they are afraid there will be no toys left at Christmas. Apparently shoppers are not deterred by the prices, for they are buying the expensive lines and big toys. The sort of things being bought are scooters, tricycles and pedal cars, dolls houses (from 30s. to £6.6.0), & sleeping dolls with real hair from Czechoslovakia. A good average for a doll is 50s. and for a teddy bear £3.10.0. Clockwork toys are in great demand, but short supply. Rubber bath toys are back again, at prices like 5s.11d. Novelty crackers are being made once more at prices like 18s.9d

Trumpington school tenders, p6

1947 11 13
There is a need for part-time nurses in Cambridgeshire and a campaign to recruit them is to be launched. Fulbourn was described as being "in a dangerous position" and one of the main difficulties mentioned by the Matrons of hospitals in the area was getting people for night and weekend work. Asked for their views Mrs Ditchburn said: "We at the County Hospital are very fortunate. We are well staffed and have our full complement". Mrs Mace explaining the position at Chesterton said approximately a third of the present staff was part time, which meant the night, weekend and early morning duties fell to the permanent staff. Mrs Bradley said that Linton was only one short of the full complement. At Fulbourn they had 32 permanent and 27 part time nurses to look after 528 patients

1947 11 14
Members of the Great Ouse Catchment Board gave their approval to a revised Flood Protection Scheme estimated to cost £6,550,000. The Consulting Engineers proposed the cut-off channel should be taken from Denver to the River Lark with a small extension to pick up the river Kennet. They had also investigated suggestions for a pumping station at Ely and for an extension of the cut- off channel to Upware. The only comment was made by the Chairman who, replying to a query as to whether this

scheme when carried out would prevent floods in the future said: "I should think the answer is yes as far as humanly possible"

1947 11 14 CIPof
To seek 6,550,000 flood relief scheme p1
Names added to war memorials p5

1947 11 17
The S.O.S. Society's Boys' Hostel at Winston House, Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge was officially opened in the presence of a large audience, including magistrates from the surrounding district. Lord Huntingfield spoke its work in relation to its care for boys who had either come into contact with Probation Officers or had homes that were not particularly desirable. He commented "Youth, being what it is, does not always recognise the laws of the grown-ups and they are inclined to do things which bring them into conflict with the long arm of the law. These are the kind of boys taken in here and looked after".

1947 11 18
Guilding, p4

1947 11 19
Treasures from European homes guarded during the war years together with many articles made in camps for displaced persons, all of great artistic beauty, were on view at the European Voluntary Workers' Hostel at Bottisham and the Latvian group presented a concert to celebrate their national day of independence. This hostel is a reception area for voluntary workers in this country, who stay there about ten days while they are equipped with ration books, identity cards, etc, taught a little English and generally "put on their feet"

Wedding eve, p5

1947 11 20
The thoughts of women everywhere will be with H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth, when, in a few short hours from now, she goes to the altar of Westminster Abbey to her bridegroom, Lieut Philip Mountbatten. Wedding presents have been bought as a response to the public appeal launched some time ago, when people were invited to subscribe a shilling each. Cambridgeshire's money has been spent on a collection of antique furniture and glass, two sets of books and two garden seats. The latter were made at Papworth Industries, but everything else was purchased in Cambridge and is on view to the public at Mr Stanley Woolston's shop in St Andrew's Street

1947 11 20
Many people unable to be in their homes listened to the broadcast of the Royal Wedding in Cambridge cinemas, all of which were thrown open for the purpose, free of charge. The biggest audience is reported from the Central Cinema who estimated the total as being in the neighbourhood of 500. The sound equipment at the Regal broke down at the last minute and the small queue which had formed there was diverted to the New Theatre opposite, where a set had been hastily brought from his home and installed in the foyer by the Manager and the thrilling, impressive and historic service of the wedding of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth, future Queen of England and Lieut. Mountbatten, Duke of Edinburgh, was heard by a number of people. Messrs Miller ad Sons, Sidney Street, to meet many requests from customers, televised the proceedings in one of their studios, which was packed # c.02

1947 11 21
Last night the evening of the Royal occasion of the wedding of Princess Elizabeth, saw 800 Cambs farmers and their relatives spend in Cambridge an appropriately right royal time in celebration of the annual County Farmers' Ball - the biggest, and many thought the best, of these functions yet held. Appropriate too, was the choice of band, Tommy Kinsman's, described recently as the Princess's

favourite. And the Princess's wedding was marked by a toast to the Royal couple at a small party attended by guests in one of the rooms of the Guildhall

1947 11 21 CIPof
Princess's collection raised £300 in borough & county - Queen Anne chest of drawers on stand, Sheraton mahogany wardrobe, Waterford curt glass bowl & wine glasses, antique alarm bracket clock - set of books and couple of garden seats - made at Papworth Industries.
Princess has written - impressed by generosity of people of Cambs and greatly looks forward to its arrival in meantime can be inspected at Woolston's shop p8

1947 11 22
The outbreak of fowl pest in Cambridgeshire has reached serious proportions and up to Thursday no fewer than 23 separate cases have been confirmed. Altogether a total of 3,850 birds have had to be slaughtered. The disease is believed to have been brought into the county by birds sold at Cambridge market on October 6th and 13th. The first outbreak was confirmed at Impington and it rapidly spread. One section of Messrs Chivers pedigree flock has been affected and some 60 birds have had to be killed. The pest has resulted in the killing of hundreds of head of poultry in Hunts. Outbreaks have been reported at Brampton and Colne in addition to the case at Ramsey several weeks ago

1947 11 25
At the concert of St Andrew's church school, Chesterton the Vicar said that the school needed modernising. "We want new class rooms, an assembly hall, better accommodation for the staff and cloak rooms etc. Under the new development plan which has been passed the school would be entirely pulled down and rebuilt on the same site for £60 or £70,000. The manager do not agree", he declared, "they think it is a financial extravagance and believe everything that is necessary could be done for a third of that cost". The speaker concluded that modernisation could be carried out in 50 or 100 years' time, the school would still be there growing and developing and would show "a little of the history of England"

1947 11 24
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Brian Dimock knocked down by bus, Stretham, p7

1947 11 25
St Andrew's school, p4
Queen nee breeding station, p5
Shelford fire, p5

1947 11 26
Whilst many places are struggling to cope with the newly recognised problem of providing better facilities for old people Newmarket has had an amazing stroke of luck. It has received a gift of no less than a mansion, and £10,000 to go with it, to provide a place of rest for elderly people. The mansion, Exning House, was formerly the seat of the late Lord Glanely, and the generous donor is his nephew, Mr George Gibson. The only condition attaching to the gift is that the house will not be called a Home or Institute. It will probably be called the Lord Glanely Rest

1947 11 26
Cambridge is well used to welcoming Very Important Persons but none is so sure of a vociferous reception from the youngsters as Father Christmas. He was received with traditional acclaim on Saturday when, in the presence of hundreds of youngsters, he arrived at Mitcham's Corner, Chesterton Road. On arrival he proceeded to deliver the goods in the traditional way, leaving his "reindeer coach", climbing up a ladder outside the shop and disappearing down a big chimney. A crowd of children saw him in Nurseryland, surrounded by his friends, the Three Little Pigs, Big Bad Wolf, Pluto, Micky and Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck and others. He will remain in residence until Christmas Eve

1947 11 28
Last drops of basic petrol "went into action" on Wednesday to take their owners to the '99 Rowing Club ball, final big function in Cambridge of the shortly-to-end present "basic" era. Both the Corn Exchange and Guildhall - connected by a covered bridge across Wheeler Street which was closed for the occasion - were in use for the ball. Dancing to the delightful music of Maurice Iliffe and his orchestra took place in the Large Room of the Guildhall. In the Corn Exchange, transformed by a marquee, buffet suppers were served. Here restful music was played by the Coryton Trio. Those present numbered round about 600
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1947 12 01
How ant-flood scheme will work: McDonald scheme biggest project since Vermuyden; bank height limited by foundations which are ‘a mixture of compost and toothpaste’; propose Relief Channel and Cut-off channel - 47 12 01 # c.29

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Electricity Supply Company power station – feature – 47 12 03 # c.24.6
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Aviation in Eastern counties, p8

1947 12 04
Cambridge Roman Catholics collect clothing for German people – 47 12 04

1947 12 05
Scheme to reconstruct the bridge at Abington will involve disturbing the vault in which Jeremiah Lagden buried – 47 12 05
Blind Society, p4

1947 12 05
Cambridge is to be first town in which BBC will experiment with outside broadcasting of musical festival featuring BBC Symphony Orchestra – 47 12 05a
Abbey Over-60s, p4

1947 12 05 CIPof
Flood protection scheme unveiled - banks resting on toothpaste p9

1947 12 08
The word "Placet" (Latin for "It pleases") said by the Senior and Junior Proctors in unison as they raised their caps concluded the less-than-a-minute-long part of the Congregation in Cambridge Senate House by which it was formally agreed that women should have full status within the University. A handful of women students, undergraduates and other visitors in the gallery heard the decision made. It is planned that the new regulations shall come into force at the beginning of the next academic year in October; they will come under Proctorial supervision and will wear academic dress - 47 12 08

University formally agree that women should have full status – 47 12 08 # c.36.9 # c.36.98

1947 12 08
Further discussion with the Ministry of Food was essential in the problem of undergraduate rations, a Cambridge University officer said. "Undergraduates do not get enough on their rations and their main subsidiary food has been potatoes and bread. Certain colleges in Cambridge laid in a store of potatoes and should get through the winter but in other colleges who rely on week-by-week purchases there will be a very real hardship". A recent survey by "Varsity" shows that the charges for meals vary per day in the colleges from 6s 6d to 4s.3d - 47 12 08

1947 12 08
Council for Preservation of Rural England prizes for Village Improvements Contest presented by Lord Fairhaven – 47 12 08a

1947 12 08
One thing I found out on making a tour of the Regional Petroleum Office in Chaucer Road, Cambridge was that stories of endless delay and general chaos in dealing with applications for petrol coupons are quite unfounded. I went into the hut in the garden where the coupons are prepared for despatch - an envy-evoking sight for petrol-thirsty motorists. A score of men were counting, rubber stamping and recording the issue of hundreds of coupons of all kinds. Each one deals with between 150 and 200 applications at day; the quickest worker in the room, a woman, has dealt with 300 a day, She seemed to stamp coupons almost as quickly as you can flick over the pages of a book 47 12 08

1947 12 09
Poles celebrate St Nicholas' Day, p5

1947 12 10
University Women vote – flashback to 50 years ago – 47 12 10

1947 12 11
Cambridge Instrument Company plans for research laboratory and office block in Carlyle Road referred for further consideration; area primarily residential and fear will destroy view – 47 12 11 # c.27.1 : Cambridge Instrument Co

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BBC record War Ag executive Committee camp Walpole Rd, Cambridge which houses 200 Polish ex-soldiers who volunteered to do agricultural work when demobilised about six months ago - threshing and ditching on Chivers farm at Fen Drayton & ended with concert Polish choir p8

1947 12 13
First stamp-label issuing machine installed at Cambridge Post Office – 47 12 13 # c.27.7

1947 12 15
Earl Baldwin, University Chancellor since 1930, dies – 47 12 15
Fines dairyman, p5

1947 12 16
House problems hit police, p5

1947 12 17
Arranged by the Board of Extra Mural Studies the first of a series of lectures was given by the Mayor in the Guildhall. In a new venture organised to give German prisoners of war a wide, varied and accurate picture of English community life in Cambridge. Twenty-five representative English speaking PoWs from Trumpington camp attended the meeting. The lectures will include talks on the working conditions of a factory and on the administration of the Post Office - 47 12 17

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Memory of Baldwin, died last week p8

1947 12 20
The mustard gas bomb train fire at Six Mile Bottom last July had a sequel on Thursday when two L.N.E.R. drivers, Frederick Smart and William Thorburn, and two firemen, Joseph Westland and Alfred Chandler, all of Cambridge, were presented with the L.N.E.R. Medal. A special goods train included 40 open wagons of mustard gas bombs. When passing Six-Mile-Bottom driver Smart observed a fire in the third wagon. Fireman Chandler jumped down immediately and uncoupled the burning wagon from the rear part of the train. The engine then proceeded forward for 50 yards. The engineers tried to subdue the fire with buckets of water, fully aware of the dangerous nature of the contents of the wagon. 47 12 20 # c.26.2
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1947 12 27
Barry Goodge of Ten Mile Bank met Father Christmas in Robin Cot at Addenbrooke's Hospital – 47 12 27, a,b,c,d
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New comet was Venus, p5

1947 12 31
Mrs E.H. Galsworthy has established a reputation as a photographer under the professional (and maiden) name of Miss Olive Edis. She started taking photographs 41 years ago and has no less than

35,000 ordinary negatives stored away. Mrs Galsworthy has specialised in colour work, using Lumiere plates and her collection must be almost unique for it comprises a cross section of some of the most notable men and women of the last generation. There are a number of Cambridge personalities, many of whom were personally known to her for Cambridge is what she calls her "third home". They include Lord Rutherford, Sir J.J. Thomson and Dr M.R. James (Provost of Kings). Connections with the town date back to her early days and before her marriage she held annual exhibitions of her work in St Columba's Hall, St Andrew's Street - 47 12 30 # c.65.5

Floods were worst for 120 years, 250-tons of clay had to be transported during last six months; many bulldozers and draglines, Rotary told – 47 12 31
Princess Elizabeth, p5
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GPO party children, p7

In the New Years' Honours List published today four names of local interest are noted. Professor Frederick Bartlett, Professor of Experimental Pathology at Cambridge University, Mr J.D. Cockcroft, who was closely associated with atomic research carried on at Cambridge under the late Lord Rutherford and Dr Richard Vyne Smith become Knights Bachelor. Mr W.E. Doran, Chief Engineer of the Great Ouse Catchment Board has been awarded the O.B.E. He was responsible for much of the work carried out during the floods and has also been concerned in the preparation of the Board's new flood protection scheme

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1948 01 02
The question of providing week end leave transport for personnel at the RAF Station, Oakington, evoked a good deal of discussion at the sitting of the Eastern Area Traffic Commissioners. Mr Lainson (for Premier Travel) mentioned that his company sought to provide a new express service from Oakington RAF to King's Cross, London. The proposed fare was 12s.6d return. He also said they were willing to provide a "feeder" service between Oakington and Cambridge Railway Station as his company could not hope to carry 600 odd personnel direct to London. There were approximately 1,100 personnel on the camp and something like 600 were on weekends each week. In view of the limited station transport it was impossible to cater for all the troops by running into Cambridge Railway Station

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Cottenham fire station to stay under new government restructuring of fire brigades p1

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RAF Association 1st party, p7
Caxton gibbet, p9

1948 01 06
Six Stretham villagers made a B.B.C. recording yesterday to tell radio news audiences of the feat of their Village Produce Association in "exporting" to outside markets from spare-time allotments more surplus produce than any similar association in the country. No less than £600 worth of fruit and vegetables went out from the acres of Stretham allotments and village gardens to markets in Leeds, Manchester and London in 1946. Standing in the wooden- hut Social Club in the village, behind an exhibit of produce grown by members of the Association H.C. Holiday spoke into the microphone with a long lead coming through the window from the compact recording apparatus housed in an ordinary large-type saloon car which stood in the road outside

1948 01 07
Filmgoers who have seen Miss Isobel Elsom, Cambridge's own star of stage and screen, in a number of films here, might perhaps have seen her in person in the streets of Cambridge as she is here for the first time in about 12 years on a visit to her parents. Many readers will know Miss Elsom as the daughter of the well-known local singer of former years, Jos Reed. Before going on the professional stage the actress joined local amateur dramatic societies including the Bijou Amateur Dramatic Club. She was one of the first English actresses to appear in silent films. One of her films recently shown at the Regal Cinema was the Humphrey Bogart picture "The Two Mrs Carrols"

1948 01 07
As the Mayoress of Cambridge (Mrs Hickson is the mother of three children) it was very natural that she should take a particular interest in the maternity services at the County Hospital in Mill Road when she paid her Christmas visit there last week. Mrs Hickson had a long talk with the matron (Mrs Ditchburn) who expressed the view that both the young mother of today and her baby are in better condition than she has ever known before. In spite of rationing and the hard times in which we are

living the modern woman approaches motherhood with far less apprehension than in pre-war days. Matron pointed out that the extra milk, vitamin tablets and orange juice help to replace the shortages due to rationing

Exning letter re houses, man bound over, p6
Caxton gibbet fake, p7
Miss Isobel Elsom, Cambridge's own star of stage and screen CDN 1948 Jan 7 p5
Reslating St John's college chapel - pics CDN 1948 Jan 7 p7

1948 01 09
Because it was stated that Newmarket R.A.F. station is closing down on Jan 31st two applications to transport RAF weekend leave personnel from Newmarket to London Victoria Coach Station were withdrawn at a sitting of the Eastern Area Traffic Commissioners. The applicants were the Eastern Counties Omnibus Company and Morley's Grey Coaches of Bury St Edmunds. As far as the London journey was concerned road travel cost only 11s.9d as against the railway fare of 14s.7d

William Everitt BEM. P5

1948 01 09 CIP
Gift parcels of food arrive from Australia for Christmas CIP Jan 9 p8
New vicar at Milton Jack martin Plumley instituted CIP Jan 9 p11
Dakota aircraft overran runway at Waterbeach airfield blocking main road, traffic diverted via Landbeach CIP Jan 9 p12
German POW choir and orchestra from Ely to perform at Impington VC CIP Jan 9 p12

1948 01 10
Cambridge Rotary Club will be helping to make history next Wednesday when, as guests at "lunch" of Cambridge, Ohio, they will put in a Trans-Atlantic telephone call to the other club 3,000 miles away, so there may be an opportunity of expressing thanks on the spot. The Ohio Club meets at 12 noon at Hotel Berwick and to coincide with this, our Cambridge club will sit down to lunch at five o'clock. Most of the food has already arrived and with it printed menus which include such delicacies are baked sugar cured ham with June peas and spiced beets, and sliced Hawaiian pineapple. The two clubs have long had close relations and this happy idea of our American namesakes will strengthen the bonds.

1948 01 12
Plans for the development of present-day Newmarket, with its population of 10,000 people - the majority of whom are dependent upon the racing industry - into a town of 25,000 people with light industries to supplement the bloodstock and training business should remain entirely in the hands of Newmarket people and not outsiders, claim the Newmarket Urban Council. In 1946 the Newmarket U.D.C. issued an interim report on the future planning of Newmarket that was widely acclaimed. Now a special sub-committee of the West Suffolk County Council have suggested that planning should pass into the hands of an area committee consisting of 17 members – only three of whom would be Newmarket councillors. The two councils are already at loggerheads on the future of the town's fire and ambulance services

Government town minded, p10

1948 01 14
Mr P. Porteous of the Cambridge University and Town Waterworks Company gave details of the sources from which his company obtained their supplies and said each one was approaching the limit of capacity of their present sources and were having to look further afield. Cambridgeshire County Council were required to bear a substantial proportion of the cost of these new works. He was concerned in regard to a scheme to deepen certain dykes in the neighbourhood of Isleham where there would be a great risk of depleting the underground water in the source there. If the dyke sin the fen

were cut down low and into the edge of the chalk they would bleed out all the water in the upper reservoir and, as a result, there would be a very difficult position at Isleham during the summer months

1948 01 14
The postman brought a surprise to Mrs M.B. Hille, Hemingford Road, Cambridge, when he arrived at the house with a parcel from Buckingham Palace. It was one of the gifts of foodstuffs sent to Princess Elizabeth from overseas, which she is distributing to elderly people and widows. Inside was a simple, informal letter, on Buckingham Palace notepaper in which the Princess referred to gifts of food received from overseas at the time of her wedding. "I want to distribute it as best I can", the letter continued, "and to share my good fortune with others. I therefore ask you to accept this parcel with my best wishes". A number of tins of food inside included chicken soup, "Prem", beans, coffee, cocoa, milk and chocolate pudding

Isleham protest over fen drainage scheme CDN 1948 Jan 14 p4

1948 01 15
By telephone, landline and Transatlantic radio beam the two Rotary Clubs of Cambridge, England and Cambridge, Ohio last night strengthened still further the great bonds of fellowship and friendship existing between them. The event took place in the Oak Room of the Dorothy Cafe at 5pm to coincide in point of time with the regular weekly luncheon of the Ohio club at 12 noon in the Pioneer Room of the Hotel Berwick. Over ninety Rotarians sat down on this side of the Atlantic to eat baked sugar cured ham, June peas, hot rolls and muffins, sliced Hawaiian pineapple, fruit cake and candy, with coffee and cigars also included in the Ohio club's generous and welcome gift. On the table stood a scarlet-coloured telephone. At 5.30 the 'phone bell rang, Post Office engineers in the room - which had been fitted with amplifier so that all present could hear the speeches - manipulated their controls and President Emburey greeted President R. Hartill of the Ohio Club over the Transatlantic phone

1948 01 16
An unusual kind of mannequin parade for a fashion house was staged by Mitcham's last night when they held their annual social in the Oak Room of the Dorothy Cafe, Cambridge. The hushed, expectant, awestruck atmosphere of the genuine fashion parade was replaced by hilarious mirth as male members of the staff, suitably made up, and looking the last word in grace and charm "modelled" the very latest styles for the junior miss, schoolgirl, young matron and matron. Even lingerie was shown in the form of a glamourous housecoat. A delightful demonstration of the Rumba was given by Miss Valerie Redfern who departed from the sublime to the ridiculous to give a demonstration reminiscent of a well-known music hall act, of an Egyptian Sand Dance

EBLA meeting, p4
Concern over trees on Backs being chopped CDN 1948 Jan 16 p4

1948 01 16 CIP
Cottenham labour club successful dance to Mick's Music Makers CIP Jan 9 p14
Agricultural tractor driver required, wages £5 per week plus bonus CIP Jan 16 p2
Cinemas : Arts, Regal, Victoria, Central, Playhouse, Tivoli & Rex and Globe cinema services touring cinema, visiting Fordham & Isleham CIP Jan 16 p12
A good attendance at Cottenham & Rampton Infant Welfare centre; 33 babies were examined and weighed by Dr Ellis & Nurse Stevens assisted by Mrs R. Bennerson. Fruit juices and cod liver oil were distributed by Mesdames F. Graves and H. Chamberlain. Tea was served to the mothers CIP Jan 16 p14

1948 01 20
Often it happens that a visitor to Cambridge says: "Well there's the University; what industries have you?" The answer is invariably on the lines "Oh nothing much - wireless and jam and so on". A visit to the "Cambridge at Work" exhibition in the Corn Exchange will give a much better insight into the

activities at the wireless and jam factories, and the other industrial concerns, and will enable him to gain a true appreciation of the part that a light industrial centre like Cambridge is playing in the country's struggle. Pye Ltd are showing the latest in radio and television receivers.

1948 01 21
Cambridgeshire has been well to the fore in implementing the proposals in the Children's Bill. Under the Bill responsibility for the care of children who have no normal home life is placed squarely on the shoulders of the local authority. I think I am right in saying that ours is one of the first County Council's to anticipate legislation. A Children's Committee has been set up, a full-time Children's officer appointed, an office established, and authorisation obtained for adding what staff is found necessary. The Committee has inherited a number of foster homes and the "Red House", Little Shelford and Ross Street Homes from the Public Assistance Committee. Council Chairman M.C. Burkitt said they were anxious that these homes shall be similar in atmosphere to an old-fashioned Victorian family

1948 01 21
Princess Margaret paid her first visit to Cambridge to-day, when she accompanied Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary on a visit to Mr S.N. Woolston's antique shop in St Andrew's Street. The Princess wore a pale blue costume, with a pale blue halo hat with a feather in it. Her coast was fawn fur, and she had blue lizard sling back shoes and a grey lizard bag. Her youthful charm drew spontaneous admiring remarks from the crowd which saw the Royal party leave. The Princess showed great interest in all she saw during her tour of the premises and asked several questions. She was obviously fascinated by the shop and its contents # c.02

1948 01 21
Any local viewers of television might recently have seen a rather surprising cookery demonstration - during which fish and vegetables were cooked in the space of three minutes. This astonishing revolution in cookery timing was accomplished by means of a pressure cooker. These utensils, which look like ordinary saucepans, were shown at last year's Ideal Homes Exhibition. They are now finding their way in the shops and are being demonstrated at Messrs Herbert Robinson Ltd's Regent Street store. They are made by a subsidiary firm of Messrs Pye Ltd

Death of Frederick Oliver Sennitt of 418 Milton Road Cambridge. He had beein in failing health for 18 months. A native of Stretham, Mr Sennitt started the poultry, game and fish business at Peas Hill 53 years ago, and was acrively identified with it until July 1946, when ill-health forced him to retire. He was for some years President of the Cambridge & District Pultry & Fish Trade Association.
Mr Sennitt was prominently identified with the Wesley church, of which he was a member over a long period. His work for the church was his major interest. He was also an Oddfellow. He leaves one son & two daughters, one of the latter, Miss Mary Sennitt, being engaged with the methodist mission in Nigeria. The funeral ... Wesley church, interment following at Stretham CDN 1948 Jan 21 p8

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OAP income, p8

1948 01 23 CIP
Cottenham WI meetings on Burma with 20 Questions as social CIP Jan 23 p4
Consideration over appointment of county archivist; to approach somebody who might be interested CIP Jan 23 p9
Princess Margaret paid first visit to Cambridge when accompanied Queen Elizabeth & Queen Mary to Woolston's antique shop; her youthful charm drew spontaneous admiring remarks from the crowd CIP Jan 23 p9
Gone with the wind at the Regal CIP Jan 23 p12
Death of Frederick Oliver Sennitt, 74 of 418 Milton Rd. Cambridge; a native of Stretham he started the poultry game & fish business at Peas Hill 53 years ago and was active till July 1946 when ill health forced retirement. Was prominently identified with Wesley church CIPJan 23 p12

1948 01 24
Yesterday's "Workers' Playtime" radio programme came from Pye's canteen, Cambridge. Some 850 workers selected by ballot crowded in to enjoy the programme. After preliminary community singing practice the "on the air" red light signal in front of the stage lit up and the audience broke into the programme's signature tune, "Side by Side". The Radio Revellers sang "There's Nobody Here But Us Chickens", "Shoemaker's Serenade" and "Chinatown" in brisk, amusing and original style. They were followed by Forsythe, Seamon and Farrell, the wise-cracking American trio.

1948 01 26
Commenting at the meeting of Cambridgeshire County Council on the road signs that Cambridge "Welcomes Careful Drivers" Councillor Jeeps said a stranger had told him that from his experience Cambridge did not welcome any drivers, and he added "From the other side of Shelford into Cambridge someone is on your tail; when you stop in Cambridge it's "You can't park here" and when you leave Cambridge they chase you nearly to Ely!"

1948 01 26
Deep concern over alleged differences in the rations of European Volunteer Workers and farm workers - in favour of the former - was expressed by members of Cambridgeshire County Council. Capt Ockleston said displaced persons, "whether in hostels or need canteens, are getting 3s.7d. worth of meat a week against the odd bob's worth our men, who are doing all the work, are getting". Ald Stubbs denied that the displaced persons got any more food that the average person but Ald Jackson said he knew of a Polish camp where the occupants got in the region of double the ordinary meat ration. There were plenty of farm workers who had to take their breakfast out with them and whose wives did not know what to provide them with

PoW concert, p10

1948 01 27
Waterbeach managers resign, p5

1948 01 28
The net cost per dwelling to Cambridge Town Council of the 100 permanent aluminium bungalows to be erected at Church End, Cherry Hinton may be approximately £1,142. Figures are as follows: 100 bungalows at £1,267.7s.3d. each; cost of foundations £19,019.3.4.; cost of roads and sewers £28,201; total gross cost £173,956.8s.4d. Less grant of £660 per bungalow this makes the individual cost per bungalow £1,079.11s.3d. but if there is added the cost of the land (£1,620) and payment in event of rubble not being made available to the sub-contractor for the construction of roads the figures will be approximately £1,142

Challenge Howard, p5
200 Prisoners of war lectured, p10

1948 01 29
The Great Ouse Catchment Board has put a price of £5 on the head of the coypu rat, as if it increased in numbers it could become a serious menace to the safety of the fens. It burrows into banks to make a nest, digging a long tunnel larger than a rabbit hole. "If floods came such holes as that might easily cause a bank to blow" said Mr W.E. Doran. The coypu rat is a South American species and is bred in this country for its fur. Several of the rats escaped from a farm in Norfolk. Two have so far been shot in the Catchment Board's area. One weighed 16½lbs and was the size of a terrier dog

Dreary procession of offenders

1948 01 30
Electoral reforms, University seats to be abolished - electoral changes CDN 1948 p1

Police driving school, p4
British Travel Association subscription rejected, p7
Repair fen barriers, p8
Cambridge welcomes careful drivers - cartoon, p10

1948 01 30 CIP
Flood barriers now in better trim than in 1947 Over and Haddenham farmers told CIP Jan 30 p1
Are motorists welcome in Cambridge? Commenting at county council meeting on the road sign "Cambridge welcomes careful drivers" councillor Jeeps said that ... Cambridge did not welcome any drivers, and he added. "From the other side of Shelford into Cambridge someone is on your tail; When you stop in Cambridge its "You can't park here, and when you leave Cambridge they chase you nearly to Ely"' CIP Jan 30 p1

Government permission to Chesterton RDC to start sewage scheme for Histon, Impington & Girton - after 14 years delay CIP Jan 30 p1

Cottenham Group present annual pantomime "Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood" in the New School hall, 42 players; photo CIP Jan 30 p1

Dances at Cottenham school hall CIP Jan 30 p8

House sale Cottenham: freehold detached house 'Mountain Ash' 53 Rook Street sold for £1,700 CIP Jan 30 p8

Infant welfare centre Christmas tree party in Methodist schoolroom with decorated Christmas tree; real party tea to mothers and children. sec Mrs E. Munsey, Treasurer Miss H. Ivatt; president Mrs R. Ellis CIP Jan 30 p8

1948 01 31
The assassination of Mr Mahatma Gandhi, shot dead on his way to his prayer meeting on Friday, which has produced world-wide expressions of horror and sympathy will recall to many the week-end visit he paid to Cambridge in October 1931 when in England as a delegate to the second Round Table Conference. He was accompanied by his son and visited Pembroke College. Mr Gandhi's visit was of a private nature but he attended the usual Sunday evening meeting of the Majlis, the Indian students' club. It was during his stay in Cambridge that the Union Society debated the resolution "That this House would welcome the immediate establishment in India of a representative Constitution based on full Dominion status"

Housing position deteriorates, p4

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1948 02 02
The plight of R.A.F. personnel at Bassingbourn, often left waiting in queues at the railway station whilst waiting for transport to be available to take them back to camp after a weekend leave, was mentioned at a sitting of the Eastern Area Traffic Commissioners. Permission was sought for a bus service direct to the camp from London. Whippet Coaches sought to provide a new express service from Bassingbourn to London. The fare would be 10s.6d. The Transport Officer at the camp said that personnel varied between 1,000 and 1,200 and the maximum number on weekend leave between 150 and 200

1948 02 03
A new Cambridge ballroom known as The Embassy is to be opened at Mill Road tomorrow evening. Formerly a billiards hall, the building has been converted by Mr Harry Bradford, who claims that as a result of the labours of himself and friends the building is now "a lovely ballroom". For the opening

tomorrow the new resident professional band is led by Freddie Webb, who has just left the Bag o'Nails Club, London, to take over the leadership. With him are Tony Rivers, alto saxophone, Dusty Myatt (piano) and Freddy Webb, drummer. Guest vocalist with the band is Harry Roy, vocalist Terry da Costa # c.69.2

Milton Road camp, p6
U.N.A. shop opens Wheeler St - pic CDN 1948 Feb 3 p5

1948 02 04
In the Commons yesterday, Mr Leslie Symonds (Lab., Cambridge) asked the Secretary for War how many persons the former U.S. Army camp at Milton Road, Cambridge, was built to accommodate and how many persons were accommodated there now. Mr Shinwell replied that the camp was built to accommodate 850 troop on a war basis. On a peace-time basis it could accommodate 700. The unit at present occupying it totalled some 400 and the surplus accommodation was earmarked for another unit which would move in this month # c.45.7

1948 02 06
"It could not have been better placed for now it will eliminate the necessity of people of this district having to go to the Guildhall and like places for their entertainment. The management are to be congratulated on the redecoration of the building". So said Ald A.E. Stubbs, M.P. of the new "Embassy" ballroom Mill Road, Cambridge. And if the reaction of a "capacity" crowd who flocked to this new venture are anything to go by, his words were most heartily endorsed. From the word "Go" at 7.30 the crowd set out to make the most of their new ballroom, and numbers steadily increased until the maximum of 300 dancers had been reached # c.69.2

Heyworth sale, p7

1948 02 07
Just before 7 o'clock last Saturday night the canteen of Messrs Chivers & Sons Ltd, The Orchard Factory, Histon, closely resembled the latest advertisement from this famous firm - "All set for a jolly good party". Where hundreds of workers regularly take their meals were festive decorations attractively placed and a buffet tastefully set out in more ways than one to attract the attention of those who, having been engaged on food production for five days, returned on Saturday to enjoy a social evening with fellow employees. The programme opened with a selection of gramophone records. After refreshments the company divided, some dancing to the music of the Augmented Works Dance Band whilst others interested themselves in many sideshows and competitions

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New Chancellor, p6

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Soroptomist club charter – 48 02 09 p7

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Ferguson dealers – 48 02 13 p8

1948 02 13 CIP
Cottenham Labour Party children's party - photo CIP Feb 13 p

Full licence for Rampton pub. Inhabitants can now buy wines and spirits now Jack Graham of the "Black Horse" has been granted an excise licence to sell any intoxicating liquor. About a third of the Rampton population used his house and the majority had asked him to apply for a full licence. There was no other fully licenced house in the district, the nearest being the Cross Keys at Cottenham. Greene King supported because they felt inhabitants should be able to purchase wines and spirits especially in the case of illness in the village CIP Feb 13 p10

1948 02 14
Roberts, master Peterhouse, p6
Charlie Chaplin, p6

1948 02 16
The first case dealt with by Mr Harry Edwards, a leading psychic healer at the service of healing of the Cambridge Spiritualist Healing Guild was a four-year old of Ramsey who was afflicted with infantile paralysis last August and has not been able to walk properly since. He was carried by his mother on to the dais wearing an iron support on his left leg. This was removed. Mr Edwards placed his hands around the boy's back and a few seconds later he was walking. For the remainder of the afternoon he was romping around the front of the hall as happy as any child could be

Exning explosion
Foot Beagles meet at Cherry Hinton - photo CDN 1948 Feb 16 p7

1948 02 18
Farmers from all over Cambridgeshire attended a conference on "Combine harvesting without a drier". Roger North of Kings Lynn described his experiences of buying a combine harvester in 1933, when there were only about 60 of the machines in the country. "I was told by everyone that the combines were totally unsuited to British conditions and climate. Nevertheless in 1942 there were 1,000 combines working in England in 1944 this number had risen to 2,500". The speaker had only used his combine for wheat, barley, oats and peas and said he was against combining wheat without a drier. Barley was however ideal for combining because it did not easily become damp

Tipperary Club, p5
Traffic lights at Northampton street fitted with detector pads CDN 1948 Feb 18 p8

1948 02 19
Because a small, white, inoffensive three-months-old chicken chose to take a walk in a neighbour's garden on Christmas day, Cambridge county court was kept occupied for two and a half hours yesterday afternoon. The plaintiff said she went into the garden to get some celery. The fork she intended to use for this purpose was temporarily being utilised for keeping down the wire netting of the chicken run and when he picked it up the netting became loose. The chicken escaped on to the defendant's land who fetched a broomstick with which she commenced to poke at the chicken, which had become entangled with a hedge in her garden

1948 02 20
South Cambridgeshire RDC Housing Committee was told that the Regional Planning Officer had referred to Wimpole as "just a dying hamlet". Mr Binney remarked that this indicated that it was going to be "killed off". Mr F.W. Murfitt commented that Lord Hardwick had "killed" Wimpole 50 years ago when he built his mansion. The village however, had a magnificent park, where there were converted hutments. Tenders had been received for the conversion of 9 huts into temporary dwellings at Wratting Common Airfield.

1948 02 20
An £8,000 new "weapon" was officially added to the "armoury" of the drainage engineers fighting the never-ending battle of the fens. It is a 360 h.p. two-stroke diesel engine installed at the Ten Mile River Pumping Station near Littleport. Of the kind also used to generate electricity in ships it is the first in

the country to be adapted by the makers for land drainage. Coupled to an already-existing pump at the station it will help to throw fen water into the river at the rate of 200 tons a minute. It replaces a steam engine installed in 1912 # c.29

1948 02 20 CIP
360 hp two-stroke diesel engine installed at Ten Mile Bank, first engine of its kind CIP Feb 20 p1

Presentation to three pioneers of Cottenham & Rampton branch of British Legion paid when celebrate Silver Jubilee; it was formed 10 March 1922 by four pioneers, making it the first branch in Cambs & Isle of Ely - photo CIP Feb 20 p9

1948 02 21
Barnwell Over-60's club

1948 02 23
Typhoid at Hemingford Grey Prisoner of War camp – 48 02 23 p7

1948 02 25
Madingley US cemetery to close whilst bodies exhumed to be returned USA, other two US cemeteires will close; 60% bodies will be returned US, 3,000 will finally remain at Madingley Temporary closure, Madingley cemetery – 48 02 25 p7
Conington Hall flats – 48 02 25 p10

1948 02 26
Rock OAP club, p5

1948 02 27
Singapore despatch published – 48 02 27 p6
Gas nationalisation, p9
Cambridge to take 10 Austrian children CDN 1948 Feb 27 p7

1948 02 27 CIP
Ministry of Health give notice they will take over the running of Addenbrooke's Hospital on July 5 CIP Feb 27 p1

Council house rents increase 1/6 per week to 13/6 for post war houses CIP Feb 27 p1

Cottenham WI debate "The woman's place is in the home" - agreed; debate formation of a canning club CIP Feb 27 p5

Chesterton RDC try for permission to erect four houses in Rampton in forthcoming year; did not feel justified in allocating 15 to Cottenham when Swavesey and other villages had had none since war CIP Feb 27 p9

Gifts of food from the Dominions have been made to each person living alone in Cottenham to help them cope with rationing CIP Feb 27 p14

1948 02 28
Charlie Chaplin – 48 02 28 p6
Pentacle club, p4

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1948 03 02

At seven o'clock this morning, in very dense fog, a lorry containing 11 German P.O.Ws. crashed broadside into a railway engine and brake van at an accommodation level crossing at Conington, Hunts. Three of the Germans were killed outright - and all the other injured. The injured were placed in another motor vehicle for transport to Peterborough Hospital but when only a few hundred yards down the road this vehicle crashed into a bus. Two more of the Germans have since died and some of the remaining nine are seriously ill. One of the dead is the German doctor who was tending the prisoners injured in the train crash

1948 03 02
A dispute over the possible revision of the boundary between Caldecote and Bourn was the subject of a public inquiry at Elsworth British Legion Hall. In 1946 the first parish council for Caldecote was elected and an undertaking entered into that the question of the boundary should receive attention. Caldecote village shop was, in fact, in Bourn parish, together with a number of other houses actually in Caldecote village. There was no dispute that they should be included in Caldecote who had given them telephonic and telegraphic facilities and provided educational facilities for the children. It had also included a special rule to enable the inhabitants to use Caldecote village hall. The point at issue was the inclusion of a factory occupied by Pest Control which was formerly part of the R.A.F. Station, Bourn

Prisoner of War with record who married English girl, p6
Owl arrested, p7

1948 03 03
Several hundred people gathered round the flagstaff at the Cambridge American Military Cemetery for a simple service of benediction. The reason for the service was emphasised by the long rows of empty, tarpaulin -covered caskets bear the scene of the service - the caskets in which will be returned to the United States the remains of those American service men and women buried at the cemetery whose relatives wish their last resting-place to be at home. For this reason the cemetery is to be closed for a period, and for the purpose too of reburying the bodies of those interred in the now-to-be -closed Brookwood and Lisnabrenny (Northern Ireland) American Military Cemeteries whose relatives wish them to rest in England # c.21.2 # c.45.7

1948 03 03
The question of whether or not people from a distance can become students. The Cambridgeshire Technical College and School of Art in coming to be determined in some cases by whether or not they can find accommodation in Cambridge. There has been a great influx to the college since the war ended, partly due to the number of ex-Service men and women on Government grants taking special business courses. The past presented no real problems, and the future will be taken care of when the new building now planned goes up, probably with its own hostel accommodation. The present, however presents a difficulty which is becoming increasingly acute # c.36.7

1948 03 04
Fashion parade, p4

1948 03 05
Headline prediction, p7

1948 03 05 CIP
Cottenham point to point - photo CIP Mar 5 p1 & 5
County rate fixed at 14/9 - 7d less than last year CIP Mar 5 p9

1948 03 06
Sir - As a resident of the Abbey Ward who lives near the Gas Works I would like to make a strong complaint as to the filth we have received this last few weeks from the Gas Works. People cannot go outside their doors for the dirt and smoke that meets them and the dirt that penetrates their houses.

Also there is the terrible noise we get day and night from something that works in River Lane. Surely this could be quietened in some way so that we could get some sleep at night. We need sleep and clean air in these difficult times - Ratepayer

1948 03 08
Sir - When crossing the Market Hill, Cambridge, one afternoon of this week I was asked the following question by a young lady, whom I thought might have been more profitably employed; "Would you care to sign our petition for the reduction of prices, and the cutting of profits?" I then discovered a stall draped with Communist bills and other literature. I curtly and firmly refused to sign and I thought to myself: "So this is England, England that still stands firm for freedom, and yet at the same time allows the vile doctrine of Communism to be openly, and shamelessly, broadcast amongst the people on its public market place". It would be interesting to know what Mr Hamilton Kerr (prospective Conservative candidate) have to say about it. Yours etc "AJAX"

Ladies fencing club, p5
Death Fenton, former Borough Librarian, p7 # c.77.4

1948 03 09
Benjamin Britten first heard, p4

1948 03 10
An accident at the junction of Madingley Road, Queen's Road and Northampton Street, Cambridge between an American 2½ ton lorry and an articulated lorry was so violent that it took nearly 2½ hours to part the two vehicles. A heavy lorry driver said he was coming to the junction from Queens' Road an American vehicle coming from the opposite direction of Northampton Street collided with his lorry, knocking it across the road. Witnesses told the court it had taken 2½ hours to part the lorries. Various methods were tried including an American crane pulling one way and a 3½ ton lorry another, using an electric welder, but in the end the trailer of the articulated lorry had to be taken off and the two vehicles prised apart

Welches Dam giant pump in fens, p7 # c.29

1948 03 12
Seven witness from fenland came to Cambridge to plead for better bus facilities to link their isolated homesteads with Ely market, but their case was preceded by a long hearing and the Traffic commissioners had time only to listen to two of them before adjourning the proceedings. Those unable to be heard waited from 11am to 6.30 pm. Before the Commissioners were applications by William Washington of Littleport to operate new stage carriage services between Black Horse Drove and Home Farm Drove (Hundred Foot Bank) and Ely. The applications were objected to by the Eastern Counties Omnibus Company. The applications were designed to cater for the area of fenland between Littleport and Southery, which, while highly productive agriculturally, was very isolated. At present it was practically uncatered for by a bus service

Falcon Club objects, p9

1948 03 12 CIP
Gt Abington church reopens after war damage CIP Mar 12 p8

Cottenham parish council debate future of searchlight site, want local families accommodated in the huts CIP Mar 12 p14

Rampton to farmers and gardeners. For ploughing, cultivating, discing, ridging, grass mowing, log sawing etc. Enquiries A.E. Young, Rampton CIP Mar 12 p14

1948 03 13

Once upon a time four members of the "Cambridge Daily News" staff decided that a certain James Pike and his team of "News of the World" Champions had ruled unchallenged in the realm of darts for far too long. And now after a brave attempt to topple them from their throne the four gallants from the C.D.N. are bound to admit that the time has not yet come for Cambridge's daily paper to de-throne these wizards of the dartboard ... And Jim Pike and Co. (wiping the sweat from their brows) lived happily - and still unchallenged - ever after

G.O. Vinter High Sheriff, p6
Fenton cremation service CDN 1948 Mar 13 p5

1948 03 15
Cambridgeshire Cottage Improvement Society have urged the Ministry of Health to give grants towards reconditioning buildings of outstanding beauty and historical interest. The Old Manor House at Fen Drayton was a building of this kind and reconditioning would enable three cottages to be made from two, one of the present cottages being much larger than was required. Water mains have recently been laid in the village and the property has been connected to the supply so that when reconditioning is possible modern conveniences will be practicable. A piped water supply will also shortly be available in Kingston, where the Society has two cottages, and later in Toft, though the main may be some distance from its property

New burial ground dedicated Cherry Hinton CDN 1948 Mar 15 p7

1948 03 16
With the glorious sun shining down on it, and the sheep quietly grazing in the surrounding meadow, the lovely old church at Great Abington was on Sunday re-opened after having been closed for nearly two years. It was in 1941 when a bomb fell on the bridge, which is at the present moment undergoing repairs, that the church suffered its first shock. Then one was dropped on the Land Settlement, an aircraft also crashed in the vicinity, and there were one or two other explosions nearby which finally necessitated the closing of the church in November 1946, as it was considered unsafe for public worship. The work of restoration was begun in that year, but then had to be stopped for a time until a few months ago when Messrs Rattee and Kett Ltd, of Cambridge, were able to re-start and complete it

1948 03 17
Mr E. Farmer of Cambridge University gave a lecture to members of the Road Accident Prevention Council on the effect of alcohol on drivers. A number of moderate drinkers were selected to train and operate a special machine using skills required in driving a motor car. At a certain stage in the training alcohol was consumed under the normal conditions in the bar of a licensed house. Operation of the machine afterwards showed that men were slightly better after taking alcohol than before. Mr Farmer thought that the taking of alcohol allowed a great concentration on the thing they were actually engaged in. Another factor was fatigue. A small quantity of alcohol would help to overcome this, as the effects of fatigue ran contrary to the effects of alcohol. "But it should be remembered that 'moderation' is the key word" he said

Some people are cyclists, p4

1948 03 18
Pye Ltd, celebrating their golden jubilee this year, are to mark the occasion by the gift of two television sets to every College in the University. Describing Pye Ltd as "a fairly important company in the industrial life of Cambridge" Mr C.O. Stanley said that during the war the firm employed nearly 12,000 people, today they had between three and four thousand. He went on to speak of the firm's association with the University - one "so happy and so close that I believe it will always make a mark with the people working with this business". Professor Sir Lawrence Bragg said he had always been very interested in the relation between science and industry and the co-operation that existed during the war showed there were contributions to be made from both sides. He hoped this co-operation would continue in the future # c.27.1

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1948 03 19
Concern as to whether men at the European Voluntary Workers camp, Bottisham, were getting their correct ration of food was expressed by the Chairman of the Bottisham magistrates when three of them appeared before the courts on charges involving bread units. The proceedings took one-and-a-half hours due to the fact that two of the men spoke German and the other Juoslavian. Each case therefore had to be dealt with separately. It was said that there has been almost a trade amongst the Displaced Persons with regard to bread. . They have been going into Cambridge very frequently and been obtaining the bread at the shops there and taking it back to the camp where they sell it at the rate of from 2s.6d to 3s. a lb.

New New Theatre manager - A. Lowrie CDN 1948 Mar 19 p10

1948 03 19 CIP
Cottenham Salvation Army Band league festival - photo CIP Mar 19 p1

Rampton at a well-attended meeting held in the school on Wednesday week, with Mrs Turkentine of Cottenham in the chair, it was proposed by Mrs C.A. Young and seconded by Mrs Victor Barnes that a branch of the WI should be formed in Rampton. This was carried unanimously. Mrs Tansley pf Cambridge spoke of the advantages of a WI and also outlined the rules. Mrs Leakey also spoke briefly. Nominations for a committee were taken CIP Mar 19 p5

Cottenham county school display of work - names CIP Mar 19 p14

Rampton Lantern lecture on Jerusalem and the East Mission was given in the school to a good audience. The rector of Rampton (Rev J.A. Sanders) manipulated the lantern. CIP Mar 19 p16

1948 03 20
"To give a man a decent meal in the middle of the day is better than for him to take something in paper. He will work better and be more contented". This comment was made by Ald W.L. Briggs referring to a resolution turning down a request of the University Press to be supplied by the British Restaurant with mid-day meals for approximately 35 persons daily as a temporary measure until they could supply their own cooking facilities. Councillor Roberts pointed out that the Press had now assumed the dimensions of a factory and should consequently have its own canteen. Councillor Priest pointed out that it took only 15 minutes for a meal at the British Restaurant

1948 03 22
A remarkable increasing in the lending activities of the Cambridge Building Society was reported at the annual meeting. The average debt was £477. The figures were all the more remarkable when one considered that the whole of the advances made since the war were on houses already build. The Chairman said "it is a sad state of affairs that since the termination of hostilities we have made only nine advances to members to build their own homes. The demand for houses is as great as ever and there would be no limit to our lending capacity if the supply was there. It is for this reason our secretary has had to refuse many thousands of pounds from would-be investors"

Cobbett's corner, p5

1948 03 23
Sir - May I remind correspondents that they are expecting their television receivers to operate satisfactorily under extremely adverse conditions. Not only are they over 40 miles from Alexandra Palace, which is considered the optimum distance for reliable reception, but they are resident in areas of high density of population, with its resultant interference from all forms of domestic apparatus, such as reaction receivers, vacuum cleaners, thermostatically controlled irons, cookers and water heaters, electric fans and motors, cars and other heavy road transport. They are extremely lucky to be able to receive and signal at all - Radio Engineer # c.27.82

Peaks' reucing profits, p4
Lead stolen church roofs, p5

1948 03 24
Abbey East Social club was formally opened at the Old School, Fen Ditton. In October 1942 it was decided at the Wardens' Post, Newmarket Road, to form a committee to make plans for a club to meet the social needs of the area. In the war people realised they were enjoying something they had not had before - good fellowship, companionship and getting to know the people who lived next door. Permission had been given to use an old A.R.P. post near the borough cemetery and functions had been arranged from there. The Deputy Mayor said "I do hope it will be a very successful centre for those on the east side of the bridge. It was a very sore point that you were so isolated and there was this large estate, which has grown without any means of getting into the town"

1948 03 24
The newly-formed Abbey United F.C. Supporters' Club launched out into the social sphere and their first dance arranged at the Guildhall was gratifyingly successful and the happy relationship between Abbey and the Cambridge Town F.C. was in evidence by the presence of representatives of the latter. Approximately 300 dancers enjoyed themselves to the music of Len Tibb's band. The Ladies Section of the Supporters' Club was responsible for the catering and the committee intend that this effort shall be the first of a series of social functions designed to put Abbey United F.C. "on the map" # c.38 : football

Pye profit-sharing scheme, p6

1948 03 25
Eleven brave girls came forward at the Rex Ballroom last night to stake their claim to the title of Miss Cambridgeshire 1948 at the annual Glamour Ball held there. A crowd of 400 dancers watched the judges make the snap decision as to the girl with the best looks, nicest figure and so on as the girls stood in the full glare of the limelight. The lucky winner was Miss Eva Simpson of Victoria Road, Cambridge, and the choice appeared to be a popular one as she received a great ovation as she was presented with a silver cup and adorned with the coveted bannerette designating her "Miss Cambridgeshire 1948"

1948 03 26 CIP
Cottenham folk dance group under Mrs B. Haird organise dance CIP Mar 26 p14

1948 03 30
New Theatre reopens, returns to live shows, closed during war years when in hands of military CDN 1948 Mar 30 p8

1948 03 27
Dick Barton message, p6

1948 03 30
Some years before the recent war, Cambridge's New Theatre, having been a "live" house for over 40 years, not only ceased to be "new" in years but suffered a "sea change" into something neither rich nor rare - a theatre turned cinema - and saddled too with the hybrid title "Theatre Cinema". This was the beginning of a period that might be described as a winter solstice, for the building eventually closed, and during the war it was in the hands of the military. But now, after another brief life as a cinema, it has at last reverted to the type of entertainment for which it was built, and the merry band of players which yesterday presented the first professional "live" show to be seen in the theatre for many years are the successors of a long line of theatre folk, who during the palmy years passed across the New Theatre's stage in glorious array. The large audience who crowded into the building for the

reopening found that the theatre with its re-decoration, modern lighting and stage equipment, including the inevitable "mike", had been given a new look # c.76

Iolanthe, p6

1948 03 31
Addenbrooke's Hospital head phones, p5
Factory threat hairdressers, p8

April 1948 CDN & CIP

1948 04 01
"An aspiration set too high for practical achievement in these days of Government interference" was how the Chairman of the Cambridge Old People's Homes Ltd described the position of the Society at the present time. The possibility of having to wind up the Society was openly discussed. The committee had abandoned a scheme for the erection of a home in Queen Edith's Way owing to building costs having soared. They had explored the possibility of converting existing property and careful thought had been given to Hinxton Hall and detailed sketch plans of the interior prepared. It was pointed out that a place nine miles away from Cambridge which old people's friends would have some difficulty in reaching was not "ideal"

Bevan at Trumpington, p5
Difficulties old peoples homes, p8

1948 04 02
Some of the proud achievements of the Cambridge Electric Supply Company were recalled at the last meeting of the Company at the University Arms. The Company ceased to exist from April 1st having been absorbed by the Eastern Electricity Board, one of 14 boards set up under the new Electricity Act. The Cambridge company is one of the oldest in the electricity supply industry, and first started work of supplying electricity to the citizens of Cambridge in 1892. Today over 25,000 consumers are supplied with electricity by the Company at prices which compare more than favourably with those made in towns similar in size # c.34.6

1948 04 02
Yesterday saw the passing of the National Fire Service which had been administered from the Home Office since March 1941. Under the provision of the Fire Services Act of 1947 the Cambridgeshire County Council assumed the responsibility for the provision and maintenance of fire-fighting services for the county, and the occasion was marked by a transfer ceremony at No.1 Station, Newmarket Road, Cambridge # c.34.75

Displaced Persons and bakers in trouble over bread, Bottisham camp CDN 1948 Apr 2 p8

1948 04 02 CIP
County take over N.F.S which had been administered by Home Office since March 1941 CIP Apr 2 p1

Eastern Electricity acquire Milton Hall CIP Apr 2 p9

Rampton social in aid of church restoration fund held in school; £11 raised. V. Barnes was MC and programme included dancing and games, a recitation by Gillian Bonus, a Dutch auction, song and dance by Messrs Delcia Currington and Audrey Hayden, the sailors hornpipe dance by Miss O. Parker& Mr F. Blunderstone and a play by Mr & Mrs G. King and Mr A. Bonus. Refreshment were served by Mrs W. Cundell and helpers. A competition for a basket of groceries was won by Mrs E. Blunt, and an iced cake by Mrs W. Parker. Mr W.Cundell was at the door CIP Apr 2 p14

1948 04 03
Fire brigade changes, p6

1948 04 05
County planning survey, p6
Chesterton casual ward, p7
Isolanthe wind-up, p9

1948 04 06
Six Mile Bottom is such a quiet place and the lack of activity was so getting down Bertie, the red-poled bull at Lord Delamere's farm, that he decided to take a walk into the big outside world and see for himself just what was going on. Over the fields he walked and soon came to the Cambridge-Newmarket road, turned left and ambled on towards Cambridge. Bertie then became a little panicky and made a hasty rush for Bottisham, turning into the fist courtyard he saw. This happened to be the back of Mr J. Bedford's grocery stores and he made a rush at Mrs Bedford who suffered slight injuries to her forehead and knees.

1948 04 07
New houses going up Birdwood road - pic CDN 1948 Apr 7 p7
Boundaries Commission recommend amalgamation with Hunts etc CDN 1948 Apr 8 p4

1948 04 08
The creation of a new county comprising the four administrative councils of Cambridgeshire, Isle of Ely, Huntingdon and the Soke of Peterborough, and the granting to the town of Cambridge the status of a county borough, are amongst the recommendations contained in the report of the Local Government Boundary Commission. The proposals also suggest that Newmarket Urban District Council should be transferred to the new county # c.35.1

Cherry Hinton over-60s, p5
Ice-cream boat on river, p6

1948 04 09
25 stand on bus
International Ballet, first season at Cambridge CDN 1948 Apr 9 p10
Pest Control's work to end weeds by helicopter spraying CDN 1948 Apr 9 p5

1948 04 09 CIP
Boundary commission propose amalgamating Cambs, Isle, Hunts & Peterborough CIP Apr 9 p1
Elsworth mill being demolished - pic CIP Apr 9 p8
Wedding of Francis James Garrett & Miss Nora Male CIP Apr 9 p10

1948 04 10
If farmers from all the countries of the world had been present at a dinner given by Pest Control Ltd at the University Arms Hotel, Cambridge, there would have been universal satisfaction at the speech by the Company's managing director. For he announced the complete overpowering of one of the farmers' most deadly enemies - weeds. "Being a pioneering firm working in Cambridge we have applied a pioneering role in the developing of selective weedkillers," he said. They showed a film "Gentle Menace", taken at Harston.

1948 04 10
The recommendation that Cambridgeshire, the Isle of Ely, Huntingdonshire and the Soke of Peterborough should be grouped as one administrative council has already started tongues wagging in all areas. The proposals have been received with mixed feelings, and have provoked many questions.

The Isle of Ely and Peterborough papers think March would be a good centre for the new authority. Cambridgeshire County Councillors may have other ideas!

1948 04 10
The last production of what is known as the German Youth Stage at Trumpington P.O.W. camp before they go home in June will be given at the Houghton Hall. It will be a performance of the classical comedy "Der Zerbrochene Krug". Not only will it be acted outside the camp, but amongst the cast of 12 will be four British girls. The play will be acted in German but an introduction in English is provided. The performance will be open, without charge, to anyone who may be interested.

1948 04 12
Co-op trading, p6

1948 04 13
History was made at the New Theatre, Cambridge, last night when the International Ballet Company presented the most spacious classical ballet spectacle ever to be seen in Cambridge. And the result was an evening of sheet beauty. A company of over sixty presented a performance outstanding for its virility and attack, and there was a first class orchestra - their numbers made it necessary for them to "overflow" from the orchestra pit into adjoining boxes and the stalls. The work last night was the full-length version of "The Swan Lake". Leading the superb company is the prima ballerina Mona Inglesby # c.76

1948 04 14
The nocturnal appearance of a sack of barley in the front garden of the house of a Burwell baker on a dark and rainy night last month, had an unexpected and involved sequel at the Newmarket Petty Sessions when a baker, together with a Burwell stockman appeared to answer a total of four summonses. The baker denied he had broken the law. "It was a rough night - dark and rainy when I opened my gate and kicked against a bag. I took it in so that it would not be left in the wet. The policeman called next morning". The case was found proved and he was fined £2

German PoW from Trumpington last play before repatriation – pic, p7

1948 04 15
Spiritualists meeting packs Guildhall, p5

1948 04 16
Sir - in answer to your correspondent "Still waiting" the simple answer is that in December 1945 we had received applications from 1,700 ex-servicemen who were in temporary accommodation and that we have since that date succeeded in building just about 800 houses. I sympathise with "Mother of Two". Lodgings are almost impossible to get with a family of two. "Still Hoping" was married in 1942 and only put his name down in 1946. In that interval something like 3,000 applicants put down their names. No one already secure in the tenancy of a house is considered for selection unless the house is comparable with the condemned property in Gothic Street and Doric Street. - Alex Wood

1948 04 16
For four offences of accepting sweet coupons one day before they were valid a Cambridge confectioner was fined £4 by Huntingdon magistrates. Defendant said "I admit I cut them out. It's only one day before the new period begins. People asked me to let them have sweets, as most of them live in the country and want them for the week-end"

1948 04 16 CIP
Rampton Whist Drive organised by Miss Irene Bartingale in aid of British Red Cross Society; winners Ladies Mrs E. Blunt, Mrs L. Bonus, Mrs E. Cooper; men A.C. Wolfe, van Eerde, Frank Gautry; competition A.E. Young; refreshments by Mrs R. Bartingale, Mrs W. Cundell, Misses I Bartingale & P.Wayman CIP Apr 16 p12

1948 04 17
The Cambridge Marriage Guidance Council has now been in existence for some 2½ years. In that time 200 cases have been seen. The majority of them came under the heading of marital disharmony. It is not surprising to learn that amongst younger people the housing problem takes its place as the major cause of disharmony. In nearly every case of a young couple being in trouble it has been fund that they have never had a home of their own. "Two generations", it is stated "were never meant to live together". Sexual ignorance, the upset of the war and lack of religious outlook are mentioned as other causes

1948 04 19
The rise to fame of a "contemptible" little boat club was recalled at the Dorothy Cafe when some 150 people sat down to dinner to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Cambridge Scouts' Boat Club. The Club Secretary, proposing a toast to King's College Boat Club said they were deeply appreciative of their help. They had loaned boathouses, boats and oars, and continued to do so despite the fact that the boats and oars were practically unobtainable now

R.E. Walker leaves Cherry Hinton, p10
Cadets combined church parade - pic CDN 1948 Apr 19 p7

1948 04 21
A particular role of the Territorial Army should atomic warfare break out was mentioned by Lt-Col F.N. Drake Digby in a speech at Cambridge Rotary Club. "It is visualised that on the outbreak of any future war the Territorial Army will have been trained to render assistance to areas devastated by atomic or biological warfare", Col Digby said. For this reason it is to be closely related to civil defence and details are now being worked out

1948 04 21
The belief that the problems of evacuation, separation and marriage arising out of the Second World War would continue to exist for a whole generation was expressed at the meeting of the Cambridge Central Aid Society. "Many of the families concerned", says the annual report, "are struggling against disintegration, but the presence of old and perhaps infirm relations in the same cramped rooms as young children and young parents makes the fight a hard, uphill business. Until more and more houses and flats are ready these family troubles appear likely to continue"

1948 04 22
The many friends of Mr Robert William Bell, auctioneer and estate agent, will learn with regret of his death. He came to Cambridge 35 years ago and became recognised as one of the best auctioneers in Cambs. He was particularly well known not only on account of his business, in which he had a great many connections with agriculture, but also because of his preaching activities in most of the Baptist chapels in the area. Mr Bell loved horses and was a familiar sight in days gone by with his horse and gig, which he reluctantly gave up when motor cars became the fashion # c.06

Life will be ruined, p5

1948 04 23
The Minister of National Insurance, Mr James Griffiths, spoke about the new scheme and said "We are confident that we can do our job if we get the co-operation of the public". He said that the Cambridge office would administer under the new scheme the insurance benefits of approximately 158,000 people. Under existing insurance scheme there were six types of benefit and under the new one, 16 types. The complexity of the task was added to by the introduction of new rates of benefit. Whereas up to July a man got 18s a week on a plain straight sickness benefit claim, he would, the next week, receive 2/6 for himself, 16s for his wife and 7/6 for his first or only child

Regional Hospital Board, p4

Falcon club application grant CDN 1948 Apr 23 p9
1948 04 23 CIP
Cottenham Dramatic Society performance CIP Apr 23 p9

1948 04 24
African ruler visits, p4
Fitzwilliam Museum centenary, p6 # c.03

1948 04 26
Dr Alex Wood, chairman of the Cambridge Housing Committee spoke of the factors which had largely created the housing problem in Cambridge. There had been an influx of a very large number of people whose property elsewhere was destroyed during the war and they had settled in the area. The second "complication" was that the University was being urged by the Government to take larger numbers of students, thus adding to the competition for the housing accommodation available. "In the third place there is a very large increase in the Civil Service personnel in Cambridge," said Dr Wood amongst laughter. "While we like them all very much personally, they do complicate our problem" # c.23

1948 04 28
To perpetuate the memory of a great student of natural history, Miss Alice Hibbert-Ware, whose influence during the thirteen years she lived at Girton played an important part in the life of the village, a memorial garden was opened there. Widely known as a teacher, lecturer, writer, research worker and trainer of teachers in natural history, Miss Hibbert-Ware was also praised by speakers or the enthusiasm and wise counsel which she exercised in all affairs of the village in which she participated. Girton Parish Council has undertaken to maintain the garden so that it may for all time be enjoyed by the public

1948 04 28
The Mayoress of Cambridge (Mrs G.F. Hickson) paid an official visit to the Open Air School in Ascham Road, off Milton road, Cambridge. The school is composed of a number of small, single storey buildings with windows extending nearly to the floor. It comprises classrooms, surgery and shower room, kitchens, dining hall, laundry & practical rooms and the quarters of the headmistress. These are set in attractively designed and well-tended ground surrounded by a playing field and kitchen gardens which the children help to cultivate. The school is for delicate children for whom it is thought that a course of special treatment and open-air life would be beneficial. There are also maladjusted children and a few cases of some form of paralysis

Girton honours great naturalist - Miss Alice Hibbert-Ware CDN 1948 Apr 28 p4

1948 04 29
Bookseller's jubilee, p4

1948 04 30
Sir - The public have been told that under the new National Health Service the best specialist medical services will be freely available to all, with no fear of doctors' bills or of hospital charges. They believe this to be true. They will have to begin paying for it on the appointed day. The waiting list for admission to Addenbrooke's Hospital is 1,700 odd. If a doctor wants a patient to see one of the consultants he cannot get an appointment until June 8th. By July it will be much worse because many private patients are holding back hoping to make use of the free service as soon as it starts. The public ought to be warned that with the best will in the world and with the most active co-operation of all the doctors, it will be many years before they will benefit from a National Health Service freely available to all - M.D.

1948 04 30 CIP

Rampton old-time dance : members of dancing class wound up season by attending dance at Drill Hall, Cambridge; organiser was Mrs O. Haird & Mrs Turkentine (instructors) CIP Apr 30 p8

Girton open memorial garden to Miss Alice Hibbert-Ware CIP Apr 30 p9

Cottenham cooked meals can now be taken home from the cafe in the High Street; reduced prices for old people and schoolchildren CIP Apr 30 p14

Cottenham Salvation Army 27th anniversary of local Songster Brigade held CIP Apr 30 p14

May 1948 CDN & CIP

1948 05 01
The Chief Constable's report for 1947 discusses the difficulty of getting recruits. He says: "A female civilian engaged in a clerical capacity in Local Government is paid 3s 1½ per hour at the age of 32 whereas a married man joining the police will at 32 be receiving 2s 9½d per hour, and this figure includes his rent and boot allowance. In effect a married police constable may be working alongside an unmarried female typist in the Headquarters, doing a more responsible job for 4d an hour less. If the civilian clerk was a man he would receive 1s 1½ d an hour more than the police constable 48 05 01
Record-breaking Cambridge crew, p8

1948 05 03
Wimpole training school, p6

1948 05 05
The experience of being stranded in a strange town, with nowhere to stay, is particularly unpleasant for young women. There must be many who, stranded in this way in Cambridge, have heard themselves being directed to the Bene't Hostel for Women which exists to provide such shelter. The hostel was started in Brooklands Avenue in 1943 to meet a wartime need and during the last year of hostilities 1,060 applications were received and the total number occupying beds was 8,265. Its continuing need being proved, a house was later bought at 1, Drosier Road where an average of 21 beds have been occupied nightly ever since

1948 05 05
Much of the ceremonial splendours which in the olden days used to surround the proclamation of Reach Fair has now disappeared, but there has nevertheless been left behind a certain amount of pageantry which the present day village people - both young and old alike - eagerly watched and thoroughly enjoyed on Monday. About half an hour before the arrival of the Mayoral party the fair was a hive of activity with the last few nails being hammered into the various stalls. Then suddenly there was a blare of music without which a fair does not seem to be complete, closely followed by the opening of practically every door in the village and the appearance of the older men, women and youngsters

The women students of Newnham and Girton will emerge in their New Look in the October term. The gowns which their full University status now entitles them to wear have now been designed, and are on sale at £3 3s. each, no coupons. They are identical with those of the men, except that they have closed sleeves instead of a slit at the opening. This is because it was felt it would be unsuitable to have bare arms showing in summer time, when the girls wear short sleeved dresses. As far as headwear is concerned stiff board was preferred to a soft cap, and squares have been decided upon. These are still in such short supply that most girls will, like the men, go bareheaded for the moment 48 05 05

Housing plan, p4
New Look fashion and women's gown, p5
Perfect picture of children, p6

Pye factory development proposals, p8
Reach fair, p10
Formation flying over Cambridge airport - pic CDN 1948 May 5 p7

1948 05 06
Cambridgeshire Regiment at Singapore story, p4

1948 05 07
The death occurred on Monday of Fred Markham, familiarly known as "Cuthbert". He will be missed by many stallholders in Cambridge Market Place where from early morning till evening he could be seen, either pushing his barrow or at times helping to hold down stalls in squally weather. Farmers, cattle dealers, auctioneers too, will miss him both at the Cattle Market in Cambridge and throughout East Anglia. "A very sociable man and a good mixer" would describe his personality. He was an ex-cavalry man, and had much foreign service to his credit. He was 56

Falcon club grant, p7
Newmarket Road houses, p8

1948 05 07 CIP
Rampton WI. 20 members attended April meeting when President (Mrs Young) was in the chair supported by the secretary (Miss Parker). An interesting talk was given by Miss Grugeon of Impington Nursery School on "Discipline need not be don't". Mrs R. Blunt won the prize for the best button hole of spring flowers and Mrs V. Barnes had the lucky number for the cushion cover. After refreshments Mrs Bartingale took charge of the social half-hour when members were asked to relate their most embarrassing moment CIP May 7 p4

Rampton Whist drive in aid of WI at County School. There were nine tables ...CIP May 7 p5

May Day. It was a pretty sight on Saturday when girls kept the old custom of May Day as it has been observed in Rampton for many years past, viz marching round the village and singing songs at every house. Melanie Hearnshaw was chosen May Queen and she preceded Ann Setchell and Marion Cooper carrying a garland made with flowers from almost every garden in the village. Then followed Rita Setchell, Julie Stearn, Jacqueline Barnes, Janet Currington, Margaret Bonus, Iris Smith, Ruth Young, Joan Stearn, Christine Setchell, Gillian Bonus, each carrying a doll and a bunch of flowers CIP May 7 p5

1948 05 08
There must have been many conjectures as to how many cycles do pass up and down St Andrew's street, Cambridge, in the course of a day. A special cable apparatus used by Cambridge Borough Police yesterday recorded an average of 1,400 cycles per hour. During the peak period from 12.30 to 1.30 pm nearly 2,000 cyclists were clocked. Motor traffic figures are negligible by comparison only 460 vehicles an hour being "clocked" regularly over the whole day. The census was organised in connection with the one-way traffic system which will shortly be brought into operation

1948 05 11
"New Faces" was the name of the show arranged and presented by Les Baker at Cambridge Guildhall. The biggest hand of the evening was extended to Jean Circuit, crooning with the Stirlingaire's orchestra. Probably best known was Albert Cox, the bass baritone. 14-year-old Rodney Tibbs gave his first-ever pianoforte recital in public. The audience warmed to him

1948 05 11
The watching eyes of Britain's air defence went into action on Sunday in the biggest-scale Royal Observer Corps activity in the district since the war. Observer posts were manned at Cherry Hinton, Linton, Caxton, St Ives, Abbots Ripton, Littleport and elsewhere following the movements of jet fighters, Spitfires, Lancaster and Lincoln bombers and other types of aircraft numbering over 100

aircraft put up by the RAF. At Linton I found the observers proud of their post, built at their own expense by their own labours during the war

1948 05 12
Sir - "In reply to a gaily-coloured invitation to have my eight-month old daughter immunised from diphtheria, free of charge, I took her to the Auckland Road Clinic, Cambridge. I had experience of this clinic during the war as an ambulance driver. What I found horrified me. I found makeshift surroundings completely unsuited and of dubious cleanliness and that instead of the babies being isolated at this special time the room was occupied by 20 or 30 school children, some with scabs on their faces, some with colds, some hardly clean, all waiting for treatment. I waited for half an hour from the time of my appointment and as the doctor had not yet arrived I decided not to risk the baby's health any longer in such an environment and went home. If we are to have any kind of National Health Service that will work this kind of thing will have to stop" - Margaret Phillips

1948 05 12
The extremely vexed question of whether or not films, and particularly American pictures, were harmful to children was raised at a Summer School at Homerton College. Mrs H.A. Adeane, one of the magistrates on the Juvenile Panel gets first hand observation of the children in trouble passing through the courts. She considered that certain American films, of a low standard of morality might have an indirect effect and that over-sexed pictures were probably bad for the adolescent

Juvenile delinquents, p4

1948 05 14
Constant flooding has resulted in the decay of the foundations of the Boat Inn at Brownshill Staunch, Over, and the building is breaking up. It was suggested to the Ouse Catchment Board that the existing premises should be demolished and another house erected nearby where it would be protected by the Barrier Bank, and that a hut be placed on the site of "The Boat" for the use of the sluice-keeper

1948 05 18
Snow White at New Theatre, p5

1948 05 19
Fears about Cambridge's famous "Backs" being incorporated in a Trunk Road system were expressed at a County Council meeting and one member declared that if the amenities of the "Backs" were spoilt the "whole feeling of the town" would be altered. The committee requested the Minister of Transport to expedite the construction of a ring road so as to relieve the "Backs" of through traffic

1948 05 19
The majority of Jewish students at present up at the University together with their co-religious townsmen and a number of non-Jewish friends held a special cocktail party in Trinity College to greet the proclamation of the new Jewish state, Israel. Centre of attraction was a large cake iced in blue and white (the national colours of Israel) and bearing a map of Palestine and the flag of the new state

1948 05 19
When a proposal to abolish the speed limit at Harston for a distance of 1,104 yards south from the "Old English Gentleman" was discussed at the County Council strong opposition was expressed. Ald Stubbs said the traffic passing through Harston was a positive danger. Coun. Jackson thought the real trouble was the shortage of police personnel which prevented the enforcement of speed limits

1948 05 21
Four hundred teachers from Cambridgeshire are gathered at Impington Village College on a course which is believed to be the first of its kind in this country for teaching in rural areas. In his speech at the opening session Henry Morris, Chief Education Officer, said: "In this technological, scientific world we are over-organised and suffering from an excess of administration"

University's £50,000 deal, purchase of Madingley CDN 1948 May 19 p7

1948 05 22
Soham, with its community minded population, can now boast one of the finest hard courts in Cambridgeshire, a court upon which two of the world's leading women tennis players have displayed their skills. Presented by the town by two of its leading citizens, Mr & Mrs E.R. Ennion. It perpetuates the memory of their son who was killed in action in Singapore. It lies in surrounding which have no equal in the whole county and last evening had the honour of being "christened" by Great Britain's two leading women tennis stars, Mrs Kay Menzies and Mrs Jean Bostock. The ceremony was watched by a large crowd.

Shelford telephone exchange, p6

1948 05 24
Some 60 or 70 local girls raised their chances at being found to be a Margaret Lockwood, Patricia Roe or, perhaps, Betty Grable of the future, by entering the Max Factor Beauty Contest at the Regal cinema, Cambridge. There was a packed house. The girls in bathing dress paraded across the stage and then posed in a life sized picture frame. There was no doubt about who received the greatest volume of clapping and the winner who will go forward as "Miss Cambridge" to the London finals was Miss Gladys Caston, a 24-year-old bus conductress, of Cambridge. Second was a schoolgirl, Jean Nicholson and third Betty Goddard, a typsit (sic)

CDN Diamond Jubilee supplement: includes difficulties of censorship, includes spy, German plane at Milton Road & D-Day plans (though doubts that Monty & Ike attended) CDN 1948 May 24

1948 05 25
Parish Councils essential, p4

1948 05 26
Tennis player ‘out’, p5
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Guides Empire Day service - photo of parade CDN 1948 May 26 p7

1948 05 27
Pye thefts, p4
Full-time bakery school, p6

1948 05 28
Mr B. Audus, a Cambs delegate at the National Union of Agricultural Workers Conference expressed the need for some safeguard for British workers while foreign labour was being employed in agriculture. In Cambs there had always been a large number of casual workers, and there were men out of work while German P.O.Ws were being used on farms. Farmers had made great use of P.O.W.s and foreign labour on piecework rates at the expense of British workers. The Conference agreed to a resolution calling for the abolition of all form of foreign labour immediately

1948 05 28 CIP
Rampton darts - final of open darts competition was played at the Institute Longstanton when A.C. Wolfe beat S. Wayman CIP 28 May p16

Rampton Mothers Union outing to London; after lunch a visit paid to Mary Sumner House and Westminster Abbey, The rest of the day was spent in sight seeing and shopping. Mrs O. Ingle was organiser CIP 28 May p16

1948 05 29

To the dinner held at the University Arms Hotel in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the Cambridge Daily News" there came as guests those who formed the happiest possible combination of the "family" and delighted friends. University, town and county joined in tributes to our paper, tributes, too, which made mention of accuracy, good taste and kindliness. The Mayor, (Coun G.F. Hickson) said: "We all feel very strongly that the prosperity of the local Press, even if it sometimes goes by the affectionate name of the "local rag", is a feature of our life today. I think it must gain the admiration of us all in the way the C.D.N. does succeed in giving a fair deal to everyone in the restricted space at its disposal" # c.04

1948 05 31
Through a countryside hinting at the rich promise of a fine harvest, town and country folk flocked into Ely on Saturday to break all attendance records for a County Show organised by the Cambs and Isle Agricultural Society. Some 24,000 people passed through the entrance gates into the forty acres of well-laid-out showground off the Downham Road. About £3,000 was taken in gate money. Over 1,000 animals were on view and eye-dazzling exhibits of machinery made the mechanically-minded farmer's mouth water, though delivery difficulties made much of the machinery a promise of good things to come rather than of good things of immediate availability

June 1948 CDN & CIP

1948 06 01
Today the one-way traffic system designed to relieve congestion in the centre of Cambridge came into operation. In Sidney Street and Bridge Street the traffic will flow in a northerly direction towards Magdalene Street from the town centre, while in St John's Street and Trinity Street it will flow in a southerly direction towards King's Parade. In Green Street traffic will flow in one direction from Gifford Place to Trinity Street - and the remainder of Green Street will be open for two-way traffic. This extension of "one-way" traffic will link up with the system now in operation at St Mary's street, Market Hill (north side) and Market Street # c.26.48

1948 06 01
What is thought to be the biggest earth tremor in East Anglia since 1757 occurred in the King's Lynn, Bury St Edmunds, Mildenhall and Cambridge area last Friday. Observers distinctly felt it. In some places it was accompanied by a rumbling noise. A Cambridge resident said; "I distinctly felt a 'bubbling' movement and heard a slight rumbling noise while sitting in the living room after tea. I took no further notice, however, thinking it may have been a passing bus or heavy vehicle" # c.12

Scouts 40th anniversary celebrations - photo CDN 1948 Jun 1 p7

1948 06 02
Theft from Milton army depot, p8 # c.45.8

1948 06 04
A chapter of accident befell Miss Kay Stammers, one of Great Britain's two leading women tennis stars, when she went to Soham recently. The purpose of her visit was to "christen" a hard court presented to the town. Travelling from London by train Kay intended to get out at Cambridge, but overshot her target and found herself in Ely. She booked a taxi to take her back to Soham but it says little for the local knowledge of the Ely taxi drivers for the car went straight through the village - which has one of the longest main streets in Cambs - and on to Newmarket. Eventually she arrived at Soham, where a mystified crowd awaited, only three-quarters of an hour late

1948 06 04 c
Sir - the one-way system has certainly created danger spots at the corner of St John's Street, Cambridge. They could be remedied by putting traffic lights there back into operation. The only alternative would be to divert all traffic into Petty Cury. Every user of Petty Cury will have to agree that it is already far too narrow even for the present volume of traffic - pedestrians are crowded into

the roadway and bus drivers often have their work cut out to squeeze their buses through at walking pace. Short of some more radical plan (e.g. banning all motor traffic from the streets round Market Hill) I think the one-way system is as good as we shall get - A.E.B. Owen

1948 06 04 CIP
Rampton W.I. : talk by Mrs Goddard of Linton on "The store cupboard and chutneys"; Mrs R. Bartingale reported on the annual meeting at the Albert Hall which she attended as delegate. Refreshments ... social half-hour; competition was 'the best darn in a lady's stocking' & won by Mrs R. Blunt. Draw for home-made sandwich CIP Jun 4 p12

1948 06 05
Mr H.C. Bruce of New Fletton, Peterborough has written to say: "I have always had a warm spot for the Cambridge Daily News. It has had some rough passages and I like to think I helped it through one. When the 'Cambridge Gazette' started their new plant in St Tibbs' Row they also came out with a fine new yellow cart with rubber tyres. Every time we went out with our tall red cart with iron tyres and poor old mare they could beat us, because they had a fast trotter. They got to the newsagents first for some time and our returns began to increase, but with a little ingenuity on the round at night we managed to get and keep the lead. I got those papers to the agents before the 'Gazette' and had less returns to parcel up for waste paper" # c.04

1948 06 07
The Queen came to join in the celebration of the 500th anniversary of the foundation of Queens' College, Cambridge. Exactly on time the Royal car was seen coming round the last curve in the road from Hauxton and only the strong arms of the members of the Cambridge Police Force prevented the crowd from surging into the road. But even they were not strong enough to hold the crowd back once the car had stopped and within a few seconds it was completely surrounded so that Her Majesty, even if she decided otherwise, was forced to remain in the car # c.02 # c.44.5

1948 06 08
Concern at the possibility of parts of Cambridgeshire countryside being taken over by the R.A.F. for practice bombing ranges was voiced at a meeting in Trinity College. They propose to set up practice bombing ranges at Babraham (near Duxford aerodrome), East Hatley (near Bassingbourn and Bourn) and North of Whittlesey. These ranges, it said, are used from time to time for dropping marker bombs only and when the red flag is flying and the footpaths across are blocked. At Babraham the range is crossed by two footpaths but the footbridge across the river is broken down.

Queen’s departure, p7

1948 06 09
There were a number of attractive dresses to be seen at the garden party which Her Majesty the Queen attended at Queens' College, Cambridge, on Monday. I thought the New Look dresses with their long skirts, well suited the function and the one or two ground length frocks worn with picture hats looked graceful. The Queen gave a fashion lead with her headwear, her head being encircled by pale blue net which had no crown. Her dove grey two-piece, which took on a blue tint in the sun, was cut on extremely simple lines. A close up view served to confirm the description of her "lovely complexion" and the blue of her eyes

Town planning, p8

1948 06 10
Fifty seven year after he entered the University as an undergraduate Field Marshal Smuts was today the recipient of the highest academic honour the university can bestow when he was installed as Chancellor at a picturesque and dignified ceremony in the Senate House. Afterwards, in a striking speech, he warned the world that Soviet Communism, intoxicated with success, was directing a

sustained, ruthless, aggressive advance against an exhausted, war-weary, disillusioned West, and urged that a halt be called to it # c.36.9

1948 06 11
Winston Churchill, master of phrases, became Winston Churchill, Doctor of Letters, when he attended the honorary degrees ceremony at Cambridge Senate House. Second to be conducted to the newly installed Chancellor, Field Marshal Smuts he gained the biggest ovation of all the candidates. Throughout the few slow steps which Mr Churchill took to come face to face with his Boer War enemy and staunch World Wars colleague in arms, the cheering and clapping continued. It was an ovation rarely heard in the Senate House, where gentle clapping is usually the greatest extent to which dignity will unbend

Prisoner-of-war cited in divorce, Grantchester, p10

1948 06 11 c
Sir - I have just had the pleasure of reading your Diamond Jubilee supplement. It took me back in thought half a century when Billy Gates sold ice cream from his gay barrow - a halfpenny for a shallow glass and a penny for a deeper one, with a choice of flavour - strawberry, vanilla or mixed. There were no refinements, neither wafer nor spoon: we used our tongues and Billy dipped the used glass in a pail of water. It was a primitive service. To lick ice cream on Market Hill was, no doubt, very bad form, but it was jolly good taste! - H.R. Royston

1948 06 11 CIP
Rampton: Sailors Society house to house collection CIP Jun 11 p14
Rampton: Mothers Union joined diocesan service at Ely Cathedral CIP Jun 11 p14

1948 06 15
One of the worst storms ever witnessed by Linton residents resulted in several houses being flooded there yesterday, and one of the roads being partially blocked by a huge mound of earth which was swept down from the fields through a hole which had been torn in the bank. There was a terrific cloudburst about 7.30pm followed by torrential rain. Owing to the flooding of several council houses on the Balsham Road the Linton National Fire Service were called out and spent 3½ hours in the cellars of half a dozen houses pumping out water which was about 8 foot deep

University plan developments Madingley Road, buy factory site CDN 1948 Jun 15 p5

1948 06 17
Blitz on roads, p6

1948 06 18
Strong protests with regard to the filling of the tip opposite the Gasworks in Newmarket Road were voiced at Cambridge Town Council and it was recommended that a corrugated iron fence be erected along the whole of the frontage to Newmarket Road. Moving an amendment requiring owners to remove "the existing barrier of motor bodies", Councillor Gilbert said that residents had complained about the smell and inconvenience caused by the owners putting a number of dismantled motor bodies along the frontage. Coun. Cutting said there was filth, disease and "the most unsightly heap of rubbish you have ever seen in England" at this place and it was increasing day by day

1948 06 18
Cambridge Town Council discussed proposals for the future of the disused factory site at Madingley Road. Ald Wilding said he was under the impression when the works were first erected early in the war that the Ministry had given an assurance of their removal within a reasonable time. He was therefore surprised to see that other buildings were to be erected in their place. Counc. Mrs Rackham spoke of the damage already done to that approach to Cambridge and asked if the buildings were to be

used for atomic energy research. If so the Council had already granted 200 acres in Barton road for that purpose

1948 06 18 CIP
Cottenham: new Labour Hall opened by Mrs C.D. Rackham; party had purchased site 12 years ago which then had three condemned houses on it. These were demolished voluntarily mostly by candle light (Under a Tory government the workers of that time were badly paid and agriculture was in a bad way). The present hall erected by voluntary labour and was free of debt CIP Jun 18 p9

1948 06 20 c
The chairman of Cambridge Housing Committee reported that 180 permanent houses had been completed so far this year and it was hoped to complete 312 permanent dwellings by the end of the year. Of the 458 houses under construction (236 permanent traditional and 222 permanent non-traditional) and 104 under contract there were a number of "Duplex" houses, which would be used in the first instance by two families as separate flats. They could subsequently, when desired, be converted into ordinary houses

1948 06 21
A rider that all P.O.W.s should be given regular instructions on the rules of the road in this country was given by a jury returning a verdict of "Accidental death" on Hryhorij Wolanskj, an Ukrainian POW of 85 POW Satellite camp, Barton Fields, Ely. John Ada of St Mary's street, Ely, said he saw the Ukrainian completely ignore the "Halt" sign in Downham Road and came straight across the road without looking, crashing in to a red motor van. Victim had been in the Ely camp since January 1948. The Camp Commandant stated that his records showed Wolanskj had received instruction in road safety at his previous base at Braintree. He must have known the meaning of the "Halt" sign as there was a large one just outside the camp

1948 06 22
A squadron of the Royal Corps of Signals, Territorial Army, is to be raised in Cambridge. Its headquarters will be at the Saxon Works. It will be a direct successor to the Signals unit raised here in 1939, established in Station Road in August 1939. Major C. Loveday was the company commander and the Company served an important defence area during the war and soon acquired a first-class reputation for efficiency and reliability. Men from this Company served in all theatres of war with considerable credit.

1948 06 23
By June 18th 89% of the general practitioners in Cambridge and county had accepted service under the new Health Service Act. A preliminary list of the doctors was pinned up in all post offices yesterday. Formerly the number of insured people in this area was 75,000. From July 5th the number will have more than doubled - the population of the area being 160,000. In spite of all that has been written about the National Health Service many are fogged about what they should do. Everyone over 16 can choose his or her own doctor. People wishing to do so may still go to their usual doctor as a private patient.

Crockery costs, p7

1948 06 25
Fifty years railway service has been brought to an end by the retirement of Mr S.N. Wright from his post as Station Master at Cambridge. In Sept 1930 he was appointed Yard Master at Whitemoor, the only mechanised marshalling yard in this country, as a replica of the famous Hamm Yard in Germany. He was the first Yard Master to see the new working layout. At the time he took over the up yard had just been completed and the down yard was started the following year. He became Station Master in Cambridge in 1934. Recalling the war years he spoke of the high level of troop trains and special oil trains for the supply of various depots and dromes in East Anglia. During the war he was also Air

Raid Master for station, goods and shunting yards, and in addition in charge of the fire watching for the same area # c.26.2

1948 06 25
"Out of every four marriages celebrated in Cambridge this week the ratio of breakage will be one" the Rev John Crowlesmth, director of the Cambridge Marriage Guidance Centre said. He gave five main reasons. The transition in the pattern of family life in which the father was only one of a circle in which his authority counted for nothing. "The wheel has turned quite obviously and we men are now the submissive sex", he said. He also considered that attempts to get married women into industry were in the long run going to be a fatal mistake in the development and encouragement of family life. Sexual ignorance and the wrong sexual technique, housing difficulties and hasty marriages were other causes and the fifth was the lack of personal conviction about the meaning of life.

1948 06 26
Six undergraduates have published a report setting forth the possibilities of creating a University Radio Station in Cambridge, operated by undergraduates and broadcasting regular programmes in term time for a local audience. A specimen programme shows it would have excepts from local functions, interviews, reading, dramatic and musical productions, sport, news and talks on a variety of subjects # c.27.8

Teddy Foster at Rex, p5

1948 06 28
Ever since his death in February 1804, there has been considerable legendary speculation in Lt Abington about one Jeremiah Lagden, so much in fact that he has grown into the most notorious character in the village's history. Legend has it that Jeremiah was a highwayman and people would point to his family vault in the unconsecrated garden at "The Old House, Lt Abington. The vault received a direct hit by a German bomb during the early part of the war. Owing to the necessity of reconstructing the bridge it was found necessary to disturb the vault. So on Friday several villagers participated in the very simple ceremony of re-interment. The whole process took little more than five minutes

1948 06 29
Cambridge houses sold, p5

1948 06 30
Speaking at Addenbrooke's Hospital on the change of the hospital's constitution, Mr R.H. Parker, chairman of the old General committee warned of the danger of a levelling down of service, instead of a levelling up to the highest grade. He referred to the "family atmosphere" in the hospital and said the staff had always been able freely to discuss their problems and difficulties, whether it be in the board room, the wards, or outside, and they had always known that help would be forthcoming. They trusted that the new Board would be as understanding as had the old General Committee # c.21.4

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1948 07 01
To prevent unhappiness in marriage caused by sterility Dr Bethel Solomons recommended fertility tests before marriage during a session of the British Medical Association conference in Cambridge. He said more men and women were miserable from the lack of children than from most other complaints. Sex education should be given in schools and by parents. "Trial marriages" had been suggested, but even if these were socially possible, non-fertility for six months did not mean it was necessarily lasting

1948 07 02

What might be termed the swan-Song of the Cambridge County Council Public assistance Committee took place at Shire Hall. In common with many other similar committees its duties will be taken over by the Ministry of Health on 5th July. The chairman, Mrs Mellish Clark, said that at the County Hospital Mill Road they decided to develop the maternity work, to close the causal wards and move the nursery children out to Linton. At Chesterton Hospital they had built a new casual ward, but when the war came these wards were converted by the additional of hospital beds and were being so used at the present time. At Linton they had built a Nurses Home but as there was no proper sanitation at Caxton they had decided to pull it down

1948 07 02 CIP
Rampton: house to house collection for St Dunstan's by Mrs A.C.Wolfe CIP Jun 18 p2 p14

1948 07 03
The annual dinner of the British Medical Association Conference was easily the largest function of its kind that has been seen in Cambridge since the outbreak of the war. The company in the Dorothy ballroom numbered 420 and I don't think it would have been humanly possible to get another dozen in. Mr George Hawkins told me that once before the Dorothy had 464 at a Builder's Federation but this was only rendered possible by having an overflow in the foyer adjoining the ballroom. Such a dinner means elaborate arrangements over a long period beforehand. It is definitely not the sort of function that can be undertaken at a moment's notice

1948 07 05
Under the new National Health Service the Nursing Association service is to be taken over by the County Council. In reviewing their history it was reported that Mrs Marcus Dimsdale and Mrs Mellish Clark were put on the newly set up County Insurance Committee in 1911 one of the tasks was to provide nursing for patients suffering from tuberculosis who, owing to the acute shortage of sanatorium beds, had to be treated in their own homes. It was discovered that less than half the villages in the county had the services of a district nurse. A public meeting was held in 1913 and it was agreed to form a County Nursing Association

1948 07 06
Mr George Dennis Day, for 50 years Town Clerk of St Ives died at his home. He was one of a "dynasty" of town clerks. His father was the first to hold the office being succeeded by his son in 1890. Following Dennis Day's half-century of service his son, Mr George Lewis Day was appointed to the office. The Day family's tradition of local government service was founded in 1837 when George Game Day was appointed the first clerk to the Borough guardians, an office he held for half a century and relinquished to his son

1948 07 07
Tenants of the Newmarket Urban District Council's new Heath Lodge estate are in revolt against the council's decision to increase their rent to 25s. per week for three-bedroomed houses and 27s.6d a week for four-bedroom houses - an average weekly increase of nearly 5s. 54 of the 60 tenants on the estate have signed a petition against the increase and last night at an open-air meeting they decided to send a deputation to meet the council

1948 07 07
The assurance that the days of sweated labour in the mining industry were over, and that what is now needed are young men to work the highly complicated new machinery in the pits was given by the National Coal Board which is touring the country on a recruitment and training drive. On Tuesday at the Cambridge Market Hill they screened two films from a mobile van, one of them being a progress parade and the other about miners at work in the pits. They are visiting several schools in Cambridge and the surrounding villages

Pye dividend, p4
Laundry lead, p5

1948 07 09
Some of the first fruits of the work of the recently established German Universities Commission set up in Cambridge to foster relations between Cambridge and German universities are now being enjoyed by 50 German students most of whom are attending Long Vacation courses. This is also part of an interchange of students, in which a number of English undergraduates are to attend courses in Germany. The German men visitors are being accommodated in college while the women are enjoying the hospitality of private houses. The committee is anxious that most of the time should be spent in intermingling with English students and exchanging ideas. Cambridge is also to provide courses for 250 students from European countries who are to take part in a course on contemporary England, its literature and institutions

1948 07 09 CIP
Cambridgeshire County Nursing Association wound up under National Health Service CIP Jul 9 p9

1948 07 12
Sir - Last week the last German Prisoners of War left this district on their journey home. During their stay in local camps they have received many kindnesses from corporate bodies, religious groups and men and women in this town. This has been deeply appreciated by the men, and as a former welfare visitor to the camps. I should like to help those who have helped in any way both before and after the fraternisation restrictions were lifted eighteen months ago - Mervyn Parry, Society of Friends, Jesus Lane # c.45.7

1948 07 14
The starting of a home help scheme in the county, similar to that already in operation in Cambridge, will be an innovation welcomed by many village mothers with new born babies and any sick people who can produce a doctor's certificate showing the necessity for them to have someone to help in the house while they are unable to do much work themselves. This comparatively new social service is open to all women between 25 and 55 who will not have to take on the duties of a "char" but simply asked to perform the functions of any ordinary housewife. It has been provisionally agreed to pay 1s.9d. an hour and when necessary bus fares and cycle maintenance will be paid

Trumpington Legion standard, p7

1948 07 15
The River Cam Conservators considered a request from the Eastern Electricity Board to run cables under the river from Magdalene College to Thompson's Lane. The Board propose to cover the cables with bags of cement in order to protect them from punt poles. Mr Burrows informed the meeting that dredging of the river was proceeding most satisfactorily. Following the meeting the Conservators set off for Bottisham Locks on board the "Viscountess Bury", but had barely left Jesus Lock when it became stuck in a sandbank # c.46.5

1948 07 16
The River Great Ouse Catchment Board decided that the section of cut-off channel between the Rivers Lark and Kennett be omitted from the Flood Protection Scheme. It had been pointed out that the section of channel between the rivers was small, but that the fall was considerable - about 60 feet - so that in order to get the water down to the Lark at a reasonable speed it would be necessary to put in a series of check weirs all the way along, numbering no fewer than eight. The cost involved would be £50,000 # c.29

1948 07 16
When a delegate of a newly affiliated Trades Union branch asked, at a meeting of the Cambridge Trades Council and Labour Party, that his branch should not be called to join in any possible strike, his request was greeted with applause. He was the delegate of Cambridge Branch of the Fire Brigades Union, newly accepted as an industrially affiliated branch. "Fire is no respecter of persons", he said,

"and my branch feels that if there was a threat of strike action anywhere we must make it a condition of affiliation that we are not asked to take part in anything like that. (Applause). We feel it would be criminal if we ever went on strike"

1948 07 16 CIP
Rural boards of Guardians established 1930 wound up CIP Jul 16 p10

1948 07 17
Street widening, p6

1948 07 19
Standing waste deep in the shaded waters of the River Lark in the Cambridgeshire village of Isleham, a young Baptist minister yesterday performed a baptismal service within five minutes walks of the exact spot where Charles Haddon Spurgeon, most famous of all Baptist preachers, was baptised in 1850. Pastor A.G. Ashdown addressed the congregation, took off his jacket and as the crowd took up the words of the hymn "Happy Days" he waded into the deepest part of the river. The four candidates, who had already confessed their faith, were then led into the river. One by one they were completely immersed under the water

1948 07 21
The wartime defences in the eastern side of Cambridge are to go. The Cambridge Town surveyor reported that the Ministry was now prepared to reimburse the reasonable cost of the removal of the defence works and anti-tank ditch. The demolition of certain pillboxes was being carried out by Messrs J. Stevens & co, who were engaged in the removal of civil defence works in Cambridge # c.45.7

1948 07 21
A byelaw to enable action to be taken against those responsible for causing a nuisance with loudspeakers has been agreed by the Watch committee of Cambridge Town Council. The Mayor referred to the nuisance caused by loudspeaker and cinema vans. They resolved that "Any person who by operating ... any wireless loudspeaker, gramophone or other instrument in any street or public place ... to cause annoyance ... shall be guilty of an offence. Any person offending shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £5"

1948 07 21
An increase of £2 a week for all ranks of police are amongst suggestions put forward to Cambridge Watch Committee. Present rates of pay are: Constable £5.5s. rising to £6.12s. after 10 years. Policewomen constables £4.14s. rising to £5.17s. Sergeants £6.15s. rising to £8.5s after 5 years. Present hours of duty are for constables, sergeants and inspectors is eight hours a day for six days a week. Regulations state that Chief Officers of Police and Superintendents are not entitled to a weekly rest day and are on duty all day every day, except for 1 1/2 days per calendar month

Newmarket Road dust, p3

1948 07 22
Potato powder, p5

1948 07 23
Radio is to be brought into place shortly to help Cambridgeshire fire fighters. Two fire engines and four staff cars at the Newmarket Road Headquarters are to be fitted with a V.H.F.-type speech transmitter and receiver, similar to those fitted to R.A.F. planes. The fixed 12-watt transmitter will also be used by the police force to originate their message operation. The two fire engines fitted with radio are the ones normally sent out immediately on receipt of a fire call. "The advantage of using radio is that we have no need to depend on telephone for getting reinforcements," said Chief Officer Knowles # c.27.8 # c.34.75

Pound Hill possibilities, p7

1948 07 26
The "chaotic condition" of Cambridge traffic was explained by Ald W.J. Taylor at a meeting of the County Council when he said: "They have tried to bring traffic into the town for the sake of the business of the town. They never thought to plan the town properly and the widening of some of the streets has been the biggest mistake there ever was. They talked about the ring road but took great care they never made it so that motorists should come in and spend their money". Councillor Dennard said the one-way traffic system, with streets used as car parks, had caused chaos

1948 07 26
The experiment of a socialist village was advocated by Cambs MP, A.E. Stubbs, in the House of Commons. "If I had my way I would take land and put it down to small holdings, properly equipped with buildings and so on. With the present shortage of labour the farmers can never get the manpower to farm it properly, but the land could be properly dealt with on the basis of a socialist village equipped a school and modern amenities. The roads which have been built by the Ministry of Agriculture in the fens are all falling to pieces. It is about time something was done, once and for all, to give the agricultural producers a square deal. He ought not to have to sell lettuces at 1d each and find them selling in the shops for a "bob" each"

Conington school rats, p7
Motor Boat Club gates, p8

1948 07 28
Public representatives, including members of the Cambridge University and Town Waterworks Company attended the annual inspection of the water works. The first place of call was the Fleam Dyke Pumping Station where they saw the massive machinery which is responsible for extracting water from a well in the ground. This is the main source of supply for 110,000 people. The daily consumption is 3½ million gallons and if it were necessary to bring water into Cambridge by hauling it it would take 23,000 150-gallon horse drawn water tanks stretching in an unending procession of 130 miles to bring it into Cambridge each day. Since 1920, when the pumps were first taken into use they had pumped 31,000 million gallons which is enough to flood the whole of the Borough of Cambridge to a depth of 12 ft # c.24.2

Marcus Bradford obituary, p7

1948 07 29
D.E. Knapman, telephone manager of the Cambridge area told Rotarians that there were 4,000 people in the area waiting for telephones. He said there are two separate wires running from the exchange right back to your house which are yours and only yours. It would be impossible to run out a separate pair of wires every time somebody asked for a telephone. They try and forecast 30 years ahead the number of subscribers they will get and then lay cable under the ground. In Sidney Street are seven or eight thousand wires serving Chesterton and the Milton Road districts # c.27.75

1948 07 30
Anglers fear a move to suppress their sport. At the moment there is a proposed bill to abolish hunting and coursing, and if this is carried out it is felt that shooting and then fishing will next be tackled. Sporting organisations likely to be affected are fully alive to the threat and at the meeting of the Cambs and Isle of Ely Federation of Anglers support was given to the British Field Sports Society, which is to consider courses of action in opposing the bill

Objection house layouts, p6
Histon-Shelford sewage, p7

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1948 07 30 CIP
"Why Cambridge streets are chaotic ... they have tried to bring traffic into the town for the sake of business and the widening of the streets has been the biggest mistake there ever was .."CIP Jul 30 p9

Ministry object to housing layout proposed for Rampton - wanted them in blocks of four, not pairs as suggested CIP Jul 30 p9

Cottenham gymkhana & flower show held CIP Jul 30 p12

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1948 08 02
Sir - Many letters have been written as to the filthy state of the River, but still there are weeds, dead cats, dead fowl and every other sort of refuse floating on the surface, including the oily substance that continually oozes from the gas works. It you stir the mud oil rises to the surface. Fish caught the other day stink of the oil. Isn't it possible to filter this before it gets to the river? Further there is a children's playground at the entrance to Stourbridge Common. On Monday it was occupied by nearly 50 cows and heifers. Tuesday by five horses. This is no exception - "Vigilant"

1948 08 03
Mademoiselle Malandain died at her home, "La Roche", Panton Street, Cambridge. She had been seriously ill since January when to the great regret of many pupils and friends of the Perse Girls' School "La Roche" had to be closed to boarders. Mademoiselle first came in 1906 to supervise the education of the family of the late Dr Griffiths. Her lively methods of teaching soon attracted other pupils and she set up in company with Mdlee Barthee a small house in Panton Street. Recognising her abilities Miss Kennett with great wisdom invited her to join the teaching staff of the Perse Girls School in about 1916 where she worked with great vigour and liveliness until late in 1947. Meanwhile she was teaching at Kings Choir School and running a school boarding house for Perse girls

Cambridge Business and Professional Womens Club meeting, p5

1948 08 04
"The vehicle was an absolute wreck and totally unsafe to use on the road" said Sergt Holden at Cambridge magistrates court. P.C. Tuck said the two rear tyres were defective, there were six spokes missing from the rear nearside wheel, the bodywork was falling to pieces, and with the handbrake fully applied the car could be pushed along the highway. The driver's seat was not attached to the floor, there was no hood, the steering was defective, and the car had no mirror. Defendant, a medical student, was fine a total of £4

1948 08 06
Six residents of Ditton Fields appeared before Cambridge magistrates charged with stealing varying amounts of timber from 89 Maintenance Camp (Squatter's Camp), Newmarket Road, the property of H.M. Government. Mr Harry Crowe, a civil engineer, said the sides of a number of timber huts had been stripped of all timber. One of the defendants said, "I have seen other people going up to the site, taking away timber, and not getting into trouble for it, so I thought it would be all right". Another said he was walking across the site of the Newmarket Road camp when two Irishmen working there stopped him and asked if he wanted to buy some timber. After he had paid £3 the man in charge took the timber from the huts which he understood had to be pulled down

Rents, p4

1948 08 06 CIP
Rampton WI: talk on 'Miming'; competition for best pot of strawberry jam won by Mrs Bartingale ... CIP Aug 6 p4

1948 08 07
A Cambridge firm is to help the air-lift to Berlin. Messrs Marshalls are to service some of the RAF Dakotas taking part in the lift. Marshalls did a big job servicing RAF planes in the war and have more recently worked on Mosquitoes. This however will be the first time the planned maintenance system has been operated by the firm, though a similar system is in use in their vehicle repair shop

No babies wanted, p6

1948 08 10
Theft Minister of Works depot Fowlmere, p5

1948 08 11
The five Cambridge laundries which handle the college washing when the men are up must be having something of a respite just now. During term they handle something like 150,000 pieces every week. Stiff shirts and white waistcoats are also a feature of the college wash - especially during May Week when hundreds have to be dealt with. The limited wardrobes of present day students due to rationing, calling for a quick return of the work, is another problem with which these laundries have to deal. Before commercial laundries came into being the students' washing was usually done at home by the bedmakers. Each would undertake to wash for 20 to 30 men, and collect the bundles in a handcart. Village carriers too used to come in to collect washing which was undertaken by cottage women in nearby country areas

1948 08 12
At Cambridge petty sessions a 19-year old soldier appeared on a charge of possessing a "Walther" 6.35 automatic pistol at the time of attempting to steal cash from a weighing machine. PC Bass said he was in Fitzroy Street and heard the sound of coins being rattled. He saw two men bending over a slot weighing machine, both ran off but he followed the defendant on his bicycle and eventually caught him. Next day a small automatic pistol was found lying on a wall. Defendant said, "I dumped it there after the policeman had arrested me and while he was ringing the Police Station for a conveyance"

1948 08 13
Though many crops in Cambridgeshire have been badly laid by the rain, there has not as yet been a big wastage in the county through the weather. E.R. Benson, secretary of the National Farmers' Union said, "The shortage of labour is a serious problem, this is one the Minister of Agriculture must have been aware of when he knew that prisoner of war labour was going. Owing to the sodden state of the ground binders will be unable to cut unless they are of the kind which can be power-driven from tractors. Sunshine is needed, not heavy winds, because stiff breezes will tend to shell out the ripe corn"

1948 08 13 CIP
Rampton's attractive show and gala; exhibits of fine quality; effort for parish hall funds ...poor weather did not detract, exhibits almost filled marquee; comprehensive sports programme; fancy dress show & competitions for fur coat & bicycle; long account and list of prize-winners CIP Aug 13 p5

1948 08 14
Nigerian chief, p5
Mrs Murrow-Tait starts her air trip, p5

1948 08 16
Three hours and fifty minutes before their hero was due to make his first appearance, four boys were waiting in eager anticipation outside the doors of the Central Cinema this morning, determined to be

first in the queue to see "Dick Barton - special agent," the very first celluloid adventure of radio's famous sleuth. At the head of the queue was 11-year-old Brian Butcher, John Carter (9) and Lionel Shelford (8) joined a few minutes later. The other boy was 14 year-old John Benton and soon others tagged on behind him, making a total, at 12.30, of about 25 Dick Barton fans

1948 08 16
Crews for 21 clubs came from over a wide area to St Ives Regatta and, blessed with fine weather, a very full programme was enjoyed by large crowds of spectators. A wealth of river knowledge was available in the judges' barge by reason of the presence of a veteran trio who have been attending St Ives Regatta ever since there has been such an event. The combined years and experience of Dr W.R. Grove, ex-alderman E. Kiddle and Ald F.M. Warren would be hard to outweigh

1948 08 16
It was a creditable achievement that there was scarcely a lull to allow the crowd's attention to drift away from the racing at St Ives Regatta. Several of the finishes were very close an in the final of the scratch-four a dead-heat was awarded between crews stroked by R. Stocker (Huntingdon) and S. Gore (St Ives). The race, re-rowed was almost as close again. The Misses Bunty and Betty Robb, second and third in the ladies race, received their prize from their mother, the Mayoress.

1948 08 18
Flying a proctor light aircraft Mrs Richarda Morrow-Tait of Cambridge set out from Marshall's airport on her attempt to be the first woman to fly a light aircraft round the world. She was accompanied by her navigator and co-pilot Mr Michael Townsend of Cranmer Road, Cambridge. They carried only a minimum amount of baggage but included in it was a .303 rifle and ammunition, as part of the flight will be over uninhabited territory. Maps and baggage stowed away, including some sandwiches cut for Mrs Morrow-Tait by her husband the two climbed into the aircraft. Her husband said, "She is a wonderful person, full of courage and determination. The machine is an ex-RAF aircraft which has been thoroughly overhauled and fitted with a reconditioned engine. # c.26.1

1948 08 19
Miss Morrow-Tait, 24-year-old flying mother, today abandoned her around-the-world flight attempt. She left Marshall's airport yesterday but her plane was damaged in landing at Marseilles last night. She told Reuter's correspondent, "I hit a small ditch owing to bad visibility. The propeller was twisted, a wing damaged and the undercarriage also suffered. Our plan for a round-the-world flight in 200 hours is no longer realisable. I think I will probably go back to London and start again". When a C.D.N. reporter told her husband of her accident he said, "I don't care twopence about her abandoning the flight. I expect she will have another go"

Two vessels packed, p5

1948 08 20
During the past fortnight something like 700 American airmen have landed at Lakenheath where 31 giant silver Super-Fortress bombers now line the runways of this big new R.A.F. station. Officially they are stated to be on a strictly training mission, a mission with "no political significance". They are certainly not living in the lap of luxury. They are eating R.A.F food but as one American spokesman put it "there is a likelihood of our supplementing rations with our own stuff before long". Oklahoma-born Major L.J. Avery summed up what the Americans were thinking. "We have been here before, and it looks like we are here again for a spell"

1948 08 20 CIP
Mrs Murrow-Tait abandons round the world flight CIP Aug 20 p9

Rampton: by the transfer of ownership of the coal and coke merchants business of Mr S.J. Fletcher you can now change your registration over to Piper if you wish ... CIP Aug 20 p16

1948 08 21
In one of Cambridge's worst danger spots, the closely-packed buildings of Petty Cury, the most serious fire the town has seen for two years broke out, damaging half of the stock of Messrs Montagu Burton, tailors. Firemen prevented the fire from spreading to adjoining shops but the whole of Burton's premises were gutted. Next door is Hutton's tailors where suits, coats and other clothing was covered by dust sheets to prevent damage from fumes. Burton's manager said "I went down in the cellar and saw the gas meter on fire and it was just like a giant blow lamp. We salvaged about half the stock". He added "I was flooded out at Jaywick a fortnight ago, and now ..." # c.34.75

72 years in Ministry, p6

1948 08 24
Queen Mary took Cambridge by surprise today when she visited the town on one of her private visits to Mr Stanley Woolston's antique store. At precisely noon the car containing the Queen slid into the kerb outside the shop. It was not her own car, however, but the Ely police patrol car. The green Daimler in which the Queen had been travelling developed a slight defect at Lt Thetford and Her Majesty transferred to the police patrol car following the Royal car. The Daimler, duly repaired, was waiting outside Woolston's some little time before Her Majesty was ready to leave. # c.02

1948 08 25
The need for utilising Chesterton hospital for the elderly and infirm people of Cambridgeshire and of housing casuals in some other part of the county was discussed at a meeting of the Board of Governors of the United Cambridge Hospitals. Dr R. Ellis said "There is a tremendous need, with the closing of infirmaries, to know what to do with the people who were housed in such places. A great hardship is being imposed on people who are old - they are literally living in houses in some villages in semi-starvation and dirt. There is no hope for them living in the way they are". Mr Dennard thought that as far as casuals are concerned they should get a hut at Bourn and house them there

1948 08 25
Every housewife knows what it is like to spend a tiring time round the shops, perhaps queuing at some, and then having to wend her way home, laden with a heavy shopping basket and numerous parcels. Women in particular therefore will be interested to hear about a delivery system which is to be started in Cambridge by means of which the public can have their shopping delivered, instead of having to carry it home themselves. The firm will operate from a stall on the market place. Shoppers will be able to take their shopping to the stall and have them delivered at their home the same morning. The charge will be 6d in the borough and 1s. in the county within a five mile radius. The originators are Delivery Services, Cambridge, who started up in business as "errand boy" to local firms last year

Town & county planning, p4
Communist rally, p8

1948 08 27
The townsman's urge to escape to the countryside should be encouraged contended Mr Geoffrey Clark at the Town and Country Planning Summer School at Cambridge. Undoubtedly the most important aspect of country life was the development of agriculture but the holiday interest can be satisfied by the provision of certain facilities such as hostels, camps, eating places and well-defined footpaths. Villages must have a detailed plan to deal with the addition accommodation which will be required

1948 08 27
A "Boom Town" exhibition has been organised by the manager of the Central Cinema, Cambridge. There are a number of attractive exhibits. For the interest of the housewife there is a complete kitchen unit, including refrigerator and gas washing machine, staged by the Cambridge University and Town Gas Light Company. There is also an electrically operated washing machine, refrigerators, pressure cookers and television sets exhibited by Messrs Herbert Robinson. The businessman should find the

office inter-comm. system exhibited by Messrs Marshall to be of interest. Other exhibits include a piano, radiogram and musical instruments exhibited by Messrs Miller and travel goods made by Papworth Industries.

1948 08 27 CIP
Rampton rector's wedding- Rev. Joseph Newbould Sanders to Miss Dorothy Goulding Clayton ... amongst many presents were a mahogany dinner wagon and an electric clock from Rampton church congregation - photo CIP Aug 27 p1

Petty Cury serious fire Messrs Burton - photo CIP Aug 27 p4

Miss Barraud's "Tail corn" published Aug 27 p8

Queen Mary visits Woolston's in police car after her car develops slight defect at Lt Thetford CIP Aug 27 p9

1948 08 28
Queen Mary breakdown, p6 # c.02
CDN at chip shop, p6

1948 08 30
Pleading guilty to taking a US Army truck belonging to the American Graves Registration Command of Milton Road, Cambridge, because he wanted to attend a Saturday night dance in a neighbouring village, a 35-year old Newmarket labourer was sentenced to three months imprisonment. The vehicle was an open type of truck used to convey Newmarket workmen to Cambridge. Defendant took it from Newmarket and drove to Dullingham. But as he parked the vehicle he ran the nearside wheels into the ditch.

1948 08 30
In October 1947 the British Portland Cement Manufacturers returned to their headquarters in London from their war-time offices at their Saxon Works, Coldham's Lane, Cambridge, which were placed on the market for sale. The considerable possibilities of the property for use by the Territorial Army as a drill hall and training ground were readily apparent and after some negotiation, with the approval of the War Office, the T.A. Association acquired the freehold of the 25-acre site, together with the extensive buildings thereon at a price in excess of £35,000. The buildings include a large hall at present occupied by the Regional Petroleum Office # c.45.8

University draghounds show, p6

1948 08 31
Newmarket townsfolk, notorious for the fact that they seldom concern themselves with anything outside of racing, are at the moment displaying more than a casual interest in a fiery battle of words that is going on in the town between rival sports fans representing Britain's two great national sports - football and cricket. The verbal battle yesterday reached such a height in the pubs and clubs of the Racing H.Q. that it may well be described as a pitched battle. A dispute has arisen as to who should use a particular ground next Saturday when both clubs have home fixtures

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1948 09 01
The residents of Cambridge have probably regarded the close proximity of their airfield to the town with mixed feelings, but it is doubtful if before yesterday evening anybody ever regarded Cambridge airport as a health base. It is also doubtful of Mr Anaurin Bevan ever connected his new Health Act with free air trips but it is quite possible, after a successful experiment, that he will be inundated with

doctors' prescriptions recommending an air trip instead of some nasty tasting medicine as a cure for certain complaints. The air flight was the culmination in the cure of four-year old Jennifer McClement who has been suffering from whooping cough. Her doctor recommended an air trip at an altitude of 10,000 feet.

1948 09 02
Joseph Kester of Hardwick, p5
Hot Shots at Rex, p5

1948 09 03
Food rations for harvest, p5
Transport Polish workers, p7

1948 09 04
There are now over 41,000 wireless licences in the Cambridge postal area. This represents one licence to every 4.5 members of the population. A recent Post Office survey shows that in some streets like Eltisley Avenue and Alpha Road, almost every house has a wireless licence, while in others only one in three is in possession. Post office officials are still finding a number of unlicensed sets and a further "comb" is being instituted for the purpose of detecting the holders of illicit sets

From Cambridge to Iowa, p6

1948 09 06
CDN man in mock air war, p6
Mill Road cemetery history, p9 # c.21.2

1948 09 08
An Exning dairyman was fined for an offence under the Food, Weights and Measures Act. An Inspector said he saw the milkman delivering cartons of milk on a bicycle. He purchased a pint for analysis and made the discovery that it was deficient by half a fluid ounce. He agreed that the quality of the waxed containers in use at the present day was lower than those used before the war. The milkman said he had been delivering milk in cartons for 10 to 12 years. The ministry encourage the use of that type of container. Milk was lost when the carton was sealed. The inferior quality of the cartons "gave" causing the milk to "squeeze" out of the top

Tank transporter, p7

1948 09 09
Albert Barrett, about 63, of Newmarket, a licensed pedlar and well known in the town as "Ackie Barrett", the Old Moore's Almanac man, died in White Lodge Hospital following an accident at the Wood Ditton level crossing. For many years, Barrett, a familiar figure in his shining black gaiters, was also an ice cream vendor

1948 09 10
A Mosquito aircraft took off from Cambridge Airport on July 5th and has not been heard of since. Yesterday the Ministry of Civil Aviation confirmed that this aircraft had disappeared in addition to the four former RAF Beaufighters, already reported missing. It has been suggested that a secret organisation had made elaborate plans to facilitate the purchase of surplus aircraft suitable for military use in the Middle East. Brief reports from secret service agents tend to confirm that the missing Beaufighters are in Palestine. The Mosquito owner VC Group Captain G.L. Cheshire said he bought two Mosquitoes in 1946, “The ministry refused to issue certificates of airworthiness, so they were useless to me. I stored one at Cambridge and the other at Abington” # c.26.1

1948 09 10

New Hunstanton is on the way to becoming New Look Hunstanton. The council's plans for redeveloping this "Cambridge-next-the-sea" resort. The Council chairman said, “People are no longer contented to amuse themselves by just sitting and playing on the beach and we intend to cater for this" This change of policy has been going on in a small degree since the 1920s when the bathing pool, now known as the Blue Lagoon, and the boating lakes were built. Prior to that Hunstanton, since it was founded in 1860, discouraged day-trippers, at first it refused to have Sunday trains! Motor traffic ended its isolation. Now it intends to devote the South Beach to the interests of day visitors from the Midlands - on good Sundays 4,000 cars come into the town - and the North end will be developed in the interests of those who come for a longer stay in this delightful holiday centre

1948 09 10 CIP
Cottenham Methodist circuit new minister, Rev J. Courtenay Jacobs a former missionary in China; welcomed by church & Salvation Army CIP Sep 10 p10

1948 09 11 c
When the East Road Boys' Club reopens in its new premises behind the St John's Mission Church in Wellington Street, Cambridge, another year of really constructive work by its members will have begun. This club has proved what great feats can be accomplished when a team of boys learn to work together and understand their responsibilities to the community and club. The boys' ages range from 14 to 18 and their programme is designed to create a balance in their physical, spiritual and mental development. During the past year, for example, they won the Pointer Cup for boxing. It is run entirely by voluntary effort and has a membership of 100 boys.

Windmills, p6

1948 09 13
Heavy and persistent ran put a literal damper on Cambridge Centaur Motor Cycle Club's last scramble of the 1948 season at The Moats, Caxton, but a large crowd defied the weather to watch a first-class programme of races. Mackintoshes were the order of the day - even some of the riders were wearing them! The Caxton course was slightly longer, and somewhat trickier than that at Cherry Hinton. The rain, mixing with the earth churned up by the motor cycles, quickly produced a treacherous muddy surface which increased the natural hazards facing the competitors. Indeed the first hill on the circuit proved to be practically unconquerable - rider after rider came to grief there - and quite early the course was remarked to bypass the dangerous slope # c.38 : motor cycling

1948 09 13
Blasting operations were carried out in Cambridge in an effort to locate an underground fire which is known to have been burning for a fortnight. It is at Messrs Duce's scrap dump in Newmarket Road. A squad of Royal Engineers from Bury S Edmunds fired three 10 lb charges of nitro-glycerine type of explosive, but the fire could not be traced. Traffic was stopped while the explosions took place and a certain amount of small debris fell onto the road. The fire is amongst scrap which has been tipped into a disused pit and covered with earth. Smoke has been seen issuing form widely-separated points in the ground and firemen have been digging in an effort to find the seat of the blaze # c.34.75

Market Hill fountain, p9

1948 09 14
Mill Road cemetery, p6

1948 09 17
Ray Ellington at Embassy, p5

1948 09 18
"I feel the club has served a very useful purpose. Even if it dies now, the effect will not die for many years. It has made Gilbert Road a sociable road. So said Mr D.I. Piggott (chairman) when announcing

that the Gilbert Road Social Club, which was formed out of the friendships made at the VJ party at the end of the war is in the process of being wound up. The secretary said "We have 308 adult members, but the greater part of them do not come to any ordinary functions". The proposal to wind up the club was carried unanimously

1948 09 18
The almost inexhaustible number of uses to which synthetic resin can be put in Britain's post-war industries was demonstrated at an exhibition by Aero Research Ltd, Duxford. Features include the many uses to which one of the firm's adhesives "Redux" can be put in the construction of aircraft. In contrast to this was the house-hold carpet sweeper and a bedroom suite where aluminium sheets are bonded to veneer with corrugated cardboard interior packing. Another section is devoted to "Araldite", a new resin used in metal-to-glass and metal-to-metal bonding with exhibits loaned by the Atomic Research establishment at Hanwell

1948 09 18
Problems arising from the great post-war expansion in the numbers of undergraduates and graduate students at the Cavendish Laboratory were mention by Prof Sir Lawrence Bragg in a lecture. They had gone up three times as compared with pre-war. More than 160 researchers were working in the laboratory of whom 110 were research students. After referring to nuclear research he spoke of the radio group, where the start of radar was seen, and where work was being carried on to examine the intriguing radio waves that come to us from sun spots and from the outer space # c.36.9

1948 09 20
The normally peaceful lanes leading to Stradishall airfield hummed with the sounds of traffic. A constant stream of motor cars and motor coaches was pouring into the spacious confines of this huge Suffolk Bomber Command station - not to mention the largest number of bicycles were have ever seen at an outdoor event. We even saw grandma gazing intently at the rear gun position of a B.29, or, as we prefer to call them, the Superforts. High spot of the flying display was an attack by six Lancasters and six Lincolns on a specially constructed "village" in the centre of the airfield. One attack was sufficient to blast it to a pile of burning rubble. There was a Spitfire too, and if you felt so inclined you could have your photograph taken seated in the cockpit

Bassingbourn air show, p6

1948 09 21
Young children running out of a Huntingdonshire school stopped their laughing and playing when they heard three shots ring out and saw their 22-year-old teacher fall dying in the playground. The assistant headmistress ran forward to her aid, but she died in her arms. Nearby lay a man with a bullet wound in his head. A revolver was found on the ground a few yards away. He was taken to Huntingdon County Hospital in a critical condition and died without regaining consciousness. An inquest decided she had been murdered by her ex-fiancée.

1948 09 21
Several million people in Great Britain ate their Sunday dinner to a radio broadcast of Cambridge accents and comments from the clubroom of Histon's Barley Mow. Jake Smith told the "Country Magazine" programme some stories of his pumping station during the 1947 floods - how it was swamped out and subsequently pumped non-stop for 336 hours. "Everything went through the pumps", he said, "including a tremendous lot of fish". Fred Toates told of his job of getting rid of rats and rabbits, with wasps and hornets as a summer-time addition. "Funny thing how the hornets get into all the "posh" houses - Doctor's and parsons and such places. Mrs Young Nightingale said "I've always done gleaning ever since I can remember. It's a job you've got to like doing, because it's very tiring. If you don't keep your back down you won't get much # c.27.8

1948 09 23
W.H. Smith centenary, p5 # c.25

1948 09 24
The forthcoming Territorial Army recruiting campaign will include women as well as men. We prefer to think of them as A.T.S., and to refer to them under a title to which they brought so much credit during the war. What is being formed in Cambridge is E Company no1 (eastern) group which will, presumably be very similar to its "Mother" unit, formed at Cambridge in 1938 - a general duties company. A local Commander is a great asset to any Territorial Unit and E Company have secured Miss A.M. Hales, who was born in Linton # c.45.8

1948 09 24 CIP
BBC "Country Magazine" broadcast from Histon CIP Sep 24 p9

1948 09 25
References to the present position regarding the European Volunteer Workers was made at a meeting of the Cambridge Employment Committee. At Warboys a volunteer camp had been opened for the accommodation of volunteer workers in agriculture during the holidays and over 1,750 volunteers had spent periods in the camp since it was opened. The committee expressed anxiety with regard to the number of European volunteer workers unplaced at the West Wratting holding hostel and Mr Harding said he considered that the object for which these people were recruited had now been fulfilled and that recruitment from the Continent should now cease

1948 09 25
Speaking on the Radio "Country Magazine" broadcast from Histon Reg Robinson, a Babraham farmer, said "You'll only get one quart out of a waggoner", which had a similar meaning to "a pint out of a pint pot". The "waggoner" was a grey china mug out of which the waggoners of bygone days used to have a quart when they stopped at a public house. "The last one I saw was at the King's Head, Sawston," Mr Robinson added. “Some of them used to have a pattern with a black line round the top". I wonder if there are any to be found in local "pubs" these days?

1948 09 27
The fear that the centre of gravity of the new Fen county to be formed from Cambridgeshire, Hunts., the Isle of Ely and the Soke of Peterborough would be at Peterborough and so cause Cambs villages to become forgotten backwater outposts, was expressed by the Chairman of the Parish Councils Association. The Boundary Commission have agreed to amalgamate the four counties and make a big new Fen county, to take Cambridge out of it and make it a new kind of county borough. “Histon and such like are quite big places at Shire Hall now, but we will have only a small voice at Peterborough", he said

1948 09 27
Speaking at the Cambs Parish Councils Association conference the agricultural adviser to the Foreign Office said there were two reasons why rural life was going to change fundamentally during the next 10 or 20 years. Food was going to be much harder to come by, and was going to cost much more, and the agricultural strength of the country was going to be of far greater weight than it had. We must make people realise that those who live in it are not "poor backward hicks" but real contributors. The country should realise its importance compared with the urban side of our life

Marshall motor body industry, p7
Dufaycolor lecture, p10

1948 09 29
At a meeting of the Cambridgeshire Fish Fryers' Association Mr R. Boggis said that the shortage of fat would affect agricultural workers. There were people with travelling fish-frying vans and equipment ready to do the necessary journeys if only they could get an extra fat allocation. But those vans had to stand idle, as the necessary fat was denied to the owners. Mr T.W. Wren (St Neots) said whereas they were working eight vans before the war they had only a sufficient allocation now to use

four. Even during the floods when they were requested to go and help feed the people they were denied an extra allocation of fat

1948 09 30
The Ministry of Health advised Cambridgeshire Housing committee that the tender of Cambridge firm amounting to £11,111 should be accepted for the erection of eight houses at Swavesey, as this was the lowest based on Cambridge rates of pay. The work by another local firm was based on local Swavesey rates and would have involved additional expense. The vice-chairman said, "Not one foundation has been laid. Lowest tenders were accepted but some builders, for reasons unknown, found they had forgotten some items which they should have included, and they refused to go on with the houses on the prices they tendered. Sites are ready, plans passed and 1,000 people are waiting for 102 homes. Either the building industry is overloaded with work, or they want too much money for building our houses"

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1948 10 01
Rents & wages, p5

1948 10 01 CIP
Impington conference on village life changes CIP Oct 1 p9
Rampton: Ministry of Health approves erection 12 houses in addition to programme already arranged; Chesterton RDC agree that the original 4 should now be built in Fen Drayton and to proceed with the 12 instead CIP Oct 1 p9

Rampton: meeting to hear report on recent Horticultural Show, £158.17.10 raised for village hall building fund, to have another next year CIP Oct 1 p12

1948 10 04
The 1,200 villagers of Caldecote, Dry Drayton and Hardwick are "living on the edge of a volcano" and at any time a grave outbreak of disease might overtake them. So said Dr A. Morgan, M.O.H. to Chesterton rural district council at a public inquiry into plans to borrow £27,125 to defray the cost of works of a water supply for these parishes, At present the council have to cart something like 6,000 gallons of water a week to these parishes to supplement the meagre well supplies. At Caldecote, as a temporary measure, stand-pipe supplies have been provided at some points. The rest of the village was dependent upon stored rainwater and supplies carted by the Council

Guild of old scouts, p7

1948 10 06
Fears that the river flowing at Cambridge's famous "Backs" would be turned into a "stinking sewer" by the discharge of waste water were expressed at a meeting of the Federation of Anglers. The chairman said: "Last April your river resembled an open sewer. We saw this discoloration and received all sorts of assurances about it - but what were these assurances worth?" The secretary held aloft a bottle of whisky coloured liquid which he said was a sample taken from the river Riddy, a stream which runs into the Cam near Hauxton pond. He said the discoloration had been caused by the seepage of yellow dye and the smell had been likened to creosote

Women build hairdryer, p7 & 7th p4
Volunteer reservists, p8

1948 10 08
Sixty-four years' service as a cab driver is a fact of which 79-year-old Mr George Clark of Gloucester Terrace, Cambridge, can be justly proud. It was one day in 1884 when the young George, at the age of 15 first drove a cab for his father. Finding he liked the occupation he continued with it and has driven

for one firm, Easy's for the past 44 years. In his younger days he lived in that gay period at the end of the last century when there was no such thing a mechanised vehicles and the cabs were the old four-wheel horse-drawn type and there were only ten or eleven "cabbies" altogether. The only time he was not driving a hansom or a taxi was during the South African War and the 1914-18 war. # c.26.47

Female labour, p6

1948 10 09
V.C.H., p6

1948 10 09 c
Cambridge Trades council is backing an effort being made by local industry to obtain additional houses. The initiative in this matter has been taken by Marshall's Flying School. Pre-war they employed 3-400 people. At the war's end they had 3,700 on the payroll. They had purchased 7 houses and had converted an office block to flats to house a further 12 workers but it had reached a limit to which it could tie up capital in housing. There was a problem of workers lodged in the town who had families elsewhere. Added to this the regional Ministry Headquarters being stationed in Cambridge had created a demand for girls as clerks and typists

1948 10 10
River Cam bridge, p6

1948 10 11
Sir - The time is over-due for drawing attention to the scandalous conditions of many of our ancient rights-of-way and footpaths. From Bury Farm, Stapleford a public footpath leads across a fine stretch of upland to Babraham. During the war the stone and iron bridge was removed where the path led across the Babraham river and neither of the parish councils have taken any action about it. I suggest that every village school should construct a home-made map of the village on which was delineated every public path. The old inhabitants would supply the necessary information. It should be the business of the teacher to perambulate these paths at least once a year, in the company of the scholars - "Countryman"

1948 10 12
Many in Cambridge and county will join us in deeply regretting the death of Lieut-Col Frederick Newton Drake Digby who will be remembered chiefly for his years of devoted service to the Territorial Army. He took over command of the Cambridgeshire Regiment in 1936 and held this post until the embodiment of the Territorial Army in August 1939. These years in which war clouds were looming were important in the Regiment's history and it was the training it received then which was to stand it in good stead during the grim conflict and ordeals that were to follow. Col Digby was unable to accompany it on active service, but was among the first to greet his former comrades at the docks when they returned home from the Far East. He played a prominent part in the welcome home celebrations that followed victory. # c.45.6

1948 10 13
"There appears to be no practical method of overcoming the dirt nuisance from the Gas works" said the chairman of Cambridge public health committee following an inspection. "In the region of the retort house it was uncomfortably hot, even though I stood as far away as the wall would allow. When the retort is reloaded with coal a considerable amount of smoke and flame is produced prior to the retorts being closed. The suggestion that screens be placed is impractical and would create intolerable conditions of work for the men". He said the dust nuisance was due to the quality of the coal

Live theatre at Rex, p8

1948 10 15

Premier Travel told the Traffic Commissioners that in August 1947 they had acquired the business of a firm at Barley who, pre-war, were authorised to operate excursions from a number of points. Now they were seeking that the people of Bassingbourn, Guilden Morden area should have the benefit of coastal and recreational facilities for the theatre at Peterborough and for Newmarket races. The adjutant at Bassingbourn R.A.F. station said they were a Commonwealth station and a good many of the people there were from the Dominions. The matter of sightseeing was of great importance to them.

1948 10 15
Cambridge Housing committee were told that 156 houses on the Birdwood Road estate were complete, but the flats were held up through shortage of labour. Work on the Green Park Estate was extremely slow. Another disappointment concerned the 100 permanent aluminium bungalows on the Church End estate, Cherry Hinton. The weight of a travelling crane which had to be used to lower the houses on to the foundations had done considerable damage to the newly-laid drains

1948 10 15 CIP
Rampton WI heard talk on Rug Making by Mrs Phillips & Mrs Love of Cottenham & decide to hold rug making classes during winter CIP Oct 15 p5

1948 10 18
Cambridge Town Council considered an application from Messrs Chivers and sons to use a site on Pound Hill as a milk pasteurisation and bottling centre. They had been encouraged to settle there by a former Medical Officer of Health perturbed about the condition of milk handling and distribution in Cambridge. But Councillor James thought the site was not a suitable place for a factory. Councillor Peel thought the vicinity should be kept for building small houses in scale with the old houses nearby and with the little old church of St Peter

1948 10 18
The suggestion that Cambridge might become pioneer in a home care scheme for hospital patients was made by Dr Banks, principal medical officer to the ministry of health. "Quite a number of patients in hospitals need not really be there. Some are detained in hospital because they cannot be nursed at home, some even because they have no suitable home to go to. Others have relatively minor ailments which could equally well be treated at home if adequate home nursing facilities were available. Others are incurable patients for whom the hospital can do little. People get better in their own homes who had lost the will to live nursed in hospital". He added, "We have in Cambridge all the resources available to build up a comprehensive service of care for the patients which could prove a model to the rest of the world" # c.21.4

Duck eggs, p5
Victorian prosperity – Atom age, p9

1948 10 19
Gunner week. P5

1948 10 20
The "long haired cranks" who want to put an end to hunting, shooting, coursing, fishing and other blood sports were attacked by members of the Cambs Agricultural Society. Proposing that a donation of £100 be given to the British Field Sports Society to support their campaign in opposing the Bill shortly to come before the House of Commons urging the abolition of all blood sports, Mr P.B. Grain asked, "Why should these longhaired cranks who are supporting the Bill dictate to us people in the country about what we should do by way of sport and recreation"

Queen's visit, p5

1948 10 21

When the Queen stood before the Vice Chancellor in Cambridge Senate House today to receive the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Law she was not only a Queen receiving an Honour but also a symbol of the passing of a 700-years-old "tradition" in the university. For, during the whole of the University's history no Queen - and no other woman - has ever before had a degree conferred upon her, because until the recent changes in the statutes giving women full membership the conferring of such an honour was not possible. As the Queen entered the Senate House there was a burst of cheering and clapping. Her scarlet Doctor's robes and her black velvet doctor's cap, made a charming ensemble with the Cambridge blue shade of her dress # c.02 # c.36.9 # c.36.98

1948 10 21
As the Queen left Girton College yesterday evening, following her visit there, many students gathered in the drive made appropriate if unorthodox use of the gowns they now wear as symbols of their recently won rights to be full members of the University. They took off their gowns and waved them in farewell to the Royal lady, who in the morning had symbolised those new rights as she received in the Senate House the first degree to be conferred upon a woman in University history

1948 10 22
Taxis for nurses, Papworth, p4
Queen's visit Newnham, p7

1948 10 22 CIP
Queen awarded Honorary Degree CIP Oct 22 p1

1948 10 23
Everyone will agree that Cambridge is very "full". The railways have had a particularly busy time. "We always prepare for a heavy October", said one official, "but the amount of luggage this term has been abnormal, especially bicycles, which are not easy things to handle in bulk". There is now the record number of 7,500 undergraduates in residence, a thousand more than this time last year. This is accounted for to some extent by the admission of Newnham and Girton to the University, but there are something like 400 more men. "This is a peak year", according to Mr E. Welbourne of Emmanuel, who does not think that a major decrease can be expected until 1951-2

1948 10 27
Addenbrooke's Hospital Governors agreed that the pay bed system for private out-patient should operate from November. Regarding steps to reduce the waiting lists the vice-chairman said, "The whole trouble in this area is the question of shortage of nurses and accommodation. Until we can increase both it is very difficult to see how we can get the waiting lists down". Statistics reveal 1,893 normal patients and 12 private patients were awaiting admission to Addenbrooke's. Last year it was 1,166 normal and 60 private patients. # c.21.4

1948 10 27
One amusing incident of the Queen's visit to Cambridge, certainly not intended for the record, was the rather surprising use to which several of the dons were seen to put their gowns whilst waiting to be presented at the Newnham college gates. Having inadvertently trodden on the red carpet they were observed hastily wiping off their footmarks with the corner of their gowns!

1948 10 27
By the death of William Hines Odams the river Cam rowing fraternity has lost possibly it's most colourful personality whose record is unprecedented in the history of local rowing. Stroking his first winning crew in 1887 he was recognised as the greatest oarsman that the town has produced. He never trained for any event and smoked his pipe up to the very commencement of the races, in which he continued to be engaged for upwards of 30 years # c.38 : rowing

Fireworks, p5
Traffic census, p7

1948 10 28
The "really crying need" for the provision of residential homes for old people, both for the infirm and the bedridden, and for elderly people with no one to look after them was emphasised by the Bishop of Ely. A special type of "short stay" home would alleviate the otherwise never-ceasing strain on relatives looking after old people. Nursing annexes attached to hospitals were cited as a possible solution of the filling up of hospital beds by elderly permanent patients

1948 10 29
Pollution of the river Cam above Baitsbite Lock which resulted in thousands of fish dying was described at a meeting of the Federation of Anglers as "appalling and dreadful". Mr C. Baxter stated that on Wednesday evening the lock was "absolutely clogged" with fish of every conceivable type, not dead, but on top of the water, gasping.

1948 10 29 CIP
Rampton WI see Central Office of Information film CIP Oct 29 p12

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1948 11 01
Cambridgeshire County council planning committee have refused two applications to erect railway carriages as dwellings on the grounds that they "fell below the standard required in any properly planned community". Counc. Mrs Nichols protested again the general trend of planning "teaching us that we cannot do without proper water supplies in place of a good old well as in the days gone by, and that we cannot do without electric light in place of oil lamps. I do hope they will give a few people the liberty to live in the country without these wretched amenities which spoil the view and everything else"

1948 11 01
The vanguard of the "Vanguards" has arrived in Cambridge. An example of this fine new Standard car is on view at Messrs King and Harper's Milton Road depot and is attracting a steady stream of visitors. The model will not be available until early next year but it is one of those cars which is worth waiting for. First there is the price. For £425 plus £118 16.7d. purchase tax you get a five to six seater car with bold, thoroughly modern lines, a 17 h.p. engine capable of speeds in the region of 80 m.p.h. and a petrol consumption of 22 miles per gallon. The engine is a four cylinder one with a three-speed gearbox and gives fine performance

Library service letter, p9

1948 11 03
For what is probably the first time in the 360 years that gowns have been worn by students of Cambridge University, they are being regarded from the fashion viewpoint. This was the natural development of the wearing of them by women, for, while men seem happy enough wearing their gowns, which are often torn and dirty, slung on anyhow, the more dress-conscious sex was bound to look at the matter from a different angle. A contributor to "Varsity" newspaper makes suggestions as to what might be worn under them and advocates cheerful colours, rather than browns, greys and beiges

1948 11 03
The Mayor of St Ives announced that the Minister of Health has given consent to a £7,500 loan for the purchase of St Ives Corn Exchange. At the same time he has authorised the council to start work on the addition of a stage, dressing room and toilet accommodation. The Mayor said the council did "not want to compete with amusement contractors but we are afraid they might lose the use of the hall - one of the best in the country. We don't foresee any burden falling upon the ratepayers as a result".

Their alternative scheme included a bar and restaurant on a first floor balcony and was estimated to cost £2,600

Pole suicide, West Wratting camp. P6
Girl guides membership, p8

1948 11 05
Shedding electricity load, p9

1948 11 06
Cambridge's annual Guy Fawke's battle was waged in the market square and surrounding streets. Five undergraduates were amongst those who were arrested and placed in the Guildhall cells until being bailed. There were three charges of assaulting the police. Though a strong warning had been given by the university authorities there was considerable rowdyism. RAF men from nearby airfields and US service personnel were banned from Cambridge for the night. Ten people were taken to Addenbrooke's hospital having received slight injuries or fainted in the large crowds

Poppy Day rag, p5
Television in Cambridge, p6

1948 11 08
Cambridge has lost a well-known townsman by the death of Mr Arthur Deck, one of the founders of the Cambridge Pharmaceutical Association. He will be remembered for continuing the custom started by his grandfather, Isaiah Deck, in 1815, the year of Waterloo. He used to send up one rocket to mark the passing of the old year and another to herald the arrival of the New Year. This custom ceased with the coming of the First World War, but for many years Mr Deck was responsible for letting off the maroons to mark the beginning and the end of the two minutes silence on Armistice Day

Meat from dogs shop for café, p5

1948 11 09
Armistice service, p5

1948 11 10
At Cambridge town council Councillor Knox Shaw said "The nursing position is very serious. We do need a large number of nurses if we are to carry out the instructions of the Ministry - that they should not work more than 96 hours a fortnight. Unless we can get more accommodation for nurses, we might find that we will have to close down wards in the hospitals. The waiting list in the hospitals at the moment is over 1800 and if we have to close down the wards the position will be more and more serious". Accommodation for over one hundred nurses was required

1948 11 10
Members of the Senate are to discuss a report on the future use of Madingley Hall, recently purchased by the university. These proposals include its use as the headquarters of a school of veterinary studies, as the nucleus of a new college within the university, or as a house of residence for graduate and undergraduate members of the university. The Hall with certain adaptations could possibly provide accommodation for some 52 students

'5th' night offences, p4
Ken Turner band to broadcast, p10

1948 11 12
Seven in four-roomed house, p9

1948 11 12 CIP

Histon unveil war memorial tablet CIP Nov 12 p1

Rampton Whist drive in aid WI funds CIP Nov 12 p14

1948 11 13
Because his wife nagged him a husband was granted a decree-nisi Cambridge divorce court on the grounds of cruelty. The Commissioner described the wife as a woman with a very hasty temper, very fond of the sound of her own voice. The husband said, "She nagged me in such a way as to annoy me with the coarseness of her language. She would stand over me and talk to me and complain to me when, after a hard day's work, I was trying to get a bite of supper in peace, and when I went away upstairs she pursued me with shouting". The Commissioner mentioned that this was the sort of thing that happened from time to time in a great many homes but this was practically a daily occurrence. The wife denied that she had been guilty of this sort of conduct at all

Shrubbery House school, p3
Flood broadcast, p5 # c.29 # c.27.8

1948 11 15
It really was women's day at the university Senate House on Saturday. Following the Queen's visit last month came the first historic degree ceremony to include women graduates. Previously they had held only the title of their degrees but now a decree has been passed admitting them to full membership they can proceed in person to take them. 114 were conferred in all. The recipients included a number who had left the colleges many years go - two from Girton had graduated in the 1890s. Side by side with them were young women who had graduated last year. All were enjoying the first fruits of a successful outcome of a struggle that had lasted 70 years

1948 11 15
The weight of Princess Elizabeth's baby at birth was 7lb 6oz. The Duke of Edinburgh was informally dressed in open-necked shirt and sweater when the doctors brought him the news: "It's a boy". Immediately he went in to see his wife, who had not then come round from the anaesthetic. At least six babies were born in Cambridge to share the royal birthday. The happy mothers are Mrs Nicholls, Summers, Montesiory, Withington and Moss of Cambridge and Mrs Narkiewicz of the Polish hostel, Trumpington

1948 11 16
East Chesterton 60's birthday, p5

1948 11 17
Days of the "flying farmer" were foreshadowed at the Cambridge cattle market when a Tiger Moth dual-control aircraft was auctioned along with the more usual agricultural implements. It was bought for £100 by Mr Jack Branch, of Waterbeach, an agricultural contractor and motor dealer. The machine, once an RAF aircraft was advertised in the catalogue as "engine as new, airframe done 1,508 hours at the last inspection". It is the first time that an aircraft has been auctioned at the cattle market. Interested spectators climbed on to the lorry on which it rested to inspect it, while small boys took the opportunity of climbing into the cockpit. A civil aviation expert estimated that a similar aircraft in going order would be priced about £250. # c.26.1

1948 11 17
Soon the sight of women students in their gowns and proceeding to degrees alongside the men, will become common place, and no one will give them a second thought. It is the "first time" however, which makes news and even the occasion of the first woman to be "progged" becomes a minor act of University history. Members of the colleges had awaited with interest to see on whom this "honour" would befall. Their curiosity was satisfied within three weeks of the beginning of term. The "honour" – said to have be coveted by a number of women students, who tried to attract the attention of the

proctor – fell to a third-year anthropology student of Girton, Miss Valida Turner, who was fined for not wearing her gown after dark # c.36.98

De Valera at Union, p6

1948 11 19
More control for local bodies, p5
Hair styling in Guildhall, p7

1948 11 19 CIP
2,000 at ploughing match, 93 entrants CIP Nov 19 p10

Rampton man A.C. Wolfe second in Haddenham Y.F.C. ploughing match CIP Nov 19 p16

1948 11 20
The position of European Volunteer Workers at the West Wratting Hostel was mentioned at a meeting of the Cambridge Employment Committee. Few of the workers were placed in the Cambridge area and they were not a drug on the local labour market. The manager of the Cambridge Employment Exchange said demand for labour still exceeded supply, particularly in building, civil engineering and agriculture. Housing was still a problem and any large importation of labour was out of the question.

Segovia concert, p4
Castle Street Methodist bazaar, p5

1948 11 22
A very important visitor who every child in Cambridge welcomes with joy, arrived on Saturday. He was none other than Santa Claus. He arrived from Toytown with a well-filled sack to deal with the seasonal requirements of the boys and girls. He was given a royal welcome. There were several hundred children of all ages ranging from tiny tots carried by their mothers, waiting in a state of great expectancy, at his destination, Mitcham's, Chesterton Road. Cheers from waiting children heralded the arrival of the smiling, rosy cheeked Santa and a knot gathered round and followed, Pied-piper fashion, to the foot of the ladder he had to climb up to the chimney before he disappeared down the chimney into Santa's Nurseryland where he will be in residence till Christmas

1948 11 23
Beautiful aspects of the Cambridgeshire fenland were the main interest of an instructive and interesting lantern lecture, "Landscape photography", given by Mr B.G.A. Snelson. He showed a series of fenland landscapes which his eye for beauty in many a scene which the passer-by would probably not notice at first glance. Several examples of wind in the fens were much admired by his audience.

1948 11 24
An interesting feature of the Cambridge Accident Prevention Council exhibition is the relaying to the Guildhall of a commentary of the conduct of road users given from a police patrol car touring the town. Members of the public are invited to accompany the commentator in the patrol car. Though police radio is not yet in use in Cambridge special arrangements have been made to fit apparatus which will also be used when the general system comes into operation

1948 11 24
Laundry girls from Haverhill and Ely travelled into Cambridge with their supporters to meet their Cambridge competitors in the first stage of a contest aimed at increasing the status of both the laundry girl and the laundry by each year crowning as "Queen Lorna" one who has been chosen as the most capable worker to represent the industry. The winner was a Cambridge laundress, Miss Vera Morley, a 22-year old girl with six years laundry experience, a packing room hand employed by the Coldham

Model Laundry, Coldham's Lane. At the end of the judging she was adorned by the mayoress with the much-coveted band bearing the name: "Lorna". She also received a cheque for £5

1948 11 26
For the first time anywhere in the world, a new series of television was used to promote road safely at Cambridge. Traffic scenes on Market Hill were televised to the Accident Prevention Exhibition in the Corn Exchange. "Closed-circuit" as it is called is the latest development of the Cambridge firm of Pye Ltd. Two cameras were operated, one fixed to the balcony of the Guildhall and the other on top of a van at the corner of Petty Cury. Along this narrow, one-way street, between 8am and 6pm approximately 7,000 bicycles and 2,000 other vehicles pass each weekday. The slow speed of the traffic and its one-way direction helps to keep the accident rate down # c.27.82

St Bene't's tower, p4

1948 11 27
About 2,700 aged and other Cambridge people queued up inside the Guildhall to receive gifts of foodstuffs which have been given by people in the Dominions. The foodstuffs, totalling between 5½ and 6 tons, have been received from the people of South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Included in them is jam, beef loaf and beef hash, passion fruit spread, dripping, dehydrated apples, camp pie and a small quantity of soap.

1948 11 30
Great fog, p1
Billy Cotton at New Theatre, p5

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1948 12 01
Christmas shopping – electric cooler, p5
Bananas, p8

1948 12 02
College domestic service, p4
New Cambridge parish – St Stephen's, p5 # c.83

1948 12 03
Newmarket industry, p5
Sarah Wright will, Stretham, p8

1948 12 03 CIP
Rampton WI members night but bad weather meant both speaker and the entertainers for the social half-hour had to cancel; Mrs Wolfe who had been elected to preside was indisposed & Mrs L. Norman took her place. Mrs E.W. Barnes acted as secretary. 21 members present & enjoyed rhyme making and 20 Questions CIP Dec 3 p5

Chesterton RDC discuss Rampton house designs as Ministry object to proposals, unsure "just what they do want" CIP Dec 3 p9

Miss Sarah Wright of Stretham leaves £127,492 CIP Dec 3 p

1948 12 04
Colorado beetle, p5

1948 12 06

At Paston House school speech day the Headmistress, Mother Paul, gave a brief sketch of the development of the school during the past 50 years, for it was just half a century ago when it was founded. She referred with regret that so many applications for vacancies had to be refused as kindergarten places were filled up to 1951. The premises were still far from adequate, for an assembly hall, a permanent gymnasium, a studio and a library were all needed. The war did not dislocate the work of the school as much as might have been expected, but it roused special interest in nursing and first aid. # c.36.5

1948 12 07
It is a good many years since there was a circus at the New Theatre, which makes this week's visit of Don Ross's Royal Imperial Circus all the more welcome. Everything that makes a circus is here – with the one notable exception of the elephants. There are the horses, dogs, monkeys, wire-walkers, the trapeze artiste, the lions, and the clowns – even two performing geese (said to be the only ones in the world). All the acts are interspersed with the appearance of the clowns, Edgar Cooke, Little Alf Pratley and Rabbit who also appears with a trampoline (one of those bouncing affairs) and invites members of the audience to have a go. # c.76.8

1948 12 08
Cambridgeshire is the home base of some 50% of the RAF aircraft and crews at present bringing help on the airlift to Berlin. Oakington, one of the war-time Pathfinder airfields, and Waterbeach, are the two stations on which Dakota squadrons taking part in the lift have their home base. Another Cambridge link is that the commander of the squadron equipped with Hastings transport aircraft is a Cambridge man, Squadron-Leader P. J. Finlayson of Milton Road. He was the first man to pilot a Hastings carrying coal into Gatow, one of the Berlin termini of the lift.

Buffet car service, p7

1948 12 09
Fifteen leading hospitals in the Cambridge area – including Saffron Walden, Linton, and St Neots – will be administered by a new management committee operating from permanent headquarters at Newmarket White Lodge Hospital – the main portion of which was constructed during the war as an emergency hospital. It will become a full-scale general hospital with one of the finest outpatients departments in the country.

Powdered potato from Chivers, p5

1948 12 14
Popular Stanley ("Can you hear me, mother") Powell heads a first-rate bill in the New Theatre's panto week. As one who has never been an ardent admirer of his broadcast shows and who had never seen him in the flesh before, I was a little dubious about what sort of an evening I was going to have and was probably the stiffest member of the first-night audience. But not for long! Let me acknowledge here and now that he made me laugh more than any other comedian I have ever seen at the New Theatre since live shows were re-introduced there

Territorial Army HQ, p5

1949 12 15
Speaking at the annual staff dinner of the Cambridgeshire Technical College and School of Art Sir Frederick C. Bartlett, Professor of Experimental Psychology in Cambridge University, said the status of the Technical Institutes should be improved to bring them more nearly on a level with the universities. For many years his students and staff had been able to visit the college to take courses in practical subjects such as engineering, electricity and electronics and machine drawing

Brick & steel houes

1948 12 16
The first important milestone in Cambridge post-war housing drive was reached when the Mayor opened the council's'1,000th house – an "Easiform", at 27 Peverell Road on the Newmarket road site, where tenant, Mrs Betson, was waiting. Beforehand they had been taken on a tour of some of the principal housing estates in the town and saw estates at all stages of development - ranging from the neat, well-established looking one at Trumpington, only lacking the shops which will come one day, to the unfinished but partly-tenanted. At these mothers with perambulators have to be helped through the mud, and children kept in wellington boots. # c.23

1948 12 16
Captain C.R. Benstead, senior proctor of the University, spoke of the lighter side of proctoring. He said; "How do we know a Girton or Newnham girl when we see one in the dark without a gown? One night we espied a girl of transcending beauty wheeling a very academic-looking bicycle. We picked her up – in the proctorial sense! – only to discover later that she was a bus conductress!"

1948 12 17
The platform of the Newmarket railway station was bathed in the glare of arc lights when film cameramen took "location" shots for a forthcoming documentary film. A mobile camera unit was taking shots of a train entering and leaving the station. The "extras" who lined the corridors of the train were European Volunteer Workers about whom the film is being made. Newmarket station, was recently given the title of "the cleanest and most attractive in East Anglia"

Town officials retire, p7
Queen's degree robes, p7

1948 12 18
Council houses, p5
Council buy crematorium, p5 # c.21.2

1948 12 20
A further step towards the prevention of flooding in the fen area has been taken in the building of the Welches Dam pumping station which was officially opened and put into action. It had been decided that the reconstruction of the Low bank would be too expensive and there would be a continuous sinking of the peat fenlands behind. Comparative costs showed that a pumping station would be cheaper that building up the bank and be the most economical solution. # c.29

1948 12 20
Replacing the traditional sound of sleigh bells which usually heralds the arrival of Father Christmas was the roar of an aeroplane engine when the white-bearded, red-robed old gentleman landed at Marshall's airport to attend a Christmas party being held there for children of the reserves on the station. Signalled in by coloured flares the Proctor aircraft circled round the airfield and taxied on to runway where the kiddies were eagerly awaiting him

Police ball, p8

1948 12 21
RAF training, p7

1948 12 22
Highlight of the Christmas party held for the old people at the Royal Albert Homes was to see themselves on screen in a colour film taken by Mr W. King. Other films included the Queen's visit to Cambridge, various well-known personalities taking their degrees at the Senate House and the Accident Prevention Council's film, "Almost human" # c.65.6

1948 12 23

An unusual display of Christmas cheer amid the austerity of today has attracted considerable attention in Cambridge's Mill Road. On view and on the premises of Messrs Roger Harris and Son, family butchers and poultry dealers, are nearly 1,000 birds - and everyone is spoken for. Every registered customer who wanted a Christmas dinner was catered for, and in addition, a few other customers were lucky enough to place orders. Butcher Harris has made a speciality of Christmas poultry for years and the display represents 18 years of goodwill and business with local poultry-keepers

Royal parcel, p5
Ralph Thompson builders, p7

1948 12 24
Post Office letters, p4

1948 12 24 CIP
Regional College of Further Education; first steps by cmte CIP Dec 24 p1

New pumping station opened Welches Dam CIP Dec 24 p11

1948 12 27
Libraries decorated, p5

1948 12 28
A minute or two after midnight on Christmas Eve between 60 and 70 men sat down to what must been the first Christmas dinner served in Cambridge this year. They were members of the night operating staff at the Telephone Exchange, and they chose that unconventional hour because their periods of duty make it difficult for them to hold a social function at a more normal time. They were served with turkey, plum pudding and mince pies as they sat at their switchboards.

1948 12 28
Nearly 800 children crowded into the Rex Ballroom to take part in one of Cambridge's gayest Christmas parties. Santa Claus, ice-cream, "pop", cream cakes, novelties, lucky dips and games, all played a part in making this a real children's party. There was also a conjuring show put on by Bartini, as well as a Punch and Judy show by Fred Cross and a cabaret by the Barbara Leader School of Dancing

Bassingbourn RAF station, p11

1948 12 29
Cambridge children have rarely been so well catered for with pantomime as they are this year, with two. It seems an excellent idea as it gives a better chance of getting a seat at either one or other. The New Theatre, with "Red Riding Hood" have gone out for a traditional production whereas at the Arts Theatre V.C. Clinton Baddeley's "Cinderella" strikes something of a new note, with the accent on charm, colour and original music.

1948 12 30
Fancy dress, p5

1948 12 31
Criticism of the pre-war council was voiced at Chesterton Rural District Council when the future allocation of permanent houses was discussed. A lot of the troubles encountered before the war, such as sewerage and drainage faced them now. Mr R.W. Thulborn said you cannot build up in three years what an old-fashioned council, that this was before the war, neglected ten years ago. Mr Walkling retorted that the council's record as regards housing was second to none, although sewerage was not quite such an easy job

1948 12 31
After a final interview with the Ministry of Health Royston Urban District Council have now almost completed the details of taking over the huts occupied in the Heath P.o.W. camp. Details fixed were that a supply of electricity should be made available, that water supply be given to each hut and sinks fitted where necessary. Fixed baths be not fitted, but each hut be provided with a galvanised portable bath, and also an electric wash boiler with a draw-off to the bath

Building licence, p3

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Includes stories from various newspapers for Time Was

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1949 01 01
A gay and happy capacity crowd at the Rex Ballroom, Cambridge wore gay coloured hats, and joined in carol and community singing which was well-backed by Ken Turner and his orchestra. As midnight drew near "Old Father Time," retreated as the young fairy (Little Miss Paulette Martin) for 1949 advanced amid great cheers. During the evening the manager announced that the Rex was to have a new sprung floor, which will be installed shortly

1949 01 03
When visiting the county hospital, Mill Road, Cambridge, the Mayoress saw the hospital's "miracle baby" and heard from the Matron (Mrs D. Ditchburn) how this baby, premature and weighing 3lb 1 oz at birth and kept in an oxygen tent, has survived three relapses when blood transfusions and oxygen had to be given, and now at 3 ½ months weighs 6 ½ lbs and is making steady progress. In the fight to keep her alive she has been given penicillin and streptomycin and the sulphonamide drugs.

1949 01 04
The name of Joan Metcalfe is known throughout Cambridge and the shire, and her pupils have gained a worthy reputation wherever they have performed. Her yearly pantomimes are looked forward to by a large number of people. "The Sleeping Beauty" is this year's choice. Undisputed star of the show is Joan Rolph who takes the role of the wicked fairy. Eileen Brown as the title character gives a very sincere performance. Both Jesse Brown as the King, and Vera Germany, as the Queen, have been very well chosen.

1949 01 05
Several Cambridge shops have their January sales in full swing. Messrs W. Eaden Lilley, Market Street, find that the possibility of the ending of clothes rationing is having a psychological effect. "People are inclined to be a bit rash with their coupons and the half-price, half-price coupon goods are going well". Messrs G. Stace, Petty Cury, have cleared some of their Old Look stock and a number of suits have been sold at a quarter of their price - £20 coats at £4.19s.6d. It was pointed out that the "shorter lady" scores, as some of the old length garments look new length on her

1949 01 07
Lino on lorry, p10

1949 01 08
A chase through streets "more reminiscent of what one sees on the American films than in an academic town", was described when a corporal in the RAF police was charged with using a revolver to prevent lawful apprehension and stealing £500. At the time of the offence he was acting as armed escort to F/Lt Goldie of RAF station, Oakington, who collected the money from a Cambridge bank.

1949 01 11
While New Year's Eve celebrations were taking place at the Airport Hotel, Teversham, a builder's labourer broke into the proprietor's sitting-room and stole a wireless set and cake knife. Evidence of seeing a wireless valve lying on the grass verge was given. As it was there the next morning the witness picked it up. The same afternoon he noticed a wireless set inside the Cemetery railings.

1949 01 12

One New Year news item which will cause the fair sex to rejoice is the announcement that nylons will be coming back into the shops in 1949. Supplies were cut off last February when the export drive started but though the Board of Trade now promise more for the home market it may be many months before they are available. The quantity is not specified, but Mr Harold Wilson (President of the Board of Trade) says there will be "many more"

1949 01 13 HP
Sewage system for 17 villages around St Ives wil cost 4/- on rates - Hunts Post

1949 01 14
Ten home-growing tobacco enthusiasts have formed a Cambridge group of the National Amateur Tobacco Growers Association. At present there are 20 members and it felt that as tobacco has been grown with success in the past in Cambridgeshire, added interest would be taken if a local group were established. Its policy is to get local "back-garden" growers together to exchange seeds and plants and set up their own curing and manufacturing facilities

1949 01 14
The Lancaster squadrons of the No.3 Bomber Group at present stationed at Stradishall, are shortly to move to Mildenhall. The change has been made necessary because the run-ways at "Strad" are no longer capable of taking heavy bombers. The future of this famous war-time airfield, still one of the most attractive and best equipped in the country, is uncertain. Lighter aircraft might operate from the runways or they may be relaid to take the heaviest type of bomber at present in service with the RAF

Jailed E.V.W, p9

1949 01 15
The college of Corpus Christi will be the scene of an unusually interesting dinner – the Queenborough Feast. It will be the first of its kind and will link university and town in a very happy way. When in 1948 Lord Queenborough gave to the college an endowment for a feast he expressed the hope that representatives of the corporation and of the citizens of Cambridge would be the principal guests in order that the ties between borough and college might thereby be recognised and strengthened, The college owes its origin to two Cambridge guilds which consisted very largely of citizens of Cambridge. # c.39

Tommy Handley visit, p6

1949 01 17
The Queen, Queen Mary and Princess Margaret arrived in Cambridge by road from Sandringham to visit Mr Stanley Woolston's antique shop in St Andrew's street. They were welcomed by an unusually large "arrival" crowd which had started gathering about half-an-hour earlier. The concentration of police in the area had a magnetising effect. The Queen wore a dress and coat of rich purple, with matching felt hat and sling-back skin shoes, and silver grey fox furs. The hat was trimmed with veiling and small purple flowers. The crowd swelled steadily until there were several hundreds lining both sides of the pavements. The Queen was chatting when she walked from the shop to the car, and those nearest were honoured with the lovely, charming well-known smile # c.02

1949 01 19
The Cambridge trades fair was officially opened in the Corn Exchange. Among the exhibitors Messrs Alkit show a special January offer of made-to-measure utility suits and suede boottees with crepe souls. Messrs Coads are featuring a wide range of children's clothing from baby to teen age. Messrs J. A. Easton ltd are displaying demonstrations of a "Kara" permanent cold wave hair styling scalp treatments, chiropody and cosmetics. On the stand of Messrs Miller & sons ltd, is a fine display of reconditioned pianos and the newest models of radio and television, displays being given daily # c.27

Royal visits, p5

1949 01 21
Making its first visit to the New Theatre, Cambridge, next week is a show that has a world-wide reputation – Ralph Reader's famous "Gang Show". His great team of airmen, in the main artistes of great professional experience, put on shows which were a source of delight to millions of British and allied fighting men and women. And so wherever "Gang Show" played those dark days were made brighter for those grand audiences.

First sodium street lights, p4

1949 01 22
During the war the Tabernacle Methodist Church in Newmarket road, Cambridge, was closed and the property sold. The history of the church went back over many years, having its early beginnings in the old Fitzroy Street chapel. There were hopes that at some future date the work so nobly done by the two old chapels would be carried on. In the very near future some of these hopes may be realised, as the trustees intend to acquire the piece of land adjoining the YWCA hall and opposite the Borough cemetery, Newmarket road, for the purpose of commencing a new Methodist cause # c.83

E..V.W.s, p5

1949 01 24
Miss D.G. Nicholls made a spirited protest at the decision to refuse permission to develop a site off Fulbourn Old Drift for staff cottages for the Cambridgeshire Mental Hospital. She said the site had been chosen because it was within easy reach in case emergency. Staffing difficulties at the Hospital were "almost impossible" because of housing. Members of the staff were resigning because they could no longer live away from their wives and some were still having to sleep in rooms off wards of noisy, demented patients.

1949 01 25
Cambridgeshire County Council expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of progress in the installation of sewerage plants. Ald. Taylor said, "The earth closets have nearly gone and pails have to be used. Do you know what the poor man has to do? He has to take the pail to his garden every night". Counc. Burkitt said many poor people had no gardens and had to cycle sometimes long distances to dispose of the contents of the pails.

Gang show, p5

1949 01 26
Arthur Askey at Babraham, p5

1949 01 28
A hoax played on Cambridge, when notices appeared announcing a mass patriotic rally to be held on Parker's Piece which would be addressed by Sir Oswald Mosley and other members of his party, had a sequel at the Magistrates court when an undergraduate of Trinity college appeared on a summons of fixing one of the pamphlets to a tree on Parker's Piece. Defendant said: "I did it to annoy the communists".

1949 01 28
"Down Your Way" came down this way when a BBC mobile recording unit spent a day "canning" material for next Sunday's broadcast in the Light Programme. Various personalities of the town, university and district were interviewed by Richard Dimbleby. Amongst them were Mr R. Shorrock who works for Pest Control Ltd, Miss M. Stuart, secretary of the Arts Theatre, Mr Fred Hudson, a television tester at Pye Ltd, Mrs Maltby who made the robe in which the Queen received her honorary degree, and Mr R, J. Pointer who is a CND linotype operator # c.27.8

Trades fair, p5
Allotments land protest, p7

1949 01 29
Cambridge town council debated regrading of council employees. Counc. Edwards said 20 years ago they were "stampeded into a merry-go-round the municipal mulberry bush" when an officer asked for an increase in salary and it was thought that he would leave if it were not granted. We have been dancing round it ever since. The old argument was that if these people were not given increases they would take up better posts with the hospitals board and other government departments. "But what would have happened had one of these gentlemen died? Would the corporation have stopped? No, someone else would have been found to take his place"

Death A.T. Wing, p4

1949 01 31
A bicycle appeared on the weather vane of the Cambridge school of geography, Downing Place, over the weekend. Various articles are put on university buildings from time to time, but usually without much point. This escapade has a real point to it. The weather vane is on the roof where weather observation is carried on, with the aid of rain graphs, thermometers, barographs and other meteorological equipment. The practical joker apparently thought it would be a good idea to give the meteorologists a new weather cycle.

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1949 02 01
Fabian Society, p5

1949 02 02
A mobile canteen was completely destroyed by fire on the Weston Colville road. The 2½ ton Bedford owned by Mr Alfred Eversham of Trumpington was being driven near West Wratting when the driver smelled burning. He stopped the vehicle and opened the shutter at the back to find the inside on fire. The outbreak is thought to have been caused by a gas stove left alight. The van was used for selling tea and sandwiches to displaced persons in the area

1949 02 04
River widening has been carried out by dredging operations by Silver Street Bridge, Cambridge. The dredging, which attracted much interest whilst in progress, was undertaken so that flood water coming through the sluice gates from the upper river can pass around the loop of the river at a reduced velocity and so lessen the possibility of damaging the buildings situated on the river bank. Further alterations are to be made to the sluice gates during the year to assist in de-energising the water passing through them # c.46.5

Newmarket fire brigade, p4

1942 02 03
Newmarket 'raw deal', p4

1949 02 04
Sir – I should like to appeal to local amateur radio transmitters to refrain from transmitting during the limited periods of the day and evening when television programmes are broadcast. The interference can blot out the picture on all television screens in the vicinity, taking the form of a "trellis" pattern or light and dark bands on the picture. Radio dealers and service engineers have only two hours a day during business hours when they can demonstrate and test television receivers and would appreciate more consideration from the radio amateurs who have the remaining 20 hours during which to transmit (evening programmes occupying about two hours) – Televiewer # c.27.8

1949 02 04
An inquiry into a proposed sewerage disposal scheme for Linton was told that piped water was afforded in 1935 with a condition that a scheme for sewage would be proceeded with within five years, but the war stopped it. Sanitary conditions were little different from those existing in 1874 notwithstanding the fact that a number of council houses had been built, there was a village college, and a hospital with 168 beds. No collection of night soil is made by the sanitary authority; the onus of disposal rests upon the householders and constitutes a very real hardship.

River widening, p5

1949 02 05
Joyce Carey, the well-known actress, has a great love for Cambridge but it is seldom we have the chance of seeing her on our local stage. Now she is going to appear in "The Oedipus Tyrannus" of Sophocles presented by the University Greek Play committee. Playing Oedipus will be George Rylands, so well-known for his productions and fine performances with the Marlowe society

Trees in Grantchester Meadows, p6

1949 02 09
One of the G.I. brides who left her Cambridge home town to sail for a new life in a new country is back here for a 6-months stay with her parents. Mrs Barbara Phipps seems thoroughly happy and contented in her new life in South Bend, Indiana. It is about the same size as Cambridge. The majority of the houses are made of wood, all have refrigerators, and those in the £2,000 region are fitted with electric washing machines. Most of the stores are run on a self-service system.

1949 02 09
To celebrate the first anniversary of the opening of the Embassy Ballroom, Mill Road, Cambridge a birthday ball was held there when the resident band, under Freddy Webb, was augmented. A very happy note was struck by the appearance of Ken Turner and his band from the Rex Ballroom, together with their wives and lady friends, on the dance floor, dancing for a change, instead of playing for others. Altogether a very happy birthday evening for the ballroom. # c.69.

1949 02 10
Magistrates granted a full licence for the Bedford Lodge hotel, Newmarket. Major W.V. Beatty, trainer of Phantom House, said he considered the town had definite need for its particular facilities. When it was suggested that the "need" was nothing more than the result of the destruction by bombing of the White Hart Hotel early in the war he replied: "I would not know. I never went there. All I know about the place is that I go there for the amateur theatricals!"

1949 02 11
Sir – I want to call your attention to the despairing fact that Cambridge landladies seem to hate babies. My husband and I have been trying for countless months to rent a house, flat or rooms but as soon as we haltingly mention the criminal fact that we have a baby, the answer is "Sorry". Why, he is far too young to do any possible damage and cries less than the average. We are not paupers, and can afford a reasonable rent. I would give a hand in the house if need be, so that my husband, baby and I can be together. Will landladies please tell me why they refuse accommodation to people such as we? – "Norrie"

Linton Dog & Duck, p5

1949 02 11 WS
Mrs B.T. Jeffery to be Wisbech's first woman mayor - Wis.Stand. (elected 27 May p1)

1949 02 12

The BBC have completed tests and accepted delivery of a new Outside Broadcast Control Vehicle from Pye ltd of Cambridge. Everything required for the production and transmission of a complete television broadcast is contained in this unique mobile unit, the most modern equipment of its kind in the world, including a set of three of the latest Pye turret-headed television cameras. It is the first Pye outside broadcast vehicle produced for the BBC and the first to go into regular service since the war.

U.S. student W.M. Bowyer, p5

1949 02 14
There was not a single dissident among an audience of over 500 at Cambridge Corn Exchange when it was decided to send a letter protesting against the Anti-Blood Sports Bill to be introduced in the Commons. It states the belief that the sports concerned form a very wholesome part of country life. Its supporters resent the imputation of inhumanity which has been laid against them, knowing that the alternative methods of control suggested will cause far greater suffering

1949 02 16
At a special public meeting of the Newmarket Town Football Club an overwhelming vote expressed strong disapproval of the management committee's decision not to compete in the Eastern Counties League for the 1949-50 season. The chairman said the decision had been made for three main reasons – lack of finance, the long distances at present incurred in travelling, and the inability of the club to match the playing strength of others in the league. A player-coach would cost at least £450 a year, far more than they could afford. Part-time professionals would cost £3 a match, plus travelling

Holford lecture, p6

1949 02 17
University Press payment by results, p5

1949 02 18
South Cambs. R.D.C. have given an assurance it is their policy to take water into every council house in their district. Lists of tenants who suffered extreme hardship by reason of having to obtain water from standpipes were submitted from Bassingbourn, Guilden Morden and Melbourn. In 1938 they had sent out a circular letter to every house asking if they would pay 2d a week for water, but nearly every village voted against it

1949 02 18
The extraordinary elusiveness of Airey houses was referred to at the South Cambs R.D.C. when criticism was made of the pace at which this type of house is being built. The Gamlingay councillor said: "You see the site one minute and the next week the houses. You get the legs, then the timber on the roof and there it stops. They seem to be a sort of evil thing. They look like houses and cause a nice glow in the hearts of the populace, but there is really nothing there. They're airy! They're eerie!"

1949 02 18
The operation of an express coach service between Eltisley green, Kisby's Hut, Elsworth and Pye Telecommunications ltd at Ditton Walk, came before the Eastern Area Traffic Authority. The service is operated by Progressive Motor Coaches, and as Pye now propose to make a deduction from the wages of each employee carried, an operating licence is required. Grant of the licence was opposed by Premier Travel ltd and Whippet Coaches who said they would consume less petrol

1949 02 23
Midwives and analgesia, p5
Ford exhibition, p7

1949 02 25

The Cambridgeshire federation of anglers discussed the question of over-fishing of local waters. Major Gordon Fowler said in recent years busloads of strangers from far afield had invaded the fisheries on Saturdays and Sundays during the summer, and as they brought their own food and drink they were of little benefit to local trade. In addition, they often took away or irreparably damaged before returning to the water, large numbers of fish. If this was allowed to go on the fisheries and their amenities would soon be ruined.

1949 02 25
An elderly woman had a narrow escape when a Hornet aircraft crashed on her house and blew up in the back garden of her semi-detached council house at Reed Joint, Barkway. The pilot had bailed out. Mrs S. Smith was downstairs when the plane hit the roof of her house. The explosion which occurred as soon as the aircraft hit the ground, blew out windows in both houses.

Queen Edith estate, p8

1949 02 26
The Pentacle Club is presenting a "Cavalcade of magic" at Cambridge Guildhall. The programme will include the illusion which has been much in the news lately – sawing a woman in half. The club first performed this illusion in 1931 when Harold Warrender achieved the impossible. Due to an error, the lady was actually cut slightly on that occasion, but no serious harm was done!

E.W.W. camp photo, p4

1949 02 28
Cambridge University and Town Gas Light Company meeting was told that 8 ¾ miles of new mains had been laid. The supply had been extended to Teversham and Coton and a new low-pressure feeder main installed between Newmarket road and Mill road, Cambridge. This necessitated laying a section of the main six feet underneath the four lines of railway track at Coldham's Lane Bridge. Statistics revealed 600 new consumers, the supply of 1,606 gas cookers and a growing interest in central heating through automatically operated gas boilers.

1949 02 28
For the first time since Impington Village College was opened in 1929, a Gilbert and Sullivan opera was performed there. A packed "house" received enthusiastically the Huntingdon Music Makers Club production of "Ruddigore". The orchestra, conducted by Ethel M. Charles, was well up to the general standard. Arthur Tattersall was the producer

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1949 03 01
March, the month of winds, came in like a lion – with a gale that touched 82 mph this morning. There were the usual casualties amongst trees and chimney pots but the narrowest escape was that experienced by Mr D. Pulford, an agricultural engineer, at the Chequers Inn, Cottenham. He was uninjured when a 20-feet chimney stack collapsed and about half a ton of bricks fell onto his bed, driving its legs through the floor of the room.

Hospital cuts, p4

1949 03 02
Triplets born at the Mill Road Maternity Hospital are making excellent progress. They are all healthy, alert little babies who have not given a moment's anxiety since their arrival. All weighed over 4lb at birth. The hospital staff are understandably proud of their triplets, for they are the first born there in the 15 years since maternity cases were first handled

1949 03 02

Sentence of six month's imprisonment was passed on the butler to Mrs E. Bambridge, of Wimpole Hall for theft of wines and spirits. He gave notice in December and after his departure it was found that a number of bottles were missing from the wine cellars and others had been partially emptied and refilled with tea, red ink and water. The floor was littered with broken bottles and a window had been left unfastened to give the impression of a burglary

1949 03 03
Speaking to a crowded assembly at the opening of the Free Poles Club in St Andrew's Hall, Emmanuel Road, Cambridge the Vice Chancellor described the need for friendly relations between Britons and the Free Poles in this country, as a step which would foster inter-national harmony. The club is open not only to Poles all over the country but to anyone showing interest in Anglo-Polish relationship

Histon hall lead, p5

1949 03 04 WS
River Nene six ft above normalr - Wis.Stand.

1949 03 05
A vigorous and forceful speech appealing to Christians to out-speak and out-think, out-do and, if necessary out-die the communists and to present a case for Jesus Christ was made by Dr Donald Soper at a meeting to commemorate the jubilee of Trumpington free church. He described those who flirted with communism as "silly fatheads"

1949 03 05
An appeal was heard against the decision of the County council not to permit the working of gravel in some fields adjoining the railway crossing at Milton fen. The present workings at Milton gravel pit were practically worked out. The clerk of Milton parish council produced a petition protesting against the use of the land for workings, signed by the majority of residents in Fen road. The land in question was very good agricultural land.

1949 03 07
Allotments, p7

1949 03 08
Hypnotist, p5

1949 03 09
Physical training – flat feet
'99 Club jubilee, p7

1949 03 10
Cyril Stapleton and his orchestra, with Dick James, Pearl Carr and the Staplejacks, received a rousing reception at the Rex ballroom, Cambridge, which was packed to capacity with dancers. The manager announced that the ballroom will be closed until Monday when there will be a new super-sprung floor.

Butcher overcrarhed, p4
Birdwood Estate flats, p5

1949 03 10 HP
Doddington medieval stained class window restored - Hunts Post

1949 03 11

A driver told the court that when driving his lorry along Magdalene street, Cambridge he had to slow down to a crawl because of the other traffic, when he heard a chattering noise and before he could alight a young lady appeared at the side of his cabin window shouting that he had cut her in. Asked if she was hurt, he alleged she said: “Mister, I have ruined a good pair of nylons and someone is going to pay for it”. He told her he did not think it was his fault that her brakes did not act. He was fined 20s.

Floating weed killer, p5
Full term ends, p6

1949 03 11 WS
Wisbech's Octagon church may be pulled down - opponents hope can be saved as public library; disused since Rev Talbot left 1946 (too expensive 1st Apr) - Wis.Stand.

Councillors fight scheme improve 3/4 mile road Upwell Church Bridge to Outwell Church Bridge - to be widened out over river - "would distroy beauty spot" - Wis.Stand.

1949 03 14
A resolution to the effect that it was most unlikely that vacancies in the Cambridgeshire county police would be filled as long as the remuneration of police officers remained at a level below that of citizens of similar class was passed at the Shire Hall. Ald. Taylor said “No man with under three years’ service draws as much as £5 a week in cash. Compared with other employment, how on earth do you expect to get policemen”. The authorised strength of the county force was 114 and the actual strength 92

1949 03 14
Sir – the trouble with the Four Lamps roundabout is its bad design. It was put down many years ago and allows traffic to approach at too fast a rate. The new roundabouts on Chesterton road with its beautiful flower gardens and the one where Lensfield joins Trumpington road are of better design because they slow all traffic down to walking pace. A much greater terror is that most insane junction, Pembroke Street and Mill Lane with Trumpington Street. How people avoid being killed daily is always a marvel to me. It would be so easy to control these with traffic operated signal lights – D. McClure Campbell

Army display, p7
Pentacle review, p11
Clothes rationing ends - CDN
Police get only £5 per week - CDN

1949 03 15
Daring thieves have again been busy with the church roof at Eltisley, removing 15 cwt of lead valued at between £70 and £80. About a year ago a quantity of roof leading was removed in the night and now, with this latest outrage, one whole side of the roof is completely leadless. The marauders worked so secretly and quietly that nothing untoward was suspected at the time of the robbery

Tommy Handley concert, p4

1949 03 16
Cambridge commons and cemetery committee considered a proposal by the Cambridge Ice Cream Company that they should be permitted to sell ice cream from selected sites on recreation grounds. An alternative proposal was that the council should purchase the ice cream from the company and retail it themselves at an agreed discount. Both would necessitate the erection of electrically-fitted kiosks by the council and the committee has decided that neither shall be entertained.

1949 03 16

It is pleasant, as they end, to be able to bid farewell to the various war-time restrictions which have particularly affected the housewife. I have been able to write an obituary to bread, jam and sweet rationing. Now comes the end of clothes rationing after eight long, weary years. The ending of the coupon system is hardly likely to lead to an orgy of buying. It is only too sadly true that our buying is conditioned rather by the contents of our purses than our coupon books.

1949 03 17
Isleham village dramatic society were due to begin a three-nightly run of "Charley's Aunt" at the school hall at 7.30 pm. At 5 o'clock officials from the County Architect's department refused to allow the play to go on as the hall did not meet the stringent requirement of the safety regulations. At 5.45pm the village crier was called out to go on his round giving news of the last-minute bombshell to the disappointed villagers. Busloads of playgoers were due to arrive from Soham and Beck Row. After a lot of frantic telephoning the buses were cancelled and money refunded.

Death W. King of King & Harper, p5

1949 03 18
Proposals for further extension of Cambridge boundaries to meet housing needs were disclosed at the Town Council. It is now suggested that Barton, Coton, Madingley, Fen Ditton, Girton, Horningsea, Grantchester and Teversham should be included.

South Cambridgeshire rate, p4
Newmarket Road refuse tip, p7

1949 03 17
Hunts Conservatives call on farmers with pony and trap to get electors to polls - getting around new restrictions on use of cars on polling day - Hunts Post

1949 03 18 CIP
Police & fire brigade radio scheme soon - CIP

1949 03 19
Radio-operated shunting, p4

1949 03 21
A movement which has done, and is doing, a great work all over the country is that of the Building Societies. Cambridge has a Building Society of which its members can be justly proud. George Newman, Vice President said: "I think this Society, which is 99 years old, is by no means senile and is more active than at any time during its history. In spite of the high costs of property and higher mortgages applied for, the average mortgage is £576."

1949 03 22
Windows to Latimer & Bilney, p4

1949 03 23
At the annual meeting of the Cambridge Hundred Houses Society the chairman said they had paid just over £8,000 for the Scotland Farm estate, but had been prevented from building on it because of the war. Management of the two existing estates at Eastfield and Fallowfield proceeded on normal lines. Although still in a sound financial position, the cost of future repairs will be a considerable drain.

1949 03 23
Cambridge is pioneering in Britain a scheme by which suitable cases, instead of being nursed in hospital, will be nursed in their own homes, thereby saving up to 30 hospital beds. There was unanimous agreement that the scheme for home nursing and care could and ought to be bought into operation at the earliest possible moment. "It has tremendous possibilities", said Dr Banks. The local

health authorities can do practically anything for the person ill in his own home except give him money. # c.21.4

Laundries invisible marks, p5
Ray Ellington at Rex, p7

1949 03 24
Road accidents, p4

1949 03 25
Messrs Nicholson and Co, of Cambridge, offered the property known as "Plum's Café", 29-31 High St, St Neots, for sale by auction. The bidding was brisk and the property was sold at £7,700.

Dustman's Ball, p11
Babraham Hall sold for research station – CIP

Foot and mouth at Tydd St Giles farm, 172 slaughtered - WS.
Only 14 contests in council seats - six in borough, eight in county - CIP

1949 03 26
Television brought the boat race into thousands of homes with equipment produced by Pye Radio Ltd playing a prominent part. A Pye transmitter was on the launch "Conseuta" and the static cameras from Barnes Bridge onwards were a product of the Cambridge firm. The relay was a tremendous success, with viewers sharing every one of the thrills of this greatest of all boat races. Approximately 600 people heard the broadcast in the Central Cinema. This evening there will be a free television show by Pye in the circle lounge

Goodfellow remembers 40 years ago, p6

1949 03 29
A Cambridge firm has scored another technical triumph. The first demonstration of television in Australia was given in Melbourne with equipment made in Cambridge by Pye Ltd. The complete television transmitting station and a supply of receivers were flown to Australia. British enterprise has again won through in face of strong competition from America.

1949 03 30
Juvenile delinquency is very much in the news at the moment, and the problem of how to check it is increasingly occupying the attention of social workers. An experiment in this direction is being conducted in Cambridge at "Winston House", Brooklands Avenue. Here, boys in between 14 and 17, who have been in their first trouble, are given a chance to make good by making them happy members of a little family, providing useful outlets for their mental and physical energy and helping them to make right friendships and get a sense of responsibility and self-respect.

1949 03 30
A Histon couple have gone into the clean-sweeping business. They bought the suction sweeper for their own chimneys but were kept so busy by friends, that in the end they bought a pale blue van and went into business together. A suction sweeper stands alongside the fire place; a large plate is put over it, and an ordinary sweep's brush manipulated through a canvas-covered opening in the plate. Not a single speck of soot is distributed in the room – it is all sucked into a container as it falls. The job takes about three-quarters of an hour on a normal chimney, and costs 7s.6d.

1949 03 31
As a result of a ruling by the Excise authorities last year, that licences of the University's Vice Chancellor do not cover British as well as foreign wines, 16 applications came before the Cambridge magistrates for confirmation. In each case the people concerned had held licences of the Vice

Chancellor under a very ancient statute, and it was thought that these covered both foreign and British wines

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1949 04 01 WS
Wives and sweethearts back Territorial recruiting drive - Wis.Stand.

1949 04 02
The Lamb Hotel, Ely, came very near to destruction when fire broke out in a linen room on the first floor. The room was almost completely gutted. At one time there was a danger of the fire spreading to a ground-floor store cupboard but fortunately flames were checked before they gained a good hold. Sub-officer Church of Ely fire service said: "In another five minutes we should not have got a hold on the fire at all. Doors and windows were kept closed by the occupants, and it saved the place"

Crossing for safety, p6

1949 04 04
Cambridge, like the rest of Britain, shrugged off a little bit of austerity when display lights went on again after ten years. It was only a little bit. For every lit up shop window in the town centre there were at least ten wrapped in gloom. Many hotel and public house signs were illuminated and the "great light up" had a good send off at the flag-bedecked Regal Cinema where Mr Morley Stuart, editor of the C.D.N. operated a specially installed master switch in the foyer. It was the Regal's 12th birthday, all but a day

Territorial Army new HQ, p4
Bedford Lodge licence, p6
Elijah Ives reminisces Chivers, p7
Pye order finished, p9

1949 04 06
Designer success, p5

1949 04 07
A Cambridge fireman pleaded guilty to exceeding the 30 mph speed limit with a fire service motor lorry on the London-Newmarket road. The police proved a speed of 50 mph near the golf course and said the driver, the holder of a provisional licence, was driving on L-plates. The fireman said the lorry's speedometer was defective. The road was clear at the time and he felt it was a good opportunity to gain experience of driving at a fast speed – something which was essential in their job. A fine of £1 was imposed.

Petrol file, p5

1949 04 08
"I think within 20 years' time a considerable quantity of our electricity will be produced by the disintegration of uranium rather than the burning of coal", Dr T. Allibone told the British Electricity Authority's school at Cambridge. Within the next 30 years possibly all the world's power would be produced from uranium. "You will have to get rid of about 200 tons of fission products per annum. Where are you going to take it? What you produce is like radium. It is terribly dangerous, and goes on being dangerous for a decade". The problem of the disposal of radio-active fission products is one of the greatest sociological problems of the whole lot

1949 04 08
Concern at the inadequacy of the medical service afforded to the people of Fulbourn village was expressed at Cambridge Trades Council's meeting. A member said when a doctor was acquired, by

paying, from Cambridge, he was there with alacrity. "If you can pay then you will get your doctor straight away". If the residents of Fulbourn could get a minimum number of patients required by a doctor – about 2,000 – and a list of signatures to send to the Local Executive Committee they were forced to try and provide the village with a doctor.

1949 04 08 CIP
County Council elections : Conservatives gain three lose one; Labour win two, lose three; planning committee chairman beaten by one vote - CIP
Borough Conservatives gains - CIP
How to get your new ration book - CIP

1949 04 11
The vast majority of the 6,000 people who attended Saturday's outstandingly successful point-to-point meeting at Moulton left without knowing that one of the riders in the ladies race had been rushed to hospital with serious injuries following a fall. She died in hospital less than 24 hours later. It was unfortunate that tragedy should have marred a meeting, the success of which was so richly deserved. The course at Moulton is about 3 ½ miles with14 jumps and a long uphill stretch that calls for the best in all horses

1949 04 12
Chicks lost, p6

1949 04 13
Three families were rendered homeless when fire swept through the thatched roofs of two 300-year-old cottages in Linton and spread to a tiled house adjoining. The cottages were converted many years ago out of Little Joiners farmhouse, which was built in 1651. It is believed that a spark from a chimney fire started the blaze. Some distance away are Messrs Holttum's premises where paint is stored. Paintwork on the outside of this building was blistered by the heat but firemen stopped the flames from spreading to it.

Stray rabbit, p5

1949 04 14
The new school at Trumpington is to be known as the "Fawcett" primary school. It is being named after Prof. Henry Fawcett, who died in 1884. He was well-known to a former generation as "the blind postmaster general", and was one of the first holders of the Chair of Political Economy in Cambridge University. He lived in Brookside, and was buried in Trumpington churchyard. He was a man who had set an outstanding example of courage in the face of misfortune.

1949 04 14
Delay in Cambridge corporation authority's gaining access to 40 acres of allotments in Coleridge Road in readiness for their use as a housing site would upset the rate of the council's housing programme, it was stated at an Inquiry. The corporation owned two other areas of land for housing. One, recently purchased, was in Queen Edith's Way. The other, the Arbury road site, it was proposed to develop as a neighbourhood unit with ultimately 1,000 houses, but it was unlikely it could be adequately serviced for building for at least 2 ½ years

1949 04 16
South Cambridgeshire Rural District Council are of the opinion that Gamlingay should remain in Cambridgeshire with the exception of that portion near Tempsford station. Mr C.H. Careless said this vitally affected village people and they should have the last word. "You must remember that we are Bedfordshire for practically every convenience – postal, labour exchange, railways etc. We have not a single bus running daily into any Cambridgeshire centre".

Cycle thefts, p6

1949 04 18
A police radio network covering Cambridgeshire, the Isle of Ely, Huntingdonshire and Peterborough has come into operation. Now within a few minutes of any incident being reported the nearest cruising police cars can be speeding to the spot. Radio will help greatly in car theft cases, enabling descriptions of missing vehicles to be circulated in a few seconds over a wide area. The Fire Brigade is also in the scheme. The master station through which the whole scheme is controlled is situated at County Police Headquarters, Castle Hill, Cambridge. # c.34.7 # c.27.8

1949 04 19
Railway inquest, p6
Butter ration, p8

1949 04 20
Cambridge shopkeepers reported good Easter business in all departments. But very few women were able to buy a new pair of nylons for the holidays. All first grade nylons are now exported. Only a trickle of "seconds" is coming into the shops. But for all the "Easter bonnets" bought, few were to be seen in the streets. The heatwave weather which bought people out in their thousands made hatlessness more than ever the order of the day

1949 04 20
Fred G. Rule, the man responsible for preparing pitches on which such famous crickets as Jack Hobbs, Tom Hayward and Jack O'Connor played in their Cambridge days has retired. When he first took over the post of custodian the corporation provided only the pitches, the actual equipment was hired out to the teams by Messrs. Hayward's. It was in 1922 that the corporation took over the provision of such things as goal posts.

Mellish Clark – no secretary, p5

1949 04 21
A fine of £2 was imposed on a van driver for careless driving at the junction of Hills Road and Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge. P.C. J. Ramsey said he saw a "Keep Left" bollard in the centre of the road, damaged and tipped over to one side. Defendant told him he had hit it. He said that new bread inside the van had steamed up the windows and windscreen.

1949 04 22
Albert Lavender, greengrocer of Ely, said he kept the cabin of a motor lorry on land at Middle Fen. The windscreen was on the cabin last week but on Tuesday was missing. P.C. Vincent told of seeing the defendant at Webb's scrapyard in Stuntney road. He at first denied all knowledge of the windscreen but later stated that he took it to make a new window for the rear of his car. He was fined £2

1949 04 22 WS
Two Communists standing in Marshland RDC election; West Walton seat opposed by Col.M.C.Clayton & West Walton rector Rev W.H.Morton; two communists poll only 59 votes & West Walton candidate also voted off Parish Council - Wis.Stand.
At Outwell no candidates nominated - Wis.Stand.

1949 04 25
"If you had a Tory government again I should say you would go through revolution", said Mr A.E. Stubbs, Socialist MP for Cambridgeshire. "You cannot picture the mass of working-class people in this country allowing any government to end the nationalisation of the mines, railways and transport". In his judgement there was never going to be another Conservative government in this country. "The fight coming is between Socialism on the one side and Communism on the other", he said

1949 04 26
Sweets. That seems to have been the word on everyone's' lips over the weekend and Cambridge people have been rushing madly to see what they can buy. Once again the familiar war-time queues have reappeared and grown-ups, heedless of the Ministry of Food request to let the children buy first, have been swarming to the shops. Some of the shops opened on Sunday with young children who have never known the experience of being able to buy sweets without having to hand over coupons being prominent among the crowds

1949 04 26
With its cold grey stonework glittering in the rays of the brilliant sun Linton war memorial was unveiled for a second time. On the first occasion, after the 1914-18 war, 46 names were inscribed on it and on Sunday when the Union Jack fell from the memorial at the touch of Mrs E. W. Morley, there were revealed a further 13 names of men who died in the 1939-45 war. Several hundred villagers gathered around the memorial situated in the graveyard on a little mound overlooking the village. Although it was a solemn occasion there were splashes of colour from the summer dresses of the women.

Lords Bridge RAF station, p8, not guilty 27th p7

1949 04 27
Standing waist-high to the Newmarket housewives who gathered to welcome Princess Elizabeth to the town, was bright-eyed 7 ½ year old Peggy Matthews. When Princess Elizabeth alighted from her car and began to climb the steps to Palace House, Peggy started to cry. Asked what was the matter, she clung to her mother and sobbed: "She hasn't brought Prince Charles with her". Yesterday's visit was unique in that for the first time HRH stayed at Palace House, her official Newmarket residence. Princess Elizabeth rode a hack on the heath this morning and spoke to a number of jockeys and stable employees

1949 04 29
Cambridge council were told that some 20 years ago Messrs Pye asked for the Church meadow, Chesterton, to build a factory. There was strong opposition in letters to the press. It was one of the beauty spots of "a drab place called Old Chesterton". It was pointed out then that the firm would spread out and that was what had happened. The land concerned was 2½ acres of valuable front land which the council purchased before the war and which the people of Chesterton were told was going to be a park. If the council did not sell the land Pyes might move their factory. The decision to sell was confirmed.

Linton war memorial unveiled – CIP

1949 04 29 WS
Wisbech Rural District only 2 parishes to vote - Wis.Stand.

1949 04 28
Three undergraduates, one sycle, p4

1949 04 29
Councillor James protested at the "deliberate wrecking" of partly-built houses on the Newmarket road housing estate, Cambridge. He mentioned emptying the petrol out of concrete mixers; filling motor carburettors with sand; filling manholes with bricks; pushing down thin walls where the mortar was still wet; and smashing sheets of glass. Police had interviewed three delinquents but it was obvious there were many more.

Hobson's Conduit, p6
Pye land, p7
Tebbitt, Hillrow, Haddenham milk, p8

Street names sign, p8

1949 04 30
Newmarket Road scrapbooks, p4
Gas service, p9

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1949 05 02
A toenail she had not cut for five years led to the death from tetanus of a 73-year-old lady of Over. The nail had grown right round the toe into the skin underneath it. Her son said he did all he could to persuade his mother to have proper attention, but she was quite independent and declined the advice. She had had a bad toenail for about 17 years but would not have it removed

99 Rowing Club dinner, p6
Gas take-over, p9

1949 05 03
The Drummer Street bus station is a topic always sure of a lively discussion at Women's Institute meetings. At the annual meeting of the Cambridgeshire Federation the present provisions were condemned in no uncertain terms. A Fulbourn member thought it would be a waste to spend more money on the existing system, which was all wrong. Advocating the use of New Square she spoke of the danger to children running across the road after school to catch buses. "There will be a fatal accident there before long, then perhaps something will be done", she said

Road signs, p4

1949 05 04
At 15 group operations room of the Royal Observer Corps in Newmarket road, Cambridge, 20 or 30 blue-dashed uniformed men and women took part in a big Observer Corps exercise. Everywhere the sharp-eyed observers at their remote posts reported aircraft in a formula giving the type, number and height. Meteors, Hornets, Messengers, Ansons, Skymasters and Lincolns were some of the aircraft spotted and plotted – the RAF boys doing their best to fox the spotters by hedge-hopping and 500 miles an hour # c.45.8

Narional savings, p6

1949 05 05
Sweet rationing, p7

1949 05 06
Stretham man illegal sugar beet, p7

1949 05 07
Announced as Miss Cambridgeshire at the Glamour Ball at the Rex Ballroom Miss Betty Goddard of Cambridge heard another announcement ten minutes later that a mistake had been made, and the title really belonged to Miss Winifred Millard of Pretoria road. As Miss Cambridgeshire she will be eligible for the Hunstanton Beauty Queen contest, Miner's Beauty Contest and her photograph is being submitted in the Sunday Despatch competition.

Bourn slum. P7

1949 05 09

J. D. Dewes and G.H.G. Doggart, the Cambridge pair who on Saturday scored 429 without being separated against Essex at Fenners, needed only 27 more runs to beat the world record for a second wicket partnership. They received no opportunity of attempting the task because the Cambridge captain declared. A crowd of about 1,000 turned up at the ground hoping to see the record broken and everyone was disappointed about the declaration. So they have had to remain satisfied with a new English record.

Parachute jumps, p7

1949 05 11
Newmarket Road scrap dump, p4
Poland national day, p10

1949 05 12
Speaking in parliament Mr A.E. Stubbs referred to an estate of around 3,000 acres outside Newmarket which was occupied during the war for military purposes. When the war was over it was occupied by prisoners, by Poles and others, but when the occupants had gone the military authorities took no trouble to see the camp was cleaned up. Rats spread all over the adjacent land. There were six stacks of wheat and barley which were destroyed. There were at least 600 rats in each stack

Cycle torn from grasp, p7

1949 05 13
A director of the firm of Findlater, Mackie and Todd, brewers, applied to turn the premises known as the Festival Grill, King's Parade, Cambridge, into fully licensed premises with meals provided. In April 1946 he had acquired the business of the Hope Inn, Bene't Street, the ground floor of which was used as an ordinary bar, whilst the first floor was converted into two wine parlours. These had become very popular but attracted a totally different type of clientele from the ground floor bar. # c.27.4

Flying notes – airport, p8

Both labour candidates lose in Wisbech borough election - Wis.Stand.
Fruit growing areas hit by frost - CIP
Wages agricultural workers - CIP

1949 05 14
The presentation of a motor car by the Ministry of Pensions to Mr P.E.B. Hall of St Catharine's college was the first of what is hoped will become 1,500 similar gifts in Britain during the next two years to men who during the war lost total use of their legs. The cars have been specially adapted to be driven entirely by hand, with the servo-operated gears, clutch, throttle and brakes all within easy reach of either right or left hand. These are in addition to the usual foot levers. The Ministry provides the licence, registration and insurance and also grants a maintenance sum of £45 per year.

Death James Nutter, p7

1949 05 16
"There are many cases where young fellows seems to have no moral sense whatever. I always through the proper thing was to bring up children to respect other people's property and to realise the law must be obeyed. Nowadays they seem to think that they can break into people's houses, put them in terror, rob them of their things and then say 'I am very sorry. This is merely an escapade'. I am not at all sure the right source is not to send them right away at the start for a long period. Thus other people might realise these are not pranks but serious and moral offences", said the Recorder of Cambridge when two youths pleaded guilty to burglary, having stolen a quantity of chocolate, a wallet and £5.17s.6d in money

1949 05 16
"There might well be two parents in the dock as well", said Mr D.C. Bain, defending a painter of no fixed abode on a charge of store-breaking and theft. A close look at his record revealed he had had a very bad start. It began when his father prosecuted him for stealing his overcoat and, since then, neither parent had made a slightest attempt to discipline him or keep him under control. He was homeless, friendless and had not the slightest conception of the ordinary life led by a man of 28

1949 05 17
Cycling history was made when the Cambridgeshire Road Club promoted its first open time trial on roads west of Cambridge. It is believed that this is the first open road event ever to be organised by a Cambridge cycling club, and the experiment proved to be an unqualified success. An entry of 183 was received from clubs but only 120 could be accepted. The Cambridgeshire Road Club team of B. Curtis, F. Krebs and V. Avis came second in the team race 49 05 17

1949 05 17
The audience remained in their seats and the play continued when fire broke out in the men's cloakroom at the A.D.C. theatre during a performance by the Cambridge Training College for Women Drama Group. The blaze was caused by a smouldering pipe left in the pocket of one of the coats in the cloakroom. At the height of the blaze, the auditorium became hazy with smoke as it drifted in through the ventilators. The audience, composed largely of university members did not panic and cheers greeted an announcement that the fire was under control.

1949 05 18
The Humber Hawk, newest car to come off the production line, is one of a group of cars and lorries displayed at Messrs Herbert Robinson's garage, Regent Street, Cambridge in their first show since the war ended. Other types include the Humber Pullman Super Snipe, Sunbeam-Talbot 90 and Hillman Minx. If you care to put your name on the end of about 600 other people you might get your new car in a few years time! Meanwhile, until new cars become more plentiful we must be satisfied just with looking at them through such shows

1949 05 18
Among the few air-raids Cambridge suffered was the one a night in August 1941 which besides damaging a number of houses in Romsey town, completely demolished an old building which was used as a primary Sunday school by Mill Road Baptists. A handsome hall is now being built and is expected to be opened in the autumn. # c.45.7

First motor show since war, p8

1949 05 20
W.I. visit Denmark, p6

1949 05 20 CIP
Fans to keep frost off fruit - CIP
Death of James Nutter, local miller - CIP

1949 05 21
A conference of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England was told that the 1947 Agricultural Act would change the appearance of the countryside. It was going to result in a very large amount of corrugated iron and corrugated asbestos and the disappearance of a good deal of thatch, because thatch cost a good deal to repair. With petrol more easily available, more people would want to live in the countryside. "I believe it is important to encourage them because it will make cultural life in the villages more varied and richer", said Mr Pease, vice chairman.

1949 05 21

Cambridge was the scene of a "ceremony of the keys" about midnight on May 12th when the borough pindar, Mr Bill Clee, went round a number of Cambridge commons unlocking the gates so that in accordance with rights dating back hundreds of years those who wished could have access to the commons to graze their stock. Travelling on an auto-cycle he unlocked no fewer than 17 gates on his journey. I gather there were no queues of stock waiting to sample the fresh green grass. There is a Wild West touch about the animals on the commons now, for each one is branded to indicate that the owner has paid the required fee.

Cottenham Football Club jubilee, p6

1949 05 23
A "Happy Homes" exhibition was opened at the Co-operative hall, Burleigh Street. Several of the exhibits are of goods which are being made again for the first time since the war. One, a welcome sight, is the man's fitted wardrobe, with shelves for his underwear, ties and hats, and sliding rods and rails for suits and footwear. One exhibit which drew the women, was a cream and green electrically-driven washing machine, with automatic wringer, which does the family wash in an hour and a half, at a cost of about 1d in electricity a week.

R.S. Hicks honoured, p4

1949 05 24
Cambridge town football club's 1948-49 season achieved even better results than its record predecessor. In all the club won no fewer than seven trophies. It is not surprising that another exceptional season saw the "gate" figures soar to greater heights and no fewer than 125,000 fans filled the stand or lined the terraces. The biggest disappointment was the club's failure to gain admittance to the Isthmian league. Of the veteran players George Dean, surely the most virile secretary-player in the game, had an outstanding season on the field.

1949 05 25
When the custom of having a luncheon after the proclamation of Reach fair was revived on Monday, Counc G. Edwards recalled that 25 years ago the Mayor was a brewer and an additional ceremony he performed was the opening of a new village pump. This led him to remark that he did not quite understand why a brewer should be asked to open a pump; he could have understood it if a dairyman had been asked to perform the ceremony!

Kinema increase warehouse lads, p10

1949 05 26
Stubbs loses sear, p7
First May Mayor-making, p6

1949 05 27
Kemp 25 years Town Clerk, p6 # c.35.7

1949 05 30
At the rate of two a minute some 370 men employed by the Cambridge Instrument Company voluntarily underwent a free examination making possible the early discovery and treatment of any trouble in their chests. Facilities for such a high-speed search are the result of the war-time development of mass radiography, which enables X-ray photographs to be taken without fuss. Already some 4,000 men and 600 women have taken advantage of the opportunity. Women attend for X-ray separately from men, and are each provided with a freshly-laundered chest cover.

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1949 06 01

Two local G.I. brides arrived in Cambridge recently on a three-months' visit. They are Mrs Violet Mitchell, of Buffalo, N.Y. (daughter of Mrs Ives of Harston) & Mrs Irene Mateer of West Coxsackle, N.Y., daughter of Mr & Mrs Lupson, Hills road, Cambridge. One impression gained in the short time they have been here is the high prices of children's' clothes. Another was the shocked reaction of the assistant when they asked for a piece of ham in a local store.

Maternity hospital, p8

1949 06 02
Walter Stockbridge told Cambridge rotary club of his experiences as an Antique Dealer. His first purchase of antique furniture was at Barrington, where he came across a very fine oak coffer, white with pig food, because that was what it was being used to hold. "The coffer had no lid and I managed to buy it for 5s. In triumph I bore it home and fitted a top to it. My father eventually sold it for £4.10s. Judge then my surprise when in London in 1919 I saw my coffer, still with its new lid, occupying a place of honour in the Victoria and Albert Museum"

1949 06 02
The Secretary of State for War, Mr Shinwell, states that there are 43 huts on the camp site at Donkey Common, Cambridge. They were originally intended to accommodate three officers and 224 other ranks. There is now one Women's Royal Army Corps unit and a small detachment of Pioneers, comprising three officers and 76 other ranks in all. # c.45.7

1949 06 03
The story of the swans at Milton gravel pits is a tragic one. It begins in the spring, when a pair of mute swans built a nest, which was robbed in April. A second clutch of eggs was laid but the sitting pen (hen bird) was stoned to death. The cob took over the incubation and sat for three weeks within six feet of the decaying corpse of his mate. Finally, last week, the lone bird was driven from the nest, and the eggs were smashed, although they must have been nearly hatching. Bird life at the pits and on the adjacent sewage farm is protected.

Mothers Union festival, p5
Glider record, p8
Swaffham Fen methodist chapel to be renovated - CIP

1949 06 04
County show, p7

1949 06 06
One of the worst accidents that has ever occurred in Cambridge resulted in three local women being fatally injured when a car driven by the Hon. --- , a Trinity college undergraduate, collided with them in Trumpington road. The car, a 20 hp Alvis first mounted the pavement on the stone bridge near Brooklands Ave, where it knocked over the three women. It then hit a lamp standard and regained the road with its offside front wheel wrenched off. Finally, it struck a cyclist, whose machine was dragged along under the car, but who himself escaped serious injuries

1949 06 07
Cambridge county agricultural show fully lived up to its well-earned reputation of being one of the best one-day events of its kind in the country. The show covered 45 acres of ground at Trumpington that will form part of the site for the Royal Show in 1951 and can with truth be described as a "dress rehearsal" for the country's premier agricultural event. Banker's row, smart caravan banking establishments – emphasised the fact that this was a business occasion. There was an unusual machinery demonstration where Messrs Sindall, public works contractors, had several giant bulldozers and excavators working in a pit.

1949 06 08

An 89-year old man from Lt Paxton who made cricket bats for Dr W.G. Grace and Ranjitsinhji has work on view at the county show. He is still making bats from willows he grows himself. Another man, Mr C. Ison of Histon, wheelwright and carpenter, describes himself as "a rough old hand" but can carve bowls and picture frames with all the fine skill that comes to him through the generations of his ancestry who have done similar work in Fowlmere, the village of his birth.

1949 06 10
Picketing by Jews and Communists outside the Chesterton secondary modern boys' school resulted in the abandonment of a meeting which was to have been held there by the British People's Party. Inside the hall, which had posters, "Britain awake", on the walls, there were eight people by the time the meeting was due to start. The meeting had been well advertised however, 2,000 handbills having been circulated. The Party believe that bad as the Conservatives certainly are, they would not do so much damage to the country as an extension of Labour rule. # c.33

1949 06 11
Swan death, p7

1949 06 13
Princess Margaret was present at the last night of the Footlights Review. Efforts had been made to keep the visit as private as possible. The two front rows of seats at the Arts Theatre remained conspicuously empty in a packed house. All faces craned towards the entrance as while the overture was playing the Royal party entered. The audience was on its feet in a second, and there was a spontaneous burst of clapping and a real cheer. The Princess, a petite girlish figure, looking serious and rather shy, was dressed with the utmost simplicity in an evening gown of deep pink tulle. She seemed to thoroughly enjoy the show # c.02

1949 06 13
Occupants of the caretaker's flat had to escape in their night attire when fire badly damaged the Friends Meeting House in Jesus Lane, Cambridge. The fire caused some anxiety since it occurred in one of Cambridge's three danger zones. It appears to have started in the main hall, where a charred piano and burnt-out settee were evidence of its intensity. The usefulness of the fire brigade's recently-introduced radio equipment was effectively demonstrated for calling reinforcements # c.34.75

1949 06 14
The May Balls have brought out a crop of new evening dresses. White, ideal for a summer dance was a favourite colour and diaphanous floating tulle tell to the fore as a material. I noticed several gaily striped or checked stiff taffetas, and a few with big flower patters, but plain colours predominated. Tiered skirts – three or even four of five tiers – are back. One or two of the ladies had fringed, silk shawls, draped over their shoulders and I noticed one carrying a pink feather fan

"I am quite sure that we suffer from an over materialistic outlook on life and are much too frightened to spend money making places more beautiful to live in". Such was the opinion expressed by Mr H. Walston of Thriplow at the parish Councils Association meeting. "I do feel we are in great danger of leaving things more and more to experts and specialists feeling that the borough surveyor knows much more about the right place to put a house than we do".

1949 06 15
Watching from an upper window as the May Ball dancers paced backwards and forwards along the awning-covered pathway to the marquee, I was forcibly struck by the almost universally bad deportment. There was a conspicuous absence of the erect, dignified bearing thought so essential in our mothers and grandmothers' day. Skirts which needed lifting from the ground were grabbed up in the most ungraceful way, and held somewhere about mid-calf. Although a number of the dresses were really beautiful much of their effect was thereby lost. Good deportment is of course an art. It seems a pity that it is no longer looked upon as a necessary art for a young girl to master

Wireless open day, p8

1949 06 16
Erks and Air Minister, p7

Air Ministry visits RAF Waterbeach - CDN - CIP 17 Jun p1
Kimbolton castle contents to be sold - Hunts Post
Cromwell's high crowned black felt hat which he wore when dismissing he Long Parliament has been given to Hinchingbrooke's collection of Cromwell memorabilia - Hunts Post

1949 06 17
Roman jar discovered, p7
Hydraulic brakes failed, p8

1949 06 18
Winners in the Chesterton shopping week competition were presented with their prizes at the Tivoli cinema. The object was to show the public that all the goods they need can be obtained in their own area, without wasting time and energy in buses and in queues; at competitive prices and with good service and personal attention. Shopkeepers had many difficulties to contend with during the past 10 years including coupons, form filling and shortage of material, and at the present time, shortage of ready money. There was laughter when men's names were given as the winners of a home perm and two pairs of nylons

1949 06 20
'99 commemoration, p7

1949 06 21
"If the people will not come into us, we will go out them." Such seems to be the view of the Cambridge Young Conservatives who held the first of two open-air summer meetings on Parker's Piece. Saturday strollers stopped out of curiosity and stayed out of interest to hear several young people express their views on the political situation. Most of the listeners were civilian but servicemen were represented together with two Americans who seemed to be rather baffled by it all. On the whole, the crowd was orderly and there were only one or two hecklers. The greatest opposition was from the appeals for catches or l.b.w. by nearby cricketers

1949 06 22
A few yards from the Cambridge council chamber where the Aldermen and councillors gather to discuss the affairs of the town their wives met on Monday afternoon. The formality of official proceedings was replaced by the informality of gay summer dresses, straw hats and inconsequential chat as the ladies came into their own for a short space of time. Their talk, perhaps, was not on such weighty subjects as that of their men folk, as they chatted over a cup of tea, but the function was enjoyed and appreciated by the ladies. It was the first time such a function had been held within living memory

1949 06 22
Sir – I have been employed 14 years at a place of work at the corner of Fen Causeway (Trumpington Road end), Cambridge. Almost daily there is an accident on this corner, cyclists, cars and lorries being involved. A few months ago "improvements" were carried out at this spot. I can tell you the accident rate has increased daily since these were made. The only way to make this corner safe is to install traffic lights or have police permanently on point duty – Employee

Newmarket Business Women, p5

1949 06 23

Before the Mayor had completed for first ride on the super-speedway, after Midsummer Fair had been proclaimed, long queues were filing past gay looking stalls where assistants were doling out half-pounds of rock, nougat and sweets of all varieties, as fast as they could. This was but one feature of what appeared to be the biggest and brightest fair people in this district have had the opportunity of seeing for some time. The first impression was "this is a return to good old times". But taking a look at a stall filled with china a reporter heard a purchaser told "A guinea a cup and saucer, Madam!" There were other stalls offering more practical but still very attractive crocks which were probably cheaper

1949 06 23
The fact that two families had to be rehoused owing to the direct harm done children through being in the proximity of a slaughterhouse was mentioned at the meeting of the Cambridge National Council of Women. Three children in one family have been recommended for the Open Air School as they were in a nervous condition, entirely due to being near a slaughterhouse. They expressed "grave concern" at the council's decision to renew the slaughterhouse licence in Fitzroy Street, which was in a congested residential area & urged the council to provide a municipal abattoir with the most modern hygienic equipment for the humane slaughter of animals, situated away from a residential district.

Pye outing, p10

1949 06 24
After being in use for more than 100 years, the cast iron arches of the railway bridge over the Ouse half-a-mile south of Huntingdon, are being replaced by a modern steel structure. The policy is to abolish all cast-iron bridges under running roads. A greater tensile strength is needed to meet the demands of 450-tons of express trains hurtling along at great speeds. The arrangements began in March when the lines across the bridges were closed to traffic. It is hoped the lines will be open again in October

Polish boys hospitality, p7
Whittlesford first Over Sixties in small rural village (list of others Jul 1 p4) - CIP

1949 06 25
Oscar Rabin at Rex, p7

1949 06 27
Two American airmen stationed at Lakenheath were involved when the jeep in which they were driving crashed through the front garden wall of a house on the Mill Hill, Exning Road, Newmarket. It is believed that the accident was caused by a failure in the steering system. The jeep was badly damaged. One wheel was knocked completely off and trundled on its own for many yards down the hill

Pilot mistook airfield, p7
Centaur club scramble, p10

1949 06 28
Air exercise, p8

1949 06 29
A tender of £34,887 was accepted by the County Education Committee for the erection of the first instalment of a new school at Girton. It will consist of four classrooms, staff room and dining room. At Litlington a building on the RAF site is to be adapted as a classroom and offices for 30 children. A recommendation that the former sergeants' mess at RAF station Bourn should be hired to provide additional accommodation for the Bourn parochial school was also agreed

1949 06 30

Histon sewage, p7

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1949 07 01
The planning difficulties in Cambridge of attempting to reach a balance between medieval beauty and the requirements of the future were mentioned by the County Planning Officer who told a group from Sweden: "You have come to a very bad town as far as town planning was concerned. We have arrived at the year 1949 without any planning worth talking about – and if we can manage the next 1949 years so successfully, I don't think we shall do so badly!" He went on to say that town planning was one of Cambridge's biggest problems.

1949 07 01
A scheme which will be of great assistance to the wives of farm workers is the "Packed Meals Scheme for Agricultural Workers" which is being organised by Mrs Nunn of Cambridge. The Ministry of Food is issuing the necessary licence and it is proposed to deliver meals direct to the farm so that workers can collect them. The meals will consist of three full rounds of sandwiches, two filled with meat and one with cheese. There will also be a slice of cake at the inclusive cost of 1s. per pack

New Earith sluice, p5
Police station theft, p6

1949 07 01 WS
Monk's ghost haunts Elm vicarage (saves vicars wife from attack 21 Oct p.1) - Wis.Stand.

1949 07 02
Milton pit swans, p6
County Borough powers, p9

1949 07 05
Seven men, officials and employees of the London Aero Motor Transport Services Ltd, said by the prosecution to have made "raid after raid on RAF equipment stored at Stansted aerodrome" and to have operated a system of warning lights from the airport's control tower were before Saffron Walden magistrates today

1949 07 06
Mr George Smith, of Green Farm, Weston Colville, celebrated his 101st birthday today. His age and the ages of his nine children now total approx.700 years. There are four generations in the house where he is living with one of his sons. In all he has 13 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. A retired farmer, he was born at Debden in 1848 but for the past 76 years has lived at Weston Colville

Rotary president, p4
Crematorium loan, p7
Sweets at fair, p8

1947 07 07
Dangerous playground, p7
Parkside evening centre, p8

Water supply position serious - Huntingdon water works pumped 17(c) hours daily - compared to 14 - but restrictions if drought continues - Hunts Post

1947 08 08
Dustbins, p6

£227,000 water scheme S Cambs - CIP

1947 07 11
Eversden water, p10

1949 07 12
Sir - On 2nd July two Hornet aircraft flew over King's College in perfect visibility at a height of well below 200 feet. My two children were very badly frightened indeed. I feel certain that even at the phenomenal speed of 400 mph in a somewhat out-of-date aircraft, a pilot should be able to avoid the centre of a town the size of Cambridge. There are some parents who have flown in aircraft, and their children too, and they have even been bombed by them. The curious fact is that young children are still scared to death of low-flying aircraft – Edward Leigh # c.26.1

Army babe birthday, p4

1949 07 13
Yesterday was a typical hot-weather day in the life of the Cambridgeshire fire service. They had no fewer than nine calls, mostly to grass fires. They went to a fire at Church St, Willingham where a heap of manure had caught alight. At 6.19 pm a call was received from the Willows, near Barnold crossing, Waterbeach, where there is a considerable quantity of peat land. The railway embankment there has been alight for about a month now and the fire brigade was called to prevent it from spreading to the crops. The firemen were out all night and were still there this morning

1949 07 13
Newmarket racegoers could hardly have been prepared for the unexpected sight that met their gaze when they arrived at the July course. There was the imperturbable hitherto collar-choked British "Bobby" enjoying the comfort of an open neck. It was the first time in the history of the force that members of the Cambs county constabulary had worn the new open-neck type of summer uniform. Meanwhile in Newmarket High Street less fortunate members cursed the discomfort of their heavy winter uniform. They had not been allowed to wear their much lighter ordinary (but strictly 'old look') summer tunics

1949 07 14
Accident Council films, Wise & otherwise, p4 # c.65.6
Poppy day & Guy Fawkes day, p6

Pidley jumped from 18th to 20th century in one bound as electricity supply arrives - over 80% already wired; church floodlit - Hunts Post

1949 07 16
Rapid progress has been made this week in the demolition of Coad's former shop at the junction of Emmanuel Street and St Andrew's street, Cambridge. The work, which forms part of the street widening scheme envisaged many years before the war, will involve the complete clearance of the corner and the provision of a larger curve to assist buses and increase visibility. There is no immediate prospect of further developments in the scheme but it is possible that a seat might be provided on the newly-cleared space.

1949 07 18
Considerable damage by lightning and flooding was caused by thunderstorms. At least four houses were struck in Cambridge and a thunderbolt is reported to have exploded in De Freville Ave, where two houses were struck. The fire brigade received 90 calls for assistance in dealing with flooded premises on Saturday. They point out many premises are flooded every time there is a severe downpour and that the occupants can help themselves by making sumps at the lowest parts to facilitate the operation of the fire brigade pumps.

Freedom of Wisbech, p6

1949 07 19
Mass radiography is gradually gaining popularity throughout the country and larger numbers of people are showing willingness to have an X-ray examination. One way in which the length of time taken has been cut down is through the mobile van – thought to be one of the first of its kind in the country. Cambridge is one of the lucky towns included in its area and quite a number of local factory are taking advantage of the facility. Recently it visited Pyes, where approx 1,900 people submitted themselves for X-rays. This represents 84% of the employees # c.21.1

1949 07 20
People living in the vicinity of Newnham College have watched with interest the building operations being carried out there. The new porters' lodge will take the place of the original entrance – with its beautiful bronze gates – in Newnham Walk. Over it is the college's first real lecture room, lectures having previously been given in the main hall. The building is extremely modern in style and provides an interesting break in Sidgwick Avenue # c.44.5

1949 07 20
The Ministry of Transport has refused a request by Cambridge Corporation for a grant towards the cost – estimated at £23,288 – of work on the ring road between Coldham's Lane and Ditton Walk. A grant from the road fund was out of the question as the work was of "purely local necessity" and there was no prospect of completing the ring road for some years.

1949 07 21
Streets at St Ives and St Neots flooded in thunderstorm - Hunts Post

1949 07 22
The Mayor of Cambridge attended the re-opening of the Cambridge Motor Boat Club's pavilion at Clayhithe. The secretary said how fortunate the club had been recently. Last year it was presented with a pair of gates by Rear-commodore H. Lister; since then it had been given a ship's bell, a silver cup by Mr Norman, and now, through the kindness and generosity of Commodore R. C. Pierce, it had a practically new pavilion # c.26.3

Bed in passage, p7
Freedom of Borough to Cambridgeshire regiment - Wis.Stand. - CIP 22 p9

1949 07 23
At a meeting of private dental practitioners in Cambridge it was resolved by a large majority that no more National Health Service patients could be accepted, other than for emergency treatment, as a protest against the action of the Minister in reducing fees without waiting for the report of the committee considering the matter. Mr Dennard said they were hum-bugging people about: "A man told me that he had got toothache and had been to two dentists but they refused to take the tooth out".

1949 07 25
The Ministry of Transport's refusal to accede to their application for a grant towards the cost of building a ring road from Coldham's Lane to Ditton Walk was attacked at the meeting of the Cambridge town council. Ald. Raynes said they had decided in 1938 to proceed with a ring road on the East side of the town to link up Milton Road, over the river and railway on the north side, and the Hauxton and Hills Road on the south side. It was a tremendous job financially, and would obviously serve the nation and not merely the ratepayers of Cambridge. # c.49.62

County Borough status, p6

1949 07 26

Folk dance, p4
Janet Hylton at Victoria, p7

1949 07 27
Municipal millinery, p5

1949 07 28
Cambridgeshire federation of anglers were told there were thousands of fish in distress in the River Cam near Jesus Green footbridge on July 15th. The lock keeper opened the locks to let them through. Unfortunately a lot of the fish were dead, but there was no doubt that thousands were saved. Many big fish were taken in nets by men and placed in water downstream. Many dead fish had since been seen further downstream and Major Gordon Fowler said there were dead fish "as far as the eye can see"

1949 07 28
Newmarket urban district council is to inform the Jockey Club that unless they are prepared to sell the council 40 acres of land required for housing in the Houldsworth Valley at a price recommended by the District Valuer, they will seek compulsory purchase powers. Mr Ted Leader, the racehorse trainer, said he was unhappy and worried about the whole scheme on financial grounds. He estimated that each house would cost at least £1,300 excluding sewerage and roadworks. In addition proper horse tracks would cost £9,000. "By the time we have built these houses we shall have defeated our own object for we want houses at rents which the public can afford", he said

Negro rfemanded, p5 & 30th p7
Lettic Ramsey's daughter wedding, p10

1949 07 29
Notices announcing that unlimited supplies of sweets are on sale to all have caused record business at some of Cambridge's sweet shops. Queues have formed rapidly – and with the sweets ready weighed and wrapped – have been dealt with smoothly. The sweets – several thousand pounds of them – have come from Holland due to the enterprise of a local businessman who spent a holiday there recently.

1949 07 29
Members of the public received a bouquet from Chesterton R.D.C. when they were thanked for the way they had helped in the paper salvage drive, which has now ceased. They are now asked to burn their own waste paper to save the time and labour of it being collected. A fire occurred in the Nissen hut used for the bailing and storage of waste paper at the Histon tip. It was gutted together with eight tons of paper directly due to the council's inability to find a market for it

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1949 08 02
A four-tier birthday cake bearing 28 candles was wheeled on to the stage of the Central Cinema, Cambridge, in celebration of its 28th birthday. Freddie Webb's Embassy band, which is trying to find a Rudolph Valentino double, played 'Happy birthday to you'. A big hit with the audience was the appearance on the stage of two of the cinema's oldest patrons. They were Mrs Annie Stokes, aged 86, and Mrs Emma Brown, aged 72. They well remember Rudolph Valentino and a roar when up from the audience when Mrs Brown confessed that she would have liked him for a husband

1949 08 02
The MP for Cambridgeshire, (Mr A.E. Stubbs), having received complaints from mothers that some children do not receive the ration food allowed when employed on the land questioned the Minister of Food. He was told allowances are given for harvesting, including fruit, potatoes and root-crops, haymaking, threshing, singling, lambing and sheep shearing. If schoolchildren are doing work of this kind they are entitled to seasonal allowances.

Bank Holiday sports, p6

1949 08 03
"Flying housewife", Mrs Richarda Morrow-Tait, of Cambridge, complained of a Canadian transport department official's alleged advice: "Go home and look after your baby". She is trying to finish the last leg of her round the world flight, but the Canadian government has refused to let her fly over their territory

1949 08 04
After anxiously following the dramatic story of the frigate, Amnethyst and its enforced stay in the Yangtse river at the hands of the Chinese communists, Cambridge parents Mr & Mrs A.B. Hawkins, whose son is a member of the crew, had their worries dispelled yesterday with the arrival of the telegram from him bearing the message: "Out of Yangste, safely on passage Hong Kong, love Charlie". Charlie, otherwise stoker mechanic, C. Hawkins, who is 20 years old, has been widely quoted in the national newspapers with his part of the story of the Amethyst's escape

1949 08 04
South Cambs RDC have accepted an offer from the Ministry of Health for 100 aluminium bungalows for workers in vital industries. They were informed that Duxford and Sawston appeared to qualify for the bungalows which cost about £1,285 each for a group of between 20 and 50 houses.

1949 08 05
Cambridge man 'On the air', p4
Aluminium bungalows for vital workers - CIP

1949 08 08
Regarding a news paragraph published on Saturday to the effect that oranges would be available in the Cambridge area this week, we are informed that this incorrect. The Fruit Distribution Pool tell us that the oranges were received last week, and that most of the retailers have now sold them. The Ministry of Food sent only enough for ¾ lb per head.

1949 08 09
Sheep-dog trials, a new venture on the part of Cambridge Entertainment Committee – held under International Sheep Dog Society rules - attracted over 3,000 to the county showground. To a townsman it was an unusual experience. As entertainers these dogs in their work-a-day role are unique and highly accomplished performers, and it was a joy to see them driving, "cutting" and penning sheep merely by whistled or voiced commands.

1949 08 11
Sitting in the bar of the Jolly Brewers in Union Rd, Cambridge, Jasper Maskelyne, the famous magician who is appearing at the New Theatre, saw the landlord take up his banjo and prepare to play. "When I heard how well he could play I decided he was certainly good enough for the stage", he said. As a result the licensee, Mr Percy Jackson, will appear at the first house on Friday night and may be heard later over the radio. Mr Jackson strummed and sang a popular Western number and showed that his skill is well worth a wider audience than that of his bar, crowded though that gets when he leads a singsong on Saturday nights.

PC followed goat scent, p8

1949 08 12
Miss Lana Morris, a J. Arthur Rank film starlet is to open the new Hemingfords Peace Commemoration Playing Fields. Still in her teens, she has had a meteoric rise to fame and will be remembered for the part she played in "Spring in Park Lane". Her visit is the culminating point of 4½ years of hard work on the part of the Playing Fields committee who have been able to complete whey they consider to be the best village playing field in the county

1949 08 13
Sir – Many of your readers will be perturbed to hear of the recent happening on Coe Fen camp. The council has forced the removal of all chickens and rabbits kept by tenants. The real reason in my view is the marring of the view from Trumpington road by the camp. Nissen encampments are not beautiful but the solution to the problem is the building of proper homes for the people at present forced by the acute housing shortage to live there – Jane Wolstencroft

Mrs Murrow Tait has two hops to go, p3
Outstanding band, p7

1949 08 16
A small boy went into a sweet shop in Cambridge yesterday, carefully chose some chocolate, but when asked for his ration book looked dumbfounded and said: "Do you need that?" He was one of the few who did not realise that sweets became rationed again from Sunday. But despite the fact that others did remember they would need their ration books and a number of people have not had a sweet since the days of de-rationing, there appears to have been no rush to spend coupons

1949 08 16
This year sees the Golden Jubilee of the Newmarket Co-operative Society, with a membership of 5614 compared with 200 when the first managing committee opened its very first store in Market Street on March 18th 1899. Within a short time the Society was "made" and new premises erected on the other side of the town. Sugar was 1 ¾ d a pound and madam could purchase the very latest line in corsets for 1s.11½ . Now, 50 years later, the premises have spread to form the familiar "Co-op corners" in All Saints road where annual sales amounting to over £¼ mill. are transacted

1949 08 17
A Cambridge Centaur motor cycle club rider, B.G. Stonebridge, took most of the honours at a scramble organised at the Old Bank, Littleport. The meeting proved another big success and attracted 3,000 visitors. Much amusement was provided in the Vintage Machine race by the 25-year-old Scott machine, ridden by J.H. Diver, which careered round the course with large volumes of steam issuing from its radiator

1949 08 18
When Mr W. Tomlinson (manager of W.H. Smith's St Ives branch) persuaded his superiors to open a branch in the Hemingfords, little did he know he was soon to open a shop, unique in the whole of the Smiths organisation in as much as it is their only shop with a thatched roof. For many years it was the village bakery, owned by Mr George Darlow. When he retired 10 years ago the shop as such fell into disuse, and now with a coat of bright green paint on the exterior, and books where once the loaves and flour stood, this little shop has come back again with a new lease of life.

Upwood church floodlit with electricity - Hunts Post

1949 08 19
Cambridge's "flying housewife", Mrs Richarda Morrow-Tait, was resting following her arrival at Croydon last night on completion of her round the world flight, claimed to be the first to be made by a woman. She landed in England 366 days after she had set out from Marshall's airport where she learned her flying. She took off in a single-engined Proctor which was damaged in a forced landing and was replaced by a Vultee Valiant. # c.26.1

Rosary waltz, p5

Eight meteors for Diuxford - CIP
Wisbech traders welcome return of rationing as an end to the long queues - "everybody will get fair shares now" - Wis.Stand.

1949 08 20
Murrow-Tait back, p7
Mrs Burns 'War-cry', p9

1949 08 22
A well-known figure at Hardwick is sprightly bright-eyed 82-years-old Joseph Kester, and his tricycle – or they were, for a sad thing happened on July 15th – Mr Kester and his tricycle parted company. The machine was damaged in a road accident and he now has to make all his travels on foot. It was an indignant and vigorous Mr Kester who appeared at Caxton petty sessions to give evidence in a case in which a commercial traveller was summoned for driving without due care and attention

1949 08 24
House not to cat lover, p6
Cambridge sappers exercise, p7

1949 08 25
You can't hold up the fish in hot weather observed a solicitor defending in a speeding case at Newmarket. His client pleaded guilty to exceeding the 20 mph speed limit with a heavy motor vehicle. He explained that the defendant was specially trained to drive heavy fish delivery vehicles and that in such a job speed was essential, particularly in hot weather. He exceeded the limit on a downhill stretch of the road. The vehicle was fully laden. Fined £1

1949 08 25
When you run over a policeman's toes with your bicycle, he is liable to take more than a passing interest in the way you way you ride your machine… and to become downright concerned if, as you dismount, he notices that your walk is unsteady! PC Ridd of Moulton followed that theory exactly when a Wood Ditton man ran over his toes in Newmarket high street. The man had difficulty in parking his bicycle by the kerb and was unsteady in his walk. A passer-by offered to take him to the police station in his car, but on the way the man struggled and put his arm through one of the celluloid windows. Fined £1 for being drunk in charge of a bicycle

1949 08 26
There was an atmosphere of spontaneous gaiety at the birthday celebrations of the Central Cinema, Hobson St, Cambridge. The highlight of the evening was the personal appearance on the stage of Mrs Morrow-Tait, immediately after the newsreel showing her arrival in this country following her round-the-world air journey.

New approach to cancer problem - CIP

1949 08 27
Trades Exhibition, p9

1949 08 29
In the glorious sunshine which has marked most open-air functions this year, members of the Trumpington Friendship Club ("over-sixties") held their first garden party in the lovely garden of 14 Bentley Road. More than 90 of the club's 120 members attended including the oldest member, 93-years-old Mrs Seymour. Membership includes residents, both of the village and the new estate, and many have never missed a single meeting since the club was opened 18 months ago

Murrow-Tait film Central, p6 # c.65.6

1949 08 30
Widening Cam, p6
Runner-up National Title – Stretham, p8

1949 08 31
A fashion parade is always an attraction for the fair sex, and no doubt some will consider the series of fashion parades being staged each evening by Messrs Joshua Taylor and Messrs Mitcham ltd to be amongst the most outstanding events. A special team of Younger Set and Junior Miss models are visiting Cambridge. My lady will also be able to see the latest styles in hairdressing, which are being demonstrated by Messrs J. A. Easton ltd.

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1949 09 02
Mrs Richarda Morrow-Tait's famous round-the-world flight is now complete to the very last mile. Yesterday she flew "New Thursday's Child", the plane in which she completed her journey on August 19th, from Croydon airport to Marshall's aerodrome, the place where she set off on her mission just over a year ago. Flying alone, she got a particular thrill out of wearing a normal dress for the trip instead of the flying kit to which she had become accustomed # c.26.1

1949 09 02
Celebrating his 102nd birthday Mr Joseph Kester, formerly of Hardwick, and now living at Chesterton Hospital said he felt nothing like his age. This grand old man, who doctors say is the healthiest man in the hospital and certainly has the strongest heart, is usually the most active of the patients. He is ever cheerful, always enjoys a good joke and laugh, and was most amused by some of the comic postcards he received. He was fully employed as an agricultural labourer till he was 86. He did not give up working entirely then but continued to do odd jobs till be was 97. He lived at Hardwick till he was 100

1949 09 02
An author once remarked that Cambridge was unique for the manner in which its population parked their countless bicycles - "Cambridge wise" he called it, thereby implying that local inhabitants adopted an air of supreme nonchalance, when, with a careless flick of the foot, they balance their machines on the edge of the pavement, suspended on one pedal - and not much of that. Our reporter saw two cycle accidents within five minutes. In one case a cycle fell against a double-decker bus as it passed, and in the other, a machine toppled over when there was nothing near it. In both cases the cycles were damaged. In order to reduce kerb parking to a minimum, the council is endeavouring to provide all possible facilities for cycle parking clear off the highways # c.26.485

Widening loop of River Cam at Mill Pool - CIP

1949 09 03
For over 10 years the inside of the Cambridge Guildhall organ has remained almost untouched, except for a few occasional minor adjustments, but now for the first time since the Guildhall was rebuilt in 1938 it is having a really good overhaul and cleaning. Six weeks has already passed since the day two skilled local craftsmen, Mr Walter Hall and his son, first started on their great task, which is expected to take at least another week. To the layman this may seem a very long time to take in cleaning it, but those who know anything at all about organs will realise the amount of work that is actually involved. Already four buckets of dust has been removed along with various items hardly associated with the interior of an organ # c.69.4

‘Cambridge’ in Toronto – Pye, p5

1949 09 05
What to see in Cambridge, p4

1949 09 06

Sir - None of our streets in Cambridge is wide enough to allow vehicles to be parked all down one side, as they do now. Petty Cury, on a Saturday especially, is almost a death-trap. The pavements are not wide enough for people to walk more than two abreast; therefore they walk on the road, thus giving bus drivers in particular a nightmare. This could be relieved to a certain extent if there were no vehicles parked all down one side. I suggest a big improvement would be the abolishing of all street parking and a municipal car park made on Midsummer common – Frederick Prior

1949 09 06
The Cambridgeshire Rowing Association held their annual regatta on Saturday over the new course from the middle of the Long Reach to the Pike and Eel. A good crowd of rowing enthusiasts with their friends took advantage of chairs on the lawns of the Pike and Eel and enjoyed in comfort a good afternoon's racing. There can be little doubt that the finish at the Pike has come to stay, for few of the spectators will lightly forgive the CRA if they ever again return to the discomfort of a finish at the Railway Bridge.

Dream – buses, p4

1949 09 07
Mitcham's are showing their customary utility range, combining moderate price with fashionable cut. I was glad to see the three-piece, consisting of suit and full-length coat, which at 36 coupons a time was ousted by the war is back again. It was pleasant too, to see that velveteens, now in the non-taxed group, are cheaper. An eye-catching suit in a gay green was reasonably priced at£8 4s. 11d.

1949 09 08
Sir - As a University town we possess many treasures and I would like the see the authorities take an interest in visitors by carrying out the following suggestions. Erect an information bureau at the railway station and another in the town centre (convert part of the Guildhall into a shop front). At each provide maps, and have information available on subjects the visitor may need. Have guides available to conduct tours according to the time available. There appears to be no reason why organised tours should not last up to a week and be advertised in conjunction with the various transport organisations. In adopting these suggestions it would bring many more visitors to the town and in consequence more trade – "Optimist" # c.46.45

1949 09 09
Cambridge Trades Exhibition - CIP

1949 09 10
Sir - What I would like to see in post-war Cambridge is the removal of the car park on the Market Square and in its place a small restful garden, with the fountain cleaned and kept running with clear water as its centre-piece. A few seats conveniently placed would add to its charm, for here grandpa could peacefully smoke his pipe whilst grandma did the shopping, and maybe a mother could keep one eye on her children left watching the fountain and feeding the pigeons, as she did the rounds of the market stalls – "Garden lover"

1949 09 13
Many of the 200 Free Poles who paraded at Cambridge war memorial for a wreath-laying ceremony to commemorate the outbreak of the last war, were in the Police forces which took the initial impact of the Nazi invasion of their country. The parade was representative of ex-army, navy and air force personnel who are now living and working in the Cambridge district. After mass at the Roman Catholic Church, they marched to the memorial where Mr B.C. De Broekere – a cavalryman at the outbreak of war – laid a wreath. # c.45.7

1949 09 14
King's Parade, p5
'To Let' sign, p4

1949 09 16
Sir - I should like to see a stop put to the continued attempts to introduce new industries and build up Cambridge into an administrative centre. No one can deny that the town centre is grossly overcrowded consequent upon the locust-like plague of foreigners and civil servants that have descended during and since the war years. Wherever the spread continues the town centre will still be the main shopping centre and conditions will steadily deteriorate until it becomes imperative to demolish and rebuild and so destroy the old and loved Cambridge with its unique old-world charm, and transform it into something unattractive and ordinary – "Simplicitas" # c.49.4

Land fires sweep county during drought; people asked to be extra careful burning stubble - Wis.Stand.

1949 09 17
Concert Hall, p5

1949 09 19
Cambridge's only thatched cottage, in Clement Place, is having its ridge renewed. Damage by cats and birds has made this necessary. Because it wears better, reed thatch is being used instead of straw. The work is being done by Mr J. Wilson, of Lt Wilbraham, who used to be a stack thatcher and has been trained to thatch houses by the Rural Industries Bureau. He is one of the few remaining thatchers in Cambridgeshire.

1949 09 19
Anyone passing Coldham's common would have noticed a number of cows contentedly grazing there but may also have been surprised to see one of them half in and half out of the meadow, with the railings in between its fore and hind legs. The Borough Pindar (Mr W. Clee) & RSPCA inspector Turner attempted to lift her off the railings, but she remained there with her feet planted very firmly on the ground. So as a last resort a blacksmith was sent for and the railings were cut to enable her to be moved away. The Pindar commented "It's the first time I've seen a cow go off the rails"

Sawston police unit, p4

1949 09 20
Air-minded people to the number of 9,000 visited Waterbeach RAF station for the "At Home" day, part of the commemoration of the Battle of Britain. The station is the base of 24 (Commonwealth) station of transport command. Making its first appearance was a small monoplane built by F/Lt J.R. Coates, a flight engineer on the station.

1949 09 22
Two important freehold properties in Grantchester were offered by auction. "Lyndewode" sold by representatives of Ald James Nutter deceased and described as having absorbed much of the atmosphere of Rupert Brooke's village, was finally knocked down for £9,650. The Orchard Tea Gardens, including a small attached cottage with possession, did not reach the reserve price and was withdrawn

1949 09 22
It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr Morley Stuart, editor of the CDN for 31 years. On the Cambridge Independent Press being acquired by the Cambridge Weekly News in 1912 he took over the editorship in addition to working as assistant editor of the CDN. He used to recall how he would receive a caller who wanted to see the editor of the CDN, and then on being called over subsequently to Llandaff Chambers where the CIP offices were situated, he would find himself confronted by the same caller wishing to see the editor of that paper # c.04

1949 09 22

The assistant postmaster general opened Newmarket's new automatic telephone exchange. The post office was mindful of the fact that unlike Newmarket, which had got only one person waiting for the telephone, there were half a million people requiring that service. He hoped that having got its new telephone exchange it would not be long before they also got its new post office. The exchange replaces the one put out of action on 18th February 1941 when a German plane dropped 10 h.e. bombs as it flew over Newmarket High Street

Death Lord Queenborough (Almeric Paget), p3

Wisbech Charter celebrations - (planned 8 Apr; to be filmed 27 May; articles on history 3 Jun; supplement 24 Sep) - Wis.Stand.
Two crew killed when plane crashed whilst practicing aerobatics at Upwood airfield - Hunts Post

1949 09 23
Miss Janet Hubbard of Ely, Britain's new Railway Queen, was given a tumultuous send-off when she left Ely railway station in preparation for her crowning at Manchester. She was the centre of a pleasing little ceremony in the stationmaster's office, which was crowded with railway employees who gathered to pay their congratulations. All felt proud that Britain's railway queen had been chosen from Ely. Mr H.H. Smith, stationmaster, told her "You must be the envy of some thousands of young railway ladies in this country. I am sure Ely is most honoured, and your mother and father must be very proud of your success". Railway employees thronged the platform to proclaim their best wishes.

West Wratting hostel closed, p5

6,000 at Waterbeach RAF At Home - CIP
Death
Morley Stuart, 31 years editor CDN - CIP

1949 09 27
A story of high-pressure work since last March under a top-secret cloak lies behind the announcement that Pye Ltd of Cambridge will give the first successful demonstration of colour television in this country at Radiolympia. Research into colour television has proceeded for a long time, but it was only in March that the decision was made to produce the intricate equipment required. The secrecy with which this work proceeded is indicated by the fact that Pye's employees themselves have not yet seen a demonstration. The firm say that colour television is still many years off. # c.27.82

1949 09 28
Cambridge men and women were featured in a new series broadcast in the BBC Women's Hour programme. A few weeks ago a mobile recording unit visited Messrs Chivers Factory at Histon. Among those selected to describe their jobs was Miss Ruth Blows, who has been with Chivers for over 30 years. She is employed as a "tapper" – she tests the glass jam jars to make sure they are air-tight. The name of the firm was not mentioned of course, because the BBC does not advertise.

King's College remains, p6
Government and fen land, p10

1949 09 29
Joshua Taylor fashion parade, p7
Swavesey by-ways, p10

1949 09 30
Between 700 and 800 sheep were checked over by the Cambridge Pindar after a lorry had run into a flock on the Shelford Rd, Trumpington. Six of the animals were killed in the collision. The remainder were driven to the site of this year's Cambridgeshire show where officials made certain none was injured. The flock was moved from one field to another early in the morning to avoid traffic.

Death Jack Maile, published CDN, p4 # c.04

Bombers Exercise Bulldog - CDN

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1949 10 01
On a cold evening in 1889, the secretaries of a dozen local cricket clubs and a few enthusiasts met at Dan Hayward's "The Prince Regent" in Regent St, Cambridge. Thus was sown the seed that was to grow into the stature of the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association. Last night, 60 years later, a gathering numbering more than 170 celebrated at a dinner at the Dorothy Café. Among them was England's and Cambridge's Jack Hobbs, still ranked by many as the world's finest batsman.

1949 10 03
A London dental surgeon was accused of leaving a bull mastiff bitch weighing 12 stone inside a car on King's Parade on one of the hottest days of the Summer, with all the doors and windows shut and thereby caused it extreme suffering. PC R. Tuck said he was on duty when he was called to the car. He was compelled to force and make entry because of the "enraged and hostile attitude" of the crowd. He opened the door with his truncheon and it was like opening an oven. Cold water was obtained from a nearby house and this was applied to the dog which was too heavy to be lifted out. Defendant was fined £2

1949 10 03
Magistrates at Cambridge were faced with the problem of defining whether using petrol for towing a hare round a dog-tracing track came under the category of driving for pleasure. P.S. Shanks said on going to a field at Milton, where dog racing was in progress, he saw a motor lorry with the rear jacked off the ground, and with an attachment for towing the hare round the track, fixed to a rear wheel. At the commencement of a race, the lorry would be started up, driving the rear wheels round, which would in turn wind in the cord to which the hare was attached. Defendant said he had petrol for use in connection with greyhound racing and for domestic and pleasure purposes. As far as he was concerned his pleasure came from using the car at the race meetings. He was fined £2

Kidman death, p7

1949 10 05
The growth of the Eastern Counties Omnibus Company from the time when they had only six buses to the present day when they have 600 was mentioned during a presentation to Mr G. Flatman, retiring district superintendent. A lively concert was presented by Leo Neaves, including Wendy, who certainly knows how to skip-tap; Aileen Hessey, an attractive singer; Lacey Anderson wizard of the accordion; Sid "Uke" Daines; Bertram the magician; and Pam's Trio, an all-female band

1949 10 05
The reopening of the Dorothy ballroom gave a capacity crowd of 600 a preview of a large-scale modernising scheme. A first glimpse of the ballroom's "new look" provides a startling contract with its former style. A striking feature of the room is the domed ceiling which forms a background for a finely-traced pattern of gold-rib – one of the foremost of modern decorative trends. A central feature has been created from the orchestral stage, which accommodates a newly-formed band of ten instrumentalists, under the direction of Reg Cottage # c.69.2

1949 10 06
The proposal to buy St John's hall, Wellington St, Cambridge, for use as the East Road Boys' Club was criticised. The building was described as "a filthy hovel, scheduled for demolition and without sun and air", part had been condemned as unsafe some years ago. "It is a place I would not want to put pigs in", said Coun. Dennard. Mrs Rackham agreed it was a poor neighbourhood, but thought it would take years and years for the whole of the district to be demolished.

1949 10 10
Six trade union veterans with unbroken membership of the Amalgamated Union of Building Trade Workers were honoured at a social held in the Norfolk Street Labour Hall, Cambridge. Mr J. Docwra of Barton and Mr W, Northfield of Ross St received gold badges. They have been members of the union for 60 years. Others with 50 years membership were Mr S. Pope of Sturton St, Mr H. Hibbett of Histon, Mr T. Runham of Catharine St & Mr W. E. Wilson of Newmarket

1949 10 11
Sir – I note with interest remarks about cinema entertainment particularly in reference to the 16 mm Film Exhibitors Guild. The Guild is well represented in this area. Mr Maddox of Orwell, trading as County Mobile Cinemas; Wrights Ltd of Cambridge, trading as Wright Mobile Cinemas and Mr Oddy of Waterbeach, trading as Globe Cinema Service. The Chairman is Mr David of David Film Library, Wisbech, a well-known film renter and mobile exhibitor.

Boys club, p8
Clean milking, p9

1949 10 12
Another step in the plan to provide nursery schools throughout Cambridge has been taken in the opening of the new nursery school at Cherry Hinton. Priority is given to the children of mothers who are working or are ill and although it is a town school it has a strong local bias. It is ideally situated on the ground floor of Cherry Hinton Hall. The house was acquired by Cambridge council in the 1930s and has subsequently been used as a youth hostel and a maternity and child welfare clinic.

1949 10 12
Cambridge town council considered the proposed resiting of the war memorial. A scheme for a traffic roundabout at the Station Road junction means that if it were left in its present position it would be marred by the number of “Keep left” bollards and other traffic signs which would be necessary for the direction of traffic. An alternative position involved the acquisition of certain land fronting the Botanic Garden which would provide a restful haven away from traffic. None of the Servicemen’s organisations was in favour of the removal of the War memorial front its present position. # c.62

Beauty queen’s link, p5

1949 10 13
Newmarket and surrounding districts were shaken by an enormous explosion when a giant 6-engined American B50, the latest type of US bomber still on the secret list, crashed at Isleham. All members of the crew, believed to consist of 12 airmen, were killed instantly. The blazing remains of the aircraft were scattered over the area of 500 square yards on the Beck Road. Neighbouring farm buildings and haystacks at Worlington were set afire. The B50 is designed for long-distance bombing and is said to be specially adapted for carrying atom bombs. Also: US Secret bomber’s crash 49 10 14; explosion felt over wide area 49 10 14a, Inquest 49 10 21 # c.26.1

1949 10 14
Norman Cement Works chimney, p5

"Real tragedy of devaluation" - CIP
Ministry may acquire 1,900 acres at Over - CIP

1949 10 15
A man whose name became famous throughout Cambridge and the Eastern Counties through the chain of stores which he began, Mr Frederick Winton Smith, died yesterday. He came to Cambridge in 1910 and set up the well-known butchery and provisions trade at Mill Road. Within a very short time he was able to expand the business until the firm is familiar throughout East Anglia.

1949 10 15
Criticism of a proposal to spend £300 on laying out some parts of the Chief Constable's garden was voiced at Cambridge council. The money is to be spent in clearing the site, removing rubble and levelling it out. Flower beds and rose trees would be provided by the Chief constable. The Watch committee had decided upon it after seeing the Chief Constable "moiling and toiling" with the land. It had been neglected for 20-30 years and was a tangled mass of roots, thorns & scrub. The Mayor said: "It would be an impossible business for one man to clear it by himself"

Declining loyalty council staff, p4

1949 10 17
A tribute to the pilot and crew of the US Stratobomber which crashed and exploded at Isleham was paid at the inquest in the Isleham village school – its walls cracked and damaged by the explosion which was only 400 yards away. Recording a verdict of accidental death the coroner said the pilot took every step he could to avoid and save damage to this village. Had he landed in Isleham we do not know what the death-role and damage would have been but we can ascertain it would have been colossal.

1949 10 18
March potato fraud, p6

1949 10 19
Chesterton recreation ground, p7

1949 10 20
Laundry fire, p7

1949 10 21
Undergraduate drugs, p6

1949 10 21
Inquest on Isleham plane crash – 49 10 21

1949 10 22
Death Henry Sisher Neal, Methodist, p5
Death W.G. Pye, p9

1949 10 24
British Legion veterans of the 1914-18 war strongly opposed proposals to move and resite the Station Road war memorial. Two sets of plans are being drawn up by the council. One involves the removal of the memorial into a proposed new entrance to the Botanic Gardens, and the other of placing it in the middle of a road island where it already stood. Capt Taylor said he thought the whole perspective of the memorial would be altered if it were removed. Dr R. Salisbury Wood suggested that floodlighting would add to the attraction of the site. The Cambridge memorial was the most beautiful one he had seen. If it was moved it would be a disgrace, said A.E. Mudd

1949 10 24
Myers Memorial Hall, Thompson's Lane, Cambridge, was the home of the Cambridge National Spiritualist church was opened. The Hall, brightly decorated, lighted, furnished & heated, bears little resemblance to the army hut it once was. The organ was dedicated to the memory of the late Mr C.W. Brown, a former member and benefactor of the church. # c.83

1949 10 26

To most people our Chief Constable, (Mr B.N. Bebbington) is known only in his professional capacity of guardian of the peace in Cambridge. To many children, however, he is known as a writer of children's' stories. He has published several books and in one of them portrayed animals in a police court scene. The newly published annual "The Christmas Stocking" includes a short tale from his pen and also stories by such writers of distinction as Enid Blyton, Richmal Crompton and Dorothy Sayers.

St George's mens' club opened, p8

1949 10 27
"In my submission, the objectors merely want to see the High Street of Gt Shelford as dead and respectable as an Acacia Avenue. It is clear they are the voice of suburbia raising itself in the village". These remarks were made at a planning appeal when Mr A Townsend wished to erect a workshop for use in his business as a funeral director and builder. The village had become very much influenced by Cambridge and resembled more a suburb of the town rather than a village street. The majority of "genuine" residents had no objections to the proposal and those received were from suburban residents who had attempted to introduce the amenities of a suburb to a country village.

1949 10 28
The county council are to be recommended to take steps to obtain an order subjecting High Street Swavesey to a 30 mph speed limit. It will also be imposed in built up areas at Burwell, Isleham, Shepreth, Bassingbourn and Lt Abington. But they refused Kingston parish council's application for a speed limit there

Children fancy dress, p7
"New village" plan near Upware - CIP

1949 10 29
Trees felled Station Road island, p7
Holford possibilities, p9

1949 10 31
"Are the County Health Committee washing their hands of conditions in Fowlmere?" asked Counc. Mrs R. Briggs. "There are at least 200 Poles living there in the most squalid conditions possible and liable to be a source of disease to others in the village". A Polish speaking nurse was needed to overcome the language difficulty as doctors were finding it a complete waste of time trying to treat Polish children without any knowledge of the language. The Polish families had squatted on the site of a disused aerodrome. Now they were subjects of the country, they should be absorbed into the population and enjoy the amenities of the place where they were living

1949 10 31
The hope that it would be "a very long time" before Cambridge University elected a permanent Vice Chancellor was expressed by the Master of Christ's, Dr C.E. Raven. He said that occasionally one did get the almost perfect holder of that office, but in the main such men either had not sufficient character to run such a great administrative machine, or they had so much that no one else got a word in hedgeways! "You cannot get rid of a permanent Vice Chancellor unless he is definitely immoral or definite insane!" the speaker added.

Holford plans, p5

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1949 11 01
The county planning committee's decision to remove permission for the construction of a 30-house estate at Upware was criticised. There were 6,000 acres of land beyond Upware and there was a danger of them all going out of cultivation unless the farm workers got the houses they demanded.

This would be nothing short of a national scandal, but men could not be persuaded to go back to the land unless they were given amenities – water, electricity and particularly houses.

1949 11 01
A great worker in the field of women's suffrage has died. Mrs Edith Bethune-Baker devoted her life to the advancement of women's suffrage. When she first came to live in Cambridge she joined the small suffrage society, the first meeting of which was held at Christ's College. On one occasion she spend 11 hours on a cross-country journey to address a meeting of 12 women. After the suffrage battle was won she carried on the work to secure equality for women. Although firm and courageous in her stand, she was essentially gentle and courteous

1949 11 01
Many people prominent in town and University life attended cocktail parties to celebrate the opening of Messrs J. F. Miller's new wine parlour at King's Parade, Cambridge. The new premises, tastefully furnished in a style fitted to the dignity of Cambridge's most distinguished thoroughfare will help the proprietors in the education of the public in the niceties of wine drinking. Meals – lunches and dinners – will be served in a dining room on the first floor.

1949 11 02
Construction has now commenced on a new roundabout at the junction of Hills Road and Station Road, Cambridge. Proposals are being discussed for an alternative site for the war memorial. Site one: the memorial to remain in its present position in the eastern corner of the traffic roundabout. The dignity of the memorial might be marred to some extent by traffic signs. Two: memorial to be moved to the centre of the new roundabout. Three: the memorial to be moved to a position in front of the entrance to the Botanic Gardens, nearly at right-angle to Station Road so the statue of the soldier will still face the town centre. This site would provide a restful haven away from traffic and the memorial would not be marred by traffic signs.

1949 11 02
A well-known Cambridge dance band musician was alleged to have told a detective "If you smoke the stuff (Indian hemp) it assists in playing hot rhythm". When police searched his clothing they found three packets of African marihuana. He said it bought it off somebody in the West End for 15s. A law student from Trinity College said he went to a party and was offered a home-made cigarette. It tasted slightly of herbal tobacco. He was told "This will make you rock".

1949 11 04
Upware housing decision cricised - CIP

1949 11 07
The quietest Guy Fawkes night "rag" long-service Cambridge police officers can remember passed off without even a street lamp being extinguished – another "within living memory" record. A crowd gathered on the Market Square by 7pm and fireworks were thrown. A police car which arrived on the scene radioed for reinforcements. These shepherded the crowd off the square. After that police posted at the entrances to the square prevented people entering the area. Early in the evening a few rotten eggs were thrown, and a smoke bomb exploded in the Sidney Street area. These incidents, and the intermittent throwing of fireworks, constituted about the only "excitement" of the evening, though there was an occasion when a "bulldog" pursued a man at full speed in front of the Guildhall.

1949 11 08
Pye Ltd have entered the American television market as part of the British campaign for dollars. The equipment consists of a complete television station, including cameras and telecines to project films. A team of five technicians have gone and will help in the demonstrations along with two officials, Mr B.J. Edwards and Mr John Lakin who will demonstrate it to the Federal Communications Commission in Washington.

1949 11 08
The Chief of Air Staff, Marshall of the R.A.F. Lord Tedder came to Cambridge to unveil the war memorial at Magdalene College and to open the new Headquarters and Mess of the Cambridge University Air Squadron at Chaucer Road. The Cambridge unit was the first University air squadron not only in Britain but the world.

1949 11 09
Sir – I would like to voice my opinion of the canteen prices of Messrs Pye Ltd. Main meal (choice of two) 1s., was 10d. Sweet 4d., was 3d. Bread & butter ¾d a slice, was ½d. I fail to see why employees wish to take a matter like this to the Trades Council, as these prices still constitute the lowest that can be obtained in normal factory canteens. We now get a choice of two main meals and two sweets as against one in the past, also we now get bread and butter, instead of margarine. I am sure that the staff themselves can only say that the meals now worth every penny of the rise in cost – W.E. Wilmhurst

1949 11 12
At a reception in the Guildhall Cambridge people expressed their admiration and appreciation of Stoker Hawkins of the "Amethyst" which made a bold dash down the River Yangtse, an exploit that will go down in the annals of naval history, with a presentation of a goblet and cheque. Ald Capt Taylor said he was reminded of the only other occasion of this kind, when Cambridge honoured a hero – Able Seaman Trevor Surkitt, who took part in the sinking of the Graf Spee in River Plate, and was later killed in action

Duxford planning appeal - CIP

1949 11 16
St Ives has lost a well-known and popular figure by the death of Mr William Scotney. He carried on the business of manufacturing wood-worker at Sawtry, a business which was founded by his father more than 100 years ago. In 1916 the business was transferred to East St, St Ives, and later to the old brewery in Ramsey Road, which was soon to become well-known as West End Mills

1949 11 16
Scheme involving an expenditure of over £6 million to prevent further flooding in the fens were discussed by a select committee of the House of Lords considering the River Great Ouse (Flood Protection) Bill. It seeks to empower the Gt Ouse Catchment Board to construct works and acquire land. The total catchment area covers over two million acres of which 400 acres were fenland, the richest agricultural land in the country. The average annual value of the crops grown on the fenland was £50 an acre, compared with an average of £25 for the rest of the country. In the most fertile parts the annual value rose to as much as £100 an acre.

1949 11 18
For the second year running, Mr Percy Warrington of Cherry Hinton, and Mrs Cynthia Pitman of Trumpington, have carried off the Bobwyn Challenge Bowl awarded each year to the winners of the Cambs Old Time Dance Championship. It was held at the Rex Ballroom which had been attractively decorated with lovely chrysanthemums and green ferns surround thin the bandstand and the balcony. Tables and chair for sitting-out were placed around the sides of the room. The ballroom was filled to capacity.

£16M flood protection scheme - CIP
Cottenham Ploughing Association centenary - CIP
Holford talks to conference - CIP

Down Your Way visits Wisbech - list of music played - Wis.Stand.

1949 11 19

Cambridge magistrates were told the story of how two baby girls – aged one and 2½ were found on their own late at night in a room which was "filthy" and "evil-smelling. An NSPCC said one bedroom was completely empty. In the other there was a bare flood and mattress. A new cot in the room had obviously never been used. Downstairs the house was untidy and smelt. The few pieces of crockery in the house were all dirty. A small bowl used for bathing the children was much too small and was kept in the yard in a filthy condition. There was no coal or other means of heating in the house.

1949 11 21
People passing over Magdalene Bridge this morning were surprised to see the usual colour of the River Cam had changed to a bright green. The discoloration extended from the bridge along the Backs of the colleges and beyond. It will be recalled that following a discoloration of the Cam last year – not then green – a public meeting of protest was called by the Federation of Anglers.

1949 11 24
44 young lime trees have been planted to replace the famous avenue of elms at Trinity College. The first was planted by the Master, Dr G.M. Trevelyan. 10,000 crocus bulbs have also been set, as many were destroyed when the old trees were felled.

1949 11 25
"Ben", the talking dog owned by Mr Alfred Brissenden of Royston, is to make another broadcast. Now eight years old "Ben" will appear on the Light Programme. It will be remembered that "Ben" is no stranger to the microphone, having appeared in television "Picture Page" in September 1946, when he almost "let down the side" by mistaking a fellow artiste's fur coat for a cat. Eminent veterinary surgeons have examined "Ben's" vocal apparatus and have been considerably impressed by his accomplishment. Unfortunately when making his NBC broadcast in 1946, "Ben" developed mike-fright and it is hoped his performance on Thursday will reproduce perfectly for the delight of his many fans.

1949 11 25
The character of Hauxton Gap would be altogether destroyed if ten houses were built there, it was claimed at a Planning Inquiry when Mr Baynes appealed against Council refusal to let him build houses on his own land. He proposed to put them up opposite others that had been built before there was planning control. The backs of the proposed houses would be seen from the main Cambridge-London road, and the impression given would be one of continuous development from the start of Harston along two miles of roadway. Asked if he knew there had been complains about the smell from the nearby Pest Control, Mr Baynes said it was unusual that a site cannot be developed because somebody else is committing a nuisance.

1949 11 28
Members of the Newmarket Fire Brigade had to climb to a height of 80 feet to the top of a retort house at the Newmarket gas works in order to fight an outbreak of fire in a bunker containing 100 tons of coal. When they arrived flames were leaping into the air threatening the structure of the building. After three hours the fire was under control. The production of the town's gas was no affected.

1949 11 28
Over Fen Committee are vigorously building up their case to present to the Land Commission in order to prevent Over and Bare fens being taken over by the Government. To illustrate what could happen Mr Mealling said he bought a smallholding near Caxton Gibbet ten years ago. As a war gesture he allowed it to be cultivated by the Government, who had later extended this War Emergency Act to 1950. "My land was taken over and ever since I have seen men skim the cream off my land while I sit there wanting a living", he said. The Vicar said there were 80 fields in Bare Fen of about 3 ½ acres which was extremely valuable to the owners and occupiers, as it provided out-wintering for stock for which there was no other accommodation. If it is taken and blocked there are going to be men here who cannot graze or stock cattle

1949 11 29
Damage believed approaching £900,000 was done when fire destroyed several thousand of finished wireless sets, 300-400 television sets and numerous components stored in a hangar rented by Pye Ltd at the former stereo works in Madingley Road. A director said: "Many of the sets were for export. Included in the stock destroyed were several thousand television cabinets. Some of our telecommunication equipment was also stored there, including a complete set of blind landing equipment due to be shipped today"

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1949 12 02
Booking opens at the Arts Theatre for the Cyril Fletcher pantomime, "Aladdin" which will be presented on Boxing Day. It is traditional pantomime in the old style with lovely costumes, brilliant lighting, and Cyril Fletcher as Wishee Washee and Betty Astell as Aladdin. They are well-known through their radio series, through many television programmes and for their West-End appearances

Over fighting fund opened

1949 12 03
A motion that overtime on Saturdays for farm workers should operate from noon instead of 1pm was defeated at the Agricultural Wages Committee. Mr A.E. Stubbs said many farm labourers played football or cricket on Saturday afternoons and they should be let off earlier for that reason. It simply meant making an earlier start. In addition farming communities no longer relied on the villages for shopping and now went into town. Cambridge shopkeepers were closing between 4.30 and 5 pm on Saturdays and that affected farming people who had to travel in

1949 12 05
Tenants of Gothic street and Doric street have sent a petition to Cambridge health department protesting "most vigorously against the prolonged occupation of these slum dilapidated properties, seriously affecting the health, particularly of the children forced to live under absolutely shocking conditions, which foster ill health and the spread of disease; being vermin-infested and in a very bad state of disrepair, some without kitchen fires, others with collapsed interior walls and ceilings". They recall that the properties were actually purchased by the council before the war for demolition. Tenants were told this accommodation was only temporary some one to three years ago

1949 12 05
When Vera Lloyd of Cambridge was stopped for riding a bicycle without a rear light she was stated by P.C. Cole to be carrying a white light shining to the back of her. Told of the offence she said: "I would have put some lipstick on the glass, but I have not got any!" She was fined 10/-

1949 12 06
Cambridge housing committee has authorised the Surveyor to negotiate tenders for the erection of 217 houses during the first six months on the Ditton Lane, Queen Edith's Way and Coleridge Road sites, and for 250 more and one at Ventress Farm for the remainder of the year. They have informed Marshall's Flying School that they are unable to give priority to workers holding "key posts" and also said that until the present housing position eases they cannot consider providing accommodation for further single persons.

1949 12 07
A fascinating exhibition of the smaller types of fish can be seen at the Central Cinema this week. Arranged by the Cambridge Aquarists' Society it is the first show of its kind held in Cambridge since they were formed two years ago. A special attraction is the "Guess the Guppies" competition

1949 12 08

Sir – Has Smart's Row ever been condemned? My landlord is trying to make my house water-tight, but because the roof is dilapidated to such an extent that no contractor will undertake the job to put it right, every time there is a heavy rain I get flooded out. There are 13 houses in this Row and no matter how many of a family you have there is only one bedroom. It is impossible to get a 4ft 6in bed into the room, either by stairs or window – these are so small. There is no garden but a rat-infested back way. We have no sink and it is detrimental for my wife to try and keep the place clean. We should not be allowed to stay in these houses until we develop T.B. & other diseases – F. Byrne

1949 12 09
An appeal for the organisation of college servants into a union was made at a meeting of Cambridge Trades Council. Mr Betteridge maintained that conditions in some of the colleges were "600 years behind the times". There are some people who are working seven days a week and a number of the college servants are not enjoying the amenities enjoyed by other individuals. Some men even have to go back during their lunch hour to serve meals to make up their time, he added.

1949 12 09
A further 6,550 acres of Swaffham Prior and Burwell fens is to be referred to the Agricultural Land commission for consideration as to whether it should be taken over by the state. The Agricultural Act empowers the Minister to acquire agricultural land when it's full and efficient use is prevented by work not being carried out efficiently, or because equipment is not being provided or maintained. Opinion in the area is that considerable hardship could be caused should it be decided to recommend state ownership.

1949 12 12
About 16 years ago a house was built on the main Newmarket-Norwich road. It was to accommodate the Chippenham constable and was put there because the Home Office said they wanted police houses to be on the man road. The house was two miles from any village, had no water laid on (but had a pump from its own well), had no electricity and a sewerage system that was "a little bit ancient". The constable who had been there a number of years had resigned and the Chief Constable knew that whoever he ordered into the house would at once give notice to terminate his employment. Now the house is to be sold.

1949 12 13
8,000 people – representing a capacity house at every performance – saw the Cambridge Amateur Operatic Society's production of "The Yeoman of the Guard" at the Arts Theatre. The society's president said there is undoubtedly a great demand for Gilbert and Sullivan operas in Cambridge and it has given special pleasure to know that quite a large proportion of the house consisted of undergraduates

1949 12 14
"We are very proud of our school meals service because we are now in a position to give meals in all our schools", commented the Hon Mrs Pearce

1949 12 15
Father Christmas reported to Price Controller - Hunts Post

1949 12 19
A suggestion that all buses should be compulsorily fitted with stop lights is to be referred to the Eastern Accident Prevention Federation. The traffic manager said few of the vehicles in present use were fitted with them. Ald. P.J. Watts, a motorist with two million miles driving experience advocated having a dirty car bonnet as a safety measure. "That is why I keep mine dirty. If your bonnet shines headlights reflect off it and you cannot see. The only way to drive at night with any safety is to drive with your bonnet dirty"

1949 12 21

A link with nineteenth-century Cambridge was broken last week when 79 year-old William ("Little John") Parish died suddenly. "Little John" – so called because he was barely five-foot tall – was a waiter at the Lion Hotel for 50 years. He was head waiter to two exclusive University dining clubs, the True Blue Club and the Beef Steak Club, which were both limited to a membership of five. Both clubs met every term at the Lion Hotel with members of the True Blue Club wearing powdered wigs, blue knee breeches and buckled shoes and Beef Steak members black coats and tails with silver buttons and buff waistcoats

1949 12 22
The Mayor of Cambridge, Ald W.G. James, spoke of the new town plan and said: "Planning has ceased to be a phase in our national existence; it tends to be a disease. Looking back through the ages I don't think Cambridge is really such a bad old town, and I think if the planning of our borough was left a little more to the people who live in it – and have to pay for that planning – that we should not make such a dreadful mess of it as people living outside think we might. Some of the current proposals are so drastic that if I come back in 100 years I shall not be able to recognise the Cambridge I knew. I believe in planning for the future, but to live in chaos for a generation for the sake of one's grandchildren is a little too altruistic"

1949 12 22
Does anyone know the whereabouts of a bore-hole at Heydon. Mr G.O. Vinter said that in the 1890s the Metropolitan Water Board wanted to know if they could get water in Cambridgeshire for London. A very large bore was put down in a field. South Cambs R.D.C. engineers made enquiries as to whether the Metropolitan Board knew anything about it, but they did not. He added: "My plan is to take a friend who is rather good at water-divining and find out that way". Meanwhile council officials will make enquiries of an old gentleman who is believed to have worked on the land in that district for the past 60 years.

1949 12 23
Sir, I understand there are many homeless married students spending Christmas in Cambridge. As I shall be away I should be very glad to allow them the use of my house in order to enable them to enjoy a country holiday at Christmas. There would be no rent charged, and the only return I ask is that they would feed a few small animals which I would leave behind. My telephone number is Abbots Ripton 77 – N. Burland, Lt Stukeley

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1949 12 30
One of England's favourite band leaders, Ted Heath, received a great welcome when he played in Cambridge for the first time last night at the Rex Ballroom. Heath fans turned up in their hundreds – the ballroom was filled to capacity – both to listen and dance to the music of this top-line combination. At times the volume of the band was rather too loud for the Rex – which was perhaps inevitable since it consists of 18 players, but, on the whole, the maestro regulated the tone extremely well. Ted Heath himself has been termed England's "King of Swing". His own ban has been in existence for just over four years now. The second band for the evening was the resident one on of Roy Richards and his Mayfair Music

1949 12 28
Cyril "Dreamin' of thee" Fletcher is certainly a "lad" in Alladin. Although surrounded by a number of talented people in this colourful show, Cyril is really the king-pin of the production and adopting in the main something of that amusing juvenile style, with attendant "blood-shot" voice for which he is famous, he may said to be the perky Peter Pan of patter. With fresh complexion, very expressive features, and startling arresting eyes, Cyril can be cherubic or piquantly elfish by turns, and all this is combined in a vivid, friendly, and eminently likeable personality that can piece the gloomy reserve of the most stolid of audiences with all the magic of radar

1949 12 23
An incident at Ely Quayside following a naval reunion dinner had a sequel in court when a taxi driver appeared for alleged misconduct. Police said that following a dinner at the Cutter inn defendant was waiting outside with his taxi. He allowed seven passengers to get in the vehicles, which was constructed to carry four. He then attempted to reverse where there was a decline to the river, but his brakes failed to hold and the taxi over-ran the river bank. Two of the passengers opened the door and stepped into the river. One had to be rescued and given artificial respiration in the Cutter Inn

1949 12 27
Another Christmas has come and gone. Cambridge like every other town was outwardly quiet in its celebrations, but in each home there was the usual excitement of the early-morning peeps into the Christmas stockings. One of the few people working was the postman, who, with a cheery knock on the door, dropped those last greetings card on the map. A noticeable and pleasant fact was that the GPO seemed to have held back parcels and letters from abroad so they could be delivered on Christmas morning.

1949 12 27
1700 people crowded into King's College chapel on Christmas Eve to listen to and take part in the Festival of nine lessons and carols which was being broadcast by the BBC for the 21st successive time. 801 of them were seated in the actual choir, where hundreds of extra seats had been placed right up to the altar. The other 900 sat in the ante-chapel which also had several hundred additional chairs. 3 or 400 more people who formed a queue from the chapel gates to the college entrance were accommodated in the hall, where the service was relayed.

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1950 Cambridge Daily News & Ely Standard

There are no copies of these CDN articles – I read the stories on to a tape which I then transcribed Are copies of Ely Standard article

January 1950 CDN

1950 01 02
There was a record crowd at the Embassy ballroom, Mill Road, Cambridge where over 500 people "danced-in" 1950 to the accompaniment of Freddy Webb and the resident band. At midnight the chimes of Big Ben heard from a portable radio, brought a hush in the crowded room and an illuminated sign bearing the figures '1950' descended onto the stage. Dancing stopped at midnight, but there was still half-an-hour to welcome 1950 with the hit tunes of 1949 and it was a grand sing-song that brought the evening to a close.

1950 01 03
Alladin, p7

1950 01 04
Willingham Water Company will be asked if it will sell its undertaking to Chesterton Rural District Council. As the company was not a statutory water undertaking it could not be compelled to take its mains on to the Willingham housing site at Over Road – although they were prepared to take it to the site's office. The Company said that at the moment they are definitely not prepared to sell.

1950 01 04
Sanitary arrangements and general conditions at Longstanton Church of England School were found to be in "a most deplorable condition" by an Inspector who visited after strong complaints from parents of children attending it. The report states cesspool drainage is hopelessly ineffective and foul water floods the boys' offices frequently. School meals are prepared in the cloakroom which contains a water tap but no drainage and the playground consists of 65 square yards of unsurfaced ground rendered unusable by the discharge of rainwater gutters into it. The chairman of the school managers said nothing could be done short of a major work of reconstruction to the school's sanitary arrangements

1950 01 05
The January sales are in full swing in a number of local shops. As far as clothes are concerned these are the first no coupon sales for eight years. At Laurie and McConnal's coloured cotton sheets were reduced from 58/5 (£2.90) pair to 40/- (£2). Messrs Eaden Lilley had a queue of some 200 waiting when they opened on Saturday. A few discontinued lines are still left and there remain bargains in blouses and oddments in material at half price. An outstanding bargain is in prams, which because of their delicate colour (beige), have hung fire and are being heavily reduced.

Fulbourn water, p5
Housing, p8

1950 01 06
About half-a-dozen women bargain hunters waited all night for the opening of Messrs Heyworth's Sidney St, Cambridge, sale today. The first queuer had waited 15 hours for a brown suit reduced from 79/6 (£3.95) to £1. All the fur coats marked down from £37 to £10 have been snapped up but the main rush was in the children's section. It was expected that the bargains will just about last out the two days of the sale.

New insecticide, p5
Jet lands, p6

1950 01 07
Results for the 2,600 growers who supply the Ely Beet Sugar Factory have been poorer for many years in the campaign which has ended after a run of only 87 days, the shortest for a long time. Not only was the yield per acre of just over 8.3 tons low, but the sugar content of beet handled averaged no more than 14.73%, the lowest for the factory in the history of the corporation.

1950 01 09
Illegal use fuel, p7

1950 01 10
The Christmas party of the Birdwood Club was held in the Round Church Hall. Founded at the beginning of the last war it extended to British members some of the hospitality so generously extended in Cambridge to those from other nationalities. There was a record attendance of over 200 members of all ages. Thanks to the usual generous pooling of rations and gift parcels from Australia, Canada, Rhodesia and British forces overseas, a bountiful tea was provided.

1950 01 11
Mr Owen Duce of Scrapbanks works, Newmarket Road, Cambridge, told an inquiry that he used the pit for dumping waste from his scrap business & also accepted other materials such as brick rubble and old wire, but no domestic rubbish which might give rise to vermin or the risk of fire. He has recently erected a high steel fence along the road frontage. It has already resulted in the production of 4,000 tons of scrap for steel works besides valuable quantities of platinum for export.

1950 01 13
Cambridge's chief sanitary inspector says the stalls on Market Square are unnecessary. "We don't like these open-air stalls at all, and I don't see that in 1950 we need them at all. I think it is an anachronism". Questioned about dogs that 'wet and sniff all over the place' he said he had spoken to stallholders and asked if they did not realise that people had to eat vegetable which had been fouled by dogs

Charter flying, p9

1950 01 14
Members of the employment committee visited Trumpington Industrial Hostel and commented on the satisfactory manner in which the camp had been converted into reasonable accommodation. There were dining rooms, dormitories to accommodate about six men each, a theatre, laundry and ironing facilities and good reception arrangements. Although the premises were not ideal they thought the hostel was remarkable satisfactory and very useful.

1950 01 16
Bog oaks, p7
Grantchester cricket, p10

1950 01 17
Motor cycling troops, p4

1950 01 18
Crowding into the Gardiner Memorial Hall at Burwell, fenland farmers and smallholders decided to form an action committee to fight a Ministry of Agriculture proposal to put 6,550 acres of lands in the Swaffham Prior and Burwell fens into state ownership. The area contains a good proportion of large blocks of land of 100 acres or more. If the land were purchased it would be at compulsory purchase value, without consideration for potential value

1950 01 18

A system of floodlighting to facilitate football training on dark evenings was inaugurated on the recreation ground at Willingham. Floodlights for this purpose is an entirely new departure in this district and was provided by the village football and supporters club at a cost of over £120. The Secretary of the County Football Association suggested the next thing to better the ground would be the erection of a stand. "This club has risen from humble beginnings to be one of the soundest in this county", he said

1950 01 19
A proposal that Cambridge University should be asked to X-ray all candidates for admission was made at the Hospital Board meeting. Pre-entrance examination, which would reveal the presence of tuberculosis would save a lot of disappointment in cases where it was eventually detected. Recently at Papworth there were 11 undergraduates occupying beds for which there was a huge local waiting list. The Master of St Catherine's college said his men were examined as soon as they came up

1950 01 19
In these days, when it not always easy to let the ballroom for a dance, it is unusual to hear of the Cambridge Guildhall being booked two consecutive nights in order to accommodate all those wishing to attend a function. This happened when the Cambridge Co-operative Society held their annual staff party for 900 employees and friends. Special trains brought them from Duxford, Melbourn, Burwell, Willingham and Bishop's Stortford.

Heydon borehole, p6 & 23rd p12

1950 01 20
One Cambridge girl was killed and five others detained with serious injuries when a USAAF service bus crashed headlong into a telegraph pole at Newmarket. They were returning to their Cambridge home after attending a camp dance and party at Lakenheath airfield. American service personnel attended the scene with crash tenders but it was five hours before traffic could use the Cambridge road

1950 01 21
University representation in parliament has been abolished by the recent Representation of the People's Act. Amongst those deprived of their seats are the two Cambridge University members, Dr Kenneth Pickthorn (Conservative) and H. Wilson Harris (Independent). Mr Harris has not sought another constituency but is waiting to see whether Mr Churchill will be in a position to restore the University seats # c.33

1950 01 23
An attempt to find Heydon's "lost" borehole by means of a mine detector proved unsuccessful. The bore hole, sunk in the 1890s by South Essex Water Board and afterwards abandoned, is now sought by South Cambs. R.D.C. as being of possible use in a new water scheme. It is believed the bore was sealed with a metal plate which would cause a reaction in a mine detector if not too deeply buried. Some nails, part of an old mole trap and a broken ploughshare were all that was found.

1950 01 25
Full details of a proposal to build a new Technical College at Trumpington road, Cambridge were submitted. The scheme calls for capital expenditure of over £1 m & has the full backing of the Ministry of Education. It is proposed to build in two stages, 1951-54 and 1954-57. Hopeless overcrowding in the existing premises has accounted for the fact that the scheme is being pressed. # c.36.7

1950 01 25
100 years of service to the community by the Cambridge Building Society was celebrated with a centenary dinner. The Cambridgeshire Permanent Benefit Building Society was established 21st January 1850. Its first advance was £150 on ten cottages in Bottisham Lode. Ald James referred to the tragedy of the housing problem, describing it as like a hidden leprosy, undermining the social life of

the country, breaking up homes and families and probably causing more communism than any political speeches. The possession by young married couples of their own homes would do a lot to prevent the breaking up of family life

1950 01 27
Dr Alex Wood, chairman of Cambridge housing committee, spoke of the terrible need for housing. He quoted one case where a woman, her sister and one child were sleeping on the landing of a house, where her parents were sleeping in the only bedroom. The husband was not able to sleep in the house at all. There was another child expected for which there was no room at all. "That kind of case is fairly common", he said. There was no option but to use requisitioned or old property such as houses in Saxon Street

Road names, p6
Brooklands Avenue trees, p9

1950 01 27 ES
Amos Hearn, a van dweller, of Dykemoor Drove, Doddington has six months to mend the broken wheel and shafts of his caravan and find a new resting place. Had been there 155 days stop for many years caravan dwellers have occupied sites on Turf Fen. 50 01 27 ES

1950 01 28
Saffron Walden hospital heating, p7

1950 01 30
Oxfordising Cambridge, p6
Over fen question, p8
Holford report out, p10

1950 01 31
Brookland Avenue trees, p4
East Road sign, p4

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1950 02 01
A Newmarket branch of the Trustee Savings Bank was opened in the High Street at premises which once housed a milk bar. There was a general burst of laughter when Dr Alex Wood referred to the opening of the premises as a "great act of faith" because as he explained, the industry for which Newmarket was famous was one which was not usually associated with thrift or savings.

Gt Chesterford garage, p3
Histon sewage, p4
National water grid, p9

1950 02 02
Hamilton Kerr, p6

1950 02 03
Notice of the first compulsory purchase order ever to be made in Cambridge by the central Land Board is given today. It is in respect of a plot of land on the western side of Strangeways Road, Cherry Hinton and authorises them to purchase the land for the purpose of disposing of it for development. Their object is to make land available at the proper price for persons who have a licence to build a house. # c.23

1950 02 03
Though the personal appearance of the well-known broadcasting ventriloquist Peter Brough with his dummy, Archie Andrews, was a notable feature of the Pentacle Club's "Cavalcade of Magic" it did not overshadow the contributions of other members of the club. It was founded just over 30 years ago to promote the study of conjuring, juggling and allied arts in the University. "Mysteries of the mind" introduced a spot of telepathy with James Webber and Betty Schofield doing the "Piddington" act
Stretham accident, p11

1950 02 03 ES
Death of George Summers, 81; born in a caravan, a fair traveller with his sideshows and rock stalls
50 02 03ES

Doddington church new heating system 50 02 03(2)ES

1950 02 04
"I feel that beerhouses are an anachronism" said the Cambridge chief constable at the Borough licensing meeting. "They were invented in the days when spirits were very cheap and was done to prevent people from imbibing too much gin. Nowadays people can't afford too much spirits. I now see little difference between a full licence and a beer licence". The committee considered an application for a full licence by the licensee of the "Dew Drop" beer house, Gwydir Street. He said members of visiting darts teams asked for "shorts"

1950 02 04
A start has been made on the construction of 38 garages on the Walpole Road housing estate in Cambridge using a new system of mortar less block construction known as "Dri-crete". This patented concrete block is the invention of a local businessman, Mr B.F. Hartley, who has been a manufacturer of concrete products for several years. The British Art Tile Company of Cambridge and Whittlesey are the patentees and manufacturers.

1950 02 08
A modest world champion who attributes his achievements rather to "the luck of the game" is Cambridge-born Tommy Price. After an eventful career ever since he first rode a motor cycle in his back garden at the age of 8, Tommy last year became the world speedway champion. He was born in Oxford Road and left Cambridge at 13 for London. He did everything for himself – even the building and assembly of his machines.

Sober Cambridge, p6

1950 02 07
RAMC First Eastern, p9

1950 02 08
Tommy Price champion

1950 02 09
When fire broke out in A-block of Jesus College, Cambridge the occupant found his room and corridor full of smoke. He jumped out of a window on to the flat roof of the porter's lodge below. The undergraduate's sudden landing roused the night porter who gave the alarm. Tongues of flame were soon licking through the roof, part of which fell in before the brigade got the fire under control. A-block is one of the oldest parts of the college, which was founded in 1496

1950 02 09
During summer 1949 a Burwell farmer bought three huts at Wratting Common airfield. He intended using the rubble from one of the huts, two were of the "Nissen" type and the other reinforced concrete, to make a road at his farm. On Tuesday he went to demolish it. While inside with another

man his son hit the wall with a twelve-pound hammer and suddenly part of the roof collapsed, causing injuries from which one man died.

Sawston pub, p4

1950 02 10
Major Gordon Fowler had a career which most people only dream about. He went to New Zealand at the age of 16 and had been at one time or another a wagon driver, lumberman, cowboy and policeman. In 1948 he was awarded an honorary MA degree by Cambridge University for his archaeological research work in East Anglia. During his 25 years at Ely Sugar Beet factory he saw the local development of a crop producing 50,000 tons in the first campaign to the present level of approx 250,000 tons.

1950 02 11
Dr W.H.D. Rouse, headmaster of the Perse school, Cambridge, from 1902 to 1928 and one of the greatest teachers of his time died yesterday. His most famous work for education was his method of teaching Latin and Greek. Pupils acquired them by being taught in the language from their first lesson and by speaking in the language in class. He gathered round him a brilliant staff who shared his qualities of originality of mind and enthusiasm. Teachers from all over the world come to the Perse to see how those pioneer methods now followed in many schools were carried into effect.

1950 02 14
Undergraduates are believed to have been responsible for locking the main gates of Girton College last night. The spirit of St Valentine's Day appears to have prompted their actions because scrawled across the driveway there were written in red paint, the words "Our Valentine".

1950 02 16
Although surveys have been made and plans drawn up the South Cambs RDC cannot now go ahead with its sewerage scheme for Linton. The Ministry of Health has informed the council that owing to the need for a reduction in capital expenditure it had been decided to defer the scheme. "It is most depressing" said the chairman of the council. Approval had originally been given but the war had prevented the scheme from being carried out.

1950 02 17
The body of a man was found lying in the disused machine gun post on the Old North Road near Bassingbourn RAF station. P.S. J. Adams said he found the body together with the usual wayfarer's kit, which contained a few slices of bread and an identity card. There were no marks of violence but deceased was scantily clothed. There was evidence of malnutrition. Death was due to pneumonia

1950 02 18
Cambridge University Air Squadron's silver jubilee dinner at the University Arms also celebrated the arrival at Marshall's airport of an appropriate "gift" from the Air Ministry – the first batch of the eagerly-awaited new Chipmunk training aircraft which are replacing the squadron's Tiger Moth. In its 25-years the squadron had three types of trainers – the Avro 504, then in 1934 the Tutor and in 1940 the Tiger Moth. # c.26.1

1950 02 18
New premises in Ainsworth Street which will house the social club of Messrs Kerridge (Cambridge) Ltd were opened by the deputy mayor in the presence of a company numbering nearly 150. Difficulty had been experienced in obtaining accommodation but the present clubroom was the late Mr Charles Kerridge's recreation room at his residence, Lordship Close, Stapleford. They were a gift to the social club from the directors of the company. In these days a club of the kind he was opening was a great asset to a firm of the size and reputation of Messrs Kerridge, he said.

George Hawkes, Dales Brewery, p9

1950 02 21
Well known both on the screen and radio "Old Mother Riley and her daughter Kitty" this week gave Cambridge theatregoers their chance of enjoying their particular brand of comedy in the flesh. There is something for all ages – first the pantomime horse, then begob and begorrah comes the ould lady herself, Old Mother Riley with a laugh-a-line to set you twisting in your seats. We see her deal in her own inimitable way with the breakfast routine with daughter Kitty, sweetheart Danny and troublesome Rodger [SIC] the lodger. Arthur Lucan is "her" usual exuberant self and Old Mother Riley and Kitty McShane delightful as the darlin daughter.

1950 02 24
Because he disapproved of his daughter's association with a German prisoner-of-war a Gt Eversden man took out his 12-bore shotgun to try and scare the suitor off. His intervention was not a success. The police took away his gun and gave it to his son for safe custody until "the trouble blew over". The German married his daughter and is now accepted as a son-in-law. This story was told in the court when father sued son for the return of the gun.

1950 02 24
Premier Travel Ltd successfully contested an application by A.E. Nicholls of Clare to run a new service from Steeple Bumpstead to Stradishall. Mr Nicholls said the firm had been providing vehicles for dances at the RAF station Stradishall and since they had become fortnightly affairs they had been advised to acquire a licence. Evidence of hiring buses to transport dancing partners to the airdrome was given by Flight Lieut David Hamilton Gardner. Premier Travel said their firm was operating excursions for the dances and the application was refused on the grounds that excursions already existed.

1950 02 25
In Cambridge there is a substantial amount of local talent and under the guidance of Mr D.N. Whitworth the Rex Cinema has held a talent contest. There were four finalists. Deserving winners of the first prize were Cecil Garrett and Nancy Thirkettle who gave an extremely good comedy sketch. Second was Aileen Hessy of Ditton Fields and third Edna Tebbitt giving a solo performance on the piano. Fourth was Tony Chapman who gave some recognisable impressions of Al Jolson but needs quite a bit more experience before he can become a first prize winner.

1950 02 27
Four firemen suffered superficial injuries when the Linton fire tender in which they were riding overturned into a ditch when on the way to deal with a chimney fire at College Farm, Horseheath.The accident followed a violent skid on the icy roads. The injured were Firemen Leonard Morley, J. Morley, Noakes and Gurr. The officer in charge went on to the fire by motor cycle. The fire engine was not badly damaged, but a pump trailer which had been pulled at the rear will require extensive repairs

1950 02 28
Newmarket housing association, p6

1950 March CDN & ES

1950 03 01
Messrs W. Eaden Lilley, Market St, Cambridge this year celebrates their 200th anniversary. Senior member at present, whose period of service numbers just on 60 years, is Mr George Heath, who has worked his way up and is now responsible for the grocery, household goods, painting and hardware department, both wholesale and retail. His long service and keen interest in the firm have earned him a directorship. "I should they are the kindest people you could possibly work for. There is a long family tradition behind them", he said. # c.27.2

1950 03 01
A swifter and more efficient ambulance service is in action this week – thanks to radio control. This innovation, which has already proved its worth with the police and fire brigade, has had a successful trial with the county ambulance service. Radio control was fitted to their four ambulances and two utilicons by Pye Telecommunications and all vehicles are in constant call from the control room, newly equipped with receiver, transmitter and microphone. A number of Cambridge commercial firms have now followed the lead of Camtax in installing radio telephones and Cambridge must be among the world's most advanced towns in the field of radio control. # c.27.8

Water supply, p9

1950 03 02
Complaints have been received by the Ministry of Health from tenants of Nissen huts on the RAF station, Bourn, saying that the hutments are unfit for occupation because of water constantly dripping from the walls owing to condensation and that furniture is being spoiled and children are ill. It is thought that this is due to the recent partitioning causing insufficient ventilation.

1950 03 03
Work began a few days ago in digging out a bog oak, believed to be the biggest yet found in the Ely area. It was discovered about five years ago on Pymoor common when Mr A. Thompson, of Oxlode, took over the land for agricultural purposes. It is about 30 yards long, 12 feet in circumference and embedded four foot in the ground.

1950 03 03
Since fire service tenders have been maintaining a supply of water to five Cambridgeshire villages after a break-down at one of Newmarket RDC's pumping stations. It was found that only 4,500 gallons were available at the station which has a normal output of 30,000 gallons per day. The fire service instituted a shuttle service between the pumping station and a hydrant in Newmarket. The villages affected are Ashley, Cheveley, Wood Ditton, Kirtling and Saxon Street. The council has just received approval for at £82,000 water scheme which they have been pressing for some time

1950 03 03 ES
Rev C.P. Turnbull appointed vicar of Gorefield 50 03 003(ES)

Death of Frederick Charles Palmer of Hillrow house, well-known farmer 50 03 03(2)ES

Prickwillow swimming club dinner photo 50 03 03(3)ES

1950 03 04
Accident Prevention Council 'Almost Human' film, p9 # c.65.6

1950 03 24 ES
Chatteris High Street house rethatched, former old Ship Inn 50 03 24ES

1950 03 07
Alan ("I escape from anything anytime") Alan, a 23-years old escapologist, who some people consider is a reincarnation of Houdini, hung upside down 40 feet above Parker's Piece yesterday afternoon, well and truly tied up, and gave a free show to 500 people. Alan, who is known as "the world's greatest escapologist" and "the man you cannot hang" is appearing at the New Theatre. Two passing sailors were recruited to truss him up but within five minutes he was free and lowered to the ground.

1950 03 08

Alan (I escape from anything anytime") Alan got all tied up in his work at the New Theatre last night. Two men, believed to be scaffolders, who were invited to tie up Alan for the rope trick in his act, made such a good job of it that he could not escape. Alan twisted and turned for 5 ½ minutes to untie the rope as he hung upside down over the stage, but with no avail. Then the producer of the show came on stage and told the customers that if Alan hung there any longer it would endanger his life. He called for a hand for the two men as this was the first time that Alan had been unable to escape in the stipulated time.

1950 03 08
A strong attack on Ely council's housing policy is made in the Ely Rural Deanery Magazine's Prickwillow notes. It claims the housing difficulties will make it necessary for Mr W. Gathercole to give up the position of church caretaker after 20 years because the housing committee are unwilling to give them a house near the church. "It will be an injustice and scandal. The most insuperable difficulty of obtaining an organ blower will also arise, as this family supplies the organ blower. Church caretakers and organ blowers are almost unobtainable these days" the article says

1950 03 08
Cambridge and Newmarket pressmen attended the Press Ball – that gay, friendly, party mood function of bonhomie and novelty which has become a high-spot feature of the Cambridge dancing season. Music for dancing was provided by Stan Baker's University Arms Combination and Chic Applin's orchestra. Between them they provided a non-stop programme of old & new dances. The music had that easy lilt that helped even the heavy footed to be light on their toes.

Dummy, p4

1950 03 10
The Montford Café and Transport House, Horseheath, which served 87,562 meals last year, was granted a licence to sell beer. The applicant said he purchased the premises in May 1947 and had developed the business considerably. At weekends an average of 45-50 motor coaches stopped each day. He did not think the public houses in Horseheath were capable of supplying enough beer for the coach-loads of people. They had not the room or facilities for serving meals.

Cycle with beer bottle, p5

1950 03 11
Mr Harold M. Abrahams, the well-known athlete who represented Britain in the Olympic Games and won the 100 metres in 1924 has been appointed Secretary of the National Parks Commission. He joined the Ministry of Town and Country Planning in 1945, and from 1947 to 1948 was regional controller of the Ministry at Cambridge.

1950 03 13
A party of 45 Americans will step from a special BOAC Stratocruiser at London airport to start a 10-day check-up on Britain as a tourist centre. It will include representatives of the leading travel agencies in the United States – the men who "sell" Britain over the counter to potential visitors. The will see for themselves the beauty spots which they are called-upon to answer thousands of questions from would-be travellers. One group will visit Cambridge. It is estimated that the record number of 170,000 visitors from America will come to Britain this year

1950 03 14
Wulfnoth Way, the proposed new Cambridge street name, was which was criticised because of pronunciation difficulties – particularly following a night out – does not appear in the revised list of street names. The new proposed name is Wulstan Way. Another change is Corrie Road, with Caryl Road deleted. A further name is Nuttings Road for a street on the Coldham's Lane housing site. Manor Farm Road has been deleted.

1950 03 15
Benefit dance, p4
Spring fashions, p9

1950 03 16
The military engineering branch want to take by rail 1,000 tons of peaty soil from the wide verges at the side of the concrete road at Lode Lane Haddenham to Christchurch in Hampshire to carry out soil stabilisation experiments. The intention was that the experimenters should bring their equipment down to the site, but now the county council had been surprised to find that the branch did not want to come into the county to work owing to the question of expense of maintaining their staff here for about three months. It would require the soil from an area 400 yards long, 20 feet wide and 12 inches deep. It would not affect the passage of traffic along the drove in any way

1950 03 18
The Cambridge Guildhall small room smelt strongly of tobacco on Thursday. Everywhere was tobacco. Air-cured and pressed tobacco leaves; tins full of pipe tobacco; rows of cigars; a jar of snuff – and even a box full of uncut tobacco 30 years old. And all of it was home-made - for a meeting held by the Cambridgeshire group of a one-time "underground" movement – the National Amateur Tobacco Growers Association. The chairman said; "Tobacco growing is not too difficult and I can tell those of you who object to paying 3/6 for a packet of cigarettes that you can produce tobacco of a high quality and much cheaper"

1950 03 20
Will the character of Barton village - which has been likened in attractiveness to Grantchester and Madingley –be destroyed if a new estate of 200 houses is built half a mile outside it. This was one of the main points raised at an inquiry at Shire Hall. The developer argued that Barton at the moment was far from being attractively rural, because it consisted largely of council houses and the like, of which a large proportion were built in what might be unkindly described as yellow lavatory brick. Of course, Barton had a certain village life, but to imagine that it could have an independent life was completely unreal. Barton should and would eventually be used as a dormitory village for Cambridge.

1950 03 21
US travel chief visits, p7

1950 03 23
A feature of this season's Cambridge ladies hockey club is that it includes three sets of twins, from the Harris, Macleod and Cook families. The club started over 50 years ago on one of Mr Nutter's fields at Grantchester but moved to the paddock at Pinehurst. They now play on the Perse girls school ground. Past members of the club include Miss Rose Macaulay, the authoress, Miss Irene Flanders and Miss Margaret Field Hyde, both well-known in the musical world.

Egg show, p8

1950 03 24
"She was a good and satisfactory wife, so one would imagine, at least until all of a sudden, apparently under the encouragement of a moderate amount of alcohol, she appears light-heartedly to have committed adultery with her brother-in-law", said Mr Commissioner Campbell in granting a decree nisi to a husband at Cambridge divorce court. "It makes me wonder whether some sort of midsummer madness came upon her. It is all very puzzling," he said

1950 03 24
Two very popular BBC stars, Jack ("Can you eat it") Train and Anona ("Psychic Clara") Winn, together with the mystery voice (Norman Hackforth) are coming to the New Theatre, Cambridge, in a stage version of the great radio success "Twenty Questions". A novel feature is that members of the audience will be invited to take part in each performance and all participating will be given a prize.

Preceding this both Jack Train and Anona Winn will be seen and heard in their now world-famous variety acts. They are supported by an impressive cast of artistes, making a combination which has been playing to capacity business everywhere and which makes a visit to the New "a must" next week

Accident, p10

1950 03 25
The desperate plight of the people who as a last resort have been compelled to occupy, as squatters, the former RAF huts on the corner of Newmarket High Street and the Wood Ditton road was emphasised at Newmarket county court. The land on which the huts were built were originally leased to Mr R. Day, the trainer, and the Ministry requisition order took effect during the war, when the huts were occupied. After the war the premises were transferred to the Ministry of Works with the intention of housing certain agricultural workers – a scheme that was ultimately dropped. Nothing further was done and the Ministry eventually expressed a desire to derequisition the premises and clear the hutments from the site. In the meantime, however, squatters had taken over.

King & Harper jubilee, p6 # c.26.48
War memorial shrouded for move, p7 # c.62

1950 03 29
The Ministry of Education is to be asked to approve a provision for the erection of a new juniors and infants school at Longstanton in the 1951-54 building programme to relieve overcrowding there and at Willingham. No child over five was refused and the new school would be put in hand as soon as possible; meanwhile, a "very suitable hut" was to be used as temporary accommodation

1950 02 29
Chesterton RDC have decided to make a compulsory purchase order for the acquisition of land at Comberton for housing. They relied on the parish council in choosing the land. It was the only site in the village likely to be available for housing. It was five or six acres in area and had a frontage of 300 feet. The site would need "a lot of work".

Newmarket butcher, p7

1950 03 30
Plans are being made for Cambridgeshire's part in the Civil Defence recruiting drive. The organiser said: "We have a unique responsibility in Cambridge, for it was here that the atom was first split, and it is surely only fitting that the citizens of this town should be among the first to rally to civil defence and learn what measures of protection can be taken against the serious menace of the atom bomb" # c.45.8

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1950 04 01
17-years-old Joy Carter of Newmarket Road, Cambridge was by popular vote last night chosen as Miss Cambridgeshire, 1950. She was one of four entrants who reached the finals of this fifth annual contest held at the Rex Ballroom. The others were Angela Barker of Gt Shelford, Jean Hickman of Histon and Dorothy Sampson of Ramsden Square, Cambridge.

1950 04 01
An appeal for greater membership of the British Legion was made at the annual dinner of the Waterbeach and Landbeach branch. The branch president: "Our strength is in district and rural branches and our weakness is in the towns and cities". In country branches membership was as good as one in ten.

1950 04 03

For 25 years the name of E.R. Blount has been actively associated with the Ely Beet Sugar Factory, first under the original Anglo-Dutch organisation and subsequently as agriculturist since the formation of the British Sugar Corporation some 15 years ago. He has witnessed the development of a crop yielding 18,000 tons of sugar beet in 1925 to the present annual level of a quarter of a million tons. The 2,500 growers who now annually supply the factory will miss the familiar signature which has appeared on something like 100,000 cheques amounting to £20 million.

1950 04 03
The death of Dr Alexander Wood, University don and distinguished townsman, has robbed Cambridge of one of its best-known public figures. He stood as Labour candidate for Cambridge University in 1929 and for Cambridge in 1931, 34 & 35. He represented Labour in the fight for the New Town ward in the Cambridge borough elections in 1925 and was defeated. Elected next year there followed an unbroken period of service until 1945 when he was made an Alderman. For the last 10 years he was chairman of the Cambridge housing committee & worked tirelessly to ease living conditions in Cambridge. He often confessed publicly his sense of the great responsibility he held.

Beauty Queens, p5

1950 04 06
A six-month search to find a girl worthy of the title of Cambridgeshire Village Beauty Queen ended at the Embassy Ballroom with a win for Oakington. The competition was organised by Mr Leo Neaves to raise money for the Cancer campaign. The winner was 17-years-old Mrs Vima Stearn who received a CDN Challenge Cup, an inscribed bannerette, a scarlet and white swimsuit and a tray. The second prize went to Miss Balsham, June Morley, who received a silver-plated dish. Miss Duxford, Pauline Warner, came third. Her prize was a handbag. A special prize for the best figure when to Sheila Leftley of Elsworth who secured the much-coveted prize of nylons.

Ely rates, p6

1950 04 08
Bertram Mills' circus elephants will lend their weight to the National Savings drive when they arrive in Cambridge. Starting from the railway station the six elephants will parade through the streets to Midsummer Common, carrying as their trappings photographic reproductions of the well-known savings poster having a white elephant as its subject. All will be ready for the menagerie attached to the circus to be opened from Saturday afternoon

1950 04 08
Mr N.A. Hudleston states: "I have just bought the main timbers of the fine carved oak roof of Wendy church. They are extremely massive and are said to date from the 16th century. They were offered to me as firewood for £6. Wendy church was built in 1865 and the roof is said to come from an old church at Cambridge. It is being demolished because failure in the foundations has made it unsafe".

Easter, p1

1950 04 10
Members of the Shelford Rifle Club held a gala night to mark the opening of their new 25-yards indoor range. This is the first small-bore range to be opening in the county since the war. Constructed on the most modern principle, with concealed lighting on the targets it comprises three firing points, the pitch and structure of the roof eliminates noise and the whole is designed to afford the maximum opportunity for high scoring.

Girton fire. P5

1950 04 11

Bertram Mill's famous "big top" show has opened in Cambridge. Here in the well-known romantic atmosphere, strangely fascinating in its queer smell of sawdust and canvas, is paraded an amazing display of human and animal talent. Have you ever seen dogs play football? Or a lion walk at tightrope? Or elephants that do the elephant equivalent of a handstand? Or … but this review is in danger of becoming a mere catalogue of questions – an instance of the mood of questioning wonderment the Circus is apt to induce in the onlooker. # c.76.2

1950 04 12
Mr J. Hyden, who until recently was a station officer in the Cambridge fire brigade has given up the job of quenching fires to take on one of quenching thirsts. He is now the landlord of the Durham Ox in Mill Road, Cambridge. The reason for the change is that since he was burnt nearly three years ago by mustard gas when helping to put out a fire near Fulbourn on a train carrying cylinders, he has suffered from skin trouble when exposed to heat.

Queen Edith school, p6

1950 04 13
Hatley school, p5

1950 04 14
A new pumping station was opened at Chear Fen, near Stretham. Mr A.G. Wright recalled that the old station had opened in 1842. It had consisted of a beam-type steam engine powered by two boilers and coupled to a paddle wheel. It ran during the 1947 floods but only for a short time, when one of the boilers ceased to function and the other boiler only showed 35 lbs pressure. This plant was dismantled in 1949. In 1928 a new engine house was built, where a Blackstone Diesel engine was installed coupled to a Gwyne's pump. # c.29

1950 04 14 ES
Chear Fen new pumping station opened. Gave up the ghost in attempting to cope with the 1947 floods. Since that time the Board have been engaged in the erection of an impressive and powerful new plant which will deal with an additional 8,000 acres with the formation of the Old West Drainage Board. Rampton and Willingham Drainage Board owned two stations within their present drainage area, the Smithy Fen and Chear Fen stations, both opened in 1842 and the latter consisting of a beam type steam engine powered by two boilers and coupled to a paddle wheel. After excellent service it ran for a short time during the 1947 floods then one of the boilers ceased to function and the other only showed £35 pressure. The plant was dismantled last year. In 1926 a new engine house was built and a Blackstone horizontal diesel engine installed of 65 horsepower coupled to a 24-in Gwynnes centrifugal pump. The new plant consisted of two Russell-Hornsby five-cylinder vertical diesel Gwynnes 30 inch axial flow pumps discharge pumps etc. The Board were carrying out the expenses until the new Old West area came into being. This is the first one of the first stations where the vertical engines were being installed. The new station was unique in design for the same area. It had vertical pumping engines and the pumps were of the vertical spindle type with the pump well below in the water 50 04 14(3)&4)ES # c.29

Valley Ice Cream Company, Wisbech pioneers a new development in ice-cream putting whole fruit in with new ices. Photo feature 50 04 14ES

1950 04 15
Vivid impressions of life in a Japanese prison of war camp are to be seen in a remarkable series of pictures to be seen on view at Mitcham's store, Cambridge. The work of Charles Thrale, the pictures were painted on the spot with human hair, jungle roots, clay, crushed pencils, blood, boiled book covers & brass polish on tissue paper, wrapping paper and Jap field cards. # c.45.7

1950 04 17
Labour Party jubilee dinner, p4

1950 04 18
Messrs Kelly Ltd, publishers of over 200 directors, have begun work in preparation for the second Cambridge edition, which should be ready next year. A staff of some 40 people are engaged on the work and during the next six months representatives will be in Cambridge compiling the new edition and checking names, addresses etc. The book will contain a streets section, commercial section, private residents and classified trades sections. It will also include streets on the post-war housing estates in the borough

1950 04 18
The naming ceremony of "The county of Cambridgeshire", a new kind of luxury double-deck vehicle owned by Premier Travel Ltd was performed by the chairman of the County Council. Tearing an adhesive strip off the small nameplate Ald Frost wished good luck to everyone who drives it. Afterwards he and other guests went for a ride in the coach. Its smooth running, luxury seating and smart appearance drew favourable comment. An unusual safety feature is the fitting of a pneumatic door normally opened by the driver. The coach will carry 53 passengers on its two decks. It is designed for long-distance travel and will be used to carry private parties. # c.26.46

1950 04 18
A crowd of over 5,000 gathered in glorious sunshine for the first open meeting on the new racing circuit at Bedwell Hey, near Ely. It was run jointly by the C.U. Auto Club and the Ely Motor Cycle Club and was open to all members of the British Motor Cycle Racing Club. The course record was set by George Brown on a 500 cc works Vincent, touching 98 mph on the 500-yard back straight, but his machine seized up half way through.

1950 04 20
The dignified, rather sombre large hall of the Cambridge Guildhall echoed to the unusual sounds of skirling bagpipes and the shouts of Scottish men and women. They were enthusiastic members of the Cambridge Scottish Society setting about enjoying themselves in the traditional energetic yet graceful manner. So attractive a picture did the dancers make that both the stage and the balcony had a number of spectators using them to get a birds-eye "overall" picture of the dance floor.

1950 04 21
Magistrates were told that Mr Bell and his family of Littleport were having tea when a daughter cut a slice of bread from a new loaf. They saw some hairs and a little piece of flesh. The loaf was cut down the side and when opened there was a five-inch mouse just inside the crust. The baker gave them another loaf and the family were still trading with him. The baker said if he had known there was a mouse in the bread he would not have sold that particular dough, because he would not wish to damage his goodwill and trade.

Japanese war paintings, p9

1950 04 24
Civil Defence recruiting week in Cambridge opened with a bang when thunderflashes were fired on the roof of the University Arms Hotel and volunteers and county firemen went into action to put out the "fire" caused by the "enemy's" bombs and rescue those trapped inside. A crowd of several hundred gathered on Parker's Piece to watch the exhibition. # c.45.8

Waiting for glasses, p10

1950 04 25
An RAF jet "Meteor" fighter blew up in mid-air while flying over Newmarket, the pilot being killed instantly. The explosion, which shook the windows of houses and shops in the High Street, was seen by a large crowd of housewives who were out shopping. One witness said it completely broke up, folding into nothing. Only the fuselage held intact. The Meteor crashed into the ground some way off

the Bury Road on the edge of Moulton Paddocks, and wreckage was strewn over an area a mile square. # c.26.1

1950 04 26
After forming his own band only 12 months ago, local bandleader Chic Applin successfully led his orchestra to first place in the Cambs. Dance Band Championship organised by the "Melody Maker". This award qualifies them to enter the South Britain Contest which is to be held at the Hammersmith Palais. The 12-piece band are well-known in Cambridge and regularly appear at the Carlton Hotel, Newmarket

Scramble, Smithy Fen, p7

1950 04 28
Cambridge housing commission received a deputation from the Gothic and Doric streets tenants' committee asking that the houses be demolished. A number were living in over-crowded conditions and the houses were infested with vermin. Coun. Proctor said "We have definitely got very bad houses and the housing position is terrible". But the council informed the Ministry of Health that they did not require a NAAFI hut at Fenner's sports ground which had been offered to be taken over as temporary housing accommodation # c.23

Madingley Road straightening, p8
County Borough status, p9

1950 04 29
The Cambridge public health committee are to meet a deputation from the Communist Party on the question of raising the cost of baths from 6d to 9d at Gwydir Street public baths. This would raise the cost of living and be a further burden on the poor. The letter was supported by a petition with 300 signatures including people from Swavesey, Teversham and Cherry Hinton. The Mayor said: "People come further for a bath than I should imagine!"

1950 04 29
A large white cob swan walked up Cambridge castle Hill and found himself for 15 minutes the focus of much interest from the police, the press, two cats and the borough pindar. He first attracted attention waddling up the hill in the middle of the road – much to the consternation of drivers and cyclists. Oblivious to the hazards of walking in the middle of a Cambridge street, he took a look through the Shire Hall's entrance, but after a critical appraisal of the building he decided to continue his journey. It was then shepherded into the county police station yard where it stood and glared at everything that moved. Two inquisitive ginger cats approached, sniffing at the strange interloper, but they did not stay long. Neck arched, wings beating and hissing the big bird chased them away.

Blinco name, p9

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1950 05 02
Nylons, p8
Roy Richards band, p4

1950 05 03
Sir – It is with dismay we hear the Cambridge council's decision to defer the provision of outside lavatories for four-bedroomed council houses. Most of these have many occupants, in one case 14 in one house. Imagine the congestion and also the wear and tear of stair carpets; also think of the mother with several small children, up and down stairs, especially on wet days. Had the lavatory been built outside in the first place there probably would have never been an application for an extra lavatory.

Our estate is a very pleasant place. What we have asked for is a vitally necessary thing – S.A. Charge, Trumpington Estate Tenants Association 50 05 03, p7
Butlins, p9

1950 05 04
Physical education display, p7

1950 05 05
The Secretary of State for Air has said it has now been decided that Mepal would not be retained for RAF use and the airfield had been allocated for long-term agricultural use. The Ely Rural Council had been requested to take over responsibility for housing the Poles who lived in the hutted camp to the East of the aerodrome.

Trumpington W.I., p9
East Chesterton needs, p10

1950 05 05 ES
Ministry of Health asked Ely Rural Council to take over the responsibility for housing Poles who now live in the hutted camp to the east of Mepal aerodrome. M.P asked when the rebuilding of the aerodrome on a permanent basis would begin and when the camp would be available for housing. The Minister replied it has been decided that Mepal will not be retained for R.A.F. use and the airfield has been allocated for long-term agricultural use. The detached site at present occupied by the Poles was transferred to the Ministry of Works in April 1948 50 05 05ES

1950 05 08
The Co-operative Exhibition on Midsummer Common, Cambridge, is a housewife's dream. Here she will find most things from a nailbrush, (made on the spot) to a really "super" piano priced at over £200. Most of the children's interests centred on the sweet stand, where there was an automatic machine wrapping confectionery. If only the youngsters had had all the coupons they obviously longed for, I am sure they would have quickly undone all the good work the machine was doing at such high speed!

1950 05 09
The proposed addition of 18 to the staff of the County Architects' department at a maximum cost in salaries of £11,906 was agreed. Councillor Dunkin said that in times when the council was trying to economise, it was a very large addition to one department -–one which about doubled its salary costs – and the matter needed very careful consideration.

1950 05 10
Two Cambridge railwaymen, driver John Collingwood and guard Alfred Palmer have been awarded the "Daily Herald" Order of Industrial Heroism. The rescue which won them the "Workers VC" was made just a year ago at the Air Ministry's private siding at Lord's Bridge. Coming round a blind corner a goods train collided with a RAF motor lorry loaded with bombs. The driver was knocked unconscious and trapped in his cab; the petrol tank was smashed and petrol splashed onto the bonnet which was smoking fiercely. Several bombs fell off the lorry and rolled towards a pool of petrol. Despite the danger the railwaymen ran to the lorry, released the driver, lifted him out of the cab and carried him to safety. # c.26.2

1950 05 10
Never has there been a time when so much was done for the health of the nation's children. The latest development in the drive towards positive health is a scheme to X-ray the children in the Cambridge secondary schools. The X-rays are carried out by the Mass Radiography Unit and some 3,600 children will be examined. At the moment, only children of 11 upwards are to be X-rayed, due to the fact that their school-leaving is more imminent than the younger ones

1950 05 12
When Stetchworth Dairies roundsman, Mr John Shorter, came out of a house in Downing Street he found his milk van had vanished. The horse had taken fright at noise from building operations and bolted at full gallop. Despite heavy traffic the horse swerved round the corner into St Andrew's Street, missed five motor cars and a bus by inches, and continued at a gallop towards Regent Street. Mr John Higgins cycled after the runaway, seized the bridles and gradually gained control over the horse and forced it to a standstill beyond the University Arms Hotel. Mr Higgins, not a young man, was handicapped by a heavy box of plants on the front of his cycle and his prompt and plucky action exhausted him

Downing College appeal, p4
Barrington housing, p4

1950 05 13
Tv licences, p9

1950 05 15
Milton Football Club, p12
Railway VC, Lords Bridge reward, p12

1950 05 16
A recent weekend exercise of the 250th Field Squadron, Royal Engineers, included the dismantling and returning to store of a Bailey bridge which had been erected across the counter-wash drain near Mepal. The phenomenal speed with which the job was carried out is accounted for by the fact that the squadron has a canteen, that in the canteen there is a television set and that on this particular Saturday a very important event in the sporting calendar was being televised.

1950 05 16
St Andrew's church Cherry Hinton, is yet another victim of the ravages of the death-watch beetle. The main beams supporting the roof have been attacked heavily, and may need to be replaced completely. The framework holding the bells is unsafe, and other parts of the church fabric require repair. Very little of any salvaged timber may be fit for further use. The cost is estimated at about £1,500

1950 05 16
A proposal to form a Local History committee for Cambridgeshire was approved at a meeting at the Community Council. Many people throughout the country had information which would be more valuable if it were combined. Such things as keeping people in touch formed a great part of the committee's duties. The Rev Prof C.E. Raven, Master of Christ's College was in the chair

1950 05 19 ES
Gorefield church induction of Rev C. P. Turnbull 50 05 19(3)ES

1950 05 18
School of Veterinary Sciences, p6
Shop at Fitzroy Street, p10

1950 05 19
During the Nazi "blitz" of 1940, members of the Roman Catholic Order The Sisters of Hope were driven from their home in London and came to settle in Bateman Street, Cambridge. In 1944 they moved to Brooklands Avenue. "So good has come out of evil", said the Bishop of Northampton as he laid the foundation stone of the new nursing home at Hope House. This large extension to the present premises will be completed in 12 months' time and will increase the capacity of the nursing home from its present nine patients to 30. # c.83

Bassingbourn cross at cemetery, p13

1950 05 20
A silver chalice dating back to 1569 has been stolen from St Mary's church, Huntingdon. It was the oldest piece of silver in the church and is valued at more than £300. It was last used at the communion service on Sunday, after which it was returned to the safe. The safe had been opened with the key which has been kept in the church for the past 12 years.

Taylor as Mayor, p9
Fitzroy Street shopping, p10

1950 05 22
The whirlwind which swept through Cambridgeshire last night caused extensive damage at Sutton. A double-decker Eastern Counties bus was lifted up by the miniature tornado and thrown down onto its side shaking up the passengers and injuring at least two. The bus was just leaving Sutton on its way to March, and was travelling along Ely Road carrying 14 passengers. The driver was uninjured but the conductor was knocked unconscious. Breakdown crews form Cambridge and Peterborough tried to move the bus off the road. Traffic was diverted through Mepal airdrome.

1950 05 23
The theatre of the special services USAAF, Lakenheath, was packed with American personnel and villagers from the surrounding districts when the Dorothy Lamour show was held. Dressed in the famous sarong "Dottie" as she signs autographs, filled in her appearance by singing songs from her films. Len Tibbs and his band from Cambridge supported the programme with musical arrangements. After the show Miss Lamour autographed the drum and posed for photographs.

1950 05 23
Radio will be used by the police on traffic control duties at the County Show at Doddington. A wireless station is being installed on the showground and, in addition to wireless cars, the police will be equipped with "walkie-talkie" apparatus.

1950 05 24
Mr Sidney Inskip Ladds has left his written, drawing and printed material in folders marked "S" together with photographs, prints and negatives to the Norris Library, St Ives. All similar material marked "H" and a series of Huntingdonshire maps and watercolour pictures of local churches have been presented to Huntingdon County Council to be preserved by them in the Reference Library there.

1950 05 25
Alderman Taylor, Mayor, p7

1950 05 25 ES
Sutton district hit by a tornado, bus overturned and buildings damaged 50 05 25ES

1950 05 27
Motorists have been queuing up at Cambridge garages to fill up for Whitsun joy-rides. As a result of petrol derationing local garages have put extra men on the pumps to cope with the demand and early this afternoon there was no sign of a slackening off. Marshalls reported increased sale of petrol. Three men manned the pumps instead of the usual one and happy motorists told them to "Fill her up till she flows over!" The firm's Jesus Lane depot has well over 5,000 gallons in stock and can get more if it is needed.

1950 05 29
St Ives council considered a suggestion that all tenants of the Green Leys estate houses be informed that lino must not be laid on ground floors. In some houses there was 18 inches of water under the floorboards. Ald Bryant said: "The council were pushed into buying the land. It wasn't good land and

we've done the best to drain it, but we shall always be troubled with damp in the heavy rains". Where linoleum was laid dampness could not get away and dry rot ensued. This would probably lead to considerable expense and probably result in concrete floors having to be laid.

St Ives corn market, p5
St Ives pool, p5

1950 05 31
There was a scene of peace and splendour at the American cemetery on Madingley Hill at a memorial service. It was the seventh anniversary of the founding of the cemetery and the first public ceremony since 1947, when the cemetery was closed for alterations, and re-interments. Reopened to the public in July last year it then passed form the control of the army to the American Battle Monuments Commission.

Leys School memorial, p10

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1950 06 02
Fair with a difference, p2
Bus driver 21 years, p7

1950 06 02 ES
Isleham land owners whose land requisitioned by the Ministry say it should be handed back. 50 06 02ES

1950 06 03
The Regional Petroleum Officer has thanked motorists in the eastern region for the way they "bore with us manfully in our work". He said that none of them knew the end was coming. "At 11 o'clock we were working full stretch; a few minutes later we learned that rationing was ended". The "top secret" of its abolition was extraordinarily well kept. In the registry shelves were packed tight with 300,000 files that have accumulated in ten years of rationing. Some 180,000 motorists were still in receipt of petrol when rationing ended. The 140 temporary staff will be seeking new employment and the 40 permanent civil servants posted to other departments.

1950 06 03
Film company International Realistic has been in Cambridge filming part of a feature film with many well-known local scenes as backgrounds. The film will probably be called "The Scarlet Thread", and is an exciting "cops and robbers" starring Laurence Harvey and Kathleen Byron. Market Hill is included with a dash to Gt St Mary's Passage and a realistic rugger tackle by the fountain. The exposed film was rushed each day to London for processing and back again next day in time for screening at the Victoria Cinema after the usual performances. # c.65.6

1950 06 03
Cambridge has had its hottest day for a number of years past. Ald F. Doggett, the well-known weather recorder, reports that before mid-afternoon the temperature was 95 degrees in the sun at his station at Oxford Road. Last night was the hottest of the year with the temperature rising to as much as 63 degrees. The average night temperature is 49 degrees. At Trumpington AA box traffic was reported to be the heaviest for a Saturday this year.

Torn trousers, p5

1950 06 05
Cambridge was the hottest place in England with the temperature in the shade reaching 86 degrees. Byron's Pool was a favourite spot where picnickers, bathers and boaters turned up in their hundreds.

One thing which rather marred the pleasure of the bathers was the large number of dead and dying fish floating on top of the water. In the centre of the pool there was quite a large circle of reeds with dozens of fish mixed up in them. Non-bathers too, had occasional unpleasant moments whenever the slight breeze wafted up the decidedly unsavoury smell of the dead fish.

1950 06 05
Riverside, Cambridge, was the scene of an occasion that was described as "a memorable little ceremony in the naval history of Cambridge". The training ship "Ganges" (brick built and on dry land) the new headquarters of the Cambridge Sea Cadet Corps was opened by Admiral Sir Wilfred Patterson and christened in traditional naval fashion with a bottle of champagne. During the inspection a number of cadets overcome by the effect of marching and the hot sun had to leave the parade. Two or three fainted and others were helped into the shade by fellow cadets. # c.45.8

1950 06 07
Homerton jubilee, p11
Isle Farm Institute, p11
May Week, p12
Trumpington school, p13

1950 06 08
In the sweet perfection of a fine tuned evening on the Backs, a record crowd listened to what is surely the loveliest of all events of May Week, the programme of madrigals sung by the Cambridge University Madrigal Society from punts moored beneath King's Bridge. An audience estimated at between 7,000 and 8,000, lined both sides of the bank as the oppressive heat of the day became tempered by the cool of evening. Even the loud moo of a cow in the paddock failed to break the spell, nor did the faintly-threatening note of a high-flying bomber, reminder of the sterner world out of which the magic of the setting and the sweetness of the singing lifted the listening thousands.

1950 06 08
The May Races for another year began with all their magic. The biggest disaster came during Division VI and was watched by the hundreds who lined the Gut. The bumping of Magdalene IV by First and Third Trinity VII resulted in a glorious "pile up". Peterhouse IV rammed the Trinity boat which was driven sharply into a willow tree and the water's edge. The force of the collision ripped off the bows and sent the unfortunate crew into the "swim". For the remainder of the day the crippled boat lay on the bank as a grim warning to other crews

1950 06 09
The Cambridge Communist Party has presented a further 100 signatures – making 400 in all – to Cambridge Town Council protesting against the proposed increase in the price of Gwydir Street baths. Many people in Cambridge were without proper washing facilities and have to use the public baths. Judging by the addresses of the petitioners many have also to bear the expense of bus fares and the proposed increase of 50% would be a further burden - particularly for those with large families and old age pensioners.

1950 06 09
Tadlow parish council have asked South Cambs. R.D.C. to lay water to the village by pipe line as the present supply of water is totally inadequate. It is needed for farmers, for dairy farming, also for domestic purposes, several members complaining that after finishing work in the evening they had from half a mile to walk to fetch water to wash. At present should a fire break out, there is no water until a brigade arrives.

1950 06 10
Professor Raven, Christ's, chaired, p6

1950 06 12

Traffic congestion is not yet as serious in Cambridge as it is in some other towns. Except at peak hours a car can do the run from the University Arms to the Round Church in less than three minutes. But if within the next ten or twenty years cars become cheaper, and if the population of urban Cambridge continues to grow at its present rate, the volume of traffic in the centre may easily double. How long will the narrow awkwardly aligned streets and difficult junctions be able to cope with a load that is steadily increasing and may without warning experience a sudden increase? # c.26.48

1950 06 13
The dusk-to-daylight part of Cambridge May Week festival began last night. For seven or eight hours several of the colleges put on over their grey stone a party dress of coloured lights and other decorations to welcome dancers at their May Week balls. At Downing scintillating fountains spraying sparks, gorgeous aerial cascades of magnificent colour, night turned to day by brilliant rich light, the whole punctuated by an obbligato of crackles and bangs of varying volume made up the main framework of a memorable display. There were even "flying saucers" just to show that firework-makers move with the times.

1950 06 14
Old people in this country used to be about the most neglected section of the community, but since the war various bodies have sprung up to give them help when needed and make the even-tide of their lives happier and more conformable. Cambridge is doing its bit through the Old Peoples' Welfare Council. As an experiment they decided to organise a small party of members for a week's holiday in Westcliff-on-Sea. Special terms were offered by a number of hotels and boarding houses at a cost of £3.7.6 including transport by a private coach.

1950 06 15
Holford plan discussed, p8

1950 06 16
Judgement was given for the Great Ouse Catchment Board on claims against occupiers for maintenance work on drains done under war-time legislation. A Leighton Buzzard woman said the board had dug some ditches on her land using Italian POW labour. They took much longer than English labour would have taken. Another said he saw a number of Italians rabbiting and never saw any of them working. George Stevens of Wing said ten or a dozen Italian prisoners came to do the work on his land. Asked if they cut any rushes, he replied, "the only things they cut were my trees to make baskets". # c.29

Soldier killed at Ely station, p16

1950 06 19
Not many people seem to realise that women have been playing cricket now for over 50 years and that in these sex-equality days there are still some who think it is still not quite the right sort of sport for young ladies to indulge in. Cambridge Women's Cricket Club has been in existence for just over two years – and as yet no one quite experienced enough has played for her county. Cambridge has an overarm bowling rule and has little or no experience against the underarm method. They were rather flummoxed when they first played a village women's team who used this style of delivery, but they are getting accustomed to it now

1950 06 19
Strong disagreement with the Ministry of Health's recommendation to build council houses in terraces was expressed at the meeting of Cambridge Parish Councils Association. "People living in terraced houses don't live as happily as those living in semi-detached," said Mrs Marshall of Girton. "We live in the country and I think if we can have a little space for gardens, where children can play, we shall have a happier community". Land could be saved if they built fewer outbuildings but slightly larger houses with room inside for bicycles

Police phones, p9

1950 06 21
From tomorrow until Monday, Midsummer Common will once again be the money-spinning mecca of Cambridge's youth, the young in years and spirit. A hundred engines will cough and splutter to power the transformation. 10,000 coloured lights will be waiting to give artificial brilliance to the scene. Canned music will blare from the hurdy-gurdies, the fair will be on.

1950 06 22
The wife of a farm labourer left her husband and three children to live – "in primitive conditions" in a field with a German Prisoner of War, Bottisham magistrates were told. The woman was said to be pregnant by the PoW who was working for a Cambridgeshire farmer. The magistrates made an order committing the children to the care of the County Council, as they did not want to go back to their home because of village gossip.

Swaffham Prior waterworks, p9

1950 06 23
Traffic using the Chatteris-Mepal road has for sometime past unknowingly had a miraculous escape from being involved in a serious accident on the Chatteris side of the bridge over the Old Bedford River. The subsoil under the metal road had completely subsided leaving only one thickness of road metal to prevent traffic from dropping into a large cavity about eight feet deep, which extends to almost half the width of the road. It might have collapsed at any moment

Easiform houses, p7

1950 06 23 ES
Large hole in the road at Mepal near the Old Bedford River, photo 50 06 23 & (2)ES

1950 06 24
Captain Longley, p8

1950 06 26
Current tendencies towards over-planning and regimentation were criticised by the Master of Downing College at Leys School speechday. "I cannot but be disturbed at the modern tendency for intensive planning and indeed super planning where we have ever-growing hedges of regulations and a tendency to judge men by their records in a card index. Would the prize-winners of the future have their careers chosen for them by a civil servant – helped by a psychiatrist – who would study the child's records from his first protest to the world to his leaving school. One day frustrated middle-age would rise in revolt and consign the super-planners to a gigantic bonfire of their own plans", he said.

1950 06 27
Sir – there is no doubt that the fish which turned up in such huge numbers at Baitsbite Lock are in fact the fish which were killed in the upper reaches of the Cam. It appears they sank to the bottom of the river and have travelled through the entire May Races course unobserved. The fact that their number is greatly increased is due to them now being all floaters and the stench from their decaying bodies is best left to the imagination. There is apparently no organised body to prevent them drifting into the town course and whose further duty would be the removal and burial of these unfortunate fish – W.J. Morley

1950 06 28
Should the new secondary modern school for the southern part of Cambridge be built in the vicinity of Wort's Causeway of on the Ventress Farm estate? Cambridge education committee prefer Wort's Causeway as being more central for Trumpington and Cherry Hinton children but the planning committee thought it suited their planning arrangements better for it to be where Queen Edith's Way

joined Hills Road. An alternative had been suggested that to preserve an open space the playing fields should be situated on the Ventress Farm estate and only the school on Worts Causeway.

1950 06 30
Rock Estate and Cherry Hinton Road shopping centre revised early closing arrangements. The proprietors of the establishments beg to announce that as from Thursday 6th July they will remain open all day on Thursdays and that early closing day will in future be Wednesday. Signed: Colton footwear, Reg King the Cycle Specialist, C.J. Sampson, Bennett & Moore bakers, F.G. Cornwell grocery, B. Bennett wools and lingerie & C.H. Wisbey fruiterer - Advertisement

1950 06 30
Partial obstruction of a right of way in Station Road, Gt Wilbraham was the subject of an action at the County Court. The average width of the lane had been twelve feet, now a lady had put up a shed and there was room only for pedestrians or a cycle to get by. Elijah Dawson said it was used by carts & on Sundays when there was "all sorts of courting", there were always one or two cars. Cross-examined as to whether people objected to traffic using the lane he said his mother might do so if a load of manure went by when she was having her tea – but only in the house and not to the person concerned.

Death Whetstone, Haddenham, p10

1950 06 30 ES
Haddenham show a major attraction 50 06 30ES

July 1950 CDN & ES

1950 07 03
Several properties changed hands at auction. The Station Garage, Linton, sold at £2,750. Nos.54 Herbert Street & 231 Victoria Rd, Cambridge, made £1500 and £1,110 respectively. No.91 Mawson Road, Cambridge, sold for £900 and no.8 Selwyn Gardens was withdrawn at £5,750 and is now for sale by public treaty

1950 07 05
Members of the 50 Car Club assembled for a night rally. Starting at 10.30 pm competitors were required to cover a road course of over 100 miles visiting various locations at each of which some obstacle had to be surmounted. The difficulties encountered were numerous – a lonely wood concealing one objective was haunted by ghostly moans and sinister music and another clue could be reached only by paddling in the Granta near Byron's Pool. A realistically-staged "road accident" brought horror to more than one competitor.

Stock exchange, p5

1950 07 06
Using pre-cast and interlocking concrete blocks three men laid the equivalent of 3,000 bricks in just under 3½ hours on the Newmarket Road housing estate, Cambridge. The blocks, patented under the name of "Dri-Crete" are the results of research by Mr B. F. Hartley, director of the British Art Tile Co. of Mill Road. During 1950 two houses have been erected at the new satellite town of Newton Aycliffe, near Darlington, using the blocks. Members of the Dri –Crete Association visited Papworth to see farm buildings erected form the blocks and to Waterbeach RAF station to inspect Dri-Crete walls. # c.23

1950 07 07
A two-hour deluge with thunder and lightning brought flood damage to many parts of Cambridge. Amongst offices flooded were those of the C.D.N. Trouble started when three drains ceased to cope with the water from a large pool which had formed. The overflow forced a way into one of the printing rooms and bundles of newspapers were hastily built around the rotary printing machine to

prevent it being put out of action. Members of staff had to remove their socks and shoes and roll their trousers knee-high to bail out and deal with the blocked drains.

1950 07 07
Teachers, parents and children gazed hopefully at the threatening skies when sudden rain held up the Rose Queen Festival presented by pupils of the Sawston village school. Happily it was only a passing shower and the Rose Queen (Beatrice Turner) and her attendants were able to open the ceremony with a procession which made up for anything the weather lacked in colour. After the Queen had been crowned by Mrs Elma De Bruyne she was entertained by a play in mime. Costumes were by Mrs Sharp and the choir was instructed by Mr E. Foster.

Adulturous age, p10

1950 07 07 ES
Owners of land in Isleham fen which has been requisitioned by the agricultural executive committee hold meeting in school. Agree to oppose Ministry's proposal. Farmers are quite capable of maintaining the efficient use of agriculture on the lands 50 07 07(2)ES

Mepal Union Chapel reopening photograph 50 07 07ES

1950 07 09
One of the most impressive firework displays seen in Cambridge since VJ Day came as a climax to the Pye Radio Jubilee Sports, held on the sports club ground. Starting at 2pm and lasting until midnight there was something to cater for all tastes – with the added attraction of a specially imported fairground complete with dodgems. A crowd estimated at 4,000 passed through the gates during the day and the refreshment tents and ice-cream sellers did record business.

1950 07 09
Another freak summer storm swept across Cambridge leaving in its wake a trail of flooded houses and business premises. Firemen spent nine hours pumping 5,000 gallons of water from the basement of Frederick Day's the Hills Road hairdresser. He said: "It has cost me £100. A permanent waving machine and a dryer which were in the basement were completely ruined. I had to dump them on the tank-trap in Coldham's Lane this morning".

1950 07 12
Zillah Leak, p5

1950 07 13
Installation of 24 liquid soap dispensers, costing £25 at Coleridge Secondary Modern School was approved by the Education Committee after Mr Miles Burkitt had asked if the end of soap rationing made any difference. During the time it was rationed soap "disappeared" after being provided but this would not happen now. "It's expensive and they are wasteful because these things are fun", he said. Mrs Rackham said it would mean a saving in the long run. "It is sanitary and the soap is always clean"

1950 07 14
King & Harper jubilee, p7

1950 07 15
Newmarket High Street was lined for its entire length with stationery vehicles when an accident on the Bury Road brought traffic to a standstill. The town had been experiencing one of its busiest days for years. This unending stream was halted when an army convoy was brought to a stop just past the war memorial when a string of racehorses crossing the road caused the leading driver to pull up. The rear lorry was hit by a following taxi and this in turn was struck by a third vehicle.

Hobson's Conduit restored, p9

1950 07 17
Two literary celebrities were married at a ceremony attended by many people distinguished in the world of science, letters and the theatre. The couple were Charles Percy Snow, CBE, and Pamela Hansford Johnson, both best-selling novelists, playwrights and book critics. The ceremony took place in the chapel of Christ's College. The bride wore a banana coloured jacked and hat and straight black skirt when she left for a three-day honeymoon.

1950 07 17
Are men becoming sale minded? When Joshua Taylor's summer sale started there were a number of men waiting in the queue for the door to open. "It is the first time we have ever had men queuing" I was told. It appears that what they were after was shirts reduced from 35/6 to 25/- and 30/- to £1; a particularly natty line in pyjamas at ties and socks at almost half price. It is a sign of the hard-up times in which we live that the store is finding people more selective than ever.

1950 07 17
St George's standard, emblem of the Gird Guide movement in England, was seen for the first time in Cambridgeshire when it was bought by the Chief Commissioner to the Guide Sunday service in Ely Cathedral. It also headed the march-past of more than 1,050 guides.

1950 07 18
Wilbraham lane traffic refused, p6

1950 07 20
Messrs Hall, Cutlack & Harlock Ltd, the brewery, Fore Hill, Ely and the Huntingdon Breweries Ltd, Huntingdon, have amalgamated and the new company will be known as the East Anglian Breweries Ltd. The registered office will be at Ely. All the directors are directors of the amalgamated companies.

1950 07 21
Eversden pub, p4

1950 07 21 ES
Fourth pump being installed at St Germans will be largest in the country - detailed article 50 07 21(2)(3)ES # c.29

Clay soil from Lode Lane Haddenham taken to the Army Military Engineering Establishment branch in Hampshire for use on road construction work 50 07 21ES

1950 07 22
Fines totalling £15 were imposed on a Cambridge market trader when he appeared on three summons alleging overcharge for nylon stockings. He was accused that he sold a pair of seamless (mock seam) nylon utility stockings at 10/6 (4/- over price), a pair of fully-fashioned nylon stockings at 17/11 (6/11 over price) and a pair of fully fashioned utility nylon stockings at 17/11 (5/- over price). He told the court he had purchased them three weeks ago at 15/- each from Petty Coat Lane, London

1950 07 22
A successful fete and sports organised by the social committee of the Cherryhnton Road pre-fabs tenants association was held on Lichfield Road recreation ground, Cambridge. Attractions included a miniature railway, Punch & Judy show, treasure hunt, bran tub & a mother and father's race. Highlight of the proceedings was a tug-of-war between the "Lichfield peacocks" and the "Golding Canaries".

1950 07 24
The hearing of cases against a Cambridgeshire chemical company alleging pollution of the river has opened. They have pleaded not guilty to five summons to knowingly permitting liquid matter to flow

into the River Riddy, which was poisonous or injurious to fish. The offences are alleged to have occurred at Hauxton. Evidence was given that dead or dying fish were passing under Fen Causeway at the rate of about 100 every five minutes.

1950 07 26
Cambridge Council is considering purchasing sites for industrial purposes at Brooklands Farm, between Cromwell Road and the railway and at Union Lane. The committee recommends the Union Lane site is more suitable for housing, Brooklands Farm is unsuitable for industry owing to drainage difficulties and that the Allotments Committee's views be sought on the Cromwell Road site. They also reject proposals for a site off Clarendon Road for the University Press printing works owing to traffic difficulties and the need to preserve the existing green wedge.

1950 07 27
50 years ago 41 boys assembled in St Andrew's Hall and formed the nucleus of the Cambridge & County High School for Boys. On Tuesday one of those boys (Ald A.C. Taylor) was present with others to join the annual dinner of the Old Cantabrigian Society in connection with the Jubilee celebrations – present in the highest office of the town, that of Mayor. The achievements of the school increase, as headmaster Mr B. Newton John remarked as it was placed very high on the list of the schools which had won scholarships to Cambridge University

Nissen hut death, p4

1950 07 28
It is not surprising that the advertised sale of such an exceptional property as the Mill House, Grantchester, aroused a great deal of interest. There is no other situation in the village comparable to the house, set in a peaceful country garden. The bidding which started at £7,000 rose without hesitation to £10,700 at which price it was secured for Mr David Robinson.

Pitt Press plan, p5
Foreigners get housing, p10

1950 07 29
At the opening of the new Headquarters of Newnham British Legion, behind the Hat & Feathers in Kings Road, Cambridge the Mayor criticised those who allowed one or two "old sweats" to get on with the work. "Remember that some of we 'old sweats' do not grow any younger and it is up to you to bring along the right type of younger sweat to take over the heat and burden of the day. That is the only way you can be absolutely sure of the continuity of the work of the British Legion", he said

Trinity College kitchens, p9

1950 07 31
Pest Control fines, p6

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1950 08 01
As from next Sunday, relatives and friends of patients in Addenbrooke's Hospital will be able to visit them for an extra ¾ of an hour. Previously the Sunday visiting time was from 2-3pm, but consultant staff have agreed to a suggestion made by matron regarding the extension of visiting time from 2.15 to 4pm. Staff also asked for consideration to periods of visiting by near relatives on weekdays between 7 & 8pm and whether there was any way of avoiding queues in the main corridors and staircases on visiting days # c.21.4

Pest Control pollution, p5

1950 08 03
When Mr & Mrs Wilfred Moore of Humberstone Road, Cambridge, better-know to their many friends as "Wilf & Ada", send out invitations on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary they received such an overwhelming number of replies it became necessary to book a larger hall. In 1940 Mr Moore took over the Fleur de Lys public house where he has remained in spite of offers of more tempting propositions. He said "I have no customers. To me they are not customers, but friends".

1950 08 03
While motor cycling along High Street, Swaffham Bulbeck, PC Lawrence Audley saw an 11-years-old boy driving a 10-ton petrol-driven locomotive, pulling two trailers loaded with fairground equipment. He turned his motor cycle round and found the vehicle had stopped and the boy's father, who had been standing nearby, was in the driving seat. Pleading guilty the defending solicitor said "It was really a childish escapade, it is not really unnatural for a small boy to do so, especially one living on fairs"

1950 08 04
South Cambs RDC considered whether more council houses should be built with less amenities, or less houses will the full amenities required by the Minister of Health. On the one hand the Ministry say houses cannot be built until there is a proper sewage scheme. But on the other they oppose such a sewage scheme for Linton. The conflict was described as "absolutely imbecile" and "scarcely credible"

1950 08 05
The Youth Hostels Association has reached its 21st year and is celebrating with the publication of a history of the movement. There is mention of Cherry Hinton Hall and Houghton Mill of which it says: "Vera Watson acted as warden at Houghton nearly every weekend in 1943. Every Monday morning she cycled the 15-miles back to her work at Cambridge in order to keep the hostel open on Sunday evenings

Trades Fair Association, p9

1950 08 08
A post-war record crowd of more than 5,000 got its share of August Bank Holiday sunshine and sport at the 7th annual sports meeting, a mixture of athletic and cycling events held on the Cambridge Town Football Ground. A fast track contributed to some thrilling cycle racing in which Freddie Krebs stole much of the local thunder. Two high-speed spills had the crowd on its feet, but no rider was seriously hurt. Growing interest was revealed by the increasing entries in the ladies cycle event

Pig at pub, p5

1950 08 09
This year I have noticed a "cosmopolitan invasion" of the river Cam. Practically every other boat one passes is manned by some of our foreign friends and I counted as many as four nationalities in one punt. This intermixing of young people from neighbouring countries is one of the best things that could happen, especially at the present time, and we must feel honoured that they choose Cambridge as the place in which to better international relations!

1950 08 09
As part of their propaganda campaign, the Cambridge Accident Prevention Council is making a 16-mm film, to be called "Horse Sense". The film is in full colour and is intended to be a successor to the previous production, "Almost Human", which is now on show throughout the world. Those responsible are Mr K.O. King (cameraman & director) and the Chief Constable, Mr B.M. Bebbington, for the script. # c.65.6

Pig at pub, p5

1950 08 11
A non-stop 2½ hours programme of water sports at Jesus Green bath was witnessed by a record crowd of 1,400 people. It comprised swimming races, diving, novelty events and a water polo match. The sports represented a personal triumph for Ray Barker of the Granta club who beat all-comers. Sheila Tudor was the most successful woman competitor.

1950 08 12
Small landowners at Hardwick, meeting by the light of a single spluttering paraffin lamp at Childerley Gate School, decided unanimously to form an association to fight Government acquisition of land already under requisition at Hardwick. Under the 1947 Agricultural Act requisitioned land need not automatically be handed back to the original owner if the Minister considered there was a case for retaining the land for "blocking" into large farms. If they were to have any chance of success they would need to fight the cases with all available means.

1950 08 14
In another 20 years Cambridge should be certain of having a strong and healthy community of young men & women, for surely the present day babies must be the best of any generation. This was brought to mind at the Bonny Baby Show when proud mothers watched their babies judged by an expert authority, Sister Sparrow, of the Mill Road Maternity Hospital. One has only to walk along the street and look into every pram you pass to see that all the occupants, with a few very rare exceptions, are happy and contented little souls.

1950 08 16
The urban district of Ely has been without water supply due to a serious break in the pumping main at Soham. A limited supply was made available to the RAF Hospital but the vast majority are having to rely on soft water caught in rain tanks. The manager of the Jam factory said: "I have 20 tons of plums going rotten. I have had to send for a fire tender to get water into the boilers. We can't do a thing because we live on steam"

Queen Mary visits, p7 # c.02

1950 08 17
A Lolworth lady parked her car in a prohibited part of Cambridge Market Street, five yards from two "No Parking" signs to go shopping. Three times in the following half-hour she returned to the car with purchases, and three times PC James Ramsey told her it was an offence to leave her car there. The first time she said, "How can I do my shopping". The second "I know; isn't it terrible" and the third time "I'm just going in here". She was fined £2

1950 08 18
Though the harvest stared early, rain has several times interrupted operations. A light crop of Victoria plums and gages are now being gathered. Pershores and Belle Louvaine are moving but the demand is poor. Plums are not in demand by canners due to a shortage of sugar and of tin plate. An inadequate domestic sugar ration is also discouraging purchases.

Ely speeding, p10

1950 08 18 ES
Behind the scenes in the C.I.D., visit to Police headquarters at March 50 08 18(2)ES # c.34.7

1950 08 19
Marvel in miniature, p9

1950 08 21

A list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest in Chatteris has been issued. These buildings must not be demolished or altered in any way without giving notice. The list includes the Parish church, the council offices, the Cross Keys and Red Lion public houses and a number of private residences including the Manor House in Wenny Road, currently unoccupied.

1950 08 22
A familiar figure is missing from 250th Field Squadron Royal Engineers Annual Camp for Serge C.R. Riggs has completed his Territorial Service on reaching the age limit. With three years' service in the 1914-18 war, he was already 'an old soldier' when he re-enlisted in 1926 as one of the first recruits to join the then newly-formed Cambridge section of the Company. As a true sapper he could always scrounge in an emergency and when rations ceased to arrive during the Dunkirk evacuation he successfully acquired a barrel of beer, a live pig, a set of false teeth and two magnums of champagne

1950 08 24
"The Walden", one of Saffron Walden's two cinemas was completely destroyed in a disastrous fire. Flames swiftly enveloped the building, which was largely of timber construction and fireman were fighting a losing battle from the start. At one time the fierce blaze threatened to spread to nearby houses and to the High Street Baptist Church next door. The auditorium (420 seats) & foyer were burnt to the ground within half an hour. The only portions standing are the front wall and the projector room where new equipment was installed this year.

'War dead', Madingley, p6

1950 08 25
In 1945 Chesterton R.D.C. granted permission for the erection of five pairs of houses on the junction of Newton Rd, Hauxton. The application was approved by Cambridge Borough Council who were the inter-development authority under the draft planning scheme. The County Council now wish to stop further development to prevent the joining up of the villages of Harston & Hauxton and bring to an end the straggling of ribbon development along these roads, an inquiry was told

1950 08 25
A minor 'whirlwind" hit Balsham yesterday afternoon. A farmer said he was sheltering beside a pile of beans at the time. "The ton of straw I had placed on it as a temporary protection was whisked off in no time", he said

Showman with pull, p5

1950 08 25 ES
Ely and district Laundry, Lynn Road, detailed feature article 50 08 25ES

1950 08 26
Mr Ralph Starr, twice Mayor of Cambridge & once described as 'the best-known man in the town', died at his home. Few men have given so much of their life in the service of the town. He was first elected to the Council in 1904 and served continuously till November 1945. At a time when there were few Labour members of the council he was looked upon as the 'People's Mayor'. As a young man he entered the photographic studios of Messrs Hills & Saunders where he remained for eight years before starting the business to become well known in Cambridge & Ely as 'Starr & Rignall' # c.65.5

1950 08 28
For the past four weeks about 60 children of all ages ranging from 5 to 15 of the Estonians refugees doing farm work in this country – there are about 7,000 in all - have been at a holiday camp at Bottisham. The dual object is to enable the children to keep in contact with others of their own nationality, and to enable their parents to have a holiday on their own. It is the second year of the camp, under the charge of headmistress Miss S. Pruden

1950 08 30
The centuries-old "Fox & Hounds" inn in the centre of Barley High Street was destroyed by fire this morning. Its quaint sign, one of the county's famous landmarks, still stands, though some of the lead figures are damaged. All that remains of the old inn is the sign and the broken front wall. The rest, including Mr George Casbon's adjoining wheelwright's shop, is a smoking pile of debris.

1950 08 31
The post office proposes to introduce the 999 scheme for emergency calls as from today at exchanges in the areas of Bottisham, Comberton, Cottenham, Elsworth, Shelford, Haddenham & Waterbeach. The system enables a caller by dialling 999 instead of 0 to secure the special attention of the exchange operator for emergency calls. Special equipment has been installed at the exchange so that when 999 is dialled an emergency lamp and loud buzzer will indicate to the operator that the call is especially urgent.

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1950 09 01
Joe Kester, the Grand Old Man of Chesterton Hospital, is 103 today, and in his own words "fighting fit". He is even thinking of applying for a pair of National Health glasses so he can read the small type in the newspaper. Joe was getting ready for his daily pre-lunch half-pint of beer. "That's the best medicine I ever had, it puts more life in me than anything else. It won't hurt anybody if they use it right", he said.

Plane crash, p6

1950 09 01 ES
Isleham fen case before Agricultural Land Tribunal. 700 acres of land owned by 39 individuals were partially derelict when requisitioned in 1941 and production was extremely low. Reclamation work carried out by the Cambridge War Agricultural Executive Committee had resulted in the obliteration of many of the old boundaries. The soil was not good, much of it blew and it had not been found possible to lay down pasture which had any degree of permanency. Minister wanted to purchase the freehold which would be vested in the Agricultural Land Commission and farmed by selected tenants. They wanted to provide suitable blocks of land for occupation by farmers in the village. Opposition by owners. Detailed report 50 09 01(2)ES

Bishop to preach and dedicate the new South Transept, Stretham church, which has been completely refurbished. For some years it has been known as the War Corner, and the men who served in the 14-18 war and their relatives will be interesting to know that the photographs of those who died are being placed in a Book of Remembrance 50 09 01(3)ES

Brunswick Casket; did it originate in Ely 50 09 01ES

1950 09 02
The biggest trades show under canvas organised in England opened in Cambridge today. The value of the exhibits displayed is estimated at nearly £1m. and the show can be regarded as the first big demonstration of the many industrial activities and specialised trades for which Cambridge has been famous for so hundreds of years.

Bandstand, p9

1950 09 04
Cambridge's own Olympia-in-miniature opened on Midsummer Common. The Cambridge Trades Fair Summer Festival attracted over 15,000 people on one day alone. In opening the fair the mayor said: "We in Cambridge know that at one period anything in the way of localised industry was

frowned upon. Today I am thankful to say that old spirit has died and we can be proud of the industries which have crept up over a long period of years".

1950 09 05
The proposal by the Minister of Agriculture to take over 700 acres of land at Isleham fen has not been confirmed by the Agricultural Land Tribunal who heard an appeal by 33 tenants against it. The Minister's proposals were in the best interests of food production but there was a large volume of evidence that the land could be better farmed in small units. The land had been requisitioned in the early days of the war and administered since by the War Ag. The Tribunal also decided not to confirm proposals in respect of Rectory and Top Farms, Hemingford Abbots.

1950 09 08
A £12,000 scheme for the provision of a new road across the Mepal airfield was approved by the Isle of Ely County Council Highways Committee subject to the approval of the Ministry of Transport.

1950 09 08 ES
Isleham landowners win their appeal; the land will be handed back to them 50 09 08(2)ES

One of the runways across Mepal airfield from which so many heavy bombers took off may be turned into a new road making use of the runway. Some favoured the reinstatement of the old road which ran directly into Sutton but this would join the Sutton Road half a mile east of Brook House corner 50 09 08ES

1950 09 09
Messrs G. Heyworth of Sidney Street took the opportunity to let their suppliers see their stand at the Cambridge Trades Fair. Mr Heyworth said theirs was one of the older types of family business with a progressive outlook. Special reference was made to the excellent standard set by the CDN and the trouble the editorial staff went to in order to get inside knowledge and get their facts right on any particular matter they wished to present to the public.

1950 09 09
Cambridge tradesmen have made local history with their Trades Fair. The fame of this wonder show has spread far – including a municipal party from Luton who hope to stage a similar venture. There is no doubt that if the CDN runs an "outstanding memory" competition 40 years hence many will write about the "great trades fair of 1950".

1950 09 11
How nice to think that from now on we can wash just as much as we like! After eight years of having to produce a ration book every time we want a tablet of soap or packet of soap powder we can go in and buy what we want, when we want. It is greatly to be hoped that the public won't abuse this nice new privilege. Panic buying by the few will only make it difficult for the many and these freedoms are too dearly won to risk losing.

Graham Greene death, p7

1950 09 12
Flags flew at half-mast in Cambridge as the University and Town mourned the death of Jan Christiaan Smuts, scholar, soldier, statesman & Chancellor of Cambridge University. His was a short-lived chancellorship lasting just over two years but is rich in memories. In June 1948 thousands lined the streets to see him walk in procession from the Senate House to Christ's College and their hearts warmed to the slight, sunburned figure who acknowledged their cheers. Distinguished men are commonplace visitors to Cambridge, and often pass unnoticed; but all restraint went overboard on this occasion and the chancellor was obviously moved by the warmth of his reception. # c.36.9

Linton estate, p5

1950 09 15
43 flying farmers and their wives from Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire spent ten crowded hours at the other side of England and still got home in time for supper. By means of a specially chartered aerial taxi service from Marshall's Cambridge to Speke airport, Liverpool, they were able to witness the receiving end of the Government's African groundnuts scheme – the production of animal feeding stuffs and soap. For most of them it was the first time in the air. The party had boarded two chartered Dakotas for the journey as the guests of J. Bibby and sons, the well-known manufacturer of cattle and poultry feeding stuffs.

Tussle over land, p10

1950 09 15 ES
Soham is to conduct census of accommodation should the need of housing evacuees arrived. Councils would have to receive children and possibly parents from important cities subject to attack. In 1939 a canvas of accommodation had already been made but that is not so now. There is a feeling that canvasers might be met somewhat harshly. It wasn't a thankful job and some have had people in their homes who weren't desirable but we also had many nice people and some of the children are still coming to spend their holidays. Evacuation if it arose would be larger than previously full stop one atomic bomb would render 10-100000 people homeless 50 09 15ES

1950 09 16
The Great Ouse River Catchment Board reported that reconstruction on the left bank of the River Cam from the "Fish & Duck" to Galloping Corner, over a length of 40 chains has been commenced, This reconstruction had been necessitated by the continued recurrence of slips aggravated by the 1947 flood

1950 09 16
The smallest milking machine in the world has just been placed on the market by its designers, H.E.M. (Cambridge) ltd of Ditton Walk. Production of the 'midget milker' follows two years of development. You can plug it into the electric light and it will milk two cows at a time.

Humphreys, Milton butcher, p7

1950 09 18
For many of the 7,500 spectators the 'At Home' held at RAF station Oakington, (some of whom wore handlebar moustaches and ex-service ties), probably brought back memories of wartime experiences. Spectators poured in by bus, car and bicycle and some even walked or hitch-hiked. Small boys sat in the pilot's seat of the Prime Minister's personal aircraft and imagined themselves airmen. The 'beating-up' of the aerodrome by a Meteor jet fighter from Waterbeach was probably the biggest thrill of the afternoon.

1950 09 19
The old barn at Duxford Grange farm was the scene of a happy gathering when Mr Harry Walston, prospective Labour candidate for Cambridgeshire, and of Thriplow Farms Ltd, invited the farm workers to a harvest supper. This was the fourth occasion it has been held, and a 220 lb pig had been killed to help to feed the company of about 100.

Chippenham police house, p4
Milton fire, p7

1950 09 20
The Ely beet sugar factory begins this season's campaign and over the greater part of the area from which beet are drawn heavy yields are anticipated, which may even constitute a record for the factory. In view of the very large tonnage of sugar beet to be handled, it is felt imperative to make the earliest

possible start to afford growers every opportunity of keeping up to date with their early deliveries, reducing the risk of losses due to frost and other seasonable conditions.

1950 09 22
Roger Keith Woollard of Mill Road, Cambridge, - eight years old – is surely Cambridge's youngest aircraft recognition expert. You can see him any Sunday up at Cambridge airport noting down numbers and types of aircraft flying there with the same enthusiasm that some youngsters collect car or engine numbers. I asked him what he did if an aircraft arrived which he could not identify. "I go and ask the duty pilot what it is", he said. His devotion to this hobby deserves recognition, I would suggest by the appointment as the official mascot of Marshall's airport

1950 09 22
Television viewers in De Freville district found themselves "looking in" to an extra programme after the BBC transmission had finished. An explanation from the Chairman of Pye Ltd, "we were televising at the works on a closed-circuit and there was a leaky cable", he said. A viewer said, "We saw Annette Mills and her puppet kitten doing some washing, Dickie Murdock also appeared as did Jack and Daphne Barker. There was some advertising matter including a reference to the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce. The transmission came from a transmitter the Pye Company was testing out prior to ending it to an exhibition in Berlin. # c.27.82

1950 09 23
VHF on radio, p5
Aero Research canteen, p7

1950 09 25
Several thousand spectators braved Sunday's rain to watch the scramble at Arrington. Cambridge Centaur Motor Cycle Club, rounded off the season by winning most events. Mud and slippery grass added to the hazard of the course set on two steeply sloping fields and including tortuous gullies. Once again B.G. Stonebridge delighted the crowd with his superlative riding, his fellow Centaur H.D. Halsey proving a game runner-up

Horkey frummety, p7

1950 09 26
Conona lorry, p5
Peaks advertisement, p10

1950 09 27
The news that Mr Douglas Nicholes is disposing of his well-known drapery and outfitting business in Mill Road will be received with regret by local people who admire the pioneer spirit and enterprise of a family concern. There are still people who can remember the early days of what was then a small lock-up shop surrounded by fields – known as Feke's Meadows - on both sides of the roads on the town side. It is 68 years since Mr W.D. Nicholes founded the business. In those early days they were the largest wholesalers of foreign goods in East Anglia. The retail side was developed later and menswear has always been a speciality. # c.27.2

1950 09 28
The third polio victim in Huntingdonshire this year has died in an Iron Lung. He was an Engineer at Brampton RAF Station. 200 yards from where he lived is home of another man who is progressing satisfactorily in Cambridge Isolation Hospital infected with polio. A Godmanchester man died in Middlesex Isolation Hospital last Friday. This was within two days of contracting the disease.

1950 09 29
The 'Twelve Men of Caldecote' – members of the village's Smallholders Defence Association - have decided to fence off 40 acres of land held by members, in protest against the Ministry of Agriculture's

decision to acquire the holdings compulsorily and have them farmed as part of a large block. "We have had notice that the tenancies terminate on Saturday, but we intend to carry on as we have done in the past, cultivating the holdings successfully", a member said.

1950 09 29
Built from local materials by local labour, a delightful pair of cottages recently completed in High Street, Lode, are in striking contrast to many modern houses. They were erected for Lord Fairhaven, whose desire was that they should be in keeping with the characteristics of the village. They are of colour-washed Burwell bricks & thatched with straw from his farm

Caldecote farm protest, p6

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1950 10 02
Caldecote land fenced, p7
Cyril Stapleton at Rex, p8

1950 10 03
Civil Defence rest centres in schools, p6

1950 10 04
The disastrous effects of the weather upon agriculture warrant a return to wartime emergency conditions Coun Greenslade told Cambridgeshire Education Committee. "We have had a lot of rain which has affected the agricultural position tremendously. This season has been a near disaster. We haven't finished the harvest yet and when we shall get to the potatoes I don't know. I beg that children can be permitted to be employed for picking up potatoes".

1950 10 06
Waterbeach and Upwood are amongst airfields which are "warming up" in preparation for the start of the biggest air exercise since the war. It has been designed to test the control of air defence operations. Cambridge members of the Royal Observer Corps will man the operations room in the Newmarket Road headquarters and posts throughout the countryside. Every aircraft passing over the county will be plotted, and the information passed to the RAF.

1950 10 07
Into a schoolroom at Childerley Gate squeezed 150 indignant smallholders meeting in protest against the land acquisitioning policies of the Ministry of Agriculture. They refuted claims that smallholders could not profitably and economically use their land and get the fullest from it. Mr G. Martin of Arrington said: "Never before have the people of England dreaded the knock of the postman, fearing the loss of their holdings". Mr G. Mealing of Monkfields said: "We are living in dread of the agricultural Gestapo – it is not constitutional"

1950 10 07
My attention was attracted the other day by a new notice board outside Cambridge police station. It displays a large map of Cambridge. Main roads are clearly marked in colour and a footnote states that further information may be obtained from the police station inquiry office. This is to my knowledge the only public 'guide' in the town at the moment and it will be particularly useful to visitors.

1950 10 07
John Lowe was the first boy to go from Cambridge to Australia under the 'Big Brother' movement. His mother said "He sailed in 1949, the voyage took five weeks and he went to a training farm near Sidney and then up into the Bush. He has banked £100 in a year and the farmer is very good to him. He has been able to do several jobs for them and kills one sheep a fortnight for their own consumption",

1950 10 09
Girls in their teens, middle aged women and some in their sixties mingled together at a jubilee reunion of the Cambridgeshire High School for Girls. For many it was their first visit to the new school in Long Road. Their own memories took them back to the Drill Hall in East Road, where the school began, or to the Collier Road premises, now the Technical College and School of Art. The happy times spent there were recalled often during the evening.

1950 10 10
Bud Flanagan and members of the famous Crazy Gang formed a "guard of honour" at the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Jones and Mr John Mitchell Ridley-Foster at Newmarket. Bud was responsible for the gang's appearance. Following his lead the Gang appeared in battered top hats and dress suits that were ripped and torn and had obviously seen better days. A large crowd waited outside the church, where the Crazy Gang welcomed the couple as they came out after the ceremony with an archway of silver-topped canes.

1950 10 11
The crew of 11 of a USAAF B50 Super Fortress escaped when it crash-landed in flames at Mildenhall last night. The aircraft was returning from a routine flight and had one engine feathered. The right wing tip caught the runway and the external petrol tank burst into flames. The aircraft slid, burning furiously, for 500 yards but the crew scrambled to safety and were uninjured. The aircraft was a total loss # c.26.1

1950 10 11
The Vicar of Great St Mary's church, Cambridge, said: "There are fewer priests today and they are harassed by financial worries that are crippling to the spiritual life. They are often forced to live in large and unsuitable houses. They cannot afford a domestic help and become expert in washing up and keeping the garden tidy when they should be out in the parish dealing with the souls of men. There are many parsons who, in their old age, can only keep body and soul together with any decency because of the extraordinary kindness and generosity of their poorest parishioners"

Long Road Tech, p6

1950 10 12
Strong pleas by the county agricultural executive committee and the NFU have resulted in permission being granted for Cambridgeshire school children to assist in the potato harvest. Exemption from school attendance will be extended only to children over 14, who must be physically fit and whose parents must give consent. The performance of agricultural work other than potato lifting is prohibited.

1950 10 14
Motorists in the vicinity of Baldock and Royston are going to miss an old acquaintance – Mr George Beale, the A.A. patrol with the longest service who retired from duty last week. He started in 1905 and remembers all traffic being cleared from the road to Newmarket to give King Edward VII a clear run to the races in 1908. One Sunday morning in 1924 he stopped a car and asked the two Cambridge undergraduates inside to warn the next patrol along the road that police were active. It was not until they were on their way that he found out that one of them was the present King.

1950 10 16
For the past half century Miss Minnie Pate, director of the University Typewriting Office in Trinity Street has been serving the University and its scholars. And now the University is acknowledging the value of her services by conferring upon her the distinction of an honorary degree. She was one of the first typists in Cambridge and taught herself on one of the first typewriters ever to be seen here – which is still kept in her offices.

1950 10 16
A century of public libraries is celebrated with an exhibition in the Guildhall. A most striking feature is the stand showing ten great volumes of The Times together with 15 small boxes which house the same record of the newspaper, but on film. With children's books is exhibited Mr J.W. Franklin's model electric railway engine, which will be worked for the benefit of juvenile visitors.

Doctors dispute, p6

1950 10 17
Salary figures, p10

1950 10 18
Cambridge housing committee recommends the installation of television sets should not be allowed at Donkey common, as it would not be advisable to erect aerials on the roof of the huts. If erected independently they would have to be supported by guy-ropes which might prove a nuisance to other tenants and a danger to children.

G.I. bride, p5

1950 10 20
Coun. Mrs Henn said the majority of old couples were willing to move into smaller accommodation to make room for larger families. But there are a very few who are so selfish and anti-social that they have not got the pity, the sympathy or the imagination to cast their eye for a moment at the housing-list queue. It was a natural desire for old people to have spare rooms for visiting children but Cambridge has 5,000 families who have no house at all. It is perfectly normal for five adults and two children to live in one bedroom with no sanitation, and cooking done in that bedroom.

1950 10 20 ES
Condition of Little Thetford school - rain coming through roof, could transfer the children to other schools 50 10 20ES

For nearly 60 years the cleaning of Stretham schools has been carried out by members of one family and with the retirement of Mrs H. Everitt and Mrs G. Vail this long period of service has been broken. Many villagers will remember the time when the late Mr and Mrs J. Woolf did the work and when, through increasing age, they were unable to continue, Mrs H. Everitt, their daughter, who had at times assisted her parents, and another daughter, Mrs. G. Vail, were appointed caretakers. When one remembers that during winter months fires have to be lit at an early hour to warm the buildings for a 9 o'clock school it will be realised that this meant constant effort which could become wearisome. Villagers will wish Mrs Everitt and Mrs Vail and happiness in their increased leisure, and good health to enjoy their partial retirement. Their successor is Mrs Bullman, who has commenced her new duties 50 10 20ES, 50 10 27(2)ES

1950 10 21
Cambridge councillors decided not to take over Abbey House and assume responsibility for its future after the Folk Museum had raised £2,000 to effect the transfer of the Museum there from the old White Horse Inn. The house contains some very fine rooms suitable for display of exhibits but would mean they had to rehouse the families now living there. There was no doubt that in ordinary time the council would have been able to take the Museum over but it could not take on anything at the present time because they are so hard up. # c.03

Council meetings, p9

1950 10 23
Queen of Scavengeria, p4

1950 10 24
Sir, May I call attention to the danger caused in the streets of Cambridge by the bad driving of American service vehicles. This morning in Queens' Road a jeep attempting to overtake a convoy came headlong at me with its offside wheels against the verge on the wrong side of the road, forcing me to jump off my cycle in order to avoid being knocked down. I wonder whether American servicemen are subject to our road law and whether some are indifferent to the safety of the people in whose country they are guests – B.F.C. Atkinson

Tale of centuries, p4

1950 10 26
A farmer, who said he was forced to employ Czechs, Germans, Poles, Irishmen and gypsies, because he could not house English workers, applied for possession of one of his farm cottages at Fen Ditton. The occupant had previously been employed as a farm worker and tractor driver but had quit his employment to go to Marshall's. The cottage was need for another farm worker. Of his 14 service cottages this was the only one not occupied by an employee.

1950 10 27
Cycles brakes & appeal, p6

1950 10 27 ES
Friday Bridge big farm fire at Maltmas drove 50 10 27ES

1950 10 28
Historical documents dating from the 13th century to 1944 have been deposited with the County Archivist during the past year. He is particularly pleased to report the minute book of the Cottenham parish invasion committee 1941-44. "For the benefit of future historians, it is most important that such archives should be preserved", he observed. # c.43

1950 10 28
Awakened by a passer-by Mr Arthur Gardiner, licensee of the well-known Three Hills Hotel, Bartlow, found fire raging in the downstairs rooms. Severe internal damage was caused to the bars and dining room which were lined with boarding, and £500 worth of spirits and cigarettes went up in flames. First floor rooms were slightly damaged and at one point the blaze reached the roof

1950 10 30
Abington W.I. will propose at the annual council meeting that in the interest of cleaner and healthier food the Government should consider the removal of purchase tax from refrigerators. Landbeach will ask for the imposition of a 30 mph speed limit on all built-up areas, while Bourn calls on the County Council to pay more attention to the condition of subsidiary roads. Fen Drayton W.I. want all country telephone kiosks to be connected direct to the exchange and not through the local post office in their own village

Pate degree, p5
Technical College deferred, p6 # c.36.7

1950 10 31
Never have I heard such uproarious laughter at the New Theatre as there was last night when Max Miller appeared. During his performance the "cheeky chappie" really lived up to his name with his "innocent" account of the happenings when he visited a nudist colony. The entire audience was in fits of laughter the whole time, and if ever there was an occasion when people could justifiably have rolled in the aisles this was it.

Power cuts, p7

November 1950 CDN & ES

1950 11 01
Mr C.O. Stanley, Managing Director of Pye Ltd told the Radio Industries Club luncheon, "we have now arrived at a time when we should put down a second television system in this country – a system which operates two programmes on the ultra-high frequency band, both in colour at the same time; one to be operated by the BBC and the other by commercial interests. We have to have alternatives, I don't think it is possible to put out a single programme and cover the tastes of everyone" # c.27.82

Digby Wyatt – Addenbrooke's Hospital, p8

1950 11 02
The question of whether to connect the hot water system or the water closets in the new council houses at Harlton was debated by Chesterton RDC. The Housing Committee recommended that a tap over the sink be provided and the WCs only connected because it is not yet certain whether the drainage is good enough to take the effluent from both. Coun F. Adams asked: "What is the use of building these bathrooms in these houses if we are not going to use them? It seems ludicrous". Another observed it was much better to have a flush lavatory that an unlimited supply of water to the bath.

Caxton gibbet effigy. P7

1950 11 03
"Under-40s" in Cambridge professional and business life became founder-members of an organisation whose objects are the encouragement of high ethical standards in commercial life, the development of acquaintance of men of all vocations and the quickening of interest in everything affecting the public welfare. The occasion was the inaugural dinner of Round Table of Cambridge. The elected officers were chairman Mr. J.N.M. Heffer and secretary Mr G.T. Rolfe # c.37

1950 11 03 ES
Mepal airfield road. Sutton Parish Council want former road reinstated rather than a new road incorporating one of the runways. But Isle of Ely County Council overrule them. One says the present road round Witcham Toll was the best. Are assuming that the airfield will never be used again and it may be. If so the new road would be defunct 50 11 03ES

Ely R.D.C. have completed 337 dwellings, total still under construction is 54 including Saffron Close, Littleport and the Black Horse Drove estate. Four houses at Berrystead Lane Wilburton are expected to be completed within the month. A start had been made on the Pond Lane, Little Downham contract 50 11 03ES

1950 11 04
AAA training facilities, p10

1950 11 06
Although four arrests – three townsmen and one undergraduate – were made, Guy Fawkes Night this year was about the quietest since the war. Undergraduates were not as lively as in years past. The reason for the lack of activity on their part was probably the fact that they had been warned verbally by their tutors. Just to make sure seven watchful Proctors with their top-hatted 'bulldogs' maintained a constant patrol of the main streets

World guide visit, p4

1950 11 07
Before Shelford rugby union football club began their match on Saturday, Mr Herbert Fordham declared open the new changing rooms which have been built for the club at their headquarters, the

Peacock Inn. These rooms, with sufficient accommodation and bathing facilities for 60 players, are a gift by Mr Fordham and his brother. P.L. Davey (president of the club) expressed their pleasure and gratitude for "this wonderful gesture to sport in the village of Shelford and the cause of rugby in Cambridgeshire"

Kathleen Ferrier, p4

1950 11 08
Messrs J. Carter Jonas disposed at auction the small but interesting freehold property known as the school house and the Old School, Lt Gransden. Formerly the Church School it has been disused as such for some years. There was steady competition for the property which was knocked down to Mr West for £470

Cream police cars, p7

1950 11 09
A middle-aged widow was given permission at Cambridge county court to live in her own house from January next year on condition that she occupies two rooms only, shares bathroom and toilet facilities and keeps out of the kitchen. She had been left the house in Pretoria Road by her late husband. Following his death she went to live with his mother from 1934-40 and then with her daughter after unsuccessfully trying to get back her own house. It was let to a lady who had a University lodging house licence.

Clergy pay, p5
Pipe exhibition, p10

1950 11 10
New Dean of Ely, p7

1950 11 10 ES
Stacking and thrashing competition attract large number of entries. Results. Photo 50 11 10ES

Mepal fire at Manorside farm, stacks damaged. Another fire Bullocks farm, Grunty Fen 50 11 10ES

Ely Silver Street School fires 50 11 10ES

1950 11 11
In the main streets of Cambridge today it looked as though a zoo, a circus, a host of foreign invaders and history's immortals had been let loose – not to mention members of species hitherto unknown. It was the Poppy Day pantomime again and students were 'on the make'. Poppy sellers were on the street and some 70,000 poppies were on sale. The Mayor, Ald Taylor, was kidnapped, his hands bound with a scarf and marched out of the Guildhall into a Rolls Royce while police thoughtfully held back the crowds.

Films in Castle Street, p9

1950 11 13
Nearly 1000 people gathered in the Guildhall for the annual Cambridge British Legion festival of remembrance. It was a most impressive sight when the 24 standard bearers entered the hall to a fanfare played by the Cambridge Band of the British Legion under its conductor, Robert Austin, dressed in their full uniform of scarlet and blue

Poppy day, p10

1950 11 14

Farmers & smallholders gathered at a non-political meeting at Cambridge Guildhall to protest against 'the unjust threat of the acquisition of land' under the 1947 Agricultural Act. The principal speaker was Mr J. Wentworth Day who spoke of 'the little men skulking in Whitehall who would like to put the whole land under one doctrine and dogma, whose aim is to bring farming under committee on which every 'spiv' and battle-dodger would have a job'. He said there was something like 10,000 acres under threat in Cambridgeshire. Mr G. Martin of Arrington said his father lived in dread that the postman's knock would bring a letter telling him his land would be taken.

1950 11 15
Santa Claus, p5

1950 11 16
Sir, during the past months in Lt Shelford three boys in the age range of 8-11 have been knocked down by motor vehicles. There are at least two spots that are sheer death traps for children, at the Prince Regent crossroads and the exit from the recreation ground in Whittlesford Road. It would be best to have the whole village brought within the speed limit, but what howls that would produce from the over-burdened ratepayers. But would such 'evidence of distress' be comparable with that of a maimed and crippled child, or probably one sent to eternity – 'Anxious parent'

1950 11 17
Co-op sales, p8

1950 11 17 ES
Remembrance Day homages: Littleport, Haddenham, Prickwillow, Sutton, Downham, Wicken, Soham, Stretham 50 11 17(2)ES

1950 11 18
In two years, working mostly during the summer months, the score or so members of the Histon and Impington Amateur Dramatic Society have built themselves a most attractive little theatre out of a former American army hut in the grounds of Impington village college. In 1948 the hut was bought as a scenery store. It was then thought it would make a good rehearsal room and from that came the idea of transforming it into a theatre.

1950 11 18
An unseen stationary radar 'eye' checked the speed of vehicles on the Madingley Road during the last fortnight. The 'eye' belonged to a 'radar speed meter', an American device which is having its first full-scale operational test in England. A small green van on the roadside house the equipment. The 'eye' was concealed in an ordinary cardboard box on top of the vehicle. # c.26.48

Chief Constable talk, p5

1950 11 20
Paradise Street central kitchen, p5
Free Poles club, p7
Bubble gum, p9

1950 11 21
Police officers described how they had seen a 14-year-old girl return to her home at night in taxis with members of the American forces & had been seen going into a public house. She was brought before the court as being exposed to moral danger. The mother said she thought the reason for the girl's behaviour was that she was left at home alone while she was working. She was a divorced woman & could make more money by working in the evenings. Since the incidents she had worked in the days only and was home by 6 o'clock.

1950 11 21

A memorial to the 343 officers and men of the 1st Battalion, the Cambridgeshire Regiment, who died in the Far East was unveiled in the parish church of Stockingford near Nuneaton, Warwickshire, on Remembrance Day. The ceremony was attended by representatives of the Battalion. The visit rekindled memories of a warm May afternoon in 1941 when at the end of a nine-hour march, they entered the gates of Arbury Park and of the happy time they had there before setting out on active service. No one who was serving will ever forget the kind hospitality of the people of Stockingford and the memorial would remain to the 343 officers and men who did not return.

1950 11 21
Several hundred children stood in Cambridge streets on Saturday gazing with admiring and speculative eyes at Father Christmas as he rode round the town in a lorry from the New Theatre to Mitcham's Corner, where he eventually took up residence at the annual toy fair. Many children ran after him for varying distances, but none was so energetic as one youngster dressed in green who ran after the procession from start to finish – a total time of some 50 minutes. When the procession reached Mitcham's Corner, Father Christmas did his traditional disappearing act of climbing down the chimney of the store.

1950 11 23
A young taxi proprietor and motor mechanic of Barton Road, Comberton, argued his right to erect two petrol pumps in front of his bungalow. He told a planning inspector the house had been built about 1937 and was previously used as a post office and later for a taxi hire service. The petrol pumps would enable him to make a better living. The road past his house was a fairly busy one and with the custom of farmers he hoped to be able to sell 200 to 400 gallons a week.

Girton College fire, p7

1950 11 24
Cheaper in Royston, p4
Loss of the 'Mel', p5
Central School memorial, p6

1950 11 25
A police cordon was thrown around central Cambridge following the setting off of the burglar alarm at H. Samuel's jeweller's shop in Petty Cury. The thief cut a hole through the ceiling of the arcade leading to the shop, broke the fanlight over the main door of the shop and climbed through. He made his escape over the roofs. Some articles stolen were taken from a showcase just inside the grille. Though price tickets on empty spaces showed that watches worth £10 had been stolen, one worth £21 had been overlooked

St Andrew the Great, p9

1950 11 27
The court was told how a Leyland lorry carrying 2,500 bricks hit a heap of tarmac on the Cambridge Road, Gt Shelford, depositing 1,500 bricks into the road. The foreman of the Clifton Construction Company of Coronation Street said it was the night-watchman's duty to ensure all obstructions were well lit. The watchman said the two lights on the heap of tarmac were out but he did not relight them as it was the break of day. If the driver had not been overtaking another vehicle he would have seen the obstruction. He was fined £2

1950 11 28
Changes in the arrangements for visitors to Addenbrooke's Hospital were outlined by the Board of Governors. The present system of brass tokens will be discarded and the porter admitting visitors will be provided with a copy of the daily bulletin sheet for each ward and place a tick against each patient's name for every visitor. A maximum of four visitors will be allowed with not more than two by the bed at any time.

1950 11 30
Referring to the 'controversial question' of whether the public library should keep open longer in the evenings the Cambridge Borough Librarian, Dr W.A. Munford, said that libraries tended to close earlier than before the war simply because there was no demand for later opening. He referred to an experiment three years ago when they had opened an hour longer – and been accused of wasting fuel. # c.77.4

1950 11 30
Local tradesmen are becoming worried about the parking situation in Cambridge. They fear that if this goes on the people will not come shopping in the town, said a solicitor appearing for a motorist summoned for a parking offence. Altogether there were 16 cases before the court and fines totalling £12 10s were imposed. One motorist, whose car was punctured late one night, parked it in a side street off Mill Road and knowing that the battery would last only two hours at the most had not put his lights on. There was nothing else he could do. He was fined 10s. # c.26.48

Potato dance, p5
Explosion Backs, p7

1950 11 30 c
During the war years Newton Hall, home of the prospective Labour candidate for Cambs, Mr H.D. Walston, was occupied by a Government department. Chesterton council was told, "This is a case of a man whose property is taken over and who finds at the end of the requisition period it is handed back in a dilapidated condition so that £4,000 needs spending on it. He comes to us for a licence and we cannot give it. He goes back to the Ministry of Works who are sympathetic and says 'This is a case where a man should be helped'". At this juncture of the meeting several arguments broke out among members.

December 1950 CDN & ES

1950 12 01 ES
Barway village hall opened, the only one of its type. Nearly six years ago they decided they wanted a hall and collected £4-500. 12 months ago the building of the temporary prefabricated hall began. It contains a large room cloakrooms and kitchens. A.J. Randall of Fordham gave the land. Now they want a playground for children with swings. Barway had survived eight centuries although there were times when the trend seems to be towards extinction. They suffered their greatest blow when the village school was closed 50 12 01ES

1950 12 04
Sir – Cambridge tradesmen are beginning to fear lest they should lose an appreciable amount of custom as a result of the prohibitions regarding shopping by car in the principal streets of the town. Let the general body of tradesmen follow the example which a few far-seeing individuals have already set – that of opening suburban branches to which the main trade can, in course of time, be transferred. Let nothing be done to retard the growth of the brave new Cambridge visualised by our civic leaders – a dream city from which vehicular traffic of every kind has been excluded and from which all the crumbling and deserted business premises have gradually been swept away – D.B.M.C. # c.26.48

Snow, p7

1950 12 05
Cambridge, along with practically every other town and village, presented a traditional Christmas-card picture yesterday with freshly fallen snow decorating the trees and hedges. The roads, however, were not quite so picturesque and once the snow had hardened on them they became very treacherous. Melbourn hill was completely blocked by three lorries across the road. Madingley Hill was another

treacherous point, with cars unable to climb it and there were long queues also in the Girton road because they could not get a sufficient hold on a rising road.

Accommodation, p4
Flood relief, p5

1950 12 06
Cambridge University's puppet club, the Geppetto, formed in January this year, presented its first public production at the Round Church Hall. "Jack and the beanstalk" was written and produced by the club's founder and honorary director, Tony Hepworth, of Trinity College. The performance was extremely amusing – some of the fun was not altogether intentional

Jesus Green pool, p10
War memorial additions, p10

1950 12 07
The Rev J.L. Sowden, rector of Freckenham, travelled to London to become the first clergyman in 300 years to be elected Master of the Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards, a London guild company. He is also the first clergyman to have his photograph printed on a playing card, for his likeness appeared on the ace of spades in each of 2,000 packs produced to celebrate his appointment.

1950 12 08
St Matthews ward fumes, p4

1950 12 08 ES
Ely Cambridge Road huts might be used as club premises when conversion to houses is impractical. Ely Amateur Dramatic Society Theatre Club had applied for one. On the camp was a large hut which could not be adapted for housing within the limit of expenditure allowed. To ask the Ministry if they would raise objection to the council granting permission. There were several huts which the Council will not going to convert.

A bell from the chapel at Cambridge Road Camp once believed to be missing had been found and should be offered to St. Etheldreda's Catholic Church. At the Stuntney site 10 houses were now completed and occupied. At Prickwillow nine had been completely plastered. Good progress being made with conversions at Cambridge Road Camp and four had been completed 50 12 08(2)ES

Unity prefabricated houses discussed are cheaper than conventional which cost about £1,320. Councillor Steel would not like them at Haddenham. They look like prisons. Saffron Close, Littleport houses delayed over sewage. Plans were approved conversion of the sickquarter site at Mepal airfield for the provision of 10 housing units 50 12 08(4)ES

1950 12 09
"The almost hopeless state of parking in Cambridge" was referred to when Ald F.J. Priest urged the demolition without delay of Liddiard's garage on St Andrew's Hill – thus providing parking spaces for some of the season-ticket holders at Lion Yard. The building had been scheduled as an 'architectural novelty' but there would be no objection to its immediate demolition.

Turkeys for Addenbrooke's Hospital, p9
Backs trees, p9

1950 12 11
Cambridgeshire chief constable (Mr D. Arnold) told the Standing Joint Committee that he had had to refuse six suitable men because they were married with a family and there was nowhere for them to live. "I am still 15 under strength and I want that 15 badly", he said. Recruitment depended on

whether the men would come forward, and the accommodation question. Tenders were considered for the erection of police houses at Fen Ditton, Swavesey and Willingham.

Administration in education, p6

1950 12 13
What are your chances of finding a pair of nylons in your Christmas stocking? Very slender indeed unless you have your name down at a shop where you are personally known or happen to be on the spot when a supply comes in. There will be no extra supplies for Christmas. Some shopkeepers may have decided several months ago to save from their quotas for Christmas, but that is their own private arrangement

1950 12 13
The Minister of Education has approved the provision of a new secondary modern school at Bassingbourn for 340 pupils at an estimated cost of £86,940. Negotiation will now begin for the purchase of the 22-acre site.

Fowl pest, p4

1950 12 14
A total of 2,325 years loyal service was rewarded by Messrs Chivers & Sons Ltd, Histon when at a gathering which is now an annual event, three employees received gold watches for 50 years' service each and 87 others were due receive clocks for 25 years each. The firm has always been proud of the loyalty of their staff.

1915 12 15
Bus conductoresses, p5

1950 12 15 ES
Future of village schools. New school at Adelaide Bridge and Stuntney planned. Consider temporary hutments in place of the present schools but this would be dearer than putting the present buildings in reasonable order. To ask managers. Suggestion Adelaide close and children be sent to Prickwillow but this would mean another bus. Why close Wentworth school then? I don't know whether that was a very wise policy but it was done. Ely High School need prefabricated buildings on the Downham Road site for practical subjects 50 12 15(2)ES

Landbeach lorry driver ran into Little Thetford railway gates 50 12 15ES

Floods record photographs show by W.M. Lane with accounts of trips over the water on ducks and numerous journeys by taxis. Devastated areas of Hillrow and views of the Fish and Duck were amongst the excellent pictures. Many had walked over fields shown flooded 50 12 15(3)ES

1950 12 18
Gentlemen apparently no longer prefer blondes – unless they are of the natural variety. From my observation of the hatless heads which grace the streets of Cambridge I was surprised to find that the number of platinum blondes could be counted on the fingers of one hand. Hairdressers are rarely asked for bleaches these days. Most fashionable colour amongst the ladies today is dark gun-metal grey. And it is the young ones – those in their early twenties – who are the really enthusiastic followers of the new vogue. Runner-up in popularity is a warm chestnut colour

1950 12 18
Dennis Collins and his wife, Jean, are two local people making good in the entertainment world and much in demand at parties. Dennis got a job with the Hunstanton council to act, with Jean, as universal uncle and aunt to children on holiday there. Throughout the summer they were to be found on the sands, running children's' games, skipping contests and sand-design competitions. Dennis

taught himself conjuring with the aid of a couple of books borrowed from the Cambridge public library and is now a member of the Magic Circle. Jean, who was a pupil of the Mackenzie School of Music and Drama, played the piano and sang.

1950 12 18
"I think every road leading on to Huntingdon Road should have a 'Halt' sign", Coun A.T. Shelley told the Road Safety Committee. "I don't think there is one corner on Huntingdon Road between Fenstanton and Girton where there has not been an accident. It is the fastest road in the whole of East Anglia", he declared.

Unicam dinner, p4

1950 12 19
The first of a series of signed photographs of prominent military leaders which is to be a special feature of the 35 A.A. workshop company R.E.M.E. mess at Coldham's Lane T.A. centre, Cambridge, is a striking portrait sent by General Eisenhower to a member of the unit, Corporal J. Rawley. The Company Mess is now in full swing, its attractions including a full-sized billiards table, a wireless set, games facilities and a canteen presided over with great success on training nights by Mrs McSporran. The unit is going from strength to strength with volunteers practically every week.

1950 12 19
With a Morrison table air raid shelter borrowed from the Imperial War Museum, Prof. J.F. Baker, of Long Road, Cambridge, went to Somerset House, London to lay his claim for financial recognition before the Royal Commission on Awards to Inventors. He told of Mr Churchill's decision that the people must be given shelters in their homes. He'd had his prototype table shelter taken to Downing Street, Mr Churchill became interested in it and started to talk to him about it. After declaring that 500,000 of the shelters should be made in three months, Mr Churchill added: "Lower a house on top of one. Put a pig in it. Put the inventor in it". An official from the Ministry of Home security said that with Prof Baker he had no doubt there would not have been a Morrison shelter. # c.45.7

1950 12 20
Lt Shelford 'bedrooms', p6

1950 12 21
Water going to waste, p10

1950 12 22
Cambridge has gone one better than flying saucers, for reports have been reaching me indicating that the sky has been pretty full of flying Father Christmases this week. The old man got really up-to-date when he made what may have been his first trip in a helicopter. He had an appointment at a party for the children of the staff of Pest Control. Earlier he had journeyed in a Chipmunk plane to Marshall's Airport where RAF Volunteer Reservists gave a party for their children.

1950 12 29 ES
Prickwillow school headmaster resigns, Mr Bennett and wife will still live in the village. Thanks for work during the War in the evacuation scheme 50 12 29(2)ES

St Germans fourth giant pump started, detailed article, photo 50 12 29(3)ES # c.29

Review of the year 50 12 29ES

1950 12 22 ES
Stretham Share Out Club one of the oldest in the district and in 1950 had a membership of 102. No complaints. Sick pay had been very heavy. Sun Helping Hand Slate Club meeting have 213 members. Sick payment a record the club in existence.

1950 12 26
A BBC microphone hung on a slender thread stretched across King's College chapel on Christmas Eve. Five more stood among the choir stalls and in the ante chapel. At 3 o'clock they each became 'live' to carry the traditional Christmas voice of Cambridge into millions of homes for the 22nd successive year. Inside the chapel were crowded 1,800 people. For the first time since its inauguration all members of the public who wished to take part in the service were able to gain admittance to the Chapel although 200 late-comers benefited from the relay to the Hall.

1950 12 27
Christmas 1950 – a crisis Christmas someone called it. But whatever the surrounding circumstances it always manages to be an occasion of rest and sociability. In the morning the quiet streets were bathed in the light of a wintry sun. Of course there are always the Christmas Day Spartans who plunge into the icy depths of Sheep's green whatever the weather. There were fourteen braves this year, the youngest being 13-years-old D. Longstaffe.

1950 12 28
Planning Act protection, p4-5

1950 12 30
A plea for the Borough Court to bring pressure to bear on the corporation to provide better parking facilities in Cambridge was made by a solicitor when he appeared on behalf of a motorist summoned for causing a motor car to wait in St Andrew's Street for a longer period than the permitted 15 minutes. "I feel it is only a matter of time before every motorist in Cambridge comes to court because he is forced to leave his car somewhere. The parking situation is a nightmare', said Mr A.H. Wild. 'One feels the police are carrying this vendetta to extreme lengths", he added. # c.26.48

1951 Cambridge Daily News & Ely Standard

I have copies of some of these articles

January 1951 CDN & ES

1951 01 01
The first day of 1951 saw England upholding its best traditions of variety as far as weather is concerned. When the bells rang in the New Year there was one degree of frost, then the rain came, followed by frost, then came a blizzard and a thaw. Anyone walking in the streets looked like a snowman within five paces. Traffic was brought to a standstill in Newmarket. Roads were icy and some cyclists found it impossible in some places to ride their machines.

1951 01 01
Some local shops have already started their January sales but there seems to be comparatively few shoppers about. There are good bargains and some goods are being sold at half price. With money as short as it is, women go to the sales in a strictly practical frame of mind. There was a long queue at a shop offering flannelette sheets, towels & tablecloths. Shoe departments are attracting buyers who have not yet forgotten the scarcity of leather during the war. One is offering odd pairs at less than half price.

SKATING Bury Fen, p7

1951 01 04
A social worker for the Cambridge Association for the Care of Girls spoke to members of the Cambridge Inner Wheel. She said her work involved giving talks to girls in senior schools. In addition to questions about sex they would ask whether 10 was too young to start going out with boys and whether they should allow boys to kiss them on a first date. One lady said: “there is too much sex education given to children nowadays. Girls of my day were mostly ignorant of those things, yet they have succeeded in making a success of their marriages”

1951 01 02
The weather when the Belfast Linen Warehouse started their January sale did not daunt the determination of housewives. A large queue was waiting for the doors to open. Therein was an abundance of real bargains at ‘slaughtered’ prices, for example full size down quilts with bedspreads to match were marked down from £12 15s. to £4 19s. The manager said: ‘The patience of the women during their uncomfortable vigil in the snow was truly remarkable. Everyone was in good humour. Not a grouse was heard from the customers or the good-tempered, much harassed assistants”

Belfast sale, p9
Skating picture, p10

1951 01 03
At the end of the line, p5

1951 01 04
Frank talks young people, p9

1951 01 06
Farms get electricity, p5
Parking problems, p8

1951 01 08
Sales lament, p5

River rising, p7

1951 01 08 c
The Minister of Town and County Planning has compiled a list of buildings in Cambridge, which are afforded a degree of protection which they have not hitherto enjoyed. The list is a formidable one covering colleges, University buildings, churches, public houses, business premises and private houses. It includes the modern Laboratory of Physical Chemistry in Free School Lane which incorporates the 16th-century hall of the original Perse school with its fine hammer-beam roof.

1951 01 09
When the children of the Morley Memorial School returned after the Christmas holidays, they found a white-coated civilian on duty to see them safely across the road. He is Cambridge's first traffic warden appointed in the interests of child safety and to help relieve the police. The idea of civilian traffic wardens has been tried successfully in other towns. The scheme has the approval of the police who give the wardens a course of instruction in their duties. # c.26.48 # c.34.7

1951 01 09
Parsonage Street, Cambridge, was blocked for over four hours by a massive boiler which is being installed in the Star Brewery. The street was impassable to all traffic because of the complicated process of getting it into the new boiler-house – specially built for the purpose – with only a confined space to turn in. All the installation work is being done by the local firm of Messrs George Lister & Son of Abbey Road.

1951 01 11
The Minister of Supply, Mr G.R. Strauss, toured Cambridge industry. He visited Pye Ltd, the Marshall organisation and the Cambridge Instrument Company and said he had been 'very favourably impressed by the spirit in all the works'. Although production of radio sets would be curtailed, work on the electronics side of rearmament would absorb employees affected. Rearmament made more demands on the aircraft and electronic industries than on most others, he said.

Situation in the fens, p7

1951 01 12
The Associated British Portland Cement Company sought sanction to develop new marl pits in the Coldham's Lane area and chalk quarrying at Lime Kiln Road, Cambridge, to ensure supply of raw materials to their Norman Works for the next 65 years. They were appealing against the County Council's refusal of their applications. It had been estimated it would be possible to work the present Lime Kiln Road quarry to a further depth of 40 feet. This would allow for an extra 71 years working. The residents of the Orchard Estate were very apprehensive about development planned to come up to their back gardens.

1951 01 12
Major Marshall Nixon, deputy engineer to Mr W.E. Doran at the Great Ouse Catchment Board, was the man who, in the 1947 floods, suggested sealing the Over breach with military amphibious load-carriers. His suggestion proved highly success and earned him the Institute of Civil Engineers' 25-guinea ingenuity prize for 1948. He was made works engineer during the big rehabilitation and damage repair works following the floods.

1951 01 15
The recently-formed Teversham Labour Club, with a membership of 150, held its first social in its new headquarters. In a short address Alderman A.E. Stubbs touched on the work of the Labour movement. There was a time, he said, when workers – farm workers in particular – were very poorly paid. Now many workers were earning over £1 a day, a state of affairs which could never have been achieved under Tory rule.

1951 01 17
Between 30 and 40 drivers and conductors of the Eastern Counties Bus Company are down with influenza and the position is "fairly serious" said the district traffic superintendent. "The position is made worse by the fact that we already have a staff deficiency of 15 conductors. Employees are definitely pulling their weight. They are coming on duty when they are not fit to do so. We get two or three men going down a day whilst on duty. Then we have to find someone to keep their buses going", he said

1951 01 18
Newmarket folks turned their eyes to the skies when the world's largest, and certainly noisiest, bomber passed overhead. The aircraft was one of the US B-36 bombers which arrived at the USAF base, Lakenheath, a few days ago. It was beginning its return flight to America, flying direct via the North Pole, and the two supplementary fuel tanks attached to the wing tips were clearly seen as the huge machine roared over the rooftops.

1951 01 19
Local firms are amongst those to whom the De Havilland enterprise has paid public tribute for their contribution in supplying parts for the two Comet jet airlines whose achievements have been acclaimed throughout the world as an outstanding example of British enterprise. They are Aero research of Duxford, whose 'Redux' metal-to-metal bonding is used throughout the airframe, Magnetic Devises, Ditton Works, Cambridge who supply relays and Pye Ltd who developed micro-switches for the plane.

Longstanton water, p4

1951 01 19 ES
High levels in fen rivers common, problem less because of work done on the banks 51 01 19ES

1951 01 20
To most people Kneesworth Hall is just the name of a Home Office school which has been mentioned in the press because one or two of its trainees have been before the local courts. But in this pleasant country house there is in progress an important experiment in the treatment of juvenile delinquency amongst boys of an intelligence considerably above the average. Since it opened 18 months ago 41 boys have been sent there.

1951 01 20
A swiftly mounting red line on a graph beside the desk of Mr R.A. Price, manager of the National Insurance Office at Cambridge shows vividly the effect of the flu epidemic. So high has the line risen that it has gone over the edge of the squares on to the plain margin. It shows the rate of flow of first medical certificates given for the purpose of claiming sickness benefit. Three weeks ago it stood at about 270; last week it was 640 and now it is nearly 900 – more than double last year's peak

Lion Yard car park, p9

1951 01 22
Brakes failed, p9
Population, p10

1951 01 23
Cambridge town planning committee say there can be no justification for a spine relief road between Histon Road corner and Jesus Lane merely to preserve for a few years more buildings on the west side of Magdalene Street which, although of some architectural interest, are sub-standard from every other point of view. Pending demolition the commercial use of the buildings should be terminated, doing away with the necessity for vehicles to wait outside

Cherry Hinton facilities, p5
Anti-tank ditch reinstatement, p7 # c.45.7

1951 01 24
A large congregation assembled in Gt Shelford church for the dedication of the memorial to the late Charles Edward Swift. The new organ screen replaces a set of dummy organ pipes. He was headmaster of the Church of England school for 24 years and church choirmaster for 20.

1951 01 25
Fen harvest, p7

1951 01 26
Cambridge council agreed to a proposal that Mr Liddiard's garage on St Andrew's Hill should be pulled down and the space used as a private car park at £12 per annum. Ald Priest said: "Here is a simple scheme whereby anybody who likes to pay £1 a month can be reasonably assured of his car park any time of the day he likes". Ald James opposed saying those who started their business at 9am had no difficulty in finding parking spaces.

1951 01 27
Cambridge council agreed that parking spaces should be marked out in Parkside and Gonville Place and also that the paths on Parker's Piece in front of Regent Terrace should be used. Ald James said: We have to find odd spaces to put cars and if anyone can suggest any we shall be only too glad to implement those suggestions. Coun Proctor drew attention to the difficulties if proposal to use Hobson Street as a car park were implemented. It was a very narrow street and even now, with vans frequently unloading there, it was "a nightmare" for drivers of heavy vehicles who went through the street continuously

State of River Mel, p8

1951 01 27
Parking, p4
Concrete emplacement, p5
Wall of missing at Madingley cemetery, p9

1951 01 29
Car parking, which shares with the rates the distinction of being Cambridge's thorniest and most discussed problem, was the subject of lively debate at the County Council. They passed a resolution viewing "with alarm the increasing list of prosecutions … an indication that adequate facilities for visitors to the town from the rural areas are not provided"" Dr Ellis described a police inspector's now often quoted remark: "Leave cars at home", as facetious. Cambridge was the only shopping town in the county and it was the authority's duty to provide for visiting motorists.

Reindeer meat, p5
Girls in need of care, p8

1951 01 30
Addenbrooke's Hospital delays, p6

1951 01 31
Cambridge master butchers' association discussed the question of opening hours for members' shops. The "new low" in the meat ration, combined with a lesser amount of offal and sausages, made their position a difficult one. "Being open every day of the week and constantly saying 'no I am sorry' to customers when they ask for something makes both them and you browned off", Mr P. Cousins commented. "They had a duty to the public to keep open even if our customers have to come and fetch they 8d in a thimble tied with ribbon".

1951 February CDN & ES

1951 02 01
Six Mile Bottom estate, p6 & 10

1951 02 02
The Agricultural Land Commission have completed their survey of Swaffham Prior and Burwell fens. They make proposals for improvements and repairs to equipment and for the claying of a substantial acreage of the lighter soils, most of which can be carried out by the owners and occupiers, and say there is no case for compulsory acquisition for the greater part of the land.

Morrow-Tait disgrace, p8

1951 02 02 ES
Levi Smith of the Old Mill, Stretham fined for road accident in Grunty Fen. George Dimmock of Akeman House had sold the car and said it was taxed and insured 51 02 02(2)ES

State of Oxlode path 51 02 02(3)ES

Ely old water tower dismantling photo 51 02 02ES

1951 02 03
A pair of "Unity" houses have been completed on the council estate between Queen Edith's Way and Cherryhinton Road. There are 48 three-bedroomed and four two-bedroomed flats being built with a steel frame covered with concrete slabs in two colours – buff and brown. Lattice steel floor joists are used to save timber. The council have entered into a contract for these houses to speed up production and augment their programme of traditional building. # c.23

1951 02 05
Three survived out of a crew of eight when a US Superfortress crashed and burst into flames at Manor Farm, Abington Piggots shortly after taking off from Bassingbourn RAF station. The survivors were in the tail unit which broke away and somersaulted over the main wreckage into a neighbouring field. The crew inside stepped out almost unhurt. Firemen entered the blazing fuselage in their search for the rest of the crew. Exploding ammunition added to the danger of the work # c.26.1

1951 02 06
A man, who sold ice cream from a van outside Lakenheath airfield and took the opportunity to indulge in illegal purchase of American un-customed cigarettes, told Mildenhall magistrates a hard luck story and broke down in court. A customs officer said he kept watch on the van. About 10 American soldiers, whose PX or NAAFI was quite close approached with cigarettes, some bought ice cream. Selling ice cream outside an American camp is rather like taking coal to Newcastle, he commented.

Cottenham beauty queen, p4

1951 02 07
The latest in "export only" nylons have a narrow band of yellow woven above one ankle to give the effect of a bracelet. One Cambridge store was able to offer a few pairs for sale, and had no difficulty in selling them, although one customer bought two pairs at 17s 6d a pair for the sole purpose of getting one bracelet-free pair out of them. Her pair of nylons thus cost her 35s. The director of the store said: "What a waste to make this fancy sort of thing when so many nylons are wanted for the home market"

1951 02 09
There was good news for the villagers at Pampisford when the Traffic Commissioners agreed to grant both the proposals of Premier Travel Ltd and the Eastern Counties Omnibus Company for buses to Cambridge. The head teacher said many people found walking to the White Horse, Sawston, was too far to be convenient for buses. Now elderly people would only have to walk a mile to the bus stop.

1951 02 09
The Queen and Princess Margaret came to Cambridge on a private visit to their favourite local antique shop. They came by road from Sandringham and the Royal car was half-an-hour later than expected. It was held up for five minutes in a traffic jam in King Street. The sight of uniformed and plain clothed police in the vicinity of Mr Stanley Woolston's shop drew a crowd to the spot and there were well over a hundred people-mostly women with shopping baskets – waiting when the Royal car drew into the kerb. # c.02

1951 02 09 ES
Little Downham. Half recreation ground to be cropped with potatoes and sown with grass in the autumn as a means of levelling it 51 02 09(2)ES

Littleport library which conducted on a voluntary basis was wholly inadequate and County Library decide it should be extended with permanent premises and a paid Librarian. The Town Hall would be perfect in every way 51 02 09(2)ES

Ely Sea Cadet Corps take delivery of an admiralty Cutter. Photo 51 02 09ES

1951 02 10
Double-decker buses

1951 02 12
The home help service has been a great boon in these days of dearth of domestic help; and especially for the assistance it has brought in emergency to people who could not in any case afford to employ permanent domestic help even if it were available. There are 118 home helps in all, 69 in Cambridge and 49 in the rural area. Recently the County Council decided to amalgamate the two services & Mrs H.K. Paine has been appointed to run it.

1951 02 13
By the death of Col Newton Phillips the British Legion has lost a loyal and hard-working officer. In 1940 he was asked by the Lord Lieutenant to raise the local home guard, and as Zone Commander he was entirely responsible for its formation. He addressed mass meetings in order to gain recruits with a success that is well remembered.

1951 02 14
Despite official denials, rumours of a return to clothes coupons are gaining ground. Women are buying sets of undies with that in view, remembered that underclothes were the last to be renewed in the war-time rationing. Their buying has spread to nylon blouses, nighties and underwear. "All the nylon will be going into parachutes", people are whispering. Housewives have started to hoard soap too, for fear of a shortage.

1951 02 15
Duchess of Gloucester at RAF Hospital, p7
Longstanton water, p10

1951 02 16
The death occurred of Rabbi Dr David Margules. He was arrested in 1938 by the S.S. and taken to the notorious concentration camp of Dachau but fortunately released within a few weeks. The indignities he had suffered left an indelible mark on his mind, but did not change his innate kindliness towards all

his fellow men. He came to Cambridge in 1941 where he became the "honorary" Rabbi and devoted himself with great zeal to supplying the religious needs of both residents and students. # c.83

1951 02 16 ES
Ely Standard correspondent for Little Downham, Tom Wright retires after 31 years. Three dozen copies of the Standard containing 16 pages and priced at one penny comprised the weekly sales when he started his journalistic duties only for them to rise quickly to 100 copies. Now it would be difficult to find any householder without one. Had been a railway man retiring as signalman at Black Bank station in 1934 51 02 16(2)ES

R.A.F. Hospital visited by Duchess of Gloucester 51 02 16ES

1951 02 17
Ten minutes after Friday's funeral service of Mrs Grace Thurston, wife of the well-known amusement contractor was due to start, the cars containing mourners were still pulling up in front of Christ Church, Newmarket Road, Cambridge. In all there were 20 cars bringing mourners and 30 additional cars parked near the church, which was crowded for the service. At one time the funeral procession, which was headed to the church by three flower-decked cars before the actual hearse itself, caused a traffic jam more than a quarter of a mile long, and it took the efforts of two police officers to get Newmarket Road normal again.

1951 02 19
After four years of observation and warning the NSPCC brought a young married couple before the courts. Dr Silverstein said that he found only three forks in the house, one knife and three cups. The kitchen was very dirty and a pram contained only dirty rages. In the front room there was only one broken chair. In the bedroom he found a double bed with the mattress soaked by urine and three blankets on top also saturated. There were no sheets or pillows. The husband and wife and four of their seven children slept in that bed

1951 02 20
The presence of American atomic bases was described as the "greatest immediate threat to the existence of the British people" at a conference arranged by the Cambridge Scientists Anti-War Group. The comments were received with a mixture of applause and hissing. Mr Churchill had stated that the atom bomb was not made in England during the Second World War because of the danger of bombardment. # c.45.8

1951 02 21
Mrs Jean P. Silver has the distinction of being the first woman to be accepted as a special constable for Cambridge. She will be issued with a uniform and receive a course of instruction in police work generally. Her work will consist of help to regular policewomen, at office work, enquiries, matters affecting women and girls, and patrol duties. The Cambridge police force requires a limited number of women special constables. They must be over the age of 30, and physically fit # c.34.7

Flying saucer, p7

1951 02 22
A new signal and wireless system for hospital patients, the first of its kind, is being installed at the new maternity unit at Bowthorpe Hall, Wisbech. It provides a two-way direct method of communication between the patient and the sister-in-charge. It also combines normal radio, religious address and gramophone facilities. Each patient is provided with a "pillow phone loudspeaker" placed under the pillow or on the back of the bed and may talk through the thickness of the pillow even in a subdued voice. The pillow phone can also be installed close to a patient's head and his breathing heard by the sister in the duty room, thus relieving her of constant watching over the bedside.

Sugar beet, p6

1951 02 23
Do you know that by lifting up a telephone you can get details – free – of the weather in Cambridgeshire in the next 24-30 hours. Mildenhall 2281 is the number of the Meteorological Office on Mildenhall airfield. Details can also be obtain by reply-paid telegram

1951 02 23
The husband of the caretaker of Lt Downham Baptist chapel who stole some coal from a station yard dump in order to heat the chapel in preparation for a funeral service found himself before the Ely magistrates. Two detective police kept observation at Black Bank station and saw him wheeling his cycle, on the front of which was a sack. He let go of the cycle, dropped the sack and ran away. The coal was for use at the chapel. The Bench granted him an absolute discharge.

Weather details, p4
St Ives drowning, p6
Anti-war meeting, p7 # c.45.8

1951 02 26
I learn that two Jesus undergraduates, one weighing 16½ stone and the other 12, are to hold an eating contest. The competitors, who will have fasted from mid-day, will assail the Union's five-course meal – and then work back again from the cheese to the soup. Any proceeds from the admission charge will go to a charity.

1951 02 26
A number of proposals to alleviate Cambridge's parking problem have been compiled by the Chamber of Commerce. They include the triangular site on the corner of Silver Street & Queen's Road used as a military car park during the war; the site on Trumpington Road formerly occupied by army huts but now in temporary occupation by squatters; at Castle Street opposite the Shire Hall and also on Butts Green during the building operations at Lion Yard. # c.49.62

1951 02 27
Tv transmissions, p7

March 1951 CDN & ES

1951 03 01
Congratulations from the town, University and church were showered upon the Cambridge branch of the Y.M.C.A. at a special luncheon to commemorate the foundation of the birth exactly 100 years ago. The Mayor said he had personally known the Y.M.C.A. for at least half of its existence in Cambridge and had seen with great pride its growth. He referred to their object of helping in the spiritual side of a young man's life and their wish to make them grow up into healthy, strong and virile young men. In the 1914-18 war they went to great lengths to provide entertainment for the troops. # c.37.9

1951 03 02 ES
St Germans pump keep rivers down 51 03 02(2)ES

Fred Gibson discharged for theft of coal from a Downham merchant. He was a railway porter at Black Bank station stopped by detectives. Was taking it to the chapel for a funeral and there was no cold to light the fire 51 03 02ES

1951 03 03
A Littleport potato crisp manufacturer, carrying on business at Angle Works, Ely, told the Bankruptcy court he had started at Ely in March 1949; in July 1950 he was went with his wife for a holiday on a Mediterranean cargo boat. The business was left in the hands of his father and a friend, neither of

whom was experienced. He came home to find the business closed down and most of the assets disposed of.

1951 03 04 c
The Ministry of Health has asked Addenbrooke's Hospital to reduce capital estimates and certain projects will have to be postponed The most important was the new operating theatre, delivery wards and premature baby unit which it was hoped would be built in 1952 at the maternity hospital. But authority had been received to enter into contracts to acquire 43,895 acres of land lying between Hills Road and Long Road for the site of a proposed new hospital.

1951 03 05
Last-minute disclosure of what councillors described as the "astonishing", "fantastic" and "mad" extent of proposed salary increases to chief officers of Cambridgeshire County Council was made at a meeting. They involved increases of some 50%. The council rejected proposals of which would have increased the salaries of the Education Officer & County Treasurer from £1,460 to £2,200 & that of the County Surveyor from £1,260 to £2,200. The new scales had been adopted by 22 other councils.

1951 03 06
An agricultural conference at Cambridge expressed grave concern at the inadequate meat ration allocated to agricultural workers. Even before the recent cut the amount of meat given to them was not sufficient for their duties in all weathers. In the town other industrial workers could eat in restaurants or buy fish and chips, but farm workers were not able to take advantage of these facilities as they were too remote. Speakers pointed out the advantage of British meat and said home-produced beef meant less risk of foot-and-mouth disease.

1951 03 07
Damage by death-watch beetles to the tower of St Andrew's church, Cherry Hinton, is so serious that all the main beams in the tower will have to be replaced. The woodwork in the rest of the church has already been treated with insecticide but further trouble has been brought to light during repairs to tiles on the roof. They were 250 years old and had in the past, as an economy measure, been turned over and refixed instead of being renewed. Consequently they were now crumbling. # c.83

1951 03 08
An appeal against refusal of permission for Messrs. Maudes caterers of 25 Petty Cury, Cambridge, to erect a neon sign has been dismissed. The appeal related to the display of a vertical neon sign above fascia level on the front elevation of a dignified building. The Minister considers that notwithstanding the commercial character of the locality, the sign is out of keeping with the buildings of architectural and historical interest in the vicinity

1951 03 08
In 1946 an architect, then working for the Ministry of Works, designed and built a house at Lt Abington. He then decided to continue building and South Cambs R.D.C. gave him permission to erect 44 houses on a nine-acre site in the village. At a public inquiry the Cambridgeshire County Council (who took over planning powers in July 1948) applied for an order revoking the permission. Because he could not get licences for the 44 houses the man proposed to put up a prefabricated permanent bungalow and keep 500 pigs. The enquiry heard from several people protesting against the development.

1951 03 09
Council house sales, p5

1951 03 09 ES
Shand Mason steam fire engine loaned to Ely Fire Service as a museum piece. Have been loaned to Army Firefighting school at Colchester in 1947 but now school to be disbanded 51 03 09(2)ES

Littleport potato crisp manufacturer, Arthur underwood trading as Kayes Products started business in Ely in May 1949. He leased the Angel factory for seven years. The business closed during his ill health 51 03 09ES

1951 03 10
Modern machinery has already done much to revolutionise food manufacture, and the tremendous advances it has brought to bread-making – from the old days when a baker kneaded dough all night in a hot, often unhygienic bakehouse, to today when bread can be made between mid-day and midnight, entirely by machine and practically untouched by hand, was demonstrated by Mr George Hawkins at the new automatic plant for bread making installed at the Model Bakery, Parsonage Street, Cambridge.

1951 03 12
Village beauties, p5

1951 03 13
A journey, in many ways reminiscent of those made during the war, was repeated by members of the Romas Concert Party. This time it was not through the black-out to some remote RAF site or searchlight emplacement, but to the Cutter Inn, Ely, where they celebrated their reunion dinner. Over 500 shows had been presented for the forces between 1940 and D-Day. They had overcome transport difficulties by commandeering a meat van with a pheasant on the side.

Australian army recruiting, p9

1951 03 14
Cambridge Council is to recommend a scheme for a multi-deck car park at the Lion Yard. The Surveyor suggests all adjoining property owned by the council should be demolished, the opportunity being taken to widen Corn Exchange Street and St Tibb's Row and that the possibility of further extensions to St Andrew's Hill for offices, shops or increased car park facilities should be borne in mind. He submitted a plan showing a building of six floors which could accommodate 825 cars # c.49.62

1951 03 14
Approval of the layout of the new housing estate between Gilbert Road and Arbury Road is to be recommended by Cambridge council. Sites are provided for three-storey flats, semi-detached and blocks of four houses, a church, community centre, shops, cinema, public house and a nursery school. # c.23

F.A. Keynes, p5
Cinema coal, p10

1951 03 15
Keynes honoured, p4

1951 03 16
The roadway at High Street, Chesterton, will be improved at an estimated cost of £1,300. Coun G. Edwards said that having lived there for nearly 71 years he realised the gravity of the position. "This bottleneck in the High Street coming from Chesterton Road constitutes one of the gravest dangers in the borough. The setting back of the wall and making the corner into Union Lane a little wider would be a godsend to the residents", he said

Sigdwick Avenue rooks, p7

1951 03 17
Cambridge seeks 'city' title, p8

1951 03 19
In twelve minutes on Saturday Cambridge town council took the first step to acquire city status for the borough, and thus to remedy a situation which makes the town the only ancient seat of learning in England and Scotland to be without a title. The twelve minutes was the time taken to introduce and pass at a special meeting of the Council a resolution to submit to the King a petition to grant to the Borough the title of City. It would make no difference to its status, powers or otherwise in the field of local government # c.35.7

1951 03 21
An appeal for the introduction of "a colossal scheme of temporary housing" to try and surmount the present housing difficulties in Cambridge was made by the chairman of the Cambridge Housing Society. The need for two-bedroomed houses is still desperate and young married couples with no children who applied for a council house in the latter part of 1946 still have to wait two or three more years, they report # c.23

Chesterton allotments, p7

1951 03 22
Cambridge has some 150 inn signs hanging outside licensed premises. It is probable that Cambridge was the first place where public house signs were made compulsory by law. An Act passed in 1430 laid down "whoever shall brew ale in the town of Cambridge with intention of selling it must hang out a sign, otherwise he shall forfeit his ale. The Eagle and Child in Bene't Street was called by irreverent undergraduates "The Bird and Baby". There was also a "Swan and Sugarloaf", (now the Still and Sugarloaf) which was nicknamed the Duck and Acid Drop.

1951 03 23 ES
Stretham
Ely Road council houses resident discover the water pump situate in a small enclosure in one of the gardens had disappeared during the night. It had not been in use for some years. The high price paid for scrap made is supposed to be the reason for several being uprooted, some from fields where they were still needed for supplying drinking water to cattle

1951 03 24
The Cambridge Plate Glass Mutual Insurance Society has reached its centenary and this important milestone is being observed by the waiving of premiums for 1951. It was founded to defray the expense of accidents to plate glass windows and the first meeting was held at the King's Head Inn, Sidney Street.

1951 03 24
The annual ceremony on top of Cambridge castle mound at 7.30 am on Eastern Sunday morning is becoming traditional. The company sings 'Christ the Lord is Risen Today' and then asks for God's blessing on Cambridge and its people. The event originated with Victoria Road Congregational Church and was intended to be a simple act of cheerful witness to the Easter message. Now it is attended by people from many churches. It has been held annually for the past five years and attracts around 50 people. It is strangely impressive to look over the quiet town in the light of early morning and to hear the words of Christian faith lifting from the hilltop to be carried far and wide.

1951 03 24
In its hundred years of history the Varsity boat race has seen many strange results but never such an astonishing fiasco as that experienced on Saturday. It was the only race of them all in which a Varsity crew have had to leave their boat and swim for it soon after the start and the umpire has therefore declared the race void. The Oxford crew could not be picked up before their boat had overturned and several of them swam to their launch while others clung to the upturned boat until they were pulled

out of the water. The Light Blues paddled to the Boat House and had difficulty in lifting their craft out of the water because of the weight of water inside it.

Cambridge becomes city, p24 # c.35.7
Murrow-Tait remarries navigator, p7
Plate Glass Society, p9

1951 03 26
City salutes Light Blues, p1

1951 03 27
Thieves smashed a shop window of G.D. Pickering, watchmaker and jeweller of King Street, Cambridge, in the early hours of the morning, but from a window display of £200 worth of goods all they took were two ladies' watches, valued together at £9. The robbery is believed to have taken place at 2.30 am because neighbours heard the breaking of glass and a car revving up quickly. A car starting handle was left behind, and it is thought that this was thrown at the window.

1951 03 28
Councillor L.T. Smith objected to the money spent on planting trees on housing estates at Cottenham where four trees cost £3. He said: "I think it is a scandalous thing. At Cottenham we are full of trees and we had to waste the architect's time to come and plant these. If we had brought the rents down only a penny a week it would have helped people much better"

Easter bonnets, p5
Hundred Houses Society, p7
Fulbourn sewage, p10

1951 03 29
After a lull of about a month another outbreak of fowl pest has occurred at Meldreth, where some 200 birds have had to be destroyed. The outbreak, the first reported since that at Rampton, brings the total number to 38. Some 22,000 birds have been destroyed. Last week the total of birds slaughtered in the Isle of Ely was more than doubled by an outbreak in a big flock at Manea.

1951 03 30
As a nearby loudspeaker blared out the song, "My heart cries for you", 200 fairground attendants at Thurston's fair, parked on Midsummer Common, Cambridge, watched anxiously for a break in the weather on Easter Monday and the crowds that normally throng the common for the opening of the fairground season. The break in the weather did not come; neither did the crowds, and Bank Holiday Monday became, for the showmen, Black Monday. Takings were at an all-time low, total receipt amounted to only £9. A brand new £17,000 dodg'em car ride's taking amounted to only a few shillings – a fraction of the running costs.

1951 03 30 ES
Down Your Way broadcast from Ely by Richard Dimbleby features local people including William Ruane 51 03 30ES

1951 03 31
Workers Playtime, p7

April 1951 CDN & ES
I have rp copies of cuttings dated at end

1951 04 02
Unfortunately the sight of flies swarming over the fish on a fishmonger's slab is still a much too common sight in the summer. It always horrifies me to see food exposed to flies and dust from the

street and likely to be fingered or breathed on by prospective customers. I am pleased to report that one of the new refrigerated display cabinets for wet fish has been installed by Mr F.O. Sennitt, Peas Hill, Cambridge. I understand it is the first local fish shop to do so. The shop has also installed a machine with the same system of refrigeration for poultry and dry fish, which will be welcomed by all housewives

1951 04 03
Arthur Askey, p6

1951 04 04
The pros and cons of a proposal to establish a greyhound race track on land off the Landbeach Road, Milton were argued before a Planning inspector. The applicant said greyhound racing is not a particularly offensive form of sport and it might be pleasant for local inhabitants to have some sort of recreation on the spot. There would be 104 evening meetings per year with floodlighting in the winter. The County Council said it would be difficult to refuse permission to expand in other directions, such as speedway racing. The main road was one of the busiest in the county carrying an average of 145 vehicles an hour. Mr J.R. Ginn (Over) said he was one of the largest breeders of greyhounds in the county & we badly need a track for Cambs.

1951 04 04
A group of scientists has been formed to investigate outbreaks of bloat in cattle in the Cambridge area. Bloat frequently occurs so acutely that cattle may die very soon after symptoms are seen. It may occur following the turning of cattle out to pasture, often in as short a period as 20 minutes to half-an-hour & the cause has not been definitely ascertained. Early information about outbreaks is needed, as observations have to be made not only on the cattle but also on the pasture where bloat occurs. Important changes may take place if the examination is not made quickly.

1951 04 06
Local roller skating enthusiasts are now able to get awheel in fine style at the Rex Ballroom, Cambridge, on Monday and Thursday evenings when grown-ups take to the floor to music by Austen Paine and his orchestra. There appears to be no lack of demand and skaters from the surrounding villages can often be seen gyrating on the floor. The introduction of roller skating to the Ballroom has entailed no alterations to the floor, because the skates, which are supplied by the Management, have composite wheels that do not damage the polished surface. # c.38 : roller skating

1951 04 06 ES
Little Downham houses and shops damaged by fire in main street. Photograph 51 04 06

1951 04 07
Since the announcement of Cambridge's new dignity, many messages of congratulations have been received, one from the Mayor of Nairobi. He says: "It is just a year since Nairobi became a city, but little more than fifty years ago lion, rhinoceros and many variety of game roamed the plains where now our modern city stands. It is most fitting that your ancient seat of learning should be accorded civic status. Happily the days of rioting and disturbance between town and gown are long since past, and though he escapades of some of its aspiring young scholars may still cause no little consternation to the civic authority, the ancient rivalry has changed its tone and lost its rancour so that town and gown may now dwell together in unity".

Instrument Company dinner dance, p7

1951 04 10
The Automobile Association reports several cases of flooded roads in Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire. The worst are at St Neots papermills but water which was ten inches deep on the main road at Caxton was down to four inches this morning. Highest of all rivers is the Cam with

extensive flooding on Coe Fen and in the stream near the river on the Backs. There are patrols on the banks of the Cam and the Old West and at Ely the river is four foot six inches above normal. # c.29

1951 04 11
The threat of possible flooding of the Cambridge-Ely road at Stretham bridge has been met by the building of a quarter-mile long clay bank and the installation of three pumps. Mr W.E. Doran, the Catchment Board engineer said that the rainstorm that raised the level had travelled the length of the Cam basin & that with the present sodden state of the ground most of the rainwater drained into the river. Had the improvement work which followed the 1947 floods not been done river levels in some places would be above the danger line.

1951 04 12
With some 16,000 acres of Cambridgeshire's wheat target of 50,000 acres still unsown and at the most only about a fortnight left to do the sowing, local farmers fear the possibility of a worst year than that of the 1947 floods. On many farms no spring sowing has yet been possible and work is anything from a month to six weeks behind. Mr C. L. Marr of Malton Farm, Meldreth reports that the heavy land there was waterlogged at the beginning of the week. Mr H.S. Kent of Chippenham summed up the situation in the word "terrible".

1951 04 13
Farmers' fear, p6

1951 04 13 ES
Miss O.H. Norman appointed cook supervisor at new Witchford Secondary School having held similar position at Haddenham where responsible for sending out dinners to other schools in the neighbourhood. Was previously at the Cromwell School, Chatteris. During the war Miss Norman took advanced courses in domestic science and as a Flight Sergeant in the W.A.A.F. was attached to the R.A.F. Hospital, Ely

1951 04 14
A proposal to establish a police out-station in Girton clashes with the interests of a market gardening partnership and there has been an appeal against the County Council's application. The Clerk said the intention was to establish a police house with garage and office accommodation. A site 70 feet wide by 150 feet deep was the minimum requirement, governed by the disposal of sewage. There was no satisfactory public sewer in Cambridgeshire. The Chief Constable spoke of the extreme difficulty of getting recruits because of lack of accommodation. The constable now at Girton lived in a council house.

1951 04 14
The results of the census is awaited with particular interest locally. Because if it shows that the population of Cambridge has greatly increased, it might well be that the city would be in a position to apply for county borough status. Before it can put forward a claim a town must have a population of at least 100,000. County boroughs are completely self-contained local authorities, exercising all local government functions within their area. If Cambridge were to be granted this new status the city council would be very largely masters in their own house, a state of affairs what cannot be said to exist at the present moment owing to the rate demands of the county

1951 04 16
Six hurt car crash, p6
Downing & Granta singers, p7

1951 04 17
New piggery, p5
River Cam fish, p7

1951 04 18
Cambridge's first woman traffic warden takes up her duties on Monday, to help children cross the road before and after school. She is Mrs M.E. Vail who will be attached to St Luke's school, Victoria Road. The idea of having civilian traffic wardens was taken up in January when the education committee appointed a man for Morley memorial school; a second started at St Barnabas school this week.

1951 04 18
Seventy-one year Mr Robert O'dell went to the Ministry of Labour offices in Brooklands Avenue, in response to instructions to go for a Z Reserve medical examination. Mr O'dell – Bowie as he is widely known in Cambridge, where he has a greengrocery business – was rather surprised to get the instruction, as he has never been in the army. He was told it was all a mistake. "I asked about my expenses for travelling and lost time", he said.

Refuelling on Newmarket recreation ground, p10
Dysentery at school, p10

1951 04 14
Hens record eggs, p6
Still & Sugarloaf, p10

1951 04 20
Despite the shortage of new cars the amount of traffic on the roads of Cambridgeshire today is only very little less than it was in 1938, while the amount of commercial traffic has nearly doubled. Private cars were down 38 percent but commercial vehicles had increased to 94% more. An increased proportion of commercial to private vehicles was expected as they have been less affected by wartime and post-war restrictions.

1951 04 21
"Spiv, the Chocolate King", as he was known to thousands, died as he was born in an institution, penniless and alone with no one to care whether he lived or died. No one that is except two Good Samaritan neighbours, themselves in humble circumstances who had tended him for 30 years without thought of recompense. When the Eastern Gas Board collector called to empty the meter he had used only 3s.8d.worth of gas in the previous quarter, and the fourpence rebate is all the money in the world available for carrying out the last rites. On Tuesday he will find a pauper's grave. 51 04 21

1951 04 21
A recordon dictaphone, various wires, amplifiers and relays, together with other improbable odds and ends have enabled a Cambridge doctor to overcome the problem of maintaining a continuous telephone 'watch'. If there is nobody to answer a patient's ring they hear, after a short pause "Hello. This is the automatic telephone speaking. The doctor is at the hospital. Goodbye". The doctor is now turning his inventive imagination in the direction of an apparatus which will record an incoming message.

1951 04 25
Chesterton R.D.C. agreed to meet the County Surveyor regarding the cost of measures to avoid flooding at Cottenham. Captain Johnson said there had been flooding to such an extent during this winter that water had gone into houses. The extra water which resulted in the flooding was entirely due to the building works of the RDC and County Councils & he thought the county should pay half of the cost of relaying the 16th public drain as far as the Green

1951 04 26
To be Water Lane, Chesterton, or to be Malting Lane, Chesterton was the question which faced Cambridge magistrates when two housewives came to court to object to the proposal to rename it. They said correspondence for Malting Lane, Newnham was never received if the word Chesterton

was on the envelope. The Town Clerk said Water Lane would be associated with the adjoining Water Street. The magistrates felt it for the best and would make an order confirming the change.

King's visits in 1947 and 1949, p5
Girl Guide difficulties, p8

1951 04 26
"Spiv the Chocolate King" has been laid to rest in a soldier's grave with full British Legion honours. Following the story of his lifelong struggle against poverty, which was published in the C.D.N. the Legion, offered to defray the whole of the funeral costs. His Norfolk Street neighbours watched as the hearse containing the Union Jack drew up. Many hundreds of people congregated to pay their last respects.

River pollution, p6
Malting or Water Lane, p7
Addenbrooke's Hospital memorial WWII. P10

1951 04 27
By working continuously from early daylight to the fall of darkness in the rain-free weather Cambridgeshire's 10,000 men of the land have broken the back of the crisis which gravely threatened the spring sowing programme. With sun and wind replacing almost daily rain, it has been possible to get out on the land & by taking full advantage of every hour of daylight they have seen to it that an estimated 80% of the wheat acreage target has been sown – a much brighter picture than seemed possible a fortnight ago.

Royal visit, p1
Policeman's lot, p6
Cottenham beauty queen, p7
Boat race crew presentation, p7 (pic 28th p10)

1951 04 28
A Royal welcome greeted the King and Queen when they arrived for their visit to King's College chapel thanksgiving service for its restoration and the replacement of windows removed for safety during the war. The car flying the Royal standard drew up to the city boundary at Newmarket Road. Many mothers from nearby houses brought their children along with little flags and some enterprising onlookers climbed on to one of Marshall's buildings to get a bird's eye view. Carried away by their enthusiasm many toddlers continued to cheer and wave small Union Jacks long after the Royal party had passed. # c.02

City status celebration, p5
Romsey British Legion, p9

1951 04 30
The woollen products of Messrs I & R Morley Ltd have a world-wide reputation and the label is accepted for value, hard wear and reliability. But perhaps people do not associate the name with Cambridge, which is on the whole, not a particularly industrial city. Yet they do have a factory in Abbey Walk, which produces as many as 135 dozen garments a week. At present 120 workers are employed but a plan is under way to turn it into a modern up-to-date knitwear factory. # c.27

1951 04 30
Messrs Spillers celebrated the official opening of the Company's new Central Laboratories in Station Road, Cambridge, built to replace a laboratory destroyed in a bombing raid in London four days after the outbreak of the last war. Work went on at Birkenhead and then in 1947 it was decided to build and erect a new building at Cambridge, started in 1949. The mill has been renewed and remodelled on the very latest lines, designed primarily for milling home-grown wheats 51 05 30 # c.27

Cambridge sauce, p5
Chivers fire, p6

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1951 05 01
Over the last few decades St John's College grounds in the Backs have suffered severely from the loss of trees by decay, storm damage and elm disease. A survey showed there were many trees so diseased that they might fall down at any time, including most of those in the remains of the Avenue leading to Queen's Road. A comprehensive scheme for replanting has been adopted. In place of the former elms a new avenue of limes will be planted.

Billy Smart's circus, p5
Scramble, p10

1951 05 02
Big traffic hold-ups in Hills Road last March – when a large sale of implements and store pigs at the Cattle Market resulted in vehicles at one time taking 50 minutes to get from Hyde Park Corner - has lead to proposals for improvements. Immediate steps include the provision of a temporary entrance in Rustat Road.

1951 05 02
Forty-one families of deserving ex-servicemen – 93 persons in all – received a gift of meat donated by an Australian farmer, Mr F.H. Redden of Cuddle Creek, South Australia. The donor wished the gifts to be an "occasion" in the lives of the recipients. Three carcasses were received and the goodwill was enlisted of Messrs Winton Smith Ltd who cut them into portions suitable to the size of the family and generously gave a pork pie to each recipient.

1951 05 03
Parker's Piece, p10

1951 05 04
Cambridge councillors are to reconsider a proposal to reserve a number of cycle racks in the Guildhall for the use of members. "I think it is a very poor effort if this should not be considered", said Alderman Doggett. Alderman Priest said if he could suggest a way of ensuring that the racks were used only by councillors they would consider it. Ald Doggett: "Put up notices". The Mayor remarked jokingly "The next thing will be that people with cars will want parking spaces reserved". Ald James: "I move that!"

1951 05 04
All three members of the crew of a Wellington bomber were killed when it crashed at Brampton. The plane grazed the tower of the church, damaged the roofs of four cottages, struck a "keep-left" sign and ploughed into the garden of a house, demolishing a summer-house. The aircraft disintegrated, the main part of the wreckage lying in the Thrapston -Huntingdon road. Inquiry 8th p6 # c.26.1

Amateur tobacco, p10

1951 05 05
Drummer Street bus station glazed with armour plated glass, p10

1951 05 07
School of Art, p6

1951 05 08

In this mechanical age when practically all the necessities of life are produced by machine and a great deal of spare time is taken up by watching other people – at sport, in the cinema, or listening to the radio – the art of craftsmanship is gradually dying. No longer do we buy so many things with the stamp "handmade" on them but it seems a pity that more people do not make use of their hands to create works of beauty. Now the Education Committee is to present an exhibition of the crafts of voluntary organisations at the Central School

1951 05 08
The Whipple Museum of the History of Science was opened by the Vice Chancellor. The collection was presented to the University in 1944 and was stored in boxes in the Fitzwilliam Museum until 1948. It was at first proposed to create a museum in the former Shorts Factory on Madingley Road, but this was rendered unusable after Pye's fire. The present premises in Corn Exchange Street became available in May last year and it has at last been possible to show a large part of the collection. Amongst the guests was Mr Robert S. Whipple, the founder of the collection. # c.03

Korea corporal, p9

1951 05 09
Snobs stream, p10

1951 05 10
South Cambs RDC considered an application for the erection of overhead electricity lines at Gt Eversden. Coun Barnes said: "I think these people are desecrating the whole countryside and they are putting all the telephones underground now". Coun Malthouse said the price was prohibitive and added "As long as we get electricity we should not worry about it". Coun Peters: "I do not think we ought to make any move which might lessen the likelihood of electricity getting into the rural areas. The main thing is to get it somehow"

College guides, p5

1951 05 11
Sixteen tons of sugar, four tons of tea, 80 tons of bread, 150 tons of potatoes, 20,000 eggs, 200 sacks of flour, 2,500 head of poultry, 22 tons of meat, 22 tons of fish. This is the annual food consumption of the United Cambridge Hospitals. No fewer than 12,962 patients were admitted last year but not all beds were always occupied because it was essential for a certain number of remain vacant to deal with any outbreak – that and shortage of nursing staff

Ouse Board tribute, p5

1951 05 11 ES
May singers at Black Horse Drove 51 05 11ES

1951 05 12
Parker's Piece parking, p6

1951 05 14
Many hundreds of harassed housewives will have gazed longingly at two trussed pieces of meat hanging in the shop of Messrs Waller & Son, butchers of Victoria Avenue, Cambridge. One is a piece of bacon, the other is a piece of Macon – experimentally manufactured meat. These morsels are no ordinary pieces of meat, they are by way of becoming family heirlooms. The bacon is 25 years old; it was the first piece of bacon to be cured on the premises by Mr Fred Waller and he would not part with it for anything. He even takes it down occasionally for a wash and brush-up. "In spite of its 25 years it is still edible", he said, "and no amount of money would buy it – not even a £10 note"

1951 05 15

Peak traffic period in Cambridge over the holiday was from 5.30 to 6.30 pm on Monday when no fewer than 800 vehicles – 50 per cent of them pre-war models – were passing the Trumpington A.A. box. On Saturday the stream of traffic averaged 500 vehicles an hour past the Newmarket Road A.A. box but with the deterioration of the weather there was a marked decrease. A feature of the traffic was the large proportion of cars and coaches travelling towards London. Only a small amount headed for the East coast via Ely and the Clacton road.

1951 05 16
The Playhouse Cinema, Mill Road, completed 38 years of service and entertainment. To celebrate the event the manager (Mr Eric Dallman) arranged a special birthday month. He opened with a brief history of the cinema and read telegrams of congratulation from Richard Todd and Joan Dowling, the two popular British stars. A request for any member of the audience who was at the opening in 1913 resulted in one patron coming to the stage. He was Mr W.J. Pugh who had been a regular patron since it opened. The audience was then introduced to the longest serving member of staff, Mrs F. Hewett who had done most jobs except the operating box – but thought she would like to try that as well!

Castle woman's estate, p7
Charles Watson, p8

1951 05 17
Drummer Street parking, p7

1951 05 18
The Chief Constable told the NSPCC that he had been surprised to find that there existed some bad slum areas in Cambridge. He felt that many cases of bad conditions resulted from the mental condition of the parents. The police found that a number of people came into their hands as a result of neglect in their childhood days. The chairman stressed the danger of leaving children alone, especially at night and thanked the women police officers for their co-operation

1951 05 19
Weather conditions permitting, a helicopter will be used over Cambridge to make an experimental traffic count. It is believed to be the first time an aircraft has been used for this purpose. If the experiment succeeds it will mean a great saving in manpower. A series of aerial photographs will be taken from the helicopter by means of an R.A.F photographic reconnaissance camera operated by Mr G.P. Reece of University Cameras. A cine-film was also being taken of the flow of traffic at important junctions in the town. # c.26.48 # c.26.1`

Christ's College arms painted, p7
Parker's Piece parking, p10

1951 05 21
The finals of the crooning contest were held at the Playhouse Cinema, Mill Road. Only two finalists competed, Miss Eve Lynn and Mr Bob Garner. Judging was by Mr Dickie Valentine, who appeared by permission of the New Theatre management. Music for the finals was supplied by Freddie Webb and his band. Mr Garner was declared the winner and presented with the Vaughn Munroe trophy by Dickie Valentine, who then sang three songs at the request of the manager, Mr Eric Dallman. # c.69

Surplus women, p5

1951 05 22
Sewage of new estate, p6
Playhouse, p10
Farmhouse bread, p10

1951 05 23

Cambridgeshire can now boast one of the finest rural domestic economy kitchens in the country. Until recently the R.D.E. instructress (Miss M. Constantine) was housed in a basement in Hills Road, but this was damp and subject to flooding; consequently the equipment was liable to go rusty. The new kitchen is tucked away in the grounds of the Shire Hall. It has every kind of cooking stove – electricity, gas, calor gas, oil and solid fuel and boasts a demonstration oven with a glass door. A "frig" is to come later.

1951 05 24
Anglish & fish transfer, p9

1951 05 25
Undergraduate folly – Dorothy stand
Petty Cury property sold, p7---

1951 05 25ES
Tractor laying telephone cable in Witcham overturned, trapping driver. Awards for men who rescued him 51 05 25(2)ES

Criticism of recently-opened Witchford Secondary Modern School – 'a tin school, and a poor one at that'… caretaker making 59 separate fires; had cost £17,500 – a new school would have been £140,000. Was no prospect of new schools in Ely for another 20 years. Had pushed for new school at Wilburton 51 05 25(3)ES

Stretham Feast parade … Wicken band … two decorated lorries from Neville and Wrights which carried W.I. ladies … band concert 51 05 25(5)ES

Stretham Feast had dodg'em, stalls etc, cricket matches – 51 05 25(6)ES

Albert Edward Cockerton death, son of J.L. Cockerton of 16 Cambridge Road, Insurance man, Methodist preacher; funeral – 51 05 25&(5)ES

1951 05 26
Sir Harold Gray of Gog Magog Hills, Cambridge, died in the South of France. He was elected Conservative MP for Cambridgeshire in 1922 but did not stand in the 1923 election. He was a noted breeder of bloodstock at his estate and for many years ran horses with considerable success. During the war Sir Harold and his wife, Rowena, worked continually in France in the hospitals for the care of the wounded and he also drove his own motor ambulance there for the French Red Cross.

Parker's Piece parking, p9

1951 05 27 c
To most the mention of a railway waiting room conjures up a vision of a dismal, dingy place. But that at Cambridge station is a very different state of affairs – in fact such a bright and cheerful room that I felt it would be quite a pleasure to lose one's train and have to sit there and wait for another! The colour scheme is a bright green and cream and the old-fashioned leather bench type seats have been replaced by small brown leather armchairs. In the ladies' waiting-room one beholds the astonishing sight of fresh flowers.

1951 05 28
Should new industry come to Cambridgeshire it should, if possible, be guided into the areas more remote from the city, concludes the County Planning Department. "In general industry should be encouraged only in those areas away from Cambridge where greater diversity, particularly for women, is needed. It is suggested that the most suitable places are the small towns lying just outside the county boundary". Cambridge had always had low unemployment rate and there seems no likelihood of unemployment becoming a serious problem in the future, they say # c.49.64

Salute US dead, p9
Halifax opens branch, p9 # c.32.8

1951 05 29
A sale of considerable interest at Harston attracted a large company. The period residence, Harston Manor, with 15 acres and two cottages realised £8,000 after keen competition. The Manor Home Farm of 84 acres was knocked down at £5,800. A pair of cottages in Church Street realised £300 and an adjoining pair were sold for the exceptional figure of £390.

1951 05 29
A picture taken from HMS Belfast while on patrol off the Korean coast gives some idea of the conditions in which the Royal Navy has been operating. It comes from two Cambridgeshire lads who are serving aboard this, the flagship of the British Far Eastern Naval Unit. Norman Peters from Cambridge and John Vickery of Fulbourn are both only 17 years old and are Seamen Boys. When in action they are on four-inch anti-aircraft guns.

1951 05 30
There are about 170 children under the care of the County Council's Children Committee. The majority are children who have been deprived of a normal home life. Some are orphans or illegitimate. Others have been abandoned by their parents or found by a court to be in need of care or protection. The aim of the committee is to find a substitute, but real home to take the place of the one from which the child has been deprived. Their four children's homes are overcrowded and full to saturation point. They should accommodate 16 children but are housing 23

1951 05 31
The Vicar of Over send a letter alleging that the Cambridgeshire Agricultural Executive Committee was not cultivating properly requisitioned portions of Over fen. On Monday heavy tackle began ploughing the land – and he sent another letter enclosing a sample of self-sown barley which they are ploughing with heavy tackle. "Had I known this was the planned economy of the AEC I would have asked permission to graze 100 sheep on it, but apparently in the interests of maximum efficiency it must go under", he said

Parker's Piece parking – Hobbs, p5
Senate House cleaned, [7

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1951 06 01
The Mayor of Cambridge toured three of the council's housing estates and saw the 2000th council house to be built since the war. It is on a 61-acre site at Newmarket Road which will accommodate 244 houses and 160 flats. The house has three bedrooms, a drawing room and a kitchen. With outbuildings it cost £1,417. The Mayor handed the key to the lucky tenant, Mr F.A. Cross, who said: "My speech must be brief. I'm much too excited to get inside and see around". He has been waiting over five years to get a house # C.23

Gravel works, p6

1951 06 02
"One would like Cambridge to have one outlet where people could walk out and get straight into the country" Dr G.M. Trevelyan, Master of Trinity College, told the Council for the Preservation of Rural England. He advocated the desirability of leaving the west side of Cambridge free from development and preserve it as countryside. This was injured to some extent by the erection of a factory on the Madingley Road and though this was partly destroyed during the war there is a danger since it still stands.

1951 06 04
Milicent Langdon ew Mayoress, p5

1951 06 05
Portions of Over fen which so far are uncropped sprouted a "harvest" of notices during the night. It is held under requisition by the Cambridgeshire Agricultural Executive Committee. At the corner of Sharp's Drove was the wording, "To the docks". This referred to 12 acres of that plant. Where the AEC has recently been ploughing-in self-sown barley was the wording "In the interests of colonial development 2ft 6 inches goes 'down under'"

1965 06 06
Hospital land purchase, p7

1951 06 07
Installed as Chancellor of Cambridge University before the brilliantly robed dignitaries of the University and a crowded Senate House, Marshall of the Royal Air Forces, Lord Tedder, described it as "The greatest honour that can ever come to a Cambridge man". King's Parade was crowded with people seeking a glimpse of this unique event whilst inside the Senate House itself every available inch of room was taken up with people standing inside the windowsills. The gallery too was crowded, mostly with undergraduates and girl students. # c.36.9

Madrigals, p7
Mellish Clark honoured, p7

1951 06 08 ES
Two men broke into the aviation petrol store houses at Witchford airfield and stole the quantity of brass. Also entered the aviation petrol storehouse at Mepal airfield police noted the door of the petrol installation was closed and saw a man on the concrete carriageway opposite the door. He said he was looking for work dropping out sugar beet. He saw a door was open and the valve and valve spindles had been removed 51 06 08ES # c.26.1

Wicken Fen fire
Between 20 and 30 acres of land at Wicken Fen was damaged by fire. Both Soham and Fordham fire brigades were called to the scene where 20 years previously there had been a similar outbreak in which burning sedge was carried by the wind onto the roofs of nearby cottages. On this occasion however the wind was fanning the flames away from the buildings, rendering the fire far less serious. The fire brigades were unable to tackle the fire with the equipment which they had bought, as it was found to be impossible to force away through the fen. In view of this the fireman were forced to attack the outbreak with sticks and water from nearby dykes. It is feared that much damage has been done to the wildlife inhabiting the fen 51 06 08(2)ES

The pilot of an R.A.F. Harvard trainer plane was killed when it crashed into the potato field at Rutland Farm, Manea. It crashed into a field known as the Marsh which is quite close to Manea railway station. Several agricultural workers saw the plane twist and turn and go into a steep dive with its engine roaring. When it crashed to the ground great lumps of earth and pieces of machine were thrown high into the air and parts of the fuselage and the engine were found 150 yards away from the scene of the crash. The bulk of the plane almost completely buried itself in a crater about five-feet deep. Workers ran to the scene but it was obvious that nothing could be done. The inquest heard that it was not the pilot's first solo flight 51 06 08(3)ES

Ely R.D.C. to purchase sewage disposal works at Mepal Airfield – 51 06 08(5)ES

1951 06 09

The news that the King has been advised to take a complete rest was received in Cambridge with deep concern, because it raises the question "Will the King be able to visit the city, as arranged on July 5th?" His majesty had agreed not only to come for the Royal Show but to pay a short visit to the Guildhall in connection with the city's new status. All of us hope that the King will not have to add Cambridge to the list of cancelled engagements. In the meantime letters inviting a number of people to attend at the Guildhall have gone out from the Town Clerk

Mrs Briscoe Snelson funeral, p5
Stump Cross island, p7

1951 06 11
The Cambridgeshire of the future will have a number of new roads, fire & police stations, sewerage schemes, old peoples' homes, a new children's home and a mental deficiency colony. Planners say villages recommended for enlargement include Milton, Fulbourn, Shelford, Barton and Coton where the population will increase from 400 to 1,840. Road improvements recommended include a bypass to the east of Girton relinking the road interrupted by the RAF station but Cambridge bypasses are not shown as surveys show there is no immediate need for them.

Courtesy commando, p4

1951 06 12
Cambridgeshire firemen have been issued with stronger-than-steel latest-type helmets. "They are made of laminated plastic and are practically bullet-proof", chief officer T. Knowles said. They will not dent when dropped and are proof against electric currents. They cost just over £3 each and replace the ordinary service-type steel helmet previously worn by firemen. # c.34.75

Fens formation, p5

1951 06 13
Queen Ediths Way planning, p6
New fire appliance, p10 # c.34.75

1951 06 14
Sedley Taylor Road, p6

1951 06 15
A new one-way traffic system around the Cambridge Guildhall comes into operation on Monday. The direction of traffic in Wheeler Street will be reversed to complete the circulatory flow around the Guildhall into an anti-clockwise direction and traffic around Market Hill in a clockwise flow. Buses will be unaffected by the new order but say instead of hordes of cyclists crossing over in their path all vehicles will turn in the direction the buses approach the guildhall. The scheme has resulted from the necessity to ease traffic around the Guildhall in view of the proposed Lion Yard car park development # c.49.62 # c.26.48

1951 06 15 ES
Wilburton Baptist Church reopens after renovation … recall 1908 centenary celebrations, 1929 opening of new schoolroom at rear and 1945 100th anniversary 51 06 15ES

1951 06 16
Residents of Abbey Ward, Cambridge, described as "a constant menace to health" the dust which comes from the Gas Works and enters their houses. Mr W. Barling produced a sugar bag half filled with dust which he said was collected in his house in one week. Another resident said she could not put her children in a pram in the garden because of the dust. A Gas Board official said a contributory factor may have been the burning of wood owing to the shortage of coal resulting in more dust and smoke getting into the atmosphere. The works had the reputation of being one of the cleanest in the

country. As soon as the gas industry was nationalised endeavours would be made to reduce the problem # c.24.4

1951 06 20
Cambridge councillors heard that the cattle market has become one of the most important cattle centres in the country as a result of the great increase in the amount of business transacted since the war. Problems had arisen because of the serious congestion of traffic in Hills Road when large sales are held and the need for better facilities for traders and customers. It was not designed for holding large sales of agricultural machines nor for the provision of parking accommodation for upwards of 1,200 motor vehicles. # c.27.3
King cancels visit, p7
Impington pageant, p8

1951 06 21
During the last few days twelve thatchers, all members of the East Midlands Master Thatchers Association have been working on pavilions at the Rural Industries Bureau stand at the Royal Showground, Trumpington, to show what expert thatching looks like. One is thatched with long straw, one with Norfolk reed and the other with Devon reed.

1951 06 21
Strong protests were voiced at the District Trades Council when the proposed car park site on Parker's Piece came under discussion. Mr C. Hatton said: "We have seen parts of Christ's Pieces and the whole of Donkeys Common disappear and now there are proposals to encroach on Parker's Piece. We cannot too jealously guard such a priceless amenity". He would like to see all car waiting in the centre of Cambridge abolished and car parks instituted on the outskirts of the city

1951 06 21
A modern automatic telephone exchange will be brought into service at Willingham. It will enable subscribers to obtain calls on Cambridge and 18 other exchanges without the assistance of the operator. At the same time the post office proposes to introduce the 999 scheme for emergency calls from the Willingham exchange.

1951 06 21 c
Reg King, the cycle specialist, Cambridge. 400 new cycles in stock; ladies and gent's cycles, every frame size and type – roadster, tourist, safety, oil-path models and hubdymo lighting. Tricycles from £6.19.0. Pay-as-you-ride plan. No references, no enquiries, no delay. Just pay and ride away; any reliable payer accepted. Cycles from £2 down and 5s. weekly. Reg King wants your business – Advert.

1951 06 22
RAF remembrance, Newmarket Road, p7

1951 06 22 ES
Death Commander George Marquis Stitt. Had a distinguished career in the navy and was writing a book on aspects of the war. Had not lived in Stretham for some years but was a frequent visitor during his parents' lifetime and since their death had continued to visit the neighbourhood where his charming personality made him many friends. Attended Sports Association last year to present his cup and promised a new one for this event which arrived last Saturday. His wife stayed in Stretham for long periods during the war while her husband was on active service. A memorial service is to be held. 51 06 23(2)ES

White Horse Inn, Witcham – Landlady Mary Giddens celebrates 50th anniversary 51 06 22(2)ES

Robert Lupson retires from Ouse Catchment Board – dragline operator; 64 years' service recognised 51 06 22(3)ES # c.29

1951 06 23
In order to improve the standard of driving, plain-clothed 'courtesy" police officers are to patrol main roads in Huntingdonshire. High-powered motor cycles may replace the present light-weight machines. They would be ridden by efficient men over 30. If they patrolled the roads – particularly the Great North Road – the efficiency of driving would improve tremendously. If drivers could be told in a gentlemanly way that they are doing wrong it would be much better than bringing cases to the courts.

1951 06 23
Starting from scratch twelve months ago, and sponsored by Bedford members, the Round Table of Cambridge now boasts some 32 members and was formally presented with its charter at a dinner at the University Arms. Altogether almost 100 people were present including the City and County members of parliament, Mr Hamilton Kerr and Mr Gerald Howard. Mr A. Shaw of Northampton gave the health of the City of Cambridge. His was the longest, most witty, but almost unreportable speech of the evening. Toastmaster for the evening was Mr F.W. Elworthy.

Billy Thurbon trade, p5
King's cancelled visit, p9

1951 06 25
Plans for Royal Show traffic, p6

1951 06 27
Cambridgeshire education committee decided by a single vote that schoolchildren might once again be released for agricultural work this year. Mr A.R. Greenslade, a farmer, said agriculture had had the help of schoolchildren for centuries. They were already taken to do carpentry, metalwork and gardening. Mrs Rackham said they had been stopped from working in the Isle of Ely and Huntingdonshire. Dr R.F. Rattray thought it very desirable for children to help on the land. They should have experience of doing real work in the interest of the country & great educational advantage would be accrued. Others said there was no evidence that their services were required. "They will all apply to work in the fields and it is going to throw our schools into a state of upheaval", said Mr S.A. Martin.

Newmarket Road development photo, p7
Sawston industries fair, p8

1951 06 28
Referee Bill Ling, p3
Waterbeach jet crash, p7
Dormitory villages, p10

1951 06 29
Two railwaymen whose prompt action averted serious damage being caused to a goods train were commended for their action. Driver C.V. Bloy and Fireman L.R. Gardiner of Cambridge each received a cheque for two guineas. The incident took place at Elsenham when Driver Bloy noticed that one of the wagons of his train was on fire. He immediately stopped and isolated it from the rest of the train. They stopped another train and asked the driver to use his slacker pipe to damp the fire on the wagon. In view of their action more serious damage was averted, bearing in mind that a number of petrol wagons were included in the train. # c.26.2

1951 06 29
The new Civic mobile canteen was officially opened by Ald W.J. Briggs, chairman of the Cambridge Communal Feeding Committee. The brand new, beautifully equipped caravan will be a great asset to the city as a whole, and even more so to the people who use the Drummer Street bus station. It replaces the old stall which used to be there. The whole thing is in charge of the City Catering Officer,

Mrs C. Howson. It is expected to be open from 8.30am to 10pm on week-days and from 2pm to 9pm on Sundays.

1951 06 29 ES
Thomas Loveday of Welney reaches 83, photo with skating cup won at Littleport in 1891 51 06 29ES

1951 06 30
A squadron commander at RAF Waterbeach was killed when his Meteor jet aircraft got into a roll at between 60 and 70 feet and dived into the ground. It was 2-300 yards from the end of the runway and completely disintegrated, having exploded after the crash. The coroner remarked the accident was the unfortunate result of one of the risks which airmen took in the course of their duty. # c.26.1

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1951 07 02
The announcement of the closing down of Messrs George Stace Ltd's Petty Cury store marks the closing of yet one more old established firm that has filled a special niche in the local fashion trade for many years. The name had come to stand for a good, solid, middle class trade. It was not necessarily a smart one, but it met the needs of a definite section of the community. It catered for the matron, and for the essentially well-to-do family of both town and county. # c.27.1

1951 07 03
The finest "Royal" and the finest site – such is the general opinion about Britain's 1951 Festival of Agriculture which opened at Trumpington. Today's blazing sun was a pleasant contrast to the gales and torrential rains which marked Cambridge's last Royal in 1922. From early in the morning cars streamed towards the showground. As traffic pressure increased the effect made itself felt even on the outskirts of town where there were occasionally short hold-ups. But movement into the car parks flowed smoothly and to get from the C.D.N. offices in St Andrew's Street took only 15 minutes # c.02

1951 07 04
A partly-open parachute was found in the wreckage of a training plane that crashed in a field at Yelling, Hunts. It belonged to the pilot of one of two planes which collided in mid-air. The occupant of the other machine descended by parachute. Arthur Larkin, agricultural labourer of Staploe, Beds., said: "I heard a noise in the sky. I looked up and saw one plane diving to earth with a wing missing; the other one was coming in my direction but turned and dived". Parts of both machines were strewn over a fairly large area and the engine of one of them was buried in the ground. # c.26.1

1951 07 05
The Queen visited the Royal Show; her route took her through Grantchester where villagers welcomed the Royal car with a number of Union Jacks which hung from houses and hedgerows, and even the petrol pumps of a garage. Princess Margaret travelled as far as Baldock where she turned back because she had developed a bad headache. The town clerk's daughter, Rosalind Swift, who was to have presented Princess Margaret with a bouquet, handed it to the Queen who said she would see that it reached the princess. Obtaining one of the best views was a small patient from Addenbrooke's Hospital, Terence Harley who has unfortunately lost his hearing and the Queen's words to him were written down by his nurse. & 6th p7 # c.02

1951 07 06 ES
Parapet on one side of Bedford Arms bridge on the Dog-in-a-Doublet – Northey Road damaged 51 07 06(3)ES

Important Isle inns to be marked with plaques; include White Hart Ely, Red Lion Chatteris, Black Bull Whittlesey; others less significant include Cutter, Royal Standard 51 07 06ES

1951 07 07
The Royal Show at Trumpington came to an end with the total paid attendance of 131,333. The business done by stand holders has been most encouraging, one exhibitor said that on the first day he had taken orders to the value of £100,000. Even before the showground had closed work had begun on dismantling some of the stands. The steady flow of private cars from the car parks was interspersed with cattle lorries, horse boxes and commercial vehicles – a sign of the end of the year's work which goes into a Royal Show. # c.02

1951 07 09
Alderman Mrs C.D. Rackham opened the first instalment of the new Glebe school, Girton. When complete it will take 300 children from five to 11, as well as a group of "under-fives". "We aim to have a nursery class in all our new junior schools where mothers will be able to leave their younger children until they reach the age of five", she said; "we believe this facility an essential feature of our new schools". # c.36.5

1951 07 10
Camden honou Collins, p10

1951 07 11
The Cambridge Master Bakers and Confectioners Association will make a delivery charge of one farthing per half-quartern loaf to help offset increased costs. Purchase tax has been added to the cost of retail delivery vehicles; the price of petrol has gone up and there is shortly to be a further increase in wages. Despite these increases the baker has not be granted any increased profits and feel they are compelled to make the charge. No delivery charge is being made in respect of the small loaf, since it is felt no extra burden should be placed on old-age pensioner who only require a small loaf.

Oakington new cemetery, p4

1951 07 12
The staff of Messrs S.C. Marshall & Sons, the old established local printers, spent an enjoyable evening at the Lion Hotel to mark 25 years of printing under the present ownership. A presentation was made to Mr B.G.T. Cox for 37 years' loyal service. In a witty speech he recalled that in those days there was no electric light or power, the premises were lit by gas and the machines – such as they were – were driven by foot treadles and the posters were hand-rolled and printed on hand presses. Since 1928 fully automatic machinery and plant have been installed. # c.25

University Arms Hotel story, p4

1951 07 13
The Royal Show brought considerable activity at Marshall's airport when an average of a dozen or more charter planes landed daily. Most of them were Rapides. The longest flight was from Prestwick, some 600 miles distant. The aviation side was represented on the stand of Pest Control Ltd; one of their Hiller 360 helicopters, fitted for spraying, rested on top of their stand. It was flown to the ground and landed without difficulty on the small platform # c.26.1

1951 07 13
A petition has been sent to the King by the Vicar of Over about the hardship caused to owners of agricultural land at Over fen, held under requisition by the Cambridgeshire Agricultural Executive Committee which was not being properly cultivated. "My people have been deprived of their land for years on the grounds that they were not making the best use of the land for agriculture". They have been brought before Agricultural Land Tribunals and won their cases and yet have no redress. 51 07 13

1951 07 14

Provisional figures for the 1951 census have come as something of a surprise as far as Cambridge is concerned. For some time it has been hinted that the figures would be in the neighbourhood of 90,000 but the census reveals it is much lower – 81,463. So any hope that Cambridge might finally become a County Borough is emphatically dashed to the ground because only towns with 100,000 are considered. What a relief for the county!

Alderman Raynes freedom, p6

1951 07 17
Not a single person from Landwade (population 20) came to object to the proposed union of that parish with Fordham at the local inquiry. Apart from County Council officers only one person attended – Mr B.C. Gardiner, clerk to Fordham parish council – who said that his council were willing for Landwade to become part of their parish. Landwade parish council has not met for some time although the law prescribes that a parish meeting should be held at least twice a year.

1951 07 18
A public meeting to inaugurate a Local History Council for Cambridgeshire was held in the Cambridge Guildhall. "Very considerable" interest already existed in local history. One of the main aims could be to share knowledge and there was the possibility of having a printed journal for the exchange of news and views. The question of guide books would need attention together with a list of persons qualified to lecture on local history topics.

Sawston Festival of Britain, p10

1951 07 19
"The problem of old age will get the county down unless we learn ways of doing it economically as well as efficiently" said the speaker at Cambridgeshire Old People's Welfare Council. Her interest had started over half a century ago when she was taken to the old workhouse in Mill Road and had been absolutely appalled at the condition of the old ladies. Some of them looked after babies for twelve hours a day with no reward except extra cups of tea. "They paid for the sin of being old in those days", she said.

1951 07 19
Accident Prevention Council warn of danger of domestic appliaces – 51 07 19

1951 07 20
"Utmost vigilance" on the part of the Cambridge Trades Council was needed to make sure the city council does not "pull a fast one" in its proposals to reserve a slice of Parker's Piece for car parking facilities. "I think the City council have put this back for six months and will bring it up again when they think it has all died down", said the chairman. "We don't want to lose even a piece of one of the city's cherished beauty spots". There was no need for a parking site in Regent Terrace as the accommodation of other parking places was not being overtaxed # c.49.62 # c.32.3

1951 07 20 ES
Black Horse Drove festival week 51 07 20(2)ES

Remedial work following floods at Littleport 51 07 20(3)ES

Haddenham church fete 51 07 20(3)ES

Stretham Flower Show & Sports – detailed results; large crowds, are few families who do not take part in the event 51 07 20(4)ES

Prickwillow Kingdon Avenue sewage plant complaint 51 07 20ES

1951 07 21
Methodism in Cambridge has suffered a severe loss with the passing of Mr Albert Endersby in his 73rd year. He had been associated with the Sturton Street Methodist Church since he was first taken there as a baby in arms and he never lost his enthusiasm for the fervour of Methodist singing and the thrill of Christian witness. He had been a steward for 50 years and was chairman of the Young Men's Club which met at the Tabernacle, Newmarket Road, before that church was closed. He was a mattress maker at Messrs Eaden Lilley. # c.83.05

1951 07 21
Entries for the men's and boys' swim through Cambridge broke all records. 104 swimmers came under starter's order, 98 of whom completed the course. The Mayor saw them off at the start from "The Mill" and then travelled to the finishing post at Jesus Green where he presented prizes. Punts accompanied the swimmers in case of distress. The Adie cup went to Alec Cook who completed the course in 18 minutes, 50 seconds. The Watling Cup (for boys under 16) was won by John Watling, son of the donor but he was actually beaten by his younger brother David, who won the Webb Cup for boys under 14. The youngest competitor was 10 years old Graham Norden who finished in 41 minutes 55 seconds.

1951 07 23
Members of the Cambridgeshire Women's Voluntary Service deserve a rest, with regular work teams doing jobs in hospitals, serving and driving meals on wheels, collecting salvage, helping in Infant Welfare Centres and distributing welfare foods in the villages. A lot of welfare work for the Forces is done, ranging from canteens and clubs to sending magazines to Korea. Nor should the steady work to help the old people and the pensioners in the county be forgotten. On all sides one hears the same remark: "I am glad to be of use"

1951 07 23
Proposals for the future of the Cambridge Technical College and School of Arts were discussed. One involved provision of 34,000 square feet on a new site at Long Road for the School of Art, including printing and commerce department; the other was for extra accommodation to be provided at Collier Road together with alterations to the existing premises. This site would relieve the needs of the building, engineering and science sections. It was central and near to the railway and bus stations. The disadvantage was that it was small and would be expensive to expand. The Collier Road scheme was approved. # c.36.7

Stonebridge scrambler, p7

1951 07 24
Street light conversion, p6

1951 07 25
Northampton Street improvements, p7

1951 07 26
Purchase of the Cottenham police house in the High Street and adjoining land for £1,350 was recommended; if a new house is erected in Telegraph Street the existing police house may be sold. Messrs H. Edwards tendered £5,650, for the erection of two houses at Newmarket Road, Wood Ditton in place of another which had been previously approved. Tributes were paid for the courtesy and kindness of all ranks of the police towards the travelling public attending the Royal Show.

Queen Ediths Way husing, p6

1951 07 27
Two hundred London taxis took the road this morning under orders for the first time, over a short wave radio network system pioneered by Pye Radio technicians from Cambridge. In London, at a big

party attended by top stage and screen stars to celebrate the inauguration of this new radiocab service was Mr Harry Woolgar, a director of Pye Telecommunications Ltd. He said: "This is the largest radio-telephone system taxi network in Europe and we are planning a larger system capable of directing 1,000 taxis". Pye got the job because it pioneered fitting radio telephones to police cars and ambulances and was the first to use short-wave radio for agricultural use. # c.27.1 : Pye # c.26.47 # c.27.8

Haddenham tenants, Newtown, p10

1951 07 28
Cambridge is a town that likes to be visited; "put out your flags" urges the mayor to set the town in a blaze of colour for the Festival. In the past many of our college buildings have been given a new beauty by the use of flood lighting and this is being introduced again. Great St Mary's church, the Senate House and Old Schools, King's College chapel, Clare College Bridge and the University Library will be lit. Most of the work is being carried out by a local firm of electricians, A.W. Matthews of Mill Road.

1951 07 30
Cambridge Festival began and as dusk fell to the strains of the madrigals sung under King's College bridge further beauty was added to the well-loved entertainment given by this programme of "Singing by the River". The West end of the College chapel and the Gibbs Building, their outlines softened in the dimness of approaching night, suddenly flowered under floodlight, their stones warm in the glow but retaining still all its classical dignity of form. The reflections of the chapel rippled in the still river, distracting attention from the madrigals sweetly sung by the Cambridge University Madrigal Society. A BBC recording van on the bank recorded the sounds of this splendid evening in a permanent form. # c.69

British Legion rally, p10

August 1951 CDN & ES

1951 08 01
Members of the armed forces, the church and hundreds of relatives, totalling more than 1,000, gathered at the Cambridge city cemetery to do honour to the men and women buried in the special Air Forces plot. A Stone of Remembrance was unveiled by Marshall of the R.A.F., Lord Tedder and blessed by the Bishop of Ely. Training aircraft flew over the cemetery in formation.

1951 08 01
If objections by local villagers, farmers and the Ministry of Agriculture to the establishment of a £11 million cement works at Meldreth are over-ruled the village is destined to become one of the most important cement-producing centres in the country. The proposed Portland Cement work will occupy a site of some 400 acres. "This site is ideal; there is adequate labour, water, materials and electricity available", they say. "Everyone is aware of the rough nature of Meldreth, an area noted for its flatness and it will cause very little local interference". Asked about the noise, smell and dust possibility they said it would be insufficient to damage fruit trees in the area.

1951 08 02
Royal visit Folk Museum, p6 # c.02 # c.03
Meldreth cement inquiry, p8

1951 08 03
College plate display, p5

1951 08 03 ES
Barway's first fete for many years in aid of Village Hall 51 08 03(2)ES

Wardy Hill fete 51 08 03(2)ES

Stretham
Parish Council – add WWII names to cemetery memorial proposals, install water Recreation Ground 51 08 03(3)ES

Swaffham Fen Methodist Chapel, Upware holds rally 51 08 03ES

1951 08 04
Sir – the Cambridge Backs are unfortunately no more – at all events in their full glory of the giant and venerable trees. If King's College chapel should disappear from the scene untold photographic representations of it would remain, but of these giant monuments of the past there is little. To fill the void I have reproduced in picture postcard form a photograph of my own. There may be many persons who have walked under the shadow of these great trees of the Backs and I could arrange for it to be on sale. – Sir Henry McAnally # c.18

1951 08 04
If a Ministry of Agriculture proposal to acquire compulsorily 308 acres of land at Arrington goes ahead, 14 smallholders will lose their homes. The Minister alleges that the soil, heavy boulder clay required heavy equipment land & cannot be effectively farmed as it is. But the men of Arrington disagree and put their case to a Land Tribunal. Between the two wars the land fell into a derelict condition; it was bought by a speculator at £3 per acre and sold piecemeal to purchasers, some of whom came from London. Dwellings – little more than shacks – had been erected

1951 08 04
A visitor to Cambridge by night may remark upon a transformation that savours of the Arabian Nights. From St Catherine's to the Pitt Club the City and University buildings erupt in a galaxy of brightness by the artistry of the Festival floodlights. The white facades of the Senate House and Old Schools glow like dazzling phosphorus in the night. This luminosity is well contrasted by the darker sections which are discreetly lit by green lamps.

1951 08 07
City sports, p6

1951 08 08
With accommodation so hard to find in Cambridge the wise ones who present themselves on the doorstep within half an hour of the advert appearing stand the best chance of being lucky. An American army officer sent a corporal to inspect one flat, following it up with a visit himself. He liked it and was all for clinching the deal right away until the landlady pointed out that his wife might consider it too small. He returned to his station and put a telephone call through to her in New York. However the call – at £1 a minute – was largely wasted as she turned it down.

1951 08 09
A lorry driver was killed and an aeroplane crew of two seriously injured when a plane crashed at Ely. The Harvard two-seater from RAF Feltwell, first struck the top of a forge owned by Messrs Brand Brothers, then careered across the street, ending up with the tail and part of the body in St Mary's street, and the engine and forepart of the aircraft in a showroom belonging to Messrs T.W. Nice, garage proprietors. During its journey it hit a lorry owned by Darby's Sand and Gravel; its cab was hurtled into the showroom and the driver buried under the engine. One wing of the plane came off and overturned a car, the other ploughed into the middle of the road. Inquest, 11th p6 - 51 08 09, 51 08 11 # c.26.1

Bonny babies, p7

1951 08 15
Coventry cathedral, p1
Landbeach greyhouse track, p6

1951 08 16
Owners of six of the smallholdings at Arrington recommended for compulsory purchase by the Ministry of Agriculture have won their appeals. Some 80 acres were in dispute. About 275 acres in all will be acquired compulsorily; owners of the rest of this land did not object to the recommendation. The land will be handed to the Land Commission; the owner's homes and gardens are not included.

1951 08 16
A magnificent new building nearing its completion on the Fenner's site, Cambridge, is to be home of an organisation that is the only one of its kind in the world. The Department of Human Ecology was established some 18 months ago. Also to be housed there is the University Health Service, which arranges the free X-raying of all undergraduates under the University T.B. scheme. A spacious gymnasium will be used equally for the rehabilitation of patients and athletes of the University.

F.T. Unwin, milkman, p8

1951 08 17 c
An uncomfortable half-hour vigil by a policewoman, who remained cooped up in a hen house while she kept observation on a number of men on the Soham Recreation Ground, had a sequel at Newmarket court. Three men were due to appear, but not one of them turned up to answer a summons that they "unlawfully did play by way of gaming with cards a game of chance called 'brag'". She said there was a pile of coppers on the ground but they had been picked up before she could reach them. Defendants were fined 10s each and the pack of cards confiscated.

1951 08 17
For the past four years Ganger S.J. Ginn and his Warren Hill, Newmarket railway gang have won first prize for the best length of railway line in the Cambridge region. Mr Ginn, who started as a plate-layer 24 years ago, praised the first-class quality of the men with whom he works. Neatness, level nature of the track and straightness or evenness of the rails were amongst the points for which the judges were looking. The almost total absence of weeds and the tidiness of huts also impressed them.

1951 08 17 ES
Ely plane crash, St Mary's Street; inquest 51 08 17ES

1951 08 18
For the fourth year in succession Longstanton railway station has won the British Railways special prize for the best station garden. Months of preparation were carried out by two gardeners – the Station Master (Mr A.E. Clarke) and his porter, old-age-pensioner Mr A. White. "We had to keep it up to scratch all the time because we never knew when to expect the judges", he said. Altogether 255 stations entered for the competition.

1951 08 18
The Leys School's survey of Horningsea gives a complete picture of the village. Nearly every house has a radio set, there are 18 telephones and six television sets. Dances are not heavily attended; communication with Cambridge is not good and people do not risk the bus service to go to the pictures. As for occupation the report shows that residents are mainly concerned with the production of food. They are keen newspaper readers, especially on Sundays, but only 16 take the Cambridge Daily News

1951 08 21
Eight out of every ten seats available for the Cambridge Festival of Britain events were taken on average throughout the three weeks – but the effect of bad weather on the attendance at some of the

events resulted in an overall financial loss. The military band concert by the Royal Horse Guards had to be transferred from the great lawn at King's College to the Guildhall where only 800 of whose wishing to attend could be accommodated. However the artistic success of the Festival is beyond doubt.

H.M.S. Kenya, p9

1951 08 22
Some of the world's leading television scientists are in Cambridge for a Convention at the Cavendish Laboratory. So far as can be seen, television receivers will never again be so cheap as they are today. New valves, new circuits and new T.V. cameras form part of the discussions; two papers have been written by members of local firms. Messrs J.E. Cope, L.W. Germany & R. Theile of Pye-Cathodeon will speak on the Image Iconoscope Type Television Camera Tube

1951 08 23
Over 30 young Austrian and Germans smiled through tears as the train carried them away from Cambridge. They had been living in English homes as the guests of the Cambridge Co-operative Society, the Woodcraft Folk Group and many open-handed hosts who responded to a letter published in the C.D.N. The Co-op Society entertained over a hundred children at the Co-operative Hall. Recordings of the Tyrolean songs and singing dances were made and a German-born waitress looked after them.

Lady Bragg divorce commission, p6
Anglers, Meldreth cement, p10

1951 08 24
Mr James Briggs, aged 87 years, who has been working for 75 years on the late Lord Ellesmere's Stetchworth Park Estate, has been awarded the Royal Agricultural Society's medal for long service. He is also much respected as a local preacher, and uses his bicycle to get about. Meeting this grand old man, one would think him not a day older than 65 years.

Traffic count, p6

1951 08 25
Two Cambridge ex-undergraduates have hit on a novel line in Long Vacation jobs. They have formed themselves into "University Tours" and take parties of visitors sight-seeing around Cambridge three times a day. An average of about 100 people a week pay 2s. (10p) a time to be shown around. About half are British, 20 per cent American and ten per cent Australian; the rest are from other countries abroad, mainly European # c.46.45

Budgerigar show, p9
'Neighbourhood Map', p9

1951 08 28
Addenbrooke's Hospital synchroton – one of only two in use in the country for the treatment of cancer – was visited by members of the Cambridge Amateur Radio Club. Mr D. Allen-Williams conducted the party round the synchroton houses and explained the various pieces of apparatus which combine to generate nearly 30,000,000 volts and produce rays of great penetrating power

1951 08 29
An American F.84 Thunderjet hurtled out of control between the houses on either side of St John's Street, Beck Row and finally crashed outside the police station, killing the pilot. Several houses were damaged by pieces of wreckage but there were no civilian casualties. The aircraft, carrying out a routine flight over Mildenhall airfield, struck the runway with a wing when doing a banking turn. The pilot attempted to regain control but the aircraft hit the wing of a bomber standing near, ripping it off.

It flew down the road with bits of wreckage falling off it. Then the tailplane fell off and it crashed. – 51 08 29 # c.26.1

1951 08 30
Witnesses said that a Scimitar Wing Handley Page 88 experimental jet plane "bucked like a horse" and exploded in mid-air before crashing at Stansted aerodrome. The high-speed prototype research plane was only taken off the secret list this summer. A main feature is the wing (swept back and then swept forward), the design of which, with the speed and performance of the plane is still secret. A farmer said: "The right wing appeared to come off and then the plane turned and the left wing came off and the plane broke up". 51 08 30 # c.26.1

1951 08 30
Sir – the use of a neon sign as an advertisement in a shop window in Magdalene Street, Cambridge has been forbidden, on the grounds that it would detract from the appearance of the building and be an incongruous feature in a pleasant riverside area. The building is itself rather a poor affair with plastered walls. If Cambridge depends on such as an attraction to visitors it is surely in a poor way. The paint on the railings of the bridge has faded to a poor green overlooking the discoloured waters in the river itself. Odd cigarette signs in red and yellow and in blue and white overhang the pavement. All might be regarded as incongruous and will presumably receive attention from the Ministry which objects to small neon signs – W.W. Davidson.

1951 08 31
Some fruit growers have been getting less for their plums than the fruit was fetching 50 years ago. The processing varieties of Czars and purple Pershores have at times fetched as little as three-farthings a lb, or £8 a ton. In 1901 prices were £10. Shortage of sugar is a cause of the low price prices which will not pay for the cost of picking. Victorias are quite satisfactory at about £35 a ton. Greengages are a very light crop and fetch £60 a ton.

Streetley End fire, p7

1951 08 31 ES
Stretham
Holidays – many visitors, a number visiting relatives, those from towns … each year several of those who were evacuated have visited their war-time home
Produce Association meeting 51 08 31(2)ES

Pilot killed when Thunderjet crashes at Mildenhall – 51 08 31ES # c.26.1

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1951 09 01
"I'm going to have another half dozen birthdays at least". This is the declared intention of Mr Joseph Kester, Chesterton Hospital's Grand Old Man, who today celebrated his 104th birthday. At a party he cut his own birthday cake, drank a glass of port and said: "It tastes good, but it's not as good as beer". Sitting bolt upright in his chair and dressed in a navy suit and slippers, Joe gave the impression of a film star holding court. He was surrounded by friends and submitted happily to being photographed. Three bottles of port were included in his presents and his son, bringing in a medicine bottle with brandy in it, was told with a chuckle: "Slip it into my pocket boy".

1951 09 04
For the first time college servants of Cambridge University have taken a Transport and General Workers' Union dispute to arbitration by the Industrial Disputes Tribunal and a period has been fixed for the servants & Gonville and Caius College to negotiate and come to terms. The servants want minimum wages of £5 8s.for men & £4 1s. for women, payment for split duties and overtime, and

protection of holidays and working weeks. A Union official said: "We must not antagonise the colleges who thought the servants were kidding. We can make friends with them or we can make enemies of them for evermore" # c.32.5

1951 09 05
In common with other towns situated near American servicemen's camps, Cambridge is rapidly becoming one of the leading Black Market centres for disposal of duty-free tobacco purchased at U.S. canteens by G.I.s and subsequently sold at a handsome profit in small back-street shops and hotels, with no questions asked. This trafficking is difficult to stop and is now a well-established through unofficial "Big Business". Despite checks by security officers at Lakenheath and Mildenhall aerodromes car loads of cigarettes by the thousand are coming into the City.

1951 09 07
Tenants of 34 huts on the Donkey Common "Estate", Cambridge, are feeling anxious about their security of tenure. They regard a letter from the City Treasurer as a veiled threat for them to leave their make-shift homes. Residents say they have no bath facilities, water closets adjoin each other and are therefore not fully private, there are no doors on the bedrooms and that they suffer from dampness, mice, ants and 'many other forms of insect life'. They add: "We intend to remain here until equal or better accommodation is provided by the City Housing Committee" # c.23

Steam ploughing

1951 09 07 ES
Littleport-Shippea Hill between Mill End Road and Bulldog Bridge has 'gone to pieces' 51 09 07(2)ES

Committee to inspect disused roadside village ponds; had decided to fill in a pond at Witcham but only fence one at Coveney 51 09 07(4)ES

Adelaide fete 51 09 07ES

1951 09 08
It is hoped that the new head post office at Newmarket will be open in good time for Christmas. It will be one of the most up-to-date in the country. The immense size of the new building is the main impression from inside. The new Post Office covers three floors – basement – where there is a large cycle store, ground and first floor. The new telegraph room will bring all the latest equipment into use. It will undoubtedly be a very fine addition to the architecture of Newmarket

1951 09 08
When the pioneer of the moving film first sprang his new invention upon the world, Joseph Kester was a comparatively young man of 42. But Joe did not take any particular notice of those new-fangled moving pictures them, and even as they were developed through the next 62 years he never visited a cinema. As Joe reached his 104th birthday he saw his first film through the enterprise of the Central Cinema who organised a show especially for him at the Chesterton Hospital. He seemed quite enthusiastic about it, although because of his failing eyesight he could not quite see everything on the screen. The first thing he wanted to know after seeing the film was whether he had missed his tea.

1951 09 09 c
The name of Roy Fox will conjure up many nostalgic memories for the generation of dancers who had their hey-day in the years before the war. It was way back in 1930 when he first left America for England and now he has returned to give a new generation the pleasure of dancing to his distinctly individual style of playing. At the Rex ballroom, Cambridge, there was a packed house to hear the melodies of his Whispering Rhythm. Of the 13 members of the orchestra five are violinists – unusual for a popular dance outfit these days – and has a more pleasing effect on the ear that the rather 'brassy' arrangements which one normally hears with modern dance bands. # c.69.2

1951 09 10
Valuable equipment worth £3,000 has been lost or stolen from Bourn Airfield, now derelict except for the watchman employed by the Air Ministry contractors at present working on the site, and a few homeless families squatting in disused huts. The equipment for aerodrome petrol installations was housed in two Nissen huts. But the huts had no doors on them. "We felt that with the watchman being on the site, doors were unnecessary", said the contractors. The equipment must have been removed by lorry and might have been sold for scrap.

1951 09 11
Mr Joseph Henry Priest of Waterbeach, who died suddenly aged 73, was well-known in sporting circles. Fifty years ago he was an amateur champion cyclist and for over 40 years he has been closely identified with the Cam Sailing Club. Setting up for himself as a stationer and printseller in Bridge Street, Cambridge, he continued until the First World War when he opened up the premises as a ladies' outfitter in conjunction with Mr C.N. Mitcham. Later he took the corner premises now occupied by Messrs Peak in Fitzroy Street and carried on as 'The Quality Shop' and subsequently joined the firm of C.N. Mitcham's of Chesterton. In the heyday of amateur theatricals he was a member of the Bijou Amateurs. – 51 09 11 # c.65.5

1951 09 12
Jam jars, p5

1951 09 13
Eighty-two acres of land bordering Thornton Road, at present comprising part of the parish of Impington, may soon become annexed to Girton. During the war by a "gentleman's agreement" the land had been administered by Girton Parish Council in connection with Civil Defence administration and organisation. Local residents had frequently attended Girton Parish Council meetings but had been banned from voting. The transfer of the land would change that. Impington Parish Council has no objections.

Sherlock Holmes at St Catharine's. p8

1951 09 14
Cambridgeshire Education Committee has decided to allow schoolchildren to help in the corn harvest and the forthcoming potato harvest "as a last resort and where acute local need justifies its use". They are prepared to grant up to 10 half-days to children of 14 years of age and over. It seems likely "acute local need" will arise for the position of Cambridgeshire's harvest is now becoming serious. Most of the spring-grown barley and wheat is not yet fit for harvesting due to the six week's late drilling and the cold, wet weather of August. One disturbing feature is the increasing signs of blight in the potato crop.

1959 09 14 ES
Stretham
Tennis Club – number of young people playing tennis on Rec, a net having been kindly placed at their disposal. Cutting and marking of court by players. Was Tennis Club before war and hope to revive Stretham Evening Institute to be formed with old-time dancing, dress making and smocking classes Death Arthur Reginald Coxen, Read Street, 82; came from London 11 years ago as wife had family associations. Had been skilled scabbard-maker 51 09 14(2)ES

History of Soham being destroyed by Parish Council changing names of streets from Paddock Street to Brook Dam Lane 51 09 14ES

1951 09 15
There was general approval of a proposal to unite the parishes of Longstanton All Saints' and Longstanton St Michael at a public inquiry and the meeting also brought forth a suggestion that the

name of the village should be changed. It was suggested the combined parishes should be called "Stanton Green". There was in effect only one village and few people knew where the boundary between the parishes was located. There was one school, one post office, one police station, one village institute and one recreation ground. All these were in the parish of All Saints' whose council administered the same public service for the benefit of both parishes. If the civil parishes were united they would still be distinct ecclesiastically

Cartoon, p8

1951 09 17
There must be a great many single business and professional women living in "digs" in Cambridge who just long for a small self-contained flat or flatlet of their own. One organisation anxious to do something is the National Federation of Business Professional Women's Clubs, which has a Building Society of its own, the Probus Women's Housing Society. The Cambridge B.P. club is now considering whether to buy houses. If they do go ahead it will look out for a house suitable for conversion into flats. It is good to see this club, which has a strong social sense, trying to do something really practical for its members.

1951 09 17
The pilot of a Meteor jet fighter was killed before 3,000 to 4,000 horrified spectators following a mid-air collision with another Meteor at the Battle of Britain "open day" display at R.A.F. Station, Waterbeach. His mother was among those who saw the accident. One Meteor crashed within 200 yards of the crowd, burst into flames and exploded. The other fell on the edge of the airfield near the Cambridge-Ely road. It too burnt and exploded. The display was abandoned and the station commander said over the loudspeaker: "In view of the tragedy you have just witnessed there will be no more flying to-day. You are asked to go home as quickly as possible". c.26.1

Impington grocer's failure, p6
Police car, p7

1951 09 18
The Minister of Local Government and Planning has confirmed the principle that there shall be a green wedge between Cherry Hinton and the main mass of Cambridge development. He has revoked planning permission previously granted for housing between Cherryhinton Road and Queen Edith's Way and says this area should be reserved for some form of open development to ensure that Cherry Hinton is not engulfed in Cambridge. – 51 09 18

1951 09 18
The proprietor of a Newmarket Hotel was sentenced for permitting the premises to be used as a brothel. Police had frequently seen girls entering the hotel with Americans, on average between 10 and 20 a night. It was said they stayed there on the understanding they occupied separate rooms. The Defence lawyer said: "Every hotel keeper in this part of the world is having an extremely anxious and worrying time. Apparently the generosity of these American Servicemen to young women in the areas where they are stationed is a temptation" – 51 09 18

1951 09 19
Mitcham's fashion show, p5

1951 09 20
Advertising hoardings ban, p5

1951 09 21
Alex Wood memorial, p7

1951 09 22

Plain clothes motorists' patrols tried on the roads in Huntingdonshire are considered by the men themselves to be a waste of time. The patrols will be continued but for the most part they will be in uniform in the future. Thousands of people saw uniformed police in cars and adjusted their driving accordingly but only a few saw the plain-clothes patrols who were looking for gross driving violations. Another disadvantage of plain-clothes patrols was that the vehicles could not have wirelesses which would give them away, so they could not be got in touch with.

1951 09 22
The retirement of Mr A.V. Williams after nearly 25 years service with Messrs G.P. Hawkins means a loss of a familiar figure at the Dorothy Café. He has waited upon many celebrities, including film and radio stars Freddie Grisewood, Wilfred Pickles, Jessie Matthews, Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne and Don Bradman's Australian Cricket Team in 1938. A pre-war recollection is of Sir Oswald Mosley and William Joyce (remembered later as "Lord Haw Haw" on the German radio). On one occasion Joyce deputised as a Fascist meeting for Mosley, whom the Proctors had advised not to come to Cambridge, and the basement at the Dorothy was filled with police – just in case! – 51 09 22 # c.27.47

1951 09 24
Mr & Mrs Dennis Collins of Cambridge, who are "Uncle Dennis" and "Auntie Jean" to thousands of holiday making children have just returned from their second season at Hunstanton where they have the job of keeping the children happy so that mother and father can go off on their own. During the twelve-week season they have given their show of magic, marionettes and all the entertainments the kiddies like to 15,000 children. They are also a temporary mother and father and Jean seldom goes out shopping without a trail of children behind her.

Thriplow Farms horkey, p4

1951 09 25
Hopes of a lasting and growing fellowship of British Ex-Japanese war prisoners long after their claims for ill-treatment from the Japs have been settled were voiced at the Yatsume Club's first reunion at Cambridge. There was prolonged cheering for General Percival, the man whose ceaseless energy and drive has been largely instrumental in getting recognition in cash. He told them they could expect to receive compensation for prison hardship – about 4½d a day. Nothing could be more appropriate that that his announcement should be made in Cambridge, the county town of a regiment whose hardships in the Far East were cruel and prolonged. # c.45.7

1951 09 27
The cause of the aeroplane crash in St Mary's Street, Ely, in August when a lorry driver was killed instantly and a pilot instructor received injuries which proved fatal, will always remain a mystery. At the resumed inquest the surviving member of the Harvard training plane's crew of two could remember nothing from the time when he was asked if he would like to try some new aerobatics to regaining consciousness in the R.A.F. hospital several hours later. A verdict of misadventure was returned. 51 09 27 & a # c.26.1

1951 09 27
Woodbury Hall, Gamlingay, formerly "one of the showpieces of the district" was requisitioned for troops at the outbreak of war. "The troops did their best to demolish the place and ruin it, and before they had finished with it, it caught fire", councillors were told. The owner, Capt. Astell had applied to the Ministry of Works for £14,000 to put it in some sort of order so that he could live in it again, but they were going to allow only £4,000. It was absolutely disgusting than an officer and gentleman who did what he could for his country could not get his house back in order.

1951 09 28 ES
Ely plane crash inquest – details 51 09 28 & (2)(3)(4)ES

1951 09 29
Jobs on offer, p10

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1951 10 01
Some 80 Post Office engineers in the Cambridge Telephone area – stretching from North London to the Wash - began work today on converting 1,700 coin boxes on telephones to take 3d instead of 2d for local calls. The increased charge came into operation today when the additional charge for trunk or toll calls was also increased. Some 300 boxes are being converted in Cambridge and work will be completed in a the next few days # c.27.75

1951 10 02
Members of a new company of the Boys' Brigade were seen in their first church parade and march-past in the Newmarket Road area of Cambridge on Sunday. The company, that of Ditton Fields Free Church, is at the beginning of its career; it is hoped that by October there will be a sufficient number of recruits to justify the company being fully enrolled in the Brigade. It was augmented by the 5th Cambridge Company which has been established more than 50 years. Mr H.A. Twinn told them: "You must have discipline if you are to do anything at all". Some boys' organisations had been compared with Hitler's youth movement but their members were trained in a helpful and Christian way of life, he said # c.37.9

1951 10 03
Phone box conversion, p7

1951 10 05
Cambridge Education committee made a strong attack on the planning ministry for flouting their wish to build a new secondary school at Wort's Causeway. The government had given permission to the governors of St Thomas' Hospital to develop land between Queen Edith's Way and Wort's Causeway as a housing estate. They hoped they would not put a school on the Ventress Farm site which was "a bad site and a bad position" & urged that action be taken to "rectify this bureaucratic injustice"

1951 10 05
The manager of the Kinema, Mill Road, Cambridge was convicted for his part in conspiracies involving nine tons of rationed foodstuffs without the surrender of necessary permits and coupons in contravention of the Defence Regulations 1939. It involved more than 1½ tons of margarine worth about £190; six tons of sugar worth £360 and 1½ tons of butter valued at £300. He was sent to prison for six months. – 51 10 05

1951 10 06
Trinity College has had the heraldic shields over the Great Gate repainted and the statue of King Henry VIII has at last been furnished with a proper sceptre. This has taken the place of the common or garden chair leg that has for years been fixed in the right hand of the effigy. When a similar redecoration was carried out between the two world wars the chair leg was regilded and solemnly replaced. Now a wrong has been righted and King Henry is no longer the custodian of the remains of a piece of kitchen furniture!

1951 10 08
Many in need of houses in the Chesterton Rural District are unable to afford the rent of new accommodation, despite the fact that the amount asked is less than the true economic rent. When new housing is being planned it should be related to the needs of the community and include suitable accommodation for all groups, particularly the aged, for whom small bungalows are often advisable. The true economic rent of an average post-war three-bedroomed house is £1.1s.11d (£1.10) plus 5s.6d

(28p) rates. The rent usually charged is £1. Post-war dwellings completed include 50 pre-fab bungalows and 219 hut conversions. But there are still 1,705 applications on the housing list.

1951 10 09
Two hours before the Prime Minister, Clement Atlee, was due to address a meeting in the Cambridge Guildhall a queue which ultimately wound round the whole of the building had begun to form. By the time the meeting opened about 1,250 people were crowded inside. Some 1,500 more packed into the Corn Exchange to hear a relay of his speech. Others stood in the streets listening to a further broadcast of it. A large crowd gave cheers mingled with a few boos as he drove away at the end with Mrs Attlee at the wheel and a Special Branch detective in the back.

Motor cycle racing, p9

1951 10 10 c
What had been suspected to be the shaft left by an unexploded bomb in the quarries of the Norman Cement Works has now turned out to be nothing more dangerous than an ancient well. The shaft was discovered by Mr H. Covill when the 140-ton excavator he was driving cut across it. The quarry foreman, Mr W. Chandler ordered work to cease: "I didn't want to take any chances with all that expensive machinery", he said. Portsmouth Bomb Disposal squad located the end of the shaft some 50 feet below the surface of the ground. At the bottom were a few fragments of ancient pottery.

1951 10 10
Bottisham Small-Bore Rifle Club held its outdoor shoot on the new outdoor range at Swaffham Bulbeck. A great deal of work was entailed in the preparation of the site and gratitude was expressed to Mr Stevens for the use of his land for the range, and to the police and military authorities for their help and prompt issuing of the necessary permits. The warden of Bottisham Village College has given every encouragement to the patriotic recreation of small-bore rifle shooting.

Madingley Hall, p7

1951 10 11
The "desperate need" for more caravans within easy reach of Cambridge is featured in the annual report of Chesterton Medical Officer of Health. "Although there still remains a good deal of prejudice to this form of dwelling, it is often preferable to other forms of temporary accommodation. Local authorities should consider the provision of sites themselves, possibly on surplus housing sites, in order to assist this now considerable section of the population who are endeavouring to help themselves. The increasing control exercised by the Planning Authority renders it difficult to secure acceptable sites and a more liberal approach would be welcomed, pending the solution to the housing problem", he says.

1951 10 12 ES
Ely Castlehyde house shaken by the Gasworks whose plant vibrated his property 51 10 12ES

1951 10 13
St Ives council heard complaints of "lavish" expenditure by Huntingdonshire County Council. Today the average rate was higher than any other county in England, except one. Young men would leave the county and retired people who once settled in Hunts because of its low rates would no longer come there. During the current year county council salaries have increased by over £30,000 and the wages bill is now £100 more each working day than it was a year ago. For some years Huntingdonshire has been spending more lavishly on administration than other counties and unless drastic economies are put in place the county will find itself in a very serious position.

Trustee Savings Bank branch, p9 # c.32.8

1951 10 15

A memorial service for the late Mr W.H. Balgarnie, former Classics Master at the Leys School, Cambridge, was held in the school chapel. He once had for a pupil the author James Hilton, who years afterwards drew upon his memories of Mr Balgarnie for his famous character "Mr Chips". He joined the staff in 1900 as a Senior Classics Master, a position he held until he retired – for the first time – in July 1929. Almost immediately he was recalled to act as Deputy Headmaster for a year. Again he retired but when in 1940 the School moved to Pitlochry he came out of retirement and for five years was form master of the Classical Sixth. In July 1950 he left Cambridge for a summer holiday and never returned. He died on July 15th. # c.36.5

Gillian Edwards novel, p5

1951 10 16
Mill Road TSB, p7

1951 10 17
Hold-up in museum, p7

1951 10 19 ES
Stretham Village Produce Association successful autumn show 51 10 19 & (2)ES

1951 10 20
Librarians salaries, p6
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Retirement engine driver, p7

1951 10 22
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1951 10 23
Building veterans, p7
Braden at New Theatre, p9
Freshmen recruited, p10

1951 10 25
Poll in county, p7
River Mel, p7

1951 10 26
Conservatives retained Cambridge City and Cambridgeshire with increased majorities. In the city Mr Hamilton Kerr had a majority of 5,677 over the Labour candidate, Mr A.L. Symonds while Miss F.L. Joseph for the Liberals polled 3,257 votes and lost her deposit. Mr Kerr later invited his opponents to lunch with him at the House of Commons. In Cambridgeshire Gerald Howard beat H.D. Walston (Labour) by 3,537. Mr Walston said "I am pleased to have got the largest Labour vote Cambridgeshire has ever had". Elsewhere Major E.A. Legge-Bourke (Isle of Ely), D.L.M Renton (Hunts) and R.A. Butler (Saffron Walden), retained their seats

1951 10 26 c
Last night saw the first Youth Conservative function under a post-war Conservative Government when Cambridgeshire Young Conservatives and their friends met at the Dorothy Ballroom for a long-awaited "Victory Ball". Visitors came from as far as March and Peterborough to join in the fun. Dancing was to Reg Cottage and one novelty dance was the political elimination; the first party out was Labour and the winners were "Conservative". Miss E. Plummer (Teversham) won a biscuit barrel with her lucky admission ticket. Other prices included a basket of fruit, a tray of sweets, a basket of apples, and nylons.

1951 10 27
There were no deaths resulting from childbirth in Chesterton Rural District last year, nor any cases of diphtheria or of para-typhoid. However there were 57 cases of scarlet fever, 76 of measles & 81 of whooping cough, while three cases of dysentery occurred in a large mental hospital. Deaths included 58 from cancer, six from influenza and two under two-year-olds died from diarrhoea. According to the rate books there are 11,271 inhabited houses in the district.
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1951 10 29
Air Ministry proposals to use the Stella Maris nursing home to accommodate members of an Inter-Services course learning Russian at the University was described as a "scandal". It was admirably equipped for use as a hospital, has accommodation for 40 patients, two completely equipped operating theatres and could relieve the 2,000-strong waiting list at Addenbrooke's Hospital. A proposal by the Ministry to acquire the Heritage guest house in Silver Street and 9, Newnham Terrace, Cambridge, had not gone through after college freeholders had 'dug their heels in'.

1951 10 31
From the hall of the Y.M.C.A. at Alexandra Street, Cambridge a distinguished company launched an appeal for funds. The speaker said that the lonely searchlight batteries during the war were visited by the Y.M.C.A. vans three times a week. They brought the little things the soldiers liked, tea, buns, cigarettes and papers. And the ladies of the 'Y.M.' took back letters for the troops and even wrote them for soldiers who were illiterate. The Cambridge building was completed in 1871 and had a moral affect on the thousands of young people who have been through the rooms and shared the facilities.

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1951 11 01
Minutes and correspondence of the Histon and Impington Invasion Committee 1940-1945 are now among documents in the Cambridgeshire county archives. Also deposited are the minutes of the Lord Lieutenant's Central Emergency Committee 1914-1918. The archivist, Capt Bales says: "I feel sure there are many such documents in different villages and I fear the results of a fresh salvage drive". He asks for increased storage accommodation as the Muniment Room is very crowded and the documents are scattered in various rooms of the Shire Hall and Law Courts. # c.43

1951 11 01
The golden jubilee of the Gog Magog Golf Club was celebrated with a dinner at the Dorothy Café. Guest of honour was Mr Bernard Darwin, the famous authority on the game who was an early member of the club when an undergraduate at Trinity College. Recalling his early golfing days he mentioned some of the local courses, including one on Coldham's Common, one at Coton and another "somewhere near the Grange Road". The Gogs club was founded for the recreation of the senior members of the University and the first rules provided that the number of undergraduates permitted to play should not interfere with the convenience and enjoyment of the senior members of the University. # c.38 : golf

1951 11 01
Over a hundred people assembled at Myers Memorial Hall, Cambridge to hear Mr Ernest Thompson lecture on "Electronic Communication with the Spirit World" and to witness a demonstration of the new super-ray apparatus which produced some astonishing results. Four people were seated round a suspended tube which was connected to the apparatus. Three of them definitely went into a state of trance. Mr Thompson altered the action of the rays by pressing some levers with the result that those in the trance state showed remarkable changes in their behaviour

1951 11 02
Jets collide, Waterbeach, p6 # c.26.1

1951 11 02 ES

Stacking and thatching high standard of work in competition; third prize awarded to H. Creek, stacker for P. Hazel, Tile House Farm, Stretham 51 11 02(5)ES

Haddenham new vicar, Rev L.J. Stanford 51 11 02ES

1951 11 03
D.J. Unwin model, p6

1951 10 05
Members of the Cambridge '50 Car Club celebrated the Fifth with a firework party and social at Bedwell Hey, near Ely. It started with a torchlight procession to a vast bonfire; fireworks of all kinds producing a wide variety of noise and effect were then set off. A social in a Nissen hut included a Grand Prix competed for by ten finger-power models – competitors 'raced' by drawing along miniature cars by spooling up a thread on a pencil spun between the fingers. It was a most cheerful and amusing evening.

1951 11 05
A team of six etymologists was selected for the BBC Programme of "Say The Word" and coached with practice questions at the Houghton Hall, Cambridge. In the basement an elaborate apparatus was connected to the G.P.O to relay the programme directly to the recording chambers of the BBC. A brilliant five-minutes dissertation was provided by Dylan Thomas, the well-known poet, who was filling the role as visiting word expert. Bringing piquant Welsh humour to a funereal topic he illuminated his audience as to the origin of the phrase "Kicking the Bucket".

Hospital for sale, p7
Dylan Thomas, p8

1951 11 06
Meteor crash, Waterbeach, p8 # c.26.1
November 5th, p9

1951 11 07
A report on the provision of electricity to fruit cold stores in the Wisbech district was discussed by the Eastern Electricity Consultative Council. It was in the interest of national economy that essential food storage factories should be allowed a public supply of electricity. This was industrial development and the supply to cold stores, grain-drying plant and greenhouses used for market gardening would assist in obtaining increased production from the land.

1951 11 08
Abattoir, p5

1951 11 09
Fen hard roads, p5

1951 11 09 ES
Stretham
Sale of work and presentation to rector Cowgill who is leaving to become incumbent of a parish in the diocese of Ripon 51 11 09ES

Littleport sewerage scheme far from ready 51 11 09(3)ES

Littleport newly formed Over 60s Club official opening 51 11 09(3)ES

Collapse of the Quay wall at Waterside, Ely. East Anglian Breweries prepared to make good any part of the damage for which they were responsible. They had demolished the end section of the Maltings, adjacent to the wall, and had allowed the new sewer to be made through its foundations 51 11 09ES

1951 11 10
Undergraduate collectors set out to break all previous Poppy Day collection records. The "ban" on well-known Middle East personalities made no difference to the high degree of ingenuity shown in extracting money from an ever-willing public. A seductive harem scene on a lorry featured "the Proctor" smoking surely nothing less potent than hashish while on the Magdalene College lorry a European "twist" was given by a "Don" reclining on cushions smoking a "hookah". A collection of the weirdest Oriental gentlemen ever preceded the lorry with collecting boxes. 51 11 10

1951 11 10
A year ago Cambridge was the scene of an exciting street chase – engineered for the purposes of a film. "The Scarlet Thread". Now it is complete and will be shown at the Victoria Cinema. It has a "cops and robbers" story concerning the theft from a jeweller's shop in Sidney Street and a chase across Market Hill. This part was filmed from the top of the Victoria Cinema. The film was made by the International Realist Coy and stars Kathleen Byroa, Lawrence Harvey and Sidney Tatler # c.65.6

1951 11 12
At the annual dinner of the Cambridgeshire Battalion Home Guard Old Comrades Association reference was made to the Government's intention to reform the Home Guard. Lt-Col Dale said: "When stores and equipment have been allocated volunteers will be called for and I would ask all you 'old sweats' to sharpen up your spikes". The Mayor (Ald H.O. Langdon) said: "I do not think the Government could do better than form the Home Guard on the same basis as before. When it was disbanded we had a fine body of men capable of defeating any invasion attempt."

Felton's visit, p9

1951 11 13
Four more cases of poliomyelitis have been reported in Cambridge, bringing the total to eight. Three of the new cases are schoolchildren, the other is an adult. They have all been reported in the earliest stages of the disease. The four earlier cases are rapidly getting better

1951 11 14
A strong detachment of uniformed and plain clothed police were on duty and a proctor and two bulldogs were at the entrance at the Labour Hall, Norfolk Street, Cambridge for the visit of Mrs Monica Felton. When Dr Joseph Needham, chairman of the Britain-China Friendship Association told hecklers that the Chinese viewed the dropping of the atom bomb on Japan as encouraging racial hatred. They do not believe it would have been dropped on a European nation. Mrs Felton described her visit to Korea where a town of 126,000 people had been 'systematically destroyed' by bombing by American jets and told of atrocities "too horrible to report", including civilians being buried alive. It was their responsibility to see these horrors stop and now. – 51 11 14

Sex, p7

1951 11 15
Camera Club jubilee, p7

1951 11 16
When she bought a sheet of stamps from Miss Cora Simpson, Lady Irwin became the first person to use Newmarket's magnificent new post office – the most up-to-date in the country. The throwing open of the doors brought to an close its ten year temporary use of the King Edward VII Memorial Hall following the destruction of the old High Street building by an enemy bomb in 1941. At the ceremony a memorial plaque was dedicated to Miss Q. Kerry and Mr A.F. Barnes who were killed on

duty when it was bombed. The telegraphing room was particularly mentioned since in race weeks more telegrams were handled n Newmarket than at any other place in the region.

1951 11 16 ES
Friends of Haddenham started. To make village pleasant comma add to comfort and amenities, plant trees, provide seats and playground and prevent the placing of ugly hoardings. A pioneer movement 51 11 16(2)ES

Remembrance service includes Stretham 51 11 16(4)ES

Fen hard roads. After the Ministry of Agriculture had made an order requiring the Ouse Catchment Board to maintain the hard roads, protest was made to the Ministry about their bad condition and repairs were carried out by a local contractor. The repairs were quite inadequate and the roads were not in the proper condition to be taken over by the Board. Ask for meeting oppose wholesale taking over of the powers of the Internal Drainage Boards without very careful consideration 51 11 16(4)ES

Ely Historical Society to be formed to enable the working man, not the expert, to study local history at first-hand 51 11 16 ES

1956 11 17
Civil defence plan, 94
Addenbrooke's Hospital minor operations, p9

1951 11 18 c
University "Freshmen" were amongst a crowd who gathered in the Police Station yard for a sale of unclaimed bicycles. Highest price, £5.10s. was fetched by a gents three-speed racing-tourer cycle; lowest was a lady's "upright" fitted with a child's seat which went for 7s. 6d. One cycle originally belonged to a Clare College undergraduate but was stolen. It was traced to an army camp at St Neots and returned. Later it was lost again and abandoned at Garret Hostel Bridge. This time the frame was broken and the owner declined to claim it. It sold for 30s.

1951 11 20
Agriculture has suffered a severe loss in the passing of Mr Samuel Owen Webb at his home at Streetley Hall, West Wickham. He was grandson of Jonas Webb to whom a statue was erected in the Corn Exchange. He was the founder and first president of the Cambridgeshire Farmers' Federation. In the 1914-18 was he was appointed chairman of the War Agricultural Committee and again during the second war. A keen showman he helped re-form the Cambs Agricultural Society which became one of the largest shows in the country

1951 11 20
A further 18 Cambridge firemen were suspended after refusing to obey orders to carry out routine maintenance. They stood outside the station in case there were any fire calls or other emergencies. The men are demonstrating in an attempt to get equal pay with the police force. At present they get 7s.6d. a week less than a policewoman and 35s. less than a policeman, receiving 1s 8½d per hour for an 80-hour week

1951 11 21
There is an air of excitement at the Perse School for Girls as their new hall is growing day-by-day in the school grounds to replace the ramshackled wooden building – two Army huts knocked into one – which has served the school since 1918. The Headmistress, Miss M.A. Scott says that many responsible for the building have family connections. It will not only be a place for morning assembly and prayers but will be used for various lessons & for recreation during the dinner hour The school is working hard to help pay for it and girls are doing all sorts of odd jobs, including running errands, baby sitting, darning socks and stockings, washing up and saving bus fares by walking to school. # c.36.5

1951 11 22
Multiple careers, p4

1951 11 23
Traffic tribunal

1951 11 23 ES
Doddington rectory maybe used to accommodate school teachers or a house for the headmaster 51 11 23(2)ES

Stretham Cemetery war memorial plaque dedication to be postponed due to torrential rain. But a crowd assembled at the cemetery at the advertised time so a short service conducted and the plaque unveiled 51 11 23(4)ES

Soham plans for development include bypass and separation of Downfields into a community of its own. Consider roads and railways, Soham was a one road town and that road was heavily trafficked. Need a bypass to the east which should form the limit of development 51 11 23ES &(2)

1951 11 24
Foxton station became a film set on Friday afternoon and the 2.08 pm Cambridge to London express was the chief "prop". Instead of making its usual straight through run the train stopped at the station so that a scene could be shot for a documentary film being made for the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. It tells the story of a young apprentice officer in the Merchant Navy and his life on an oil tanker. Taking the role is Roger Stokes of Foxton Hall who is actually an apprentice officer, and the scene shows him saying farewell to his parents as he leaves for London. The film will be presented in connection with recruiting drives.

Alex Wood, p9
Foxton station film set, p10

1951 11 26
Fines totalling £20 were imposed upon a woman stallholder summoned for overcharging for nylons. She sold a pair of fully fashioned nylon hose stamped with the words "15 dernier" at 17s.11d, a price exceeding the maximum retail price, at Midsummer Fair, Cambridge. A housewife said she paid 10s 11d for a pair of nylons and had been told they were not perfect – one being longer than the other. When she got home she found they were both laddered. She exchanged them for another pair, which cost an additional 7s and these also had ladders in them. The nylon quality was good but she did not like paying 17s.11d for them and she made a complaint to the Price Regulation Committee

1951 11 27
Problems likely to arise in the Eastern Region if three atom bombs were dropped in London were discussed at a conference. It was presumed that all reception areas used for evacuees from London were full and that the homeless and a number of panic-stricken evacuees were heading this way. Representatives examined how Essex and Herts would deal with the control, accommodation, feeding & transport problems. It was explained that while this was taking place certain other large towns in the region were being subjected to bombing with heavy explosives and incendiaries. # c.45.8

1951 11 27
The Bishop of Ely gave encouraging news that the Diocesan Finance Board was going to make every effort to attain a minimum stipend of £500 for clergy, after deduction of dilapidation charge & rates on the parsonage house. But, Dr Wynn warned, success would depend very largely on the way in which the parishes respond to the increased quota next year. "Unfortunately, the stipends of the clergy are not the only financial problems that we have to face", he said.

Addenbrooke's Hospital / Stella Maris, p4

1951 11 28
An army "Z" Reserve man who refused to undergo a medical examination, refused to pay two £5 fines at Cambridge court and was sent to prison for one month. He had been in the Royal Engineers and was one of a group of men who could be recalled for training. But he told magistrates: "I am not going to serve in the army again under any circumstances whatever. If I am called up next year or any other year I shall still do the same thing again"

1951 11 29
It was an affair of honour, to be settled with pistols, that drew a crowd of spectators to Trinity Backs. It arose when a letter written by a third-year Trinity undergraduate to a Girton College law student was intercepted by another Trinity man and the challenge was issued. Half of London's national newspapers got wind of the duel and two reporters laid an all-night siege to the contestants' rooms. Early this morning the protagonists slipped through the cordon of pressmen who waited for the duellists to appear. Trinity Bridge the crowd drifted away until all that were left were the newsreel cameraman taking shots of their journalistic colleagues waiting for the duel that did not take place. – 51 11 29

Duxford church lead, p6

1951 11 30
Duel hoax, p7

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1951 12 01
Addenbrooke's Hospital ward full cartoon, p8

1951 12 03
"A fine and magnificent home" was how Glanely Rest, Exning, was described when Mr G. Gibson opened it as a home for old people – a "stately home" in a country park he had presented outright in memory of his uncle, Lord Glanely, to give comfort to old people "in the evening of their years". "Its beautiful" commented one resident, Mr David Palethorpe, a Newmarket sportsman of over 80 who is in the same room as Major F. Bird. He stores his belongings in his own cupboard and has the books he loves around him. The room is brightly decorated with warm, gay curtains and a window that looks out on to the spacious park. Caring for them is the matron, Mrs Rachel Agnes Byrne and the residents know they will enjoy peace and security in a delightful country house that is a real home. – 51 12 03

1951 12 04
Suggestions that isolation hospitals should be used to accommodate chronic sick cases were put forward at a Hospital meeting at Ely. The White House, Eaton Socon, was to be closed next March & some of the chronic sick cases there came from Kent whose own institutions had been destroyed in the war. In this region we were short of beds for the elderly. The situation was really pathetic. Three people had applied to the maternity hospital to see if accommodation could be provided for their elderly relatives. It would be better if isolation hospitals could take some of the old people. But if there is an epidemic what are we going to do if these hospitals are full of other cases?

1951 12 04
Cambridge city council has opposed a suggestion by the Ministry of Transport that the number of pedestrian crossings should be considerably reduced. They heard the Divisional Engineer was prepared to authorise 25 uncontrolled crossings and reconsider another six used by school children, but he was unable to agree with the retention of 14 others. Protests have been received from the Cambridge Accident |prevention Council, the National Council of Woman and the Morley Infants' & Junior Schools Parents' Association. Councillors agreed to appoint a deputation to meet the Minister.

1951 12 05
Details of Cambridge's civil defence plan – a scheme in which there is a place now for "every man who can use a spade and every woman who can make a cup of tea" - were disclosed by the city's Civil Defence Officer at the weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club in the Dorothy Café. The most likely attack was by bombers carrying high explosive and incendiaries – an attack by no means rendered obsolete by the Atom bomb. If areas of the continental coast were occupied we would also be within rocket range. Chemical and biological warfare had to be considered including the use of a nerve gas absorbed by the skin. A network of wardens' posts would be established. "We think that by dispersal of our forces we can have some intact when they are most wanted and can bring aid to any stricken area with the least possible delay", he said # c.45.8

Sites for sirens, p10

1951 12 07
Cambridge at the moment has no legal pedestrian crossings but the Town Clerk (Mr Alan Swift) has appealed to motorists and others to observe them as before. They will become legal again when they have been striped. The question of legality had been raised during discussion of the latest position in the "battle of the crossings" – resulting from the wish of the Council to retain more crossings than the Ministry of Transport had suggested under its new policy. In view of the negotiations no crossings have yet been painted.

1951 12 07
Waterbeach R.A.F. station is the scene of a "scramble" by Meteors which is shown in the "short" film called "Wing to Wing" at the Regal Cinema. The rapid take-off – a Waterbeach speciality – makes an impressive shot. The film gives a vivid impression of present and future aircraft of the R.A.F. Its "stars" are the Canberra and Valiant jet bombers, together with the Swift jet fighter.

1951 12 07 ES
Ely Historical Society first meeting, Bishops elected President. To have monthly meetings but smaller groups can indulge in fieldwork and visits. Edward Miller author of the Abbey and Bishopric of Ely will speak at inaugural meeting 51 12 07ES

1951 12 08
Reminiscences of the First World War when the Star Brewery, Cambridge, was manned almost entirely by women were shared by Major Freeman at the celebration of the firm's diamond jubilee anniversary. When he joined in 1903 there were 30 public houses on the Newmarket Road. It had come into being in 1891; in 1935 it became a subsidiary of the Tollemache Company and recently the firm of Messrs Whitmore, in St Andrew's Hill, had been acquired. The brewery had stabling for 25 horses up to 1935 when motor transport was first introduced. It had been a great success and was now considered to be the county's "star" brewery. # c.27.41

1951 12 10
For the first time, winners of ploughing societies' matches in the county met to decide the champion ploughman. The winner was M. Bowers of Cottenham who received the Championship cup and the cup for best work in the horse ploughing class. The youngest ploughman on the field, 14-years-old G. Bailey of Willingham bowed to a more experienced man when he was placed second to J. Hammance (Sutton) in the heavy tractor class, but he did have the pleasure of beating his father, E. Bailey, into third position. E. Blunt of Cottenham was first in the light tractor class.

1951 12 10
Shock the public – and ask the Cambridge Daily News to publish photographs of road accidents as soon as they occur. Putting this suggestion to the Cambs Road Safety and Accident Prevention Council Mrs T.R. Henn declared: "We have got to use more drastic measures in road safety. We must stir the imagination of the people of this country". The chairman thought it a good idea, but the

problem is for the C.D.N. to get the photographs; would the police supply them? The Police said they didn't supply the Press and when they did take pictures they didn't take the bodies as well. Mrs Henn: A pity. No action was taken

1951 12 11
New Theatre tour

1951 12 12
Is an electric washing machine an essential in the educational development of children? The County Primary Education committee sought approval that machines should be hired from the Eastern Electricity Board at three guineas a time for the use of schools at Bassingbourn, Comberton and Swavesey. Councillors were equally divided. How many people were in an income bracket to afford a washing machine? Not many. The only way you can buy them after you have learned to use them is by the hire purchase system that people can ill-afford. It was approved on the casting vote of the chairman.

1951 12 13
Homes for aged, p5

1951 12 14ES
Littleport army cadets photo in huts on Victoria Street Littleport 51 12 14ES

1951 12 15
St John's church organ, p9

1951 12 18
Newmarket trainers are to discuss Lord Roseberry's announcement that his horse, Snap, was doped before running at Newmarket racecourse in October. It is trained only a few hundred yards from the course and did not have leave the town to run in the race; there would be a greater opportunity for dopers to get at a horse which had to go on a long journey. Some trainers were saying that the "nobbling" of Snap was done by a local gang who were able to identify the horse off the racecourse. They would like to see stronger security arrangements in Newmarket. The Jockey Club has power to warn anybody off their premises but have no control over the town. A solicitor with a large racing practice said it was very doubtful whether the administering of a drug to a racehorse was an offence against the law.

1951 12 20
Cambridge undergraduates are acting as porters at Cambridge railway station to help cope with the "very heavy" Christmas postal parcel traffic. Temporary porters are paid daily on the basis of £5 10s.6d for a 44-hour week. The Post Office staff handle all letter mails, but only deliver the parcel traffic to the station, where it is handled by rail personnel. On Sunday and Christmas day there will be certain local withdrawals and additions to passenger services and on Boxing Day there will be nine additional afternoon and evening passenger trains to London.

1951 12 21
Miss Mary Charlotte Green of Harston House has died. Aunt to the distinguished author, Graham Greene, she was well-known for her deep interest in village activities. Her main occupation was painting which she continued right up to recent weeks, the paint on some of her works being still wet. She could often be seen painting on Coe Fen, even when there was frost on the ground. She exhibited at the Royal Academy and was President of the Cambridge Drawing Society. She also published a number of poems, reminiscences and one-act plays and was a keen horticulturist. – 51 12 21

1951 12 21
If you want to give your car a present I suggest that a tune-up is just the thing. The process is known as the Redex Conversion. After Mr J. Palmer of Messrs W. Cullen of Rathmore Road, Cambridge,

had done his skilful work on my 1938 10 h.p. model petrol consumption improved by 4½ miles per gallon to 40 mpg at 30 mph, a figure I had not even contemplated would be achieved. Distance taken to accelerate from 15 to 30 mph reduced from 180 to 140 yards and top speed up the Gogs from a standing start was raised from 20 to 25 mph. The cost of conversion is in the region of £3 to £4 according to the number of cylinders.

1951 12 22
Kiddies' party, p6

1951 12 24
Please give your phone a rest on Christmas Day unless a call is really essential – and allow many Cambridge Exchange operators to have their Christmas dinners at home in peace. The Telephone Manager, Mr W.E. Dance, has made special staffing arrangements which means there will be 30 operators at the switchboard. On other days there are 130 day and 80 night operators at the controls. The normal daily number of calls dealt with is about 11,000 (quite apart from dialled calls). For those who still intend to telephone on Christmas day he offers this gentle reminder – "Sorry but we can give you no concession charges between 6 pm and 10.30 pm on those days."

1951 12 27
Some people welcomed in Christmas day at the churches; football matches in the morning also had their fair share of male spectators, probably escaping from the hurry and bustle of Christmas dinner preparations at home. But for the rest of the day Cambridge became a "ghost" city. Just before lunch-time fewer than two dozen people were counted in the city centre and during the remainder of the day the streets echoed with the sound of lone walkers. Although Boxing Day too was for some a stay-at-home day, football matches, cinemas and pantomimes drew others away from their firesides

1951 12 27
Cambridge youngsters went over to the US base at Lakenheath to meet Father Christmas – a Santa who stood six foot three inches in his boots and spoke with the composed drawl of a Missouri man. Given by U.S. soldiers of the 60th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion and the 98th Chemical Smoke Generating Company it was the party to end all parties. The morning was spent in the camp cinema where cartoons and the inevitable "Western" set the pace for the remainder of the day's activities. Then they collected their Christmas dinner a la American; that is on an all-in-one tray, in line ahead from the cafeteria. Later every child received a really marvellous gift, the value of which could be estimated in pounds rather than in shillings.

1951 12 27
Sir – I hoped Cambridge enjoyed its Christmas. I have spent Christmas in a few places, but this one which I was compelled to spend in lodgings in Cambridge has been unique. With all cafes, restaurants and hotels closed and with those public houses which were open devoid of their usual snacks and sandwiches I found it impossible to get a meal on Christmas Day. With the complete cessation of public transport it was impossible to go in search of more hospitable regions. Perhaps in the future Cambridge will conform to the standards generally offered by its counterparts elsewhere – "A stranger"

1951 12 28
During the war I was stationed for a time near a unit known as Fletcher Battery, whose heavy coast defence guns rocked the houses every time they did a practice shoot. This biographical detail was brought to my mind by hearing another Fletcher "big gun", Cyril by name, in action at the Arts Theatre; appropriately, he rocked the house too. This Fletcher is firing his comedy salvoes in "The Sleeping Beauty" in which he plays the part of the Queen, his skirts matching his rolling eyes in their voluminousness. His personality naturally dominates the show, and laughter is never far away when he is present. Miss Betty Astell plays the part of Beauty.

1951 12 28

A Cambridgeshire firm is to do a first-time-ever-in-England job shortly when one of its helicopters will lay an electric cable. Pest Control of Harston have a fleet of helicopters for agricultural spraying operations and the Midlands Electricity Board has asked for their assistance in spanning a thousand-foot-wide valley in the Malvern Hills. Similar operations have been carried out in America.

1951 12 28 ES
Stretham Parish Council, £25 still needed for war memorial plaque, meeting about sports equipment grants 51 12 28(2)ES

Haddenham school children play photo 51 12 28ES

1951 12 29
Fowl pest, p7
Station master, p9

1952 Cambridge Daily News & Ely Standard

I have copies of some of these articles dated at end

January 1952 CDN

1952 01 01
An 88-year-old woman who had been a patient at Fulbourn Hospital for 52 years collapsed on the floor of one of the wards. As a result she sustained a fracture and died from pneumonia. The sister said she had known the lady for the past ten years and had never known her to have any relatives call and see her. There were strict orders that no polish should be put on the floors. Instead the boards were scrubbed and there were very few rugs. The Coroner said: "This is one of those things which sometimes happen to old people and cannot be avoided. I think the fact that this old lady had been a patient for 52 years showed at any rate that she must have been treated with a great deal of care and attention to have reached this very old age of 88".

1952 01 01
The first Provincial 4½ hours' night T.V. service for viewers if their sets go wrong is being operated by Messrs H.W. Peak Ltd., King Street, Cambridge. To the 100 feet aerial above the firm's premises the Fire Service will tomorrow bracket a V.H.F. transmitted aerial for radio contact with their engineers. A phone call will reach an operator who will contact by radio one of the firm's two servicing engineers who will be at home with a van (and a spare T.V. set) at the ready. He will go to the caller's home. Mr John Peak said: "I feel a T.V. night service is essential, as it is mainly used for evening viewing, when it is annoying for the public to find their set has a fault and they are unable to get in touch with anybody to put it right" # c.27.82

1952 01 02
After Monday wash day it's Tuesday bucket-and-shovel day for the women of the Cambridge's Queen Street, or Dustmen's Folly as it has been re-named by the residents. Tuesday is the day when the dustcart calls to empty the conglomeration of tin cans, ashes, kitchen waste and other refuse. Every Tuesday morning as regularly as clockwork 20 housewives place 20 dustbins on the pavements for the dustmen to empty. Promptly at mid-day the dust-cart hoves in sight and the contents are emptied into the cart with a liberal application for the road as well. And 20 housewives wait for the metallic clang that is the signal for them to go into action with brushes, buckets and shovels to clear up the mess the dustmen leave behind – for the street is in a worse state than it was before they called. And so seldom is a street cleaner to be seen that to the majority of the residents he is a legendary figure, though Mrs Fry who runs a little general stores does claim to have seen the Abominable Dustman – 52 01 02

1952 01 04
An R.A.F. Meteor jet fighter crashed near Melbourn and wreckage was spread over a wide area. The pilot died on arrival at Royston Hospital after bailing out. A farm worker, Mr Stanley Wing, who was working on a stack near the crash received a fright when an engine whistled past him to bury itself in the ground nearby. Villagers in Melbourn reported that bits of the wreckage landed in the streets and on houses. There was, however, no fire. Inquest 7th p7 # c.26.1

1952 01 04ES
Ely Cathedral beetle does £20,000 more damage 52 01 04ES

1952 01 05
For Cambridge 1951 was again a "very wet year". Ald F. Dogget said the figure of 27.57 inches was well above the average. There were only 150 days without rain. It was an exceptionally wet Spring and gardeners will remember we had only six fine week-ends during that period. The heaviest fall was on August 6th and during a thunderstorm on July 30th. The longest spell of fine weather lasted

for 13 consecutive days between May 27th and June 9th. In the county Lt-Col Thornhill of Manor House, Boxworth, said it was the wettest year since 1937

1952 01 07
How to put an aerial above your roof in three not-so-easy stages. 1: call the Fire Brigade. 2: Ask the Chief Fire Officer (Mr Tom Knowles) to fire a rocket attached to a rope over a T.V. aerial crossbar. 3: Use a bow and arrow. All three methods were used in Cambridge by Mr John Peak of the King Street T.V. and furniture dealers. He wanted to bracket a V.H.F. aerial to the firm's existing aerial in connection with their T.V. night service. But the Fire brigade's turntable ladder was a foot short & the rocket missed its mark. Then an arrow from the bow of John Ridgeon (leader of the Cambridge Bowmen) went over the top. Attached to it was the rope with the new aerial which was then hauled up.

1952 01 07
Sweepings of lead carbonate oxide taken from the back of a car and compared by Scotland Yard experts with similar material found outside St Peter's church, Duxford, featured when two men were sent to prison for two years for stealing 360 lbs of lead valued at £22.10s. from the church. The rector said he had become aware of a different light from the porch. He rushed up a ladder standing nearby and found that half the lead over the porch was missing. The prosecution agreed not to proceed with a further charge of stealing lead from Ickleford church four days earlier.

1952 01 08
The secretary of the Cambridge Scientist's Anti-War Group told what would happen if an atom bomb were dropped on the city. It could be assumed that 50,000 people would be killed and the same number injured by one bomb three times as powerful as that dropped on Nagasaki. It would mean that 85 percent of the people in Cambridge would be disposed of. Addenbrooke's Hospital would disappear and every building would probably be set seriously on fire. If shelters were provided the fatal casualties could be cut down to 14,000 and perhaps only 10,000 would be injured – but how could these be dealt with by the medical facilities? – 52 01 08 # c.45.8

1952 01 08
The January sales are now in full swing and queues of bargain hunters are to be seen outside various shops. Messrs Coad opened its sale on Monday and the main demand was for all-wood lumber jackets reduced from 29s 11d (£1.50) to 14s. 11d. (75p). The first arrival at Rose's Fashion Centre sale was there at 5 a.m. and by the time the store opened there were about 100 people waiting, so many that the doors had to be closed and a few shoppers let in at a time. The biggest run was on heavily reduced taffeta dresses. At Joshua Taylor people came in from a radius of 50 miles and the first bargain hunter arrived at 4 a.m. to secure a handbag which at £2. 2s. was one-third of its original price.

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Gresham bowls wound up, p8

1952 01 10
A Cambridge man who as a war-time brigadier helped in the planning of D-Day told some of the "inside story" to Cambridge Rotarians. Mr T.R. Henn of St Catharine's college said his own part was "of the very humblest". He took part in the planning of two invasions. The first was a completely paper one in 1942 when the Powers-that-be got together a small party of some eight majors and a brigadier and told them: "Look here, chaps, we're going back on the Continent some time or other. Assume you have the men, guns, ships and aircraft and tell us what you want". Eight months later they became part of the real invasion planning staff in London. After the 'Overlord' plan had been sent off to Washington he came up to Cambridge and walked into Bowes and Bowes bookshop. He picked up a new book which contained two maps showing zones they planned to use, but by then things had gone too far. – 52 01 10 # c.45.7

1952 01 10

When a neighbour sat beside the living room fire at Abington Post Office fire ate its way through a 10-inch thick 200-years-old solid oak cross-beam supporting the floor. She saw smoke coming through the floorboards and went down and told the postmaster, Mr H.W. Jaggard. Another two inches and the beam might have snapped and the whole room would have caved in. Firemen took out the fireplace to get to the burning beam. A little longer and the whole place would have gone up.

1952 01 11
Cambridge Council agreed to include a £75,000 scheme for a sub-way approach to the railway station; thousands of people would benefit from it and it could take the place of another item on the priority list - £150,000 for a multi-deck car park. Coun H.C. Ridgeon aid it would mean a tremendous saving to traffic from Hills Road and Mill Road and prove a great advantage to the town as a whole. Ald Briggs vigorously supported the suggestion to make it a top priority and pointed to the present "nightmare congestion" to press the need.

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Middle Level Barrier bank was improved 1937-43; considerable shrinking due weight of clay and a danger of flooding; 19 miles had been strengthened by construction of counterberm and back and over 40 miles raised - scheme, p10 – 52 01 11 # c.29

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Chesterton Methodist church, p9

1952 01 14
Sir. Twenty-five years ago Magdalene College started a scheme which might have involved the widening of Magdalene Street and the removal of buildings opposite the college. But it does not now contemplate the completion of the scheme and is now strongly opposed to the widening of the street and the demolition of the buildings on the west side. The College would be strongly prejudiced if it should be divided by a street similar in character to the widened part of Bridge Street and would strongly object to such a change of character and loss of amenity in the neighbourhood – Henry Willink, Master. # c.44.6

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1952 01 18
After years of planning, working and hoping, members of Chesterton Methodist Church have at last a building of their own, a new church on the corner of Green End Road and Scotland Road, which was officially opened by Mrs Elliot Ridgeon. Now they have a light and bright building and the friendliness of the many members at the ceremony reflected joy and thankfulness at the completion of the new church. But their struggles are not yet over for they plan to build a school hall and hope one day to build a bigger church. # c.83

1952 01 18 ES
Friends of Haddenham tree planting – photo – 52 01 18ES

1952 01 19
Mrs F.A. Keynes looks back on women's work, p9 – 52 01 19

1952 01 21
The County council was told “the true story of Miss Blank”, a displaced person whose two children are being maintained at the Primrose Croft Home, at a cost to ratepayers of nearly £14 a week – and who informed the matron that there is another baby coming along. “She may have been told those homes cannot be worked economically if they are not kept full and has taken steps in that direction. She has landed in this country and kept up the supply of children to Primrose Croft. There is nothing we can do about it” they were informed.

1952 01 22
Cambridgeshire is the only county in the Eastern region, apart from the Isle of Ely, that has not opened an Old People’s Home, said Councillor Miss Boake when she urged that the adaptation of Willingham Rectory as a home be given priority. The cost would be £9,851, including £3,500 purchase price. The Isle was now building a home, while Huntingdon had three. Coun Randall said there would sooner or later have to be a sewerage scheme in Balsham; there were four open drains taking sewage at the moment. Premier Travel has offered a withdrawn, but serviceable motor coach for use as a mobile cinema to enable the Road Safety Organiser to expand his activities.

1952 01 23
Five of the crew were killed when an R.A.F. Lincoln bomber from Upwood, Huntingdonshire, crashed and caught fire at Fincham, near Downham Market. Rescuers pulled one survivor from the wreckage and took him to hospital. The bomber had been diverted to Marham and was waiting to land. It flew low over the main road from Downham Market to Swaffham, struck a tree and burst into flames after crashing. Explosions were heard and wreckage was flung over several fields. # c.26.1

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1952 01 26
The County Council considered the development of Swann’s Lime Pits, Cherry Hinton, as an armament testing range and research establishment. Coun Rackham deplored the possibility of explosions taking place at the back of the adjoining school. As well as the noise the blast runs along the ground and shakes doors and windows. People have had to replace ceilings that have been shaken down. It was suggested the company use their explosives on the huts up Madingley Road where they would soon clear the ground and everything would be lovely. # c.45.8

Telephone operators, p5
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1952 01 29
The CDN Radio Fund Committee discussed schemes which will give patients in Addenbrooke's Hospital the best and most complete radio installation in Britain. Every patient will have his own Pillophone giving clear and undistorted reception to him, but inaudible to others, & his own little control panel to change programmes. Another circuit could relay special gramophone records, hospital or other local concerts and events. It might also enable them to communicate with nurses. The installation will be sufficiently complete for television to be added at some later date.

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The "Radio Doctor" visited the Cambridge Divisional Food Offices. Told that the welfare orange juice was not sweet enough he said mothers should add sugar accordingly. Sometimes there was plenty of tinned milk in Cambridge and sometimes none at all; it was sent to isolated areas in the Fens where fresh milk is not available. The meat ration had been cut from 1s.5d. because shipments fell below expectation. The Minister did not intend to control the price of rabbits because experience showed that when this was done rabbits disappeared – not necessarily down their holes.

1952 01 30
Does the best food go to the colleges? Miss R.N. Small, the first woman Steward of Caius College, was asked. Most colleges like to trade with local shops and the quality had its ups and downs. The college could not afford to give poultry to undergraduates more than once a term. While Fellows could give dinner parties in their own rooms, undergraduates were only allowed the facility during May Week when she made an all-out effort to help the men who wish to impress other people. It was the custom these days for undergraduates to work off their hospitality by means of stand-up sherry parties.

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1952 02 02
There is serious trouble at Ely Cathedral. The ravages of the death watch beetle in the nave roof have just been made good but now comes the news that the beetle has been doing much more serious damage to the Cathedral's famous lantern. It is thought that restoration may cost as much as £20,000.

1952 02 02
The possibility of Cambridge librarians co-operating in the attempt to compile a union catalogue of all books in the University, City and County libraries relating to the University, City and County of Cambridge was enthusiastically received by members of the Cambridge Library Group. It would enable anyone to look for a book which was to be found in any of 25 libraries. On the whole the college libraries' catalogues of old books were not good & in two colleges the librarian had said it was useless to rely on them. # c.43 # c.77.4

1952 02 04
Employees of Messrs Chivers & Sons saw themselves on the screen – in colour – at the Arts Theatre. "The Chivers Story" tells of the work done at Histon and the film is now being shown to grocers all over the country. Principally it is concerned with jam making but the pure-bred hens and pedigree pigs, horses and cattle are not forgotten. Glimpses are given of other aspects of the Chivers organisation – the welfare side and the engineering department – and shots of a secret machine for 'de-stalking' black currants are included

1952 02 04
Nearly 1,000 college servants in Cambridge are being urged to join a trade union – and enjoy the benefits of a first-ever "College Servants' Charter" as a result of the Industrial Disputes Tribunal decision affecting more than 80 workers at Gonville and Caius college. Circulars are going out from the Transport and General Workers' Union to college employees, including bedmakers, cleaners, porters and gardeners impressing on them the importance of "getting together". Since the wage claim at Caius was first submitted individual pay has gone up in some cases by as much as £1 12.6. a week. A kitchen porter now gets £4.15s.0d. minimum, a maximum of £5. A buttery man who received £5 now gets £6.7s.6d. There has been a £1 a week increase for cooks.# c.32.5

1952 02 05

The CDN has added, for one week only, a new publication to the list of eight newspapers which it currently prints each week – an American newspaper. "Brigade Cavalcade" was produced to mark the first anniversary in the U.K. of the 32nd Antiaircraft Artillery Brigade of the U.S. Army. Its editorial offices are a battered war-time hutment overlooking the huge aircraft runway at Beck Row. After a lifetime of spelling English in an orthodox manner it was difficult for our printers to set words like honour and colour without the 'u', and the practised fingers of a linotype operator rebelled against copy which insists that programme should shed its last two letters. # c.04

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1952 02 08
With traditional pageantry Queen Elizabeth II was proclaimed from the steps of Cambridge Guildhall and inside and outside the Senate House on Friday morning. Some inkling of the news of the King's death had reached one or two people in Cambridge before the BBC announcement. As the news began to spread small groups of incredulous people stood discussing it in the streets. By mid-day Cambridge had become a city of flags. Gas Company men excavating in Park Terrace expressed their sympathy by fixing a Union Jack at half-mast from the ropes surrounding the hole they had made in the road. At Pye Ltd's factory the machinery was stopped so that all the 2,000 employees could heard the announcement over the internal loud-speaker system by Mr L.W. Jones, Words Director. – 52 02 08 # c.02

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Nation is stunned by King's sudden death – 52 02 08ES
First Fenland Amateur Skating Championship abandoned, Bury Fen – 52 02 08(2)ES

1952 02 09
Long before the arrival of the ten-coach funeral train bearing the body of King George VI, large crowds had gathered at the main vantage points along the line at Ely to pay their homage. At the station crossing hundreds of people assembled on both sides, whilst lines of traffic extended for some distance. Heads were bared as the train rolled smoothly through the station. Workmen who had given up part of their dinner hour and American servicemen were amongst the crowds. At the little village station of Waterbeach about 100 housewives, farmworkers and children gathered. A crowd of more than 800 people lined the marshalling yards on either side of Mill Road Bridge, Cambridge. The long black funeral coach, with all its windows blacked out passed exactly on time. Queen Elizabeth II gazed pensively out of a carriage window as the train passed a group of railwaymen standing caps off near Hills Road Bridge. # c.02 # c.26.2

1952 02 09
The Royal Train bearing the King's body from Wolferton to King's Cross had two local men as its crew. The driver was Mr S. Harding who first drove the Royal train when the King came down to Trinity, and the fireman Mr C. Pearman from Weston Colville. Also on the train, as fitter, was Mr W.H. Simmons of Kelvin Close, Cambridge. Another local link is that the stationmaster at Wolferton, Mr Bernard Hodge, was formerly in charge of Whittlesford Station. At Cambridge South signal box The Welbeck Abbey, a Sandringham class engine, spick and span in polished olive green, was one of three trains standing by on the route in case of breakdown on the journey # c.26.2 # c.02

1952 02 09
There are happy memories of King George VI's undergraduate days at Trinity College, Cambridge in 1919-20 when with his brother he sojourned at "Southacre" in Latham Road. In 1922 he unveiled the war memorial in Hills Road and attended the Royal Show at Trumpington & in 1932 he opened the

new wing for children and private patients at Addenbrooke's Hospital. His last visit was last year when he attended the Service of Thanksgiving at King's College. – 52 02 09 # c.02

1952 02 11
As the King's funeral procession was winding its slow way through London's streets, hundreds of Cambridge people at similar services in the city joined in Britain's mourning for her late Sovereign. City and County combined at Great St Mary's church where a separate University service was held later. About a thousand people filled the church. Most of the men wore black ties. The scarlet robes of City aldermen provided the one touch of colour; even the gilt of the maces was subdued by a draping of black. The service was relayed to an overflow gathering in the Guildhall. A crowd of some 300 people gathered on the Market Place for the two minute's silence. As the maroon exploded men removed their hats and heads were lowered. # c.02

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1952 02 13
The first man to drive a bus from Cambridge station to Chesterton has died at Peterborough. He was Mr T. Aldham who had been employed by the old Ortona Company where he rose from the ranks to be a senior driver and subsequently traffic foreman. Shortly after the Eastern Counties Company took over in 1932 he transferred to Peterborough. At the funeral Mr A. Darby represented Mr J.B. Walford, the original owner of Ortona and there were several of his old colleagues including Messrs R. Peat, A. January, W. Harding and H. Bullock

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Polish alien befriended by Willinham family; drove Americans in borrowed car – 52 02 13

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The nation acclaims Queen Elizabeth II; the King's last journey to London – 52 02 15ES
St German's fourth pump opened for inspection – 52 02 15(2)ES
Death of Ald Heber G. Martin, Littleport, dairy farmer – 52 02 15(4)ES

1952 02 16
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King's funeral - Ely Cathedral service, - 52 03 16

1952 02 18
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1952 02 19
The music of the Quadrills, Gay Gordons and Dream Saunters echoed from the Guildhall when the Cambridge branch of the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association held their second annual ball. Host and hostess were Mr & Mrs V. Brown & 300 people enjoyed a night of old-time dancing. At the

end of the evening the limbless men present mounted the platform and the entire company sang "God Save the Queen" in honour of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II

1952 02 20
Peter Cook escape – recaptured, p6

1952 02 21
Sixteen patients were moved to safety when fire broke out in the nurses' quarters at the Evelyn Nursing Homes, Trumpington Road, Cambridge. One of them was 102 years old. The Fire Brigade tackled "the biggest job for a long time" and brought the fire under control. Chief Fire Officer, Mr Tom Knowles, paid a tribute to the conduct of the nurses: "They were cool, calm and collected and completely unflurried; they might just have been making a cup of tea", he said. # c.34.74 # c.21.4

H.C. Greene will, p7

1952 02 22 ES
County pays homage to late King; 2,000 at Cathedral service – 52 02 22(2)ES

Wilburton Harry Sharp bell-ringer for 60 years – 52 02 22ES

1952 02 23
An appeal for information about the visit of the famous American dwarf known as General Tom Thumb had brought a number of letters. Mr A.E. Reeve recalls that during his visit in March 1846 he was shown in the morning for half a crown for members of the University and in the evening for one shilling for townsmen. But the undergraduates ignored the morning opening and crowded out the 'townies' during the evening show. A town and gown row followed. Mr E. Saville Peck has lent one of Tom Thumb's visiting cards that he found amongst his old papers belonging to his mother who went to see him at the Town Hall

1952 02 23
The first BBC television play to be directed by a Cambridge-born man was seen on Thursday. It was "The Prisoner", a new play by Andrew Cruickshank, produced by Ian Atkins and directed by Julian Amyes who is an Old Persean and brother of Mr S.J. Amyes, news editor of the CDN. He began his professional stage career after leaving the University in 1939 & was President of the University Mummers in 1938-39

Parking controls, p6

1952 02 25
Three American Servicemen had narrow escapes from serious injury when the jeep in which they were travelling from Lakenheath crashed into the wall of the Old Mill House opposite the Bull Hotel at Barton Mills last night. The house, however, did not come off so well. The occupier, Squadron-Leader T.H. Sproule said: "The jeep ploughed straight into the room, taking the wall with it". In the winter of 1947 a heavy lorry skidded on the same part of the road and crashed into the house with the same disastrous result.

Six Mile Bottom robbery, p6

1952 02 26
Veterans of the Boer War will meet in London to mark the anniversary of the relief of Ladysmith. It was on that night that the last really big bonfire was started on Cambridge Market Square. Old horse buses, "growlers" filled with tar and straw, market stalls – all went to feed those triumphant flames whose heat cracked every window in the Market Square. The number of Boer War Veterans in Cambridge is now very small. The doyen of them all, Capt. A.E. Longley, now in his 82nd year, will have only one Cambridge comrade – Mr J. Collings – at the reunion.

1952 02 27
The "Homewash Laundry" in Abbey Street, Cambridge, was almost completely destroyed by a disastrous fire in the early hours of yesterday morning, but already plans are being prepared to rebuild the premises. Mrs Kathleen Morgan, proprietress, has received so many offers of help from other laundries that the normal run of business is being carried out. Salvage workers today reported that a proportion of the laundry on the premises has been saved. This includes sheets, handkerchiefs, socks and all the stiff dress shirts and collars. # c.34.75

1952 02 29 ES
Clergymen without living wage – report – 52 02 29ES

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1952 03 01
Councillor Stewart Todd Bull has been nominated as the next mayor of Cambridge. He is the owner of the well-known firm of dairy farmers, Messrs J.M. Bull & son. When Cambridge was attacked by enemy aircraft in 1941 he was amongst those in Hills Road who were bombed out. He is a man endued with the spirit of public service and after helping to look after the affairs of the city he frequently climbs Castle Hill to keep a watchful eye on the County Council.

1952 03 01
Complaints that disturbances outside the Rex Ballroom at night were driving some of the local residents "absolutely crazy" were made at the renewal of its licence. A resident said: "The Rex seems to attract a peculiar type of people who don't seem to be able to go away without causing complete bedlam to everybody in the district". The proprietor said "The University Proctors visit on Tuesday and Saturday evenings; they always look in, look around and say we run the place very satisfactorily. He was in touch with the Provost Marshalls of the R.A.F. and U.S. Army. He had asked for policemen to be on duty but was always told they did not have enough.

1952 03 05
The Minister of Housing and Local Government has dismissed the first appeal to be made against a decision of the County Planning Department on a building elevation. It relates to the de Freville Arms public house at Gt Shelford where the applicants proposed adding single-storey projections on each side. The main issues were the design of the roof & central door and the removal of bay windows.

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1952 03 06
Magistrates were told that police had visited a Cambridge cinema while a category 'A' film was being shown and found a total of 42 children in the first five rows who were unaccompanied by adults. The average age was 12 and there was one child about six. The manager said it was a difficult business to keep them out. The children were undoubtedly there but when they had paid to go in they were accompanied by a person over 16. He was fined £15 and told if there were further cases the licence would be withdrawn.

1952 03 07
In its ten years of existence the John Hilton Bureau at Cambridge has dealt with three million enquiries. Working in conjunction with a Sunday newspaper the Bureau staff, comprising 40 men and 100 women in dozens of professions deal with topics from income tax to wills made in Yugoslavia. Part of its work is to right some of the injustices of the Welfare State.

Kinema fire, p6 # c.34.75 # c.76.9

1952 03 08
Fulbourn Hospital is to make economies in the diets for patients and staff. Halibut or plaice for staff meals is to be discontinued with cod supplied in lieu and the quantity reduced from 5 oz to 4 oz per head per meal. Lunch (bread and luncheon meat, coffee or cocoa) at present supplied to all working patients will be replaced by bread and jam & dripping, when available, will be issued in lieu of jam for lunch. It meant eating food that was not so pleasant, but the nutritional values would be almost the same.

1952 03 08
Concern has been expressed at the absence of any regulation for the compulsory fitting of suppressors to electrical and other motors. Noise levels in Cambridge have gone up many times since 1939 while day and night thousands of new electrical motors and devices are being put on the market to make matters worse. More and more television and radio owners are having their programmes interfered with because of this nuisance, although it is possible to suppress this interference at the cost of only a shilling or two.

1952 03 11
Chipperfield's Circus opened on Midsummer Common, Cambridge. A whole collection of animals show their paces and tricks including polar and grizzly bears, African lions and horses, while a "cowboy round-up" brings plenty of action. It goes with a Big Bang, especially the sensational final item, by Les Raluys, in which a man and girl are shot together from a big cannon, landing in a net on the other side of the ring. If the bang doesn't take your breath away the flight of the human cannonballs will. – 52 03 11 # c.76.2

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Yugoslav journalists' visit to Cambridge – 52 03 11

1952 03 12
Following a visit to Swann's Lime Pit, Cherry Hinton, city councillors raise no objection to its continued use as a small-calibre range for armour-piercing projectiles, providing that any additional buildings are erected in the deeply-excavated position and that nothing larger than a six-pounder gun is used – so long as it is fired only in the morning & preceded by a warning. # c.45.8

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Housing production board, p10
Dean launches fund to save Ely Cathedral octagon – 52 03 12

1952 03 14
Over 4,000 people rose suddenly to their feet at Chipperfield's Circus. It was near the end when the only double cannon act in the country was taking place. The two performers had entered the cannon and been shot into the air but as they fell the safety net gave way and they hit the ground. As there was no serious injury to either performer the act will go on as usual tonight. # c.76.2

1952 03 14
The booming of a six-pounder gun in a Cherry Hinton lime pit found its echo inside the City Council chamber when some members protested against the use of Swann's pit as a Ministry of Supply small calibre range for testing armour-piercing projectiles in the middle of a built-up area. But Alderman Doggett said he had stood within three or four feet of the weapon and was not 'disturbed' – "although it was true we had our fingers in our ears. There is really very little we can do and it wouldn't be of much use objecting", he said. # c.45.8

£1.00 pa tenants, p6

1952 03 14 ES

Cathedral damage now up to £60,000 – 52 03 14ES

1952 03 15
A world-wide appeal for £60,000 has been launched to cover the cost of repairs of considerable damage caused by the Death Watch Beetle to Ely Cathedral. It was last October when renovation of the Nave roof was nearly completed that evidence of the beetle's ravages was discovered in the Octagon and Lantern. Now further examination has revealed other damage to the roofs of the beautiful Lady Chapel, Choir, belfry and transepts. In some cases to replace or strengthen honey-combed oak beams great masses of lead will have to be lifted and completely re-cast. It is expected that work will take four or five years.

1952 03 17
A home-made gun made out of pieces of wood and lead tubing lay on the table in front of a 16-year-old Polish boy as he told the Cambridge coroner how a bullet from it had killed a fellow schoolboy at the Polish Boy's College, Bottisham. The top of the bullet with a charge of 50 match-heads behind it passed through the door of a Nissen Hut, pierced the window of an adjacent hut ten yards away and hit him in the head.

1952 03 17
A thin shaft of sunlight momentarily falling upon the heads of choirboys and the robed clergy coincided with a solemn act of dedication and remembrance at Great St Mary's church, Cambridge, at the unveiling of a tablet bearing the names of six men of the parish who fell in World War II. Furnishings in St Andrew's chapel were also dedicated as a memorial by the Bishop of Ely.- 52 03 17 # c.62

1952 03 19
A Cambridge man appeared in court as a result of a wheel coming off a car while rounding the Clock Tower in Newmarket. Shopkeeper William Shepherd said that it shot through his glass shop door and came to rest by the counter. The driver told him he would pay the costs of about £2.6s.0d. A garage fitter who examined the car said he thought the wheel had been "running loose" for some time. The driver said the car had just been overhauled and he had driven from Cromer. The case was dismissed.

1952 03 19
St Andrew's church, Cherry Hinton, has raised £1,700 to remedy the ravages of the death-watch beetle in their old timbers. The roof tiles have been stripped and the belfry floor renewed. Plans are being prepared for a new Parish Hall on the Mowbray Road site, a portion of which would be used as a church. Mr F. Linsey has retired from the position of organist and choirmaster after 18 years. # c.83

Caravan site, p6

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Tv reception, p7

1952 03 21
Claude Hulbert, the loveable comedian, heads the cast at the Arts Theatre, Cambridge in his brother, Jack's production of the famous farce, "Nothing but the Truth", which ran for 578 performances in London. The Hulberts have many associations with the area. Sons of an Ely doctor both came to Caius College and were enthusiastic members of the Footlights Dramatic Club. Jack appeared at the Arts in "The Hulbert Follies" with his famous wife, Cicely Courtneidge, in July 1941, while Claude had a notable success in "Worth a Million" when he co-starred with Edmund Gwen and Ruby Miller. – 52 03 21

1952 03 21
Joe Kester has died at Chesterton Hospital at the age of 104. On his last birthday he was surrounded by five generations of his family. He was born at Kingston in 1847 but moved to Hardwick as a baby

and lived there for 98 years. He remembered when his mother could take a shopping bag the size of a pillowcase to the shops and get it filled for 3s. (15p). He was six when he started work, tending the geese, chickens and turkeys and earned 6d a week. He had only candles for lighting and a tinderbox to light them with. Joe enjoyed a half-pint of beer a day & used to say: "I lived well, worked hard and had plenty of ale and fresh air. Hard work never hurt anybody" – 52 03 21

1952 03 21 ES
Proclamation of Queen Elizabeth II at Ely – 52 03 21ES

Ouse Catchment Board schemes for river maintenance – 52 03 21(3)ES

Luck of Sallowby review – 52 03 21(3)ES

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1952 03 26
"King-pin of the Cambridgeshire Beekeepers Association", Mr David Moore, known to many as "Uncle David", has just retired as secretary after 16 years. He had built up the membership from 100 to 648 in ten years though his whole-hearted devotion and enthusiasm and an intensive programme of personal calls on beekeepers all over the county. He started a Queen Breeding Station and arranged participation in honey shows and the formation of the East Anglian Federation.

Fulbourn Hospital ward, p4
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1952 03 27
When Chesterton RDC acquired land to erect 2,000 council houses in "necklace villages" in order to accommodate the "over-spilled" population of Cambridge they should obtain sufficient land to allow for private building as well, said a councillor. Council houses were subsidised to the extent of £35 12s. and building private houses would ease the financial burden. The sewerage of the parishes of Milton and Great and Little Shelford was already in and they should be the first villages to be developed. Fulbourn, Stapleford, Harston, Barton and Coton were also on the priority list.

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Self-built houses, p9

1952 03 28 ES
Effort to save pilot in blazing plane Waldersea – 51 03 28ES

1952 03 29
Damage estimated at £4,000 was caused by a fire at Cottenham when a building belonging to Messrs Cavender and Clark was completely gutted by flames fanned by a gale force wind. Part of the Granta Works the building contained machinery and wood used in the manufacture of the firm's principal products, collapsible canoes. A large export programme is carried out by the firm and this will

inevitably be curtailed. Now work previously carried out by machine will have to be continued by hand.

Record day for marriages, p1

1952 03 31
Burrough Green was still cut off by snow this morning and has been without milk since Saturday. The driving wind which accompanied the snow have created huge drifts around the village. Speaking by phone from the Post Office Mrs Walsh said: "We are completely snowed up. They tell us we shall be lucky if the road is cleared by this evening". The heavy snow has piled up on the rooftops and percolated beneath the tiles, causing considerable discomfort. Tiles have been ripped off roofs and people have been forced to move their beds downstairs. Everyone was busy shovelling snow.

1952 03 31
Meadlowland Methodists in Cambridge revealed a venturesome spirit when, in driving snow, they dedicated the site of the proposed new church and offices. The simple service was conducted in the East Barnwell Community Centre & Coun Herbert Finbow cut the first turf. Mr Henry Hughes, the architect, explained a model of the new building which will present an impressive aspect when viewed from Newmarket Road. Finance will come in part from the sale of the Tabernacle Church.
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1952 04 01
Burrough Green, cut off by the blizzard of the week-end, was relieved when Council workmen carved a one-way traffic line through the eight and ten-foot drifts on the main Dullingham Road. One of the first people in the village was the milkman bring the first supply of fresh milk since Saturday morning. Thirty-three snow ploughs have been called into action to assist 27 villages in the Newmarket area. Five passengers who were stranded when an Eastern Counties bus was abandoned at Wickhambrook were put up for the night by people in nearby cottages and did not get back to their homes at Burwell until the afternoon. Then they had to walk over drifts that were often 10 to 12 feet high.

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Addenbrooke's Hospital, p6

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Hundred Houses Sociaty, p10

1952 04 03
Cancer cure, p6

1952 04 04
The Jockey Club objected to part of the Newmarket training grounds known as Southfields Gallops and The Flat being zoned as a Service airfield on the Development Plan. They were a quarter of the whole of the ground available for trainers. Part of the training grounds was requisitioned during the war & the stands on the racecourse were de-requisitioned in 1945. It was extraordinary that the powers-that-be should still regard it as a Service airfield.

Peter Cook case, p6

1952 04 05
Everyone in Linton is talking about Arthur Starling, a retired coachbuilder who lives alone in a dusty, deserted-looking house in the High Street. When he collapsed and was taken to Linton Hospital

neighbours investigated his dingy living room. They found a barrel cracked and full of woodworm – and silver coins, six hundredweight of them. In another box were golden sovereigns and bank notes, some no longer legal tender, total value £4,000. Arthur has recovered and gone home but his money was handed over for safe deposit in one of the village's "Fridays only" banks. Meanwhile his shop still looks deserted and gaunt; the front door has not been opened for years and the windows are so dirty they may have been made of opaque glass. – 52 04 05

1952 04 05
Members of the Boy Scouts' Association will unite in congratulating Mr W.A. Mackrow, Assistant County Commissioner and scoutmaster of the 12th Cambridge (Viscount Clifden's Own) Scout group on the award of the Silver Acorn in the St George's Day Honours List. He has played a prominent part in Cambridge scouting for many years and has special interest in the Sea Scouts whose well-equipped motor boat 'The Adventurer' is a well-known feature of the Cam.

1952 04 07
Townswomens Guild, p5
Ellison death, p11

1952 04 08
RAF buses, p9

1952 04 10
South Cambs councillors discussed an application for a council house from a married undergraduate with children. Coun Binney said: "Council houses are for the working people in this district, not for those coming up to the University as undergraduates. It does seem not quite up to the line when we have so many people earning £5 and £6 a week urgently in need of accommodation".

1952 04 11 ES
County Library opened at Littleport: a valuable amenity – photo – 52 04 11ES

1952 04 12
Cambridge received a pleasant surprise on Good Friday. On ground where snow lay six inches deep less than two weeks ago, several people enjoyed hours of sun bathing and many thousands spent much of the day out of doors. Churches reported that three times as many people attended its services than last Good Friday. Petrol at 4s.3d a gallon did not deter the motoring public & the Automobile Association reported a 'good flow' of traffic on the roads with about 600 cars passing through Newmarket every hour. Many cars were older pre-war models making their first trips after being laid up for the winter.

1952 04 12
There has been a spontaneous desire on the part of the farming community to perpetuate the name of the late S. Owen Webb by some form of memorial. It is felt the most practical and one that would fill a long felt need is to establish an "Owen Webb House" in Cambridge to house the offices, meeting rooms, club rooms etc essential to the County Agricultural Organisations which he served so well. An appeal has been opened and the farming community have already subscribed handsomely.

1952 04 14
Café sign, p5

1952 04 15
Robs to have eight, p9

1952 04 16
Much as we should all like to dispense with the yearly job of collecting new ration books there is no chance of this happening yet awhile. The Food Office has announced that the new ration books will

be distributed from the Corn Exchange and the Old Sorting Office in Post Office Terrace, Cambridge. Elderly people and mothers with babies are recommended to visit the Corn Exchange as it is ground floor accommodation. It is not necessary to take along identity cards on this occasion but unless your full name is entered on page four of the old book the Food Office will be unable to issue a new one

1952 04 16
Two new Western Chapels, erected at Bottisham church by Lord Fairhaven in memory of his mother, were dedicated by the Bishop of Ely. The original plan, conceived in 1939, was for an extension of the church in the form of a Lady Chapel. This was cancelled on the outbreak of war and eventually the new plan was substituted.

1952 04 16
Sir – I wonder how many Cambridge ratepayers approve of the idea of water trickling along the gutters of St Andrew's Street. It was laid in case cattle wanted a drink, which was a good idea. In 1952 however it is a bad idea because it makes the street narrower, especially when cars are parked and buses are forced close to the kerb. I saw a quart of water splashed into the lap of an infant in a small go-cart when a bus went past Stanley Woolston's shop at a smart walking pace and its mother was unable to manoeuvre out of the bus's bow wave. I'll wager she would like to see the tap turned off – O.C. Cox.

Tv star, p5
Cartoon – parking, p8

1952 04 17
Cambridge Trades Council strongly objected to the closing of Romsey Municipal Restaurant. It will deny a good mid-day meal to many old people & working class men could not afford to go into places in Cambridge and pay high prices for meals. Transport workers could not get a meal if the facility were taken away. The profit of the combined restaurants is more than enough to cover losses and as municipal restaurants are a public service and not run for profit they urged the continuation of the service in Romsey – 52 04 17 # c.27.47

1952 04 18
A rookery, recently established in the Vicarage garden at Burwell, is not likely to be long-lived. Despite well-wishers in the village wanting the birds to stay the Vicar has decided that the four newly built nests in his walnut trees must be exterminated because they are a nuisance. "But", he said "because of meddlesome busybodies who are creating unpleasantness and because I am a life member of the Cambridge University Federation for Animal Welfare it is very difficult for me to get rid of these birds". Now two men with shot-guns have been seen in the garden and one bird was killed "instantaneously". – 52 04 18

Barton Mills crash, p9

1952 04 22
A local schoolgirl's experiences in London over Easter was related to Cambridge Juvenile Court magistrates. She said that she met an American who gave her £2 and her fare to London, saying he would meet her there. She stayed two nights with a woman who was known to be an "undesirable character" and two further nights in the company of another girl whom she met. She had posed as 17, frequented the amusement arcades and snack bars and associated with several "spivvy people". She was sent to a remand home until a place could be found at an approved school.

Car stayed to dinner, p10

1952 04 23
Meteor ejector seat, p7

1952 04 24
The County council and landowners in Landbeach, Cottenham and Willingham have objected to their land being included in an internal drainage district of the Great Ouse River Board. . Cottenham was well served by ditches, drains and gravity drainage, but they were not kept in a proper state. The only way was to put them under a drainage district. But the County claimed that the additional cost of the drainage rate on their smallholdings would increase the rate throughout the whole county.

1952 04 24
Cambridgeshire National Farmers Union heard with satisfaction that the Railway Executive had agreed to operate the 5.27 p.m. Histon to Kettering goods rated soft fruit train this season. It was particularly in the interest of local strawberry growers to keep this train in operation but if it is not fully used it will not be possible to provide a similar service next year.

1952 04 26
A new type of smoke detector, developed and perfected in Switzerland, is being installed in the Fitzwilliam Museum. It will be the first building in the country to be equipped with the alarm which utilises the principles of radioactive disintegration. Museum authorities carried out tests with a pilot system installed at selected points in the building. Independent tests were also carried out by the Cavendish Laboratory. The system is unobtrusive and will not interfere with the aesthetic atmosphere of the building.

1952 04 26 c
Canon W.W. Partridge is retiring from the living of St Luke's church, Cambridge, of which he has been vicar since 1916. He was also for two years chaplain at the prison on Castle Hill, which was demolished to make way for the new Shire Hall. The vicarage, which was built in 1923, was the first house erected on the large estate which now stretches away behind his church.

1952 04 26
Two large huts have been erected on a piece of waste land at the top of Castle Street, Cambridge. They are to be an Anglo-American and Allied Services Club which is being started at the request of the American Service authorities to provide servicemen of other countries with somewhere pleasant to go when they are in Cambridge. There are two very big rooms which have been tastefully and brightly decorated and provided with old furniture renovated by the W.V.S. One will serve for games of various kinds and the other for dancing. There is to be a snack bar and that "must" for Americans, a juke box.

Addenbrooke's Hospital radio, p6

1952 04 28
It was a rather sad moment when Miss Gaskell got up to make her farewell speech as chairman at the annual meeting of the Cambridgeshire Federation of Women's Institutes. She has held office since it was first formed over 30 years ago, first as assistant secretary to Miss Ellen Briscoe, and became chairman in 1941. She also served on the National Executive for 14 years. Now having reached her three score years and ten she will be able to rest on her laurels in the satisfaction of a job well done.

Parachutists attack Mildenhall, p9, pic 29th p7

1952 04 30
Miss Lillian Bourn will be remembered for her work during the war with the American Red Cross. She was Supervisor of Hospitality at their Bull Hotel club and coped with the countless American soldiers visiting Cambridge. In fact she married one of them. The romance began when her husband, who sings, went into the Bull and asked her if she could find someone to accompany him. "I was able to do so and that's how it started", she said. Her home is now in the university town of Evanston, Illinois.

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1952 05 02
Three seasons ago Cambridge United (then Abbey United) Supporters' Club embarked on an ambitious scheme – the building of a £3,000 pavilion and clubroom with office accommodation. At first the loyal band of supporters was beset by building material difficulties and then hampered by the weather. There were scenes of great enthusiasm when the building was handed over to the football club management. It is just 40 years since the club was formed as Abbey United as the outcome of the desire to play football by a Sunday School class. "Our set-up is now really wonderful and there is no reason why the club should not go on from success to success", said Harry Habbin, chairman of the Supporters Club.

1952 05 03
The Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden opened the Anglo-U.S.A. and Allied services Club on Castle Hill, Cambridge. A year ago the city council was approached by the Women's Voluntary Service with the object of providing the site for the club. Since then much work had been done by the W.V.S. together with valuable assistance of the U.S. Air Force and the Air Ministry. The club will be open every evening during the week and, Mr Eden said, will lure out American Service men from the attractions of their camps so they could learn "what extraordinary animals the English are"

1952 05 03
A hitherto undreamed-of use for the television camera unit – to facilitate under-water research and the location of wrecks – was demonstrated at Pye's Radio works. It was this type of camera which located the submarine Affray and was manipulated from the recovery vessel H.M.S. Reclaim. At present she is being fitted with additional Pye Radio T.V. equipment and when this is completed the BBC will arrange an outside broadcast from the ship. Its visual range is far greater than that of a diver and it can operate at a greater depth. For the purposes of the demonstration the camera was set up in front of a goldfish tank owing to the high mud content of the River Cam

1952 05 05
Development plan proposals. Cambridge city council would like to see Christ's Lane opened out as a thoroughfare to be used by the omnibuses and other traffic to alleviate congestion in the City centre and provide relief for Emmanuel Street. The present country bus station at Drummer Street would then become the main stopping place for the local buses which now pick up and set down passengers in Sidney Street constricting the traffic flow. They also propose a new road on the line of Post Office Terrace to Wheeler Street. With Corn Exchange Street widened this would provide for a good circulation of traffic in the city centre. – 52 05 05

1952 05 06
Nearly 400 agricultural workers, headed by an M.P. marched with two banners flying through Cambridge city centre. They were members of the National Union of Agricultural Workers – men and women – who had come for a May Day rally. Mr Walston said we had to get as much out of the land as we possibly could simply for our national survival. The farm worker was the important factor in food production & should be compulsorily protected against the danger of toxic chemicals used on the farms. Grants be made to farmers for improving tied cottages together with loans for building new ones.

1952 05 06
More than 300 people attended the public baptism of four American Service men in the river Lark at Isleham. Although these services on the river bank are not new it is believed that this is the first time that the Americans have held one exclusively for their own men. It was 102 years to the day since the famous Baptist preacher, Spurgeon, was baptised there. The service was conducted by U.S.A.F. Lakenheath Chaplain John E. Bryden who said: "I got a real thrill out of it because Spurgeon was always one of my heroes"

1952 05 06
Members of 250 Field Squadron Royal Engineers demolished 24 trees of up to 15-feet circumference at Overmere Way Farm, Willingham. The trees were lifted bodily out of the ground. This required large charges set under the roots, many of them in water. Many trees required as many as four charges in each to ensure that the roots would be pulled out with the trunk. The farmer, Mr Granger, wanted to make two fields into one and needed the trees dividing them to be removed. He showed his appreciation by providing much-needed liquid refreshment.

1952 05 09 ES
Littleport fire at Goddard & Peake's Empire Granaries - 52 05 09ES

Ely Desert Forces annual dinner – 52 05 09(2)ES

1952 05 10
There is to be no reprieve for the Stetchworth Football Club's ground at Mill Field as the club – which this year won the Wilkin Shield – is now without a pitch. Lord Ellesmere, who owns the field, was agreeable that it should be used permanently as a recreation ground, but had to consult his tenant. But Mr J.E. Ferguson, the racehorse owner whose Airborne won the Derby, wants the field as an additional paddock and his lease has 14 years to run

1952 05 12
Nearly 100 children walked calmly out of Richmond Road Infants' School, Cambridge when fire swept the 50-foot-long school roof. The school caretaker, Mrs E.N. Mansfield said: "The children were perfectly calm and they walked out with their little coats so smartly". The headmistress (Miss W.E. Chandler) and her assistant, Miss K.E. Buck took their pupils to a nearby recreation ground while firemen tackled the blaze on the tiles. The Chief Constable, Mr B.N. Bebbington, was amongst a crowd of willing helpers who moved school furniture and equipment to safety

1952 05 15
Dominated by the money-spinning Cambridgeshire Invitation Cup competition, which gave their fans their biggest treat for years, the local Soccer season just ended has been notable in many respects. The competition, which saw Cambridge United carry off the Blue Riband of Cambs football, produced keen local rivalry and over 25,000 spectators watched the four ties played with 9,814 people at the final. It was without doubt the United's best-ever season. They finished fourth in the Eastern Counties League, won the United Counties League Cup final and reached the final of the Hunts premier Cup.

1952 05 16
The first meeting of the Cambridge Vegetarian Society was well attended. One of the objects was to interest people in the Food Reform movement and to give ocular as well as gastronomical proof that vegetarians live well without the necessity for eating the flesh of animals. A tasty and tasteful array of vegetarian dishes had been prepared. Vegetarianism was a pioneering and minority movement but was received by the Press and public with more respect than formerly

1952 05 17
Over ten years ago St Andrew's Street Baptist Church commenced work on the Ditton Fields Estate, Cambridge. A Sunday School was opened in the old Community Centre and later an Army hut was bought and re-erected on a grass verge on the estate. Now a new advance is in prospect; a splendid site at the corner of Dudley Road was made available by the Corporation and work is proceeding on the new building.

1952 05 19
The Anglo-USA and Allied Services Club on Shire Hill, Cambridge, is now open for service men and women every evening, but although they have the basic equipment and some books and games, there are a number of articles still needed to improve the amenities. Amongst these is a piano. They also

badly want a wireless set, a gramophone and records, garden furniture, a ping-pong table and a clock– a particularly the clock

1952 05 20
Known throughout Cambridge as "Lightning", 78-years-old Ernest Siggers, a former well-known local newsvendor has died. He lived the life of a recluse. The only time his neighbours in Fitzroy Street ever took any notice of him was just before he went to Linton Hospital in 1948. On that occasion he lit an explosive flu cleaner to clear the chimney of soot. It cleared the soot all right. And early cleared the flat and its contents too.

1952 05 20
When Reach fair was proclaimed by the Mayor of Cambridge (Ald. H.O. Lagdon) on Monday schoolchildren from Wicken and Upware revived the aged custom of arriving in a barge on the Reach Lode. Rigged with sails the boat had been navigated from Upware. It is many years since anyone set sail for Reach fair but some of the children say they have heard their parents talk of having made the same journey. The boat was moored in the Hythe where it formed part of the background for the proclamation by the Town Clerk of Cambridge (Mr Alan Swift)

1952 05 20
Following the discovery of three vessels of Roman origin at Snailwell, experts from the Fitzwilliam Museum have made regular visits to the new housing site on which the discoveries were made. It is now certain that the vases, which stand several feet in height, are of far greater archaeological value than was at first thought and one is the first of its kind to be discovered whole. That they were unearthed in one piece reflects great credit on the workmen who were digging a trench when the first one was discovered.

1952 05 21
Just before six o'clock this morning Mr Frank Webster was in bed in a room above his shop in Magdalene Street, Cambridge when he heard a terrific bang. A six-tonner lorry loaded with 15 tons of wheat had crashed into the shop at the corner of Northampton Street, ploughed through the wall and ended up with its front wheels where the counter used to be. It had swerved to avoid another lorry which also crashed into the shop. Between them the vehicles made the place look as if it had received a direct hit from a bomb

1952 05 22
Mr George Blows of the Cambridge Daily News Photo-engraving department gave an interesting lecture to Newmarket Camera Club on photo-engraving in line and halftone reproductions for newspapers. From the time a news photograph was taken, developed and printed and the halftone block ready for newspaper printing, a period of 1½ hours elapsed. During this time it was copied no fewer than seven times before it finally appeared in print. Drawings from bleached-out photographs, commercial art drawings by Mr G.F. Thompson and cartoons by Lewis in black and white block reproductions were also shown.

1952 05 23
Cambridge City Council received with thanks a gift from Papworth Industries of a carrying case for the Mayoral chain. Some 235 guest were present at a complimentary dinner at the Dorothy to the outgoing Mayor Ald H. O. Lagdon. He was "a tradesman, a man of humble birth" who had carried off his duties connected with the visit by the Queen as if to the manner born. There was one occasion when he had not followed the traditions of the city. He did not ride on a roundabout at Reach Fair!

1952 05 23 ES
Amateur television in Ely – 52 05 23ES

1952 05 24

The village of Impington has achieved a long awaited ambition in that it now has a vicarage. It had been discussed as long ago as 1666 but plans were made for the present building in 1937. There was little progress during the war but in 1946 the site was bought and since then the vicarage has been built. A chain of pennies was organised to clear the debt and the last two coins were handed over to the vicar by two old inhabitants – Mr R.C. Unwin who has been verger for 18 years and Mrs C. Peck who came to Impington as a young girl.

1952 05 26
Biscuits have come to Newmarket to stay. For the last month Meredith and Drew Ltd, the world-famous biscuit makers, have been finding their feet in what used to be the old flax factory in the Fordham Road. They have already started production and have ambitious plans for the future. Ultimately they hope to concentrate their entire chocolate wafer biscuit production at the factory which will be as modern and hygienic as any in the country. When it is in production at least 350 people will be employed, mostly girls.

1952 05 27
Unless residents and firms in the Newmarket rural area apply economies in their use of water in the near future, there is likely to be a "desperate" shortage. The position is extremely acute owing to the continued lack of water. Every pumping station is working at full pressure but the output is still insufficient. A new regional water scheme which will supply main water from a new well at Chippenham is likely to be in operation at the end of the summer and a brand new reservoir has been built at the top of Newmarket's Warren Hill

1952 05 28
Animal lovers will be sorry to hear that the Cambridge Cat's Home in Garlic Row is to lose its superintendent, Miss D. Toomey. Her departure is much regretted by the Cambridge branch of Our Dumb Friend's League for since she arrived in 1948 she has made so many improvements that the Home is now probably one of the finest in England. She has cared for about 7,000 animals & everything possible has been done to provide them with comfortably lodgings, good food and affection. All the bowls are washed and sterilised with the utmost care in a kitchen equipped with a refrigerator to ensure keeping the milk, fish etc fresh.

1952 05 28
Hallens open new garage, Bridge Street – 52 03 28 # c.26.46

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1952 06 02
There are gaps in Girton to be filled as a result of sporadic war-time development in the village. Mr J.J. Crown said in 1945 that his firm had purchased land in Cambridge Road to build 90 houses. It was not to be ribbon development – they propose to develop the back land. Building land was very scarce and he had received inquiries practically every day from people wishing to build, but who had no land. There was the question of a proposed by-pass on the Cambridge side of Girton to be laid in the next 20 years. Girton would be contained within the line of the by-pass.

1952 06 02
In spite of its size Sawston has never had a church hall and for the last 17 years parishioners have worked and saved. The war intervened but at the end of 1950 the project was revived. Several sites were considered and one in Church Lane, centrally placed between "Old Sawston" and the post-war housing estates selected. A building licence was granted on the strict condition that only voluntary labour should be used & work started in earnest. The labour force consists of 63 men, boys and girls and they have now erected the "shell" of the building. Work begins at 6.30 each evening and continues until nightfall. It is hoped the hall will be finished before the end of the year

1952 06 03 c

Ever since he was a young land "Shorty" Hallen has been fascinated by motor cycles. Some 20 years ago he started a business of his own in a small shed in Chesterton. Then in 1936 he opened his showrooms at Chesterton Road, Cambridge. Now he has opened another shop at the Bridge Garage, St Ives. Who could have visualised that the rather tumbled-down buildings could have been turned into the magnificent premises they now are? Instead of a musty-looking building it is a brightly painted, well set out and amply stocked showroom with everything for the motor cyclist. It will add to the usefulness, drawing capacity and charm of the town.

1952 06 05
While 26 assistants searched for smoke they could smell in their living quarters above the premises of Messrs Robert Sayle in St Andrew's Street, Cambridge, a thick pall poured out of one of the windows on the top floor. When the alarm was raised a score of them dashed downstairs and through the shop carrying their belongings with them. One assistant, Miss Ann Todd, said: "I thought of all of my clothes and I struggled down from my room with masses of them. I wasn't going to leave them behind". As it was Thursday afternoon there were only about 30 people in the premises at the time. Staff organised a chain of buckets until the arrival of the Fire Brigade. # c.34.75 # c.27.2

Madrigals, p7

1952 06 07
A Brampton man was a member of a party seeing off a newly-married couple at Huntingdon Railway station. As a joke he chalked on the carriage the words: "Just married. Gone to his doom". But chalking on railway carriages is illegal and he found himself before magistrates "for wantonly defacing" a vestibule coach, the property of the Railway Executive. He was convicted & fined the cost of washing down, cleaning & repainting the coach, which was 15s. It was not the railway authority's wish to be spoilsports and stop a bit of fun but there had been quite a bit of this chalking and the prosecution might act as a deterrent.

Rector abused boys, p6

1952 06 10
The season of the Cambridge year when evening dress becomes early morning wear for some began last night when seven May Balls took place. Heading the list was Trinity where 1,100 joined in the festivities. Dancing to Nat Temple and his band took place beneath the college library. There was a gay scene at Corpus Christi where parties crowded a beautifully-transformed entrance at a late hour while at Caius there was a skirl of pipes to set the entertainment in full swing. Other balls were held at Clare, Christ's, Sidney Sussex and Peterhouse.

1952 06 10
The skeletons of two prehistoric animals believed to be about 140 million years old have been unearthed on the Wicken Road, Stretham. One, a plesiosaurus is thought to be about 20 feet long, and the other is believed to be a dinosaur. The discovery was made during dragline operations. A lorry load of gault had been tipped on to the bank when the bones were spotted. Experts from the Sedgwick Museum visited the site to excavate the skeletons, which are only five feet below the surface. – 52 06 10 Photo 13th p10

Senate House views plan, p5

1952 06 11
Cambridge Model Aircraft Club held their first "Jetex" flying competition at R.A.F. Waterbeach airfield. The first competing aircraft was towed in, stored snugly in a neat box bicycle trailer and soon other men were rummaging happily as children in a toy cupboard over the side-cars of their motor cycles or car boots. The jets have been in the development stage for nearly five years but sometimes the jet unit would become detached, hissing across the concrete or burn itself out in the long grass. D. Lipscombe, who plane stayed up for one and a half minutes carried off the Challenge Cup

1952 06 12
With all the familiar colour and dignity of a royal occasion, the date of the Queen's coronation – June 2nd next year – was proclaimed today to the people of the city and county of Cambridge. It was a happy coincidence that it should mark a fitting and optimistic finale to the gay and glittering story of the May Week celebrations. A girl still in her May Ball gown and cloak was amongst a crowd of people outside the Shire Hall courts when the High Sheriff, following a fanfare, read the ancient proclamation. On the Market Square a crowd several hundred strong was silent when the Town Clerk began to read but his voice was all but lost in the howl from jet planes speeding overhead. # c.02

1952 06 12
Cambridge University is considering the possibility of increasing the number of women permitted to the University in any one year. The Council of Senate recommends there should be a new autonomous foundation for women students, the number not exceeding 100. They consider there is a great need for women graduates but any increase should not lead to a lowering of standards. Present regulations permit of 1,400 women, one-fifth of the total of men students. Cambridge is doing considerably less than other Universities in providing women with a University education. # c.36.98

1952 06 13 ES
Theft from Mepal aerodrome – 52 06 13ES

1952 06 14
Addenbrooke's Hospital closed, p1
Camtax & Bedford Lodge bankruptcy, p5 # c.26.47
Household expenditure survey, p5

1952 06 16
Howlett 55 Beaconsfield, p4
Romsey British Legion womens standard, p7

1952 06 17
Dry Drayton chapel, p5
Homes for old people, p6

1952 06 18
Air raid sirens, p6
Great St Mary's bells removed, p7 # c.69.6

1952 06 20
Cambridge Preservation Society object to the chalets and caravans at Grassy Corner, Fen Ditton. They say haphazard development of individually respectable shacks has seriously spoiled this length of river. The fifteen owners said they paid £14 a year rent for their plots and the land flooded in winter. The gypsy encampment and rubbish dump on the opposite side of the river made it difficult to understand the objections. Their gardens were well looked after and of similar layout to the "Plough" next door. If the chalets erected before the Town and Country Planning Acts are left and the later ones removed the place will look like a mouth from which half the teeth have been knocked out

Meadowlands Methodist church opens, p7 # c.83
Madingley Hall acquired by University for ridiculously cheap price – 52 06 20

1952 06 20 ES
Celery time in the Isle – 'robot' mechanical transplanter, photo – 52 06 20(3)ES

1952 06 21

Mr Lloyd Stokes, owner of land at Trinity Hall Farm, Milton, said there were 140 armoured vehicles on the land waiting to be shipped. He wanted an access from Green Park because he had a number of tanks coming through the back and wished to enlarge the front entrance on to Milton Road. It was dangerous and an agricultural machine such as a 12-foot combine could not get through. The County council suggested the city should buy this piece of land and put there light industry, not likely to cause any nuisance. – 52 06 21 # c.45.7 # c.27.1

'Slap-Up' roundabout, p6
New Square lorries, p6
St George's street names – 52 06 21

1952 06 24
Lord Woolton visited Abington Hall to open a new laboratory for the British Welding Research Association. The laboratory, started in October 1950, is a "plastically" designed steel structure with brick cladding and contains the most modern machines for testing "fatigue", stress and strain, in welded metals.

1952 06 25
Civil Defence exercise, p4
Great St Mary's bells, p4

1952 06 26
About 6,000 acres of the best fenland are devoted to the growth of celery, with an annual production of some 70,000 tons. Of this acreage 1,500 are in Cambridgeshire. At Whittlesey there are growers who earn a good living by producing celery crops for planting out in fields. Prickers-out get a wage of 30s. a day, if they are very good. During the lifting and trimming process one man lifts, one takes off the outside leaves and another removes the roots. – 52 06 26

Girton planning inquiry, p7

1952 06 27
A member of the Isle of Ely County Council was accused of corrupt practices. It was alleged he had paid the landlords of the Red Lion, Three Pickerels and Cross Keys public houses at Mepal, for the expense of providing drinks to influence electors to vote at the election. Having been elected to the county council he gave them £1 to celebrate his victory, but it so happened he was also a candidate for the forthcoming Ely Rural Council election. He also gave £1 to Wardy Hill Social Club, £5 to the headmaster of Mepal School for a children's outing and 10s to the proprietor of the fish and chip shop. But it was not a way of creating an atmosphere of popularity for himself which would have an effect on voters & he was acquitted – 52 06 27

Stretham engine, p8

1952 06 27 ES
Mepal airfield old road closed permanently, new to come out on Ely side of Brook House – 52 06 27ES

1952 06 28
Mr W. Levett (just "William" to everyone at Cambridge's Lion Hotel) recalled some of the dinners he had served there over the last 50 years. There was a special private party for Prince Albert while he was up at Trinity and his list of Very Important Diners ranged from barons to Sultans and Prime Ministers. "I've served most of them … Balfour, Asquith, Lloyd George (he used to live here almost), Baldwin – and Churchill". Undergraduate members of renowned clubs like the Beef Steak, True Blue, Caledonian and Carlton have dined there. "Twelve to 15 courses we used to carry, and they took two-and-a-half hours to serve. And, mind you, nothing less than a magnum for the table". He is a cheerful,

energetic little man and it would be a good idea if the hotel management entertained "William" to dinner and let someone wait on him – just for a change.- 52 06 28 # c.27.45

1952 06 30
If ever a stunt fell flat it was the Pacifist demonstration at Mildenhall U.S.A.F. base. Stretched out on their beam ends in front of the main gates, two young women made a courageous but futile attempt to persuade a handful of American servicemen that they would be better off at home. The demonstrators were fighting a losing battle before they started. Earlier Mildenhall Market Place had seen some fun when the 17 Pacifist stalwarts gathered to embark on their "Operation Ghandi". After tramping the hot and dusty miles to the air base for the squatting performance the would-be builders of world peace returned for a public meeting. But an indifferent crowd could hardly have cared less. # c.45.8

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1952 07 01
Sir – I observe that the new Davey Road has been laid out with a new grass verge which will soon require cutting. On entering Radegund Road it gives the impression that you are in a beautiful meadow with grass verges being preserved for hay. I then wandered along to Brooks Road and beheld Council houses with numerous tiles off the roofs, broken gates, fences and window sills and hardly any paint on the woodwork at all – in fact the property looked disgraceful – Observer

1952 07 02
Sir – In 1950 the Shelford and Stapleford Scout Troop was re-opened after a lapse of many years and the first question was that of a H.Q. where meetings could be held. The Shelford guides could not help as their barn had developed dry rot in the floor which was no longer safe for games, and they too would soon be homeless. After many months of effort enough was raised to buy and erect an ex-Army hut. Permission was obtained and the H.Q. opened with great rejoicing in April 1951. But then came the Central Land Board with a claim for a £300 development charge!

1952 07 03
Part of the river Mel has flooded Orchard Cottage at Station Road, Meldreth and South Cambs RDC ought to do something about it because the river belongs to them, said Mr Pepper. The lower half-mile of the river where it discharged into the Rhee had been taken over by the Council. The state of the river had gone from bad to worse. Some time ago it broke its banks and they plugged the breach, but this only dammed the water until it reached a higher level where it broke through the banks again. But the chairman said: "It must not go out that this Council is the drainage authority and will clean out peoples' ditches"

District bank, p4
Church and housing estates, p10

1952 07 04
For over 50 years Arthur Hart has been organist at the Brinkley parish church, which the Bishop of Ely described as "a magnificent record". Mr Hart said that long service was not unusual. Mr Missen had been a member of the choir for 33 years, and before that a member of the church for 22 years. The Rector said the 100-year-old organ was a museum piece: "I don't believe there is another organ in the whole of England like it, but no one could play it like Mr Hart. During his long period as organist nothing has had to be done to it".

1952 07 04
Delivering coal the modern way means a conveyor belt instead of sacks. Pioneers of this new system are Messrs Austin Beales Ltd whose first Conveyor Delivery Service vehicle has just gone into operation. The coal is loaded in bulk on the lorry and discharges on to the belt conveyor which can deliver coal upwards, downwards or sideways. This means it can be delivered through narrow

hatchways, over the tops off walls or down a ground level chute within a radius of 180 degrees. And it is speedy. Five tons were delivered at Addenbrooke's Hospital in six minutes

1952 07 04 ES
Old inns and hotels scheduled including the Club at Lt Downham, Bell at Haddenham, Turk's Head Littleport and Three Horse Shows at Lt Thetford – 52 07 04ES

1952 07 05
Cambridge University announced proposals to erect a number of new buildings for the arts faculties between Sidgwick Avenue and West Road. It will provide accommodation in the first instance for the Faculty of Modern and Medieval Languages, Economics and Politics, English and Moral Sciences. At a later stage the scheme will provide for museums and a lecture theatre to seat 1,000 students constructed to permit its use for musical or dramatic productions. It is not possible to say when work will begin. # c.36.9

Mary Vinter novel, p9

1952 07 07
Morley School pageant, p4 – 52 07 07

1952 07 08
The Nina Hubbard Ballet School celebrated their second anniversary with the production of "Cinderella" as a ballet at the A.D.C. More than 60 pupils took part. Helen Deakin was delightfully convincing in the title role while Anna Wooster brought dignity to the role of Prince Charming and other pleasing performances were given by Patricia Read and Irene Smith as the step-sisters. Jennifer Andrew was outstanding as Cinderella's father and the doll dance by Carolyn Sanders and Margaret Jones, who danced on her points, was particularly pleasing. After the final curtain Nina Hubbard thanked Miss Humberstone, the pianist and other helpers.

Spark from train, p6

1952 07 09
Condensed milk, p5

1952 07 10
Babraham Common has for centuries been an area where the countryman had been able to roam at will, with only the scuttling rabbits to keep him company. Stepping over ancient stiles directed the wayfarer along ancient foot-ways. But today the rambler searches in vain for these ancient rights-of-way which, for the most part, have been ploughed up. The footbridge over the stream was removed during the war and no effort has been made to replace it. It is hoped that the Parish Council who will shortly consider and delineate their paths are fully conscious of their responsibility.

Queen Edith School, p4

1952 07 12
Mr A.H. Bailey recalls: "July 6th 1893 was the wedding day of the young and charming Princess May of Teck and the Sailor Prince George, afterwards King George V. It was arranged to present an address to the Royal couple when the train conveying them to Sandringham halted at Cambridge station and the 3rd (Cambs) Battalion, Suffolk regiment was to furnish a Guard of Honour on the platform. I had the almost unbelievable luck in being selected for the Guard and never was pipeclay and metal polish so well applied nor such pride beneath a scarlet tunic". Later the cavalier, still exalted by the infinitesimal fraction of a Royal Bride's smile, and wearing his uniform trousers, met a young demure maid on Parker's Piece. "One day", he writes, "I shall ask my wife whether it was the red stripe on my nether garment or the fireworks that brought favour in her eyes".

1952 07 14
Fruit growers asked Mr David Renton, M.P. for Huntingdonshire for help in ensuring satisfactory disposal of a coming glut in plums. Prices were declining and it was strange the Government was importing foreign fruit when they had so much of their own. Some shops are selling foreign plums at 2s. a pound while they cannot get a penny a pound for their own.

1952 07 14
When the British Red Cross Society decided to make "Edwinstowe" at Chaucer Road, Cambridge a home for old people, there were questions in the minds of the organisers. Although residents would be well looked after and have all the material comforts, would the old people want to come? It is now an established and happy home and the public flock each year to the annual fete, not only to help the funds of the home but to renew acquaintance with the residents who seem to be having an "at home" in their own beautiful gardens. Pupils of the Betty Ripley-Carter School of Dancing made a charming contribution to the enjoyment with a dancing display. # c.32.9

1952 07 17
St John's Church organ, p5
Addenbrooke's Hospital admissions, p6

1952 07 18
First arrival in the queue at Heyworth's, Sidney Street, Cambridge, sale was a man. He arrived at 3.45 a.m. to buy his wife a red whipcord coat reduced from £10.10s. to 29s.11d. He was joined at 4 a.m. by a commercial traveller who got up at this early hour to buy his wife a grey gabardine suit marked down from £21.10s. to 59s.11d. One or two bargain hunters had walked three or four miles to join the queue and by 9 a.m. tickets had been given out to 370 waiting to secure the many half-price bargains. Everybody was happy, and there were no sale fights.

Stretham guinea pig, p9

1952 07 18 ES
Soham war memorial may be moved in improvement scheme for Red Lion Square – 52 07 18ES

Downham plane crash-lands – 52 07 18(2)ES

Adelaide river bank damaged by fire – 52 07 18(3)ES

Breach narrowly averted Ely Beet Factory settling pond during last campaign; dredging upstream of Stretham Wooden Bridge & Stretham Ferry Pit; being dredged from Military Road and Stretham Ferry and spoil used for regrading the washes where spoil was removed for a temporary scradge after the 1947 floods – 52 07 18(4)ES

Future of the parish pump; can parish councils protect old pumps – 52 07 18(5)ES

1952 07 19
For the first time in its 25 years existence the Cambs and East Midlands Union of Strict Baptist Churches received an official visit from the Mayor of Cambridge. The occasion was the silver jubilee celebration of the founding of the union and was attended by Pastor A.W. Whayman of Whittlesey, one of the original members. For 20 years he was Pastor at Eden Baptist Church, Cambridge where the celebration was held.

1952 07 19
I was very sorry to learn of the death of Mr A.E. Reeve of Grantchester Street, Cambridge whose articles brought to light many fascinating historical facts about Cambridge through the ages. His interest in old Cambridge began with the burning down of Grantchester Mill well over 20 years ago which roused the interest of the London newspapers who were guilty of some inaccuracies which

'A.E.R.' felt bound to point out. He acquired a mass of literature and became probably the most knowledgeable man on Cambridge and its past. Eminent members of the University often came to him for information. His elder son, Mr Frank Reeve, is continuing with his researches. – 52 07 19

1952 07 19
The nursing staff position on the female side at Fulbourn Hospital remains serious. It has the valuable services of 41 part-time nurses but owing to their domestic commitments it is often difficult to get enough at peak periods such as weekends when the burden of nursing is borne by the depleted full-time nursing staff who number 26 instead of 80. A total of 1,426 patients were treated during the year and there were 925 in the Hospital on December 31st 1951

1952 07 21
The whole of the structure of the 112-year-old courts of assize at the old Shire Hall, Castle Hill, is unsafe and liable to collapse at any time. Dry rot has been attacking the floors and has now spread up the walls and plaster and into the roof. The damage is said to be irreparable and it is virtually certain that the County Council will have to write off the building as a total loss. The Court House, built of brick and stone in the Italian style has a portico supported on columns and comprises two courts and a magistrates' room from which three prisoners recently escaped by removing an iron grill over a window. 52 07 21

1952 07 22
Self-build housing, p6
Zebra crossings, p7
Islehm church service, p10

1952 07 23
"I want, I take", p4
Local History Society agm, p4
Shire Hall, p6

1952 07 24
Bus service to estates, p6

1952 07 25
The National Farmers Union Owen Webb committee is anxious to purchase City council premises at Gresham Road, Cambridge, to form a headquarters for all the agricultural interests in the county. Cambridge was the centre of the agricultural belt and the headquarters of the farming fraternity should be in a place other than their present miserable and dingy offices in Corn Exchange Street. It would not affect the Council's housing programme one jot. If the building were converted into flats the rent would be such that no one waiting for a Council house could afford it.

1952 07 25 ES
Isleham's Priory barn is ancient church as evensong sung – 52 07 25(2)ES

1952 07 26
Knapwell house, p7

1952 07 28
One of the first judges to sit in the Shire Hall Courts, built between 1814 and 1844, Mr Justice Parke, complained about the ventilation in the Crown court. Bad ventilation is one of the factors that cause dry rot and it is possible that it has taken 107 years to come to the present condition. It could be smelt very plainly and if a knife was stuck into the wood it would go in up to the hilt in most places. It was unfortunate that they had decorated the building three years ago at considerable expense and no one knew about it. Coun. Dr Woodman said: "I hope the committee will consider the dry rot in the minds

of the jury as well as in the walls of the court. You are packed like peas in a pod and with bad ventilation you get one thought". – 52 07 28 # c.34.9

1952 07 29
Newmarket General Hospital – still affectionately known as "White Lodge" - is regarded as one of the finest in the eastern counties, and yet at the beginning of the war it was still looked upon as what was popularly termed "a workhouse". The war saw tremendous development and before long the old Emergency Hospital came into being. The post-war years again saw vast improvements and ultimately "White Lodge" became recognised as a general hospital. At about the same time it was also accepted as an official Nurses Training Hospital. – 52 07 29

1952 07 29
County councillors recommended that a halt sign at Quy Corner, called "the blackest of black spots" was not desirable. In the last five years there had been three deaths at the corner. When you come out of the Quy turning on to Newmarket Road where cars do anything up to 80 m.p.h. you think you can see each way. But there is a dip in the road and a car is soon upon you. A halt sign would result in more hurt, because having stopped people would not have sufficient time to get round the bend before main road traffic was upon them. It would always be a black spot while people came out of the turning without looking where they were going. – 52 07 29

1952 07 29
Sir – I write to protest against the proposed new public conveniences on the corner of Chapel Street & High Street, Chesterton. There are plenty of old men who like to congregate on the iron seat around the ash tree, for even with the existing police box it is undeniably a pleasant corner such as it will never be with a lavatory right in the middle. But there are numerous condemned cottages in the High Street and extensive rubbish dumps behind crumbling walls, not only unsightly but filthy, which would be improved for having public lavatories built on them – Mrs M. Sugden # c.29.8

1952 07 30
In the big tree-girt grass playing field of Chesterton Preparatory School the young folk entertained their elders to tea and dancing, giving a whole profusion of English Maypole Dances. I asked Miss Dorothy Hodder, the Headmistress, how they were able to train youngsters to such a pitch of excellence that they never pause or falter, and all without commands or words of instruction. She said the children (and there were no less than 64 of them) very largely teach themselves. It made a charming picture to see the tiny tots skipping so gaily round the Maypole in orderly rhythm with their brightly coloured ribands. They were obviously enjoying every second of it. – 52 07 30

Eel worm, p5

1952 07 31
Part of the land allocated for recreational purposes at Oakington is now to be used for houses. And it will be a "great improvement", a District Councillor said. "At present if you stand on our cemetery and recreation ground you get a fine view of the back gardens of Council houses with their washing and hen houses and so forth. The proposal is to build a row of Council houses on the other side of Queen's Way so that the recreation ground will face the front of these new cottages instead of looking into the back-doors. It will also relieve the Parish Council of a bit of land which had been assigned for recreation purposes but which had been found to be rather a handful". The Parish Councillors were very favourably impressed with the proposal.

Bassingbourn houses, p7

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1952 08 01

Cambridgeshire County Council wants a police house built on South Cambs R.D.C.'s housing site at Steeple Morden. First they wanted the house on the east side but now they have chosen another site which is "worse than ever" and completely spoils the layout; it is the only reasonable place to have a road. The current plans include no provision for the house but, said Coun Murfitt, "for some unreasonably obstinate reason they are not prepared to look at anything at all except our site".

1952 08 01 ES
Isle of Ely County Development Plan discussion – 52 08 01(2)ES

Pioneer of local cinemas: Harry Bancroft.
In July 1912 Harry Bancroft, a travelling vaudeville artiste and his wife arrived in Wisbech to put on a show at the old Public Hall, now the Hippodrome. From it has originated a network of cinema companies in which he is a leading figure. He was one of the pioneers of the cinema profession, one of the first members of the legitimate and vaudeville stage to realize the immense possibilities of the screen. As a result, his name is known from Elstree to Hollywood and he is regarded as one of the leading proprietors of the picture houses in the country. He was one of the best known travelling actor managers and by the time he came to Wisbech he had acted every part from being one of the Babes in the Wood to Hamlet. Bancroft recalled that he had to negotiate with a man who kept the boot shop next door to the Public Hall and then with the Secretary of the Company before taking the lease. After buying shares in the Public Hall Company he negotiated its purchase. A circle was installed in the Hall and Harry Rands carried out the work without having to close the theatre for a single night. From a meeting with Mr. S.R Pilgrim originated the building of the March cinema. He then launched out at Holbech, following with the Huntingdon enterprise which had flourished. He then bought the Empress, Chatteris from Harry Eggitt who had had it built – 52 08 01ES

1952 08 05
Jubilee celebrations were held at Rampton Free Church Mission Hall. Mr William Coles said he could clearly remember the laying of the foundation stone and the opening ceremony. Rampton held an important place in village life around it. It was squeezed between two villages, Willingham and Cottenham, but like a jam tart, the best is always in the centre.

Athletics, p6

1952 08 06
Cambridge Centaur Motor Cycle Club's Bank Holiday Scramble at Spring Close, Burwell attracted a crowd of over 5,000 who were treated to a thrilling afternoon's racing on what must be the finest scramble course for many miles. Situated on the site of an old Norman castle and incorporating several crossings of the now dry moats, the course included a number of very steep ascents from which most of the riders made spectacular leaps. Spectators were able to see most of the racing from the high ground in the centre of the track upon which the castle had stood. Two very popular riders, E.J. Wiffen of the Grasshopper Club and the local Centaur ace, H.D. Halsey, emerged as the stars of the meeting.

1952 08 07
Cambridge Bonniest Baby Exhibition was held in the Guildhall and attracted a fairly substantial entry of 99. The judges were not judging in the usual way, weighing the children, examining limbs etc but were looking for the bonniest baby of the respective classes. In fact it was rather a babies' beauty competition. Prizewinners were: six months and under – Joy Carter, seven-twelve months – Linda Moxon, 13-18 months – Martin Carter, 19 months to two years – Anna Taylor. Winning twins were Dorothy Anne and Mary Elizabeth Arbon of Harston.

Heavy rain at harvest, p6

1952 08 08

A Londoner was fined £3 for unlawfully obtaining rationed feeding stuffs at Lt Thetford. PC Harding was on motor patrol duty at Fowlmere when he stopped a lorry and noticed what looked like feeding stuff. Defendant said it was quaker oats and was unrationed but the sack was marked "Blue Cross Balanced Food, No.2 Pig Food". The officer concluded it was a rationed product and asked if he had surrendered coupons for it. The reply was "No". How he came to be in possession of the sack they did not know. The man claimed to have bought it from a poultry dealer because he through he would be charged with stealing it. He had been at work for 16 hours and wanted to get home.

1952 08 09
Cambridge city council won its appeal against the refusal of the County Council to grant planning permission for the erection of houses on land fronting Queen Edith's Way on either side of the approach to Wulfstan Way. The plots were intended for former owners of land which had been sterilised by the revocation of planning permission on the Ventress Farm Estate. They could be sold at a reasonable price as compared with that now commonly asked for building land near Cambridge, where there was a serious shortage of sites available for private builders. The county had wanted sufficient land left open to preserve a view of the shopping centre.

1952 08 09
The news that the roof and interior of the Shire Hall Courts on Castle Hill, Cambridge are in danger of collapse has drawn attention to the statues on top of the building. The figures represent Law – holding a book, Justice – drawn sword (scales are missing), Mercy and – holding chain – Power

1952 08 11
History of social work, p5
Bones on Midsummer Common, p6 & 12th p7, 19th p7

1952 08 12
Although the Ministry of Food is to issue licences to growers for the lifting of maincrop potatoes a month earlier than usual there might be some reluctance on the part of the growers to take advantage of the concession. Late heavy rains may result in an increased yield and farmers may prefer to leave the potato harvest until the end of September. Labour, much needed for the harvest, is another problem. Loss of labour, particularly skilled labour, through Forces call-up has resulted in a reduction of the total acreage devoted to potatoes; even so the total quantity grown is twice that of pre-war

1952 08 13
Jet crashes, p6, (inquest 18th p6) # c.26.1

1952 08 14
Members of the Cambridge Christian Spiritualist Church turned up for a propaganda meeting which also attracted many people who were merely curious. Visitors might have been shocked at the light-hearted style of the medium, Mr Taylor Ineson. The tones of recognition in the voices of people who said "Yes" when he introduced them to former relatives in the spirit plane was a study to the ear. "Ah, madam. Did you know a gentleman who passed over with a gangrene toe?" "Yes, he was my uncle". "Well he says he would have liked to have left you some money – but he had nowt!" - 52 08 14

1952 08 15 ES
Trouble at the Polish Hostel, Mepal … assault of beating, as did not speak English an interpreter employed – 52 08 15ES

1952 08 16
The public concern about jet fighter crashes is not shared by the men most affected – the pilots who fly the R.A.F.'s 600 m.p.h. Meteors and Vampires. On a special visit to the Advanced Flying School, Oakington, I found not the slightest trace of alarm or despondency. The atmosphere fairly crackles with energy and enthusiasm. Dozens of flights took place with smooth precision and at frequent intervals the gleaming silver Meteors howled down the runway and shot up into the sky, many flown

by young National Servicemen who by the time they have finished their course are not only skilled jet flyers but are beginning to know how to use their aircraft as weapons. The Chief Instructor, Wing Commander Tomalin, persuaded me to accompany him on a half-hour trip in a Meteor two-seater – 52 06 16. # c.26.2

1952 08 18
Coronation memories, p10

1952 08 19
A large congregation packed the church of St John the Evangelist, Hills Road, Cambridge for the dedication of the new organ. It contains 1,210 pipes which stand on the south side of the chancel with the console on the north side. For the sake of economy a certain amount of second-hand pipe work has been used. But this is no detriment as much of the timber which was easily obtainable before the war is of far higher standard than that procurable today when Siberian pine lies securely locked behind the iron curtain. # c.69.4

1952 08 20
What may prove to be an important Roman discovery has been unearthed at a building site in Arbury Road, Cambridge. While excavating a trench for a new sewerage system Mr C. Taylor came across a coffin hewn out of solid stone. He lifted the lid, weighing many hundredweight, and there, completely enclosed in a lead lining was a complete skeleton. Nearby was another, also in good condition. It seems possible this was the burial place of an important Roman family as the stone must have been imported and the coffin enclosed in a layer of chalk – there is no chalk in the immediate area. # c.41

1952 08 20
Over Fen is not to be compulsorily acquired by the Ministry of Agriculture after all. The Agricultural Land commission had recommended the purchase of 535 acres to ensure maximum food production but they now need to restrict Government expenditure and will not proceed. The news is a great victory for the Vicar of Over who has led the fight against acquisition. On 2,050 acres of Lakenheath Fen, also recommended for purchase, the Minister say much would revert to its former derelict state if derequisitioned, yet the financial stringency prevents purchase now.

Baby show, p5

1952 08 21
The first National Servicemen to be trained as Canberra jet crews are receiving their final training at 231 Operational Conversion Unit R.A.F. station, Bassingbourn. In one room twenty young men in flying helmets were busily working with slide rules and graph paper in small box-like cubicles containing an exact replica of what they would have in the plane, including the latest radar equipment. Another block was fitted out for "ejector seat" drill and it should take only 10 seconds to get from the nose of the aircraft back to one's seat prior to being ejected. Since the National Service aircrew scheme started in 1949 some 4,000 men have been accepted for flying duties – 52 08 21 # c.26.1

Dale's Silver Ghost, p4
Arbury burial ground, p6

1952 08 23
A small bus fleet owned by Mr George Challice, dance band leader of Newmarket, escaped total destruction when one 29-seater bus was completely burnt out in a blaze. It had been parked in an isolated garage instead of in a bay containing three other vehicles. The bus was burning furiously when firemen arrived yet although metal had melted and tyres been virtually burnt off the wheels a petrol tank containing six gallons of petrol was not touched. A practically new bus parked nearby was driven to safety.

1952 08 23

Jesus Lane Sunday School has been wound up. It was founded in 1827 by a group of University men distressed by the spiritual desolation of Barnwell who decided to start a "Gownsman's Sunday School". Four of them set out to visit every house in search of scholars and on the first Sunday the school opened with over 200 children attending at the Friends Meeting House. Later they erected a large new building in Paradise Street where 600 children were on the books. The 1914 war dealt the school a blow from which it never wholly recovered and in 1936 the building was sold to the Boy Scouts Association. # c.83

Girton housing, p5
Canberra crash, Therfield, p6 # c.26.1
Victoria Cinema 21, p9

1952 08 25
Cambridge Accident Prevention Council gave a preview of their third film "Horse Sense" which deals with the adventures of a horse called Patch that escapes from its stable and wanders about the streets of Cambridge. It was filmed in Technicolor and directed by Mr K.O. King with P.S. Ives in charge of production and the script was written by the Chief Constable, B.N. Bebbington. The BBC's John Snagge gave the commentary. # c.65.6

Arbury coffin, p6

1952 08 27
Only one of the 14 chalet holders on the banks of the Cam near grassy Corner, Fen Ditton, was successful in his appeal against removal. He was Mr A.G. Cooper of No.1 Plot whose chalet has been on the site for 40 years. The County Council wanted to remove it as being out of keeping with the beauty of this stretch of the river and no planning permission had been given. For many years before 1928 the fields had been used by the public to watch the May Races and were regarded as open space. It was of little agricultural value and subject to flood.

1952 08 29
Mildenhall murder, p8
Retirement pensions, p13

1952 08 30
Considerable reductions in the price of admission are to be made when the New Theatre opens next week which represent the absolute minimum that can be charged. When really outstanding radio artistes, whose salaries are sometimes fabulous, are booked it may be necessary to revert to the old prices. Most of the alterations have been structural – dry rot had attacked some of the timbers – but an enormous amount has been done to ensure complete comfort with sprung seating and a new microphone installation giving the best sound reproduction obtainable. # c.76

Waterbeach crash, Stretham man injured, p6

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1952 09 01
With a fanfare from six scarlet-suited trumpeters Cambridge's third Trades Fair on Midsummer Common was opened. Immediately afterwards the Mayor went to the Interflora stand and sent a basket of roses by air to the Mayor of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Three local firms, Messrs Biggs of Peas Hill, Messrs J. Rogers of Newnham and Messrs Ridgeon's of Sussex Street, pooled their dollar allocations to provide the roses for America. In the first six hours 12,642 people paid for admission

1952 09 02
A crowd of about 4,500 went by car, motor cycle, bicycle or special bus to watch one of the few remaining amateur sports, the "Scramble" meeting organised by the Cambridge Centaur Motor Cycle

Club at Hill Farm, Arrington. The Lightweight Race produced some bad luck for "Andy" Lee. After winning his heat he had clutch trouble in the final. Then he borrowed a clutch from a machine similar to his and won the "Centaur" Handicap.

1952 09 03 C
Crowds lining Parker's Piece saw a free but unofficial rodeo with policemen in the role of cowboys. Three crossbred steers on their way to the killing pens escaped from Winton Smith's slaughterhouse in East Road, Cambridge. Off they went with the slaughterhouse men in pursuit. On the Piece they charged about for half an hour. Police formed a barricade but one of the animals charged a sergeant and chased a motor cycle. When they were finally cornered a lady in a red dressing gown opened her door and put out a bowl of water for them.

1952 09 04
"The more houses the City Council give us to build, the more we can put up. We have been in Cambridge five years and can put up 400 houses as quickly as it takes to erect 50", said the foreman of Messrs John Mowlem's 150-house estate at Fisher's Lane, Cherry Hinton. A flag is now flying from the chimney of their 1,000th house in Cambridge. The fitting of the chimney stack is the traditional moment for celebration in the form of a bottle of beer all round for the workmen. The Poles working on this site are familiar with the practice which has existed in Europe for hundreds of years. A dinner-dance is being planned to celebrate when the house is handed over to the Council # c.23

1952 09 05
The "from here to there" aspect of the helicopter is a huge advantage and the hoverplane may well become a common mode of travel in the not so distant future. Helicopter development is very much in its teething stages but the Fairey and Percival companies have a machine with a cruising speed of 120 mph and a passenger capacity of 102. So instead of trains there may be an express service from Hyde Park to Parker's Piece!

National service, p5

1952 09 05
Parker's Piece plane, p6
Magdalene chestnut, p9

1952 09 06
A Newmarket hairdresser told the bankruptcy court how she dismissed her assistant to cut expenses – and how the assistant opened up in business a few miles away and took some of her own trade from her. She had acquired the business of "Maison Frederick" for £800 in 1950 and expected a weekly turnover of about £20. She employed an assistant at £4 a week, plus commission but realised she could not afford her. She subsequently employed her sister as an apprentice at £1 a week. As a result of illness the business was frequently closed and earnings were insufficient to meet heavy expenses of £10 a week.

1952 09 06
The Cambridge Co-operative Society's new bakery in Sleaford Street, Cambridge was opened and more than 100 people were shown round by Mr V. Grimes, the bakery manager. It is possible to turn out 1,200 loaves an hour. At no point is a draught, the enemy of good bread, allowed to enter the building, doors being surrounded by hygienic glass brick screens. It is the fourth bakery; the first was built in 1872, the next in 1888 and then in 1930 a "model bakery" was built in Sleaford Street. But the Society grew at such a rapid pace a new building became necessary with the latest machinery to turn out the bread # c.27

Ramsey Abbey, p9

1952 10 08

It has long been the ambition of Heyworths of Sidney Street, Cambridge, to be able to claim that they catered for their women customers from head to foot. But there was one thing missing. They did not stock shoes. This has now been rectified and a brand new women's shoe department was opened in the basement. Only "Lotus" and "Delta" shoes will be sold, including shoes for day (fashion and walking) and evening wear. The innovation is welcomed by customers and trade has been brisk.

1952 09 08
A fete was held at Westwick Hall in aid of the Oakington Recreation Fund. Captain Taylor said that big towns and cities were attracting the younger folk away from the countryside, tempting them to leave the village for a life in the town. "We ought to provide the pleasures and recreation for our younger folk by providing playing fields near their homes so they are encouraged to settle down to country life", he said

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1952 09 10
Ramsey Abbey Gatehouse was officially handed over to the National Trust. Major Broughton recalled that Ramsey Abbey was his wife's childhood home and after her death he had restored the Gatehouse as a memorial to her and presented it to the Trust. Of the Abbey itself there only remains the 13th century Lady Chapel incorporated in the Abbey Grammar School. After the dissolution of the monastery in 1539 the buildings were used as a quarry, Gonville and Caius College being built from the stone.

1952 09 10
Two Meteor jet aircraft collided in mid-air over Over. One of the pilots landed near the church & the other near the Pike and Eel public house. The landlady observed: "We often have pilots calling here – but not by parachute". The electricity supply was cut when one of the planes struck an electric cable in Mow Fen, Swavesey. The other fell in a meadow behind Station Road, Over. Firemen put out magnesium flames which broke out in one of the engines after its impact on hitting the ground. The two aircraft were on a training flight from R.A.F. Station, Oakington # c.26.1

1959 09 11
Christ's Lane picture, p10

1952 09 12
Fire caused thousands of pounds worth of damage at Jack N. Baldry's Mineral Water Works at Gold Street, Cambridge. It broke out in the first floor of the factory where corks, labels and bottles were kept & ran the whole length of the roof of one wing, most of which was destroyed. Firemen were hampered by extremely dense smoke, melting lead from the valleys of the roof and by many of the mineral water bottles exploding # c.34.75

1952 09 13
Rex cinema, p9
Tv aerials, p9
D.W. Rattle, press photographer, p10 # c.65.5

1952 09 15
Cambridge motor cycle enthusiasts had their first look at grass track sidecar racing at a meeting organised by the Cambridge Centaur club. It proved to be fun and gave R. Tennant and B. Warminster the chance to walk off with both events. In the side-car race J. Kirby and L. Fuller were stopped in the first heat with chain trouble but were allowed to compete in the second heat, which they won. The side-car handicap saw Tennant and Warminster last away. Their smart-looking out-fit did not remain there for long and, thanks to good riding, and first class acrobatics in keeping the combination balanced by the passenger, they rode through the field to victory.

1952 09 17
Cathedral appeal, p11

1952 09 18
Two Newmarket policemen were told by magistrates to "stop talking Greek". Giving evidence to court in several speeding cases they referred to the size of the cars they stopped not in the terms of horsepower, as is usually the case, but in the more obscure terms of litres. "Stop" interrupted the magistrate: "I don't know what you mean by all this litre business. Tell me what was this car's horse power". A solicitor offered the suggestion that a rough idea of horsepower could be obtained if the number of litres was multiplied by ten.

Oakington RAF, p8

1952 09 19
Employment, p7
Air accident, p8

1952 09 19 ES
Cawdle Fen drainage subject of complaints since 1937. In 1940 improved Main Drain west of railway, correspondence with L.N.E.R. with regard to pumping plant and culverts. Originally the Railway used what is now the main drain between main line and pumping station for barge traffic, locks being provided and an open bridge under the main line allowed traffic to pass into the dock along the west side of the Railway Station. Penstocks were installed to prevent the water at the higher level affecting the main drains and the Railway Company were responsible for the pumping of the district. When the barge traffic ceased the locks were sealed and the open bridge replaced by a three-feet diameter pipe culvert. In order to improve drainage need to lower the pumping level of the existing system including reconstruction of the railway culverts, resite the drainage plant in the S.E. area where the depth of peat is greatest and reorganise the drainage system, including new culvert under the Ely/Cambridge line. As a temporary expedient install a small drainage pump to pump the S.E. area direct into the Ely Ouse to avoid reconstruction of the culvert under the Ely/Newmarket line. In view of small area of land it is doubtful whether the Drainage Board could carry out on its own works of any magnitude or whether work economically justified. To investigate legal position – 52 09 19(3)ES # c.29

Explosions near Ely were detonation of explosive charges by Royal Engineers to clear trees at Orwell Pits Farm between Ely and Lt Downham – 52 09 19ES

1952 09 20
Beetles have caused serious damage at Great Shelford church. Some months ago while Mr L.P. Morley, one of the churchwardens, was cleaning down cobwebs from the clerestory windows he noticed what seemed to be deterioration of some of the roof woodwork. A thorough examination has now been made and the plate on which the whole roof rests, both in the nave and the aisles, is so riddled with beetle-holes that repair is a matter of urgency

1952 09 20
Officials of the Cambridge Trades Fair Association are quite happy about the results of their recent Summer Festival. Although the attendance of 78,000 showed a reduction many of the exhibitors report considerably more sales than on the two previous occasions. More visitors were genuinely interested in the goods on display which means more prospective customers. Those who displayed their wares at the 1949 and 1950 fairs are still obtaining orders as a result.

1952 09 20
A party of 125 members of Over 60's left for a holiday at Yarmouth. The members are staying at seven hotels on or near the seafront belonging to the Great Yarmouth Associated Hotels for Happy Holidays Group. Specially reduced terms have been given. The Managers of the Wellington Pier

Pavilion and Floral Hall, Gorleston, have offered special cheap concessions for the Pier Pavilion "Showtime" and for an Olde Tyme Ball

1952 09 22
Speeds of up to 660 mph were reached by more than 30 British and American jet aircraft which took place in an "At Home" display at RAF Station, Duxford. Thousands of people watched the display and similar ones at RAF Oakington, Debden and Upwood. It opened with a fly-past of three Washington bombers which, together with the renowned Lincolns are now the only four-engined piston bombers in service with the RAF. There was an exhibition of teamwork by one of Duxford's two squadrons of Meteor jets who took part in a mock dog-fight with U.S. F84 Thunder jets and a display from the long-nosed Super Marine Attacker

1952 09 23
The lone Hurricane which always has the place of honour at the head of the air parade over London was the opening item in the flying programme at Oakington RAF station's Battle of Britain "At Home". Gusts of laughter swept the aerodrome during the comedy antics of a "pupil" in a Tiger Moth who tried without a great deal of success to emulate his "instructor" and took part in a remarkable exhibition of markmanship. The pilot was shooting at balloons on the ground and his firing was so accurate as to be almost incredible – until the secret was revealed by the sudden bolt from cover of the man who had been bursting the targets for him. He was not allowed to escape scot-free but was bombarded with bags of flour and soot.

1952 09 26
Members of the Merton Hall Lodge of the Manchester Unity Independent Order of Oddfellows were told that they must have younger people coming in to take over the work of looking after those who had fallen by the wayside. They were finding it very difficult in every walk of life to get young folk to try to follow on and do something for posterity. There are lots of nice people in Cambridge and if you examine them carefully you will find they are Odd Fellows; and if you look closer you will find that lots of them are members of Merton Hall Lodge

1952 09 27
Fire completely gutted the Touchwood Café on the Cambridge – Newmarket road near the Bottisham Swan. When the fire brigade arrive the thatched roof was well alight and the flames being fanned by a strong wind. It was eventually put out but little of the café remained except for articles salvaged by helpers and passers-by. It is believed the fire was caused by sparks from a bonfire behind the café which set fire to the thatch

1952 09 27
The arrival in this country of the greatest film mime of them all, Charlie Chaplin, has released a flood of memories. I have the programme of a production of "Sherlock Holmes" at the New Theatre in January 1906. It includes 'Billy … Master Charles Chaplin'. Charlie was then 16. Among the adults in the cast was his brother. Charlie has announced that he intends making a sight-seeing tour while he is here. I hope he will consider Cambridge.

1952 09 30
The Hop Bind public house, Cottenham, had an extra visitor – a pony. 'Dixie' made straight for the bar and waited while the landlord (Mr G.H. Mundy) pulled her a generous pint of mild. With a thirsty look in her bright eyes she made light work of it. Dixie's owner is Mr Carl Dane who discovered her when she was being shipped to Belgium for carcass meat and bought her for £15. Mr Dane, who was travelling with a circus, trained the pony who can jump over a table of crockery and play the zither with her tongue. But when it comes to beer drinking she does it for pleasure – and doesn't like to be kept waiting

1952 09 30

Newmarket Town Football Club won their first League game in 15 months. During the interval the hitherto luckless Jockeys were the recipients of a unique footballing presentation. To mark the sporting manner in which the Club had fulfilled all their fixtures during their pointless 1951-52 season in the Eastern Counties League the management presented them with a flag in the 'Newcastle' colours. The Jockeys have played in black and white stripes before and their two professionals, player-manager Arnold Grundy and Eddie Connelly were team-mates at Newcastle for seven years. It was to the tune of "Bladen Races" that the Jockeys took the field.

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1952 10 01
In the book "Through Rose-coloured Spectacles" Mrs Edith Read Mumford looks back on her life at Girton College in 1888. She recalls: If a brother called to see his sister no other student was allowed to see him. On every occasion a chaperone was necessary. A male visitor could only be seen in the college reception room where they sat in a corner, talking in subdued tones while other students were doing the same in other corners. Any noisy behaviour on the part of a student, even laughing heartily at a tea party in her own room, would have been checked by the Mistress. – 52 10 01

Fulbourn Hospital dairy herd, p10

1952 10 02
Cambridgeshire Education Committee has approved a proposal to provide Grammar School education at two village colleges – Sawston and Impington. If agreed the work of building grammar school wings may begin next April. At the end of the five-year scheme there will be 300 grammar school places. They had been looking forward to the establishment of a country grammar school with a useful house that could have been adapted. Melbourn Bury, home of a former Chairman of the Education Committee, had not received Ministry approval – 52 10 02

1952 10 02
Oakington Parish Council has withdrawn their objection to the building of a new road to replace the one crossing the airfield which has been closed. They had claimed the scheme would be a waste of public money, the road would be of no use to Oakington and the route would be a public danger. The Air Ministry said the road would be lowered about two feet to ensure "flying clearance"

1952 10 03
Potato harvester trial, p7
Changed Cambridge – Petty Cury, p7
Fen Ditton hole, p9

1952 10 03 ES
Littleport presentation to John Martin on coming-of-age, 169 employees attend party, photo – 52 10 03&(2)ES,

Sutton Feast Parade – 52 10 03(2)ES

1952 10 04
Miss Cambridgeshire, p7

1952 10 06
Lynmouth fund, p7
Cambridge raided, p7
Cherryhinton Road Fre Church Hall, p10

1952 10 07

Former members of the RAF Motor Transport Unit travelled to Cambridge to dine at the Lion Hotel and talk of their wartime Cambridge billet – King's College. They specialised in large-scale Service "removals", such as shifting an entire service from one place to another. Early one morning a fleet of 32-seater coaches left the Backs in the company of a self-contained mobile feeding lorry and sped to a smouldering Coventry where emergency meals were prepared and served to the homeless. Thereafter the coaches helped provide a public transport service for them # c.45.7

1952 10 07
Cherry Hinton church held a special thanksgiving service for the completion of repair work. The tower roof has been renewed and a new steel bell frame installed; the bells have been tuned and rehung and the belfry floor renewed. All the woodwork of the church has been treated against death watch beetle and woodworm and much of the roof re-tiled. The bells then rang out for the first time in four years. # c.83

1952 10 09
One of these days while in session at the annual meeting at Clayhithe the Conservators of the Cam might be let down – badly and literally. The chairs in the Board Room are so rotted and worm-eaten that they are no longer safe to sit on. The large mahogany table running the length of the room is affected too. So are the floorboards and other parts of the house. Their launch, Richwing, was kept afloat by tar and canvas and it was necessary to take it out of the water and re-plank her.

1952 10 09
If some bright young first-year Freshman had not done some checking up, 1,200 Cambridge undergraduates might now be on the carpet for trampling on the Senate House lawn. New undergraduates found in their room a printed notice inviting them to hear an address by the "University Chamberlain" – but it was a hoax, there is no such office. The University Registrary was besieged with telephone inquiries and ordered the closing of the gates. Hundreds gathered around the Senate House curious to see what would happen but two hefty specimens of City Police proceeded to keep the sight-seers moving. Thus fizzled out the Freshman's Hoax, 1952 version. # c.36.93

1952 10 10
Margaret Rutherford at Arts, p12

1952 10 11
Seven thousand Cambridge television viewers are promised almost perfect reception if official sanction is received for a new T.V. broadcasting station to open early in the New Year. The original BBC signal will be picked up on a 50-foot-high aerial on the "Gogs" and beamed down on the city. John Peak, manager of Peak's King Street television service, the sponsors of the scheme said: "Viewers will receive an almost unmarred signal well in time for the Coronation". The large "H" aerial now on chimney-pots would no longer be necessary; instead a small rod can be hung from the bedroom window. # c.27.85

1952 10 13
Six coachloads of people travelled from Barrington to the Victoria Restaurant, Cambridge to have dinner. They were employees of Eastwoods Cement Ltd who were celebrating the 25th anniversary of the opening of the works. Each guest went home with a gift – a silver hairbrush for the men, a powder compact for the ladies. Some of the cement workers missed the dinner through having to be on duty. They will be treated to another function later and a telegram of good wishes was sent to them on Saturday night.

1952 10 13
Two hundred people gathered around the doorway of the new Memorial Hall of Cherry Hinton Free Church. In their midst stood the bricklayers and electricians, the carpenters and the painters who had built it. And there were the ladies who had made the tea. Churchgoers have built it with their own hands. It was a memorial to all those in the church who had played their part in the last war: on the

civilian as well as on the military field of battle. It was a memorial to the living as well as to the dead. # c.83

Arts Theatre losses, p8
Jesus College war memorial, p9

1952 10 14
The Cambridge Town Clerk has received 44 applications from would-be purchasers of council houses from tenants of pre-war and post-war houses. Some come from tenants who wish to buy Council premises other than those in which they already reside. The Council recommends that pre-war houses be sold only to sitting tenants, the price to be the replacement value. The Government has made it quite clear it encouraged house ownership but it was up to each local authority whether they wished to sell their houses. # c.23

1952 10 14
In the shadow of 15-feet-high brightly coloured maps of the proposed new City-of-Cambridge-to-be, nearly 100 barristers, solicitors and officials assembled at the Senate House for the opening of the Public Inquiry into the County Development Plan. Nearly 500 seats have been set out for objectors and for the public. Four women shorthand writers are on duty to compile a complete record of every word uttered in the course of the proceedings. The Inquiry will continue at the Senate House until Friday and then transfer to Shire Hall. # c.49.4

1952 10 15
Planning inquiry, p8 & 12

1952 10 16
Wilburton parents signed a petition against proposals to convert the Manor of Wilburton into a residential school for educationally sub-normal children. The present village school was black-listed as far back as 1912 and condemned in 1937 so a new school was long overdue. Its position on the main street which carried an incessant stream of traffic constituted a daily danger to the children. The Manor standing at the end of a long drive was part of the heritage of the village and could be adapted to make an ideal and beautiful school for village children. – 52 10 16

Inquiry, p9

1952 10 17
King's Parade Chocolate room, p7
Inquiry, p11

1952 10 17 ES
Chettisham garage of E.W. Saint gutted – 52 10 17(2)ES

Wilburton 213 sign petition against using Manor as Special School – 52 10 17(3)ES

Death former Isle Librarian, Miss A.M. Philip, reviews development – 51 10 17(4)ES

Death Sir Walter West, Wisbech, farmer, wrote book on drainage – 52 10 17(6)ES

1952 10 18
I popped in at the University Senate House to see how the County Development Plan Inquiry was going and to watch history in the making. For never before has the Senate House been thrown open for the public to come and go at will. Representatives of County and City faced each other in serried ranks and aloft in the balcony undergraduates and others looked down upon the historic scene. We know the University are vitally concerned in this great scheme but their willingness to allow its use is further evidence of the very friendly relationship now existing between Town and Gown # c.49.4

1952 10 18
The County Development Plan public inquiry took a dramatic turn when Magdalene College announced it had decided to oppose proposals to widen Magdalene Street. The "donnish mind" did not often descend to take part in proceedings of this kind but this is a "bad plan and would be a disaster both to the University and the City of Cambridge", their counsel said. "You should not have motor traffic moving so fast that the lives of pedestrians and motorists are imperilled". Everyone wants Cambridge to remain a place in which the pedestrian, the cyclist and the motorist are more on less on an equal footing. # c.49.4

Marples & housing, p7
Tv reception, p8
Cats home return, p9

1952 10 20
Civil Defence test, p8

1952 10 21
A hundred years ago Girton village formed a cricket club. Though they won many games they never had anything tangible to show for their success until this year when they won the Cambs Senior League Championship. On Saturday, with the cup taking pride of place on the top table at the celebration dinner held in the Women's Institute Hall, more than 60 players and supporters heard of the splendid spirit and sportsmanship which dominated the club.

1952 10 22
Cross-town traffic, p8
Snelson fen lecture, p11
Stockings ladder, p14

1952 10 23
Proposals for the bus station at Drummer Street, Cambridge, were discussed at the Planning Inquiry. The bus company preferred a station to be sited on New Square which was double the area of Drummer Street. But would passengers agree – and they are entitled to be considered sometimes. Half to two-thirds would use Emmanuel Street. The amount of bus traffic would increase if greater provision was made & there would be a traffic blockage at Four Lamps roundabout - 52 10 23 # c.26.46

1952 10 23
Three farm labourers beet singling in a field at Westley Waterless had a lucky escape when they decided to break off for lunch two minutes before a Meteor jet fighter crashed into the field. Due to the heavy rain they decided to go home for lunch. The engines landed on the spot where the men had just finished working. Two of the men had reached the road but Mr V. Clements had stayed an extra minute or two in order to complete a row and was 50 yards from the crash. The pilot of the plane, on a flight from RAF Waterbeach, was killed. # c.26.1

1952 10 24
Shire Hall demolition, p8

1952 10 25
Hollywood has discovered a brilliant new film star. He is Richard Burton, the British stage actor who has just finished playing opposite Olivia de Havilland and is now lined up to star in "Desert Rats". Cambridge audiences saw and admired this fine 26-year-old player at the Arts in March of this year when he played the part of an officer in the virile play "Montserrat". Our critic drew attention to his great acting and added: "If Mr Burton does nothing more in the theatre his success in this part should ever give him a satisfying memory"

Fisher House threat, p7

1952 10 27
Shire Hall, p11

1952 10 28
Roundabout construction East Road / Mill Road, p7

1952 10 29
Cambridge City council has decided not to proceed with their proposal to widen Magdalene Street and reconstruct the Great Bridge. They had heard objections by the University and a statement on behalf of Magdalene College & believed that with mutual co-operation between the city and colleges some of the causes for the present traffic congestion could be removed. But if it became a choice of either the spine relief road or of widening Magdalene Street then they would choose the latter alternative. # c.49.62

1952 10 29
As part of intensive tightening up of police precautions in Newmarket – designed principally to combat big race week robberies – West Suffolk Police have introduced dog patrols into the town. A powerful-looking Alsatian made his debut accompanied by a police constable last night. This follows other precautions including the strengthening of all-night patrols and an appeal to the public to dial 999 if they saw anything suspicious.

Korean children, p5

1952 10 31
Within the last 60 years Cambridge Cattle Market, once one of the smallest in the country, has become one of the largest. When the Mayor opens the latest addition – the new store cattle sale yard with its covered-in accommodation for about 500 people and penning facilities for upwards of 1,000 head of cattle – it will mark the beginning of a new era in which the Cattle Market may well become a national centre for livestock sales. The present market was opened in 1885 and until 1912 was small; by 1939 it was handling 200-300 fat cattle, 1,000 sheep and 500 pigs a week. – 52 10 31 # c.27.3

102nd birthday, p7

1952 10 31 ES
Television shows glory of Ely Cathedral – 52 10 31ES

Windmills lecture by Rex Wailes to Friends of Haddenham – 52 10 31(2)ES

Cambridge Assize Courts demolition – 52 10 31(2)ES

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1952 11 03
The people of Lode took legal possession of their village playing field when Lord Fairhaven handed over the deeds to Mr G.G. Ingham, chairman of the Parish Council. The playing field has football and cricket pitches, with a children's corner planned, covers about five acres and is regarded as one of the finest village grounds in the area. Lord Fairhaven said: "For a long time this has been the playing field of the village of Lode and I felt the time had come to make it as safe as possible for ever". It originally covered some 3½ acres but during the war he promised some of his Home Guard friends that he would add to it if possible.

Gogs rifle club, p7
Franco-British Society, p8

1952 11 04
The Mayor of Cambridge auctioned ten first-cross blue and white store pigs for the good price of £7 5s. He was opening the new sales yard at Cambridge Cattle Market. They were 12 months overdue due to difficulty in getting steel because of the Government's re-armament policy but were part of the council's plans to make it one of the best in the country. "We hope these extensions will make producers send more cattle and livestock and thus attract buyers from all over the country", he said. They were awaiting Government policy on the question of an abattoir and there was a move to start a wool market. # c.27.3

1952 11 04
The opening of a new branch of the Country Landowners' Association for the Isle of Ely was celebrated by a dinner at the Griffin Hotel, March attended by some 80 local landowners. Lord de Ramsey said the area contained the best farmers and worst landlords in the country – the sinking of the Fens was enough to discourage any Fen landlord from being too enthusiastic in improving roads or laying down concrete yards. Landlords had been looked upon as political and fiscal whipping boys between the wars but now had a very real opportunity of recreating rural life around them.

1952 11 05
Much of the congestion in the central area of Cambridge could be dealt with by providing car parks in the right places rather than the provision of extra circulatory routes the Chief Constable told the Development Plan inquiry. Closing of Magdalene Street would inevitably lead to an increased use of the Backs and the proposed spine relief road would not afford relief to traffic in the city centre. The police had received many complaints concerning the amount of noise at Drummer Street bus station late at night. By moving it to New Square this objection would be alleviated

1952 11 05
Some people at the Victoria Cinema almost believed they saw fish swimming above their heads in the middle of the auditorium. Others found it difficult not to duck when a cricket ball appeared to bounce right out of the screen. The cause was something new in cinema entertainment – the three-dimensional film. At present a special screen has to be used and audiences must wear tinted spectacles. Much still has to be done before stereoscopic films become commonplace but Cambridge is among the first places in England to welcome the arrival of the third dimension in the cinema # c.76.9

1952 11 06
"If Magdalene Street was closed several businesses would be affected between the Round Church and Northampton Street and the compensation would be very considerable", the Cambridge City Surveyor told the Development Plan inquiry. The council's policy on widening the road was laid down in 1925. When property was due for rebuilding the owners should set back the new building to some widened line. Boots had agreed to demolish their frontage and set it back when the time comes for the insurance office next door to be rebuilt.

Multi-storey car park plan, p6
Chesterton bridge, p7

1952 11 07
Cambridge council objected to the proposed development of land at Stourbridge Common as a professional football ground. The land was acquired for tipping purposes and they wished it to be zoned for storing Civil Defence materials or for use as a lorry park. The Chief Constable said that, assuming the aim was to bring Third Division football to Cambridge with possible crowds of 15,000 people, it would not present much difficulty in dispersing them from Newmarket Road after a match. The City council proposed a municipal sports ground at Trumpington Road. The class of football

envisaged would attract gates of not more than 1,000 and would not be in the same class as Cambridge City or United football clubs. # c.38 : football

1952 11 07 ES
Ely huts on Cambridge and Barton Roads, should they be repaired or demolished – 52 11 07(2)ES

Prickwillow Legion HQ opened – 51 11 07ES

Upware Tiptrees Farm, derequisitioned by A.E.C., withdrawn from sale – 52 11 07ES

1952 11 10
In swerving to avoid a dog in the road a 101 bus being driven along Green End Road, Cambridge on Sunday morning crashed into a house. The conductress, E. Chalker, who was taking an 11-year-old girl passenger's fare, was slightly injured. The girl, Marilyn Hall, was also injured when she was shot forward almost into the house. As she was being lifted into the ambulance Marilyn asked her mother "Can we have our fares back now? We didn't go anywhere".

1952 11 12
Ninety-one percent of the properties in the East Road area of Cambridge fell into the "short life" or "no life" categories the Development Plan inquiry was told. The area as a whole was described as "densely packed". The age of the houses was about 100 years, they were generally poorly constructed and the worst property in Cambridge lay in the area. The plan envisages using Norfolk Street as a local shopping centre to keep East Road free for a traffic route. But Mr S.P. Yarrow, retail grocer at 35 East Road said that if he went to Norfolk Street his turnover would be cut by half. B.G. Reynolds of Renbro Wireless Services, East Road, said he had one of the best positions in the area and business would go down if he moved. They did not see why two shops in East Road should impede the flow of traffic. – 52 11 12

1952 11 14
The visit to the University of Cambridge by the Duke of Edinburgh was enriched and enlivened by the reception which the young consort received at every stage of his tour. It was a "dusk and darkness" tour but the car's interior lighting was on and the crowds had a clear view of the slim, fair-haired Duke. The outstanding items in the programme were the conferment of the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Law upon the Duke at the Senate House, his opening of the new laboratory at the University Engineering Department and his visit to the University Union where he was made an honorary member. The Duke left a happy memory of an unassuming young man with a ready smile and a keen and intelligent interest in all that he saw. – 52 11 14 # c.02

CDN at Saffron Walden, p6
Seven Holes sluice, p7

1952 11 15
Chesterton history, p5

1952 11 17
A student occupying what is said to be a set of haunted rooms at Jesus College, Cambridge may have thought ghosts from distant lands had paid him a visit when he returned last Friday. During his absence a friend had taken some visitors from Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos into the rooms and they were so delighted that they decided to leave a memento in the form of messages written in Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotian scripts – the last appears to be a work of art, looking slightly like Chinese script.

1952 11 17
Mr George Hawkins, who has been the sole owner of G.P. Hawkins Ltd has announced that he has disposed of his entire shareholding to the Cambridge Co-operative Society. The firm was founded in

1838 in Fitzroy Street, which is still one of their shops. At the beginning of the century the late Mr G.P. Hawkins opened a shop and café in Sidney Street. In 1929 these premises and the adjoining site were extensively developed resulting in the opening in 1931 of 'The Dorothy' as it stands today. # c.27.2

1952 11 18
Mildenhall readers are reminded that the Night Final editions of the C.D.N. is now available at about 5.20 each evening and new arrangements have been made for its regular delivery. Orders can be given to Mr A. Ayes of Beck Row or left at his table inside the Bell Hotel, Mildenhall. The News contains full reports of all local happenings in the area. Persons who have news items should contact out Mildenhall correspondent, Mrs Mary Smith in Manor Road.

Low 'a communist, p9

1952 11 19
The new police station at the junction of White Hart Lane and Paddock Street, Soham, is the most up-to-date and first of its kind in the county. Four houses are provided for the station staff and the office accommodation includes sergeant's office, charge room and patrol rooms, in addition to garage accommodation. In charge of the new station in Sgt F.G. Brown who moves from Bottisham to take over from Sgt Miller who has been at Soham for the last five years.

1952 11 20
South Cambs R.D.C. decided to close all the waiting lists of applicants for tenancies of hutments at Fowlmere. This came as a result of a resolution from the Parish Council who asked them to allow no new persons to reside in the camps and to pull down each hut or portion of a hut as soon as it was vacated. Coun Murfitt spoke against closure: "We do not want to see people living under such conditions but until we have built enough houses we should not pull these huts down". But it was costing £30 a hut to keep out the rain and this 'fantastic' expenditure should be used to help build other houses and not for bolstering up huts which were not fit for human habitation.

1952 11 20
South Cambs RDC decided they were not responsible for cleaning out the river Mel near Sheene Farm and refused a request from Meldreth parish council to take action which would prevent the flooding of the road. Coun Pepper said: "It is common knowledge that houses are flooded and drainage floats about the gardens, roads are flooded and travel becomes dangerous. The responsibility lies fairly and squarely upon this council". But Coun Murfitt said the Council was not responsible for flooding.

1952 11 20
Edward Lainson of Premier Travel told the Development Plan Inquiry that it would be highly undesirable to move the bus station from Drummer Street to New Square. Access would be difficult and the crossing of Emmanuel Road by a large number of people would constitute a danger. It would cause congestion because a lot of people who found the buses handy would start using their cars. # c.26.46

1952 11 22
Mr George Hawkins has disposed of his holdings in the firm of G.P. Hawkins Ltd to the Cambridge Co-operative Society and a new company has been formed. But he has insisted that 'The Dorothy' will continue on the same lines as in the past and did not agree to the change-over until given that assurance. Running a catering establishment of this size is no easy task, made greater during the war when he was also the Regional Bread Officer for the Ministry of Food.

Guides Association, p9

1952 11 24

There was confirmation from Newmarket of the Cambridge flying saucer report. Mr J. Beirne reported seeing 'a definite circular object while cycling along Madingley Road, Cambridge. Now comes a report from a bus conductor of seeing a 'bright cigar-shaped object' flying at great speed at Newmarket. It gave out an orange-coloured tint and was fire by three small tappets at the rear. There have been isolated cases of practical demonstrations of guided missiles being carried out in the Mildenhall area and on the Norfolk coast. These guided weapons are known to be capable of speeds over 2,000 m.p.h. # c.26.1

1952 11 24
The County Council have designs on a quarter of an acre of smallholdings let to Redgate Nurseries on the corner of Hick's Lane and Cambridge Road Girton. It is proposed to establish a police station and house on the site which would give adequate supervision of the Huntingdon Road – a black spot for accidents in the past. The County Police force has been undermanned since the war and better accommodation would attract more recruits. The constable at Girton was responsible for policing the parishes of Girton, Oakington and Westwick. A council house was not suitable; if a constable had to detain a prisoner there was only the living room of the house available.

1952 11 25
Blant Breeding Institute, p7
Training motor cyclists, p11

1952 11 26
One woman who says 'No thank you' to a mink coat is the wife of a St Neots mink farmer. He was one of a dozen mink farmers in Britain in 1945. Now he is one of 200 who are showing that the film stars' fur can be bred here as well and cheaper than in Canada and America. Mink are usually sold in trios – one male and two females – at about £50 for dark brown, £65 for silver blue and £100 for the newly-fashionable white. The chances of growing a mink coat in your back garden are not much. You would need 100 skins and they would have to be perfectly matched.

Jet crash, p8
Newmarket pensioners' bungalows, p10
Development plan concludes, p12

1952 11 27
The fact that South Cambs RDC intend to start building houses on land at Fowlmere adjoining another piece designated in the Development Plan for a housing site was a "deplorable and irresponsible decision which they take at their peril" said an objector at the Inquiry. A piece of land at present used as a recreation ground was large enough for the existing football pitch and the proposed housing site. The Council said that a piece of land owner by a Mr Sheldrick was the most suitable, but when he wished to reclaim it for agriculture they had suggested the other site.

1952 11 28
Owing to an improvement in the supply of new cars to the home market, the motor industry has decided to reduce the period of restraint against resale under the covenant from two years to 12 months. This is another step to abolish the covenant as soon as its retention is no longer necessary to protect the motoring public from the activities of speculators. In future customers will no longer have to complete a form giving details of all new cars owned by him since the war. The models still covered include Austin A.30 and A.40, Ford Anglia, Prefect, Consul and Zephyr, Hillman Minx, Morris Minor and Oxford and Vauxhall Wyvern and Velox.

Jet crash, Dry Drayton, p8 # c.26.1

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1952 12 01 c

Cambridge Council will start negotiations for the purchase of sites in Northampton Street to build cottages for old people. The Cambridge Preservation Society has offered £100 towards the cost of each dwelling on condition that the cottages in Kettle's Yard are kept in being and modernised. Because of the urgent need in Chesterton for more cottages for old people's use the Housing Committee are to consider buying land on the Scotland Farm Site.

1952 12 02
Mrs Dale (Ellis Powell) of BBC fame will have something different to note in her diary when she opens the Cambridge Co-operative Society's new block of three shops on the corner of Whitehill Road. This imposing site accommodates an up-to-the-minute food store surmounted by dwellings. The three shops comprise a wet, dried and fried fish department, a butcher and a modern 'self-service' grocery with counters for the sale of rationed goods, confectionery and tobacco. # c.27.2

Parkside police station, p9

1952 12 03
Jet crash Oakington, p9 # c.26.1

1952 12 04
The villagers of Reach want their village to remain a village in its own right. They do not want to become part of Swaffham Prior. Strictly speaking Reach has never been a village in its own right – part of it lying within the parish of Burwell and part in Swaffham Prior, now an Inquiry is trying to sort the matter out. They concede that the present set-up is unsatisfactory but feel the answer is to make Reach a parish of its own.

1952 12 05
Cambridge City Council are objecting to the County Council's proposal to demolish the Shire Hall courts at present suffering from dry rot; their consent is needed as the building is scheduled as of special architectural or historic interest. Ald Wilding thought it was hardly necessary to demolish the building just because of some defects in the woodwork & Ald Taylor put forward a plan for preserving its very fine façade, but Coun George Edwards said the best thing would be to demolish it and have a new building erected in its place.

1952 12 06
The Government has refused permission for Messrs W. Wisbey to excavate sand and gravel from a field at Hauxton that the parish council wanted to use as a playing field, but permission has been granted for working in three other fields, about 30 acres in all. They have laid down conditions designed to minimise the damage to the amenities of the village.

University commont on plan, p6

1952 12 08
The familiar voice of Ellis Powell – of Mrs Dale's Diary fame – was heard coming over a loudspeaker instead of a radio by a large crowd waiting outside the new branch of the Co-op on the housing estate at Whitehill Road, Cambridge. Mrs Dale, hatless, but looking warm in a fur coat over her royal blue dress, declared the new store open. She was then the first customer of this modern self-serving grocery store which also has butchery and fish departments attached. People flooded in under the neon strip-lighting and, picking up baskets, made their way round the well-packed shelves, which seem to include every grocery imaginable. # c.27.2

1952 12 08
The Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire (Capt R.G. Briscoe) spoke about the police houses he had visited. Said he: "I would like to congratulate the County Architect – those houses are absolutely first-rate. And what a first-rate lot of chaps the Chief Constable has got. And I must congratulate those young chaps – what wonderful young wives they have got". Before Ald Stubbs could talk about

increased costs in building a police house the Chairman added: "I have been round every one of these homes – and it is surprising what a wonderful lot of women these wives are"

Willingham skating, p8

1952 12 09
One of Saffron Walden's few remaining oast houses has been partly pulled down. It had stood in Messrs Sainsbury's yard overlooking Audley Road for 150 years but there was no further use for it and falling tiles had been a danger to people. The building was still fairly sound except for the loose tiles and only the top half will be removed. It was used for hop-drying as late as 1930.

1952 12 09
The County Conservative and Horticultural Society is to ask whether arrangements can be made for schoolchildren to assist in the potato harvest. There was a shortage of labour and food was more essential than education in the case of boys between 14 and 15. Last year they were allowed a week's holiday, but a fortnight would be better. They would like to see the summer holidays staggered with three weeks at potato lifting time and three weeks at harvest time. The County MP said: "I don't think it does any harm to children that they should lend a hand in gathering the potato or any other harvest. A very great deal of good is done by allowing children, under the proper circumstances, to deal with things like that

1952 12 09
No matter what the weather may be like, over 20 schoolchildren from Littlebury who attend Saffron Walden Secondary Modern School have either to walk or find their own transport. Essex County Council has withdrawn the bus service for children living under three miles away and now the children never get home before 5 p.m. If it rains the children have to keep their wet things on all day. One parent said: "If this position continues, most people are going to keep their children away from school"

1952 12 09
Mr Donald McCullough appealed in "The Week's Good Cause" on behalf of the Ely Cathedral Restoration Appeal. He told listeners: "Ely Cathedral has been attached by the Death-watch beetle and unless we can act quickly it will fall down. I climbed up the lantern and stood there amongst the oak beams and I saw where they had been eaten away by this devilish insect. I actually felt the wood crumbling in my hand, and it was a horrible feeling. The good and generous people had just raised £80,000 to restore their parish churches and increase the incomes of their clergy when they made this awful discovery"

Skating, p8

1952 12 10
Eden chapel old photo, p6

1952 12 12
More than 100 people watched a key being turned in a lock last night before they entered the youngest Methodist Church in England. For that was how the Meadowlands Church, sparkling cream-and-cosy, was described at the first service to be held in the new building. Rev. W.H. Beales glanced over the congregation who had helped to pay for the cream-painted church, at the small intimate organ in the corner and the simple altar in light oak with its gleaming brazen cross & said the community of Meadowlands owed these workers a debt which could never be repaid # c.83

1952 12 13
The inquiry into the County Development Plan has concluded. Its main object is the preservation of Cambridge as a University town & the deliberate prevention of its character becoming that of an industrial town or a town with large straggling suburbs. The problem of Cambridge was largely a

traffic problem but measures to deal with this by the widening of streets would be a negation of the true object of planning which is to preserve the Cambridge we know today # c.49.4

1952 12 15
Bourn traffic, p11
Joseph Reed, p12

1952 12 16
Sims Woodhouse, p4
21st feast, p10
Hobbs 70, p12

1952 12 17
Cheveley rates, p4
Mowlem's 1000th house, p8

1952 12 18
Following an inspection by South Cambs R.D.C. of some "no fines" concrete houses they recommend the erection of 100 such houses in Sawston, and 50 in Duxford, Linton and Bassingbourn. The houses were comfortable to live in and of a smaller area that the type of house they had been building. They will not have to find any labour for erection as the firm will supply the men who will probably be billeted in the Trumpington National Service Hostel

1952 12 19
American airmen at Lakenheath contributed generously to their fund to provide Christmas food parcels for old people living near the base. Nearly 500 old folk will get a wonderful surprise when a U.S. airman knocks at their door and hands over a gaily-wrapped hamper containing assorted Christmas fare worth about £2 6s. The names of recipients have been selected from suggestions made by the W.V.S., the Women's Institutes and the British Legion

Cambridge – Haverhill buses, p6
Gas works new club, p11

1952 12 19 ES
Plane hits tree, Swaffham Prior Fen – 52 12 19ES

Littleport Arber's Mill demolished, Ten Mile Bank Road. Had been run by Benjamin Arber, during the war used as air raid shelter; recently sold and new owner, realising the structure was unsafe, has had to have it demolished – 52 12 19(3)

Death Mrs W. Kennedy, Matron of Littleport Convalescent Home. During War when the Home was taken over by the Air Ministry and her husband on war service, she worked on A.R.P. duties – 52 12 19(3)ES

Ely store belonging to Tucker & Sons builders, 11 Newnham Street, collapsed – photo – 52 12 19(4)ES

Sutton Gault Building Fund to provide permanent Sunday School and social centre reaches £600 – 52 12 19(5)ES

1952 12 20
Bomber crash, p6 & 23rd p7 # c.26.1
Ashly Tabrum, p9

1952 12 22

Cambridge was "rather quiet" as far as Christmas shoppers were concerned. The secretary of Joshua Taylor said they had fathers looking fondly and possessively at boy's train sets, girls examining intricately-mechanised farm tractors and boys glancing critically at dark-eyed dolls. The most precocious doll will blow bubbles and weep real tears, drink milk and needs nappies - and she carries a pipe in her purse (for the bubbles). But the sturdy reliable walker was still the most popular doll of all.

1952 12 23
The first children's Christmas party given by Pye Ltd since the war was held in the Canteen, St Andrew's Road, Cambridge, when more than 450 children of employees thoroughly enjoyed themselves. After tea they were entertained by the antics of Mr Shipp and then watched a marionette show presented by the Frith family of Histon. This is a real family show with son Roger, 13, manipulating the puppets, Mrs Lilian Frith making off-stage sounds and her husband Oliver providing the voices. Then Father Christmas arrived with sacks of presents and the children went home – the younger ones tired but happy

Lakenheath party, p6

1952 12 24
Cambridge is the first city in the country to be able to see the latest model of the Synchro Screen in action. This R.C.A. invention has been installed at the Rex Cinema and will be a permanent feature. The new screen enhances the photography giving it extra depth. It does not go the whole way to providing three-dimensional pictures but is a great step forward. There are five similar screens now in existence but the one at the Rex is the latest type and 2,000 people came along to see it on Sunday. # c.76.9

1952 12 26 ES
Ely electricity supply boosted from Burwell – photo – 52 12 26ES

1952 12 27
Chidrens' hospitalsd, p6

1952 12 29
In the oil-lit schoolroom at Toft on Thursday before Christmas, the chairman of the Parish Council pressed a button, and electricity came to the village. The school was crowded for the official switching-on ceremony. The original proposals were made in 1939 but were held up by the war. With the nationalisation of the supply industry a programme for orderly development was drawn up. Toft and Caldecote were among the first villages in the Cambridge district to receive a supply, which would serve about 70 consumers. They welcomed the arrival of electricity and looked forward to the enjoyment of its many advantages. There were demonstrations of domestic appliances and cookery and washing machines.

Milton planning, p4
Death P.J. Squires, p7

1952 12 31
In a field at the rear of the University Rugby ground a team of Cavendish Laboratory workers, led by Mr. M. Ryle, have set up a station for the study of the very weak cosmic radio waves which are reaching the earth from outer space. This new study has become known as radio astronomy and the large aerial systems used are now known as radio telescopes. Since 1946 the Cavendish have pioneered observations in this new branch of astronomy. The construction of a large version of the telescope would have involved great expense, but in conjunction with Mr D. McKay an entirely new method of constructing the aerial was devised which enabled it to be built at a fraction of the cost.

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1953 01 01
Cambridge welcomed the New Year in the traditional style and at all the City's ballrooms and dance halls dancers spent the midnight hour in the usual noisy, happy manner. Everywhere there were capacity crowds. At the attractively decorated Guildhall 500 witnessed the arrival of 1953 at a carnival dance with music by the Astral All Stars Dance Orchestra. At the Cambridge University Assistants' Annual Dance at the Examination Hall 1,000 people danced to George Freestone and His Music while at The Dorothy the music of Red Cottage's Orchestra was relayed downstairs to the café which was used as an extension to the ballroom.

Banham, p7

1953 01 02
About 200 cups of tea were served to bargain hunters as they queued waiting for the opening of the Belfast Linen Store's January sale. The queue started to form along St Andrew's Street soon after 5 a.m. and the long, chilly vigil was relieved by a welcome cup of piping hot tea at about 8 o'clock. It was dispensed from a van supplied by Hobbs' Pavilion, Parker's Piece. First bargains to go were quilt sets slashed from 12 to four guineas, spring interior mattresses reduced to £3 19s. and pillow cases at 1s. each.

1953 01 03
Cambridge will be one of the first cities in England to be lit almost entirely by "sodium" street lighting. And, said the Mayor, it will be one of the best-lighted in the world. A motorist can appreciate sodium lighting better than any pedestrian can. Black spots and fog are obliterated. Trunk roads will be lit, stopping at the inner ring-road, as this type of light is not thought suitable for the historic city centre. A completely new type of lantern is being used which gives an exceptionally high light output in relation to the electrical energy consumed. # c.24.8

Church developments, p9

1953 01 05
About 100 Fulbourn children are victims of a measles epidemic, which has swept through the village. Miss A. Featherstone, a district nurse, said the first outbreak occurred on December 9th and since then she has had batches of under 11's suffering from the disease. Because of the outbreak few Fulbourn children have enjoyed the fun of a Christmas party; there were so many of them in bed. One villager said: "The children have been going down with it like ninepins". But an official of the County Medical Department said: "A measles epidemic? No, I've heard nothing. It must be a rumour"

1953 01 07
The Vicar of Over sprang a surprise on Sunday night when he announced that he had tendered his resignation. "My chief reasons are financial and family", he told his congregation. His salary had been raised to £500 but this is dependent on the parish meeting its quota. "Over could have raised this had the parish wished to do so, but there is no will to make the exertion. If a parish which is in a position to find the money to pay a share of its priest's stipend refuses to do so, it should not have the services of a full-time priest", he said. "In the old days two maids and a gardener were employed to tend the vicarage. I am not prepared to go on seeing my wife trying to do the work of mistress of the house, mother and two maids, and as a reward suffer the privations of grinding poverty." – 53 01 07

1953 01 09

After a six-months stay in Cambridge 16 excited Greek children left for their own country. They came here from war-shattered Greece in the summer of last year and stayed with families under the auspices of the Cambridge Committee of International Help for Children. They met and played with English children, they attended school and as the months passed their frail forms filled out and they became normal healthy children

US homes, p8

1953 01 09 ES
Death Ald Horace Martin, Upton House, Littleport - 53 01 09ES

1953 01 10
Cambridge Guildhall became a fairyland of soft lights and sweet music for the annual ball of Cambridgeshire County Police. Tasteful carpeting and curtaining, coupled with colourful floral decorations, gave the ballroom a warm, welcoming atmosphere when one stepped from the raw, misty night outside. And the remarkable centre-piece, a fountain surmounted by a crown and outlined in colourful lights provided a charming reminder of the coming Coronation, besides adding gaiety to the scene. On the stage the Stirlingaires Orchestra played a polished and well-balance programme of music with Julie Butler signing the vocal refrains.

1953 01 12
A well known figure for many years, Mr Robert Pierce, has died. He joined the old Cambridge Electric Supply Company in 1908 as manager and engineer and stayed until 1938 when he retired and was placed on the Board of Directors where he remained until the industry was nationalised in 1948. In his own private workshop he built a good deal of the equipment used at Addenbrooke's Hospital in the early days of X-ray.

1953 01 12
A minimum wage of £7 a week without any alteration in hours was demanded at the annual meeting of the National Union of Agricultural Workers in Cambridge. It was needed in order to meet the increasing cost of living and to bring wages into line with those enjoyed by workers in other industries. They also asked |Government to abolish the tied cottage system and bring rural houses up to standard.

1953 01 13
A large number of Cambridge people have made applications to the City Council for licences to build their own homes, since the Government announcement that anyone could build a house of up to 1,000 square feet. Circulars have been sent to all people on the council housing list asking them if they want to build. Provided the authority is satisfied that the cost of erecting a house is reasonable the licence is granted automatically. The cost of building a house is about £1,300 and with the aid of a mortgage comes within the scope of an £8-a-week wage-earner. It is possible to have more expensive fittings than those generally used in council houses; if a bath in a council house costs £5 a person wanting to install one costing £25 would be allowed the difference in building his own house. # c.23

1953 01 14
Work on the roundabout at East Road corner with Newmarket Road, Cambridge, has been in progress for about five weeks; it is hoped it will be completed in another six. Before long the traffic lights will be removed and the centre of the junction will be sealed off so that the roundabout can be erected. Traffic will still be able to use the crossing, as by then the road surface at the corners will have been filled in.

Wentworth Day letter, p13

1943 01 15
Longstowe water, p9

1953 01 16 c
King's College head porter, Albert Powell, was granted a possession order for his house in Marshall Road. He had bought the house in 1919. In 1936 he was made head porter at King's College, which necessitated him living in the porter's lodge. In 1938 he let the house to the present tenant but told him he would want it when he retired. Mr Powell was asked: "Would you stay at King's if you could not get possession of the house; you are still full of fight and able to cope with undergraduates". He replied: "No, I am 66 now"

1953 01 17
A new type of draught excluder fitted to a Trinity College undergraduates' sitting room was so effective that nobody was aware it was on fire. The occupant was sleeping peacefully while in the adjoining room furniture and floorboards were ablaze. Smoke pouring from the fire was prevented from penetrating to the bedroom by the draught excluders recently fitted. The sound of crackling timbers woke a student on the floor below who gave the alarm. Undergraduates from other rooms on the staircase ran to safety but it was only after a ladder was raised to the first-storey bedroom that the sleeping man was roused.

1953 01 19
St Pauls's church war memorial, p10

1953 01 20
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, accompanied by Princess Margaret, paid a surprise visit to Cambridge to call at Mr Stanley Woolston's antique shop in St Andrew's Street. News of their coming was a secret, but a handful of people appreciated the significance of the 'No Waiting' signs & when the sleek Royal car drew up a crowd of about 200 had been attracted to the scene. The Queen Mother, fresh and charming as ever, returned the cheers of the crowd with a smile and a friendly nod. Princess Margaret, demure, attractive and smiling followed her mother into the shop which has now enjoyed Royal patronage for a great many years. # c.02

1953 01 21
Cambridge city council have asked the County not to demolish the old Assize Courts which are at present closed because of dry rot. As it is a building of special architectural interest further consideration should be given to its preservation. Dry rot does not necessarily involve the demolition of the whole structure of an affected building – none of the Colleges have had to demolish their buildings, though many of them have been affected from time to time. But the County says there is no assurance that further infection could be prevented. They intend to re-erect the façade of the building elsewhere # c.34.9 # c.61

1953 01 21
The Deputy Mayor of Cambridge, (Ald. H.O. Langdon) told a public meeting to launch an appeal for funds for a residential home for old people that it was a challenge to every one of them. "Can we stand aside and see old people who have spent a useful life in the service of our country suffer the pangs of loneliness and hardship, and let them die in despair, uncared for and unwanted", he asked. It is proposed to provide bed sitting rooms, both single and double, centrally heated and with modern amenities together with a dining room, reading and writing rooms where people can spend their declining years in the company of others and be tended and cared for. # c.32.9

1953 01 23
A decision to build a new £100,000 telephone exchange in Cambridge was revealed at the annual Christmas party of the male telephonists of Cambridge G.P.O. It will be quite a big new building, in Trumpington Road. Mr G.S. Cumming, the Chief Night Supervisor, said that the night telephonist's job was very important and evening calls provide the greatest degree of happiness that the telephone service gives. During the night most of the calls were vitally important. His staff were really wonderful and their wives had a lot to do with it – they sent the men to work happy. # c.27.75

1953 01 26
Assize courts, p4

1953 01 28
The chairman of Histon parish council protested against a proposal that boundaries of the adjacent parishes should be altered and 415 acres added to Girton. This was the third time that Girton had asked for an extension; on the last occasion in 1934 Histon had agreed. Oakington also wanted additional land, previously the site of the isolation hospital; the Cambridge road was their only source of development since the aerodrome had taken 500 acres, the water supply was provided by the village and residents would be able to avail themselves of the new recreation ground.

1953 01 29
Abut 100 Cambridge undergraduates went to a party in St Catharine's college and then stood cheering while the man responsible was thrown into the icy waters of the Cam. For the party was a hoax! Three St Catharine's students were thanked for their invitations to a party and found that 100 invitations had been printed. They took it in the right spirit and arranged a party with a comb and paper band to provide some music. The hoaxer sent an anonymous letter with money to pay for the drinks, but was denounced and thrown into the Cam.

1953 01 30
Ely Beet Sugar Factory has come to the end of another successful campaign, dealing with 316,000 tons of beet in 116 days, including a two-day stop when the boiler broke down, and produced over 44,000 tons of sugar, 7,000 tons of molasses and nearly 23,000 tons of dried beet pulp. It is a tribute to the farmers to say that in spite of all the handicaps of frost, snow and water-logged fields, less than half of one per cent of the beets remain unharvested.

Bourn airfield, p4

1953 01 31
Shire Hall courts, p9

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1953 02 02
East Coast Floods, p1, 3, 8 – 52 02 02

1953 02 03
More evacuees from the Married Quarters at Felixstowe RAF Station arrived at Waterbeach RAF station, bringing the total to about 150. The matron of the Glanely Rest, at Exning, says that 35 flooded-out residents of the Bristol House Home at Felixstowe had been accommodated at the late Lord Glanely's house. Pye's factory at Oulton Broads, Lowestoft, was flooded by 28-ft waves and put out of action. Salt water covered much of the equipment. Yesterday Mr L.W. Jones, Works Director and Mr C.A. Harmer, Technical Director went to Lowestoft to survey the damage and make plans for sending help from Cambridge – 52 02 03

Cambridge residents' flood story, p6 – 52 02 03
Cherry Hinton housing, p10

1953 02 04
Varsity, the university student magazine, reports that the rooms in women's colleges may be poky, unsuitably furnished and dimly lighted but they are not dowdy. At Newnham all the rooms are attractive but dim lighting and inadequate heating are the main faults and there is a dearth of food cupboards. Male visitors may be shocked to see that their hostess keeps food and crockery in her wardrobe together with damp towels and that the desk drawers contain undies. At Girton some rooms

contain antique furnishings which give an air of luxury but others are completely modern with unique mobiles and original paintings by Avante Garde artists.

Appeal for bedding, first loads sent to flood victims, p8 – 53 02 04
Newmarket housing

1953 02 05
To a Britain shocked by the disasters of the weekend came the news today that the bodies of over 100 people had been found in the Canvey Island floods and that between 400 and 500 more were unaccounted for. The dreadful magnitude of the tragedy is becoming only too clear to rescue workers who see bodies – some young children – floating on the waters and others laying lifeless on roof tops with water lapping at their feet, and still more entangled amongst branches of trees – flung there by the mighty waves which engulfed the island. # c.29

1953 02 05
Stories of those who lived through the coastal deluge are being unfolded. Well-known Cambridge people were amongst those who can now tell of narrow escapes from death. One woman spent more than five hours on the roof of her beach house at Heacham with the raging sea all around. "Our bungalow was the only one which held together, yet it was washed a quarter of a mile from the original site, and five people living almost next door lost their lives", she said.

Cambridge Food Convoy returns from King's Lynn – 53 02 05

1953 02 06 ES
Holiday beaches now six miles of ruin … Snettisham survivors living in Ely … the Ouse position – 53 02 06 & (2)ES

1953 02 07
Contrary to reports that floods threaten on an even larger scale at King's Lynn, Mr W.E. Doran of the Great Ouse River Board said the situation was satisfactory. Of the eight breaks which occurred in the banks of the Ouse five were closed before the next high tide. On the remaining breach north of Magdalene railway bridge some 400 men, including airmen, farm workers and University students were employed in filling bags in preparation for the first stage in the closing of the breach. p9 # c.29

1953 02 09
Voluntary work in aid of the East Coast flood victims went on throughout Cambridge during the weekend and many volunteers were pleased to see the Mayor who visited the various centres before concluding with a visit to Heacham where he saw the bulldozers piling up the beach in an endeavour of build a wall. . On Saturday afternoon he called in at the Cambridge United football ground where a short appeal over the loudspeaker system resulted in a collection amounting to £37. – 53 02 09

1953 02 09
Sir Hugh Lucas-Tooth, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Home Office, visited W.V.S. centres in Cambridge. He saw American airmen working alongside British civilians in sorting and packing hundreds of articles which are still being received for the East Coast Flood victims. 500 blankets were sent today from Cambridge to Yarmouth where many people are going back to their homes. The hangar at Madingley Road which has been opened as a receiving centre is so packed with clothing and bedding that the heads of students working there are touching the roof.

1953 02 10
People of Cambridge are responding well to the Queen Mother's message broadcast by the BBC appealing for clothing for the East Coast flood victims. At the W.V.S. Regional Headquarters in Chesterton Road clothing is piling up on the floor. All morning people have been arriving from Cambridge and the outlying villages with armfuls of clothes and children's toys. The British Red

Cross Society are busy and a long line of people have offered bedding and bedsteads of all descriptions. The Harvey Goodwin Nursery has made an offer of babies' cots

1953 02 10 c
The Swiss Laundry and the Cherry Hinton Steam Laundry in Cambridge are both busy washing and ironing articles sent from flooded laundries at Lowestoft. All the employees volunteered to work throughout the weekend on consignments which arrived in lorries. The articles were covered in slime and completely unrecognisable as individual garments. By Sunday the whole consignment was completed and they were surprised how clean the articles had come. The Scotsdale Laundry was also engaged on similar work

1953 02 11
Pest Control of Harston appealed against the refusal of planning permission for an extension of their works. The County planners said they do not think it in the interest of Cambridgeshire that there should be an increase of major industry. It was their duty to protect the beauty and well-being of the county. The production site of the factory should never have been started at Hauxton at all and it must not be allowed to expand. There had been complaints of unpleasant smells and discoloration and pollution of the river

1953 02 12
Cam levels

1953 02 12 c
Tired but in good spirits the crew of a Cambridge Food Squad consisting of six Ministry of Food vans returned from King's Lynn where they have provided free stews, teas, sandwiches, pudding and custards to the homeless and the many workers helping with the flood disaster. The party consisted of hand-picked recruits from the W.V.S. who were also members of the Civil Defence movement. One said that it was just as difficult as the job they had to do in the Norwich blitz during the war.

1953 02 13
High water levels on the River Cam have now dropped considerably at all points except at Bottisham Locks and all precautions for dealing with any emergency during the period of the Spring tides have been completed. A tide warning system will be put into operation; the number of patrols will be increased and emergency gangs, transport and materials made available at short notice. Coastal weather and tidal conditions are received by teleprinter at the Great Ouse River Board's Ely headquarters and police are ready to issue any necessary warnings – 53 02 13 # c.29

Cambridge more expensive than London, Civil Service claims – 53 02 13

1953 02 13 ES
Ely & District Laundry wash clothes flood victims – photo – 53 03 13ES

1953 02 14
Bad weather delayed the Royal Car when Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother came to Cambridge to visit depots where clothing is being stored for East Coast flood victims. She visited the hangar on Madingley Road in which is stacked some 400 tons of clothing sent by post, road and rail from all parts of the country. There she watched undergraduates unloading lorries, saw the clothing being sorted and then went to the canteen where she accepted a beaker of tea, declining sugar. Then she walked into the open to see the Soya boilers used to provide hot meals. During part of the time in the shed Her Majesty was under the glare of television cameras which were recording the proceedings. – 53 02 14 # c.02

King's Lynn fair, p1
Concert for floods, p7

1953 02 16
Queen Mother and WVS floods, p9

1953 02 17
Croydon plane crash, p6 # c.26.1

1953 02 18
A Newmarket reader has written to complain about the way in which fish fryers wrap up fish and chips. "It seems to be an accepted rule that the bag must always be an inch too short. If you buy 6d worth of chips they will give you a bag which holds 4d worth. This is not a chance accident but a system which is rigidly adhered to with the result that at least some of the chips will be imbibed with the printers' ink of the newspaper in which it was wrapped."

1952 02 19
Death E.A.B. Barnard, p5

1953 02 21
A travel-worn motor coach came to rest on Market Hill, Cambridge, after a 3,000-mile, seven week "Go to Clacton" tour of the Midlands. And Mr E.A. Lainson, Managing Director of Premier Travel Ltd hopes it will bring him £6,000 worth of business this summer. The 35-seater is no ordinary vehicle for the passengers cannot see through the windows. But as a mobile cinema it has taken the golden sands and sunshine of Clacton to hundreds of housewives and factory workers in industrial towns and cities far away from the sea, showing an eight-minute colour film 'Back to the Sun'

1953 02 21
Eleven members of a Wilburton family have a record of longevity that will take some beating. Four brothers and seven sisters, their combined ages add up to 872 years. In order of seniority they are: Mrs Elizabeth Moxon who is 86, Herbert Warren (Wilburton) 84, Edward Warren 83, Mrs Rebecca Everitt 82, Mrs Georgina Ashman 81, Alfred Ashman 79, Mrs Flora Wilds 78, Mrs Mary Clark 77, Arthur Herbert Warren 66, Miss Clara Warren 74 and Ethel, aged 72.

1953 02 23
A new branch of the Westminster Bank opened in Fitzroy Street, Cambridge, a fairly busy district which up to now has not been served by a bank of any sort. Inside the visitor is greeted with an attractively decorated modern interior. Cheques will be taken to the parent branch in Bene't Street where they are photographed and available for the customer to examine. An interesting feature is that a night safe has been provided. The first person to open an account was Geoffrey Nichols, of the Free Press, Prospect Row. # c.32.8

1953 02 24
Almost 200 members of the Cambridge Branch British Legion Women's Section celebrated their jubilee at the Dorothy Café. Mrs A.A. Sampson, Chairman, expressed thanks to their officers and mentioned in particular the only two standard bearers the branch had had in its 25 years. Mrs Barnard, who had retired for health reasons in 1936, and her sister, Mrs Garner, who took over the duty at that time. After dinner the guests danced to the music of Wally Scott's Band and were entertained by a cabaret by members of Mrs Joan Metcalfe's School of Dancing

1953 02 25
Messrs Cheffins put Allen's Farm, Teversham, up for sale by auction. The farm of 187 acres which lies about 3½ miles from the City Centre attracted a large company and the bidding quickly advanced to £17,700 at which figure it was knocked down to Marshall's Flying School. It is understood that this was the first auction of property in Teversham since 1906.

1953 02 26
Butchers dance, p7

1953 02 27
A property known as 'The Spinney', Limekiln Close, Cherry Hinton was ordered to be demolished as it was unfit for human habitation & a danger to passers-by. The thatched roof was overgrown with vegetation and the timber frame of the house rotten and on the point of coming away. The cottage was very close to a road junction and may fall towards the public highway. Children had broken into it and it looked as though it had been hit by a bomb.

1953 02 27 ES
Sutton business changes hands after 103 years: H.A. Nunn, High Street confectionary, tobacco and newsagents, started by grandfather' taken by S & O.G. Hirst of Blackburn – 53 02 27ES

1953 02 28
The Newmarket Association for the Prosecutions of Felons dinner attracted more than the usual number of stalwarts from Cambridge. It used to concern itself with bringing miscreants to book but now proved an opportunity for a convivial evening out. Members are usually called 'felons', but are keen to point out they are nothing of the sort. Mrs Charles Phythian, clerk to Cambs County Council had to withstand a good-natured ragging by Jack Ennion, another well-known solicitor, about the proposed demolition of the Old Shire Hall.

Sunday School Union, p8

1953 02 28 c
Bar takings at the Exning Road Working Men's Club at Newmarket during 1952 were nearly £11,280 – a new record for the third year running and this, more than anything, reflected the manner in which members supported the club. It played a prominent part in social activities of the area and had developed into a community centre. It had no party politics and no class distinction but a happy atmosphere always prevailed and that had a great deal to do with its success.

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1953 03 02
"Why not let the façade of the Assize Courts on Castle Hill be used as a 'Marble Arch' for the new Spine Relief Road" asked the Mayor of Cambridge during discussions on its removal. The City Council had been very concerned about its preservation but to dismantle and remake it would cost £12,000 and architects said it could not be placed on the new building. It was a secondary monument and not old enough to be preserved, being built in 1840. But the stone figures on the roof were to be saved. 53 03 02

Closing gap, p4

1953 03 04 c
A Newmarket stable lad was fined £3.10s for being drunk while in charge of a bicycle and riding without lights. He can pay the fine at the rate of 10s a week. P.C. Flucker said he saw the defendant riding his machine in an erratic manner in Newmarket High Street. He was sitting on a saddle which consisted of three springs with no cover – which was uncomfortable. He veered to the nearside of the road and finally fell off. Told he would be reported he'd said: "You can send me to prison for two weeks but I won't pay a penny".

1953 03 05
The East Coast floods and the Harrow railway disaster are reasons for joining the National Health Service Reserve and more than 1,500 more volunteers are needed in this region. It provides an efficient body of men and women immediately ready when an emergency arises. The Hospital Board plan to provide 15 static and 20 mobile First Aid posts. There was a chronic scarcity of hospital beds. At midnight there had been five empty beds in the men's ward at Addenbrooke's Hospital but by 8

a.m. two of these had been filled. It does not take much imagination to picture what would happen if there were an emergency when something like 100 casualties needed attention

1953 03 05
Linton Lime and Chalk Company appealed against a County Council refusal to allow the construction of houses for their workers on land along the front of the pit. About 20,000 cubic yards were dug from the pit each year & if it were not possible to build houses they would cease working. But the County said that other accommodation would be just as suitable and the firm was trying to secure permission for residential development so they could sell and secure financial benefit. Noise, dust and the general position of the site outside the planning scheme boundary made it unsuitable for residential purposes.

Phone manager's duties, p11

1953 03 06
Lenin death, p1

1953 03 07
Remains found in an ancient grave at Snailwell were handed to the University Museum of Archaeology. The grave is of a Belgic chieftain who died a short time before the Roman invasion. He was cremated and the small heap of bones that remain were buried in a bag together with his shield and some food such as ox, a small pig and some fowl. Some of the pottery utensils still bear the marks of the potter who made them. It is the first of its kind to be found locally for over 50 years

1953 03 09
Police inquiries are being made to find the person responsible for blocking Magdalene Street in Cambridge with a length of iron fencing. It was stretched across the road, one end was chained to a lamp post and the other to a direction sign. There was a red lamp in the centre with a notice "Beware – foot and mouth disease". There was a diversion sign on the bridge and on Northampton Street traffic lights was a sign that warned, "Track closed".

Hills Road bridge, p10

1953 03 10
The University has invited the City Council to join them in making representations for a municipal abattoir to be built in Cambridge. It would be under the control of the council but provide facilities for University departments who need specimens for research and for the School of Veterinary Medicine. Meat inspection is an important element in vets' training and it would be an advantage if there were facilities in Cambridge.

1953 03 11
Bowes bookshop taken by W.H. Smith, p3

1953 03 12
If you have a few hours to spare any day – including Sundays – you will be welcome at the W.V.S. depot at Madingley Road, Cambridge. There in the huge wartime aircraft hangar a big job still awaits. The surge of generosity following the East Coast floods produced vast quantities of clothing of all kinds and the boxes and bundles are stacked to the roof. They need to be sorted and prepared for despatch. The building is bright and warm and an amplification system is in operation to provide music while you work. A midday meal is provided and a sandwich tea in the afternoon but the reward is to see the lorries leaving every day loaded with neat, clearly-labelled packages which will help to ease the burden of families whose possessions were destroyed in a single night.

1953 03 12
The former tenant of Tower Farm, Tadlow told the bankruptcy court it was a situated a mile from the nearest road and accessible only by a mud track. When he took it in 1947 it was in a very dilapidated

condition. He cut back the hedges and carried on mixed farming but owing to the nature of the farm and the lack of proper draining he found it impossible to cultivate the full acreage and the last three harvests had been poor. He had sold his furniture and effects at the Downing Arms but was amazed at the way things went cheaply. People seemed to think the sale was a farce.

1953 03 13
Plans for slum-clearing within Cambridge and for the transfer of tenants from under-occupied properties were outlined at the city council. At present people on the 5,000-strong waiting list will have to wait as long as 15 years for a home. Ald Langdon said: "Cambridge has been expanding into the countryside, but inside it is rotten to the core. We have got to clear the slum houses which are a great expense to the council, but what are we going to do with the people living in dilapidated houses which were condemned before the war". The council is now concentrating on providing smaller dwellings and blocks of flats, but land will be very scarce in the future. # c.23

1953 03 14
The site of England's oldest bookshop has just changed hands for the 14th time in more than 350 years. Messrs W.H. Smith have acquired Bowes and Bowes' shop on the corner of Trinity Street which has a heritage of bookselling, publishing and binding that goes back as far as 1581. In 1807 it belonged to John Nicholson, son of the celebrated 'Maps' who went his rounds of the University with a moveable stall laden with textbooks and called out "Maps and pictures". Later Kingsley and other literary men held 'tobacco parliaments' on religion and politics, Wordsworth reclined there, Thackeray dined there and Tennyson first read "Maud" in the Long Room, now the Foreign Department. – 53 03 14 # c.25

1953 03 16
The Mayor (Ald S.T. Bull) formally opened the first two police houses to be erected in Cambridge. He said that some new recruits come from other parts of the county and they, like most human beings, marry and have families. There are three police houses in the area but they have no indoor sanitation. The new houses are easy to run, with light and pleasant room. There are 16 police houses being built and they will be sited at Walpole Road, Queen Edith's Way, Fulbourn Road and Coleridge Road. # c.34.7

St Edmunds church window, p5

1953 03 17
Business at the Bene't Street, Cambridge, branch of Barclay's Bank has expanded to such a degree over recent years that additional premises are required to handle an 'overflow' of work. Now a new bank has been built at 3, St Andrew's Street. The counter is made of Honduras mahogany and glass panelling is extensively used, a modern feature which nevertheless preserves the traditional dignity of a bank. There is a unique feature about the new bank. Alongside the wall facing the church is a line of thirty tombstones, some 250 years old, which had to be displaced during building operations. # c.32.8

1953 03 18
Duxford jets, p1

1953 03 19
Marshal Tito saw two Meteor jets collide in mid-air and crash in flames as he was watching an air display at Duxford airfield. He jumped to his feet in horror as a great burst of red flame rose hundreds of feet into the air behind some trees at Chrishall. They were two of the four jets which had swept past his armchair before taking off. From their open cockpits the pilots each gave an "eyes left" to the Marshal who saluted back. Just after the crash there was a poignant moment when the two surviving Meteors touched down. Tito rose from his armchair, stood to attention and saluted the planes in tribute to the dead pilots. # c.02 # c.26.1

1953 03 20 ES

'Go Ahead' for Ouse Flood scheme – 53 03 20ES

1953 03 21
Marshal Tito paid a surprise visit to Cambridge; police took stringent security measures and many people were surprised to see a fleet of a dozen cars, escorted by police patrolmen on motor-cycles, sweeping along the streets. It was not until late in the afternoon when it became known that the distinguished visitor was the Yugoslav President. At the University Library Special Branch detectives screened all visitors in the most stringent security measures ever undertaken on the visit of a foreign statesman. He then visited the Engineering Department and Downing College. # c.02

1953 03 21
King Hussein of Jordan had a flight in a helicopter, saw the beauty of King's College Chapel and had dinner at Trinity College during a short visit to Cambridge. His first engagement was a visit to the Bourn works of Pest Control Ltd and as his car covered the last mile to the entrance it was escorted by a crop-spraying helicopter keeping pace 50 feet overhead. News that the locust threat in his own country has become very grave increased the importance of a demonstration of methods employed in the destruction of the pest # c.02

1953 03 24
With Old Mother Riley there is no compromise – either you like her immensely or you dislike her intensely. And judging by the queues at the New Theatre the 'likes' heavily outnumber the 'dislikes' in Cambridge. In 'Going Gay' she takes the lion's share of the programme in several amusing sketches. The humour is of the simple, homely kind in which Arthur Lucan excels. A lot of people will be looking for the boisterous fun and frolic which has become identified with the name of Old Mother Riley and they will not be disappointed.

1953 03 25
Amid the nation-wide sorrow at the death of Queen Mary, the sadness of the people of Cambridge is of a deeper and more personal nature. For this City has known her not only as a gracious lady but also as a charming, friendly and human personality. For more than 20 years she came at frequent intervals to call at Mr Stanley Woolston's antique shop and the people of Cambridge came to accept it as a normal part of the city's life. But the news was sufficient to cause a flutter of excitement and to attract a crowd to St Andrew's Street to demonstrate their affection. – 53 03 25 # c.02

1953 03 25
The Bury St Edmunds coroner has been informed of the discovery of an important treasure. While two warreners employed by the Elvedon Estate were hunting for rabbits at Sketchfarheath they came across a number of loose coins. They then made a careful search and brought up a grey earthenware pot containing 1,143 silver coins, mostly Roman Denarii in excellent condition.

1953 03 27
For over 50 years James Bird has served beer over the same bar at the Star and Garter, Cheveley, a pub which goes back well over 200 years. He took over in August 1901, his wife having lived there since 1886 - her grandparents (Mr & Mrs Beale) then kept the pub. In 1910 he wrote to the village Coronation Celebrations Committee offering to cater for 400 adults at 2s. a head, for which price there was roast beef, mutton, pickles and beer. "I suppose we have known just about everybody in the village and can look back on many good times", he said, recalling lavish shooting lunches & early mornings when hot coffee and rum was served to the waggoners. – 53 03 27

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1953 04 01
With a rosy glow reflected on the windows of Great St Mary's church, a University, City and County congregation paid their last respects to her late Majesty, Queen Mary. While the beautiful gaunt notes of the Dead March in Saul rang through the pillared church there was a silence so complete, so

moving as to be perhaps the loveliest and most memorable part of Cambridge people's memorial to the late Queen. Then led by the Mayor and Corporation the congregation melted out into the brightness of a fine March day. # c.02

1953 04 01
Cambridge rate increases since pre-war years surprised members of the Hundred Houses Society Ltd. Since 1939 rates for 229 houses on Fallowfields and Eastfields estates have risen by 85 per cent. The Second World War put an end to the Society's activities. Although they have an undeveloped estate at Scotland Farm it has been found impossible, owing to Government regulations and the economic position of the country to develop it.

1953 04 02
A jury at an inquest at Elveden Hall found that the hoard of Roman silver coins found recently in a vase on Lord Iveagh's Estate were Treasure Trove & named the two warreners concerned as the finders. The men said they were digging out rabbits when two-and-a-half feet down they found a vase standing upright. The coins dated back to the third century and the majority were in mint condition. The Coroner said the Treasury, to whom the 1,143 coins would be sent, usually treated finders "extremely generously".

1953 04 03
The Duxford firm of Aero Research has played an important part in the reconstruction of the Royal State Coach. The late King George VI found the iron tyres both noisy and uncomfortable and inquired if it would be possible to fit rubber tyres without changing the traditional appearance of the coach. After 200 years of use the wheels had changed and were no longer truly circular. The firm needed to build up the wheels to their original shape by applying a thickness of synthetic resin to the existing tyres.

1953 04 03
Professor Testo's flea circus is currently featured in the Easter fair on Midsummer Common. There are jugglers, tight-rope walkers and acrobats all of whom live in a felt-lined cigar box. It is rather difficult to get fleas these days, he says. "They must be human fleas. Animal fleas don't live long enough and they're not as strong. Usually we advertise for them, but if I get really short I get them sent from the College of Entomology. By looking after them carefully, and feeding them regularly on my own blood, I can keep them alive for about three months. I will pay sixpence each for them. But I don't want any of your thin, half-starved ones. They must be fat and well fed".

1953 04 04 c
Outside the Cambridge Labour Party Hall large posters announced that "Syncopating" Sandy Strickland, the Bolton musician, had started his attempt to play the piano non-stop for 132 hours. But the doors of the hall were locked and people who were curious to see the start of this unusual marathon were refused admittance. For Sandy had met a serious obstacle in the shape of the local licensing laws which have ruled out his plans for throwing open the hall to the public as it is only licensed for music between 7 pm and midnight. People living nearby have protested against the endurance test with the piano tinkling on all night.

1953 04 06
Huntingdon expansion, p4
Mill Road Hospital struck, p5

1953 04 07
About one in every 20 acres of fenland wheat sown last autumn has been destroyed by the grub of the wheat bulb fly. In the Isle of Ely, which is worst hit, the proportion of destruction is as high as one acre in ten. Very badly affected fields may have to be ploughed up and re-sown. Added to the losses sustained by sea flooding in the same district this will mean considerable reduction in the wheat production in a year when the demand is for more cereals

Hemingford Abboys meeting, p5
Edward Russell photographer, p6 # c.65.5

1953 04 08
After an all-night search a Meteor jet fighter from R.A.F. station, Bassingbourn, was found near Field Barn, Orwell. The pilot's body was found in the wreckage. At midnight last night the BBC broadcast an appeal for the plane when it was reported missing on a routine flight. Police were asked to look out for the aircraft which was eventually found by an R.A.F. search plane. Mrs D.L. Hallett of Orwell said she was watching her television set when the house was shaken, but she did not hear what had happened until morning. Elsewhere in Orwell nothing was heard. # c.26.1

1953 04 09
A goods engine crashed through the buffer stops at Coldham's Bridge, Cambridge. The buffer stops were completely demolished and the engine buried itself up to the footplate in soft earth. The driver and fireman were both admitted to Addenbrooke's Hospital with slight injuries. Before the engine could be moved the boiler had to be emptied to lessen the weight. A 45-ton crane was needed to drag it backwards across a platform of sleepers until it was replaced on the rails. Work was hampered by the soggy ground and the presence of overhead telegraph wires. # c.26.2

1953 04 13
The Cambridgeshire Divisional Magistrates Court sat for the last time in the old Shire Hall Courts, where justice has been meted out for over 100 years. It is just over eight months since it was found that the building was infested with dry rot and since then all courts, save the County Bench, have been accommodated in the Guildhall. Since then there have been many arguments in the County Council Chamber but the only solution they could find was that the building would have to be demolished. # c.34.9

1953 04 14
An impressive ceremony was enacted at Swavesey parish church in the laying-up of the village's British Legion men's and women's section standards. Rain poured in torrents as a large procession of British legion members from various branches headed by a combined band from the R.A.F. stations Oakington and Upwood marched to the church where the congregation included children and First World War veterans

1954 04 15
Shippea Hill estate, p8

1953 04 16
The problem of litter being deposited on the roads in Newmarket resulted in five lorry drivers being summoned. The business involving the movement of stable manure had increased considerably and caused great concern. The council engineer said he was travelling along the Bury Road towards the Clock Tower when he saw a lorry carrying a load of manure leaving a trail of litter and straw along the road. The driver said his load was securely raked down and netted as far as possible. His vehicle had no sideboards and the net did not reach the bottom of the load. He was fined £2

Assize Court figures demolished, p6

1953 04 17 ES
Old windmill on Mill Hill between Lt Downham and Ely is being pulled down; was damaged during the war when much of the hand-beaten iron was removed to make fragmentation bombs for the R.A.F. Mill owner, Mr Cobbin, has already started to pull it down but demolition paused until a tractor could take off the wooden top of the structure. Is smock mill with wooden top. No nails used in construction, instead the top is pegged from the outside, making demolition difficult. At one time had been turn by a fan on the outside but was finally driven by an inside cog. The mill was lasted worked

in 1932. Has a stone dated 1728 in brickwork but had been altered three times. Mill was worked by Mr Cobbin's grandfather and he bought it in 1921. For the first two years he had a good season but things got worse as the larger combines took over and in 1932 it was decided to stop milling – 53 04 17ES

1953 04 20
The circus has come to town – and it was greeted by thousands of smiling Cambridge faces. Six of Bertram Mills' Burmese elephants marched from the railway station, trunk to tail as the midget clown, Nikki, distributed leaflets about the circus from the basket of his fairy cycle. Elephants Lechney and Company did not lose their way – they've taken the same stroll for the last 18 years. Crowds covered the roundabout at Hills Road. The one at the Four Lamps was unrecognisable, the circus-gazers had swept half-way across the road. Soon afterwards the 'two-ton-tessies; were under canvas, chained to a platform. # c.76.2

1953 04 20
The Minster of Education opened a new primary school at Waterbeach. From the stage of the comfortable and colourful school hall the Minister spoke of the need for new schools and told members of the County Education Committee: "When you go on building schools in this authority, please try to build them more quickly". She asked them to combine "push, driver and quickness" to the task of building them in time.

1953 04 22
With the advent of nationalisation it was found there were 157 villages without electricity in the Cambridgeshire area and now some 71 have been supplied. Work will soon commence on an extension of the 132,000-volt grid supply from Little Barford to Fulbourn. In addition to village development, electricity has been taken to 1,340 farms and isolated premises.

Cottenham plane crash, p8 # c.26.1

1953 04 23 c
A gleaming new R.S.P.C.A. clinic in Great Eastern Street was opened at a simple ceremony, a memorial to Sir Arthur Eddington. Dr Rattray traced the history of the clinic from its beginnings in a small house in Covent Garden to the adequate and modern building being opened where hurt and ill animals will be treated with the latest equipment. Last year 2,248 animals were treated by the Cambridge branch but after returning from doing splendid work in the East Coast flood areas Inspector Bartlett had developed pleurisy. The Great Yarmouth branch wrote that his work was wonderful.

1953 04 25
A Fiat crawler tractor has been adapted to pull a Fowler eleven-tine cultivator at the NIAB experimental farm at Lolworth. With this implement 85 acres of Kimeridge and Ampthill clay were cultivated to a depth of 14 inches. The cultivator was originally designed for cable operation between two steam ploughing engines and was adapted for use with a crawler under the supervision of Mr F.H. Spieer, bailiff of the farm

1953 04 25
Does anybody want the façade of the Old Shire Hall, which is being demolished? The County Council has asked the City Council of they would like it, but the reply is 'No, thank you'. It will be interesting so see if the County offers it elsewhere. Erection of new street lighting on the main roads is proceeding apace and is to be extended to Queen's Road, better known as 'The Backs'. This new lighting should add to the attractiveness of this famous beauty spot.

1953 04 25
In February 1920 Dr Glover was on duty as Proctor outside the Union, waiting for undergraduates offending against University regulations when one of the bulldogs, Lavis, stopped the Duke of York,

later King George VI, who was seen smoking in academic dress. The price's equerry dashed over and said he could not have it, but Glover insisted. Next day he sent Lavis round with the usual fine notice when he met the Prince who gave him a drink. Some years later the King recalled the incident and referred to the cigarette as the most expensive one he ever smoked! – 53 04 15 # c.02

1953 04 28
Cambridge council approved building licences to Mr E. Maloney for five shops, twelve flats and a garage at the junction of Perne Road and Radegund Road, at a total cost not exceeding £29,300 & to the Norwich Union Insurance Societies for a block of 20 flats at Pinehurst, Grange Road. A tender is being negotiated for building 24 three-storey concrete flats on land fronting High Street, Cherry Hinton and 72 three-storey flats overlooking the Coleridge Road recreation ground. The names of Nightingale Avenue, Almoners Avenue and Kinnaird Way have been suggested for streets on the Netherhall Estate

Zebra crossings, p10

1953 04 29
On May 2nd the W.V.S. Anglo-American Service Club on Castle Hill, Cambridge, will be one year old. Activities include two dances a week; there are now 125 lady members who serve as dance hostesses and a waiting list has been opened for further applicants. Tours are arranged for all the American bases and there is a monthly party for convalescent patients from Wimpole Park Hospital and occasional teas for parties from Ely R.A.F. Hospital.

1953 04 29
An Arrington man applied for permission to allow his sitting room to be used as a café. Next door there was a transport café but private motorists seldom used it. He had seen them draw up at the café and then drive on without entering. He would pull down a garage at the side of the house to provide a suitable approach and convert his orchard into a car park for 50 cars. The room would accommodate 20 people with any overflow in the garden. There were no adequate sanitary arrangements but he would install a septic tank. But there was already a general café, a hotel in Arrington where meals were served and 'Daleview' tea rooms 200 yards away – 53 04 29

1953 04 30
Railway bridges, p6

1953 04 30 c
While on a football visit to Cambridge three Oxford undergraduates took a 4ft by 2ft sign valued at £50 from outside the shop of a Cambridge outfitter, intending to take it back to Oxford as a souvenir. Two girls saw a crowd outside Messrs Johnson & Sons shop in Sidney Street. A man was bending down and another balancing on his back was unhooking the sign. The police were informed and Sgt Ellison of the Bedfordshire Constabulary, after receiving a telephone message from Cambridge, stopped the undergraduates' coach outside Bedford and retrieved the sign.

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1953 05 01
Thirteen attractive young ladies paraded before judges at the Rex Ballroom, Cambridge for the title of 'Miss Cambridgeshire'. Dressed in gold net over taffeta with black Miss Eileen Gatwood of Histon was proclaimed the winner. She has already gained the titles of 'Miss Pampisford' and 'Miss Harston'. Second was Mrs Maureen Oliver who was 'Miss Manchester 1952' and third Miss Janet Waller who has been 'Miss Hunstanton'. The winner was presented with a three-guinea cheque and the runners up with boxes of chocolates by the promoter, Mr Billy Pearce.

1953 05 01

Cambridge councillors approved a scheme for replacing gas lamps with sodium lighting along 'The Backs'. Ald Hickson wanted assurance this would not be a prelude to Queen's Road becoming a trunk road. It was becoming more frequently used. But the beauty was only apparent during daytime and at night it was only a blur of trees. The same arguments were probably put forward when the present gas standards were installed and in ten year's time the university would say what a lot of fools they were to oppose the scheme # c.24.8

Rifle range, p8

1953 05 01 ES
Littleport bridge needed – is antiquated; but now say only deepening of waterway required; however approaches very bad – if two vehicles met one had to back away to allow other to cross; scheme to prevent flooding Station Road by raising earth bank of Holmes River – 53 05 01(2)ES

1953 05 02
The Post Office Television Detector van is commencing a tour of the Cambridge district as part of an intensive 'comb' to find illicit television receivers. At the moment there are 8,750 television licences in the Cambridge area but it is known there are still a large number of people who have bought sets but not taken out licences. The equipment in the van is so sensitive that the position of the houses containing working televisions can be pinpointed even when the van is moving down a street. Portable equipment allows for detection of receivers in blocks of flats.

1953 05 05
St Martin's church dedicted, p7 # c.83

1953 05 06
For the past 27 years one of the very active of the militant suffragettes has been living quietly at Castle Camps and has written a book about her experiences in those bygone days called 'Laugh a defiance'. Miss Mary Richardson slashed the famous Rokeby Venus in the National Gallery as a protest against the further imprisonment of their leader Mrs Pankhurst, planted a bomb which practically demolished a new railway station at Birmingham and set fire to a big, uninhabited country house. She served many sentences in Holloway. Yet when she came to settle at Castle Camps & decided to keep ducks 'to provide birds for the tables of the Cambridge colleges', her heart failed her when it came to killing them. In the end there were over three hundred birds. – 53 05 06

1953 05 07
"I think it is a lot of hooey", said Coun Cox when the Cherry Hinton firing range was discussed. He thought complaints of the amount of vibration from a six-pounder gun – not much larger than an anti-tank rifle – which was fired at the range, were "stupid and fantastic". But Coun Finbow said that recently the whole of the ceiling in one of his bedrooms collapsed because of the vibration. One neighbourhood should not be subject to range firing morning, noon and night. The council approved the use of the site by the Ministry of Supply for a period of three years # c.45.8

1953 05 07 c
Sir –Some of the explosions from the six-pounder gun at Cherry Hinton firing range did crack walls, move brickwork, bring down plaster, crack windows and scare children, adults and animals. Now two schools are to be built almost on the doorstep and if we have similar explosions there will be damage done. When doors rattle, knockers chatter, cracks appear and are repaired, only for the plaster to be shaken out again we are at liberty to be concerned. – J.S. Read

1953 05 08
Army accident, p9

1953 05 08 ES
Pymoor proposed new Methodist Church: architect's drawing – 53 05 08ES

1953 05 09
The television broadcast of the Coronation ceremony will be shown to some 250 people on big screen projectors in Cambridge Guildhall. The projectors are specialised television receivers and produce a picture four feet wide. The picture quality is remarkable but much depends on the signal strength and the co-operation of motorists and other persons who cause T/V electrical interference is invited in keeping away from the vicinity of the Guildhall on Coronation morning. Seats will be allocated to pensioners, wounded ex-Servicemen and similar deserving cases.

1953 05 11
The new branch church of St Andrew's Street Baptist Church built in Dudley Road, New Barnwell for the people living on the new housing estates was opened on Saturday. The church was filled to capacity. It took about a year to build & seats a congregation of 150 in the main hall; there is a junior room for Sunday School meetings large enough to accommodate 100 children, and a primary room for the under-eights. # c.83

Whittlesford Congregational Church jubilee, p7

1953 05 12
After Reach Fair was proclaimed with all the pageantry and ceremony which has survived the years since medieval times the Mayor of Cambridge (Ald. S.T. Bull) toured the stalls and sideshows. He invested three shillings at the coconut shy and came away with two coconuts. At the rifle range he tested his skill as a marksman and came away with a glass sugar basin, then went aboard the 'Jollity Farm' roundabout for two whirling trips. At the Mayor's luncheon it is the tradition that any newcomers to the ceremony, known as 'colts' and 'fillies, have to pay a crown or be imprisoned in the stocks. But Lady Bragg protested at being called a 'filly'.

Elsingham Hall lead, p14

1953 05 13
Dr A.L. Peck lectured to Cambridge Antiquarian Society on old street lamps of Cambridge, using a collection of lantern slides to illustrate many of the distinctive types of lamp standard, most of which can be date back to 1840 and can still be seen in the streets. They are some of the finest and most varied to be found in any part of the country and merit preservation as valuable examples of the iron founder's work. The most remarkable is one in New Street which for over 50 years stood in front of the Pitt Press in Trumpington Street # c.24.8

1953 05 13
An eager group of schoolboys armed with autograph albums were among the first to welcome the Australian cricketers when they arrived in Cambridge for their match with the University. The youngsters crowded round Arthur Morris, who is captaining the side because Lindsay Hassett is unfit, and then hurried on to Ray Lindwall, young Ian Craig, Neil Harvey, Don Tallon and the others. The Australians signed their names cheerfully; they are soft-spoken, unexcitable men, whose appearance and manner off the field give no hint of the devastating ability which has already humbled Yorkshire and Surrey. # c.38 : cricket

1953 05 15
Australian's bats, p4

1953 05 18
Boer War memorial, p7

1953 05 20
A dress to be worn in Westminster Abbey on Coronation Day by a Cambridge resident has been sold by Vogue's of St Andrew's Street. An afternoon dress of pure silk its price was 65 guineas. "We are

absolutely thrilled, it is a great honour", said Mr M. Harris, the proprietor. They have also sold three evening gowns to be worn at Coronation balls in London connected with the Court. White is proving to be the most popular choice this year for May Ball dresses; the off-the-shoulder style is in demand and the average price is 15 guineas

1953 05 21 c
Cambridge shops report that many of the Coronation souvenirs now in such profusion are selling quite well. The pottery mugs and beakers (from 1s.11d to 4s.) are again proving one of the best sellers. Framed photographs and statuettes of the Queen are proving popular, as are key rings with a tiny replica of the Coronation chair on its chain. It is anticipated there will be a revival of interest in Coronation souvenirs long after it is over. People will suddenly realise that a great historical event has taken place and they have not got a memento of it so they will rush to buy before it is too late

1953 05 22
The Playhouse Cinema on Mill Road, Cambridge, celebrates its 40th anniversary as a place of cinematic entertainment. It opened at Whitsun 1913 when there were two shows per evening with a children's matinee on Saturdays. Nowadays we are used to newsreels which are distributed on a national basis but then their own cameraman took the pictures for a newsreel of local interest, including the Cambridge Police Sports and Juvenile Fishing Match. Music was supplied by the Playhouse's own orchestra under Musical Director Max Bennett # c.76.9

1953 05 22
Histon's new post office, gleaning in the spring sunshine, was officially opened by the Head Postmaster of Cambridge (Mr D. MacGregor). The substantial brick building, bright and commodious, replaces the wood and corrugated iron structure which residents had visited in the centre of the village for many years. It is not a Government scheme. It is entirely the project of the sub-postmaster, Mr Fred Brown, who runs the Post Office in connection with a general stores.

1953 05 22 ES
Bishop Moore's skeleton discovered in Ely Cathedral – 53 05 22ES

Ely Stretham church restoration needed; photo with Rev Foulds who to become Vicar of Littleport. 65 12 02ES
St Audrey's School opened – 53 05 22(4)(5)ES

Coronation celebration plans – 53 05 22ES
Ely Standard Coronation Commemoration – 53 05 22(7)ES

1953 05 23
A Cambridge butcher's Coronation sausages have caused a stir. Derek Traylen of Newmarket Road was painting his shop front blue, with a white and red fascia when his wife commented on the pleasing effect. "Pity we can't apply this colour scheme to the something else"" she said and Mr Traylen looked hard at the strings of sausages. "Why not the sausages. We could dip the skins in vegetable dye and have a special Coronation line". He advertised them in the CDN and received a phone call from a journalist in Glasgow. Then came other enquiries from Manchester, the 'Daily Mirror' and 'Empire News' while the 'Meat Traders Journal' came out with a cartoon. Customers were delighted, but somewhat apprehensive with regard to the blue sausages.

Coronation look, p9

1953 05 26
People of the parish of Lode celebrated their church centenary with a service at which the Bishop of Ely preached followed by a supper. Every seat was filled in the little church, described as one of the most beautiful of the time. It was the work of the Rev John Hailstone, vicar of Bottisham who instigated the building. Before that the people of Lode had been some miles from their parish church

1953 05 27
The 700 scouts from Cambridgeshire who travelled by train to the Queen's estate at Sandringham for the Coronation Jamboree experienced one of the finest Scout camps that has ever been held in this country, with bright sunny weather which seemed to arrive just when it was wanted. There were shops, a tuck shop, ice cream and mineral stands. Many of the gateways were gaily decorated and flags of many nations were flying. The 7th (Cambridgeshire High School) troop erected a gateway representing their school crest whilst the 26th Cambridge made their gateway from the detachable handle of their trek-cart and made a two-tier table of the wheels. – 53 05 27

1953 05 27
Flags fluttering in the breeze, decorations in traditional colours lining the streets, special shop window displays – these are but a few of the features which have given the city of Cambridge the Coronation look. The city centre, already a scene of gaiety and colour, heralds the approach of next Tuesday's great event. In roads radiating from the centre, decorations to shops and other buildings are being arranged. The majority of householders prefer to wait a little longer. For them D-Day, with the 'D' standing for Decoration – will be some time this weekend. The cost of decorations is an important consideration for many and consequently the emphasis is on effect rather than on elaboration. – 53 05 27 # c.02

Shops go gay, p5

1953 05 28
Prince Akihito, the Crown Prince of Japan arrived in Cambridge on a short private visit to the University. He visited the University Library where he was shown the signatures of his father, the present Emperor, who came to Cambridge in 1921, and the Japanese collection of 30,000 volumes, one of the best collections outside Japan. The 19-year-old Prince had lunch with four undergraduates and chatted about student life. # c.02

Albert Butler, proprietor of Messrs Haslop & Co, butchers of Silver Street, Cambridge, retired after 53 years in the butchery business. He recalled going to market to buy his first bullock – the dearest one he ever bought - & remembered when families ordered 8 lb joints and rump steak was 1s 2d a pound. He prophesised the end of meat rationing within a year but thinks the trade would find itself in a serious position: while boys were not entering the business as they used to, even those who did received no slaughtering experience. "I don't know where our slaughtermen of the future are coming from", he said. # c.27.2

1953 05 29 ES
Ouse River Board payments to staff for work during flood emergency; War Department grant for removal of defence posts that hinder bank work; 21 in South Level; work by Darby's on Low Bank, Sutton; work started on Old West between Stretham Wooden Bridge and Stretham Ferry on trimming the spoil dredged from river to fill low places at base of banks caused by previous scradging operations. Reconstruction works with clay from Stretham Ferry Pit adjacent to Hoghill Drove were completed during April; work to form a puddle trench in right bank were now in hand – 53 05 29ES

1953 05 30
Agriculturists attended the opening of the Owen Webb House, Cambridge, which perpetuates the memory of the well-known farmer at Streetley Hall who died in 1951. It had been his wish that various agricultural interests should be centred in one building. There are club facilities where meals will be provided, a licensed bar and a fair-sized car park, a necessary requirement in Cambridge. Outside organisations connected with agriculture can take advantage of the facilities and hire the conference room

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1953 06 01
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Coronation – impressive parade – 53 06 01

Knighthood for Jack Hobbs, cricket – 53 06 01

1953 06 03
In cold, blustery weather the City of Cambridge put on a brave show in celebration of the Coronation Day of Queen Elizabeth II. Despite the almost wintry conditions the extensive and varied programme was carried through practically unchanged. Everything testified to the magnificent spirit of the occasion and the unanimous desire of the people of Cambridge to make their contribution to the world-wide acknowledgement of this great day. For much of the time it was a matter of celebrating briefly and then dashing for shelter under the trees or in marquees from another downpour # c.02

1953 06 03
On Coronation Day Pye Ltd of Cambridge operated the first colour television outside broadcast ever done in this country. It was seen in a well-known Children's Hospital and several other selected places. Three colour cameras used in transmission were sited on top of Government buildings facing Parliament Square and Whitehall. Hundreds of people assembled in Cambridge Guildhall to watch the ceremony on television. The latest television screens were used. The picture was clear and precise but there was, of course, no control over the usual interference from electrical appliances which all TV owners are forced to suffer in silence. Six domestic TV sets were installed in the Corn Exchange and because of the bright light, shields were fitted around the screens – 53 06 03 # c.27.82

1953 06 03
In every main road and in narrow backstreets in Cambridge the flags are flying & pictures of the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and their children are in every other window. Union Jacks and the flags of the Commonwealth make a vivid splash as they flutter in the wind and at least one American family joined in the display with a huge, brand-new Stars and Stripes. Silver Street Bridge blossomed out in red, white and blue stripes – an unofficial decoration scheme believed to the work of students – 53 06 03 # c.02

1953 06 03
The special prize of £5 for the best decorated private house competition in Cambridge was won by Mrs M. O'Dell of Staffordshire Street who beat her nearest rival, Mr A.A. Cox of Victoria Road by one point. The standard was high and points awarded for each ward were very close. Winners included: Abbey Ward Mr R. Runham of Wellington Street; Castle: Miss J. Bowers, Windsor Road; Coleridge: Mr Blows, Cherryhinton Road; Cherry Hinton: Mr R. Abraham, Chalmers Road and Market Mr W.G.D. Clee of Union Road. – 53 06 03

1953 06 04
Nehru degree, p6 & p8

1953 06 05
Lode plane crash, p8 # c.26.1
Old folk parties, p9

1953 06 05 ES
Rain did not dampen Ely's enthusiasm – 53 06 05ES
Magnificent procession of Tableaux: aspects of city's history come to life – 53 06 05(2)ES
Mepal Red Lion Inn closed – 53 06 05(3)ES
Coronation celebrations: Downham, Haddenham, Hillrow, Aldreth, Wicken – 53 06 05(4)(5)(6)ES
Coronation celebrations: Pymoor, Sutton, Stretham – 53 06 05(8)ES

1953 06 06
Crowds of Cambridge people went to London for the Coronation. On Monday there was an appreciable increase of London-bound travellers at Cambridge Railway Station and on Coronation Day about 700 caught the two early morning 'specials'. On Coronation Eve the Eastern Counties Bus Company carried several coach loads of visitors, arriving in London about 9.30 pm, giving the passengers a chance of finding a place along the route of the procession. Many of the larger wine-stores enjoyed almost a Christmas rush. There was a fairly large sale of champagne and an unusual demand for port, sherry and table wines with which to drink the Queen's health. Many of the customers were obviously people who do not usually buy wine. This was a special occasion and they intended to celebrate in the proper way.

De Freville party, p4
Bancroft Close party, p5

1953 06 08
The Shirley School was the scene of festivities on two days when 900 children of Old Chesterton gathered for their Coronation party. There was a fancy dress and vehicle parade and a film show, but the highlight was tea in the tastefully-decorated dining room. The tables were laden with sandwiches, sausage rolls, trifles, fruit-jellies and fancy cakes. Both soft drinks and tea were available. Need it be said that all these goodies disappeared rapidly.

1953 06 09
There was a Coronation motif in the decorations at the May Balls held at six colleges. Red, white and blue predominated in floral designs and the coronation flags and bunting still to be seen in the streets, together with the floodlighting of so many buildings lent the various dances the aura of "a very special occasion indeed". The Backs offered a subdued fantasy in colour but a chill wind gave the night a wintry nip and dissuaded many couples from 'sitting-out' their dances in the open

1953 06 09
People of all ages went to see the film "Elizabeth is Queen" at the Regal Cinema, Cambridge. Hundreds of youngsters queued along St Andrew's Street for instead of going to school they were to see the coloured Coronation film. The contrast of the children's noisy chatter during the supporting film and the deep silence through most of the main film was remarkable. It lasted about 50 minutes – a long time for some of the youngsters to sit still – but there was scarcely a movement in the downstairs part of the cinema.

Greens Road party, p5
Stanley Road picture, p9

1953 06 10
Sir – the Shire Hall assize courts were closed on my order in July last year because the structure had become dangerous. Dry rot had been rampant for at least 50 years and the improvised repairs had done nothing to eliminate it. During the work of demolition fragments of newspapers dated 1922 and 1925 have been found that were left by workmen repairing the dry rot in those days. The council had to decide whether to save the bare walls of the old building and rebuild the roof and the whole of the interior, or to demolish it. The extent of the damage is now clearly revealed and confirms the necessity of demolition – Wilfrid Wingate, County Architect.- 53 06 10 # c.34.9

1953 06 11
A House of Commons committee considered the question of allowances for naval students at Cambridge University. Officers go to Dartmouth for two terms and then go to sea before being sent to Cambridge where they read the Mechanical Sciences Tripos for three years. During the long vacation they are put to work in industries around the countryside. On the completion of their Cambridge course with a degree they enter the electrical school at Farnham. The Chairman asked how their pay

was affected when at Cambridge and did they receive an allowance in addition, so they did not become 'broke'. They must have something in the way of an allowance.

Godwin Way children, p10

1953 06 12 ES
Burnt Fen's activities – 53 06 12(2)ES
Ely historic fire appliances to be loaned to Fire Service – 53 06 12(6)ES
Ely automatic telephone exchange to open – 53 06 12(7)ES
Hillrow Coronation celebrations – 53 06 12ES

1953 06 13
A spy wandering the streets of Cambridge on Thursday night would not have stood a chance. Three patrols, each in charge of an officer and NCO of the Cambs Home Guard patrolled the East Road area and collared five suspects, amongst whom were two spies. A slenderly-built, quietly dressed brunette was stopped by a patrol who found a flaw in her identity card and she was taken away in a car to Battalion H.Q. This was, of course, an exercise but in a real emergency Cambridge people need not worry about spies wandering the streets of the city. # c.45.8

Queen crowned at Rex, p9

1953 06 15
Lolworth café, p10
Cavendish Avenue elms, p11

1953 06 16
In spite of dull conditions members of the firm of Messrs Kerridge Ltd and their children turned up in force for the Coronation sports and party on Pye Sports Ground. A parade was led by the Boys Brigade band and there was a whole range of side-shows which were free to the children with roundabouts for the toddlers, real ponies and miniature train rides. After tea 'Len' Palmer and his accordion was supported by his three charming daughters in delightful sketches and dances, culminating with the youngest in Coronation robes and a crown. # c.02

1953 06 16
Polish 'squatters living in a hutment at Mepal will soon want new homes. Huts accommodating 10 families are now nearing the end of their useful life and Cambridge councillors have been asked to accept 47 of the families on their housing list because the husband is employed in the city. They will accept them 'but they will have to take their turn'

1953 06 17
At Ditton Fields Coronation Party 228 children wearing fancy hats and carrying flags and streamers marched to Priory School where they sat down to a grand tea catered by Messrs Hawkins Ltd. Afterwards there were musical games and sing-song and a fancy-dress competition whilst entertainment by Mr F. Cross kept the party spellbound. At the end each child was presented with a small souvenir, sweets and ices. # c.02

Assize demolition photo, p12

1953 06 18
Water company centenary, p6 # c.24.2

1953 06 19
An open verdict was recorded at an inquest into the Venezuelan pilot of a Meteor jet plane which crashed near Pasture Farm, Caxton. Wreckage was scattered over a wide area. PC Leonard from Caxton described how he was awakened at 1.20 am by the roar of a low-flying aircraft. From his

window he saw a red flash and heard an explosion. The pilot had taken off from Oakington just before midnight. He was in Britain as head of a Venezuela training mission. # c.26.1

1953 06 19 ES
Chatteris Burnsfield School opened – 53 06 19(2)ES
Ely Cambridge Road camp coronation party – photo – 53 06 19ES

1953 06 22
Mothers at Papworth Everard want a traffic warden to see their children safely across the main London Road to and from school. But the County Road Safety Committee does not consider the road is dangerous enough. "If you appoint a traffic warden whenever any Tom, Dick and Harry say there should be one and from their parish pump point of view … well we shan't stop anywhere", Ald Watts said

1953 06 22
A chapter in rowing history was written when members of the Rob Roy Boat Club initiated their first boat, the 'John Collin' clinker eight to the river with a champagne send-off. It commemorates a man who for nearly 60 years had a brilliant record with the Club. He coached the Robs when they held the Head of the River plate on 22 occasions, and from 1914 to the present day they have always been in the first three boats on the river. # c.38 : rowing

1953 06 23
A miniature town of tents, side-shows and enormous gaily-coloured structures housing a thousand thrills for the venturesome has made its annual appearance on Midsummer Common. But this year the Fair seems to be bigger and brighter than ever; it offers a more animated scene than in the past and there is an air of friendly gaiety, shared by showmen and their patrons which suggests the influence of Coronation year. The Town Clerk read the proclamation then all members of the Mayoral party threw handfuls of half-pennies among the crowd. The many children present were in their element and scrambling amongst the feet of the adults made a fair harvest of this welcome crop of shining coins. The Fair is the biggest in the Eastern Counties and can boast no fewer than 24 roundabouts. The 'Dodgems' are a special feature, reputedly amongst the best of any fair in England. # c.27.31

1953 06 24
Over 100 cadets of the Cambridge District of the Order of the Sons of Temperance took part in a Coronation demonstration parade along Mill Road, headed by the Boy's Brigade Band. They were from the Hope of Cambridge, King's Own, Chesterton United and Beacon Societies. Several entered for the fancy dress competition which was judged by Mr & Mrs David Moore. The winners were, girls – Marjorie Mason (Spanish Lady), boys – Norman Knight (Guardsman). Decorated vehicle – Catherine Newman, doll's pram (golden coach).

1953 06 24
There is no need for Cambridge people to be stingy about water, said the Chairman of Cambridge University and Town Waterworks Company. "The company in all its 100 years' history has never had to tell people that they must not water their gardens", he said. But he also stressed the need for consumers to avoid wastage. With an average of four people in each household domestic water cost each person about 1d a week – half the cost of one cigarette. # c.24.2

1953 06 25
Customers calling at the grocery department of Matthew and Son in Trinity Street, Cambridge, have been startled to find, in the midst of all the food displayed – a caravan! Strictly speaking, 'caravanette' is a more accurate description, for it is not much larger than an ordinary farm-car trailer. It can be hauled behind an 8 h.p. car or even a motor-cycle combination, yet provides ample sleeping accommodation for two people and has a miniature kitchen. Moderately priced, it is likely to prove one of the most popular models that Cambridge Caravans Ltd have produced.

1953 06 26
The last batch of over 2,000 schoolchildren attended a special showing of the Coronation film, 'Elizabeth is Queen', at the Kingsway Cinema, Newmarket. Originally it was planned that the town's two cinemas should arrange special performances for the children but a last minute hitch prevented the Doric from taking part. The renters of the film objected to the children being admitted free and desired the management to make a charge of 1s. a head. But the directors of the Kingsway offered to provide four special performances and all members of their staff gave their services free

1953 06 26
A recent decision by St Ives Council to break up and dispose of an historic Fenland lighter – presented last year – has had serious repercussions. Before donating it as a museum-piece Mr R. Cory of Brinkley had received several offers for its purchase from people wishing to convert it into a house-boat. The hatches were not perfect but it could easily have been repaired. There was a considerable 'bash' in the bow as a result of an accident on its last trip when carrying sugar beet. It had sunk because of heavy rain, strong winds and a lack of interest and attention. A half-hearted attempt had made to raise it at the worst possible time. The barge is at present a total wreck outside the Norris Museum – 53 06 26

1953 06 26
Many people know something of the good work done by the 'Food Flying Squads' known as the 'Queen's Messengers' during the last war. But these convoys must be ready to go anywhere where an emergency has arisen and W.V.S. members must be trained. Thus providing the mid-day meal for youngsters at Cherry Hinton Day Nursery provided practical experience for the crew of the convoy maintained at Cambridge. They provided minced meat, potatoes and cabbage, followed by rhubarb pastry and custard for the 60 under-fives which was cooked on Soyer-boilers. # c.45.8

1953 06 26 ES
Mepal airfield – County agreed to closure of old road at Mepal airfield subject to provision of a new road; Ministry will only sanction a footpath and cycle track – 53 06 26(3)ES
Ely telephone exchange opened – 53 06 26(5)ES

1953 06 27
Racegoers at several local meetings have noticed a film unit hard at work. Ealing Studios are 'covering' the meetings to obtain background shots for the next Michael Balcon production, tentatively titled 'Newmarket Heath'. The film itself will go into production in August with much of the location work taking place at Newmarket. The only casting so far announced is that of the noted actor Edward Underdown, who will be seen as a trainer. John Hislop, the well-known amateur rider and racing correspondent is working on the picture as adviser.

1953 06 30
"Downing College now stands essentially complete" remarked the Lord Chancellor, when he opened the new Greystone buildings. Remarking on the generosity of the many benefactors, he said it was only recently due to the bounty of Sidney Greystone that it was possible to complete the wing and chapel now opened. They were still left with a gap but all that was needed to raise £24,000 was for 1,200 Downing men to contribute one shilling a week under covenant for seven years. Otherwise the college would have to dip into its capital, which was already perilously small. # c.44.5

Sir Jack Hobbs, p8
Ely Octagon, p11

1953 06 30 c
Cambridge Labour Party view with alarm the proposal to grant the tenancy of a Council house to the priest-in-charge at Cherry Hinton who had taken precedence over 5,000 others on the waiting list. New Council houses were allotted to those in housing need who had been waiting longest for them but this was given to a complete stranger. The church had asked to buy a Council house for the priest

but had been told they were only sold to sitting tenants. The priest was to be given a privilege that was denied to the very people he was supposed to be looking after and it could hardly help him in his work. People will complain that the way to get a house quickly was to join the church and jump the queue.

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Holiman's sale, p9

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Botanic Garden expansion, p9
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1953 07 03 ES
Ministry increase grant for water supply, no to Sutton sewage at present – 53 07 03(3)ES
Papal delegate visits Ely Catholic Church – 53 07 03ES

1953 07 04
The pressure of 200 people waiting outside Rose's Fashion Centre in Sussex Street, Cambridge broke one of the shop windows. The sale was a real family affair, the husbands standing for the wives from the early hours until the woman of the family herself arrived to try and grab some of the bargains. There were four gabardine suits reduced from seven guineas (£7.35) to 15s (75p) and a grey Melange coat at £1 (original price £8.8s.) Many bargain hunters have been reaping the reward of the disastrous summer weather. At Tobin's of Mill Road they were clearing summer frocks for 10s (50p) which originally cost up to five times as much.

1953 07 07
If a vital target in Cambridge, such as the gasworks, received a direct hit during an enemy air attack, the Civil Defence Experimental Mobile Rescue Columns would swing into action. It has its own kitchen and communications system, including wireless and telephones and is equipped to deal with any emergency. It consists of 150 men split into 15 rescue parties, each having an up-to-date rescue vehicle. Their visit was only an overnight halt but many members of the public were attracted to the scene and it was obvious they had not expected to see such up-to-date equipment and quiet efficiency. # c.45.8

1953 07 08
Chesterton and Coleridge schools may adopt a two-shift system operating from 8.30-1.30 and 1.30-6.30 pm as means of relieving difficulties arising from the large number on the school rolls with 553 boys and 450 girls at Chesterton and 562 boys and 540 girls at Coleridge. It would not adversely affect the character of the schools, as all pupils would have normal facilities for the use of laboratories and practical rooms. But there were social consequences which would create difficulties. The schools should make full use of hall and dining rooms for teaching purposes and hire additional accommodation. # c.36.5

1953 07 09
Building operations are in progress to modernise the garages at the Hills Road depot of the Eastern Counties Omnibus Company and give appreciable increase in accommodation. A modern canteen and new offices and cycle racks are to be constructed. With commendable optimism, the Company are demolishing a bomb shelter which was installed during the war. Luckily it was never put to the test, but workmen are finding it a difficult assignment – an indication of the strength and protection it would have afforded. At present only one third of the garage space can be used. Buses which are now without a home are being parked in railway sidings nearby. # c.26.46

1953 07 10

Cambridge housewives are taking advantage of the opportunity of buying any surplus meat which is being sold off the ration and most local butchers have found themselves serving new customers not registered with them. Rump steak is much in demand, but practically unobtainable. The additional meat available is having its effect on the fish trade and fishmongers are experiencing a somewhat quiet time. Consequently fish is both plentiful and reasonable. Good quality eating gooseberries are two shillings per lb and as well as the abundance of home grown soft fruits there are fresh arrivals from abroad including oranges from South Africa and Brazil.

Hunstanton sea defences, p9

1953 07 10 ES
Housing of Polish families – local needs must come first – 53 07 10ES

1953 07 11
Murrow-Tait jailed, p7

1953 07 13
Seven months ago the Duke of Edinburgh opened the new wing of Cambridge University Engineering Laboratory and stopped to examine equipment in the Heat Engines Laboratory. It was an historic moment and yet not a single cameraman was there to record it. Instead, unobtrusively sketching the scheme was a well-known artist, Mr Terence Cuneo and now the painting has been unveiled in the entrance hall of the new Baker Building. The engineers felt it was completely worthy of the great occasion it recorded and when told that Mr Cuneo had been commissioned to paint the official picture of the Coronation scene in Westminster Abbey this did not surprise them.

1953 07 15
What should a motor-cyclist's headgear be called – crash helmet, safety helmet or skid-lid? Riders prefer 'skid-lids' because of the unhappy connotation of the word 'crash'. Cambridge Centaur Motor-Cycle Club had spent an entire evening debating the merits of the skid-lid. They should be complimented on the rapid way they have set about sinking their pride and putting skid-lids on. A crash helmet would make a splendid present for a young lady to give her young man and would help encourage the use of this essential headgear.

Advert control on roundabouts, p8

1953 07 17
There should be nothing elaborate about a milk churn stand, but the majority leave much to be desired. Stands badly sited, flimsy stands leaning drunkenly to one side, stands with platform boards gone inviting a leg to go through, slimy platforms as slippery as a skating rink. If churns have to be out when the sun is well up some form of protection is necessary during the summer. Accessibility to the farm vehicle and collecting lorry is important and it must be big enough. A 10-gallon churn needs 14 inches square, and don't forget to give the lorry driver some standing room when he is handling it

1953 07 17
The Minister of Agriculture was asked In Parliament why Adventurers Fen in Burwell, which was derequisitioned last year, is to be handed back to the National Trust in view of their expressed intention to flood it. How much public money has been spent by the Agricultural Executive Committee and how did he justify making derelict good agricultural land by flooding? He replied that the research work done at Wicken was enormously important. The National Trust land covered about 280 acres and only 120 acres of the poorest and wettest land would be flooded

1953 07 17 ES
Ouse River Board problem pumps at Welches Dam pumping station; Fish & Duck to Braham Docking Scheme approved, Stretham work on banks completed – 53 07 17ES

1953 07 20
Popular flying group, p11

1953 07 21
Cambridge City Councillors recommended the partial demolition of the Conduit Head in Market Square. Due to inherent defects and deterioration much of the stone has given way or has fractured. Rebuilding would cost some £2,200. It could be strengthened with steel rods or demolished to the level of the granite plinth. The Conduit was erected in 1855 at a cost of £554. The steps, plinth and base are granite and the structure itself of Ancaster stone # c.61

1953 07 22
Pest Control's scheme of re-development at Harston which includes an administration block, extensions to the chemical and engineering stores and a drum-filling establishment, has been allowed by the Minister of Housing and Local Government. It will enable them to rebuild the factory as appropriate to a scientific industry located close to Cambridge, with contemporary architecture & give their hard-working workpeople and staff in the chemical works the facilities and amenities they deserve

1953 07 23
Littleport scramble, p5

1953 07 24
Cambridge City Council debated whether a council house in Cherry Hinton was suitable for a Baptist minister. At their previous meeting they agreed to allow an Anglican minister to occupy a council house. "But there are at least 20 recognised religious denominations in Cambridge and we are opening the door rather wide", said Ald Mrs Rackham. It was most undesirable that a man should seek for himself privileges which were denied the people he was to serve and it would create a sense of injustice amongst people on the waiting list. But the application had come from a group of people who already had a church and were now anxious to have a minister

1953 07 24
Cambridge City Football Supporters Club members gathered to witness the opening of their new headquarters. The Supporters Club was founded 25 years ago and several of the original members were present, including R.J. Wadsworth, the first President. The new building is constructed of brick and wood and decorated in blue and white, with check curtains to match. It has a bar, committee room and other amenities together with a canteen. In the main room hang photographs recalling the early days of the club. Players' wives and young ladies are welcome. # c.38 : football

Conduit demolition, p9
Swim through Cambridge, p12

1953 07 27
Chesterton RDC opened their new £15,000 store and depot, part of a 15-acre Oakington Estate scheme. There is a site for housing, a recreation ground, a site for a village hall and one for a burial ground for the parish. Three tiers of local government had contributed to it but there had been a lot of objections from Whitehall. It was an extraordinary attitude and one that was quite deplorable. The new building was of considerable architectural merit; it was by no means a horror

1953 07 27
A case of the "full-time" dentist who wants to do part-time work provided a lively debate at the County Council. The School Dentist asked permission to apply for a position at Addenbrooke's Hospital involving work on Saturday mornings and Monday evenings. The School Dental Service has been looked upon as rather the Cinderella of the profession, partly because of the salary involved and he had been granted permission to take a number of private patients each week. It was already the

practice for school teachers to undertake part-time work. Ald Watts said: "We can't officially allow him to do it; but delete it from the agenda and then he will do it. Lots of people do."

West Wickham plane crash, p5 # c.26.1

1953 07 27 c
Cambridge Police have issued a warning that it is essential in the public interest that there be strict compliance with the order prohibiting vehicles whose weight exceeds two tons from using Silver Street Bridge. They particularly seek the co-operation of road users making deliveries to premises in Silver Street and suggest that whenever possible light vans only should be used. Failure to observe the Order renders the person concerned liable to prosecution. # c.44.7

1953 07 28
Oddfellows surplus, p11

1953 07 29
Coton show, p10
Divorce petition, p12

1953 07 30
South Cambs RDC agreed to borrow £310,360 needed for a comprehensive water scheme designed to supply 17 parishes. At present the east area receives its piped water from Linton and the western area from the village of Croydon. The problem was to find a means of supplying the villages in the centre where eleven of the parishes including Barrington, Duxford, Fowlmere, Foxton, Shepreth and Whittlesford have no piped water at all. A bore was sunk at Dottrell Hall, near Fowlmere, and they were rewarded with a source which will yield a million gallons a day.

1953 07 31
All work at the Pye Factory ended early and the employees dined off sandwich instead of their customary hot meal as they crammed into the works canteen for a visit of the BBC "Workers' Playtime" broadcast. The entertainment featured the close-harmony quintet 'The Coronets', Lionel Saxon, 'genial host of the Winkle Club', who put plenty of energy into his comic impersonations & Monica Owen with her intimate songs. The broadcast ended with Beryl Reid, who was greeted with shrieks of laughter when she appeared in black stockings and green gym tunic with her handkerchief tucked away in the traditional schoolgirl place for her caricature of Monica, the awful child. # c.27.8

1953 07 31 ES
Sutton-Mepal Road reopening meeting; Ministry propose by-pass to avoid villages from old road at top of Mepal Hill along main runway to Ely Road; but reject call for non-classified road on site of old road to connect two villages for local traffic – 53 07 31ES

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1953 08 01
A Pageant for Coronation year is to be performed in the grounds of St John's College in aid of the Cambridge Residential Home for Old People. In this enterprise Town and University combine. About 150 people take part from a distinguished historian to a little girl of six. It includes a genuine ancient broadsword lent by Prof G.M. Trevelyan, Master of Trinity and greatest of living historians. Amongst those taking part are Michael Cogman, a nine-year-old pupil from Milton Road School, Charles Batts, Timothy Roach and David Bartlett.

1953 08 01
The Cambridge Mass Radiography Unit is to carry out a large-scale chest X-ray survey during August. It will be the first such survey for the benefit of members of the general public and aims to examine everyone over 14 years of age. X-raying is the surest means of detecting the presence of T.B.

in the lungs. It costs nothing and is speedy – twenty persons being X-rayed every ten minutes – and is confidential. And there is no undressing.

Overhill 'Miller of Trumpington', p9
Spy wedding, p1

1953 08 04
To the everyday passer-by the tall stately elm trees in Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge, give the impression of being sound and sturdy. But some have now been cut down and it can be seen that sections of their trunks are hollow! Six have been taken down and there are a further 20 which have serious defects and decay. It was in April 1950 that the City Council decided to remove all the trees and replant the Avenue with new ones, but owing to public opinion the decision was reversed. If the present disease continues it will not be many years before most of the common elm trees in Cambridge have been removed. # c.18

1953 08 05
Warren Tower sale, p9

1953 08 06
Wimbish Hall, near Saffron Walden, was gutted by a sudden fire which had gained a firm hold by the time fire-fighting units arrived. Firemen were kept busy preventing the outbreak from spreading to the village church, which stood not more than 50 yards away, but were powerless to confine the fire to one section of the house. Helped by volunteers, the occupier spent the afternoon sorting out clothing and other property rescued from the premises. In the front of the house piles of charred, water-sodden magazines were jumbled up with partially-burnt furniture and soaked carpets. All that was left of the Hall was part of one wing and the roofless wall of the remainder.

1953 08 07
A tour of the extensive orchards of Messrs Eastwood's at Barrington was given by Farm Manager, Mr A.S. Baker to demonstrate important operations in modern orchard management such as pruning, soil-management and grassing-down. The visitors were impressed by the very heavy crop of apples, plums and greengages and on the improvements made on the fruit farm as a whole. At the end of the tour refreshments were served in the new packing shed

1953 08 07
"Man in the dark", the first feature-length three-dimensional film to be shown in the Eastern counties was screened at the Rex Cinema, Cambridge, to an invited audience. They went away feeling they had witness the most exciting event in screen history since 'The Jazz Singer' introduced sound in 1927. Mr R. Halliwell, the manager, said the extra charge for admission covered only the cost of hiring the Polaroid spectacles. The three-dimensional film holds such possibilities of screen terror that the deepies may tend at first to be creepies. To what extent Cambridge will succumb to third-dimentia remains to be seen but the pre-view audience spent an enjoyable time – 53 08 97 # c.76.9

1953 08 08
For over a century lettering stencilled in black reading 'Henslow Common Informer' was to be seen on the walls of Corpus Christi College. It was a reminder of a violent political controversy over bribery in elections which took place in 1825. Recently the face of the college was cleaned and in the process all trace of the lettering was removed, but now it has reappeared – not in black but in white!

Mystery man, p9

1953 08 10
The first question asked by the pilot of the Meteor aircraft which crashed near Bourn village was "Did it hit any houses? Was anyone hurt". Wing Commander Leonard Trent, V.C., had bailed out; many people saw the parachute and gave the alarm. The plane plunged into the earth in a field and buried

itself; fuel escaped and set fire to the standing barley but farm workers beat it out with branches and sticks # c.26.1

1953 08 12
Sir – I paid a visit recently to the new Egerton Estate, Cambridge & had occasion to visit Fen Ditton along a footpath known as Ditton Walk, but which ought to be named Ditton Cycling Track. I thought how dangerous it was for pedestrians, as one had to be continually getting off the path into the grass to avoid being knocked down. Such a practice would not be allowed here – A. Newman, Sheffield

1953 08 13
Fire calls, p7
London pensioners, p10

1953 08 14
At Turner and Hore's Hyde Park Corner Service Station, Cambridge, people are talking about a new member of staff who cheerfully stands for hours at a time saluting passing motorists. Weather doesn't worry him and he doesn't even ask for wages. This amazing character is a mechanical robot and 'he' only salutes when cars pass by him on the road. How the robot works is the inventor's secret but as soon as a car approaches, the arm swings upwards smartly in a salute. The lucky motorists who guess its name will receive a memento of the occasion.

Ealing film, Newmarket, p7
Hulbert, p8 & 15th p9

1953 08 15
Grevillea Road suicide, p8

1953 08 17
When the City of Cambridge Rowing Club holds its first open regatta for generations, the least expected of the Clerk of the Weather was that he should keep it dry. He cannot be a rowing man. But with 30 events completed at the rate of one every ten minutes for five hours the sport was there both in plenty and variety # c.38 : rowing

1953 08 18 c
Over 100 old-age pensioners from the Incorporated Cambridge University Settlement, London, visited Cambridge to see the city which has meant so much in their lives. Trinity College started the Settlement at Camberwell in the late 19th century, when their graduates lived as a settlement in the slum district and helped to raise the standard of the neighbourhood. After three years Trinity invited the other colleges to join them and the name was changed to Cambridge House. Today it has many branches including an old people's club, boys' club and legal aid centre.

1953 08 19
Forty flying pigs from Sweden circled Cambridge airport and then came in to make a perfect landing. Their first sight of England on the ground was the front end of a BBC TV newsreel camera as the doors opened and the pigs stepped unceremoniously from their two aircraft on to waiting trucks. They were the first consignment of Swedish Landrace pigs being imported for breeding purposes by the National Pig Breeders' Association. They had to be flown because of very restricted shipping space and have to be out of quarantine in time for the Peterborough Autumn Sales

1953 08 19
There have been several important archaeological finds of the Roman era on the Arbury Road building site. Traces of the Roman Road, Akeman Street, a cemetery, a building and extensive rubbish pits have all been unearthed. Two waterworks engineers found some pottery and a quantity of glass which had been imported from the Rhine. But some of this has been lost; it was left on the edge of a trench and has been taken by someone not knowing its historical value

Decorated pubs, p8

1953 08 20
Remember that cricket match at the Oval and the history-making sweep by Denis Compton that carried a ball from Morris, the Australian Vice-Captain, to the long-leg boundary? Sixteen-year-old Billy Evans, freckled-faced son of Newmarket's Australian jockey, W.T. Evans, has the bat, signed by Compton. His mother bought it back when she returned from watching the thrilling match. Young Billy was busy fielding in the covers for Newmarket Town Second XI when a substitute was sent out so he could be told his mother had the bat. He already has one given him by Keith Miller.

Chesterton coronation gardens, p10

1953 08 21
An ever-increasing number of Vespa Clubs is being formed as more and more people from all walks of life decide to solve their transport problems by becoming owners of Vespa two-wheel runabouts. The latest in this international league is the Cambridge Branch. A large number of onlookers was attracted by the sight of a fleet of Vespas parked outside The Anchor, Silver Street while the owners met. The first outing will be a run to the Ferry Boat Inn on Sunday. # c.26.485

Flood protection scheme, p6

1953 08 21 ES
Ely police motor patrols; first motorisation was 1930 when Austin 12 car stationed at Ely, followed by March and Wisbech. Traffic department started 1946, first recruit P.s. A.W. Wilson … expect make running repairs and handle cine-projectors, cameras and specialised electrical equipment. Today has one sergeant and 10 constables and soon a 24-hour motor patrol. Five police officers equipped with near-silent Velocette 'Ghost' motorcycles – soon all men in out-stations should have them and be equipped with wireless like the patrol cars. Operators can follow progress of chase … 53 08 21

1953 08 22
Ealing Studios are getting into full production of their new Technicolor film, tentatively called "Newmarket Heath". The location unit has been filming scenes in the yard of Kremlin Stables, loaned by Mrs Lambton. To Newmarket's undying shame the unit has brought its own string of a dozen horses complete with six lads from Mr Vic Smyth's stable at Epsom. On location were Bill Owen, who plays the part of a warned-off jockey, and well-known character actor Charles Victor. Next week heralds the serious business of getting shots in the ring at the Rowley Mile racecourse.

Television aerials, p9

1953 08 24
Swavesey plane crash, p6 # c.26.1

1953 08 25
While the National Radio Exhibition at Earls Court offers the best in radio and television under one roof, Cambridge's own exhibition goes on throughout the year in the windows and showrooms of the city's radio stores. Langham Radio Services of Mill Road have the Sobel 14-inch tv for 64 guineas or the Cossor 12-inch at 50 guineas. Morley & Duke offer a free demonstration in your own home of the Pye V4 television with automatic picture control which costs £64.18.0 or on H.P. at 15/- weekly. # c.27.8

1953 08 26
Waterbeach RAF station which had a distinguished record as a Bomber Command base during the war and is now in the forefront of Britain's fighter defence system, was presented with its station badge. It depicts part of the station's history with a motif of a rose and a sprig of gilliflower which

were at one time the rent paid for Waterbeach Manor and Abbey, which forms a large part of the airfield. The station was formed in 1941 for bombers; in 1945 it was taken over by Transport Command and in 1950 became part of Fighter Command

1953 08 27
Fountain beheading photo, p27

1953 08 28
The incidence of suicide at Oxford and Cambridge is higher than at other universities in the U.K. Some years ago the proportion of the population which constituted sound University material was thought to be over 40 per cent. Now that percentage was no higher than 15. "I believe a great deal of frustration, unhappiness and waste is caused by forcing students into University courses when they have neither the intelligence, training, personality or mental fibre to meet the standard of such education. Many breakdowns arise because men are forced into work against their true inclinations, often for family reasons. Sexual disturbances are not important causes of failure, though from time to time students seek refuge in drink or drugs", said the senior tutor of St Catharine's College.

1953 08 28 ES
Coronation Close Old People's Home, March … luxurious carpets, private room – 'almost too good for the likes of us' … not a dumping ground for old people who are just not wanted. Furnished in style of a guest house with single rooms with hand basin, wardrobe & chest of drawers. The lounge would do credit to many hotels with wireless in addition to the communal wireless system. Men have a smoke room to puff their 'baccy' … books from the county library … good meals. Most residents will be O.A.P.s paying 26/- a week – leaving 6s 6d from their weekly pensions. 53 08 28(2)ES

1953 08 29
The Eastern Region Food Office is to cease to function in Cambridge after 14 years. It opened in Corpus Christi College at the beginning of the war and remained there until November 1945 when it moved to its present offices in Brooklands Avenue. In December 1946 the Essex and Hertfordshire region was also brought under Cambridge – 53 08 29 # c.45.7

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1953 09 02
After pouring thousands of gallons of water on to a fire at Great Sampford the brigades ran short of water and had to fall back on the river to supplement their supplies. The outbreak started in a barn at Stow Farm beside the High Street and flames swept across the street, which was blocked for more than three hours, and set fire to a cottage. The fire also reached a converted windmill but local workmen put out the flames before they could do any serious damage. Lots of old wartime members of the A.F.S. left their work and 'mucked in' with the fire brigade. The fire cut telephone wires and a fireman had to borrow a private car to dash to Radwinter to call for more pumps.

Linto foot check, p5

1953 09 03
During the War British scientists worked on a secret project for destroying the enemy crops by means of chemicals dropped from aircraft. The method was never used but the discoveries made by the research workers at a "hush hush" plot in East Anglia have since made possible one of the selective weed-killers which destroy the weeds and leave the crops unharmed. In Cambridge dinitro compounds were used to kill some weeds and out of a very nasty idea meant for our enemies came another project – plant hormones, the director of Pest Control told Cambridge businessmen. – 53 09 03 # c.45.7

1953 09 03

Two-and-a-half-tons of freshly-picked Victoria plums were destroyed when a fruit lorry from Chiver's farm at Hazelstub, Haverhill, came into collision with a coal waggon from the Haverhill depot of Moys Ltd. The impact of the crash, near Castle Camps caused the coal waggon's petrol tank to explode, sending both vehicles up in flames. Both drivers scrambled clear in time to escape being burnt. The plums were being taken to the Histon jam-making factory, having been picked that morning.

1953 09 04
Cambridge housewives have responded "very soberly" to the chance of buying white bread again for the first time in 13 years. Mr J. Markillie, president of the Cambridge Bakers' Association says demand for the small white loaf is now growing daily once people had "a taste of it". Sales have been affected by the price – it costs 6d as against 4½d for the national loaf but the demand seems to be for the large loaf, which bakers are not yet making. Loaves have to be ordered in advance as bakers are "cagey" about the quantity they make and do not want stocks left on their hands.

1953 09 04 ES
Frederick Houghton, Isle County Librarian, has seen fourfold jump in library issues … a meteoric rise quite out of tune with rest of the country … village libraries with their army of volunteers … Fenmen handle their books very gently … books on Japanese prison camps always snapped up … loan technical volumes to university students – 53 08 04(2)&(3)ES
Plane crashes at Upwell after hitting H.T. cables – 53 09 04ES

1953 09 05
A large congregation gathered at Histon Baptist Church for the induction of the new minister, the Rev David Jackson. The service also marked the reopening of the church after interior renovations which included the redesign of the front of the church and the introduction of some beautiful panelling from Impington Hall. The renovation scheme was first drawn up seven years ago and is now almost completed.

1953 09 07
Work on the excavation of the small Roman house on Arbury Road, Cambridge, has continued and a Roman well with its oak linings in perfect condition discovered. It reached down to the water level 11ft below the surface and was in a good state of preservation due to debris from the older Roman house being thrown down into it and the whole thing sealed when a later building was erected over it. The well was cleared by a Clare College student and Mr Alan Watt, a schoolboy, and the lining removed to the Museum of Archaeology. # c.41

1953 09 08
Pye Ltd of Cambridge are showing on their stand at the Radio Show a 27-inch direct view cathode ray television receiver with automatic picture control. It is the largest ever seen in the country and will allow at least 200 people to watch in comfort. Pye have also provided a miniature 'staticon' television camera which is being used on the Celebrity Dais, the pictures being relayed throughout the exhibition.

1953 09 08
Not enough time to finish new sea wall at Hunstanton before hight tides. Repeated fire siren blasts will give flood warning at King's Lynn – Lnn News

1953 09 10
The drainage rate to be levied on the Allottees of the Cottenham Inclosure Award has been reduced by ninepence now that the Old West Internal Drainage District Scheme has been approved. It provides for the abolition of the Cottenham, Rampton and Willingham Drainage District but there is no provision for the disposal of surplus moneys and is unlikely to commence before 1st April 1954.

1953 09 11 ES

Little Ouse W.I. Garden fete: feature – 53 09 11(4)ES

1953 09 12
Fire call-outs, p6
Old West IDB, p7

1953 09 14
For the first time in the history of the National Federation of Anglers' All-England championship the individual title has come to Cambridgeshire. The proud winner is Neville Hazelwood, an R.A.F. Sergeant at Waterbeach, who was in the Cambridge Albion Society team. Fishing in the Nene he landed 27lbs 14 ozs of bream, the best of which was about 3 lbs.

1953 09 15
The 1,429-acre Heydon Estate, the property of Mr C.H.A. Butler, and once the home of Lord Braybrooke, has been sold to a private trust who are to retain the estate. The property comprises the Manor, a medium-sized house in seven acres of timbered grounds, and practically the whole of the village of Heydon, with five important farms and holdings, a Post Office and shop and a number of houses and cottages.

1953 09 15
After a road test by courtesy of Messrs King and Harper I was able to form definite ideas about the new Standard Eight. It has been built at a price of £481 to compete with the Austin A30, Morris Minor and Ford Anglia and has been stripped of every luxury and driver's pet toy. On the standard model there are no wheel discs, the minimum of chrome plating, only one windscreen wiper and no door pockets. Optional extras are air conditioning, radio, oil bath air cleaner and roof rack. Acceleration to 50 mph takes 25 seconds and top speed is 62 mph. It corners well and the brakes are good; I pulled up from a steady 35 mph in only a foot or so more than 30 feet. Petrol consumption is about 45 mpg for the normal touring owner.

1953 09 17
A Cambridge builder said there was a crying need for lock-up garages in Cambridge & he wanted to build 14 in Bermuda Road. At present the roadway was blocked by standing cars. But residents told and Inquiry they would be hemmed in and planners feel the site would be more suitable for house building.

1953 09 18
Sir – for six years German students have been visiting Britain to help with the harvest. One who stayed near Cambridge wrote: 'This week in an English family is what I value most of all … and the friendly reception I got'. Next week about 800 students from universities all over Germany will be coming to help farmers harvest potato and sugar beet crops. If you can help offer hospitality please contact the German Student Harvest Scheme – Lord Pakenham

1953 09 18 ES
Ely fire training tower opened; memories: originally just little leather hose and old manual engine, then steam engine pulled by horses – 53 09 18ES

1953 09 19
Fulbourn Hospital Management Committee were concerned with rising costs; whereas the hospital used to buy the rations, they must now buy only what was needed. But the patients are not overfed and do not have a great variety. They must remember they had people shut up on there. Whilst the cost of provisions supplied to patients had increased considerably, the cost of provisions to the staff had decreased. The main reason for the over-spend was the increased consumption of meat.

1953 09 21

Newmarket Chamber of Trade are concerned that more and more local people seem to be going out of the town to do their shopping and have launched a shopping week. Messrs C. Watson is the complete house furnishers and has a high reputation. Chadwick's are the premier florists and greengrocers, while well-known 'Skeets' Martin has gone from strength to strength since he started his own shoe repair business and now employs people like Harry Price, who had his own business for 40 years.

1953 09 21
Ashfords is a Newmarket business well-known for value and variety which retains its distinctive family atmosphere while Ron Langley is a local boy who made good. Starting from scratch he has built up a business which caters for all classes of taxi and private hire work. F.W. Hobbs are theoretically ironmongers but seem to sell everything. They cater for the professional man like the decorator and builder but the average handyman can spend hours looking at their range of tools and garden implements.

1953 09 21
Horace Hawks sends his famous port sausages all over the world from his shop in Wellington Street, Newmarket. This week he offers a leg of pork to the oldest married couple in Newmarket or Exning, the eldest married couple whose wedding anniversary falls this week and the eldest lady living alone. Moons Cycle Depot is an enterprising combination of youthful endeavour and experience and is expanding its stock of cycles.

1953 09 21
Sheila Gay, Old Station Road, Newmarket caters exclusively for the lady who likes to be fashionably dressed and has frocks, suits and evening gowns of the highest quality whilst at Quant's you can get the best boots and shoes and they are displaying Moorland's sheepskin footwear. Goldings are bespoke tailors in the real sense of the word. They have made Jodhpurs and hacking jackets for most of the leading jockeys.

1953 09 21
The Matchless Motor Cycle Club brought their scramble season to a close with a meeting at Balsham. International riders were in every event in which the experts were not barred, the course was in fine condition and the largest crowd ever to attend a scramble meeting in the district were entertained with a display of riding which produced thrill after thrill. Brian Stonebridge was enthusiastically cheered as he completed the final circuit of the "Devil take the hindmost" – the final event

1953 09 23
Joshua Taylor staged a Fashion Parade, a popular event to which the womenfolk of Cambridge look forward with keen anticipation. One of the mannequins modelled clothes for the woman with the larger figure whilst another showed teenager styles from the "Young Cambridge" department. There was no sign of M. Dior's new shorter skirt – this will not reach the provinces until next Spring, so women need not rush to turn up the hems of the clothes they are wearing in order not to give away the fact that they are not new. Drain-pipe corduroy slacks in navy and red vertical stripes were worn with an off white wool and mohair jacket and there was a beautiful fur coat in Russian ermine, priced at only £1,195 – pity I hadn't got my cheque book with me!

1953 09 23
Cambridge Women's Physical Culture Club has now reached the mature age of 21 years during which hundred of women have benefited by the teachings of the Misses Marjorie and Mary Vinsen. In its early days the club received support of eminent local gynaecologists. Teenagers, young mothers, housewives, businesswomen and "young grandmothers" exercise at the Dorothy Café, building health and improving their figures.

1953 09 24
With many new houses being erected and the old craftsmen passing out of service, the Britain of tomorrow will be a nation of tumble-down houses unless more young people come forward to be

trained for a career in painting and decoration, said H.O. Lagden. Apprentices could earn up to £2 a week at 15, and £10 as full craftsmen. The standard of home decoration before the war was the highest that has ever been reached but many of the trade today were very crude and at best semi-skilled. As a result there was a great nation-wide 'Do it yourself' movement but many might just as well have thrown their money in the street because they have not done it properly and it won't last. White lead paint was the most durable on the market and it was to everyone's advantage to use only the best materials. – 53 09 24

1953 09 24
Don Arrol, the star of "Coronation Scots" at the New Theatre, officially opened the new showroom of Messrs W.I. Cullin in Rathmore Road Cambridge. They have been appointed Austin agents and the showroom has been built to exhibit and sell Austin products. The garage, repair and servicing of commercial and private vehicles will still continue. Guests were invited to the Goldsborough Hotel for cocktails where everyone was given a souvenir propelling pencil. # c.26.48

Marshall ambulance, p4

1953 09 25 c
In a hundred Victorian houses landladies are renewing notices in the bathrooms. Along Sidney Street a young man in a yellow polo-neck sweater trundles a handcart bearing a tin trunk, two leather bags, a violin case, a worn armchair, and a gaily-painted bird-cage. His un-oiled hair slips sideways towards his ears as he pauses to allow a busload of office workers to hurry by. Gently rumbling towards Magdalene comes a mechanical horse towing twenty-two identical cabin trunks. A new term has begun

1953 09 28
Papworth Everard traffic warden, p12

1953 09 29
Sugar rationing, p4

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1953 10 01
Gt St Mary's bells, p7
A.A. uniform, p9

1953 10 02 ES
Mepal Polish Hostel disturbance at dance, man mounted stage; knife attack – 53 10 02ES

1953 10 03
The fund for re-hanging the bells of Cambridge's widely famed Great St Mary's church has raised under £1,000 of the £2,600 needed. The bells were taken down last year because of the ravages of a wood-destroying parasite and now the CDN has decided to open its own Bell Fund to supplement that sponsored by the church. All contributions will be acknowledged in our columns and whether large or small they may be handed in at our office. The CDN is opening its fund with a donation of £25 and hopes there will be a satisfying response. # c.69.6

1953 10 03
Girton has seen a terrific growth in the last 30 years and the village might have been swamped had not the Town and Country Planning people stepped in just in time, said H.J.C. Bashford. The population had grown from 534 people in 1911 to about 2,000 in 1940. The building of a laundry in 1896 had

provided more work and Cambridge itself had been making demands on Girton. In 1930 came the first policeman and in 1933 street lighting was introduced, despite opposition from the villagers. The last 30 years had seen the start of the Women's Institute and the opening of the first infant welfare centre.

1953 10 05
Ninety British schoolchildren got an inside view of a U.S. Air Force base at a special "National Kids' Day" open house at Mildenhall. The all-day programme included a sight-seeing tour of base headquarters, technical sites and runways. At the base fire department the children tried on fire helmets, asbestos fire-fighting suits and rang the bells of the big fire trucks. At the control tower they listened to radio directions to pilots and a full day of entertainment was topped-off with group singing and refreshments in the Service Club.

1953 10 06
Cambridge new leaf, p8

1953 10 07
For four years Mr Ken Allen had had his name down on the waiting lists for a council house. After all that time he decided he would wait no longer – and he set to work to build his own home. On Monday he stood under his own roof. Inside and out nearly a score of self-builders, members of the Cambridge Self-Build Housing Association were putting in the window frames, hammering home the floorboards, measuring here, sawing there and generally completing the interior of his house in time for moving in before Christmas. The six-roomed semi-detached dwelling on the Arbury Road housing site will have cost £1,300 – and for that he gets a house worth £2,000. – 53 10 07# c.23

1953 10 08
Soham fire, p7

1953 10 09
An unusual feature – for Newmarket at any rate – of the West Suffolk County Council election is the fact that the two candidates in a straight fight are both receiving official political backing. The Newmarket Labour Party has often sponsored candidates but in officially backing Mr E.A. Dunham, the local Conservative party embarks on comparatively new tactics. A well-known businessman he was chairman of the U.D.C. and is one of the most active members of the Chamber of Commerce. His opponent, Mrs Constance Barnard was a founder-member of the Newmarket Labour Party and is a prominent member of the Co-operative movement.

1953 10 09
A former Witcham Toll boy, aged ten, who appeared before Ely juvenile court was said to have earned £2.5.0. a week looking after children's roundabouts at Hunstanton. He lived there with his parents and seven other children aged from three to 15 years in two small tents and a number of corrugated-iron sheds roughly knocked together and they had to crawl on all fours. It was altogether deplorable that children, man and wife should be permitted to live in such primitive circumstances.

Advertisements, p10

1953 10 09 ES
Due to housing problem at Witchford, Ely RDC relax decision not to re-let temporary Nissen Hut dwellings on Witchford airfield; huts are better than barns; 80 huts converted for homes – 53 10 02(2)ES

1953 10 10
Square cap no longer official – cartoon, p8 # c.36.9

1953 10 12

The condition of the stone of the conduit head on Cambridge Market Hill has been found to be much worse than anticipated during recent demolition work and so the Council will be recommended not to rebuild it. The condition of the stone was such that the only part which could be safely re-used was the four pillars and the cost of restoration would be at least £4,000, double the previous estimate. They propose to loan the carved figures from the conduit to the Folk Museum. # c.61

1953 10 12
A decision not to rebuild the Conduit head in Market Hill, Cambridge was described as a retrograde step by Ald James. "I know it is the fashion to run down Victorian architecture but I think it was very seemly. I think we should rebuild it in the same style". But Ald Priest said "If in ten years' time people see pictures of the Conduit as it was, there will be nothing to prevent them from replacing it by photographs. The majority of people are quite satisfied and the Secretary of the Preservation Society has written to say how nice we have made it".

More Arbury land, p4
Sqwston church hall, p7

1953 10 13
Magdalene Bridge weight, p3
Newmarket Road estate, p11

1953 10 14
Mr Brin Newton-John, headmaster of the Cambridgeshire High School for Boys is leaving after eight 'very happy and very cheerful years' to become Master of Oremond College in the University of Melbourne, Australia. His three children, including daughter Olivia, are tremendously excited about their voyage. Music is one of his foremost interests and Cambridge will remember him for founding the Combined Choir concerts in co-operation with the Girls' County School.

Newmarket photo, p12

1953 10 16
While Bassingbourn Village College was being built last winter, 2,250 bricks used in the foundations disintegrated, accompanied by another 2,000 stand in stacks. They were common wire-cut bricks from a firm in the Midlands and seemed not to have been properly baked. They looked fit to be used and had been submitted to the County Architect. The brick-makers said they would not have supplied such bricks for foundations, but the architect had specified them. The site was open and bricks were affected by frost. Other bricks had been supplied by the National Coal Board.

Conduit head, p9
Backs lighting, p10

1953 10 16 ES
Pymore Methodist Church dedication – 53 10 16(2)ES
Lt Ouse vicar, Rev Isaac Reynolds killed when motorcycle hit American lorry – 53 10 16ES

1953 10 17
Bottisham balloon, p6

1953 10 19
For as long as Ely Cathedral stands so will the memory remain of 1,700 men and women of Cambridgeshire who gave their lives in the last war. Over 3,000 people joined in the dedication of the County War Memorial. Earlier hundreds had packed themselves four deep to watch one of the most impressive displays this ancient city had ever seen including a yellow and blue mass of 100 British Legion standards with 900 men and women from practically every branch in the county.

1953 10 20
This is Home Guard recruiting week with the object of increasing the size of this vital branch of our reserve army. When the Government decided it was necessary to resuscitate the Home Guard it was appreciated that the task was a difficult one. The appeal was directed towards middle-aged men who had previously seen service. The exceptional commitment of the Regular Army abroad made it imperative that there should be an organised body trained and ready to cope with emergencies in the event of war. It must contain people who know the local geography of their area intimately, in every parish and hamlet. # c.45.8

1953 10 21
Arts Theatre, p9

1953 10 23
A portrait salvaged from a workmen's rubbish dump at Corpus Christi College, said to be of Christopher Marlowe, bears a resemblance to an engraving of Shakespeare which appeared in the First Folio of the plays in 1621. No other portrait of Marlowe, who was at the college from 1581 to 1587, exists. American experts have little doubt that it is of Shakespeare which could mean that the descriptions of the countryside described in his plays are really based on Cambridgeshire scenes and not around Stratford. The portrait, on a wooden panel & split almost in three, is now being restored. # c.64

1953 10 23
Children playing in a hut at Wimpole Park found some tins of a poison used for killing vermin and opened them with axes. The poison is only dangerous when made moist and then it gives off a deadly fume. On Wednesday night the atmosphere was moist and the fumes filled the hut, killing five ferrets which were caged. Yesterday a doctor from the American camp smelt the fumes and called the fire brigade. Firemen using breathing apparatus and wearing rubber gloves removed the poison and buried it with the ferrets in the middle of a wood.

1953 10 23
London County Council proposes to settle 5,000 Londoners in Sawston, parish councillors were told. They would be a cross-section of the community and their employment would be arranged in various light industries that would be established. There was certain to be further industrial development in the village over the next 20 years and it would be better if the development could be orderly. The proposals would be bound to cause some dislocation in their life but if the national interest demanded the growth of Sawston it was the duty of the Parish Council to press for the development of amenities.

Obsolete sewage, p11

1953 10 23 ES
3,000 at dedication of County War Memorial, Ely Cathedral – 53 10 23ES
Isleham school blaze – 53 10 23ES

1953 10 24
Not one village in Newmarket RDC area is now without a main water supply after the formal opening of Chippenham pumping station. It is the first rural authority in East Anglia to succeed in taking a piped water supply to every parish. Previously three villages had no piped water at all and on occasions water had to be taken to the towers in the high level by the fire brigade, at a cost of £100 a time. They are now able to supply farms and industrial undertakings for the first time. But the scheme was not cheap and the main pumps alone used 11s. 6d. worth of electric power every hour – 53 10 24

Austin brass band, p9

1953 10 27

Cambridge citizens were shaken to hear rifle fire in the city and see groups of khaki-clad men dashing about on Jesus Green and Parker's Piece. Members of the Cambridge Home Guard were carrying out exercises, culminating in an attack on Hobbs Pavilion where the 'enemy' was wiped out. The exercise served the purpose of bringing the Home Guard to the notice of the public. # c.45.8

1953 10 29
An old-established ironmongery and harness business at Melbourn, J.E. Hagger and Son, has finished trading because of the increase in the use of motors and tractors and the consequent decline in the demand for harness work. It had been founded at the end of the 19th century. Before the war two harness makers and two apprentices were employed but now there was scarcely sufficient work for one man. At the small Bassingbourn branch, opened in 1911, one man worked on making and repairing harness.

1953 10 29
There is a big demand in Cambridge for caravans – but there is nowhere to put them, two Milton caravan site proprietors told an inquiry. "Young couples have the deposit but they won't have them because we cannot guarantee them a site in the area, near their work". There is a large site at Gt Shelford but when people buy a caravan on the hire purchase they just cannot afford £1 a week rent for the site. They proposed to have 14 caravans adjoining the White Horse and 30 alongside the Milton Laundry. The Parish Council had no objections.

Pampisford station crossroads, p5

1953 10 30
Cambridge Women heard that television would be one of the most powerful social influences in years to come and although only a minority of the ladies had sets that was no reason why they should be indifferent. The BBC had done a wonderful job over the years but sponsored television would bring the sensational, the tawdry, sex appeal and false glamour.

1953 10 30 ES
Newmarket regional water scheme completed; not one village in area without a main water supply – 53 10 30(2)ES

1953 10 31
The Headquarters of the U.S. Army's 32nd Anti-aircraft Artillery Brigade has moved from Mildenhall where it has been since 1951. The Commanding Officer wrote to the Mayor of Cambridge to express appreciation for the splendid hospitality shown; many personnel have resided in the area and lasting friendships have developed which will contribute to a closer relationship and stronger bond of understanding between the British people and the American forces. # c.45.8

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1953 11 02
The new Shire Hall court will not be an 'extravagant' but 'a fine utility' building, councillors were assured. They did not want panelling in every room and expensive carpets on the floor. Some wanted to build the new Court with an open frontage to the street, but it could not be done, as the site was not big enough. If they pulled down the existing police station and played 'Old Harry' it might be possible but on one side is the Castle Mound and there would be trouble galore they interfered with this.

1953 11 02
Will there be "another Morris Oxford factory" on the doorstep of Cambridge University? Under proposals to send London 'overspill' population to Sawston the village would be expanded from its present 2,000 population to 7,500; it is simply a case of bringing out groups of people with industry

and putting them into the country. When local people realise that it is a national problem they will either decide for or against, in which case as far as Sawston is concerned the matter will cease.

Knocking horse, p5

1953 11 03
A wartime German bomb was discovered 30 feet from the Mildenhall railway line at Exning Halt, near Burwell. For over 11 years trains had passed the spot, blissfully unaware that hidden less than a foot beneath the ground was a bomb large enough to cause an unpleasant explosion. It was found by John Debenham who was ploughing a field when he struck something which broke a peg in his plough. "We soon realised it was a bomb and thought of pulling it out with a chain", he said. But instead he reported it to the police.

1953 11 05
The navigator of a RAF Canberra jet bomber was rescued when the plane crashed into a café at Beck Row, near Mildenhall. The pilot was killed. The proprietor of the café said the plane destroyed the back of his premises, smashed his kitchen table, flattened his car and plunged the whole place into darkness. The jet finished up in his back garden, straddling a chicken run and churning up his vegetables. It must have missed the roof by inches and it was a miracle no one in the café was killed. # c.26.1

Newmarket fire, p6

1953 11 06 ES
East Coast floods threatened St Germans pumping station, pumps ran for 920 hours; dredging works completed – 53 11 06(2)ES

Lt Downham field 'the worst there is' in Frith Head Drove subject of agricultural tribunal; allegations of poor husbandry – 53 11 06ES

1953 11 07
Bathyscope in Cam, p7

1953 11 10
One hundred years of cricket was celebrated at Sawston. T.F. Teversham said: "Thomas Sutton Evans was rather an unpleasant individual, but in 1853 he bought a field, Spikes End, and thanks to him Sawston's cricket stands high". He went on to mention Bill Warren, Jim Sunshine and Bill Cockell, all Cambs men who by their ability had given something to local cricket and together with Mr Peter Taylor, a perfect model for all young batsmen, and Mr 'Shine' Ridgeon of St Giles cricket club joined in the celebrations

1953 11 11
A new agency on the lines of the successful "Universal Aunts" in London has opened in Cambridge. It is fully prepared to undertake any job, large or small, including travelling arrangements for children, transport to dancing classes and catering for their parties. The care of invalids will also be undertaken for certain periods, as well as shopping of all kinds. Any domestic emergency will be catered for and there will be a bachelor mending service. After Christmas interior decoration and catering of all kinds will be undertaken. Charges will be moderate. # c.27

1953 11 13 ES
Inquest on man from ex-Land Army Hostel, Witchford Road, Witcham – 53 11 13ES

1953 11 14
'America roadhouse', p7

1953 11 16
The Cambridge Daily News made their own news when a fire broke out in the front office of the St Andrew's Street premises which are immediately opposite the Fire Station. P.C. Roberts noticed smoke coming from the building and smashed the front doors. While he was under a table smothering the flames the rising heat brought the sprinkler system into operation, preventing the blaze from spreading. The Fire Station send over a pump escape and turntable ladder and the fire was under control within four minutes. A number of replies to advertisements were damaged and it would be advisable if readers who have answered adverts within the last few days would write again. # c.04 # c.34.75

1953 11 16
Premier Travel and Percival Motors have applied to combine their express carriage services from Cambridge to Oxford. They have been competing on the route since 1951. During term time there was mostly University traffic and in summer a great deal of tourists. The University World Service, said the new service would be of great convenience to students from abroad, many of whom toured England after coming to Cambridge to study. The Eastern Counties, Associated Motorways and United Counties bus companies and the City of Oxford Motor Services opposed the application as did the Railway Executive who said the bulk of the Cambridge-Oxford traffic was moving by rail via Bletchley.

1953 11 17
Reach's oldest inhabitant, 84-year-old Mrs Badcock, leaned across a table in the lamplight and pulled a switch to turn on the village's electricity supply. The lights blazed and a six foot sign of red, white and blue bulbs glowed 'Welcome to E.E.B.' "This is a great day in the history of the village", Mr B. Day, chairman of the parish council, told the enthusiastic audience which packed the school to overflowing. A large number stayed to watch a television that had been installed, others went home to find their houses brightly lit by electricity and others went to the hostelries across the green to celebrate in the traditional way. – 53 11 17

1953 11 18
Twelve years after a high explosive bomb partially destroyed the Sturton Street Methodist Church plans are now complete for the building of a new place of worship. The original chapel was built in the 1820s but in August 1941 a bomb dropped within a few feet of the west wall, removing the greater part of the roof slating, opening a large hole in the external vaulting and causing severe damage to the fabric. The whole of the roof lifted and many of the roof timbers were fractured. The building was of no use for public worship which had to take place in the Assembly Hall.

1953 11 19
Far too many people are getting far too excited over reports to make Sawston an overflow town for London, says the chairman of South Cambs R.D.C. Despite newspaper headlines there has been no application to build houses and the London County Council have not decided whether they want to go to Sawston. As regards housing the R.D.C. have already built some 226 post-war houses with a further 80 under construction and 14 in contract. This may be a record.

1953 11 20 ES
Wilburton School – no practical steps to prepare way to build school – letter – 53 11 20ES

1953 11 21
Cambridge is fortunate in having the chance to see the film of the 1953 Everest Expedition so soon after its world premiere. Through the generosity of Associated British Cinemas nearly 8,000 schoolchildren will see it at a special morning performance at the Regal and groups will come in from Newmarket, Saffron Walden, Huntingdon and Royston to see the only pictorial record of a magnificent British achievement. Councillors, Justices and Masters of Colleges have also been invited

1953 11 25

Plans for the development of Fulbourn to provide accommodation for an overspill population of up to 4,000 have caused strong opposition from the parish council. But a sewerage scheme had been installed it should be used to capacity rather than to provide for a small number of persons in other parishes, necessitating additional expenditure on development works. However the sewage scheme was planned for a maximum of 2,500 people and now was to take sewage from Teversham as well; how can this be carried out? The only sensible thing if to postpone the decision.

1953 11 27
A Cambridge brush manufacturer was ordered to disclose a 'secret formula' for dressing hair for brushes, which had been used by his father. He had started business on his own in School House Lane in 1947, making brushes for one wholesale firm on terms which proved unprofitable. He became insolvent, but had kept no books. He'd been offered £1,500 for the 'secret formula' and should reveal it to the Bankruptcy Court as there must be some value in it. # c.27

1953 11 27 ES
Friday Bridge Volunteer Agricultural Camp, by far the largest and most successful in the country, is to close down after one more season of use. This year over 4,000 volunteers were accommodated over the five months' season and the labour allocated to 110 farmers and growers. When one considers that there are 1,800 commercial holdings in the Wisbech district and 1,200 in the March/Chatteris district it stands out a mile that the percentage of labour users is very small indeed. The whole future of the camp had been considered but Treasury approval had not been obtained for a limited number of volunteer agricultural camps in 1954 and Friday Bridge would be one. The closing of the Friday Bridge would also affect the continuation of the nine tented fruit growers' camps which they supplied with equipment as there will be nowhere to store it during the winter months. The Government could no longer support organisation and continuation of the Camps. Camp labour had been available since 1943 but the time had arrived when farmers and growers should shoulder their won responsibilities. The camp is built on requisitioned land which must be handed back to rightful owners – 53 11 27(3)ES

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Haddenham charities past and future – talk by Charles Bester – 53 11 27ES

1953 11 28
Mr W.A. Munford, Cambridge City Librarian for the last eight years, has been appointed to one of the great national library posts, that of Director-General of the National Library for the Blind. He is one of the best known librarians in the country and was chosen for a total of 300 applicants. He will continue to live in Cambridge, which he describes as "too good a place to leave unless you have to". # c.77.4

1953 11 29 c
Firemen spent three hours fighting an outbreak in Air Ministry premises in Houldsworth Valley, Newmarket. They found a Nissen hut, used as offices, well ablaze. Office equipment and files were destroyed and the actual building was virtually gutted. The cause of the fire is unknown.

1953 11 30
Sir – the trees which were the focal point of Victoria Park, a pleasant cul-de-sac of urban Cambridge, are now lying on their sides awaiting removal; one or two were diseased and some of the roots were interfering with soil drains. By a happy combination of simple group planning and the breaking down of the artificial barrier between home and green caused by the removal of the railings during the war, the Park was something quite unique. To plant replacement anaemic flowering sticks of trees with 'touch me not' flowerbeds will turn it into another piece of suburbia. – D. McLeod. # c.18

1953 11 30
Barton inhabitants have long felt the need of a children's corner in their recreation ground where youngsters could enjoy themselves without harm. Now the children have swings, a sandpit, a new type of 'horses' swing, see-saws and various other popular playthings. And practically every member of the village has given some sort of tree or shrub to surround it. David Kindersley, a sculptor who lives in the village, has made a beautiful plaque in the form of a sun dial.

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1953 12 01
Residents petitioned against proposals for the conversion of a house in Church Lane Girton into a shop. It had been used as a nursery and there was ample room for parking goods vehicles. Mr A.D. Truelove said a shop was needed to serve the area; he had been given to build one on a site 100 yards away, but was unable to purchase the land. But the Lane was residential and a shop would detract from the character. There was a post office stores nearby and a Co-operative Society shop within half a mile. Girton was one of the villages designated to take 'overspill' from Cambridge and the population would rise from 1,290 in 1951 to 1,750 in 20 years.

1953 12 02
Representatives of the British Electrical and Allied Manufacturers Association whose members have subscribed £72,000 to ensure the perpetual endowment of the chair of Electrical Engineering presented the University Vice-Chancellor with a rosewater dish. He told them that the electrical industry has grown to one of great eminence and importance; there is an urgent need in the industry for advanced men and specialists and the University is working to provide the men we need. # c.36.9

1953 12 02
Sir – I wish to protest against the use of the Via Devana for organised motor and motor-cycle rallies. This track is one of the few where one can obtain a long walk through open countryside and is spoilt by the thoughtless and selfish actions of those driving along it. All motor traffic should be prohibited other than farm vehicles - J.H. Preston

1953 12 02
Doubts were expressed whether Newmarket's allocation of 50 houses for 1954 was sufficient. There was a continued demand and the proposed derequisition means additional houses have to be provided for additional applicants. Some kind of allocation had to be maintained; the Ministry aimed to build 300,000 houses and to construct a greater number might halt progress because of a shortage of materials. But if the Council were in a position to build more the Ministry would probably make them an additional grant.

1953 12 04
Cambridge councillors approved a £22,000 scheme for the improvement of Jesus Green Swimming Pool despite fears that this might prejudice chances of an indoor pool. It was an outdoor pool, used for about 110 days a year; last year 55,000 people used it but it ran at a loss and each one cost the City sixpence. It would be filled from the mains & filtered to remove impurities. More would use it if they could go into water that looked like water and not soup. Others thought they ought to enclose half the present bath so it could be used all year – but this would make it look like a shed and bring criticism # c.38 : swimming

1953 12 04
The possibility that Marshall's airfield might be used by jets and other high-powered aircraft provoked a vigorous debate at Cambridge City Council. Coun Warren protested at the construction of a hard landing strip: "The town is going to be menaced by high-powered aircraft which we know nothing about". But Coun Collins suggested that more powerful aircraft must come in time and added "The aircraft now landing there will soon be obsolete". Ald James asked: "If it is essential should the ground have not been moved further out into the country?" # c.26.1

1953 12 04 ES
Death of Major Gordon Fowler, antiquarian and sportsman; formerly of Beet Factory, archaeologist and local historian – 53 12 04(3)(4)ES
Littleport Band history recalled – 53 12 04&(2)ES
Mepal Polish Hostel residents' dispute – 53 12 11(2)(3)ES

1953 12 08
Granta Swimming Club considers that any expenditure on Jesus Green pool would be a complete waste of money; it would never be any good for serious competitive swimming. The money should be put towards an indoor pool. The club has the use of the Leys School heated bath and five swimmers had reached the gold medal standard in proficiency. There would be a 'splash night' with games, races and two polo matches, one for ladies. The Mayor said he had been present at various 'Swims through Cambridge' and wondered how the tough-looking girls he saw dragged from the water after the swim could be the same attractive young ladies facing him at the annual dinner.

Arts revenue, p9
Jets at Marshalls, p10

1953 12 09
Mr R.J. Green appealed against the refusal of permission for the extension of his existing gravel works at Milton. He had occupied the site in 1946 and never received any complaints. The land was first-class for gravel, poor for agriculture and not suitable for housing. But County planners said that under the development plan the population would increase to 1,700 compared with 750 in 1951. If the population is to be doubled the people coming into Milton should be considered from now on. If granted it would bring the gravel workings right up to the village street in Fen Road & be a serious loss of land for housing.

Leaves in roadway, p4
Cambridge City stand. P9

1953 12 10
Two frogmen are inspecting the bridge at St Ives and making minor repairs to the foundations for the second time – the last being in 1947 after the floods damaged the concrete base of the piers. Underneath their two-piece suit, flippers and helmet the men wore Naval jerseys and long pants & the only parts of their bodies exposed to the water were their hands. One was reported as wearing gloves, but this was treated as a joke. Last week they were working on the Huntingdon bridge where they carried out similar work.

1953 12 10
A house has been erected in Cambridge using 'Niblock' mortarless concrete block units for the external and internal walls. Patented by a local man and made by Messrs Jackson Bros of Coldham's Road, they are hollow, allowing a high degree of thermal insulation and the actual building of the walls can be carried out quite quickly, largely by unskilled labour saving cost. Other buildings such as boundary walls or pigsties have proved singularly dry and warm and without doubt 'niblocks' will figure greatly in future building activities. – 53 12 10 # c.23

1953 12 11
St Ives borough councillors are to inquire into the costs of buying robes to attend official functions. To go with the robes there would be ceremonial hats and the cost of 'good class' items would be about £24; gear of a lesser quality might cost £17. But they needed young people on the council who might find this a great deterrent and the proposal was ill-timed because with the Government going out of the market for uniforms the price of clothing might drop.

1953 12 11

Linton cricket club proudly celebrated their centenary surrounded by relics of days gone by. Mr S.A. Taylor recalled when the football club shared the same ground & Mr Chalk reminisced on the games of his youth, including a visit to Duxford in 1896 when there were about 400 turkeys running about the cricket ground. T.F. Teversham said: "If your grandfathers turned up today in this lovely old town all they would miss would be the tinkle of the sheep's bells. I am pleased to see you are still free from the clutching hands of the interfering busybodies of the Town and Country Planning"

1953 12 11
A St Ives councillor complained that he was not allowed to inspect the borough's ancient documents relating to the charter fair; as a ratepayer he had a right to consult public documents. But the Town Clerk said they were going into the question of the fair very carefully and it was inadvisable that too much information should get around the town. Private information had been leaked out of the council chamber before.

Frost aeroplane – detailed feature, p14 – 53 12 14 # c.26.1

1953 12 11 ES
Ely Lynton Drive plans 'agreed by mistake' – road from Lynton Drive to New Barns estate extension – 53 12 11ES

1953 12 12
Nearly 500 people attended one of the most looked-forward to and popular functions of the year, the Dustman's Christmas Ball in Cambridge Guildhall. Dustbins were displayed on the stage behind the Astrals All Star Dance Orchestra, reminding the dancers of the occasion. Miss Daphne Frostick of East Road was chosen as the new "Queen of Scavengeria". The cabaret was amusing and skilful with four men and four girls entering into a ballet. Although the men were a little less graceful than their partners they gave a performance that will long be remembered, but whether for its precision or other factors we will not say

1853 12 14
Young Street nursery, p5

1953 12 15
Mr Robert Stewart Whipple has died at his home in London, at the age of 82. In 1898 he became private assistant to Horace Darwin, the founder of the Cambridge Scientific Instrument Company, later becoming a joint managing director until his retirement in 1935. Noted for his studies of the history, development and manufacture of scientific instruments he presented his large and varied collection of instruments and books to the University of Cambridge. This formed the nucleus of the Whipple Museum of the History of Science that opened in 1954 # c.03

Building wages, p8

1953 12 16
Four meteor jet fighters crashed in the Duxford area; three pilots parachuted to safety and one was pulled from his wrecked plane by farm workers. They were on a training flight from Waterbeach airfield and were not in collision in the air before crashing. It is possible the pilots abandoned their machines after running short of fuel. It is the second time that a plane has crashed at White House Farm, West Wickham; a Meteor came down at the back of the farm just before harvest. # c.26.1

1953 12 16
See that trim piece of glamour, tripping along on three-inch heels? She's probably wearing darned or holey, faded and ancient undies. Girls have a 'don't care' attitude about what goes underneath and put all their money into top clothes. Underwear took a back seat when clothes were rationed and it has never regained its importance. Even quickly laundered and long lasting nylon has not made her change her outlook enough to suit the undies manufacturers.

Ribbon development, p4

1953 12 17
Paston House School, p10

1953 12 18
Third womens' college, p10
Newmarket RDC overbuilding, p13
Girton golf club, p14

1953 12 13
Hinton Hall sale, p7 22nd p7

1953 12 22
For unrestrained Yuletide abandon you have to go a long way to beat the Christmas parties held by the U.S. Army at Lakenheath for children in local homes. When 300 British youngsters join forced with 300 uninhibited G.I.s and embark on a festive warpath they simply love every hectic minute of it and the breathtaking pace of the joviality saw them coming back for more. Each child is allocated a buddy – a soldier whose duty it is to see his young charge goes short of nothing. This year they had ham sandwiches and ice-cream, as previous experience has shown you can't expect a young child to sit down and eat a supreme dinner of high quality and gigantic proportions.

1953 12 23
Older people, p9

1953 12 25 ES
Archaeological finds exhibited – 53 12 25(2)ES
Coronation celebrations: Downham, Haddenham, Hillrow, Aldreth, Wicken, Witchford, Black Horse Drove – 53 12 25(4)ES
Little Ouse schoolmaster and schoolmistress, Mr & Mrs Harry James retire – 53 12 25(5)(7)ES
Bronze age rapier found at Lt Thetford – 53 12 25ES

1953 12 26
The old Manor House at Papworth St Agnes was severely damaged by fire on Christmas Day. The staircase, sitting room, the kitchen ceiling and two cupboards were burnt and other rooms were affected by smoke and heat which was so great that it blistered paint on the beds. A fireman said: "If the fire had really got going the whole house would have gone, as it is largely constructed of wood"

1953 12 28
At Winston House Boys' Hostel, Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge each lad had presents sent from "Fairy Godmothers" who invited a number of them for dinner. For those who remained there was roast chicken and Christmas pudding. At The Grange Children's' Home, Swavesey the children hopefully hung up their stockings at the foot of the bed and on awaking found they had been filled. There was no shortage of presents at the Little Shelford Children's' Home, partly due to the generosity of the American servicemen station in the vicinity. An American 'Father Christmas' arrived from Wimpole Park bringing tennis racquets, bagatelle, darts, dolls and tea sets.

1953 12 28
The Town Clerk of St Ives, Mr G.L. Day, is to present the council with a mace by the chief designer of the Goldsmiths and Silversmith Company of London. A model of modern art, it will include four greyhound heads, the Day family crest for more than 400 years. His family has been connected with the Borough for many years and his great grandfather was instrumental in getting it incorporated in 1874. Unfortunately he died before the town's inception and it fell to Mr Day's grandfather to become the first Town Clerk until 1890, when Mr Day's father took over. He succeeded to the job in 1940

Christmas fire, p8

1953 12 29
When the Mayor of Cambridge visited Brookfields Hospital he made a special point of talking to one little boy who has been in an iron lung since August Bank Holiday. It was quite a Christmas for this little patient as Wilfred Pickles had promised to play a record of his favourite tune – 'The Changing of the Guard' in his programme 'Where Are You Now'. The boy is again lucky in that his parents were the only ones allowed to visit him at the hospital during Christmas. Because of the nature of their illnesses visitors may not see the other patients. Every child was given a pillowcase of toys on Christmas morning and their dinner included the traditional turkey and pudding.

Regal organ, p5

1953 12 31
"There are cities with rotten cores and bad outsides and Cambridge is in danger of that" said the Vice Chancellor of the University and Chairman of the Preservation Society adding: "I would not be averse to a certain number of four-storey flats rather than development spreading further and further out". Cambridge was probably the only town in England which was now more beautiful than 30 years ago. But in Northampton Street was a 'horrid desert' only adorned by a small brick-built convenience; now the land has been acquired for 19 old people's cottages in a delightful architectural scheme.

St Ives spy, p6
De-icing mixture, p7

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1954 01 01
A building in Cambridge that probably started life as a private house has just been rejuvenated at a cost of several thousand pounds. Number 70 Regent Street will be remembered as the wholesale warehouse formerly used by Barwells, the tyre company. It is now the Co-operative Permanent Building Society, a luxurious block of offices with the latest in equipment and a full-length plate glass window, complete with neon sign. In the past Cambridge has been neglected by building societies. Until recently there was only one but there are now four more.

St Ives garage, p6

1954 01 01 ES
Wilburton Carpond Lane dangerous. 54 01 01ES

1954 01 02 c
An appeal was heard against refusal for a bungalow on a two-acre site on the A45 near Hardwick. The Council said: "This is a most unsatisfactory form of ribbon development. Many of the buildings already there are most insubstantial and of unsatisfactory type, lacking full public services". If the appeal were allowed it would be difficult to resist further applications. But the owner said she had bought the land in 1946 & foundations had been laid prior to the passing of the Town and Country Planning Act. The area was one which required complete re-development. As the Inspector left to inspect the site he walked into one of the thickest fogs in recent years, reducing visibility to less than 15 yards.

1954 01 08
Motor cycle scrambles have gradually caught on and last year the number of spectators has reached 10,000, the Centaur Motor Cycle Club were told at their annual dinner dance at the Dorothy. Mr L.W. Hallen, who was celebrating 21 years of business, welcomed a local prodigy, Mr Tommy Price the former World Champion speedway rider. Mr George Savage, 'Dickie' Davies and Aubrey Thompson – men whose names are bye-words in the motor cycling world – were also present. Highlights of the year included trick riding events arranged as part of the Coronation celebrations and the revival of the old game of grass track racing

1954 01 09
A large meteorite is believed to have been seen over Cambridge. Following reports that an explosion, thought to have been due to a meteorite smashing into the earth's atmosphere, had rocked Dieppe about 160 miles from Cambridge, several members of the City Police Force have claimed to have seen the object. P.C. R. Barlow, on duty in Drummer Street described 'a meteorite of exceptional size, oval-shaped and green in colour' falling in a south-east direction. Other policemen claim to have seen the flash as it apparently struck the earth.

Lay readers, p9

1954 01 13
A crowd of about 100, including a fair sprinkling of undergraduates, saw Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret arrive at Stanley Woolston's antique shop in St Andrew's Street, Cambridge on one of the private shopping visits which they so often make while at Sandringham. The Royal Party remained inside for an hour and during this time one of the biggest crowds to be seen had collected. The pavements on both sides of the street were a solid mass of people and shop assistants

took up vantage positions in windows overlooking the scene. The mid-day meal must have been late in many homes judging by the number of housewives with heavily-laden shopping baskets who stood in the crowd. # c.02

Night telephonists, p9

1954 01 14
Pampisford timber merchants, p6
Gordon Fowler will, p9

1954 01 15 c
Part of the pavement has been roped off after a finial stone fell from the top of St Ives Free Church. While it is not expected that any more of these stones – placed under the weather vane – will fall, no risk is being taken. A steeplejack from the famous Larkin firm climbed to the top of the steeple and examined the damage, which was due to both age and weather. The last full-scale inspection of the 95-year-old steeple was made in 1929 when a 'big job' was done on it.

1954 01 15
St Ives council were told that the 'rival' fair supplied by the Showman's Guild in opposition to the 'official' fair supplied by Mr S. Smart, did not infringe upon the Corporation's rights. The Clerk said that when he heard the 'rival' fair was to be held on Anderson's field he wrote a threatening letter, hoping it would be abandoned. It was not a proper fair, only a pleasure fair and the only things that could be bought were sweets. The council could apply to the Government for an order to exclude it.

1954 01 15
Cambridge Waterworks is to supply the Ramsey and St Ives Joint Water Board with a quarter of a million gallons of water a day until 1965. The Board was created in 1937 but its initial plans for abstracting water from the River Ouse had to be abandoned because of 'gross pollution' from untreated sewage. They have bored four wells at Earith but other sites did not produce results so the only alternative was to buy water in bulk, although this means laying 12 miles of mains.

1954 01 15
The Great Ouse River Board hopes to borrow £750,000 for the first part of the flood protection scheme. This includes purchase of land for the construction of a tail sluice at King's Lynn and sites for bridges over the relief channel. Ten inhabited houses are scheduled for demolition. The Pollution Officer says samples of effluent from Ely sewage works were found to be of a highly polluting character and had caused a heavy mortality of fish. # c.29

Water supply, p13

1954 01 16
George Robey, knighted in the New Year's Honours, appeared at Cambridge Guildhall with a variety company in the 1920s and made his last appearance at the New Theatre in September 1933. The Daily Express asserts that he took a science degree at Jesus College and was an engineer for four years. In his autobiography Robey claims to have had part of his education in Cambridge but says his father's speculations went wrong and his undergraduate dream had to be dropped. Now Dr Brittain, keeper of the records at the college, has proved that he never was a member of Jesus, although he had once hoped to become one.

1954 01 19
Cambridge councillors recommend the purchase of half-an-acre of land fronting East Road owned by Herbert Robinson Ltd for £5,420. Jesus College lands, consisting of a reading room and 59-63 East Road (lock-up garages, stable and land off Staffordshire Street) will be bought for £5,710. The trustees of John Stanley have inquired whether the council desires to purchase vacant land in Gas Lane and Jesus College has asked about nos.18-28 Staffordshire Street. An architect with experience

of the type of development contemplated will be asked to prepare plans of the detailed lay-out of the area

1954 01 20
Cambridge planners are contemplating the rebuilding of premises in Sidney Street to complete the road widening between Petty Cury and Holy Trinity Church. In 1939 the Essex Insurance Company agreed to rebuild nos 62-64 Sidney Street but owing to the war the scheme was postponed. Then in 1943 they sold no.64 to Messrs Boots who are now seeking planning permission for change of use and this is an opportune time for the scheme to go ahead.

1954 01 21
Cambridgeshire is not a county where woodland areas predominate and the preservation of outstanding trees has long been the concern of the County Council. They have made a tree preservation order covering the double avenue of elms which runs for two miles south of Wimpole Park, one of the finest in England. In recent years some of the trees have been affected by disease but most are in good condition. An avenue of beech trees of great distinction at Hildersham Hall and a line of horse chestnuts at Harston together with trees in the grounds of the Manor House are also covered.

1954 01 22
Proposals to erect traffic lights at the junction of East Road and Newmarket Road, Cambridge were debated by councillors. One said: "Lights are not needed here; they are an obstruction and an annoyance to drivers, another added: "The speed of traffic is about half of other towns and now we are proposing to slow it up still further". A roundabout would be better than lights. But another said: "As a cyclist I am conscious of danger every time I pass the junction, which is blind in more than one direction, you have to be darned quick or you are dead"

1954 01 22 c
A tenancy variation of a shop on King's Parade, Cambridge, is a rare occurrence and rarer indeed is the appearance of a new trade to this world-renowned street. From being used as premises for University outfitters A.R. Crossman, no.12a will become K.P. Camera Shop and promises to become as well-known as its parent, Campkins of Cambridge. The firm was established in 1800 and has remained in its present premises at Rose Crescent since 1867 # c.27.2

1954 01 22 ES
Cawdle Fen drainage, proposed new drainage plant. 54 01 22ES

1954 01 23
Pye Ltd of Cambridge has set up the first television station on the African continent, at Casablanca. It has also received another substantial order for cameras and equipment from the Japanese public service broadcaster. During last year alone Pye delivered equipment to many countries including the U.S.A., Italy, Belgium, Norway, Germany and France and the continuing expansion of television throughout the world promises to bring even more valuable export orders.

1954 01 25
Phone complaints, p6

1954 01 26
Messrs Vicom Ltd appealed for the development of Bourn aerodrome as a factory for light engineering. They were incorporated in 1951 to manufacture electronic equipment for high frequency radio for use in military aircraft. Their current contracts were for the Canadian and United States Air Forces and were of great importance. County planners say there is a danger of labour being attracted from the land in an area where it was scarce but only four of their 110 employees had ever had any connection with agriculture and a high proportion of the new employment could be female labour.

The land was some of the poorest, there was a great deal of concrete on the site and it would take three years to produce anything. Bourn was a picturesque village with building sites for 77 houses and was an ideal place for the centre of employment.

1954 01 27
The extension to the nurses' training school in Owlstone Road, Cambridge has everything for the convenience of the nurses. There are two shampoo rooms where the girls can wash their hair, two ironing rooms and a drying room for doing their washing and provision may be made for a small kitchen so they can fill a hot water bottle at night. Each bedroom has its own washbasin, while the dressing tables are really dressing-tables-cum-writing desks. A games room has been provided where they can enjoy table tennis or listen to the radio. There is also a piano so they can hold dances there if they wish. With such ideal conditions it will not be surprising if would-be-nurses will want to come to Cambridge for their training. – 54 01 27

1954 01 28
Parts of the river Cam were frozen over this morning after a night of extremely cold conditions. The maximum temperature yesterday was 31 degrees F. but last night it dropped to 18 degrees. The severe weather had caused all previous output records to be broken at the Cambridge Gas Works.

1954 01 28
Some people have the idea that it will cost £4 a week to obtain admission to the Cambridge Residential Home for Old People when it is built. "But", said the Mayor, "I would like to make it clear that this does not mean everybody will have to pay that sum and whether or not they have the full means they will not be excluded from the Home". Each resident will have a bed-sitting room with running water and will share the dining and sitting rooms. There will be a small sick bay and a guest room where elderly people can stay for limited periods. All meals will be provided and there will be central heating throughout

Rural electricity, p6

1954 01 29
It is possible that the bar floor of the Ferry Boat Inn at Holywell may be raised to find out whether a skeleton lies under it or not. Mr A.L. Cornell of the Society for Psychic Research wants to prove that he has had a conversation with a spirit who told him she was buried in a spot only a foot or so away from where the piano now stands in the bar. The alleged ghost is Juliet Tousley who makes an annual visit to the inn every March 17th, the day when in 1050 she committed suicide because she was jilted. She is said to be 'perfectly happy' to be buried in the pub and has no wish to be moved to consecrated ground.

1954 01 30
Mitcham's sale, p14

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1954 02 01 c
The skating championship of the fens was held at Cambridge Sewage Farm when the Ralph Moore Cup was won by D. Beba of Moulton Chapel. As temperatures dropped still further last night, pipes became frozen up and water engineers were inundated with calls for aid. The new electrical apparatus for thawing pipes is intended primarily for use at institutions where a large number of people are deprive of water. There is only one machine operated by a skilled electrician who can deal with perhaps a dozen cases a day. No more orders can be accepted for three days.

1954 02 02
Cold spell, p6

1954 02 03
Mr Charles F. Morley, who died recently, was a cyclist who won the Eastern Counties championship for every distance from sprint to fifty miles. He was truly a great little sportsman. He was a founder member of the Granta Cycling Club & many of his successes were gained on the quarter mile circular dirt track of the University Bicycling Club off Grange Road. As a speed skater he was up with the amateurs of his day; he was elected chairman of the National Skating Association Fen Department and presented a handsome challenge cup. He was the sole survivor of a quartet of friends who made local and national history at the turn of the century including J.H. Priest, one-mile cycling champion, F.J. Christmas, cross-country champion and A.E. Tebbutt, amateur skating champion of Great Britain. – 54 02 03 # c.38 : cycling

Psychic investigations at Ferry Boat, Holywell – letter – 54 02 03

1954 02 03
Before the war the Post Office was able to provide a telephone within a few days of an order but with the outbreak of hostilities the Government decided it should concentrate on the provision of telephones needed for the Defence of the Country. No reasonable person would question that decision. When the war finished it was seriously short of plant and equipment but the demand increased rapidly with a growing list of applications for telephone service. This together with Government limits on expenditure has led to a delay in the installation of new equipment # c.27.75

1954 02 03
A stained glass window was dedicated at Balsham parish church to the memory of the late Canon H.J.E. Burrell who was rector for 24 years, his mother and sister. Ordained in 1890 he came to the village in 1910 and retired to Cambridge in 1934. He had a great knowledge of architecture and was a talented wood carver who spent eight years working on a superbly carved font cover for the church.

1954 02 04
Pye's new underwater television camera has been rushed to Italy to aid the search for the Comet airliner which crashed into the sea. It is more sensitive and much smaller than any previous model and had at the time of the crash hardly gone beyond the drawing-board stage, many of the parts had not even been made. Within six days a casing had been built for operation at a depth of 250 feet, all the parts had been made and the camera assembled. Information was then received that the Comet was probably lying 600 feet below the surface and consequently a much stronger case of different design was required. It was completed in seven days and flown out.

1954 02 05 ES
Skating championships Earith – 54 02 05ES

1954 02 06
The landlord of the Baron of Beef does not mind how much money he spends to make it the brightest public house in Cambridge. Music is the order of the day and this certainly suits his customers, many of whom are American servicemen. A large white organ arrived on Monday but was too big to go through the door and had to be taken away. His latest brainwave is to install an electric Hammond organ worth £2,000 and an experience man, formerly a cinema organist, has been engaged to play it. # c.27.4

1954 02 08
A large new railway depot is to be established at Chesterton sidings. One area equipped with two Goliath cranes will store new and second-hand rails and emergency stock; another will refettle serviceable switches and crossing units while a third will be equipped for the mechanised pre-assembly, loading and despatch of complete lengths of plain line for permanent way renewals. There will also be dismantling and sleeper areas together with a chair and smalls area and a flash butt welding plant. New access roads will be built together with a canteen. – 54 02 08 # c.26.2

1954 02 11
Councillors discussed the delay in the installation of a water supply for Longstowe. One said: "During this spot of bad weather I was ashamed to see children going along before school early in the morning, carrying sacks containing bottles of water for cooking and for washing. Some are having to walk over a mile". It had been hoped to start the scheme in 1952 – were they going to have to wait another six years. If the consulting engineers were no good why not throw them out and get some new ones, they asked. But the scheme had been changed so many times it was not fair to blame the engineers

1954 02 12
The elm tree on the pavement near the junction of Drummer Street and Emmanuel Road, Cambridge, is probably 250 years old. It is a little over 70 feet in height and sixteen feet in circumference. In the 1940s some of the lower branches were removed to prevent contact by omnibuses but now extensive rotting has taken place in the main branches. These should be removed and any hollows scraped out and filled with concrete, but in view of its scientific interest as much as possible should be retained. The Botanic Garden hopes to perpetuate samples from the old tree by grafting some of its twigs on to young elms – 54 02 12 # c.18

1954 02 12
In order that the chaos of last year's St Ives fair should not reoccur, the Council is to obtain an order making it illegal for any rival operator to set up a pleasure fair within two miles of the Market Hill within 21 days of the Michaelmas Fair. It will exclude Warner's Park, the Car Park, the Market Layers and other council-owned property which may be used for the storage of caravans and other fair equipment.

Pigs floating, p8
RFS to close, p15

1954 02 15
New street light photo, p6
Newmarket Road traffic islands, p9

1954 02 17
Extensions to the Owlstone Road training school for nurses in Cambridge will provide accommodation for 70 more nurses in a fine new building with all the advantages that new methods in architecture can produce. In the nursing career there is none of the 'too old at 40' business. The fully qualified nurse has a secure career in a variety of appointments until she chooses to leave at the retiring age. But she must always remain receptive to new ideas and changing methods

1954 02 19
As a result of the Air Ministry decision to close Reserve Flying Schools the V.R. Social Club bar at Cambridge Aerodrome is to shut. It provided recreational facilities for R.A.F. Reservists in training and since 1947 has hosted an annual ball and Christmas party. Many members loaned Squadron crests to decorate the Club premises and a fine array of silver and pewter pots adorn the bar shelves; these should now be reclaimed. . The lounge, television room and billiards room will still be available for use by Reservists until the end of April. # c.26.1

1954 02 19 ES
Slum cottage, Victoria Square, Ely – 54 02 19 &(2) ES

1954 02 22
The home of a Swavesey couple was completely destroyed by a fire, which is believed to have been caused by a faulty flu. Green Cottage was originally of plaster and thatch and had once been used as a public house, but it was recently converted to brick construction. The fire started in the roof, which

was thatch covered by corrugated asbestos and it had partially collapsed by the time firemen arrived. A floor also collapsed but they were able to save the outbuildings and salvage a small quantity of furniture.

1954 02 22
A 45-roomed mansion at Ashdon owned by Mrs Tansley Luddington was completely gutted. By the time firemen arrived the fire was well out of hand and the roof had fallen in. There was little that could be done to save the house or its contents. A suit of armour was amongst the few things recovered from the mansion, which dated back to the 15th century.

1954 02 22 c
An Irish lorry driver employed as a scavenger on the Mildenhall U.S.A.F. base was fined for stealing a chicken. When seen plucking the bird on the air base he told police that the fowl had been caught by his Alsatian dog. But he told the court that the bird had escaped from its owner's premises through a hole in a fence. "I'm afraid it will be an expensive chicken", the magistrate told him, "You will have to pay £5 for it"

1954 02 22
Reception of voluntary female patients at Fulbourn Hospital is presenting difficulties owing to a large number of non-voluntary patients. It is unfortunate that people wishing to enter the hospital for treatment have to be kept waiting and staff are doing all they can to speed up admissions. Many older persons who were quite well should be found accommodation outside the hospital, but no such accommodation existed. Hospitals all over the country are experiencing the same difficulties

1954 02 24
Chesterton's has been a beautiful village but during the past 20 years it has been spoiled by neglect and the erection of ugly buildings. Now its ancient village green site, the only remaining 'pleasant corner' would be spoiled by the erection of a public convenience, say residents. But the city council plan to improve the island with a cycloramic wall and flowers round the convenience. Only five houses overlook the site and the existing police box would be removed. It was in a development area where 200 houses and an old people's home were to be erected.

Rocket battery celebration, p13

1954 02 25
The fight by farmers in the Swaffham Prior and Burwell Fens to stop the Government from compulsorily purchasing their land reached a public inquiry. It had been pasture until the Second World War forced the landowners to turn it into arable; much of the land had to be drained and concrete roads added. The Ministry claim the farm buildings were very poor and ought to be rebuilt but it was sheer madness to erected brick buildings because the land would not stand it, being black peat. It was not unknown for vibrations caused by passing lorries to cause buildings partially to collapse. – 54 02 25

1954 02 26
The death of Mr John Berry Walford, founder of the Ortona Motor Company has recalled memories. He bought up the old Cambridge Motor Omnibus Company; its double-deck vehicles had swept down lamp-posts, been involved in several accidents and were continually breaking down. The Ortona service started in August 1907 with four single-deck buses, but ran at a considerable loss because passengers felt safer in the old horse trams. When the First World War broke out a number of bus chassis were commandeered, the bodies were stored and later re-mounted on other chassis. In 1936 they became part of the Eastern Counties Omnibus Co. – 54 02 26 # c.26.46

1954 02 26 ES
Turf Fen, Doddington, taken over by Agricultural Executive Committee, owners seek compensation – 54 02 26(2)ES

Manea funeral Miss E.M. Softly, former postmistress – 54 02 26ES

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1954 03 01
The Cambridge Water Company is to start work immediately on a new five-million-gallon reservoir on Lime Kiln Hill which will double the reserves of water. Rainfall during the winter months had been substantially below average and the replenishment of underground water storage severely diminished. A low rainfall next year might endanger their ability to maintain supplies during periods of peak demand. Improvement had also been made to the Fulbourn Pumping Station where new machinery would soon be installed; this will afford temporary relief from the situation where demand for water had equalled their maximum yield # c.24.2

1954 03 01
County councillors voted to proceed with their original plan for the new Shire Hall courts building. They also need to get their Town Planning people transferred from Hobson Street and must have further accommodation for the County Library, which is one of the finest – if not the finest – in England. Suggestions for putting another floor on the present Shire Hall would never be satisfactory. Services would be upset for about two years, the whole of the heating apparatus would have to be altered and it would cost nearly £70,000. There were plans for the basement to be used as offices but to put clerks down there would be like putting them in prison. 54 03 01 # c.35.1 # c.77.4

1954 03 03
By the death of Miss Kate Borne another pioneer of Papworth has passed into history. She worked with Dr Varrier-Jones when he was Tuberculosis Officer for Cambridge and when he conceived the idea of establishing a Settlement in a house in the village of Bourn she became its first Matron. When in 1918 it moved to Papworth Hall she arranged for the care of 20 patients who made the journey by horse transport. It was her suggestion that a Hospital was built for nurses who had broken down with tuberculosis in the course of their work and Borne House for nursing staff grown old in the Settlement. – 54 03 03

1954 03 03
Haddenham windmill, a landmark in the fens, may become a dangerous structure if it is not repaired soon. Experts estimate it would cost about £2,000 to put it into a sound condition. It was last in use about nine years ago and is still owned by the miller who worked it then. It is scheduled as an historic building but the Ministry will not make a grant to aid its preservation. In a letter to The Times, Mr P.G. Norman, secretary of the Friends of Haddenham, says it was built in 1803, its machinery and sails are intact and it is not beyond repair

1954 03 05
The blitzed Sturton Street Methodist Church – the only religious building in Cambridge put 'out of action' by the Luftwaffe in 1941 – is to rise again. The Master of Downing College laid the foundation stone of a new church to be built on the site. They had begun to fear it would never be rebuilt - the War Damage Commission had given them a very raw deal, only offering £800. But had perused their resolution in the face of frustration to which all were accustomed in dealing with Government Departments and got £1,170 # c.83

1954 03 05
An application by the owner of the Mountford Café, Horseheath for a licence to serve beer with meals was refused. He had to deal with about 50 meals even in a slack period, and there was a big demand for alcoholic refreshment. The other public houses could not accommodate the number of coaches he did. But the manager of Benskin's Brewery said they proposed to make extensive alterations to the Red Lion public house and they served snacks; children could either stay in the coaches or play on the

lawn. The landlord of the Green Hill Inn, Linton said he could accommodate six coaches and there was a restaurant opposite which could take four.

1954 03 05 ES
Ely Rural Council have some 300 houses still to have water closet conversions and it would cost £3,000 to do 36 of them. They considered plans for extending the sewer at Wilburton Road, Stretham to connect the drains of 36 houses in Cambridge Road and for the conversion of their earth closets to water closets. It was a lot but tenants are paying about 15 bib a week rent. They cost about £310 each to build. As long as the Council could afford to bring the rents down on bungalows where there were two lavatories they should do something for those people who had lived 20 or 30 years with no conveniences at all. But how were they to deal with the effluent from the new sewer. The scheme was deferred until a comprehensive scheme was presented. 54 03 05(2)ES

1954 03 09
Mr L.W. Hallen started his motor cycle trading 21 years ago in a low-roomed malting shed opposite Union Lane corner and shortly afterwards acquired premises in Hawthorn Way. During the war Government contracts for repair work on RAF vehicles helped the firm to expand and premises which were a dance hall were converted to the use of the business. They have now opened a spacious new showroom on the site of former almshouses that jutted on to Union Lane. Their empire now occupies an extensive stretch of Chesterton High Street.

1954 03 08
Huntingdon cinema fire, p8

1954 03 09
Sir – although I call myself a robemaker I do not personally make gowns. This is done as it has been for hundreds of years by operatives working in their own homes and many of them can trace back a couple of centuries. One of the best known names in Cambridge is that of Maltby, a member of which family is still active and busy in that occupation. Any unfamiliar details which we require we can generally obtain from this source with its accumulated knowledge – A.R. Almond, Sidney Street, Cambridge.

Hallen showroom opened Union Lane, p10 – 54 02 09 # c.26.46

1954 03 10
Matthison artist death – 54 03 10 # c.64
Cambridge United cup run, p11
Hallens coming of age, p9 & p13 # c.26.48

1954 03 11
The plight of 200 isolated deaf and dumb people was revealed by Bishop Gordon Walsh. About half live in Cambridge and they were the lucky ones: they had club facilities at Hope Hall where they could relax after work, but the remainder lived in country villages. They hardly ever met other deaf people and were cut off from the outside world.

1954 03 12
The Mayor said that 1,000 council houses had been built in Cambridge in less than two years but the waiting list continued to grow so that today we have more people waiting for houses than we had at the start; the list stands at over 5,000. How many will get council houses within the next two years is hard to say; the land in the Council's possession is sufficient only to build another 1,800 houses and flats. Replying to criticism of 'housing foreigners' he said that applicants of foreign nationality had been given council houses but they were naturalised and had a right to be considered in their turn. It is imperative that the fullest use be made of the accommodation at their disposal # c.23

1954 03 12

Report on work needed until Flood Protection Scheme commences; on nine miles of bank the freeboard margin was quite inadequate. In January 1949 reported that owing to continuous sinking of the Fen banks it will never be possible to achieve the full standard of safety at any one time. Are many miles which unsound. Owing to severe frost South Level rivers were not navigable for some weeks but work previously undertaken by barge was done by lorry. Temporary stoppage during thaw when labour was diverted to faggot cutting. 54 0312&(2)ES # c.29

1954 03 12 ES
Haddenham windmill may become a dangerous structure if not repaired soon; would cost £2,000. Hope to raise public subscription. Mill was built in 1903, the machinery and sails are intact and it is not beyond repair – 54 03 12(3)ES

Soham: death of Thomas Barnet Hunt, 94. Son of the late Thomas Hunt of Waterside, he carried on business for many years as a mill-wright and agricultural machinist. His main interest was the building of and repairing and maintenance of windmills. He had built windmills in this district and done Mothers' Unionch work for the National Trust – 54 03 12(4)ES

Mepal Airfield: draft order for stopping-up of part of the old roadway and part of the rushway; a new road to follow mainly the line of the existing roadway, a combined cycle track and footpath from the new road to follow mainly the line of the old road to Sutton and a footpath from the rushway to the new road near Mepal. 54 03 12(6)ES

Ouse River Board. Engineer's report on South Level Banks: nine miles without adequate freeboard margin. 54 03 12(8)ES

1954 03 15
Properties in Corn Exchange Street may be demolished to increase parking space in the Lion Yard. It could then accommodate another 60 cars. This would bring in an increased revenue of about £1,360 per annum, but be offset by a £1,286 loss on rental from the demolished premises. Councillors were considering the early provision of a multi-deck park but until the Minister had made a decision on the development plan it would be impossible even to proceed with sketch plans. Sites have also been cleared in the Park Street area, but in view of the extremely poor access they decided to take no action to form a car park in that area. # c.49.62

Ely Hospital pervert, p1
Regional stationmasters' lunch, p7

1954 03 16 c
A labourer who figured in a daring escape from the cells beneath Cambridge Shire Hall courts two years ago was arrested in London. He made his escape with two other men sentenced for housebreaking. In their getaway from the Shire Hall Courts – since demolished – the men forced up a grating weighing about one-and-a-half hundredweight in a nine-feet high ceiling near the detention room in which they had been placed pending their removal to Bedford Prison. Through this they climbed into the yard outside. The grating was not cemented down but its great weight and height above the floor made the lifting of it a considerable feat.

1954 03 18
The proposed arrangements for an alternative television programme will not give a satisfactory signal in the Cambridge area. Multi channel convertors now being incorporated in some makes of set may be outdated and unserviceable when the Cambridge viewer wants to use them. Our advice is to have the convertor fitted when – and only when – Cambridge comes within the range of the proposed new stations. To buy a set with a convertor at present means paying 5-7 guineas more for what is, to the Cambridge viewer, a useless article. – H.W. Peak, Radio & Television Dept, King Street – advert. # c.27.82

1954 03 18
Eye-witness accounts of the Ferry Boat ghost at Holywell state that 'some contact' was made with the lady in white, named Juliet Tewslie. More than 400 people went down to the inn and hundreds were turned away. There were infra-red cameras in the bar, tape recorders to take down any noise and thermometers to check any sudden drop in temperature. After the hullabaloo of the sightseers had died down the Psychic Research Society's team got down to serious work. They used an upturned glass on a smooth table which had letters of the alphabet on it. In answer to the question 'Is anyone there?' the glass spelled out 'Juliet'. Asked when she had died she replied '515 years ago'. Thus it seems that the local legend that she died in 1050 was wrong. – 54 03 18

1954 03 18
The bells of St Mary's will soon ring out again due to the famous peal of 12 bells at Gt St Mary's Church, Cambridge, being re-erected after a two-year absence. A new steel frame has replaced the 200-year-old wooden frame which was eaten up and diseased by woodworm. The Coronation was the first that has not been hailed by the early 18th-century peal; they are rung for all national events and used to be rung for new and old masters of Cambridge colleges. There is a 13th bell in the tower; during the First World War it was used as a fire alarm at the First Eastern General Hospital # c.69.6

1954 03 19
Closing Young Street nursery in Cambridge would be disastrous for the children, and mothers unable to go out to work would have to go on National Assistance, city councillors were told. But running costs were 9s.6d. a day for each child and there was a private day nursery in St Matthew's parish room which would costs mothers 12s.6d. a week. Working mothers could put a child there and still reap a handsome profit from their week's work. Coun Mrs Henn said she had spent some time at the nursery and referred to people she labelled 'Communists and those with foreign accents'. "If ratepayers have to pay to provide trained staff to look after toddlers in perfect health we are suffering from a flight into unreality", she said.

1954 03 19
At Oakington RAF station one of the runways is being re-surfaced with a one-inch topping of asphalt – good for 10 or 15 years even with the harsh treatment it will get with the jet engines of the Vampire T-11s which are due when the flying school re-opens at Easter. Taxpayers will be glad to hear that little is being wasted on the job – even the old runway surfacing is being used for the working course on new landing strips at other airfields

1954 03 19 ES
Ely Cathedral railings may be replaced. 54 03 19(2)ES

1954 03 22
The problem of overcrowding in the female wards at Fulbourn Hospital was described to the Management Committee. Mr Stubbs said: "There have been only 80 beds installed since the turn of the century. Patients are so crammed together in one ward that they have to go outside to change and then go back to bed. It is a matter of a few inches between one bed and another. We have people in here and really we have not enough room for them. They say we have to have them. We shall arrive at a point where we shall have to put them in passages."

1954 03 22
Mr A. Rutherford Almond, head of the old-established tailoring and robe-making firm was awarded an honorary M.A. degree by Cambridge University. The Orator said: "We attach great importance to the correct and traditional academic dress and the Proctors are watching with eagle eye for any breach in sartorial regulations. There remains a great many uncertainties about the different varieties of academic vestments but Mr Almond had a deeper knowledge than anyone else and was always ready to put it at the disposal of the University"

1954 03 22

Papworth Everard will not get a warden to guide children to the village school. Traffic was reasonably heavy & is faster than it need be but there is a speed limit on the road which can be enforced. It is also intermittent; you can wait ten minutes without anything passing through at all. Every village wanted a warden and many, such as Willingham, had more need of one. They should be encouraged to provide their own voluntary wardens.

1954 03 25
Mr John Gambling of Milton Road Cambridge who has died at the age of 82 was the oldest active magician in the British Isles. A member of the Inner Magic Circle since its earliest days he first became interested in 1881 when he acted as assistant to 'Signor Bosco' and later performed on land, sea, in the air and down a coal mine. During the First World War entertained nearly every evening at the First Eastern General Hospital. After retirement from his post of Borough Road Surveyor he lived a life of adventure. He made many trips to Morocco and was the only white magician known to have performed in a harem. The Moors learned to recognise his pointed moustache and would gather round him clamouring for an on-the-spot show.

1954 03 26
It is 50 years ago since Alderman Mrs C.D. Rackham became the first woman member of the Cambridge Board of Guardians. Then applications for outdoor relief appeared in person, stood in front of the Chairman and answered questions directed at them from all quarters. If their replies were regarded as satisfactory an allowance of 2s.6d. or 2s. and a load of bread was granted. The scale for widows was 1s.6d. a week for each child after the first, the widow being expected to maintain herself and one child. – 54 03 26

1954 03 26 ES
Wilburton Manor records found in New York. 54 03 26(3)ES

1954 03 29
Haverhill National Farmers' Union protested against the proposal to build a new town there. If they were forced to take in some of London's overspill population it would have a disastrous effect on local agriculture. There was a reasonable supply of agricultural work in the district but the introduction of industry would mean that it would dwindle. There were more suitable places to house the overspill population: the 'scrublands' of Thetford and Mildenhall and at Harlow New Town there had been difficulty in keeping the Londoners from going back to London

1954 03 31
Bolton Brothers' steam traction engine was the first steam-driven road vehicle to make its appearance in Cambridge. It was in 1902 that the enterprising Boltons decided that more power was required in furniture removals than could reasonably be expected even from two fine horses and that on a long run the traction engine was then peerless. Bolton's business of removal contractors and furniture depository has now been acquired by the Cambridge Co-operative Society and will be carried on with the same care and enterprise that has typified its activities for more than 50 years. # c.26.4

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1954 04 01
At the moment many Soham people work outside of the parish and the Parish Council are investigating the possibility of introducing light industries. It had been called 'a land of milk and honey' and it was a very prosperous agricultural area, even in times of depression, but every morning traffic left conveying people to work outside. The Downfields area was thickly populated and every one of them were exported elsewhere. For years the parish had up to 300 unemployed in the winter and it was time the Planners be asked to consider provision of light industry.

Water supply, p13

1954 04 02
Corn Exchange roller skating, p13

1954 04 04 c
Newmarket council has granted the Jockey Club £736, part of the cost of improving two tied cottages. But some councillors disagreed: they were a vastly wealthy body and yet were asking for assistance whereas there were many people in the town who had improved property and met their own costs. They were tied cottages and part of the business of the Jockey Club so they would not help the housing problem. "Are we going to subsidise a body which can well afford to pay for its own repairs – repairs which should have been done long before?" But Canon Scott denied the Jockey Club had been "frightfully cunning" about the matter

1954 04 05
The 'birth' of the Parish of Reach was marked by a ceremony in the schoolroom when the Chairman of the County Council formally handed over to the new Chairman of the Parish Council (Mr A. Housden) a copy of the Statutory Order and a minute book. The people of Reach felt they had lost their identity by being swallowed up by Burwell and Swaffham and recognised that a small unit of local government, if it adopted a method of 'give and take', could be a benefit to everyone concerned. There were no worse quarrels than those which took place over neighbouring walls and it was the spirit of forgiving neighbours which was so necessary to make life enduring in Reach.

1954 04 07
The eagerly-awaited telephone chess match took placed between Oxford and Cambridge City Chess Clubs. The Mayor recalled there had been a previous telephone match in 1933 which had been won by Cambridge. Many spectators came in the course of the evening and there was an atmosphere of mounting excitement. The final score was in Cambridge's favour by five to three. The match was much enjoyed by all taking part and Oxford immediately challenged them to a return next year

1954 04 10
The days of 'cost plus' production of more food at any cost are over. In future we must aim at higher quality and lower costs; this will be good business both for the farmer and the nation and will widen the market for home-grown produce and make agriculture less dependent on the Exchequer. The national achievement of a net output of 60 per cent above pre-war was a major objective but at present prices the market couldn't take much more of our milk, eggs or pig meat. However the market requires a lot more beef and some good quality mutton and lamb and we need to make better use of our grass and forage crops as these will help cut the bill for imported foodstuffs.

1954 04 10
Ely Rural Council proposed a sixpenny increase on pre-war and a shilling increase in post-war council houses. Tenants of old style houses would be only too pleased to pay extra when their earth closets had been replaced by modern conveniences. Some haven't even got a drain and it is a disgrace to the council. Houses being built at present were too elaborate and were being let too cheaply. At Brick Lane, Mepal, there were ten houses at 19s a week; twelve others, with lavatories up and down and hot and cold water, were still let at the same rent. Pre-war houses were built at a cost of £300-£500 and originally let at 6s to 7s a week. Now they were up to 15s and no extra amenities had been provided. Post-war houses cost perhaps £2,000 and were being let at about £1.

1954 04 10
The Headmaster of Chesterton Secondary Modern School, Mr G.W. Manfield, has left to take up a teachers' training post in Malaya. He had been appointed in 1935 when the school was just being built and gradually its reputation had grown. Chesterton was known as a school of scholars and boys can obtain a very good situation. It is doubtful whether any other school is sending as many boys to training colleges to become teachers themselves.

Cambridge decay, p13

1954 04 12
Every seat in Great St Mary's church, Cambridge, was occupied when the Bishop of Ely rededicated the recently-reconditioned bells. A procession of bellringers, representatives of the bellfounders, the clergy, the Archdeacon of Ely and churchwardens went with the Bishop to the bell tower during the service. The bells were handed in to the custody of the Vicar to be used only with his authority. Then for the first time in two years the clamouring of 12 bells was heard over Cambridge # c.83 # c.69.6

Scrap theft, p8

1954 04 13
The inaugural meeting of the Cambridge Flower Decoration Club was held in the Guildhall with an audience of several hundred people – almost entirely of women. The Mayor said the city council was fully alive to the value of floral decorations. On one roundabout alone as many as 4,000 plants were used. There was criticism of the money spent on floral decorations but residents and visitors appreciated the added beauty they gave the city. The new Club could bring Cambridge extra fame by becoming one of the centres of floral art. No fewer than 143 people have now joined.

1954 04 13
The old Seven Holes Sluice at Earith which dates from 1824 will soon be demolished. Work has started on the new sluice bridge which will consist of three gates 22 feet wide with six feet piers separating them. The bridge, which will take about nine months to complete, will be 33 feet wide including roadway and sidewalks. – 54 04 13 # c.29

1954 04 14
Since the inauguration of the C.D.N. Snooker Cup for the amateur championship of Cambridgeshire in 1946, only three names have previously been inscribed on this coveted trophy. Now that of L.T. Ambrose has joined the names of P.G.T. Hughes, A.L. Batterbee and R.E. Williams. In the final he beat W. Philpott through superior tactical play. Philpott played the bolder type of snooker and at times got in some delightful pots. He was always prepared to go for 'near impossible' shots and twice got two glorious pinks only to see the white disappearing also. But Ambrose relied on the 'safety first' motto, which in the end paid dividends.

1954 04 17
A new experiment in children's entertainment, the Roy Rogers Riders Club, is being launched at the Rex Cinema, Cambridge. It will be among the first British cinemas to use the scheme which provides first-rate Saturday morning entertainment for the under 16s. The charge for enrolment and a badge is 1s and admission to the shows is 6d per week. The clubs are under the direct guidance of Roy Rogers himself who formulated the club rules; its objects are to ensure that young cinemagoers see only the most wholesome entertainment and meetings begin with a special film of Roy Rogers saying the "cowboy's prayer. # c.76.9

1954 04 20
More than 13,000 spectators flocked to Elsworth to create an all-time record for a scramble meeting held by the Cambridge Matchless Motor Cycle Club. A programme which included Moto-Cross, international and works team riders together with the new course at Lawn Farm allowed riders to return particularly fast times. Local international Brian Stonebridge provided the fastest lap while Phil Nex recorded a six-lap record. Eric Luck of the Hunts Falcon Club was one of the local men who put up a brave performance against the internationals.

1954 04 21
During the early years of the war when the Government was encouraging people to spend their holidays at home the Cambridge Entertainments Committee organised August Bank Holiday athletic sports meeting, swimming sports, baby shows and other attractions. They obtained permission to open the Corn Exchange as a canteen for troops stationed in the area; later alterations were made, music

and games provided and it became a social centre for thousands of Servicemen and women, a very useful contribution in the dark days of war. It could still, in the hands of an imaginative architect, become the much-needed concert hall Cambridge needed – 54 04 21

Hone Guard shot, p8

1954 04 21 ES
Inquest plane crash, Chittering Farm Estate, Stretham Fen. 54 04 21(4)ES

1954 04 22
The residents of Heath Lodge Estate, Newmarket's first post-war housing estate, may be 'lost of the church', the Rector feels. When he visits houses on the estate he is often kept standing on the doorstep – something he had never come across before. But the Houldsworth Valley estate was different, people were friends and the children attended Sunday School enough times to qualify for a stamp album and a book in which to do their work. It was essential he have a curate who could, by working continuously on the estate, win it back for Christ in 18 months.

1954 04 22
The Automobile Association has announced a scheme to direct and control A.A. Patrols and night break-down vehicles by means of a greatly extended radio network. It involves erecting transmitters at various places, including Cambridge from which a wide area of the Eastern Counties will be directed. In addition many more Patrols attending important meetings will be equipped with 'walkie-talkie' apparatus to keep them constantly in touch with Mobile Headquarters. The immense advantages of a direct radio link in dealing with abnormal traffic and car parking arrangements have been proved again and again.

1954 04 22
Cambridge Coun Mrs Phyllis Clarke told a meeting: "One hears a lot about the big housing rate, but it is only 8d in the pound –the same rate as the Library service. Do we hear of book borrowers being jeered at because they take home subsidised books, or properly owners complain about the cost of a subsidised policeman guarding his property". The housing programme should be expanded but she condemned the "little rabbit hutches masquerading as houses on the Arbury Road Estate"

1954 04 23
Three Wicken almshouses in a good state of repair have been allowed to remain empty because of the provisions of a Trust. One house has stood empty for 18 months and the other two a year. They are available to widows or single women aged 60 or over and are each endowed with an annual sum of £20; the occupants also receive 2s.6d. But they must be regular communicants of the Church of England. The Vicar has done his utmost to get the houses occupied and says if the Charity Commissioners would omit the clause about communicants or allow a man and his wife to have them they could be filled within a week. – 54 04 23

1954 04 23 c
County Councillors say that as the Girton-Earith Road across Oakington airfield is now permanently closed, and the need for a by-pass has gone then the land at Girton purchased for a by-pass should be sold. Owing to the expansion of Bassingbourn aerodrome and building developments between Bassingbourn and Kneesworth, the route for a future by-pass has now been transferred to the eastern side of Kneesworth

1954 04 26
Corn Exchange parking, p8

1954 04 27
Charles Raven life income, p8

1954 04 29
Gogs estate future, p8

1954 04 30
A new tower being built at Christ's College, Hobson Street, Cambridge was slightly damaged by fire. It is believed to have been caused by heat from a small fire used for copper soldering which ignited the scaffolding and the base of the new tower. The builders working on the tower could not get down. It was well alight and the fire was beginning to spread into the college when the brigade arrived. A major pump, pump escape and turntable ladder were used to extinguish the blaze and they had it under control in eight minutes # c.34.75 # c.44.5

1954 04 30
Three men were charged with entering offices at Cuckoo Pastures Experimental Farm at Boxworth and stealing a safe, camera exposure meter and stop watch. P.c. Lockwood said he was on motor cycle patrol when he stopped a car and three men ran off. He immobilised the vehicle by deflating the tyres and phoned for assistance. A taxi driver said he received instructions from a phone box to pick up a fare but he was stopped by a police car and two officers got into the taxi. He continued until he was flagged down by three men. The policemen jumped out and arrested them – 54 04 30

1954 04 30
A councillor opposed spending money on armour plate non-splinter glass at the Cambridgeshire High School for Girls, saying there is far too much glass in far too many places in Cambridge. The number of accidents caused by glass should not be soft-pedalled. One child had severed an artery in its wrist, another had cut arteries in thighs, legs and knees. However if they were to say that wherever glass constituted a danger it should be replaced by very expensive non-splinter glass they were going to involve themselves in totally unjustifiable expenditure. It should be replaced by wood. But they would lay themselves open to a charge of vandalism if they spoiled the architecture of a very fine building.

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1954 05 01
Three farmers from Swaffham Prior Fen, who have for five years been living and trying to farm under the threat of Government acquisition of their land have been reprieved. Altogether 588 acres were involved but the Minister of Agriculture has decided only to acquire 312 acres at Hundred Acre Farm, Burwell Fen. The Rev Eric Marsh, formerly Vicar of Over urged the Ministry to speed up such decisions: no man was going to develop his land or improve it if he through it would be taken from him. Mr Harold Sennitt, whose family has farmed in the district since 1927, had been threatened with the loss of 39 of the 45 acres of root crops he farms, Leonard Folkes five acres and Ernest Garner 90.

1954 05 01
Government Inspectors have turned down an application from Cambridge city council to build a public convenience on the island at the junction of High Street and Chapel Street, Chesterton. It is the site of the old village green and in its centre stands a fine old ash tree encircled at its base by a seat much used in summer evenings. The Council contended that only five houses overlooked the site and they would improve the island with a cycloramic wall and flowers. But the Preservation Society said it would destroy the pleasantest survival of Old Chesterton and there were three alternative sites. # c.29.8

Bull's dairy, p5
Great whale, p5

1954 05 03
The general trend at the moment is to keep old people in their homes as long as possible and to provide services to keep them happy and comfortable. Housing Societies will no longer give money to

the provision of residential homes for old people. They have three different kinds of schemes. The able bodied are being provided with flats, bungalows and converted flatlets with a residential warden, the slightly less able need residential clubs or hostels where meals and staffing is provided and the really old inform people require more in the way of care and attention. The important thing is that the needs of their minds and spirits, as well as their bodies, were thought of, the Cambridge Central Aid Society was told

1954 05 03
County planners say that the object of Sawston's development plan is to assist in the distribution of Greater London population and to provide a 'safety valve' for industrial growth in the Cambridge area, otherwise expansion within the city might have to be accepted. If market towns such as Royston and Haverhill had been in Cambridgeshire the policy for expansion could be controlled and the Sawston plan could be dropped. It was in the best interests of the County to leave the matter open. But Coun Burkitt said they had no intention of suggesting London come to Sawston.

1954 05 04
Cambridgeshire Police have been experimenting with a radio equipped motor cycle. The wireless equipment supplied by Pye Telecom gives the same facilities as that fitted to police cars. A patrolling motor cycle officer hears his call on the set; pulls up and then can receive his message through a loudspeaker, or alternatively through the hand microphone he uses for his own transmission. The range of the radio is sufficient to cover any part of the county. If adopted it would enable motor cycles to be used for many duties which at present require radio cars. # c.34.7 # c.27.8

1954 05 05
Barton bungalow fire, p9

1954 05 06
Fenners new score box, p9

1954 05 07
Gt Abington bowls, p9

1954 05 08
Membership of the Automobile Association has increased by a million since the end of the war and now totals 1,400,000. Nearly 30,000 of these live in the Cambridgeshire district and for their benefit a new area office has been opened at Hills Road Cambridge with a cocktail party. It was first envisaged 20 years ago and will become part of their national radio network by which patrolmen were sent to motorists in distress.

1954 05 08
Histon Football Club celebrated 50 years of football when 200 members attended a dinner at the Dorothy Café together with celebrities such as Sir Stanley Rous, Secretary of the English Football Association, the original secretary, A.T. Rogers and one of the original players, V.A. Peck. The club's history, team spirit and organisation were all praised by speakers who added the right amount of joviality to this historic occasion.

1954 05 10
Longstanton's new school for five to 11-year-olds was opened - its gay colours and ultra-modern interior flooded by sunlight. It has been built on the latest lines at the lowest cost with wide windows providing natural lighting, three classrooms, an assembly hall, staff room and kitchen. Children of airmen stationed at the neighbouring Oakington will go there and it will also take in pupils from the overcrowded village Church of England school. Lord Tedder, Marshall of the R.A.F., said: "I envy the children. It really is a beautiful place".

1954 05 12

A baby girl born in Cambridge has the distinction of arriving in the world with six of her eight great-grandparents still alive. Susan Carole Fuller is the daughter of Mr & Mrs D.J. Fuller of Halifax Road. Her great grandparents on her father's side are Mr & Mrs W. Fuller aged 83 and 76 who now live in Wrexham, and Mr & Mrs B. Ager of Blinco Grove. On her mother's side they are Mr & Mrs V.F. Pursey of Mill Road. She also has 18 great aunts and uncles. This is most unusual and may be a record for Cambridge

1954 05 14
The pilot of an R.A.F. Swift jet aircraft from Waterbeach airfield was killed when it crashed within 200 yards of a group of houses in Stretham fen. Had the blast from the aircraft, which exploded, gone in the direction of the houses then wreckage would most certainly have struck them. As it was pieces of the aircraft were strewn in a half circle for about 200 yards. Eye-witness Mr Leslie Pinion said: "the plane dived straight down in the field and exploded". It left a crater about 15 feet deep. Waterbeach was the first unit to be equipped with Swift jet fighters and the lightning-fast silver machines with their distinctive swept-back wings have become a familiar sight. – 54 05 14 # c.26.1

Fen protection scheme, p7

1954 05 14 ES
Electricity switched on to Mepal, Witcham, Coveney & Wardy Hill. 54 05 14&(2)ES *

1954 05 17
An important stage of the life of the new church of St James', Cambridge will be a social to 'kick off 'the Building Fund. The first building will serve both as a church and hall and be in a central position in Wulfstan Way, almost adjoining the shops. Despite the absence of a church there is a very live congregation which meets in school hall and the Sunday School averages 145 as the majority of families in the parish have very young children # c.83

1954 07 17
There were strong protests at plans for new offices at Shire Hall Cambridge. The new building would contain Assize and Quarter Sessions courts, offices and accommodation for the County Library. The courts at Linton, Caxton, Melbourn and Bottisham were 'shockers', housed in old police stations and the magistrates would be only too happy to do their work in an up-to-date building. Architects had strongly advised against cheese-pairing costs of the assembly hall: Cambridge's lovely college buildings had been the best and had stood the test of time and the costs of labour and materials were rising. But a new plan for one-tier local government might mean the doom of County Councils and the scheme should be deferred. # c.35.1

Lynn Poly, p5
Chittering plane crash, p9

1954 05 18
Walford will, p9

1954 05 19
The Morris Oxford saloon, the first new model produced by the British Motor Corporation, was shown to Cambridge motor dealers at a pre-view at King and Harper's showroom in Bridge Street. It costs £744 17s.6d including purchase tax which is a moderate price for a car which incorporates many striking new features. The gear lever is mounted on the steering wheel and there is synchromesh on third and fourth gears. There is plenty of room for four people with a bench front seat while a built-in heater can supply a warm current of fresh air. Curved windscreen, deep rear window, receding bonnet and a wing line carried through from front to rear are the most prominent design features and they all add up to beauty of line.

1954 05 21

People passing Cambridge airport were intrigued to see the arrival of a German-built ultra-light aircraft, the Zaunkoenig. The tiny plane which can land and take off from the proverbial sixpence and is virtually 'unstallable' is the only survivor of a group of ten; the others were destroyed in Germany towards the end of the war. It is present on loan to the Cambridge Private Flying Group, but the members hope to make it their property. With a cruising speed of only 56 mph it is an ideal aerial runabout and can be hired out for a mere 30 shillings an hour. # c.26.1

1954 05 22
The official opening of Barrington sports ground had to be held in the village hall, owing to rain. As recently as 1950 the site was a wilderness complete with pots and pans, but it has now been transformed & should be a delight for many years to come. It consists of a full-size bowling green, two tennis courts and a roller-skating rink; this was unique and would protect the children from the dangers of the road. In the near future they hoped to get a cricket pavilion on the village green

1954 05 22
Sir –Thousands and thousands of pounds have been spent at Histon: we have had a canteen at the Junior School, new houses for Impington College, new Police houses & a sewerage scheme which does not work. More has been spent on the road near Histon station which appears to have narrowed rather than widened it and the road to Cottenham, where no building is allowed, has been beautifully tarmaced. We are very grateful but the paths have potholes and we really need a bridge over the railway at the station for cyclists and pedestrians – a Mere Ratepayer

1954 04 24
Teversham people turned up in substantial numbers for the opening of their new recreational ground, Queen's Playing Field. Villagers had worked hard to get the land but this was just a start. They should have a children's adventure playground. These are quite small and very informal. You can have all kinds of junk, as children will be far happier playing with a lot of old junk rather than with the ordinary swings and slides. There are a lot of youngsters and adolescents getting into trouble because they have nowhere to play and it would keep them off the roads helping reduce the appalling number of accidents.

1954 05 24
Newmarket Town's new sports and social club was opened by the manager of West Ham United Football Club. Their first aim was to be a place where people interested in any kind of sport could meet and talk over a glass of beer. Secondly they wanted to put Newmarket Town Football Club back on its feet financially and in sporting glory. The past seasons had not been as successful as they would have liked, but they always tried to play good football.

1954 05 26
Only a fenman can portray the fens as they are and capture their atmosphere and the characteristics of the people. To anyone else, says James Wentworth Day, 'It looks like mile after mile of black damn-all'. But they are rich in tradition and in his latest book 'A History of the Fens' he has tried to give a 'human' history before the 'spitting of the tractor' when it had a magic enchantment and fish were taken by the hundredweight from the lodes and drains. He describes the average fenman as 'still sturdily independent, often narrow-minded &, suspicious of strangers'

1954 05 27
Sir: - at Histon there are hoards of men digging out trenches to say nothing of the shoals of men from the Electricity and Gas Boards concerned in this wild-cat scheme of wasting the ratepayers money. On top of all these men getting in each others way there are the visitations in highly polished cars, twice daily, of the 'top dogs' just to see that in refilling the trenches they don't bury any of the pick and shovel men. I wouldn't care less what the authorities are doing was it not for the disfigurement of the road and the colossal cost of the scheme which has to be met by yours etc – Poor Ratepayer

1954 05 27

The owner of historic Milton House was granted possession and awarded £2,500 damages and the tenant of the house, said to be in "an absolutely shocking state", must quit in three weeks, Cambridge magistrates decreed. The house, once owned by William Cole, was of antiquarian interest. King's College had owned it and spent £899 on it in 1932; now it was almost derelict and the garden a wilderness. A tree fell on part of the building in 1946. There was valuable panelling in the building rotting in places. An estate agent said it did not look as if it had been painted for about 20 years. Repairs would cost £2,432 at least and its value in the present state was about £1,250

1954 05 27
Chesterton Rural District Council has completed 187 houses during the last year, the highest since the war, although the target of 200 was not reached. The main reason were the shortage of bricks and roofing tiles and the fact that substitute materials had to be used for internal work. Considerable progress has been made in rehousing tenants occupying converted huts: 52 families have been rehoused and the huts pulled down. Agreement has been reached with county planners on the development of a number of villages.

1954 05 28
A new female tuberculosis wing has been opened at Fulbourn Mental Hospital. Bright and airy, with beds for 14 patients, it is the first completely new building there since the war. Modern treatment has done much to reduce the menace of TB but sudden and instant tragedy can spring up, especially in the young from transmission of the disease from an adult. Infection diseases was one of the nightmares in hospitals, especially those in which there was likely to be a prolonged stay, and it was frustrating not to have the proper resources for preventing the spread of infection. In the past the mental hospital service has been somewhat isolated but it is now becoming part of a fully-integrated service. But East Anglia is the only region without a costly neuro-surgery unit.

Bassingbourn rogation procession, p6

1954 05 31
Fervid Peterborough football supporters, led by their own 'Mr Posh' (Tom Keeble) wearing top hat and tails, paraded outside the Café Royal in Regent Street, London where Football League chiefs were meeting. The fans were trying to impress on officials their claims to have the club admitted to the Football League, but failed. Five hundred supporters had wanted to join the march but it was decided to limit the party to fifty to maintain dignity.

1954 05 31
A total of 29 cottages at Great and Little Abington were put up for sale, and the majority were purchased by the Cambridgeshire Cottage Improvement Society to ensure the preservation of the character of these two charming villages. Much will have to be spent in necessary repairs and rethatching to preserve them, as many are in the protected occupation of tenants who pay a rent of less than three shillings a week. The Society owns 22 cottages in Grantchester and elsewhere and has decided to embark on a policy to preserve what is still basically good, but in danger.

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1954 06 02
Mill Road cemetery chapel dismantled, p6 # c.21.2 (see photo)

1954 06 03
Standen and Son, the manufacturers of Sugar Beet Harvesters, appreciate the needs of the small grower for a compact harvester costing about £300. Prototype machines were built and put to work in the fields where they operated for weeks on end. Often they were taken back into the workshops at night for modification and be in the fields again next morning. So the 'Junior' harvester was born and the firm's works at Ely and St Ives are busy producing the machine for this year's crop.

1954 06 03
Eastern Electricity says that more villages in the Ely area are to be connected to the public supply in the next six months. Already Mepal, Coveney, Pondersbridge and Ramsey Heights have been connected and Prickwillow, Barway and outlying parts of Haddenham and Littleport will follow. But it can only be economically justified if farmers recognise that electricity be used to the fullest extent as an aid to production and not just for lighting, radio and television. It increases their output and hastens the day when electricity can be made available throughout the whole of the countryside.

1954 06 04
Would-be pilots can now learn to fly for as little as ten shillings a week. A scheme introduced by Cambridge Aero Club now brings the cost within the reach of most pockets. For an initial payment of £1 plus the weekly amount they can then carry out one and a half hours flying in a four-week period, or more if they pay extra. The Club has been operating continuously – except war years – since 1929 and offers training facilities for the Student Private and Commercial Pilots' licences including instrument and night flying # c.26.1

1954 06 05
Cambridge University scientists are helping in the construction of Britain's first cobalt beam machine – the latest and most powerful weapon in the fight against cancer. Centrepiece of the machine is a tiny piece of cobalt the size of a pile of six halfpennies which has been activated by two years' exposure to atomic radiation inside the Atomic Pile at Harwell. It is only half the size of other machines because of the use of uranium shields instead of lead & will emit a beam equivalent to 3,000,000 volts. # c.36.9

College gate in river, p9

1954 06 07
Oppenheimer not coming to Cambridge, p3

1954 06 08
Heavy traffic, p8

1954 06 09
Fulbourn church, p6

1954 06 10
The Air Ministry is being blamed by farmers for the flooding of the land between St Ives and Wyton aerodrome. They say that heavy rains were made worse by the aerodrome's extended runway that shot the water on to hundreds of acres of land. In the old days the water on the hill seeped through slowly or went into the normal ditches. On Chivers' farm at St Ives some 3,000 chickens were in danger of drowning and elsewhere water came up to the stomachs of cattle. Orchards were flooded, fields of beans had 23 inches of water in them & swans were swimming in a field of brussel spouts. The floods have done more damage than those of 1947. – 54 06 10

1954 06 12
Is Cambridge the coldest town in England? A speaker told the Co-operative Union Congress: 'There are more frosts in Cambridge than in any other town'. Meteorological records from 1914 show that on average there are 62 frosts every year compared with 51 in Aberdeen, 40 in Birmingham and 12 in Falmouth. He urged that the domestic coal ration in East Anglia should be increased because of the weather conditions here

Pye workers photo, p10

1954 06 14

Despite continuous rain a large number of spectators watched the Cambridge Centaur Club's grass track meeting at Cottenham. It is doubtful if such an impressive array of established grass track riders had ever been assembled at any one meeting. The local scramble star from Girton, Andy Lee, fell from his machine in the path of a following rider who was unable to avoid him and the race was stopped while Lee was borne away by stretcher. After medical attention he was able to return and rode in a later race when he received an ovation from the spectators.

1954 06 15
Cambridgeshire band master, [7

1954 06 16
Abington potatoes, p13

1954 06 18
The new Mayoress, Mrs H.R. Mallett, came to Cambridge during the Great War as a young nurse at the First Eastern General Hospital and there she met her husband who was a sergeant-major in the Medical Corps. Nurses in those days received £10 a year, plus £3 beer money but the uniform, lodgings and washing were all found. They mostly lived in their uniform and had nothing to spend the money on except a few clothes. The beer money went in afternoon teas and cakes on their off-duty days. The job was fun but the discipline strict. – 54 06 18 # c.45.5

1954 06 18
An inquest was held on a London shipping clerk killed when the bridge of a motor cruiser he was piloting along the New Bedford River struck the underside of the bridge at Earith. He was in one of two boats hired from Banham's that had left from Denver Sluice. There was a high tide but the sluice keeper had said they would be able to get through to Earith that evening. The river was in flood and he might have made an error of judgement in estimating the clearance or failed to see beams under the bridge because of fading light. Dr Fairweather said he'd suffered from a depressed fracture of the skull.

1954 06 18 ES
Pymoor's new Methodist Church is built on a reinforced concrete raft with load bearing brick walls finished externally with golden brown facing bricks. The timber framed roof is covered with Anglia pattern antique covered pantiles. The layout of the new building consists of a church to accommodate about 100 people, a vestry and a bookstore. There is also a hall for Sunday school work to accommodate 75 scholars. A kitchen and pantry adjoin the hall. The church furniture is in oak. Many welcome gifts have been received including a baptismal font, table vases and a communion rail carpet. One trustee has given a row of chairs and another the fence around the ground on which the church is built. Several local trustee have worked hard planting trees shrubs and flowers to make the surroundings as beautiful as possible ready for the formal opening. 54 06 18(3)ES

1954 06 22
The usual crowd of Saturday shoppers saw a colourful poster parade through the centre of Cambridge with some 15 people carrying posters bearing the slogans 'You can ban the H-bomb – public protest counts' and 'Make the powers agree to ban the H-bomb – sign the national protest'. The petition, which is supported by the Cambridge Peace Council, seeks to demonstrate the great strength of public opinion. More than 100 signatures were collected while the parade circled the Market Place. – 54 06 22 # c.45.8

1954 06 22
Haverhill Town Hall Improvement Committee will be starting its most ambitious project, the extension of a lecture room on the third floor. This will involve added a new wing to the rear of the building at a cost of £2,000. There will also be cloakroom facilities and a service lift from the kitchen below. Previous improvements include the laying of a new dance floor, provision of new chairs and

stage curtains but this will be their most ambitious project so far. Much of the money raised comes from the popularity of the dances they run.

1954 06 24
Fen Ditton inglenook, p5

1954 06 25
People living near Cambridge Gas Works have suffered long enough and the council should take more determined action to get rid of 'smog', say councillors. Residents could not open their windows without getting smoke on their bedding and furniture and could not hang out their washing. Six years ago they had been shown elaborate plans for future buildings that would do away with the dust and smoke. It had been said the cause of the trouble was bad coal but even if good coal were used there would be smoke and ash due to the old methods in use. The output of the gasworks had doubled to eight million cubic feet and there had been no complaints recently – but that was probably because the residents were too bogged down with soot and grime to make any.

1954 06 25
RAF authorities are investigating reports that two parachutes were seen to appear from a Canberra jet bomber shortly before it crashed in a sugar beet field near Six Mile Bottom. It had taken off from Bassingbourn a few minutes before. The three crew, who include a Royston man, have been reported as missing believed killed but only one body has yet been found. Mystery surrounds the crash but the finding of the aircraft's cockpit canopy in the Melbourn area indicates it might have become detached and been the cause of the accident. The plane hurtled into the ground in a field half-a-mile from the railway and made a hole about 40 feet deep, the sides of which collapsed almost burying the aircraft. # c.26.1

Eaden Lilley excursion, p9

1954 06 25
The staff of Messrs Joshua Taylor with their husbands and wives left Cambridge in five coaches for Clacton-on-Sea. A halt was made at a Sudbury hotel for tastefully-arranged refreshments and on arrival they dispersed until lunch after which Mr H. Griffiths conveyed their appreciation to Mr J.K. Taylor, the Managing Director, for making the happy day possible. The afternoon was spent in sampling the various amusements and attractions before high tea was eaten with relish. The return journey commenced at 7pm. A halt was again made at Sudbury and the party arrived back in Cambridge, rather tired but sun-tanned, voicing the unanimous opinion: 'A jolly good day'

1954 06 25 ES
Mepal Roll of Honour dedicated. 54 06 25(2)ES

Slip on Forty Foot bank near Horseway Bridge becoming urgent. 54 06 25(3)ES

1954 06 26
An unsuccessful attempt was made to make the Cambridge Corn Exchange available for roller skating during the winter months. A petition with 900 signatures had been prepared. The people affected were between the ages of 10 and 25. In summer they could pass their time in the evenings by swimming, cycling and other outdoor amusements but in winter they needed the opportunity for healthy exercise as an alternative to dances and public houses. Many had invested in skates, the cheapest of which cost £7. But it was the only place suitable for badminton and was also used for boxing.

1954 06 28
US bases, p4

1954 06 29
Canberra inquest, p6

1954 06 30
Work at the King's Head, Fen Ditton, has exposed an ingle nook fireplace. The inn is some 700 years old and the landlord, Mr Fraser, intends to restore it to its original state by removing two tons of rubble. It was probably covered in over 100 years ago. The main support is a blackened-by-smoke huge oak beam and high up in the chimney can be seen the hooks from which hams were suspended.

1954 06 30
Chippenham village school – closed because it was unsafe – has been scheduled for repairs since the beginning of the year but no workmen has yet been there. About 500 villagers are worried about their village hall, temporarily in use by the school, and the School Managers want to get out as it is quite inappropriate. The problem lay with the Ancient Monuments Division of the Ministry of Works; they preferred to have their own alterations put into operation as the school was an ancient building. "The Ministry ought to be brought to book by dynamite, or the school building will fall down before anything is done", said one councillor

Shire Hall palace, p8

1954 06 30 c
An undergraduate who tore down a small signboard from the outside wall of the Cambridge Daily News office and then waved it in the road to stop traffic, was fined a total of £2 and ordered to pay 10s., the cost of replacing it. Pc D. Murfitt said he was in St Andrews Street at 11.10 pm and saw a group of undergraduates coming towards him. One of them was trying to stop traffic in the centre of the road by waving a blue board. When the lad saw him he tried to conceal the board under his gown. The undergrad wrote admitting the offence adding: "I am afraid I behaved very foolishly. The exams were over and this was a stupid way of letting off steam".

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1954 07 01
Some villages have been 'jumping the queue' with main sewerage ahead of Cottenham, a councillor claimed. They had been promised a main drainage scheme some 25 years ago and the drains are in such a deplorable condition that nothing can be done. Their only sanitary accommodation is an open cesspool a few feet from the kitchen door. With all the new development sewage was the utmost priority. But there were major problems at Lt Shelford where 47 per cent of people don't have sinks in their homes and this was a matter of urgency on public health grounds. Pampisford was promised water seven years ago but the village is still not supplied & now Whittlesford parish council has also asked why slow progress was being made there

1954 07 02 ES
Pymoor Methodist church opening. 54 07 02(2)ES

Death John Holland, Ely baker. 54 07 02(3)ES

1954 07 03
Huntingdon will probably lose one of its oldest industries with the cessation of the brewing of beer. For more than 300 years the brewery in the High Street has been active. Now it will stop. The score of women in the bottling department and the men on the brewery staff will be found other employment. None of the office staff will be affected and the off-licence premises will carry on as usual. Malting will also be continued and the dozen lorry drivers and loaders will not be affected. It will be used as a distribution centre for the Ely produced beers. Throughout the century many amalgamations have taken place but in 1950 they culminated in the combination between the Huntingdon Brewery and Messrs Hall, Cutlack and Harlock of Ely to form the East Anglian Breweries ltd.

1954 07 06

De-rationed meat, p9

1954 07 07
Would anyone living near Addenbrooke's Hospital feel disposed to take in a nursing mother now and again at very short notice? Miss P.D. Langley, the Head Almoner, says that it is sometimes necessary for the children's specialist to admit a small baby who was still being breast-fed by the mother. If she did not live in Cambridge she had to come and stay and they were very anxious to find a friendly and sympathetic landlady leaving nearby who would be remunerated at a reasonable rate. The doctors feel it is much better for such mothers to live outside the hospital rather THAN inside while they are anxious about a sick baby.

1954 07 07
The old-established department store of Laurie and McConnal of Fitzroy Street, Cambridge has been purchased by the London firm of Shirley Bros, but they say the public will not notice the changes. The store was opened by Mr James Laurie and in recognition of advice given by his friend Mr McConnal he decided to use both names as a trading title, though only members of the Laurie family actually held shares. It prospered as an ironmonger's shop but following a major fire in 1903 was rebuilt as one of the biggest departmental stores in East Anglia, increasing its scope to include almost everything for the home and garden. # c.27.2

1954 07 07
South Cambs RDC proposed a development which would change the face of the old-world village of Litlington, They want to develop a nine-acre ex RAF Communal Site as a permanent housing site and replace hutments which are classed as sub-standard accommodation by 50 non-traditional homes, mainly to rehouse the 'squatters'. The site ia an eyesore but it has sewers, water pipes and foundations. Building would be fast and easy and the houses would be finished in about six months. But it is outside the village area, there were alternative sites and the land was needed for smallholders after clearance. It would destroy the character of the village and clash with the landscape. – 54 07 07

Newport footpath, p4 & p13

1954 07 08
Tom Abbott is one of the best-known heel and toe walking experts in Cambridgeshire. He started in 1925 when he saw an advert about the Cambridge Walking Club seven-mile road walk and by 1937 he held every walking record in the county – and still does. He has also won 30 championship medals. There was the E.H. Church Handicap Cup, a two-mile race in the Cambridge Railway Orphans Sports – he won it over a dozen times - the Royston to Cambridge road race held annually on Boxing Day, the ten-mile course along Newmarket Road and inter-county meetings without number. During the last war Army service races were won in Belgium and the Shetland Isles. Now he helps youngsters of the Coleridge Athletic Club.

Fulbourn electricity station, p9
Filming Road Safety film – pic, p11 # c.65.6

1954 07 09
Real American softball came to Cambridge Football Club ground when the US Air Force Hospital Wimpole Park beat a team from USAF Molesworth entirely against the formbook. But for British spectators the game was a succession of shocks. They saw an umpire hustled and pushed by players disputing a decision, two players somersaulting as they tried to catch a ball and some magnificent hits and catches that made it look like cricket. The game seems to be a glorified rounders akin to baseball. There was 'strike one', 'ball one', 'blunt' and a host of other expressions which are difficult to explain but easy to follow on the diamond-shaped field before the victorious team had notched up their win and were cheered again and again.

1954 07 10

The Robin Fellowship is now 25 years old. It was started as the children's organisation of the 'Cambridge Independent Press and Chronicle' and was carried on for many years by Mr Morley Stuart whose enthusiasm made it an instant success; in the first six months 4,300 children were enrolled. It endowed the Robin Cot at Addenbrooke's Hospital – the result of a stream of coins that has flowed every since into the coffers of the Fund which has paid out over £4,800 to scores of different charities and good causes. The first member was Sybil Rayner of Cherryhinton Road as it was her who suggested the name; there are now 17,026.

1954 07 11 c
Len Tibbs of Gt Shelford is well-known as a pianist and comedian and has now been invited to appear at London's Windmill Theatre where he will present the characterisations which have delighted audiences locally. He started his career as a comedian during the war, helping out with troop shows, and has appeared in most parts of the Easter Counties. Unbeknown to him his work was drawn to the attention of Mr Van Damm and he was surprised to receive an invitation to attend an audition. He has also accepted the offer to appear on Television's variety show 'Show Case'

1954 07 12
Highfields is a new hamlet in the valley but planners have banned all permanent developments and people living in shacks have been unable to build anything better. They wanted Highfield to be allowed to rot and all the people drift away. Now an Association has been formed to stop the breaking up of what is growing into a virile and active community and they would continue the five-year battle to build up this new village, which is the main residential area of Caldecote. The R.D.C. realise the village needed homes and it would be a simple matter to approve them; but large-scale development would be followed by serious drainage problems. The erection of council houses was very expensive and it was more economical to group together those required by two or three villages, as at Bourn.

1954 07 14
Major E.A.H. Legge-Bourke, Conservative M.P. for the Isle of Ely, took the dramatic step of resigning from the Conservative Party as a protest against the Government's policy over Egypt and the withdrawal of troops from the Suez Canal Zone. His action is quite unexpected and it is not thought others will follow his example. But Major Legge-Bourke, who is tall, slim and upright with auburn-tinged hair and moustache, says he intends sitting as an Independent Conservative member in the House of Commons.

Motor-racing cars, p14

1954 07 15
The Post Office is to experiment with pedestrian-controlled electric trucks for its parcel delivery service to determine whether they can be operated economically in areas where traffic conditions make the use of motor vans rather difficult. The trucks have a normal speed of 3½ mph on the level. Cambridge is one of the first provincial towns to have them. # c.26.48 # c.27.7

1954 07 15
Members of the Band of Hope Union visited the East Anglian Egg Packing Station at Soham which collects eggs from producers over a large area, graded them for quality and distributed them to retailers. The station had started with very little money but by 1953 had a turnover of a third of a million pounds and handled over 11 million eggs. They watched skilled inspectors checking every egg under artificial light, modern machines grading them and stamping each with the official number and saw the electric incubators which can turn out 2,500 chicks a week

1954 07 16
Big exercise, p7

1954 07 16
Early jet tests at Newmarket 1942 – 54 07 16 # c.26.1

1954 07 16 ES
Pymoor death J. Wiseman, baker and licensee of 'Knife and Steel'. 54 07 16(2)ES

Isle MP Legge-Bourke resigns from Conservative Party. 54 07 16(3)ES

1954 07 19
The Minister's decision on the County Development Plan has been announced. The only major Cambridge items not approved are the site of the bus station between Christ's College & Emmanuel and the proposed development for residential purposes of the smallholding land north of Arbury Road. All the central area road proposals including the 'spine relief road', the new Guildhall Street and a cross-town route joining Emmanuel Street with Downing Street have been approved together with the new Chesterton Bridge over the Cam near Walnut Tree Avenue, a multi-storey car park in Corn Exchange Street and a subway at the railway station. – 54 07 19 # c.49.4

1954 07 19
The Minister has approved a western by-pass for Cambridge using the northern leg of Storeys Way and a link from Barton Road through Chaucer Road to Trumpington Road. There will be a road from the end of Brooklands Avenue across the railway sidings and joining Station Road opposite the end of Tenison Road. This means it will be possible eventually to have a complete ring road near the centre of the city. # c.49.62

1954 07 20
Planners have approved a new development between St Andrew's Street and Emmanuel New Court, Cambridge. There will be shops on the ground floor and offices above and the building will be of a high architectural standard in keeping with its position in the centre of the city. Provision must be made for a widening of Emmanuel Street and be sited to allow for a free circulation of the shopping traffic generated. Car parking facilities are advocated, either by way of a basement or by access to a space on the roof. # c.44.6

1954 07 21
The attention of county planners has been drawn to a press report setting out proposals by the British Transport Commission to establish a new railway depot at Chesterton. At no time have they given any indication of these intentions; indeed the council has pressed for the reduction of railway activities on this site. It is clear that the arrangements are so far advanced that there is no likelihood of them being held up or abandoned at this late stage. When completed the depot will require a large additional labour force, which is clearly in contradiction to the agreed industrial policy for Cambridge. Future schemes should be discussed well in advance with the planners and the matter will be placed in the hands of local Members of Parliament. # c.26.2

1954 07 21
Not since the 14th-century has Isleham Priory Church heard such music as that sung during a unique service. The Priory, which is only used for the week in the year in which St Margaret's day falls, was illuminated by candles. There were over 100 people present as 50 servers from around the area walked in procession from the Parish Church singing the hymn 'O Son of God goes forth to war'. The other music, called plainsong, was that used regularly at the Priory before it was closed in 1325. Next Sunday Parish Communion will be held, probably the first occasion on which the Holy Eucharist will have been celebrated there since the suppression of the Priory. – 54 07 21

1954 07 23
Various Newport people gave evidence at the inquiry into a footpath crossing the railway line. Mr George Poulter who had lived in the village since 1892 said he had been along the path with a horse and cart many times and never found the railway gates locked. Joseph Moule, 73, said it used to be a noted walk for parents and children while George Webb, 77, said lots of people used the path. But

Mrs Myrtle Gentry said she had been stopped in 1940 and told it was not a public footpath. It was clearly marked on the OS map but the owner of a bungalow and the railway authorities had raised objections. – 54 07 23

1954 07 27
Membership of the Cambridgeshire Local History Council has increased, attendance at meetings and excursions is higher than ever & the Bulletin had been published more or less on time, but there is still much to do. Local History groups in Sawston and Fulbourn are flourishing but there are large areas of the county that are sadly undeveloped as far as local history is concerned. They needed more village correspondents and anybody with old pictures of their village should notify them. There would be a room built at the Shire Hall in the future for the archives and it would be a good thing to get the interest of school children. 54 05 27 # c.43

1954 07 27
City planners discussed 13 acres of land to the east of Milton Road which had been earmarked to meet the needs of industrial concerns whose existing premises were incapable of expansion or intended for residential use. The land, owned by Trinity Hall, was on the market in 1951 but the council could not acquire it at the time. It was bought by Mr Stokes but he was refused permission for it to be used for industrial purposes. The council envisaged that two or three acres should remain in his ownership but that they should acquire the remainder and divide it into plots for sale or lease to industrialists – 54 07 27 # c.49.64

1954 07 28
An unknown little boy was the first person to give the alarm about a blaze at Rich's car-breaking yard in Coldham's Lane, Cherry Hinton. Burned stock included 10 cars, approximately 200 wheels complete with tyres, four steel motor can containers, a brick and asbestos carbide storage shed and a paraffin tanker. Luckily no petrol was stored at the yard. Flames leapt up as high as the houses and there was so much smoke it looked like a burning oil well on the films. Car batteries exploded as hundreds of people watched the inferno. Firemen had the blaze under control after an hour but it started again and they had to be re-called. # c.34.75

1954 07 29
The Ministry of Housing have overruled the RDC and allowed the erection of a dwelling house on land at Main Street, Highfields, Caldecote. This has opened up a new page in history for a number of residents anxious to improve their properties. They had acquired smallholdings on which they wished to build a house in which to live. It was a community which could not just be wiped off the map and they would do what they could to develop the place. The making up of the back road would enable frontagers to sell off plots for development.

Mystery apparition, p8

1954 07 30
Cambridge councillors discussed the impact of any explosion of a hydrogen bomb on the city. There would be an area of total destruction three miles immediately below the bomb burst with a radius of ten miles of lesser destruction. Civil Defence was a misnomer: they would not seek to construct a deep shelter to provide protection for the people of Cambridge in the event of war; it was not 'protection' but 'rescue and aftercare'. It was obvious that local telephone communication between the Controller – if he still existed – and the locality would be useless. The only way Cambridge would be helped was by a rescue column arriving from another part of the country. – 54 07 30 # c.45.8

1954 07 31
Cambridge city council attacked the County Council's cavalier attitude over their grandiose scheme for the replacement of the demolished Shire Hall Courts on Castle Hill. They can no longer tolerate the attitude of a powerful section of the County Council who seem bent on pursuing their own course with all the insensibility of a bureaucratic bulldozer. The Government has indicated it is likely to

introduce Local Government reform and it is foolhardy to proceed with a scheme for more office accommodation when certain functions might transfer to the City Council and thus make the extra offices unnecessary. City residents provide 75 per cent of the county rate and should have a fair say in any such scheme. # c.35.1

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1954 08 02
When the Rev Eric Graves unwrapped a small brown-paper parcel which was delivered by post to the Haverhill Vicarage he was more than a little surprised to find it contained £100 in £1 notes. It was accompanied by a letter signed 'A well-wisher' which read: "Please find enclosed £100 to get something required for the church. Let me know if you received the money by a notice in the Parish Magazine". Apart from the fact that the parcel was posted in Haverhill the Vicar has no idea as to the identity of the person who made the generous gift and has no intention of trying to find out. It will be used on the church's beautification scheme.

1954 08 04
Newmarket General Hospital's new student nurses cadet training scheme offers a golden opportunity to girls who desire to take up nursing as a career. Many who wanted to become nurses when they left school often found different work so that by the age of 18 they became lost to the profession. While they would do no actual nursing duties they would assist in the work of the Hospital. As salaries and general conditions improved nursing still offered the finest career a girl could undertake and one which was held in the highest esteem by everyone.

Teachers & officials – too many officials to every teacher, p11 – 54 08 04

1954 08 06
Atom bomber crash, p3
Littleport shotgun, p7
Emmanuel Street offices on Prudential site - proposals, p9 – 54 08 06

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Myxamatosis, p7

1954 08 11
The combination of perfect weather conditions, a record crowd of 4,000 people, an extended and improved circuit and some first-class riding made the scramble held on the Old Bank, Littleport the most successful yet staged by the Ely Motor Cycle Club. Jack Hubbard was a firm favourite as were Bud Ekins and Vern Hancock, two Americans riding under the Ely colours. John Baker, fast making a name for himself, also rode quite well

1954 08 11
Another milestone in the trading history of Cambridge was reached when the Danish Bacon Company opened modern premises in Cherryhinton Road. The main feature is the mechanical plant for smoking bacon, something new in the industry. The metal alloy chamber in which sides of bacon absorb their colour is a striking contrast to the old sooted kilns in which many curers have set to work. The smoke is produced by burning white wood sawdust which takes 4½ hours against 36 to 48 hours by the older methods. The company came to Russell Street 20 years ago.

Robin Hood crossroads, p7

1954 08 12
For the time being the proposal to expand Haverhill to take in 10,000 of London's 'overspill population has been shelved by the Government. There were difficulties getting the industry necessary for so large an expansion and doubts whether it could eventually pay its way so it will not

be amongst the first series of town expansions to be undertaken. But the Council still hope to accelerate the development of the town even though this may be smaller than at first envisaged.

Myxamatosis, p7

1954 08 13
Mr Leonard Dix told the enquiry he had bought land on both sides of the railway track at Newport in 1924 and built a bungalow. There was no public right of way and no stiles. He received keys for two gates adjoining the railway track and padlocks on the gates were supplied by the railway company. Postmen used to climb the gates to take letters but one day a new postman brought a bicycle and asked that the gate be unlocked. In 1928 a man walked over the crossing; he told him it was not a right of way and he did not come again. But the inspector judged that there was nothing to stop people from using the path; the evidence was complicated but by usage it had become a public right of way

1954 08 13
This year marks the 150th anniversary of Lloyd's Bank in Cambridge. In 1804 two bothers named Foster who were already trading as millers established a bank in Bridge Street. In 1835 they transferred to the Turk's Head in Trinity Street and opened branches in St Ives, Saffron Walden and Ely. In those days two members of staff were boarded on the premises, one sleeping on a bed in front of the strong room armed with a rusty sword. At no time was the building left unattended. In 1890 they acquired a site at the junction of Hobson Street and a new building in Renaissance style was opened in 1894. The Capital and Counties Bank took them over in 1904 and 14 years later they amalgamated with Lloyd's. In 1919 the two offices were merged and the Sidney Street premises chosen as the main branch. In 1935 a considerable extension was built on the corner site. – 54 08 13 # c.32.8

1954 08 14
New petroleum depot, p5
Canberra crash, Wyton, p6 # c.26.1

1954 08 16
The pilot of an RAF Vampire jet trainer from Oakington airfield was killed when his plane crashed into a cornfield at Dry Drayton. He succeeded in missing 18 Council houses and women picking fruit in a nearby orchard before the plane – smoke pouring from its tail – crashed into a field off the Oakington Road. It is thought the pilot might have been attempting to make a forced landing and crashed through a hedge before skidding along the ground for some distance. The engine and tail-plane were 40 yards apart but still intact after the crash # c.26.1

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Home Guard to move, p4
'Cambridge byways', no.1 by Lewis Todd – Lt St Mary's Lane # c.64

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Tunnelling railway photo, p9

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St Edwards Passage picture, p10

1954 08 20 ES
Fenland Engineering feature. 54 08 20(2)ES

1954 08 21
Wrays court, p4

1954 08 25

Messrs Kerridge of Cambridge staged a combined horticultural show and sports day on Pye's Sports ground when 100 children and 200 adults gathered from all parts of the Eastern Counties. A varied programme of races continued throughout the afternoon and there were also sideshows, including bowling for a pig. There were pony rides arranged by the Harston Riding School, a chair-o-plane roundabout and various other attractions including a comic cricket match. Mr P.D. Kenzie of Royston took eleven first prizes at the horticultural show

1954 08 25
The first demonstration in Britain of 3-D television attracted large crowds to the Pye Radio works stand at the Radio and T.V. Exhibition at Earls Court, London. From a miniature studio built on a raised platform in the middle of the stand 3-D television pictures were being screened on experimental sets a few feet away. The viewers had to wear polarised spectacles. Pye do not expect sets to be on sale to the public in the near future; as a home entertainment 3-D television is a very long way off yet. At the moment they are perfecting it for use in industry. # c.27.82

1954 08 27
Cambridge Civic Restaurant has a new cafeteria counter which keeps food clean and will save labour. Mrs C. Howsen, the catering manager, said there is anti-sneeze glass which protects the food from germs and infra-red lamps not only heat the plates but keep the food warm. There is also a refrigerator top that makes its own snow and maintains the salads and ice cream at a low degree. The added cupboard room for plates helps the staff as they can store the made-up plates under the counter instead of having to leave them in the ovens. # c.26.47

Pinion 'receiving', Stretham, p9

1954 08 27 ES
Doddington Hospital progress since 1948. 54 08 27&(2)(3)ES

1954 08 28
Sir - The best part of our charming city of Cambridge is the Abbey Estate as during the past few weeks No.1 Retort House at the Gas Works has been out of commission. No dust; No smoke; No fumes; No hauling lumps of coke out of your eyes. All is peaceful. The old grinding noise and clattering of the elevator has stopped. Washing can be hung out free from grit and blacks and you can see the spire of St Andrew's church nestling among the trees. Delightful – but how long will it last? – J.E.S. # c.24.4

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Ely 'Kum-in-Café' sold. 54 09 03ES

Should council bungalows go to old folk? – Victoria Street, Littleport. 54 09 03(2)ES *

Vintage cars to visit Ely. 54 09 03(2)ES

1954 09 04
The Cambridge-built two-litre Lister-Bristol sports car in which Archie Scott-Brown had such success at Silverstone has been tested by a journalist. "It is a well-built competition car with superb handling and very high performance. I felt no qualms in driving at 130 mph with one hand while operating the stop-watch with the other", he wrote of this product of the Cambridge firm of George Lister and Sons.

1954 09 04
In the 1920s Canadian wheatfields were being attacked by insects. The use of spray was not satisfactory as thousands of square miles were involved & the obvious answer was a biological control, but what? Then in the fields near Cherry Hinton University scientists discovered a similar problem and noticed that a group of parasites accumulated keeping a large number of the pests in check. Great quantities of stubble were collected and stored; a number of women joined in sorting and packing and the resultant collection was shipped to Canada. When the parasites emerged they attacked the pests there. This is part of the research undertaken at Cambridge University, Dr G. Salt of King's College told a meeting. – 54 09 04

1954 09 06
Rain. Steel slivers of relentless ran beat into the track anxious officials had nursed for Great Shelford's Special Sunday. Then the sun blazed for the War Memorial Hall sports day and carnival. More than 2,000 were there. Actress Jessie Matthews arrived quietly in her silver Bentley and was welcomed by the Chairman of the Parish Council. A carnival march heralded the arrival of the procession headed by a break-down truck towing a model of the present hall and the one villagers want to build. But then the breakdown truck had to leave for an accident at Foxton Station.

1954 09 06
Sir – the majority of people in Cambridge are simple working people but the wages are lower than in many other towns, whilst the cost of living is proportionately high. It does not help to be told 'But this is a University Town, why not go to an industrial town if you wish to earn higher wages'. If a family decided to do this it is immediately confronted with housing difficulties so great that few can overcome them and must crawl back with their tails between their legs to contemplate the beauties of Cambridge and ponder over the coal bills. Buildings designed for light industry need not be eyesores and would lead to increased earnings. – J.P. # c.23

1954 09 07
A crowd of over 5,000 turned up at Hill Farm, Arrington, to watch the Cambridge Centaur Motor Cycle Club's Autumn 'Scramble'. The rains had left the course in a slippery, muddy and extremely hazardous condition and provided the spectators with thrills galore. Experts like Monty Banks and Andy Lee showed their paces but the 'mud hole' saw some slips and mishaps. Terry Connor had a spectacular 'coming-off' but got up none the worse for his tumble.

1954 09 07
The 'Kum-In Café' sited on the Cambridge Road corner at Ely has changed hands as a result of an auction at the White Hart Hotel when it was sold to Mr F.C. Leavis of Cambridge for £1,650. The café premises, 43-47 St Mary's Street were offered together with a flat and houses with a large walk-in yard. But a modern residence, 'Balmoral' at Newmarket Road, Fordham including a garage, garden and engineer's workshop was withdrawn from sale at £2,700

1954 09 08
Vintage car rally, p9

1954 09 09
Senior school pupils from the Caldecote and Childerley Gate area who cannot now attend Cottenham School owing to overcrowding are due to start in temporary school buildings on the Bourn aerodrome site. But their parents will refuse to allow them to attend; they say there is a pig farm less than 30 yards away and when it rains the site is absolutely marshy. Derelict buildings nearby have broken windows, it is surrounded by rubble and more squalid than a bomb site. A new senior school should be erected next to the existing Childerley Gate Primary School for £5,500 if built with pre-fabricated material – 54 09 09

1954 09 09
Freddie Pope, 83, is a remarkable countryman who does a full day's work on the harvest field, working for his nephew, Mr Harold Driver, of Huntingdon Farm, Sawston. He looks after 60 head of cow stock and one day this year fed them in the morning, drilled ten acres of corn with his horse and fed the stock again in the evening. He went to live at Mill Farm, Pampisford in 1939; before that he farmed in the Ely district and was for a long time licensee of the 'Fish and Duck' near Stretham. This was in the Pope family for so long that the place is still known as Pope's Corner – 54 09 09

1954 09 10 ES
Lt Ouse fete a huge success. 54 09 10(2)ES

Future of Oxlode Memorial Hall. 54 09 10

1954 09 11
The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr R.A. Butler, received the Freedom of the Borough of Saffron Walden before a crowded audience and newsreel, television and press cameramen. It was awarded in recognition of the 25 years he has represented the town as Member of Parliament and his eminent services to the nation during that time. He had shown a never-failing interest in the welfare of the Borough and given willing help to the constituents. – 54 09 11

1954 09 11
Mr Harold Macmillan, Minister of Housing, has approved the County Development Plan. He has decided to leave in the proposed spine relief road intended to relieve traffic pressure in the centre of Cambridge but there will be no firm decision about the road for at least five years when the matter can be considered further. But the proposal to establish a bus station between Christ's and Emmanuel Colleges should be deleted due to the effect of noise and movement of traffic on the colleges and doubts about the adequacy of the site for the size of the station which would be needed.

1954 09 13
Simplex football, p6

1954 09 14
Flashing indicator lights on motor cars are no a new idea. They were invented and patented in 1922 by Mr Harold Wheeler son of the Over schoolmaster A.G. Wheeler. When he bought his first car he felt the need for an efficient signaller and flashing lights seemed to be the answer. The invention was perfected, patented and submitted to the public carriage office of New Scotland Yard. It was hailed as 'ingenious but impractical' and legislation would be needed before it could be used. He had several enquiries from the Continent but finally removed the gadget and stored it away in a cupboard. Now flashing indicators have arrived from American but his patent has run out. – 54 09 14

1954 09 15
Debden RAF, p9

1954 09 17

Newmarket's King Edward VII Memorial Hall which for ten years following the bombing of 1941 served as the town's General Post Office, has re-opened for public use. The town had been without the amenity for 13 years and few people under 18 had ever been inside it. The Council had reconstructed the old building, modernised and decorated it but it still remained inconvenient. The alterations had cost almost as much as the original building. The actual dance floor was acknowledged as one of the best in East Anglia. One day they hoped to build a supper room alongside the present hall.

1954 09 17 ES
Littleport: future of Sandhills Bridge. 54 09 17ES

Ouse River Board Flood Protection Scheme. 54 09 17(2)ES # c.29

1954 09 18
The new beacons guarding pedestrian crossings have begun flashing in Cambridge. The flashing beacons which continue their winking by day and night make the crossings they serve official ways for pedestrians which motorists must observe. But some say that the flashing lights are not easy to see in daytime when a great deal of traffic makes them useful. Quite a few motorists are opposed with opinions ranging from 'not worth a light' to 'just another thing to look for' # c.26.48

1954 09 18
It may interest readers to know that the short thoroughfare from St Andrews' Street to Drummer Street, now known as Christ's Lane, has changed its name more than any other in Cambridge. Old maps show it as Hangman's Lane, St Nicholas' Lane, Rogis Lane, Rogues' Lane, Hinton Lane and George Street. Downing Street has been Dowdivers Lane, Langrith Lane, Hogshill Lane, Bird Bolt Lane and Plot and Nuts Lane.

1954 09 20
A perfect black smoke ring topped by a mushroom cloud hung in the air over a bombed fort hit by Meteors highlighted Waterbeach 'Battle of Britain' Saturday. Small boys clutching identification manuals pestered their less knowledgeable fathers with technical questions or casually recognised jet planes and provided exact data for ignorant mothers. They elbowed their ways into the cockpits of fighters on display – except the Swift, which was closely guarded. A mass scramble split the eardrums as the jets roared down the runway in pairs but most impressive was the tight formation flying of the modern fighters at low level. Stateliest aircraft were the long-range submarine killer Shackletons while 'Old Faithful', the Vampire V flew some skilful aerobatics.

1954 09 20
A new Civil Defence rescue training centre was opened in Newmarket Road, Cambridge. There are two tumble-down structures – a façade and a rescue set – and volunteers set to work showing rescue attempts in an Atomic-bomb war. Major-Gen Bruce said: "In view of the present threat, where we needed one volunteer before we now want 100. It is un-British to have the attitude of mind that we are going to be frightened and blackmailed into putting up with might". Heavy explosives and incendiaries are likely to go out of business, but not in the first two years of another war, because our enemy has a tremendous amount of aircraft and bombs that he will want to use. – 54 09 20 # c.45.8

1954 09 21
A man was killed when two 1,000-lb bombs exploded at RAF Marham. The bombs were being moved in preparation for an exercise when they fell from a trailer he was towing with a tractor. Five other airmen were injured and nine Canberra twin-jet bombers and one Anson aircraft were damaged. Eight of the Canberras can be repaired on the station. – 54 09 21

1954 09 22
Oakington and Westwick Recreation Ground was opened in the shadow of the airfield as a memorial to the fallen of the last war. Hubert Doggett, chairman of the parish council said: "We have been up

against terrible expense and the Council have been almost afraid to look at the figures." Many of our social evils arise because of the lack of playing fields and the appalling amount of deaths which occur to young children on the roads today could be avoided if there were somewhere they could let off steam. The children of the future would say 'thank you' to those who had carried out the work. It is also planned to erect a Memorial Hall facing Queen's Way

1954 09 23
Bassingbourn Village College has just been completed and for generations to come young and old will have every opportunity to meet for study, self-expression, practical work or simple relaxation in a building which is delightful in itself and in its surroundings. Its Hall is designed for high-quality acoustics and will be the cinema, theatre, dance and concert hall of the village. There is a splendid gymnasium, a workshop, and a domestic science laboratory complete with a model flat. Courses include farm machinery, advanced pig keeping and gardening on chalk. Miss Julia Lang, of 'Listen with Mother' on the radio, will speak on 'Telling Stories to Children'. The school is already in operation and some 315 children from 14 villages have settled in. 54 09 23

1954 09 24
The new Methodist church in Sturton Street, Cambridge was opened and dedicated at a largely-attended ceremony. It is of pleasing, simple design and replaces the building damaged by bombs in 1940. The Mayor, Coun Hallett, said it was the only here to have been completely bombed and it was encouraging to know that the congregation had come to the rescue and rebuilt it in a most impressive style. The architect, D.C. Denton-Smith acknowledged the work of the builders, Eric Kidman, Mr Linsey foreman; Messrs Cooks plasterers; Messrs Pratt builders' merchants; Messrs Scotts electricians & other associated with the re-building. – 54 09 24 # c.83

Gas theatre, p5

1954 09 25
Fulbourn waterworks pumping station was reopened. Beneath the pump and control rooms is a 60,000-gallon tank. The pumps are driven by direct-current motors capable of pumping 90,000 gallons an hour to a jet chamber where dissolved carbon-dioxide is released, reducing corrosion. An efficient electricity supply and the duplication of all plant renders any breakdown almost impossible. A five-million gallon reservoir is under construction at Cherry Hinton which will bring water reserves up to two days instead of one as at present.

1954 09 27
A 78-year-old gardener was cycling across the perimeter track at Oakington RAF Station when he was struck by a Vampire jet plane that was taxi-ing before take-off. The pilot saw the cyclist crossing the dispersal area when travelling at 25 mph. He assumed the man would look to see if anything was coming and would certainly hear the plane. It was a rule that aircraft always had the right of way. He added: "the cyclist took a 90 degrees turn towards me suddenly. I turned slightly to the right and my left wing caught his neck". All employees were required to sign a document that under no circumstances could claims be made against the Air Ministry in the event of accidents to and from work. – 54 09 27

1954 09 27
Over 1,000 Civil Defence volunteers took part in Exercise Challenge on Midsummer Common, Cambridge. The Home Secretary, Sir David Fyfe told them that if a hydrogen bomb should fall there would be a great deal to do in the perimeter zone and the country beyond. People who lost their homes must be fed, housed and catered for. But outside the common a dozen members of the Cambridge Peace Front held banners saying: 'There is no defence against the H-bomb' – 54 09 27 # c.45.8

1954 09 28

The crowds who queued up for tickets outside Cambridge's New Theatre put paid to the story that Music Hall is dying. There was slap-stick comedy, Eddie Arnold with his variety of voices, Brian Andro on the high-wire, a strong-man acrobat, Rusty – a dog of mathematical powers, Bobby Collins – a first-rate whistler and the Lee Youngsters, a trio of singers. The star attraction was Tony Brent, a crooner of promise, but surely there will come a time when we shall have heard his songs just once too often. Forthcoming attractions include Don Saunder's Circus and Don Lammaree and his Lone Star Road Show, Phyllis Dixey and Cinderella on Ice. If the Cambridge public give it support then even bigger names will be attracted from London. # c.76

1954 09 29
David James Scott, a one-time photographer whose shop became part of the Cambridge Daily News building, has died aged 97. A partner for a time in the firm of Scott and Wilkinson, he later became the owner. In business for 50 years he did a large amount of work for the Cambridge and the Leys School. Mr Scott painted in oils and watercolours; he was a keen fly fisherman and staunch Conservative Party worker. His son, William, managed the CDN process-engraving department until his death. – 54 09 29 # c.65.5

Bus depot reconstruction photo, p5

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1954 10 01
The old Royston Brewery premises in Baldock Street, used until recently by an engineering firm, have been acquired by Messrs Barratt's, the well-known confectioners. The firm say they will start in a small way by packing goods made in their factory at Wood Green but will develop the site if the demand for their goods continues. The initial requirements will be for women labour for packing but men will be required if they start manufacturing there. "We like the look of Royston and feel sure we shall soon settle down and become accepted as one of the family", they say.

1954 10 02
Gisborne Street, p13

1954 10 06
A new chapter in Cambridge University history has opened on an informal note at New Hall, the third foundation for women, where the first 16 students are now in residence. They drew lots for the rather Spartan bedrooms while a 'combination' room is being used for (voluntary) morning services – there is no chapel - and other activities. A rather gloomy downstairs study room is well-equipped with desks and chairs and nearby is an out-of-doors wringer of hefty make. "We can do our own washing and save on laundry bills", said Miss Angela Holder, a petite, attractive Freshman, giving the handle an experimental turn. Miss A.R. Murray, the tutor, says she welcomes the building – a converted guest house - as a temporary home but looks forward to moving to Byron House in 1960 – 54 10 06 # c.44.5 # c.36.98

1954 10 06
The Minister of Education has refused to allow funding for a new school for Milton, but one new classroom will be built. There will also be building at Babraham, Histon and Cheveley while Harston is growing fast and a pre-fabricated classroom would be constructed. The position at Kennett shows how quickly a development plan was out-dated. The roll at this single-roomed school has risen from 14 to 27 and would continue to increase. Negotiations would start to purchase the premises now held on lease and plans for an extension prepared.

1954 10 07
Robinson Rental tv, p4
Rambroke organ rebuilt, p9

1954 10 08
Floodlit Civil Defence, p9

1954 10 08 ES
Stretham man burned saving farm buildings: Eric Wright on Stowbridge Farm, workshop, tractor shed, carpenter's shop. 54 10 08(2)ES

1954 10 10
University drugs, p5
Granta film club, p13
Cinemascope, p13

1954 10 11
The new Church of England School at Elsworth was formally opened. It consists of three classrooms, a hall, staffroom, kitchen and offices and stands on a site of over two acres where a large playing field is being laid out in a setting of particular charm. A building of attractive dimensions and pleasing appearance in brown brick and timbered roof, outstanding features include maximum window lighting and excellent practical furnishing. It replaced old parish schools at Boxworth, Conington and Knapwell where children from the age of five to eleven had been taught by only one teacher. This was not a good thing; there should be two or three to make teaching efficient.

1954 10 13
An attractive demonstration theatre is now in full operation at the Eastern Gas Board's headquarters in Sidney Street, Cambridge where gas consumers will always be welcome to see the latest developments in gas appliance design. Demonstrations will be conducted by the Home Service Adviser, Shirley Snow, whose advice is readily available either in person, by post or telephone.

Peggy Auton, p5

1954 10 14
Meldreth shop fire, p9

1954 10 15 c
P.C. Newling said he was on duty outside the Rex Ballroom in Cambridge when he saw two U.S. military policemen come out of the ballroom with an American serviceman in civilian clothes who they wanted to interview in connection with an incident inside. Then another man came out who started to intervene and became argumentative. This man told the court: "I had a drink or two and was talking to an American and it got a bit arguey. Then two military policemen came and took the guy out for no reason at all. I wasn't going to fight, I just went to explain". He was fined £1.

1954 10 15 c
Cambridge housewives are looking forward to their first unrationed Christmas for 14 years, but there may still be a few shortages. Currants will be as expensive as sultanas but raisins, up to one shilling and fourpence a pound will be plentiful. Those who remember Valencia's, those luscious raisins from Spain will welcome their return. There will be plenty of glace cherries for the cake but they will cost a little more. Almonds are the nuts to be snapped up as soon as they appear. For those who can afford the luxury there will be real butter in the cake and rum and brandy butter for the pudding. Americans are willing to pay more than we are, and that explains the Christmas shortage.

1954 10 15 ES
Whittlesey Sir Harry Smith School opened. 54 10 15(2)ES

1954 10 16
Shelford school, p9

1954 10 19
Emmanuel Street plans, p4
Cinemascope, p6

1954 10 20
There is a pressing need for better slaughtering facilities in Cambridge; in 1953 the Ministry approved the provision of a municipal slaughterhouse to be operated by the council in co-operation with the University and the Department of Scientific Research whereby facilities would be made available for lecturing and research. But there was opposition to the proposed slaughtering charge of £1.10s per cattle unit. Now there is a proposal for the formation of a private company to erect and operate a municipal slaughterhouse

Coffee pot club, p5

1954 10 21
Hamilton Kerr, p12

1954 10 22
The Emperor of Ethiopia, Haile Selassie, watched excitedly as a Hunter aircraft did a 705 mph speed run 50 feet above him at Duxford. Without a word the phantom-like plane dived over the Emperor, and then came its booming report which clearly startled him. Earlier he had inspected a Spitfire used in the Battle of Britain but was far more interested in a modern Meteor; he insisted on climbing into the machine and asked many questions. After the display and much saluting and handshakes, the Emperor, a quiet and retiring figure, got into his car and headed for the Imperial Ethiopian Embassy. – 54 10 22

1954 10 22
A new pumping station was opened at Kingston. The first bore hole had been sunk by the old East Hunts Water Company in 1934. It was altered for R.A.F. purposes at the beginning of the last war and in 1943 the Chesterton and St Ives Joint Water Board was formed. Three years ago permission was obtained from the Ministry and the present buildings started. The original water supply came from Bourn from a station that was built in 1900 and the next erected at Longstanton in 1930. Now with the ever-increasing demand for water had come the new station.

1954 10 23
Those tiresome meddlers, the planners, are in full cry again. Now signs outside businesses – some of which have been in position for many years – are being challenged. The trouble arises under that wretched 1947 Planning Act whereby certain parts of a town can be scheduled an Area of Special Control. This limits the size of outside advertisements. No one would wish the City centre to be a Piccadilly Circus but I see no reason why a recognised commercial section should not have these cheerful aids to business. This ‘planomania’ is becoming unreasonable.

Library improvements, p6
Shop signs, p13

1954 10 24c
Imagine a Hydrogen bomb has been dropped on Cambridge. In a five-mile radius from Great Shelford to Histon everything is just rubble. In a 12-mile radius, including Saffron Walden, Newmarket and Huntingdon, there is severe damage and for 20 miles, as far as Bishop’s Stortford, there is minor damage. Blast and heat flash from the bomb could also cause severe burns to people exposed in the open and if the bomb exploded on the ground or in water mud thrown up would be very radio-active and would be carried for many, many miles. But if an ‘ordinary’ atom bomb was dropped the centre of destruction would be only a half-mile radius.

1954 10 27

Railway engines seem to be making a habit of running off the lines into the cottage garden of the crossing keeper at Coldham's Lane, Cambridge. For the second time in recent months a goods locomotive has gone astray there when the engine travelling light (without wagons) made a mess of his well-kept plot. The large crane used in lifting the heavy vehicle was brought to the scene and the engine was lifted back on to the line. Dislocation to other traffic was very light. # c.26.2

1954 10 28
There has been some loss of historic buildings in Cambridgeshire, especially the medieval Beaupre Hall near Outwell. Messrs J.W. Green has uncovered the fine medieval timber frame of the Royal Oak public house at Barrington, though they took away the Jacobean bay window which had been added when the hall was divided to give an upper floor. The post mill on Madingley Hill has been taken over by David Robinson and would form a charming centre to his racing establishment. Bourn Mill has been very carefully repaired and braced by the Cambridge Preservation Society

1954 10 29 c
The Cambridge Adventure Playgrounds Committee was launched. Children spent too much time idle. There should be a revival of interest in playgrounds which were what the children really wanted and not what the parents though they should have. The space should be used to best advantage, but there was trouble with the planners who, with their passion for tidiness, ironed out the places where the children could play and planted geranium beds there instead. Children needed an indefinite number of different types of playground for there was a variety of things they wanted to do, from free activity to pulling things down and building them up again.

1954 10 29 ES
Comins erect pig certification centre – photo. 54 10 29ES

Stack-thatching competition. 54 10 29(4)ES *

1954 10 30
An inquiry was held into plans for a 14-acre pit at Milton; it would produce much-needed gravel and the workings would be useful as rubbish tips. The owner had taken it to provide sand for his roofing tiles business and owned it for 25 years. He would keep it under agriculture as long as possible and it would take 20 years before the mine covered all the land. But the county council said Milton was an expanding village and needed a recreation ground. Householders petitioned against it saying the pit was not wanted at Milton

1954 10 30
The ultra-modern Bassingbourn Village College which will be the focal point of cultural and social life for 11 Cambridgeshire villages was officially opened by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr R.A. Butler. It is the first village college to be opened since the war; seven more are planned and sites already acquired at Swavesey and Soham. It would help to stop the drift away from agricultural to industrial areas which might seriously upset the economic balance of the country. A crowd of villagers gathered to watch the arrivals and a detachment of police were on duty to deal with about 250 cars which choked the entrance to the school and overflowed on to the approach road.

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1954 11 01
Miller's music shop has transformed its Sidney Street Cambridge premises with an up-to-date, spacious and extremely attractive front of an entirely unique design. The windows are non-reflective and the lower ground floor, which is so popular with record lovers but previously almost completely hidden way, now has a mirrored view from the street. You can now pause in your shopping and look in the window, whether it be the television set your husband has promised the family for Christmas or one of the many different instruments on display. – 54 11 01 # c.27.2

1954 11 01
The old Shire Hall Assize courts no longer existed; it had been pulled down. That could not be altered; it was down and a new one had to be built, councillors were told. The Judges appreciate the temporary accommodation but occasionally inquire when the Assizes are expected to be held once more in the re-built Courts; they might get tired of waiting for them. We did not want to lose Cambridge as an Assize town. A proposal to defer their erection for two years was withdrawn but tenders will not be submitted for a year.

1954 11 05
Flying saucers on Parker's Piece and water-skiing in academic dress on the Cam. These are part of the many weird and wonderful things that will happen when the University Poppy Day raggers get going. Saturday is always an important shopping day in Cambridge and all shoppers are advised to carry large amounts of coppers with them – just in case they are stopped by the revellers.

1954 11 05 ES
Water in milk. 54 11 05(ES)

Ely veterans offered use hut on Barracks Field. 54 11 05(ES)

1954 11 06
Police helmets will be treasured possession in the homes of undergraduates and Cambridge 'Teddy-Boys' who contributed to the Guy Fawkes Night high jinks. One police constable, helmet-less, went back to base for another. But in double-quick time this went too! Frequent clashes broke out between police and revellers. In Market Square a crowd of more than 5,000 screamed, shouted, pushed and laughed but it was 'good natured fooling'. "Teddy" girls screamed at each bang, unsuspecting undergraduates were pounced on by Proctors and 'Bulldogs' and there were boos and hisses each time an untidy-looking urchin was led away, and each time the urchin would protest his innocence of throwing any fireworks.

1954 11 06
There was absolute chaos in Cambridge as traffic was held up to allow Dick Turpin, complete with Bonny Black Bess, to go galloping through the streets. Outside Emmanuel College a Flying Bedstead made periodical attempts to get airborne while a gent dressed as an arm of the law directed traffic into Downing Street, whether cars and cyclists wanted to go or not. In Sidney Street traffic was halted when the "Vice-Chancellor's" procession walked slowly down the centre of the road, complete with pick-axes and shovels slung over their shoulders. It was part of the Poppy Day Rag.

1954 11 06
Impington Village College has been open for 15 years; there are now 460 pupils with new buildings including a fine new music room and engineering workshop. A new block of classrooms was being added and there was to be a dining room and kitchen. Soon it would possess the finest buildings of any school in the English countryside. Beautiful buildings were a necessity Henry Morris, the Chief Education Officer, told their Speech Day. Leisure had become one of the great problems of our lives. Passive amusements such as television and football pools were not a good thing. He hoped boys and girls would come back to the college in the evening and do things with their own hands.

Cambridgeshire House, p13

1954 11 09
Sir – as one who wishes to guard the 'Backs' from the abuses of motorists may I draw attention to that stretch of Queen's Road from Burrell's Walk to St John's Wilderness? On both sides of the road are grass margins which motorists use for cheap parking. One individual has the cool cheek to park his car at the corner at 9 a.m. and it is still there four hours later. Recently a heavy lorry drove off the road, crushing the verge flat, so that the driver and his mate could have their midday meal and on

several occasions I have seen this side full of cars. Wooden rails have been erected on the other side of Burrell's Walk and I hope these will be continued along the stretch in question – 'Non-collegiate' Shire Hall courts, p7

1954 11 09
British military officers and civilian personnel from the Lakenheath air base witnessed a 'Skysweeper' firing demonstration at Weybourne range, Norfolk. This is the U.S. army's largest calibre automatic anti-aircraft artillery weapon – an artillery machine gun. It is the first weapon with radar, computer and gun on one carriage with fully integrated gun and fire control. The units are designed to spot and track with radar and aim and fire the gun semi-automatically at enemy aircraft flying near-sonic speeds at low and medium altitudes.

1954 11 09 c
Sir – there is no doubt that Cambridge is well-equipped with cinemas but why is it that the two largest endeavour to attract more patrons by boasting a so-called 'wide screen'. All this does is slice a strip off the top and bottom of the picture. Surely the producer bases his composition on the dimensions of a normal screen so why are we not allowed to see what he intended. It is considered that the removing of hats, heads and feet from people are an advance in film presentation? – W.R. Johnson, Magdalene College

1954 11 10
A police officer began an inquiry after his curiosity aroused by seeing two boys' bicycles lying on the grass verge beside a fenland road near Soham. As a result 14 children, six girls, appeared in court. A thirteen-year-old girl was charged with having had relations with at least eight boys since 1951, mostly on the way home from school. "This sort of thing seems to be so rife in this district as to show a deplorable state of affairs", the magistrate said.

1954 11 10 c
A television service for East Anglia and improvements in sound broadcasting by means of Very High Frequency transmissions from a station to be built at Tacolneston, Norfolk, have been announced by the B.B.C. Television services will begin in February and will cover the greater part of Norfolk and Suffolk. The V.H.F. service will be completed by 1956. The Midland Home Service which already includes news, weather forecasts and other programmes reflecting the Norwich area will extend its range to Cambridgeshire.

1954 11 12
Haslingfield mill, p4

1954 11 12 ES
Death F.J. Lincoln, Riverside Boathouse – river memories. 54 11 12ES # c.26.3

1954 11 15
Corn Exchange floor, p9

1954 11 16
It is said that nude shows are killing the variety theatre. Well now the Cambridge New Theatre gives you a chance to form your own opinion. The leading lady is none other than 'Jane', the famous strip cartoon character; we catch glimpses of her flitting behind illuminated screens or lying on discreetly lighted couches. There are also a variety of young ladies performing weird and wonderful gyrations in varying stages of dress and undress – all for the sake of art and culture no doubt. In my opinion nude shows are becoming too frequent and the novelty is beginning to wear off somewhat.

1954 11 17
The Automobile Association has put into service a new radio transmitting station from their Cambridge headquarters in Hills Road which gives continuous communication with 'A.A.' patrols

with a radius of 40 miles. There are six radio-controlled motor-cycle combinations together with a Land Rover to provide prompt assistance for motorists whenever a breakdown occurs on the road.

Tv reception, p9

1954 11 18
Councillors discussed the problems of building a new school on Cherryhinton Road, Cambridge. It was known that the site was water-logged and deep piles would have to be provided for the foundations. Chesterton Library which had been built on deep piles was already cracking up and for the same thing to happen to this expensive school would be disastrous. These difficulties had been pointed out to the Planning Officer but they supported the 'green field' site that was now developing into a 'green G-string'

CD feeding, p6
Tv reception, p9

1954 11 19
Cambridge Marriage Guidance Council last year saw 145 new cases. 66 of them were of marital disharmony, the rest being preparation of young people for marriage and help in marriages already happy but needing guidance. Since its formation in 1946 1,029 people have been seen and helped. Now they are seeking offices and consulting rooms rather than working in private houses.

1954 11 19 ES
Prickwillow new Methodist schoolroom. 54 11 19ES

Death Frank Howe, Soham, secretary Ely Cinema Company. 54 11 19(3)ES

East Anglia T.V. station coming. 54 11 19(4)ES

1954 11 20
Thirty-seven gold coins – a sovereign and 36 half-sovereigns – were discovered by Cambridge corporation workmen, 23 of them in the sludge taken from the emptier at Swann's tip, Newmarket Road. This had come from the Birdwood Road and Norfolk Street area and when they investigated the gullies in the area thirteen further coins were found, two in a drain in Burleigh Street. These were heavy coins; they were unlikely to have been lost through a hole in a pocket; more likely they had been wrapped in something and disposed of by somebody who did not want to be found with them in his possession. Eight years ago a man in Long Road had been robbed of 100 sovereigns and 30 half-sovereigns – but there were more than this found.

1954 11 20
"The introduction of electronic accounting machines into the office will revolutionise accounting procedures and within a decade a managing director will be able to press a button and receive an up-to-the-minute balance sheet". This is the logical development of the punched-card system, a representative of Powers-Samas Accounting Machines told Cambridge accountants.

1954 11 20
Charles Woods of Cambridge has attended 500 performances at the Arts Theatre since it opened in 1936; he has also patronised the New Theatre for over 45 years and has a collection of over 1,000 programmes. Many people were not aware that in 1910 it was possible to listen-in to plays at London West-End theatres by telephone. The system was known as the 'Electrophone'. This had advantages over the present radio as you could choose your theatre and listen to the whole evening without interruption.

1954 11 22
Eastwood Cement's development programme includes the construction of a new rotary kiln at the Barrington Cement Works which is expected to be in production by next summer. It will then have three rotary kilns and necessary ancillary plant, all in first-class condition and having ample reserve of excellent raw materials for the manufacture of the highest grade Portland cement.

King & Harper, p14

1954 11 23
The Cambridgeshire Regiment is very much 'a family affair'. Three families were represented at the Sergeants' annual dinner. There were the Stubbings – Major Walter, his brother P.J. Stubbings and son 'Freddy', Mr William Whitby and his son Michael and Mr J.H. Kitson and his son Ron. Some say the Regiment has changed because it has become Ack-Ack, said Major Few. "But if you look at the list of Regiments which have been converted from Infantry to Ack-Ack you will find some of the pick of the London Territorial units. The units who were bound a make a good job of it were called in. That is why the Cambridgeshires are no longer infantry"

1954 11 24
Lister racing, p7

1954 11 25
A startling saga of the mysterious vehicle which will be used for the conveyance of nurses and laundry around Peterborough district was related at a meeting of the Hospital Board at Papworth Hall. The old vehicle had been involved in an accident and was so damaged that the cost of repairing it was too high - its scrap value was only £10. A new one was needed and it was proposed to buy a new Bedford Utilecon 'All Purpose Ambulance'. But it was not clear whether they wanted an ambulance or a vehicle of another sort; members tried to explain the difference but no one seemed really clear as to the definition of 'ambulance'

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Tv reception, p9

1954 11 26
The women of Cambridge on the whole seem to prefer casual clothes although these can look smart, said the Vogue Pattern Stylist who is at Eaden Lilley's all this week helping people with their fashion problems. This is beneficial to the home dress-maker who saves a lot of expense by making her own clothes. If she is in need of any help or wants to know some trade hints she cannot ask a professional dress-maker but can ask her. Some cannot summon up enough courage but they need not be timid. She advises women to buy patterns one size smaller because they allow two inches on all their patterns. "It is not the amount of money you spend that makes you well dressed, but good taste and knowing how to wear your clothes", she said.

1954 11 26
Haverhill National Farmers' Union is tackling the problem of marketing pork, which has been a worry to pig producers all over the country. There has been a glut of pigs on the market and poor prices were paid to the farmer, yet the price was correspondingly high. Their idea is to persuade local fish friers to start a new line in 'Fried pork and chips'. It will be a popular change for younger people after the cinemas and make a nice addition to the tea table.

1954 11 26
Jimmy Young, one of Britain's most successful singing stars is certain to prove a big attraction as 'top of the bill' at Cambridge's New Theatre. His recording of 'Too Young' was launched in August 1951 and within a week reached unprecedented sales figures. Since then he has made over 300 radio and tv appearances and toured theatres in Britain and America. He has a legion of ardent followers, many of them middle-aged, who knit him pullovers and socks. Some even bake him cakes.

1954 11 26 ES
Prickwillow Methodist stone-laying. 54 11 26(2)ES *

1954 11 27
Cambridge Assize Courts should be moved to the City Library site at the Guildhall, councillors suggested. There might be some overcrowding on the first day of the Assize when all the prisoners, witnesses and jurymen in all cases had to be present or if there was a case that attracted particular public interest. But there would be a substantial saving in capital expenditure. For some time they had wished to provide new premises for the library as the Central Lending Library and Reading Rooms were no longer adequate; before the war there had been proposals to move it to the old Post Office building in Petty Cury. # c.77.4

1954 11 29
Police in the Haverhill area used loudspeaker cars on Saturday to warn the public of the danger of lighting fires near the river. The danger of fire and explosion arose when about 8,000 gallons of jet fuel got into a stream at Withersfield. As this leads into the River Stour farmers were told not to allow cattle to drink from it. On Sunday the danger of fire was much less but there was still a smell of petrol and oil vapours. The alarm was raised after a lady noticed that her dog was covered with oil.

Assize courts

1954 11 30
Victoria Road, p8
Lighting, p8
Milton Army camp, p11

1954 11 30 c
So many members of the public attended a meeting of the Newmarket Urban District Council that additional chairs had to be brought into the council chamber. Even then about 30 people were told they could not attend because standing orders laid down that members of the public should be seated. Those who did get in heard a lengthy debate on light industry and a proposal by Messrs Alperson's, the local caravan manufacturer, to take over Harraton House Exning for light industry. Proposals to convert Harraton House stables and build 12 houses on an adjoining paddock had previously been agreed.

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1954 12 01
The Government is prepared to increase Cambridge's allocation of houses from 200 to 250 in 1955. The Council has already agreed to the erection of 100 houses by the Hundred Houses Society and a minimum of 100 houses a year should be provided for rehousing families displaced as a result of slum clearance. The City Surveyor drew attention to 12 houses in Victoria Road and 20 in Stanley Road which have no hot water supply, no bath or lavatory basin, nor a deep sink with trapped water. Hot water can only be obtained by means of solid fuel or gas copper.

1954 12 01
Cambridge councillors suggest that 20 cottages fronting to East Road, 18 of which are empty, should be developed as soon as possible by the erection of flats. Under the new Development Plan East Road would become a trunk road and with the construction of the Chesterton Bridge the amount of traffic would greatly increase. This would cause a considerable widening and the possible construction of dual carriageways which would leave very little of the site of the cottages available for development.

1954 12 01

The Ministry of Housing is prepared to hand over the emergency housing units on Donkey Common to Cambridge city council. Planning permission for the continued use of the huts as living accommodation has been given until 30th September 1957 or until such time as major repairs are required. The huts can then be removed and the land reinstated as a public open space.

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1954 12 03
A Vampire jet aircraft from RAF Oakington attempting to land on a disused runway at Bourn aerodrome overshot and crashed across the main Cambridge to St Neots Road. It landed in a field and burst into flames. The pilot managed to pull himself clear of the wreckage suffering from severe burns and was given first aid by Sister Joan Webb of the Medical Research Department of Bourn Pest Control. All that was recognisable of the wreckage was the tail assembly and jet engine propulsion unit. The pavement on the other side of the road was smashed and crumpled by the impact when the plane crashed. # c.26.1

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1943 12 04
Public orator, p7

1954 12 06
Cambridge Sanitary Inspectors applied for payment of overtime in respect of duties carried out at slaughterhouses outside normal hours. As from next January officers with a salary of less than £640 pa would be entitled to overtime but some payment was needed in respect of work already done. Their work was different from others as they were liable to be called out at six in the morning or on Sundays. Overtime payments would be about £100, the alternative was to appoint an extra man knowing he would not be fully employed, which was ridiculous.

1954 12 06
The Government has partially allowed an appeal by Moss (Cambridge) Ltd over two advertising boards displayed at first floor level on a shop in Hills Road. It says that one of them seriously detracts from the appearance of the building. The premises are at a busy junction in a mixed locality. On the opposite side are two large garages and a parade of shops. To the north the road crosses over the railway and adjoining the bridge are the rail goods yards and the market. There are large advertising hoardings on each side of the bridge and numerous other advertisements on buildings in the vicinity

1954 12 09
Home Guard party, p5
Storm, p9

1954 12 10
Cambridge M. P. Hamilton Kerr has received numerous letters from occupiers of shops and offices anxious about the effects of re-valuation. These are going to be assessed on present-day values whereas dwelling-houses will be based on 1939 values. This is because owing to the acute housing shortage since the war there has been no normal market in houses to give a reliable indication of true values. In some areas houses are deliberately undervalued and industrial premises assessed on a favoured basis to attract industry. It is 20 years since the last valuation and further delay will prolong countless anomalies and blatant injustices.

Littleport farm sale, p7

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Caius war memorial, p13

1954 12 13
Barton school extension, p9

1954 12 14
It was a really grand and successful annual show and sale organised by the Cambridge Fat Stock Show Society, but typically it had to rain. Nevertheless farmers and visitors kept up a steady attendance. By far the most outstanding entries were in the carcass competition – the first held outside Smithfield. The champion prize was won by Stanley Hoy of Holland Hall, Melbourn, with an Aberdeen-Angus polled steer while Messrs L. Shepperson of March won the class for the best heifer, horned or de-horned with no more than two broad teeth.

1954 12 15
Trumpington industrial hostel is one of the few remaining hostels opened in 1947 to accommodate Poles from the Polish Resettlement Corps on the transfer to civilian status. It has continued as an industrial hostel with Polish residents numbering more than half the total. The 130 residents are employed locally but it is a costly business and it will shortly be closed. Many of those displaced will probably find lodgings with other Polish workers who have homes in the neighbourhood.

1954 12 17
Electricity supplies have been inadequate in the Newmarket area for some time but now a large bulk supply point has been installed at Fulbourn Old Drift and fed from the Barford Power Station. For months the huge overhead lines have been making their way across country. Previously the initial 132,000 volts supply had to be transferred down to 33,000 volts and carried overland but now with the new high tension system it will reach Fulbourn at the maximum level. It will help areas that have previously suffered from a serious drop in voltage during winter months.

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1954 12 23
One cold December night just before Christmas 1933 a dozen motor cycling enthusiasts gathered in a room over a public house in Chesterton and decided to form the Centaur Motor Cycle Club. Pre-war it was mainly a social club catering for the weekend rider. With war came petrol rationing and shortage of oil but the club somehow kept going. In 1945 it began to get back on its feet, organising the first scramble at Caxton. They then pioneered events such as trials, grass track racing and sidecar events. Now, 21 years later, over 160 members crowded into the Dorothy Restaurant to celebrate the club's coming-of-age

1954 12 23

Saying farewell to Mr Henry Morris who is retiring from the post of Chief Education Officer after 34 years the County Council presented him with a portable typewriter and a filing cabinet. He had seen that modern transport which would otherwise transform the countryside into a widespread suburb and the rural hinterland into a cultural void, could be harnessed to create a rural region for the provision of educational and social amenities. He created the Village College as a rural community centre providing facilities for the countryman as good as those offered in towns. He had reinvigorated the school curriculum, improved the quality of teaching and established school gardens at Bottisham and Bassingbourn. – 54 12 23

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1954 12 24
About 400 youngsters crowed into the Rex Cinema, Cambridge, to enjoy a special party for members of the Roy Rogers Club. After seeing a rip-roaring six-shooting picture of cowboys and their hosses the delighted youngsters raced into the Ballroom for the grand party. Everyone received a special Christmas letter from their cowboy hero: 'Howdy Boys and Girls. It sure is swell to send you personal greetings from Dale, Trigger, Bullet and the whole gang. Wishing you wagon loads of fun and a happy trails in the coming year'. The letter was signed by Roy and his 'four-legged friend', Trigger

1954 12 28
For 240 patients at Addenbrooke's Hospital Christmas was anything but a disappointment and one man said it was one of the best he had ever spent. All the wards were decorated on different and original themes; Bowtell Ward had been transformed into a zoo, an animal guarded each bed and there were pink elephants in the corner. Griffiths Ward depicted almost every kind of winter sport, Albert was a mass of inn signs with a stuffed fox suspended from the ceiling, and there were gay coloured candles round a red brick fireplace in Tipperary, which was turned into 'Fallow Wick Inn'.

1954 12 28 c
Although there were four babies born at the Cambridge Maternity Hospital on Christmas day, not one was given a seasonable name. The first to arrive was Susan Ellis of Beche Road, then Graham Child of Cherry Hinton followed by Peter Michael Jones of Sawston and Jeremy David Pratt of Hills Road, Cambridge.

1954 12 28 c
The Mayor of Saffron Walden made a public 'draw' for tickets for the Wilfred Pickles' "Have a Go" radio show. Fifty people sat and shivered in the Corn Exchange; the wind blew and frequent bursts of rain through the roof damped the clothes if not the spirits of those who sat waiting expectantly. The BBC had issued 300 tickets for the Town Hall and 200 for the Corn Exchange and the best thing was to draw for them. Lists of successful applicants will be displayed outside the Town Hall and the town office of the CDN

1954 12 29
After the best-selling year for nylons there are even better prospects for 1955. Sales for Christmas were colossal, as stockings were a favourite present from men to women. By the spring one will be able to walk into a shop and ask for the brand we like in the colour, denier and leg length. The 12 denier 'invisible' stockings will be joined by a new luxury kind called 'super-invisible. They are nine denier but don't expect to see many because there are only a few machines in this country on which they can be made

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1955 01 03
Henry Wilkin, chief clerk of Cambridgeshire County Council, has retired after 55 years' service. At the age of 13 he had entered the office of a solicitor who in 1899 became Clerk to the Council, starting his career with local government and receiving five shillings a week out of which he had to hire a barrow to take books to the council office. He had served under three clerks, Samuel Ginn, Ashley Tabrum and Charles Phythian. He was presented with a small walnut bureau and a Westminster chiming grandmother clock. # c.35.1

1955 01 05
Wilfred Pickles' "Have a Go" radio programme was broadcast from Papworth when he probed into the private lives of six of the inhabitants of the Settlement. It was the first time the programme had visited a tuberculosis centre and the most memorable interview was with the Matron, Miss Robinson, who told of her work; her great sincerity and understanding must have impressed many people. Also on the programme were Jackie Hobbs, John Mead, Joseph French the transport manager, David Wilkie and Charles Benstead who had been in the Settlement 26 years to the day. He won the jackpot of £2 15s.5d. and a Papworth pullet.

1955 01 06
Nearly 50 strangely-clad figures could be seen in gas masks and yellow capes at the University Laboratories in Pembroke Street. All were highly qualified chemists and scientists, members of the Civil Defence Corps receiving instruction in a mobile gas chamber where paralysing nerve gas was sprayed on them and they made various tests, fully protected by special protective clothing. Unprotected persons would be sick and the gas would cause blindness. They also received instruction in atomic warfare and chemistry. – 55 01 06 # c.45.8

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National Provincial Bank Ely to open. 55 01 07ES

1955 01 08
Two social functions at Dale's Brewery, Cambridge tempted hard-headed businessmen to drive twenty miles through snow. They were beer-sampling evenings. Now that draught been is no longer brewed there Whitbread made arrangements for members of service messes, clubs and university bars to taste their best ale, bitter and Burton draught beer. Other arrangements will be made for licensed houses. The famous Gwydir Street premises with its landmark of a Gold Cup on the roof will now only be used as a free trade bottling store.

1955 01 10
The old dramatic clubs are faced with serious competition with the formation of the Magpie Players who presented their first play at the Queen Edith School. The play was not a particularly good one and depends on swift production. That it was not produced with the necessary speed was partly due to the

direction and partly to one player who was not quite at home with his words. But this was the only fault.

1955 01 11
Mustard gas exploded at Lord's Bridge RAF station after fire broke out in a hangar. The gas, left over from the last war, was being used for experimental purposes. It was being disposed of gradually with the last 125 tons stored in a sunken concrete container. An area was cordoned off and fire tenders were quickly in attendance. It is anticipated that the fire would have destroyed any effects of the gas but medical authorities warned local civilians that if they suffered any reddening of the skin they could obtain immediate medical attention from the RAF. – 55 01 11# c.45.8

1955 01 12
A builder appealed for permission to erect a house on land adjoining Willingham Green, Weston Colville. There had been cottages on the site that were demolished some time ago. He was willing to give a piece of land to construct a lay-by so that vehicles could park off the road, which was not a busy one. But the planners said that it was on a dangerous bend, if granted they could not refuse permission to anyone else and houses would spring up on either side.

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Cambridge United stand, p11

1955 01 13
Complaints of hooliganism and late-night disturbances were aired at a stormy meeting to discuss parking arrangements for Magrath Avenue, Cambridge. The longest tirade came from one lady who said her husband was a working man and unable to get a proper night's sleep as the men outside were half drunk and the women a darned sight worse. New proposals would create parking spaces in front of the Rex Cinema and in Clare Street so as to avoid people blocking the back entrances to houses.

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1955 01 15
Complaints of flooding in the Hauxton Mill to Shelford area have been investigated and the River Cam will be dredged to eliminate the risk of summer flooding. No such scheme for improvement has previously ever been undertaken by the Great Ouse Catchment Board. The proposed by-pass at Barton Mills would involve a dual-carriageway bridge directly over the lock gate and reduce the length of the lock by 25 feet. But there was no active navigation on this part of the River Lark and a combined bridge and sluice structure could be built.

1955 01 17
Road conditions were so bad on Sunday night that all Cambridgeshire police cars were called in and this morning the roads were still very dangerous. At Earith the road is flooded to a depth of ten inches. There was one early-morning bather at Jesus Green swimming bath, but he declined to give his name. He took his dip in water which was just four degrees above freezing!

1955 01 17
Mr Ernest Saville Peck, a former Mayor of Cambridge, has died. He had a long and distinguished career in all those spheres in which he chose to work. He adorned all offices he held and some of his

activities reached the very top rung of the ladder. Born in 1866 he entered the old-established pharmaceutical business owned by his father. During the first War he inaugurated an anti-gas school and having studied gas warfare in France was sent to America to assist in the training of gas defensive measures there. He was the first President of the Cambridge Rotary Club and founder member of the Air Training Corps

1955 01 17
A Cottenham man, H.A. Harvey, is planning to run a 'Poor Man's Tour' to the Continent by luxury coach. A Belgian tour will cost £22 and people could be picked up at Histon. This will save having to make a horrifying journey across London to reach the coach station. But Barton Transport, Eastern Counties and Mr H. Richmond objected. One said that in spite of wide advertising last year they had only received six firm bookings and there was not a great deal of Continental traffic from Cambridge. British Railways say that they would not expect a great demand for excursions in this area.

1955 01 18
Members of the Labour Party fought their way through a snowstorm to get to a ceremony at which the Labour Hall was re-named the Alex Wood Memorial Hall in memory of one of Cambridge's most prominent socialists. Speakers paid tribute to Dr Wood, who was bracketed by Mrs Leah Manning – founder member of the Cambridge Labour Party – with Dr Albert Schweitzer and Mahatma Gandhi because of his 'overwhelming love for humanity'. In the early days the Party was not in very great repute and many who belonged to it were not held in great repute either, she said. # c.33

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1955 01 19
Arbury land, p12

1955 01 21
Ely is the only town which has done nothing at all in the way of providing parking facilities and motorists should boycott it in order to get the situation improved, the Chief Constable said. On Market Day the High Street was choc-a-block with cars parked bumper to bumper down both sides, leaving a narrow channel for vehicles to pass down the middle. It was very dangerous for ladies with prams and pedestrians trying to cross. It was the same in Market Street and in Nutholt Lane, the main approach to the sugar beet factory, they found cattle floats parked forcing many drivers to get on the pavement when meeting approaching vehicles. "Half of Ely is taken up by the Cathedral and its grounds and I have only the other half to use for parking and this is comprised of narrow streets", he complained. 55 01 21c

1955 01 21
A proposal to sell up to 300 plots of the Arbury Road housing estate for private building was question by City Councillors. Messrs Mowlem had asked for plots for 100 houses and William Sindall were interested in another 29 fronting Arbury Road. The council was faced with slum clearance and would have to buy land to re-house the people displaced. The Housing Committee existed to provide as many houses for people as possible and if builders offered to erect 300 houses with subsidy, without adding to the rates or national taxation then they could to welcome them. But people affected by slum clearance would not be able to afford these houses. 55 01 21 # c.23

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1955 01 21 ES
Parson Drove vicar, Fred Halliwell, death. 55 01 21(3)ES

1955 01 22
Cambridge has a new publishing company. The Golden Head Press has been formed to promote the production of fine books with original subject matter that for economic reasons would normally fall outside the province of larger publishers. It has been run on a limited scale by Mr Raymond Lister but with its formation into a company the scope may be widened. The Chairman is Dr Philip Grosse, a Trinity don well known for his 'History of Piracy' and the secretary A.K. Astbury is a London journalist. 55 01 22a

1955 01 26
Pye Telecommunications has just despatched the first consignment of equipment to the Sui Gas pipeline in West Pakistan. It includes an extensive communications system providing speech and teleprinter channels, a fixed-to-mobile scheme giving complete coverage of the pipeline route and a duplex HF radio-telephone between Karachi and Sui. Last year a team of Pye engineers completed a survey of the route and in a few weeks the installation team will be flying out for the final stage of the contract. 55 01 26

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1955 01 28
The Bishop's Palace at Ely was requisitioned by the War Office in 1943 for use as a convalescent home and since then the Bishop has been living in the old Deanery. Now the Church Commissions have agreed to purchase the Deanery and make it the official residence. They will also take over full responsibility for the Palace, now used as a school for crippled girls. There will be regrets but it is no longer appropriate for a Minister of the Gospel to live in such as house as the Palace. 55 01 28

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Attempt remove US Hospital from Wimpole Hall p13

1955 01 28 ES
Prickwillow fire. 55 01 28ES

1955 01 29
Cambridge and District Co-operative Society has introduced flavoured milk. Though not an entirely new drink the local Co-op is the only Society to produce it at present. It is produced at their Sleaford Street dairy and is made from 86 per cent full cream pasteurised milk, sugar and flavouring. It is available in strawberry, banana, orange, raspberry and pineapple flavours and contained in third-pint bottles which sell at fourpence each. 55 01 29

Bourn Home Guard, p9
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1955 01 31
Sandy Floral and Horticultural Society is to be wound up after 80 years due to lack of interest and rising costs. It had a wonderful name throughout the county but the number of members kept dropping and it would be a waste of time and money to hold further meetings. Now was the time to wind up while they were still solvent. It had enjoyed a glorious existence. Hardly a catalogue of any sort was produced nowadays without something which had first been shown at Sandy show appearing in it. They had had some wonderful shows and magnificent exhibits. The cups which were valued at £190 should not be disposed of as scrap 55 01 31

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1955 02 02

Plans are going ahead for the new Arbury Road Estate which should in time take a large bite out of Cambridge's 4,337 housing waiting list. Stage one will include about 240 houses, flats and bungalows; a shopping centre; two churches (Church of England and Methodist); a cinema and a public house. Already roads and sewers have been laid and it is hoped to start building some of the houses this year. But the shops will be a longer-job and will be built to keep pace with the demand. The new Primary School should be occupied this September. The land to the south of Arbury Road will ultimately accommodate 1,600 families in Council and privately-owned houses and it is possible the land to the north may be developed along the same lines. 55 02 02

1955 02 02
Flames shot 30 feet into the air as a Vampire Jet aircraft crashed in Landbeach, narrowly missing the church, school and rectory. Villagers crowded round the Rectory paddock where the plane fell. The crash stopped at meeting of the Women's Institute in the Rectory; the ladies ran out and saw the planes in flames but when they found they could not help they resumed their meeting. The body of the pilot was found almost at the door of the church, about 50 yards from the aircraft. 55 02 02a

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1955 02 05
Magistrates were told that the Royal Hotel, Trumpington Street, Cambridge had been granted a restricted licence in 1938, permitting them to sell drinks to residents and persons partaking of meals, but no person could go in solely for a drink. This could now be waived. It caused the management some embarrassment. The hotel was a convenient place for motorists and passers-by and to go to other hotels a driver had to plunge into the centre of the town with its maze of one-way streets. Guests came from Addenbrooke's Hospital and Brooklands Avenue. It would not become 'a drinking house camouflaged as a residential hotel'. 55 02 05

1977 02 07
The Persian Ambassador visited Cambridge to mark the inauguration of the University Iran Association which aimed to introduce undergraduates to Iranian culture, politics and social structure. People had heard of Persian carpets and Persian cats and some were aware of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, but that was as far as it went. Iran's own university had established scholarships for Persians who wished to study in Cambridge & he expressed gratitude for the facilities provided for Iranian studies. 55 02 07

1955 02 07
Customers at the 'Three Tuns', Willingham continually asked for 'shorts', the licensee, Percy Collett, told magistrates when applying for a full licences instead of his existing beer-only one. It was one of the better houses and the demand for wine and spirits justified it. The application was granted after police had no objections. The licence for the 'Ringers Rest' in the village was temporarily transferred from Vivian Hadden to Arthur Sewell. 55 02 07a

1955 02 07
The Seaber Café at Red Lodge, Freckenham, a well-known roadside 'pull-up' on the main Norwich to Newmarket Road was almost gutted by fire. Just after eight o'clock Mr Reynard of the Road House Café opposite heard a loud explosion and saw the café was ablaze. It had been open for business during the day but was closed early that evening and the manager was away in Norwich. The explosion blew out the front and part of the side walls of the café and furniture was strewn across the car park. The cause of the explosion is being investigated 55 02 07b

1955 02 08

The number of dwellings in Cambridgeshire has doubled in 20 years, figures from the 1951 census show. Most areas have seen increases of between 20 and 30 per cent but Cambridge has increased its dwellings by 49 per cent and the adjacent Chesterton Rural District by 32 per cent. Cambridgeshire administrative county had 50,595 structurally separate dwellings including four houseboats and 259 caravans, the Isle of Ely had 27,043 including eight houseboats and 14 caravans and Huntingdonshire 19,293 including 31 boats and 132 caravans. 55 02 08

1955 02 09
When the 1951 census was take a record was made of birthplace and nationalities. From a total population in Cambridgeshire of 166,887, 158,383 were English born while 2,112 came from Scotland, 1,613 from Wales and 1,151 from the Irish Republic. There were 318 people born in the colonies and 6,476 from foreign countries including 3,757 aliens. Whereas 63 per cent of the population of the Isle of Ely were born in the county, only 47 per cent of Huntingdonshire residents were actually born there thus illustrating the expansion of the population by immigration 55 02 09

1955 02 09
The 'character' of Grange Road was an elusive quality a planning inquiry was told when a retired scientist applied to build a house in Grange Gardens, Cambridge. But the planners say the house, which is comparatively small, would not harmonise with the neighbourhood. The applicant owned one plot of land but the planners would only consent to her building on two. 'We cannot afford large houses these days; many of the existing houses had been converted into flats and were mediocre from an architectural point of view. Land is increasingly difficult to get and large and small houses should be developed, provided they were well designed', she said. 55 02 09

1955 02 11
Jawaharlad Nehru, Prime Minister of India was admitted to honorary membership of the Cambridge Union Society. He had earlier visited Trinity College where he was an undergraduate 45 years ago; since then generations of graduates had come and gone and there had been two great wars; the world had changed greatly and he wondered how people at Cambridge were changing. He was here to receive an Honorary Degree but the honorary membership of the Union Society was in a sense more precious, he said. 55 02 11

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Home Guard rocket

1955 02 14
The most 'revolutionary' and up-to-date coach in Cambridge was given its first official run. The new coach is owned by Progressive Coaches. Everything is done for passenger comfort. 'Sorbo' rubber seats have special headrests, two heaters supply warm air and radio loudspeakers are fitted along the roof. Fully-laden it travels for over 20 miles on one gallon of diesel oil as it has a two-speed electrical rear action gear device. At the flick of a switch the automatic overdrive comes into operation, reducing gear changing and wear and tear. Mr 'Paddy' Harris hopes to have a fleet of these outstanding vehicles. 55 02 14

1955 02 14
The Bishop of Masasi presided at a High Mass in the Chapel of Trinity College organised by the Cambridge branch of the Universities Mission to Central Africa. It was the first High Mass to be held there since the Reformation and the chapel was well filled by undergraduates and a large number of city people. The U.M.C.A. Missionaries originally settled on Zanzibar Island and then moved to Rhodesia, Nigeria and Tangyanika. The Diocese of Masasi was where the much-criticised ground nuts scheme started and failed because of the very poor soil. 55 02 14a

1955 02 15
It wasn't actually snowing when Jack Ellis had his swim: it was also rather warm for him at 36 degrees in the water and 30 degrees on the bank. This was nothing compared to January 29th when the temperature was 16 degrees and he had to get into the river to keep warm. Jack is 74 and the oldest of the three all-year-round bathers at Sheep's green baths. He has been swimming every day, except Sundays, since he was 65 55 02 15

1955 02 16
A Vampire jet aircraft on a training flight from Oakington crashed and exploded at Comberton, killing the pilot. Flaming twisted mangled parts of the plane carpeted a 500 yards radius, a bullock was badly injured and chickens were killed. A car was badly damaged. Pieces of the plane wreckage went through the roof of the kitchen of Fox's bridge Farmhouse where the farmer's wife was working. She described the noise as a 'terrific tornado' and flung herself down for safety. She tried to dial 999 but the telephone wires had been cut by the crashing aircraft. 55 02 16a

1955 02 16
A Meteor jet aircraft made a successful forced landing at Newmarket. The pilot informed his companion that he had run out of fuel and had to attempt a landing. He missed the racecourse runway at his first approached and was compelled to land on the Heath. The landing was perfect and the aircraft came to a halt at the finishing post on the Rowley Mile course, immediately opposite the photo-finish camera. A guard was mounted round the plane all night and the pilot took off next morning. 55 02 16b

1955 02 18
Houses in York Street were "drab and monotonous"; they were typical of the "very densely populated part of Cambridge and the sort of house you visualise when you talk of slum property", a Judge was told when a man claimed possession of a property in Milford Street. He had bought it in 1944 and now wished to live there; he'd offered the tenants alternative accommodation in York Street. But they objected to the move saying it was "a most unattractive and drab street" and that changing houses would put them "down the social scale". The Judge agreed saying the two streets were entirely different in character and the houses not in any way comparable". 55 02 18

1955 02 18
A scheme for the re-development of the Fitzroy Street area as the main commercial centre of Cambridge has been submitted by a London Architect. It is a counter-proposition to the official Development Plan which could only result in the eventual complete destruction of the essential character of the city. The greater part of the area consists of out-dated two-storey cottages with extensive yards and is largely a slum. Re-development is due and can be done without the restrictions of historical associations and high land values. There would be a series of attractive courtyards unencumbered with traffic, one of which is large enough to take the place of the present Market Hill. An essential feature of the scheme is a new thoroughfare to link Gonville Place with Victoria Avenue and complete the inner Ring Road. 55 02 18a

Comberton crash inquiry

1955 02 18 CIP
Jet crashes Comberton p1

1955 02 21
Policeman found coke in car. Two men appeared in court charged with the theft of 112 lbs of gas coke valued at 6s 6d from Mildenhall Gas Works. Police told how they stopped a car and found three bags of coke; the men claimed it was 'breeze' – a residue of coke that is sold in bulk for hardcore, but it was found to be good clean coke. Defendant said he left three empty sacks with a gas foreman on Friday and collected them again – full - on Sunday mornings. Both were convicted. 55 02 21

1955 02 23
Foxton snow photo, p7

1955 02 24
American authorities at Lakenheath and Mildenhall are to be asked to take steps to minimise the number of road accidents involving American car owners. The stretch of road from Barton Mills to Brandon has the blackest record of any in England. The hazards have been increased by Americans would are not conversant with road conditions in this country and drove left-hand drive vehicles. A number were being summonsed for road offences. A Brandon man was run into by an uninsured American. He had received £5 compensation and did not look like getting any more, yet he was incapacitated for life. None of this is calculated to improve Angl0-American relations. 55 02 24

1955 02 26
More than 100 local oarsmen gathered at the Lion Hotel to pay tribute to two Cambridgeshire Rowing Association officials, Mr Briscoe Snelson and Mr Red Alsop. They both came on the rowing scene about 1910 when there were nine clubs and 18 crews in the bumping races. At that time the Rob Roy Club had been head of the river for 14 out of the previous 15 years. From 1914 the Association was dormant for five years. It was in 1930 that the Oarmen's Service was originated; Snelson said: "I went along to see Canon Church, Rector of Fen Ditton and fixed it up. I told him we wanted to come in blazers and he replied: 'That's all right, my dear boy, come in pyjamas if you like!' 55 02 26

New Post Office, p8

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1955 03 01
Newmarket housing, p1

1955 03 04
Messrs Burtons of High Street Huntingdon applied for an off-licence in respect of wines and spirits. The branch had existed for over 50 years and because of the increasing popularity of television people spend more time at home leading to a greater demand for wines and spirits in the house. The wages of workers have increased quite a lot and they are now in a position to have the odd bottle of wine – perhaps for medicinal purposes or for a birthday. They look to their grocer to supply it on the few occasions during the year when then need it. But it was opposed by Messrs Hunter and Oliver who had an off-licence: usually when a person wanted a bottle of wine they would telephone or write a letter and it would be delivered. 55 03 04a

Ely Rural Council has received a letter from Schweppes, the London mineral water manufacturers asking whether there were any suitable sites for light industrial purposes. They are interesting in acquiring a factory in the Cambridge area and had been advised by a Board of Trade official that Ely would be a suitable place. They would require approximately three acres of ground suitable for erecting a single storey factory to bottling and distributing soft drinks. The Vice Chairman asked any member with any suggestions to let the Clerk know before he sent a reply. 55 03 04b

British Railways had considered closing the Cambridge-Mildenhall line because of its steady loss in revenue and uneconomic running costs. But now they hope that by the introduction of two-car diesel units and cheaper fares they can make the line a paying proposition. But people in Isleham had to walk to the station and in some instances this was three miles away; others had to go to Kennett station. They wanted convenience and had petitioned for a bus service. Messrs Murfet's would provide a bus into Cambridge for those who wished to shop or visit the cattle market; it would also serve Chippenham and Snailwell. 55 03 04

Beat tax – wedding, p5

1955 03 04 CIP
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Diesel cars to be introduced Mildenhall line p26 & high on branch line list 11th p16

1955 03 05
Sir - While surveying the exterior of premises over the Mac Fisheries in Petty Cury, Cambridge, I observed a row of iron spikes attached to the fascia board of the guttering. I presume they were fixed for the purpose of breaking up the large banks of snow leaving the roof and ensuring a more 'equitable distribution' on pedestrians using the pavement below. Such fittings must be something of a rarity – perhaps more observant readers can mention other buildings still retaining these spikes and enlighten me on their history – D.W. Overhill. 55 03 05

1955 03 07
A strong bleak wind driving the flames on two of a row of four thatched cottages at Fisher's Lane, Orwell, made operations difficult for the firemen. But by their combined efforts they confined the blaze to the roofs and upper rooms and completely saved the rest of the row from damage. The damaged cottages were occupied by 80 year-old Mrs Waldock and Mr & Mrs Titchmarsh. They were able to escape without injury and a band of willing helpers did what they could to rescue belongings until the arrival of the appliances. 55 03 07

Saffron Walden school open, p5

1955 03 11
Cambridge University Airborne Club organised a parachute jump from a balloon on the Pemberton Estate. In the first cage for jumping, which took place from the usual height of 800 feet, were four regular soldiers; they were followed by 28 members of the Airborne Club in drops of five, all of whom were attached to regiments of the 16th Parachute Division, Territorial Army. The wind was quite sharp and gusty and most of those who landed were dragged yards by their inflated canopies. Quite a crowd of spectators gathered to watch the descents and many cars and lorries were drawn up on the Trumpington Road. All ended happily, with a cup of tea. 55 03 11

A scheme for setting back and improving the banks of the Ely Ouse and Ten Mile River should be finished by 1958 and coincide with the completion of the Relief Channel. Homes accommodating 53 people are scheduled for demolition at Littleport and it is imperative that steps now be taken to provide new housing for them. If farm buildings are to be demolished early in 1956 farmers should be given notice so they have time to make alternative arrangements. 55 03 11a

Dimock, Stretham hairdresser, p19

1955 03 11 CIP
"Towards European unity p18
The Chesterton RDC "Kremlin" [21

1955 03 14
Sandy McPhearson, p5

1955 03 15
With the big top a blaze of coloured lights, people streamed to Midsummer Common to fill Chipperfields' Circus to capacity. It is the first time any circus has presented such a varied collection of animals, which include camels, llamas, zebras, a giraffe and Indian pythons. Polar bears are difficult to tame but Ricardo gets them to waltz, the black and grizzly bears delight the children, especially when one drinks a bottle of milk. The African lions were a little restless and snarled at Ricardo, but he made them form a pyramid and then lie at his feet. The seals balanced balls, the poodles rode a pony and one of the elephants even did a handstand. 55 03 15a

Plans for a new assize court at the Cambridge Guildhall would entail the entire rebuilding of a large proportion of the existing structure; there would be parking and traffic problems, though these would be eased with the Lion Yard multi-deck car park. The Council would be prepared to lease the premises occupied by the Library Department and the city sessions court could be used on payment of an agreed sum. 55 03 15 c

1955 03 16
The Belfast Linen shop is celebrating its jubilee. 50 years ago a young man of 23 cycled into Cambridge with £100 in his pocket and an ambition to start his own business. He was Harry Nichols. He took an empty shop in Regent Street and Belfast Linen Warehouses had begun. It was not all easy going and there were times when he could not even afford to buy a new suit. It is still a family concern. Royalty, famous hotels and colleges are among his patrons and the R.101 airship on its ill-fated flight had sheets and towels supplied by the firm. 55 03 16a

At present there are three factories in Haverhill but they used mainly female labour; now the council is seeking to attract industries which employ men. They will develop two industrial sites and provide homes for key workers. Aware the under the County Development Plan new industries are limited in Cambridge they have suggested to the City Council that any suitable applications be referred to them. This approach has been welcomed. 55 03 16b

Cambridge Gas Works is progressing with its new retort house near the Newmarket Road end of River Lane. The interior of the old disused retort house has been completely demolished and the new one should be completed by 1957. Coal will then flow into the retorts through closed hoppers and the coke will be extracted already quenched, eliminating a prolific source of dust and grit which has caused complaints from nearby residents. 55 03 16c

W. James leaves City Library, p11

1955 03 17
Cambridgeshire Regiment airborne

1955 03 18 ES
Ely photographer L.H. Salmon, proprietor of Starr & Rignall president EA Centre of Institute of British Photographers. 55 03 18ES *

Stretham Labour Party formed. 55 03 18(2)ES

1955 03 19
Three cottages in Gloucester Street have been purchased by the County Council who will demolish them to facilitate access to the land at the rear of Shire Hall. The cottages would shortly come outside the control of the Rents Act and they wanted to obtain possession. Until ready to start the proposed improvements they will use one of the cottages as temporary office accommodation. The present occupants will be rehoused in a Council house. 55 03 19

1955 03 20
Cambridge's New Theatre has introduced stereophonic sound for a production of 'Las Vegas'. There is nothing really revolutionary about the system which consists of a series of loudspeakers hung in various parts of the auditorium through which the voices of American singing stars are relayed as a background to the action on the stage. But it does show enterprise on the part of the producers and enterprise of any kind should be encouraged. 55 03 20

1955 03 21
The reflection of the sun's rays from a mirror upon some curtains, causing them to smoulder and ignite, is thought to have caused a fire which broke out at The Towers at Seward's End, Saffron Walden. Appreciable damage was done but it was confined to one of the towers. Some firemen

entered the turret and pulling the plaster from the walls found a beam alight. They put it out with a patent extinguisher. 55 03 21

1955 03 22
Cambridge will be the first city to show Marlon Brando's new film 'The Wild One', which looked as if it would not be seen in Britain at all. The film censor refused to give any certificate saying was too brutal and might have a bad effect on young people. But the proprietor of the Rex Cinema, Mr George Webb, asked the film people to send him a copy of the film and invited Cambridge magistrates to view it. They have granted it a local 'X' certificate. Columbia Film Company will ask British Railways to arrange special trains to Cambridge during the run. The story concerns a gang of young hooligans who terrorise a town because of the weakness by the local policeman. 55 03 22

The new Highway Code – a penny-worth of multi-coloured good advice to all road users – had its official regional launching at Cambridge Guildhall. It took ten months to print the 10,000,000 copies which have started to flood the country; each copy cost the Ministry of Transport 2½d to print which meant a loss of 1½d a copy. Highlight of the evening was the presentation to the Mayor of Cambridge by two local schoolchildren, Gillian Layton and Peter Bowles, of copies autographed by the Minister of Transport. 55 03 22a

1955 03 24
Obscene publications, p9

1955 03 25 CIP
Cambridge to be first place to see Brando film "Wild One" which looked as if might have been banned
No earlier opening p15
New Highway Code regional launch p18
Bill Whittaker resigns as player-manager Cambridge United p19
Local sappers in Korea p28

1955 03 26
Cambridge Folk Museum Council have made attempts to make the long-delayed move to Abbey House which was purchased for the Museum in 1946, but have found it quite impossible to proceed on financial grounds. So they have decided to give the tenants a five-year lease, as it was obvious they could not move there for some time to come. The Museum has received a gratifying number of accessions including a fine collection of 150 photographs taken by the late Dr Frank Robinson. 55 03 26a

1955 03 27
Rail changes, p3

1955 03 28
Stationmasters were told that they have been Cinderellas for long enough and should take everything that is coming. It would take some time before modernisation could fully come into being but next year a scheme will start in Cambridge for a diesel yard. Electrification will take place in due course, but must take its place with other urgent schemes. People were always complaining about the lack of courtesy on the railways and very few letters of appreciation were received. 55 03 28

1955 03 29
With the installation of Perspecta Stereophonic Sound, a vivid realism hitherto unknown in film entertainment is to be introduced to the patrons of Cambridge's Regal Cinema. Chosen to introduce this very latest development in the cinema world is the film 'Seven Brides for Seven Brothers'. Until now the Regal has been equipped with loud speakers behind only the centre of the screen. Now the sound will come from the exact places on the giant screen where the action indicates them and will give a new and higher quality of sound reproduction. 55 03 29b

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1955 04 01
Paxton Park Maternity Home is to close in September. It was taken over as an emergency war-time measure but does not provide suitable accommodation and has inadequate sewage disposal arrangements. It is hoped to erect a maternity block at the Huntingdon County Hospital but in the meantime they will use the Isolation Hospital. In the event of an emergency they can call on the facilities of the Huntingdon General Hospital. 55 04 01

On the four main roads leading into Ely are 'Welcome to Ely' signs but some practical joker has decided to give a different twist to two of them. Immediately above the 'Welcome' sign has been hung a cardboard notice bearing the words 'If you want it you are'. Below it another sign reads 'We are fed up with it'. The notices have been removed by the police 55 04 01b

1955 04 02
Clay pigeons, p10

1955 04 05
Cambridge City Chess Club celebrated its Diamond Jubilee. It was formed in 1895 by an amalgamation of the senior University Club, the Dons' Club and a group of town players centred around Mr E.H. Church at the Conservative Club. When in 1941 it was bombed out of its temporary playing quarters in Mr Church's house the Mayor arranged for it to meet at the Scouts' Headquarters in Grafton Street. In 60 years it had only had three Presidents: Mr Gunston, Mr Church and Mr H.B. Coulson. 55 04 05

The death has occurred of Mr Meridith Watling of Cambridge, a well-known landscape painter. A native of King's Lynn he developed his interest in art during early boyhood. His intense love for the grandeur of the East Anglian skies enabled him to depict many simple subjects with characteristic individuality and were it not for his innate modesty which prevented him from exhibiting at major exhibitions his work would have become more widely known. His paintings have been frequently shown in Cambridge and sent to many parts of the Commonwealth 55 04 05b

Laurie's advert, p11

1955 04 06
One of the most remarkable developments in film technique is Perspecta Stereophonic sound which was displayed to invited guests at Cambridge's Regal Cinema. This new and revolutionarily piece of equipment marks yet one step further in the development of film technique as an art. The visitors were also initiated into the mystery of how the size of the screen is changed to allow for the showing of popular Cinemascope films. 55 04 06

1955 04 07
A Gamlingay councillor asked whether South Cambs RDC had powers to refuse permission to a horde of caravanners who had managed to beat the Planning Committee. They were told that their site should be hidden from the road and then put up ten feet of zinc which made it even more hideous. He referred to a bungalow they had built with their own labour which he called 'a monstrosity'. Now two more parties have pitched into fields and are going to be as much nuisance as the others. 'If we allow two more places like the one we have got then Gamlingay will not be worth living in', he complained. But the Council's Sanitary Officer said that provided they complied with Public Health regulations they were obliged to issue a licence. 55 04 07a

Cambridge Chamber of Commerce is concerned over the 'No Parking' signs which have appeared in the vicinity of Market Hill. They have been erected to discourage stallholders from using the roadway

opposite their stalls as their own private parking space. There were lines of lorries monopolising this part of town and used as temporary warehouses for supplying the stalls. But it also greatly inconvenienced shoppers who wished to leave their cars for a short time and some form of restricted parking would be better. 55 04 07b

1955 04 08 CIP
Protest at No Parking signs Market Hill p1
Move to increase minimum bus fares p1

1955 04 09
When Sir Winston Churchill came to Cambridge in June 1946 to receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters, the Public Orator saluted him as the greatest man of his age and the shaper of its history. Now on his retirement as Prime Minister that appraisal has been echoed around the world. Tributes have come from all parties but London newspapers, which have been critical of him on many occasions, could not report the news because of a dispute. I suspect the puckish side of Sir Winston derived a certain amount of secret amusement at their plight. 55 04 09

1955 04 11
A woman and two children were injured at the Cambridgeshire Hunt Point-to-Point Races at Hemingford Abbots when Beacon Ring failed to jump a fence and went into a crowd of 100 spectators. The race is recognised as being hard and gruelling and was made more so due to recent heavy rains. As the race went on several horses fell and others dropped out so there were only four as the winning post came into sight. 55 04 11b

Stretham accident, p5

1955 04 13
Police Sergeant Harold Holden was on the Cambridge traffic patrol when it first started and was in charge until wireless was introduced into police vehicles. In 1946 he passed the 1st Class Police Driver's Test and has been instructing and examining police drivers. Now on his retirement he will run his own Driving School using a Ford Anglia with dual controls. His mother was one of the first women to hold a driving licence in 1908 and taught driving during the First World War. 55 04 13

Elsworth scramble, p4

1955 04 15
Two men were fined £10 each for stealing 16 sacks of Brussels sprouts from a field at Ashwell. When the field was ready men were engaged as pickers on piecework. Each 20 lb bag was weighed, piled in the field and then taken by tractor to the roadside where it was removed by lorry. As the result of information received police stopped their van and caught the men red-handed. They had taken the sprouts from a field at Moggs Hole and were going to sell them to a man in Beeston 55 04 15a

Royston is to have an important new industry. Messrs Johnson Matthew & Co., engineers in and refiners of precious metals in various forms, propose to establish a chemical centre on the industrial site. This must be encouraging to all those who wish to see the town develop in the best way, for such an undertaking must bring many benefits in its train. They will employ some 250 some of whom will be local people. Roystonians will welcome the Company and receive their employees into the family community. 55 04 15b

Cambridge fish and chip sellers have called the national newspaper strike 'a catastrophe'. Many London chippies are running a 'bring your own paper' campaign. Comics are no good as they are too small. The C.D.N. is in great demand but chip shops say they are fighting a losing battle with the housewife who relies on it for her fires, and things are getting difficult. Mr W. Wade of Mill Road says he can visualise people coming to collect fish suppers in a soup tureen or saucepan. 55 04 15

1955 04 15 ES
Pymoor new council houses. 55 04 15(2)ES

Two Meteor jet planes from Waterbeach collide mid-air at Thorney. 55 04 15(3)ES # c.26.1

1955 04 16
Following a six-week run at London's Windmill Theatre, Mr Len Tibbs of Cherryhinton Road, is to make his first television appearance. He is a very popular pianist and concert arranger but will appear in the role of comedian in 'Show Case', a most popular show for artists who have not previously appeared on tv. Cambridge audiences who have long laughed with this clever and perceptive comedian will wish him luck and will be in front of their screens when he steps before the camera. 55 04 16

1955 04 19
Fred Emney, p5

1955 04 21
After completing his visit to Aero Research Ltd of Duxford the Duke of Edinburgh had a big surprise for his hosts. As he walked towards the 'Whirlwind' helicopter which was to take him back to Windsor he invited them to take a joy ride in the aircraft. The Duke, smiling broadly, stood by as Dr de Bruyne, the managing director and Mr Needham the chairman climbed aboard with their wives and then watched as it took off in a huge cloud of dust and circled the area. They declared the 'flip' a wonderful treat and the Duke appeared thoroughly pleased. 55 04 21a

1955 04 22
Stansted is the nearest international airport to Cambridge and serves as the operations base for many passenger and troop charter flights. Air Charter, Skyways and Scottish Aviation have large maintenance facilities there. But one of the saddest sights is the line-up of long-fuselage Tudor airlines; ominously marked 'slave only' these impressive machines have reached the final resting-places in their sad careers. Based upon the Lincoln bomber it was found uneconomical to operate because of its high fuel consumption. 55 04 22

Chesterton R.D.C. received a letter from Addenbrooke's to say that cases of diphtheria would no longer be admitted to the hospital. There were outbreaks at Impington and Trumpington, the fourth in the village. The provision of an isolation hospital had been postponed for a long time, with the object of avoiding expense but was now imperative. They could erect one at a cost of about £650 which would meet the needs of the district for a long time to come. 55 04 22b

1955 04 22 CIP
"Glen Miller" film band coming to Oakington p5

1955 04 22 ES
Sedge Fen Social Centre reopens. 55 04 22ES *

Stretham:
Village Memorial Hall: after war scheme begun to build Village Memorial Hall; public meeting; £1,000 must be raised before a grant. Hoped to have hall Lt Thetford. As school might become vacant in few years it suggested to raise money for purchase and convert into hall at less cost. Had been various schemes over recent years but difficult to use that money for anything else, namely a Village Hall. 55 04 22(2)ES

Parson Drove vicar's death: Fred Halliwell. 55 04 22(3)ES

1955 04 23
Thirty-four zebra crossing beacons have been damaged or stolen in Cambridge since the beginning of the year. Police saw an undergraduate jump into the air and pull a beacon towards him, and it broke off. When questioned the lad had said, “My name is John Smith. Can we fix it between us so the college doesn’t get to know?” He told the court “I suppose I did it; but I had too much to drink that night”. He was fined £2. 55 04 23

1955 04 25
Swimming baths, p8

1955 04 26
At the last two sales of machinery at Cambridge Cattle Market there has been considerable congestion in all the main roads and residents complained that nearly 600 cars had been parked in the streets in addition to more than 1,000 in the market car parks. The City Surveyor suggested demolishing loose boxes and a Nissen hut to provide 250 more spaces. The machinery sales were probably the largest in the world attracting buyers from overseas. About 250 tractors were refused for sale owing to the lack of space. 55 04 26

1955 04 27
Arbury new school, p9

1955 04 29
No. 7963 is the number which Mrs Claudette Kennedy of Eltisley Avenue, Cambridge will always bear as a reminder of four terrible years spent in the concentration camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau. At this camp alone four million people died. She survived because of her knowledge of biology and was put to work in a large synthetic rubber factory, extracting rubber from dandelions. She escaped after guards took fright at the advancing allied armies and made her way to Paris where she was reunited with her small son. After the war she came to Cambridge for an International conference on biochemistry where she met her husband. 55 04 29a & b

A mixed throng of 1,400 people revelled to non-stop music by the U.S. Air Force ‘Glenn Miller’ Band in the N.A.A.F.I. canteen at Oakington R.A.F. station. It was this band that starred in the film hit ‘The Glenn Miller Story’ and many of the players were recognised. From the moment the band struck up it made an enthralling impact on the audience with the old favourites including ‘String of Pearls’, ‘In the Mood’ and ‘Night and Day’. The audience was one of the warmest and most receptive the band has met in their travels. 55 04 29 c & d

Cambridge City Council has decided to proceed with the erection of an indoor swimming bath on Donkey Common. It is to be used for swimming only and not for dances, concerts or meetings. But some objected as they wanted to preserve all the open spaces they could. There were sometimes as many as ten cricket matches on Parker’s Piece and Donkey common was a place where mothers could allow their children to play in safety avoiding the flying cricket balls. The huts had been placed there as a war-time expedient and it should be returned to its former state. 55 04 29e

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1955 04 29 ES
Squad Leader Ken Wallis of Ely force-lands plane in Mill Hill. 55 04 29ES

Prickwillow Methodist Church schoolroom opening. 55 04 29(2)ES

Ely West Fen camp fire in kitchen hut. 55 04 29(4)ES

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Gibbs book, p18

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1955 05 02
The County Council agreed that an assize court on the Guildhall site was not practical. When the City had suggested the adapting the Central Library site they must have known it was inadequate. Some of the supporting columns of the Lending Library could have to go and hardly any of the reading rooms would be retained. Cambridge needed a new Central Library but this would not be sent from Heaven. It would have to be paid for and that was behind it – the City wanted someone else to pay for it. 55 05 02b & c

The stretch of Newmarket Road between East Road corner and Ivett and Reed's shop has high accident rates and publicity is being given to the dangers of the road. 'Accident Area' and 'Caution' signs are being displayed and posters and leaflets distributed. Last year in Cambridge 604 people were injured and a total of 1,540 accidents were reported to the police. 55 05 02a

1955 05 03
Cambridge University Officers Training Corps is to have a wing of the Women's Royal Army Corps with most of the recruits coming from Girton, Newnham and New Hall. All work would come after the prior claims of their courses and no decisive steps would be taken until after they have graduated. The main object would be to produce good officers but driving, vehicle maintenance, radio and photographic interpretation may also be available. However large the numbers it will have to face a considerable drain on the 'marriage market'. 55 05 03a

Soham's new County Fire Station opened in Fountain Lane. When the County Council took over fire services in 1948 the resources were lamentable. They decided that the rural district must be served first and so had erected the first new fire station there. With this up-to-the-minute building goes a modern type of water tender equipped with a short-wave radio and a device for control of fires in standing crops. The old appliance did not carry any water at all. 55 05 03b

1955 05 05
A storm of brown dust is blowing high into the air over the Swaffham Fen area. Growing seedlings have been uprooted and plants torn from the ground by the near gale-force winds that have been raging in the past few days. It has caused serious damage to crops and important drainage ditches have been filled in. Farmers are now faced with replanting their crops. In recent years some of the landowners have been putting layers of clay on to the open fields to prevent any dust being blown about. 55 05 05a

Within ten years working hours in industry may be cut to no more than four a day and we shall all retire at the age of 40. Machines will soon replace the human element in many industrial concerns & there could be automatic factories without human hands touching anything. Electric brains can now replace men's work and are getting near to being 'thinking machines', the Cambridge Business Men's Club was told. 55 05 05b

1955 05 06
Firemen were called to Earith when fire broke out at the Boat inn. Its thatched roof was completely destroyed and the rest of the premises severely damaged. The licensee, Mr Darby, was away at the time and a passer-by who saw smoke coming from the building gave the alarm. Villagers removed a

large quantity of furniture. The thatched roofs of a group of nearby houses were ignited by flying sparks but firemen prevented serious damage to these buildings. The cause of the fire is not known. 55 05 06b

A new room for exhibitions and storage of water colour paintings was opened at the Fitzwilliam Museum. It consists of a gallery and a small reference library for the benefit of serious students of art. It was largely funded by a gift of £10,000 from the executors of the late Walford Graham Robertson who was one of the greatest collectors of the work of William Blake and gave the museum six important works by him which are now on show. 55 05 06a

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1955 05 06 ES
Electricity scheme switched on serving Adelaide & Prickwillow. 55 05 06ES

1955 05 09
The annual punting race between the Oxford University Charon Club and Cambridge Damper Club is a relay with the lady member of the team acting as baton and hastily jumping from punt to punt at the end of each ‘leg’. For the eight gentlemen on each side it was a perspiring afternoon; both wind, water and pole were playful and both of the ‘batons’ nearly suffered a ducking. Gradually it developed into a cross between a water-polo match and a life-saving exhibition. 55 05 09a

1955 05 10
‘Blow’ photos, p9

1955 05 11
The Arts Theatre unveiled an extension to its Roof Garden restaurant, decorated in gay modern style and complete with the latest Espresso Coffee equipment. Some regretted the reduction of the outdoor terrace space but with the fickle English climate the new area would prove an agreeable amenity both for meals and during theatre intervals. Losses in the theatre could only be made up by profits from the Cinema, scenery studio and catering activities. Once the novelty of television had worn off an increasing number of people would again seek the solid satisfaction of live performances. 55 05 11

1955 05 12
A gaping hole, nine feet in circumference and about a foot deep, was blown in the path beside Trinity College Bridge last night. It is believed that a stick of dynamite was used as a student said he heard a terrific explosion and the building shook. The explosion caused leaves to be blown off trees nearby. This is the third time within a year that a deep pit has appeared near the bridge and last week it was decorated with planks and trowels. But two porters and a gardener denied all knowledge and the college spokesman had nothing to say. 55 05 12a

A Grantchester landlord told the bankruptcy court that when he took the pub in 1951 he had spent £185 on a domestic refrigerator, £75 on one for ice-cream and £203 on a cooling plant; a glass-washing machine cost £90; such expenditure could not be justified. The summers of 1953 and 1954 had been very wet and some days there were no takings at all, though fires were lit and waitresses employed in expectation of trade. Then the barman pilfered £300-worth of stock. But he had acquired a Laguna motor car costing £902 on hire purchase. 55 05 12b

Ansells garage, p6

1955 05 13
The County Council, who took over liability for the Upware-Swaffham Road in 1949, would be prepared to take over Upware Lock Bridge provided the Great Ouse River Board brought it up to standard. The bridge rests on the walls of the lock which will remain the liability of the Board. It was originally constructed of timber joists and decking but during the war was strengthened by adding two steel joists. Traffic has increased since the war and loads of up to ten tons were regularly taken over the bridge. 55 05 13a

The County Council wrote to the Great Ouse River Board over the cost of metalling Fen Bank Road, Isleham. The road is used by their lorries in connection with the maintenance of the flood bank, this caused damage to the road and inconvenience to the farmers and tenants of houses to whom it was the only means of access. The cost of constructing a nine feet wide reinforced concrete road with passing places would be about £7,000. But the Board says their workmen had filled up potholes and left the road in a better condition. 55 05 13a

Work on raising the Middle Level Barrier Bank from Seven Holes Sluice Earith to Welches Dam has been in progress for three years but cannot be completed at the original price owing to increased wage rates. Serious erosion on the face of the bank between Sutton Gault and the Gull occurred during the floods last November; this section is liable to damage by erosion because of the low level of the foreland which should be made up. 55 05 13d

British Railway's new weedkiller train can cover up to 100 miles of track a day and recently made the Ely-March run handing out lethal doses of weed-killing concentrate at up to 20 mph. It is operated by two Cambridge men, Bob Lee and Jack Aldhouse. Working away from home has its disadvantages but their living accommodation is as luxurious as any caravan with interior-sprung mattresses, dining room, galley and chemical lavatory. Jack attends to the living accommodation and Arthur keeps an eye on the machinery. 55 05 13 b & c

Isleham fen bank, p8
Mrs Rackham, p5

1955 05 13 ES
Dust storms cause widespread damage; farmers loses 50 acres of beet. 55 05 13ES

1955 05 14
Longstanton church rethatch photo, p10

1955 05 17
The Minister has overruled the County Council and allowed a small extension to the gravel pit at Milton. Part of the site was allocated as a recreation ground and it was undesirable to permit gravel working near existing and proposed residential development. The gravel was of good quality, greatly in demand for building purpose. 55 05 17a

1955 05 18
A judge was asked to decide who was liable for the cost of repairs to the chancel of Oakington church. It was damaged in the winter of 1948 and the repairs cost £80. Messrs Chivers had paid but claimed the Air Ministry should contribute £14 towards the cost. But they said it was the responsibility of Queens' College who had sold them the land in October 1940. It was a very small matter but of great importance. 55 05 18

1955 05 19
The Minister has refused appeals for dwellings on land fronting Newmarket Road, Stow-cum-Quy. The owner said he had bought the site in 1938 intending to erect a bungalow and sell the rest for building. Plans had been postponed because of the war and subsequent shortage and high cost of

building materials. It is a rural area of agricultural land but not cultivated for 30 years. But the County said it would constitute ribbon development and would be dangerous particularly on Newmarket race days when the traffic was heavy. 55 05 19

Folk museum cooker, p9

1955 05 20
Thaxted gas works are to be closed down due to the high cost of gas manufacture and small output. The works manufacture three million cubic feet a year. However the familiar gasholder is in good condition and will remain in operation. It will be supplied from Bishop's Stortford through a new main to be laid from Dunmow whose own gas works closed a year ago. 55 05 20

1955 05 20 CIP
Oakington church repairs - who liable p1
Longstanton church rethatched p9
Development plan for villages p17

1955 05 23
Fulbourn Hospital is faced with the serious threat of a shortage of trained and experienced mental nurses, although French girls have been employed as assistants. A new programme of occupation has been developed; the wards are now empty by day with many men employed on the farm, in the gardens and in the works department doing meaningful work. A 'Darby and Joan' club formed for unemployable old folk has proved a great success. 55 05 23a

Linton's new fire station has all 'mod cons' to delight a fire fighter with a huge shining red fire engine replacing the old ex-Army lorry and trailer they used until a few days ago. Although the firemen work in places scattered throughout the village they can be on their way to a fire three minutes after receiving a distress call. When the County Council took over the old National Fire Service in 1948 it was in a moribund condition but a lot of money has been spent in modernisation and the new station is much better than the previous old makeshift one. 55 05 23b

1955 05 24
Cambridge was 'invaded' by nearly 600 London Auxiliary Fire Service men and women. They travelled in 80 green emergency fire-fighting vehicles for a large-scale exercise. The new radio control system worked perfectly and only one small group of vehicles managed to get lost. Some vehicles went to the old 'Shorts' factory at Madingley Road, the others to Wisbey's gravel pit Hauxton for pumping exercises. 55 05 24

1955 05 25
Cambridge councillors are considering two sites for a new indoor swimming pool. One is Donkey Common; years ago this land was subject to common rights but they have not been exercised for 50 years and can be regarded as lapsed. The other is the Gothic Street clearance area; it was acquired with a view to rebuilding but could be extended by purchasing other property to provide space for building and increased parking facilities. 55 05 25

1955 05 26
Francis Sidney Campkin was born 80 years ago in Rose Crescent, above the chemist's which became his whole life's work and hobby. He first helped in the shop when a boy of nine and later qualified as a pharmaceutical chemist. He also took the first examination held by the Spectacle Makers' Company. His keen interest in the optics of photography led to the development of the camera side of the business. He will be greatly missed by his staff who knew him as 'a very fine and kind gentleman'. 55 05 26

Barnwell bowling green, p7

1955 05 27
Election results, p12
Stretham crash, p16

1955 05 27 CIP
Wimpole Hospital plays host p1
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Large scale AFS exercise - Cambridge invaded p28

1955 05 27 ES
Stretham
Feast: owing to repair damage caused the showmen decided to stay for the week, instead of usual three days. There was great excitement among the children on Friday when for two hours the fare on the Dodgem cars was reduced to one penny

1955 05 28
Judgement has been given on who is liable for repairs to the chancel of Oakington church which was damaged in the winter of 1948. Messrs Chivers have paid but claimed that the Air Ministry should also contribute. But they said it was the responsibility of Queens' College. However the judge said the college had sold the land in 1940 and had no further liability for repair. The Ministry should paid £14 towards the costs. 55 05 28

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1955 06 02
The first service was held on the site of the new church at Arbury Road, Cambridge. As a procession from parish church of St Luke's Chesterton, made its way to the site a congregation from the estate, St Augustine's and St George's was assembling. At the time of the building of St Luke's there were many who expected it to be a failure; the same was being said today but they hoped to have a church erected on the site fairly soon. 55 06 02

1955 06 03
The latest car being offered for sale by Brian Lister Light Engineering of Cambridge is a Lister-Bristol which costs £2,150. They are sold as chassis or complete vehicles and fitted with disc brakes. Already more than a dozen are running in the hands of private owners. Meanwhile a racing car has been rebuilt at Parkside from an original 'Iota' chassis by Tony Crosse and Jim Denholm. It is intended for sprints and speed trials and has a maximum speed of 105 mph. 55 06 03a 55 06 03b

1955 06 03 CIP
Oakington church - Air Ministry to pay share p7
23,000 went to county show p8
Rail strike hits postal service p15
Tories retain city and county - Hamilton Kerr majority 7,127 over Leslie Symonds (city), Gerald Howard
nearly 4,000 more than H.D. Walston; Legge Bourke 6,000 majority A.F. Gray; R.A. Butler 6,400 over Rev H.N. Horne (Lab) & Miss Carson (Lib) in Saffron Walden; D.L. Renton (National-Liberal Conservative) 6,000 majority over J.A. Franks, Hunts p30

1955 06 07
A 'hide' at the Old House, Histon is believed to be the nearest 'priest hole' to Cambridge. It was covered over and forgotten for centuries until rediscovered when electric light was installed. A hat the size of a bicycle wheel and with a high crown was discovered but fell to pieces on being touched. The hide was entered from what was probably a chapel under the eaves or from the floor below; it was also possible to get out into the garden where a horse-ring is still to be seen. 55 06 07

1955 06 09
The 'Travellers Rest' at Baythorne End, Haverhill is to close; it is extremely close to the Swan & now not needed. The landlord, Frederick Pizzie is retiring and the brewery does not feel they can get anyone else to take it on. It was opened by a relative of Mrs Pizzie's about 100 years ago to serve refreshments to travellers and carriers on their way to Bury market and her mother and grandmother were tenants. The last pint of beer was served on Monday night when several old customers went along to wish them a happy retirement. 55 06 09

1955 06 10
Quy can now boast one of the finest village recreation grounds in the county. After months of hard work by the football and cricket clubs the ground complete with its new one-and-a-half acre extension is now in daily use. This will allow games of cricket and football to be played at the same time. One-third of the cost was paid by the National Playing Fields Association who handed a cheque of £150 to the chairman of the parish council. 55 06 10

1955 06 10 CIP
Priest hole found at Histon p1

1955 06 10 ES
Little Ouse bungalow fire. 55 06 10ES

W.I. pageant on history of fens, Chatteris; 500 take part. 55 06 10(2)ES *

Cathedral memorial window to Bomber Command to be unveiled. 55 06 10(3)ES

1955 06 15
May Balls are with us again. At Trinity Nat Temple and his band played for a large number of dancers, at St John's guests danced to the music of Hedley Ward and his orchestra while at Clare Tommy Kinsman provided music for everyone – one room being set aside for jiving! Downing had a marquee setting where two hundred couples danced to the music of Chappie D'Amato, who also played at Christ's. 55 06 15

1955 06 17 CIP
"Anglo-American relations" talk p5

1955 06 18
The level of employment in manufacturing industries continues to rise while the number of unemployed men and women become steadily smaller, Cambridge Employment Committee reported. But there is an urgent national need for recruitment to the coal-mining industry with men from Saffron Walden and St Ives going for training. Young men registered for National Service should also consider it as enlistment notices would not be sent so long as he remained employed underground. 55 06 18a

Cambridge City Libraries are celebrating their centenary with an exhibition in the Guildhall which will look at the past, consider the present and glimpse into the future. This may include a branch library at Newmarket Road, a Mobile Library service, a new Central Library – all projects which from time to time receive consideration. 55 06 18b

1955 06 20
The Bishop of Ely dedicated the building which is to be known as St James' Church in Wulfstan Way. He said that later they would need a new church and the present building would become the church hall. It was part of the challenge of new housing estates; in St Paul's parish they were trying to build another church and there was magnificent evangelistic work in the Coldham's Lane area which rendered another one necessary. 55 06 20 & 20a

1955 06 21
Teddy Boys who come before the Cambridge courts will be given no quarter, a magistrate has warned. "We do not intend to have any trouble from this little group; if they challenge authority, we shall put our foot on them", he said. A 15-year old engine cleaner who admitted receiving £10, knowing it to be stolen was told: "We are going to put you on probation for two years. Keep away from the Teddy boys". 55 06 21a

Esso Petroleum's new distribution depot in Cromwell Road, Cambridge is a marked transformation of an area formerly used for allotments. The Mayor ascended to the cat-walks overlooking the eighteen large cylindrical storage tanks which have a total capacity of 216,000 gallons brought from the Purfleet terminals. The neat lay-out and appearance of the depot were admired as were the office block and vehicle maintenance garages. 55 06 21b

1955 06 23
Hundreds of excited youngsters crowded round one of the large 'jollity farm' roundabouts for the traditional proclamation of Cambridge Midsummer Fair after which out came the blue paper bags full of brand new halfpennies and up went the youngsters' hand as the coins were tossed into the crowd. Then it was free rides for everybody. All the old favourites are back again – the 'Moon Rocket', 'Octopus' and 'Galloping Horses'. "'Ere only a tanner a bash, keep all yer knock down" yelled the man at the coconut shy while the carpet and lino sellers competed to see who could shout the loudest. 55 06 23

1955 06 24
Cambridge Central Cinema has installed a wide screen which allows a perfect view from any angle & is a vivid contrast with the former 'postage stamp' model. It has now come into line with the other main cinemas and is fully equipped for the showing of CinemaScope. The first film will be the new Technicolor musical, 'Three for the Show' starring Betty Grable. 55 06 24

Wimpole Park blood, p17
Montgomery to Saffron Walden, p19

1955 06 25
Members of the Amateur Radio Club visited the University Mathematical Laboratories to see the electronic calculating machine, EDSAC 1, popularly known as the 'electronic brain' which was built in 1949 from Government surplus equipment. It is capable of doing 40,000 calculations a minute and uses 3,800 valves. When they arrived Fred Hoyle, the famous cosmologist and broadcaster was using it for calculations on the evolutions of the stars. It also plays noughts and crosses. 55 06 25a

Sawston residents objected to the 'obnoxious smell' that would be caused if a sewerage disposal station were constructed near their homes. One said that he had never known a sewerage works not to smell and referred to the 'terrible stink along the Milton Road'. Experts said the smell did not come so much when the winds blew as in wet, warm muggy weather. 55 06 25b-c

Cambridge came out in the sun for the visit of the Regimental Band of the Coldstream Guards. Crowds lined the market square for the high spot of the day, a march past the Guildhall, and then jammed the roads as they marched to Christ's Pieces for a concert. The purpose of the visit was 'Good will and courtesy – with recruiting into the bargain'. Asked if there had been any results so far an official from the Mill Road recruiting office said 'Not yet, but we have a feeling there will be'. 55 06 25d

1955 06 27
Opening an exhibition celebrating 100 years of public libraries in Cambridge, the Master of Pembroke College, F.C. Roberts, said he was proud to have been chairman of the Library committee for some years adding: "I should have been even prouder if my first name had been correctly spelt! But these

occasional mistakes show librarians have humanity as well as scholarship". There are books of every description, a machine through which microfilm copies of newspapers are shown and a cartoon by Ronald Searle. 55 06 27 a-b

1955 06 29
Officers of Cambridge Home Guard were told that the county had a good chance of surviving the dropping of a hydrogen bomb as it did not present a target worth the expense of such a bomb. But it would undoubtedly be cut off from the rest of the country so it was important they have Civil Defence in addition to small arms training 55 06 28

1955 06 29
Cambridge has 1,350 dwellings unfit for human habitation including 100 in the East Road, Gothic and Doric Street areas. The Council is to submit proposals for the demolition of 500 dwellings in the next five years and the remainder within the following seven. But three condemned cottages at Brookside in Toft have been reinstated by the Cottage Improvement Society and now make a charming group in this beautiful yet little known corner of the village. 55 06 29

1955 06 30
Lloyds marked the 125th anniversary of their bank in St Ives. The first bank was opened by Foster and Company in Bridge Street in 1830, transferring to new premises in Crown Street in 1872. They were taken over in 1904 by the Capital and Counties Bank which amalgamated with Lloyds in 1918. The present Crown Street premises were rebuilt in 1923. 55 06 30

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1955 07 01
An inquiry considered whether to reinstate the old Sutton-Mepal Road which was closed during the war for the construction of the now disused airfield or to construct a new by-pass road utilising the no.1 runway. This would divert traffic from the sharp corner at the Brook and be cheaper. But it would mean a slightly longer journey between the two villages and Mepal was dependent on Sutton for its doctor, nurse and butcher. If it was one or the other they wanted the direct route back. 55 07 01

Emmanuel Street demolition photo, p12

1955 07 01 CIP
City Libraries centenary p5
Second warning to Teddy Boys p15

1955 07 01 ES
Sutton-Mepal road dispute, across airfield. 55 07 01ES

1955 07 02
Miss Kathleen Payne, 76, is retiring after a lifetime in the newsagents' business as her shop in Emmanuel Street is to be pulled down. It marks the end of one of Cambridge's familiar landmarks. The business was started by her father who remembered selling his first C.D.N. in 1888. Miss Payne has lived there all her life & recalls when chickens used to run down St Andrew's Street before the days of super shops, large cinemas and motor buses. 55 07 02

Siren test, p13

1955 07 05
The Mayor cut the first sod for the building of the Cambridge Residential Home for Old People to be known as 'Langdon House'. It will take 37 residents with special provision for elderly married couples. Each will have a bed-sitting room with running water and they will share dining and sitting

rooms. It will cost them £4.10s a week, but inability to meet this charge will not debar worthy residents from being admitted as it will be open to all without distinction. 55 07 05a

Contrary to rumour, there is no danger of parish councils being swept away in the near future. People felt that power was with the County Council or Whitehall but the parish council's most important power was that of complaint – a power not exercised sufficiently. The danger was the apathy of residents: there were some parishes in which no one under 30 had ever voted. Many councillors did little but deplore what local youth does & thought their major responsibility was to see no money was spent. That was wrong, they should spend up to rate limits. 55 07 05b

1955 07 07
Operation 'Air raid siren' went off without a hitch in Cambridge. In the underground control room at the Guildhall the Civil Defence controller threw the switch which started the well-known high-pitch whine of the 'All Clear' from ten sirens across the district. All schoolchildren, hospitals and public bodies had been warned but one or two people looked skyward and said it was 'Just like old times'. Home Office rulings prevent the testing of the wail of the warning for fear of upsetting people. 55 07 07a

1955 07 08
Godmanchester county junior school was opened by the Countess of Sandwich. Construction commenced in December 1953 and the school was brought into use after the Easter holidays. It has been built to ease the overcrowding of the old building in St Anne's Lane & sited to allow a maximum area of playing fields. A complete Roman skeleton which was discovered during excavations is now in the Huntingdon museum. 55 07 08a

Albert Grainger, the Burwell photographer, has died aged 69. A cheerful character he had made a host of friends during his 31 years in the photographic business. He worked as butler-valet for Lord Glanely at Exning House until in 1923 he set up in business at Burwell. His first job was a wedding the day after the shop was opened. Throughout his career he was assisted by his wife, Dorothy, who carried on the business for some time after his illness. 55 07 08b

A youth dressed in a dark grey 'Teddy Boy' suit pleaded guilty to two charges of assault following a fight between two 'Teddy Boys' at the Embassy Ballroom in Mill Road Cambridge. "I had a row with my girlfriend and started swinging out at everyone until somebody said the police were coming and I got frightened and ran away", he said. 55 07 08c

A sculling boat to the memory of Mr Roy Burrell, a member of the '99 Rowing Club for over 30 years was named at Banham's Boatyard. He was a great sportsman who had done much for the rowing in Cambridge and a schoolmaster who had given every encouragement to youth. He would never be forgotten in the annals of the club and the records of the Cambs Rowing Association. 55 07 08d

1955 07 08 CIP
Hills Road extension to Addenbrooke's approved p15

1955 07 08 ES
'Century of fen life' talk by Mrs F. Marshall. 55 07 08&(2)ES

1955 07 11
The most disastrous fire at Haverhill for many years swept over a large area of the timber yard of Messrs J. Bradman of Withersfield Road. Fire brigades worked in blistering hot conditions to stem the flames but the fire completely gutted the long wooden building containing mechanical saws and also damaged a large crane used for hauling huge logs of wood. Part of the town was without water as the supply was diverted to give the firemen more pressure. 55 07 11

1955 07 12

Just as hundreds of Cambridge office workers were about to leave for home down came the rain in one of the most unusual thunderstorms. Only parts of the city were affected, in others there was mild drizzle. At Coton lightning struck a transformer under which an eight-year-old lad had been playing, close by a television aerial was struck and split to pieces setting the tv on fire and at Comberton the chimney stack of a house was struck, causing serious damage to the roof. 55 07 12

1955 07 14
Seventy-year-old Bert Martin and his lifelong friend, Fred Peppercorn, have between them worked for nearly 50 years at the Grange farm, Lolworth. In recognition they received a Royal Agricultural Society medal from the Queen. When they were young they regularly worked 12 hours a day and during harvest worked from five in the morning to nine at night – all for sixpence a day. But a pint of beer was two pence and tobacco a penny-halfpenny an ounce. Such men are the backbone of British agriculture. Perhaps the hairs have turned a little grey and their backs are a little bent but their fire and enthusiasm are still there. When are they going to retire? Never: they want to keep on working as long as they can. 55 07 14

1955 07 15 ES
Theft of copper cable from Mepal airfield. 55 07 15(2)ES

1955 07 16
The Plant Breeding Institute's new buildings and experimental grounds at Trumpington were opened by the Minister of Agriculture. It investigates the improvement of spring and winter wheat and breeds oats adapted to climatic conditions of the Eastern counties whilst in potatoes its chief concern is the battle with blight, eelworm, wart and virus diseases. A pathological section has recently been established. 55 07 16a & aa

The windmill at Adventurer's Fen, Wicken stands on a very isolated very isolated spot. The whole direction of the drainage was changed when the fen was brought back into cultivation during the war. It could never again work in that position and may have gone the way of its neighbour in Sedge Fen. But thanks to Rex Wailes and Mr Doran of the Great Ouse River Board it is to be repaired and moved to the entrance of Wicken Sedge Fen where it will be seen by visitors. The work has been entrusted to Mr C.J. Ison of Histon who himself moved the post mill at Madingley to its present site. The cost will be borne by Lord Fairhaven. 55 07 16c

1955 07 19
Motor cycle side-car scrambling came to the area for the first time on Sunday – and what an exciting debut it made! The Matchless Club event at Elsworth proved so exciting and such a spectacular attraction that a special handicap race was held. Brian Stonebridge, the 25-year-old scramble star from Rampton won both. Nothing could touch his B.S.A. 500 combination; he roared into every turn and jumped the bumps at full throttle. 55 07 19

1955 07 21
The County Library has issued far more books this year. The new branch library at Bassingbourn is well used and library centres were provided for the first time at Papworth Everard. The Matron of the Settlement provided accommodation in the Welfare Hut and the stock of the existing library was handed to the county authorities for amalgamation with the new books. A small library was also provided at the school. 55 07 21

Marshalls planning, p8

1955 07 22
Jacqueline Elliott won the Granta Swimming Club's annual ladies' swim through Cambridge beating her own record time; second was Joan Hill while Margaret Coe and Pat Gough won the under 16 and under 14 cups. The cup for the youngest member competing went to nine-year-old Lesley Robinson.

The barge on which the officials and timekeepers stood decided to sink and they had to make a hurried dash for the shore! 55 07 22a

Newmarket is unique and needs unique planning. Racing is more than the basic industry, it is the be-all and end-all of the town. Land used by racing came right into the centre and it would be at the peril of their lives if they tried to take it. Many people travelled into Cambridge to work but it was difficult to find sites for factories. Laureat Paddocks has been zoned for industrial development as has the area between Granby Street and the railway. Some allotment land could be used to provide homes but modern municipal houses with extensive gardens meant that demand for allotments was decreasing. 55 07 22b & c

1955 07 22 CIP
European University heads in Cambridge p1
New Plant Breeding Institute HQ opened p8
Wicken mill to be moved p14

1955 07 22 ES
Land wind pump to be preserved – Wicken. 55 07 22ES # c.29

1955 07 23
Housewives turning on their taps in Fulbourn, Teversham and the Wilbrahams found the softened water, for which they have asked so long, flowing into their sinks, baths and washtubs. Cherry Hinton water softening station opened in 1935 but the laying of a new main from Fleam Dyke Pumping Station was stopped by the war and finally finished only four days ago. 55 07 23

1955 07 26
Cambridge police may use 'Vespa' motor cycles to combat the shortage of officers and reduce overtime. They are currently under-strength but by using police on Vespas on the outskirts of the city could increase mobility at a reduced cost. It would cost £1,440 to purchase eleven machines together with £300 for clothing and equipment and £600 for petrol but would enable a saving of £4,000 a year. 55 07 26

1955 07 27
The Medical Officer for Cambridge says houses in Trinity Place together with warehouses to the rear of King Street are unfit for human habitation; they are dangerous and injurious to the health of the inhabitants & should be demolished. People living there will be asked to quit within two months with the Council finding alternative accommodation. 55 07 27

Barrington estate, p9
Blackmore head Stretham, p9
Newmarket Road library, p11

1955 07 28
Patrick Conway told magistrates he was driving a bus on Newmarket Road, intending to turn right. He gave a hand signal and pulled into the centre of the road. A car behind began to overtake forcing a motor cyclist to swerve. The motorist said he thought the bus had stopped for passengers. Conductors in Cambridge buses should give hand signals from the rear of the bus to supplement those of the driver, as they did in London. 55 07 28

1955 07 29 CIP
Melbourn congregational meeting house reopened p5
Cherry Hinton water softening station opened p9

1955 07 30

What's all this about people getting married at Shire Hall not being allowed to park their cars in the Council car park? Have the County Council no romance in their hearts and do they want to lose custom? People will be saying "Don't go to the Shire Hall for your wedding; if you do you'll be chivvied out of it pronto". Some say park in front of the County Police headquarters – but this will stop patrol cars getting out of the police yard. Who occupies the Council car park anyway? Members of the Council and staff. Are there too many of these and too many cars? I only asked! 55 07 30b

Marshalls, p13

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1955 08 01
Electricity has now reached parts of rural Huntingdonshire. The new supply would be made available to ten villages and hamlets and 65 farms, a total of 360 consumers. By bringing modern amenities to the rural communities it helped arrest the drift from the land and assisted in agricultural production. It was a very difficult one to farm without mechanisation, but this needed electrical power the benefits of which would be felt both by the farmer and his wife. 55 08 01 & 01a

1955 08 02
Electriciation, p4
Pageant, p14

1955 08 04
Dalham Hall, one of Britain's stately homes, was threatened with destruction when fire broke out in the roof. Built in 1705 the mansion is one of Suffolk's best-known beauty-spots and was once home to Cecil Rhodes. Despite working in intense heat with lead from the roof melting round them firemen confined the blaze to the roof but damage was caused by water which eventually seeped through to the basement. Furniture, paintings and carpets were piled on the lawn where they were guarded by police throughout the night. 55 08 04a

Men of the 629 Airborne Light Regiment R.A.T.A., formerly known as the "Cambridgeshires", have completed their first parachute training course. In just two weeks the men who come from all walks of life have been transformed into fully-fledged parachutists and 140 of the volunteers will receive their wings. They include Captain L.S. Brown who as headmaster of the Chesterton School had decided to set the boys an example. But he landed awkwardly and became a visitor to the therapy centre for treatment. 55 08 04a

A Linton timber merchant told the bankruptcy court that he had started as a haulage contractor in 1942 and done well carting sand and gravel to aerodrome sites. When that stopped in 1945 he was in charge of the saw mills at Linton until a serious accident to his left hand left him unable to work for nearly two years. Later he dealt in pit timber for the Coal Board but had to install new sawing machines at a cost of £700 on hire-purchase. Last year he was disqualified from driving and ceased trading the same day. 55 08 04b

1955 08 05
With 126 babies a lot of noises is to be expected but they were surprisingly good and few cries could be heard at Cambridge's bonniest baby exhibition. For the most part they sat contentedly on their mother's knees waiting to be judged. Winners of the various age categories were Teresa Murray from Byron Square, Joy Quinney of Queen Edith's Way; Linda Barker of Canterbury Street and Gerald Peachey of Sedgwick Street while Patricia and Jacqueline Hooks of James Street won the twins competition. 55 08 05c

After vigorously debating for over ninety minutes Cambridge councillors voted to protest to the Minister of Housing about plans for the erection of a hangar at Marshall's airfield. It would be a "fearful monstrosity being shoved up within 50 feet of peoples' back gardens". Having lost their

planning powers to the county in 1947 they were perhaps impotent to help residents but should register their views. 55 08 05a & b

1955 08 06
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Glynn Daniel, p9

1955 08 09
Memories of Detective Ives who was with Willis – 55 08 09

Cambridge abattoir suggested – 55 08 09b

1955 08 12
The opening of the Anglo-American Memorial Playing Field at Saffron Walden marks the completion of a project to commemorate 359 men of the 65th Fighter Wing which had its headquarters at the Grammar School. A Memorial Apse also contains the names of local British service personnel who gave their lives. The original scheme included a Memorial Hall, tennis courts, bowling green and playground but these were curtailed following a great increase in price. It is hoped these can be added later. 55 08 12 & 12a

1955 08 13
The National Skating Association tests for figure, dance and pair skating were held at Cambridge Corn Exchange. All the candidates were pupils of resident instructors, Brian and Mary Jackson. Those successful included Alan Southgate (inter-silver figures), Mrs Bundy, Pat Reynolds and Myra Ellis (preliminary dance) and Ivan Ayres (bronze dance). During the evening a roller dance contest was staged between teams from U.S. Forces, St Neots and Cambridge. 55 08 13

1955 08 15
Lewis Todd 'Know your Cambridge', p8

1955 08 16
Messrs W.J. Unwin, the Histon seedsmen, have now established an all-time record at the British Gladiolus Society's international show held at Westminster. They took the large gold medal and silver trophy for the best flower exhibit and also won the Daily Mail gold vase together with 20 other prizes. Unwin's are pioneer breeders of the new graceful miniature gladiolus which claimed so much interest at the exhibition. 55 08 16

1955 08 18
Thatching is a fast-dying craft and in 50 years thatched houses will be a thing of the past, claims Basil Rackham. There are no younger men coming to learn the craft as it is too hard work for them. Before the war he did jobs all over the country but now can get as much work as he can cope with in this area. At present he is putting new roofs on cottages at Snailwell using wheat straw which should last 20 years. It is difficult to get first-class straw nowadays as too much artificial manure is being used by farmers. 55 08 18

An old grain store in Mill Lane is being converted into the new premises of the Cambridge University Assistants' Club. It is hard to realise that the spacious lounge and dining hall once accommodated bags of golden corn brought up from the river to feed the mill. It will become one of the most modern and comfortable social centres in Cambridge. The polished floor of the dining room may do service as a ballroom whilst the common room above gives a unique view of the river and Coe Fen. 55 08 18a

An 80-year-old Cambridge man returned to his native city from which he left for Canada at the beginning of the century. His verdict: "I don't like it so much today – it's too crowded". A.H. Hardwick called into the Little Rose in Trumpington Street alongside the tailoring and gown-making

business which his father ran. He had 11 brothers and sisters, one of whom also emigrated to Canada. 55 08 18b

1955 08 20
Workmen engaged on the restoration of Isleham church have made an interesting discovery: the solid oak beams in the roof are riddled with lead shot. Carved figures that could be reached from the ground were defaced by the Roundheads but since the angels in the roof are 60 feet above floor level they fired at them instead. A number of dead bats have been found in the roof but no beetles. However they have been there as some of the wood crumbles at the touch 55 08 20a/aa

Pye has produced a radio clock. It incorporates an electric alarm clock with a 5-amp socket so that either an electric fire or a tea maker can be set for the same time as the alarm, which switches on the radio automatically. It operates on the medium waveband with one pre-set long wave station and has a 'sleep switch' to enable it to be turned off automatically when the owner falls asleep. 55 08 20b

1955 08 23
Sappers of the 250 Field Squadron Royal Engineers (Territorial Army), Cambridge, carried out an interesting exercise at Cley-Next-the Sea. They demolished a brick and reinforced concrete structure which was formerly a battery observation post. It remained after the war as an observatory for the Norfolk Naturalist Trust but became unsafe due to erosion. Two substantial pillboxes at Satlhouse were also blown-up. 55 08 23

1955 08 24
A swimming pool may be built at Huntingdon using money collected for a memorial hall in 1945. Although a site had been acquired and designs approved building restrictions had held up work and the costs had almost doubled. It was legally possible to spend the funds on a pool although some of the donors might withdraw their monies saying it was not being used for the original purpose. 55 08 24

1955 08 26
Many Fordham residents have been unable to sleep because of an ever-increasing swarm of noisy crickets: in some houses forty have been caught a night. They are everywhere – in the living rooms, bedrooms, kitchens and pantries. One was even found drowned in a dish of beetroot and vinegar. The worst affected area is the R.D.C. refuse pit. Now officials have started spraying and it is hoped they will soon be exterminated. 55 08 26

1955 08 26 CIP
Cottenham sapper in Cyprus p9

1955 08 26 ES
End of three old warriors: portable steam engines at Ely station goods yard, used in driving pumps. 55 08 26ES

1955 08 30
Wings Day gave a memorable send-off to the 629 (Cambridgeshire) Parachute Light Regiment R.A. (T.A.) regiment in its new role. The first presentation was to its Commanding Officer, Lt.-Col. J.G.A. Beckett whilst Major J.H. Sanders, at the age of 52, completed the course along with his younger colleagues. Thirty of the new parachutists will stage a mock attack at Duxford on Battle of Britain Sunday. 55 08 30 & a

1955 08 31
Sir - Many cottages in our villages have recently been demolished and others are marked out for removal in the near future but there is no involvement with local history organisations. At Sawston a row of 18th-century cottages have been demolished revealing remains of the old Black Swan public house for the first time. Such items ought to be recorded – T.F. Teversham 55 08 31a

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1955 09 01
Night signals, p11

1955 09 02
The Government has approved Haverhill's town expansion scheme which involves the transfer of 5,000 of London's 'overspill' population. Now planning can begin for the additional plant needed at the waterworks and sewage farm to deal with the increased population and demands of industry. 55 09 02a

In opening their enormous new showrooms in King Street Cambridge the firm of H.W. Peak have passed another milestone. Everything for furnishing a home is here in astonishing array. Apart from furniture there is electrical equipment such as vacuum cleaners and washing machines together with televisions and Hi-Fi sound equipment. They started just under 50 years ago selling second-hand furniture and opened a large branch at King's Lynn in 1937. 55 09 02b

Sawston Hall, p5

1955 09 02 ES
Preparing for cruise on fenland waterways. 55 09 02ES

1955 09 03
Fireworks and flying saucers celebrated the opening of the new showrooms of H.W. Peak in King Street, Cambridge. Giant rockets were released from the roof of the floodlit and gaily decorated building and the city was 'bombed' with balloons released from aircraft. Each contained a numbered card and winners will share in the distribution of £200 worth of furniture. 55 09 03

Longstanton station, p9

1955 09 06
One of the finest clubrooms for civil servants opened next door to the bowling green in Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge. It is within easy reach of the officer and membership is one-penny a week. It would enhance the civil service's reputation for high standards of integrity and once members entered they should completely forget about rank. 55 09 06

1955 09 08
Baby body, p8

1955 09 09
A Chippenham girl told an inquest she was playing on the disused aerodrome at Snailwell when she went into a dugout and found a cardboard box tied with string. She opened it and saw it contained the partly decomposed body of a child. It had been there several years and it was now quite impossible to find the cause of death. 55 09 09

A scroll authorising personnel of RAF Wyton to march through Huntingdon on ceremonial occasions with bayonets fixed, colours flying, drums beating and bands playing was presented to the Commanding Officer during celebrations to mark the 750th anniversary of the granting of the town's first royal charter. A parade of 700 officers and men headed by the Central Band of the Royal Air Force marched past as 12 Canberras and two Valiants flew overhead in salute. 55 09 09a & b

Ely High Bridge, p7

1955 09 09 ES

Ely proposed new bridge Soham road. 55 09 09ES

Stretham fire Thomas Brown's farm, Stretham Fen – peat; fire Gravel Farm due spark locomotive. 55 09 09ES

1955 09 10
Pye demonstrated their new aircraft instrument landing system with a series of flights in Dakotas between Cambridge and the De Havilland works at Hatfield. The trips are also open to factory staff so they can see how the system allows the pilot to land without having to be 'talked down' from the ground. They had barely time to unfasten the seat belts, say 'Thank you' to the air hostess for packets of 20 cigarettes and the treble scotches before a loudspeaker commentary was started on the landing. 55 09 10a-b

The Cambridge Express Printing Company has been acquired by W. Heffer & Sons. The 'Express' works have a long history. At one time they published a weekly newspaper which was eventually incorporated with the 'Cambridge Weekly News' which in turn amalgamated with the 'Cambridge Independent Press and Chronicle'. 55 09 10e

Jack Hulbert, p4
Soham gas, p6
Cambridge station improvements - cartoon – 55 09 10aaa

1955 09 12
An old thatched cottage at 81 High Street Cherry Hinton was deliberately set alight by the Fire Service. The site has been acquired by Messrs. Dickerson for a modern Esso service station and garage. In view of the age of the cottage and the lack of any materials worthy of salvage it was decided that burning down was the most expedient way of disposal. The previous owner said: "I've had it insured against fire all these years and the policy doesn't expire until Christmas!" 55 09 12

Isleham bus, p13

1955 09 13
A 'flying saucer' object – one of which has been seen in the vicinity recently – will make an appearance at the Battle of Britain Show at R.A.F. Debden along with Hunters, Sabres and Shackletons. The Valiant and Vulcan 'V' bombers will also fly over. There will an attack by Meteor fighter-bombers and the R.A.F. Regiment will deal with the 'flying saucer'. There are strong rumours that 'Dan Dare, Special Agent' will help the Regiment. 55 09 13

Trumpington bungalow, p6

1955 09 14
Proposals to close Foxton railway station whilst keeping Harston open – which was used even less – drew protests from Councillors. During September 60 passengers used the station each week but this was a bad month for travel and prohibitive fares were the reason for the small number of passengers. Alternative bus services were far from adequate and there would be no prospect of halting the drift from the countryside to the town if the station closed. There was a great deal of development planned, which would result in a growth of population. 55 09 14

Whitings Farm, Holywell Row, Mildenhall had been in size reduced when 60 acres were acquired by the Air Ministry. It was full of weeds and rubbish, some of the fields were sour and the hedges and ditches in need of attention. The tenant was a poor farmer and it should be returned to the landlord who would farm it better. But he had lost barley seed and four inches of topsoil in dust storms & was making the best use of inherently bad land. He was a Grade 'A' farmer and should be allowed to continue, an inquiry decided. 55 09 14a

1955 09 15
Chivers have installed one of the most modern milking machines at their farm at Haslingfield. It was built to their specifications by Simplex Dairy Equipment of Cambridge. Now two men can deal with up to 80 cows in ninety minutes in a building near the pasture with the milk being transferred direct to the dairy by a pipeline arriving completely untouched by hand. 55 09 15a

Police Vespa picture – 55 09 15bb

1955 09 16
Alperson's caravan manufacturers have found a new permanent home at Oaks Lodge on the Fordham Road, Newmarket. It will enable them to increase production and concentrate on the overseas market. There is a huge demand by the family man in the big industrial areas who finds it economical to buy a caravan and leave it on a site near the coast where he can stay every weekend. 55 09 16a

On the map in 10 weeks. The first completed dwelling on the Arbury Road estate extension, designed and built by Monkman of Halifax Road, Cambridge was started on 1st July 1955 and occupied on the 17th September. – Advert. 55 09 16b

1955 09 16 CIP
Foxton station closure inquiry p1
I.T.A station test - strong signal in Cambridge p1

1955 09 21
Baby found in disused air raid shelter, Chippenham Park, Snailwell – 55 09 21
Clare Memorial Court, p9

1955 009 24
An inquest heard that a 50-year old organist and cleaner at Elm parish church fell down from a step-ladder when cleaning a window, breaking a leg-bone. He dragged himself to the bell rope and started to ring an alarm. But when he realised nobody would answer he crawled 40 feet to the west door of the church, managed to open it and attracted the attention of a passer-by. He was in hospital for three weeks but collapsed and died. 55 09 24

Police issued with motor scooters – cartoon – 55 09 24a

1955 09 26
One glance at Midsummer Common, Cambridge was enough to dispel any suggestion of public apathy about Civil Defence. Hundreds of blue-uniformed figures took part in the finals of 'Exercise Challenge'. It tested their skill and knowledge and rescue teams had the difficult task of retrieving a severely-injured casualty on a stretcher while a stream of 'distressed' people were treated at a rest centre. 55 09 26a

1955 09 27
The dedication and opening of an extension of Clare College Memorial Court was performed by the Master, Sir Henry Thirkill, in the presence of nearly 1,300 scholars and relatives of the Clare men who died in World War II. The new Court which has room for 44 undergraduates was designed by the architect Sir Giles Scott who was amongst the congregation as he had been when the first portion was dedicated 31 years earlier. 55 09 27

1955 09 28
Mother found, p5

1955 09 30

When a Hawker Hunter jet fighter crash-landed near Upware pumping station the pilot was pulled from the aircraft and taken to the Ely RAF Hospital by a helicopter which had taken off from Waterbeach airfield carrying the Station Commander, Gp Capt Chackfield, to the scene of the crash. Units from Cambs and Fordham fire brigades were called but the aircraft did not catch fire. 55 09 30a

The idea of a recreational club and canteen for University Assistants was first suggested in 1946 and eventually a 'disreputable warehouse' was acquired in Mill Lane. It has now been transformed into a magnificent club that was officially opened by the Vice Chancellor. It will be managed by the Assistants themselves; they have called innumerable meetings choosing decorations, furniture and china and also acquired a piano and a radiogram. 55 09 30b & c

1955 09 30 CIP
Big Civil defence exercise Midsummer Common p28

1955 09 30 ES
Three killed when Landrover hits towed jet plane at Waterbeach airfield. 55 09 30(2)ES, funeral 55 10 07ES

Ely St Mary's gravestones removed. 55 09 30ES

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1955 10 01
The Bell School of Languages in Cranmer Road, Cambridge was opened by the Chancellor of Cambridge University, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Lord Tedder. This term 50 men and women from 22 countries including Germany, Cambodia, Saudi Arabia and Finland are studying there. The Principal, Mr Bell, said the aim was not only to teach the way we say things but the way we do them and warned students not to be 'a little colony of foreigners in England'. 55 10 01 & a

1955 10 05
A 19-year-old caravan dweller told Newmarket magistrates that her father-in-law was a rag merchant and she helped to distribute tickets and collect articles from houses. She had been going from house to house selling lace and pegs and had knocked at a door in Falmouth Avenue when she saw some blouses and a towel on a window-sill. She thought they had been left for collection. But the householder said she had left them in an annexe to dry. When stopped by police the girl claimed they had been given to her as a wedding present. She was fined £3 10s. 55 10 05

Queen Ediths school, p8
Milton school, p8

1955 10 06
The number of children attending Stetchworth Heath Controlled School has more than doubled recently and this number is unlike to decrease. In view of this the School Managers have asked the County Education Department to let the school stay open after all and to consider erecting a dining room. 55 10 06

Scrambling, p7

1955 10 07
Felsted Sugar Beet Factory has begun to receive beet for processing into white sugar. Amongst the first to send a consignment was Audley End Farms. Their Home Farm has obtained a good yield by means of a system of irrigation, unique in the district. A tractor-powered centrifugal pump distributes water down a network of aluminium pipes to 20 sprinklers up to half-a-mile away. Without it the crop would almost certainly have been a failure. 55 10 07

Clara Lines travelled by train to Chivers – 55 10 07

Romsey School celebrated its 50th birthday; past and present scholars viewed photographs of bygone days and recalled events from the past. The head, Mr S.J. Granfield was joined by Mr S. Cannon who spoke of the first headmaster, George Flavill. Then the old boys gathered round the piano to sing 'Forty Years On' and other old songs he had taught them. 55 10 07b

1955 10 07 CIP
Ultra-modern type Queen Edith's Way school approval sought p1
Eastern region Labour rally - Harold Wilson report on failure at election p12

1955 10 07 ES
Upware crash of jet fighter, helicopter takes pilot to Ely RAF Hospital, first such rescue. 55 10 07ES

Ely switches over to electricity in place of gas lighting. 55 10 07(2)ES

1955 10 10
Mr C. Gatward has won his appeal to continue making concrete roof tiles at Button End Harston. He had purchased moulding machines from a manufacturer who had gone out of business and as a number of houses in Cambridge were roofed with these tiles there was a constant demand for replacement. Maximum output was 4,000 tiles weekly and there would be no dust and little noise. The county planners said that the unsightliness of stacked tiles and heaps of raw materials would be detrimental to residents and the road was unsuitable for industrial traffic. 55 10 10

1955 10 11
A Waterbeach smallholder & member of the British Soil Association is convinced that the increase in cancer is due to synthetic chemicals used in soaps and detergents and the use of artificial fertilisers on the land. He deplores the burning of waste straw which makes good a compost producing healthier and better flavoured vegetables and throughout the long dry summer his crops have continued to thrive. 55 10 11

1955 10 12
Baby's body in air raid shelter, Newmarket - 55 10 12a

Shippea Hill football treasurer sent to prison – 55 10 12c

King Feisal of Iraq paid a private visit to Cambridge as the guest of the Vice-Chancellor of the University. He arrived late because of fog and after lunching at Christ's College visited the Wren Library at Trinity and the Fitzwilliam Museum. He then travelled to Marshall's airfield where he displayed keen interest in a Venom IV jet aircraft and the Comet jet and Viscount turboprop airliners. In the Royal party was Mr Tariq Al Askari who was at Cambridge as a student. 55 10 12b

1955 10 13
For the passengers on the Cambridge to Kettering train it was a normal journey; but for the guard, Archie Sear of Cambridge it brought an end to a career lasting 50 years on the railway, 23 of them on the Kettering line. He became a familiar figure to regular travellers and gained the title of 'The Varsity Guard'. He has had a remarkably smooth career and has never been asked to look after anything more unusual than dogs, kittens and schoolchildren. The train has remained accident-free and he has never had anything unusual to report – which in itself is extraordinary. 55 10 13

1955 10 14
A dispute over the use of a roadway alongside Barway parish church was settled in court. The owner of Pembroke Farm claimed his neighbour had nailed up a gate and cut a trench across a road that he used to drive his cattle to his land. It was agreed he could use one side of the road provided he erected

a moveable hurdle fence to keep cattle away from the house. Almost all the inhabitants of the hamlet appeared on one side or other. 55 10 14

1955 10 14 ES
Wilburton Manor School opens. 55 10 14(2)ES

1955 10 15
Two brothers, both of whom carry on house furnishing business in Cambridge, brought their fourth High Court action against each other. A woman customer had gone to buy a refrigerator, saw a shop named Peak's in King Street and assumed it was the same as Peak's Furnishers of Fitzroy Street where she had an account. It was delivered to her house but then she went to Fitzroy Street to pay for it. The judge said this was a case of the utmost triviality and it was surprising it had not happened many times before. 55 10 15

Cherry Hinton British Legion opened their new headquarters. The old building had been a source of very great worry and eventually a portable building was bought. It was stored free of charge for two-and-a-half years until a suitable site on Fisher's Lane came on to the market. They bought it using funds raised from whist drivers. 55 10 15a

In 1950 the Shelford scout troop and cub pack reopened after a break for the war years but had nowhere to meet. The Guides and Brownies had kept going in a barn which was too small. So they decided to pool their resources to erect a joint HQ. The prospect of dozens of children making merry in their vicinity appalled some local residents but Mr Williams of 'Southernwood' offered the use of his garden where a hut was erected. Now it needs repair and a fund has been opened. 55 10 15a

The condition of the huts on Donkey Common has steadily deteriorated and they should only be let to families requiring emergency accommodation who can be rehoused by September 1957. Some are so bad they will have to be closed before that and when the worst of them become vacant they should not be re-let. The Council should purchase 50 premises due for demolition and carry out minimum repairs to allow them to be occupied temporarily. 55 10 15b

1955 10 17
St Edward's church memorial, p4

1955 10 18
Chivers sale yard, p16

1955 10 20
A tremendous welcome greeted the Queen as she arrived at Cambridge station. Crowds had been waiting in the rain for over two hours and school children were tired of the delay. The glass roof of the station platform sprang a leak and a man was sent aloft to cover it with green waterproof. Exactly on time the train drew in and Her Majesty stepped gracefully onto the platform. The women onlookers gasped as they took in the details of her dress, a fitting emerald green coat with black fur collar, green hat and black handbag. 55 10 20a

A crowd of several thousand massed in Cambridge Market Place as the Royal procession moved slowly towards the Guildhall. The Queen looked radiant as the Mayor (Ald E. Halnan) presented her with an Electryte Cardiograph adapted by a local firm to monitor the heart of her thoroughbred racehorses. She thanked him warmly saying "this ingenious machine will be put to good use". Then she made an appearance on the balcony, waving to the crowd who cheered back. 55 10 20b

1955 10 21
There was heavy rain as the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh arrived for the ceremonial opening of the new Veterinary School where a batch of undergraduates lay down their gowns in a Sir Walter Raleigh act. The Queen was much taken and amused but her private detective, fearing that Her Majesty might

trip on the loose gowns, asked for them to be taken up. But a loud cheer greeted her smile at the gesture. 55 10 21a & b

1955 10 21 ES
Relief Channel scheme: visit of inspection, photos. 55 10 21&(2)(3)ES

1955 10 24
Dr Albert Schweitzer, the famous 80-year-old philosopher, received an Honorary Degree in the University Senate House. He was warmly applauded by a large gathering with people even climbing on the window ledges in the hope of witnessing the ceremony. Hundreds waited in the rain to cheer him as he entered and left. 55 10 24b & c

Ely Sailing Club's timber-built headquarters on the Prickwillow Road was completely destroyed by fire together with chairs and crockery which had been loaned for a supper to celebrate the end of the sailing season. This is the second time the club has lost its building. During the bad weather of 1949-50 it disappeared through the subsidence of the bank on which it was standing overlooking Roswell Pits. 55 10 24d

Since 1952 Cambridge has sold 84 pre-war and three post-war council houses. They were going to be lived in whether they were bought or rented and people ought to be able to buy them if they wanted. They had plenty of money to spend and wanted to use it for repayments on house loans instead of frittering it away. If we can sell the whole lot, we shall", declared Ald Langden. But pre-war council houses sold for £400 and it cost about £1,300 to replace them at present day prices. To say that encouraging people to own the houses would make more them responsible citizens was a most unworthy argument. 55 10 24a

1955 10 27
Fulbourn has been developed as far as it can be and if a further 500 houses are put there it will be tighter still. It was never intended that we should be packed together like sardines in the way planners are intending today, an inquiry was told. "If we carry out this scheme of infilling we shall never be able to build a house without it overlooks a neighbour's kitchen or the washing on the line", Mr W.J. Taylor complained. 55 10 27

1955 10 28 CIP
Ely cathedral RAF window opening soon p1
Owen Webb House extension opened p1
Undergraduate took Belisha beacon p7
"Packed like sardines" in Fulbourn village p17
Albert Schweitzer hon degree p20

1955 10 28 ES
Queen visits Cambridge Guildhall, Vet School. 55 10 28ES

Wimblington spire reroofing will cost £1,000: shock report. 55 10 28(2)ES

1955 10 31
Cambridge Reference Library is normally well used – on average over 200 people each day consult material. But last week has seen it fuller than normal; additional tables and chairs have been brought in and frequently all are taken. This is because the Reading Room is being divided to create a new Junior Library. A number of the more serious periodicals will be transferred to the Reference Library where book cases will be removed to make more space. 55 10 31

Parking difficulties in the centre of Cambridge have begun to drive shoppers elsewhere. One councillor said: "I am always hearing people complain that they cannot find room to park. The re-development of the Lion Yard car park is probably the most important thing that can possibly be

done, otherwise shopkeepers will suffer. My wife now shops in St Neots where she can park easily, another friend goes to Saffron Walden." 55 10 31a

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1955 11 02
She was only about eight but she looked far more confident than many of the car drivers who edged their way out of Downing Street at lunch time. Unescorted she steered her conveyance neatly through the traffic and with a satisfied shake of her head rode off on her little black pony down St Andrew's Street. The cars were left behind at the junction. 55 11 02a

Ida Maxwell, well-known for her stage, film and photographic work, is to open a Mannequin Academy at Overstream House, Cambridge. The course will last 12 weeks and include tuition in etiquette, make-up, hairstyles and general appearance. Students who pass an examination will receive a certificate to say they are a professional model which will help them find jobs in London. The course is also suitable for mature women wanting to acquire a well-groomed appearance for social or business reasons. 55 11 02b

A roll of honour compiled in memory of the citizens of Cambridge who lost their lives in the last war will be unveiled in the Guildhall. It is written on two skins of vellum with raised gold lettering and also commemorates the Women's Forces and all the civilian casualties. It was executed by Miss G. Horsley, a designer at the Technical College and School and is a poignant reminder of how modern wars have involved the very homes of the people. The first name is a woman's and the names of children killed in one of the air raids also appear. 55 11 02c

1955 11 03
The Cambridge Preservation Society applied to have allotment land it owned beside the Coton footpath earmarked for housing. But the County Planners said the footpath was of very great importance to the amenities of Cambridge and they were anxious to prevent the spread of development. The Society was in it for financial reasons - it would raise the value of their land to £4,000. The proposal was also opposed by Coton Parish Council who said there was a waiting list for allotments and it would prove a hardship for present tenants. 55 11 03

1955 11 04
Tenants of council houses at Westmoor Common, Little Downham, have to look for rat holes to pour waste water in because they have no sink or drains of any description. All that was needed were a few glazed pipes as there was a septic tank. But there was no way of installing them without a comprehensive scheme which would be too expensive. Seven years ago a similar scheme was proposed at Lt Thetford but nothing had been done there either. It was wrong that there were council houses without sinks when they were spending money on modern houses. 55 11 04-a

1955 11 04 CIP
Shoppers being driven from Cambridge by parking difficulties p1

1955 11 04 ES
Last fen wind pump preservation details. 55 11 04ES

1955 11 07
In the dark days of the last war Ely Cathedral stood out as a prominent landmark for returning bombers. Thus it was fitting that it should be chosen as the place for a memorial window to remember the 19,000 airmen who did not come back. High-ranking officers and some 2,000 relatives of the fallen joined in the commemoration during which four rolls of honour containing the names of fallen aircrew, many of them New Zealanders, were presented for preservation. 55 11 07a

Freak storms were reported in various parts of the county with thunder, lightning and huge hailstones. Mrs Sadler of Whittlesford reported that hailstones the size of walnuts fell in the village and there was hardly a house without windows broken. At Burwell hailstones larger than billiard balls shattered windows with 28 panes of glass broken in one house. 55 11 07b

A roll of honour to the memory of the men and women from Cambridge who lost their lives in the last war was unveiled at the Guildhall. It is five feet high with a heraldic illuminated heading and raised gold lettering and is a companion to the one already erected to those killed in the First World War. After the ceremony the Mayor processed to Great St Mary's which was packed to capacity with townsfolk, University and other organisations who had gathered to pay homage to the dead. 55 11 07c

Five thatched cottages at View Road, Boxworth were badly damaged by fire believed to have been caused by lightning. The whole of the roof was destroyed and the interior of two badly damaged. An 82-year-old woman was hit by a piece of falling timber but the occupants left safely and most of the furniture was saved. The three families who occupied the cottages were boarded into the village old school, the village hall and with neighbours. 55 11 07d

1955 11 11
Alderman F.M. Warren, a member of St Ives Borough Council for 51 years and twice mayor has announced his retirement at the age of 85. He would like to see the council transform the inadequate sewage system as they cannot increase the number of houses without adequate drainage and improve the drainage system to get rid of the danger of floods. They should recondition the old bathing place and provide a sale ring for tuberculosis tested cattle at the market. Council house rents would be a problem but he was sure tenants do not want to live on subsidies provided by the rest of us. 55 11 11 & a

1955 11 11 CIP
Roll of honour unveiled Guildhall p8
Billy Graham's Cambridge mission p11 & 18 p17
Ely bomber command window unveiled p22

1955 11 11 ES
Cathedral memorial window to airmen unveiled. 55 11 11ES

Witchford transformer struck by lightning, village glowed with brilliance of short-circuit. 55 11 11(2)ES

1955 11 12
The G.P.O. has connected over 6,300 new telephones in the Cambridge area during the past year. Although this is a record achievement the demand for new connections has also exceeded all previous figures. Seven new major exchanges and 30 minor building extensions are planned. During the past year the called handled each day by the operators has approached half a million. 55 11 12b-c

Gas works boundary wall, River Lane, collapses – 55 11 12a
Archibald Rayner, dentist, dies – 55 11 12a

1955 11 14
Dr Billy Graham said his Cambridge mission had been one of the most rewarding of his life. It had won people to Christ, got the University talking about religion and started a revival among Christians. Every available inch of space in Gt St Mary's was filled and many had to be re-directed to Holy Trinity where the service was being relayed. It also went to the universities of Aberdeen, Durham, Manchester and four others. Now he has started his journey back to America. 55 11 14

1955 11 15

A Vampire jet from RAF Oakington skimmed over Rampton before crash-landing in a field. The pilot managed to miss council houses and touched down, bouncing over and ditch and hedge before coming to rest in an orchard. Several villagers did not hear any explosion and only realised a plane had crashed when the saw the flames. 55 11 15

1955 11 16
An Agricultural Land Tribunal was told that land at Drages Farm, Woodfen, Littleport was full of weeds and crops were poor and light; thorn hedges were overgrown and fences non-existent. No drainage work had been done and the land was waterlogged. The buildings were in a very bad state of repair and a cottage was unsuitable for a worker to live in. But the buildings were just as bad in 1935 and were ready for demolition then, crops had been drilled late because of the weather and gave a fair return in the circumstances. 55 11 16-c

1955 11 17
Cambridge Boys Club in Wellington Street is meeting a real need since it opened six years ago. Councillor Burkitt said the first time he went there the noise was terrific, there was not a single pane left unbroken and the club was very disorderly. Now it was well-run and had established a tradition of decent behaviour and loyalty; the boys took pride in making it a credit to the community. 55 11 17a

Cam valley water supply scheme – 55 11 17b

1955 11 18
Cheveley Park water supply, warning – 55 11 18

1955 11 18 CIP
Plane lands field Rampton p1

1955 11 18 ES
Proposal to replace Ely High Bridge. 55 11 18ES

1955 11 19
Local councillors were told that in terms of houses and jobs the only hope for thousands Londoners was to leave for localities beyond the green belt. This could be advantageous to county towns as well as the families and industries which moved out. Essex County Council had already helped a great deal and when they had solved their own internal overspill problems they would see what might be done to assist still further. 55 11 19

The farmworkers' case for a £7 a week minimum wage was irrefutable, a trade union official said. A number of influential farmers were saying it should not be opposed. If the present drift from the land continued – 25,000 workers had been lost in the last year – there would soon not be enough to properly manage the farms. It is reaching a critical point when the deficiency cannot be made up by the ever-increasing use of machines. There are now more power units on farms than there are men and women to work them. 55 11 19a

1955 11 22
Hauxton, a beautiful village, has been ruined by industry, a parish councillor told planners. Residents were troubled with noise, dust, smell and smoke from the Camtiles factory and the increase in the number of workmen had encroached on their privacy. Many industries had sprung up in the village but there had been no council houses built since 1938. Thirty years ago the village was wholly agricultural, now there were only two people employed on the land. 55 11 22a & b

St John Ambulance Brigade has been given a new headquarters building in memory of the later Rev. Dr T. Fitzwilliam, President of Queens' College. It is one of the most marvellous things that has ever happened in the history of the organisation and when finally opened next year Fitzpatrick House will be something to be proud of. 55 11 22c & d

1955 11 25
A 69-year-old Haddenham man appeared in court charged with wrongly drawing a retirement pension of £2 7s 6d when he was earning more than 41s a week. He had been a roadman until March 1954 when he claimed a pension saying he had been born in 1886. The clerk told him that once a man reached 70 he could work and earn as much as he liked and could also draw his pension in full: 'You have to wait until you are too old to work, and then you can'. 55 11 25

1955 11 25 CIP
"Hauxton ruined by industry" p17

1955 11 29
Mr Peter Scott, the artist, television personality and authority on bird life, came to Adventurers' Fen, Wicken to open an artificially-constructed mere. Years ago the fens contained many such meres but the requirements of agriculture and drainage had resulted in their gradual loss. He said 'When the skies are full of jets and people are buying plots of land on the moon it is important to preserve ancient fen land'. The rights of farmers have been preserved and the mere will be a source of pleasure to bird watchers; hides should be erected and visitors admitted during the summer season. 55 11 29 & a

1955 11 30
Undergraduates going to early lectures in thick fog were surprised to see a Commer van resting neatly in a large hole in the road in front of King's College with just the front two wheels sticking up to greet the morning. A breakdown van managed to pull the van out to the accompaniment of cheers from student onlookers. Later workmen were back digging the hole even deeper. 55 11 30

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1955 12 01
The culvert under the footpath at Caxton End, Bourn, has collapsed and is a danger to pedestrians. But nobody can decide who is responsible for repairing it. The Parish Council cannot afford it, Chesterton Council deny its them and the County Council say it is not an awarded watercourse. Already one child has fallen in and been washed through when the floods came along and it was time somebody did something. 55 12 01a

1955 12 02
The Woodpecker Café in Butchers Row, Ely, has again been refused a music licence. It was thought to be too near the Cathedral precincts but the Dean had no objection. Even on fair days the noise from the amusements was barely audible and the sound from the music making machine would not be heard by residents. There would be a volume control that could only be touched by the staff and be kept to a modified pitch. 55 12 02a

A portrait of Thomas Hobson, the Cambridge carrier who gave the world his 'choice' may find a quiet resting place at the Guildhall, rather than be moved to the Corn Exchange. But the ageing portraits of other former city dignitaries are never again to adorn the decorated walls of the Large Room. They are all in need of renovation and were removed before the Queen's recent visit. Two may be hung in the members' retiring room. 55 12 02b

1955 12 02 CIP
Russian teachers visit p11

1955 12 02 ES
Peter Scott opens Wicken Fen mere. 55 12 02ES

1955 12 03
The first of the new M.G.A. 1½ litre sports cars has appeared in Hallens showrooms, Union Lane. It combines traditional craftsmanship with modern race-bred performance and in racing trim can reach 112 mph. At a price of £595 plus £299 purchase tax it is an attractive proposition to any enthusiast and it is unfortunate that there is a long wait for those who wish to enjoy it. 55 12 03

1955 12 06
Four modern bungalows have been erected at Castle Camps for use as almshouses. It is a story of inspiration and generosity which had brought as much happiness to the four aged people who are now comfortably settled to spend the eventide of their lives as it has to the benefactor. Tom Haylock of Moat Farm, a Methodist local preacher and chairman of the parish council built them on a piece of his meadow and said he had always promised himself to do something for the aged people of the village. 55 12 06

1955 12 08
Sir – three years ago the elm on Shelford Recreation Ground where children play and adults congregate was found to be in a bad condition. There was a large hole, full of water in the tree trunk and bottles and old cartridge cases taken out. The council called in a tree expert and decided to have it felled. Had the two heavy branches which came off a few weeks ago have fallen a foot nearer the bowling green we might be mourning the loss of the groundsmen. Think what torrent of abuse the council would have received if somebody had been killed. A few children's lives are worth far more than all the elms in Shelford – Horace Reed. 55 12 08

1955 12 09
The U.S.A.F. and United Kingdom civilians at Wimpole Park Hospital have broken their record of 151 pints of blood. The Mobile Blood Transfusion Service team arrived and by nine were ready for action. It was like a well-organised Christmas rush, ten pints being donated continually except for a short lunch break until 168 pints had been taken. 55 12 09a

Mrs Glover lived a full life. She was born in 1875 at Willingham and was entered for Girton College but instead went to Berlin and studied German and music. She married Terrot Glover, a Fellow of St John's College and entertained undergraduates to large tea parties, as was usual at that time. She helped start the Tipperary Club for young mothers during the Great War. Later she developed a special tenderness for the old and forgotten. She also worked with the Cambridge Tapestry Company and won high praise from Queen Mary. During the war she was a billeting officer and found room in her own house for many evacuees. 55 12 09b-d

1955 12 09 CIP
Four new almshouses Castle Camps - farmers gift p22

1955 12 10
Mr G.B. Halls, the first clerk to the Cambridgeshire Executive Council of the National Health Service, has retired. The first meeting under the National Insurance Act was in July 1912 and he took over in 1926. During all his long service he was a contributor to the scheme but never found it necessary to claim benefit. 55 12 10 & 10a

1955 12 12
The new extensions to the Paston House School, now called St Mary's Convent School, in Bateman Street were dedicated, marking an important milestone in its 50 years' history. It began in one little house and now had 370 pupils. Speaking of the value of independent convent schools the Bishop spoke of 'the unfriendliness of Mr Butler, who won't let us build schools as we should like to". But the religious orders managed to carry on and there was something about convent schools that make parent want to send their pupils, although there were good, efficient and free, schools elsewhere. 55 12 12 & 12a

1955 12 13
The clock that changed places – St Giles' church – 55 12 13a

Current trends in two-wheeled transport seem to be moving in favour of the motor-scooter. Now Hallens have opened a new showroom in Fitzroy Street, Cambridge devoted solely to scooters and 'mopeds' (known to the uninitiated as auto-cycles) which illustrates the increased public demand for this form of transport. 55 12 13

1955 12 14
The petrol station of today fills the place held by the blacksmith 50 years ago argued the company appealed to put up a petrol service station opposite the White Hart public house, Cambridge Road, Barton. It was of the utmost importance but small villages could not always afford to have one of their own. But the parish council objected and the County said it was the wrong place; Haslingfield or Comberton would be better sites. 55 12 14

1955 12 15
An 18¼ lb female pike was landed from the Ouse near Over Staunch. It was taken on live bait by Bert Ball of Sandy and broke his road as it was being landed. When it was deposited on the bank a large eel popped out of its mouth. It was the largest from this stretch of water for many years, some say the best since a 20-pounder was landed by Mr Cooke in 1910. 55 12 15a

Stapleford villagers crowed into the general store to see the 'door-bell-that-would-not-stop-ringing'. It began when the storekeeper removed the electric door-bell and put it in a bucket. He received the shock of his life when it began to ring and continued for two hours, even though it was not connected to anything. Soon the store was crowded with sightseers and many views were put forward as to the cause. The mystery was only solved when a CDN reporter dismantled the bell and discovered a small battery neatly concealed in a compartment thought to house the mechanism. 55 12 15a

1955 12 16
The world-renowned firm of Grays of Cambridge was founded 100 years ago by H.J. Gray who, with four other brothers, held the racquets championship of the world for several years. They started as boys in the racquets courts of St John's College where they strang the racquet hoops, which led to the founding of the firm years before the game of lawn tennis started. Afterwards they produced cricket bats. 55 12 16a & b

1955 12 17
Unicam Instruments celebrated its 21st birthday; it had started in a stables on St Andrew's Hill, Cambridge. Despite setbacks, when paying the staff became a problem, the firm thrived. At the outbreak of war, after a skirmish with the Ministry of Aircraft Production, they acquired Riley House opposite the Tivoli Cinema. Finance problems arose again and they established a relationship with Pye Ltd. 55 12 17a

Cambridge Association of Organists gave a recital in Trinity College Chapel to mark the centenary of the birth of Dr Alan Gray, the great musician. In 1892 he became conductor of the Cambridge University Music Society and was also borough organist. He wrote several services and anthems of great beauty, which are regularly sung in cathedrals and churches 55 12 17b

Stanley Matthews, the greatest soccer player of the century made his first visit to Cambridge. Local football officials and celebrities laid aside the rivalries of the field for the opportunity to shake his hand. At the end a schoolboy collared him for his autograph; Stanley said: "When I was your age I was always in bed by eight o'clock". He then left for his hotel and bed – dead on 9.30 pm. 55 12 17c

1955 12 18
The little church of the Holy Trinity at Heydon stands in a tree-screened churchyard on the hills near Royston. It is a quite an isolated spot but by freakish chance an odd enemy bomb fell on it during the

1940 raids and did considerable damage. The five bells were blown out of the tower, one bounced across the road into the schoolyard, without cracking. Parishioners have continued to worship in the rectory, the organ, altar and pews to seat 70 people being accommodated in a suitable room. Eventually the War Damage Commission agreed to meet the cost of re-building and it is hoped to be ready by summer. 55 12 18c

1955 12 21
Employees of Messrs R. Buttress & co, shirt makers, tailors and robe makers, gathered in their workroom for a presentation to Mr J. Hewish who is retiring at the age of 83. He has been a tailor for 65 years; he was apprenticed at Newmarket where he helped to make riding breeches and started in Cambridge for fivepence an hour. 55 12 21

1955 12 23 CIP
Heydon church rebuilding after bomb damage 1940 p15

1955 12 28
Its panto-time again and comedian Danny Kaye heads the cast at the New Theatre, Cambridge. This time he has chosen 'Cinderella' in which he plays the loveable 'Buttons. He has assembled a good cast which keeps up the tradition of making the people (especially children) happy. Fenella Fielding plays Prince Charming with vim and vigour and no pantomime would be complete without the Brokers' Men, in this case Cleef and Ball, two riotous knock-abouts. 55 12 28

1955 12 30
It was a Black Friday for six Black Horse Drove men stopped for cycling without lights. It was almost daylight on a dead-end road right out in the fens on which motorised traffic is absolutely nil. They only used the last half-mile for getting to work. But P.C. Miller said it had been a particularly foggy morning with very restricted visibility; some of the men did have lights on their bikes but they were not turned on. They were each fined. 55 12 30

1955 12 30 CIP
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1956 01 03
Cyril Bailey, partner in the well-known building firm of Johnson and Bailey, spent the whole of his life in Cambridge. He was apprenticed as a carpenter and joiner, working on aircraft production in the First World War and founded the firm in 1919. He devoted his life to the business up to the time of his death and was a past President of the Master Builders' Association. A man of pleasing personality and of a charming and unassuming manner he will be greatly missed. 56 01 03

The Mayor of Cambridge met people aged from two hours to 100 years during his New Year's Day tour. The baby was Nicola Mansfield and the centenarian Mrs Eleanor Clarke at Chesterton Hospital where the official party went round the wards handing out cigarettes and chocolate to the patients. 56 01 03a-b

1956 01 04
Trinity College is to enquire into the average price of a Winchester Bushel of good marketable wheat in Cambridgeshire over the last 14 years. Once the price has been fixed the people of Barrington will have to pay. Under the terms of the village Enclosure Act of 1802 the church tithes were commuted into annual money payments calculated according to the price of cereal. It is the only local village affected by this particular form of corn rent. The last time it was fixed was 28 years ago when the price was 83d per bushel; now it will be nearer 131d. 56 01 04

1956 01 05
A practice bomb, inadvertently released from an American B47 bomber, fell in a ploughed field near Newport and buried itself in a crater 15 feet deep and 20 feet wide. It caused hundreds of pounds worth of damage to Biggs' nurseries; one man was wounded when sheets of glass were blown out and five other men ran clear. The crater was surrounded by large sheets of metal which was burned and twisted and scattered over a wide area. A lorry-load of RAF men wearing bow ties and white gloves with Wellington boots collected the fragments and men with picks and shovels removed a large container from the bottom of the crater. 56 01 05

1956 01 06
A policeman told the court he had seen lights in the window of the Railway Tavern, Littleport at 12.10 am; inside were three men playing dominoes and drinking from beer glasses. The landlord said they were friends who had got off the train after watching the England-Spain football match at Wembley and stopped to tell him about it. They had taken a glass of beer at his invitation without paying for it. They were each fined. 56 01 06a-c

1956 01 11
'The Coffee Anchor' down Laundress Lane is an innovation: the first licensed coffee bar in Cambridge. The new rooms, delightfully done out in contemporary style on the second floor overlooking the Cam, were opened by the President of the Cambridge University Boat Club with a flourishing swish of the magic machine that drew out the first official cup of hot coffee. 56 01 11

1956 01 12
Of course it was too easy in the Central Library reading room. Periodicals were on the tables clearly labelled. Far too convenient - one could actually see at a glance where everything was. Now all that has been improved. We are set to work. No longer does one look for one's periodical, one 'finds the number'. This is great fun especially if short-sighted, for the charts are cunningly devised in small

blurred type. After much searching however, you may quite possibly find a number. Then comes the rack – and here a word of warning. In your excitement don't rush it, or you may pinch your fingers. Because the dividing slats have been expressly designed to prevent grabbing. One finger should be inserted and the periodical gently edged out. This needs practice. But it can be done. Don't be discouraged too if, for example, you are looking for the 'Economist' and you find yourself with 'Cage Birds. This may be a blessing in disguise and prove that your eyes need testing. Perhaps the most amusing thing of all is, when having searched diligently in the Reading Room one discovers that what one seeks has been moved to the Reference Room. This is a clever move indeed for the fresh air during the journey down the street stimulates one for the search when one gets there. The only danger is that having taken so long to track down one's quarry, it may be closing time before one has time to look at it. Yours etc F.D. Cross, St Barnabas Road, January 10th, 1956 –

1956 01 14
For many years the Salvation Army at Histon has laboured under difficult circumstances because of the smallness of their hall. Now a new Citadel is to open in Impington Lane when the key will be turned by Mrs Stanley Chivers. It has been built by Messrs F.L. Unwin at a cost of £5,100 and will seat 200 people. The present hall is to be used as a Young People's Hall. 56 01 14a

All previous records were beaten at the National Boat Show, Olympia. Granta Floating Boats of Cottenham have taken an order from a Finnish company for 100 of their new outboard motors and also sold 50 of their canoes – the works should be busy for a long time to come. Appleyard Lincoln and Co boat builders of Ely booked their entire hire fleet for most of the summer and a revolutionary new boat developed by Aero Research of Duxford is to be mass produced in America.56 01 14a & b

1956 01 18
Crowds several hundred strong massed to see the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret as they visited Stanley Woolston's antique shop in Cambridge. As news of the surprise visit spread hundreds of girls from shops and offices set out to cheer the Royal visitors. Police fought to keep the road clear but every time they cleared a space another group of women moved in. The Queen Mother expressed concern about the future of the business – he must leave by June because of building plans for the site – saying "We want to know where we can come and visit you". 56 01 18

1956 01 19
To the accompaniment of enthusiastic cheers and the loud roar from the exhaust Mrs Lawson Campbell snapped a blue ribbon with the first modern car – a jet-black Vanguard – to be driven from Mr B.J. Powell's newly-opened Sawston Garage. Situated off the High Street, tall and gracious, it is a fine example of modern building. The showroom is bright and stocked with a magnificent array of new cars. 56 01 19a

The new choir vestry of Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge, was dedicated. Using materials of old Cambridge brick and stone it fits well with the existing buildings. It has folding doors leading into the older vestry, making a useful room for meetings. Now urgent repairs to the organ can be undertaken. 56 01 19b

1956 01 20
Many people who joined the large crowd outside Mr Stanley Woolston's antique shop did not know who they were waiting for but were quite willing to tag on the end. The minutes ticked by and a group of shop assistants who were due back on duty and had missed their lunch in the hope of seeing the Royal visitors had to leave. The tension was made worse by the frequent appearance of the chauffeur who carefully stowed small packages away in the boot of a maroon limousine. When the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret finally appeared it was a wonder they were not crushed. Within two minutes the street was deserted. 56 01 20a

Kelsey Kerridge said his father had acquired land at Hangman's Corner, Barton Road, Cambridge in 1934 and gained approval to build eight houses. Now there were proposals to build a western by-pass

here but it was a dangerous spot; there was a brook which was liable to flooding and any roundabout would have to take it into consideration. The County Surveyor said the proposed by-pass would carry up to 5,000 vehicles a day and benefit city traffic and delivery vans. 56 01 20b

Proposals for a mobile library service for Cambridge failed by a single vote. The present service was hopelessly inadequate; the Newmarket Road area had a population of over 10,000 with only the difficult-to-find Ditton Fields branch library. The council would not become bankrupt by buying a lorry for a mobile library. But maintenance would be £1,000 a year and they should not spend such a large amount on a service which was not a necessity. 56 01 20c

W.C. Squires had been a founder-member of the Cambridge Camera Club; he was a master of the technique of bromoil, his work being exhibited overseas, and an enthusiastic lantern slide worker. But he refused to lecture and many of his slides had never been shown. His speciality was the portrayal of open landscape and he aimed for a natural effect, be the conditions stormy or sunny. He loved the fen country round Reach. 56 01 20d

1956 01 31
When Addenbrooke's Hospital was opened in 1766 it had no kitchens and some time later the Governors bought a small adjoining tenement. But now they celebrate the opening of new spacious and luxurious kitchens. The large dining room is artistically decorated with red curtains, yellow walls and blue Venetian blinds with separate spaces for medical and nursing staff. 56 01 31a

The Sisters of Saint Margaret, East Grinstead, an Anglican community founded a century ago by Dr John Mason Neale of Trinity College, have opened a centre in Huntingdon Road, Cambridge. The small number of Sisters in residence must endeavour to make their house self-supporting, in accordance with their Community's rules, and plan 'open teas' on Sunday afternoons. 56 01 31b & c

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1956 02 01
A planning inquiry into who owns a garage in Castle Street, Cambridge, came to an abrupt end when an agreement was reached. Mr L.N. Reynolds will be allowed to pull down two condemned cottages and erect a paint store. The whole of the site was ugly and it would not destroy the amenities of the area. The County was interested in it for 'local government purposes' as it allowed a clear view of Castle Mound. 56 02 01

1956 02 03
One of Britain's best-known figures, Sabrina – TV's 40, 22, 26 dumb blonde – made a personal appearance at a Mildenhall air base dance in aid of polio relief. She attended free of charge for she had been a polio sufferer herself and nearly lost a leg as a result. She sang four songs, surprisingly well, and autographed photographs for a host of admirers. 56 02 03a

Life becomes difficult for the motorist with temperatures below freezing but the Cambridge Automobile Association operates a weather report system. In the morning patrolmen report conditions either by two-way radio or telephone and any member can ring for details. A peak period for calls is at 12.30 when people return home for lunch. 56 02 03b & c

1956 02 04
Importance of field drainage – 56 02 04 & a

1956 02 06
The British Amateur Ice-Skating Championship held at Bury Fen, Earith, was attended by eight skaters who had received trials for the British Olympic team. The entry of 32 was the largest ever known but the bulk of the competitors were London rink men and local skaters had little opportunity

to shine. The Drake Digby Memorial Shield for boys resident within a 40-mile radius of March was won by A Bloom of Bressingham. 56 02 06

1956 02 07
A revolutionary new kind of rail transport has been the centre of attraction at Cambridge Railway Station. The huge shining dark green diesel-engined unit is unlike the traditional train. It has higher speed, greater comfort and a complete absence of smoke. The drivers cab looks more like a scientist's workshop than the dirty, greasy footplate and the carriages resemble long-distance buses with electric devices which circulate hot air during cold weather and cooling breezes in the summer. 56 02 07a & b & c

In 1955 the Co-op bought the shop formerly known as Jacksons in High Street, Fowlmere. There were four shops – grocery, furniture and butcher's in a row – and extensive alterations would be made so they could be worked together. One had an 'off' licence for wines and spirits but customers also liked to buy beer and have it delivered. There were objections from the landlords of the Chequers and the Queen's Head and the owner of the Variety Shop so the licence was refused by magistrates. 56 02 07d-f

1956 02 08
An 82-feet long bog oak has been unearthed at Chear Farm, Stretham. The trunk was over four feet wide and weighed over eight tons. It was cut into four sections before being removed by tractor to Turpin's woodyard in Cambridge where it will be cut and dried. It will then be used to make specimen items of Old English joinery. Only once before has bog oak been used in this way and the experiment was not very successful. 56 02 08, 56 02 18b

1956 02 10
The first instalment of the new 'St Ivo School' was opened. It comprises an assembly hall, library, ten classrooms, science laboratory and specialist rooms for art and craft, woodwork and housecraft. When completed it will accommodate 600 boys and girls and provide ample accommodation for games and agricultural instruction. 56 02 10

The persons in Saffron Walden most unpopular in police eyes are the motorist with his car and the tradesmen with his van. During the past year traffic has increased and the streets in the centre are too narrow and busy for the police to permit obstruction by vehicles belonging to local businessmen and tradespeople who expect to be able to park near their premises. As soon as the police clear one street motorists obstruct others instead of using the car parks with which the town is so adequately supplied. 56 02 10c & d

East Road demolition – 56 02 10a & b

1956 02 11
A rent collector told the court he called at one hut at Bourn aerodrome and found the meter had been broken open and some cash taken; more cash was missing from other huts but at the hut occupied by the defendant's mother, all was in order. A coalman said he climbed through the windows of empty huts and took money from the meters which he spent on chocolates and cigarettes. But Chesterton RDC should not have left the meters in disused huts unemptied. 56 02 11a

Pye's new television camera is the first of its kind anywhere. It's designed to see inside a nuclear reactor and much ingenuity has gone into its manufacture. The camera will not become radio-active, but the dust it collects from the inside of the pile will be dangerous so it will be washed with detergent after use. 56 02 11b

1956 02 13
Restorations to the sanctuary of St Andrew's church, Cherry Hinton were dedicated by the Bishop of Huntingdon. The oak reredos behind the altar has been removed and the masonry restored. Memorial

posts have been erected and altar curtains of blue and gold hung and the strong-course has been restored. The work has cost £600. 56 02 13

1956 02 14
Since 1947 the Great Ouse River Board has spent £950,000 on strengthening and heightening the banks in the south level in their aim to prevent a recurrence of disastrous floods. Part one of the scheme involved the cutting of a relief channel from Denver to King's Lynn. Part two: the strengthening and heightening of the banks of the Ten Mile River and the deepening of the river will begin this summer and part three, a cut-off channel around the edge of the fens will start a year or two later. But engineers are still not satisfied that if the same conditions reoccurred there would not be a break somewhere. 56 02 14c

Cambridgeshire regiment history and future – 56 02 14& a

1956 02 18
W.B. Chivers death – 56 02 18a
Roy Meldrum exhibition, artist - 56 02 18c

1956 02 20
A Roman 'rubbish pit' has been unearthed in The Stacks field at Willingham. Michael Hopkins made the discovery when fragments of pottery were brought to the surface by a tractor-drawn plough. The dumps or pits are where the housewife of the day would dispose of broken earthenware. It is the sixth to be found on the site and has yielded pottery of various types. 56 02 20

Cambridgeshire was hit by the second arctic spell over the weekend. Snow, ice and biting winds brought treacherous conditions to many of the roads, but no major accidents were reported. Last night the temperature dropped to 18 degrees, at 9am today it was 25.7. The Waterworks Company dealt with over 1,000 burst pipes over the last cold spell and expect there will be many more when the pipes thaw out after the present freeze-up. 56 02 20a

1956 02 21
The names of Cambridgeshire civilian casualties from the last war are included in a roll of honour which was handed over for safe-keeping in Westminster Abbey. It has been placed in a memorial case within a few paces of the Unknown Warrior's Grave and a page will be turned daily. It includes the names of T.R. Samsen who was killed near Oakington, Pamela Turner, an evacuee of Old Bank Prickwillow, Fred Stanley of the Hone Guard who was killed at Pampisford and Albert Stones of March. 56 02 21a & b

Fire seriously damaged Laurie and McConnal's warehouse in Willow Place, Fitzroy Street. Children and old folk were evacuated as over 50 firemen fought Cambridge's biggest fire for years in near-arctic conditions. They were taken to the Church Army Hall where, huddling round a blazing fire, they wondered what would happen to their homes. Volunteers from the Hopbine public house assisted firemen to save their furniture. 52 02 21c & d

1956 02 24
Great Eversden church was in a sorry state of repair. An anonymous visitor gave £100 towards restoring the chancel ceiling where there was woodworm and death watch beetle. Then parishioners realised there were people in the village who had built their own homes and did their own repairs, as well as a number of young craftsmen. So they borrowed scaffolding and did the work themselves, filling in cracks in buttresses and transforming its appearance. 56 02 24

1956 02 25
Mill Road Library has been transformed from 'a barn of a place' to a branch library in keeping with the present-day idea of the service. The Reading Room that occupied more space than the lending library, which issues over 1,000 books on peak days, has been reduced in size yet will still

accommodate more than 40 readers and the newspapers will be displayed on slopes and tables. 56 02 25c

Shire hall court tenders deferred – 56 02 25a, 56 02 26a & c
Guilden Morden clock and rood screen – 56 02 25b

1956 02 28
Demolition is taking place in Corn Exchange Street as part of the final scheme for the redevelopment of the area. Although final plans are as yet unsettled empty offices are being demolished and the land will be used as an extension to the Lion Car Park. A number of dilapidated houses in Park Street that were condemned before the war are also being pulled down. 56 02 28b & c

Cambridgeshire regiment history – Japs – 56 02 28 & a

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1956 03 01
The National Savings Committee says 880 new street savings groups are needed and village postmasters and shopkeepers should be approached. In the last six months many groups have closed down. Savings must be made: in the 1930s when there was no money available for industry, factories closed down and there was a serious unemployment problem. We do not want that to happen again. 56 03 01d & e

A fire-eating gargantuan of a bygone era made its last journey when a steam-powered 'Super Sentinel Wagon' completed its last run at the end of a degrading tow from another vehicle. For the monster, which started service with the Gas Company in 1928, is no longer able to run on its own steam. It carried coal from Coldham's Lane sidings to the works but today stands in Messrs Silverman's scrapyard in Ditton Walk awaiting the oxy-acetylene cutters which will render it a heap of metal. 56 03 01f

Storm over ploughed-up land Quy fen. 56 03 01a-b
City police inspection. 56 03 01c

1956 03 02
Plain-clothes men filtered among the packed crowd which had gone to the Lion Hotel, Petty Cury, to hear the boss of Britain's Fascists, Sir Oswald Mosley. But the atmosphere was very different from when he came two years ago. Then it was trouble all the way. This time there were more cheers than jeers. He argued that armed war was now impossible due to the H-bomb. 56 03 02

1956 03 03
A new villa to accommodate 40 female patients at Fulbourn Mental Hospital was opened by the Minister of Health. It will be used as a social therapy unit. He referred to the 'terribly cramped conditions', saying 'if you had 900 villagers living like this you would say the Government must take immediate steps to put in right. That is the problem at Fulbourn and is typical of what is happening all over the country'. 56 03 03b & d

A neighbour complained about noises from the gentlemen's toilets at the Grasshopper public house on Mill Road and ash falling from their dustbins into her garden. But she had a grudge against the brewery & had complained about various things since 1935. The brewery had built a higher wall between them and tried to reduce noise by putting down rubber floor coverings. The license was renewed. 56 03 03c

Fulbourn hospital villa construction. 56 03 03a

1956 03 06
The Lord Mayor of London visited Cambridge to open a new block of flats for old people at Honey Hill, Northampton Street. It was the first such visit and brought a glimpse of the pageantry in which the true Londoner takes great pride. In 1936 the frontage had been bought by the council with a quarter of the cost paid by Cambridge Preservation Society and Magdalene College. But the war intervened and the site was a blot for many years. Now the Mayor presented the keys to the first tenants, Mr & Mrs H.C. Rogers. 56 03 06a-d

A captive balloon will be used for parachute jumping at Trumpington. Although intended primarily for members of the University Parachute Club, 50 'chutes have been allotted to the Cambridgeshire Regiment Parachute Light Regiment. All men now have a reserve parachute strapped to his middle as a second line of defence. 56 03 06e

1956 03 08
The lease of 'The Spindle', a little shop selling scarves, woollen items and glass animals in Downing Street, Cambridge has been extended. But the rent will increase from £150 to £260 a year. Miss Maud Pattinson said she took the premises in 1935 and converted storage space above the shop into living accommodation. During the war years – 'the American invasion' – she made a good profit. But it was a 'poky little place and Downing Street was a 'dead street' for shopping. 56 03 08

1956 03 09
An elderly spinster living alone in one room of a six-roomed house in Beche Road, Cambridge is an 'unpardonable extravagance in these days of shortage' said a judge who ordered her to leave. The rooms were in a filthy state, with four cats in one room. The kitchen was indescribable, one of the bedrooms bunged up with rubbish and builders had refused to go inside to assess the repairs needed. The owner wanted to regain possession so his newly-married son could live there. 56 03 09b & c

The East Anglian Egg Packing Station at Soham handled 27 million eggs last year. It started in 1935 with one lorry for collecting; now it has seven, covering the whole of the county. It is producer-owned and profits go back to members as a dividend and bonus on the eggs supplied. 56 03 09d

1,400 went to King & Harper film show. 56 03 09a

1956 03 12
The Cambridgeshire Orchestra, a newly formed group conducted by Ludovick Stewart, the County Music Advisor, gave its first concert. It has talented string musicians led by Anne Macnaghten and hope to add woodwind and other sections later. Arnold Ashley gave an accomplished performance of Vivaldi's concerto for cello, never faltering even in the most sprightly passages. 56 03 12

1956 03 13
Marshall's Flying School were granted permission to double the width of the 'hard land strip' on the airfield and extend it from the boundary of Coldham's Lane to the boundary of Teversham Road provided they erect suitable fences to prevent the possibility of jet slipstreams from reaching the roads. However planners feel the aerodrome is wrongly sited adjoining a residential area and that no further development should be given approval. 56 03 13a

Christ's Pieces bandstand to go. 56 03 13b

1956 03 15
Cambridgeshire Cottage Improvement Society has repaired & rethatched three cottages at Toft that were under threat of demolition. At Abington a derelict bungalow was reconditioned and a beautiful thatched cottage will be repaired. Eight of their 33 cottages are still without any interior water supply. There were always many applicants for vacant cottages but not all were suitable. 56 03 15b

1956 03 16
On Thursday Clifford Birchall recorded a programme of popular music at the Hammond organ of the Cambridge New Theatre. Although the theatre is closing, the melodies will linger on, for this recording, arranged by King and Harper, will be played during the evening performance on Sunday at the Playhouse Cinema. 56 03 16b

Swaffham Prior old clock. 56 03 16a

1956 03 17
New Theatre closes in Jubilee year – review performers. 56 03 17

1956 03 19
Chesterton Men's Club celebrated its 25th birthday. In 1931 Mrs R. Clark decided to purchase the then Mission Hall to provide men with a means to meet socially. It started off with one billiards table and facilities for darks and cards. 72 members joined on the first night and it soon had football and cricket teams. Ladies were admitted as honorary members in 1952 and the cycle accommodation was improved, a much-needed feature. 56 03 19a

The 'Slap Up' corner at Waterbeach is not as dangerous as many road users think: in the last four years there have been only six accidents and improvements are not high on the priority list. If a roundabout were built motorists would not like it, as it would mean their having to slow down. The large aerodrome had increased traffic but the road from Milton was in process of being widened and it is possible that a lay-by for lorries would be built. 56 03 19b

1956 03 20
Hallens presented a feast of films to suit the taste of motor cyclists. Most were manufacturer's promotions but it was the film produced locally which aroused the most interest. It presented an entertaining picture of local scramble scenes with shots of local characters and celebrities. Those attending can also inspect the improvements to the workshops with special stands for the repair of the increasingly popular auto-cycle and scooter forms of transport. 56 03 20a

Civil Defence welfare teams staged a Food Flying Squad Emergency Feeding demonstration. Each squad is a self-contained mobile motorised unit capable of turning out 4,000 meals at one cooking. The Cambridge unit set up an emergency kitchen to feed visitors. It was well worth queuing for: a hot and sustaining stew of meat, vegetables and potatoes followed by steamed suet pudding. 56 03 20b & c

1956 03 21
Councillors want to acquire land at Coldham's Lane to resite existing industry from the East Road and Lion Yard area. Previously the land's only use was agricultural but there would be no difficulty in selling the land for industry. There had been plans for housing development on the north side of Church End but would probably now never take place. The present houses in Rosemary Lane were on cesspools and the council put in a foul sewer. 56 03 21a-d

1956 03 23
The bell of Willingham county school, silent since 1939, will again summon pupils to their lessons. Its tolling will mark the centenary of the opening of the school built in 1856 by voluntary subscriptions and labour. An exhibition will be staged contrasting modern teaching methods with those of bygone days. The school is appealing for old exercise books or class photographs that shed light on its history. A new flag has been designed and will be flown on a new mast that is being erected in the ground. 56 03 23

Globe public house restructured. 56 03 23a

1956 03 24

The University Pakistan Association celebrated the country's first Republic Day with a visit to the Cambridge cemetery to lay wreaths and say 'Fateha' (Moslem funeral prayers) at the grave of Chaudhri Rahmat Ali, the man who first coined the word Pakistan (meaning 'the Land of the Pure'). Mr Ali lived here for a number of years and died about five years ago. The day was rounded off by a Grand Mogul Dinner at the Taj Mahal restaurant. 56 03 24c

Miller's Music Shop began a 100 years ago when Mr A.T. Miller opened a workshop in Hobson Street as an organ builder and piano repairer. The family home was above his wife's millinery shop in Sidney Street and one of the rooms was opened as a pianoforte showroom. His son introduced the sale of instruments and sheet music and later came harmoniums, gramophones, radio and television and now electronic organs and tape recorders. 56 03 24d

Camden cricket club history 75 years. 56 03 24a & b

1956 03 28
Proposals to purchase a caravan for use as a staff room at Gamlingay school were described as an insult to the whole parish. An alternative was to use a disused Isleham hut; it needed a new floor and new sides but would cost £200, a third of the price of the caravan. The village had already sacrificed two badly-needed council houses for teachers. 56 03 28a

1956 03 29
Waterbeach airfield to receive standard, history 56 squadron. 56 03 29

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1956 04 05
Bridge Street is usually one of the most congested points in Cambridge but even the pavement suffered from overcrowding when pedestrians stopped to look at a television camera which had appeared in King and Harper's showrooms. The firm has arranged demonstrations of domestic appliances and for the first time Pye industrial television equipment, operating on a closed circuit, is being used to relay them to other audiences. Everybody is assured of a clear view of what is going on. 56 04 05

1956 04 06
Maisons-Laffitte schoolchildren who have been spending 12 days in Newmarket found a BBC recording unit waiting to tape their views on their stay. It was a fitting climax to a grand holiday and will be broadcast on 'Radio Newsreel'. The most memorable event was a party arranged in the Memorial Hall when 350 French, English and American children joined in games. It was one of the best parties that Newmarket has seen for a long time – and one of the noisiest! 56 04 06a

Royston Egg Packing Station, which has been operated by R.P. Kennedy and Sons for 24 years, has been acquired by United Dairies who will collect the eggs and take them to London for retail through their 600 branches. They will be available to customers within 48 hours of grading and testing and each egg can be traced right back to its original depot. 56 04 06b

There was good news for residents of Sutton and Mepal when the War Works Commission announced they had upheld the petition against the closure of the road which runs across Mepal airfield. It was closed when the land was taken for an aerodrome during the war and will now be reopened. 56 04 06c

1956 04 10
Station masters were told that the railways had suffered from lack of capital. Following nationalisation far too much power had been taken away and there should be a closer integration of the operating, commercial and motive power departments. It was 'unfair' to the public for railways to close certain branch lines that were a 'dead weight' on their financial resources, but you can't have it

both ways. There had been a number of complaints and they had become the subject of music hall jokes on the wireless, lasted in the press and lampooned in cartoons. 56 04 10a

The resignations of Mrs and Mr Ditchburn as matron and secretary of Cambridge Maternity Hospital were accepted with regret. They were jointly appointed in 1934 when it was a ten-bedded public assistance institution and during the war became a transit hospital. Now it had grown to a 100-bedded institution and maternity training hospital of high repute and much of its success was owed to them. 56 04 10b

1956 04 11
The death has occurred of Elijah Moore, one of the best-known figures in the Newmarket racing world. He opened his commission agency in 1890 at the Three Tuns before moving to Kingston Passage before the Great War. He owned some very useful racehorses including Lembach who won a number of races in the 1920s. His shooting activities made him internationally famous and he won the Monte Carlo Grand Prix for live pigeon shooting in 1911. 56 04 11

1956 04 12
A house in Primrose Street, Cambridge was damaged by a three-tonner lorry belonging to the London Brick Company that had been taking bricks to the Council building site at the Croft. It crashed into the front of the house and bricks in the front room began to split through the wallpaper. Then it hit again and cracks appeared in the wall of an upstairs bedroom. The owner rushed out and shouted "You're knocking my house down" at the driver. Builders from the nearby site arrived to bolster up the front with struts. 56 04 12

1956 04 13
St Ives council agreed a five-year slum clearance programme. Seventeen houses in Green Street will be followed by others in Cumberland Place, Woolpack Lane, Nicholas Lane and Church Street. When they become vacant they should not be re-let but be demolished. When a house in Botchergate Buildings becomes vacant steps will be taken to ensure it is not again used for human habitation. 56 04 13a

Huntingdon Coursing Club had arranged wonderful meetings. The world of coursing had experienced its ups and downs and members had been confronted by the 'anti blood antagonists' who had managed to gain the support of a section of the Press; but at present these people appear to have quietened down. Soon enthusiasts could attend a three-day classic meeting at Huntingdon. 56 04 13b

1956 04 14
A robot cigarette lighter which works when it is whistled to has been installed in the Earl Grey public house by a Pye research engineer. For those who cannot whistle it will oblige when the word 'light' is spoken to it; it will even light a cigar, but puts its foot down when confronted with a pipe. The small, one-valve gadget, is also a money collector for the blind people of Cambridge. 56 04 14a

An enthusiast group of people has been busy digging out a Roman well found at the Hamilton Stud, Exning. The first seven feet consisted of rubble used to fill it in but then every pailful of soil contained fragments of pottery. Some coins, several bones and the horn of an animal have also been found and sent to the University for identification. 56 04 14b # c.41

One of the old properties just demolished in Park Street, Cambridge – no.60 – has a famous connection. Back in1853 a young schoolmaster called Charles Haddon Spurgeon who lived there put an advertisement in the paper saying he intended to take six young gentlemen as day pupils. Teaching would include arithmetic, geometry and mensuration, scripture, Latin and Greek at a cost of £5 per annum. He became an eloquent preacher and, after doing great work in Waterbeach, was called to London where he addressed a gathering of 23,000 people at the Crystal Palace. 56 04 14c

1956 04 16

Is the old-style village hall dying? Many say the coming of Village Colleges is sounding their death-knell and television has reduced attendances. But you watch tv in the dark and people think the village college rather snobbish and are afraid to go there. If the youth are moving to the big towns for their entertainment this did not matter, for the really important people in the village are the young married who cannot get away so easily and they need a cheerful place to go to. 56 04 16

1956 04 18
Three new almshouses built under a bequest from Miss C.L. Elbourn were dedicated at Bassingbourn. They are of bungalow type, well-built and pleasant, with a sitting-dining room with an all-purpose stove, a bedroom, kitchen and bathroom. The first occupants are Mr & Mrs A.W. Billett, aged 75, Miss Elizabeth Chamberlain (88) and Arthur Loates (83). 56 04 18

1956 04 19
An enquiry heard that Cambridge City Council had wanted to purchase land at the junction of Fitzroy Street and Wellington Street, pull down the old houses and use the land to re-site industry displaced from the East Road area. They offered to pay the current price but the owner, a former chairman of the Council's Finance Committee, said that if the land had potential for light industry then the price should be higher. Eventually negotiations broke down. Now he applied to redevelop the area, but the council opposed his plans. 56 04 19a & b

1956 04 21
Moving Bertram Mills circus from town to town is a massive undertaking. The catering manager has a real problem. Practically every human mouth in the show is his responsibility and he works a week ahead, buying all his supplies from the tradespeople in the place the circus is to visit. Imagine walking into a grocer's shop and demanding a half-ton of potatoes, or calling on the local dairy for 77 gallons of milk. But the well-fed, contented faces on the show ground are a testimony to his efficiency. 56 04 21a

The demolition of the bandstand on Christ's Pieces jogged memories for Robert Austin who played on it as a band-boy, bandsman and conductor for over 45 years. It was originally built for the Royal Show on Midsummer Common and afterwards re-erected on the Pieces. It was lighted by naked gas jets which usually blew out and had to be re-lit several times during a performance. The Volunteers, Police and Town bands - between all of whom there was intense rivalry – played there. It was also used for mass meetings and an annual open-air service of Cambridge Men's Brotherhood. 56 04 21c

The origin of Thoday Street – 56 04 21b

1956 04 24
'Spare-time soldiering goes back to Napoleonic days – detailed review article – 56 04 24a –b

1956 04 25
S.E. Pennell, Coach driver of the year – Premier Travel – 56 04 25 & a

1956 04 26
Since the Cambridge sewage purification works at Milton Road were first built, over 60 years ago, treatment has consisted of settlement in tanks followed by passing the sewage to land areas from which is drained into the river. Now new extensions are being built, all sewage will be properly purified and land treatment will be ended for ever. At a later stage gas driven off during the drying process will be burnt to drive electricity generators for the works and for a new pumping station at Cheddars Lane. 56 04 26a

A Central School girl claims to have seen a flying saucer over Milton and Impington. "It came towards me at a very fast rate and disappeared back in the direction it had come. There were little windows all round it", she said. Asked whether it could have been the airborne elephant from Bertram

Mills circus straying slightly off course she laughed and said “That is impossible”. Nothing would shake her belief that this was a flying saucer. 56 04 26b

1956 04 28
Christs Pieces bandstand from Royal Show 1894 – 56 04 28c

The Duchess of Kent visited RAF Waterbeach to present it with its Standard, the greatest honour to be bestowed on 56 Fighter Squadron in its lengthy history. It is awarded only to squadrons of 25 years’ standing or with a history of special outstanding operations. Afterwards she had difficulty signing the visitors’ book because of cold fingers; the signature looks a little indistinct and shaky 56 04 28a

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1956 05 01
The Christian Brethren opened their new Queen Edith Hall in Wulfstan Way. It is an undertaking of faith and cost a great deal of money but now they have a splendid position in the centre of what would be the ultimate building estate. 56 05 01

1956 05 05
The Diocesan Ringers rang the first peal since the war on the beautiful bells at Soham church. It was J. Burford’s composition of 5,040 changes of Cambridge Surprise Royal in keeping in complexity with the methods rung by the famous Soham Youths nearly 150 years ago. They commenced in 1790 and rang until 1830 after which nothing more was heard of their exploits and by 1874 ringing had practically ceased. It restarted in 1924 when, after renovation, a Cambridge Band rang a peal of Bob Major. After the war the bells were condemned as unsafe. Now much has been done to repair dilapidated fittings and no member of the band was unduly distressed on completion of the task, which occupied three hours 10 minutes. 56 05 05b

Britain is on the brink of war. Enemy forces are massed against us and it appears only a matter of hours that the first attack of World War Three will come. Although the man in the street is unaware of it the Army and Civil Defence are taking part in the biggest defence exercise the world has yet seen. It envisages evacuation of 800,000 people from London and authorities have joined together in the war room at Brooklands Avenue to assess the situation. 56 05 05a

One of the burning subjects of the day in Cambridge is the problem of parking cars. Council officials should visit the Mechanical Handling Exhibition at Earls Court at which will be demonstrated an entirely new approach to car parking in congested areas. The system makes use of a fork truck adapted for picking-up all types and sizes of cars and placing them on the top two shelves of a three-tier scheme. It is cheap to erect and two or three times as many cars can be parked within a given area. 56 05 05c

1956 05 07
An auction of ‘Maypole Farm’ Orwell, being sold on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture, collapsed after an 87-year-old farmer protested. Mr Richard Long told bidders: “I claim this farm is mine. I owned it for 33 years, then the Ministry took it away from me by compulsory purchase. If anybody buys it he has got me to deal with". It was illegal for a Government department to sell property acquired by compulsory purchase, he said. After the protest there were no bids from the farmers present and it was withdrawn. 56 05 07a

Biggest combined Civil Defence and military operation seen anywhere – co-ordinated from Brooklands Avenue – 56 05 07

1956 05 08
Addenbrooke's Hospital Home of Recovery at Hunstanton is used for pre-convalescent and post-operating patients. Cases can be sent down much sooner than to their own homes; hospital beds are

cleared quicker and they are able to take in other patients. In 1955 687 patients stayed at the home which has now been extended with a new sitting room and sun lounge. 56 05 08 & a

1956 05 09
The manager of Cambridge's Regal Cinema, Mr C.G. Mangold, won a glittering emerald-green Messerschmitt three-wheeler presented by 'Kinematograph Weekly' in conjunction with Columbia Pictures for arranging publicity for the film 'A Prize of Gold'. He organised a car rally, window displays and a personal visit of Andrew Ray. Mr Mangold is one of the outstanding managers in A.B.C. and has won a host of distinctions. 56 05 09

King's Parade was chosen to demonstrate how an ordinary Austin saloon car fits comfortably in the cargo carrying space of the British Straddle-Carrier, a heavy transport vehicle manufactured at Bourn. Because of its peculiar shape it easily handles awkward loads, obviating the need for cranes and overhead gantries. It can be seen at the Mechanical Handling Exhibition at Earl's Court. 56 05 09a

1956 05 10
Cambridge University is to lease the R.A.F. station at Lord's Bridge as the site for a new Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory. Planning permission has been obtained for the aerials and a building will be erected to provide a laboratory. Costs will not exceed £180,000 much of which will be met by a generous benefaction from Mullard Ltd. 56 05 10

1956 05 11
Cambridge Instrument Company history – 56 05 11a, b, c.

1956 05 12
The Cambridge Employment Exchange at Newnham used to be a school and the exterior is a little drab. But inside an astounding transformation has taken place. Now it is bright and pleasant, with pastel shades and the setting up of cubicles in which business may be conducted with a welcome degree of privacy. The Women's Section too has been decorated. 56 05 12

No houses at Hangman's Corner – 56 05 12a

1956 05 14
Milk bottles shattered in crash outside Folk Museum – 56 05 14

1956 05 15
Danny Kaye, the world-famous comedian visited Cambridge Guildhall and in the 50 minutes he occupied the stage he promised to 'liberate' the wives of University Dons and sang popular songs such as 'Ugly Duckling'. But his visit had a more serious purpose. He is on a world tour with a camera team making a film about the children of the world for U.N.I.C.E.F. His arrival and departure caused a minor riot. Crowds besieged his car, seeking autographs. 56 05 15a & b & c

Cambridge Technical college new block handed over – 56 05 15d

1956 05 16
The White Horse Riding Establishment in Barton Road, Cambridge, has been used as a riding school for 35 years and has stabling for 24 horses. Much of the teaching takes place on land down Grange Road and it would reduce the dangers for inexperienced riders taking horses down Barton Road if they had an Indoor Riding School. But neighbours complained that it was noisy and smelly and a relic of the past. Horse boxes unloaded on the pavement and children stacked their bikes against the wall when they popped in to give the horses tit-bits. 56 05 16a

Some 250 boys travelled to the Abington Camp to celebrate the 40th birthday of Cubbing. The Union Jack was ceremonially broken and the Grand Howl taken by the Cub Master, A.W. Rider. Then came

events including tossing the caber, throwing the plate and tug of war. Each cub had brought sausages and each pack prepared its own fire and cooked for themselves. 56 05 16

Is the installation of television in a public house beneficial to the licensee or appreciated by customers? It may attract people to the pub when there is a big sporting programme but has not much use generally. Mr Ecclestone told Licensed Victuallers: "It is a menace and a curse of the 20th-century". It ruined the atmosphere and took the place of conversation There should be notices outside pubs saying 'No television here, we are civilised'. 56 05 16b & c

The first Cambridge Committee for National Savings was formed in December 1916 and two of the first workers still living are R.P. Thorne and Mrs Widdison. In 1919 the Chairman was persuaded by the head of the Cambridge School of Flying to drop six War Bonds together with lots of leaflets from a low-flying aircraft. He suffered only temporary discomforts from stunt flying in the open type of aircraft of those days. 56 05 16

1956 05 17
Danny Kaye at cinema – 56 05 17

1956 05 19
Cambridge Albion Angling Society celebrated its 50th birthday with a dinner at the Dorothy Café. They owed much of their success to the work of the late Jack Cartwright, the 'Grand Old Man' of the Albion during the difficult years of two world wars. Since the war no sport had recruited the vast numbers that angling had done. They now had more than 1,500 members. 56 05 19

1956 05 22
Homerton college students of every generation gathered to present, Miss A.H. Skillicorn, with a pair of wrought iron gates to mark her 21 years as Principal. They were designed by Miss M.R. Harrison, one of her first students. The new wing was an outward sign of its growth and development. Miss Skillicorn had been responsible for an era of great achievement and enhanced its strong traditions. 56 05 22

Mepal bridge scheme deferred – 56 06 22c

1956 05 23
Cambridgeshire Agricultural Society was formed in 1863 and held its first show in a field between St Paul's Church and Station Road, Cambridge. Today the County Show requires 70 acres of land with covered accommodation for stock, displays and catering to cope with an attendance of some 20,000 people a day. Apart from 1924 when there was an outbreak of foot and mouth disease it has been held every year except during the wars and when the Royal Show was held in Cambridge in 1894, 1922 and 1951. It is a shop window for agriculture and enables the farmer to keep abreast of modern developments in mechanisation. 56 05 23a

Ely Sailing Club has opened its third new clubhouse on the on the site of one that was burnt down. Its original headquarters disappeared into Roswell waters during the winter of 1950-51. The Commodore, Dr K.S. Maurice-Smith, said "It is only five months since we were paddling here in charred wood and rubble". Now they have a well-equipped and comfortable building which has taken all their available resources. 56 05 23c

1956 05 24
Princess Alexandra was fascinated by a close-up view of a Vampire training aircraft when she visited RAF Oakington Flying Training Command Station and asked if she could have a ride. She burst into laughter at the sight of the pilot wearing the latest type of space-man crash helmet. It was her first visit to the Royal Air Force and she was Reviewing Officer at a passing-out parade for 15 newly-qualified pilots. 56 05 24a b c

1956 05 25
A Cambridge man was injured when he fell with a rotten electricity pole on which he had been working at the Milton Road Army camp. Several poles had blown down in a storm in March 1953. The Clerk of Works said that as that one had withstood the gale he had assumed it was safe. 56 05 25a

Through winding country lanes, townspeople and rural folk went to Ely for the opening of the first two-day county show for 50 years. As they travelled they passed fields of growing crops urgently in need of rain. The show has a reputation for being one of the finest in the agricultural calendar but had become so vast that visitors have found it difficult to take in all aspects. Now they have much more time and over 20,000 visitors attended the second day. 56 05 25b, 56 05 28a, 56 05 28b

Territorial Army – 56 05 29a

Civic history was made when Councillor Mrs M. Hudson was elected Mayor of St Ives. She is the first woman ever to hold this high position. She came in 1920 with her late husband, an artist on the staff of Enderby and Company, and was elected the first lady councillor in 1945 with more than 1,000 votes, a record. She must have wished for the company of another lady whilst being 'smoke-dried' by a lot of men in the committee room, now Miss Grove has joined her. 56 05 25c

1956 05 29
Joseph Lucas appealed against the County's refusal to permit them to erect a service depot on 'virtually derelict' land at Milton. The back part was gravel pits, now worked out and it had been used for breaking up of army vehicles. It was too small for agricultural purposes, but not zoned for industry. Planners were looking forwards 25 years when further development had taken place in Milton and Cambridge: it would be desirable to separate the two entities and have an open patch in between. But it was an objectionable site and nobody would want to go there for pleasure. 56 05 29b & c

1956 05 30
Rain a 'godsend' to farmers – 56 05 30a
Johnnie Johnson revisits Marshalls where he learned to fly – 56 05 30b

1956 05 31
Sanitary arrangements at Great Shelford School are in a deplorable condition. The first part of a scheme to enlarge the school was carried out in 1954, including modern sanitary accommodation but the managers were advised to retain the existing lavatories instead of building a septic tank for the new one since a main sewer was expected. But Chesterton RDC had not acted and the increased number of children now made new lavatories urgent. 56 05 31b, 56 06 05 & a

Butchers making little more than a bare living – 56 05 31a

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1956 06 06
The pilot of a Mark 5 Vampire training jet based at R.A.F. Oakington was forced to bale out of his machine while flying over Littleport. He landed safely in Camel Road and the plane crashed at the side of a cornfield at Black Bank, Lt Downham causing a crater 15 feet deep. Norah Garner and Neville Constable ran to the wreckage and could see there was no one in it. The nose was sticking up in the air. 56 06 06a

Mr Giddens of Gwydir Street cannot claim to be Cambridge's oldest allotment holder, but few will dispute that he is the oldest active gardener locally. At the age of 92 he has potatoes ready for digging and peas for picking, with broad beans in flower and runners, onions and carrots coming along nicely. On top of this he looks after a few chickens. 56 06 06b

1956 06 12
Territorial Army sappers erected a bridge across the Cam to act as a substitute for the Jesus Green footbridge which is temporally closed for repairs. A large crowd watched them build the floating bays made up of folding boats, road bearers and decking. The folding boat equipment bridge is normally used by 3-ton military lorries but the City Surveyor has added additional handrails for public use. 56 06 12

1956 06 13
Three optimistic young undergraduates from Downing College – one on roller skates, one on a child's bicycle and a third on a scooter - departed on an all-night journey to Oxford. Looking bronzed and fit they thought this a better method of recovering from the strain of examination that a night at the balls. In the twilight the three heroic figures could be seen silhouetted against a red-streaked sky over Huntingdon Road, followed by a band of cyclists giving moral support as they swept into the gloom. 56 06 13

1956 06 15
Residents of Hale Street, Cambridge, petitioned against the large numbers of cars parked in the street every evening, sometimes bumper to bumper along both sides of the road. Their evening television entertainment has been ruined by continual interference from the vehicles and children woken up late at night by revving car engines and slamming doors. An elderly lady in a corner house recently had a bedroom ceiling fall down. She claims excessive vibration from the cars helped it to collapse. 56 06 15

1956 06 16
Isle MP, Major Harry Legge-Bourke opposed the Rabbits Bill: whenever man tried to upset the balance of nature he created as many troubles as he solved. Because of a lack of rabbits foxes were feeding on animals they had never troubled before. He wanted to prevent further breeding of rabbits, but this was not the way to do it: it would over-burden the police constables and be unenforceable. 56 06 16a

1956 06 18
Herbert Robinson's contemporary-style filling and service station has opened on the London Road at Trumpington. It is one of the most up-to-date in the country. All groups of Shell petrols are supplied from the latest type pumps and an Avery Hardoll 'Petroiler' for two-stroke motor-cycles is also available while the latest type Weaver auto-wash equipment will clean any car in 15 minutes. 56 06 18a

Continual rain affected attendance at the Hunts Agricultural Show, held at Houghton Hill, St Ives: only 6,000 visited, compared to 10,000 at St Neots last year. The Combined Royal Marines Bands arrived seemingly unperturbed by the downpour and marched through the town's main streets to the showground where they presented a programme of music including selections from 'South Pacific' as the rain became even more heavy. 56 06 18b

1956 06 22
Following a nuclear attack on the Midlands, a 20-kiloton bomb burst over Cambridge, causing moderate to severe damaged for a radius of two miles and many casualties. This was the scenario for a combined army and civil defence exercise. Reinforcements were badly needed but the convoy could not pass through the city because of the 'damage' and had to follow a complicated route around it. 56 06 22a

Colourful 'statues' filled the arched niches of Neville's Court, Trinity College: they were part of an original, costumed masque performed by members of the Women's Institute. Entitled 'Garden Vistas' the pageant was written by Mrs Joshua Taylor of Abington. Some of the dialogue was lost against the vastness of the court and the echoed murmurings of casual visitors under the colonnaded cloisters but the colourful costumes ensure delighted viewing. 56 06 22b

1956 06 23
Crowds swarmed around the 'Jollity Farm' for the traditional opening of Midsummer Fair by the Mayor. Excitement rose as Mr S. Thurston announced that all rides on the 'Dodgems' would be free. The music started and 'Davy Crocket' blended happily with 'Sugar Bush' from the other side of the fairground. Space rockets and high-powered machines have been introduced but they will never outdo the old favourites such as the ghost house, the mat and the horses. 56 06 23a

A wall of a house at Parker Terrace, East Road is in such 'alarming condition' it is in danger of collapsing on nearby property. There was a large bulge in the centre of the wall, hanging five inches over the foundations, but the elderly lady occupying it is unwilling to move. The owner was ordered to have it demolished or repaired within 21 days. 56 06 23b

1956 06 25
Cambridge Business and Profession Women's Club opened their block of flats on Harding Way and handed six lucky women their keys to brand new self-contained homes. They have coal bunkers and Ascot hot-water heaters for sinks and baths. Faced with the overwhelming need for accommodation for single ladies in Cambridge, when it proved impossible to find a house, they had the braveness and energy to find £1,000 to form their own housing society. 56 06 25

1956 06 26
The National Hospital Service Reserve competition for mobile first-aid units was held on the City Football Ground. It trains men and women to deal with the emergencies of everyday life and in wartime provide an immediate medical service in the field for walking casualties, relieving pressure on the hospitals. It has over 43,000 members. 56 06 26

1956 06 29
Special precautions were taken by the BBC to avoid disturbance from the League of Empire Loyalists when 'Commonwealth Town Forum' was broadcast from Cambridge Guildhall. Four stewards and a plain-clothed detective stood by for possible annoyance and a special microphone was ready to cut out audience noises. But the only trouble was a small outburst from obvious members of the party which passed almost un-noticed. 56 06 29a

Cambridge councillors rejected proposals for a larger roundabout at the Four Lamps, Victoria Avenue. It would involve taking land from the corner of Butts Green which would lead to protests. In due course bridges would be erected across the river to take much of the traffic. But cars often smashed traffic bollards because they could not get round. Traffic lights were the best solution. 56 06 29b

Something must be done about the 'intolerable stench' from the Milton sewage farm; the recent smells were the worst for 24 years; perhaps disinfectant could be used to tone them down. Farmers wanted a plant to convert the sewage sludge into compost – many were buying it from places like Manchester. 56 06 29c

1956 06 30
Lightning struck a farm building containing valuable implements at Hall Farm, Barton Mills. The thatched roof caught light and £2,500 worth of equipment was destroyed; only one tractor was saved. A life insurance agent who was at the farm at the time used a fire extinguisher while the owner summoned the fire brigade. A Mildenhall man saw the flash of lightning and thought 'a ball of fire' had fallen on the farm. 56 06 30a

If the number of cars increases motorists won't be able to get in to Cambridge very easily because of all the stationary cars cluttering up the streets and the whole problem of parking is extremely frustrating. It is time to get tough. If we must set up car parks outside the city and run the people in by

special buses then we mustn't hesitate. But the land once occupied by the old Shire Hall courts on Castle Hill would make a good site for a multi-deck car park. 56 03 30b

Woolworth's application for a licence for a pet shop met criticism from councillors. Everyone knew the vast crowds who went into their Cambridge store and the noise made there - conditions which would worsen as even bigger crowds would be attracted. The animals would be kept in the same premises as food, much of which was open. People who kept pets under these conditions should go out of business. 56 06 30c

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1956 07 06
An ancient certificate will stir memories of older readers who remember the Mammoth Shows. It was presented to Alphonso Smith, a boot and shoe maker, and records that he ascended in balloon 'Enchantress' from Cambridge on August 7th 1911 and descended at Exning one hour later. It is signed by Percival Spencer, aeronaut of Highbury whose other activities included parachute descents and airship flying. 56 07 06a

A Lyndome twin caravan has been specially designed for Gamlingay County School. When joined together on site it will have a main staff room in one half and a private room and kitchenette in the other. BBC Television visited the school to record the opening of a new play corner and paddling pool created on a rubbish heap by headmaster J.T. Robinson and the woodwork master, Mr N. Freeman. It will be shown on Children's newsreel. 56 07 06b. 56 07 11

1956 07 07
A Chivers bus which has covered over one million miles since 1929 has been handed over to the British Transport Commission museum. It is a Leyland Titan petrol-engined double-deck vehicle acquired from by the National Omnibus Transport Co., London in 1937 to transport fruit pickers. It has an outside staircase by which passengers made their way to the fully enclosed and comfortable compartment above. 56 07 07a

1956 07 10
Naylors, the hardware dealers and ironmongers have replaced two shops at 38 Hills Road, Cambridge, with one new one with three times as much store room. It was designed by Ellis and Macleod and built by Johnson and Bailey. There are several unusual features including the window glass of the demonstration frontage reaching right down to the pavement where there will be demonstrations of paper hanging and paint scraping. 56 07 10

1956 07 14
Mr Stanley Woolston has removed his antiques business to Pembroke Street. It is a wrench to leave his former premises in St Andrew's Street after 30 years where he has been honoured by the gracious patronage of members of the Royal Family. But the buildings have been affected by the redevelopment of Emmanuel Street and plans to link Drummer Street with a shopping arcade. He will retain his warehouse at the end of Bradwell's Yard until the area is ripe for rebuilding. 56 07 14

Sir - Outside the 'university' area, Cambridge is as ugly and undistinguished a muddle of streets and buildings as can be found anywhere in England. In large areas you could think yourself in either a mining town (smoke and all) or the suburbs of East London. Shopping is universally dreaded especially at weekends when the entire population within a radius of 25 miles converges on half a dozen shabby little streets and the tourist invasions on Sundays turn the place into a sort of Southend, though without its amenities or gaieties – Guardian. 56 07 14a & b

1956 07 16
The Princess Royal visited Ely R.A.F. Hospital. She toured the operating theatre, chapel, television room, library and wards, where she spoke to Mrs Eliza Bowles and Hilda Joyce of Ely. In the

children's ward three small patients played contentedly with their toys; the youngest was three-year old Geoffrey Beswick, son of a sergeant stationed at Upwood. When reporters entered he called out 'Hello, mans. Look', holding up a rubber toy. 56 07 16a

Cambridge is beginning to taste the bogey of a serious traffic problem for the first time. The council has tried roundabouts, one-way street and traffic lights but the situation will worsen unless some drastic is done soon. It takes so long looking for a parking space that it would be quicker to leave the car a mile away and walk. It is better to ban all traffic from the city centre than to knock down buildings to accommodate new relief roads. Maybe this answer is too easy and not costly enough for our planners! 56 07 16b

1956 07 17
Distinguished statesmen gathered at the Madingley American Cemetery for the dedication of the outstandingly beautiful chapel. There were messages from the Queen and President Eisenhower whose wife was amongst the guests. Air Chief Marshal 'Bomber' Harris said it marked the centre of the area from which American bombing planes operated during the war. Nearly 90,000 American Servicemen who lost their lives had been commemorated by the chapel. 56 07 17 & a

1956 07 20
Samples of water taken from the River Ouse at Huntingdon after many fish were killed on the Newton stretch of the river contained traces of cyanide. It came from the normal effluent discharge from Huntingdon Council's septic tank at Hartford. No other sources of pollution were found and the only chemical spraying was using a non-toxic weed killer. It was important that the district pollution prevention officer should be on the telephone, but the Post Office did not have the necessary equipment. 56 07 20b

Since the Queen had her ears pierced there has been a tremendous increase in the wearing of earrings. George Pickering of King Street Cambridge has been piercing ears for nine years. His clients have ranged from three years old to 85, although there are not as many tiny children as there used to be. Just recently he had a queue of girls from a Haverhill factory. He started his watch repair and jewellery business after the war in a little shop where the Home Guard used to clean their rifles. 56 07 20a

1956 07 21
A cantata 'Fen and Flood' for soprano, baritone, chorus and orchestra composed by Prof Patrick Hadley with words by Charles Cudworth will receive its first public performance at the King's Lynn Festival. It was originally performed privately by the Gonville and Caius Chorus and has been rearranged by Dr Vaughan Williams. The orchestration includes a wind machine. 56 07 21 a & b

1956 07 23
The Cambridge Marbles Championships held in the grounds of Mansfield Hall, River Lane, had an international flavour with entries from Germany and France. It was opened by Wilfrid Mansfield, leader of the New Street Men's Bible Class, who was challenged by the wife of an RAF chaplain. The champion was James Howlett who beat 12-year-old Frank Heryet in an exciting contest. 56 07 23b

Councillors received a report on the redevelopment of the East Road comprehensive development area. The first stage provides for 51 dwellings – maisonettes, flats and houses – to house 206 people, as well as six shops and seven garages. Two more stages will see 212 dwellings, housing 737 people. There will be a district heating scheme from a central boiler house for the supply of hot water throughout the estate. 56 07 23a

1956 07 24
Isolated & tranquil, the little village of Heydon stands high on the hills overlooking Royston. But one night in 1940 a stray German bomb fell at the base of the church tower and the building was practically demolished. After the war the parishioners held their services in the Rectory and

negotiated with the War Damage Commission over the rebuilding. On Sunday a crowed congregation attended the official re-dedication service. 56 07 24 & a

1956 07 26
As part of the 21st anniversary celebrations of Chesterton Boy's School 320 boys and staff travelled by special train to London for a pleasant day's outing. The visited London Airport, Kew Gardens and Westminster Hall where they were guided by local MP, Mr Hamilton Kerr. Others went to the Zoo and on a river trip to the Maritime Museum at Greenwich. 56 07 26a

St James church extension dedicated. 56 07 26b

1956 07 28
All four members of the crew of an American B.47 strato-jet were killed when it crashed a caught fire at Lakenheath air base while practising landings and take-offs. American fire-fighters were joined by the Mildenhall Fire Service in extinguishing the blaze and personnel working in buildings nearby were evacuated because of the danger of fuel tanks exploding. The B.47 is a swept-wing medium bomber designed to carry a bomb load of 20,000 lbs and can carry an Atomic Bomb. 56 07 28a

Non-Cambridge users of the City Library service will have to pay more to borrow their books. The annual subscription is to rise from five to ten shillings to take account of the increasing cost of providing the service. It seems unlikely that many will discontinue their subscription as last month nearly 60,000 books were issued. Another change sees the scrapping of tickets on which only 'non fiction' books could be borrowed. Now readers can have three tickets for any books. This will help readers who do not remember on which particular ticket a book has been issued. 56 07 28b

Robinson Crusoe footbridge linking Sheep's Green with Coe Fen was built years before Fen Causeway Bridge and was then the only way across the river. But it was now structurally unsound and should be closed. Coun A.C. Taylor said he once used it three times a week to go to the Sheep's Green bathing shed but now few people knew where it was; Coun Mrs Henn said she'd lived in the area for 30 years and never had occasion to use it. 56 07 30

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1956 08 01
Proposed alterations to the interior of St Andrew's church, Soham have led to the resignation of the clerk to the Parochial Church Council. He feels it wrong to bring the choir from the chancel into the transept. "The choir is very small and I think the Vicar should have a go at getting a choir before tackling these alterations", he said. It could be heard better in the new position but the seating was uncomfortable. He was the only one with the courage to speak out, others were against but they voted for the changes, said a parishioner. 56 08 01a

1956 08 04
A whale's jawbone was amongst items discovered in a dig to reveal the exact lines of the medieval castle at the County Hall site, Cambridge. It dates from the Victorian period and may have been discarded by a museum and thrown upon the site when it was used as a rubbish dump. 56 08 04a

A ten-year old boy from No.7 hut, Carlton Green was drowned when he went, with other children, swimming in an emergency water tank at the old W.A.A.F. site at Weston Colville. The Fire Brigade was called and recovered the body after pumping the water from the tank. The coroner will hold an inquest at Linton police station. 56 08 04b

1956 08 08
An American airman from RAF Mildenhall appeared in court. He had been driving his powerful American car along the Bury Road when he suddenly swerved, demolished the A.A. box at the

Tollbar and went along the grass verge before continuing on his way. He was fined £12 for driving in a dangerous manner and £1 for parking at Snailwell without lights. 56 08 08

1956 08 10
Messrs Alpersons purchased Oaks Lodge in Fordham Road, Newmarket in 1955 and obtained planning permission to develop it for light industry. They were now building a considerable factory to manufacture caravans on an international scale. At present they made 2,000 a year and hoped this would double. They wanted to erect a filling station to meet a public need. But fumes from petrol had a detrimental effect on sensitive brood mares; it would impact on the bloodstock industry and be quite out of place, an inquiry heard. 56 08 10

1956 08 13
The Lord Bishop of Ely, Dr Harold Wynn, has died aged 67. He studied at Trinity Hall and Ely Theological College and his ordination at Jesus College in 1912 was the first there since the Reformation. He was a chaplain to the forces in France and Italy during the Great War, being mentioned in dispatches and awarded the Croce di Guerra. Afterwards he was vice-principal of Westcott House and Dean of Pembroke College, where he abolished compulsory chapel, before being appointed Bishop in May 1941. 56 08 13

1956 08 16
The pink-overalled corps of women known as the 'Home Helps Service' are available to homes where there are expectant mothers, elderly people, those who are ill and small children in need of care. The 250 ladies cook, clean, shop, wash and iron, receiving 2s 10d an hour. One helper isn't exactly a housewifery expert but was always in some small trouble of her own. 'We like having her', the old people said, 'she brings us a bit of excitement!' 56 08 16

1956 08 17
Tucked away in the bustling heart of Histon stands an enchanting medieval house steeped in history, and overrun with spirits. The ghosts of this quaint house include a debonair cavalier, a copper-haired Puritan, a malevolent Roundhead and a solemn but kindly priest. 'We treat them like old friends', says the lady of the house. 56 08 17 & a

1956 08 18
Rev R.L. Hale became vicar of Longstanton in 1950 where in addition to his spiritual duties he took a great interest in young people's activities and two years ago conducted a service which was broadcast from All Saint's church. He has been officiating Church of England chaplain to RAF Oakington where in an unobtrusive way he made his presence felt at ceremonial services, passing-out parades and prayers. Now he is leaving for a large housing estate at Sheffield. 56 08 18

1956 08 20
Sir – my father, J.R. Bennett, a master builder, constructed a chimney for the Star Brewery at Newmarket Road, Cambridge. Boy-like I used to play round the site and one day about 1889, when the work was almost complete, he made me climb the ladders up the scaffolding and stand on the extreme summit, saying 'You will be the only one who will ever stand there' – G.A. Bennett, Wisbech. 56 08 20

1956 08 21
When the Suez crisis threw the country into turmoil it meant there were no Regular Army personnel to assist the Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force. Their annual camp was cancelled but instead 200 boys moved into the Coldham's Lane Territorial Training Centre. They had to beg, borrow or steal all sort of equipment but a full programme of training was carried out with shooting on the Barton Road range and trips around the colleges. 56 08 21

1956 08 24

When Hadstock airfield was constructed as a wartime measure it lay directly over the public highway to Little Walden. Post-war motorists were allowed to use part of the perimeter road at their own risk but now, after ten years, work has finally started on a replacement road across the fields. 56 08 24

1956 08 29
The Observatory domes on Madingley Road house the most up-to-date astronomical instruments. Dr D. W. Dewhirst said the 36-inch reflecting telescope cost around £40,000; it has a mirror accurate to two-millionths of an inch that has to be kept at constant temperature with fans drawing cool night air over it. Various pieces of apparatus are designed and constructed in the workshops to measure the brightness of stars. 56 08 29

1956 08 31
Sir – I went to Longstowe School where I took a shilling to help buy a spinal carriage for a sick village child. After she recovered the carriage was taken to the vicarage to store. During the Great War my dear sister was stricken with poliomyelitis. After a long time in bed I took her out each day in that same carriage. I remember the teacher saying 'You never thought when you gave up that shilling that you would one day be helping your sister' – M. Sewell. 56 08 31a

At Oakington airfield there is a station cinema, the NAAFI provides television and haircuts and shoe repairs are free. A civilian tailor comes every week to fit the men for their uniforms and pyjamas are part of the Service issue. There is one full armed parade a month but most time is devoted to teaching young pilots to fly. It has enough ground staff for a large village since it takes from 50 to 80 people to keep one plane in the air, most are fitters and mechanics who tend the Vampires. 56 08 31d & e

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1956 09 01
Last year Cambridge station sent over 900,000 people safely on their way, another 1,000 a day were transferred from one train to another without passing through the ticket barriers. During rush periods they can send 'The Fenman' on its way only two minutes after arriving although hundreds of passengers get on and off and scores of parcels taken from brake vans. In the telegraph office where the most up-to-date teleprinters and signalling equipment are installed, 1,300 telegrams and 1,200 phone messages a day are dealt with. 56 09 01-a-b

1956 09 05
Histon ghost stories – letters – 56 09 05a & b

1956 09 06
Messrs W.J. Adkins have been granted permission to build a slaughterhouse at Rosemary Lane, Cherry Hinton. The proposal raised strong controversy among local residents but the land was already allocated for industrial use. The firm operate three pork product shops and their existing slaughterhouse was cramped and badly located, there would be little nuisance and it would not awaken the morbid interest of children. 56 09 06a

The old brick windmill in Hurst Park Avenue was built in 1855 by J.M. Mann and ended its working days some 60 years ago when the sails were removed. The mill was last operated by William French from Hildersham whose family have been millers for four generations. It is now used as storage by S.A. Rose, the butcher, whose slaughterhouse once stood close by. 56 09 06

1956 09 07
Portugal Place Lewis sketch – 56 09 07

1956 09 08
Great progress has been made since the devastating fire which destroyed more than half the factory of Corrugated Fittings of Burwell last April. Temporary buildings and even a marquee have been

utilised, printers have dug ditches, engineers have loaded lorries and girls have taken apart and repainted machinery, redecorated and helped in cleaning up. Messrs MacKay of East Road have soured the country for sufficient steel sections to allow rebuilding in time for new machinery. 56 09 08d

Baron the famous photographer (Mr Stirling Henry Nahum) commenced his career in Cambridge after his mother gave him a £16 camera. In 1935 he started a correspondence course with the Mallinson School of Journalism and Photography in Rose Crescent and had his lessons posted to Monte Carlo where he was living. He already showed promise and the School sold several of his photographs during the two years he was with them. 56 09 08e

Ambulance men are quiet men. When things are really busy a normal day brings in 60 to 70 calls and requires 1,000 miles driving in the eight ambulances and five sitting cars that serve Cambridgeshire. It is a point of pride in the ambulance service that there is no office staff. Everyone from the Superintendent down to the most recent recruit is operational and likely to be called out at any moment. They go out in pairs - driver and attendant always working in the same couples since the business of carrying a stretcher needs perfect coordination between two men who know each other's movements from long practice. It is easy to jog the patient or fall foul of the ambulance man's occupational diseases - rupture and strains - in picking up the stretcher in the first case and finishing with a straight run up the steps into the ambulance without the slightest pause. There is no lack of recruits to the ambulance service. Cambridgeshire is limited to a strength of 24 and if only someone would retire there would be room for at least one of the 13 eligible men on the waiting list. But no one ever does except for reasons of age. It must be the variety or simply the promise of action and service that they find attractive. Their jobs may vary from carrying a patient down the twisting staircase in a country cottage to delivering a baby while the mother is on way to hospital. About once a month, one the ambulance men must turn midwife. There is a gentleness about these men that belies their strength. They will tell you about the way they helped a mother and then mention the 19 stone patient who had to be bought downstairs at his home in Willingham in the usual carrying sheet and then placed on a stretcher to be brought into Cambridge for hospital treatment. The distress or pain they have to witness plays no part in their conversation. Their pride in the job leads them to keep the ambulances in a spotless condition. The floor was polished, the woodwork shone like a mirror and the metal fitments glistened with hard polishing. Long distance ambulances are really stripped cleaned and disinfected after every journey and a short distance one is gone over thoroughly every day. Three-quarters of an ambulance man's work consists of taking patients to hospital for treatment, either in an ambulance or in one of the dual-purpose cars that sitting cases can use. Seventy percent of the night time calls are maternity cases and most of the street accident happen between 12:30 and 2 in the afternoon and 5 and 6:30 in the evening went the cyclists are about. Then there are cases who suffered seizure in shops and who collapse in the streets. At this time of year, the weekends are the worst time for car crashes with people going on holiday. In the winter months, it is rugger and soccer casualties. There is an allied service even more unobtrusive which outpatients at Addenbrooke's Hospital will know well - the laying-on of ambulance cars, luxury taxis and private cars to bring them to hospital and take them home after treatment. In Cambridgeshire there is a whole corps of volunteer unpaid drivers who put their cars at the disposal of patients, driving them in to the hospital then wait for perhaps a whole morning and take them home again. They are part of the whole ambulance system, which whether its men are professional and trained or simply public-spirited car owners who have time to spare is devoted wholeheartedly to the care of the sick. 56 09 08a,b,c

1956 09 10
The garden in front of St Philip's Church, Mill Road, has been transformed into a Field of Remembrance by the Romsey British Legion. It is the only one in Cambridge and will give people the opportunity to place a cross in memory of those who gave their lives in two World Wars. A parade marched through pouring rain for the dedication service. 56 09 10b (photo 56 09 10a)

1956 09 12

The windmill on Station Road, Willingham has been demolished. The owner, Tony Manning, was reluctant to have this well-known landmark destroyed but it had become unsafe. It was offered to various organisations concerned with ancient monuments but without success. The main sail was about 35 feet long and nearly 18 inches thick at the centre. 56 09 12a

Lewis sketch of chimneys – 56 09 12

1956 09 13
It is a 'black harvest' year as adverse weather has put paid to many crops. Where farmers in sheer desperation have tried to get their combines working many have found them bogged down and have to be pulled out by crawler tractors. The pea crop is practically a total loss, blight has affected potatoes and scab and brown rot have hit apples and pears. The tomato crop is almost a failure but sprouts look well. 56 09 13

1956 09 14
One marriage in six breaks down and the emancipation of women has contributed to the rise in divorce figures, the director of the Cambridge Marriage Guidance Council said. During the last ten years they have helped 500 couples training for marriage and of these only 50 had their own homes. The rest were living with in-laws and in rooms. But wilful refusal to consummate a marriage, artificial insemination of the wife by an unknown donor without the husband's permission or if one partner is mentally defective should be grounds for divorce. 56 09 14a

Lewis sketch of Wray's Court – 56 09 14b

1956 09 15
Soldiers to help with the harvest – 56 09 15

1956 09 17
Thousands of visitors to the Battle of Britain airshow at RAF Waterbeach saw Peter Twiss demonstrate the Fairey F.D.2 high speed research aircraft in which he set up the world air speed record of 1,132 mph. Individual aerobatics displays came from Vampire, Meteor, Hunter, Provost and Chipmunk aircraft and members of the Cambridgeshire Regiment, T.A., demonstrated parachuting from a balloon. 56 09 17 & a

1956 09 19
Millers music shop has been reshaped, redecorated and reorganised from top to bottom. There are spaces where walls used to be and the radio department is where the pianos were. Frank Chacksfield, the television and recording star, was the first person to make use of the special record booths built into the record departments downstairs. There is now a 'browsery' where 'discophiles' may browse through records. Long playing records are played over high fidelity equipment and there is a section for 45 rpm records with remote control. 56 09 19 & a

1959 09 21
High-ranking Service officials, including some from Russia, went for a 20-minute helicopter ride over Cambridge without moving from the comfortable dining rooms of the University Arms Hotel. They watched one of the first-ever air to ground television transmissions carried out by Pye Radio from a Bristol Sycamore. The pictures were broadcast to several 21 inch screens and showed the view from 1,100 ft. before zooming down to catch an express train just leaving the station. 56 09 21

Air to ground helicopter picture– 56 09 21a

1956 09 22
A fen drainage windmill has been re-erected in Wicken fen. Norman's Mill stood in Adventurer's Fen, a mile to the south, and was operating until the early 1930's after which it fell into disuse and suffered considerable interference by people visiting the fen. The restoration was undertaken by C.J.

Ison of Histon. They discovered the right way to go to work by trial and error, guided by what they found when they dismantled the old structure. Little more than the iron parts of the wheelers and gears remain from the original mill. 56 09 22a & b

1956 09 24
King's College chapel was the setting for a big gathering of choirs numbering about 400 singers drawn from local churches. A large congregation filled the ante-chapel and overflowed outside the open west door. With the rays of the declining sun streaming through the magnificent west window and the candles inside already alight, the entry of the long procession of choirs and clergy, led by the choir of Saffron Walden church, was most impressive. 56 09 24

1956 09 26
The annual Hawkey supper organised by Trumpington Young Farmers' Club was a real harvest supper in the old-fashioned spirit. Mrs V.C. Pemberton described how 70 years ago when hired themselves to farmers who took them on for a year, paying wages at the end of the engagement. In 1922 shepherds wore a piece of wool in their buttonhole, horsekeepers a piece of whipcord and men who were not much good for anything a piece of cow's tail. The bargain was sealed by both parties shaking hands on the 'luck penny' which was as good as an oath. 56 09 26 & a

1956 09 27
A piece of ground on the corner of Vinery Way and Coldham's Lane described as ' waste ground for 30 years', 'a free open-air car park and ' the place where people from all over Cambridge dump their rubbish', may be used by a haulage contractor for the erection of petrol pumps and lock-up garages. Planners say the site should eventually go for housing and the scheme is a good idea. 56 09 27

1956 09 28
The ordinary motorist, the Sundays-only-man' would never dream of entering his vehicles for anything so nasty and horribly sporting as a motor rally. But the RAF Association rally is suitable for all ages and makes of car. Starting from Royston one veteran car came to rest half way up a steep hill and the driver hopefully prodded the grand old monster with a starting handle. But our new Standard 'Sportsman' with its three-speed gearbox fitted with overdrive on second and third, behaved splendidly. It costs just £1, 231. 56 09 28

1956 09 29
The pilot and navigator of a Venom night fighter taking part in the Air Defence Exercise, 'Stronghold, were killed when it crashed in a sugar beet field near Sutton. Portions of the aircraft were strewn over a large area and flames were still visible in the bottom of a large crater some times later. 56 09 29a

The new organ at Cambridge's Holy Trinity church will cost approximately £6,000 as compared with the £300 spent on the original organ built in the 1850's by Messrs Walker of Ruislip, who are carrying out the present installation. The original two-manual organ was rebuilt in 1904 by Messrs Bedwell of Cambridge who moved it from the north transept into the organ chamber. 56 09 29b

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1956 10 03
Maureen Jackson, the 21-year-old Cambridge girl who has been British Roller-Skating Champion for the last three years is to compete in the World Championship in Barcelona. She only started reluctantly after the war but when her ballet dancing ambitions faded she became more engrossed in both roller and ice-skating. Her father is the instructor at the Cambridge rink. 56 10 03a

The Ferguson tractor has been a familiar sight since production started nine years ago and the introduction of a new model has been long awaited. It is built by the Standard Motor Company and costs £558, £25 more than the old model. It has a choice of three engines, petrol, Diesel and

vaporising oil and a double gearbox providing six forward and two reverse gears. The man behind the wheel will appreciate the comfort of an upholstered seat. 56 10 03b

1956 10 05
Mr & Mrs Ditchburn have seen many changes at Mill Road Maternity Hospital in the 22 years they have been Senior Administrative Officer and Matron. When they came in 1934 it was the County Infirmary and was mostly for old people. During the next five years a new wing was built, together with a new ward and theatre. Gradually the chronic patients became fewer and now there are only 23. During the war it was an emergency Medical Services Hospital with only one bed left for maternity patients. In 1934 there were only 56 births at the Hospital but 1,831 were recorded in 1954. 56 10 05a & b

The old heating system in Swaffham Bulbeck church installed in 1924 was out of order and they could not get anybody to stoke the boiler. So during the cold weather they installed electric fires, attaching them by 'collars' to the pillars. But they had not applied for a faculty and a Consistory Court ordered them to be removed as they looked ugly and clashed with the architecture. 56 10 05c & d

Fisons new pest control research station at Chesterford Park was opened where in the rambling old house which has been converted into laboratories with an entire new wing built at the rear. The old wine cellars have been transformed into hot, warm and cold rooms for studying different forms of plant and animal life. 56 10 05e

1956 10 06
The Cambridge lodging-house landlady is part of the education of every young man who comes to study at the University. She is part-mother, part-landlady & part-disciplinarian who must maintain a difficult blend of deference and firmness in dealing with her young gentlemen. He is told how much rent he must pay, that he pays extra for a piano, hot water for his bath or a scuttleful of coal. But unless lodgings are peaceful and conformable men will not study well. 56 10 06a & b

A tattered and broken reel of film recently recovered from a cellar at King and Harper's garage in Bridge Street has been overhauled by the chief projectionist at the Playhouse Cinema. It was taken around 1932 and shows scenes in the firm's depots and features a man in an up-to-the-minute sports car, which appears very comical to modern eyes, whilst a lady is shown over the latest in six-seater saloons. The price ticket attached to the roof gives its price at £205 – brand new! 56 10 06c

1956 10 09
Cambridge Licensing Magistrates have asked Associated British Cinemas not the show the controversial American musical film 'Rock Around the Clock'. The film features a new style of dancing known as "Rock'n'Roll". It is a rhythm similar to some of the African native 'beats' and is alleged to have a startling effect on young people who like 'hot music'. In London dancing youngsters have caused trouble in the streets and assaults have been made on the police. 56 10 09

1956 10 12
Sir – my wife and I thoroughly enjoyed 'Rock Around the Clock' which we saw at Northampton. It gave us old age pensioners a taste of the vitality of youth and made a change from the 'Western' and 'sob-stuff' type of film. There was no rowdyism shown by any of the patrons in the cinema. It is a disappointment to read that it has been banned by magistrates and will not been shown in Cambridge - we should have made an effort to see it again – 'Two O.A.P.s, Vinery Road. 56 10 12g

To some he is an enemy, to others a music-hall joke but to the vast majority of the public the village constable is a familiar and reassuring figure – the man who knows what to do when things go wrong. He attracts little of the glamour usually given to the C.I.D. or the high-speed radio-controlled precision machinery of his fellow-officers, yet he remains the most important man in the police service. But although he is so often seen pedalling along a country lane, the public idea of his full duties is very scanty. 56 10 12a b c

1956 10 12
Men who never sleep – illustrated feature article.
Fifty-six officers and men man the two Cambridge fire stations - the headquarters at Newmarket Road and the subsidy station in Saint Andrew's Street. In addition, there are eight stations situated in larger villages managed by part time firemen who are paid an annual retaining fee and a fee every time they turn out to a fire. They keep three watches – three days on, three nights on, three days off. Everything is geared to the instant answering of the alarm bell. When it rings the fireman's place is on the engine. The whole system of training drills and exercises is directed to this point of duty. There are two drills a day. Often, this means a complete preparation for a turn out short of actually leaving the engine house and driving out into the street. When it is not this is it is exercises in topography, the rehearsal of knowledge of the city's buildings, drill in the use of appliances or train crash procedures with mobile surgical units. The men are pretty fit. The Fire Service prefers its new recruits to be between the ages of 20 and 25. They must retire at 55. Cambridge has just had four recruits and the youngest is 20 the oldest fireman just turned 50. It is very difficult to get men of the calibre, they want. The main deficiency is men of the right educational standards. It is a job so complex and highly technical that a man must have a basic education to fit him for it. He must measure up to physical standards, which are fairly high. He must be of an impeachable character because of the hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of stock, he may have to salvage. They are looking forward to the discontinuance of national service, so they can receive hear the young men of 19. They are the ones who train most readily. Throughout the County there are on average, two or three calls a day. The sort of emergencies that characteristic arise in the area are floods and crop fires. Hundreds of acres of corn have been saved in fields bordering the railways. Peat fires in the fens, those insidious spontaneously burning hidden fires underground are another peculiar of the area. The danger is that one day a farmer is going to drive a tractor over one of these peat fires and fall into a hole. It is difficult to say which have been the worst fires in living memory. One of the most difficult and dangerous was the fire at Laurie & McConnell's when 13 appliances were brought to bear within half an hour and when the water froze on the hoses. From the point of view of damage the fire ay Pye's with its destruction of a third of a million pounds worth of property was undoubtedly the worst. A fire in a College brings its own troubles: it is especially difficult to get the appliances into the courts. Two officers are continually on fire prevention and five buildings in Cambridge have automatic alarm, which in the event of fire set off bells at the first brigade headquarters. Sub Officer Bert Odell is 45. He had a short period in the A.F.S. at the outbreak of war, then joined the police fire service in January 1940. He had a good trade - carpenter and joiner - but preferred to make firefighting his job. And when his service merged into the local fire brigade at the end of the war he took his place in the fire brigade without question. "There is no dull routine. You do PT each morning, which in a normal job you certainly wouldn't." Talking to firefighters is to learn again that the bravest men don't wear their courage on their sleeve. A fireman to be successful must enter buildings. He must get in below, above, on every side, from opposite houses, over back walls, over side walls, through panels of doors, through windows through loopholes, through skylights, through holes cut by himself in the gates, the walls, the roof. He must know how to reach the attic from the basement by ladders placed on half burned stairs, and from the basement from the attic by a rope made fast on the chimney. His whole success depends on his getting in and remaining there. 56 10 12d e f

1956 10 16
Councillors say that multi-storey car parks should be provided at Lion Yard, Saxon Street, Park Street and New Square and 170 cars should be parked on the site of the existing police flats at Parkside. But traffic congestion in Cambridge has become so acute that 'No Waiting' restrictions should be imposed in the central area and King Street made one-way. 56 10 16a

Proposals for more car parks – more multi-decks suggested – 56 10 16

1956 10 18
Frogmen, called in by Scotland Yard detectives, have carried out diving operations in a large drain about a mile away from Crowtree Farm, Farcet Fen, Huntingdonshire, the home of a missing 53-year-old farmer. Raincoated detectives also searched adjacent fields after bloodstains were found in his

house and in his van which was discovered on a lonely cart track. Neighbours describe him as a quiet man, wrapped up in his work. 56 10 18

1956 10 19
The Blue Lion at Fen Ditton is the first public house to be built in the area since the war and set back just across the road from the old pub of the same name. It presents a bright, colourful and very pleasant appearance. Furniture in the saloon bar comes from Denmark, there is a mural painting of oast houses by a London artist, T. Gibbs, and carvings by Miss Madge Whiteman, an actress. The car park has two stone heraldic lions obtained from a gateway in Buckinghamshire. 56 10 19 & a

1956 10 20
A most thoughtful exhibition called 'Wonders of the Bible' is housed in a giant pantechnicon whose sides hinge down to provide a room as big as an averaged-sized village hall. It was built by two pastors who have spent two years working on it in a disused hangar at Graveley. It is standing at the moment in Oakington RAF station and the first visitors were the officers and men. After three weeks there it will move to … where? 56 10 20a & b

The Lord Nelson inn at Upware, better known as the 'No Hurry' was badly damaged by fire which destroyed the roof and charred timbers in the bedrooms. Charles Jolley who has been licensee for over 30 years said fire crews found the roof well alight and difficult to extinguish due to the covering of corrugated iron on top of 18 inches of thatch. The bar and downstairs rooms were saved from bad damage and it continues to function. Earlier in the day painters had been at work on the inn. 56 10 20c

Cartoon – Cambridge parking – car on spike – 56 10 20d

1956 10 22
A new library in memory of Herbert Martin Loewe, Honorary Fellow of Queens' College and a Reader in Rabbinics was opened in the Cambridge Synagogue, Thompson's Lane. He had worked hard for the many displaced refugees fleeing from Nazi armies and kept open house for students. The family had been honoured for their scholarship and respected for their public works and the library was a happy choice to commemorate his life. 56 10 22

1956 10 23
Sawston Telephone Exchange has been converted to automatic working. Mrs Susannah Ward has been the caretaker-operator since the exchange first opened in 1923. She is now 89 years of age and has rendered yeoman service to the subscribers. When it first opened she performed all the operations throughout the 24 hours of the day with the assistance of her daughter, Mrs W. Bebee who is now the supervisor. The staff have now been transferred to Cambridge. 56 10 23a

Under the Cambridge Award Act of 1856 responsibility for weights and measures in Cambridge passed from the University to the Town authorities. The Vice-Chancellor agreed to loan the University's standard weight and measures provided the corporation kept them in order and returned them on demand, subject to a £400 bond. Now the University has decided to make the arrangement permanent and cancel any payment due. 56 10 23b & c

The Cambridgeshires had their first test as an infantry battalion; now no longer airborne gunners the joined other units of the 54th East Anglian Division in an exercise on the Stanford battle area. They practised the carriage of weapons, camouflage of vehicles, messing arrangements and sleeping in the open – though most were in action continuously. Sergeant Roff experienced field cooking for the first time but provided three excellent meals. 56 10 23d

1956 10 30
In their determination to keep the Church School at Teversham, the Managers collected part of the money needed to bring it up to requirements with social functions. They were rewarded when the new school was blessed by the Bishop of Ely. It now has an up-to-date assembly hall, two new classrooms

and cloakrooms and while it takes 40 children at present, numbers will increase with the building of new houses in the village. 56 10 30b

The 162nd Field Ambulance is one of the oldest in the British Army and served with distinction in both World Wars. At one time it was the only medical unity in this part of East Anglia and in the future it would be of the greatest importance in Civil Defence at time of disaster. It has now been adopted by the City of Cambridge and the Mayor presented a plaque to commemorate the occasion. 56 10 30a

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1956 11 01
Ald F. Doggett, chairman of the Cambridge National Savings Committee, purchased the first Premium Bond at a special counter set up at Cambridge post office. The Head Postmaster, C.A. Plouvier, later reported that bonds sold steadily during the morning with many customers taking the full over-the-counter quota of £10 worth of bonds. 56 11 01d

Great St Mary's church has been connected with the University since very early times and was used in the past not only for religious services but for academical proceedings. Under an agreement of 1843 the University and parish met the costs of repair and maintenance, but most of the terms are now out of date. Now they are being urged to meet the sole cost of maintaining the clock and the University organ at the west end, and sharing costs of insurance, heating, repair and cleaning. 56 11 01c

1956 11 02
W. Holliman and Sons, the well-known Cambridge firm of removal contractors have again chosen a Morris vehicle for their fleet of pantechnicons. Every vehicle since 1926 has been a Morris, proof of their faith in this make. They are also house furnishers and their showrooms, the King Street Furniture Galleries, were the first 'Walk Round Showrooms' in Cambridge, dating back to 1923 when they moved from Mill Road. 56 11 02a

A new telephone exchange to be built in St Tibb's Row will one day house the equipment for Cambridge's link-up with the rest of the country on a national trunk dialling system. Old cottages used for storage, small office units and workshops facing on to Post Office Terrace will be demolished for an extension of the present telephone exchange and in early 1961 engineers will install equipment to meet the needs of 3,000 new subscribers. In 1935 there were 2,700 telephone subscribers on the Cambridge exchange; now this has trebled to 7,700 and will reach 10,000 by 1960. 56 11 02d & e

A Lambretta Service Station has been opened by King and Harper at their Milton Road branch. It features all the necessary service tools and equipment. Now routine checks can be completed in a matter of minutes with even the most extensive overhaul carried out within a week. Cambridge people have been quick to adapt to this modern form of transport and already own many hundreds of machines. For many housewives, typists and office workers the scooter is here to stay. 56 11 02b

Premium bonds rush – post office stays open late – 56 11 02c # c.32.8

1956 11 03
Six hundred undergraduates demonstrated at a 'No War on Suez' in one of the rowdiest meetings ever held in the Union Debating Chamber. Every inch of space was occupied and scores of people piled up on the window ledges to hear two MPs, Kenneth Younger and Anthony Wedgwood Benn who were the butt of deafening ridicule, shouting, catcalling, hissing and yelling from supporters of Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden. 56 11 03a

Young people from both the city and university have formed a club called 'Stan Kelly's Skiffle' at the Dog and Pheasant, Newmarket Road. Each Thursday evening the rafters ring with folk tunes, work

songs, ballads, blues and the like. It has a membership of 80 and anyone who can sing or play an instrument is welcome. Stan Kelly himself leads the group which comprises guitar, bass, drums and a wash-board. The beer crates which form the furniture help add to the atmosphere. 56 11 03b

1956 11 05
A Suez protest rally was held on Parker's Piece. The back of a lorry provided a speakers' platform and round it was ringed an audience of some 1,500 people who attempted to listen to the arguments through the constant hubbub of a group of dissenting undergraduates. They carried slogans tacked on long-handled brushes saying 'Eden acts where U.N.O. fails' and 'Non-intervention is Suez-cide'. Scuffles broke out and a lone firework was lobbed on to the platform. 56 11 05a

Smoke bombs, water from upstairs windows and counter-cries from undergraduates accompanied the "Stop Eden's War" procession organised by Cambridge Labour Party. Eighty people carrying placards set off from the Alex Wood Memorial Hall but were joined by a second, less orderly procession of undergraduates shouting "Eden Must Stay" to counter the Labour cries of "Eden Must Go". 56 11 05b

1956 11 06
A proposal to spend £1,750 on a new bedroom and bathroom for the teacher's house at Coton Church of England School was ridiculous, councillors said. The house was an integral part of the school building and needed a new bathroom and kitchen. But the present school was inadequate and the only alternative was to build a new one. 56 11 06

1956 11 09
If the water level at Earith Sluice were lowered it would reduce the flooding of agricultural land bordering the river between Earith and St Ives, farmers claimed. But it would need to be dropped by at least four feet to have any real effect and this would destroy the value of the grazing of 5,000 acres of marshland between Earith and Welmore Lake Sluice. Little benefit would be derived upstream whilst the value of the land now protected by the sluice would be destroyed. 56 11 09

1956 11 14
American farmers visit Cambridge – Teversham – 56 11 14

1956 11 16
G.F. Levitt, a haulage contractor of Russell Street applied for permission to transfer his business to Hall Farm, Cherry Hinton. He had 14 vehicles and six of his 17 drivers lived in the area. The site had been used for haulage work in 1932 and for storing paper since 1954. But it was not a suitable site in a residential village High Street. 56 11 16a & b

There is one tree left on the new St Andrew's housing estate at Stapleford, a 65 foot elm which stands at the junction of Priam's Way and Hawthorne Road and is a beautiful landmark. But the neighbours who live nearest want it cut down because they think it is dangerous; they produced a five-foot long branch which had fallen on top of an inhabited caravan. But their house had not been erected in the agreed place and the tree was in good condition. 56 11 16c & d

1956 11 19
The inaugural meeting of the Cambridgeshire Naturalists' Trust formed a limited company to record, study and protect the chief places of natural history and encourage nature conservation. Lord Fairhaven was unanimously elected president. 56 11 19a

Two of Cambridge's long-established cinemas, the Playhouse and the Tivoli, will close after the last performance on Saturday. Associated British Cinemas say the heavy burden of entertainments tax has made them uneconomic. The majority of the 35 staff will be absorbed by the other cinemas in the group and others will join the private cinemas run by Mr George Webb. 56 11 19b

1956 11 22
Several hundred civil servants at Brooklands Avenue will be out of work as a result of the Government's decision to close down this regional centre. Nine departments will be affected and only a very small nucleus will be retained at the site. It is more economic to have them operate from London. Cambridge sprang up as a Regional Centre during the last war. 56 11 22

1956 11 23
A Sentinel steam wagon has been recommissioned at the Cambridge Gas Works as a means of conserving petrol. It has been out of action since May when it was taken off the road because of its age. It is the only vehicle of its type now working in the country and will be used for conveying coal from the Coldham's Lane sidings to the Gas Works. 56 11 23

A 15-minute car washing service is a feature of the new car valeting station opened by King and Harper in Cherryhinton Road. Now the farmer who arrives at the Cattle Market with a muddy car will have little excuse for returning home with it dirty. The new station has been growing rapidly; the latest island type petrol pumps provide a full range of fuels and an up-to-date greasing bay can cope with lubricating problems. 56 11 23a

1956 11 24
An application by Whippet Coaches of Hilton to operate a summertime Saturday express coach service to Margate and Ramsgate was supported by several parish councils. They would start from St Neots at 6.10 am and be back by 9.30. They had a fleet of 15 coaches ranging from 29 to 41 seats and could run six 36-seaters on this service at a time. But Eastern Counties, Premier Travel, the East Kent Road Car Company and British Railways objected. 56 11 24

1956 11 27
A proposal to close Christ's Lane and provide an alternative footway between Drummer Street and St Andrew's Street was approved in 1954. But now Christ's College have proposed an alternative consisting of an arcade leading into a central courtyard then through another arcade to Drummer Street. The council would be responsible for maintaining, cleaning and lighting it. 56 11 27a

Two sections of army cadets searched an area of land near Wood Ditton for enemy outposts. These proved to be numerous and several attacks were carried out before the troops, accompanied by cadets from the Newmarket platoon, who had acted as the enemy, returned to their billets at Ditton Green to clean their weapons. Despite the cold weather and being covered in mud from head to foot, they all agreed it was a wonderful weekend. 56 11 27b

1956 11 29
Preparation for petrol rationing began in mid-November and thousands of applications for supplementary rations are arriving at the Ministry of Fuel and Power at Brooklands Avenue. Local garages say there has been little panic buying as most motorists already have their tanks full and merely call in for the odd gallon to remain topped up. But when rationing is introduced garages will only be able to obtain supplies on production of coupons handed to them by customers. Should a garage run out of petrol they will have to go without for as long as the rationing continues. 56 11 29 a & b

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1956 12 01
Henekeys of Alexandra Street, Petty Cury give one shilling in the pound discount on three bottles of wines and spirits during December. A selection of prices: H.R.H. White Seal whisky 34/- (£1.70), Cognac 41/- (£2.05), Amontillado sherry 18/6 (92p), Liebraumilch Superior hock 10/10 (54p) and Veuve Grenier champagne 21/- (£1.05). 56 12 01a

New equipment developed by Pye of Cambridge means that six times as many people can use radio communications and foreshadows immense developments. Telephones for the use of the travelling public in aeroplanes, railways and road services are now a possibility and a radio-telephone could become a standard fitting in all road vehicles, C.O. Stanley predicted. 56 12 01b

Councillors decided not to increase the salary of the Lending Librarian to £780 though NALGO had protested that the grading was not high enough, and warned the post would be blacklisted. But if one librarian was regraded then his deputy would also want an increase and things would go on one above the other. No library assistant needed more than a good pair of feet and courtesy towards the public. But in a University city the service should be first class. 56 12 01c

1956 12 03
This is a bad time for motorists. Not only are we faced with a meagre petrol ration but it is likely to cost more as (because of the Suez conflict) every gallon of Middle East oil has to be brought by the long route via the Cape. The Chancellor should reduce the tax on petrol to keep the price the same. Many people depend on a motor car for their livelihood and why should they have to use their allowance of 200 gallons a month to travel to work. But Marshall's report a good response to their economy tune-up service. 56 12 03b

Fire severely damaged a workshop at the Star Brewery in Auckland Road but the prompt arrival of the Fire Brigade prevented the outbreak from spreading to adjoining garages. Mr Harold Jones, a mechanic, was welding when the fire started and raised the alarm. Young art students who were sketching nearby buildings when the fire started were able to make drawings of the damage. 56 12 03

Fairbairn cup start – rowers across river – 56 12 03a

1956 12 04
If you have seen a street fight and want to report it or are a motorist lost in Cambridge and want to know your way, it is simple. You go to the nearest Police Pillar, open the door and pick up the telephone inside. At once you are in touch with the information room at police headquarters. The Mayor made the first 'emergency' call from the Police Pillar in Drummer Street and within minutes a sleek black saloon containing two stalwart policemen drew up. 56 12 04

After 25 years and nine previous meeting places, Cambridge Christian Spiritualist Church moved into their own permanent home. The former Crown and Harp public house, John Street, can hold 100 people. The church had its beginning in July 1931 and met at 11 Ram Yard which was hit by a bomb and totally destroyed on 27th July 1942, a brass cross being the only thing saved. 56 12 04a

1956 12 06
Petrol rationing effects on Isle of Ely county council meetings – 56 12 06

1956 12 08
London County Council does not intend to build Overspill developments in the Isle of Ely owing to the high fertility of most of the land. It would also have a detrimental effect on manpower resources available for farming which are already seriously depleted by demands of industries outside the county. But new industries complementary to agriculture might counteract emigration from the area. 56 12 08

Christmas tree in railway station entrance – 56 12 08a

1956 12 10
Hundreds of people daily pass the unobtrusive grey brick Festival Theatre building in Newmarket Road, but few are aware that some of the foremost names in British acting began to learn their art there. Now used as a wardrobe and for scene painting by the Arts Theatre, the footlights have been

dimmed and the seats are empty. But the stage and auditorium are in good condition and one day the curtain may rise again. 56 12 10

1956 12 11
Stan Kelly's Skiffle club, which meets at the Dog and Pheasant on Newmarket Road, has grown in popularity and threatens to become one of the outposts against the mass entertainment media of film and television. Stan is a mathematician working in London who says only a few traditional folk songs have yet found their way into print and the only way to preserve them is by singing them. Now the BBC may feature it in one of their programmes. 56 12 11

1956 12 12
Newmarket All Saints' Infants School closed after three children were found to be suffering from polio and the pupils will not be attending Sunday School until further notice. When the news first broke rumours spread that there were a dozen suspected cases, but the Medical Officer says there is only one more, a mother of four living at the Houlsworth estate. 56 12 12

1956 12 14
Burwell is being visited by the new 'Community Survey' Mass Radiography Unit which hopes over 2,000 people over the age of five, will enter the large mobile van containing the X-ray equipment. The unit will remain for a week to examine the X-ray photographs and recall any that are unsatisfactory. 56 12 14a

Bill Oliver has been a Cambridge dustman since 1928, the year before mechanical transport came in. There are 33 such men, together with nine drivers for the nine lorries and a foreman at the Mill Road depot to act as a first-line peacemaker between them and the owners of dented dustbins. In all districts there is forbidden garden rubbish, brick rubble, hot cinders, sump oils and liquids that make an untippable mulch of the refuse. 56 12 14c & d

The Low Temperature Research Station was set up during the Great War to investigate problems of preserving the freshness of food supplied to forces overseas and imported from abroad. They started with retaining the freshness of apples throughout the winter and have moved on to the storage of potatoes for the outdoor clamp, though the blackening of the fenland potatoes remains a baffling mystery. The most recent developments have been the radiation of foodstuffs to destroy bacteria. 56 12 14

1956 12 15
The County Council intend to clear all the hutments, service camps, Nissen huts and disused storage depots – relics of the late war – "as soon as possible". They hope that the time will come when the scene will relate to its pre-war standard. Fifteen service airfields and numerous military depots were established; some had already been dismantled and others taken over to alleviate the housing shortage with 247 huts currently occupied as dwellings. 56 12 15

A thousand schoolchildren were invited to look round the Cavendish Laboratory and some of the things they saw hidden away behind the unimposing walls made laboratories in the 'Frankenstein' films look like primary school games rooms. Scientists can send a million-volt electrical flash cracking like a rifle shot across a hall at the press of a button or reproduce brilliant electrical 'thunderstorms'. But there were no flying saucers. 56 12 15

1956 12 21
Dry Drayton Mothers' Union will soon receive a new banner thanks to a Royston girl. Margaret Williams is a keen and able needlewoman who when she puts the final stitch will have spent 700 hours carefully embroidering the banner made of blue brocade with gold silk lettering and white cross surmounted with a sheaf of lilies. It is nothing less than a work of art. 56 12 21

1956 12 22
Raymond Bennett, the talented comedian and theatre manager laments the closing down of the Playhouse in Mill Road. It was there he made his debut as a single-turn music hall artiste. In those days it had a small orchestra and had one turn each week with the pictures. They included Godwin Hunt, baritone and humorous vocalist, George Gass, comedian of 'The Magpies' concert party and Sydney Pratt the conjurer. 56 12 22a & b

1956 12 28
Hilda Paine is leaving the Cambridgeshire Home Help Service. It started in 1948 when she was appointed to organise the service in the rural area and later took over the small Cambridge service which had been run by the W.V.S. and combined the two. From small beginnings the service is now a flourishing and important concern. There are now 275 home helps with a 'case load' of about 590 people a week. 56 12 28

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1957 01 02
Lieut-Col. John G.A. Beckett, former Commanding Officer of the Cambridgeshire Regiment, has been awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year Honour's List. He commanded a company during the battle at Singapore and was a prisoner-of-war until the end of hostilities. He rejoined in 1947 & was in charge of 'Q' (Ely and Chatteris) Battery before becoming C.O. in 1952. 57 01 02

1957 01 05
Pye has designed a special camera to enable engineers at Calder Hall to carry out an extremely complicated inspection inside a nuclear reactor. It has been reduced to under 24 inches in length so it can form part of a mechanical grab which will be lowered into the fuel channels of the graphite core to remove obstructions. 57 01 05 & 05a

1957 01 07
Melbourn parish church has been broken into and silver plate stolen from the vestry. The loss includes three chalices, two platters, a Georgian salver, a service plate, 12-inch high flagon and a wafer box. Rev H. Jukes said "The vicar of a parish is bound to have enemies but I can't think of anyone who could have done it apart from gain". He had to use his own personal 'miniature' Holy Communion set so he could hold a service for nine people, using a chalice only meant for three. 57 01 07

1957 01 08
Cyril Ridgeon and Sons staged a gala night for their 160 employees at Cambridge Guildhall. The company began in 1911 and in 1913 took a small piece of ground in Tenison Road for their first depot and in 1922 bought their first solid-tired lorry. During the second war they worked with the Ministry to get materials off to the bombed areas quickly. Now they had a staff of 160 with 28 lorries and vans and 13 cars. 57 01 08 & 08a

1957 01 09
The skiffle playing craze is attracting teenagers to youth clubs all over the country. If you want to make yourself popular, unearth grandma's old metal washboard and take it along. Skiffle groups use them with thimbles for making music. Empty Christmas cigar boxes for turning into box fiddles, tea chests used with a broomstick as a base and clothes brushes which produce a swishing sound on an old suit case are also welcome. 57 01 09

The John Hilton Bureau was started by a professor to help people resolve some of their social problems during the war. It is now linked to the News of the World, which finances its work, employing about 120 people at four centres in Cambridge. They receive 200,000 inquires a year. Many are problems that would formerly have been dealt with by the local parson but they are now so complex that people prefer to consult professional authorities. 57 01 09a

1957 01 10
The Oyster House in Garlic Row was named after hundreds of oyster shells found in the garden. It dates from 1707 and was originally known as the Tiled Booth in which the Mayor and Vice Chancellor would feast at the traditional opening of Stourbridge Fair. The house was bought for a small amount by John Lee, a coprolite digger, whose initials can be seen on a plaque on the building. Now it is scheduled for demolition. 57 01 10

A Cambridge Christmas card publisher told the Bankruptcy Court that he went into business in 1951, designing cards that proved very popular. Next year the cards were despatched by the printer direct to his customers. But some were sub-standard and he lost orders. In 1955 he hired a printing works in Baldock but the press broke down. Then the bank restricted his overdraft. His skill as an artist exceeded his ability as a businessman. 57 01 10a

1957 01 11
The Middle Level barrier bank on the north side of Mepal Bridge is to be lowered by three feet to improve visibility for traffic approaching from Chatteris, following a fatal accident last year. In the event of a high flood there would be ample time to construct a sandbag wall on the lowered portion of the bank, the River Board was told. 57 01 11

Fison-Airwork of Bourn have ordered their third Westland Whirlwind helicopter. It will join others which are on charter to the Shell-BP Petroleum Exploration Company of Nigeria. These are engaged in ferrying men and materials over the heavy jungles and swamps of the Niger delta to various drilling sites. 57 01 11a

1957 01 14
Sportsmen paid tribute to Stanley Martin who is retiring as secretary of the Cambridgeshire Amateur Athletics Association after 25 years. In that time nine members have represented their country, five of them in the Olympic Games, and 13 Cambridge University Blues have also come from the Association's ranks. In 1925 they went to Joshua Taylors to buy coloured vests but found they had only white ones in stock. So they had to buy some blue and green straw-hat ribbons to use as distinguishing sashes - colours they have used ever since. 57 01 14 & 14a

1957 01 15
Fewer people are attending Cambridge Corn Market because of the difficulty of finding car parks and it will cease to exist if it is not moved to the Cattle Market, merchants fear. It would relieve traffic congestion in the centre of the city. But a building of the same area as the present Corn Exchange would cost £32,000 and councillors recommended no action. 57 01 15

Firemen called to the Dorothy Café took one look at the amount of smoke pouring from the upper floor windows and immediately sent for reinforcements. The fire started under a sideboard in the second floor Oak Room and flames spread up the walls to the ceiling, damaging the floor of the Cromwell Room above. But business carried on as usual and management say they will honour all obligations. The usual dances will be held. 57 10 15a

Farcet fen murder – 57 01 15

1957 01 17
The "Dolphin" pub at Linton has closed as it would cost too much to put in a new bar, sewage system and hot-and-cold water. It comes as a blow to licensees Annie Kidman and her bachelor brother Fred. Their father Alfred took it in 1896 after eight years at the "Axe and Straw" in High Street. They will continue to live at the premises; Annie has converted one of the rooms into a confectionery shop and Fred will continue to keep the hardware store in the village. 57 01 17

Newmarket council has plans to build 50 houses, but the tenders are not worth the paper they were written on. The cost of materials was rising and there was an increase in haulage charges. Building wages had also increased and contractors had the right to claim for these. If a two-bedroomed bungalow was built at a cost of £1,300 the economical rent would be £1.6s. (£1.30). But for every extra £100 it cost the rent would increase by 2s.3d. (16p) a week. Houses were wanted in the area, but you can buy gold too dearly. 57 01 17a

1957 01 18

Cambridge councillors argued for 40 minutes over whether to regrade the post of Lending Librarian. When advertised the Library Association had advised against its member applying and there had been no suitable candidates. They were dictating to the council who should be masters in their own house. They decided to keep the present salary of a little over £12 a week. 57 01 18

The Cambridge Design Society considers the proposed new street lamps unsuited to the city. It is basically a glass cylinder five feet high, enclosing fluorescent tubes and mounted on fluted cast-iron columns. The design was adapted by a member of the Royal Fine Arts Commission from one used extensively in Birmingham. But a proposal of this scale should be brought to the notice of a wider public. 57 01 18a

1957 01 19
Trams memories – sold by Gray, picture by J.W. Rignall - 57 01 19

1957 01 23
Ald Mrs Clara Rackham retired from local government work having served on the city council for 40 years and the county for almost 30. Her greatest interest was education, especially the Open-Air School. She was always forthright in debate but recognised the arguments of others and would be remembered with affection by fellow councillors, the Mayor said. 57 01 23

1957 01 25
An inquest on a sergeant at RAF Stradishall heard that a Meteor jet aircraft had returned to the arming-up area after a firing sortie with a stoppage in one gun. The detonating mechanism had jammed with a live round in the chamber and there was no response when the trigger was pulled. The gun had been taken to the safety range and was being worked on when an explosion occurred, killing him instantaneously. 57 01 25

French Hall, Moulton is for sale by auction. It extends to over 230 acres with an attractive farmhouse, comprehensive buildings for an attested dairy herd and bloodstock, pasture and easy working arable land, together with five cottages. In view of the scarcity of such agricultural properties in West Suffolk it is anticipated the sale will arouse considerable interest. 57 01 25a

1957 01 26
Cambridge Civil Defence ambulance section carried out a successful exercise in rendering first aid to the injured. It was assumed a serious railway accident had taken place near the Eastern Gas Board sidings in Coldham's Lane. Casualties were evacuated to Swann's Yard Civil Defence Rescue Site where the Hospital Nursing Mobile First Aid Unit, under Dr C. Attwood, set up a Receiving Centre. 57 01 26

1957 01 28
In the last year, 43,000 men left farms in Britain. Unless farmers improve wages and conditions the situation will become even more serious, the Agricultural Workers Union warn. Fifty years ago wages were around 15s, now they seek a minimum of £8 for a 44-hour week. Almost half of farm workers lived in tied cottages, a social evil which should be abolished. They must also make sure that no foreigners are employed in preference to British workers. 57 01 28

February 1957

1957 02 01
Elsie Cousins of Histon works as a switchboard operator at the Guildhall. She really enjoys her job with hundreds of calls daily. With 94 telephone extensions and 13 exchange lines she is pretty busy. She can remember over 100 telephone numbers including those of the homes and offices of most councillors. She cannot remember when last a caller was difficult. Many ask her questions like 'Where can I get married' or want directions to the colleges. 57 02 01

Cambridge was visited this week by a flying saucer that appeared to be about 500 feet above the ground, says a reader from Fanshawe Road. It had a dome-shaped structure on top with a series of windows around the edge, one of which was blacked out while the base glowed with a vivid green fluorescent colour that seemed to be bubbling. He contacted the University Observatory who says it might have been a meteor. 57 02 01a

1957 02 02
Cambridge University Ceylon Society celebrated Independence Day at the Koh-I-noor Restaurant when the Deputy High Commissioner was the chief guest. The function was lent a splash of colour by the attractive saris worn by the ladies. Mr George Thambyahpillai presided. Momentous things had happened in Ceylon; they had many lessons to learn in managing their own affairs and the favoured few who have the opportunity to go abroad should qualify to serve their country well when they return. 57 02 02

1957 02 04
In a ceremony steeped in tradition, the Rt Rev Noel Baring Hudson was inducted, installed and enthroned as the 64th Lord Bishop of Ely. There were scenes of great dignity and solemnity while the magnificent robes of ecclesiastical dignitaries presented a vivid and colourful picture. Crowds watched the arrival of the Chairman (Coun W. Ruane) and members of Ely Urban Council formally received by the Dean (the Very Rev C.P. Hankey) before the procession of 230 parish priests from all corners of the diocese. 57 02 04

1957 02 05
Motorists should be charged for parking on the road as a way of reducing traffic chaos in the centre of Cambridge. People who wanted to pay visits to shops or offices could pay to park for short periods but a car park would be cheaper for stays of more than one hour. At present motorists take little notice of the 15-minute only restrictions, many staying for two hours. People will not walk a quarter of a mile if they can find a space closer to the centre, planners claim. 57 02 05 & 05a

1957 02 07
Flight Lt David Norman Jones, aged 23, of Waterbeach Aerodrome, was killed when his Hawker Hunter crashed at Barway. Verdict: misadventure. A Hawker Hunter of No. 59 Squadron from RAF Waterbeach crashed on open land at Fordy Farm. Barway at the approach to the runway. He ejected and landed, but died of his injuries almost immediately. He had married only 5 months before, at SI. Mary's Church. Slaugham, on Saturday 8 September 1956, to a Miss Margaret Lily Jakes, who was a Lieutenant in the Guides and involved in Youth Hostelling. They don't appear to have had children. He was the only son of Mr & Mrs WP Jones of 1 Stammerham Farm Cottages, Rusper, Sussex. His commanding officer declared him a hero as he avoided crashing into a hamlet 57 02 07 p8

1957 02 08
The National Industrial Fuel Efficiency Service at Brooklands Avenue has doubled its strength since 1954 and has now moved to Queen Anne Terrace. It was set up to investigate the tremendous amount of waste of fuel through poorly insulated buildings or by untrained stokers. They help bring industrial plants up to high standards of fuel utilisation enabling savings of 15 per cent during 1955-56. 57 02 08

1957 02 11
Restoration of the Round Church began in 1951; the ‘Round’ and the interior has been done, now it is the turn of the three gabled roofs. A month ago the Vicar could see the sky through the tiles of the choir roof and the church through the medieval wooden ceiling. Now work is nearly finished. Only one piece of decayed woodwork was found and no ravages of the death-watch beetle. 57 02 11

1957 02 12
Apples fall from lorry – photo – 57 02 12

1957 02 13

A remarkable and widely admired artist, Mrs Gwendolen Raverat, of The Old Granary, Silver Street, has died aged 71. As a wood engraver her work was both decorative and illustrative; technically she was an excellent craftswoman who chose to engrave without the aid of fancy. She was one of the earliest members of the Society of Wood Engravers founded in 1920. 57 02 13

The bells of St Andrew the Great returned to the church after being away for re-casting and re-tuning at Taylor's Foundry, Loughborough. The oldest was installed in 1660 when the new church was built. They are being re-hung and a full peal will be rung after they have been dedicated by the Bishop of Ely. 57 02 13a

1957 02 14
Six girls dressed in attractive costumes acted as hostesses as Dutch Dairy Week was launched at a reception where members of the local grocery fraternity they tasted a variety of cheeses. It was a pity that so many famous cheeses had gone out of production, among them the local 'Double-Cottenham'. A Dutch caravan will be stationed on Peas Hill where people can sample as much as they could take. 57 02 14

1957 02 15
Mrs Nina Beynon of Gt Shelford left the Central School for Girls and went to the Eastern Gas Offices as a junior. Now she is a senior shorthand typist and secretary to the Divisional Accountant. Her work is very varied and involves a lot of figure typing which she finds very interesting, though she prefers shorthand – she can do 140 words a minute. There are also a number of letters dealing with consumers' queries. 57 02 15

A husband and wife had a 'very unfortunate beginning' to their marriage when he forgot to bring the banns to Stetchworth church and as a result kept her waiting for an hour and a half. Then when they were alone in the reception room she slapped her husband's face because he was intoxicated, the divorce court was told. She claimed he had committed adultery, he alleged desertion. The commissioner said they may not have been too well suited from the start. 57 02 15a

1957 02 16
At long last there is a street in Cambridge where cars can be parked during the hours of darkness without lights. Eleven lamp-posts in Station Road bear a special sign that mean motorists can park without even switching on the new 'clip-on' parking lights. Police say this is for the convenience of car owners who wish to travel by train and live some distance from the station. 57 02 16

The closing of two Cambridge cinemas has made us aware of the difficulty they face. One major problem is Entertainment Tax. Out of every pound paid at the box office, 6s.5d. (33p) is taken for this tax and after film hire and wages the exhibitor gets only 5½d (2.5p) out of which he has to pay rent, depreciation and living expenses. No wonder 180 cinemas were forced to close last year. 57 02 16a

1957 02 18
Cambridgeshire Harriers held their annual Point-to-Point meeting at Cottenham. The rain clouds rolled away to provide a sunny, smiling greeting and despite petrol difficulties the attendance seemed unaffected. The going was very sticky; of the six horses that started the first race only one reached the finish. 57 02 18a

A farmer from Craft Hill Farm, Dry Drayton probably saved the life of a pilot who crashed in a Vampire jet aircraft in a field. He gave first aid to the airman who'd been thrown from the wreckage and was unconscious. He removed his harness, helmet, leggings and the watch from the pilot's swollen and discoloured arm. Then when an ambulance, a Jeep and a fire engine became bogged down he got a tractor and pulled them out. If the plane had exploded he'd have been blown sky high. 57 02 18

Cottenham point-to-point – 57 02 18a

1957 02 19
Trumpington Boy Scouts' new hut marks the culmination of the hopes of the troop which had long desired to establish its own headquarters. The Village Hall Trustees helped find a site, their parents provided voluntary labour, the Lay Committee worked market stalls to augment the 'Bob-a-Job' ventures of the boys; it was 'jolly good teamwork', said the Mayor. 57 02 19a

1957 02 21
A new shelter has appeared on the towpath near the Pike and Eel. From the beautifully executed Latin inscription it is clear it has been built in memory of the late Roy Meldrum who devoted his considerable rowing knowledge and coaching skill to Lady Margaret and the Cambridge University Boat Club. This simple, dignified tribute will do a service to all who love the river, especially those who coach on the exposed banks of the Cam. 57 02 21

1957 02 22
The long association of Pye and King and Harper of Cambridge will be celebrated in a 'Pye Parade' exhibition at Harper's Bridge Street premises. The highlight will be a specially-erected television studio and each evening programmes of local interest will be transmitted. The shows can be viewed on receivers in many parts of the premises with a limited number of seats in the studio itself. 57 02 22

An inquiry was held into the conversion of an 18-roomed house into three self-contained flats. In 1955 permission had been given for Galewood, a large house in 19 acres on the crest of the Gog Magog Hills to be split into eight units. What had then been the stable block is now owned by the Clerk to the County Council who objected to the conversion. However the house was too big for the present owner who only needed one-third of it. The alternative was to let the rest go derelict at a time when families were homeless. 57 02 22a & b

1957 02 25
The Cambridge Waterworks Company announced two new developments. Zeolite, which removes the hardness-forming calcium from water, is to be replaced by a new plastic material which is expected to double the output of softened water. Then a new pumping station at Wilbraham will pump up to 1,250,000 gallons a day. Although some consumers have seen the cost of water increase by more than £1 a year it still represents outstanding value for money. 57 02 25

Keys to a bungalow at 246 Green End Road House were officially handed over to its first occupants, Mr & Mrs L. Hart, by the Mayor. It is the 4,000 council house completed since 1945- an average of 353 houses each year. The 1000th was opened in Peverel Road in December 1948, the 2,000th in Whitehill Road in May 1953 and the 3,000th in Colville Road, March 1952. The site had been an eyesore, now it is a tremendous improvement. 57 02 25c

1957 02 27
Writing in an American magazine, Marianne Hudec describes domestic life in Cambridge. There is no central heating, coal and gas are very expensive and most Cambridge flats are in huge divided mansions of 1875 vintage. The average English housewife works harder and finds more drudgery than the average American housewife. She seems resigned to her role and does little to diversify her interests. Social moves do not encourage her to develop interests outside her home. The society feels that it is essential for a family with means to send its sons to university, but the girls who are more interested in marriage than a career are often discouraged. A friend tells her the life of a housewife in England would deteriorate the mind of an educated woman. She could never be truly happy. Few English homes have refrigerators so shopping becomes a daily pilgrimage. Shopping takes more time here and paper napkins are found at the stationers, eggs at the butchers and flowers at the greengrocers. There are few elaborate food displays, carrots are passed across the counter caked in mud while untrimmed celery droops beyond recognition. Butchers' shops have sides of meat hanging from the rafters and half-plucked poultry, complete with heads, dangling by their feet. But, she says; "It's all picturesque and I'm enjoying housekeeping in this delightful English village". 57 02 27

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Pye exhibition celebrates 21 year of tv, King & Harper – 57 02 27b

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1957 03 01
Miss Frances Todd has always wanted to be a hairdresser. She keeps up to date with the latest methods and feels a sense of achievement when she creates a hair style that pleases her client. Just before Christmas her Cherry Hinton shop was very busy; one day she did 17 washes and sets and two perms, normally it's about ten sets and one perm. 57 03 01

Huntingdonshire county council is to purchase accounting machines to cope with the growth and complexity of their finances. The statistical requirements of Government departments cannot be met by old-fashioned methods. As well as the £9,536 machines they will need card filing cabinets, chairs for operators and other equipment. In the first few years they will need to pay three machine operators as existing staff will still be required to wind up the manual records. 57 03 01b

City police force inspected – photos – 57 03 01a

1957 03 02
A new public house, The Weathervane' can be built on Perne Road but the Star brewery must transfer the licence from The Crown and Compasses in George IV Street and will close the Crown, Wellington Street and the Star on Newmarket Road. People living in the new houses in the area objected, one lady saying she'd saved her money to buy a house there to be away from pubs. Pupils at Coleridge Evening Centre, one of the finest institutions in the country, might be degraded while people who drank were more likely to catch disease than those who did not. 57 03 02

Plans were agreed for a new public house, 'The Robin Hood and Little John' to be built on land adjoining a pub of the same name at Cherry Hinton. Designs originally submitted two years ago had been revised and a small smoke room omitted. There was also a large car park. 57 03 02a

Thurston Dart of Jesus College has a clavichord amongst his collection of 20 musical instruments. They include a harpsichord, viola da gamba and an 18th-century Dutch pipe organ brought from a cottage at Milton. He began to collect them in his undergraduate days, put them in store while he did his R.A.F. service, then brought them to college when he came to teach music. His students play them as part of their studies. 57 03 02 c & d

Sir - For the past one hundred years Swaffham Prior has had a fountain of pleasing and unusual design. It was circular, built of brick and crowned with a steeply pitched conical roof. Generations used it for the refreshment of men and beasts. Sheep-dogs lapped up water, wayfarers stopped to admire it. But a few days ago, with no warning, it was demolished and the materials carted away. Who is responsible for this vandalism? – Aquarius. 57 03 02b

Music museum - 57 03 02e
Cameras film Cambridge from rooftops – photo – 57 03 02f 57 03 13

1957 03 05

When the Singapore Memorial was unveiled in the Kranji War Cemetery a wreath was laid in memory of over 370 former members of the Cambridgeshire Regiment who perished during the Malayan campaign or in subsequent captivity. After the formal ceremony, when the Guard of Honour had marched away, the relatives laid their personal wreaths and found the names which they had made their pilgrimage to see. 57 03 05a

A record crowd of 10,000 witnessed some exciting racing at Moulton when the Newmarket and Thurlow Hunt organised their most successful point-to-point meeting. 98 runners competed over the three-and-a-half mile all-grass course. The only really serious casualty occurred when Mr G. Mason's grand old horse, Treasure, dropped dead after throwing his rider near the finish. 57 03 05

1957 03 06
A hundred undergraduates who gathered on Magdalene Bridge to see the inaugural Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race run between the porters and bulldogs of three colleges were the victims of a joke. But not entirely. Diminutive, cheerful Horace Reed, who is 56 and works in Magdalene kitchens, appeared alone, aproned and carrying a frying pan. He ran the course, tossing a pancake from time to time. The event was arranged by the Pitt Club, who have inaugurated several successful hoaxes recently. 57 03 06

1957 03 08
Waging a constant battle against rabbits has proved profitable to Gerald Fairey who farms 2,000 acres at Linton. One rabbit can breed 200 progeny in a season but farmers get 50 per cent grants to destroy them. He is using gassing methods, then destroying the burrows to see they are not reinfested. Over 400 rabbits were discovered in one small area of land. 57 03 08

Barbara Gordon is the schools meals supervisor at Burnside Central Kitchen who has to organise lunches for city schools without their own kitchens. Often she works out a small recipe so it can be made up in 900 portions. The lunch only costs the child 10d (4p) a day – the parents pay the cost of the food and the Ministry pay for staff wages and other overheads. 57 03 08a

1957 03 12
Hundreds of aviation enthusiasts both young and old crowded into the Cambridge University Engineering Laboratories for the inaugural meeting of the Cambridge branch of the Royal Aeronautical Society. Some people claimed that aircraft as we knew them were on the way out, but the next 25 years will see great developments in flying and this country will stay in the forefront of this development, they were told. 57 03 12

1957 03 13
Cambridgeshire Cottage Improvement Society is planning to recondition and restore the Old Manor House at Fen Drayton, the most remarkable property it owns. They hope to turn it into three homes with amenities. The beautiful old house was bought cheaply in 1938 to save it from destruction and the good work must be completed. They will also purchase three cottages at Willingham made out of a fine old thatched house dating back to the time of Charles I with wonderful chimney stacks and thick red brick walls. 57 03 13a

Soccer Cuppers procession – 57 03 13

1957 03 14
Gilbert and Gladys Bradley were appointed to Linton Hospital in 1939 and during their long stay have seen many changes. Very few of the old patients know of the impending departure of their beloved Master and Matron – many of them call Mrs Bradley 'Mother'. Telling them will be one of the most difficult tasks of Gilbert's 40-years work in the medico-social services. 57 03 14

1957 03 15

Cambridge will soon have 141 new specially designed street lamps of the 'vertical fluorescent' type after consultations with the Cambridge Preservation Society, Royal Fine Arts Commission and College bursars. For some months several different types of lamp were erected along King's Parade to test public reaction. The only strong objection has come from the Design Society. 57 03 15

George Sheldrick was restoring his cottage in Priory Close, Swaffham Prior when he forced a crow bar into a hollow space and discovered a well-preserved ingle nook fireplace. Now after careful removal of old stones the original has been revealed. It has a small salt cupboard and a place for shelves. Carved in an oak door which was once part of the dairy are the initials R.W. with the date 1766, but they've also found a penny dated 1606 and a token from 1609. 57 03 15a & b

1957 03 16
Swaffham Prior Reading Room was filled to capacity for a meeting to discuss the vexed question of the fountain. It was conducted with an element of good-natured chaff, an evening of entertainment as well as inquisition. Not all the remarks were good-humoured. There was plenty of hard-hitting criticism with responsibility for the removal of the landmark laid at the door of Mr Charles Allix, whose father had it built, and Mr Woollard, the chairman of the parish council who carried out the orders for its demolition. 57 03 16

1957 03 26
New Hall's Appeal Fund has reached a quarter of the £500,000 target set in November 1955. Donors visited the pleasant old house on the river bank where the college's silver was on display including a replica of a 15th-century coconut cup and a handsome new Jubilee Cup presented by Cambridge Rotary Club. The library has 7,000 items from a 1515 edition of Dante to a book on human anatomy. 57 03 26

1957 03 27
Death W.G. Witherow, auctioneer, Swavesey – 57 03 27

1957 03 29
Nurse G.A. Dorrington of Coleridge Road is a midwife who has brought over 3,800 babies into the world. For 30 years she has been on call night and day, attending women in their own homes across Cambridge. Occasionally she visits a woman having a baby and finds she actually delivered the mother many years ago. Now she has been awarded the M.B.E. 57 03 29

Swaffham Prior may have lost its fountain but it may gain a new playing field. At last year's annual parish meeting there was an apathetic response with only twelve present – 10 from the parish council. This year there were 100 who went on to talk about the general welfare of the village and formed a committee to find a site. They hope the bricks of the old fountain can be used to build a new one on the ground. 57 03 29a & b

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1957 04 01
Despite a vigorous protest, magistrates agreed the erection of a new public house, 'The Weathervane' on Perne Road. There was a definite need; since 1936 around 2,500 new houses had gone up in the area with about 9,500 professional and working people. It was a respectable middle-class area and scholars would not be tempted to enter it. 57 04 01b & c

Cambridge Folk Museum has been considering the need to improve its present quarters in Castle Street. Abbey House is now let with the rents from tenants forming a substantial part of its income and another property put on the market was beyond their means. It had been suggested they might move to St Michael's Church but even if permission was granted the building was not really suitable. 57 04 01a

1957 04 02
Bandmaster A.E. Tucker took the post on joining the Cambridgeshire Regiment in 1922, serving to the outbreak of War. He was taken prisoner in Singapore where he maintained the regimental records and was able to bring home a complete list of the casualties. Discharged in 1946 he assisted in the band and was re-appointed bandmaster in 1954. It is a record of which he must be justly proud. His successor is Mr G.R. Ball, Music Master at Ely King's School. 57 04 02

Television sets are to be installed at Chesterton Secondary Modern School in an experiment to assess the value of this type of visual aid. In the years to come they may be as common as radios. However Coun Gardner-Smith claimed children spent a lot of time watching television: "Is it any wonder they are illiterate. This is simply another way of wasting time". 57 04 02a

1957 04 03
The opening of Herbert Robinson's new Sales and Service department on Newmarket Road, equipped with every aid to modern truck servicing techniques, marks another important step in the development of the company who are Rootes Group dealers for Cambridgeshire. From a cycle shop bought in 1905 has grown the present concern embracing the motor, cycle and radio industries. 57 04 03

Sir – in Coton the rectangular parcel of grass land in the centre of the new housing estate was some years ago planted with four saplings which have flourished. But now it seems they must be encased in stout timbers and barbed wire to protect them against the ravages of the Coton 'Commandos'. At the same time a tree was planted in the middle of their football pitch. In the future can we expect to see them all protected by sandbags, barbed-wire entanglements or an electric fence? - Gaza C Strip. 57 04 03a

1957 04 04
Jimmy Edwards, complete with the famous moustache, performed the opening of Herbert Robinson's new garage at Newmarket Road. 'A few jocularities and not all of them in good taste' was how he introduced his remarks, observing somewhat ruefully that with the rate of present development the new premises might eventually be quite near Cambridge. After the inevitable disparaging comments about his radio colleague, Dick Bentley, he commented on the number of cars now fitted with radio – 'a good sign we will not be thrown out of work'. 57 04 04

Bulldozers are clearing the ground for house building in Hurst Park Avenue where the hundred foot windmill and Mill Cottage are to be pulled down. There has been a mill on the site since the 16th century although the present building is about 120 years old. It has been a landmark for aircraft from local aerodromes and for many years has been a home for pigeons. 57 04 04a

1957 04 06
In 1956 Messrs Holland was refused permission to erect a petrol filling station on the junction of Mill Road and Ross Street as was another in the area. This was obsolete, they claimed, with a limited forecourt. But its owner said there was no need for another – some evenings he did not have a single customer. Protestors fear it would attract additional motor traffic into a residential area, with noise, television interference and the smell of petrol. 57 04 06 & a

A Penguin Bookshop has opened opposite the University Press in Trumpington Street. This is an innovation by Heffers for they will devote the entire shop to the display and sale of the thousand titles at present in print. The shop has been designed by Peter Bicknell who has preserved the pleasant original stone front whilst making the inside both gay and light. 57 04 06b

1957 04 10
A butcher appealed to use the former Crown public house on the corner of Cross Street as a butcher's store, cutting room and office. He had 150 customers and delivered about 900 lb of meat a week. The van would use the back yard. But it would be difficult to convert the premises which stood on the

boundary of the working class area to the north and the better area of Glisson Road to the south. 57 04 10

1957 04 12
Anna Gordon Gosse – Anna Gordon Keown, poet and novelist of Grantchester Street – dies 1907 - 57 04 12a

1957 04 13
Great St Mary's church has a new mace which depicts the Virgin Mary resting on the arms of the University. It was made by Loughborough Pendred, the Cambridge woodcarver and magnificently gilded and decorated by Mr B. Winterton. There are other examples of Mr Pendred's work in Stretham, Teversham, Sawston, Cheveley and Great Shelford churches. 57 04 13

1957 04 16
Cambridge city council may purchase the 350 temporary bungalows from the Ministry of Housing for £150 each. They are suitable for elderly couples and can be kept sound for another ten years. They could also purchase big houses to let as flats to business people, starting with no.20 Beche Road which has already been converted into five flats. 57 04 16

The central island containing the underground public convenience at Hyde Park Corner is to be removed to make way for new traffic signals. The toilets might be resited on Lensfield Road where trees and a fence will provide a screen from the Scott Polar Research Institute. But the University suggests that Parker's Piece would be a better location. 57 04 16a

1957 04 18
Archaeologists led by Prof. Grahame Clark are excavating a Neolithic site at Mildenhall. Hurst Fen is a wild and desolate stretch of boggy heathland not far from the man Brandon road. Lady Briscoe of Lakenheath Hall investigated pieces of pottery and now polished flint axes, arrowheads and scrapers have been found, proving that 4,000 years ago there was a small community living in primitive huts. But the fen soil has destroyed all traces of bones. 57 04 18

1957 04 20
It had been planned to make a car park on the site of the proposed County Fire Station at 44 Parkside. But as this is to be built sooner than expected the site for the new Police Station should be used instead since it would not be needed for another 15 years. But this was a residential area, the Chief Constable had dozens of complaints regarding even a police garage there. There were other sites: New Square could take another 90 cars very easily and there is plenty of space round the backs of the colleges. 57 04 20

Fen Ditton church people have an attractive new publication. 'Life' is a handy-sized magazine full of parish news which is distributed to 2,000 houses in the area. Since the war the population had grown to about 8,000 and they cannot hope to have personal contact with the majority of parishioners. This is a way of communicating the Christian faith. 57 04 20a

1957 04 26
The Appointments Board in Chaucer Road is the undergraduates' "labour exchange". The Secretary, J.G. Davies interviews 1,500 students every year, some after they have done National Service or after a year's not-to-successful search on their own. A small intake, a dozen each year, go into atomic research where the standards are very high. There is a demand for mathematicians because of the development of automatic computers and economic analysis in Government offices but a desperate shortage of teachers specialising in science. 57 04 26

Grantchester is famous worldwide and its picturesque main street brings gasps of wonder from many a visitor. It presents a picture of centuries ago but its sewerage system is just as antiquated. It smells. A council sewerage scheme must wait because it has a comparatively small population and other

villages have first claim. But attempts to build more houses are virtually at a standstill because there is no sewerage system. 57 04 26a

Five oak trees standing on Comberton recreation ground have become the major topic of conversation in the village and have led to the retirement of one long-standing parish councillor. The suggestion that three of them should be cut down because they are unsafe had aroused a storm of controversy. A 'Save the Trees' petition, signed by 200 villagers was sent to the Parish Council, who turned it down. 57 04 26d

Grantchester – the forgotten village – 57 04 26b, c, 57 04 29

1957 04 29
Countess Mountbatten of Burma visited Cambridge to receive the gift of Fitzpatrick House in Barton Road and declare it open as the new county headquarters of the St John Ambulance Brigade. Then on Lammas Land she inspected more than 300 men, women, boys and girls who make up the Brigade and presented the Grand Prior's Badge to nursing cadet Averil Turville. 57 04 29a & b & c

Two Cambridge girls were taken to Newmarket Hospital on Saturday night after an American Service Jeep in which they were travelling crashed through the Mill Street Bridge in Mildenhall and fell into the river. Five American servicemen who were also in the vehicle were taken to a base hospital at Lakenheath. The bridge has only recently had temporary repairs carried out after an American truck damaged it in two places. 57 04 29d

1957 04 30
In Thriplow the Post Office and village shop are together and their telephone is connected to the phone kiosk. This meant that if the shop were using it the kiosk would be engaged, and vice-verse. The ladies of the W.I. do not think the postmistress has the inclination to listen to their conversations but it was not nice to know that other members of the house might. The telephone lines between village Post Offices and local kiosks should be made separate. 57 04 30

Mrs Gwendolen Mary Raverat of The Old Granary, Silver Street, engraver, artist and granddaughter of Charles Darwin died in February, leaving £1,000 to her housekeeper, Florence McMonagle, with another £1,000 to her indoor and outdoor servants. But Cottenham WI feel that such wills should not be published in newspapers without the executor's consent. To the strain of bereavement is added the embarrassment that your private business is an item of news and probably gossip. 57 04 30a

Three oak trees standing in Comberton recreation ground will be felled as they have been infected with rot and could blow over. Timber merchants have offered a reasonable sum for the trees as they now stood. If they were left to deteriorate they would become a dead loss. One of the trees is probably 300 years old but the wood could have another 300 years of useful life as timber in a church or college. 57 04 30b

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1957 05 01
Feelings have been running high in the ancient village of Reach over the break in tradition with the date of their fair. It has always been opened on Rogation Monday by the Mayor of Cambridge but this year the date of Mayor-making has been changed so it has been brought forward. Villagers are concerned a precedent would be established and it would be on Christmas Day next! This is the only social event in the village and coincides with the Chapel Anniversary when locals parade their new spring clothes. 57 05 01

1957 05 03
Margaret Gracie finds work as a bartender interesting and the long hours, from 10-2 and 6-10 go quickly. Americans like salt in their beer and their latest craze is lager and lime. "It seems horrible to

me, but they nearly all ask for it", she says. She meets interesting characters; Steve Donoghue always drank peach brandy, the late Arthur Lucan (alias 'Old Mother Riley') preferred champagne and boxer Larry Grains drank beer. 57 05 03

Sir – Town and County planners want Grantchester to be left 'unspoilt' but Road planners want tear the guts out of the village and remove the Orchard House to allow more traffic to roar through. Household refuse is cleared normally once every four weeks and the absence of sewage is a problem. But if the price of modern drains is a vast expansion of housing, it will not be worth it – A.V. Watson. 57 05 03a

1957 05 04
A Pye Magnetic Tape Data Store will be shown at an Exhibition at Olympia. It is the first to incorporate electro-pneumatic tape control allowing very high-speed movement. They were commissioned to produce six special units for experimental work in computer design and development. One has been delivered to the University Mathematical Laboratory for use with their new powerful computer EDSAC II. 57 05 04

1957 05 07
Canvassing voters for the City Council election means knocking on the doors of hundreds of houses. Reporter Colin Moule went out with two councillors, C.A. Mole, Conservative and Robert Davies, Labour. Reactions on the doorsteps varied but both candidates were optimistic that people would support them. 57 05 07a

Reach fair proclaimed – 57 05 07

1957 05 08
James de Rothschild, the elder son of Baron Edmond de Rothschild has died. He was well-known in racing circles as the 'millionaire sportsman': when his horse Brigand won the Cambridgeshire in 1919 he won £250,000. He was elected Liberal MP for the Isle of Ely in 1929 being returned in 1931 and 1935. But in the 1945 election he was beaten by Mr E.A. Legge-Bourke. During his parliamentary career he represented Jewish opinion being particularly interested in the settlement in Palestine. 57 05 08

1957 05 009
When the last train from London arrived at Whittlesford airmen rushed out of the station to get onto a Premier Travel bus. The top and bottom decks rapidly filled up, people were standing up the stairs and on the platform. When it was stopped by police there were 76 men and one woman on board. The conductor said he hadn't wanted to leave them behind at that time of night. The company, driver and conductor were fined £1. 57 05 09

1957 05 10
Nearly everybody who travels on the buses knows Gladys Hughes, the helpful and friendly conductress. One young man told her he'd just bought a goat at the Cattle Market as his baby had to have goat's milk, but had no way to get it home. They managed to get it on the upper deck though passengers were amazed to see a goat coming down the stairs. Her husband is a driver, they always work together and the job is very well paid for women. But the main thing was that she likes people and loves to laugh. 57 05 10

In 1941 common land known as 'Quy Fen', was given over to grazing. When the war finished it was re-seeded and hired by a local farmer. Then three years ago 50 acres was ploughed up, causing an uproar. Now the 'Quy Fen Enquiry Committee' wants the County Council to investigate the actions of Horningsea parish council where three councillors and the chairman have resigned. 57 05 10a

The coffee habit has grown up in the last ten years out of the need which young people have to talk without interruption. Beer-drinking is too absorbing an occupation and the tankard has to be refilled.

But a single cup of coffee will last a whole night. One public house has converted two former billiard rooms, where everything is provided from the serenity of the shaded lights to the stimulus of Espresso Coffee. People come from places as far apart as Moscow and Addis Ababa, Hong Kong and Puerto Rico. 57 05 10b

A farmer from Wayhead, Coveney said he'd started as a smallholder in December 1947 with two acres from his father, £10 in cash and implements lent him by relatives. He sowed an acre of sugar beet and an acre of potatoes and got on nicely making £5 a week. But he suffered bad harvests and the wheat was overrun with rabbits. He'd bought a second-hand tractor for £30 but had sold it for £5. Now he had a £500 overdraft. 57 05 10c

1957 05 11
A Government White Paper proposes wider powers for councils such as Cambridge City who wish to be free from the control of the County Council. It says they should be entrusted with responsibility for services such as health, education, roads, town planning, libraries and licensing waste food boiling plants. But the city will still press for county borough status. 57 05 11

1957 05 13
Shudy Camps' bright clean, one-roomed school, which houses 20 children, means a lot to the inhabitants. They have a good teacher in Doris Edwards but no mains water supply. Now it may close with the pupils sent to Castle Camps. But with four new council houses and two more being built there will be more children. In these modern days you must have community spirit. Take the school away and what focal point is left? Just the church and the pub. 57 05 13 &a –b

In the early days in Cambridge a scout would buy a broomstick, which cost 2d, and a billy-can and spend weekends in the woods and country places round the city. Later such boys became scoutmasters but during the Great War troops had to run themselves. Then in 1925 they secured headquarters in Grafton Street which they'd sold to the Co-operative Society. Now the new Scout Headquarters in Perne Road was opened. 57 05 13d

1957 05 14
Rance's folly demolition photo – 57 05 14

1957 05 15
A revolutionary – even fantastic – scheme has been put forward to use Cambridge Castle Mound as a multi-deck car park. Tunnels would be driven into it to provide space for hundreds of cars with be entrances from Chesterton Lane, Huntingdon Road and Magrath Avenue. The dirt excavated could be used for filling in Coldham's Lane pit, providing more parking spaces or building land. There will no doubt be many objections. 57 05 15

1957 05 17
Proposals have been announced for an underground car park at Parker's Piece capable of accommodating about 5,000 vehicles. When complete it would be unaltered on the surface but beneath would be many acres of car parking space with four sloping entrances. It will take two years to build and be cheaper the present scheme for a multi-deck park on Lion Yard a councillor claims. 57 05 17a

1957 05 17
"It is very rewarding to help children to find their books as there is such a wealth of children's literature these days and he's quite an experience to help them discover the best". So said the Children's Librarian at the Cambridge Central Library, Miss Barbara Sandall of Arbury Road.
She is in charge of the junior section which has grown considerably since it moved from a few shelves in the Lending Library to its own department at the beginning of 1956. Figures show a remarkable increase in the children using the library now they have a room of their own. As soon as children learn that books are to read and not to fear they can come to the library and often they have three and four-

year-olds coming in with their parents. They type of books the children choose is interesting. There is still a demand for the classics, nature study and animal books, with boys preferring books on planes, trains, space travel, adventure, mechanics and model instruction. Girls like career novels especially about ballet and nursing and pony stories. The time the children take to select their books varies considerably. Some might take two hours whereas others a few minutes. Her job also includes buying the books. "I try to interest them in certain subjects but it is difficult to get them to read books about real people, they nearly all prefer fiction. It is a pity because they do lose a lot by doing this", she says To try and encourage them she arranges special displays and puts the wrappers of the new books on display in the department. "Publishers and booksellers now have more idea of the demand especially for younger children", Miss Sandall added– 57 05 17

1957 05 22
Mr C.B. Kenzie junior won the 'coach driver of the year' competition. He and his father operate a compact fleet of six coaches at Shepreth, specialising in private hire. In their 24-seater Bedford Duple motor coach he had to demonstrate his skills in acceleration, braking and reversing and also broke the day's record by 'quick starting' in 16 seconds. 57 05 22a

Linton football club results – 57 05 22

1957 05 23
Messrs C. Holland won their appeal to erect a petrol filling station on the corner of Ross Street and Mill Road. The site is at present occupied by a house and garden, the surrounding area is predominately residential but with some schools, shops, social clubs and industry. In such areas motorists prefer to fill their tanks locally at the start of the day & it would not increase traffic risks to children. 57 05 23

1957 05 24
The Night Climbers of Cambridge are at it again. At daybreak two objects had been placed on the spires of King's college chapel. One is the globe of a Belisha beacon, the other a nylon stocking. There was a turret-climbing episode in May 1932 on the eve of Empire Day when a Union Jack was flying from the north-east turret. Two nights previously the pinnacles were decorated with open umbrellas. 57 05 24

1957 05 25
Gallyon – Henshaw gunsmith – 57 05 25

1957 05 29
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother opened a new wing at Homerton, a women's training college which prepares students for teaching in primary and secondary schools. She walked along the main entrance driveway passing groups of pretty girl students making a gay sight in their brightly-coloured cotton frocks. 57 05 29 & a

1957 05 30
Everyone in the Norfolk Street area know "Charlie the Cheerful Milkman" – Charles Short. Even the children at St Matthew's Infants' School give him a friendly shout as he passes. In his years as a milk roundsman with his little motorised trolley he has helped take out dustbins or put coins in gas meters. But now the Co-op Dairy want him to drive an electric van and change his rounds. 57 05 30

That feature of modern shopping, the self-service store, has been adopted by the N.A.A.F.I. at RAF Bassingbourn. Service wives were present at the opening ceremony of the shop, which caters for 230 families. A fully automatic cash register has been installed, doing away with hand-written invoices, and a covered perambulator park added just outside the door. 57 05 30 & a

1957 05 31

A tiny notice banning games has angered dozens of families on the Silverdale Avenue Estate, Coton. They say the old 'Village Green' makes an ideal playing field now barbed wire has been removed from around trees – the boys had their footballs punctured on them. The District Council says little toddlers can still go on the green but youngsters will have to travel half a mile to the recreation ground. Parents will organise a petition to get the notice removed. 57 03 31

There are 33 council houses in Grantchester and 26 still have pail lavatories. One resident said: "Us people, we have a sense of decency, and when we have friends call we blush from head to foot. They have been used to flush lavatories". But private houses are in the same position, it is a national problem. Villagers called for some form of night soil collection and a small sewage disposal scheme. 57 05 31a

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1957 06 01
Sawston Hall was left in a terrible state by troops who were billeted there during the war. Much of the panelling was split, many doors were off their hinges, the ceilings were cracked. The electric wiring was dangerous, the heating system destroyed and pipes freezing and bursting all over the house. Then there were three bombs and two landmines in the garden - and three cesspools. The owner, Captain Huddleston, thought he would have to abandon it but then decided to open the house to the public. 57 06 01 & a

1957 06 04
Stan Kelly and his skiffle group transformed one of Banham's craft into a full-blown Mississippi boat. Singing "We're Alabama Bound" they set off for Clayhithe. Despite playing all the way there and back they still had energy to provide a lively beat on the Bridge Hotel lawn. In no time there was jiving on the grass. 57 06 04c

Commonwealth Youth Sunday photos – 57 06 04 & 04a
King and Harper boat trip on Viscountess Bury – 57 06 04b

1957 06 06
Rev A.C. Moule death – 57 06 06

1957 06 07
A Cambridge biologist found radio-active particles in samples of air he took near his house in St Barnabas Road. He claimed it was contaminated by smoke from the railway and contained minute particles of dirt which harboured germs. He sought a reduction on his rating assessment from £46 to £35. 57 06 07c

The Minister has approved plans to reduce the rate of growth of Cambridge but increase the development of nearby villages like Histon, Girton, Milton and Coton. However no deliberate expansion will take place at Teversham, Hauxton, Madingley or Grantchester. Villages can only preserve their identity and character if they remain physically separate from each other so a Green Belt will be introduced. 57 06 07a

St Ives Employment office closure protest – 57 06 07b

1957 06 08
The vestry door of Melbourn church was forced, the safe opened and the communion silver stolen. Later it was found in a cardboard box in a ditch. PC Everett questioned two men and was helping to push their car, which had broken down, when they threw an overcoat over his head and made their escape. Inside he found a wrecking bar that had been used to force the lock and a piece of paper with an address on it. 57 06 08 & a

Hugh Woodhouse of St John's, playwright – 57 06 08b

1957 06 11
Scrambling, Elsworth – Stonebridge – 57 06 11

1957 06 12
Daphne Harrington suffers from 'fragile bones' which means she must spend her days in a plaster cast and be moved about in a wheeled bed. But she runs an active Brownie company, earns money by typing, designing knitting patters and making small household articles. So she was not going to let her disability prevent her going on holiday. She left her Selwyn Road home in an ambulance to journey to Norway where she will join other handicapped girl guides in a camp halfway up a mountain. 57 06 12a

James de Rothschild, Isle MP, will – 57 06 12

1957 06 13
Hamilton Kerr made baronet – 57 06 13

1957 06 15
Council house tenants in School Lane, Fulbourn protested about plans to shorten their gardens to provide space for new homes. But their gardens were much larger than average. It worked out at seven houses to the acre, whilst today it is necessary to build 10 or sometimes twelve. If the Council didn't take the land there would be seven new houses without any gardens at all. 57 06 15 & a

Coton villagers were woken by a big explosion. On investigation a small hole was found beside the Grantchester Road about half a mile from the village. The Bomb Disposal Unit from Feltwell was called to the scene. It is known that eight bombs fell in the area during the war, of which four did not explode. It is understood that the explosion was caused by one of these bombs. 57 06 15b

Cambridge Night Climbers spend the small hours of the night among the college piers and pinnacles. They work in groups of two or three and their equipment is a pair of soft shoes and gloves with sometimes a punt cushion for crossing the spikes and broken glass set in concrete. They climb for the love of climbing and regard the leaving of flags or underclothes as an error of taste bordering on exhibitionism. 57 06 15c

Walter Morley Fletcher – biography – 57 06 15d

1957 06 17
Since the formation of the Romsey Town Branch of the British legion in 1950, the clubroom of the 'Grasshopper', Brookfields, has been used as its headquarters. But now it is too small as membership has risen to over 200 so have decided to move to the 'Jubilee' in Catharine Street. They presented their old hosts, Mr & Mrs Arnold, with a pipe and a broach in thanks for their help. 57 06 17

1957 06 18
It could cost less than £400,000 to build a car park for 800 vehicles under Parker's Piece. This is less than a multi-deck on the Lion Yard site that could only take 500 cars. The charge would be 1s 3d (07p) a session, whereas Lion Yard would be at least twice that sum. If motorists are going to be charged half-a-crown (12p) a time for the 'honour' of parking in the centre they will leave their cars outside the city or not even come at all. Then local trade would suffer, councillors' claim. 57 06 18

Main line trains were diverted through Saffron Walden while the iron bridge near Great Chesterford was replaced. For weeks the road under the bridge has been closed while the steel girders were built into the form of a pre-fabricated bridge. Then by an ingenious piece of engineering the entire section, weighing many tons, was trundled forward on two specially-laid sets of rails. 57 06 18a

1957 06 21
Rance's Folly, the large redbrick house now being demolished in St Andrew's Street once had several lifts, four bathrooms and central heating – as well as a swimming pool. Guests even played tennis on the roof. It was built by Henry Rance who was Mayor in 1878 and 1882 – when he held council meetings in his dining room - and included a ballroom whose floor was laid by experts brought specially from Germany. Here his granddaughters were never at a loss for partners. 57 06 21 & 21a

1957 06 26
United States servicemen contributed £3,500 to the University Department of Pathology in thanks for the specialised laboratory services provided to their military medical authorities. The American Hospital at Wimpole Park, which re-opened in 1952, had only limited facilities but Sir Lionel Whitby had offered what professional help they required until his death last year. It was a voluntary contribution from all branches of their personnel and not an attempt to 'pay an account'. 57 06 26

1957 06 27
Grantchester housing and sewage report – 57 06 27

1957 06 29
When returning from Ely Fair after a 'good night out', three Mepal landworkers saw Marcus Darby's tractor standing on the grass verge at Sutton with the ignition key in place. When one of them suggested "Let's have a taxi home" all three piled on to it and took it four hundred yards to the aerodrome, where they left it. The lads were of good character and had been well behaved in the village. They were fined £1 each and had their licences endorsed. 57 06 29a

J.D. Livingstone retires as head of Central School – 57 06 29

Alice Reynolds made her first appearance as a trained singer at a concert in the Guildhall in 1916 when, according to the News, 'she created a sensation'. During the war her 'Variety Highlights' party gave 1,000 concerts for troops around Cambridge, making a real contribution to morale. Now although still in good voice she feels it time to make way for younger people and can sit back 'with a song in her heart', knowing she has entertained so many. 57 06 29

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1957 07 01
Last year an Adventure Playground started on a patch of rough ground bordering Newmarket Road. Cambridge council gave a generous quantity of odd timber, other people provided tree trunks and old motor tyres. But it all vanished during the winter. Now they are seeking more together with an old motor car chassis, corrugated iron, bricks, pick-axes, hammers, nails and other lumber. They also need a strong lockable shed to keep it in. 57 07 01

A 19-year-old was registered as a conscientious objector, relieving him from National Service, provided he worked as a ward orderly at St James Hospital, Saffron Walden. But he refused. He had a certificate, issued when he was 12 years old, saying he had been duly ordained as a Minister of the Jehovah Witness Society to carry out duties as a minister. If he took up shift work he would be unable to attend meetings in the evening. 57 07 01a

The rector of St Peter's Church, Duxford, sat on the Coronation seat on the green with a top hat for donations. RAF men in full flying kit arrived in the station fire engine, bowed low and made their contributions. They then received a certificate granting them permission "to fly Discreetly and Warily over ye precincts of ye Holy Shrine of St Peter's without incurring ye customary Curse of Anathema of ye church". 57 07 01b

Master and matron of Linton hospital retire – 57 07 01c

1957 07 03
The A14 at Kisby's Hut is now open after three months in which through traffic has been re-routed through Eltisley and local motorists have used private bye-ways. Papworth Everard residents will long remember the respite from thundering night lorries and the revival during the day of the almost-forgotten privilege of strolling along the Queen's Highway with the main stream of traffic fenced off. 57 07 03

1957 07 05
The Waggon and Horses in Newmarket High Street was a well-known coaching inn famous for its cooked hams which it baked in special boilers on the premises. In recent years however it has become just another hostelry. Now Messrs Whitbread's are making efforts to restore it to its former glory. It has been redecorated and enlarged and was reopened by Newmarket trainer, Jack Jarvis. 57 07 05

The motor vessel 'Phosphorous' lazily riding at her moorings off the 'New Spring' pub is the perfect answer to Cambridge's housing difficulties. It does have disadvantages: all the washing-up water must be pumped from the river and boiled while drinking water has to be obtained and conserved in a tank in the bows. But when the owners are cruising the river it is not an empty house that callers see, just a clear view of the opposite bank. 57 07 05a

County Landowners Association 50th birthday – history – 57 07 05

Fifty years ago landowners were passing through difficult times with some land more valued for its sporting amenities than for the food it could grow and there was a threat it might be nationalised. So a Cambridgeshire branch of the Central Land Association was established to represent all interests – owners, farmers and workers. Now more than 40 percent of the farms are occupied by their owners who bought them on favourable terms after the wealthy families died and the land was sold to pay death duties. 57 07 05b & c

Jack Hulbert at Arts Theatre – 57 07 05d

1957 07 07
The water situation in Duxford is critical. Last year 40 of the 63 satisfactory wells dried up. Miss Harriet Hewitt, 74, says her well had dried up and she has to go to a pump 250 yards away to fetch water. Mrs Pamela James in St John's Street who has two small children has to get her water from a pump 200 yards from her home four times a day. The District Council says a piped supply from Dotterell Hall is expected in autumn. 57 07 07 & a

1957 07 11
Miss C.E. Willers has been ringing Trumpington church bells for nearly 40 years; now she is paying for two new bells as a memorial to her family who have been in the village for generations. She cycled to Loughborough from her home in the High Street – and did the 85-mile journey in one day – to see them being cast. "Trumpington church is so old and beautiful it's a privilege to do anything for it", she said. 57 07 11 & 11a

1957 07 12
Lamp standard replaced by traffic bollards at corner Petty Cury – photo – 57 07 12

1957 07 13
Railway modernisation plan – photos – 57 07 13 & a
Duxford water cartoon – 57 07 13b

1957 07 15
Histon has had a fortnightly refuse collection since the war, but other villages had one every week. In some parishes the workmen collect refuse bins from the doors, in Histon they had to be placed in the road. Every village should have the same service. But at Haslingfield the refuse was collected every

four or five weeks. A resolution calling for a fortnightly collection throughout the district was carried unanimously. 57 07 15

A coloured film based on Rupert Brooke's 'The Old Vicarage Grantchester' is being made. The Marlowe Society provided many of the actors and a local girl was persuaded to jump into the Granta 'with practically nothing on' for one verse. Producer John Stewart will have to be tactful during the filming of the lines "Ditton girls are mean and dirty, And there's none in Harston under 30". 57 07 15a

1957 07 17
Cambridgeshire Women's Bowling Association was founded in 1937. Now their new flag in the County colours of light and dark blue and old gold was hoisted for the first time at a bowls drive at Brooklands Avenue to celebrate its 21st anniversary. 57 07 17

1957 07 18
Teversham villagers standing on the parish recreation ground turned up their coat collars against the wind and rain as they watched their new 'do-it-yourself' sports pavilion opened by Mr A.G. Marshall. Three years ago the recreation ground itself was opened – again in the pouring rain. Then an anonymous donor offered considerable financial help if villagers erected the building themselves. Teversham now has one of the finest-equipped sports fields in the county. 57 07 18a

Meldreth butcher history – 57 07 18b
School House Lane off East Road garage appeal – 57 07 18

1957 07 19
There will be a lot of sadness at Richmond Road School when Miss Chandler retires after 22 years as headmistress. Scores of children owe a great deal to her care and devotion. The other day a young boy gave her sixpence and said 'This is for making us work so hard'. Now she is going to learn to use the typewriter that was presented to her but will be going away for a few days when the children start school again as she will feel her retirement more acutely at that time. 57 07 19

Lloyd Gibson, aged 12, has won 102 painting competitions in four years. In his house in Isaac Walton Way are a television set, a portable wireless, three bicycles and a camera together with a pair of roller skaters and a set of hair brushes which he has won by his entries in boy's magazines. His pictures depict Red Indians, knights in armour and Spanish buccaneers but he would like to be a commercial artist when he grows up. 57 07 19a

1957 07 20
A giant super-modern heated indoor swimming pool with a roof-top restaurant may be constructed on Donkey common. It would have space for 230 bathers with 600 spectators, parking for 35 cars and 200 cycles and a view across Parker's Piece from the restaurant. Changing rooms for footballers and crickets could be installed later. It could be in use within three years. 57 07 20a b & c

King's college Gibbs building roof – first repairs – 57 07 20

1957 07 22
The Adventure Playground off Newmarket Road does not seem to be wanted, judging from a lively meeting. Residents said was being used by hooligans who broke up the equipment and should be moved far from homes where a nuisance is likely to be caused. They called for the area to be used as tennis courts instead. 57 07 22 & 22a

1957 07 23
Plans for a new car park at Parkside should be deferred until the proposed underground park at Parker's Piece is debated, councillors say. But they would deplore anything which would affect its

amenities. The ground would take three years to be 'reinstated' ready for playing and there would be an area of the Piece which would be permanently sterilised by the construction of entrance and exit ramps, emergency escapes and ventilation apparatus. 57 07 23

1957 07 25
Miss Lilian Clarke has left all her books on Cambridge and her pamphlets, pictures, maps, newspaper cuttings, lantern slides and negatives to the City Library with the request that all duplicate items be sold and applied towards the publication of her book 'Cambridge Calling'. She also left all her papers relating to the Clarke family to the County Library at March and her blankets and pillow cases to the Evelyn Nursing Home. 57 07 25

John Mowlem, 'a famous name in building' have a number of houses in Tedder Way, Hurrell Road and Harding Way on the Arbury Road Estate ready for immediate occupation. First class construction, part central heating and decorations to the purchaser's choice. Prices from £2,550 on easy purchase terms: deposit £255 and repayments from £3.9.6. per week. You are cordially invited to inspect the show house at 42 Hurrell Road which is open daily – advert. 57 07 25a

1957 07 26
The new Radio Astronomy Observatory just opened at Lord's Bridge was made possible by a grant of £100,000 from the Mullard Company. Prof N.F. Mott praised the work of the engineering and electronics companies of D. Mackay & Morley and Duke. It was fortunate for radio astronomy that there were in Cambridge firms led by men who were able to understand quickly what the scientists wanted and had the skill and enthusiasm to provide it rapidly and cheaply. 57 07 26

1957 07 27
The drainage of the fens moved into a new era with the opening at Upware of a fully automatic electric pump. Lord Fairhaven pressed a simple button to start it in motion. It is the first electric pump in the South Level and can move 125 tons of water a minute from Burwell Lode into the Cam. The existing pumps were 18 years old, were efficient and worked very well. But they would be unable to cope under abnormal conditions. 57 07 27

Wicken Fen bird hide opens – 57 07 27a

1957 07 29
Plans for a new fire station at Parkside met with criticism. £15,000 seemed an 'absolutely incredible' amount to spend. There seemed to be a lot of windows – did vehicles need to see out? But there would be a howl of protest if they put up a cheap industrial building. It would be the Fire headquarters for the whole of the county and everything would be under one roof. Earlier plans to include a police station had been turned down by the Home Office. 57 07 29

1957 07 31
Princess Margaret left the Arbury Estate several minutes late after laying the foundation stone of the new church of Nicholas Farrar – because a large wasp found its way on to the back seat of her car. She got in and quickly jumped out again. Her private detective spent several minutes removing it before she drove off to a garden party at St Luke's vicarage amid cheers from the huge crowd. 57 07 31

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1957 08 01
Two groups of Cambridge people, one small and ageing, the other large and young will always carry vivid and happy memories of Princess Margaret's visit. One are the happy band who are passing away their 'twilight years' in the comfort and beauty of Langdon House, which she officially opened. The other are the young families who live on the new housing estate at Arbury Road where the foundation

stone of a new church was laid. The Princess came into their midst, laughing, joking and chatting with them, radiating her charm and personality wherever she went. 57 08 01c

Four men employed by Tanner and Hall of Cambridge have been endeavouring to save the spire of Wimblington church. Stan Spaxman, Len Crowe, Bill Barratt and Frank Large have been stripping the old stone tiles and fixing new battens on the 95-foot spire, originally built in 1874, preparatory to re-roofing with new Stamford tiles. 57 08 01a

In 1950 Huntingdon Brewery amalgamated with Hall, Cutlack and Harlock of Ely to form East Anglian Breweries. Now it will merge with Stewart and Patteson. There was disagreement over payment to four directors for loss of office. But they were entitled to compensation for fees they would have received but for the reorganisation. 57 08 01g

Coton notice board at Silverdale Avenue to go – 57 08 01b
Langdon House foundation stone laid by Princess Margaret – 57 08 01d & e & f # c.23 # c.32.9 # c.02
More refuse collection in Chesterton villages? – 57 08 01

1957 08 03
The Eastern Electricity Board has installed V.H.F. Radio control in its mobile vehicles which range from heavy field vehicles to vans used by electricians engaged in house repairs. One lady from Bassingbourn telephoned to report a fault but before she put the receiver down the electrician was knocking on the door! The main transmitters run night and day allowing communication between vehicles and there is a portable transmitter that can be taken home by the controlling engineer in case of an emergency during the night. 57 08 03a

Rance's Folly door knocker – 57 08 03b
Eastern Electricity radio-controlled vans – photos – 57 08 03

1957 08 08
An old Balsham bakehouse with its oven, which has stood for 50 years at the entrance to the Bell Inn yard and used to provide the whole village with bread, has been demolished. . Some villagers who have very sentimental memories of it and organised a 'save the oven campaign. Mr Arthur Gray, who lived at the Bell until 1935, used the oven, built by his father, until he built a more modern one elsewhere. It used to be heated by a furnace at the side until it was hot enough to put in the bread. 57 08 08

1957 08 09
Cambridge residents watched a short aerobatics display and heard a radio commentary by the pilot of the aircraft at the same time. It was the first such broadcast. The commentator was Raymond Baxter, the aircraft a Tiger Moth of the Cambridge Private Flying Group. This was formed in 1953 to bring private flying within the reach of the man in the street. One of the lady members, Betty Willink, hopes to qualify for her Private Pilot's licence soon. 57 08 09

The Mayor of St Ives said it was high time something was done to prevent stallholders on its market from opening until a late hour at night. During the August Bank Holiday Monday market the town was in a shocking state and council employees had to work late to clear up the rubbish. Traders should clear their own or be charged a levy of ten shillings. 57 08 09a

1957 08 13
Men and machines leave their mark: aerial view of work on Flood Protection scheme; shows bridge on road from Setch to St Germans – Lynn News

1957 08 14
Scouts from 84 parts of the world attended an International Conference in Cambridge, following the World Jubilee Jamboree. The bright blue caps from Finland, flowing white kaffyeh and agae from

Lebanon, broad hats from Mexico and the red tarbouch from Morocco were a colourful sight in the Guildhall where they were welcomed by the Mayor, Councillor B. White. 57 08 14a & 17

1957 08 19
'Footballer of the Year', Tom Finney, has been signed to write for the popular 'Cambridge Daily News Football and Sports Review' each Saturday evening. He has been capped 67 times since 1946 and is one of the most versatile forwards of the post-war period. Tom was offered a huge sum to sign for an Italian team but declined, saying he was happy to remain with Preston North End for whom he scored 22 goals last season. He knows the game inside out and will present a lively commentary on the soccer scene each week. Do not miss them. 57 08 19

1957 08 21
University Aunts offer a wide range of services from their offices in Wheeler Street, including arranging accommodation, escorting foreign visitors, typing theses, personal shopping or finding people to look after babies. Students form a large part of their clientele seeking bachelor mending, quick laundry or girl partners for dances. The Head Aunts depend on a network of part-time helpers and need women with initiative to act as emergency housekeepers. 57 08 21

1957 08 22
Congestion by road – space by water; aerial photo of Kings Lynn river – Lynn News

1957 08 23
Mary and Jennifer Copleston have returned from Moscow to Cambridge after two hectic weeks at the World Youth Festival. The enjoyed free tickets for the Bolshoi ballet and said the food was good with caviar and smoked salmon for breakfast. "Russian women were mostly wearing cotton skirts and dull sorts of blouses; they questioned us about our clothes and shoes and were deeply attracted by our skiffle groups and jazz bands. Homes were very small and crowded, but they had television", they report. 57 08 23a

Plans have been announced for a modern shopping arcade linking St Andrew's Street and Drummer Street bus station, replacing the Christ's Lane. There would be a two-storey block of shops facing an open court together with a waiting room for bus passengers and basement parking for 21 cars and 100 bicycles. 57 08 23b & c

1957 08 24
National Benzole want to open a three-pump filling station on Newmarket Road opposite the junction the Coldham's Lane. The property belonged to Mr West and was used for the maintenance and storage of motor vehicles with three pumps behind a screen wall. They would knock down two adjoining properties to widen the frontage. But planners say the city fire station was across the road and it would hold up the flow of traffic. There were eight other petrol stations on the left-hand side of the road as far as Bottisham. 52 08 24 & a & b

1957 08 27
Magistrates heard of a scene between two prominent Abington Pigotts people. The daughter of the owner of the Hall claimed a retired Army Captain had struck her pony with a stick while she was riding across his land: "He was laughing and giggling and said why hadn't daddy got the police on to him". Her mother went to remonstrate with him saying, "The real truth is that you are jealous of my children who ride – and yours don't". Then he struck her on the wrist. The Captain said it was private land. The case was dismissed. 57 08 27 & a & b

1957 08 28
All over the country the Women's Institutes are busily recording the history of their villages, questioning old residents and collecting old deeds, photographs and paintings. Documents found in a fireplace recess in a Comberton cottage include an invitation to a 'farriers feast' at Bassingbourn and

a horse doctor's bill. They were lent to a Cambridge personality with the intention that they reach the Folk Museum, but were somehow mislaid. 57 08 28

Young people from all around the world come to Cambridge to learn English and enjoy themselves. But they are bored stiff. No special provision is made for them. They can go to the cinema, go dancing twice a week or to the International Club. There is roller-skating, punting and swimming but you cannot do this for two months. They come to a city renowned around the world for a vital student life and find a city asleep. Many will never come here again; their numbers will not go on increasing for much longer. 57 08 28a

1957 08 30
Arthur Rayner of Balsham was one of the workmen who helped when the beautiful carved font cover in the village church was installed by Kidman and Son about 30 years ago. It is the work of a former Rector, Canon H. Burrell who taught some of the parishioners wood-working. Now it is carefully cleaned by the present rector's wife – by vacuum cleaner. 57 08 30

1957 08 31
The landlord of the Green Man in Trumpington is Charlie Shadwell, the well-known conductor of the BBC Variety Orchestra which has made over 11,000 radio broadcasts, many of them in the 'Itma' series that were so popular during the war years. He also conducted the Cambridge New Theatre orchestra during 1930. He makes regular trips to London to arrange music for the BBC television shows. 57 08 31 & a

Great Shelford's new Village Hall will open in December, but should it include a bar selling beer and spirits? Judge Lawson Campbell was opposed, feeling young members of the club would be tempted to indulge in drink and this would be a bad influence on their morals. But another villager said if he invited his friends to come along to the new hall and told them they would have to eat biscuits and drink lemonade they would want to go to the nearest public house instead. 57 08 31b

A four-storey hostel for Clare College between the Shire Hall mound and Chesterton Road will provide the most modern accommodation in the University. Each of the 40 students will have his own bed-sitting room with adjoining washroom and clothes cupboards and central blocks of bathrooms and w.c.s. During vacations it will be used by delegates attending conferences. When the proposed Spine Relief Road is constructed the North side will face an up-to-date motorway. 57 08 31c & d

September 1957 CDN

1957 09 03
Haverhill parish church hopes to raise £700 to repair the floor which is affected by dry rot and death watch beetle. Parishioners were invited to buy the wooden blocks at one shilling each. There are still a number of 'Bob-a-Block' cards to come in and the Rev Eric Graves hopes to have extra money for the north aisle too. 57 09 03

1957 09 04
Milton Women's Institute has two 14-year-old members. One is Jean Pearson, daughter of Milton's President, who is following the membership footprints of her two grandmothers. The other girl is Maureen Smith, daughter of the Institute's treasurer. 57 09 04

The Cambridge Dunkirk Veteran's Association held their inaugural meeting at the 'Hopbine' in Fair Street. The evacuation bought out the best in all three services in adversity but they should remember those who died on the beachheads. Close on 40 members are expected to join and it is hoped their name will soon command the same respect as that enjoyed by the Old Contemptibles who are now very old. 57 09 04a

1957 09 05
Plans to use five two-storey dwellings in East Road for storage and business purposes were turned down. The buildings were occupied and producing an annual income of £60 but the Council wanted to serve demolition orders to get the site for road improvements without fair compensation. The Minister said that East Road was narrow and attracted heavy traffic. It was to be widened but such use would add seriously to the present congestion. 57 09 05

Chesterford Park Estate comprising 2,366 acres including Hall Farm, Little Walden, together with eight other farms, small holdings and cottages producing rentals of over £4,000 was offered for sale. But only one lot reached its reserve price. It will now be offered privately. 57 09 05a

R.W. Suttle has been connected with the motor industry since serving his apprenticeship with Cambridge Automobile Engineering Company. In 1912 he drove an army staff car when Lord Roberts took the salute during the Army manoeuvres. He later moved to Detroit where he worked on Henry Ford's Model 'T' on which he had his first driving lesson. Now he is in charge of the Cambridge branch of the British School of Motoring. 57 09 05b

1957 09 06
You would hardly expect to find flowers and plants high above Cambridge in the land of roof tops and chimney stacks but among the slated slopes of 4, St Andrew's Street Mrs P. Southgate has created a roof garden. She has turned a small lobby into a conservatory with trailing plants and ferns, tubs and boxes of earth making an attractive relief to what can so easily be a dismal scene. 57 09 06

1959 09 11
A caravan parked at the Plough Inn, Grassy Corner, Fen Ditton was the subject of a planning appeal. The owner said it was almost concealed from the river. But it was within a green belt in an area known nationally and internationally for its special landscape value. There had been chalets on the site, but they had been removed. 57 09 11

The new clubhouse and sports field for employees of Fison's Pest Control was officially opened at Harston. The company chairman said no organisation could be really successful unless it created a spirit of comradeship and good feeling. The pavilion included a dance hall with stage and a large dug-in bath in the men's changing rooms. It was a place where friendships made in the factory and office could be cemented. 57 09 11a

1957 09 12
Stephen Lucas of the County Surveyor's Department must know more about Cambridgeshire than any other man alive. He has walked every yard of the 830 miles of footpaths that run like a secret network between villages, recording them in detail on six-inch maps with notes of the owners of properties and which footbridges or stiles need to be maintained. Parish councils have confirmed the details are correct. Now the monumental work is finished and public rights are secure. 57 09 12

1957 09 13
A mystery explosion resulted in a £1-million Valiant bomber being completely destroyed at R.A.F. Wyton. A number of technicians were working on the aircraft in one of the hangars; most had left for a tea-break but two stayed in the cockpit, working on the compass when it burst into flames. 57 09 13

Residents living near the 'adventure playground' on the Whitehill Estate, Newmarket Road have protested against the things that happen there. Bad language – really filthy barrack room stuff – is a constant annoyance, noise is at a high level with children beating on drums and fuel tanks and the staccato bark of the old motor cycle housed on the ground, especially when it is running without a silencer. It is a place where parents of decent families prevent their children from going, attracts the wrong type of youth and encourages the formation of gangs. 57 09 13a & b

1957 09 14

Trinity College has started its first large-scale works this century. They will reconstruct nos.29-34 Trinity Street with hardly any alterations to the facade. The shops will remain on the ground floor but everything above is to be reconstructed to house 43 undergraduates in a small new court. This will reduce the overcrowding resulting from the termination of military service. 57 09 14 & a

1957 09 16
The owner of a house at 'A' Furlong Drove, Little Downham, appealed against its valuation. He had converted a drawing room to a bathroom but this did not increase the letting value because its isolated location – only his son would live there at all. But the valuation officer said a bathroom was of inestimable value in such a property – probably more so than a house in a town. 57 09 16a

1957 09 18
I had always thought of old peoples' homes being sad places where equally sad old people spend the end of their life. But Primrose Croft stands in a lovely garden filled with flowers backing onto school playing fields. Each of the 35 residents has an airy room with attractive curtains and a lock-up cupboard. The women were busy doing knitting and crocheting, the wireless in the lounge is also enjoyed and the matron hopes one day to afford a television set. 57 09 18

1957 09 19
Cambridge scientists are perfecting a new instrument at the University Observatory which will help in the study of sun 'spots' and 'flares'. Housed in a special 100-foot long building, the Magneotgraph is the most advanced in Europe, capable of detecting solar electrical and magnetic impulses which play havoc with radio and television communications. 57 09 19

The new self-service food store opened by the Co-op at Histon is their second such store within a year – the first opened at Histon Road last December. It has been created from the former grocery and butchery branch premises. The lay-out is extremely attractive with contemporary colourings, cream tenazzo floor tiles and a practically all-glass frontage. It has two check-outs and a cash office. 57 09 19a

The Cambridge Christian Spiritualist Church held a service of spiritual healing at the Guildhall to commemorate their 25th jubilee. Mr Gordon Taylor lead the demonstration, treating a man with rheumatoid arthritis: when he walked onto the stage he was unable to comb his own hair, after Mr Taylor had manipulated his joints he could. He also improved hearing and restored sight. 57 09 20 & a

1957 09 20
Most Cambridge people are aware of the Gog Magog hills and remember the legend of the two giants whose graves they are said to represent. But until T.C. Lethbridge arrived on the scene no one thought of actually looking for the figures of the giants which were once visible from Sawston. Then in 1954 he started probing one side of the hill with a stainless steel rod and found not one giant, but three! Now in his new book 'Gogmagog, the buried gods' he explains his techniques and discoveries. 57 09 20b

1957 09 23
The bells of Harston church have been unused for many years. The peal of six were recast and rehung in 1937 when they were rung for the first time in living memory. But it was not possible to train a team of ringers and the bells remained silent throughout the war. Now at last the vicar, Rev. R.H. Williams, together with 14-year-old Graham Turner, George Bell of the 'Coach and Horses' and others have been practising and they will now be heard on many Sundays. 57 09 23

1957 09 24
Eastern Electricity's rural development is almost completed. Apart from some farms and isolated buildings, all hamlets and villages have been connected but in the fens less than half the new houses built have electric cookers. They have been experimenting with helicopters to survey high tension

lines and use a 'pole-hole borer' followed by a compressor rammer to push the poles into place, meaning 42 poles can be erected each day. 57 09 24 & a

1957 09 25
Joshua Taylor fashion show – 57 09 25a
Retirement W. Kingsnorth, linotype operator, CDN – 57 09 25b

1957 09 26
Little Shelford was an unspoilt village – it was a miracle it had been spared in view of its proximity to Cambridge – and with careful planning it could be kept a 'picture village', an Inquiry was told. A building firm withdrew its plans for the erection of 92 houses but appealed for 13 others, however the 'Black Ditch' was over-flowing and could not take even one more house. 57 09 26

1957 09 27
The Witchford House estate of Major Harry Legge-Bourke, Conservative MP for the Isle of Ely, failed to reach its reserve when put up for auction. The fully-modernised country residence was withdrawn at £6,500. It was in 1945, the year of his election, that he moved into the constituency. Previously it was the wartime home of the ex-Queen of Jugoslavia. 57 09 27

The Stokes Motor Company have bought the former mineral water works in Park Lane, Newmarket, where they will tune and maintain sports cars - not ordinary run-of-the-mill vehicles – and might build a sports racing car for next season. There is one problem: hundreds and hundreds of broken empty bottles are crammed between the ceiling of one building and the floor above! 57 09 27a

1957 09 30
Cottenham's new fire station is the third to be opened by the County Council since 1948, following Linton and Soham. They also have a new fire engine with four-wheel drive, now all that is needed is a drill yard and training tower. 100 years ago the village had its fire brigade with an appliance pulled by horses. Now they have the most modern machinery manned by volunteers who could be called away from their work at any minute. 57 09 30 & a

One of the first steps was taken to persuade the Ministry of Transport to allow the Cambridge – Huntingdon road to be rebuilt as a dual carriageway trunk road. Already two people from Swavesey had been killed in accidents and four others seriously injured. The Chief Constable said that more accidents had occurred on the Newmarket and Stetchworth Toll since it had been turned into a three-lane road than when it was a normal highway: no one can say who has got the right of way. 57 09 30b

Hundreds of Civil Defence workers moved in on a devastated Cambridge which had been the target of an atomic guided missile. The southern part of the city was devastated as far as the River Cam. The streets were a blazing inferno, heavy dust and smoke swirled everywhere; thousands were rendered homeless with injured victims lifted from the ruins and ferried across the river to safety. Thankfully it was only an exercise. 57 09 30 c & d

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1957 10 01
Work has started on the reconstruction of the kitchens and an additional dining room at Emmanuel College. The work has become imperative because not only have the number of students increased greatly but where a man used only to take dinner in Hall he now commonly takes three meals a day. Staff have to prepare two sittings each evening in term, in two separate dining halls. 57 10 01

The removal of the mighty organ from the pit of the Victoria Cinema illustrates graphically how far this kind of musical entertainment has fallen from public favour. The only other cinema organ in Cambridge – that at the Regal – is never seen without its dust cover. The management says it is kept

in good order and could be played at any time. However it would need a travelling organist to come up from A.B.C. headquarters in London. If the truth be told it is in permanent retirement. 57 10 01b

1957 10 03
The tallest residential block in England may be erected in Hills Road. It would tower 135 feet high and, with a series of smaller blocks, accommodate 161 families. The 15-storey building would be of slender design, using modern materials to create homes for today, not pale imitations of the past. It will provide homes for the middle classes who have been saddled with houses at a cost beyond their means which, on re-sale, show a loss of hundreds of pounds. 57 10 03 a & b

1957 10 04
A mannequin parade at the Dorothy Café ballroom attracted over 300 women. They were shown clothes stocked in the Cambridge Mayfair store modelled by seven girls. But they were not all the slender, willowy types. Two larger models – one a 42 hip – wore some of the most attractive creations ranging from evening dresses to winter coats. 57 10 04

A new effluent purification plant at Spicers factory, Sawston, not only makes waste water drinkable but the sludge which is left behind is pumped out and converted into a paper mache texture which is used to make egg packing cases. It is the first system to achieve complete recovery of valuable raw material which would otherwise literally go down the drain and prevent river pollution. 57 10 04a

1957 10 07
Cambridge Observatory obtained the first reading from the Russian satellite on Saturday night. Bruce Elsmore and George Whitfield worked feverishly to construct a suitable type of aerial to pick up the signals. When the first faint 'peeps' began they knew they had been successful. On Sunday they improved the aerial system and that night the Observatory was crowded by pressmen as further readings were taken. The satellite may be visible tomorrow morning, shining like a tiny star in the dark sky. 57 10 07 & a

1957 10 11
The opening of the West London air terminal at Cromwell Road, West Kensington, means that passengers can check in without delay; their baggage is passed on a conveyor to a central sorting room and transferred to coaches for the twelve-mile journey to London Airport which takes 40 minutes. Mr K. Hirons of Histon, who was on his way to Brussels, said the system was remarkable - his check-in had taken less than five minutes. 57 10 11

A builder appealed to develop a site at St John Street, Duxford. It has been the site of the village fair for many years and was also used as a caravan site for causal labour. Both caravan dwellers and showmen were frequently a nuisance. A former Chairman of the Parish Council said it was absolutely ideal as a building site and he was disappointed that he'd not bought it himself. Many people working in the village had to find accommodation elsewhere and others wanted to move from council into private homes. 57 10 11a

1957 10 12
Cambridge dancers will learn with pleasure that the Ken Stevens Orchestra have been engaged as the new resident band at the Rex Ballroom. It features singing star Jimmy Cross, sax players Don Jenkins, Mike Waller, Bert Smith and Denis Range with Barry Mason (trumpet), Ken Southee (bass), Bernie Stubbings (drums) and Ken Stevens (piano). 57 10 12

1957 10 14
Proposals for a 800-space car park under Parker's Piece are technically impossible, opponents say. There are 'certain unsound features', it would be detrimental to the area and it would take years for the ground to be reinstated. The cost would probably be as great as that of the planned scheme in Lion Yard, though no car park of this nature has yet been constructed. But Labour councillors want it carried out as a matter of urgency. 57 10 14

Cartoon, Kapitza Cavendish crocodile – 57 10 14a

1957 10 15
Flats on Arbury Road estate – 57 10 15

1957 10 16
Is a university education wasted on a woman? Many people are convinced that for a girl to have a long and expensive education, only to get married at the end, is a waste of time and money. Now Cambridge graduate, Judith Hubback, has interviewed married university women for a book 'Wives who went to college'. It is impossible to forecast who will marry and who will not: if a woman never marries she will have to compete with men in her profession, but if she has a family she will need education of other skills. 57 10 16

1957 10 17
In the 1920s when Col. W. Whitbread was at Cambridge University he was Master of the Trinity Foot Beagles which hunted in the Swavesey district. A public house called the New Inn on the Huntingdon Road was well known to him so when his brewery bought it from Greene King they decided to rename it the 'Trinity Foot'. Now it has been completely renovated with a new sign. It was delayed when the van carrying it broke down but was quickly erected just before the unveiling 57 10 17

1957 10 18
Dior creations at Sawston Hall – 57 10 18
Water-powered computer – 57 10 18a
Parker's Piece scheme rejected – 57 10 18b

In 20 years' time Lion Yard car park will be outdated as the centre of the City will eventually have to be roped off from traffic, Canon Mervyn Stockwood told the council. He had frequently been up to the top of Great St Mary's and seen the appalling havoc of the central area in recent years. Now they proposed to put up a 'cheap and efficient sort of skyscraper'. He continued: "We are custodians of one of the most famous cities in the world. That sort of building cannot add to the dignity and loveliness of Cambridge" 57 10 18c

CDN editor lectures – 57 10 18d

1957 10 19
Adventure playground abandoned – 57 10 19
Trumpington petrol station appeal – 57 10 19a

1957 10 21
Half Moon, Lt St Mary's Lane for sale – 57 10 21

1957 10 22
New gas plant for Cambridge – 57 10 22
Ely High School for Girls opened – 57 10 22a

1957 10 23
Derek Jacobi, a St John's College Freshman, will take a part in a new production at the ADC. He played 'Hamlet' at the Edinburgh Festival this summer and is to have a film test with 20th Century Fox. It is possible, to judge from the identity of one member of the audience in this his first play of his student days, that the West End may be interested in him too. 57 10 23a

1957 10 24
On Midsummer Common tents are mushrooming in readiness for Billy Smart's Circus. The show promises plenty of interest, thrills galore, glamour and excitement. In the Big Top 23 acts of

superlative ability will perform twice daily. Amongst them are Tagora the sword-swallower, the Flying Lunasz trapeze stars, the Atlas Sahara Troupe of tumblers and the Larenty Troupe of trampoline artistes. Then there are the clowns led by Sasha Coco. The Wild West Show is a fast-riding affair of cowboys and Indians featuring Davy Crockett and the 'Cisco Kid. 57 10 24a & 23

Cambs sober – drink – 57 10 24b
Methylated spirits drinkers – 57 10 24c

1957 10 25
Burwell factory Corrugated Fittings opens – 57 10 25

1957 10 29
Amethyst sailor – 57 10 29
Billy Smart's circus show started with a parade of elephants, camels, seals, horses, chimpanzees and the artistes themselves. Then came his Arabian and Palomino horses, dancing, prancing and galloping around the ring, performing amazing tricks. The Rock 'n' Roll Elephants nearly brought the tent down with laughter: attired in jeans, one of these intelligent creatures expertly imitated Elvis Presley. To see the beautifully-groomed polar bears glissading down the slides with every evidence of enjoyment made one realise how the animals can find fun pleasing the audience. 57 10 29a

1957 10 31
St Andrew's Catholic School was established 111 years ago and was the only Catholic school in the whole of Cambridgeshire. They had been in their new building for 21 years but now a new school would be built in the Birdwood Road area to accommodate more than 300 pupils and the existing premises would become a primary school. During the war it had housed 50 evacuated people: they slept on the stage and the balcony but the school carried on. They were shut only two days, for police reasons. 57 10 31

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1957 11 01
British Railways modernisation plans involve conversion from steam to diesel traction. A diesel instruction train has come to Cambridge where it will be open for inspection by drivers, firemen and fitters. It consists of two coaches including a complete set of driver's controls and a room with cinema projectors where lectures are given by the Resident Instructor. When it was at March 523 people visited with a record attendance at one of the lectures. 57 11 01

1957 11 02
Thompson's Lane, p7

1957 11 03
Shire Hall – new storey proposed – 57 11 03
Gale damage – 57 11 03a

1957 11 05
Preservation Society views on 15-storey flats – 57 11 05
Sputnik II seen at Cambridge – 57 11 05b
Colonel Clayton death, p11

1957 11 06
Dual carriageway Alconbury to Stilton opened – 57 11 06
A cottage known as 'Long Thatch' at Lt Eversden was severely damaged by fire last night. The blaze was visible for several miles. The Fire Brigade raced to the fire, which affected the thatched roof and had the flame under control after an hour, but they had to work all night to erect a temporary canvas roof. The first floor and roof of the cottage was severely damaged and there was damage to two rooms

on the ground floor. About 50 per cent of the furniture was affected by heat, the remainder being saved.– 57 11 06a

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Tribute to Col M.C. Clayton, a leader who inspired confidence and loyalty – 57 11 12 # c.45.7
Barnwell Abbbey, p17

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Robinson Crusoe Bridge, p12

1957 11 14
Isleham market dealer charged with stealing vicar's conckerels – 57 11 14
Telephone call charges will reduce when new scheme for automation starts in January – 57 11 14a

1957 11 15
Gilbert and Sullivan Society newly formed in Cambridge – 57 11 15
New bridge over River Lark to be contructed as part of dual-carriageway at Barton Mills – 57 11 15a
Sawston proposed industrial development on Babraham Road opposed by parish council – 57 11 15b

1957 11 18
Bus stop near Brooklands Avenue is a danger – claim – 57 11 18
The Goons appointed Royal Tiddly-Winks champions by Prince Philip – 57 11 18a

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1957 11 20
Pampisford 17th-century cottage reprieved from demolition – 57 11 20 & a
Park Street car park inquiry at Shire Hall – 57 11 20b & c # c.26.48

1957 11 21
Selwyn College undergraduate dieas after polio – 57 11 21
Distinction between Thornton Way, Thornton Road and Thornton Close at Girton are not clear enough – 57 11 21a

1957 11 23
Central High School plans for new buildings – to be renamed Central Grammar School – 57 11 23 # c.36.5

1957 11 26
Earith bridge station to close – 57 11 26
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Teenages' musical tastes – interview with Marjorie Chapman, supervisor of popular record department – 57 11 27

1957 11 28

Hobson's Conduit channels down each side of St Andrew's Street to be cut off, allowing road to be made wider – 57 11 28 # c.24.2

1957 11 29
The Mayor of Cambridge reminded two councillors that it had been the custom for 400 years that councillors should wear black gowns. He asked them to conform. But Coun Edwards said he was allergic to wearing a uniform of any kind and could do the job as well without a robe. The Mayor told him it was not optional and no one had refused in the past. 57 11 29

Thornton Estate street names not to be changed at present – 57 11 29d

1957 11 30
An inquest into a Littleport man heard he lived alone, was something of a recluse and anti-social. He was 'uncooperative' 'very awkward', 'strong-minded' and 'stubborn' and had insisted on leaving the Tower Hospital as he said doctors were giving him too many pills and were making him worse. He clearly knew what he was talking about. He'd told the matron "This place may be all right for some, but I can't stop here". 57 11 30

A new Supermarket in Fitzroy Street was picketed by shop workers protesting against late opening. Fine Fare has a policy of opening until eight o'clock on Friday nights for the convenience of the public and the shop was full of people. But the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers see this as leading to a return to the twelve-hour days shop assistants used to have to work. 57 11 30c

Soham fire fatality, p4
Newmarket fire inquest – 57 11 31

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1957 12 02
The Senate House has been restored and redecorated. The roof was strengthened, large chandeliers removed and soft diffused pink coloured electric lighting installed in alcoves around the balcony to shed a clean warm light over the whole building. It now looks very similar to how it was nearly 130 years ago.57 12 02a

1957 12 04
An Oakington farm has been judged the best of its kind in the country. It stands within the boundaries of the Royal Air Force base and is looked after by its civilian manager, 'Mac' McAvoy, assisted by the wives of service personnel and by children who are fascinated by the 250 pigs when the food bucket is clanged. Enough potatoes, greens, carrots and turnips are grown to supply the winter needs of the entire airfield. 57 12 04

Four youths were convicted of stealing two packs of playing cards from the Old Rectory, Heydon. Jean Burroughs, the village schoolmistress, said that when she entered the room that was for some years used as the church, and was still the parish room, she found packs strewn across the floor. A teapot was also missing. The house was 'fair game': a number of people had been looking over the place, so the door was left open. It was a boyish prank. 57 12 04a

1957 12 06
A Greville Road resident gained a rate reduction because of the railway. He complained of "great clouds of belching smoke, very unpleasant to breathe, at all hours of day and night". Shunting noises during the night woke residents and the obnoxious smells coming from trucks left standing in the sidings were especially objectionable at mealtimes. The "sooty and sulphurous atmosphere" made the properties deteriorate before their time and layers of soot in the gardens choked plants. 57 12 06a

1957 12 07
Landbeach used to have four public houses – the Red Cow, British Queen, Bower and Black Bull. They have now all closed. 'Snowy' Collins says he went to the Black Bull every day for 20 years. It is now stripped of its signs and illuminations and a peep through the dusty windows reveals that all the furniture has been removed. Freddie Fromant had the last drink on the night it closed. The Rector, Rev F.O. Sanders, said he always went down to the pub and was on good terms with the publicans: "It think it is better that people should know how much the parson drinks". 57 12 07a

Footman reminisces – 57 12 07

1957 12 10
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Brewery amalgamation, East Anglia Breweries & Steward & Patteson - 57 12 10a

1957 12 11
New Court, King Street, p8
Gt Ouse flood scheme details – 57 12 11 # c.29

1957 12 13
Golf, p19

1957 12 14
Stapleford church is perhaps unique in having a coke-fired boiler with a band of eight men who act as voluntary stokers to tend it between November and April. The exorbitant price of coke deters them from lighting it for longer than really necessary but the temperatures average about 55 degrees. They also have gas lighting, which adds to the warmth and cosiness of the church. 57 12 14b

1957 12 17
Meredith and Drew's biscuit factory on the Newmarket to Fordham Road will cease production in March, the staff of 135 women and 70 men have been told. Built originally as a flax factory, the Fordham premises were later used by a woodworking firm until Meredith's purchased it nearly six years ago. 57 12 17

One of Cambridge's most famous pubs, the "Still and Sugarloaf" on Market Hill has been so completely modernised that it bears no resemblance to its former self. The only old part is the floor and even that has been sanded down and polished. The new lounge bar is the last word in luxury, warmth and comfort and features a brand new games room. 57 12 17a, 14 & a

St Peter's church, p21

1957 12 18
Dorothy Sayers found dead – 57 12 18

Listeners to the BBC "Women's Hour" heard Doris Foster, of Occupation Road, talking about her job as radio receptionist at a Cambridge taxi firm. She handles hundreds of calls a day with fantastic speed and ease. Most drivers memorise landmarks such as pillar boxes but one knows practically every street, the position of each house and can go straight to any number in the pitch dark. 57 12 18a # c.26.47

Oakington was not a village which was going to increase, because of limited access and the proximity of the airfield, planners told an inquiry. But a petition backed proposals for new housing and a little light industry: it would improve amenities and move the centre of gravity of the village away from the airfield. The noise of aircraft taking off across the village made telephone conversations difficult, residents complained. 57 12 18b

A.G. Emburey former city treasurer dies – 57 12 18c

1957 12 19
Turkey farm feature – 57 12 19

Great Eastern House, the new British Railways office in Tenison Road, is a functional modern building with the high standard of architectural design necessitated in a University city. Shaped like a vast cube, its tiers of windows catch the light row upon row. Inside is the railwayman's dream. Gone are the rickety stairs, the walls in green or chocolate and cramped offices with old-fashioned coal fires. Instead there is light, ivory-coloured walls and glass partitions, a lecture room, bar and two billiard tables. 57 12 19a, b, c, d

Railway modernisation means that steam-hauled passenger services will soon be replaced with modern two-car diesel trains. They will be maintained at a new up-to-date diesel depot being erected in Coldham's Lane. In addition to great efficiency this will eliminate the smoke nuisance in built-up areas. 57 12 19e & f & g

Horseheath blacksmith, Ernest Ruffle, has retired after nearly 60 years. The last of the thousands of horses he has shod was that of Miss Dulcie Taylor of West Wickham. Agricultural mechanisation has caused a decline but although horses for land work will disappear, but there will still be horses to be shod for hunting, he says. Blacksmiths have to be strong: "I have been kicked, pushed and trodden on dozens of times by wayward horses", he declares. 57 12 19h

1957 12 23
Blue Lion, Fen Ditton – 57 12 23
Motoring – Tibbs, p4

1957 12 30
William Layton Biggs was Cambridge's first Labour Party Mayor during 1936-7 and served again during the difficult war years, 19433-44. One of his treasured memories was of talking on economics to Princes George and Edward when they were up at College. They did not believe him when he said that more money was being paid in the coal industry in dividends than in wages. 57 12 30 & 58 01 04

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1958 01 01
Two houses are being built in Cambridge that will have electrically warmed floors for space heating. This new method of heating uses cable that is wound back and forth between wooden battens and then buried under a screed of sand and cement. Almost any normal floor finish can be put on top. The cost of installing is cheaper than any other system, the cables have no wear so last the life time of the building itself. But it does require specialist knowledge and each installation must be 'made to measure'. 58 01 01

American's first satellite is circling the earth after being launched in the nose cone of a Jupiter rocket. It comes 17 weeks after Russia raised her first Sputnik. The director of the Cambridge radio observatory, Dr Martin Ryle, said "It's a fine show they have got it up at last" but they would not be listening to its radio signals, as they did in the case of the Russian satellites. 58 01 01 & a

1958 01 03
Cambridge artist Mrs Pamela Townshend had been commissioned to paint a portrait of Princess Margaret to commemorate her visit to open Langdon House. This young and vivacious woman has quickly become established as an artist and the Queen has bought one of her views of a French street scene. 58 01 03

1958 01 08
Cambridge farmers met a group of housewives to address points of friction between producer and consumer. Why do farmers breed animals with a lot of fat on them when the housewife wants lean meat? Because during the war it was the Government who bought meat from the farmer and they always required a good fat animal. Why are potatoes so dirty? Because if they cleaned them we could see the blight and would not buy them– was one reply from the ladies! 58 01 08

Cambridgeshire Fire Brigade has called in a 'scientific adviser' after a quantity of what is believed to be old phosphorous caught fire on the old RAF site at Lord's bridge. Three engines were sent after reports that 'some bombs were going off'. A foam blanket was laid over the blaze which kept flaring up. Firemen are still standing by on the site, watching carefully. 58 01 08a

1958 01 09
Sandhill Bridge at Littleport is to be demolished and replaced with a wider one. Footpaths will be added to both side of the road over the bridge but the Ministry will not accept the cost of providing them. Now the Great Ouse River Board, which is responsible for the existing bridge, will meet County Councillors to see whether they would pay for them. 58 01 09

George Shelbourn, sub-postmaster at Dalham for 41 years, has died aged 84. He was also the local merchant, village baker and the carrier with a 'taxi' service of ponies and carts. A stonemason, he came to the village in 1900 and married the postmaster's daughter. He only retired last year. The post is now filled by his daughter, Mrs Catt. 58 01 09a

A man told the bankruptcy court he had rented the Kinema Café, Mill Road in 1956 paying £12 a week which included everything. He worked hard to build up the business, taking about £8 a week for himself. But there was a fire in August 1957 which forced him to close for ten days and he was then hit by a rates demand. He was now employed as a kitchen hand at Waterbeach airfield. 58 01 09b

1958 01 10

Henry Twinn carried on business as a building contractor at Great Eastern Street, Cambridge, for over half a century. A very active senior partner in the firm of Twinn Bros, he was a very familiar figure in the city. A quiet unassuming man always ready to help those in trouble, he will be greatly missed. 58 01 10

1958 01 11
Newmarket Judo Club, which was started by Les Bonwell in 1955, has been struggling to survive after its headquarters – Churchill Hall in Queen Street – were badly damaged by fire. But Lord Derby allowed them to use the old RAF gymnasium at the Snailwell Camp, which was in bad condition. Now it has 20 members some of whom cycle from Waterbeach. They include two ladies: it is a surprising sight to see a young girl throw a man much heavier than herself. 58 01 11

1958 01 13
Great Shelford Memorial Hall was officially opened after twelve years of planning and hard work. The project began in 1945 but building restrictions made it difficult so they decided to investigate pre-cast building. Apart from a Ministry grant the whole cost was met by voluntary contributions and support from the people of the village. It was a fitting memorial to the war dead of Shelford. 58 01 13

1958 01 14
Cambridge Folk Museum revived an ancient custom when workmen, having completed the re-roofing, joined the Curator (Miss Enid Porter) in 'toasting' the building in beer. This is the first time the building has been re-roofed completely since the 16th-century and its appearance now differs very little from that time as old tiles have been used. The beams were in a good state of preservation and required little attention. 58 01 14

1958 01 15
Ely Cathedral has now raised the £60,000 it needs to pay for the cost of repairing extensive death watch beetle damage. After six years the last of the sixty 'wooden beetles', each representing £1,000, was removed from the board at the West Door. But another £2,000 is required due to rising costs in wages and materials and work still continues to re-cover the Lantern with lead. 58 01 15

1958 06 16
William Coles of Cottenham, the oldest active lay preacher in Cambridge Methodist Circuit, has celebrated his 90th birthday. He began preaching 68 years ago in the Cottenham Circuit and has continued ever since. During the past year he has preached in Histon and Willingham chapels as well as the Salvation Army hall in Cottenham. He has also presided at Rampton Mission Hall. 58 01 16

Percy John Todd was apprenticed to the scale and weighing machine trade at the firm of Headley and Edwards. In 1931 he started Todd's Scale Work on East Road and was the senior partner until his death. In his younger days he played for the Cambridge Victoria and Cambridge Hotspurs Football Clubs and ran with the Albert Institute Harriers. 58 01 16a

1958 01 17
Stumps Cross, one of the most dangerous cross-roads around Saffron Walden is to get its roundabout after years of public protest. Since January 1951 there have been 37 accidents reported with an average of one death every two years. A year ago two 'strangely shaped 'islands' appeared in the mouth of the Cambridge Road which added to the confusion. The roundabout will be the best present local motorists have had for some time. 58 01 17a

Should Hobson's run be preserved – 58 01 17 and history – 58 01 31a

1958 01 18
University v goons tiddlywinks match – 58 01 18

1958 01 22

Fitzroy/Burleigh Street is easily the most convenient shopping area in the city, handy to the bus station and enjoys ample parking facilities. There is one car park at New Square and another in Burleigh Street. It offers the widest variety imaginable with two department stores and 39 specialist shops. You can get everything from fish cakes to furniture. Two good reasons why you should do your shopping there – Advertisement by the Fitzroy/Burleigh Street Traders Association. 58 01 22

During 1940 Glyn Daniel, the Cambridge University archaeologist and internationally famous television personality, lived a 'nightmare existence'. As a photographic interpreter he viewed pictures from photo-reconnaissance Spitfires and Mosquitoes showing hundreds of German war barges being readied to invade England. Another was Miss Constance Babbington Smith of Newnham who is to publish a book telling the full story. 58 01 22a

1958 01 23
Dr W.G. Humphrey, who has been Headmaster of the Leys School since 1934, has resigned. He feels to continue on until the normal retiring age would be too long for any Headmaster to stay at one school. On three previous occasions he has told the Governors of his feelings, but on each occasion they persuaded him to reconsider. Now he will work for Fisons. 58 01 23

1958 01 24
W.J. Adkins, butchers and provision merchants announce the opening of their new modern abattoir at Cherry Hinton with stunning pens, humane slaughter, mechanical handling of carcasses and hygienic condition. Adkins will purchase and collect animals from farmers at market prices, accept commissions from butchers and sell direct to retailers. (Full-page advert with photos of slaughter hall and carcasses). 58 01 24

A derailment in the Coldham's Lane arrival sidings, visible from Mill Road bridge, attracted a good deal of public attention yesterday. Engine, tender and three wagons of a goods train came off the rails while the train was moving at reduced speed into the sidings. The driver and firemen got clear but the guard suffered some facial bruises. 58 01 24a

Aviation at Hardwick, 1911 – exploits – 58 01 24b and 58 01 31c

1958 01 25
Crashed aircraft in Cambridge WWII – Bowyer – 58 01 25 & a

1958 01 28
Six Cambridge churches are redundant, according to a committee appointed by the Bishop of Ely. St Peter's presents no pressing problem, St Michael's has for long been an embarrassment and should be converted into a parish hall, St Clement's is clearly redundant with few worshippers. With active evangelisation All Saints could justify its purpose as a parish church but St Botolph's would probably be taken over by Corpus Christi as a library and Great St Andrew's might be bought by the City to develop, they speculate. 58 01 28

1958 01 31
The level crossing at Low Fen Drove, Quy is to be reduced to an accommodation crossing so British Transport will no longer have to employ a crossing keeper. There will be unlocked gates for pedestrians with locked gates for vehicles for which keys will be supplied to the occupiers of land served by the drove. The same will apply to the crossing at Haycross Road, Burwell. 58 01 31b

New bowls club for ladies – 58 01 31

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1958 02 01

Harry Ingrey was the first monotype operator in Cambridge in 1904 and apart from the Great War has been at the keyboard ever since. In the early years people from the University Press would call into the Cambridge Express Printing Works in King Street to see things new in the printing line. Harry recalls the pleasure of printing 'Granta' and its undergraduate editors – "everything always went nice and smooth with them", he says. 58 02 01b

Table tennis HQ needed – 58 02 01c

1958 02 03
Several people have been killed on the A604, Huntingdon Road, for no apparent reason. The undulations and dips were the main cause and they would be filled in. But although traffic was heavy it was not as bad as elsewhere and grants for a dual carriageway were not forthcoming. A three-lane road would be cheaper but this increased the danger. Even a little bit of dual carriageway would be better. 58 02 03

Shire Hall is to be enlarged by an additional storey, increasing office accommodation by 20 per cent. Several councillors argued this was unnecessary in times of financial stringency when secondary education had to reduce its expenditure. But builders are short of work and will do it at a competitive figure. It was a long-term policy to achieve centralisation of the council's administration. 58 02 03a & b

1958 02 06
Elfleda Road residents complained that when they bought their houses Cambridge United was a little football team with about 200 spectators playing on an open ground with no banking. Now the ground had been built up with floodlight pylons and there were 3,000 at matches. There was the noise from the loudspeaker equipment, the shouting and even beastly cigarette smoke. The Supporters Club was a nuisance – 'having finished their evening, these boisterous individuals, fortified by their beer, make their way down the unmade road to the Council estate', one resident said. 58 02 06

1958 02 07
Proposals to demolished 'slum' houses were attacked as 'pernicious' by a South Cambs councillor. At a time when the country was advising economy they were committing themselves to knocking down 68 houses and building new ones. Nothing had been said to owners and occupiers. But the Public Health Inspector reported there were 427 dwellings unfit for human habitation and not repairable at reasonable cost. 58 02 07a

Stapleford water borehole – 58 02 07

1958 02 08
Stapleford Strict Baptist Chapel has been done out in the contemporary style. Yellowed, pitted plaster walls have been papered over in ivory white, dreary woodwork has been painted a deep royal blue, the ceiling done over in a warm cream colour – and the pulpit is blue and gold. Most striking of all is the end wall which is covered in bold squares containing a pattern that suggests spiders' webs. It was very depressing before, a 'dreadful place', said the man who designed it. He did wonder what the old people would say about it. 58 02 08

1958 02 10
Whippet Coaches were refused permission to use Drummer Street. Eastern Counties had paid for improvements to the bus station and 85 per cent of their country services were not remunerative. This would add to competition. The Chief Constable said it was already filled and if granted other operators from the Northampton Street terminus would also apply, leading to increased congestion. 58 02 10

1958 02 12

The Central School was founded in 1873; it became the Central Technical School in 1953, a Grammar and Technical School in 1954 and a full Grammar School in 1956. Now that the Boys' School was moving to new premises the Girls' School would develop and expand with a new library, laboratories and classrooms for specialised subjects. Miss Irvine was retiring as Headmistress after 24 years. 58 02 12

1958 02 13
Miss Florence Ada Keynes, a former Mayor of Cambridge and a noted historian and social welfare worker, has died aged 97. She was one of the earliest students of Newham College and one of the first women members of the Borough Council and old Board of Guardians. She started the Cambridge Juvenile Employment Exchange – the first in the country - and was the first secretary of the Cambridge Charity Organisation Society. 58 02 13

1958 02 14
Greene King's Panton Brewery is no more. The modern machinery at Bury St Edmund's is capable of meeting requirements so the premises in Panton Street will be used as a storage and dispersal depot. It was a small brewery but had been producing very good beer for more than 60 years, latterly turning out 15,000 barrels a year. Greene King acquired it in 1925. It is a pity that such long-standing traditions must be broken and the beer connoisseur will mourn its loss. 58 02 14a

WI village scrapbook competition – 58 02 14

1958 02 15
Fire seriously damaged the Garden House hotel; part of the roof and several bedrooms were damaged. Hundreds of people lined the banks of the Granta watching while thick white smoke gushed from under the roof. But within an hour Angela Parfitt and her 'groom Michael Lean were celebrating their wedding reception there. 58 02 15

Mrs F.A. Keynes appreciation – 58 02 15a

1958 02 17
Garden House fire – 58 02 17

1958 02 18
Sixteen years ago Singapore fell and the survivors of the fighting went into captivity. So it was appropriate that members of the Cambridge Yasume Club, a Far East prisoners of War organisation, assembled for their annual reunion. They enjoyed a meal that bore no comparison with the meagre fare they had to exist on during their period as P.o.W. of the Japs but the company was the same with the usual yarning over old times. They hope to have a dinner annually on this appropriate weekend. 58 02 18

Civic leaders have backed the News' appeal for emergency funds for Edwinstowe Old People's Home in Chaucer Road. It needs money to replace furnishings, including mattresses and the hot water system. This pioneer Home has catered for 90 elderly people since it opened in 1946 but rising costs have made it impossible for money to be found other than by an appeal to the warm-hearted generosity of local people. 58 02 18a

1958 02 19
A new W.V.S. Out Patients' canteen opened at Addenbrooke's Hospital. It supplies light meals and refreshments to 2,000 people a week. The welcome food and hot drinks help reduce tension and enable patients to be ready to benefit from medical advice and treatment. The canteen was started in 1911 by members of the British Women's Temperance Association and Miss Olive Golding who began the work, still does three shifts a week. 58 02 19

When Charles Leeson joined the Cambridgeshire Technical College in 1925 there were six staff and a few hundred students. When he retired there were nearly 100 staff and 5,000. Until 1947 he was Responsible Master of the Day Trade School, then took charge of the Secretarial side of the Commerce Department which won a record number silver and bronze R.S.A. medals. 58 02 19a

1958 02 20
James Nicholson, the metal worker, of Swans Road has just completed a chandelier for an Edinburgh hotel. It was designed by his brother Robert with 37 bulbs and at 14 feet high is the biggest job of its kind he has done. It is a remarkable piece of craftsmanship but the beautiful swirling work will present a problem when it comes to transporting it! 58 02 20

1958 02 21
Soham – Cambridge bus service proposed – 58 02 21

1958 02 22
Cambridge Boys Club in St John's Hall, Wellington Street is flourishing under the leadership of Chris Silcock. Despite the volume of noise the youngsters are not idle. In well-equipped workshops they are taught woodwork and metalwork while the more artistic are instructed in modelling and painting. There is table tennis, P.T. and boxing along with photography, chess, talks and trips abroad. Parents attend on open nights when the fun is shared by all. 58 02 22

Landbeach 'Black Bull' memories – 58 02 22a & b

1958 02 25
Snow blanketed the county as Cambridgeshire experienced the worst conditions of the winter leaving many people without electricity. There were treacherous conditions with bad blizzards. A bus carrying children became stick in a ditch between Hare Street and Barkway, the Newmarket Road was blocked at Bottisham and snow ploughs were called out to clear the road. 58 02 25

1958 02 26
Wamil Hall which stands beside the River Lark at Mildenhall was badly damaged by fire. About two thirds of the building was destroyed. A Newmarket fire engine equipped with skid chains completed the journey in 15 minutes, a remarkable feat in view of the state of the roads to this isolated spot. The Hall contains a secret passage and a 'ghost-walk'. "Old Lady Rainbow" haunts the house and neighbouring plantations. It was built about 1570 and has suffered other disastrous fires in 1895 and 1912. 58 02 26a

Cambridge University's Department of Engineering came to its present site behind Scroope Terrace in 1920 and building has been going on ever since. Now a new wing has opened with a steel frame designed by the plastic method developed in their own laboratories. The original residence, which used to occupy the site exclusively, now looks dwarfed among the great laboratory blocks which surround it. One day it will have to come down but for the moment it is used for offices and lecture rooms. 58 02 26

Snow blocks roads – 58 02 26b & c # c.12
Manor school heated pool plans – 58 02 26d & e

1958 02 27
There are more foreigners in Cambridge than ever before who were often her for months without getting to know any English people. There used to be an international clubhouse part of which was divided into flats to help finance it but the present premises in Falcon Yard were inadequate. A group of foreign students had formed the Overseas Club which had a membership of 400 with a meal service, newspaper, dramatic society and travel bureau. 58 02 27

1958 02 28

Shuttleworth Trust aircraft collection – 58 02 28
Police inspection pic – 58 02 28a

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1958 03 01
Harry Newell has served as a special policeman since the time of the General Strike in 1926. He has been on call at any time of day or night, has attended parades and been liable to mobilisation in time of national emergency. Now, at 68 years of age, he thinks it time to hand in his uniform. He still works regularly in his cycle and car hire business. 58 03 01

The Duke of Edinburgh sent a message regretting that he was unable to take part in a tiddlywinks watch at Cambridge Guildhall: "While practising secretly I pulled an important muscle in the second or tiddly joint of my winking finger. But wink up, fiddle the game and may the Goons' side win"". In his absence the Goons team, including Spike Milligan, Harry Secombe and Peter Sellers were defeated by Cambridge University. They were not helped by an eccentric uniform and intervals for refreshments such as leeks, sticks of rhubarb and glasses of Champagne perry. 58 03 01a

Stan Kelly, skiffle musician biography – 58 03 01b

1957 03 03
Cambridge Water Company originally hoped the new Great Wilbraham pumping station would help meet the ever-growing demand, even in times of severe drought, until 1965. But the experiences of last summer have prompted a less optimistic view and they were sinking a trial bore near Stapleford. They are also moving from Bene't Street, where they have been since 1866, to new offices in Rustat Road. 58 03 03

1958 03 04
An exceptionally large number of shags have been seen in Cambridge recently, probably driven from the East Coast by the spell of cold weather. One bird, which has a silky green and brown plumage, was photographed at Newnham Mill. Another that was found dead was taken to the University Department of Zoology where it has been skinned in preparation for research examination. 58 03 04a

Addenbrooke's Hospital WVS canteen opened – 58 03 04

1958 03 06
The owner of Searle's Stores in Searle Street told the bankruptcy court he was making a profit of £8 a week until July 1956. Then the business started to decline. People moved from the area to council estates and he could not compete with the prices of cut-price shops. In addition his rates had increased from £5.6s.3d to £20. 58 03 06a

A March grocer told the bankruptcy court that at one time he had branches of his business in St Ives, Littleport & Downham Market. He also owned and ran a wholesale grocery business to keep his own shops supplied. He had been successful during the war due to assured profits and the absence of competition but now had a deficiency of £4,784 and was living on National Assistance. 58 03 06b

Soham Fordham road building site appeal – 58 03 06

1968 03 07
An act of bravery by two schoolboys in rescuing a child from the River Lark at Prickwillow was recognised by the presentation of Royal Humane Society certificates. John Brooks and Neville Benstead of Lark Bank plunged in to the river to save a five-year-old boy and Derek Lock applied artificial respiration on the bank side. He had never been taught to do that but had read it in a comic. 58 03 07

Huntingdon magistrates turned down requests by the Fiesta Coffee House and the Nickel Coin Restaurant to allow them to play juke boxes on Sunday. The Chief Constable thought they would attract 'undesirable types' and such music should not be encouraged on the Sabbath. In London they were being placed in the better class of hotels and clubs and cafes at St Ives and St Neots had them so lads from Brampton and Wyton now went there. 58 03 07a

A Coveney farmer blamed his failure on the water-logged state of Poole's Land, an area of 26 acres which he took over in February 1955. Next year it was completely flooded and he lost about £850 because of the failure of the sugar beet crop. He did not know the land was as bad as it actually was when he took over the tenancy. 58 03 07b

1958 03 08
'The Racehorse', a new public house, is to be erected on the corner of Newmarket Road and the ring road to serve the growing population on the new estate. There are now 5,000 people in the area, many of whom have to travel over the Barnwell Bridge to the Dog and Pheasant for a drink as The Globe gets so crowded people have to wait a long time. 58 03 08

1958 03 11
King's Lynn flood relief channel new tail sluice construction – 58 03 11a
Arbury Road to be home for replacement slum houses – 58 03 11b
1958 East Road district heating plan abandoned – 58 03 11

1958 03 12
Tyrell's Lodge, a picturesque country restaurant near Shepreth, first served teas in 1956. Now it provided attractive meals to people who wished to have wine with their meal. Military attaches, Harley Street doctors and tourists had signed a petition. But there were ample facilities already and if visitors to the restaurant wanted drinks there was the Green Man only 400 yards away. 58 03 12b

University soccer 'cuppers' final – 58 03 12a

1958 03 13
The foundation stone was laid of the new Roman Catholic Church of St Laurence the Martyr in Milton Road, Cambridge. Since the Rev Father P. Oates was appointed in 1951 he has worked hard to make the building possible. Already £4,000 has been raised, but there is still a long way to go. 58 03 13

The Soham Egg Packing Station handled a record 30 million eggs during 1957. Property in Brook Street is being developed to comply with the Factory Act as the present station was overtaxed. Producers should support such societies: there is a need to increase the consumption of eggs and imports could have a very large bearing on the price. 58 03 13a

1958 03 15
Newmarket Road library opening postponed – 58 03 15
Eastern General Hospital reunion – 58 03 15a # c.45.5

1958 03 17
A Hawker Hunter jet aircraft from RAF Waterbeach crashed into a ploughed field at Hinton Hall, Haddenham. It was seen to dive 'straight into the ground' and an explosion followed the impact. The pilot baled out and landed at the back of some Council houses at Wilburton, 800 yards away. 58 03 17

1958 03 18
Police radio messages – 58 03 18
Newton post office reopening – 58 03 18a
Stretham Old Engine filmed – 58 03 18b

1958 03 19
Cambridgeshire Cottage Improvement Society has its properties thatched, rather than tiled, whenever possible. But they have to face the fact that there is a shortage of straw – and of thatchers – in certain parts of the county. The problem of decaying houses is constant: they are embarrassed by people wishing to sell picturesque old properties to them. Now they are raising money to improve the Old Manor Farm at Fen Drayton to provide economic dwellings for three families. 58 03 19

1958 03 20
Folk Museum annual report – 58 03 20

1958 03 21
Neale House, the Cambridge base of the Society of St Margaret, was opened in December 1955. It is a small hostel for young professional or University women of any denomination and the chapel is open all day for private prayer. The Anglican sisterhood was founded by John Mason Neale of Trinity College, widely known for his English versions of Greek and Latin hymns. 58 03 21

1958 03 22
Huntingdonshire school meal prices – 58 03 22

John Cornwell established a unique record at the finals of the Cambridgeshire Table Tennis Association's championship. He was successful in every of the six events he entered, including men's radius singles and doubles, mixed doubles and men's handicap singles. This is the first time this feat has been accomplished since the championship commenced in 1936. 58 03 22

1958 03 27
Permission has been granted for the construction of a car park for 146 vehicles in Park Street, Cambridge. The site ranges from cottage and three-storey houses to warehouses and sheds. When financial conditions permit a multi-storey building will be constructed, probably with shops on the ground floor. A new access road will be made from Bridge Street along the present line of Round Church Street. 58 03 27a

Dry Drayton bus shelters – 58 03 27
Alex Wood pub licence granted, Arbury – 58 03 27b

1958 03 28
The Koh-i-Noor restaurant has been in St John's Street since 1936, the owner, Krishna Vir, told magistrates. Now they wanted a licence to sell beer and cider. They provided 700 meals a week and to send out for drinks from the Mitre or Baron of Beef took too much time. Dr Glyn Daniel, a Fellow of St John's College, said he occasionally visited and would like to be able to get a drink of beer 'when the curries are very hot'. 58 03 28

Sir. The majority of Cambridge ratepayers earn much below the average national wage of £12 a week yet have to pay annual rates of £22. The Lending Library Service is one where economies could be found. Every ratepayer is currently entitled to three library tickets, so an average family can borrow twelve books. If the number were cut this would save money - Councillor A.W. Arundale. 58 03 28 a & b

1958 03 29
Newton new Walker Bros shop – 58 03 29
Newton Road flats advert – 58 03 29a # c.23
Perse School plans, Hills Road – 58 03 29b & c

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1958 04 01
Horace Stanley started in the Cambridge gas industry in 1905 when as a boy of 12 he was engaged as a messenger, which covered a range of duties from running errands to scrubbing floors. He then became a gas fitters apprentice, working 56 hours a week, but made time to study to gain his City and Guilds,. He moved to the sales staff and was promoted to sales superintendent before now retiring after 52½ years. He was presented with a tea service. 58 04 01

1958 04 02
Young violinist Miss Jean Berry is leader of the Cambridgeshire High School for Girls orchestra and is a member of the Cambridgeshire Philharmonic and Schools Holiday Orchestras. Now she has been chosen to join the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain. It is a major step to fulfilling her ambition of joining a large symphony orchestra when she leaves school. Her violin teacher is Mrs Hoffman. 58 04 02

1958 04 05
Old Chesterton Methodist Church was established in 1951 and has not been big enough: dances and Sunday School sessions have had to be carefully timed so as not to clash. Now their Boy's Brigade have erected a large hut to be used for drills, meetings and physical training as well as the Teenagers Club where 50 youngsters enjoy in a "rock'n'roll" session. All look forward to the day when there will be a permanent Church to cater for the new housing development in Scotland Road. 58 04 05a

Dutch dairy week – 58 04 05

1958 04 08
About 30 Cambridge people were at Aldermaston on Easter Monday for the rally protesting against the use of nuclear weapons. Seven car loads joined the final stage of the march to the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment. Amongst them was Robert Davies, the Labour Party prospective Parliamentary candidate and city councillors Reilly, and Ash. 58 04 08b

Stonebridge at Elsworth scramble – 58 04 08
Death of Ald George Wilding, former Mayor 1944-45 – 58 04 08a

1958 04 09
The Independent Television Authority has received approval for the erection of a television station at Mendlesham, near Stowmarket. A directional transmitting aerial will beam the maximum power in a north-westerly direction and will reach practically the whole of the area out to Peterborough, bringing Cambridge and King's Lynn into the reception area. They hope to have it open in the autumn of 1959. 58 04 09

Selective chemical weed killers have played a great part in the encouraging increase in crop yields. Today a very large area of farm land is sprayed each year and the practice is increasing. But great harm can be done. 'Self-inflicted' damage caused by spraying one's own crops is quite common. Growers have lost tomatoes when the fine mist has drifted into glasshouses and contamination of grass by arsenical weed killers is a menace to livestock. 58 04 09a

Are you looking for an elegant, spacious, contemporary flat in Cambridge? Situated at Newton Road, a first-class residential district, and designed by a leading domestic architect, this flat is civilised. It is acoustically insulated, thermally insulated, light, labour-saving and spacious. There are two bedrooms, a most un-British kitchen and bathrooms, your own drying balcony, space heating and a garage if you want it. Price £3,200. Span Developments advertisement. 58 04 09b

CND march memories – 58 04 09a # c.45.8

1958 04 11
The Hundred Houses Society hope that most of the hew properties being built at Scotland Road will be occupied before the end of the year. Rents for houses at Eastfield and Fallowfield have increased by five shillings to about £1.6.0 (£1.30) a week. This was the first rise since they were built in the 1930s and was necessary because of increased maintenance costs. 58 04 11

Residents of New River Bank, Littleport, face14 months without a means of crossing the river while Sandhill Bridge is replaced. They will not be able to get to their allotments and asked the Great Ouse River Board for a temporary footbridge. But this would be extremely expensive. The alternative would be to have a man and boat on duty. This would not be cheap, costing £750 a year, however one could be provided at pre-determined times each day. 58 04 11a

Haverhill is noted for its agricultural, dairy and shoemaking industries. A lot of the old houses are over 100 years old. It has a Mayor and its own newspaper, the 'Haverhill Gazette'. Silver is mined in the hills and in the sheltered valleys there are large apple, peach and pear orchards. The favourite sports include hunting and ski-ing. Many of the highways are four lanes wide, the best in Essex County – said an American talking of his home town in Massachusetts, USA. 58 04 11b

1958 04 14
Goggo – German bubble car review – 58 04 14

1958 04 17
The sewage position at Newport Avenue, Fordham is a disgrace, councillors heard. Effluent runs on the tops of the gardens as the existing plant is overloaded. The position was a 'real shocker'. It's as bad as it can be. But now the Ministry had approved plans for two pairs of bungalows. Something should be done but there was not sufficient space for septic tanks. The only solution was a permanent sewerage scheme. 58 04 17a

Jack Branch demonstrates tractor device – 58 04 17

1958 04 18
Two new aircraft have arrived at Marshall's. One is a Druine Turbulent ultra-light monoplane belonging to Miss Joan Short. Its flying qualities are good and fuel consumption around 1.75 gallons per hour at a cruising speed of 70 knots. The other is a Jackaroo, a conversion of the de Havilland Tiger Moth to an enclosed four-seater. The dual-control version sells at £1,095. 58 04 18

Stereophonic sound on disc sold at popular prices and played on equipment within the reach of most people – that is the revolutionary event just announced. The first public demonstration will be given at the London Audio Fair using equipment specially designed by Pamphonic Reproducers Ltd and Pye who are to issue both popular and classical stereophonic records. In the home loudspeakers can be placed about the width of a fireplace apart and listeners sitting more than nine feet away will get the full 3D effect. 58 04 18a

1958 04 19
'Safe journey home' novel by Elisabeth Hargreaves - 58 04 19
Cambridge United turning pro – cartoon – 58 04 19a

1958 04 22
Scotland Road estate road names – 58 04 22

1958 04 23
Miss L.J. Ottley was appointed matron of Addenbrooke's Hospital in January 1944 when the war-time annexes at the Leys School and Examination Halls were in full use, giving a total complement of over 800 beds. A year later these were closed, adding to the waiting lists. The Hunstanton Home of Recovery was opened in 1947 and an unoccupied ward at Brookfields Hospital opened for medical

cases. She has worked tirelessly for the betterment of the hospital and many will miss her now she is retiring. 58 04 23

Boys Brigade hut, Chesterton Methodist church – 58 04 23b

1958 04 25
A councillor expressed disbelieve that the reconstruction of Silver Street Bridge would take 12 months. "When I was in China I attended the opening of a bridge completed in one year which was 300 yards long over a very fast flowing river", he said. "This bridge will only be 25 yard long. Is there a mistake? Should it be twelve weeks and not twelve months?" But Cambridgeshire County Council are rebuilding this bridge. 58 04 25b

Isle County Council first woman alderman – 58 04 25a

1958 04 26
Burwell policeman Sirett death – 58 04 26
Miss Cambridgeshire competition – 58 04 26a

1958 04 28
William Haslop, Rattee and Kett, Honorary degree – 58 04 28

1958 04 29
St Andrew the Great was rededicated by the Bishop of Ely after a restoration costing thousands of pounds. The church has undergone a complete transformation: the bells have been recast and rehung, the pulpit moved, the East End renovated and a new altar built. The lighting has also been modernised. 58 04 29

The 60 miles, six-lap Gog Magog cycle road race started from the Red Lion, Cherry Hinton. It was neutralised over Limekiln Road but then three of the Cambridgeshire Road Club team, J. Morley, D. Cook and M. Pilsworth, made a break. Before Sawston, on the second lap, Mick Ward from Haverhill had to make mechanical adjustments but he was in fourth place by the time they came over the Gogs for the last time. 58 04 29a

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1958 05 01
Should there be a footpath between a new estate off Doggett's Lane in Fulbourn and Ludlow Green? That is the question to be decided by a Government inspector. It is the last remaining place of real beauty in the village and people do not want to see a wooden fence there. The owner of Flendyshe House said the path would run alongside her property and people who had to suffer wooden fences alongside should have some compensation. 58 05 01

Scheme to bridge Whittlesford level crossing given high priority – 58 05 01a
Renaming of Histon streets – Kingsway – 58 05 01b

1958 05 02
Cambridgeshire Fire Brigade demonstrated its new extending ladder, which is designed in three parts and can be used to reach awkward places and corners. It can reach a maximum height of 45feet and is worked into position by means of tormentor poles. The firemen showed they had learned how to get it erected in the shortest possible time and in the most cramped of conditions. With further practice no doubt even swifter erection can be possible. 58 05 02

Pampisford is to keep its parish pumps until they fall into a state of disrepair even after the village gets a mains water supply. Some people think the pump water is better water and there is a good

supply. They were put in in comparatively modern times and are in good working order. They might be extremely useful should there be another war and bombs hit the mains. 58 05 02a

1958 05 03
Mr E.F. Sheldrick took over Manor Farm, Fowlmere, in 1939, two years after the land had been requisitioned by the Air Ministry. When, in 1946, it became surplus to their requirement, it was taken over by the Agricultural Executive Committee to farm. The land was obstructed by buildings, runway and perimeter tracks and they handed it over to Mr Wedd, the present tenant. Now Mr Sheldrick wanted it back. 58 05 03

1958 05 05
An extra storey was urgently needed at Shire Hall, councillors were told. In the Treasurer's Department the staff were sitting on top of one another. In the Registrar's Office, people had to wait in a passage if there was a wedding on. And the County Archivist, who really needed four rooms, had only one. But at Linton Hospital they had been asked to economise and the cost of the new Shire Hall must not interfere with works of that kind. They voted to go ahead. 58 05 05 & b

1958 05 06
Death of Henry Obadiah Langdon, former Mayor – 58 05 06

1958 05 10
Cambridge United's development – enters Southern League – 58 05 10
Reston House, Fitzroy Street – John Reston, Master of Jesus 1546 bequeathed land which sold in 1956 to fund building - 58 05 10a

1958 05 12
Radar trap meters have been in action in Cambridge during a speed checking programme. Results showed the majority of motorists were travelling at 36 mph with 276 vehicles going 40 mph or over and the highest recorded was 52 mph. The police say the use of the radar instrument was not publicised so speeds were what was normally experienced. They have no intention of using it to bring offenders to court at present. 58 05 12

1958 05 14
Charmain Burn has no difficulty in getting into the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, where the fabulous musical 'My Fair Lady' opened at the end of last month. For she has been fortunate in being accepted as a member of the chorus, being selected from 900 men and women who applied for 48 vacancies. She started dancing with the King Slocombe School of Dance and after leaving Cambridgeshire High School for Girls trained at the Ballet Rambert School. 58 05 14

Restoration work has been undertaken at Little St Mary's church. The interior had to be re-plastered, rainwater was seeping into the walls and new gutters needed. The roof timbers were suffering from the ravages of death watch beetles. These have all now been completed. But the crypt is in need of restoration too. 58 05 14b

A proposal for a new college for men, to be called Churchill College, is announced today. Sir Winston himself will donate £25,000 and an appeal has been issued. It is needed as the University has embarked on a scheme for an extension of research in scientific and technical fields but existing colleges are already beyond their maximum size. 58 05 15a & b

1958 05 17
A Cambridge man, Barry Mason of Huntingdon Road, is a trumpeter in one of the bands travelling to New York and back on the Queen Mary liner. An old Perse School boy, he first started playing the trumpet in 1949 with Freddie Webb and Ken Stevens' bands. He enjoys life on the ship, although it does mean working irregular hours, sometimes until 3.30 in the morning. 58 05 17

1958 05 20
New headquarters for the 14th detachment of the Cambridgeshire Red Cross were opened in a prefabricated building at Great Shelford. Mr Woodbridge had lent them the ground and members worked hard to get the interior neat and attractive. The walls were painted white and deep red curtains hung beneath neat pelmets. Miss C.J. Gaskell, the Divisional President praised their excellent work during both world wars. Lady Spens presented proficiency badges to Gillian Cann, Marion Robinson, Elizabeth Morley and Christine Ryder. 58 05 20a

1958 05 21
Assize judges at Trinity – photos – 58 05 21

1958 05 22
The new Cambridge Mayor is Leonard Wordingham, a respected member of the Labour Group. His employers, British Railways, have granted him a year's leave. Educated at Soham Grammar School, he had been one of the best half-backs at Cambridge Town Football Club. He also achieved fame as a cricketer for Trinity Rovers – in his Bible Class days. He is the third Labour Mayor, the others being T.H. Amey and W.L. Briggs. 58 05 22 & a

Since May 15th ten outbreaks of fowl pest have been confirmed within a radius of eight miles of Ely in the parishes of Little Thetford, Wilburton, Coveney, Witchford and Manea. An order under the Fowl Pest Restrictions now comes into force and poultry may not be moved except under licence. The holding of poultry store markets is also prohibited. 58 05 22b

1958 05 23
The future of Papworth Hospital is assured, even if the present decline in tuberculosis continues, causing the closure of other chest hospitals. The surgical block has been extended and equipped to provide a regional service in thoracic and cardiac surgery. The nearness to Cambridge facilitates co-operation with the University on research work and is a matter of some importance to the further development of the post-graduate medical school. 58 05 23a

Sno-cat on Market Hill – photo – 58 05 23

1958 05 24
Castle and District Darts League involves about 30 teams and incorporates the majority of the darts experts so a high standard of play was witness at the Rex Ballroom when both the men's and women's finals were held. Arthur Fordham (Jubilee) beat B. Smith of the British Queen in the final while the ladies' singles champion was Mrs Asby (Brewers Arms) who overcame Mrs Dickson (Robin Hood). Twenty games were played after which the company of 500 enjoyed dancing for three hours to the music of the popular Ken Stevens band. 58 05 24

A large crowd gathered outside the Guildhall to welcome the newly-knighted Sir Vivian Fuchs back to Cambridge after his gruelling first surface crossing of Antarctica. It was heartening to know their activities had been followed with such interest throughout the world, particularly by thousands of children, he said. They then inspected a 'Haywire', one of the four Sno-cats which played such a vital part in the expedition. 58 05 24a

A bible class founded 84 years ago by the late A.C. Mansfield in the old 'Ragged School' in New Street has changed its name. But although it is a men's service the name 'class' will be retained as originally it commenced as a class of eight boys. It will now be known as Mansfield Hall Men's Bible Class. 58 05 24b

Fordham Abbey estate sale – 58 05 24c

1958 05 27

It is difficult to know who showed the most interest in one of the 'Sno-Cats' of the British Antarctic Expedition when it appeared in Cambridge. Small boys gazed in awe whilst their fathers showed equal interest. But I climbed the tremendous height up to the driving cab door and sat behind the controls. It was not much different from a heavy-duty lorry, though it didn't seem to possess a brake. There was no need: there was so much friction that it stopped as soon as you took your foot off the accelerator. – Rodney Tibbs' motoring notes. 58 05 27

Early reports of Archie Scott Brown's tragic accident gave the erroneous impression that a mechanical fault in his Cambridge-built Lister-Jaguar had resulted in the crash. This was not true: the car was performing as well as ever. Archie was fighting for the lead in the Grand Prix of Spa when he hit the wall just before the La Source hairpin. Snetterton Motor Racing Club has announced that a Memorial Trophy Race will be held in his honour. 58 05 27

1958 05 28
Bachelor of Hearts filming – photo – 58 05 28
Doddington history – 58 05 28a

1958 05 29
"The Freshman", a light-hearted film about life at Cambridge University, will bring in all the well-known local angles – the May Races and balls, chases by Proctors and their 'Bulldogs', visits to coffee bars – and of course, a local romance. It will star Hardy Kruger and Sylvia Syms. But they have had a mishap. While a motoring scene was being shot along Trumpington Road the crankshaft of a vintage 1927 Bentley car suddenly snapped. Now mechanics are searching for a spare, or a new car! 58 05 29a, 58 05 28

Fitzwilliam House new building starts 1961 – 58 05 29

Landbeach Sand and Gravel Company appealed for a new pit near the junction of Waterbeach and Ely Roads. Mr Arthur Dickerson said it had lain derelict for 25 years, it grew nothing but rubbish and scrub and was infested with rabbits and vermin. If it were used for gravel workings the resulting pits could be left open for the tipping of refuse, the topsoil put back and the land eventually made available for agriculture. But neighbours said it was a peaceful area and their property would be devalued. 58 05 30 & b

One of the most outstanding features of the Botanic Garden is the new rock garden by the lake. Designed and built by the staff it is composed of Westmorland limestone and sandstone from Sussex so that plants which enjoy both these conditions may flourish. The limestone section is not yet completed but one can see the many alpine treasures which grow at its edge. 58 05 30a

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1958 06 03
Addenbrooke's Hospital Governors say it is 'reasonable' for the Eastern Counties Omnibus Company to buy land opposite the proposed new hospital in Hills Road for a bus stop. But they will provide a stop near the main entrance with parking room for three buses and a shelter for passengers. The Bus Company should consider additional services along the Perne Road – Fendon Road route to save passengers from Newmarket and Mill Road from having to travel by way of the city centre. 58 06 03

1958 06 02
Addenbrooke's Hospital bed as Scott Brown memorial – 58 06 02

1958 06 04
King and Harper founder, H.H. Harper, 80th birthday – 58 06 04

1958 06 05

Christ's College's Milton Society processed at a suitably dignified pace to the west door of Great St Mary's where the President, holding a bust of John Milton, denounced 'the dangerous and damnable works' of T.S. Elliot. He placed a selection of Elliot's books on the pavement and, after a libation of petrol had been poured on to them, applied a match. The Secretary read aloud some passages from the work of John Milton and with a cry of 'Paradise Regained' the procession returned to Christ's. 58 06 05

1958 06 06
Six members of the Order of the Irish Christian Brothers lived together in a Victorian house in Hills Road. There was a retired teacher in charge, a practically bed-ridden man, one who acted as a general factotum, one who did the cooking and two members they were sending to the Technical School and University. The house closed in the vacation. The Valuation Panel decided it was not a hostel but a private house, which reduced their rating assessment. 58 06 06

1958 06 07
A large contingent of residents in Elfleda Road appealed against their rating figures which they claimed were excessive. Mr P. Dillon cited a council house in Stanesfield road which had four bedrooms against his three and two toilets but was £3 cheaper. The Adventure Playground had also caused problems, householders complained. But most assessments were upheld and two were increased. 58 06 07

Trinity Hall Farm appeal – needed for displaced industries – 58 06 07a & b

1958 06 09
A unique answer to the Cambridge traffic problems was found during the weekend. Somebody, obvious with an acute parking problem, decided that all the flat apace on top of the Senate House was going to waste – so they decided to park an Austin 7 van there! Early-morning passers-by goggled and stared in amazement at the strange sight of hefty firemen and policemen struggling to make the van safe from the wind. Nobody seems to know who put it there. The big problem is: how to get it down. 58 06 09a

1958 06 10
Members of Cambridge Civil Defence Section will have some unusual practical experience tonight: they have been asked to remove the Austin 7 van, deposited by practical jokers, from the roof of the Senate House. 58 06 10a

Cambridgeshire Regiment's band – March Railway Band mass enlistment – 58 06 10

1958 06 11
Hundreds of students watched – and offered advice – as Civil Defence volunteers tried to remove the Austin 7 van from the roof of the Senate House. It was moved on to the parapet, but it would not pass between the legs of a derrick. Men hammered at its jutting corners and thudded upon its protrusions before deciding that it must come down in pieces. A good deal of parts were lowered on a pulley and stored in a rescue vehicle. Then they drove away. Despite the real courage of the Civil Defence men, the day went well for undergraduate Cambridge. 58 06 11 & a

St Matthew's Junior Mixed School to close – 58 06 11b

1958 06 12
Civil Defence men have succeeded in bringing down the van from the Senate House roof. It was cut in half with the aid of an oxy-acetylene torch, then cut up again, and again, until all the parts were of a suitable size to be lowered, starting with the bonnet and wings, then the radiator and steering column. Part of the roof and a side were the last down. The proceedings were watched by the Vice-Chancellor of the University and two or three students who climbed on the roof of the Old Schools building and offered suggestions as to how it should be dismantled. 58 06 12a

The Ely Diocesan Conference heard of hardships incurred by parsons and their families. The sum provided for augmenting clergy stipends was low but the Church could no longer, as in the past, rely upon endowments. A number of schemes for replacing obsolete parsonage homes had been considered but in many cases all that could be done was to reduce the size or modernise the existing house. 58 06 12

Senate House van pics - 58 06 12b

1958 06 13
A B45 Tornado light bomber crashed almost immediately after taking off on an unauthorised flight from the USAF base at Alconbury. The man flying the aircraft, who was killed, was a mechanic who had had no flight training. Wreckage from the aircraft blocked the main railway line at Abbots Ripton. The incident occurred ten minutes after a USAF jet trainer, also from Alconbury, and an RAF Canberra bomber collided in mid-air and crashed near Spaldwick. 58 06 13

'The Freshman' film has already established itself on the Cambridge scene. The appearance of cameras, technicians, stars and generators at various locations still causes a stir and there is never any lack of people watching the action. German film star Hardy Kruger, who plays an undergraduate, has had a bewildering initiation into real student life. He has seen the May Balls swinging on till dawn. And he has seen that car park on the Senate House roof. No wonder he looks worried! 58 06 13c, 58 06 12

Sutton sewage scheme approved – 58 06 13b
St John's College new gates – 58 06 13d

1958 06 14
The Haverhill Town Expansion Scheme, which is aimed at producing new homes and industry for 1,500 London families, was officially inaugurated when the Minister of Housing and Local Government, Mr Henry Brooke, toured the town. In Hamlet Green he laid the foundation stone of a new factory for the Mount Furniture Company, then cut a tape to open a new 14-acre industrial estate in Bumpstead Road. Later he saw progress in the erection of the first 100 houses which will accommodate workers moving with the new industry. 58 06 14

Two former employees of the Hide and Skin Market Company of Cambridge appeared in court accused of the theft of 'sheep runners' (intestines used for making sausage skins. They had taken 10 sacks of runners, hidden them under the seat of their lorry and sold them in Letchworth for ten shillings. One said he was short of money, he felt envious when other friends went for drinks and had cigarettes and he could not afford them. The other said his wife had recently had a baby and this had 'gone to his head'. 58 06 14b

Cambridge theatregoers will mourn the death of that so-likeable actor, Robert Donat. He was last here in person at the Arts Theatre in 1940 in Shaw's 'The Devil's Disciple' but first appeared at the old Festival Theatre where he came in 1929 as leading man with the Liverpool Repertory Company. His most famous part was the gentle schoolmaster in 'Goodbye Mr Chips', a character based by James Hilton on two masters of yesteryear at the Leys, the author's school. 58 06 14c

1958 06 16
Fen Road estate houses – advertisement – 58 06 16
Rev Edward Chisholm Dewick killed – 58 06 16a, obit – 58 06 23a

1958 06 19
Market Street fire – 58 06 19

1958 06 20

Netherhall School, the first new secondary school in Cambridge since the war, was officially opened by Lord McNair. The smaller the class, the more effective the teaching and they should do all they could to reduce sizes, he said. The 300 children under the headmaster (Mr Holden) and the same number under the headmistress, Miss Wilkinson, was correct. They should cut time spent on administration and teach as much as possible. In this way they could consolidate the staff. 58 06 20a

A new 43-foot tower was opened at Linton Fire Station, marking a new development in the training of the county's retained firemen. It will solve three problems faced by rural firemen - lack of hose-drying facilities – all are at present dried in Cambridge - lack of ladder practice and poor siren coverage and make country fire stations far more self-contained and more effective. 58 06 20b

1958 06 23
A familiar sight in the streets of Cambridge on fine days is Joey, a parrot, who accompanies his owner, 84-year-old Miss E.L. Heffer, shopping, perched on the handle of her basket. Miss Heffer is the daughter of the late Mr William Heffer and sister of Mr S. Heffer (Chairman of the Board of Directors of Messrs W. Heffer and Sons). 58 06 23

Work is in process on re-hanging the bells at the parish church of St Nicholas, Great Wilbraham. The peal of five bells, cast in 1709, which have not been rung for over 50 years, have been re-cast and repaired. Completely new fittings and framework have also been necessary, the clock has had to be moved, a belfry tower provided and a ringing gallery installed. The total cost of the work is about £1,300 or which £200 is still required. 58 06 23b

1958 06 24
The Duke of Edinburgh visited RAF Wyton for his first flight in an operational H-bomber. He was given a secret briefing, saw a Megaton bomb then drove to the dispersal point to give the signal for a practice 'scramble' of five Valiants. Finally he flew to Farnborough in the co-pilot's seat of a Vulcan, watching the operational techniques at first hand. 58 06 24

1958 06 25
A beautiful window above the altar of Orwell church was dedicated by the Bishop of Ely. It was erected in memory of the Rev. R.W. Whiston who was Rector from 1896 to 1917 and left money for the window. It depicts stages in the life of St Andrew and has been cleverly painted by L.C. Evetts to complement the old church and at the same time maintain the originality of contemporary work.
58 06 25

1958 06 27
At Haverhill 40 people were evacuated after flood water poured through their homes following a night of torrential rain. People were warned to boil all water as a precaution against contamination of the town's water supplies. Passengers arriving at the railway station were stranded as part of a wall along the River Stour had fallen; as it continued to rise, police sealed off the town centre. Flooding stretched for a radius of two miles and many cars were submerged in their garages. 58 06 27

E. Clarke, picture framer, retires after 40 years, Free School Lane – 58 06 27a
Leys School scouts jubilee – 58 06 27b

1958 06 28
Haverhill is virtually at a standstill following the floods with the Bury St Edmunds road still blocked by 3ft 6 inches of water. Coal lorries, farm wagons and tractors were used to reach people stranded in the town centre and a meals on wheels service was laid on for people marooned in the upper storeys of their houses. The market place was full of stranded cars and lorries; as it was market day two lone stallholders set up their stalls in a dry spot, but had no customers. 58 06 28

1958 06 30

While hoeing sugar beet at New Fordy Farm, Barway, a farm worker came across two coins. He took them to his employer, Stanley Randall whose son, Philip, found a further six then decided to dig the land. Altogether 227 coins were discovered, two gold and the others silver. It is thought a pot containing them was broken while the land was being ploughed. It is not uncommon to find pieces of Roman pottery on the farm. 58 06 30

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1958 07 02
Floods, Cottenham – 58 07 02

1958 07 03
German-build lightweight diesel engines will shortly go into service on Eastern Region branch lines. Based at Cambridge they will be used initially on the Witham-Maldon, Witham-Braintree and Audley-End- Bartlow services. Each rail-bus provides seating for 56 passengers and standing room for a further 40. Powered by a 150 h.p. engine, it has a six-speed gearbox and can attain a speed of 55 mph. 58 07 03

1958 07 04
Farmers and smallholders are facing serious financial losses caused by flooding at Cottenham fen. About 400 acres are under water and crops worth thousands of pounds have been ruined after a large public field drain on the boundary with Rampton burst its banks following days of heavy rainfall. Farmers say the drain had not been draglined for ten years but that the River Board had adopted a 'Blow you Jack' attitude and refused even to loan their pumps. 58 07 04

1958 07 07
Drummer Street instead of Merton Arms for Whippet coaches – 58 07 07
Territorial Army 50th years – 58 07 07a

1958 07 09
Netherhall School governors are to be asked to reconsider the sale of ice cream during break periods. Coun. Kedge was in favour of the sale of ice cream and added that at some schools ice cream carts waited outside to sell to the children. But it might introduce a class distinction in that some children would be able to buy ices and others would not. 58 07 09

Cantabrian Athletics equipment made by the London Instrument Company of Newnham Mill will be used at the British Empire Games at Cardiff. It includes pole vault standards, hammers, javelins and gauges for the high jump. Much of it was designed by Henry Rottenburg, the owner of the firm which moved to Cambridge in 1910. They have also supplied the Olympic Games and European Championships. 58 07 09a

An inquiry was held into proposals for 20 bungalows for retired people on farm land at Shepreth Road, Barrington. It was a pleasant village around a green but the population was almost static as it was too far from Cambridge for people who worked in the city to live there. Any development should take place near the church, school and shops. 58 07 09b

1958 07 10
CND protest march to Mepal planned – 58 07 10

1958 07 12
The four bells of St Michael's church, Cambridge, which have not been rung for many years, are going as a gift to the church of St Augustine, Cashmere Hills near Christchurch, New Zealand where they will be in regular use. They date from the seventeenth-century prompting great excitement that bells of such antiquity should be going out there. Financial responsibility for the removal and shipping

has been assumed by New Zealanders. The project was initiated by Michael Stewart-Smith of Fitzwilliam House which used St Michael's as its chapel. 58 07 12

Barbecue planned Coe Fen – 58 07 12a

1958 07 15
The work of the Mullard Radio Astronomy Observatory – where the Sputnik signals were tracked – is to appear on television films in three countries. Television experts saw the radio telescopes which move on rails and visited the small bungalow that houses the receiving instruments on which it is possible to hear sounds generated 3,000,000,000 years ago by radio transmissions on distant stars. 58 07 15a

A new addition to the forecourt of Addenbrooke's Hospital is causing a certain amount of mystery. The back portion of the lower deck of an Eastern Counties omnibus made its appearance on Monday morning. It was given to the Occupational Therapy Department for use by patients. But how was it moved there: it could not have gone through the hospital corridors so must have been brought round to the front in the dead of night via the highway. 58 07 15b

Parish Councils should be notified of any building development in their area, a meeting was told. At Sawston "some of the finest places are desecrated by factories. It's not a pretty parish by any means but what there is we would like to conserve", a delegate observed. But the planners complain that when they were consulted some parishes took rather long and some don't even reply at all. A builder said if parish councils were to decide sales of land they would be still more unpopular than they already were. 58 07 15

1958 07 16
Linton Hospital was formerly a workhouse but it is amazing what can be done to brighten such a place. Masses of vivid flowers in the garden detract from the austere front and the high walls separating each of the four quadrangles have been taken down to knee level. The corridors are decorated in gay colours with bright chintz curtains and the small paned windows are being replaced by large airy ones. The one-time long dormitories have been split up, where possible, into bedrooms. There are televisions and bright bedspreads and residents seem happy and contented. 58 07 16

Bourn / Longstowe development appeal – 58 07 16a

1958 07 17
The new Principal's Lodge at Newnham College is a showpiece of design. It features sheets of glass, said to be the tallest in the world, and includes three bedrooms so arranged that if there should be a married Principal a husband's sitting room and dressing room could be provided. It is little wonder that Miss Cohen is delighted. The garden, while immature at the moment, is spacious and has the promise of great beauty. 58 07 17b

A bicycle, the Jolly Roger skull and crossbones, and a board advertising ice cream were all suspended from the 200-foot high mast at Pye's radio works in St Andrew's Road during the night. A man phoned the News office and claimed three people spent three hours putting them there while the works police went on their rounds. The bike belongs to Bruce Cooper who thinks it looks far more expensive on the mast than it does on the ground. 58 07 17a

Cottenham flooding – 58 07 17

1958 07 18
Two residents appealed to develop land they owned at Water Lane, Oakington; it was near the shops and schools and was one of the finest sites for building. But the County Council say that since 1948 there have been 24 private houses built and there were 17 acres for which development had already been agreed. "One has to be realistic and face the fact that Oakington is not going to expand" If

anybody wished to build a house in the Cambridge area they would not go to Oakington to do it. 58 07 18.

Albert 'Tiny' Tarry has settled down nicely as landlord of the Red Lion, Ickleton. But standing in his cellar he was amazed to see a large slate suddenly hurl itself to the floor, landing several feet away, an incident witnessed by village butcher, Bill Griggs. Later a barrel-tapping mallet picked itself up and crashed to the floor. There was no traffic passing by and nobody was moving about. Mrs Tarry now no longer tarries in the cellar longer than she has need. 58 07 18a

1958 07 19
'Bees in the Wall' Whittlesford – 58 07 19

1958 07 21
The Limes, at Bourn, was seriously damaged by fire when struck by lightning. Villagers described how a ball of white flame hit the roof between the two main chimney stacks, and then a dense billowing smoke went up. Neighbours formed a chain to clear all movable objects and firemen removed the refrigerator, cutting through the cable. Later when the village electricity supply was restored, the fuse box was still intact and some of the people on the roof received shocks. When the roof dropped in two firemen were pinned in a corner and had to be extricated through a tiny window. 58 07 21

1958 07 22
Motorists in Cambridge are unlikely to have their speeds regularly checked by radar for at least another year. Manufacturers have demonstrated a number of existing instruments which councillors consider 'not entirely satisfactory' at present. There is hope their efficiency will improve in time. But radar has been used by the Chief Constable to check speeds in Queen's Road and Trumpington. 58 07 22

Mr Walter Pearson was one of the first milk roundsmen to be employed by the Cambridge Co-operative Society and took out the first load of milk after the dairy was opened in 1927. In those days it was quite a small affair comprising seven or eight rounds, now it has 51 rounds and an annual gallonage of 2,100,000. He likes the modern electric vehicles but says the old horse-drawn ones would follow him down the street whilst he made his deliveries. He was presented with a set of pipes, pouch and tobacco. 58 07 22a

1958 07 24
Should there be shops on the corner of Coldham's Lane and Vinery Road? Two local shopkeepers, H. Wilson and H. Sykes, said there was no room for more shops in the area. Mill Road, East, is quite a substantial shopping centre; there are 80 to 90 shops at present with more planned. The houses in the area were built between 1928 and 1940 and that site was bought in 1924 for possible development as a public house. The owners had tried for shops, houses, flats and garages. Now they wanted a chemist's shop, fish shop and newsagents. 58 07 24 & a

Shire Hall new storey tender – 58 07 24b

1958 07 25
Cambridge milk bottling works washes 65,000 bottles every day. Out of the empties come notes, thimbles, teaspoons, dead flowers and even bicycle brake blocks and dead mice. People use them as containers for paraffin, paint brushes, home perm solutions and creosote. Another tiresome business is the punching in of foil tops, squashing them down into the bottle. Some people hoard them: 672 were found in a house in Chesterton High Street and dozens are found down wells. 58 07 25

A little two-bedroomed cottage should be built for Enid Porter, the Curator of the Folk Museum, councillors agreed. The five-bedroomed flat they'd allocated as emergency accommodation was condemned property; it was just a mass of corrugated iron which spoils the beauty of Northampton

Street. It would be an insult to offer it to her and should be used to relieve the housing problem for a larger family. 58 07 25a

1958 07 26
Britain's first Game Fair in opened at Hall Farm, Stetchworth. The most famous 'gamekeeper' present was Tom Forrest, of 'The Archers' who made a recording for the BBC serial on the spot. This was rushed back to London and used in the programme. The BBC newsreel cameras were also there. Two game vans, designed by Percy Heaton, an agent of the Stetchworth Estate in 1905 were on show and Gunmakers' Row had a wonderful exhibition of models dating back to 1600. 58 07 26

1958 07 28
Cottage Improvement Society Fen Drayton scheme – 58 07 28

1958 07 30
Addenbrooke's Hospital new site work starts August – 58 07 30 & a

1958 07 31
At Stapleford the Peploe Estate of some 100 houses has been fully developed for nearly two years. At present 58 houses are connected to public sewers and the remainder drain into septic tanks. Since February some gardens of houses off Hawthorne Road have been permanently under water but after the rainfall on 26th June foul sewage was standing up to the damp proof courses of several houses. Planners should consider the drainage difficulties which arise when permission is given for the development of low-lying land. 58 07 31

Teversham further 38 houses – 58 07 31a
Oakington sewage scheme – 58 07 31b

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1958 08 01
Mr Wright of Riverside Works, Walnut Tree Avenue has designed a six foot clock to keep the public up-to-date with competitors' times in various events. It runs perfectly and with extreme accuracy. The timing equipment is completely portable and can be carried in the back of a Ford Zephyr estate car, including the collapsible clock face. It was first demonstrated at the Huntingdon Show and has now aroused interest from South Africa. 58 08 01

St Faith's School has a new swimming pool built by voluntary labour. The Headmaster, Mr F.M. White, says it only cost £280. They were encouraged by the success of a small primary school in Huntingdonshire which was funded by their Parent-Teach organisation three years before. The basic requirements are an enthusiastic staff, an able school handy-man and above all the technical advice of an enthusiastic expert. He must remain nameless, otherwise he'd be inundated with similar requests. 58 08 01a

1958 08 02
Farmers and smallholders who suffered as a result of the recent flooding around Cottenham were visited by an official from the National Farmers' Union. Many have lost up to 75 per cent of their total crops. F. G. Ambrose suffered damage to his potatoes and strawberries while D.C. Worland's pyrethrum crop was badly affected. The Great Ouse River Board has built a new bank at the bend in the Cut where the water overflowed but ditches nearby were still choked with weeds and foliage. 58 08 02

Sir. In 1950 Mr T.E. Brew was redecorating a pub at Whittlesford when he discovered that bees which had lived in different sections of the walls for many years were interfering with repair work. The hives were cleared as thoroughly as possible, 25lbs of honey was extracted and Mrs Brew made

some mead. The wall was sealed up and the pub name changed to 'The Bees in the Wall'. But it May 1952 the bees returned and were allowed to remain – Lindy Gerard. 58 08 02b

Changed scene in Silver Street: work on new bridge – 58 08 02a
Audley End floodlighting – 58 08 02b

1958 08 04
I journeyed to Cottenham recently and was mentally steeling myself for that endless succession of right-angled bends through Histon village. Instead I found a well aligned bypass starting a short distance on the Cottenham side of the 'Chivers' railway crossing and missing Histon village completely. Whoever built this wonderful stretch of road must have kept it very quiet for not even the gas, water and electricity people have dug little holes in its virgin surface. It will make the task of those hauling guided missiles into the secret depths of the Fens much easier! Until now those Histon bends must have looked formidable. 58 08 04

1958 08 05
Sappers' aerial ropeway across the Cam at Fish & Duck – 58 08 05

1958 08 08
The Bell School of Languages held a garden party in the spacious grounds of their newly-acquired premises in Red Cross Lane, the former St Anne's House. Three hundred guests attended the 'house-warming', giving them the opportunity to celebrate the move to the splendid building in large and lovely grounds. It was the first social occasion at the new premises hosted by the Principal, F.E. Bell and the eighty students. 58 08 08

1958 08 09
Gothic Street Clearance. Work is under way to clear sub-standard houses in Gothic Street and Doric Street, Cambridge. The site will soon be in use as a car park and will accommodate about 150 cars. It will have a temporary surface which will later be replaced with a permanent surface of tarmac. 58 05 09

Messrs Coads' department store in Sidney Street will cease trading on September 27th with a special feature sale prior to closure. It is intended to replace the Cambridge store, which has limited accommodation, by the acquisition of premises nearer London. The site has been acquired by F.W. Woolworth as an extension to their existing store which adjoins it. 58 08 09a

1958 08 14
The Corporation Storeyard, Mill Road was severely damaged by fire. The alarm was raised by storekeeper, Mr Frederick Tungatt, who lives at the yard. Employees brought their own fire-fighting equipment into operation but as fast as the hoses played water on it the blaze spread rapidly and soon a large section of a store roof became an inferno of flames. More men rescued equipment including 'No Waiting' highways signs. The way they went about it – just as if the property were their own – earned the admiration of the City Surveyor, T.V. Burrows. 58 08 14 & a

1958 08 15
Every day newspapers carry reports of gangsters holding-up wage clerks and getting away with thousands of pounds. Now a Cambridge concern has invested in a 'thief-proof' wages bag. If it is snatched siren lets out a piercing scream and blinds the thief with a stinging spray of tear gas or thick choking smoke. The shock is enough to make such even the toughest of the 'snatch-boys' forgets his intentions and decided in future only to break the law by leaving his get-away car parked without lights. 58 08 15

St Ives will see more than 2,000 more inhabitants during the next 10 years, the newly-formed Town Development Committee was told. At their first meeting they had the plans of no less than 237 houses before them. This shows that their wish that St Ives should be developed privately was beginning to

come true and they should give every assistance to the developers. They have the responsibility of making it appear in 100 years' time that something was done right in 1958. 58 08 15a

1958 08 18
Sunday was a big day for the parishioners of Great Wilbraham, marking the end of a lot of hard work, of saving and worry. It had started many months ago when an appeal was launched for the re-casting and repair of the parish church bells. The church was packed to capacity and a full choir moved into the belfry to sing praises before the bells, now renewed and in fine condition, rang out across the village streets. 58 08 18

1958 08 19
RAF Waterbeach has the rare distinction of holding two squadron standards. They are hard-won honours: not only must the units have outstanding records but they must have 25 years operational service. One is No.25, the oldest-established night fighter squadron in the world, formed at Melrose in 1915, and the first to be jet-equipped in 1954. The other is no.56 which destroyed more than 150 enemy aircraft during the last war. 58 08 19 & 19a

The Gray Club began in 1955 for ex-pupils of the Open Air School but now works with handicapped people organising a programme of outings and competitions. Long lines of cars, invalid carriages and the occasional ambulance can be seen outside the City Football Club ground where they meet. Lady Adrian, herself physically handicapped, is its President and the search for new members goes on. There is a very real need for a permanent club building open every day where they could find companionship while their carers go shopping. 58 08 19b

1958 08 22
The new Roman Catholic Church of St Laurence at Milton Road is one of the most modern Catholic buildings in the diocese and replaces the existing church in Chesterton High Street. Heating is of the 'underfloor' electrical type and the lighting is also by electricity. The pews are of polished mahogany and the altar is made of stone. Much of the money has still to be raised and a local football pool is being run between the parishioners. 58 08 22a

A portable short-range guided missile intended to be used against armoured vehicles has been produced by Pye Limited. It incorporates rocket motors with a new jet steerage system and is guided to its target by thin wires which carry signals from a controller's "joystick". It can be fitted with periscopic binoculars which switch from low to high-powered magnification as the missile travels away from the launcher. Many successful test firings have taken place and it can go into production on receipt of orders. 58 08 22c

Nearly 300 people took part in a six mile march from Ely to a rocket base at Mepal. Young or old, MP, clerk or labourer, all had one purpose - to denounce the Government's decision to establish rocket sites. Labour candidate Robert Davies said it was absurd to make a secret of where the bases are. Rocket hide-outs are open secrets. You may not be able to mention them but you can go and see where they are. But MP Major Harry Legge-Bourke said it was running very close to official secrets and nobody knows what Mepal might be used for. 58 08 22b, 58 08 25 & a

Isle's first detective to be superintendent – police – Macer – 58 08 22

1958 08 23
James Ison of Girton is a well-known stonemason who has worked on many college buildings including King's college chapel, where he made the pinnacles, and Caius where he assisted William Topper with the carvings on the Gate of Honour and Gate of Virtue. He also made the foundation stone for the new Catholic Church in Milton Road. Now he started his own business and has carved the gargoyles and medallions that are going to help restore the second court of St John's. 58 08 23a

Cambridge Co-op ventured into the specialist field of gramophone records with the opening of a modern record bar in its Burleigh Street department store. Recordings are filed in classified order to make for ease of selection of the standard L.P. and E.P. records. Six sound booths give superb reproduction for customers who wish to hear the recordings. It also stocks a selection of record players, radiograms and tape recorders. 58 08 23b

Cottenham area flooding – 58 08 23
King's College railings – 58 08 23c

1958 08 25
St Laurence's church dedicated – 58 08 25b

1958 08 26
Harvey's coaches fined – 58 08 26 & a

1958 08 27
Edith Morrison, vergeress, St Botolph's church – 58 08 27 & a

1958 08 28
Changing face of Cambridge – Stetchworth diaries Market Street shop – 58 08 28

1958 08 29
A Victorian archway is now being re-erected at Park Paddocks, Newmarket. It was built in 1865 when Messrs Tattersalls moved their saleyard from Hyde Park Corner to Knightsbridge and formed the main entrance for carriages until the buildings were demolished to make way for a new block of offices. It has no particular architectural value and is rather too narrow for horseboxes to pass through but will serve as a memorial of the old London saleyard. 58 08 29

1958 08 30
Memories of R Vaughan Williams & Cambridge – 58 08 30 f & g

Restoration work has started on the Gate of Honour at Caius College where the ornamental stone on either side of the arch is to be entirely replaced with clipsom stone. The work has been entrusted to two highly skilled craftsmen, both well advanced in years. William Topper aged 78 (mason) and carver Charles Whitaker (85) have worked together before and are much respected and revered by other members of their trade. 58 08 30 & a & b

British Railways Eastern Region announces the closure of Earith Bridge Station on the St Ives to Ely line from Monday October 6th. Alternative facilities for parcels and freight traffic are available at Bluntisham, Somersham, Sutton and Haddenham stations. 58 08 30d

Bassingbourn RAF Station is destined to become the world's first jet bomber conversion unit. All RAF crews throughout the world operating bomber, long-range photographic reconnaissance and jet transport aircraft have undergone training there. Two years ago it formed a Canberra formation team, carrying out a complete routine of aerobatic flying and considered one of the finest ever produced. 58 08 30d

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1958 09 01
Dr Henry Roderick came to Cambridge as police surgeon and surgeon to the post office and was present at the last hanging at the old Cambridge Gaol. He came particularly interested in the treatment of crippled children in the 1920s though some parents refused to have their children treated by what were then new methods of surgery. He started the first orthopaedic out-patients sessions at

Addenbrooke's Hospital together with country clinics where nurses visited people in their own homes. 58 09 01 & a 58 08 30c

A 70 year-old Cambridge grandmother was the oldest of 18 Jehovah's Witnesses who received baptism by total immersion at the City Football Ground, Milton Road. They radiated confidence and seemed in very high spirits as, wearing bathing costumes, they stepped into a bath which contained two feet of luke-warm water and were immersed one at a time. It was part of a three-day Assembly attended by over 700. 58 09 01b

1958 09 02
Last week's rain caused flooding at Horningsea because the ditches could not cope with the excess of water. One farmer, Mr H. Lewin, had to plough in 30 acres of sugar beet as it could not get through the ground. Every storm or shower brings the water back to clog the land and conditions are very bad. More than a quarter of the barley and oat crops have been lost already and the wheat harvest has not yet started. Men aged 70 cannot recall such a poor harvest in their lifetime. 58 09 02

The old smock windmill at Willingham is grinding corn again whenever the wind blows strong enough to send the big sails on the move. For the last two years Ray Cattell had despaired of finding someone to make the necessary repairs to the back of the two remaining sails, for such craftsmen are practically non-existent. But the problem was dealt with by young Graham Wilson, one of the many visitors, who has just spent his holiday doing the job. 58 09 02a

1958 09 03
Saffron Walden has a new health and beauty saloon which offers a variety of treatments from face and body massage to electrolysis and ear piercing. Mary Moran says that the stimulation of shaving each day does wonders for men's faces and makes sure their muscles are used regularly. Women can improve theirs by chewing gum on their back molars. "It is a horrible habit, but really does improve the jaw line", she claims. 58 09 03

1958 09 04
Lightning struck the century-old parish church at Reach. The roof was stripped of tiles and there are three gaping holes letting daylight through. Inside the church, masonry and roof timber litter the floor, many of the seats are broken and the stained glass windows blown out. The chapel clock was struck and stopped at 7.34 am, the pendulum was blown away and stuck in one of the rafters. The Vicar has pinned a notice saying 'Any persons entering this church do so at their own risk' All lights in the village went out. 58 09 04

1958 09 06
Theft from Linton church – 58 09 06

1958 09 08
Esso Petroleum appealed for a new filling station on the site of the old King William IV public house opposite the present Lolworth Service Station. Its owner said there were 14 filling stations in the 15 miles between Cambridge and Huntingdon and he had lost a good deal of his petrol business since Suez when lorries were fitted with long-distance diesel tanks. Mrs Robinson of Lolworth Grange gave a long list of accidents near the site which supported the County Council's objections. 58 09 08 & a

1958 09 09
Cambridgeshire Regiment soldier killed at annual camp – 58 09 09

1968 09 10
Ronald Jackson is a locomotive fireman who lives in a house between the railway lines at Shepreth Junction. Although it has no gas or electricity and only well water it has very deep foundations and is absolutely solid. I watched as a passenger train rolled up as if it was heading straight through the

sitting-room window, but it swung off towards King's Cross without a quiver from the contents of the china cabinet near the window. His family would not change it. 58 09 10

1958 01 12
Attendance was very poor indeed at a meeting called to hear how women could take measures in their own households to protect families in the event of nuclear war. The WVS had invited 130 women, but only nine turned up. However the three speakers explained how to shelter from the atom bomb's heat flash and how the thick whitewashing of windows could stop penetration of radio-active dust. 58 09 12

1958 09 13
An Adventure Playground run at Newmarket Road attracted 60 youngsters. There was bad language at first, destructive activities by local roughs created great difficulties and neighbours objected. The children tunnelled, built huts and dens, made swings of ropes and tyres, lit fires and roasted potatoes. They also made boats, guns, swords and a puppet theatre. Some put an old motor cycle into running order. 58 09 13 & a

1958 09 15
Soham fire Clark and Butcher mill – 58 09 15

1958 09 17
Light industries are needed to stop young people leaving the area. The rate of migration from Isleham had been amazing and 75 people leave Dullingham to work each day. The biscuit factory at Fordham has closed down because transport facilities were so bad that the cost of bringing materials more that outweighed the cheaper cost of labour. There were factory sites at Soham and the council was prepared to assist any firm wishing to move in. 58 09 17

1958 09 19
The Great Ouse River Board's flood protection scheme between Ely and King's Lynn is nearly at the half-way stage. Work started in 1954 and part one, including an 11-mile long flood relief channel from Denver to Lynn controlled by a head sluice is nearing completion. The deepening and widening of the Ten Mile River and Ely Ouse over a length of 19 miles has been going on for a year but the flood diversion channel has not yet been put out to tender. People in the fens will feel a lot safer when it is completed. 58 09 19 & a

1958 09 20
Cambridge Water Company opened its new office block in Rustat Road. It was formed 106 years ago by twelve townsmen and ten prominent members of the University and now supplies 120,000 people. There was an exhibition of nylon sink tops, Perspex baths and fibre glass cisterns instead of the old-fashioned ones made of galvanised iron. 58 09 20a

The re-introduction of professional wrestling to Cambridge by Dale Martin Promotions proved very popular. Large crowds filled the Corn Exchange to watch an international heavyweight contest between Tibor Czakacs (Budapest) and Joseph Zaranoff of Russia. Spencer Churchill (London) lost to Charlie Fisher of Eltham and Tommy Mann of Manchester beat Al Nicol of Nottingham by two straight falls. Then Mick McManus knocked-out Packie Pallo with a flying shoulder charge. 58 09 20

1958 09 24
More than 200 people crowded into the WI Hall when the BBC's "Have a Go" programme was broadcast live from Ely. Wilfred Pickles met contestants including Clifford Cousins, Raymond Bailey, William Rayment, Mrs Florence Oakey and Colonel J.G.A. Beckett, chairman of Ely Urban District Council. 58 09 24a

Miss Mary Cattley was Headmistress of the Perse School for Girls from 1926-1947. She introduced the house system, saw the building of the new school block in 1930, the establishment of the games

field and the river bathing place which was acquired in 1934. During the war the school welcomed refugee girls from Europe, many of whom have married and settled down in Cambridge. 58 09 24

1958 09 25
An inquiry into plans for the compulsory purchase and clearance orders affecting 67 houses in East Road, Fitzroy Street, Adam and Eve Street and Gloucester Terrace heard from three objectors. Mr J.N. Baldry had plans to develop his site in connection with his mineral water business. But the Medical Officer said the area contained some of the worst houses in Cambridge: they were all unfit and clearance would serve the interests of public health. 58 09 25

1958 09 27
A new Cambridge Gardening Club held its inaugural meeting. They would have 'Club Nights' for the discussion of gardening problems and exchange cuttings and plants. Gardening was not just perspiration: the greatest joy was to sit in it and see what you have done. The use of mechanisation made gardening easier but it was considered an unnecessary extravagance to buy such items. The club could provide machines which they could hire. 58 09 27

Newmarket Road branch library was the first to be opened in Cambridge for 21 years. "That is the progress in this enlightened City in providing the citizens with books", commented Ald. Howard Mallett. The premises were of a temporary nature and later another building would be erected when finances permitted. The librarian would be Mrs M.A. Traviss and it would open every weekday from 10 am to 7pm, (1pm Wednesdays). 58 09 27a

Parking facilities in Cambridge were inadequate, said the Chief Constable. With more than 600 vehicles passing over Magdalene Bridge each hour, Park Street was a convenient site for a car park. Saxon Street park had been finished last week, work on King Street had not started and the Parkside car park was only a small one. Park Street was the one that should have first priority as a surface and multi-deck car park. But a thatched house in Clement Street built about 1700 should not be destroyed by 'this cement desert'. 58 09 27 b c d

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1958 10 01
Ten years ago Eastern Electricity's Fens sub-area had been faced with a back-log of work. Some 171 villages and about 4,000 farms had been without a mains supply – but now all had been connected. They had enlarged sub-stations at Bassingbourn, Histon, Chatteris and March and erected new overhead power lines. There was an increasing interesting in floor warming equipment which was very much a 'coming thing' and improvements had been made in meter reading. 58 10 01

1958 10 02
"The reputation of Soham is getting shocking and it is time that the young people learned to behave themselves", a magistrate remarked. "It is getting to the state of a lot of Teddy Boys; if you had differences to settle, instead of creating this awful maul and fight, you should have gone with your father and talked the thing out", he told a couple summonsed after a dispute at the Chequers public house, Fordham. 58 10 02 & a

1958 10 03
There were cries of 'shame' when Peter Cadogan of Cambridge told the Labour Party Conference that since a march from Ely to the rocket base near Mepal, Americans alarmed by the demonstration had 'given certain English employees to understand that if they want to hold their jobs they cannot be members of the Labour Party'. It was apparent that the marchers had the company of the American F.B.I.: English people demonstrating on English soil were under the hostile surveillance of the secret service of a foreign power. One man, the organiser of the march, had already resigned. 58 10 03

Standen's factory, Ely opened – 58 10 03a
Trevor Hughes jailed for theft of newspapers – 58 10 03b

1958 10 06
RAF Waterbeach's dining hall has been judged the best in the UK. It gives the impression of a first-class cafeteria with crème garbure, sliced pressed beef, braised rabbit jardinaire with buttered cabbage and sherry trifle with cream on the menu. There is no queuing and the airmen can sit at tables amid pleasant greenery and decorative iron work. The luxury does not end there; in the entrance hall airmen may smoke, drink coffee and read papers. 58 10 06 & a

1958 10 07
County Boys school new wing – 58 10 07

1958 10 08
Messrs F.A. Burling, builders of High Street Over, told an Inquiry he had planning permission to replace an out-of-date workshop with another across the road. Then in November 1957 the old building was gutted by fire and he was allowed to enlarge the new one. No residents had objected. But then the Planners stopped him installing his machinery in it, saying it was a residential area. 58 10 08

1958 10 09
Residents in Beaumont Road off Queen Edith's Way Estate appealed for a reduction in rates to bring them into line with houses on Montgomery Road near the Arbury Estate. They enjoyed fewer nearby amenities – the shops were half-a-mile away whilst residents in Montgomery Road were near one of the most modern shopping centres in Cambridge. Beaumont Road had larger gardens and backed on to open land but Montgomery Road properties were intermingled with Council houses. 58 10 09

A new high in circus history will be reached when Chipperfields open at Midsummer Common. That fantastic character, "Mr Pastry", international star of stage, screen and television, following terrific success on the Ed Sullivan TV shows in America, bounces into the sawdust ring to become an even greater name as Star of the Circus. There will be side-splitting yells when he joins the Western Rough Riding Routine. 58 10 09b, 58 10 14 & a

Gothic and Doric street demolished for new car park – pic 58 10 09a

1958 10 11
New extensions at Cambridgeshire High School for Boys were something of a landmark in its history. The physics laboratories, medical room and gymnasium with its internal jumping pit in the floor were long overdue but the post-war years have been marked by shortages of every kind. They were part of a larger scheme but it would be rash to suggest what the next stage would be. The last major improvements had taken place in 1938 when the hall was opened together with the art room and chemistry laboratory. 58 10 11

1958 10 13
Robert Barrick, a farm worker, was hoeing a field of sugar beet at Barway in June when he came across Roman coins. He handed them to Mr Ralph Randall who farmed the land and carried on working. Mr Randall and his brother later found a further 227 coins which he handed to the police. Mr Graham Pollard of the Fitzwilliam Museum dated them back to Mark Anthony and Nero and now a jury have declared them to be treasure-trove. 58 10 13

1958 10 17
Soham Village College, the sixth of its kind in Cambridgeshire, was officially opened. The idea of a building which is a school in the day and a centre of activities in the evening and weekend was developed by Henry Morris, former Chief Education Officer and has helped to shape education throughout the country. The ultra-modern buildings serve a population drawn from eight parishes. The

day school provides instruction for 460 children aged 11-15 who are taught by 19 specialist teachers. Further educational studies commence this month. 58 10 17 & b

1958 10 18
Millers may be the oldest music shop in Cambridge. They started trading as music and musical instrument dealers about 1886 when the late A.H. Miller joined the firm. Now they have taken over the business of Messrs Murdoch. In the 1920s Murdoch took over Leavis and Bedwells who had a retail shop on the corner of Glisson Road before moving to Regent Street. 58 10 18

An articulated tanker lorry carrying nine tons of liquid propane gas overturned & caught fire near the Falcon public house at Littlebury. Half of the pub was severely damaged and nearby cottages evacuated. The gas is highly explosive and lethal so firemen could do little about extinguishing the blaze. It had to be left to burn out and surrounding property was protected by spray jets of water. 58 10 18a photo 58 10 20

1958 10 21
Landbeach Sand and Gravel Company has lost its appeal to open a new gravel pit at Waterbeach Road, Landbeach. It was undesirable to open a wet pit so close to houses and the existing wilderness of trees and bushes would be lost forever. There might also be difficulty in getting enough suitable material to fill it; the use of domestic refuse would be unpleasant for householders, an Inspector decided. 58 10 21

1958 10 23
Sir – There are a considerable number of car owners living on the Arbury Estate who have to travel a considerable distance to obtain petrol so it is very important that a garage and filling station should be erected on land fronting Arbury Road and Alex Wood Road. Arrangements have already been made to provide shopping facilities for the growing population and a service station is essential – Norman Lee, Harding Way. 58 10 23

Isleham teenagers monopolise telephone kiosks – 58 10 23a
Royston youths take banner from Priory Cinema – 58 10 23b

1958 10 24
Bird's Chemicals works at Duxford was founded in 1937 to produce artificial feeds for agriculture. They want double the labour force to 35 people and build six bungalows for their workers, many of whom live on a caravan site. But Duxford is an important airfield for fighters and this would interfere with the safety of aircraft. The site was also outside the limits of the village and would constitute ribbon development, an Inspector was told. 58 10 24

A new Occupation Centre for mentally handicapped children was opened at Coldham's Lane to provide daytime accommodation for the youngsters and give their parents a respite from their responsibilities. A small centre had opened in Hope Street in 1929 under the old Voluntary Mental Welfare Association. After the County Council took over responsibility in 1948 it moved to St Giles' parish rooms at Pound Hill. 58 10 24a & b

1958 10 25
Car parking should not be allowed in Cambridge city centre and motorists should be compelled to leave their vehicles on the outskirts. Parking should be banned from an area bounded by Castle Hill, Grange Road, the Catholic Church and Mill Road. If this 'perimeter parking' could not be introduced then there must be an effective underground and an overhead car park, the Mayor, Coun. L.D.V. Wordingham told police. 58 10 25c & d

The era of smoky trains has gone and the "dieselisation" of Cambridge railway services comes into operation today. Passengers will travel in fast, clean and comfortable two-car light-weight diesel trains with accommodation for 103 second-class and 12 first-class passengers. The return fair to

Peterborough has been halved and journey time reduced. For too long railways have suffered from old equipment and services planned for the steam age; it is not 'jam tomorrow', it is jam today, a rail official promised. 58 10 25 & a

Death of Professor G.E. Moore – 58 10 25b
Cambridge music firms history – 58 10 25e

1958 10 28
Cambridgeshire Women's Institutes fear the history of our villages will soon disappear in the welter of new housing estates. So they have organised a Village Histories Scrapbook competition to tell their stories from earliest times up to the present day. The histories have been compiled into books, many of them lettered and illustrated by hand. Cherry Hinton's scrapbook was awarded top prize, followed by Soham and Papworth Everard. A special award was given to the small isolated Institute of Chrishall which made an outstanding effort. 58 10 28a

1958 10 29
Cottenham Labour Party marked its 40th anniversary with a dinner addressed by F.T. Willey, MP, who had taken up the cudgels on behalf of villagers who had lost fruit in the floods and tried to persuade the Minister of Agriculture to give some assistance to those who had lost their all. In his speech he compared the flooding this year with the disaster of 1947 when a Labour Government had acted to help those who had suffered. 58 10 29 & a

Four of the eight houses in Hinton Road, Fulbourn were condemned as 'unfit for human habitation' by the RDC who told the owner they could not be let unless they were bought up to standard. They then bought them from him at a low price and now proposed to make minimum improvements and rent them to 'problem families. It was a bad thing to move such families and re-house them en block in what would soon degenerate into slum property, the parish council claimed. 58 10 29b

1958 10 31
St Mary's Convent School started in Park Terrace in 1898 and during the 1914-18 war many Belgian refugees were taught there. Since then its story has been one of cultural progress made possible by the generosity of nuns, teachers and parents. Last year 21 pupils received a needlework certificate and many girls had gone in for nursing and the various therapies. 58 10 31

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1958 11 03
The first college boathouse to be built in Cambridge for more than 25 years was formally opened by the Masters of Corpus Christi and Sidney Sussex colleges whose Boat Clubs will share the facilities. The land had been earmarked by Sidney as a boathouse over 50 years ago. Until work started it had been used by college gardeners as a delphinium bed. 58 11 03a

Women's Institute history scrapbooks praised – 58 11 03

1958 11 04
Diesel trains inaugural run Cambridge to Peterborough – 58 11 04 & a

1958 11 05
At Swaffham Prior a small dilapidated building standing in a walled enclosure is the old village pound and lock-up where strayed cattle were confined and disturbers of the peace detained to cool their heels and sober up. Not many similar relics remain and this one is unique because for 150 years it served as prison, pound and fire station. The fire engine, presented in 1791, still kept in the building, is capable of pumping a jet of water through its leathern hose. 58 11 05b

Cambridge Instrument Company proposed new laboratories, Chesterton Lane – 58 11 05 & a

1958 11 06
Princess Margaret was described as a person who could 'blend approachability with majesty in a wonderful way' when she received an Honorary Degree in the Senate House. Looking radiant and beautiful, dressed in a brilliant mauve velvet coat, she was given a rousing welcome by thousands of cheering schoolchildren as she drove from the station. Later she opened the new Chemical Laboratories in Lensfield Road. 58 11 06 & abc, 58 11 07 & bc

1958 11 07
Newmarket UDC commemorated the completion of its 1,000th house with a brief ceremony when the key of no.10 Bahram Close was handed to the new tenant, Mr J.P. Stafford. A great deal of thought had gone into the planning of the Heath Lodge and Houldsworth Valley Estates with their wide roads and tree planting schemes. Shops had been provided and the post office had been persuaded not to erect unsightly poles. Their first council house was built in 1921 and 311 had been completed before the war. 58 11 07e

Churchill College funds for 300 students – 58 11 07d

1958 11 08
Many householders opened their doors early to a young man in pyjamas or an undergraduate turbaned like a caliph and bought a poppy, then poured into Cambridge to see the fun. Every entrance was barricaded, every vehicle stopped, and toll demanded. Progress was difficult in one street because Mr John Day of Trinity was having breakfast with Miss Alexandra Hearnshaw, a Newnham mathematician, on a Belisha crossing. In Petty Cury two rival dragons occupied most of the road – a dinosaur quite 70 feet long and containing numberless undergraduates of whom only the feet were visible and a toothy monster centipede writhing from the direction of the Senate House. 58 11 08

Coleridge Girls' School celebrated its 21st anniversary; the girls were now much more lively, efficient and adaptable than those of 21 years ago headmistress Miss D.M. Howlett said. Then there had been no playing field and the school children had worn far too many clothes. Boredom was the main cause of juvenile crime so they had instituted leisure time work for the girls evacuated from Islington during the war years. The idea had been that children in modern schools were only intelligent enough to read picture books but in both academic and practical work Coleridge was achieving good results. 58 11 08a

The Ministry of Fuel and Power which administered fuel rationing during the war has moved its regional headquarters from Brooklands Avenue to London. At first there were two offices: the petroleum office in Chaucer Road and a general office which started at Corpus Christi college and late removed to Trinity dealing with coal, gas and electricity. At its peak 300 people were employed but now a very small staff will remain to ensure that gas and electricity meters are working efficiently. 58 11 08c

1958 11 10
Foxton Hall, which had been used by the Air Ministry as a hostel and is fully equipped for use as a school, guest house or residential club and stands in its own grounds of about six acres, was sold by auction for £8,100 by order of the Secretary of State for Air. 58 11 10

1958 11 12
A Chesterton Bridge was proposed over 50 years ago but no work had been started. A Ministerial ruling had decided in favour of the route from Milton Road to Trumpington Road via Haig Road, Cam Road and Walnut Tree Avenue and this would be designated a Trunk Road in due course. However funds were limited and other works had priority. 58 11 12

1958 11 13

The BBC have opened a new sound broadcasting studio in Cambridge to give better coverage to the city, University and county and transmit programmes with more local appeal. The studio, which is 'unattended' – there is no resident engineer – occupies part of the ADC Theatre buildings. It can be operated by BBC staff-men and other broadcasters without any technical wireless knowledge. All they have to do to broadcast is press a switch to be in contact with the BBC's engineers in Birmingham. 58 11 13

1958 11 14
Mrs Veronica Volkertz and Mrs Anne Duncan, two women who spent the war years ferrying aircraft of all types, flying more than 4,000 hours between them are now back at Marshall's Flying School – learning to become instructors. Both learned to fly under the short-lived Civil Air Guard scheme in 1939 when one could qualify for an A Licence for about £2.10.0. Nowadays the equivalent Private Pilot's Licence costs pupils around £100! 58 11 14

1958 11 15
Cambridge Preservation discussed the chalk figures excavated by Mr T.C. Lethbridge on the Gog Magog Hills, about which there has been considerable controversy. They sought the advice of the Council for British Archaeology who have been unable to agree: some consider nothing had been found that was evidence of human activity, others are not sure. Expert geologists had also examined the chalk figures. It has now been decided to allow grass to grow over them. 58 11 15

Miss Lake's toy shop closes – history of shops – 58 11 15a

1958 11 16
The new Swavesey Village College is the seventh to be completed. During the day it is used as a secondary modern school for 330 children and in the evening is attended by 900 people as a further education centre. The college possesses a gymnasium and special rooms for English, geography and music together with a science laboratory, a wood and metal workshop, rooms for cookery, needlework and other household craft. The assembly hall seats 300 people and has a well-equipped stage. 58 11 16

1958 11 20
Peterhouse is the main beneficiary from the estate of Mr William Stone "the Squire of Piccadilly" who has died aged 101 leaving an estate worth about £1 million including chambers in the Albany, one of the most exclusive addresses in London. If only he had made this generous gesture before August 1957 it would not have attracted any duty. As it is the liability will take all the liquid assets and may mean that some of the property has to be sold. 55 11 20

Norwich terrier dog originally bred by Jodrell Hopkins and 'Doggy' Lawrence – 58 11 22 & a

1958 11 24
Papworth Village Settlement Borne chapel dedicated – 58 11 24a

1958 11 26
Flood scheme phase three starts – 58 11 26

1958 11 27
Mervyn Stockwood, Gt St Mary's, appointed Bishop of Southwark – 58 11 27

1958 11 28
The City Council approved a scheme to cut back three edges of Parker's Piece to make it possible for at least 150 cars to park along the roadside. The land outside the line of trees along Parkside, Gonville Place and Park Terrace will be taken, the footpaths moved inwards and the extra land added to the road as space for diagonal parking. They were 'nibbling away' at the city's open spaces and exhaust

fumes and puddles of oil would cause problems but they had to face up to absolute facts otherwise the whole life of the city was simply going to come to a standstill, councillors felt. 58 11 28b & c

An aeroplane on your farm! For the first time you can have guaranteed service for spraying and top dressing from the air. P.B.I. Aviation Division moves aerial farming from an asset for the few into a practical, reliable service for most of the intensive farming areas of Britain. Details from The Farmers Fertilizer Company, Royston - advert. 58 11 28d

Complaints about the proximity of a proposed slaughterhouse to a school for mentally defective children in Cambridge were raised by councillors. They referred to the bad psychological effect the sight of animals being slaughtered would have in the minds of any young children who saw it happening. But there were no grounds for refusing the licence. 58 11 28

Ald William Luard Raynes councillor since 1908 – tribute – 58 11 28aa

1958 11 29
The Cambridge Plate Glass Insurance Company was founded in 1851 to provide economical insurance for tradespeople. Its committee has always consisted of members of the leading firms. An early claim was for glass broken by overheating from the newly-installed gas lighting. Fireworks have always taken their toll and more recently a man deliberately knocked his head through six large windows before he was stopped. 58 11 29b

If nothing is done the problem of parking will steadily get worse; the main streets will continue to be cluttered up with cars and Cambridge will have such a reputation for traffic stagnation that people from outside will stay away – to the consequent detriment of our business health. The latest proposal to remove the pavement around Parker's Piece and use the space for diagonal parking of more cars has met with a mixed reception. 58 11 29a

Ernest Hilton art gallery, King Street – 58 11 29

December 1958 CDN

1958 12 01
Arrington court house and police station has been the setting for countless human dramas since it opened in the 1840s and is a memorial to the patient deliberations of public-spirited magistrates of several generations. Now it is to close and a chapter in the history of local justice ends. The new police station is a smart building just around the corner and the Melbourn courthouse has been improved and is more accessible. 58 12 01b

Putting the park in Parker's Piece – 58 12 01 & a

1958 12 03
Fen Ditton is a village that should remain static in population, councillors say. Sufficient provision has been made for necessary housing development and it would be wrong to allow the erection of nine houses at Horningsea Road. Valuable agricultural land would be lost and it would case a traffic problem. But there was already a police house there and alternative sites would not be available, the developer claimed. 58 12 03

1958 12 04
New Hall to have 300 students in later years – 58 12 04

1958 12 05
Two airmen from Oakington airfield had miraculous escapes when their Vampire jet trainer crashed on the main railway line bordering the airfield and skidded 200 yards across a ploughed field. The plane had taken off from the main runway when its engine failed. It rapidly lost height and at 100 mph

hit the main 'down' Cambridge-Huntingdon railway line, shedding its undercarriage before knocking down fences and coming to rest. Both lines were blocked for half an hour but workmen soon had the damage repaired. 58 12 05

1958 12 09
Two neighbours at West End, Somersham appeared in court over a boundary dispute. Thomas Meadows claimed that when he bought his bungalow in 1945 his boundary was defined by the back of a railway coach. He had planted trees near it but the owner of the Filling Station next door cut them down and blows were struck. Ernest Hazel and Arthur Oldfield gave evidence about an old dyke that had now disappeared. If it was a natural watercourse it would prove the case. 58 12 09 & a

A County report on advertising signs says flank wall and gable advertisements were not usually permitted in villages as they spoil the appearance of a residential building and break up the continuity of a street. But poster hoardings in commercial or industrial areas which hide some temporary activity, unattractive feature or badly developed non-residential site should be allowed. 58 12 09b & c

1958 12 12
A few years ago the Methodist Chapel at Freckenham had to be sold because of lack of support. The sale raised £600 and the money has now been used towards the building of a new chapel at Red Lodge where for the past ten years Methodists have worshipped in a little wooden hut by the side of the main Norwich Road. Although not pretentious the new chapel is a very great improvement and will be opened by Mrs Russell Spooner of Tuddenham, whose husband gave the land on which it stands 58 12 12

The Great Ouse River Board fear that if a proposal to build 600 houses around St Ives is carried out before the new sewerage and sewage disposal scheme is completed then serious pollution may be caused. But the Council say there is now less effluent discharged into the river than years ago as a number of houses are now connected to their sewage plants and these could be enlarged if necessary. 58 12 12a

King's College announced a new rebuilding scheme in the city centre which will mean the demolition of the Central Hotel and café to provide more accommodation for students and a better headquarters for the Cambridge branch of the Midland Bank. The Bursar said the structure of the existing building is in a very parlous state and they could not for structural safety do less than rebuilding completely the whole interior. However this would only be forcing new wine into an old bottle so they had commissioned the design of a new building by Mr K.W, Capon of Architects' Co. Partnership. 58 12 12c

At one time it was feared that the little school at Kennett might be closed but then Newmarket UDC build several houses in this picturesque little village. To carter for the increased in the number of pupils the County Council have built a new classroom which can be used as an assembly hall and have provided water closet sanitation. They have also modernised the old part of the school which was bought from the Kennett Estate two years ago. 58 12 12d & 16 & a

1958 12 16
Cambridge City Libraries' annual staff dinner and party was held in the Guildhall. Librarian, Eric Cave recalled they had closed 'that museum piece, the East Road Reading Room and the Ditton Fields Sub-Branch while sub-branches at Cherry Hinton and Trumpington had more to better accommodation. The Libraries were much appreciated and he looked forward to their continued progress. Games, dancing and entertainment followed organised by J.W. Franklin, L.J. Horspool, C.C. Marsh, R.J. Tarrant and Miss B.K. Wadsworth. 58 12 16b

Demolition of the Robin Hood – 58 12 16c

1958 12 18

Plans for the new buildings at Queens' College designed by Mr Basil Spence to provide much-needed extra accommodation for fellows and students have been approved by the Royal Fine Arts Commission. The new building will face the 300-year-old bowling green and border the grounds of the President's Lodge. It will be three storeys high providing 41 bed-sitting rooms with an attractive and unusual overhead roof garden. 58 12 18 & a

1958 12 19
The villagers of Cowlinge received a much appreciated Christmas present when Council chairman Clifford Colson pushed a button to inaugurate the electricity supply and his daughter Jane extinguished two lighted candles – which represented the primitive lighting of the past. Forty housewives were at the village hall to see the 'switch-on' and view an exhibition of cookers, heaters and washing machines. Some already have TV sets and look forward to watching programmes for the first time. 58 12 19

Traffic over Hills Road railway bridge, a bottleneck on the principal road into Cambridge, is extremely heavy. Visibility over the summit is severely restricted and many accidents have occurred there. The existing steel plate girder bridge has deteriorated with age and now work will start to provide a new twin two-lane carriageways and footpaths. The new bridge will be designed to allow for widening should additional railway tracks be needed in the future. 58 12 19b

Littleport may get a plastic-lined swimming pool similar to one at Bletchley. A parish meeting had agreed to the borrowing of £11,000 but because of the credit 'squeeze' the Government refused to allow it. When built it would be a very expensive, though probably necessary luxury running at an annual loss of about £200, councillors were told. 58 12 19c

Newmarket RDC has decided to erect units of old persons' accommodation at Soham and Burwell. Each unit will comprise a sitting room with a bed recess and kitchenette together with a small wash basin. There will be communal W.C.s and bathrooms. They will be central heated though there will be a coal fire in the communal sitting-room. 58 12 19d

Sophy Sanger, pioneer in Internationalism – 58 12 19a

1958 12 20
Ely Sugar Beet factory has again run into mechanical trouble. This time an alternator in the turbine of the generator by which the factory produces its own electricity burnt out, causing a halt to production of nearly four days. They are now using a small stand-by set which became obsolete after the new boiler house was built seven years ago. In the course of a campaign they process about 400,000 tons of beet and up to the time of the breakdown they had dealt with just over half of this. 58 12 20

1958 12 22
New schemes for the rebuilding of the Lion Yard car park and the surrounding area are being examined by town planning experts. It may be comprehensively re-developed to include a multi-storey car park and additional shopping facilities served by a new road passing through the middle of the area. But some say that instead of a broad shopping street, which might attract more traffic into the already overcrowded centre, it should be a 'pedestrian shopping precinct' with cars being parked a short distance away. 58 12 22

1958 12 29
Coun Burkitt, Chairman of the County Council, made a Christmas Day visit to Midfield Children's Home, Oakington where children were playing happily with their presents and one presented him with an ash tray he had made. At the Grange Children's Home, Swavesey the children were given an additional treat when he played carols on the piano while at Willingham House Old People's Home he admired the turkey which the residents were going to have for their dinner. 58 12 29

On Boxing Day the Mayor visited Fulbourn Hospital where he gave the traditional 'kick-off' in the football match between patients and staff. The wards had been decorated with loving care while in the sick bay the nurses had painted some beautiful Christmas scenes on the walls. Many of the wards were filled with exotic fruits and flowers made out of paper, some by the Sisters in their spare time and others with the help of patients. Television now plays a large part in the life of the wards and viewing and singing carols took up much of the holiday. 58 12 29

Eastwoods the cement and brick manufacturers were host to the Cambridgeshire Foxhounds at the Barrington. There was a good attendance of sightseers and the employees enjoyed a glimpse of England's traditional country life as the hunt went by. The horses and hounds, used by man since time immemorial, were in strange contrast to the latest type of bulk cement vehicle, which paused to let the Hunt go on its way. 58 12 29a

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1959 01 01
Newmarket magistrates' court was crowded when thirteen young men appeared following a fight between American servicemen and local youths outside the Carlton Hotel. The lads came into court with large cards bearing their names and ages hanging round their necks, while the Americans had their names neatly printed on small cards pinned to their tunics. As there was such a large number answering the complaint, the local youths had to sit on the floor. One American was asked to leave and remove his chewing gum. 59 01 01 & a

1959 01 02
Cambridgeshire Football Association was launched on 24th January 1884 at a meeting in the Guildhall. A trial game was organised between two teams selected from Old Perseans, Modern Perseans and Cassandra on one side and the Granta, Rovers, Printers and Albert on the other. Newmarket, Linton, Sawston Swifts and Cam affiliated at the outset. In those days the game was controlled by two umpires, one in each half of the field. Should they disagree the matter was referred to a referee who sat outside the field of play. 59 01 02 &a 59 01 06a

1951 01 03
Cambridge worthies' motor trip to Brighton – 59 01 03

1959 01 05
Edwin Muir CBE, the poet and critic of Priory Cottage, Swaffham Prior has died. Born on Orkney, he became Professor of Poetry at Harvard and received honorary doctorates at Prague, Edinburgh and Cambridge. He was literary critic of The Observer and published his autobiography 'The story and the Fable'. Muir retired to Swaffham Prior in 1956 and is to be buried in the churchyard. 59 01 05

1959 01 06
Great Eastern Railway now offers a service which is second to none. Speedy and comfortable trains leave at regular minutes past the hour and take the same time to reach their destination. Fast services have opened up East Anglia to the man who was forced to journey by road – and it is no better than the rest of the country in its trunk road network. Now those who previously used cars must now ask themselves whether it is really worthwhile driving. 59 01 06

1959 01 08

Flood patrols are out as part of Walnut Tree Avenue is still under water, Banham's boathouses are surrounded and Pye's Bridge difficult to get to owing to the swirling water at the base. Many parts of the bathing sheds on Sheep's Green have so much water in them that it rushed out of the doors leading to the Common taking with it bottles, waste paper basked and broken wood from the fences. The men working on the new Silver Street Bridge are still carrying on though the pedestrian footbridge is now closed as the water is up to the footboards and is considered dangerous. 59 01 08

1959 01 09
A number of roads flooded following overnight rain and early morning snow. The Caxton village crossroads had water up to eight feet deep and a large lorry was stranded in the middle. Ickleton High Street was flooded and several pigs drowned at Church Hall Farm, Whaddon. Queen's Road, Cambridge, was flooded opposite St John's College with traffic diverted along Grange Road. The level of the Cam was the highest since 1947 and overflowed Pye's Sports Ground. 59 01 07; photo 59 01 09 CIP

Arthur Cundell from Cottenham was well-known for his great interest in local government. He served continuously on Cottenham Parish Council since 1907, was chairman many times, opened the Recreation Ground and worked continuously to obtain a sewage scheme for the village. He was elected to Chesterton RDC in 1919 and subsequently retained his seat against opposition at every election. He served on all committees and was elected chairman in 1942. 59 01 09

1959 01 10
A Bleirot car driven to Brighton to mark renovation of Arundel castle – 59 01 10

1959 01 13
Seven schemes are being considered for the Lion Yard area. It is felt essential for the financial success of the proposals that the redevelopment should embrace the existing property on the south side of Petty Cury from the Post Office to the Lion Hotel. It should extend over the existing car park to Downing Street and be linked with Emmanuel Street. The University are interested in obtaining access to the New Museums buildings on the west side of Corn Exchange Street, but this may not be practical. 59 01 13a & b

Before 20 new City Council flats can be built at Peverel Close it will be necessary to take up small portions of some of the gardens of existing houses in the road. The tenants will be asked to give up part of their gardens and in the event of any not being prepared voluntarily to agree the Town Clerk will service them notices to quit, councillors were told. 59 01 13c

The widening of Hills Road Railway Bridge may be delayed as negotiations have still to be completed on what proportion of the cost will be borne by the County Council. The East side of the new bridge should run straight from the frontage line of no.129 Hills Road to the entrance of the coal-yard opposite the junction with Brooklands Avenue. There could be a new access from Cherryhinton Road to the Cattle Market and railway sidings. 59 01 13d

The unashamedly BBC TV programme 'This is Your Life' had a particular interest last night for many local people. It was about a man described by Eamonn Andrews as 'a living legend to thousands of people', Canon Noel Duckworth, padre to the Cambridgeshire Regiment on the outbreak of war. First to pay tribute was former CND cartoonist, Ronald Searle who recalled seeing him when the Regiment was retreating from the Japanese in Malaya: he was pushing a wheelbarrow full of beer to the troops in the front line. They later met as prisoners in Changi gaol. 59 01 13e

CND exhibition – 59 01 13

1959 01 14
A slippage in the bank of the Ely Ouse at Braham Dock caused and a large team of workmen were sent to deal with the incident. While they were there another slip happened and during the night about

60 workmen were engaged in repairing the banks. Another serious incident was averted by the quick action of the aged engineer at the old 'Pepper Pop' mill on the River Lark, near Isleham. At 2.30 am he was awaked by the sound of rushing water and discovered a culvert had started to overflow. He contacted the River Board who managed to control the damage. 59 01 14a

Lichfield Galleries opened, All Saints Passage – 59 01 14 # c.63

1959 01 16
The new plan for the centre of Cambridge will have as its central feature a 'pedestrian shopping precinct' from which all vehicles will be excluded. An earlier scheme which foresaw a new and widened Guildhall Street running through the Lion Yard, with new shops and a multi-deck car park, has now been dropped after being criticised as likely to attract too much extra traffic. The proposal incorporates a car park which might be placed underground. But it is certain that Corn Exchange Street would become an important vehicular road. 59 01 16

A former University student told the court that when he went down he had left some property in the attic of his former lodgings in Victoria Street. The house had been sold and the new owner, who knew nothing about the arrangement, had cleared 'a few books and some moth-eaten rubbish'. But the student said it included a 'Kentecloth', a robe given him by his grandfather, who was brother of the Paramount Chief of Western Mzima in Ghana and demanded its return. 59 01 16a

Just Arrived! Presley's Fabulous New Single! 200,000 sold in one week! 'One Night' c.w. 'I Got Stung'. Co-Operative Record Bar, Burleigh Street. The centre for disc fans (Advert). 59 01 16b

The number of calls for assistance received by the Cambridge Waterworks Company from householders whose water supply pipes have burst was 90 per cent down on those received during the last big freeze-up of 1954. This is put down to good publicity about 'lagging' pipes, warmer houses due to the increase in the sale of heaters and the de-rationing of coal, and the warning to Council House owners that they would have to pay for all damage caused to pipes and installations by frost

The Regal Cinema was crowded for the Cambridge premier of 'Bachelor of Hearts', the film of University life which was made on location in the city. A reception was attended by the film's producer, Mr Vivian Cox, director Wolf Rilla and one of the 'starlets' from the cast, Miss Gillian Vaughan. The film deals with the adventures of a young German student, played by Hardy Kruger, and an attractive Girton girl (Sylvia Syms). Comments varied widely but everyone agreed there were many good laughs along the way. No plans have been made for it to be shown in Oxford. 59 01 16c, 59 01 20, 56 01 21

1959 01 17
British amateur skating, Mare Fen, Swavesey – 59 01 17, 59 01 23 CIP

1959 01 23
The Green Hill Café at Linton is a popular resort of lorry drivers and now the owners want to rebuild. There would be complete garage facilities, catering for local agricultural needs, a more suitable café with better sleeping accommodation and a supply of diesel oil for lorries. It would have an access in the High Street which would vastly improve a dangerous corner where there had been 16 accidents in the past four years. 59 01 23a & b

Earith Bridge during recent cold spell showing 'anchor ice' piled up against the bridge – 59 01 23a CIP
Fen skating championships – Drake Digby Memorial Cup called off – 59 01 23 CIP

1959 01 19
Slip in river bank, Braham – 59 01 19

1959 01 22
Assize trumpeters – photo - 59 01 22

1959 01 23
Lt Downham new church window – 59 01 23

1959 01 26
An invalid woman lost her life when fire destroyed the Dog and Partridge public house at Barton Mills. The licensee awoke to find the house full of smoke. He tried to dial 999 but could not get through to the exchange and ran to the house next door to raise the alarm. Neighbours tried to reach the woman's bedroom but were driven back by flames and smoke. 59 01 26

Ten years of planning has safeguarded the interest of agriculture in Cambridgeshire by keeping the better land free for farming and by directing house building and other necessities on to the poorer land, the County Planning Officer told parish councillors. They had turned down applications for large areas of land in the neighbourhood of Cambridge: "One can only imagine what would have happened if the builders had got hold of that land. Cambridge would not be so pleasant a place as it is", he said. Sawston was one of the larger villages of the future with its population planned to expand from 2,600 to 7,500 people. 59 01 26c

12 degrees of frost – 59 01 26b

1959 01 31
Milton church renovation – 59 01 31; needs £5,000 for church repairs – photos – 59 02 06 CIP

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1959 02 04
The remote Methodist Chapel in Swaffham Prior fen was built in July 1884. It has a pleasant interior with room for a congregation of about 70. Heating is by a small stove and it still retains the shiny brass paraffin lamps which have provided lighting since the chapel was built. But it is weather-worn and the average attendance is half-a-dozen worshippers. There used to be a small chain boat which enabled people to attend from the Waterbeach side of the river; this has since disappeared. It was nearly sold in 1953 but people in Stretham organised services and the chapel remained open. Now two families are opposing its sale. 59 02 04a, 59 02 06 CIP

The new Heydon reservoir will provide a water supply for 11 parishes. It was in 1954 that SCDC sank a trial borehole at Dottrell Hall, Fowlmere. Subsequently two more were constructed and it was proposed to build a pumping station, lay 42 miles of trunk mains and construct the reservoir. Councillors inspected the interior before the great covered-in space was filled with water. 59 02 04b

The '99 Rowing Club now has a boathouse of its own in this, their diamond jubilee year. They have bought the boathouse owned by Messrs Banham's at the bottom of Kimberley Road, used by Sidney Sussex College. It is in need of repair and alteration and various members have volunteered help as electricians and plumbers. It should be ready by the summer. 59 02 04c

The Paradise Recreation Ground was in an overworked condition, the Ely Amateur Sports Association heard. There had been difficulties because of wet weather and by the use of part-time labour who had to cut the grass in the evening, which was not suitable during a really wet season. They required a groundsman to cut it in the middle of the day. There was also a need for better latrines. 59 02 04d

1959 02 06
Milton church needs £5,000 repairs – 59 02 06 CIP

1959 02 07
Bradwell's court development – sketch – 59 02 07
St Andrew's Street transformation in a year – photos – 59 02 07a

1959 02 09
The new Span flats at Newton Road have been built around a central garden court and amongst the carefully preserved remains of an old orchard. More trees and shrubs have been planted and the whole outlook is truly Arcadian. The flats are, briefly, superb with practically every mod.con. yet developed including unfreezable plumping, effective thermal insulation, built-in wardrobes and an incredibly convenient kitchen. Each has two double bedrooms, bathroom and breakfast-cornered kitchen. The price is £3,200 for a 99-year lease – Advert. 59 02 09

1959 02 10
Coleridge Athletic Club dinner – 59 02 10

1959 02 12
The United States Air Force hospital located at Wimpole Hall will move to RAF stations at Mildenhall and Lakenheath later this year. The move will affect 300 US military personnel and 95 UK civilians. The facilities are on private land and this has to be handed back to the owner by the end of 1959. They were constructed by the British Ministry of Works in 1943 and operated by the US Army until 1945. In 1951 the 7510th USAF Hospital was stationed there. 59 02 12

Lard, butter, cheese, tea and soup powder was amongst stock worth over £1,000 destroyed when fire broke out in a warehouse at the rear of Ecclestone's Stores in Mill Street, Mildenhall. Firemen found flames spurting from the windows of the two-storey building but managed to prevent it from spreading to the shop, the house and the Post Office which forms part of the premises.59 02 12a

Work has begun on greatly increasing the area of Messrs Boots the Chemist's premises in Sidney Street by the demolition of the old Essex and Suffolk Assurance Company buildings. It will double the width of the frontage and the shopping area behind and provide twin entrances on to the street. The staff accommodation will be more than doubled and the facilities vastly improved. Boots believe that the staff cannot be expected to look after customers properly unless their own interests are properly served by the company: contented staff means contented customers. 59 02 12b & c

The Belle Vue Filling Station of Kneesworth appealed for permission to erect a petrol filling station on the Royston-Huntingdon Road. They already had one on the opposite side of the road which carries a heavy volume of commercial vehicles and would assist motorists who were leaving. But it would abut the line of trees at Wimpole Hall which was an estate of great landscape value only spoiled by some RAF huts that will soon be removed. 59 02 12e & f

1959 02 14
Doctors are being rushed off their feet with the ever-increasing bouts of 'flu which are claiming new batches of victims every day. A large proportion of unfortunates are kept in bed for a week or longer with the added complications of trachitis or sore throat. On the whole, school children appear to be immune, though one school has an epidemic of measles. The 11-plus examinations took place without any of the candidates being absent through illness. 59 02 14

1959 02 17
Sergeant Cornwell of Marlowe Road joined the police in 1926 and was due to retire this year. He was a member of the committee of Police Poor and Needy Fund, secretary of the Recreation Society and the Police Athletic Association. A great sportsman, he was champion for putting the weight, secretary of the Table Tennis Association and Thursday Football League. He won the Defence, Police Long Service, Good Conduct and Coronation Medals. The Chief Constable described him as a loyal and respect colleague who would be sadly missed. 59 02 17

1959 02 19
Objections to the erection of a farmhouse on the slopes of the Gog Magog Hills were voiced at an inquiry. The owner of Jones's Farm opposite the clubhouse of the Golf Course asked to build a farmhouse on his own land. But planners said it was an excuse to build a house in a delightful place for his future retirement. It would stick out like a sore thumb in an area of unique landscape value and create a precedent. He also wanted residential development on his land fronting Hinton Way but this would be 'ribbon development'. 59 02 19a & b & c

Newmarket RDC houses for sale – 59 02 19

1959 02 21
Longstanton youths had left a trail of destruction in the village over Christmas. They smashed a telephone kiosk mirror, knocked over flour bags, pushed over road signs and sprayed oil over a caravan showroom windows. PC Murdon said they'd drunk four light ales at the Railway Tavern pub on Christmas Eve then biked to Willingham, causing damage on the way. 59 02 21a

Cambridgeshire's County MP, Mr Gerald Howard is celebrating his silver wedding with a party in the house where he was born and still lives, The Moat at Upend. He married Miss Claudia Stoker at St George's Hanover Square in 1934 then held a second wedding party at The Moat, which has been in the family since his grandfather started farming there in the 1830s. 59 02 21b

1959 02 23
The Lucas depot on the Newmarket Road offers expert overhaul of fuel injection diesel engines with special equipment beyond the financial reach of many garages. They also check and overhaul Lucas electrical equipment. The stores hold nearly 4,000 bits and pieces each sealed in polythene and 'factory fresh'. There are batteries for scooters, tractors, whoppers for special jobs and units for the locally-built Lister Jaguars. Practically everyone who works there lives in Cambridge. 59 02 23

A short ceremony will be held just before the flag drops at the next race at Snetterton. The memory of the late Archie Scott Brown will be commemorated by the unveiling of a permanent memorial in the form of a bronze head and shoulders sculptured in relief. The new Lister Jaguars are expected to make their first appearance alongside the new Lotus Seventeens and the first of the new Cooper Monacos. There is more prize money this year: the winner of the British Empire Trophy will get £400, which works out at £10 a lap, or about 70 shillings a mile! 59 02 23a

1959 02 25
One of the most up-to-date slaughterhouses will shortly be in operation at Great Chesterford following an appeal by Messrs Duke and Nichols, butchers, to construct additions to their existing slaughterhouse in Chapel Street. It had been there for many years and although it was not well located the additions would not adversely affect the character of the area, the Minister decided. 59 02 25

1959 02 26
Gordon Thoday has specialised in fabrics for over a quarter of a century. At the new contemporary shop in St Andrew's Street modern display counters give the advantage of self-selection, or if you prefer our staff will be happy to serve you from the immense and exciting variety of the newest British and Continental fabrics. Our Sussex Street shop continues as usual – Advertisement. 59 02 26

Ice cream is to be sold during break periods at Netherhall Secondary Modern Schools in spite of the objections from the Chief Medical Officer. He said that children nowadays were overfed and strongly deprecated the habit of eating between meals. It was undesirable that some children should watch others eating luxuries which they could not afford. Councillor Mrs Morse also felt it was bad for children to eat ice cream (which would be taken in addition to milk) as it was a filling food and would spoil their appetite for their midday meal. But other members of the committee decided that the school Governors should be trusted to make the decision. 59 02 26a

The memory of the night the lights that were turned on at Milton Road football ground will live for a long time judging by the way the inaugural match between Cambridge City and West Ham United was received by the 11,000 crowd. Even though the First Division club beat their hosts to the tune of five goals to two, they endeared themselves to all the spectators by the manner in which they did it. They even had the courtesy to allow the City to be the first to score under the new floodlights – although perhaps it wasn't intended! Barry Kin drove the ball hard from the wing and it matter not that the West Ham goalkeeper helped the ball into the net. 59 02 26b

1959 02 27
Having completed their flat project at Applecourt on Newton Road, Span Developments have just announced several big redevelopment plans. One is a 15-story high tower block of flats in Hills Road where two Victorian houses have been demolished but the magnificent trees standing in their gardens are to be left undisturbed. Another is a complete new village planned for Histon Road. They are also negotiating a scheme for factory development which will bring more well-paid work to the Cambridge area. 59 02 27, 59 03 01 & 01a

The largest steak pie ever to be made in Britain was consumed at the Dorothy Café as part of a trade drive. It contained more than 70lb of Australian canned meat. Australia was now only a few days flying time away and growing in importance. Britain was investing in the country's new enterprises and Pye Radio who were settled there was making great contributions to the country's prosperity. In exchange Australia was sending Herb Elliot, the runner, to Cambridge University. They could keep him – if they could catch him! 59 02 27a

1959 02 28
One of the developments in the field of education since the war has been the growth in Cambridge of schools of English for foreign students. Now Mr C.H. Jarrett is establishing a new one at Salisbury Villas, Station Road. It will cater for the Cambridge Lower and proficiency Certificates as well as offering courses for beginners and the teaching of Russian. My own observations of some of the foreign students in our midst leads me to hope further courses may include the rudiments of good manners! 59 02 28b

Sedan chair in Cambridge – 59 02 28
Edward Fitzgerald and Chesterton – 59 02 28a

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1959 03 01
Emmanuel College's new building in St Andrew's Street has attracted many protests and the Anti-Ugly Society joined a mock funeral procession lead by four pall-bearers looking somewhat like Teddy Boys in their 'mourning weeds'. They bore a coffin inscribed 'Here Lieth British Architecture' which was placed outside the Porter's Lodge as mourners chanted 'Pull it down and burn it.' Although most onlookers treated the protest as a great joke for the Anti-Ugly Society it was a matter of serious importance in their genuine concern for architecture. 59 03 01b

1959 03 03
Haddenham woman Annie Searle drowns, Hillrow – 59 03 03

1959 03 04
Frederick Day hairdresser creates new hair fashion line – 59 03 04

1959 03 05
No secret work of any kind is being carried out at the Cavendish Laboratory. The bother of 'screening' those doing the work was not wanted and research graduates would not be able to get their

theses published. All the research was pure and fundamental and therefore very valuable. Its potential is enormous for future needs, Cambridge businessmen were told. 59 03 05

Sketch plans for the new Witchford Secondary School were approved for submission to the Ministry of Education. It will be built in two instalments to enable the systematic replacement of the existing temporary buildings to take place. The first instalment will start during 1959-60 at a cost of some £50,000. Messrs Concrete Ltd of Hounslow will be invited to co-operate in the design of a pre-cast concrete frame. 59 03 05a

1959 03 06
Rutland House, Saxon Street was struck by lightning. Mr Chapman, a representative of Messrs Baldreys, had called at the Reindeer public house to collect an order when he saw 'a terrific flash' and noticed smoke coming from the roof. He informed one of the staff at the house but the telephone had been put out of order so he drove to Cheveley where he found a policeman on motor-cycle patrol. Mr & Mrs Cooper Bland were at home and heard a bang but did not realise their home had been struck until they went outside. 59 03 06

There is one pot less on the chimney stack of the Hat and Feathers, Barton Road, since an isolated lightning flash struck the public house during a storm. The chimney pot shattered and parts of it damaged a glass shelter as they fell. The licensee, Alex Taylor, said he was glad it had not come five minutes later as children from the Shrubbery School might have been passing. 59 03 06b

V.C.H. history of Cambridge published – 59 03 06a
Swaffham Fen Methodist Chapel, Upware, sale opposed – photos – 59 03 06a CIP

1959 03 07
Extensive renovation work on the Old Rectory at Snailwell has brought to light some interesting architecture. It is thought that much of the house dates back to the 16th century but when battens were stripped from the wall of the dining room it revealed the top of an arch from a building which stood on the site before the Norman Conquest. As far as possible it is being renovated with the original material. Apart from a few rooms the rectory has not been lived in for some years. 59 03 07a

Sir Vivian Fuchs, Antarctic expedition lecture – 59 03 07
Fitzgerald's house at Chesterton – 59 03 07b

1959 03 10
Mare Way bush clearance – 59 03 10
William Trevor Hughes, 'sturdy rogue', drunk – 59 03 10a & b

1959 03 11
Plans for a motel to be built at Tyrrell's Lodge near the Shepreth crossroads were discussed. It would be an eight-suite motel, a special type of hotel catering particularly for motorists where guests rented furnished accommodation which was self-contained. It would be one of only six in England and include a lounge, bar and restaurant for 100 people. 59 03 11 & 11a

1959 03 12
To progress from a back kitchen near the Rex to a cowshed in Abbey Road is not a very great step, but finally to settle in a brand new building in Occupation Road is indeed a larger stride. This is what the Homewash Laundry had done and this was the cause of wonderment expressed by the many trade and press journalists from London at the opening of the Laundry by the Mayoress of Cambridge, who was a long-standing customer in its less contemporary days. 59 03 12

1959 03 13
'Cuppers' – student rugby procession – 59 03 13

1959 03 14
Mr Cyril Petch of Orchard House, Isleham will shortly leave the village to live in the London area. What his new work will be cannot be disclosed, but it is a job of national importance. He has an astonishing record of public service on Newmarket RDC, Cambridgeshire County Council and as Governor of Soham Grammar School. In Isleham he's been chairman of the Parish Council, Sports and Village Hall committees, playing no little part in getting the magnificent hall erected in 1952. As a farmer he organised the fight for the return of fen land after the war. There are few organisations in the district which did not benefit from his sound common sense and wisdom. 59 03 14

A report on the recent flooding caused by heavy rainfall shows that although levels came close to those of 1937 no complete bank failure occurred anywhere. This proved that the bankworks which had been carried out had the desired effect. On January 10th the entire system reached a critical position when any further rainfall would result in an immediate rise in levels. Fortunately however a prolonged period of dry weather resulted in a gradual return to normal levels. 59 03 14a

Cottage Improvement Society to restore Hadstock house – 59 03 14b

1959 03 16
Frederick Archibald Mace arrived as Master of Chesterton Hospital in 1946 and implemented the changes which have turned it into the bright, happy National Health Service establishment it is today. But to several old people, some of whom have been in the hospital from their childhood and until ten years ago knew it only as an institution, he was still 'the Master', but a Master who contradicted all the old Dickensian ideas of institutional life. 59 03 16

1959 03 18
St Ives – Kettering railway line closure plans – 59 03 18

1959 03 20
Jeanty Raven, the wife of Professor Raven of Christ's College, could tell the most horrifying tales of the war. She was then the wife of a prosperous Brussels barrister who was imprisoned by the Germans when an escaped British pilot was found hiding in their house. The penalty for this was death but under German law no man could be condemned if his wife was insane. So she assumed the character of a simple-minded girl of twelve and lived in a house along with anything up to a hundred insane people. As a result her husband was sentenced to life imprisonment, only to be murdered along with hundreds of fellow prisoners just before the war ended. 59 03 20

Cyril Ridgeon and Son, builders' merchants gave a luncheon to inaugurate their new Regent Street showroom. The shop was formerly occupied by Messrs Murdoch's and the transformation from musical instruments to household equipment is striking. The lower ground floor is devoted to a display of bathroom suites, the ground floor to tiled fireplaces and the first to kitchen requirements. They were literally bulging at the seams at Hobson Street but the new store is comparable with something in London, guests were told. 59 03 20b

Milton parish church is to be floodlit – not by electricity, but by Calor Gas! It is believed to the first time that a church has been floodlit by this means in the country and the equipment for the display has been loaned by Messrs King and Harper. It is part of its campaign to attract £5,000 for urgent repairs. 59 03 20c

Bread and confectionary exhibition, Corn Exchange – 59 03 20 CIP
Cyril Ridgeon new showrooms advert – 59 03 20a
Silver Street bridge open to traffic – 59 03 20d # c.44.7

1959 03 21
Sir - The fine old ash tree opposite Hill House, Old Chesterton was planted in 1867. In my boyhood days it was surrounded with a green grass mound where the village children spent many happy hours

– especially when Punch and Judy used to be performed under its shade. Chesterton village flower show was held in the garden with side-shows and plenty of amusements. Opposite Hill House stood an old inn called 'The Bleeding Heart'. From here Charles Rowell, the great runner, used to do his morning training - Harry Pitt, Manor Cottage, Church Street. 59 03 21

1959 03 23
Quite a crowd gathered outside Mr W. Stephenson's stables in King Street, Royston, to see the homecoming of Oxo, winner of the Grand National. The scene was something like that of Derby Day 1951 when Arctic Prince also brought fame to the town's trainer. Royston is not given to wild displays of excitement, but there were many beaming faces and still more that evening in the 'local'. Even those unfortunate souls who were not 'on' the winner shared in the pride for Mr Stephenson and his extremely loyal employees. No other local trainer has even enjoyed such popularity and respect. 59 03 23b

Fulbourn and Riversfield Hospital Management Committee will 'not even think' of parting with their Riversfield Home for mentally defective children – in spite of the Ministry of Health suggesting that the 'reasonably small, accessible and fairly modern' home could be made into a useful hostel under changes proposed in the Mental Health Services. There was nowhere in the Eastern Region run so efficiently as this little place and until the Ministry can provide a place of similar comfort for these little ones, they will not think of parting with it. 59 03 23

The Wellbrook Laundry on Girton Road was originally opened for the benefit of Girton College in the days when they sent the clothes by horse and carts, so it was fitting that the Mistress performed the formal opening ceremony of the new dry cleaning department. After wards visitors viewed the laundry which included the sorting of customers' work by tape recording and sheets automatically folded by machine. 59 03 23c

Marshall's Flying School dispute – 59 03 23a

1959 03 24
Parker's Piece parking around edge plan – 59 03 24

1959 03 25
Girton parishioners discussed Cambridge council's claim for County Borough status, including the extension of their boundary to Pepys Way. This comprised half the population of the village and the remainder would have to bear the whole cost of the existing village area. They were quite happy as they were and deplored the suggestion to split the village.59 03 25

1959 03 26
Grammar School names – Central not acceptable – 59 03 26

1959 03 28
A new Village College may be provided at Shelford to take children from Stapleford, Harston and Hauxton, providing a compact area with economic transport arrangements. It would avoid the expansion of Sawston and Melbourn village colleges when the school leaving age is raised to 16. But it is not included in the Development Plan and it is not thought likely there would be any considerable increase in population. 59 03 28

1959 03 31
By the sudden death of Alderman Ellis Rooke, Saffron Walden has lost a well-known figure who was responsible for the building of the former Isolation Hospital before the First World War. A staunch Conservative, he was elected to the Borough Council in 1922 and was Mayor 1934-1941, 1955 and 1957. Amongst his interests were the Joint Hospitals Board, Museum Society, United Charities and Town Football Club. He was a keen supporter of the Anglo-American Playing Fields, a joint

memorial to the men of Essex and the American Servicemen who were killed in World War II. His death will be much felt by all who knew him. 59 03 31

Arthur Allen was one of the Old Brigade of College servants who served Kings faithfully and well. He was apprenticed as a cook at Trinity College where the chef wore a top hat and tails, before being appointed Kitchen Manager and Chef at Kings. There was a slight contretemps when he discovered that he was expected to work with women but his will prevailed and he had an 'all-male' staff. He said the late Lord Keynes knew just how much money he wanted to spend on entertaining his guests – a point which was appreciated by the chef. 59 03 31a

Sir – I must say something about the lighting at Fulbourn station. In these days of 'modernisation' of the railways it seems incredible that they still use oil lamps as the sole source of illumination. Apart from the obvious difficulties of trying to walk along a platform in pitch darkness, it is extremely difficult to see whether one is producing a ticker for the ticket-collector or just a piece of paper – Timothy Oldcastle. 59 03 31c

The progressive dieselisation of the branch line services has seen the construction of a maintenance depot near Coldham's Lane Bridge. It affords facilities for carrying our examinations for multiple unit trains, rail-buses and diesel-mechanical and diesel-electric shunters. It is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and has a staff of 100 men. 59 03 31d & e
Dutch's Corner advertisement – 59 03 31b

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1954 04 01
The Oaklands Café at Fenstanton is well-run in every way but the owners have installed a gambling machine. One has to put in sixpenny pieces and pull down a handle which sets numbers revolving. If certain numbers come up you win various amounts of money. Police carried out a test: they put in 300 coins and 231 were returned. There was little skill attached and it was a game of chance. There were three buttons on the front of the machine which acted as a brake but the officer was not able to manipulate them. The machine was destroyed. 54 04 01 & 01a

All the 100 houses planned for the first part of the Scotland Farm Estate by the Hundred Houses Society were completed last year and handed over to tenants at rents of £3 a week. Already the new character of the estate is taking shape. The design of the terraces of houses in varying numbers and the use of contrasting colours for individual doors avoids the danger of monotony. Inevitably the ground still has a somewhat bare appearance but much solid spade work is being put into the gardens. These well-designed houses are making a real contribution to the accommodation problem in Cambridge. 59 04 01b

1959 04 02
Paddy Harris started Progressive Coaches in 1934 with one 28-seater Daimler coach and one hire car. By purchasing second-hand vehicles he built up a fleet of 16 and during the war ran them for the benefit of farmers who needed transport for the German prisoners-of-war who worked for them. In 1942 he bought Camtax, his greatest competitor, then Harvey's Coaches. Now nine new coaches have been bought. They have provision for small tables and the roofs have transparent panels so as to give the impression of riding inside a glass bubble. 59 04 02a

Clare College gates to be restored – 59 04 02

1959 04 03
University Proctors generally visit dance halls in Cambridge, they could (but rarely did) visit the licensed houses and never visited private houses unless invited. One of the routine duties was the "walking at night". It was their job to see that undergraduates were prevented from annoying citizens, which was more important than fining them for not wearing gowns. There was very close cooperation

with the police as proctors had a greater variety of more suitable punishments; students could be rusticated, gated or fined or even have their university driving licenses withdrawn, Dr E.R. Lapwood told businessmen. 59 04 03

1959 04 04
Jack McVitie of Bermondsey was one of four men convicted of possessing gelatine and of carrying a flick knife. Their Ford Zephyr car was stopped by two police cars at Balsham after a chase. They claimed they had been asked to take a parcel to a house in Fordham but had lost the address. They drove up and down a number of times but could not stop because the car had no lights, having been involved in an accident on the way. But the judge said they had been embarking on a safe blowing expedition. 59 04 04 a & b

Progressive Coaches jubilee – 59 04 04

1959 04 07
The Employment Exchange which has been sited in Newnham for nearly 30 years is moving to Brooklands Avenue. It provides a register of people seeking professional, managerial and senior executive posts and employees wishing to fill such vacancies. Nearly 200 men and women as well as ex-officers from HM Forces are included. The passports department and National Service registration office will also be affected. 59 04 07

1959 04 09
Perse school new roof – 59 04 09

1959 04 10
Invest now in Chinchilla breeding. It will be many years yet before the supply of high-quality Chinchilla Pelts can anywhere near satisfy the ever-increasing demand for top-quality skins and there is a wonderful opportunity for those who can invest now. Chinchilla are vegetarians, cost less than 6d per week to feed, are harmless, clean and free from vermin. Our stock is all born and bred in this country and full acclimatised. Agent D.G. Butler, The Three Horse Shoes, Lode – advertisement. 59 04 10

1959 04 11
Death Joshua Beardsall, Sec. Addenbrooke's Hospital – 59 04 11

1959 04 15
'Milkmaid' new milk and cheese bar was established on Market Hill by the Milk Marketing Board. It was open each weekday, 10am-6pm and offered creamy coffee, milk-shakes, ice cream and a large variety of English and Welsh cheese together with light nourishing meals. The Mayor came to open it – 59 04 15

1959 04 16
Looking like a gigantic cigar, a tarpaulin-covered 'Thor' rocket – minus its warhead of course – passed through Ely en route to the Mepal rocket base. The 90-foot transporter with pilot drivers at the rear to ensure negotiation of the highway, was escorted by the R.A.F. police. Preceding it, to clear the streets of all other traffic, were civil police. The 'Thor', produced in America, has a range of at least 1,500 miles. 59 04 16a

1959 04 18
St Ives – Kettering railway line closure – 59 04 18

1959 04 21
Bertram Mills' circus began their visit to Cambridge under the big top on Midsummer Common. The huge canvas auditorium with improbable little bits of grass still visible between the rows of seats was packed to the walls. The ring was immaculate with white sawdust, and high above it the roof held the

promise of balancing feats to come. The performance opened with the entrance of an elephant in a pink bonnet driving a yellow motor car accompanied by a cavalcade of clowns and augustes. 59 04 21b & c

Territorial Army training, Coldham's Lane – 59 04 21 & a

1959 04 22
The 'Miss Cambridge 1959' contest promoted by Billy Pearce attracted ten entrants. Winner was Pauline Badcock from Cottenham, who is a punch card operator; second was Norma Bullen of Waterbeach, a bank clerk and third Frances May of Cambridge, an insurance company clerk. All three will go into the final to select 'Miss Cambridgeshire 1959' at Linton Village College. 59 04 22c

Albert Sadler, Stretham lorry driver accident – 59 04 22, 22a, 22b, 59 04 29

1959 04 23
The Air Ministry says the warning light on Ely Cathedral is no longer needed now that the airfield at Witchford is closed. Aircraft from Mildenhall are routed well above the height of the tower. But many people have been disturbed by extremely low-flying aircraft during the hours of darkness and US aircraft might not be fully aware of the geography of the country. Many other cathedrals had lights on them and if there was the faintest possibility of danger they should be replaced. 59 04 23

1959 04 24
Parkers Piece edges not to be used for parking, Donkey Common instead – 59 04 24 & a, b
Jack Hulbert at Arts – 59 04 24c

1959 04 25
The Cambridgeshire Branch of the British Red Cross Society celebrated its Golden Jubilee. The first detachment (women) was formed in Cambridge in 1910 and followed by Bourn, Swavesey, Shelford & Willingham. The first men's detachment was formed at Melbourn in 1913. With the coming of the First World War valuable work was done at hospitals in Cintra Terrace and Wordsworth Grove which laid the foundation for their well-established reputation for invaluable service. 59 04 25c

Sawston Hall second priest hole found – 59 04 25 & a
Folk Museum objects discarded – 59 04 25b

1959 04 27
Sir - Few can remember Donkey Common's original use as a common grazing ground for ponies. The A.T.S. officer who occupied the war-time hutments did her best to maintain such legal grazing rights by getting a flock of geese to keep the grass down. The Royal Engineers Colonel who had the hutments built drew up his plans so as not to destroy the main avenue of well-grown limes nor any of the acacia, hawthorn and other trees. The sappers built so soundly that the Corporation was able to make use of the buildings in the post –war housing shortage until this year. Now if it is to be used as a swimming pool or car park, may I plead to let it perish under its old and correct name of Donkey (not 'Donkey's) Common – B. Nevinson. 59 04 27

Sidney Heffer death – 59 04 27a

1959 04 28
Grammar School for Boys opening 59 04 28 & a

1959 04 29
The City Council is to consider the largest project ever undertaken in Cambridge. The giant Lion Yard scheme includes a two-decker underground car park taking 731 vehicles, a unique 'pedestrian shopping precinct', a new central library, residential hotel and a petrol filling station. Jesus College

have also submitted a scheme for the redevelopment of the north side of Fitzroy Street. Many think that increases in shopping facilities ought to take place as an extension of this well-established area. 59 04 29a-d & 59 04 29e

1959 04 30
Duxford St John's church has not been used since the two livings were united in 1874 and its fabric began to deteriorate. The east and west tower arches are Romanesque, the doorway looks Saxon in design and the porch has late medieval timber work. Now the new vicar, Rev V. Fletcher, has written to John Betjeman and the Friends of Friendless Churches. It could be used as a retreat, prayer centre or a theological college. An appeal will be launched. 59 04 30c

Melbourn bypass investigation – 59 04 30

The new Bradwell's Court shopping centre is beginning to take shape with the opening of the first shop. Reeds ladies wear brings a very individual and distinctive approach to fashion selling with clothes obtained direct from the actual makers. Their slacks range covers all possible choices – gay – sombre-striped-tartans – the lot. Knitwear is a speciality ranging from Italian cottons to beautiful Orlon jumpers and cardigans, twin sets, overalls, smocks and pinarettes. 59 04 30 & a

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1959 05 01
For the past few years out businesses as shopkeepers in Victoria Road have been seriously frustrated by the road reconstruction programme. We extend grateful thanks to those who continued their custom and tolerated the inconvenience caused. With the road works completed at long last we rejoice and look forward to renewing acquaintances with past customers. Signed J. Bowd stationers, H.A. Germany groceries, R.C. Shorrocks fish merchant, N.J. Robinson newsagent, G.H. Jacob outfitters, W.E. Brown hairdressers, Cooper Provisions and Grove Cottage Shop for good sweets and individual service – Advert. 59 05 01

The giant scheme which is to transform the centre of Cambridge received the approval of the City Council. Not one hand was raised against it when the question of developing the Lion Yard– described as 'that revolting area' - was put to the vote. It would make it possible for townspeople to do their shopping away from the traffic on broad footpaths and provide a much-needed car park for more than 700 cars, removing the 'long-term parker' from town streets and leaving the kerbs free for motorists who wish to park for ten minutes. 59 05 01a, b, c & d

The death occurred suddenly of Canon Jack Lesley Sowden, the blind Rector of Freckenham, Worlington and Herringswell. He came 30 years ago and despite his handicap took an active part in the public life of the district, serving on Mildenhall RDC continuously since 1931. He was chairman of Freckenham school managers and one-time President of the Guild of Playing Cards Manufacturers. 59 05 01e

Ely jam factory in Bray's Lane is to close but will reopen for the production of canned fruit and vegetables. The news came as a bombshell to the 120 employees. It was first opened in 1936 by St Martin (Eastern) ltd. Two years ago T.G. Ticklers leased it and closed down their factory at Grimsby. Those premises have been re-equipped and are now capable of making three times the amount of preserves that can be produced at Ely. Key personnel will be transferred to Grimsby where the manager is Arthur Strevens, who was formerly in charge at Ely. 59 05 01f

1959 05 04
Mary Tudor and Sawston Hall – another version – 59 05 04

1959 05 05

Modern traffic problems have brought to an end a Cambridge tradition. David's Bookstall has occupied its site on Peas Hill on Saturdays for more than 60 years but recently the street has been turned into an area where the parking of cars is prohibited during the busiest time of the day. Motorists objected that the stall took up as much space as any car so Mr Ashley Hubert David was asked if he would move his Saturday stall to its weekday position on the market square. Many customers are indignant about the change. 59 05 05 & a

Reach fair proclaimed – 59 05 05b & c, 59 05 08 CIP

1959 05 06
The Eastern Electricity Board has introduced five Auto-Call Alarms in the fens area. Should the electricity supply be lost the small transistorised machine rings up control at Thompson's Lane and with the aid of a pre-recorded voice tells the engineer that a fault has developed. If the number is engaged the machine waits four minutes, then tries again. The whole operation is repeated four times. It is a triumph for the Board's 'boffins'. 59 05 06a

Fire tender damaged – photo – 59 05 06

1959 05 08
Chesterton Hospital held an open day so people could see for themselves what life is really like in a modern old people's home. The exterior resembles structures of the Dickensian era but give no hint of the warmth, gaiety and colour prevailing inside. Every department bore testimony to how even formidable mansions can be transformed into gay fairy-like palaces. None of the old folks had the slighted complaint and had nothing but praise for the staff. 59 05 08b

Qualifications needed as a Librarian – 59 05 08
Cambridge University Gliding club – history – 59 05 08a
Chaise & Pair, Barkway – licensee's deficiency - 59 05 08aa
Reach Fair proclamation – 59 05 08 CIP

1959 05 14
The new Bourn Parochial School was formally opened, when complete will take 200 children from Kingston, Longstowe and Caxton. The original school was a Church of England building where all the village children from the ages of five to 15 received their education. Since 1945 the numbers had risen from 70 to 170 with additional accommodation in hutments on the former aerodrome, a mile away. 59 05 14a

University to vote on Latin – 59 05 14

1959 05 15
One of the things that the villagers of Histon are really proud of is their village green. But each summer, just when it is looking its best, Council workmen come along to dredge thick black mud from the bottom of the stream. It isn't just appearances that residents worry about – mud, weeds and rubbish drying in the sun – but the smell, which is particularly strong in the evenings. The children go down there to catch tadpoles and get themselves in a shocking mess by walking across the mud to get to the water, complained one woman. 59 05 15a

In these days of mass production it is refreshing to find that craftsmanship still thrives in Cambridgeshire. Mr H. Lawrence of Harston, following in the family's footsteps as village blacksmith, enjoys his craft so much that he has used his spare evenings making a fine pair of wrought iron gates which now adorn his private residence. Other examples of his art may be seen in the vicarage ground. His business has been established for upwards of 100 years and is one of the oldest in the district. 59 05 15b

Houghton Poultry Research Station was established by the Animal Health Trust at Houghton Grange in 1948. The original staff of three were housed in P.O.W. huts but despite the primitive conditions their work was important in the expansion of the chick and broiler industries. In 1949 the small prefabricated laboratory was completed and in 1956 the station was reorganised as an independent institution. Now a new laboratory was opened by Lord Rank. 59 05 15c

US to build Atomic planes – 59 05 15
Histon village green is pride of village but spoiled by council workmen dredging stream – 59 05 15 CIP
Pampisford thatched cottage damaged by fire – 59 05 15a CIP

1959 10 16
Waterless Willingham anger – ladies carry buckets – 59 10 16 CIP

1959 05 19
The inaugural meeting of the Cambridge Electrical Association for Women heard that when the Association started in 1924 electrical appliances were just beginning to find their way into the home. Housewives joined to get over the fear of electricity and to get the best value from their appliances. With machines men always want to know how they work and women are contented if they work but now they are giving a scholarship to a girl wanting to study engineering at Cambridge University. 59 05 19 & a

1959 05 20
One of the recently-built council flats in Carlton Way has been opened to give prospective tenants an opportunity to inspect the types of homes to be offered, get an idea of the amount of furniture they will hold and take measurements for curtains and carpets. Each has an indoor coal bunker and its own shed. They are intended for older people whose families have grown up and left them with empty rooms. The rent is 16s.8d (84p) a week. 59 05 20

The facilities for private flying and gliding in Cambridge are as good as those in many larger cities. At Cambridge Airport there exists a flying school, a flying group and a gliding club, and a few miles distant at Duxford another gliding club run by the R.A.F. Gliding and Soaring Association which caters for a limited number of civilians. In April 1935 the Cambridge University Gliding Club made its first flight field at Caxton Gibbet. A St Neots butcher, Tom Ayres, placed a field at their disposal and loaned them a barn for use as a hangar. 59 05 20a & b & c & e

What Americans buy – 59 05 20aa
Kings Grove Estate Barton – advertisement – 59 05 20d

1959 05 21
"The Lion Yard scheme is the biggest re-development scheme yet in England, if we omit the blitzed cities". Ald W.G. James told the Women's Lunch Club. "In some respects it is more difficult, for the bombing often obliterated whole areas and redevelopment could start on virgin sites. Here, boundaries, established buildings and all manner of things have to be considered". Everyone agreed the area required comprehensive development but there was a divergence of opinion on how this should be done. A compromise was sought by 30 people on the County Planning Committee but as there were 30 different opinions, nothing was done. 59 05 21b

Mill Road fire Barney's – 59 05 21 & a

1959 05 22
CIBA of Duxford has been celebrating the 25th anniversary of their foundation with the official opening of three new buildings: a factory for making 'Araldite' epoxy resin, laboratories for long-term research and a new sales block. Over 1,000 guests toured the Company's factory and many took

advantage of helicopter flights to view the site from the air. Speeches at the anniversary dinner were relayed to staff by closed circuit television. 59 05 22a

Cambridge Historic Buildings list published – 59 05 22

1959 05 23
Dr David Diringer has established a unique Alphabet Museum in the back garden of his home in St Barnabas Road. What looks like an extra-large garden workshop contains a treasure house of the alphabets of the word and all forms of writing, the result of 35 years of research. Dr Diringer, whose subject is Semitic Epigraphy, hopes to hold seminars there in the study of alphabets and writing. – 59 05 23

1959 05 25
County Show – 59 05 25

1959 05 27
British Railways announce that passenger train services between St Ives and Kettering and the freight train services from Buckden and Grafham stations will be withdrawn on June 15th. In addition trains running between Cambridge and St Ives on weekdays which at present serve Kettering will also be withdrawn. Arrangements will be made to augment the service to St Ives by the 10.17 am Cambridge to Peterborough train calling at Histon, Oakington, Longstanton and Swavesey stations and an additional train leaving for St Ives at 5.15pm calling at all stations. 59 05 27a

St Giles church clock – 59 05 27

1959 05 29
The old public pump outside Whittlesford Guildhall is to be removed. It has recently become loose on its mountings and as the water was unfit, the expenditure on repairs would be unwarranted. Because there was a need for a public supply a standpipe will be erected pending the connection of various properties to the newly laid Council mains. 59 05 29

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1959 06 01
Meadowlands Methodist church stone laying – 59 06 01b

1959 06 03
Winton-Smith, the Cambridge butchers, have been looking for a site for a new, modernised slaughterhouse to replace the one they own in East Road. They have chosen a site in Haslingfield but there are objections from residents and so a public inquiry was held. 59 06 03

1959 06 04
St Edward's Passage development – opposition – 59 06 04

1959 06 05
Currently undergoing training at the Thor Intermediate Range Guided Missile School operated by the USAF in Tucson, Arizona, is Chief Technician Robert Fennell, whose wife lives in Tenison Avenue. He is one of a number of RAF personnel being trained in all phases of maintenance of the 1,500-mile range missiles to be based at Thor launching sites such as the one at Mepal. 59 06 05

1959 06 06
Chivers and Sons is to amalgamate with Schweppes and hope to install a mineral water plant at the main Histon factory to provide alternative employment during that part of the year when employees are not fully engaged with fruit processing. The business will continue to be carried on under the existing name and management. 59 06 06

The Cambridge Association for Social Welfare told how in 1854 a group of undergraduates opened a Mission in Church Street, later to be called Stanton House, where spiritual and material help was given to women and girls in serious moral trouble. Then in 1883 a group of University ladies formed the 'Cambridge Association for the Care of Girls' finding work for girls living under dangerous circumstances 59 06 06 c

Chivers – Schweppes merger – 59 06 06a

1959 06 08
A procession 300 yards long wound its way through the crowded shopping streets of Cambridge to see Sir Hamilton Kerr MP and request that Britain should stop testing the H-bomb. The Cambridge Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, which has nearly 500 members (not including undergraduates), toured the streets with posters summoning people to a rally on Midsummer Common. It was one of the biggest open-air demonstrations in recent times. There was only one interruption when Mr Colin Bell was greeted with a perfunctory and disintegrating orange as he stepped to the microphone. It was thrown by an undergraduate. 59 06 08

CND protest march, Cambridge – 59 06 08

1959 06 09
Examinitis – female mannequin on Lloyds Bank – nightclimbing – 59 06 09
Postmaster criticiseS wages by cheque – 59 06 09a

1959 06 10
The banks of the Cam were lined when the Cambridge University Madrigal Society gave its annual concert on the Backs. It was a very English scene: crowds of impassive spectators defied the fickle weather and a forest of coloured umbrellas rose from the punts on the river. Even the roar of a passing aeroplane and the threat of rain never put the singers off their stride. As the strains of the last madrigal – 'Draw on Sweet Night'- wafted slowly across the river, lanterns were lit and the punts carrying the singers began to move slowly downstream. 59 06 10c & d

St Barnabas CoE school to close – 59 06 10a

1959 06 11
Sir – I was horrified to see what is happening to the Gate of Honour, Caius, in Senate House Passage. The stonework of practically the whole of the lower two-thirds is being renewed and only the cupola and stone just beneath is apparently now left of the original. Surely it is better to see the old medieval stonework than a 20th century imitation – Harry Paten, Castor Hill. 59 06 11

1959 06 12
Eleanor Bron, a 21-year-old Newnham student, is the only girl in the Footlight Dramatic Club's annual May Week revue directed by John Bird. She plays a variety of parts, some of which call for singing and dancing. But when asked if she intended to make the stage her career replied 'Definitely no'. In her second year, brunette Eleanor is reading modern languages, finishing her examinations a few hours before opening night. 59 06 12a

Production at Haverhill's 100-year old gas works in Withersfield Road is to cease in July being replaced by a piped supply from Cambridge. The 16-miles of high pressure mains have been laid, tunnelling beneath the railway line. The integration plan will mean the closure of most small gas works and by August the Saffron Walden area will also be supplied from Cambridge. 59 06 12c

Lion Yard opposition – 59 06 12a

1959 06 13

William Coles, 91, has been a Methodist lay preacher for 70 years. He moved to Cottenham in 1888 to work in a baking business which his son now runs. He neither smokes nor drinks which accounts for his unblemished, smooth skin and extraordinarily young voice. He thinks young people stay away from church because they do not like long sermons, so he stops as soon as he sees anybody looking at their watch. His father, who lived till he was 103, was himself a lay preacher for 50 years. 59 06 13

1959 06 15
Roseford Hall, on the new Arbury Estate, is an extension of the activities of the Christian Brethren of Panton Hall. It has well equipped classrooms, all of which will be needed, for already over 200 children are enrolled for the Sunday School. An invitation to local residents to inspect the new building was met by such a large response that there was 'standing room only'. 59 06 15

1959 06 18
The giant new Prudential Building on the junction of St Andrew's Street and Emmanuel Street incorporates the latest building techniques with heating and hot water provided by electrical units which take power from the mains during 'off-peak' hours and store it for use during the day. Acoustic ceiling tiles provide quieter working conditions, floors are of a coloured plastic tile and decorations in pastel shades. The basement contains a large garage and special storage to cater for the large use of bicycles by staff. 58 06 18

1959 06 19
Mr Edwin Logsdon, founder of the Logsdon Garage at Royston, had been concerned with vehicles since the days of general horse-drawn traffic. At that time he operated open landaus and cabs from the Bull Hotel to the railway station and these turn-outs set the standards of smartness which has remained in their car-hire service. About 40 years ago he took over the Banyers property in Melbourn Street as a hotel and developed the garage business on the adjoining site. 59 06 19

1959 06 20
When the elaborate scheme for the redevelopment of the Lion Yard area was approved one could be forgiven for being rather carried away by the sheer magnitude of the whole thing. What was to have been just a car park had rather surprisingly blossomed into a complete new city centre and we were impressed by the dazzling piece of town planning so adroitly placed before us. Since then we have had time to mull over the full implications. Cambridge still retains something of its own individuality and it would be tragic to turn it into just another New Town. The scheme is a town planners' dream. It must not become a ratepayers' nightmare. 59 06 20 & a

1959 06 22
Princess Margaret, Colonel-in-Chief of the Suffolk Regiment, visited Ely Cathedral to dedicate a Roll of Honour of the names of the 20 officers and 740 other ranks of the Cambridgeshire Regiment who did not return from the ill-fated Malayan campaign 17 long years ago. She was very excited to see the Cathedral at last because she had glimpsed it from the train but never before been inside. 59 06 22 & a

1959 06 23
Cambridge Model Engineering Society's new premises and railway track in Fulbrooke Road was officially opened by Sir Vivian Fuchs. He praised the craftsmanship of the models, including one of a 'Sno-cat', the vehicle on which he had made his trans-Antarctic journey. The Society had started in Union Lane, then Mr Banham allowed them to build a track at The Willows before they acquired this site. 59 06 23

Planning permission has been granted for flats, maisonettes and 346 houses on three fields in Kings Hedges Road while the site of the prefabricated bungalows will be suitable for a further 32 dwellings when they were eventually removed. There should be a through road to Arbury Road as soon as possible. Now the Council may buy the land from the University. 59 06 23a

1959 06 25

Oxford-Cambridge railway line closure objections – 59 06 25
Castle Camps water shortage – 59 06 25a

1959 06 26
A new and improved road sweeping machine is to be bought to replace the City's present 11-year-old worn out vehicle. Coun Mrs Henn complained about the dust it raised – the machine removed it from the road kerbs and deposited it in private houses and nearby gardens. It behaved 'like a bad-tempered elephant having a dust bath' and was a 'dust distributor' not a 'dust sweeper'. 59 06 26

Donkey Common is to be cleared and used as a car park until needed for the new swimming pool. Two years ago the Housing Committee had said they still needed the huts for emergency accommodation but the cluster of rusty scabs were an eyesore and disgrace to the city and should be removed as soon as possible, councillors were told. 59 06 26c

Lion Yard – University objections – 59 06 26a
Grit and dust from gas works – 59 06 26b

1959 06 27
Ely first woman JP – Mrs Covill – dies – 59 06 27

1959 06 29
AA scheme to get message to 'wanted' car – message boards – 59 06 29
Police station gas cooker to be replaced after 50 years – 59 06 29a

1959 06 30
Ely Cathedral repairs needed roof – 59 06 30

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1959 07 01
Chivers to sell nine farms, Jersey cattle herd to be reduced – 59 07 01

1959 07 02
Exclusive shoemakers for over a century – that is the proud tradition of A. Jones and Sons who came to Cambridge as successors to Thrussells of St Andrew's Street – a name known for courtesy, quality and value. Their fine new shop is the latest of 35 Jones branches and stocks Airborne, Joyce, Rayne, Scandies and Van-Dal shoes for ladies – advertisement. 59 07 02

1959 07 03
Brian Lister has two great passions, jazz and jalopies. He lives on excitement, yet to see him you wouldn't think so. He's a stocky man with an India rubber face. And a grin that's as wide and welcoming as Woodcote corner. He looks a quiet man, a placid man, a jolly man. The last he is. The others he certainly is not. Otherwise he would not have had his sensational success in the business of motor racing with the Lister Jaguar. 59 07 03

1959 07 04
A Cambridge man living in Los Angeles cautions against the new Lion Yard proposals. "Who is going to occupy the new offices and shops? If Cambridge thinks they can concentrate business in town and solve the car parking problem with a few hundred spaces they are indulging in the fondest of illusions. Parking meters in the streets don't help: they only add to the irritation of shoppers, free parking has become the essential stock-in-trade. In America down-town shopping areas are dying and shopping centres miles out of town are the new thing." 59 07 04

1959 07 06
Professional and amateur horticulturalists have been visiting the premises of J.W. Boyce, the Soham seedsmen. They have flocked to view the beautiful double Antirrhinums which are now on flower. The seed of these attractive plants were offered for sale earlier this year at £750 per ounce. Mr Boyce is to be congratulated in putting Soham on the map, for there is hardly a city, town or village in the country were Soham seeds are not grown and many gardeners in foreign countries get their seeds from the firm. 59 07 06

1959 07 09
Three members of the crew of a Canberra were killed when the aircraft crashed a few hundred yards from the runway at Bassingbourn R.A.F. station. It came down in a barley field near the main Royston-Huntingdon Road at about the same spot where another Canberra crashed a year ago. Thousands of gallons of foam gas and 120lbs of carbon dioxide were used by firemen in extinguishing the fire. 59 07 09

Firefighters summoned to Fulbourn Garage found it well alight with fire spreading to thatched cottages on either side. Oxyacetylene and oxygen bottles were removed by the firemen who braved the explosions of the petrol tanks of cars, tins of paint and celluloid. They also saved three petrol pumps on the forecourt, which had been filled only that morning. The garage was gutted and three cars inside completely destroyed, one of them belonging to Denys Burgess, the owner. Two bedrooms of his adjoining house were burnt out and half the thatched roof of a nearby cottage destroyed. 59 07 09a & b

1959 07 16
The Minister of Agriculture opened new laboratory and office buildings at the National Institute of Agricultural Botany. The extension had been needed for a very long time: it has been bursting at the seams. NIAB was established in 1919 and in October 1921 King George V opened the Huntingdon Road headquarters designed by Morley Horder. Since then the average yield of wheat has gone up from 17 cwt to nearly 25 cwt and that of barley had increased more than half. 59 07 16, 18 & a

1959 07 17
As long as anyone can remember a board about five feet square has hung on the tower wall of Orwell parish church. It was obviously a Royal Coat of Arms but of what date it was impossible to tell, because of its height from the floor and exceedingly dirty condition. Now because of re-decoration it has been taken down and when the dust of many years was wiped off it became clear the arms were of James II, dated 1686. These are extremely rare and it is hoped £25 can be raised for their restoration. 59 07 17b.

Papworth Hospital radio & radio telephones courtesy CDN appeal – 59 07 17

1959 07 18
Lion Yard scheme – questions and answers – 59 07 18b
If Cambridge became a county borough – Isle's reactions – 59 07 18c

1959 07 21
Toft youth club held a fete in the Manor gardens to celebrate its first year's activities since it was refounded. It has maintained its membership, raised funds to buy its own record player and records as well as equipment for badminton and netball. They have organised a party for village school children, social evenings and film shows. Great importance was attached to friendly meetings between clubs and they had benefited by playing challenging matches of table tennis. 59 07 21

Archaeologists digging in Corn Exchange Street have uncovered a 12th-century ditch and the remains of a wooden footbridge or stepping stones and handrail across it. It may have been an early town defence but at only five feet deep and 20 feet across, it was rather small for that. The ditch had only been in use for a few years and was filled with clean blue clay. Later it seems to have been a garden

behind a house and rubbish pits had been dug there containing animal bones and broken pottery. A knife dating from the 16th century was also found. 59 07 21a & b

1959 07 22
The Cambridgeshire Cottage Improvement Society's Old Manor Farm cottages at Fen Drayton were officially opened. The Society acquired it in 1938 for £150 when it was almost a ruin and it has taken all those years because of the expense and problems of the work. When bought it seemed 'twice as dear' as it was worth so it was good to see the courage of the people who saw it, and made it into the fine house it is today, justified. 59 07 22

1959 07 23
Arthur Tucker, Secretary of the Cambridgeshire Regiment Old Comrades Association, carried the Cambridgeshire's roll of honour up the nave of Ely Cathedral at the dedication ceremony. Through his years of internment at Changhi Prison in Singapore he had kept a little book under the floorboards containing the names of all the men in the 2nd Battalion and any casualties. Had it been found it would have meant his instant death. He used it to correct the list compiled by the War Office – half the chaps they had named were very much alive. 59 07 23b

1959 07 24
Lion Yard costs have risen colossally and some councillors hoped the Minister would turn the scheme down so they could start again. They could build a car park on the site more cheaply but they were bound to the developers, Edgers, and they would be a laughing stock if they went back on their word. It was the public who determined where the city centre should be and that was where banks, theatres and cinemas had moved. When a slump came it was those on the outskirts that closed down. The scheme must go forward. In the long run it would prove economical. 59 07 24a

Councillors withdrew their attention from the Lion Yard area to a part of the city which some have always considered of equal importance – Fitzroy Street. This should be comprehensively redeveloped to provide residential, shopping and business facilities with a new bus station. The Lion Yard should be developed with a library, civic restaurant and small car park, leaving the frontages as they are, some argued. 59 07 24b & c

Design for Churchill College agreed – 59 07 24

1959 07 25
St Peter's church, Castle Hill, which was founded in 1087 and has been in almost continuous use, is once again open after its recent restoration. It has been given a new stone floor, a modern simply designed altar and a clean white limewash coat to its walls. In addition the unique Norman font, bearing a merman holding his twin tales at each angle, has been moved to a more prominent position. Now they are looking for a few pews which will retain the spacious atmosphere of the very small church. 59 07 25

1959 07 27
Thieves who broke into Ely Cathedral forced the door of the strong room cupboard in the Verger's vestry with a crowbar and got away with articles of church plate. Amongst the items taken was a silver-gilt gem-studded chalice and silver ornaments from the tops of cruets in which communion wine and water are kept. It is understood they are not of any great value. But they dropped a bag containing about £5. 59 07 27 & 28a

1959 07 28
Work has begun on the new Addenbrooke's Hospital in Hills Road. The first stage will include a ward block of 100 beds and although the final size has not yet been decided it will be between 600 and 800 beds. "Our responsibilities are to the future and we shall be very much to blame if in 20 years' time we find ourselves looking for a bigger hospital", said the Chairman of the Governors' building

committee. It will stand in a landscape planned by a woman architect, Mrs J.M. Hayward, in collaboration with the Director of the University Botanic Garden. 59 07 28

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1959 07 30
Money has quickly come in for the restoration of St John's church, Duxford. Although St Peter's church is in first-class condition the 'secondary' church has been disused for many years and has consequently fallen into poor state. But the Rector, Mr Fletcher, is determined to see it restored and is looking forward to the day when he can conduct services there –the first time anyone will have done so in nearly 100 years. 59 07 30

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1959 08 01
The Cam Sailing Club celebrated their diamond jubilee with a lavish ball in a marquee on the club site. Mr S. Evans, the Ground Steward, now owns 500 coloured fairy lights which originally belonged to his grandfather, and he used them to illuminate the carefully-tended flower beds. 'The Duchess', a well-known motor launch took the guests from the car park to the lawn and there was a bar on board. With a membership of 300 the club holds a high reputation in the sailing world. 59 08 01 & a

The Tickner family completed a century of licensees of the University Arms inn Sawston. It was erected in 1859 by Thomas Sutton Evans who founded the firm of manufacturers of parchment skiver and chamois leather. When he died in 1907 the licence was granted to his eldest daughter, Sarah Tickner who held it till her death in 1936 when she was over 90 years of age. Since then the landlord as been George Alexander Tickner, grandson of the first tenant. For many years the University Arms has been the headquarters of Sawston cricket and football teams. 59 08 01b & c

1959 08 04
Major Peter Storie-Pugh of Tyrells Hall, Shepreth, took over command of the Cambridgeshire Regiment. His war record reads like exciting fiction: after serving with the Cambridge University Cavalry Squadron he was wounded with the British Expeditionary Force on the withdrawal to Dunkirk. Taken prisoner, he was put in Colditz from which he made no fewer than 19 escape attempts. A bugle was presented to the Regiment in memory of Lieut Richard Hall who was killed when lightning struck his tent during the 1958 camp at Folkestone. 59 08 04

1959 08 06
The castle slopes at Spring Close, Burwell, were covered with some 3,000 people on August Bank Holiday to watch the scramble organised by the Cambridge Centaur Motor Cycle Club. The course was in prime condition, being damp enough to eliminate any dust hazard and not too sticky as to bog the riders down in the mud. The senior race was won easily by Andy Lee with K. Covell second and T.H. Howard third, all riding B.S.A. machines. 59 08 06

1959 08 10
There are traffic lights everywhere - but not one to be seen if you are a motorist about to join Newmarket Road from the forecourt of West's Garage. The lights recently installed at the junction of Coldham's Lane give both streams of traffic a fair crack of the whip, but the man who wishes to join the road after topping up his tank is left completely in the dark. A repeater light facing the forecourt might save a serious accident at this busy junction. 59 08 10

Lion Yard development public inquiry: over 1,000 sign petition against scheme – 59 08 10a

1959 08 12
Hills Road bridge reconstruction photo – 59 08 12

1959 08 14
The Rev Mrs Grace Adams, Congregational Minister to the Cheveley Group, say she has always met with kindness and the men have been most gallant and trusting. Women are given full rights in the Congregational church and they exchange preachers with other denominations. Last year she preached at the Newmarket Anglican Church on the Women's Day of Prayer. She is an encouragement for more members of the sex to follow her example. 59 08 14

A small gang of men who, in fair weather and foul, tend the two miles of track from Ely railway station to the Lynn cross gates at Adelaide have received awards for the best-maintained class 'B' track. They are ganger L.W. Akred, lengthmen G. Clark, R. Harrison and S. Thorby and sub-ganger H.V. Pearson. Permanent way inspectors have their own competition which was won by Mr S. Ginn of Ely who has control of 14 gangs between Ely and Stoke Ferry. 59 08 14a

The new Silver Street Bridge is now open and there can be no doubt it is an exceptionally handsome piece of work. But after traffic had been admitted it was reduced to a single line again, pumps were sent for, coffer dams sunk and the word went round that all was not well. Rumours said that contractors had discovered an underground cavity, the bridge was sinking and that concrete was having to be pumped in. The County Surveyor cancelled a meeting with the press but a councillor said it was normal settlement and there was nothing wrong. 59 08 14d

Redevelopment scheme for Guildhall site, 1859 – history – 59 08 14b & c

1959 08 19
Dr Hubert Middleton presided over the Cambridge Philharmonic Society for many years and will be remembered for his inspiring lead in promoting festivals for village choirs. His visits to the smallest hamlets, dating back to 1925, are still spoken of with pleasure. As a choral director he demanded the highest standards of those who could achieve them but never lost patience with non-professional choristers. The last combined choirs performance under his direction was perhaps the most triumphant of his career. 59 08 19

1959 08 20
Mildenhall parking restrictions had been under consideration since 1951 and a car park provided. Now Councillors want to prevent parking in St Andrew's Street. Fred Lock, who lived in the street, was in favour: he never saw the light of day in his house because of lorries being parked outside. But the proprietor of St Andrew's Café said his trade would be seriously affected and the street should be made one-way. 59 08 20

Mackays of East Road has donated a Blackstone horizontal diesel engine to Freetown, Sierra Leone. The engine was first installed in 1930 and gave them complete independence to power cuts. It ran throughout the war with virtually no maintenance. They have completed the electrification of their plant and John Mellanby, the well-known Cambridge electrician, suggested it be offered to the Technical Institute over there. Similar engines have been working at Heffers printing works and Coulson's wood mill. 59 08 20

1959 08 21
Miss E.A. Ogden, has safely delivered, unaided, 50 babies a year since she came to Ely in 1939 – about one a week. The tiniest weighed only 3lb, the biggest was 11lb. One of two district nurses covering Witchford, Stuntney and Adelaide, Miss Ogden is quite modest about the whole affair. She points out that it is quite commonplace for midwives to deal with so many youngsters. But six Ely doctors gave a party in the grounds of Dr J.B. Bamford's home to celebrate the milestone. 59 08 21a

Severe damage was caused to a newly decorated house at 48 Beche Road when a gas main in the hallway blew up with tremendous force. Neighbours thought a jet bomber had crashed, so fierce was the explosion. Many people dashed into the street and saw flames bursting through the front door. The Fire Brigade could not get to the blaze until the gas company people turned off the mains. The owners had noticed a terrible smell of gas which made them feel dizzy but said the Company had been blowing out the pipes and had warned them of a smell. 59 08 21b

Barton Mills bypass work starts – 59 08 21c

1959 08 24
Lister Jaguar leave motor racing – detailed article – 59 08 24 & a

1959 08 25
A fuel cell which produces useful quantities of electricity by consuming hydrogen and oxygen has been invented by F.T. Bacon of Lt Shelford and developed by Marshall's under a National Development Corporation contract. The present cell, containing two electrodes immersed in a solution of caustic soda or potash, is still in its rudimentary stages but it can supply enough electricity to operate a circular saw, a fork lift truck or even carry out welding. The Americans are interested in using it for manned space stations or space rockets. 59 08 25 & a

1959 08 26
Sir – in the area between Warkworth Street and Burleigh Street there are many little houses which have been bought by elderly people for their retirement and by young couples starting a new home. Now having been put in good order they are to be demolished by the Council in a 'development scheme'. It is cruel, unnecessary, and wasteful to pull down houses which are in liveable condition because in the same neighbourhood there are a number that are neglected and damp. I hope ratepayers will protest – Hilda Finney, Prospect Row. 59 08 26

1959 08 27
Harry Morgan appreciation – teacher St Luke's and Bottisham school – 59 08 27

1959 08 28
Melbourn's most familiar figure, Mr Percy Salmon, has died aged 87. He was correspondent for the 'Cambridge Independent Press and Chronicle' for many years. Nothing could ruffle his even temperament although his articles were often controversial. In his youth Mr Salmon travelled the world as a press photographer and his lantern lectures were a popular entertainment when he first came to the village in the late 1920's. He was also an expert archaeologist. 59 08 26b, funeral 59 08 28

1959 08 31
The new baby B.M.C. car designed by Issigonis has caused much commotion. I have now tested both the Mini Minor and Austin Seven versions which look, drive and behave in the traditional 'car' manner. It seats four adults in comfort and cruises at 45 mph. The useful boot is supplemented by enormous pockets in the doors. It is not without faults: the gear leaver is long and inclined to be whippy but the worst is a cable release for the door which is handy for a passenger to grab in an emergency. Prices start at £497, de luxe £537. – Rodney Tibbs. 59 08 31

Research and experimental work in the University's Department of Metallurgy in Pembroke Street was brought to a standstill following a serious blaze. Flames came through the roof, two rooms were gutted and a laboratory severely affected. Water used to fight the fire seeped into the basement and caused a great deal of damage to expensive machinery. 59 08 31a & b

The scheme for levelling the Hamlet Croft to improve Haverhill's major sports ground has begun. When completed the ground will have only a fall of two feet, compared to the existing 14 and the

length will be increased to 450 feet, allowing for four-laps to the mile for the Haverhill Gala sports. Two large ash trees have been removed. 59 08 31c

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1959 09 01
A Ring Road was proposed for Cambridge before the war. It was to run from Trumpington Road and Brooks Road to Coldham's Lane, then on across Milton Road, Huntingdon Road and so to Hills Road. Thousands of pounds were spent to make a dual carriageway from Coldham's Lane to Ditton Walk with a ramp six feet high to start the viaduct across the river. This section was completed and only required the final tarmac surface. Now half of the dual carriageways have been dug up and the ramp bulldozed. It cost many thousands of pounds to make and over £34,500 to destroy. 59 09 01

Fire at Caius College dining hall – 59 09 01a

1959 09 02
Moulton Women's Institute now have a banner which must be unique. The drawing of the Roman packhorse bridge – the village's most famous landmark – on the linen had been waiting for skilled attention. Then Mr Siwek, a Polish lawyer who suffered in German concentration camps and was staying at Mrs Sue Cheshire's home at Cavendish, offered to embroider it. He took it back to Germany and there with all the privations of life as a refugee, he completed the picture in most beautiful stitches. This masterpiece of handiwork was on show for the first time at the summer sale. 59 09 02

Excavations for the foundation of the first buildings of the new Addenbrooke's Hospital have started. It is hoped the ward block, radiological, outpatients and casualty departments will be completed in about two years. The architects are Easton and Robertson who have been responsible for many new buildings in Cambridge, including the new Engineering and Chemistry Laboratories, and the general contractors are Messrs Kerridge. 59 09 02a

Frederick Mansfield was 'the character' of Cambridge market for nearly 50 years. He took over a book and toy stall opposite the Victoria Cinema from his parents and the family hope this will be now continued by his youngest son. Other stallholders speak of him as a cheerful and helpful man and a 'real market character' well-loved by all, especially the children for whom he always had a cheerful world. 59 09 02b

1959 09 04
Ten council houses at New Road Impington have been modernised. They were built in 1920 and most of the original tenants are still living there. Originally the living room was intended as a kitchen with a small scullery adjoining. There was a washroom, in which there was a bath, while the earth closet and coal house were approachable from outside. Now they have a proper bathroom, with a gas hot water system in place of the copper, and there is electricity in every room. The walls have been painted silver grey and doors are peacock blue. 59 09 04

Cambridge University Local Examinations Syndicate has pioneered a new method of producing exam results with the aid of punched card tabulating machines. As the number of candidates has increased threefold since 1957 the machines were introduced to get results out in time. It takes a month to train an operator and three months before complete proficiency is attained. The marking itself is done by 650 fully qualified examiners including Grammar School and University teachers. 59 09 04 a & b

1959 09 07
A new Continental-style level crossing has been installed at Tivetshall, Norfolk. It is operated automatically from the signal box on the Norwich to London railway line. A motorist who is held up can inform the signal man that he wants to cross by pressing a push-button by the side of the barrier.

If his crossing is urgent he can inform the signalman by means of a telephone which has been installed. This 'push-button' level crossing is believed to be the first in the country. 59 09 07

Motorists will soon have the opportunity of having their cars equipped with telephones. "This is going to be a danger – using one hand driving and the other using a telephone", Coun. G.A. Holmes told Huntingdonshire Road Safety Committee. "And now they are trying to bring out t/v sets for cars", he went on. "We are not progressing. It is dangerous". The Committee took no action on this matter. 59 09 07a

1959 09 08
Story of local invention: oil by flexible tank – Dracone invented by Cambridge scientists – 59 09 08 & 08a

1959 09 11
A Grantchester Tested Vehicle has undergone a 100-mile test run by one of our own employees when petrol and oil consumption, brakes, steering and lights are checked under normal condition. We then offer you a test report and a full tank of National Benzole. Come to this small privately owned garage for the best in sales and service. We are never open after midnight but being the most progressive organisation in the county we are unique in our use of the phenomenal Ansaphone on Trumpington 3133. – Grantchester Garage Ltd advert. 59 09 11c & d

River Board may take over St Ives staunch – 59 09 11a
Prickwillow bridge rebuilding – 59 09 11b
Barbara Smith, woman butcher, Akeman Street – 59 09 11

Spicers of Sawston factory fire – 59 09 11e
Rampton flooding – no action by Ouse River Board – 59 09 11f

1959 09 12
The present shambles known as the Lion Yard has for too long been a bone of contention. The council meetings have been stormy and wrangling has not been confined to the city. Eventually some form of compromise will be reached and some kind of order imposed on this part of the Cambridge. But before its future is finally decided archaeologists hope they will have the opportunity to investigate its past. 59 09 12

Old chairs, shoes linoleum, carpets, brushes … these are just some of the things that have been left littering the Old Roman Road at Fulbourn. Cars have also been dismantled there. Gypsies are alleged to be chiefly responsible but picnic parties and late night revellers also play a part in desecrating the area. A nearby spinney is another unauthorised rubbish dump and the surrounding countryside frequently littered with broken bottles. What is really dangerous are pieces of glass which can be harmful to children and horses. 59 09 12a

Pye, the Cambridge television and radio firm, have helped to relieve the discomfort of a patient in Griffith Ward, Addenbrooke's Hospital, who is forced through illness to lie on his back for an indefinite period. They have loaned the hospital a television set which has been mounted on a high metal frame to enable him to view with ease. 59 09 12b

Henrietta Street and St Eligius almshouses – 59 09 12c & d, 59 09 26, 59 09 28

1959 09 15
All Saints' Church, Cottenham, will soon proudly display new wrought iron gates through the generosity of the Church of England Men's Society. Designed by Mr F.T. Morris to be both functional and beautiful, they were made by two village craftsmen, George Lack and D.J. Cossington using traditional methods of construction. They replace iron gates which were requisitioned during the war and will be dedicated by the Bishop of Ely. 59 09 15

1959 09 17
Cambridge Police hold an identification parade about four times a year. They invite members of the public who happen to be passing the station to take part or draw people from nearby places of employment where the management have agreed to co-operate. They need people as similar as possible to the suspect. If he has a wooden leg then the parade is lined up with their legs covered by a blanket and all wear eye patches if the suspect has only one eye. 59 09 17

1959 09 19
Cambridge Boys Brigade has now achieved Battalion status and consists of nine Companies. It is the oldest of our uniformed youth organisations and one of the few that can boast an increase of membership over past years. Several boys have earned Queen's Badges, the highest proficiency award which takes every atom of spiritual, physical and mental endeavour to gain. 59 09 19

1959 09 23
The Headmaster of Fawcett Junior School, Trumpington (Mr F.N. Walker) declared the school's new swimming pool was "well and truly open" after he had been pushed fully dressed into the water. Roars of laughter came from the Mayor (Wallace Cole), Mayoress and parents who were present but the Head took his ducking in good part and swam vigorously for half a length. The pool has been built by the parents with the help of the children themselves. 59 09 23

1959 09 25
Sidgwick Avenue site ready for new term – 59 09 25

1959 09 28
Cambridge links with Heidelberg – 59 09 28 & 28a

1959 09 30
Every village now has a supply of electricity which has led to an increase in the sale of refrigerators. A great deal of interest is also being shown in electric floor warming installations. 72 per cent of farms are also connected but the remainder are scattered and likely to be a headache, the Eastern Electricity Board reported. 59 09 30 & 30a

Stanley Road residents protested at plans for the overnight parking of motor vehicles, especially W.D. lorries. Mr Herbert Roberts said he was under contract to the Ministry of Supply to deliver 900 Bedford three-ton lorries by April 1960. They were collected from Marshall's and parked until they left about 5am for depots in Middlesex and Gloucester. They were not noisy because they'd been fitted with 'greatly improved' silencers. But a resident complained that vibration had damaged his ceiling. 59 09 30b

The area between East Road, Norfolk Street and St Matthew's Street comprises narrow streets and courts of dwellings of the demolition standard, creating a general impression of decay. The whole area should be demolished and rebuilt, the Surveyor told an Inquiry. Every house in Staffordshire Street was damp, some roofs are sunken and some water closets are across the street from the houses they serve. But many owners objected to plans for compulsory purchase. 59 09 30c & d

October 1959 CDN

1959 10 01
Mitchams Golden Jubilee Celebration celebrating 50 years at Mitchams Corner, 1909-1959. To mark this occasion we have had extensive alterations and decorations to our fashion showroom where you will find 'up to the minute' fashion ranges of coats, suits, dresses and separates. We will present two-shilling 'Jubilee Celebration Cheque' on all purchases of £1. Bring the children – there will be a balloon for them. Advert. 59 10 01b

Cambridge University's science departments were first to occupy the central area and there is now a great concentration of laboratories on either side of Downing Street. The few open spaces between them are already overflowing with cars. There is no room to allow for the growth of research and teaching in subjects outside the established hierarchy, Lord Adrian, the retiring Vice-Chancellor told academics. Science has enlarged its premises so much that the arts faculties could not begrudge their expansion across the river. 59 10 01c

Fulbourn Almshouses that were built in 1864 have been renovated. At one time they consisted of one living room, one bedroom and a lean-to shed which served as storeroom and scullery. There was no waterborne sanitation. Now each has a kitchen with hot and cold water, an electric cooker, a bathroom with a w.c. and a coal store. The improvements have been carried out at cost price by the Cambridge University and Town Waterworks Company. 59 10 01 d & e

Tube Investments develop Electron-probe X-ray microanalyser – 59 10 01 & a
Philharmonic's future plans – 59 10 01f

1959 10 02
Many teenage girls feel they should be engaged by the time they are 18, otherwise she is quite obviously 'on the shelf'. However Grammar School girls consider 25 quite early enough – giving them time to attend university and work in their chosen careers. But more than half want large families of four or more children. Practically all list swimming and tennis amongst their regular pastimes and 75 percent attend church each week. Television is rarely watched except when there is a good play on. Pocket money is around five shillings and is spent on sweets, stamps, nylons and make-up. 59 10 02

More than 900 passengers flew from Cambridge to Jersey in Derby Airways' first season's operations. The aircraft used were 19-seat Marathons and Pullman DC-3s, a 36-seat luxury version of the well-proven Dakota. The extremely good flying weather, coupled with a high standard of aircraft serviceability enabled the service to operate with almost 100 per cent punctuality. An inclusive tour service between Cambridge and Ostend, which is only available to passengers booking hotel accommodation, was also successful. Applications have now been made to open similar services to Zurich, Barcelona, Pisa and Zagreb. 59 10 02a

Mrs Hannah Grindling, 78, and her Littleport Over Sixties' Club Skiffle Band played at a concert in Cambridge Salvation Army Hall. The active folk from Fenland started with their signature tune, 'Happy Wanderer' and, led by Mrs Grindling on the accordion, showed their capabilities on other instruments such as the big drum and tambourines. The group was short of a few members (they normally comprise 21), but no one would have noticed. 59 10 02b

1959 10 03
RAF Oakington Meteor crash near Willingham – pics 59 10 03
General election campaign – notes on Robert Davies, Hamilton Kerr, Around Geoffrey de Montmorency – 59 10 03a & b

1959 10 06
Ely High Barns Saxon burial – 59 10 06
Dickie Jeeps to retire from Rugby – profile – 59 10 06a & b

1959 10 07
Election tactics long ago – Enid Porter – 59 10 07 & a

1959 10 08
The Chartered Institute of Secretaries paid a fascinating visit to the University Mathematical Laboratory. Mr E.N. Mutch, the Superintendent, outlined the development of electronic computers since 1944, after which members were given a practical demonstration of the latest machine in action.

They saw the computer being used by Sir Edward Bullard who explained how scientific data had been recorded on the tape which was then fed into the machine. The results of the computer's analysis and interpretation of the data that had been given it, were then outlined. 59 10 08

1959 10 09
Election results – Kerr retains seat – 59 10 09

1959 10 10
Rutherford Almond, robemaker death – 59 10 10

1959 10 12
The character of Adams Road had changed due to the increase in the number of heterogeneous houses, the older houses had deteriorated in appearance, one was unfenced and children played all over the road. The bus service was valueless in the afternoons and at week-ends and it was a very popular thoroughfare for people using the footpath to Coton. A year ago it was a reasonable area, now it had changed because of the noise from certain houses, the Valuation Panel was told. But they upheld the rating assessment. 59 10 12

1959 10 13
The University's Mullard Radio Astronomy Laboratory employed a helicopter to transport one of their big parabolic aerials from a site in Grange Road to Offal End, near Haslingfield. An airlift was the only practical way of moving such an unwieldy load, 27 feet in diameter and so intricately built that it would have been difficult to dismantle it. Cambridge engineer, Mr Donald MacKay was responsible for preparing the complicated piece of freight for its journey. 59 10 13

1959 10 14
Cambridge Waterworks Company has managed full unrestricted supplies throughout every drought when elsewhere in the country water has been rationed. But in July torrential rain caused electric power failures which cut out the pumps at Fulbourn and Great Wilbraham. It also flooded the basement of the Fleam Dyke Pumping Station and thousands of gallons of oily water drained back into the well, causing pollution. Despite all this they still maintained supplies from the reservoirs at Cherry Hinton. 59 10 14 & a

1959 10 15
The Playle family have owned a slaughterhouse at Bassingbourn since 1900 but in order to comply with new regulations certain alterations had to be made, an Inquiry was told. The County Education Officer objected, saying it had a detrimental effect on the school and had reduced physical education outside because of the smell. But the slaughterhouse had been there before the school was built. A petition signed by 100 villagers objected to it but another containing 650 names was in support. 59 10 15 & a

A Vampire jet trainer aircraft which was formation flying with three others ploughed through electricity cables before crashing on its back in a field at Meadow Farm near Elsworth. Thousands of gallons of foam were poured on the wreckage by members of the Oakington RAF Station Fire Brigade and spectators were told to keep well clear as one of the ejector seats in the aircraft had not gone off and bare electricity cables were smouldering and sparking in the stubble. 59 10 15b

Cambridge Instrument Company opened its new research headquarters in Chesterton Road. Its four floors comprise laboratories for the development of instruments for mechanical engineering, electronics and physical chemistry together with a specious drawing office. It was a tribute to the unswerving devotion of the men who had worked there over the last 80 years, said Lord Adrian, University Vice-Chancellor. He had declined the use of a car and arrived on bicycle for the opening ceremony where he was presented with a compass. 59 10 15c

Cambridge Instrument Company new research laboratories – 59 10 15c

1959 10 16
More traffic went along Newmarket Road than any other and congestion often occurred at Four Lamps Corner. Any small incident – circuses on the Common or even May Balls - holds up traffic. Victoria Bridge vibrated when heavy vehicles had to stand on it with their engines running. We need a new bridge over the river at Walnut Tree Avenue. But a temporary bridge could be thrown over the Cam in six months by using the site of the old horse ferry next to the Chesterton footbridge. There would be a natural route for traffic up Garlic Row, Ald Symonds said. 59 10 16a & b

A meeting was held to discuss noise problems in connection with the F-100 Super Sabre jet fighter-bombers which are coming from Europe to Lakenheath. They are big, noisy aircraft using afterburners on take-off which can give the impression of the supersonic boom. Villages on the periphery of the airfield have suffered aircraft noise problems for years and are resigned to it. 59 10 16d

Oakington aeroplane remembered – 59 10 16
Cleveland Discol garages listed – 59 10 16c
Willingham waterless; private water supply laid 50 years ago now inadequate; takes an hour to fill a glass, two hours for bath – illustrated feature – 59 10 16 CIP

1959 10 17
Winston Churchill plants tree – 59 10 17, 59 10 19 & a b c

1959 10 19
A 21-year-old blonde sat down with 200 students in the dining room of Christ's College – and went completely unnoticed. That was not surprising because she was dressed in a grey suit, bright yellow waistcoat and wore thick glasses and a black beard! Elizabeth Grant, a third year medical student had decided to avenge the fair sex for a hoax played on Girton students last week. College regulations allow students to bring in their (male) friends but women are banned. Everything went off beautifully. She kept her voice down during the meal and although second glances were cast by some, nobody said anything. 59 10 19d

Donkey Common – trouble over huts – 59 10 19c

1959 10 20
Vampire crash near Conington inquest – 59 10 20

1959 10 21
Sir - Adams Road has changed little in the last 40 years apart for three major upheavals: the decline of domestic staff which is part of a national pattern, the introduction of a bus route which was bitterly resented by residents who have been prominent bicyclists, and the new houses erected since the war. These have made the biggest impact. All the older houses were of a substantial character whereas some of the new ones are out of place in the neighbourhood. It has always been a family road with many childish pleasures including ice skating. – P. Rottenberg. 59 10 21a & b

Godmanchester Chinese bridge closed – 59 10 21

1959 10 22
Brian Stonebridge, the ace scrambler, was sponsored by King and Harper and had several seasons riding BSA and Francis Barnett machines. Later he rode Matchless, then moved to B.S.A. to become one of their 'works' riders. Recently he went to work for Invacar, producing the Greeves motor cycles which were used for scrambles. He was killed when his Austin Atlantic coupe collided with an Austin 16 and was then hit by a lorry. 59 10 22

Government Veterinary Investigation Centre opened near Vet School – 59 10 22a

1959 10 23
A pint of beer, an ounce of tobacco and two boxes of matches cost fivepence-halfpenny when Mr & Mrs E.D. Clark first took over the 'Rising Sun' public house at Isleham nearly 50 years ago. There have been vast changes in drinking habits. Before the First World War they were open from 6am to 10pm and a man could have a good evening out on six-pence – about three pints of beer. After the war women started to come with their husbands. Stout and port-and-lemon have always been popular women's drinks, though the Rising Sun sold more beer and spirits than anything else. 59 10 23

1959 10 24
In 1954 work began on a Great Ouse Flood Protection Scheme. The construction of an eleven-mile long relief channel parallel to the tidal part of the river was completed with the opening of a tail sluice at King's Lynn by the Duke of Edinburgh. He mentioned the great tidal surge of 1953 when over 1,000 acres of the Sandringham estate were flooded. Now a great anxiety had been lifted from many minds. The next stages involve deepening 19 miles of river as far as the Cam and the cutting of a new 28-mile long channel around the edge of the fens. 59 10 24 & 24a & b

Gaming machine in Royal Arms, King St – 59 10 24c
Panton Estate sale particulars from 1809 – 59 10 24d

1959 10 26
The City Council wants to use Butt Green as a temporary car park for two years while Lion Yard and Park Street are being built. But the local residents are afraid that it would become permanent and the council would be reluctant to remove the 'hard standing' once it was down. They are investigating ancient commoners' rights and say work-people take their lunch there. 59 10 26 & a

1959 10 27
The new secondary modern school at Parkway, Haverhill, was not due to be finished until next spring. But its early completion by Messrs Johnson & Bailey has enabled the 420 children to move in after the half-term holiday. The school is at present a two-form entry but is to be extended later on to cope with the Haverhill 'overspill'. 59 10 27

1959 10 28
Thousands of new Anglia Television viewers are unaware that almost every piece of equipment that goes into the transmitting of the programmes was built in the Cambridge factories of Pye Limited. The Norwich studies are equipped with their cameras and control gear and 'remote' programmes use Pye mobile outside broadcast units. This is the latest version of the most successful unit ever produced and over 50 have been sold to television networks all over the world. 59 10 28b

Willingham water supply – 59 10 28 & a

1959 10 29
Dahlia Society formed – 59 10 29 # c.18

1959 10 30
Waterbeach RAF best airmen's mess – 59 10 30
Oakington aeroplane – 59 10 30a & b, f & g
John Line new wallpaper showroom – 59 10 30c # c.23
Death of Harry Wilkin, county council chief clerk – 59 10 30e

Khrushchev 'Russians will melt polar ice'.
Details of one of the most fantastic development schemes ever devised by the human mind are now being worked out by Russian engineers who want to heat the Arctic The scheme proposes nothing short of melting the ice and snow of the earth northern polar cap and converting the now frozen wastes of Siberia and northern Canada into temperature productive and immeasurably valuable countryside. The basis of the plan is a proposal to create a gigantic dam across the Bering Strait by

stringing it along the line of the Aleutian Islands. Inside the dam the Russians propose to have a series of huge nuclear power generating stations which could be fed with heavy hydrogen from the sea around them. The sea would also provide the huge volume of water needed for cooling purposes and a convenient dumping place for slightly radioactive waste. But the big generators instead of feeding electricity into normal power supply systems would provide the power for a series of heavy duty water pumps. These would suck the water from the warmer Pacific Ocean and transferring it to the Arctic Ocean. Very gradually the temperature of the Arctic Ocean would rise and once it was received raised sufficiently the billions of tons of ice in the northern polar cap would start to melt. A remarkable progressive change when take place. The heavy ice crust of the Arctic Ocean would become thinner and soon the warm water currents attacking from beneath would eat great holes in it revealing the ocean beneath. At this point temperature would start to rise as the warm at waters reached the coast of Siberia surplus heat would rise into the atmosphere. The snow and ice of the shore would start to melt, the surface of the land would show through and the way would be open for seeds to germinate and flourish. In time they believe the scheme would rejuvenate the entire Arctic area opening up millions of square miles of land which is now a total loss of productivity in a food hungry world.As the ice lost its grip on the shore mind it would be possible to build new ports along the northern coasts. There is little doubt that untouched mineral resources lie beneath the Arctic ice – metals, coal, oil and perhaps even precious gems.
But there are important scientific objections. The warmer Arctic air would bring a major plane change in the weather of the whole northern hemisphere. The English climate could become subtropical. The Alpine snows might melt. Most important would be the probable rise in the level of the world's oceans flooded by the melting waters of the north. Even arise of a foot or two could mean that low-lying islands and coastal areas would become inundated. Residents would have to be evacuated or else protecting dykes built. But the immense economic advantages may outweigh all the objections 59 10 30d

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1959 11 03
Oakington plane crash – 59 11 03

1959 11 04
Reuben Taylor, who has been Cambridge Station Master since 1948, has hung up his top hat and frock coat for the last time. He started as a junior clerk at Haverhill station in 1910 and has seen immense changes. When he first took over at Cambridge some 700,000 passengers a year went through his hands. Last year it was double, to say nothing of the tremendous increase in parcel and freight traffic. “Road transport will never take the place of railways: we get no end of people coming into Cambridge from the country and leaving their cars at the station park before catching trains to London”, he said. 59 11 04c

In the past few years the Fitzroy/Burleigh Street area, with its easy access, ample car-parking facilities and huge variety of shops, has become increasingly popular as Cambridge’s most convenient shopping centre. Many of the shops were formerly in ramshackle buildings, combining timber and corrugated iron with a minimum of brickwork, often built over the front gardens of houses which had their ground floors converted. But now these have made way for up-to-the-minute shopping premises and improvements are constantly going on. 59 11 04 & a

Retirement railway stationmaster Reuben Taylor – 59 11 04c

1959 11 05
Pye Instrument Group engineers have designed a remarkable new piece of medical equipment, the Barnet Ventilator, to assist polio sufferers. Polio causes paralysis of the respiratory muscles and patients have had to be put in an iron lung. But now they can be linked to the ventilator by two plastic tubes and breathing is precisely kept within physiological limits. The machine has built-in batteries

from which its transistorised circuit will run up to twenty hours allowing patients to be moved without difficulty. It can also be used in operating theatres for the administration of anaesthetics. 59 11 05a

1959 11 06
Did you ever build a television station, or a radio-telephone, or equipment for an atomic reactor? And have you ever been involved in helping ships at sea, providing entertainment for the home – or bouncing speech off the moon? Thousands of people who live in East Anglia are doing this sort of thing every day at W.G. Pye. It is one of 60 companies which make up the Pye Group whose name is respected all over the world for achievements in radio, television, telecommunications, nucleonics and electronics generally. 59 11 06c & d

Kate Primmer, artist – profile – 59 11 06 & a & b
Underdrainage system – history – 59 11 06e
Gt Abington Land Settlement house fire – 59 11 06f
Roughest 5th for 20 years – 59 11 06g
Gt Chishill windmill – county to purchase? – 59 11 06h

1959 11 07
Harlequins and Columbines, spacemen and fishermen, artists, engine drivers, unmarried 'Mummies' (Egyptian variety), balloon vendors, winged wonders, hot dog sellers, ghouls and luscious lovelies, all filled the streets of Cambridge to collect money for the Earl Haig Fund. The City was crammed with floats, blasted with instruments and its pedestrians and traffic forced to pay tolls before being allowed to pass. One of the most sombre 'floats' was that lamenting the Labour Party's third consecutive defeat at the polls. Another proclaimed "Life's better under the Conservatives". 59 11 07 & aa

RAF Waterbeach trophy win – 59 11 07b

1959 11 10
Not many people known that on the wall of St Paul's Church, Stockingford, near Nuneaton, there is a memorial to members of the Cambridgeshire Regiment who died in the Far East in the Second World War. But the Regiment's Old Comrades Association never lets Armistice Sunday pass without remembering former comrades who were based there before embarking for overseas. The plaque is in proud memory of the 343 offices and men of the 1st Battalion who gave their lives in Singapore. The Battalion was stationed in Arbury Park from May to August 1941 and worshipped in the church. 59 11 10

1959 11 11
Cliff Richard, the 19-year old baby-faced star and the hit parade's present top-notcher, took Cambridge by storm. Excited teenagers, predominantly female, packed into the Regal cinema and clapped, screamed and wailed in readiness for their idol. Cliff, dressed in a 'shocking pink' jacket with matching tie, performed his remarkably successful hits 'Living Doll' and 'Travelling Light'. He was accompanied by the Shadows featuring drummer Laurie Jay in place of Tony Meehan who has undergone an appendicitis operation. It was a triumph from start to finish. 59 11 11 & a

The proposed Lion Yard scheme provided for a pedestrians-only shopping precinct linked to Petty Cury, office space (to be offered to the University if needed), a new Emmanuel Road, the widening of Corn Exchange Street and an underground car park including space for 750 cars of which 230 would be for office staff. There would also be a new telephone exchange, an Inquiry was told. The scheme would be completed by 1965. 59 11 11c & d & e

1959 11 13
Two grossly malformed children had been born in the Primrose Lane Hospital, Huntingdon recently and there were five cases of 'developmental defects', which were minor abnormalities, Huntingdonshire County Council were told. A Health Committee should be set up to investigate the extent of radio-active fall-out and the degree of radio-active contamination of food and water within

the county boundaries. It is a fear lurking in the minds of everybody, a terrible matter which should not just be ignored. 59 11 13a

The Weathervane, a new public house at Perne Road, is the first to be built to serve new Cambridge housing restates. The site was purchased by Tollemache Breweries in 1937 but has been delayed for 22 years because of the war and building restrictions. Today it is uneconomic to build palatial mansions but this house is just as comfortable, the sort of place one can bring a family for a pleasant drink with its bright contemporary decorations, skirting heating and low fireplaces. "You may ask why the name 'Weathervane' was chosen, but I cannot give you any reason at all", Lord Tollemache told guests at the opening. 59 11 13c, 12

Tourist poster of Bridge of Sighs – 59 11 13
Grose monoplane Oakington – picture – 59 11 13b

1959 11 16
St Ives Dolphin hotel fire – 59 11 16

1959 11 17
Co-op new self-service super food store, Burleigh St - 59 11 17

1959 11 18
Knowledge of the Baha'i World Faith reached Cambridge in the 1800s through Professor Edward Browne, the well-known Orientalist and the only European to mean Baha'u'llah, the prophet-founder of the faith. Five years ago the first Baha'i came to Cambridge and in 1958 the community elected their first spiritual assembly. Now they have dedicated their first Centre in Gonville Place. 59 11 18a

Fowl pest – 59 11 18

1959 11 19
The University thinks the Lion Yard scheme was bad planning. They are not opposed to a pedestrian precinct nor to some commercial development but preferred a mixture of University use with a concert hall seating 1,500 and some shops and offices to fill in. This would attract far less traffic at peak times. Others thought the Corn Exchange might make a site for a car park with an elevator to take cars to the upper floors. Shops could give 'Free parking vouchers' for customers who spent more than £5. This would attract shoppers into the car parks and make them economical. 59 11 19 a & c

Hundreds of pigeons which roost in the west tower of Ely Cathedral have died, probably through fowl pest. A number were seen to be almost lifeless and presenting a pathetic sight with their heads rolling from side to side. Some were picked up in the streets but the majority have died in the tower or among the roof turrets. Workmen have spent much time collecting the bodies in a wheelbarrow and destroying them. 59 11 19b

Holy Sepulchre new organ – 59 11 19

1959 11 20
Cambridge rags – history feature – 59 11 20 & a

1959 11 21
Percy Piggott was owner of a printing business, a journalist, a keen Tory, an Amateur theatrical producer and a leading light in the Cambridgeshire Sailing Club. His father, Frank, founded the printing business in what was then called Caxton Court (now the front of Boots' in Sidney Street) and had been editor of the Cambridge Chronicle. Following in his father's footsteps he was University Correspondent for 'The Times' and official scorer of the University Cricket team, managing them on tours and producing a booklet '50 Years at Fenners'. 59 11 21a

An anonymous gentleman has offered to fund a new bridge across the Cam at Garret Hostel Lane. It will have a span of 15 feet greater than the present one and the height above water level will be increased by five feet. The current bridge is a Victorian cast iron structure painted green beneath which various pipes and cables are slung in a manner out of keeping with this part of the river. 59 11 21c

Grammar School for Girls first speech day – 59 11 21
Houseboat sunk near Jesus Lock – 59 11 21b
Castle End Mission history – 59 11 21d

1959 11 23
Meadowlands Methodist Church hall opened – 59 11 23

1959 11 24
Cambridge residents will notice a new blue and white vehicle. This is Shelford Building Supplies' Esso Blue and Valor new Hawking Service. For the first time you will be able to stop the tanker to buy a full range of heaters, oil drums, funnels and paraffin. The lorry will also collect and repair faulty heaters. Alf and Reg, the drivers, will soon become the friends of many Cambridge families and be very familiar figures on the local roads. 59 11 24

1959 11 26
Many shops in the city sell 'Cambridge Cheese'. This is a soft white cheese, delicious and wholesome. But when analysed some examples were found to be deficient in fat, based on a Ministry recipe that 'so many pints of full-cream milk produce so much cheese'. However expert housewives say that Cambridge Cheese could be made with skimmed milk and as the labelling did not say 'cream cheese' no action would be taken. 59 11 26d

Cambridge has a problem with smoky chimneys. Domestic smoke contains a high proportion of tar which sticks to everything it touches. The 'prefabs' at Church End, Cherry Hinton and Histon Road are a very bad example of the smoking low chimney. The 'cosy coal fire' is by no means as innocent outside the house as it looks to be inside the grate and the rights of the individual should not include the right to choke his neighbour. Smoke Control Orders should be sought, the Public Health Inspector reported. 59 11 26a, b & c

Hawthorn Way flood relief scheme – 59 11 26
Butt Green protest over plans to use as temporary car park – 59 11 26e

1959 11 27
Ken Wallis first gyrocopter – 59 11 27c
Milton Road new athletics track opened – 59 11 27d
Ely Cathedral stolen plate recovered – 59 11 27e

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1959 12 01
Private patient's advantages, Addenbrooke's Hospital – 59 12 01

1959 12 03
The Inquiry into the Lion Yard scheme was told that the Petty Cury frontage should be excluded from redevelopment: the present useful buildings would be preserved and the character of the street maintained. But Planners said they could not be adequately served as they lacked any rear access. Runciman's veterinary premises in Downing Street had been used for 150 years and were specially designed for the purpose. They have dealt with animals as small as a mouse and as large as an elephant. The proposed replacement buildings were incompatible with the character of Cambridge. 59 12 03 & a & 04 & 04a

A monitor screen at the back of the church, shirt-sleeved technicians tip-toeing around, cameras rolling silently up and down the aisle and bright glaring lights pointing in every direction. This was just a part of what was involved in the telerecording of a Christmas service in Gt St Mary's church. It is to be shown by Anglia Television on Christmas night. The service was intended as a corporate act of worship for overseas students in Cambridge and a reminder of how the nations of the world might live together. 59 12 03b & c

Death of Lady Willink, wife Master Magdalene – 59 12 03d
Lion Yard demolition photo – 59 12 03e

1959 12 04
Several tradesmen gave evidence at the Lion Yard inquiry. Both Miller's and Lyon and Cade's were old established solicitors business, their premises would be entirely swept away. G.D. Pryor owned the land let to Mac Fisheries. The former Mr Pryor was one of the last coach drivers and a fishmonger who established his business in the first half of the nineteenth century. The coach was left at the Red Lion when business had been transacted next door. The Chinese Restaurant had been greatly improved since Mr Lui took possession and was now the centre for people who enjoyed this type of food. It is difficult to imagine where it could be resited, the pedestrian precinct did not promise to be lively at night. 59 12 04 abc

Ely football club plans Downham Road pitch scuppered – 59 12 04d

1959 12 05
The official inquiry into the Lion Yard Re-development Proposals – that erstwhile car park scheme blown up to make a planners' holiday – covered 15 days and produced over half-a-million words. The sponsors of the scheme and the many objectors have placed their cases fully and fairly – and sometimes forcibly. One of the main criticisms is that no evidence of the financial side was submitted. Very few members of the public attended but there was a 'full gallery' on the final day. It will be six months before the Minister's decision is made known. 59 12 05

The Westminster Bank in Manchester has introduced the first permanent inter-branch television network. Customers can check their accounts on private television screens which relay pictures from a centralised book-keeping department a mile away. The system has been supplied by the Pye Industrial Television Division and features a small camera which looks downwards, by means of a mirror, at cheques placed on a desk. It incorporates a sound system so the operator can hold instant two-way conversations with the customer. 59 12 05a

1959 12 10
The University's new Department of Chemical Engineering building in Pembroke Street was opened by the Chairman of Shell. The firm had made a grant of half-a-million pounds and since the first Shell Professor took up his appointment in 1946, 187 students have graduated. They carry out a research programme during their final year instead of a formal laboratory course and already some information of genuine value had been obtained. In its early days the Department was housed in a temporary building in Tennis Court Road before finding a permanent site next to the Cavendish and Zoology Laboratories. 59 12 10a

Meadowlands Methodist hall progress – 59 12 10

1959 12 12
Cambridgeshire would get the place in the history of further education that it deserves said the Minister of Education when he opened the new Melbourn Village College. It is a community centre, housing a secondary school for 320 pupils in daytime and providing cultural, vocational and social opportunities in the evenings and weekends with 700 attending evening classes. It is the eighth village

college to be built; all have a great reputation among the supporters of adult education. 59 12 12 & a & b

1959 12 14
Jack Hulbert, the famous actor, took his M.A. degree watched by his wife, the actress Miss Cicely Courtneidge. Jack became a B.A. of Caius college before the First World War and so has long been eligible for this higher degree. As an undergraduate he wrote and took part in a large number of entertainments and starred in the Footlights revue. His first big success was in 'Cheer Oh! Cambridge' at the Queen's Theatre London in 1913. Local people wish success to one of the most warm-hearted couples in show business. 59 12 14

1959 12 16
Miss W.M. Farnsworth, headmistress of Chesterton Girls' School is retiring. She has been in charge since the school opened in 1935. It was the first of its kind to be opened in Cambridge as a result of the Hadow report of 1926 which recommended special provision for all children over 11 years. Previously it was thought that children not at grammar schools must be taught to be practical and develop handicraft skills rather than developing academic intelligence. She says schoolgirls are now taller, healthier, more graceful and beautiful than they used to be, as a result of anti-natal care and welfare services or increased facilities for physical education. 58 12 16 & a

The Arbury Estate gained its second public house within 12 days with the opening of the Carlton Arms. It is unique in that it is sponsored, owned and run by two breweries, Wells and Winch and Whitbread's. Designed in a conventional fashion, it has a brightly-decorated public bar and a saloon bar that can be separated into a lounge bar by means of a Bolton gate. The new landlords, Mr & Mrs Alan Davis were previously at the Still and Sugar Loaf on the Market Square. 59 12 16b

1959 12 17
There are a quarter of an acre of tunnels under Peas Hill which were used as air raid shelters during the War. They were wired for electricity, lavatories were installed and wooden seats fitted in the tunnel recesses. Oil lamps were kept close at hand in case of emergency. Quite a number of people used the shelter during day-time raids and some slept down there when there was night bombing. 'Roadsters' used them every night to sleep. They were terribly damp when first used but after a few days became quite comfortable. 59 12 17

1959 12 19
Death Frederick Boyton Taylor, Dullingham House – 59 12 19
Cambridge Borough Police band named photo 1901 – 59 12 19a

1959 12 21
The controversy surrounding the Central Hotel in Peas Hill, which King's College want to knock down and replace by a new hostel for students has reached a new stage with the publication of a booklet. The St Edward's Committee was established when it was announced that the Central Hotel, a largely 17th-century building forming an integral part of a square around St Edward's churchyard, was to all appearances doomed. They believe it could be preserved and are pressing for a public inquiry into the proposals. 59 12 21c & d

1959 12 22
Penny-farthing bicycle owned by Cook Bros – 59 12 22

1959 12 23
Cambridge stays faithful to panto – 59 12 23 & a

1959 12 28
Anstey Hall unsuitable for Hospital Board HQ – 59 12 28

1959 12 30
The annual Grantchester Boxing Day barrel rolling contest was inaugurated three years ago by Mr R. Healey, landlord of the Rose and Crown public house. It is becoming increasingly popular and attracts people from the surrounding district. It consists of three races. The men's was won by Mr Maurice, the women's by Miss Barbara Peters and the children's by Miss Patricia Rose with Miss Sharyn Griggs second. The youngest competitor was five-year-old Helen Tanner. 59 12 30

Four cottages remaining on the demolition site at Hinton Road, Fulbourn, are to be improved to make them safe for residence. They had been condemned as unfit for human habitation in 1958 and had since been left empty. They were needed for families from the Bourn huts but the immediate urgency has now gone. There is a certain need for sub-standard property but at least the fabric must be good, councillors decided. 59 12 30a

Cambridge Cats Home run by the Blue Cross in Garlic Row was filled to capacity with 75 animals over the Christmas holidays. In the course of a year the Superintendents, Dennis Broomfield and his wife, look after over 1,000 'lodgers' and a very large number of strays. Each cat has a large run to itself and the nights are spent in warm boxes lined with straw and cloth inside spacious 'hutlets'. Each cat eats about half a pound of fish a day – good quality rock salmon steaks - and gets through a good quantity of milk. 59 12 30b

The 'average' young couple, where the husband is earning £700 a year, should have no difficulty in the Cambridge of today in finding or building a house for themselves. If they have the kind of status that satisfies bank managers they can get financial help from the building societies up to about 95% of the purchase price of £2,250. Many people have a car nowadays which means a distance of seven miles is no serious obstacle and they can enjoy the advantages of living in the country. They would derive little benefit from renting a house: on the rare occasion that unfurnished accommodation does become available it would equal the loan repayments on a house of their own. 59 12 30c

Cambridge rich in artists – Irene Broe – 59 12 30

1959 12 31
Litter bins in villages – 59 12 31a
Haverhill bypass progress – 59 12 31

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1960 01 04
Cambridge in fiction – history – 60 01 04 & a # c.74

1960 01 05
Work has begun on the first stage of the Churchill College project with giant bull-dozers levelling the ground for a new access road from Storey's Way. If everything goes according to plan new residential flats will be completed by the beginning of September. The college will specialise in the teaching of scientific subjects and its first Master will be Sir John Cockcroft, the atomic physicist 60 01 05

1960 01 06
Candy Scott has made quite a name for herself as a dancer, actress and model. Now, at 20, she has taken on a new role – ghost-hunter. She spent a night at medieval Sawston Hall, sleeping in the same great four-poster bed in the same tapestried room used by Mary Tudor – 'Bloody Mary' – more than 400 years ago. According to spine-chilling tales told by many reliable witnesses Mary still visits the room in the dark, dead hours before dawn. Candy never saw her but says many other strange things happened during the night – icy winds, odd noises and doors opening and closing. 60 01 06

Cambridge boys club to close – 60 01 06a # c.37.9

1960 01 07
South Cambs RDC are going into the 'houses for sale' business. They initially intended to use small sites away from Council house developments but now hope to build on land fronting the highway in existing estates at Babraham Road, Sawston and Symonds Lane, Linton as well as new sites at Duxford and Melbourn. They plan semi-detached houses with a garage to sell for £2,450. Mortgage repayments would be about three pounds a week. Applicants on the council's waiting list will be informed. 60 01 07a

Frank 'Wilkie' Wilkinson arrived at the King's School, Ely, as a young teacher in 1922 intending to stay for just one year. But he remained for a record of 37 years as an English master, games master, sports coach, librarian, groundsman, head of the dramatic and debating societies and organiser of athletics, tennis, fives and badminton. He also captained the county football club and played cricket for the MCC. As secretary of the Old Boys' Club he keeps in touch with over 600 former pupils who wish him happiness and prosperity in his retirement. 60 01 07c

Central Hotel preservation call – 60 01 07 # c.61
Charlie Rowell long-distance champion – feature – 60 01 07b # c.38 : athletics

1960 01 08
The present generation of old people grew up before the welfare state came into being and had to go without many of the things which today makes life easier for everyone. A recent survey showed that 96 per cent of old people lived independent lives. But those who were in care were very much frailer than those being looked after 10 years before and this made for greater demands on the staff. It is very rare to find married couples entering old people's homes. The only couple at present in the care of the County Council married after entering the home. 60 01 08a

King's College has replied to criticism of its plans to demolish the 17th-century Central Hotel on the corner of St Edward's Passage and Peas Hill. Whilst the Midland Bank premises are scheduled as an ancient monument, the St Edward's Passage premises are not. The College has considered eleven

schemes for the site, some of which would preserve the façade, but the preservation of the interior was a hopelessly haphazard proposition. Their architect has taken infinite care to ensure the new building preserves the essentially domestic character of St Edward's Passage, says Noel Annan, the Provost. 60 01 08b # c.61 # c.44.6

Angela Garnett, Hilton painter – feature – 60 01 08 # c.64
Grantchester illustrated village feature – 60 01 08 CIP

Two Isleham brothers, Arthur and Bill Houghton, have a knack for digging up hidden treasure. A few years ago they were working on a housing site at Snailwell when a Belgae chieftain's grave was discovered. Now they have come across a vast amount of broken tools and weapons thought to have been the stock-in-trade of a bronze founder or smith. It is one of the largest ever to be found in Britain. The site at Little Isleham was once a populated hamlet with a chapel dedicated to St Nicholas but nothing now remains of the community. 60 01 08c

1960 01 11
A 23-ton tanker lorry containing nearly 3,000 gallons of varnish-oil overturned at Madingley Road and was completely wrecked. The 12-wheeler vehicle got out of control near the old aircraft factory, veered across the road and snapped off a telegraph pole before overturning. The driver scrambled out unscathed and walked two miles in below-freezing conditions to a café at Hardwick to call for assistance. Firemen using heavy lifting gear dragged the vehicle off the road on to the verge and stood by until the oil was transferred to another tanker 60 01 11

1960 01 15
Two men were killed when a five-ton lorry owned by the Great Ouse River Board was in collision with a two-coach diesel train on a farm-service crossing between Isleham and Worlington. The front of the train was badly smashed and passengers severely shaken. Rescue workers were hampered by icy roads leading to the Lee Farm crossing, which is in a very isolated position. The line is now open under caution as the permanent way is damaged. 60 01 15; 60 01 22 CIP

The Probation Service was inaugurated in 1907 and in Cambridge it was the grandfather of Mr M.K. Taylor, the present chairman of the Probation Committee, who supported the setting up of the original service. In 1908 Cambridge justices appointed two men and one woman to serve on a voluntary basis. Today four men and two women are employed. Probation officers know that visiting homes while 'The Archers' is being broadcast is fruitless: people are not prepared to miss an episode to talk to them. 60 01 15a & b # c.34.9

Mr A.G. Wright, Chairman of the Flood Protection Committee of the Great Ouse River Board, has been awarded the OBE for his work in carrying our the huge flood protection scheme following the flooding of 1947. The channel outfall below the Tail Sluice is nearly complete and all work finished on the tidal river banks. Mattresses have been laid at the Wash barrier and contractors are now tendering for the third part of the scheme. "Only those who live in the fens can realise what it is to be flooded and what the effect of a protection scheme means", he said. 60 01 15c # c.29

1960 01 16
So Cambridge must be destroyed. Country folk from the surrounding pastures have decreed that, just because she develops a bald patch on her Lion Yard. But even when Petty Cury has been rebuilt with modern materials the day must come when all the new buildings fall down. But by 2020 there will be no cars, and therefore no parking problems; only the original debt. No one can possibly question the integrity of the City Fathers: by their very selection they are men apart, towering above their fellows in mental and moral stature – C.R. Benstead feature 60 01 16 # c.49.67

1960 01 18
Every visitor to Ely Cathedral notices its pigeons. They wheel round the top of the West Tower, sit in rows along the roof and make nests in the Galilee Porch. But then came orders to destroy them. Fowl

pest was rampant and the discovery of a number of dead pigeons in the precincts became news: they were dying in scores. Wheelbarrows carried the corpses away. But they had not died of fowl pest, they had poisoned themselves by stealing corn sown in the fields which had been chemically treated against grubs. They will return buy for the present kitchen gardens in the neighbourhood may be allowed to produce peas and beans this year at least. 60 01 18

Oakington railway station is one of the busiest in the area: 80 trains pass daily, 14 of them stopping passenger trains. However many RAF passengers from Oakington airfield find it easier to reach their living quarters from Longstanton station and services can be disrupted by plane crashes. Large quantities of fruit are still sent 'up North' but there is increasing competition from road haulage firms. One farmer says he prefers the rail as the fresh air blowing through the trucks helps to keep the fruit fresh. But the station suffered when a large local farming concern changed hands and nearly 700 tons of sugar beet was not grown. 60 01 18a & b

1960 01 20
Supermarkets are undercutting smaller shops – an identical tin of coffee varies by as much as sixpence. But Mr L.C. Cherry of Milton Road has banded together with several other grocers to buy goods in bulk, enabling him to give customers special offers. A high percentage of orders are now taken over the telephone, credit is given and goods delivered. At Sutton Mr L.F. Lindsell has seen no decline since the opening of a supermarket at Ely: the customer saves a bus fare, get good service and can always come back and complain. Several housewives praised the supermarket but others said it tempted them to buy rather more than they first intended 60 01 20 # c.27.2

1960 01 21
City councillors decided to drop proposals to use Butts Green as a car park for two years - even with the Lion Yard car park finished and new car parks in King Street and Park Street, there would still not be enough parking and it would never be reinstated. The income would never meet expenditure. Eventually Cambridge would have a city centre park charging about one shilling an hour. If Butt Green was to be charged at sixpence nobody would use Lion Yard and the council would be sabotaging their own scheme. 60 01 21 # c.32.3 # c.49.62

1960 01 22
The traffic situation in the Fen Causeway was desperate and the only thing to do was to widen the entrance so as to permit two full streams of traffic, Alderman James urged. The council had been negotiating to buy the frontage of the Leys School since 1957 but talks with the governors had broken down and now he proposed compulsory purchase. But this was very high-handed and not the proper way to do things, councillors decided. 60 01 22 # c.49.62

Willingham lives for horticulture – full-page illustrated feature – 60 01 22a CIP

1960 01 23
Refuse collection comes in for a good deal of criticism. Visitors are shocked and ashamed by the exhibition of dustbins on the pavements and the trails of garbage left by the lorries on dustbin day. The old and infirm feel it is a strain and an imposition to lift or drag their bins to the kerb. But it is hard work for the dustmen and three-wheeled bases to fit the standard bins may be supplied to help both. It is illegal to put garden refuse in a dustbin but this will be collected separately for a modest charge. Very little rubbish, other than offal, is burned. Paper is sold, other rubbish sorted and the bulk of solid waste tipped into worked-out brick fields. It is then covered with earth and the land will eventually be reclaimed for recreational purposes. 60 01 23 # c.21.15

After solving many problems associated with custodialism – locked doors, padded rooms, restraint and violence – Fulbourn Hospital found themselves confronted with a more difficult problem – apathy. The patients were reasonably well-behaved and went regularly to work but afterwards they just sat in their armchairs gazing at the television. Now a series of projects have been developed, the best involving patients and staff on an equal footing on a job all considered valuable. As social

therapy developed the attendance at major hospital functions such as concerts, plays and even the cinema, has fallen off, Dr D.H. Clark reported. 60 01 23a

Bradwell's Court, the new public footway linking St Andrew's Street with Drummer Street, was opened for the first time this week. At the same time Christ's Lane, the old cobbled pathway, was closed. With an arcade at each end and an 'open style' court in the centre, the new thoroughfare is flanked by 13 shops 60 01 23c # c.27.2

New Theatre site acquired – 60 01 23b

1960 01 26
The first of five blocks of flats at Sherlock Close have been completed. Designed by the London architects, James and Bywaters, and built and owned by Peploe and Partners Ltd, the estate will eventually have 60 flats and 40 garages. Designed around two enclosed gardens they will resemble college courts. They have two bedrooms and are warmed by a gas operated space heater. The use of pine panelling, which has been lightly waxed, and polished hardwood-lined doors give the flats a Swedish appearance 60 01 26 # c.23

1960 01 27
Lady Margaret Bullard makes most attractive jewellery from her home in Clarkson Road, Cambridge. It includes pottery ear-rings which, following a magazine feature, she sells by the thousands every year. Lady Bullard designs all the items herself and has countless styles and shapes. Practically every town in the country has shops selling her jewellery which is exported to Jamaica and Central Africa. Some of her latest work is in Roman gold. She has also written three books, one based on Cambridge before and during the war, called 'A Perch in Paradise' 60 01 27

1960 01 28
Haverhill is a town that wants to grow. It claims to be the first ever to ask London, voluntarily, for some of its overspill population and there are no grumbles now that these new families have begun to arrive. Ninety families, mostly from the East End of London, have moved into a new housing estate in a scheme which will eventually double the present population of this little West Suffolk town. Many have come from unsatisfactory conditions and now have a home of their own for the first time. Haverhill people welcome them because without the vitality and prosperity of new people it might fade away into no more than a big village. 60 01 28 & a

1960 01 29
Post-war growth at Milton; village where light industry has developed: full-page illustrated feature – 60 01 29 CIP
New Theatre history feature – 60 01 29 # c.76

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1960 02 01
An 18-inch-long canister marked 'Explosive' was found lying in the gutter near the Milton Road roundabout at Mitcham's Corner. It was removed by the RAF who said it was probably a mortar type bomb. Recently Swastikas and the words 'Juden Raus' were daubed in bright green distemper on the cream entrance to the University Pitt Club in Jesus Lane. This was formed in 1835 as a political club but is now one of the most exclusive and expensive social clubs in Cambridge 60 02 01 60 02 15

1960 02 02
Civil Defence HQ opens Warkworth Terrace – 60 02 02 # c.45.8

1960 02 03

The picturesque 'Free Press' public house in Prospect Row stands in an area which the City Council wish to clear for redevelopment and is likely to be demolished one day. It once catered for printers from the old University Press in Brandon Place and consists of two cottages knocked into one. The licensee, Geoffrey Nichols, has been in occupation since 1927. When he first came it was 'an old spittoon sort of place' but now businessmen like its smoke room, workmen and their wives enjoy a drink in the public bar, and the snug, the slip and the bottle and jug department each cater for a public of their own. The walls are covered with photographs of actors and variety artists who used to lodge nearby while appearing at the New Theatre. 60 02 03 # c.27.4

1960 02 08
Henry John Alsop (60) pushes a milk delivery 'pram'. The firm of Alsop Brothers, Henry John and John Henry, are the only Cambridge firm with 'prams' and these have been in use for 30 years 60 02 08

1960 02 09
Plans are being prepared to replace the present old and decrepit group of science buildings in the Cavendish physics laboratory area. Every one of the buildings on the New Museums site is out of date and the number of undergraduates that can be accepted is restricted. Because of cramped conditions much research work is being hampered. The rebuilding scheme may take six or seven years and cost over £2 million. 60 02 09

Why the Cam to Lea canal was not dug – 60 02 09a

1960 02 10
Newmarket's Memorial Hall was packed by stablemen in one of the strongest gatherings the town has ever seen. There were boos and catcalls as officials of the Transport and General Workers Union tried to dissuade the men from taking strike action over their demands for a minimum weekly wage of ten guineas, clothing allowance and proper holiday and week-end agreements. Exchanges became very heated and apprentices from the Heath House Hostel, who have been on strike for better conditions marched out in protest. They have been told the Hostel would be closed as soon as private lodgings had been found for them. The trainers had been invited but none attended. 60 02 10

The St Edward's Committee may launch a fund to buy the Central Hotel in Peas Hill and house students in converted rooms. King's College, the owner, says it would prefer to sell the building rather than undertake the work of preservation. The Holford Committee which suggested demolishing it has now decided to study the merits of the building 60 02 10 # c.61

1960 02 11
London-Cambridge canal - 60 02 11

1960 02 12
Miss Francis Turk of Buckden has written more than 35 romantic novels over the last 23 years. She is under contract to write two light fiction books a year and it takes her about three months from the first rough draft to its completion. Her latest book, 'Journey to Eternity' is an entertaining account of the various people who visit an old fen house. The story is told with understanding and imagination. One day she is hoping to write a family saga of the Fens 60 02 12 # c.74

Mrs J. Blackburn has been chosen to play at right inner for the East Anglian Women's Hockey Association team in their match against the Midlands, becoming the first Cambridgeshire-born player to represent the East since the 1920's. She is the daughter of Sir John Cockcroft the atom bomb scientist who is to be the first Master of Churchill College. 60 02 12 # c.38 : hockey

The RAF strategic Thor missile is now operational at Feltwell, one of four bases capable of launching rockets with nuclear warheads. There are three Thor missiles housed horizontally in special shelters with 12 more in 'satellite' emplacements nearby and three more complexes in the eastern part of

England which the authorities are reluctant to name. It takes an hour to attach a warhead after which it can be erected, fuelled and launched in 15 minutes. The rocket would take 15 minutes to reach a target in Russia. 60 02 12a & b # c.45.8

1960 02 13
Foreign visitors see Cambridge in different ways. Some American have great culture, have read up beforehand and ask obscure questions. Others want to 'do everything' and take as many snapshots as they can. Germans are very thorough and really want to know everything, European youths frequently want to 'come up' to the University but are puzzled to learn colleges are not co-educational. Undergraduate bicycles never fail to interest: the almost seatless, rusty and battered machines with wheels held together with string give them the impression that students are desperately poor. It is impossible to explain that the poorest-looking bike is probably owned by the richest young man! 65 02 13 # c.46.45

1960 02 16
David Smith, known as 'Dave' to thousands of members of the University Union, could remember the more leisurely days when as a turkey-carpeted gentleman's club it was the Sunday mecca of hundreds of letter writers, quill pens provided. Before TV, billiards and the gramophone fine gentlemen moved in quiet splendour about the premises. When one of the Society's servants retired they would make a short speech before the Tuesday debate in front of a crowded house. They would then quietly return next day on a part-time basis without any anti-climax and much to everyone's relief. 'Dave' will always be remembered as one of those 'characters' without which the University and life would be the poorer 60 02 16 # c.36.9

Preparations are being made for the rebuilding of the Department of Metallurgy laboratories in Downing Street, which were destroyed by fire in August. The old building was quite useless for research and the new part will be box shaped and built of steel and concrete fire-proofed to guard against further outbreaks. At the time of the blaze research in metal corrosion 'of national importance' was being carried out. 60 02 16a

1960 02 17
Cambridge Children's Playground Association was started after builders complained about children playing destructively with their building materials and when it was noticed that the ordinary playgrounds did not attract many youngsters. The first experimental playground was in Newmarket Road and now one may be formed on the Arbury Estate. There are hundreds of children who have already formed the habit of playing in the streets and in the shopping precinct while the estate has waited six years for a playground. The spinney at Cherry Hinton would also be an ideal site for an 'adventure playground' 60 02 17 # c.37.9

1960 02 18
The first escalator to be installed in a Cambridge shop is in position at the extension of F.W. Woolworth and Co. Ltd. and is all ready to go into operation when the new premises are opened at the end of June. It will convey customers up to the sales floors relieving congestion on the stairs which will remain for energetic customers and 'down' passengers. It is among a number of innovations in the building which will include a shed for 120 cycles on the roof and an unloading bay in the building itself so that lorries can drive in and unload directly on to lifts. There will also be an air conditioning plant, deep freeze and delicatessen counters, Formica walls and an asbestos-lined ceiling. 60 02 18 # c.27.2

1960 02 19
Chinchilla breeding is advertised as a 'profitable hobby'. A Soham lady has been breeding these squirrel-like animals for two-and-a-half years and now has six adult pairs. Two litters are born each year, an average being two or three kits. The animals are fed on vegetarian pellets and drink a lot of water. They are easy to rear and fascinating to keep but are not a way of getting rich quickly. An eight-week old pedigree pair costs £50 and will be worth £250 at ten months. 60 02 19

Three sections of disused railway lines might be used in connection with the construction of future new roads in Huntingdonshire. They are the line and bridge from Bluntisham to Earith on the St Ives-Earith-Ely branch line, the bridge over the Great Ouse between St Ives station and the level crossing on the B1040 and the line and bridges from Huntingdon to Kimbolton. But councillors see no use for the line from Ramsey East station to Warboys. 60 02 19a

Lonnie Donegan and his skiffle group made their first appearance in Cambridge on the stage of the Regal Cinema and played his songs "Does the chewing gum lose its flavour on the bed-post overnight", "Gambling Man" and "Tom Dooley". It was a more restrained reception compared with the continual screaming which deafened Cliff Richard when he appeared a few months ago. Amongst the other acts were Miki and Griff a polished husband and wife act who soon had the audience where they wanted them. 60 02 19b # c.69

1960 02 22
Papworth Hospital is not a large one. It has only 213 beds of which only 100 are occupied at the moment. Probably less than half these are suffering from tubercular infection: people with chest diseases of all kinds, bronchitis and other troubles go there too. One day, perhaps, when tuberculosis joins the list of diseases – like diphtheria or smallpox – which were once major killers and are now no longer, the Hospital and its attendant Settlement will be given over to other types of disability. Now it will be visited by the Duchess of Kent to mark the opening of its new surgical unit. 60 02 22

1960 02 23
There was a mishap when the bright red helicopter bringing the Duchess of Kent on her tour of Papworth Hospital was coming in to land on the village playfield field. The violent turbulence from the rotor blades knocked over the Lord Lieutenant (Ald R.H. Parker), causing him to fall heavily. The Chief Constable (D.C.J. Arnold) and the Matron of the Hospital (Miss E.M. Robinson) ran to help. Carpets were sent flying, Press photographers dropped their cameras and officials were knocked back in the blast. 60 02 23 60 02 26 CIP

The News has provided a vital lead in a search for some 350-year-old manuscripts which may hold the key to the history of the Carmelite religious order. An American researcher appealed for help to find the documents which were last heard of in the Philips Collection of historical papers. The News ordered its correspondents to make inquiries and they were discovered in the library of a former Ramsey schoolteacher. Now the researcher is heading to Ramsey straight away. The Carmelites settled in Chesterton in 1237 but then moved to a site near the new Queens' College buildings. 60 02 23a

1960 02 24
In a large rambling Saffron Walden house built of oak 18 children have come together to find a happy family life centred on a couple whose philosophy is as simple as their days are full. They are Mr & Mrs S. Wilson, who in public life are known as Alderman and Councillor, but who to their effervescent young wards are Uncle Stan and Auntie Kit. The children come to the house from the London County Council. Each has his own background history, which is of no concern to us. "We love them and give them a home, just as we would if they were our own children", they say. 60 02 24 & a

Tuck shops will not be banned from Cambridge secondary schools but the City Dental Officer will confer with head teachers to draw up a list of saleable food that was least harmful to teeth. It would be better to control what was sold rather than ban them together otherwise children would bring food into school with them. However the provision of snacks for pupils who travelled long distances was by no means universal – Soham Grammar School gave up tuck shops some time ago with unqualified success, councillors heard. 60 02 24b

1960 02 25

Arthur Leslie Symons, former MP, death – 60 02 25 # c.33

1960 02 27
Princess Margaret visit 1958 & Tony Armstrong Jones as student – 60 02 27 # c.02

1960 02 28
Tucked away in a Mr W. Godfrey's storeyard at Ickleton are two disused village fire engines, one about 200 years old. Both pumps were horse drawn and it took 48 people working in relays to operate the older machine. The other, a Victorian model, was in working order until recently. Now they stand alongside the builder's modern fire-fighting appliances, relics of an age when a village fire meant that all able-bodied men round about had to assist in fighting the flames. Cambridgeshire Fire Brigade were keen to obtain them but Mr Godfrey is anxious they should be inherited by his descendants, providing they are interested in looking after them 60 02 28

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1960 03 01
Cambridge should be granted County Borough status and so control its own destiny, the Local Government Commission recommends in its draft proposals. But Cambridgeshire would not then be an effective administrative unit and should be merged with the Soke of Peterborough, Huntingdonshire and the Isle of Ely to be able to provide a comprehensive range of services. Royston Urban District should join the new county but Newmarket should remain in West Suffolk and St Neots be transferred to Bedfordshire. Now the recommendations will be subject to public consultation. 60 03 01 & a # c.35.7 # c.35.1

1960 03 02
Sometimes talented people are intensely modest about their work and dislike publicity. Such is the case with Miss Isabella Mackay who is a partner of a local engineering firm and a remarkably fine artist. She was taught enamelling by the celebrated Louis Joseph of Geneva, attended two schools of art, jewellery and engraving in Birmingham and taught occupational therapy – including basked work – at Papworth in the early days of the Settlement. She has produced some original engravings of the colleges and has exhibited in this country and on the continent. 60 03 02 # c.63

Proposals to amalgamate Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, the Isle of Ely and the Soke of Peterborough into a new county have been described as 'local government gone made' by the MP for Cambridgeshire. David Renton is also known to oppose any suggestion that Huntingdonshire should lose its separate identity and may resign from the Government if the proposal goes through. Major Legge-Bourke for the Isle of Ely says it is impossible for fenland areas to be efficiently government by people who do not understand their special problems. The only MP to welcome the proposal is Hamilton Kerr for Cambridge City who says he is delighted that the claim for county borough status has been recognised. 60 03 02a # c.35.1

1960 03 04
Willingham Black Bull licence 60 03 04

1960 03 05
Harston youth club meets in the village hall and has 145 members. More would like to join but have to prove a qualification of residence. One week the Cambridge bus arrived almost full with city youngsters who wanted to spend the evening there; they had to be told that things could not be run in that way. There is a canteen which sells soft drinks and tea, coffee and snacks, table tennis and table games and a police officer teaches boxing. The principal activity is pop dancing for the club has a gramophone and a skiffle group. But if all the youngsters want to do is to prop up the walls, talk to one another and smoke then this is a legitimate and proper thing for a club to fulfil, says the Vicar who organises it. 60 03 05 60 03 12 CIP

1960 03 07
A 25-hour non-stop jive session at The Dorothy ballroom was won by The Rebels, a team of jivers from the Corner House Café in King Street. The American team from Alconbury were the first to crack, followed by the Corpus Christi team and Daddy's Nite Club. At the end of the session only three members of these teams were on their feet. Back at the Corner House Café the Rebels' supporters took the news of their triumph quietly. In their leather jacket and jeans they talked over cups of coffee. But the juke box was silent by order of Magistrates. Two of the Rebels, Colin Knight and Graham Jones used the session as a practice for a 25-mile cycle sprint race. 60 03 07 # c.69.2

1960 03 08
Newmarket Association for Prosecution of Felons history 60 03 08

1960 03 09
Central Hotel sketch 60 03 09
Central Hotel college attitude 60 03 09

1960 03 10
A final decision to demolish the Central Hotel was made by King's College after discussion with the Cambridge Preservation Society. Only five Fellows voted to try to preserve the St Edward's Passage façade while demolishing the rest. Everybody agrees that the interior was in a hopeless state of disrepair. When the college bought the property in 1936 they intended to develop the site. In 1956 they concluded that no part of the hotel could be preserved and commissioned a new building. 60 03 10 # c.61

1960 03 11
The City Council is to pressure the Ministry of Transport about the proposed new bridge over the river at Chesterton. The route was approved four years ago and both Messrs Pye and Marshalls – the two large employers of labour in the area – consider it to be a matter of urgency. But the Mitcham's Corner improvement scheme would be relatively inexpensive and was being forced on them by the Government. This would further delay the proposals to provide a complete bypass on the Chesterton route. 60 03 11 # c.44.7

MP Major Legge-Bourke spoke of the rocket base at Mepal. It had a higher proportion of NCOs as against other ranks. There were plenty of first class warrant officers but practically no ordinary aircraft men. There was only one on the base when he visited. He felt very sorry for the fellow surrounded by so many stripes. The Under-Secretary of State agreed: he had never seen so many sergeants in one place in his whole life. If all bases were as cold and constituencies as cold as the Isle of Ely then he was sorry for the young chaps who have to stay there day and night looking after the installations. But morale was extremely high. 60 03 11a # c.45.8

1960 03 12
The Minister has confirmed compulsory purchase orders concerning houses in Norfolk Street which the City Council are anxious to pull down for the second stage of the East Road redevelopment scheme. The area affected was generally dilapidated, over-crowded and of a demolition standard with some of the buildings giving a general impression of decay. Now they can go ahead with erecting new houses, flats and shops 60 03 12 # c.23 # c.49.4

1960 03 14
Mildenhall USAF miniature airlift 60 03 14

1960 03 15
Cambridge boat builder H.C. Banham has been asked to build a new stern section for a racing clinker which was damaged when a hippopotamus took a bite at it. They are to ship it out by air to the

Zambezi Boat Club. Mr Banham says that local oarsmen should appreciate their good fortune. 60 03 15 # c.38 : rowing

1960 03 16
One of the landmarks of Cambridge which has overlooked the city for about 60 years was demolished. The 100-foot chimney on the Newmarket Road once belonged to one of the city's brickworks which closed down about a year ago owing to the lack of clay. A large portion of the base of the chimney was cut away and propped up by wooden supports. These were then set alight using paraffin and wood shavings and smoke gushed from the top of the chimney for the last time before it fell slowly and gracefully to the ground. The actual kilns have already been demolished to make way for Watts and Son, timber importers 60 03 16 # c.23

1960 03 17
Police houses being built on Cambridge ring road have been damaged. Seven-foot-high breeze-block walls have been pushed down and windows broken. Brignell and Sons, the builders, say they want to get these houses finished as soon as possible so that the police could occupy them and thus stamp out such vandalism caused by irresponsible youths. Now they have had to employ a night watchman. 60 03 17

The new Mill Road branch of Barclays Bank will be under the management of Mr C.R. Smith who is also manager of the Bank's Cherryhinton Road branch. Barclays has had a small branch on Mill Road for some time, but the new one is larger and offers wider facilities. 60 03 17a # c.32.8

1960 03 18
Ninety small boys and girls flock to Rock Road library every Thursday to hear stories read by Miss Kathleen Asbery, the recently-appointed children's librarian. She visited a school's youngest infant class and when told she was from the library one small girl asked "Is she here because we have some books missing?" "It seems awful that children should think of librarians as ogres who stand behind counters, stamp books and charge them a penny for a late-returned item", Kate said 60 03 18 # c.77.4

The death of Mr W.D. Arnold of the Grocery Stores, Hauxton has left a gap in village life which will be hard to fill. He was badly wounded in the 1914-18 war but with great courage took over a small grocery business which he ran for 38 years. The only store in the village, it became the hub of parochial life. Despite his disability he became a founder member of the Hauxton Home Guard and served continuously until it was stood down in 1944. Evidence of his popularity was shown by the forty floral tributes at his funeral. 60 03 18a

Pub inn signs have been making a comeback. The Blue Lion at Fen Ditton has a three-dimensional figure of the heraldic beast, The Angel in Market Street have put up a very pleasant sign while the new Snocat on the Arbury estate commemorates Sir Vivian Fuch's journey to the South Pole. One of the nicest of the old signs is the big glowing Golden Rose which grows out of the wall over the door of the little public house in Emmanuel Road 60 03 18b

In a small room hidden away at the back of the Shire Hall, from which the County Civil Defence services were once run, a huge and priceless collection of books, maps and documents relating to the Bedford Level Corporation have just been delivered. Soon the newly-appointed County Records Officer, Miss Clare Cross, Honorary County Archivist Captain Percy Bales and manuscript repair expert, Mr B. Grainger, will start the vast job of indexing them. The work of the County Records Office is growing so quickly that recently it moved into larger and better accommodation which once formed part of the Shire Hall Clinic 60 03 18c

Call to tradesmen to relinquish University wine licences 60 03 18d c.27.4

1960 03 19
Snax van 60 03 19

1960 03 22
Work on the widening of Hills Road bridge is slightly behind schedule but is expected to be open by the end of the year. Soon traffic will be diverted on to the new portion of the bridge to allow engineers to take down and rebuild the rest. Twelve beams of pre-stressed concrete have already been laid. When completed it will provide for a dual carriageway with a eight-foot wide footpath on either side of the bridge 60 03 22 – pic 60 03 24

Railway Traveller's Guide history 60 03 22 #c.26.2

1960 03 23
Perse new school film 60 03 23a c.36.5 # c.65.5

1960 03 24
Builders are now shoring up the interior of the Central Hotel in Peas Hill prior to demolition. Yesterday the Central Tea Bar, which occupied the corner of Market Hill and St Edward's Passage, closed and bricks were piled in front of its entrance. The Midland Bank will stay in the building although some changes will have to be made while the first phase is completed. The new building should be ready in about two years 60 03 24a

1960 03 25
The floor shuddered under 200 pairs of dancing feet. The combined sounds of the trumpets, trombone and clarinet bounced from ceiling to wall to hit the ears with a pleasant sweetness. The Riverside Jazz Club was in full swing. Every week 200 teenagers get together in an upstairs room of the Y.M.C.A. and jive. Baggy sweaters, tight-fitting trews or flared skirts for the girls are the order of the day with jeans and sweaters for the boys. The band line-up includes Ted Vousden on banjo, Tony Thurlboune on trumpet, Andy Cooper (clarinet), Tony Scott on drums and Sid Barrett on bass. Rodney Dale features as pianist for specialist numbers. 60 03 25 # c.69

Three new major building projects are all progressing satisfactorily. The first storey of at least one building on the Churchill College site is already visible from Madingley Road. The cast iron arches of the old Garret Hostel Lane Bridge have been removed with a temporary wooden structure erected over the river. In East Road the scheme for redeveloping a large area previously occupied with derelict buildings is rapidly taking shape. Maisonettes will be constructed in the first stage followed by shops, flats, roads and houses. 60 03 25d

University 'Image' magazine launched 60 03 25a # c.05
Cottenham daffodil picking 60 03 25b
Sprite caravans factory 60 03 25c

1960 03 28
King motor cycle history 60 03 28 #c.26.485
The hidden watchers with a window on the world – Post Office view of Cambridge 60 03 28a

1960 03 30
During spring-cleaning at the Cavendish Laboratory an ancient-looking instrument was found in a dusty corner. It has a wooden frame inside which is a set of bellows with eight outlets on the top. When the dust was cleaned off the maker's name of Griffin and George was discovered. Scientists think it was an organ used by Dr Alex Wood in acoustics research about 75 years ago. 60 03 30a

Joan Harborne book on landlady 60 03 30

April 1960 CDN

Please make what use of this you may. Kindly remember where it came from – www.mikepetty.org.uk

1964 04 01
George Pickering the King Street jeweller took up ear-piercing as a sideline eight years ago. Since then he has pierced the lobes of more than 7,000 pairs of ears – about 20 'patients' a week. Girls come in groups from Haverhill, Ely, Huntingdon and Northampton and often queue up to go behind the screens for the three-and-a-half minute procedure which will turn them into women capable of wearing ear-rings. Very few of them faint. He has also had a few boy customers who just want the left ear pierced. 60 04 01

Macintosh and Sons, the long-establish firm of ironmongers have moved their showrooms from Cambridge Market Hill to Mill Road owing to the congestion in the town centre. "The days have gone when farmers could pull up with their horse and trap to purchase instruments", they say. From the new warehouse and instrument shed they sell anything from a hand tool to a combine harvester costing over £2,000. Nearby stands the foundry that was in use until 30 years ago where they made lamp standards and ploughshares for the Town Council. 60 04 01a # c.27.2

1960 04 04
Sawston parishioners have clubbed together to buy a car for their vicar, Rev Ronald Bircham. The new clerical grey Ford 'Popular' saloon is to be considered one of the amenities that go with the parish incumbency, not his personal property. "It is one of the most wonderful experiences I have ever had as a vicar", he said. In the past parishioners had put their own cars at his disposal in emergencies, such as a call to a dying person, or he had hired one. The Bishop hopes other parishes may follow suit. 60 04 04

1960 04 05
'Diggings' are in short supply in Cambridge. Over the last 15 years the temporary accommodation problem has gone from bad to worse, and unless one really strikes it lucky a furnished flat or a room in a 'middle class' lodging house with meals provided is right out of the question. There is a natural hostility towards children and most landladies just have not got the room for complete families. They prefer to let rooms to students who only want a bed for the night. Legislation has done little to ease matters and the small investor has practically disappeared from the market. It is now only economically worth while for the man who buys whole houses to convert them into flats. 60 04 05 # c.27.45

The Cambridge Left Club protested against buying South African goods – 60 04 05a

1960 04 06
There has never been more work for a blacksmith than there is today, with the ever-increasing number of children's ponies together with the repairing of machinery, for a tractor is far more destructive than a horse ever was. But there are fewer young people willing to learn the job and the training period was a long one, longer even that that of a doctor. There are now 11 thatchers and plenty of work for them to do but the problem lay in obtaining the right kind of materials as combined straw is no good. There are only three potters and millwrights are fast disappearing the Rural Industries Organiser, R.C. Lambeth, reported 60 04 06

An articulated lorry carrying 10 tons of paper cartons for a frozen food firm overturned at Mitcham's Corner at dawn. The load was catapulted through three plate-glass windows of Mitcham's shop but the lorry driver, Charles Wain of Isleham, was unhurt. The manager, Edward Pull who lives above the shop was awakened by a terrific crash at 5.30 am. Two of the three windows had been recently put in and on display were carpets and soft furnishings. 60 04 06a

In April 1939 a Cambridge squadron of the Air Defence Cadet Corps was formed. It soon had three flights of 25 cadets with more on the waiting list. They all bought their own uniforms and paid three pence a week towards the upkeep of the Squadron. In 1941 it became the Air Training Corps. It now has nearly 100 cadets commanded by Flt/Lt Donald Snazle who joined on its formation and served as a bomb aimer during the war 60 04 06b # c.45.8

1960 04 07
The owner of the Kinema Café in Mill Road said that when he took it over in 1957 he tried to make it attractive and spent a great deal of money on putting it in order. At first he deterred teenagers by taking out the automatic phonograph and tried to attract the student trade by dressing up the tables with white cloths and menu card. But this failed. The only clients he could draw were teenagers, 85 per cent of the sales were of tobacco and the rest cups of tea. 60 04 07 # c.27.47

1960 04 08
A last-minute bid to save the Central Hotel was made too late. For builders are preparing for the final stage of demolition of the historic building in Peas Hill. 60 04 08

Histon haunted house home of D.A. Dale 60 04 08a

Soon elderly couples will move into brand new bungalows on the Chalklands Estate at Linton to become the first tenants of a new housing welfare scheme. A dozen specially designed bungalows with long-burning stoves and an electric cooker have been built by the council in a pleasant spot on this hillside estate for the exclusive use of old people who might otherwise spend their last few years in hospitals and County Council homes. A resident warden will ensure they lead their own lives for as long as they can 60 04 08c

1960 04 09
New microscope designed by University team – 60 04 09 # c.36.9

City libraries' staff shortages – 10 changes means service may fall below usual high standards 60 04 09a # c.77.4

Alan Ford trainee goalkeeper Cambridge City Football club 60 04 09b # c.38 : football

1960 04 11
The Rev Hugh Mansfield-Williams who is leaving Harston and Hauxton after six years will be remembered for sitting by the roadside on Poppy Day to collect money from his parishioners for the church restoration fund and for his work for the youth of the villages by the formation of a successful youth club 60 04 11

College barbers history feature 60 04 11a # c.27

1960 04 12
Cambridgeshire Regiment history – Volunteer corps 1860-1905 60 04 12 # c.45.3

The Leys School, having passed through the stages of war-time requisition and evacuation and the post-war restrictions on building, is now undertaking a large programme of building expansion. Extra science laboratories have been built and the kitchens, gymnasium and the swimming baths modernised. Now West House is to be completely reaccommodated in a new modern building on the edge of the playing fields over looking Coe Fen. Builders lorries are passing in and out of the gates with busy regularity. Self-contained as it is – with its own chapel and theatre and even its own water supply – it arouses the curiosity of passers by. 60 04 12a # c.36.5

The parish of St Andrew the Great has had no Vicar for two years because it has had no vicarage to offer. Now it has bought a house at 142 Chesterton Road. The peoples' warden, J.W.W. Filby says it should remove the main drawback to the appointment of an incumbent to take over the place of Canon A.L. Woodard who officially retired two years ago but has been carrying on. The gift of the living is with the Lord Chancellor whose department is actively considering a successor 60 04 12b

1960 04 13

The A.A. box that used to stand in the fork at the junction of the main Cambridge-London and Cambridge-Bishop's Stortford roads at Trumpington has been moved to a small lay-by on the London Road almost opposite the junction. The new lay-by provides safer off-road parking for motorists and is more convenient. 60 04 13

1960 04 19
The Cambridge Cattle Market on Easter Monday was like Petticoat Lane and indeed many of the numerous stall holders came from just that place. From early morning cars and people streamed over Hills Road Bridge to the market. All the policemen Cambridge could muster were sent to exert some form of control but were fighting an impossible battle. Farmers who generally flock to the market on Monday mornings were greatly outnumbered by whole families enjoying a day out in the warm sunny weather. 60 04 19a # c.27.3

Cambridgeshire Regiment centenary 1908 - 60 04 19

1960 04 21
Ald Mrs Lilian Mary Hart Mellish Clark obituary – 60 04 21

Mr M.A. Manning owns 111 acres of horticultural land at Willingham – a striking development from the single acre with which he started 33 years ago. Now he has become the first fruit grower to benefit under the new Horticultural Improvement Scheme. Joseph Godber of the Ministry of Agriculture visited him to say they will help fund two new refrigerated chambers for storing fruit. Mr Manning also hopes to get funding for a new packing shed and grading and washing equipment. 60 04 21a

Cambridge will be without its usual street decorations this summer because the staff at the Corporation's Cherry Hinton Hall Nurseries are busy preparing plants for the Royal Show ground. The Hall came into the council's possession soon after 1934 and now two acres are used to grow plants for roundabouts and recreation grounds. They include fuchsias, petunias, stocks, asters, dahlias and lobelia to say nothing of 3,000 daffodils, 20,000 pansies and 40,000 wallflowers. 60 04 21b # c.18

1960 04 22
A suggestion that radioactive waste from the University laboratories was being buried in Madingley Woods has been denied. The University had a store which was locked and shielded with thick walls where radioactive waste was kept until packed and shipped off to Harwell who finally got rid of it. The Department of Radiotherapeutics acted as a clearing house for other departments which used smaller quantities. The greatest care was taken that liquid waste did not get into the public drains and laboratory technicians are instructed on the handling and disposal of such substances. 60 04 22 # c.36.9

1960 04 23
'Image', a new picture magazine edited by Cambridge undergraduates is aimed at thoughtful people in universities throughout the country. 60 04 23 # c.04

1960 04 25
The Department of Metallurgy in the Cavendish Laboratory was badly damaged by fire for the second time in eight months. Last September a number of teaching laboratories were affected and rescued equipment moved to the area now ablaze. Prompt salvage work by firemen and students prevented damage to a £30,000 electron microscope. Part of the roof of the Physical Chemistry block had to be hacked away by firemen watched by about 300 spectators. 60 04 25a # c.36.9

Sir Oswald Moseley had a jelly slapped in his face by an undergraduate when he spoke at the Union Society on Britain's future in Europe and Africa 60 04 25b

Parking meters may be installed in Cambridge. It would cost sixpence to park for half-an-hour in an inner zone. When the time has expired a yellow flag flicks up and a patrolling parking attendant will place a yellow excess charge notice on the car. It can then stay for a further period when a red flag flicks up. This makes the motorist subject to prosecution in the courts. Two hours later and the car can be towed away. Councillors expect a certain amount of objections from shop-keepers and think yellow lines on the roads will injure the town's appearance. 60 04 26a

1960 04 26
William Topper who left school when he was nine years old and who has worked with his hands for the last 70 years is to be made an honorary Master of Arts of the University, becoming the first master stonemason to receive one. He has restored the Gate of Honour at Caius College, replacing pieces which had been missing for 300 years and has been in the Senate House once before, when he laid some tiles. Now he will take the day off from work and in mortar board and gown receive the degree from the Vice-Chancellor. 60 04 26b

1960 04 27
Constant Babington Smith analysed aerial photos during WWII - 60 04 27

1960 04 28
Costs of building the new Hills Road railway bridge have increased by £20,000 because unusually difficult ground conditions mean it needs deeper and more substantial foundations. But the County Council hopes to construct a bridge over the level crossing on the Cambridge Road at Histon. It will mean the demolition of five houses and affect the gardens of 17 other properties as well as the complete rebuilding of the Histon nursery school. 60 04 28

1960 04 29
The news that part of the worked-out British Portland Cement clay pits at Cherry Hinton are to be used as a Corporation rubbish dump have aroused opposition. There had to be some better way of getting rid of refuse than putting it in a pit. It would take 25-30 years to get it filled and unless every cartload of rubbish was immediately covered with earth it would become rat-infested. But other pits had been reclaimed: Herbert Robinson's garage in Newmarket Road was built entirely on a filled-in pit. 60 04 29

"Men's plain socks knitted free" read an advertisement in this newspaper. It was placed by Mrs G. Bowen of 'The Place', Ickleton. This charming woman is 84 years old and loves knitting. During the war she knitted more than 550 pairs and currently finishes four pairs a month. She likes to read while she is knitting but has to concentrate on the heels and so leaves the turning to do until she is not wanting to read. She is always ready to help people and has fought many issues of importance such as council houses and water supplies. She has visited Linton Hospital every fortnight since 1920 taking a bundle of newspapers and magazines. 60 04 29a

A Cambridge church in the course of erection, at present serving families whose membership extends from babies in arms to septuagenarians, once again could not cope with the size of its congregation at Easter. It is the Church of St Nicholas Ferrar on the Arbury Road Estate. The foundation stone was laid in July 1957 by Princess Margaret and part of the building was dedicated in December of the following year. But the congregation has grown too large and at Easter the parish communion had to be divided into two to accommodate the 80 families who meet there on Sundays 60 04 29b # c.83

Tyrell's Lodge, a thatched cottage at London Road Shepreth, has been converted into a motel, the only one in the country. Mrs Jean Mansfield started serving afternoon teas four years ago and was soon besieged with visitors. They sold out of food but had forgotten to get a 'closed' sign and people still poured in. Many were fascinated by the thatched-roof cottage and asked if there was sleeping

accommodation. So they designed two new wings and added a drinking lounge and large dining rooms where there will be dinner-dances every Saturday evening. 60 04 29c

All the property on the south side of John Street, Cambridge, is good property; quite a lot is privately owned by the occupiers who wanted to stay. They should not be forced to leave their home because the whole area is to be demolished and rebuilt. The council would be adopting 'Gestapo methods' if they insisted on the destruction of their houses. But people who lived in hovels felt exactly the same and if the council subtracted one or two properties they would destroy the whole scheme 60 04 29d

Commons should be closed to horse owners from November during the winter season – 60 04 29d.

1960 04 30
Jack Wright of Howlett End, Wimbish, started work as an apprentice in a tiny blacksmith's shop owned by F. Bright at Thaxted in 1896. During the Great War he served in the Field Artillery as a shoeing-smith, then set up his own business in Wimbish. Now, aged 80, he is still wielding his smith's hammer. "Of course there are not many working horses to be shoed these days, but I still prefer them to the modern tractor", he said. 60 04 30

Joshua Taylor is taking over the Arts Theatre to celebrate their 150 years of business. The production of a play telling their story has been put in the hands of Mr Gabor Cossa, the antique dealer and dramatic critic. It is in the nature of an undergraduate revue, not unduly concerned with advertising the merits of the firm. There will also be window displays with contemporary costumes showing the range of clothes they have sold over the years 60 04 30a # c.27.2

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1960 05 02
Schwaben redoubt Cambridgeshire Regiment's finest hour – 60 05 02 & a # c.45.5

1960 05 03
Passengers can now fly from Cambridge to almost anywhere in the world after Customs made available facilities for checking passports and luggage at the airport. Three large buildings are being converted into comfortable passenger transit, baggage and customs halls in readiness for the holiday rush. Marshall's have installed specialised electronic equipment and hope to develop it into the largest civil flying field in Eastern England. They also hope to capture the valuable trade of US service personnel from nearby bases to the Continent 60 05 03a # c.26.1

Light industries already accommodated in Cambridge may be moved to a site between the sewage farm and the industrial development south of Milton. Part of the land is used by the Cambridge Pre-Cast Stone Company and is within the proposed Green Belt. S.G.B. has applied for eight plots for workshops engaged in light industry on land used for storing and breaking up Army vehicles. It is an area of no great beauty, is primarily derelict and very little use for anything else, an Inquiry was told. 60 05 03b # c.27.1

1960 05 05
Reach mother and daughter found dead with gunshot wounds – 60 05 05 & 09

A Cambridge tailor recalled that in the mid-1920s undergraduates wore sports jackets and grey flannel trousers with 27-30 inch bottom, now the average was 18. Some 80 per cent of undergraduates today are studying on grants and wear duffle coats and sloppy-joes, tartan windcheaters and jeans. But the demand for suits, although much reduced is still steady. A man in his third year will buy a dark grey suit to mark the start of his care 60 05 05 # c.27.2

1960 05 06

The reconstructed electricity sub-station at Shepreth is one of the most up-to-date in the country. Previously when power has failed there have been delays, sometimes of a considerable period, before information has been received by the Electricity Board. But this one includes an automatic 'Datofonic' alarm which automatically telephones the control room as soon as anything goes wrong. It will also check the switches and play back the findings using transistors for amplification 60 05 06a

Gt & Lt Shelford Church of England primary school assembly hall dedicated – 60 05 06b

Reach church restoration – photo – 60 05 06 CIP

1960 05 10
Lode new cemetery consecrated – 60 05 10

1960 05 11
Joshua Taylor story Arts Theatre – 60 05 11 # c.27.2

Sir - Great Wilbraham church pit was for years the happy hunting ground of numberless holiday makers and naturalists. Three years ago it was over by the RDC for future refuse disposal. It was said to be infested with rabbits so public money was spent uprooting a few shrubs in the bottom and wire barricades were erected to keep people out. But now manure has been dumped there to serve the convenience of the adjoining estate. This must be stopped – G.H. Beeton, parish councillor. 60 05 11a

1960 05 12
Florence Chapman applied for possession of her house in St Luke's Street. She and her husband ran a newsagent's business in St Albans but now wished to sell up and retire back to Cambridge. Since 1947 their house had been rented to the caretaker and cleaner at St Luke's Church School. They said it was convenient for them to be close at hand for locking-up at night but the judge felt Mrs Chapman was entitled to have her house back in four months. 60 05 12

1960 05 13
Mrs M Lambeth of Fulbourn has done much to revive corn dollies, the straw plaited symbols of a successful harvest. It is one of the oldest crafts in existence and different counties have their own traditional design. The umbrella and the bell represent Cambridgeshire. It was the custom to make them of the last corn in the field 'after the devil has been thrashed out'. They were then hung in churches in thanks for a successful harvest and the old dolly burnt. 60 05 13

There was grave concern at the serious water shortage in Willingham where the supply was old and inadequate for modern needs. Some houses are completely without water for many hours during the day and growers cannot irrigate their glasshouse plants. The trunk main passed near the village and the Ramsey Board had agreed that a supply could be taken from it to relieve the problem until the system was overhauled and both the quantity and the pressure brought up to a reasonable standard. 60 05 13a

The change from steam to diesel at the Cambridge railway depot has transformed train drivers' lives. The rattling, hissing, gritty foot-plate - where in cold weather they were frozen on one side and baked on the other - has been exchanged for the enclosed windowed cabin of the new engines with its upholstered driver's seat and armrests, its foot warmers, compact controls and ashtray. Driver William Creek who worked with steam for 40 years says it used to be rough – his insides were shaken up by the rattling. There was a wooden seat but it was more comfortable standing up. Fellow drivers William Thulborn and Sidney Hutton agree. – 60 05 13b # c.26.2

Jim Wooders looks after shopping bags Drummer Street – 60 05 13c # c.26.46

1960 05 20

Denny Abbey being restored – 60 05 13d, 60 05 20 CIP

Quietly and unobtrusively for the past two and a half years, craftsmen of the Ministry of Works have been busy at Denny Abbey, preserving its old buildings for the nation as an ancient monument. Work is slow and careful but it is continuous and there are five men at work there daily - a stonemason, a bricklayer, a carpenter and two labourers. When the abbey is finally thrown open to visitors in two or three years' time it is likely to prove one of the most popular of the Sunday afternoon resorts in Cambridgeshire. 60 05 13d

Have you ever been shopping and wanted to get rid of the heaviest of your parcels, or needed somewhere to park a suitcase or bicycle? Here in Cambridge one example of private enterprise has a solution for this kind of problem. If you travel regularly to and from Drummer Street 'bus station you will know Jim Wooders, who sits at the end of Christ's Pieces and has been looking after parcels for well over 30 years 60 05 13c

1960 05 14
A crowd of teenage girls waited for an hour outside the Regal Cinema hoping for a glimpse of 'pop' singer Cliff Richard. Inside attendants were placed near the stage to head off the teenagers who surged forward at the end of his performance. Cliff's first three numbers were drowned by the screams, his fourth was barely audible and the rest of the time he unsuccessfully tried to make himself heard over a crescendo of stamping feet, clapping hands and screaming voices. 60 05 14 # c.69

1960 05 16
On Saturday Stonemason William Topper, watched by his wife and family, was made an Honorary Master of Arts of Cambridge University. He sat among dons in the Senate House where he had been only once before – to lay some marble floor tiles. Then he stood bareheaded while the Orator read a speech in Latin which praised his excellent craftsmanship. It had been a great help to the University and its colleges that Mr Topper was available whenever their venerable walls or arches or towers were crumbling. Today he was back at work, chipping away at the steps of the new Perse School. 60 05 16

1960 05 17
East Barnwell's new scout hall opened – 60 05 17

1960 05 19
When the St Martin's factory in Bray's Lane, Ely, closed down as a preserves producing centre a year ago it was hoped to re-open it as a canning factory. Now comes a rumour that this will happen in four month's time. The Company Secretary would not comment on suggestions that a labour force of 70 (mostly women) would be required but inquiries at the Ministry of Labour's Ely offices revealed they are compiling a register of suitable labour to offer if and when production commences. 60 05 19

Cambridge United's football pitch gets facelift – 60 05 19a

1960 05 20
The remains of a large Stirling bomber which crashed just outside Icklingham during the last war, loaded with incendiary bombs, are now being unearthed by a team of RAF experts. The area is wired off and notices saying 'Danger. Unexploded Bombs' erected in the field. There are not many large pieces of the bomber left, as it exploded on crashing, but 20 live bombs and 1,000 rounds of ammunition have been recovered. They will be detonated on site when the work is completed. Things have been made more difficult with the large quantities of phosphuretted earth in the pit which can cause a nasty and painful burn. 60 05 20

1960 05 21
Christ Church repair appeal – 60 05 21

In demolishing the old Central Hotel near Cambridge Market Place, the contractors have found it to be in a worse condition than they anticipated, but it has conformed fairly accurately to the surveyor's report prepared by King's College who own the site. The comparatively recent facings of the interior of the building were concealing a rotting structure underneath and the building has to be pulled down with extreme care – almost brick by brick. The hotel is being pulled down in two phases of which the first has now been completed. The first half of the new building will be erected before the second half is pulled down 60 05 21a

1960 05 24
Cambridgeshire Regiment WWI history – 60 05 24 & a

1960 05 27
At Cambridge about 250 postmen are employed for sorting and delivery work. They arrive at 5am, sort their walks until seven and then leave for the first delivery which has to be completed by 9.30. After breakfast they sort again until 11 when they start the second delivery. This finishes two hours later, leaving the postman the rest of the day free. When letters are posted to overseas destinations with insufficient stamps the Post Office makes up the correct amount, then notifies the sender requesting him to return stamps to cover the cost. This service is greatly appreciated and few fail to comply. 60 05 27

Some 1,800 military and civilian personnel are working at the US base at Mildenhall and there are ample facilities for them. It is unusual not to see at least one game of baseball in progress with volley-ball and horseshoes also popular. This involves throwing a horseshoe around an upright stake. The religious life is catered for in an 'universal' chapel and they are encouraged to worship in British churches and chapels as well. There is a dance almost every weekend and a weekly floor show in which British and American stars appear. Most of the American children go to a school on the USAF base at Lakenheath and the wives have their own social clubs. 60 05 27a

1960 05 28
Prospect Row demolition concerns – 60 05 28

Mr. E Cave, the Cambridge City Librarian has appealed for the establishment of an East Anglian bibliography. It is the librarian's duty to provide an effective link between readers and books and information. For this purpose the acquisition and recording of all books, pamphlets and publications is essential. Most of these are recorded in the British National Bibliography, but the Eastern branch of the Library Association has been concerned about the number of unrecorded items issued about their area. It has been decided to commence an East Anglian Bibliography to include all items issued since January 1960. Publishes are asked to send copies to the Central Library at Cambridge or supply details of the author, title, publisher or printer, together with the name of the person from whom copies may be purchased. 60 05 28a & b # c.77.4

1960 05 31
The shortage of water at Willingham is entirely due to people using it for irrigating their smallholdings, says Chesterton RDC. There is more than adequate for domestic needs but all last summer it was run away on the land night and day. When people wanted to fill their kettles and have a wash in the morning there was none to be had. The irrigation lines were wasteful – they did not just watered plants but in between rows as well. 60 05 31

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1960 06 01
Russia is unpopular with Cambridge people as a holiday centre. One travel firm who last year ran organised trips there were so disappointed with the response that they dropped the scheme. So far nobody has even asked about a Russian holiday. Italy and Spain are the most popular countries. Increasing numbers of holidaymakers are taking their cars with them on holidays abroad. These days

Ferryfield in Kent where cars are flown to the Continent is almost as busy as London Airport 60 06 01b

A building which formerly belonged to the Air Ministry and at one time was a club for American Servicemen has for the past two years housed the Hilltop Club. More than 197 members attended a birthday party and which Lady Hillingdon said it was one of 2,000 clubs for pensioners run by the W. V. S. Its members seem to become younger, not older, as time went by and she hoped this rejuvenating process would continue. After tea Mrs Peggy Auton entertained with songs 60 06 01a

1960 06 02
Sir – Orchard Street is one of the minor beauties of Cambridge. Its old gas lamps harmonized well with the curving row of low-roofed cottages, enhanced their picturesqueness and were charming objects in themselves. But they are to be uprooted and replaced by hexagonal aluminium obelisks which are out of character among old tiles and climbing roses. Orchard Street is not a bypass and does not need glaring lights. – Guy Ottewell 60 06 01c also: Opinion on new street lamps divided – Warkworth Terrace – 60 06 02a # c.24.8

William Everitt of Wilburton is 101 years old but longevity does not prevent him from being active. He is often seen working in his garden. Wilburton born and bred, he spent 11 years of his youth away from the village as a groom and valet in service at several large houses in different countries before returning to take up fruit-growing and farming and still rents two small-holdings. He became one of the first members of the Parish Council in 1894 and for 10 years was chairman. His wife, incidentally is aged 90. 60 06 02

1960 06 03
Not many girls can claim dairy farming as their hobby, but 24 year-old Margaret Stocker of Hemingford Grey helps her brothers farm more than 650 acres of land. Lifting heavy sacks of corn and cattle food does not present any problem; she helps with ploughing, straw baling, feeding the stock, tractor driving or harvesting and makes butter three evenings a week. A lively, interesting girl, she has the clear complexion of someone she spends most of her time out of doors. 60 06 03

For most people sweeping the roads would be a boring and wholly irksome task. But to Arthur Morgan, who has done it for 20 years, it is always interesting and occasionally exciting with ample scope for meeting people. Arthur, a sprightly man of 63 was once an army sniper but now sweeps the Market Square twice a. day though he dislikes having to dodge the traffic. Cinema queues shed a quantity of litter which he carts away in his barrow without complaint. He has come across many items of values including rings, watches and on one occasion a car bonnet! 60 06 03a # c.21.5

Islip House Preparatory School in Huntingdon Road is one of those good things in independent education which, after many years or unobtrusive excellence, will have to fade away under the onslaught of modern financial difficulties. Miss Mildred Turner, its Principal, is taking no more new pupils. The nine she teaches at the moment will be taken to the point where they are reader to enter the Perse or another Grammar School, but will be the last pupils that Islip House will ever have. 60 06 03b # c.36.5

1960 06 04
An air raid shelter erected at the beginning of the war in the garden of 44 Chalmers Road, Cambridge, was never used because it was thought to be too shaky. Mr P.C. Grimwood, who constructed it, used a wonderful variety of iron work to strengthen it including a fender, a quantity of large keys, a sewing machine, part of a bedstead and wire netting. After the war it was left because the cost of demolition was prohibitive. Now it has finally been removed after three days hard drilling with two pneumatic drills, leaving 20 tons of rubble. Workmen say it was well-built and only a direct hit in the doorway would have destroyed it. 60 06 04 # c.45.7

1960 06 08

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother opened Angel Court, the new extension to Trinity College built to ease the student accommodation problem. She travelled by normal passenger train and was fifteen minutes early arriving at the college where she showed interest in some of the ancient pottery discovered during excavation work. Later a crowd of several thousand people gave her a rousing send-off as her special launch left the forecourt of the Pike and Eel at Chesterton to take her to watch the May Races on the River Cam 60 06 08 & a # c.02 # c.44.5

Students lounged on the river banks using their gowns as table cloths for alfresco meals and thousands of people crowded the Backs for the University Madrigal Society's punt-borne concert. Madrigals for five voices did not carry far against the chilly breeze and aeroplanes ('most tiresome' said the conductor, Raymond Leppard) and ducks competed for attention. But the audience listened in rapt silence until the singers' raft moved slowly away to the strains of 'Draw on, Sweet Night'. 60 06 08b # c.69 # c.39

1960 06 09
Work has begun on the new church of St Martin, Suez Road, in the heart of the housing estates it is intended to serve. The present building, used both as a hall and church, was built over 25 years ago and it is time some more permanent place of worship was available for the 5,500 parishioners. The architects have made minimum maintenance costs an important feature: by using cedar window frames and alloy drainpipes, practically all outside paintwork is eliminated. 60 06 09 # c.83

1960 06 13
Pye engineers envisage vastly improved overseas telecommunications by the use of space satellites and the moon, complete newspapers transmitted during the night through existing television sets and the establishment of more than 100 local broadcasting stations. Active relay equipment to be carried in a space vehicle is practicable now. Their design requires a single valve operated from solar cells and could be easily launched by the Blue Streak missile. It would bring undreamed-of improvements in world-wide communications, J.R. Brinkley of Pye Telecommunications told a conference. 60 06 13 # c.27.1 : Pye

1960 06 14
Cambridgeshire Regiment history 1947-1960 – 60 06 14 & a # c.45

1960 06 15
Blanche Althena Clough, vice-principal of Newnham college dies – 60 06 15

1960 06 17
Peak's Furnishers Ltd of Fitzroy Street have opened large premises in the new covered shopping arcade in Bradwell's Court. The electrical appliances section is well-stocked with the leading makes of washing machines, spin-dryers; demonstrations are a daily event and prompt delivery guaranteed. It also has a number of model kitchens fitted right down to the last detail and attractive displays of bedroom, lounge and dining furniture are beautifully displayed in room settings. 60 06 17a & b # c.27.2

Members of Chesterton Youth Club have made week-end canoe camping trips down the Granta, Rhee and Brandon Rivers using boats of their own making. No fewer that six two-seater canoes have been built in the Chesterton Evening Centre wood-work room and the finishing touches of paint and varnish are now being applied. The hobby is so popular they will shortly be starting canoe building classes 60 06 17 # c.26.3

Direct and easy air travel to the Continent from Cambridge Airport is now possible for holidaymakers and businessmen as Airline operators and travel agents have taken advantage of the granting of customs facilities. Scheduled and chartered flights together with all-inclusive air tours will be

available this summer, eliminating time-wasting journeys to London. The development of an international airport is also important to University undergraduates as well as hundreds of students taking exchange summer courses at the colleges 60 06 17c # c.26.1

1960 06 20
A hundred years of volunteer soldiering in Cambridgeshire was marked by a stirring parade and drum head service on Parker's Piece. The First Battalion of the Cambridgeshire Regiment was joined by two other organisations also celebrating their centenary - the Army Cadet Force and the Combined Cadet Force. The Colours were ceremonially paraded and the Regimental band accompanied the hymns. Afterwards the Commanding Officer (Lieut-Col P.D. Storie-Pugh) led his men to their headquarters in East Road as people demonstrated their pride in the Cambridgeshires 60 06 20 # c.45.8

Chemical laboratory Lensfield Road windows shattered by violent explosion – 60 06 20a

1960 06 21
It took twenty men twenty hours at the week-end to demolish Cambridge's old Hills Road bridge – twice as long as the contractors had anticipated. Originally it was thought that the removal of 140 tons of steel girders would take a little over eight hours, but the trains passing underneath proved a little more troublesome than expected. The men took advantage of the frequent breaks to wipe the sweat from their brows and light a cigarette. The scene resembled firework night for, as the oxyacetylene guns cut through the girders, a spray of red hot sparks would fall on the ground giving an impression of a 'golden rain' 60 06 21 # c.44.7

The Isaac Wolfson Foundation has made a grant of £100,000 to New Hall, the first college at Cambridge to be founded this century. It is the largest single donation since an appeal was started four years ago. Others have come from Dame Catherine Fulford, Nancy Viscountess Astor and the John Lewis Partnership. At present there are 53 students on the Silver Street site but the new building on Huntingdon Road will accommodate 300. 60 06 21a # c.44.5

1960 05 22
Mrs Louie Wallace of Maid's Causeway has been the ladies champion of Cambridgeshire Small-bore Rifle Association for ten out of the past eleven years. She is a member of the Gogs Rifle Club which was originally the 5th Battalion Home Guard Club. It is a good sport for women as it needs enormous concentration and self-discipline. Club and county badges are worn on the back of the shooting jackets so they can be seen while the competitor is actually firing. 60 06 22 # c.38 : shooting

1960 06 24
Lucy Boston Hemingford Grey house – 60 06 24

Gone are the days of custodialism at Fulbourn Hospital; gone are the days of locked doors, padded rooms and ever-watchful gaolers. In their place has evolved an open hospital with a relaxed, homely atmosphere with no suggestion of the stigma which has at times been attached to it. Ten years ago there were few effective treatments for mental illnesses but now through various therapies and drugs even the most acute cases no longer need to be imprisoned under lock and key. In the Derby and Joan Club the elderly and most disturbed people spend the days playing dominoes, cards and board games while patients in the Ely Ward travel into Cambridge each morning to work 60 06 24a # c.21.5

The small independent Kimway School is to close when the twin sisters, the Misses M.L. and E.A. Macleod retire. They have run the school in Millington Road since 1941 on the ideas proved successful with Brownie packs and 621 pupils have passed through their hands. The children range from three to 11 years and stay to take their 11-plus or try for scholarships to the Perse. Recently the number of children from university families has dwindled and now the wooden part of the school

premises has rotted and the cost of heating and repairs is becoming increasingly expensive. 60 06 24c # c.36.5

A meat wholesaling firm applied for permission to build a new slaughterhouse at Cherry Hinton. They had wanted to put it at Haslingfield but were told that certain electrical apparatus they intended to use might interfere with the work of the Radio Astronomy Laboratories. Residents are appalled that children might be able to see pieces of dead animals lying abut. But there was already one slaughter house in Cherry Hinton and it would be good for people to see what happened inside one. 60 06 24d

Fred Matthews of Sawston has been singing at the village church for 72 years. At the age of 79 his strong baritone voice still rings out at many services accompanied in the choir by his own son and grandson. He is a jovial, robust character who is perfectly contented with memories of his active and varied life, including how he was once sent to Girton College to teach the ladies how to play cricket. His bell-ringing activities continue and his greatest pleasure is to a take a trip to the seaside whenever there's a spare seat on a coach be it with the WI, Young Wives or Mothers' Union – he does not mind. 60 06 24e

1960 06 28
The newly-opened Cambridge International Centre is a place where foreign visitors irrespective of race, colour or nationality may meet to further friendship and understanding. It has a lounge, library and restaurant serving inexpensive snacks. It is hoped some 300 people will use it daily for talking, drinking, coffee or reading. Activities include record recitals, illustrated talks, dances and lectures together with organised outings to places of interest 60 06 28 # c.36.52

1960 06 29
Meldreth residents win Greyhound Derby – 60 06 29

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1960 07 01
It is an unsettling life with a fair and you have to be born and bred within the sound of the roundabout to be able to dwell peacefully with a community which is virtually a small world on its own. Many have grown up through a sequence of homes on wheels. They have seen the pack horse and tents, the two wheeled tilted cart with canvas covering, the four-wheeled wagon, the 'whoopee' which introduced the modern luxurious caravans complete with running water, sink units, kitchen stoves and television. If owners do not have a bath sunk into they floor they go to public baths or even knock on the door of a private house and request one for a small fee. 60 07 01 # c.27.3

Work has commenced on the construction of 184 houses, 36 flats and 96 garages, with associated roads and sewers on Oxmire and American Lanes, which will comprise the first stage of the Huntingdon expansion scheme. A new perimeter road will enclose the whole housing estate and a strip of common land will separate it from the town centre. Housewives will walk to the shops through pleasant park-like surroundings and tradesmen will deliver to back doors. Eventually the town will accommodate about 1,000 London families with the factories which will provide their employment. 60 07 01a

For more than a year now, Cambridgeshire police patrol cars have been fitted with 35mm cameras mounted behind the windscreen. The photographs of road offenders in action have been used to obtain several convictions of careless drivers. Far more pictures are taken than actually used in prosecutions and constables are encouraged to use the cameras on every possible occasion. It also saves time waiting for a photographer to be sent out from Cambridge to record details of a road accident 60 07 01d # c.26.48 # c.34.7

Thousands of people gathered at Castle Hill to protest at the Local Government Boundary Commission proposals to merge Cambridgeshire into one administrative unit with Huntingdonshire and the Isle of Ely. There was no evidence any benefit would result. The wish of the City of Cambridge to govern itself as a county borough was criticised as an act of betrayal of the county of which it was the centre. It was better to be capital of an historic and ancient shire that to be a modern statutory creature. 60 07 01b # c.35.1

Madingley Hall antique furniture on show at Antique sale – 60 07 01c

1960 07 04
The '99 Rowing Club had been accused of being more of a social club than a rowing club, said the Mayor when he opened their new boathouse, the first to have a licensed bar. It has been converted from a ramshackled building with much of the work done by members. Councillor Mole recalled that when he came back to Cambridge in 1930, one of the first things he did was to join the '99 and he had soon made many friends. R. Alsop, Club President had showed him the Bailey Cup for Senior Championship Fours which included the inscription ' C. Mole, 1932' 60 07 04 # c.38 : rowing

1960 07 05
There was a damp welcome for early visitors to the Royal Show at Trumpington. But those who ventured out stared at the sheep, peered at the pigs and commented on the cattle and horses being paraded in the Grand Ring. In the Demonstration Area six red hot forges, each manned by two blacksmiths, were busy fitting horses with new shoes. One of the strangest sights was of farmers standing in the pouring rain watching demonstrations of artificial irrigation machines pumping gallons of water on grass already soaked by overnight rain. 60 07 05 # c.22.8

1960 07 07
In order to rescue the Arbury Estate from the 'grave danger of creating deserts of asphalt' a playground should be constructed on a site between Alex Wood Road and Mere Way. It would have a mound of earth 15 feet high and an open flat area providing scope for ball games, tricycles, marbles etc with a play park equipped with vertical and horizontal tree trunks. The ground is to be made deliberately uneven with mounds and hollows for imaginative play. But swings have been condemned as dangerous and expensive 60 07 07 # c.37.9

1960 07 08
Duke of Edinburgh visits Wicken Fen 60 07 08

Rowing costs 1876 and 1960 – 60 07 08a

For a long time the Hunt family, who work on Common Farm at Comberton Road, Hardwick, have lived in fear of low flying jet aircraft crashing near their white painted cottage. Late yesterday afternoon two RAD planes collided in mid-air, killing eight young fliers and scattering blazing wreckage over a wide area. One, a Vickers Varsity, plummeted to earth only a few hundred yards from the cottage, the other came down in a bean field two miles away. Victor Hunt said: "We have been expecting this for a long time. The planes come so low my son can see the dials on their instruments and the pilots even wave to him" 60 07 08b Inquest – 60 07 15 CIP

1960 07 15
There are 18 bungalows for elderly people at St Audrey's Close, Histon each with a small garden. One of the oldest residents, Mrs B.E. Topper, who is well into her eighties, grows rows of vegetables and beds of flowers. Home helps visit regularly and some people have their lunches through the WVS meals-on-wheels service. All enjoy living there and feel secure knowing they have their independent but that the warden calls each day. Chesterton RDC was the first to launch this method of housing locally and their lead has been followed by other councils 60 07 15

New offices and works for CDN – architect's sketch 60 07 15a

Until five years ago the Church of England clergyman really could have been called a poor man: he owned his vicarage freehold and had to keep it in good order. Now the Church Commissioners have taken over payment of the rates and the diocese has started a dilapidations scheme to help with the larger maintenance bills so things were easier, one said: he did really get a free house to live in. But last year his coal bill came to £70, plus £15 quarterly for electricity and one month he provided 143 meals for visitors with 12 people turning up unexpectedly to tea one quiet Sunday afternoon 60 07 15b

Dons are considering Cambridge's latest controversy – the designs of Lady Mitchell Hall, part of the Sidgwick Avenue development. One called it 'a monstrosity' and a 'primitive log stockade'. Dr W.H. Plommer detests 'the sheer brutality of the scale, the unaccommodating harshness of the shape … it could be anything from a prison to a power station'. But architects say they find the comments that it is 'ugly and brutal' and 'mad and revolting' hard to understand 60 07 15c

1960 07 18
A four day manhunt for 'Gipsy Jack' ended when he was found in a secret hideout inside his mother's hut in the gipsy encampment near Oakington where he had been since he shot and battered a woman in the corner of a cornfield. Superintendent John du Rose of Scotland Yard realised the old railway carriage was shorter inside than out and pulled away a chest of drawers from an old wooden partition But 'Gipsy Jack' shot himself in the head with a shotgun before please could break in 60 07 18a 60 07 14 60 07 18 60 07 18a

1960 07 20
The Civic Trust was formed in 1957 and amongst its activities are volunteer work camps to improve the look of the countryside. One is being held at Bourn where members are demolishing air raid shelters and concrete bases. A derelict school has been put at their disposal for accommodation and the Civil Defence has supplied stretchers for them to sleep on. Amongst the party are several foreign students, undergraduates from various British universities and a 75-year-old retired accountant from Cheshire. Two ladies are expected; the men hope they will be able to cope with the cooking, although sledge hammers will be available for them if they wish 60 07 20

Local government reorganisation debate – county's position changed since 1946 - 60 07 20a & b # c.35.1

1960 07 21
The first stage of the restoration work on St John's church, Duxford is almost complete. While the remainder of the 12th-century edifice still stands derelict, broken and an unhappy example of vandalism and hooliganism, the roof of the North Aisle has been stripped, treated and replaced to give some indication of how the church will again be usable in seven or eight years. The work is being done by local people and the next stage involves re-guttering, re-glazing the windows, re-pointing and redecorating. Already mural paintings and rare carvings have been revealed. 60 07 21

1960 07 22
Every day an army of Cambridge women leave their homes early in the morning and begin their work as bed-makers at the colleges. One is Miss L. Hagger of Sturton Street who started work at Trinity in 1924 when the women had to be at the college gate at six o'clock. She clears the living room, washes-up the dirty crockery and glasses, cleans the rugs, carpets and surrounds and dusts. Breakfast is then cooked for the Fellows and while the undergraduates have gone down to hall for their meal, their bedrooms are tidied and the beds made. At one time bed-makers used to wear cuffs when she made the bed and changed her clothes after cleaning. A hat was always worn. 60 07 22 # WOMEN # c.44.5

1960 07 28
Lorry overturns Perne Road island – 60 07 28

August 1960 CDN

1960 08 02
The Alphabet Museum in Dr David Diringer's St Barnabas Road garden is unique. Somewhere in the world there had to be repository devoted to all the means man has used to communicate his ideas by written language. The fact that it should be placed in a back garden of a house in an ordinary residential street is really neither surprising nor unusual. Hundreds of scholars have visited and sent specimens since it opened a year ago. One day it may expand and be adopted by the University. 60 08 02 # c.03
History of car in Cambridge – Reeve – 60 08 02a # c.26.48

1960 08 04
Tents of all colours and groups of girls kneeling before wood fires in the grounds of Pampisford Hall mark the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of Guiding. Many of the nearly 680 Guides and Rangers aged between 11 and 21 year are experiencing this type of outdoor living for the first time. They include girls from Lithuania, Germany, Greece and Nigeria together with one suffering from poliomyelitis and another encased in a spinal jacket who cannot even lift her head. The amenities are perfectly adequate. Water lad been laid on, each group collects its daily rations from a central source and milk is delivered from a nearby farm. 60 08 04 # c.37.9

With the coming of the official testing of ten-year-old vehicles the smaller garages around Cambridge fear that if they have to fail their customers' cars it might promote ill-feeling. But larger garages say that if motorists have been attending regularly the car should be in 'tip-top' condition and will not fail. All the local garages who have been accepted as official testing stations have the necessary equipment such as 'beamsetters' and 'brake meters'. Garages feel that a number of older cars will be taken off the road when their owners find they will have to spend a great deal of money to reach the standards laid down. 60 08 04a

Pye Telecommunications scientists are considering sending satellites into outer space so that high frequency radio waves can be 'bounced' off them and make television transmissions between England and America an everyday occurrence. It would enable clear messages to be sent to any part of the world without long-range interference. A number of civilised countries had no effective methods of communicating with one another and the radio-telephone system would cut costs, W.K. Stevenson told businessmen 60 08 04b

1960 08 06
Mill Road Railway Bridge was built in 1889 and Percy North, the well-known chiropodist, remembers playing under the bridge arches when they were being constructed. There was a level crossing over the railway then but it was not much used because there was hardly any traffic. There was nothing beyond, Great Eastern Street and Argyle Street were just ballast pits for the railway and the only house was a large one where the Broadway stands today, he recalls. 60 08 06 & a # c.26.2 # c.44.6 # c.44.7

1960 08 09
Commercial and Industrial Painters of Coldham's Road has the first 62-foot long caravan transporter in the country. Customers are astounded on first seeing the trailer and local police were 'a bit taken aback' at first. So far it has not met with any difficulties as they have been able to by-pass awkward corners: when leaving Cambridge it is driven along Perne Road and Long Road to Trumpington. The firm, which began ten years in Sedgwick Street, sprays caravans and vehicles owned by haulage contractors. 60 08 09

1960 08 11
Ernest Draper from Cottenham has been a knife grinder for fifty of his 61 years though it was only six years ago that he changed from pedals to a mechanical means of operating his knife-grinding machine. Daily he can be seen with his bicycle pulling his machine around the Cambridgeshire

countryside. His work takes him on a journey of about 50 miles and it takes six months to complete one circuit. 65 08 11

The mobile Mass Radiography Unit has taken 200,000 X-ray photographs in the region since it extended its service to the general public in 1949. Since then deaths from TB have fallen from 24,000 to 3,000 a year. But there has been a marked increase of tubercular infection amongst young people in Cambridge. The town plays host to a large number of people from abroad who come seeking building or factory work and one source could infect ten others. 60 08 11a # c.21.1

A Tudor house at Fen Drayton is believed to have been built as a farmhouse in the late 15th century using oak that may have come from a previous structure. Now it is being extended with wood taken from the old Angel Court of Trinity College which matches the rest of the house perfectly. In spite of some very ancient-looking woodworm it is iron-hard and perfectly sound with carpenters having to sharpen their saws two or three times a day. 60 08 11

1960 08 12
Plans for a proposed dual carriage road from Cambridge to Newmarket show the existing roadway as the 'left-hand' lane with a similar road running parallel to take traffic in the opposite direction. The famous avenue of trees near the July racecourse would act as a division between the two carriageways. There could be a roundabout where the road joins the A11 at Stetchworth Toll. Repairs and modifications have been carried out on the existing road for 14 years. Some of the first workmen employed just after the war were German prisoners. 60 08 12

1960 08 13
Duxford villagers complained of noise from the aerodrome. Shirley Rooke, whose firm makes tallow, grease and fertilisers, often has to make three telephone calls for one message as she can't hear a word the other person is saying. The chemical works, known locally as the 'glue factory' has a chimney 50 feet in height and aircraft have to tip their wings to avoid hitting it. Jettisoned fuel tanks cause damage while vibrations draw the rivets from roofing tiles and crack plaster in bungalows. The RAF says they try to avoid excessive noise on Sundays during church services. 60 08 13

1960 08 16
A Cambridge bio-physicist could provide the answer to cancer and leukaemia if he had the use of a modern computer to work out millions of observations. John Kendrew is working in a prefabricated building and with a first-class computer costing about £1,000,000 could tackle problems beyond contemplation, says Professor Fred Hoyle, the Cambridge space expert, in an article in the 'New Scientist'. He goes on to attack a Government decision to spend £60,000,000 on space research which would be repeating American and Russian projects. They should put the money into sciences that are held up by lack of funds 60 08 16

1960 08 17
Councillors expressed disappointment over the lack of success of the new roller skating rink on Christ's Pieces. Opened at the beginning of the present school holidays it was expected to attract youngsters. Instead it has remained unused. But children did not know the new amenity existed: there was only a small notice on a gate that was kept closed 60 08 17 # c.38 : roller skating

1960 08 18
Somewhere in the field around Eltisley there may be hidden £1,000 of gold communion plate from the village church which disappeared 400 years ago. Ancient records show that two chalices and a gold cross have been missing since the reign of Edward VI. The church was sacked during that turbulent time and churchwarden John Rose thinks villagers may have hidden them under an old windmill. But nobody now knows where it stood 60 08 18

Harry Bevan joined the Ortona Motor Company in 1912 and for seven years drove the bus to Sawston, for which he was allowed 50 minutes each way. Carrying parcels as well as a steady stream

of passengers he made five journeys a day and using the maximum speed of 12 mph always had time for a good smoke break at the end. The first double-decker ran from Station Road Corner to the Rock Hotel on Cherryhinton Road and back via Blinco Grove. It was not allowed to go through the town because it was a menace to shop signs. 60 08 18a & b # c.26.46

1960 08 20
Two Cambridgeshire rivers are so heavily polluted that the County Medical Officer has posted notices warning of the dangers to bathers. The River Lark at Isleham receives the outfall of the Bury St Edmunds sewage disposal works at Lackford. But samples taken at Waterbeach, Fen Ditton and Grantchester show the pollution in the Cam is even worse 60 08 20

Within the next few days a Cambridge rock'n'roll group may be offered the chance of turning professional. The Redcaps has five members, average age 19: Robin Bailey on drums, Jimmy Graham (lead guitar), Graham Smith, Neddy Bishop and vocalist Tony Clark. Their guitars cost up to £148 and the drums £98 but they were fortunate in being given an amplifier. They dress in grey trousers and black shirts but hope to buy new gold lame jackets soon. Their first performance at Newmarket was 'a bit sticky to begin with' as was that at Daddy's Night Club in Cambridge, but now they play in halls around the region. 60 08 20a # c.69

1960 08 22
History of Cambridge photography – 60 08 22 # c.65.5

1960 08 23
Captain A.E. Longley of Ascham Road Cambridge has been competing in the Officer Veterans' Cup race at Aldershot since before the war. But now as he approaches the age of 90 he has decided to stop. He served in the army for 46 years, fighting in the Boer and Great Wars and the Second War again saw him in uniform as an instructor at a bridging school. In 1950 he joined the Ambulance Section of the Civil Defence, passing his driving test at the age of 81. He still presents the picture of an agile, interested and contented man, although beyond the age for serious running. 60 08 23

1960 08 24
A young Cambridge businessman has started a contract-hire scheme for light aircraft. Anyone who can fly a plane can hire one of four Austers from Grantair of Grantchester for a day, week or longer. Some Oxford University students recently flew one to Ghana; their trip proved profitable for they have been offered executive jobs in the newly-formed Ghanaian Air Force. Another plane is giving holidaymakers joy rides off an improvised landing strip on Blackpool beach. The firm also have an aerial taxi service and plan to import kits of special ultra-light aircraft from France so do-it-yourself pilots can build their own planes. 60 08 24 # c.26.1

1960 08 25
The credit squeeze is a serious attack on industry, C.O. Stanley, chairman of Pye Ltd told the annual meeting. The sales of TV sets are down which must affect profits. But when the electronics side of the business was established 12 years ago they had little idea how successful it would be. Communications makes possible bouncing messages off the moon and the devilish weapons of the future can be controlled only by electronics. Shareholders were then taken on nation-wide tour of the company's factories by closed-circuit T.V. 60 08 25

1960 08 26
Houses in Prospect Row and Brandon Place will be compulsorily purchased and demolished. Most of the 62 properties were overcrowded, suffering from dampness, deteriorating woodwork and perishing plaster. A Government Inspector agreed they were unsuitable for human habitation. But resident say the Council are trying to get the property 'on the cheap' and they are not being offered adequate compensation. 60 08 26 # c.23

Cambridge roller-skating enthusiasts will be able to enjoy an extra day's pleasure this season because the man who rents the Corn Exchange rink is superstitious. John Harris, who runs a chain of rinks round the country, never likes reopening on Fridays. Local skaters took full advantage and several dozen were speeding round the wooden floor within minutes of opening time. His Cambridge manager W. Lloyd-Worth, who has spent over 50 years in the roller and ice-skating business, hopes to organise National Skating Association championships and has sought proctorial permission from the University. 60 08 26 # c.38 : roller skating

1960 08 30
The Minister has rejected proposals to redevelop the Lion Yard area by the building of a giant car park, shops, offices and hotel. He called the scheme 'basically unsound' as it envisaged shop and office expansion instead of decongestion in the central area and crowded too much development on to the site. He also thought that commercial expansion was neither necessary or desirable. The scheme was formulated by city and county council architects after years of study and research. It included a 750 place car park with petrol filling station and an unusual shopping precinct where all vehicular traffic was barred. 60 08 30 # c.49.67 # c.49.4

1960 08 31
Next week 100 American children at an US Air Force base will walk into their brand-new classrooms just 100 yards from a giant concrete runway used by 1,000 m.p.h. atom-carrying jet fighter aircraft. Lakenheath base school will provide full educational facilities for nearly 1,400 pupils from nursery age right up to teenagers. It is part of a huge new scheme to provide 'right through' education for the children of military and civilian personnel stationed at bases throughout NATO 60 08 31

People living in cottages shortly to be demolished in Prospect Row and Brandon Place described conditions. One housewife told of hearing rats at the back door, "I found the hole and covered it with coal". Another spoke of having two rats in the house which is so damp she has to redecorate once a year. "My eldest boy, who is four, catches cold after cold and I shall be glad when we move. I don't care where it is as long as it has three bedrooms and a bathroom", she says. A Ministry inspector said the properties were unfit for human habitation. But an 81-year-old lady who has lived in her house for 11 years said: "I can't understand why they want to knock them down". 60 08 31a # c.23

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1960 09 01
Bill Walton joined the staff of King and Harper at their Thompson's Lane garage in 1910. In his early days he was concerned with the extremely temperamental racing car 'Chitty-Bang-Bang II'. This powerful monster consisted mainly of an ex-Zeppelin airship engine mounted on a Mercedes chassis. Another of his charges was a 'Prince Henry' Metallurique which in 1912 was the fastest car ever seen in Cambridge. He once went to a customer's house to collect a car only to find it could only be moved in reverse. He drove it backwards to the Bridge Street garage through Saturday afternoon traffic. 60 09 01 # c.26.48

The Cambridge to Colchester railway line becomes a single track beyond Shelford and winds down the river Stour into Suffolk through a series of little country stations which make it one of the prettiest railway journeys in East Anglia. The canopied platforms of Linton, Haverhill, Sturmer, Stoke, Clare and Cavendish fit picturesquely into the landscape. A four-horned Jacob ram journeyed in the luggage van on its way to Wales to be crossed with a mountain sheep. Labelled, it travelled alone as a parcel. It was joined at Stoke by a bicycle and by a baby in her pram accompanied by her parents. But the guard said it was not big enough to carry all the parcels. 60 09 01b & c

1960 09 02
Some 30 airmen at Duxford RAF Station took their lunch in the N.A.A.F.I. canteen rather than in the official Service mess. They claimed the cookhouse food was 'lousy' and not worth eating as the chips

had been overcooked and were hard. But they had no complaints about the breakfast or high tea and said the supper provided for those on flying duty was 'marvellous'. The Wing Commander admitted the hot tables were out of date; new ones had been on order for two-and-a-half years and ought to be installed by Christmas 60 09 02a

Bridge over railway track between Shelford and Bartlow – 60 09 02

Whittlesford new bypass road bridge from railway station – 60 09 02b

1960 09 03
As advance manager of Billy Smart's circus Reg Mankin must arrange for regular deliveries to Midsummer Common of 300 pints of milk a day, newspapers, laundry and cleaning as well as meat, fruit and vegetables. Then there is bread and cakes and the gas to cook it all on. Besides the provisions for the 300 artists and staff there are the needs of the 200 animals whose appetites are much larger than any human's. In one week they consume ten tons of hay, 600lb of horsemeat for the five hungry lions, 140lb of rice for the 12 polar bears and 12 sacks of stale bread for the elephants. 60 09 03 # c.76.2

Barnwell Junction seems the perfect model of a small Victorian railway station with its lacy wooden canopy and the initials of the Great Eastern Railway intertwined among the cast iron legs of its platform seats. It has two passenger trans a day but handles 30,000 tons of merchandise and minerals a year including sugar beet, grain and potatoes, malt from Barnwell Maltings and scrap iron from the railway's own engineering depot. Its one porter, Mr Bidwell keeps the platform swept and is also gardener, handyman and weekly replenisher of the oil lamps in the semaphore signals. 60 09 03b # c.26.2

1960 09 05
View from stage of old Playhouse cinema – 60 09 05

Cambridge Steam Laundry on Cherryhinton Road was founded in 1880 making it the oldest in Cambridge. Coldham Model Laundry purchased a motor van in 1910 becoming the first with motor transport. Ely and District Laundry is housed in a modern, spacious building and employs 85 personnel handling 52,000 garments a week. It has canteen facilities with free tea twice a day and 'Music While You Work' – a great favourite with younger employees. Homewash is the 'bouncing baby' of local laundries, starting very humbly on V.J.Day 1945 when two recently-demobbed ex-Servicemen started to 'take in washing'. 60 09 05a b c # c.27

The widening of the Market Street – Petty Cury area of Sidney Street will complement the part that was completed before the war when the Boots and Trueform buildings were erected. Some people feel that the road nearer Jesus Lane is a greater priority but the widened section by the two bus stops outside Holy Trinity will relieve traffic congestion. There is no intention of completing the process right through to Bridge Street says T.V. Burrows, the City Surveyor. 60 09 07

Laundries – continued – 60 09 05d & e & F # c.27

1960 09 06
Marshall of Cambridge Electronics develop analyser used in nuclear physics – 60 09 06

A faint air of ritual, mixed with carnival, characterised the American Football match between Lakenheath and Wethersfield. Hot-dogs and beer and coke were on sale at little booths and the immense rushing sound of a jet aircraft on the nearby runway occasionally broke through the cheers. At the interval a group of attractive girls dressed in the Lakenheath colours danced in formation with bundles of paper streamers and sang songs to the glory of their team. Anyone can go an watch – just drive in and park your car – 60 09 06a

1960 09 09
McManus, the company that caused a stir when they agreed to pay £4,500 an acre for land have decided to put up terraced houses rather than the traditional semi-detached properties on their projected estate between Histon Road and Windsor Road. They call it an experiment in contemporary living that can accommodate the same number of families but with a greater amount of open space around the houses for children to play on. The houses are selling for nearly £2,400 60 09 09a # c.23

Histon station entered for the BR best-kept garden competition earning special class award – photo – 60 09 09 CIP

Work well advanced on by-pass road at Whittlesford; picture of bridge from London side of Whittlesford railway station – 60 09 09

The roller skating rink at Cambridge Corn Exchange attracts enthusiasts from a large area. Saturday morning is the children's morning and with its yards of bunting, the otherwise sombre building has a carnival air. From the very young to the really quite grown up they were tumbling about, wobbling precariously round the perimeter or pirouetting stylishly in the centre. Some of the girls swooped round in short costumes while the run-of-the-mill dressed for the rough and tumble in trousers. Skaters pay one shilling and sixpence (8p) which includes the hire of skates. The rink is leased to J.W. Harris, who also has one at Hunstanton, and is managed by Mr Lloyd Worth who has been a professional in the skating business for 53 years. 60 09 09c # c.38 : roller skating

Just a year ago the USAF base at RAF Alconbury became the headquarters of the 10th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing and nearly 7,000 Americans moved in. The station has its own bank and post office, a barber and beauty parlour, a laundry and motor maintenance department as well as a dispensary, food stores and clothes shop. There is a bowling alley, soccer and baseball pitches. A cinema, hobby shop and community centre provide off-duty means of entertainment, there is a well-stocked library and a base chapel. Houses include all the latest amenities with refrigerators, washing and drying machines, sink units and electric cookers. 60 09 09d e f # c.45.8

RAF Waterbeach visited by Austrian Minister of Defence – 60 09 09g

1960 09 12
Fire damaged a new large meat processing factory being built for Messrs J. Sainsbury at Little Wratting, near Haverhill. The building was quickly a raging inferno and there were explosions as butane gay cylinders were enveloped by the flames. One explosion blew a gaping hole through the roof and the intense heat may have twisted some of the steel framework. The new 35,000 square foot building adjoins the existing piggery abattoir and other buildings at Blunts Hall 60 09 12

1960 09 13
Football supporters fight in hospital – cartoon – 60 09 13 # c.38 : football

1960 09 14
Soham railway crossing Middlemere – 60 09 14

1960 09 15
The new Dottrell Hall Pumping Station, which is to supply water for South Cambridgeshire's comprehensive water supply scheme is nearing completion. Water mains have been laid at Pampisford and Babraham with Fowlmere and Thriplow to follow. But residents of Gamlingay Heath who petitioned for extensions to their village sewers will be disappointed. The scheme would cost £500 for every house served and would not be approved by the Ministry 60 09 15

1960 09 16
Lolworth School was built in 1887 and belonged to the county council since 1910 but with the erection of Swavesey Village College it had become redundant. T.B. Robinson, a farmer of Lolworth

Grange, bought it for use as a village hall. He said it was a marvellous community. When he first came in 1947 there were only 24 dwelling houses, since then 14 more have been added. There was no through traffic and the only thing it had lacked was somewhere people could gather together. 60 09 16

This week some 61 youth clubs will open their doors to admit close on 3,000 teenagers. After a short summer break they will become the centre of activities from jazz to judo, coffee drinking to canoe building. Whether in a small village hall or a new village college the records go on for dancing, out come the table-tennis bats and badminton rackets. In fact anything to keep youth happy, anything useful, anything which stimulates thought or encourages interest 60 09 16a # c.37.9

1960 09 17
Fire swept through a dining hall at Newnham College causing thousands of pounds worth of damage. Firemen wearing oxygen breathing equipment struggled through thick back smoke to reach the heart of the blaze. A section of the flooring in the Sidgwick Hall was burned away and three hotplates damaged. Smoke has blackened the walls and panels have split outwards with the heat. It is not likely to be repaired before the undergraduates return and the girls will be split up in the other three dining rooms 60 09 17 # c.44.5

1960 09 23
Mr & Mrs Peter Issitt of Arbury Road have a beautiful small landscaped garden with miniature Alpine outcrops planned to give an illusion of space. The pond attracts a variety of wild life. Two hedgehogs, seven toads and a collection of frogs live in the garden and birds come each day for bathing and drinking. Their two small daughters have no complaints. They have a lawn with a swing to play on and appreciate the artistic setting 60 09 23 # c.18

Now that cars, scooters and motor cycles are easier to come by and train and bus services much improved, people who work in Cambridge are able to make their home in the country. This has resulted in a mass migration to the 'necklace villages'. For every house built in the city there are two in the county. Higher income groups are buying up individual houses but the main development is in the new 'estates' which are becoming self-sufficient communities. Here a man can join the Parish Council or allotments committee and have a say in the organisation of local events. Electricity and water supplies are laid on in most districts and sewerage amenities will soon also be available. 60 09 23b

Residents of properties in John Street, Adam and Eve Street and Dover Street objected to proposals that their houses be compulsorily purchased for redevelopment. They were not yet of demolition standard and owners had spent a lot of money providing them with modern amenities. Some had been living in the streets for many years and did not like the prospect of moving. Even if they were paid the full market value it would not be sufficient to purchase other houses. But the Council said it was essential for the future that the whole area be developed now. 60 09 23c

Landbeach rectory mural painted – 60 09 23d

University Gliding Club celebrate jubilee – when formed in 1935 they used a horse to retrieve aircraft – 60 09 23e # c.26.1

1960 09 28
Jive session at the British Legion Hall in Fisher Lane, Cherry Hinton, attract teenagers from the surrounding villages. There is no problem with the dancing which was marvellously well organised and no alcoholic drinks are sold. It filled a need for young people and had been successful since it started a year ago. But residents complain that the noise of motor cycles revving up and roaring down the lane keeps children awake and also ruins their television pictures. 60 09 28 # c.37.9

Ely's new railway station room provides plush comfort. Gone are the drab walls, the hard bench type seats, big tables in the centre of the room and the lack of warmth. The old, smoking fireplaces have

been replaced by infra-red push-button heaters which stay on for fifteen minutes. Now passengers can rest in an atmosphere of ease and near luxury. There is fluorescent lighting, tasteful interior finishing and beautiful lithographs including 'The road to Thaxted' by Edward Bawden. It is the finest waiting room in the Eastern Region 60 09 28a

Shell-Mex installs experimental electro-mechanical invoice system – 60 09 29

1960 09 30
Basket making and embroidery are usually thought to be the preserve of women. But this is far from true. Since he retired as a chiropodist, Percy North of Newmarket Road, has made many cushion covers, table cloths and chair backs which he gives to the Red Cross Society for their annual bazaar. His other hobby is photography and he also does his own cooking, baking bread twice a week. Mr F.G. Biggs of Impington has become extremely proficient at basket-making which he first learned after being invalided out of the First World War. He sent a fruit basket filled with roses to Princess Margaret as a wedding gift. Both men are in their seventies. 60 09 30

Ernest Robert Evans last member of Evans & Sons solicitors marks end business which began 250 years ago in Ely – 60 09 30 CIP

Cambridge has 32 thatched properties according to a survey. R.C. Lambeth, the Rural Industries Organiser, wrote to Parish Councils who often sent in the wrong number for their village. Often they overlooked the thatched public house in the centre – it was too obvious for them to see. There are three thatched churches, 26 thatched council houses, a clock house at Houghton and a thatched wall at Orwell. But there are only a handful of thatchers to keep them in repair. 60 09 30a

CIBA of Duxford developed bodywork for the Bluebird car – 60 09 30b

Over 1,200 elderly people will converge on Newmarket's Doric Cinema for the annual variety concert. There to greet them will be Newmarket pork butcher, Horace Hawkes, the man behind the formation of so many old folk's clubs. His interest in the welfare of the aged borders almost on fanaticism and no one can have any idea what he pays out of his own pocket for such entertainments. From very small beginnings he built up his business and today his sausages are sold all over the country. 60 09 30c

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1960 10 01
A St Ives boat builder has created a modern boatyard out of an old derelict gravel pit in 12 months. Mr L.H. Jones, who moved his business from Huntingdon, cut a channel through to the river and dredged out the bottom. In his workshops he builds anything from small launches to 30-feet cruisers which are used mainly on Fenland waterways. 60 10 01

More than 3,000 milk bottles are returned in a filthy condition every day. They often contain rubber-bands, toys, safety-pins, coins or cement. Some have been used to store turpentine or paraffin. If the housewife would get into the habit of washing them out it would save five pence per bottle to replace them. The possibility of cartons such as those used in vending machines had been considered but the bottle was the most economical method of milk delivery. One day in the future expendable bottles would be used and afterwards collected by the City Surveyor's department rather than the dairyman 60 10 01

New Museums site redevelopment plans – 60 10 01b # c.36.9

1960 10 04
Newmarket telephone exchange was bombed in 1941 and new buildings opened in 1949. Now it is the first in the region to have Subscriber Trunk Dialling. A call to Aintree that would have cost three

shillings was now only two. Local calls would be twopence for three minutes during the day and for six minutes at night and on Sundays. 60 10 04

1960 10 05
A ten ton tank filled to capacity and mounted on a trailer drawn by an articulated vehicle turned over as it was negotiating the roundabout at the Newnham end of Fen Causeway. As it fell it hit a parked car a glancing blow. The industrial glue trickled out of the tank's head in a steady stream and traffic had to be controlled while a breakdown truck towed away the car. The resin, used for making chip board, was on its way from the CIBA factory at Duxford. As there was no crane in Cambridge capable of raising the tank, Welch's Transport of Stapleford, sent two six-ton vehicles, and after the resin had been pumped out into other tankers, managed to complete the job shortly after midnight. The final traces of the accident were cleared away when council workers washed down the road 60 10 05

1960 10 06
A student branch of the Communist Party has been formed at Cambridge University. Membership is open to those who agree with their aims and are willing to work for the Party organisation. They will hold public meetings on topics of political interest where the Marxist approach on subjects such as philosophy, economics and culture can be discussed. Meanwhile the Labour Club will hear from Bessie Braddock, James Callaghan and Barbara Castle, the Liberals have Jo Grimond but the Conservatives speakers have yet to be announced. 60 10 06 # c.33

1960 10 07
Cambridge ranks with the cathedral cities as being one of the most pro-clerical towns in the country. It has been called a very spiritual place. Several clergymen speak of a continued increase in congregations with an ever-growing proportion of young people and of young parents now in the first 10 years of their married lives. A number come to church as families, the father and mother in their 30's with their children. But Nonconformist numbers are not rising with a normal congregation of 200 at Zion Church. 60 10 07 # c.83

Disabled learn handicrafts at Red Cross Society HQ – 60 10 07a

A firm of poultry food manufacturers have given a Cambridge University scientist a new laboratory and office building so that he can further his research into the rearing of broiler hens. Dr D. Sainsbury is an authority on poultry and livestock breeding. His advice had often been sought by Silcocks of Liverpool who made the presentation. A small wooden structure, it stands in the grounds of Merton Hall Farm which is run in conjunction with the Veterinary Department. 60 10 07b # c.36.9

The railway crossing at Six Mile Bottom is a dangerous 'black spot'. During peak holiday periods as many as 1,500 cars an hour use the crossing, which closes 40 times a day. A British Railways policeman is on duty on race days and the number of lights on the gate is greater than specified. But many cars travel at 70 mph and do not see it until the last minute. Four or five vehicles have crashed through the gates in the last five years. A bridge is to be built 'sooner or later' 60 10 07c

1960 10 10
Steeple Bumpstead has been virtually cut off by floodwater and all the main roads through it are impassable. An abandoned car is standing with just its roof showing above the waters. Several families of old people have been evacuated from their homes. Teams of villagers cleared mud and slime from their houses as waters six feet deep surged down the High Street. And still the rain is pouring down in torrents bringing danger of more floods and more mud. One of the oldest residents says he has never seen anything like it before. 60 10 10

Harold H. Harper was one of the outstanding men of the motor world. Born in 1878, the son of the village blacksmith at Therfield, he had an early enthusiasm for things mechanical, taking an interest in pedal cycles. In 1897, whilst the academic quiet of Cambridge was being disturbed by its first motor

car, he started working in a small Cambridge cycle shop with another enthusiastic young man, W. King. It was the start of a business association which developed into King and Harper. He was a founder member of the Cambridge Rotary Club and took a keen interest in the Air Training Corps.60 10 10a # c.26.48

1960 10 12
Sir – plans to make the centre of Cambridge a 'Pink Zone' with parking meters will have serious implications. Whereas currently 50 cars are parked in Jesus Lane, only 30 can be accommodated at meters. The result will be chaos with cars milling round in vain trying to find a parking space. Can anyone imagine a motorist being prepared to pay sixpence or a shilling to leave his car for three minutes while he takes his suit to the cleaners? Lion Yard is often full by 9.30 am and if the city is to prosper we must have space for vehicles. The only answer is to provide some very large multi-deck parks, then make motorists use them by restricting waiting on the street – 'Fair Play' 60 10 12 # c.26.48

1960 10 14
The Freebooters Coffee Bar and Club in Wellington Street was set up through the determination of John Ewen, a theological student at Ridley Hall. It has full-sized billiard & table-tennis tables & a dart board. But there are no rules. Soon youngsters banned from other coffee bars because of damage started to drop in. A key concern was motor cycles but plans are under way for a maintenance shop and a 'scramble'. They had teething troubles: the record player was stolen and all the records taken, but they were brought back and now various sports clubs have been formed. 60 10 14 # c.37.9

The first full-size completely portable television is made by Pye of Cambridge. It has a 14-inch screen, covers all the usual BBC & ITA channels and includes a built-in aerial. It can be operated entirely from a built-in battery or connected to a car-battery system. It uses super modern transistors which are spreading rapidly through the development laboratories and production lines. One day there may be 'all-round' tv sets in 3D and colour, the company predicts 60 10 14a # c.27.8

Romsey has gained new shopping facilities with the opening of the Co-operative Society's Supermarket in Mill Road. It occupies practically the whole block between Catharine Street and Thoday Street and is a complete transformation of their former grocery, butchery, pharmacy and cottage property. The shop front features anodised aluminium metal work while the four check-out stations are finished in an attractive shade of plastic. 60 10 14b # c.27.2

1960 10 17
Cambridge's public health inspector told how he entered one house to find the occupants had long ceased to use the lavatory. They threw all their rubbish screwed up in papers into one of the streets. Later a police woman, looking at photographs, noticed a baby wrapped up in newspapers lying in a corner of the room. Restaurants could be unhygienic and in one he found a waiter with leprosy. The standard of housing in Cambridge is low: there are streets and streets of houses which in northern cities would have been pulled down many years ago. A smoke control order should be imposed on the centre of the city as smoke from ordinary household fuels is the most pernicious of all. 60 10 17 # c.21.1

1960 10 18
The Vice Chancellor has banned all undergraduates from taking part in Guy Fawkes Night celebrations in the city centre. In recent years November 5th had been marked by particularly destructive and violent acts, including the use of home-make fireworks, which have caused painful injuries to innocent bystanders. Although students have played only a minor part at the occasions the University are under an obligation to help the city authorities check such disorderly conduct. Now Market Hill and the surrounding area will be out of bounds to members of the University 'in statu pupillari' between 7 pm and midnight 60 10 18 # c.39 # c.36.9

1960 10 19

Solomon Greenburgh, public analyst describes role – 60 10 19 # c.21.1

1960 10 20
Stanton House flatlets in Christ Church Street provide luxurious accommodation for 29 old people. Each has a bed sitting room, with the bed space behind a curtain partition, a small electric cooker and fitted wall electric fire. Lavatory and bathroom accommodation is in conformity with Ministry requirements with an emergency bell. There is a large lounge with an open fireplace where old folk can spend their evenings in each other's company and a large open patio with fish pond and fountain. Central heating and lighting is included in the rent of thirty shillings a week. 60 10 20 # c.30

1960 10 21
In the isolated Fenland village of Wicken, on a cold October night, the windows of the Hall were almost the only glow within sight, the record-player the only sound. Thursday nights, Youth Club nights, are looked forward to with enthusiasm. Powerful motor cycles stood parked in the dark outside, their owners playing table tennis and miniature billiards. There was a darts board, a stove, a canteen hatch and a very few girls sitting in a group. The record player standing on the platform at the end of the room was playing 'pop' songs. The club leader, a man in slacks and pullover, with a whistle on a cord round his neck, said it had 21 members, only four of whom were girls. 60 10 21

New Co-op supermarket, Mill Road – 60 10 21aa # c.27.2

Since the opening of the New Chesterton Institute in 1885 members have not been able to obtain any alcoholic drinks in the club. But now it has opened a bar in an effort to increase the dwindling membership. One of the first to patronise it was 89-year-old Sam Gawthrop, who has been a member of the club for 72 years. His drink was a non-alcoholic ginger–ale. "I don't touch much of the stuff now, I am too old for that lark", he said. 60 10 21b # c.37

Churchill College dining room now in use – 60 10 21c

1960 10 22
The British Council's new International Centre in Trinity Street is a club formed to promote international friendship and understanding by providing a social and cultural centre for foreign residents in Cambridge and their English friends. 60 10 22 # c.36.52

1960 10 24
Garret Hostel bridge handed over, history – 60 10 24 # c.46.7

1960 10 27
Many people believe that the future prosperity of Ely will depend on the introduction of light industry. Now Father Guy Pritchard of the Catholic Church of St Etheldreda has inaugurated a campaign of prayer seeking God's help to attract firms. Other churches will join in and Ely Chamber of Trade is also keen. Without doubt some people would be opposed to light industry in the belief that Ely should remain a quiet Cathedral city. One of the biggest issues would be a labour force but children leaving school are unlikely to find employment locally and many of the estimated 800 people who now leave five days a week to work in Cambridge could be kept in Ely 60 10 27

1960 10 28
Over 100 houses and shops, a Church Institute and a public house in an area near the Roman Catholic Church, Hills Road, may be compulsorily purchased by the City Council. Properties in Coronation Street, King George IV Street, Union Road, Bentinck Street, Princess Street and Queen's Street have reached the end of their useful life and were unfit for human habitation. Slates were off the roof, they had rising damp and woodworm. But shopkeepers protested and one owner said she was very attached to the house and it would be a great hardship to leave. 60 10 28 # c.49.4

Nearly 10,000 provisional driving licences have been issued in Cambridgeshire this year. The Driving Test strikes fear into the hearts of learner drivers who range from school boys to old age pensioners. Indicator arms and even gear change levers are broken by nervous drivers who grip the steering wheel until their knuckles show white. The safest drivers on the road are those with physical disabilities; legless drivers require special attachments, using hand controls only. If you can drive in Cambridge, you can drive anywhere, says R.W. Suttle, a professional instructor. 60 10 28a

1960 10 31
Charles Whitaker was one of the country's greatest wood carvers and sculptors. But his most prominent memorial is in Cambridge where he lived. His first stone-carving job was at Ridley Hall but every college bears the mark of his skill. He was responsible for the restoration of the outside of King's chapel, Trinity College fountain and the Gate of Honour at Caius. He also carved the University Arms over the Examination School in Mill Lane and designed the coats of arms on Fen Causeway bridge and Ascham Road Library. 60 10 31 # c.62

November 1960 CDN

1960 11 01
Every village in South Cambridge RDC area now has a mains water supply with the opening of the Dottrell Hall Pumping Station. Previously eleven villages had to reply on shallow wells and hand pumps. These tended to dry up in times of drought and the water had to be boiled as it was considered unfit by modern standards. The new station has a maximum demand of 630,000 gallons of beautiful water. It had cost a lot of money but was worth it 60 11 01a

1960 11 02
Sawston Congregational Church is having to face the fact of falling numbers and real poverty. The little red brick chapel in the High Street which is capable of seating 240 now has a congregation of 35 at the Sunday morning service and 60 in the evening. The annual income is about £750 a year from which it must maintain the minister and his wife, keep the church, the large manse, caretaker's cottage and a large lecture hall in good repair. The congregation refuse anything approaching gambling to raise money, so there are no whist drives. But the original and beautiful little galleried chapel built in 1811 has been cleaned and painted and is used for the Sunday School, Men's Guild and Youth Club 60 11 02

Lakenheath new £2 million school is the first American high school to be built in England. It took three years to build and caters for 728 pupils, 305 of them boarders. 60 11 02a

Many roads were flooded following a torrential downpour. Policemen with red warning lights patrolled parts of Queen's Road which was covered to a depth of 18-inches in parts and the roadway at Chesterton Hall Crescent was also under water. Wilberforce Road was the most seriously affected where water poured off a nearby playing field and fences were pulled up to divert the flow away from houses. The Wheatsheaf Inn at Harlton and a cottage at Barton Road Haslingfield were also inundated. This has been one of the wettest years recorded in Cambridge. 60 11 02b # c.12

1960 11 03
Jim Bone, who is nearly 80 years old and lives at Wiverton, Norfolk, still drives one of the last working donkey-carts in England. He would not change his donkey for anything, which is not surprising as for 25 years Toby has pulled his master's cart without a single break-down. Jim built the cart himself and because of a shortage of blacksmiths he shoes Toby as well. He will continue to operate his own greengrocery round and as far as he is concerned, retirement is still a long way off 60 11 03

The City of Ely Bowls Club, which is less than 50 strong, has repaid a loan of £950 for improvements to the pavilion and now started re-turfing the green for the first time since it was formed in 1925. This zealous and enterprising club aims to be one of the finest in the county and hopes to emulate St Neots,

probably the most successful in the area and the only one which has a waiting list for membership. 60 11 03a

1960 11 04
Cambridge's City Librarian, Eric Cave (46), looks upon his job as a vocation. Its prime function is to provide a book and information service for the public it serves. The Reference Library take delight in answering any question on any subject including the date of erection of a certain house in Orchard Street, the best method of cultivating edelweiss and the best food to give a pet frog. They also had a telephone call from a rather harassed married man, whose wife was on holiday, asking for details of how to cook a joint of meat with its trimmings. 60 11 04b # c.77.4

Bourn Youth Centre growing rapidly (see Memories 15 Nov 2010) – 60 11 04

The original pumping machinery at Cheddars Lane sewage station is still in use today with its pumps driven by steam operated engines. Until the war the city's combustible refuse was employed for supplying the engines with steam, boosted slightly by coal or coke. Then the calorific value of refuse dropped to such an extent that it did not do the job efficiently so the system was reversed with steam being obtained from coke boilers to which odd loads of refuse are added. Now a new station will be build running entirely on electricity to be generated from the methane gas produced by the sewage itself at Milton, so completing the circle. 60 11 04a # c.29.8

Cambridge University Air Squadron has six little Chipmunk trainers with nine experienced full-time RAF instructors. Every facet of flying is covered and when the examinations and tests have been passed students are the proud possessors of their pilot's "wings". As an additional attraction each receives a £35 bounty at the end of each year to say nothing of the six shillings a day pay for each complete day's training. Trainees can resign at short notice if they feel their academic studies are suffering and only a very small percentage enter the RAF 60 11 04c # c.26.1

1960 11 05
Eric Hard of Hermitage Dairy, Earith Bridge runs a shuttle service in an ex-army lorry taking school children through floods that have reached a depth of two feet and more from the sluice gates to the village itself. He has been operating the free service for many years as the road is flooded quite often. The children look upon it as something to be greatly enjoyed. When the lorry trundles up to the school n the evening the children rush to mount the step-ladder and climb into the vehicle. Being driven through the actual flood waters is the best part of the journey. Other people who use the service are mostly housewives who journey to the village to shop. 60 11 05

1960 11 07
Comberton Village College was officially opened by Henry Morris who had retired as Chief Education Officer in 1954. The buildings, particularly the hall, workshops and other practical rooms have been equipped so they may be used by young people and adults in the evenings and at weekends. It provides facilities for the countryman as good as those offered in towns and cities and they are packed each evening. The college library, in addition to serving the school, is also a branch of the county library. 60 11 07

1960 11 09
Little Eversden is not considered to be suitable for large development and its residents want to keep the village's quiet rural character. There is provision for another 72 houses but 180 other proposals have been refused permission, a planning inquiry was told. However the developer said there was a demand for more. She wanted to build 20 houses at The Old Orchard, each on a quarter-acre plot. Although there was no drainage at present, cesspools would provide the answer until the village was put on main sewerage 60 11 09a

Last market stall for Mrs B.M. Hughes, handicraft maker; profit to Cambridge Association for Social Welfare – 60 11 09

1960 11 11
Bassingbourn Village College have inaugurated agricultural classes for young men between the ages of 15 and 18 years. The two-year course provides education for farm workers one day a week and covers stockmanship, crop husbandry farm implements and tractors using equipment provided by local farmers. Mr C.F. Standen, a smallholder, says 'You have got to encourage boys to go on the land nowadays. Farming is becoming easier but you have still got to have the men. The best implement is the sunshine: it makes everything so much easier to work" 60 11 11

The school dental service in Cambridgeshire is rapidly becoming a mere toothache service: in the rural area there is half a school dentist for 12,000 children. The amount of dental decay in children has doubled in the last ten years and is increasing. Half the youngsters will require artificial teeth in their late teens or early twenties but they will not get them as there will not be dentists to make them. Parents are meeting increasing difficulty in arranging treatment for their children with fully occupied N.H.S. practitioners and new residents find it practically impossible. 60 11 11a # c.21.1

1960 11 16
Mrs B. Gaye portrait photographer moved Cambridge from Thaxted – 60 11 16 # c.65.5

1960 11 17
Land in Stanley Road was a breeding ground for rats and filthy rubbish had been dumped there, an inquiry was told. Cambridge Caravans moved part of its operations from Ditton Road to Newmarket Road in 1956 and now wanted to store up to 40 caravans on the site behind a wattle fence six feet high. The land was an old claypit found to be unsuitable for building. Some of the houses around it had settled and cracked and were practically unsafe to live in. An adjoining electricity sub-station made a humming noise which rendered the site unsuitable for residential purposes. But planners said five similar applications had been refused and it was reserved for residential development. 60 11 17

1960 11 18
The first stage of the restoration work on Christ Church, Cambridge, has now been completed. The battlemented parapets have been taken down and replaced by unbroken ones. Whilst this work was being done it was found that the main roof had to be repaired and it was decided to reslate it completely. So far £3,750 has been spent and it is estimated a further £8,000 will be required for the remaining work. As yet only £1,000 had been received from appeals. 60 11 18 # c.83

The postman in his navy-blue uniform riding his red-painted bicycle carrying a bag containing a variety of messages, happy and sad, is a permanent fixture of everyday life. Doug Carter is responsible for the city centre round. The first despatch takes him from 6.45 to 9.15, when he returns to the Sorting Office for breakfast. He then sorts for the second round which has to be completed before 1pm. People confide in him, they make a friend of him and in spite of appalling weather conditions and the irksome irregular hours, he feels he is providing a useful service. 60 11 18b # c.27.7

Kelly's Street Directory review – 60 11 18a

1960 11 22
Ernest Cooper is a furniture dealer who lives in Beche Road. His father began the business with a horse and cart but it has grown since those days and the horse and cart disappeared. However his love for horses was re-awakened when he bought a dapple grey pony named Dandy for his daughter. Then, when she had outgrown him Ernest went to Chingford and bought a trap and put Dandy in the shafts. Each weekend he harnesses the pony up and goes for a trot in the side streets or out into the country enjoying the roughness of a pair of reins and the hardness of the buggy seat. 60 11 22 # c.19

Land between Kings Hedges Road and the Arbury estate may be bought by the city for housing – 60 11 22a # c.49.4

1960 11 23
The threat of flooding has hung over Cambridge for as long as people can remember. Some residents regularly take up their carpets and pile up their furniture when they go away on summer holiday in case a storm should occur. When this does occur premises, yards and gardens are left with a deposit of sewage and filth. This should not be tolerated, the City Surveyor told councillors. In Abbey Road the old six-foot high brick sewer has collapsed and been replaced by a pipe only two feet in diameter. A five-year improvement scheme incorporating a new sewage pumping station would cost £1.5 million. 60 11 23 # c.29.8

1960 11 25
First bridge to be built in Cambridgeshire for purpose of eliminating a railway leve crossing opened at Whittlesford – 60 11 25 CIP

1960 11 26
Bus island in Peas Hill relieves traffic congestion outside Guildhall – 60 11 26

1960 11 30
'Telex' is the system businesses use for sending printed messages to one another – a kind of private telegraph service by which the operating of a typewriter keyboard at one end produces a typed impression on a roll of paper at the other. It is used by 40 local subscribers including Cambridge police, Pye, Fisons, Corrugated Cases at Histon, Herbert Robinson and the American Air Force. Now it has been converted to automatic working so by a simple dialling action followed by some work on the keyboard a business in Cambridge can send a typed message to an associate in Glasgow 60 11 30 # c.27.75

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1960 12 02
The steepness of the new Garret Hostel Bridge brings complaints, muffled in puffs and pantings, from cyclists, pedestrians and pram-pushers. A gentleman made his laborious way, pulling himself up the slope with the help of the elegant bronze balustrade. A lady, pushing her cycle loaded with laundry in the front basket, exclaimed "Horrible bridge it is now, isn't it". Another added "If it gets ice on it in winter it will be worse still". In fact the council have already been putting grit on the bridge to combat the early frost on its surface. But, as one woman remarked, "There's nothing they can do about it now, of course" 60 12 02 # c.44.7

A love of windmills has led Graham Wilson to buy the tower mill at Over. Built about 100 years ago, it was in regular use until the 1930s and the interior machinery is still in working order. Graham has plans for restoring the roof-cap and the great transverse beam that carries the sails. He is a qualified miller and sees no reason why it should not come into use again for grinding farmers' corn. The Council for the Preservation of Rural England has made a grant of £20 towards the project 60 12 02a

1960 12 07
Fenland formerly produced fine geese which were driven to London, resting at Goose Hall near Waterbeach. An old lady remembers seeing them set off from the farm, being first driven through wet tar and then fine grit which resulted in a kind of shoe that enabled the geese to walk many miles in comparative comfort. Turkeys walked too but were equipped with a kind of leather boot which lasted all the way to London. Although turkeys moved faster they insisted on taking a good rest for the night while geese plotted steadily along all the time, snatching food as they went and just resting for short periods. 60 12 07a

Officials at USAF Alconbury are preparing for Christmas. The Chapel-sponsored food baskets will benefit 150 UK families in Huntingdon, there will be a mammoth party for children, 'teen dances and

an appearance by Santa Claus. Each quarters are expected to make an appropriate Christmas display or decoration; last year thousands of people drove a special marked route through the gaily-decorated barracks area to view 'Christmas USA'. 60 12 07b

The Low Temperature Research Station, Downing Street, is a strange place. Occasionally in some forgotten corner of one of its temperature-controlled rooms, one comes across perfectly preserved war-time stew that was meant for the civilian population but never produced in great quantities. At that time the Station was responsible for producing the 24-hour battle pack of dried food for the Commandoes who went across to France for D-Day. Now they are investigating why potatoes go brown after they have been peeled and chemically examining peas to discover why they lose sweetness and juiciness in the three days between being picked and canned. 60 12 07d # c.36.9 Indoor swimming pool Donkey common starts work – 60 12 07f # c.32.3

Gas storage tank being erected at River Lane damaged by high winds – photo – 60 12 07e

1960 12 08
Ely's Town Crier, James Ankin is the last of a long line of men who have held this ancient office. It is certain that no new Crier will be seen so no longer will the stentorian cry of 'Oyez. Oyez' be heard to the accompaniment of a vigorously-rung handbell. He used to announce horse fairs, pleasure fairs and other functions but there is a rapidly diminishing need for this old style custom and it is twelve months since he last 'cried'. During the war ringing bells was strictly prohibited, but there was nothing to stop him hanging an old dustbin lid or rattling tin cans. Now he has decided to call it a day 60 12 08a His predecessor, known as 'Blind Wayman' was the proud possessor of a long black coat (complete with brass buttons) and a bowler hat, given to him by a benefactor. Despite his affliction he had no difficulty making proclamations as he read from Braille scripts 60 12 08a

Annie Dovey, Headmistress of Cambridge & County High School for Girls 1926-1938 – 60 12 08 # c.36.5

1960 12 09
Five incendiary and three practice bombs were recently unearthed during digging operations at Mepal airfield, a few hundred yards from the main entrance to one of East Anglia's Thor rocket bases. It brings the total find during the three weeks in which an RAF Feltwell bomb disposal squad has been at work up to 18 bombs or Mills markers. In addition about 200 other miscellaneous items of an explosive nature have been discovered, mostly bullets. The rocket base was not in danger at any time: the biggest threat would have been death to any person in the immediate vicinity should the bombs have exploded 60 12 09b # c.45.8

The Butts Green end of Midsummer Common is now used as an extra car park on Saturday mornings but vehicles overflow into side streets to the annoyance of residents. People in Earl Street complain of motorists parking in front of their houses blocking the light to basement rooms while in New Square drivers resent paying sixpence to use the car park and prefer to stop in front of the houses. Massive furniture vans sometimes stay for as long as two days and in summer busloads of tourists sit on people's front window sills eating fish and chips. 60 12 09

'The Cambridge Late Arrivals" group was set up to co-ordinate the indignation rail travellers felt during the upheaval of electrification. Now the trains are much more comfortable and carriages have the air of a club-room. Men – some 200 of them – willingly pay £9 15s (£9.75) for a monthly season ticket and the privileged of leading a quieter family life in the province. It is still cheaper to make the daily journey and avoid the great expense of finding a house or flat in London. 60 12 09a # c.26.2

1960 12 12
Congestion in Clarendon Street – photo – 60 12 12

1960 12 14

Cambridge Amateur Operatic Society gave first performance in 1910 – 60 12 14 # c.69

Charles Lamb wrote asking for news from Cambridge – 60 12 14b

1960 12 15
Thieves using high explosive charges blew open a safe at the Barrington works of Eastwoods Cement Ltd during the night and took £90 in cash. Although some workmen were on a night shift at the factory works, nobody head the explosion which severely damaged the office and destroyed furniture. The raiders put packs of mud around the safe and used rain coats to deaden the noise. A metal contained fitted with a warning hooter which was used for the collection of wages was also taken. Police called the theft 'a cheeky raid' 60 12 15
1960 12 16
Cottenham's part-time firemen give up a good deal of their leisure time to training and spend every Sunday morning in practice. They are mostly mature, married men and the pay is slender. They respond to about three incidents every fortnight including laborious peat fires near the railway embankments where there is as much digging as fire-fighting with the danger of falling into deep, smouldering loam. There is also an ever-present danger from the aircraft leaving and entering the two nearby airfields. The converted lorry formerly used as a fire engine, carrying a 400 gallon water tank, has been replaced with a streamlined vehicle developed for their special needs. 60 12 16

Amongst those working on Christmas Day will be 30 men at RAF Oakington. Being a training school and operational station there must be a handful of men to tend the sick and guard the vital installations on the base. They will have a six-course Christmas dinner served by officers and senior NCOs plus free beer and cigarettes. They can then relax with a book or in front of the television, hoping that no crises will arise to disturb their peace. But if it does there are an additional 150 men in the near vicinity who can be called in for reinforcements. 60 12 16a

Freebooters Coffee Bar and Club appeal – 60 12 16b # c.37.9

Duxford CofE Primary school opened – 60 12 16c

Cambridge Relayed Television Service comprises 24 television dealers who may combine with Multisignals Ltd to allow viewers to pay a rental for the use of a telephone cable to bring programmes to the house, saving the cost of putting an aerial on the chimney. People can continue to buy, hire or hire-purchase ordinary televisions but by fitting an adaptor to a single-channel set they will also be able to receive London and Anglia ITV. Cable also has provision for the future transmission of colour signals or 625-line broadcasts. 60 12 16d e f # c.27.85

1960 12 17
A diesel engine pulling a trainload of coal leaped from the track at Stretham Fen in the early hours and plunged down a ten-foot embankment, trapping the driver and fireman. They were freed from the wreckage of the cab which was crushed as it ploughed into the soft earth, and taken to hospital. Investigators believe the crash was caused by a swaying wagon on a 60 mph parcels express which hit the 45 mph coal train. Eight wagons containing Christmas parcels jumped form the rails, ripping up tracks and bringing down telephone wires. Nearly 100 railwaymen worked to clear the main Cambridge to Ely line. 60 12 17 track back to normal – 60 12 19b

Hills Road railway bridge is functioning almost as normal again. After a year's work during which the traffic has had to contend with considerable difficulties, the road is now suitable for two-lane traffic. Resurfacing will not be carried on for another 12 months in order to allow for subsidence and for several more weeks workmen will be patching up. Work on Churchill College continues as does work on 13 three-storey terrace houses and 60 maisonettes at East Road. Most have their roofs on and one block of houses has its windows in. 60 12 17b # c.44.7

1950 12 19

Weyman Funeral Service whole-page advertisement – 60 12 19 # c.21.1

Americans seem to be doing more than us to welcome the season. In the married quarters at Lakenheath – in streets where sudden ramps make the traffic go slowly – Christmas trees and coloured lamps were glowing in the windows, garlands of holly hung on front doors and stencilled pictures of Santa Claus, painted on the window glass, caught the light from the living rooms. They can buy frozen poultry, coloured glass balls or foamy artificial 'snow' in atomisers to spray on mirrors and windows. The churches, which are likely to be full on Christmas Eve, have been organising carol services for children 60 12 19a

A hefty Territorial Sergeant was thrown out of the window at the Drill Hall, East Road, and lost his stripes. But this was all in order! There is an R.A.M.C. tradition that when a sergeant is promoted to commissioned rank he is thrown out of the Sergeants Mess and can return through the door as an officer-guest. The outcast was Sergt G. Sherwin and the ceremony took place at the Christmas dinner in the Mess of 162 (City of Cambridge) Field Ambulance. 60 12 19c

1960 12 23
Traffic diverted from Newmarket Road at Quy and directed through Sux Mile Bottom while men worked on a stretch of the closed road at Nine Mile Hill – 60 12 23 CIP

1960 12 28
Christmas hospital tours by mayor – 60 12 28

1960 12 29
Midland Co-op Laundry safe blown-up – 60 12 29

Sir - Work is about to begin on a new school adjoining Cottenham village green. A fifteenth-century house, a Victorian farmhouse and the most substantial barn in the village are to be pulled down. But these could have been adapted to provide a warden's house and gymnasium effecting considerable financial savings and preserving the whole character of the green – T.N. Morris 60 12 29a

1960 12 30
Mrs J.A. Rayment of Cambridge was not impressed when her husband bought a go-kart and could not be persuaded to try it for some time. But when she did she was soon keen on the craze which is sweeping the country. Their son shares his parents' keenness and their 18-year-old daughter also occasionally has a drive. The Cambridge Go-Kart club has 75 members of whom four are women. The vehicles travel up to 45 mph but give a tremendous impression of speed as they are near to the ground. 60 12 30 # c.38 : motor racing

Swaffham Bulbeck cottage in Station Road collapses – 60 12 30 CIP

Samaritans help prevent suicides – 60 12 30a

Market stall holders are among Cambridge's most colourful characters. Many have taken over the stalls from their fathers or grandfathers, often reaching back five or six generations. There are a handful of names which provide the nucleus of the traders – Whitehead, David, Sharp. Reynolds, Simpkins and several others. Charles Whitehead has stood at his greengrocery stall since he was 14, Messrs Miller and Beresford are in charge of the pets stall and Mrs Sharp has been selling old silver and brasses for 52 years. They believe that as long as they are straight and fair in their dealings, competition cannot harm them – 60 12 30b # c.27.3

Chippenham church tower renovation photo – 60 12 30c

1960 12 31

Colonel R.P.W. Adeane, who farms extensively in the Babraham area has been made a Knight Bachelor in the New Years Honours List for services to the Tate Gallery. The OBE goes to Clement Norman Gautrey of Cottenham, one of the county's foremost supporters of Civil Defence since 1960 with an MBE to Cyril Thomas Pack, assistant postmaster at Huntingdon, W.O. Hicks the chef at Ely RAF Hospital and James Helm of the Isle of Ely Fire Brigade. Alan Rawsthorne is awarded the CBE. He writes instrumental work and composed music for the Saffron Walden festival of arts in 1958 60 12 31

1960 Cambridge Independent Press

Throughout the year the CIP carried a series of feature articles relating to Cambridgeshire villages. They are

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Madingley – 60 02 12 CIP
Chippenham – 60 02 19, 19a CIP
Reach – 60 02 26 CIP
Girton – 60 03 04 CIP
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Teversham – 60 04 22 CIP
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Horningsea – 60 07 01 CIP
Caxton – 60 07 08 CIP
Waterbeach – 60 07 15 CIP
Orwell - 60 07 22 & a CIP
Newton – 60 07 29 CIP
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Pampisford – 60 08 26 CIP
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Landbeach – 60 10 21 CIP
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1961 01 02
The control testing laboratory wing of the Bayer Biological Institute's premises at Exning was destroyed by fire. Practically all the records were lost in the blaze along with refrigerators, ovens and microscopes. Thousands of bottles of serums and vaccines for veterinary treatment were damaged by water but the production department which employs 50 people will continue interrupted. Beechwood House was formerly used as the racing stables of Miss Dorothy Paget and it was here that Basil Briscoe trained Golden Miller. During the war it was occupied by the Army and has been used as laboratories since 1949. 61 01 02

A questionnaire shows that most people think the Lion Yard area should include a concert hall, civic restaurant, hotel and assize court together with a library. This should feature a record section, an art lending department, reading room and small exhibition area. There should be a municipal crèche where children could be left while their parents shopped and a car park reserved for those who worked in the Guildhall. Half of the respondents were in favour of traffic wardens and parking meters, though some said they had no experience of them, while 81 per cent wanted a pedestrian precinct. Other suggestions included a news cinema where people could wait in comfort for evening buses and supermarkets near the edge of the city 61 01 02a # c.49.4

Captain A.C. Taylor retired after 40 years as Managing Director of the CDN, the paper established by his father in 1888. He is widely engaged in public service having been elected to both county and city councils and was Mayor when Cambridge became a city in 1951. He is chairman of the Ministry of Labour Rehabilitation Committee and keenly interested in sport, ploughing and farming. His successor as Managing Director is Mr A.J.H. Durham who like the Chairman of the Board, Lord Iliffe, is a graduate of Cambridge University 61 01 02b # c.04

The warehouses of Radio and Television Services Ltd, Gloucester Street, were gutted by fire. Scores of people living nearby went into their gardens as showers of sparks and splinters from exploding radio valves and television tubes showered down on their premises and residents of Clare Street used garden hoses to prevent the fire endangering their garden sheds. Arthur Brett (80) said the blaze and noise was just like the battle of the Somme. Employees will be moved to other buildings in the Pye group and there will be no serious interruption in the repair and servicing facilities operated by the company. The two-storey high building also houses a technical school for overseas radio experts.61 01 02c # c.27.1

1961 01 03
The 'Grand Old Man' of Cambridge cycling, Mr C.M. Woods, was secretary of the New Chesterton Cycling Club for 35 years. He arranged ten motor and cycle race meetings on the Amalgamation

Ground in Queen's Road and was sports secretary for the Mammoth Show on Jesus Green which included the famous rodeo which attracted a record 'gate' of 35,000 people. During his career he came into contact with many famous cyclists including Albert White, Jack Sibbit, Ernie Payne and Reg Player. 61 01 03 # c.26.485

The farthing died its tiny death with scarcely a single serious mourner in Cambridge. Thousands of pounds worth will never be cashed. Some people will keep them for their sentimental value, others as part of a coin collection while many will simply not know that they still have farthings in the bottom of an untidy drawer. They will be used as tokens for playing cards, by children paying shop or by handymen as washers. The coin will however be missed by drapers who kept a stock for their 'eleven-three-farthings' prices 61 01 03a

1961 01 04
A 67ft long tree trunk recovered from the River Ouse at Adelaide has been revealed as a bog oak about 4,500 years old. It came to light during underwater protective work to the river bridge and was dragged to the bank by two bulldozers. Because of its length, straightness and thickness it was thought to have been one of the trees brought to Ely to consrtuct the Octagon. But it was found in peaty soil and the position in which the oak was discovered did not in the 14th-century form part of the river bed. Now Prof H. Godwin has confirmed the date through radiocarbon-dating 61 01 04a

1961 01 06
Cambridge University Gliding Club has a membership of more than 350, only half of whom are members of the University. They include Prince William of Gloucester, who is studying engineering. The instructors include John Hulme who was former holder of the UK record for a distance flight and Mrs Ann-Mari Neumann, a school teacher. Mr Bryce Smith, a civil engineer, is one of the Club's tug pilots. He says you can't glide without a team of people to help but you must be an individual to be successful at soaring. 61 01 06 # c.26.1

1961 01 07
The village of Milton may double in size and soon there would be another 60 cars wanting fuel. However there is only one filling station, it did not have a suitable entrance and was often obstructed, it an Inspector was told. But plans for another nearly opposite the Lion and Lamb public house had been rejected by the County Council who said there were eight filling stations between Cambridge and Ely, an average of one every one-and-a-half miles and another would be a traffic hazard. 61 01 07

1961 01 08
History of banking at Ely & Downham Market – 61 01 08

Cambridge Rugby Union Club dates from 1923, although there may have been a rugby club of some sort in existence before the first world war. The Old Cantabrigians were founded sometime in the 1920s as part of the County High School old Boys' Society but lapsed and was not reformed until 1945. Shelford followed in 1935, being established by young players unable to get a game, and finally came the Old Perseans who as the Perse Wanderers appeared in July 1949, a new book on the history of the Eastern Counties Rugby Union records. 61 01 08a # c.38 : rugby

1961 01 11
For 900 years the Metcalfe family have made a living at Holywell by cutting the rushes growing in the sluggish River Ouse. It had always been considered men's work – until Mrs Dorothy Metcalfe-Arnold took over while her sons were away in the war. She starts in July, taking a flat-bottomed boat to the rush beds and cutting them at their roots with a sharp knife attached to a long pole. As the rushes float to the top she collects them into bundles and brings them back to the village where they are dried. They are transported to all parts of the country and used for different purposes 61 01 11

Freebooters coffee bar appeal for funds – 61 01 11a # c.37.9

Cambridge University published proposals to enhance the city's character as a university town. Historic buildings would be retained and where redevelopment is essential the new buildings would be on a scale and character compatible with the central area. The Lion Yard development could include a civic hall which is needed both by city and university together with a library and small art gallery. If the City Council cannot pay for it then the University and some of the colleges should join in a developing consortium to provide the necessary finance to carry out the development and benefit from the profits. 61 01 11b # c.49.4

The only area of Cambridge suitable for a regional shopping centre is that around City Road and Fitzroy Street, a University development plan says. It has space for shops, restaurants, car parks and houses and could be well-served by public transport. By contrast the city centre does not meet the land requirement unless there is such demolition that it would affect the character of the area. The roads are poor and provision of adequate car parking would be an impossible task. 61 01 11c # c.49.4 : Kite

1961 01 12
The owner of the 'Magpie' Café in Stapleford told an Inspector that at the moment it looked like a bomb site with heavy lorries pulling in. He wanted to convert it from a transport café into a restaurant which local people would use and to build a motor showroom, lock-up garages and a petrol filling station. But almost every resident of Dolphin Way objected to the proposal saying that it was already a street where drivers parked their lorries. If the restaurant did not prove profitable it might revert to a transport café again. 61 01 12

1961 01 13
Children's Relief International, based in Harvey Road, have already organised a holiday camp for 60 displaced children in Germany. Now they hope to build a large modern house in a village near Cambridge where refugee children from all over Europe would be brought up as a large 'family' under the care of house parents. They would make friends and share some of their delightful facilities with local English children. Madingley would be an ideal spot for such a house. 61 01 13

People cycling into Cambridge from Chesterton may one day have a special bridge all to themselves. It would permit cycles to get from the end of Pretoria Road directly across Midsummer Common to Four Lamps Corner and relieve traffic congestion over Victoria Avenue Bridge. The scheme would cost around £25,000. Councillors would also like the one-way traffic in the centre of Cambridge to flow the other way – if only for a trial period of six months – 61 01 18

Haslingfield church clock renovated – 61 01 13b

1961 01 14
W. Heffer printers and booksellers celebrate 50 years at Hills Road – 61 01 14 # c.25

1961 01 17
Bluntisham egg marketing company in court – 61 01 17

1961 01 20
New Square was a very good site for a multi-deck car park, councillors were told. But Coun P.J. Warren said that when the site was conveyed to the Corporation in 1923 they'd given an undertaking that no building would ever be erected there. Even now they were spoiling the best example of domestic lay-out in Cambridge. People who lived in New Square already had enough to put up with without such a suggestion. It should never be raised again in their lifetime, the Traffic Committee agreed 61 01 20 # c.26.48

When at full strength Cambridge City Police Force numbers 161, including six women officers. New constables spend their first three weeks on night duty as this is the best time to get to know the district without the confusion of traffic or pedestrians. They patrol on foot in the busier areas and on bicycles

further from the centre. An observant policeman on his beat notices small details such as the man with the bulky overcoat, the ladder that has been moved or the obvious unfamiliarity of a driver or motor cyclist with his vehicle. The main task during the day is maintaining an even flow of traffic, sorting out jams and directing motorists into parking spaces. 61 01 20a & b & c # c.34.7

Dr Ramsey, the new Archbishop of Canterbury, was born in a house at Buckingham Road, Cambridge. He studied at Magdalene College where he took an active interest in University affairs and was President of the Union in 1926. He was very keen on entering the church and when just a boy used to conduct services at home, said his aunt, Miss Lucy Ramsey, who has received a constant stream of well-wishers at her home in Mount Pleasant – 61 01 20d

1961 01 21
The Hauxton postmistress was alone in the front hallway her bungalow, which is used as the post office, when a man pushed aside a small table on which she worked and demanded 'Hand over the money and keep your mouth shut". The postmistress keeps a tin of pepper and a heavy metal weight in a handy drawer but had no time to use them. The robber made off with £20 in cash but missed a considerable sum of money in an envelope which she threw into an adjoining room when he threatened her.– 61 01 21

1961 01 24
Hemingford Grey windmill was built in 1820, shortly before the coming of steam power, and its hand-made wooden machinery is still in good preservation. It is one of the few mills with a fireplace and has been the last working mill in Huntingdonshire. But now the sweeps are no more and the wooden cupola roof has collapsed and there are plans to convert it into an artist's studio. The top two floors would be used as a studio, giving ample height for large canvases, with light coming from a glass domed roof. 61 01 24

1961 01 26
Having installed big sodium lamps to light the radial roads and then put the tall candle-shaped fluorescent lamps in the city centre, the council is now extending electric lighting into the side streets. Until now Hooper Street has been so dark that people avoid it at night and Gwydir Street would be in darkness were it not for two pubs shedding their homely light on the pavement. But the lantern of the gas lamp opposite the end of Sleaford Street is regularly knocked off by big industrial vehicles and elsewhere youths smash the lamp glasses with stones immediately after the gas man has replaced the last breakage. 61 01 26 # c.24.8

1961 01 27
Barrington windmill conversion; for 50 years the tower mill had fallen derelict; during the war the matchinery was removed; but it is to be converted into living accommodation – 61 01 27 CIP

1961 01 28
A five-feet long crow-bar weighing nearly 60lbs crashed into the roof of a house in New Road, Melbourn. It is believed to have come from some demolition works about 50 yards away during the process of blowing out tree roots. The occupier, Mrs Robinson only spotted it when she went shopping. "I thought my neighbours had put up a television mast but had another look and thought it could be a crow-bar … I thought is had been dropped from a plane at first", she said. Despite its size it did very little damage. 61 01 28

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1961 02 01
Traffic lights installed at junction Brooklands Avenue and Trumpington Rd – 61 02 01 # c.26.48

New Zealand Dairy products promotion – 61 02 01b

Gipsy John Loveridge with van at roadside – photo – 61 02 01a

The Chequers Rock'n'Roll group, formed by members of St Luke's Youth Club, staged a dance in the Guildhall. Jennifer Smith plays the drums, the vocalist is Andy Peters, bass guitarist Tony Saintey, rhythm guitarist Noel Gooch and solo guitarist Tony White. They featured four of their own tunes which are intended for an experimental record they hope to make soon. Johnny Cullum and the Phantoms, a group better known in Newmarket, also performed. 61 02 01c # c.69

1961 02 02
Grantchester scheme for 24 old persons homes and 15 other houses to go ahead – 61 02 02

1961 02 03
An advertisement in a student newspaper offering the job of guiding tourists round Cambridge for a payment of £8 a day has attracted a wide response. They would use their own cars to bring small parties of Americans from London and smart girls would take American women shopping. But Mrs Ruth Mellanby of the well-established Cambridge guide service views the idea with trepidation. Her guides are carefully trained and charge 10/6 (52p) an hour for a party of eight. 61 02 03 # c.46.45

1961 02 04
Rail passengers had a narrow escape when a car was driven straight through Cambridge station booking hall and came to rest with its front wheels on the platform. Ticket collector Mr W. Franklin was standing in his booth by the barrier at the time and was taken to hospital suffering from shock. An undergraduate who had driven to meet a friend from the train failed to swing round in front of the booking hall and burst through the right-hand door smashing the indicator board and barrier gate before coming to a standstill. It is 12 years since a similar accident involving a taxi driver occurred at the station. 61 02 04 photo 61 02 06a # c.26.2

Three years ago there were perhaps one or two West Indians working in Cambridge. Now the number must fast be approaching 100. They have all been invited by the Cambridge Brotherhood to attend their international service at the Mill Road Baptist Church when the address will be delivered by Canon Hay, the Chaplain appointed by the Anglican Church to serve Jamaican immigrants. The invitation is extended to all friends and includes a social gathering after the service 61 02 04a # c.31

The striking roof of St Martin's Church in Suez Road is now in course of erection. At a 70 degree angle of slope it must seem nearly vertical to the men working on the job. Such a steep roof is intended to obtain the impression of height and at the same time keep the amount of air to be heated to a minimum. Cost is also kept down because the roof rests directly on the ground. When completed at the end of April it will be a big change from the flat-roofed Church-cum-Hall which has served the congregation for 30 years 61 02 04b # c.83

Heffers Printers celebrate 50 years – 61 02 04c # c.25

Death of W.J. Morley, partner of Morley & Duke – 61 02 04d

1961 02 06
The Children's Committee have decided that 'The Grange', the big detached villa at Swavesey capable of housing 17 children, can be closed. There is little difficulty in finding foster-parents for younger children as the appeal of the little orphaned toddler is obvious. But there is less appeal in a large awkward moody adolescent boy. The time has come to look for a 'family house' on an ordinary, homely, Council housing estate where they can keep large families together in the community with house parents who would influence them in the ordinary way. 61 02 06

Francis Pym elected conservative candidate – 61 02 06a

1961 02 07

Rattee & Kett working in Downing Street – 61 02 07 # c.23

Selwyn College design for new court – 61 02 07a # c.44.5

Church Army officers, described as the church's 'shock troops', have been running a mission at Rampton. They have organised community singing, meetings for children, pram services for mothers, parties for teenagers and almost nightly services. Some public spirited parishioners opened their homes to friends and neighbours to provide the two captains and the Rector with the opportunity of meeting people socially. The missioners say any increase in church attendance – the average congregation is 25 – or more generous contributions to church funds is secondary to experiencing practical Christianity 61 02 07b

1961 02 08
The minute hand of the clock on the front of Cambridge Guildhall disappeared during the night. Police are trying to discover whether it fell off or if it was stolen. The hand was still in place just after 10pm when a Guildhall official set his own watch by it. But early today a passerby noticed it was missing. Detectives who examined the stub left behind on the clock face found evidence of corrosion and believe it might have dropped off. But if it did, who picked it up? 61 02 08

Grantchester has been in the news lately because of plans to pull down old cottages and build modern houses. Its ancient almshouses just past the cricket pavilion present a forlorn appearance and two or three are empty beneath their old thatch roofs. But the Trustees of the Towns Lands Charity are making every effort to modernise and so preserve these historic and attractive cottages while keeping their present appearance. The work will cost over £1,200 and they have appealed for help in raising the final £400. If they succeed this charming corner of the village will remain but there will be two comfortable and well-equipped cottages. 61 02 08a

1961 02 09
Two people were taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital when their car was in collision with a heavy armoured car driven by two members of the Cambridge University Officer's Training Corps. The vehicle, with a muzzled two pounder gun mounted on top of it, was on a delivery run from Colchester to the Corps' headquarters in Grange Road when the accident happened at Great Abington. The students were uninjured 61 02 09

A former landlord of the Red Lion at Brinkley said that when he first took it he had only two or three customers a night. The rent was £1 a week and he had to employ a man to tend the piece of land which went with the premises. He did some decorating and put some furnishings in and the numbers increased. So he began to promote dances and functions, buying a car on the strength of it. But this was reckless. He had too many people helping him out at the pub, a lack of business knowledge and "too many friends", the bankruptcy court was told. 61 02 09a

Many of Cambridge's 350-strong Polish community found it difficult finding work and places to live in the early post war years. They keep Polish customs and festivities and there are clubs which provide entertainment in the form of plays and dances. The boys have a Scout group, there are Guides and Brownies and a men's choirs. The Catholics have a weekly service, those of the Evangelical and Greek Orthodox are less frequent. The children are bi-lingual and many speak better than their classmates. Would they like to go back? No. Conditions are too hard in Poland where the cost of living is treble what it is here and the vast majority are now British subjects 61 02 09b # c.31

1961 02 10
Bernard Grainger does nothing all day but repair documents that have lain unattended for many years. He is archive repairer for the County Record Office and estimates that the amount of maps alone awaiting repair would take him all his working life to complete. No attempt is made to touch up or repaint the documents in any way and they leave his small office in exactly the same state as when

they first came in. This is very specialised work and only 19 record offices in the country boast such experts 61 02 10, 61 02 17 CIP # c.43

1961 02 11
The delay in Lion Yard redevelopment has meant that the Civic Restaurant on the corner of Petty Cury has been given a new lease of life. The dining hall has been brightened up and the provision of window curtains will give a finishing touch. A cosmopolitan note has been struck in an announcement over the scullery in English. French, German and Italian exhorting customers to return their plates 61 02 11

Central Hotel redevelopment photo – 61 02 11a

1961 02 14
Boots new building with oriel windows – 61 02 14

Milton Road cottages opposite school demolition photo – 61 02 14b

Mill Pool weir picture 61 02 14c

1961 02 16
Freebooters Coffee bar redecorated – photos – 61 02 16 # c.37.9

1961 02 17
Golf on Coldham's Common historical article – 61 02 17 # c.38 : golf

On Sunday Mr Thomas Collins takes off his blue and white striped fishmonger's apron and puts on more casual clothes that he can wear out of doors. For every Sunday morning, wet or fine, he cycles down to the Catholic Church with Sunday newspapers to 'earn a little beer money'. When he goes home in the afternoon he has a well-earned sleep or reads some of the papers he has not sold. Such spare time as he has is spent in reading novels and looking after his cage birds 61 02 17a

Competition between British Railways agricultural transport services has become increasingly fierce and many local farmers are faced with the difficult decision whether to transport their produce by rail, road or, in some cases, water. Gerald Fairey, a Linton farmer says there is far less difficulty in sending goods by road. And lorry drivers take more care with the handling of perishable goods than the railway`. But hauliers cannot compete with the ridiculously low cut-rate prices charged by British Railways for the conveyance of goods. The new 'Fenland Freighter' diesel-hauled train offers door-to-door service and a big saving in time and cash 61 02 17c

The Old People's Welfare Council believes the best thing for the elderly is for them to live independently as long as possible. But many cannot and there are an increasing number of people wanting care in their old age. The main problem is finding suitable premises to make into old people's homes. In 1948 the County Council had to do with Linton Hospital and a few beds at Chesterton Hospital. Since then they have been modernised and improved. After the war buildings were very difficult to get because of competition from firms wanting office accommodation and the rising cost of land. The fist new home was The Grove, Fordham in 1951, followed by Willingham House and in 1956 Primrose Croft was adapted to take 35 elderly residents. The future plans are to erect purpose-designed buildings 61 02 17b # c.32.9

Fulbourn windmill and tractor ploughing field – photo – 61 02 17a CIP

1961 02 20
A team from Pan American Airways visited Cambridge speaking to applicants from the girls' colleges to fill their quota for air stewardesses, one of the most glamorous carers in the 20th-century. One said "We thought we might get a nice type of girl from the University – the sort who, once she has got her

degree, would like to spend a year or 18 months flying with us. By the time they're 23 they want to marry; you can't blame them really". The firm were quite reconciled to it and it kept their service fresh and active. In spite of the attractive prospects there were very few applicants for interview from Girton or Newnham students 61 02 20 # c.36.9 : women

1961 02 22
Caravan holiday memories from 1908 – 61 02 22

Oswald Mosley banned from Christ's college, scuffles outside New Theatre – 61 02 22a # c.33

Sawston Village College has new unique sports hall - 61 02 22c

Boys of two Army Cadet Battalion learned their drills the hard way when their machine guns jammed right in the middle of an enemy attack. Later a tremendous assault was launched upon a tree-filled quarry defended by resolute Bren gunners from Whittlesey. Smoke hit the attackers from their objective as they struggled through the bushes and undergrowth while the air was filled with the noise of loud explosions and the clatter and crack of rifle fire. Afterwards everyone returned to the Barrington Training Centre for lunch– 61 02 22b # c.45.8

1961 02 23
Freebooters Club Wellington Street repairs – 61 02 23

1961 02 24
Houses in Chesterton High Street and Green End Road have been subject to a demolition order since January 1960. Their occupants have gradually been re-accommodated and their homes abandoned. Now only two families remain. It is an eerie feeling to have empty houses on either side, especially when they are broken into, the wallpaper ripped and the boarded-up windows damaged. Once they have been rehoused the rickety four-roomed homes with their primitive sanitation will be pulled down for re-development. 61 02 24 # c.23

There are battered wrecks of old bangers at the Coldham's Lane scrap yard. Doors are missing, wheels stripped of their tyres, bonnet reveal nothing but hanging wires and windows have either been broken or removed. "When we turn vehicles upside down we can see what a state the rusty chassis, worn steering and braking systems are really in," said Mr Les Rich who runs the yard. Business has increased since the roadworthiness tests were introduced for vehicles made before 1937 and hundreds more will now find their way to the breakers' yards 61 02 24a # c.26.48

1961 02 26
The Cambridge 50 Car Club was founded in 1950 changes name to Cambridge Car Club – 61 02 26

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1961 03 01
Stapleford 'virtually a dormitory for Cambridge' – application for houses at Vine Farm – 61 03 01a

1961 03 02
Families living in Great Shelford and Stapleford are preparing to provide holiday homes for youngsters from Displaced Persons Camps in German. For the children of Hitler's white slave army who have known nothing but poverty, overcrowding, illness and hunger, it will be their first experience of life as it should be lived under normal happy conditions. They will attend local schools and be taken on a few organised outings but mostly become just part of an English family. Before leaving Germany they will have been medically examined and equipped with as many belongings as possible and local people are collecting clothing for them, with particular emphasis on shoes 61 03 02

Winston House, an experiment in mental after-care in Brooklands Avenue, was opened in 1958 to provide temporary accommodation for those recovering from mental and nervous sickness and looking for permanent homes of their own. It can accommodate 23 people in a homely atmosphere and since January 1960 there has been a waiting list. Last year 48 people left the hostel, 26 of them having gained benefit from their stay. 61 03 02a # c.21.5

1961 03 03
Michael Delanoy of Pye Telecommunications wins highest exam marks – 61 03 03

In 1943 an anti-aircraft shell dump near Rectory Farm, Little Chesterford, exploded and the owner of the farm, Ted Fordham, has been finding shells on his land ever since. "I must have found about 100 shells and usually am able to deal with them myself", he told the News. But yesterday while clearing some undergrowth he found a 3.7 shell which seemed to be live as it was complete with fuse and detonator. This time he decided to call the police to take the bomb away 61 03 03a

Arthur Greer, painter and decorator – Men at Work series with picture – 61 03 03

Many of the people attending auction sales are young married couples setting up home who want reasonably good furniture and carpets at a considerably lower cost or to buy better quality goods than they could afford elsewhere. They know that when they have saved for new furniture they can still get a good price for the old. But contemporary furniture in good condition has been known to fetch almost as much as it would in the shops. One young lady with a baby in arms was interested in a dressing table which she was intending to paint white for the child's bedroom. "I have bought several pieces of furniture quite cheaply", she said. 61 03 03b

1961 03 04
Cambridge Review 2000th issue, founded 1879 – history 61 03 04 # c.05

The Red Lion Hotel at Whittlesford is back to normal after its change of face. It has been redesigned to front the new bypass on the A505 road and no longer does it endure the noise and dirt of lorries which used to pass so close to the windows that they were always splashed with mud. Certain sections have been enlarged and improved to provide more parking and garage facilities. Its particularly attractive features are two very old carved ceilings in the residents' lounge and bar while gaily coloured umbrellas have appeared on the new fine paved courtyard. It appears to have suffered little from having to reverse its position 61 03 04a; 61 03 10 CIP

1961 03 06
Duxford airfield, the home of RAF fighter planes since the First World War, is to close as a Fighter Command base and will probably be administered from Waterbeach. It has a tremendous history but was built for bi-plane use and since it cannot be expanded any further it must be sacrificed in an age of supersonic aircraft. The 130 married quarters will continue to be used and the buildings and hangars become storage and support units. It will remain as a front line fighter base through 1961 until the closure is completed 61 03 06a

Dozens of people were thrown into the fast flowing River Cam on Saturday afternoon when the ferry at Fen Ditton suddenly sank. Undergraduates who were watching the Lent Bumps plunged into the water to help the men, women and children who were striking out for the bank. Several were taken into nearby public houses where medical students assisted them and two people went to Addenbrooke's Hospital suffering from shock 61 03 06 Inquiry – 61 03 10d # c.44.7

1961 03 08
RAF Duxford dying of old age – 61 03 08

1961 03 09

The Phantoms rock and roll group have signed an exclusive contract with Palette Records. The group comprises Ken Leverington, David Cooke and Cliff Gentle, of Cambridge, on guitars, Freddie Smart, a Chatteris hairdresser on drums and Johnny Cullen of Bottisham as vocalist. They had been playing together for six months when two undergraduates, both songwriters, heard them at a dance. They learned 10 new numbers in three weeks and recorded a demonstration disc. Now 'Phantom Guitar' is to be released through Pye in April 61 03 09 # c.69

1961 03 10
The 'promontory', a building that formerly housed Przibórsky's hairdressing shop, with Ram Yard to its left and Round Church Street to the right, is to be cleared by the City Council to provide a wide lead-in to the new car park in Park Street. The cottages are not very beautiful and most have been condemned as unfit by the Public Health Department. But they are home to a small community of tenants including Tim Eiloart who crossed the Atlantic in a small balloon, Jasper Rose the artist-don who has a studio there and Graham Pollard, a numismatist at the Fitzwilliam Museum. Their lives are interconnected, they give supper parties and meet together to play Bach in an upstairs room. But now they must move elsewhere 61 03 10 & a # c.44.6

Gabor Cossa was for many years a professional ballet dancer. He studied at Heidelberg and Leipzig Universities before touring with the Kurt Jooss ballet company and came to Cambridge in 1942. When the company closed in 1947 he opened an antique shop in Trumpington Street and finds his work of immense enjoyment. He still retains his interest in the theatre and recently played his silent piano on the television programme 'Candid Camera' 61 03 10b

Cherry Hinton planning inquiry over land at Ventress Farm – 61 03 10c

Gaming machine at Grantchester self-service stores confiscated – 61 03 10e

1961 03 13
'The Willows' at Cam Road, site for 200 flats for sale by auction – 61 03 13

A cocktail party was held at St John's College to celebrate the 2,000th issue of 'The Cambridge Review'. It was founded in Trinity College in 1879 and has appeared every week in full term without interruption for strikes and wars. Its price – sixpence – has not changed at all because the circulation has always been small. The current edition has the usual content of articles, correspondence, book and theatre reviews 61 03 13a # c.05

1961 03 14
Gerald Tweedie of Cherryhinton Road has assured himself a place in the railway history of this country. He can now call himself Britain's Number One Train Spotter as he has seen, listed and made notes on every one of the 60,000 or so steam railway engines operated during the last 30 years – the first man ever to have completed such a mammoth task. Now the CDN has arranged for him to have a ride on the footplate of an A4 streamlined Pacific engine 61 03 14 # c.26.2

1961 03 16
Camden cricket club seek own ground – 61 03 16a # c.38 : cricket

1961 03 17
Francis Pym, who has become Cambridgeshire's Member of Parliament following a by-election, said he saw it as a vote of confidence for Mr Macmillan. But his nearest opponent, Robert Davis, felt that a fair number of people who would have voted Labour switched to the Liberals. Their candidate, Richard Moore agreed, saying they were the obvious alternative to the Labour Party. Mr Pym, managing director of a tenting manufacturing firm, owns land on the western borders of the county and hopes to live in the constituency soon. 61 03 17 # c.33

Thomas Dale warden of Cambridge International Centre – 61 03 17a

Fulbourn windmill to be restored – 61 03 17b

Mebourn Anchor Inn to be demolished so a new pub can be built behind – 61 03 17 CIP

1961 03 21
Women undergraduates are rather spoiled, with ten men to each girl, and marry at a younger age so Newnham has problems finding College Fellows, the Principal complained. Sometimes girls staying in Cambridge after their marriage could continue their work but often it meant recruiting Dons from outside. This brought other problems as Newnham could not afford to pay a good income meaning many candidates were unable to take up the appointment 61 03 21 # c.36.9 : women # c.44.5

1961 03 22
The strong room at Barclay's Bank in Chesterton Road was blown open and £75,000 in notes stolen in the City's biggest bank robbery. The raiders piled stacks of office furniture and cushions to muffle the noise of the explosion which blew a hole three feet across in the strong room wall, then crawled through to help themselves to the money. Arrangements have been made to transfer the silver and copper coinage the thieves left behind. 61 03 22 # c.32.8

Alice Kent of Littleport 100 years old – 61 03 22a

1961 03 23
Cavendish Laboratory room Rutherford used is soon to disappear – 61 03 23 & a # c.36.9

1961 03 24
Bronwyn Dewey, accommodation bureau clerk – 61 03 24
American Military Cemetery superintendent – 61 03 24a # c.21.2

1961 03 25
The tiny Longstowe Primary School may be closed as Councillors think it is wrong to provide education from 5 to 11 years old in one class. The 18 children would be sent to a new school with modern facilities at Bourn. But parents say the school is successful and provides a centre for village life. The children are happy there and receive individual teaching. 61 03 25

Staff formed a barricade to stop girls from storming the stage in the closing minutes of the Adam Faith show at the Regal. Dressed in a casual beige sweater, Adam spent most of the evening he was not on stage signing books or photographs and talking to fans. He sang most of the songs he has put in the hit parade including "Who Am I" accompanying himself on the guitar with the backing of four of the John Berry Seven who played throughout the evening. Gerry Dorsey gave a vigorous performance, pulling the maximum screams, but Johnny Le Roy did not bother with gimmicks, using his rich voice to open the evening's programme. The Honeys, dressed in sugary pink, brought some glamour to the show while Chris Carisen worked hard as the compere 61 03 25a # c.69

1961 03 28
Linton parishioners have sent a petition to Ernest Marples, Minister of Transport, demanding a by-pass. There was continuous traffic through the village, especially in summer when motorists were travelling to the coast. In addition heavy lorries use the very narrow main street. This is only 13-feet wide and with some vehicles eight-feet wide they often get locked together or push pedestrians off the pavement. The County Surveyor said there were plans for a by-pass on the south side of the village which could be done in two stages as soon as money was available 61 03 28

Girton parish church has death-watch beetle and wood rot in its floors and workmen are trying to repair the damage before April. The beetle was first discovered in the north aisle and further inspection revealed that all the floor timbers were riddled as was the floor to the belfry. During the week the whole church is in turmoil as workmen replace the rotten timbers and concrete the floor

beneath to prevent damp seeping into them. They have to clear up for special weekday and ordinary Sunday services which are held at little inconvenience to the congregation 61 03 28a

1961 03 29
University plans for the New Museums site off Downing Street include an underground ring road with parking for 300 cars and 1,400 cycles. A maze of narrow passages would be replaced with pedestrian walkways six feet above ground. Many old dilapidated buildings will be demolished and two 15-storey high blocks for the Department of Mathematics erected. These 'skyscrapers' might not be built to their full height immediately but would gradually grow as the department needed more space. The 1934 Zoology building, the Shell chemical engineering laboratory and the Physics Department's high tension laboratory would be retained 61 03 29 & 30, 61 03 31 CIP # c.36.9

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1961 04 01
The hunt for the weekend joint caused havoc in Cambridge today. One shop was so packed that the customers could scarcely move. They milled on the pavement and in the streets, bringing traffic to a standstill. The housewives 'invasion' began early and Petty Cury, where there are several butchers, was packed. At Sainsbury's shoppers became jammed as those pushing into the shop met those struggling to get out with heavy baskets. In all this confusion bus timetables went haywire and long queues of cars formed in every city centre street 61 04 01 (April fools' day)

Nearly 200 people from Cambridge people set out on the Wethersfield to London Ban-the-Bomb march. They joined eighteen hundred marchers who had stayed overnight near Finchingfield where the two-mile long column assembled on the tiny village green. Amongst them was 85 year old Clara Rackham who was on her fourth march and hoped to walk to Braintree. Her only luggage was a straw bag containing a flask and sandwiches. The well-known marchers, the Baker family from Harston took six of their seven children, leaving their four-year-old daughter at home. Mr Robert Davies, who contested the Cambridgeshire by-election recently, was also on the march. He intends to walk all the way 61 04 01a # c.45.8

New Museums site plans – 61 04 01b # c.36.9

1961 04 05
The London County Council announced it will build homes for another 170,000 Londoner with jobs 'round the corner' for the wage earners. Huntingdon, Thetford and Haverhill are willing to take an extra 5,000 homes each. No one will go to these towns without jobs 61 04 05

Cambridgeshire Technical College and School of Art attracts nearly 6,000 students each year. It offers degree courses in arts, science and economics, certificates in electrical and mechanical engineering, building and chemistry as well as full-time courses in catering and nursery teaching. Employers are aware of the value of day release and is a condition of most deeds of apprenticeship 61 04 05 # c.36.7

1961 04 06
Steps are being taken to prevent another accident on the river ferry at The Plough public house, Fen Ditton. Police will ensure that no more than 20 people board the boat at once and Whitbread's brewery will erect removable crush barriers during race weeks to control crowds. The accident happened when one man tried to jump on the ferry as another jumped off. The balance of the boat was upset and it began rocking in the water. At the time the police had been called away to sort out a serious traffic tangle in the village. 61 04 06 # c.44.7

Ely petition against junior training centre in Lisle Lane for mentally disordered children – 61 04 06

1961 04 07

Rev Albert Rushton, vicar of St Barnabas Church, was formerly a missionary to a hill tribe in Burma for 16 years and was married there to another missionary. For the first 10 years he was a layman, having been one of the first to offer his services to the Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society. The war forced him to leave that country and he became a chaplain in South India. 61 04 07

The Food Flying Squad Convoys of the Ministry of Agriculture were started during the war under the name of the Queen's Messenger Convoys. They were reformed when the need for Civil Defence became more acute and consist of four canteen vans, two stores vans, a water carrier and a staff van. They are manned by the W.V.S. and are capable of providing 3-4,000 light meals of soup and stew. They can respond to a call following an enemy attack or civil disaster and did much useful working during the East Coast floods. 61 04 07a # c.45.8

There is likely to be far less disturbance for people who live in the neighbourhood of Lakenheath airfield. Spare petrol drop-tanks, still in their crates, will be stacked to form wind breaks and noise baffles. They will shelter the aircraft during engine tuning, a process as delicate as that devoted to a pedigree racing car. Fluctuations of temperature or the intrusion of clouds of expended exhaust smoke easily upset the settings of the engine. A wind of 12 knots means that all work must cease if there is no shelter. But they will also reduce noise for which hundreds of local people will be grateful. 61 04 07b

Royal Show site at Trumpington being prepared – 61 04 07c # c.22

At the Lister works in Abbey Road they like to take on smaller, unique, prototype jobs. Men were making parts for the Emerson racing car, parts to go into the focussing mechanism of television cameras and gear-rings of enormous diameter for some special task which would have required too much disruption for a great factory to undertake. Elsewhere others were making a mysterious stainless steel tent for one of the University laboratories while in the drawing office a draughtsman was working out production details for a machine which nuns will use to cut and bake the very thin altar-breads for the Catholic Mass. 61 04 07d # c.27.1

1961 04 08
William Buttress, born 1827, one of the greatest break bowlers of all times – history – 61 04 08 # c.38 : cricket

1961 04 10
Gerald Tweedie, trainspotter has ride on footplate – 61 04 10 # c.26.2

1961 04 11
Whitehill and Peverel housing estates have no claim to antiquity but their names have considerable historical interest. The Whitehill Estate occupies an area which was for about eight years, the first Marshall's airfield, and before that Whitehill Farm. The first houses to be built in the area was Elfleda House, alias Whitehill, which after 70 years occupation, has just been demolished to make room for maisonettes. Elfleda was a great Saxon benefactress whose husband was killed when fighting the Danes. Peverel Road commemorates Lord Pain Peverel, standard bearer to King Henry I's brother while Jolan de Thorleye ruined his health trying to clear a debt of 600 marks on his church. 61 04 11 # c.48

1961 04 12
Archaeological excavations on Clopton – 61 04 12

1961 04 13
'Mr Cliff Richard and his associates have done more to continue some children's musical education than the whole world of music teacher and administrators', Ludovic Stewart, the County Music Adviser says in his annual report. Music teachers are in short supply and pupils find solace in the sort of music they can teach themselves with the help of a shilling guitar tutor and some pop records.

Rock-and-roll music depends upon amplification and is expensive but some outlay on guitars would benefit pupils, he recommends. Skiffle groups provide an ideal club activity and should be encouraged by head teachers 61 04 13a # c.69

Technical College engineering and building departments – article – 61 04 13 # c.36.7

1961 04 14
Cavendish Laboratory and the atom bomb – book 61 04 14 # c.36.9

Ghost hunters will investigate a small house in Staffordshire Gardens although the building is not haunted and is scheduled to be demolished. Tony Cornell of Girton, who travels all over the country investigating haunted houses, believes it is not spirits who throw things or cause the mysterious knockings which have driven people from their homes in fright. The effects may be caused by vibrations coming through the floor and up the walls. He will attach a 'vibration machine' to the wall and place ornaments on the floor and mantelpieces then conduct a scientific experiment to simulate the erratic wanderings of a poltergeist. 61 04 14a # c.39

Cambridge Civic Restaurant produces over 1,000 meals a day either for consumption in its spacious contemporary dining room or for the Drummer Street Mobile Canteen or W.V.S. Meals-on-Wheels service. The premises at the Old Post Office in Petty Cury may have to be demolished as part of the Lion Yard scheme but the Manageress, Mrs Gillett and her staff of 30, including Mrs E. Stubbings who has been vegetable cook for the last 18 years have become very attached to the restaurant and regard their customers as 'one big family' which needs feeding. 61 04 14b # c.27.4

Harold Griffiths, bookmaker – 61 04 14c

Robert Carpenter, bowler 1830-1901, Tom Hayward & other cricketers - feature – 61 04 14d # c.38 : cricket

1961 04 18
Sir – Arbury Estate is already overcrowded and is alive with children for whose needs only the minimum facilities have been provided. Already some 730 residents have signed a petition calling for a number of open spaces for youngsters. Now the council is planning to build two blocks of flats on land at the top of Alex Wood Road. These should be resited to give a park for mothers with their prams and old people to sit in the sun with perhaps a bowling green like the one on the Whitehill estate – P.W. Cadogan, Arbury Estate Children's Playgrounds Committee 61 04 18

When completed by 1968 the second stage of the new Addenbrooke's Hospital will have been probably the greatest single building project ever embarked upon in Cambridge at one time. Described as 'a hospital in a park' it will be the most up-to-date in Britain with beds for about 1,100 patients. It will comprise five ward blocks each ward having 25 beds and a site for the Chest Clinic, Blood Transfusion and Artificial Limb Centres. In addition five acres have been leased to the University for clinical research and medical teaching. 61 04 18a # c.21.4

1961 04 20
A terraced house at 10 Emmanuel Road has become a show house for the National Coal Board to demonstrate the latest method of central heating by solid fuel. The property has 13 of its rooms centrally heated by this method, including two bathrooms and three kitchens and the system is driven by a virtually silent pipe in the basement. Installation is straightforward as the small copper pipe can be fixed unobtrusively to skirting boards cutting out costly structural work. 61 04 20

1961 04 21
A motorist who drove his car through the booking hall of Cambridge Railway Station and crashed into its exit gateway pleaded not guilty to careless driving and driving a vehicle with inefficient brakes. William Franklin said he was collecting tickets at the station barrier when he turned round and

saw the car in the hall, one man buying a ticket was knocked down. The driver said he was going to meet a train but his brakes failed as he approached the station and he was placed in a terrible dilemma. He changed down to second gear but as there were people by the side of the entrance hall he decided to drive straight through. As it was a mechanical failure he was given an absolute discharge. 61 04 21b # c.26.2

Lacon's the brewers want to knock down the Travellers Rest public house in Huntingdon Road, Cambridge and erect another one further back. A petrol filling station would then be built on the site with no major repair facilities, just a routine check of oils, tyre pressures and sparking plugs. There was no filling station on that side of the road until passing the Lolworth Transport Café. But planners say there is already a petrol station opposite. There is heavy traffic visiting the nearby Cattle Breeders Association and Messrs French's Flour Mills and many coach parties would continue to use the public house. A lighted cigarette end thrown from an open coach window by a passenger would land near the petrol pumps. 61 04 21a # c.27.4

1961 04 25
'Beyond the Fringe' hit the Arts Theatre audience with the force of a thunderbolt. The four young men performed throughout in lounge suits against an unchanging background. There was Jonathan Miller, elastic in voice, features and limbs, Peter Cook with his more serious type of humour and semi-apologetic expression and Alan Bennett who looks like a cross between an aged professor and an endearing but mischievous schoolboy. The music was in the hands of pianist Dudley Moore, whose prize piece was a variation of 'Colonel Bogey'. It was certainly a revue in the highest calibre of entertainment 61 04 25 # c.76

1961 04 26
King's College has been offered 'The Adoration of the Magi' by Rubens which was sold at a world record price. 61 04 26

Little Shelford church used to have five bells in its tower and they pealed each Sunday morning. Now it is gaining another with the addition of a treble bell. When a strange bell is added to a peal the rest have to be re-tuned which means sending them to a London foundry. A completely new frame has to be build into the tower to carry the bells, the oldest of which dates back to 1701. In a few weeks they will ring out once more 61 04 26

Post war growth of Technical college science department - feature – 61 04 26b # c.36.7

An Old Persean, 23-year-old Flying Officer Peter Neville Perry from Doddington, became the youngest RAF pilot ever to assume command of a V-bomber when he took of in a Valiant from RAF Honington. Perry trained at RAF Oakington before taking a captain's course for the most promising and ambitious student pilots. Previously only pilots with 15 years flying experience have been considered for the job. Mr Stubbs, Headmaster of the Perse, said he had a good academic record and was never hasty: he would think things out carefully before making a decision. 61 04 26c

1961 04 27
A new plant at Eastern Gas Board's works in Newmarket Road will produce gas from oil, replacing a 22-year-old retort installation which produced tar and coke as well. It will be more economical and reduce some of the dust emissions which have caused many complaints. The new plant is housed in a sound-proofed building and any surplus will be pumped into the gas grid which now covers the local area. But it will still use 400 tons of coal each day so grit will not be completely eliminated. 61 04 27 # c.24.4

New gas plant – final section – 61 04 27a

1961 04 28

A comprehensive set of spanners, a lathe, a knowledge of motor cycles and a great deal of patience are some of the qualities needed by those who decide to purchase vintage motor cycles. Frank Doleman bought a 1912 Douglas for thirty shillings which he entered in the vintage motor cycle run from London to Brighton. Now he has four machines ranging from a 1910 Champion to a 1921 Martinsyde. All were rusted beyond recognition and the engines were mechanically worn out but with the help of David Nunn they have been rebuilt and painted to look almost new. 61 04 28 & a

The 'Caldecote News' keeps a watchful eye on the village and reports briefly on its activities. It has been in circulation for nearly two years but sells to only thirteen people. It is the hobby or two small boys who spend much of their free time collecting and arranging items, working out crossword puzzles and selling advertising space. Robert Swindells (11) is the editor with 10-year-old Robin Brammar as reporter. When it fist came out it was handwritten but Robert bought a typewriter with money he was given at Christmas and uses carbon paper to get four copies at a time. If circulation continues to grow he will have the paper duplicated 61 04 28b

City councillors decided to go ahead with a plan for a multi-deck car park with shops and filling station on the ground floor, in King Street. Steps will be taken to acquire the land from Jesus College by compulsory purchase if necessary. Congestion in the city centre is getting near to desperate: eventually parking meters would be needed and there had to be somewhere for cars to go. But it would commit the council to building a multi-deck car park when there were no details of the financial implications, Councillor Warren warned. 61 04 28c

Ruth Mellanby, hospitality secretary for language school – 61 04 28d

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1961 05 02
The Lady Adrian special school in Courtney Way had taken a long time because children who found it difficult to learn did not arouse as much sympathy with the public as those who were either deaf or blind. But they needed this type of school to provide educational facilities where their self-confidence could be built up, Lady Hester Adrian said as she officially opened the building 61 05 02 # c.36.5

1961 05 03
400 runs in four hours by St Giles' & Clare batsmen – 61 05 03

1961 05 04
Women undergraduates should stop trying to be competitive with the men and become complementary to them instead. There should be optional University classes in cookery, needlework and floral arrangements for the benefit of women, a Girton undergraduate writes in the 'Cambridge Review'. But two Newnham students are indignant that anyone should suppose they are not already proficient in domestic matters when they came up to Cambridge and deny women have no recreation other than working or taking tea 61 05 04 # c.36.9 : women

Cambridge garages will be affected by new regulations designed to reduce the number of swinging arm type petrol pumps which serve petrol through a hose extending over the footpath to reach the vehicle. Some garages say they expect a reduction of 50 per cent in their sales as people will not drive into the garage building to get their petrol and will go elsewhere. But serving petrol in the street, as opposed to a forecourt, causes traffic jams 61 05 04b # c.26.48

Paradise Island forms an appealing nature reserve of great interest to botanists and a wonderful playground for children. It has a peace and charm of its own which would be lost if a block of flats were to be erected on land at Newnham. But there was already a Preliminary Training School for Hospitals at Owlstone Croft and there could possibly be some 40 flats of four-storey height, a planning inquiry was told. 61 05 04a

1961 05 05
Robert Pumphrey of Temple Farm, Duxford has the only two original traction engines in the country in working order. They were used for harvesting until 1951 but were too expensive to run and were abandoned. Instead of breaking them up he started entering them in rallies and has won a variety of prizes. He drives the engines to shows, averaging 35 miles a day on a good day. They consume large quantities of fuel so he carries at least 4 cwt with him on his journeys. 61 05 05

Capt A.C. Taylor retires as Managing Director of the CDN – 61 05 05a # c.04

E.P. Frost ornithopter recalled – 61 05 05b # c.26.1
1961 05 09
The whole of 'The Broadway' on Mill Road is being put up for sale. It runs from Cavendish Road to Sedgwick Street and is the largest shopping area in the eastern half of Cambridge. It was built 23 years ago and consists of 14 shops with eight flats above. The London company that owns the site says it is a good investment: the properties currently realise £2,848 a year in rents which will increase to more than £4,000 in three years time. 61 05 09 # c.27.2

1961 05 10
Mrs R.F. Huddlestone of Sawston Hall has shown people round her home for the last 11 years. 61 05 10

1961 05 12
The entire printing works of the Hereward Press at Kentford were gutted by fire. The works, housed in converted stables next to Regal Lodge contained some expensive equipment, including five presses and a new offset lithograph. The Press carry out a considerable amount of printing for local firms with contracts from the USAF bases and many completed orders were lost. But the owner's Rolls Royce motor car kept in a nearby garage was driven to safety. 61 05 12

Chesterton and St Ives Joint Water Board to transfer water undertakings to Cambridge University & Town Waterworks Company – 61 05 12a # c.24.2

An aerial photograph shows how Haverhill is expanding under an agreement with the L.C.C. Similar developments of several East Anglian towns was discussed at a recent planning conference but Haverhill claims to be the first town to ever ask, voluntarily, for some of London's surplus population. The scheme was first broached eight years ago when it was envisaged the town would eventually accommodate 1,400 families, doubling the existing population. Now it will increase even further. Up to the end of last month 154 families from London had moved into new homes on the Burton End estate on the outskirts of town 61 05 12b

Frost ornithopter photo 1887 – 61 05 12c, 61 05 26 CIP # c.26.1

Reach fair proclamation – 61 05 12 CIP

Assize Court, Castle Hill site being levelled – 61 05 12a CIP

1961 05 15
The Armed Forces Day Open House and Air Show at Alconbury will feature the U.S. Army's Nike air defence and Hawk missiles alongside the R.A.F. 'Blood Hound'. Displays will include radiation protection suits and detection units, a mobile medical unit, survival equipment and flying gear together with a cartridge ejection system and a cutaway jet engine. The flying show will include T-33, F-101 and RB-66 aircraft together with a flypast of RAF Victor, Valiant, Vulcan, Comet, Britannia and Shackletons. Guests will also be able to view a typical set of family quarters and buy pop-corn, doughnuts and 'hot dogs' 61 05 15a

1961 05 16

Chivers' Huntingdon factory will close at the end of the canning season and about 250 employees will lose their jobs. There is an excess of canning capacity in the Schweppes group as a whole and the termination of all works on dehydrated potato production 61 05 16

The Broadway, Mill Road sold for £35,000 – 61 05 16 # c.27.2 # c.44.6

1961 05 18
Oswald Chivers resided as managing director of Chivers & Sons and the boards of Connaught Food Products and Schweppes (Overseas) Ltd 61 05 18

1961 05 19
Frederick Andrews, has been a Cambridge taxi-driver for about eight years on and off and finds it 'quite relaxing and leisurely. As a boy he went into the cinema industry, first as a page, then working his way up to the projection room and finally to the film studios. He worked at the New Theatre for quite a time, then bought a car and became a taxi-driver. He also spends a good deal of his spare time compering child dance shows. 61 05 19

Blacksmith Harry Spicer of Duxford now only goes to the Thriplow forge about once a month. Eight years ago there was enough work to occupy him three days a week. He does a little shoeing but most of the time remakes and repairs agricultural machinery. He rents the forge from a Brewery company. It must be fairly old as it is built of clunch but the inside is kept in good running order 61 05 19a

1961 05 20
Clement Place cottage – photo 61 05 20

Sir. In the 12th century merchants from the Continent brought their goods by sailing vessels across the sea and up the waters to Reach Fair. Many arrived too soon but their merchandise was landed on the Hythe and stored in the Merchant's Yard, now part of the grounds of the 'White Rose'. On Rogation Monday the goods were sold on the Hythe. The horses came by road and many were tethered in the courtyard of the Ship Inn. This wall still stands round the school playground and incorporates iron rings as evidence of the horse fair. There was always a triumphal procession, headed by the mace bearer, from the Green to the Hythe and I hope future mayors will uphold the true tradition of proclaiming the Fair in both places – F.H. Hutt 61 05 20a

1961 05 22
Barton bowls green opening – 61 05 22

1961 05 23
Edward Wright, who recently retired as a milk float rounds man for Goodrum's Dairies, was the last of the drivers of horse-drawn milk carts in Cambridge. However he was not happy at retiring and leaving 'Sandy', the horse he has made his milk deliveries in the Perne Road area with for the past 16 years. So he bought 'Sandy' from the diary and keeps him in a stable at his home in Cherryhinton Road. Now he has come out of retirement to advertise the Dairy Festival to be held in June 61 05 23a

Milk supplies in refrigerated bulk tanks – 61 05 23

Addenbrooke's Hospital broadcasts tape-recorded services – 61 05 23b

1961 05 24
Technical college nostalgic reminder of early days – 61 05 24 # c.36.7

Bachelors of Arts and research students may be set free of the university's stringent rules on the wearing of gowns after dusk. Many are of a mature age and a growing number are married. Those working in scientific laboratories do not require gowns and to compel them to fetch one from distant

lodgings for the evening causes irritation and is a waste of time, proctors say. But the concession should not be extended to cover undergraduates. 61 05 24a

Haverhill was a dying town that has been given a new lease of life and at the same time made a contribution to the most pressing social problem of our times. A number of new industries have been attracted and the population has soared. But the 'wide boys' are coming in and there is much speculation. It was unfair that locals should have to pay increased prices for land. Suffolk had some of the most beautiful villages in Europe and they must not be spoilt by London over-spill, a Conference was told. 61 05 24b

1961 05 25
In 1911 Cyril Ridgeon set up in timber and the products of the Cam Cement Company at Meldreth. These prospered and he was able to rent a small area in the Tenison Road Wharf of the Great Eastern Railway Company. The initial buildings were modest and deliveries could only be made by horsed horse drawn transport – very different from the fleet of lorries and vans now in operation. Over 50 years it has grown into a concern employing 200 people supplying every kind of building material required. 61 05 25 # c.23

1961 05 26
Robert Doggett first became a sandwich man about 25 years ago but has had a variety of jobs since then. He has worked on building sites, been a church verger, kitchen porter and newspaper vendor. Strapped between the boards he can walk about Cambridge for three or four hours without feeling the least tired. In his free time he watches cricket, reads a good novel or goes to the pictures – especially if a cowboy film is showing. 61 05 26

A day in the life of Bill, mongrel dog owned by licensee of Fountain pub – 61 05 26 # c.19
University Examination Syndicate plans for move to Hills Road – 61 05 26b

The Hospital Car Service is operated by 15 volunteer drivers scattered around the county who last month travelled 23,111 miles transporting 3,964 patients to and from their homes. Extra helpers are needed to be on call between 9am and 6pm if required. They would make new friends but need to appreciate that their passengers may not be at their best 61 05 26c

1961 05 27
'The Willows', a six and a half acre piece of land at Cam Road, was one of the few building sites left in Cambridge. It was just a mile from the city centre with outline planning permission for the building of 200 flats in six blocks ranging from two to 15 storeys. The proposed new trunk road and bridge linking Chesterton and Newmarket road will pass the site. But it failed to reach the reserve price and was withdrawn from auction at £50,000 61 05 27 # c.06

1961 05 29
The Shadows, an instrumental group who have developed an individual style of their own, entertained fans at the Regal Cinema. They have an elaborate arrangement of electronic and amplifying equipment that produces a sound that has become so effective, novel and unusual. The group, who until a short while ago were responsible for most of the backings in Cliff Richard records, played many of their popular numbers including 'Frightened City'. Supporting acts included the Brook Brothers and the Red Price Group while Dave Allen the compere kept up a quick-fire routine of off-the-cuff humour 61 05 29 # c.69

Westminster Bank opened their first Cambridge branch at the junction of Trumpington Street and Bene't Street in 1845. It was closely connected with University and College life and the original premises have been enlarged several times. Now a continued expansion in business has seen a handsome new bank in St Andrew's Street together with the modernisation of the one in Fitzroy Street which opened in 1952 to cater for that active and expanding shopping area 61 05 29a # c.32.8

A leading RAF glider expert, Ernest Walter Clarke of Duxford, was killed when his sail plane broke up in the air over Fen Ditton – 61 05 29 # c.26.1

1961 05 30
Lilac Court, Cherryhinton Road, Cambridge. Architect designed city flats in contemporary style. Large lounge and dining room, fully fitted luxury kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom and W.C. Landscape grounds are permanently maintained. Show flat is open for inspection. For sale: £2,375. Apply Hockey & Son, Bene't Street. (Advert) 61 05 30 # c.06

1961 05 31
The members of the Methodist Church at Pymoor are an enthusiastic group. Since their new place of worship was opened six years ago they have worked hard to beautify an already delightful building. Not long ago a new organ was installed and a stained window added. Now they want to redecorate and raised £54 at their annual fete. Competition winners included Graham Lark (skittles), Albert Bartle (bean bag) and Ezra Barker (dart board, for which the prize was a pig). 61 05 31

When elderly dons sported kid gloves at Guildhall dances – feature – 61 05 31a & b # c.69.2

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1961 06 01
Private patients in Addenbrooke's Hospital are to pay lower charges for their rooms. At present a single room costs £4.9s.0d. a day and this will drop by one pound. A double room comes down six shillings to £3.19s.0d. The Board of Governors have also set aside £5.12s.6d. for the purchase of a budgerigar cage for the Mill Road maternity hospital 61 06 01 # c.21.4

Orwell Anglicans and Methodists celebrated the restoration work in St Andrew's Church and the 350th anniversary of the Authorised Version of the Bible 61 06 01a

1961 06 02
There are three runways at RAF Lakenheath but only one is usable. After takeoff the F-100 jets pass over Brandon at 4,000 feet before climbing to pass south of Lowestoft. This is a disturbance and a nuisance and has caused many complaints. Now the US Air Force are making a concentrated effort to reduce the noise with a new jet engine test cell with earth revetments and blast deflectors 61 06 02

Wooden spoon recalled – 61 06 02a # c.39

Herbert Robinson has worked as a pump attendant at the Cambridge Gas Work for ten years. He is in charge of several units which pump river water round the works and separate the various chemicals and substances which comprise coal gas. The fumes which some of the pumping houses emit are not very pleasant to smell, but Mr Robinson says it does not take long to get used to them. Married with two children, he leads the Gas Works St John's Ambulance team, teaches members of the Boys' Brigade first-aid and is keen on small bore rifle shooting. 61 05 02b

1961 06 05
The Queen Mother opened the new Erasmus Building at Queens' College designed by Sir Basil Spence and West House, a new block of classrooms and living accommodation at the Leys School. By joining it on to the existing range of squash and fives courts opened by the Prince of Wales in 1932 it has created an attractive court with a fine view of Coe Fen and the River Cam. Now all boys can move into a study after two years in the common room. There is a penthouse for two bachelor masters which could provide accommodation for nursing staff in the event of an epidemic. 61 06 05 & a, 61 06 06 & a & b # c.44.5 # c.36.5 # c.02

1961 06 07

The ferry across the River Cam at Fen Ditton has been removed for the rest of the current boating season by its owners, Whitbread's Brewery, in the interest of public safety. A few weeks ago, at the end of the University Lent bumping races, the chain operated ferry sank throwing more than 30 people into the water. Known to University students as the 'Red Grind' because of its bright colouring it has been part of the Cambridge river scene for many years 61 06 07 # c.44.7

1961 06 08
The 'popsey expresses' are pulling into the station and the city is fast filling up with young girls, here to watch the eights chase each other along the Cam and to dance through a succession of May Balls. There are also 20 concerts, 10 theatrical productions apart from the Footlight's annual frolic and countless exhibitions. Once again Cambridge will take May Week in its stride. It has become used to seeing the revellers in full evening dress walking through the streets for a good day's sleep just as we are beginning another good day's work. 61 06 08a # c.36.97

Thirteen members of the Christ's College Milton Society took part in the traditional annual 'pilgrimage' to the main door of Great St Mary's Church to burn the works of T.S. Eliot. With caps and gowns, and carrying a bust of the poet Milton, the undergraduates walked in procession through the crowded Market Square. Then in front of the church the 'damnable and dangerous works' of T.S. Eliot (Penguin edition) were set in flames on the paving stones. Crowds appeared from nowhere, cameras were clicked, and passages of Milton read before the procession returned towards Christ's and noggins of nut brown ale 61 06 08a # c.36.92 # c.39

'Grantchester', film of the Rupert Brooke poem screed at The Orchard – 61 06 08 # c.65.6

1961 06 09
Ash trays and messages are the sole responsibility of Eric Hamit, now just 16 years old, and a page at one of Cambridge's hotels. If there is a light job to be done, call 'Page' and Eric will do it. He likes his job, but has more than a passing interest in electrical things. He likes 'messing about with television sets' and has made an intercommunication set of speakers and earphones for his home. He enjoys watching television too and goes to the cinema quite often – especially if the film being shown is a comedy 61 06 09c

Rupert Brooke may be reburied at Grantchester – opinions divided – 61 06 09

Professional actors could be imprisoned in Cambridge - F.A. Reeve article on early entertainment – 61 06 09a & b # c.76

Flood protection scheme – A.G. Wright sluice – 61 06 09 CIP

1961 06 12
Stapleford Horticultural Society welcomed the BBC's "Gardener's Question Time" panel to the Institute. Questionmaster Freddy Grisewood introduced the team of Alan Gemmell, Bill Sowerbutts and Fred Loads. Mrs A. Crook, a housewife with half an acre of land, wanted to know if it was possible to grow tomatoes and cucumbers in the same greenhouse. Mr G.L.N. Dunn asked if the new non-trailing runner bean would catch on and other questions were posed by the Society's Chairman, Mr H. Beavis, Mrs Worboys, N. Woodhams and G.F. Sparrow. The one-hour recording will be condensed and transmitted on June 25th – 61 06 12

1961 06 13
Sir – some of the tower blocks proposed by the University for the New Museum site would be twice the height of King's College chapel. They are opposed to the very character of the historic centre. If approved it would be impossible to object to other towers such as those of the Lion Yard that have been criticised by the Preservation Society. Would it not be better for the gradual transfer of science buildings to the west of Cambridge where a development architecturally worthy of the University could take place? – V.I. Glaster 61 06 13 # c.49.4 # c.36.9

1961 06 14
Nearly 400 people in the south of Cambridge have protested about a proposal to build 'the greatest and best dance hall in Great Britain' in the middle of the Queen Edith's Way housing estate. The hall, which would be used for wrestling bouts, boxing matches and rock and roll sessions, will be 'completely out of keeping with the nature of the district', they claim. The proposer said the area was currently scheduled for quarrying purposes and a hall would increase the amenities. "We could either mine chalk or build a really beautiful place", he said. 61 06 14 # c.69.2

1961 06 16
As soon as lessons finished for the day in the tiny Landbeach school thirty pupils banging tin drums and old saucepan lids marched through the village shouting "We want a playing field". Slowly the 30-yard long procession of youngsters aged between seven and 11 years wound its way round the picturesque streets waving banners. Then somebody remembered it was tea time so a halt was called. It is unlikely that any of the demonstrators will be at the Parish Council meeting discussing their request. They will all be in bed 61 06 16 & a

Edward Bowles has been a saddler for 65 years. When he started, at one shilling per week as an apprentice, he had to wear a clean collar and clean shoes to work every day – otherwise there would have been trouble from his employer. The work then was much heavier: large horses and agricultural harnesses were commonplace. Now light pony harnesses and stacks and stacks of suitcases are his lot. He operates his firm – the only pure saddlers left in Cambridge – with his son and finds there is ample work to carry them through the day. In fact he has not had a holiday for over five years 61 06 16b # c.27

New Theatre, formerly St Andrew's Hall and Theatre Royal, St Andrew's Street – history by F.A. Reeve 61 06 16c & d # c.76

1961 06 19
A workman had an amazing escape from death when an American F-100 Super Sabre jet fighter crashed less than ten yards from him, blowing a hole 15 feet deep in the centre of the main Sawston-Babraham Road. The blast of the exploding aircraft, which broke windows 200 yards away, picked him up and threw him into a field. The plane narrowly missed the Simplex dairy and farming equipment factory and a large housing estate. The pilot ejected and landed in the grounds of Pampisford Hall 61 06 19 # c.26.1

1961 06 20
Dutch girls extol virtues of Dutch cheese – 61 06 20

1961 06 21
Mrs Baden Powell has been elected chairman of Sutton parish council having topped the poll in both parish and Ely RDC elections. Born in the village, she helps her husband with his cheese manufacturing business. Their bungalow opposite the church is fabulous with a circular hall and curved solid walnut door which took three weeks to make by hand. The 16 radiators are disguised and surrounded by wood to tone in with the furniture while the carpets were specially made and dyed to blend. 61 06 21

1961 06 22
The Minister of Transport has issued orders for the construction of a new bridge over the Cam at Walnut Tree Avenue. Now work can start 61 06 22 # c.49.62

Cuts at USAF Alconbury will mean 200 British civilians working as secretaries, in the supply centre, motor pool, community centre, library and snack bar will become redundant. Since 1959 it has been occupied by part of the US 10th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing and manned by 2,500 American servicemen who had 4,300 dependents. Now it will be reduced to a small detachment for weather,

communications and maintenance services. The closure will have an effect on Huntingdon traders although the London 'overspill' population will offset some of the loss. 61 06 22a

1961 06 23
E.J. Twaites, naval recruiting officer – 61 06 23

1961 06 24
Cambridgeshire has more than 2,500 thatched buildings but there are only a handful of thatchers whose average age is around 60. Because of this some people have to wait ten years to get a new roof. Few youngsters are attracted to the craft as they have to be outside in all weathers, it is hard work and when the roof has to be stripped is extremely dirty. Once thatchers were exceedingly jealous and would not speak to each other. Now they have more work than they can possibly do and share jobs with others. 61 06 24

1961 06 26
The pedestrian crossing at Mitcham's Corner was a victim of the hot weather at the week-end. The melting road surface caused the zebra stripes to flow 61 06 26

1961 06 27
Stapleford school swimming pool opened by 'Dickie' Jeeps – 61 06 27

1961 06 28
People joining Cambridge City Library will not in future have to pay one penny for each ticket taken out. The legalities of the charge, which produced about £100 annually, was 'very doubtful. The Library Committee accepted the gift of an oil painting of the Cambridge Mays by Percy Craft which will be hung in the children's library 61 06 28 # c.77.4

1961 06 29
Aerial photo of proposed Elizabeth Way – 61 06 29

The Manor Secondary Schools in Arbury Road were officially opened by the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University. The new buildings are designed to accommodate 450 boys and 450 girls in two separate departments linked by shared dining facilities and with a single boiler house. The Boy's Department opened in September 1959 and was shared by the girls until theirs became available in September 1960. It is the third secondary school project to be completed in Cambridge since the war 61 06 29a # c.36.5

When the new first station at Papworth Everard opened all the villagers heard about it. For the alarm siren was sounded and the fire engine went round the village ringing its bell 61 06 29b

1961 06 30
Mrs Anita Brown of Soham has an unusual hobby – sign writing. Her largest work is now at Chatteris advertising the Traction Engine Rally. It is on a six by four feet piece of hardboard and features a detailed picture of a traction engine painted in Chinese lacquer. A gifted artist, she also tints photographs professionally, enjoys modelling clay and is keen on pottery. When Soham Women's Institute entered the Cambridgeshire Federation's scrap book competition, Anita illustrated their book and designed the cover 61 06 30

The proposed King Street car park would have to earn three shillings and three pence per car space per day. But apart from Saturdays the car park would not be filled by members of the public. The Lion Yard only took three shillings – though councillors and employees parked there free. However they would also put in parking meters and with car parking meters there would be no worries about the multi-storey car park. But a shop and filling station were an important part of the project 61 06 30a # c.49.63

Eric Johnson was so impressed with the beauty and grandeur of church organs that, aged 14, he began a five years apprenticeship as an organ builder and tuner. Now 54 he had his own firm and is always learning something new about the craft. Mr Johnson designs his own pipe organs and with his son and other craftsmen takes about nine months to build an average church organ. 61 06 30b

Cambridge Camera Club photographic feature – 61 06 30c # c.65.5

With taxation problems and death duties many stately homes are being turned into business premises. Abington Hall was a private residence for a Mr Bertrand who surrendered it to the Army during the War, it is now the British Welding Research Association. Lord Inchcape left Chesterford Park in 1918; it became a Jewish Home for Incurable and is now Fison's Pest Control research centre. Hinxton Hall has become the base for Tube Investments Ltd and the beauty of its estate has been maintained while Babraham Hall belongs to the Agricultural Research Council. The mansion at Shudy Camps houses thousands of chickens having been acquired by Lyddite Chicks in 1949. Madingley Hall has been converted foe the University Extra-Mural Board, Milton Hall provides offices for the Eastern Electricity Board while Anstey Hall is home to the Auxiliary Fire Service, Bata Shoes, Regional Hospital Board and the Low Temperature |Research Station. One property provides a welcome contrast: Wimpole Hall, which was a hospital for the U.S.A.F. is now a private home again 61 06 30d

Cambridge Special Constabulary augments the understaffed police force in basic duties such as traffic control, first aid or patrolling a beat and are often on duty at May Races, Poppy Day, Guy Fawkes Night and elections. They are not forced to give their services but do what they can when they can. Their average age is 43 years and they come from all walks of life. One spent time in the navy, another joined because a child was murdered near his home. All enjoy the companionship, meeting the public and feeling they are doing something useful 61 06 30e # c.34.7

The number '22' has been a feature of life at Cambridge Airport for some time. In the immediate pre-war years No.22 Elementary and Reserve Flying and Training School was based there; during the war it became No.22 Elementary Flying Training School and with the return of peace Cambridge became home of No.22 Reserve Flying School. Now Cambridge Private Flying Group has included the number in its blazer badge. It was formed in 1953 by local businessmen John Peak who owned a Gemini, John Chapman with a Chrislea Ace, G.P. Reece (a Proctor) and Reg Marsh with his Taylorcraft Plus D. They are the 22nd group of the Popular Flying Association 61 06 30f # c.26.1

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1961 07 01
Permission to build a temporary Bailey Bridge over the River Cam at Chesterton has been refused. The Minister appreciates the council's desire to reduce the amount of cross river traffic using the Victoria Avenue – Victoria Bridge route but it would attract additional vehicles through narrow and tortuous roads. Proposals to restrict the bridge to local traffic and impose weight restrictions to prevent its use by heavy lorries would not work, he says. Now the Council will proceed with plans for a new permanent bridge 61 07 01 # c.44.7

The Roe family has been well known in Cambridge since Joseph Roe started in the antiques trade in Petty Cury in 1826. Now one more facet of the old times will disappear with the demolition of their shop on the corner of Christ's Lane and St Andrew's Street. It has been in existence since 1882, having been rebuilt in 1897. New buildings will rise on the site in keeping with the contemporary Bradwell's Court. The business has relocated to Downing Street where it will be continued by Owen Roe. 61 07 01a # c.27.2

1961 07 03
The new Perse School building at Hills Road was opened by Princess Alexandra of Kent. The new large assembly hall was filled to capacity, guests overflowing into a large marquee. The old buildings

in Gonville Place, dating from 1890, had proved inadequate for a rapidly-growing school and here, on the extensive playing fields was a noble site beyond the noise and traffic of the city. It includes the Mummery miniature theatre, a biology laboratory with its own pool for the growing of specimens and a special room for school prefects. 61 07 03 & a & b # c.36.5

Royal Show – historical facts – 61 07 03c # c.22

Stanley Rose's old-established butchers is one of the few properties in Petty Cury remaining in private hands. He acquired the premises in the early 1930s, moving from a site in Market Hill which was then being demolished for make way for the new Guildhall where the family firm had been established for three generations. He is now retiring and the business will be transferred to W.J. Adkins, the local firm of butchers. The premises have been acquired by Messrs Peter Lord, the shoe specialists. 61 07 03d # c.27.2

1961 07 05
A visitor to the Royal Show asked if he could park on the playing field of Fawcett School in Alpha Terrace, Trumpington, less than a mile from the showground. But the headmaster told him he could not. So he climbed back into the cockpit of his plane and took off with a 30 yard run. The machine had circled low before landing and Mr F.N. Walker thought it had made a forced landing. But the pilot, who was wearing a Royal Society member's badge, jumped down and asked if he could leave the plane there while he went to the Show. 61 07 05 # c.26.1

1961 07 06
Queen Mother visits Royal Show by helicopter – 61 07 06 # c.26.1 # c.02

1961 07 07
Jack Barclay, professional catalogue seller, Royal Show – 61 07 07

1961 07 08
By 1966 it is hoped that the new trunk-road linking the main Cambridge-London and Cambridge-Newmarket Roads will have been fully operational for some years. East Road would then be carrying about 1,000 vehicles an hour and Winton-Smith applied to build a petrol station in place of their slaughter house. But planners told an Inquiry that it would interfere with the free flow of traffic and cause confusion for motorists 61 07 08 # c.49.62

1961 07 10
Jonas Webb made farming history – feature – 61 07 10

1961 07 12
A new car park attendant's hut has been installed on Cambridge Market Square. The original hut was badly damaged by fire during the Guy Fawkes celebrations two years ago and replaced by a temporary one. It is expected to be in use later this week 61 07 12 # c.27.3

1961 07 13
Cambridge schoolchildren have been reported by the national Press as 'uncontrollable, swarming, kicking, screaming horrors'. They are said to have caused £3,000 work of damage to a Centurion tank on Midsummer Common as part of a mobile Army exhibition. But the tank crew say it is physically impossible for a young boy to dismantle and remove a gun-sight, the expensive radio was not tampered with in any way, the periscope could have been damaged by anybody and the starter motor, reputed to have been burnt out when used by one of the children, actually went wrong when the crew tried to take the tank off the transporter 61 07 13b

Haddenham water supply not serious – 61 07 13

When the British Welding Research Association acquired Abington Hall in 1946 it comprised a derelict country house, some stables and three Army huts but practically no equipment. In spite of the difficulties of working under such conditions it sustained a programme of research into areas from brittle fracture in heavy steel plate to the welding of cooked meat cans. Now its new engineering laboratory is the most comprehensive of its kind in Western Europe. 61 07 13a

1961 07 14
Wilfred Pinney, dental technician – 61 07 14

1961 07 15
The approach to the ferry at Upware was a public right-of-way. Barges loaded and unloaded at the spot and people went there to get water. For many years children from Waterbeach Fen used the ferry to cross the river on their way to school. In 1903 they crossed four times a day for which the ferry owner was paid £6 a year by the County Council. But since the 'No Hurry' has been demolished the track had become overgrown and a new owner had erected a fence, obstructing access. Having seen an old postcard he agreed to remove it, magistrates were told 61 07 15 & a

1961 07 18
Haddenham Bowls Club, believed to be the first in the Isle of Ely, celebrated their Diamond Jubilee with a match against the County Bowling Association's Executive. Founded in 1911, their first pavilion was an old Cambridge tram. Today they have facilities which would do justice to many larger clubs. They have provided several county players and represented Cambridgeshire in the National Championships 61 07 18

1961 07 20
Herbert Robinson's premises in Regent Street were erected in the early 1930s to the design of George Banyard, a well-known architect responsible for a number of Cambridge's principal buildings. They comprise extensive showrooms, garages and workshops together with substantial office premises known as Llandaff Chambers. Now they are transferring to spacious new premises on Newmarket Road and the property is being offered for sale. The firm are retaining the electrical showrooms at 14 Regent Street 61 07 20 # c.26.48 # c.44.6

1961 07 21
Police are trying to trace a well-equipped team of safe-blowers who broke into the Swiss Laundry premises in Cherryhinton Road. They were foiled by Policewoman Muriel Latham who heard bumps in the night as she returned from a late duty and telephoned her headquarters. But the gang had a portable radio tuned into the police wavelength and escaped through a window, leaving sticks of gelignite, a jemmy and a toy balloon filled with acid. 61 07 24

Cambridge Pageant, Castle Hill – 61 07 21 # c.76

USAF Mildenhall had 8,000 passengers in June – an all-time record – 61 07 21a

1961 07 22
Cambridge Water Company opens new pumping station at Babraham – 61 07 22

1961 07 26
Scudamore's boat yard at Quayside is experimenting with a prototype fibreglass punt, the first of its kind in Cambridge. The red-and-blue punt with its yellow cushions is much livelier and virtually impossible to overturn or sink. Built in Hull it costs £110, the same as a wooden punt, but the cost of maintenance is much lower. If it proves a success there will be a gradual take-over from the traditional mahogany boats. Scudamore's already have several fibreglass dinghies and other boat yards have similar canoes 61 07 26 # c.26.3

1961 07 27

Amateur Rowing Regatta 1883 – feature – 61 07 27 # c.38 : rowing

1961 07 28
The Clore-Cotton deal over the Lion Hotel – the key to the city's central redevelopment – is probably the largest single property transaction made in Cambridge. But Mr Barr, secretary of the family company owning the Lion, says he had declined a much larger offer as he thought it was not in the best interests of the town. "It is a pity there has not been more co-operation of the people interested in the development. A few years ago they could have got the hotel for half the price I got today", he said. Now there was a golden opportunity for everyone to get together and sink their differences. 61 07 28 # c.49.67

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1961 08 01
Hopes that Cambridge would become a County Borough able to manage its own affairs have been dashed by the Local Government Commission. The improvement of county government should take priority: it could not be effective without the city and would have to be enlarged by taking in other areas. Cambridgeshire should join with the Isle of Ely to form one unit and the town of Royston should come into the area. The position of Newmarket has not yet been determined. 61 08 01 # c.35.7

1961 08 02
A Comberton firm, Bast Glazing Clips, is manufacturing an entirely new type of glasshouse made of aluminium in which glass is held in place with a spring clip and not the usual putty. These new glazing clips were designed in 1946 and patented. In 1959 the company exhibited the first prototype alloy glasshouse at a Paris show. These have only been available to the trade but now a domestic model is being made which the buyer can assemble for himself in a short time. 61 08 02

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1961 08 07
Frank Cross of Brampton Road Cambridge gave his first 'Punch and Judy' show when he was ten years old and has given countless performances all over the country. He is continuing a tradition of three generations of puppetry which started when his grandfather, a Wesleyan preacher in Lancashire, used to entertain the children at Sunday school parties. Frank uses the same script as his grandfather and a paper mache cast of a 300-year old oak Punch. He has taught his son and daughter to work the puppets and now his four-year-old grandson is under instruction. 61 08 07 # c.76

1961 08 08
Arthur Melbourne-Cooper was the builder of St Alban's first cinema, a photographer and film-maker who was also a stunt man and acting coach. Having trained in his father's photographic business he became cameraman to Birt Acres, a scientist who in 1892 was experimenting with 'moving projection figures'. Arthur made short films which were presented by the showmen who travelled Hertfordshire showgrounds then set up a company and filmed extensively. Spectators often tried to disrupt proceedings and a crowd of undergraduates attacked his cast and camera crew when filming in Cambridge. He retired to Little Shelford 61 08 08 & a # c.76.9

1961 08 10
Last summer's bad weather was the culmination of the vicissitudes faced by an Italian ex-prisoner of war. Gaetano Risitano, who traded as 'Guys', bought an ice cream business on Mill Road but problems started when he became involved in litigation with the previous owner. This was followed

by a bad season in 1960 and profits were not big enough to support his outgoings so he put it up for sale. 61 08 10 # c.27

1961 08 12
Chesterton Hospital has 166 beds for the elderly sick and 74 custodial beds for able-bodied elderly people with no homes of their own. After decades of neglect geriatric medicine has come into its own. The number of elderly people is the highest it has ever been while a declining birth-rate has diminished the number of children available to care for their parents. Now 25 per cent of Britain's elderly are left without children to look after them in their old age. But of these 95 per cent are living independent lives and a quarter make some contribution to society until the age of 75 61 08 12 # c.32.9 # c.21.4

Corpus Christi College has decided to sell a 13-acre strip of land adjoining Barton Road for high quality residential development. It is the last major site within a short distance of the city centre. There will be a maximum of seven dwellings to the acre with two-storey houses and a small number of flats. Corpus had Leckhampton House and a portion of land sufficient for college needs and with the building of Churchill College and the development of the Sidgwick Avenue site it was felt that the needs of the University were well-covered. 61 08 12a & b

1961 08 14
Fire swept through a warehouse and store room at the Radio and Television Service's factory in Gloucester Street. It was the second fire the firm has suffered at these premises this year, and the third to cause serious damage to the company's workshops in eight months. On New Years Day the factory was badly damaged and rebuilding work is not yet complete. Then three weeks ago their paint spraying shops at Sawston were gutted. Detectives spent the weekend probing the cause which was identified as an electrical failure 61 08 14 # c.34.75

1961 08 16
Artist Jeanette Jackson and her husband are converting the old windmill at Hemingford Grey into a house and studio. It is this mill which has inspired her 15 paintings now on exhibition in London. The miller's horse and cart stables have been converted into living quarters and the loose box into a bedroom. The corn store is now a modern kitchen and the whole stable block joined by a glass veranda. The millstones will form the entrance steps and the huge wooden finial which once topped the windmill is to have place of honour on the ground floor. The hardest job was the cutting of the 140-year-old cast iron shaft which carried the sails. 61 08 16 # c.63

There does not seem to be any serious outrage about Bingo in Saffron Walden. The Carnival Association and the British Legion are making plans for sessions and John Gotch, proprietor of the Plaza Cinema is sending his assistant and an usherette to Mildenhall to find out how it is played and run. But the manager of the Walden Cinema thinks Bingo is a new craze which will die a natural death and the Secretary of the Free Church Council says it seems to be a singularly boring pursuit 61 08 16a

1961 08 17
Dr D.A. Dale of Histon, an authority on aristocratic English cars, has added a 'German box of tricks' to his collection. It is the 1939 Maybach which Dr Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, used during his state visit. This is garaged beside a 1930s Bentley, a Rolls Royce and a Siddeley Special that he uses for shopping expeditions in Cambridge. He became interested in such vehicles 20 years ago and says he has had so many that he can hardly remember them all. 61 08 17a

Visitors to Ely have commented on the untidiness of a piece of land to the west of the Cathedral. Grass stands two feet tall around old and cracked gravestones, shrubs are fast covering the ground and waste paper, blown from the streets, lies behind the railings. Now it will be taken over by the Urban District Council and opened up as garden and place of recreation, looking similar to Palace Green almost opposite 61 08 17b

1961 08 18
The Dragon Rapide, one of the most popular types of aircraft from de Havilland, is disappearing from the local scene. Until recently Marshall's Flying Services used a fleet of four to operate charter services for jockeys and trainers from Newmarket. Built between 1934 and 1946 they are economical to operate and maintain and even now are a common sight. Some firms use them as executive machines while others still plod the air routes. Marshall's has not entirely said farewell to the bi-plane era: they still have five Tiger Moths for instructional flying 61 08 18 # c.26.1

1961 08 19
The Automobile Association opened a Mobile Patrol Service Centre at Pampisford, the first in Cambridgeshire. The caravan is equipped with two-way radio and has its own team of patrols on the familiar A.A. motor cycle combination, solo machines and in breakdown service vehicles. Visitors pulling in or telephoning can get information on motoring and touring 61 08 19

1961 08 21
The Earls Court Radio Show features two 'smallest-ever Pye Pocketable' sets whose transistors and printed circuits make them smart travelling companions. One has a black morocco leather case, the other moulded plastic. They cover Long and Medium wavebands and have a two-inch loudspeaker. The Pye TV range are designed to be easily convertible to 625 lines and include 'Transista TVs' with 23 inch square tubes bringing added realism to television. 61 08 21

1961 08 23
The 400-year-old elm tree outside the Green Man at Grantchester has developed a crack in its enormous trunk and threatens to fall on the building a few feet away. Men from Tollemache's brewery roped the tree together and secured it to the pub sign post. It is hoped it can be made safe by lopping branches but daylight can be seen through the hollow, gnarled trunk and it may need to be felled 61 08 23

1961 08 24
Motorists are quick to seize every chance that comes their way of finding a parking space for their cars. Already several have made the most of the opportunity provided by the demolition work in Adam and Eve Street. Vehicles now stand where a row of cottages used to exist. The buildings were cleared as part of the City Council's redevelopment scheme in the East Road district 61 08 24a

Histon station has completed a hat-trick of wins in the garden section of the annual competition for best-kept station. They are one of four in the region to gain the top award of £10 which will go towards the cost of seeds and plants for next year. The new stationmaster, A.S.G. Harris, has taken a keen interest in the competition with strong support from his three porters who have done the bulk of the work. Longstanton, Oakington and St Ives stations also won recognition. 61 08 24b

Addenbrooke's Hospital bus service petition – 61 08 24

1961 08 28
Churchill College has received a personal gift from General de Gaulle as a tribute to Sir Winston Church. It is a modern tapestry entitled "L'etoiles de Paris", the work of M. Jean Lurcat. Another donation is the sum of £25,000 offered by an Oxford man, the Rev Timothy Beaumont, for the provision of a chapel. A chapel had been included in the original plans but construction had been held up due to lack of finance. It will however be one of the last buildings to be constructed. 61 08 28

1961 08 30
Miss Minnie. Pate began learning shorthand in the 1880s by taking down family conversations and sermons. Then she got a job copying manuscripts at Downing College which is where she first saw a typewriter. She joined the University Typewriting Office in 1892, taking over the business in 1900. After 1918 every member of the University wanted his work typed including Rupert Brooke who

cycled in from Grantchester each morning with the next chapter of his dissertation for King's College. She was awarded an Honorary Cambridge MA and now spends many hours preparing an enormous scrapbook of material 61 08 30 # c.27

A length of abandoned railway line is to be used for a new 'fly-under' junction as part of the modernisation of the Great North Road. The village of Buckden lies astride the trunk road which is narrow and winding. Now a short by-pass will be constructed to the west of the High Street. It will have a dual carriageway with two pedestrian subways. Traffic will turn on to a link road beneath the old Buckden railway bridges and the disused track converted into a carriageway passing under the A.1. 61 08 30a

1961 08 31
Przibor sky's barbers shop in Ram Yard is to be swept away by demolition and redevelopment. The site is to be incorporated into a new road leading to Park Street car park. It was founded in 1879 by Count Przibor sky after he left his position as barber at the Imperial Austrian court. The family connection elapsed in 1934 when the Count's son died and Mr Frederick Osborne took over the business. A ladies' hairdressing side catered for Girton and Newnham girls but was discontinued during the war 61 08 31a # c.44.6 # c.27

The USAAF European baseball championships are being fought out at RAF Alconbury. The base not only houses the 10th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing but also the UK District baseball champions, the 'Alconbury Spartans'. Cheer leaders are not commonplace at the games but fans can do almost as well. Comment and encouragement flowed as freely as the beer and cokes as the sweltering afternoon went on. After the first match between the 'Darmstadt Comets' and the 'Torrejon Raiders' ground staff rushed out to water and sweep the pitch 61 08 31

Acrow Engineers, Saffron Walden's largest factory, is to close their Tower Works which employs 100 people. The factory was established during the early part of the war and after pressure from the Council opened a new Coronation Works in Ashdon Road in 1956. They continued light industrial work at the original site but the County Council has refused permission for an extension to house new offices and a research block. The Managing Director said there were plenty of other places that would welcome the income and wealth the firm could bring. 61 08 31b

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1961 09 01
Mr C.A. Moulton, stationmaster at Longstanton for the past year, is leaving his post to go to Suffolk where he will combine the duties of two stationmasters at Halesworth and Brampton. His railway service began in 1936 as a weigh-lad at Grimbsy Town goods yard and he has previously been stationmaster at Ancaster, Moulton and Wisbech St Mary. 61 09 01

1961 09 02
The wheels and panels of an old farm cart which has been in the family of Mr & Mrs Robert Haywood of 63 Melbourn Road, Royston, for 60 years now form an unusual front garden fence. It serves a dual purpose for apart from brightening up the appearance of the house it also helps people to find Mr Hayward, who is a farmer and contractor in the town. 61 09 02

1969 09 04
A large congregation gathered on the river bank at Isleham for a Believers' Baptism Service. Hymns were accompanied by a portable organ and the lesson read by Pastor Eric Woodroffe of the Pound Lane Baptist Chapel as 16 year-old apprentice engineer Donald Gee and 62-year-old William Summers entered the waist-deep waters of the River Lark to be completely immersed by the Rev Peter Chevill. Most baptisms take place in chapel baptisteries but as neither chapel at Isleham has one, the Minister decided to use the river. 61 09 04

1961 09 08
Oakington was unsuitable for major residential development, the County Development Control Officer told an inquiry. It had mains electricity, gas and water but a sewage system was not expected for three or four years and the school was already overcrowded. There is a distinct danger of development outstripping the services available. Cottenham, Girton, Histon and Milton were more suitable. But there were swarms of builders after any land for which planning permission had been granted. The developer said there was a heavy demand for houses in the £2,000 range and he would install an estate sewage disposal system 61 09 08a

Members of the Women's Royal Army Corps Territorial Association are examining aerial photographs at the new Air Photo Interpretation Centre at the Drill Hall in East Road. Until April they were a Motor Transport Company and when reorganised were divided into two sections with the other studying signals at Coldham's Lane. The women have to sign on for two years and receive full army pay with an annual bounty of ten guineas. Uniforms are given and they train each Monday evening. But it is difficult if there are small children for in wartime the T.A. are the first to be called up. 61 09 08b # c.45.8

Joseph Farrington has worked for the Gas Board since 1917. He operates a Super Sentinel Loco, called 'Lucy', at the Coldham's Lane depot. Every morning he gets it going on a diet of wood and coke, eases her out of her shed and down to the six trucks with which they move supplies of coal from the main railway line, depositing it in a tipper. The operation is repeated until 400 tons have been shifted. The coal is then taken up into a hopper and unloaded into a lorry which transports it to the gasworks on Newmarket Road. 61 09 08c # c.24.4

1961 09 11
Three guitarists and a vocalist of a 'Rock' group made history when they took part in the Schools Holiday Orchestra concert. The programme included Beethoven's 'Pastoral; symphony, Ravel's 'Bolero' and dances from Stravinsky's 'Perouchka'. The electric guitars strummed through the familiar beat of two 'pop' songs but the vocalist had to wait until the orchestra finished variations on 'Speed Bonny Boat'. This may have contributed to nervousness which made him stick too closely to the microphone, leaving the words unrecognisable. The amalgamation of convention and gimmick was rather unsatisfactory but the idea deserved the applause it received. 61 09 11

1961 09 13
Lord Bertrand Russell, leader of the Committee of 100, began a seven-day prison sentence after a civil disobedience campaign. Overnight Cambridge supporters of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament went out with paint pots and daubed slogans saying 'Free Russell' on the wall of Emmanuel College and on footpaths in front of Sidney Sussex and Trinity. Councillor Robert Davies, a member of CND, said they did not support the defacing of buildings but it was an indication of the depth of feeling against the imprisonment of an aged and respected philosopher 61 09 13 # c.45.8

The Army Emergency Reserve has not enjoyed the limelight of other Territorial Army units. Its training obligations are not so onerous and the bounty much higher, at £75. But volunteers are liable to immediate recall for service in any part of the world, as happened during the Suez crisis. The local unit, 215 Port Workshop, is drawn from the Cambridge, Newmarket, Norwich and Ipswich area under its Commanding Officer, Captain C. Wilson of Harston. All the personnel are tradesmen; in action they would follow the assault infantry in to keep the beaches clear and traffic moving 61 09 13a # c.45.8

1961 09 14
Lord Iveagh, chairman of Guinness, who owns the Elveden Farms near Thetford, performed the opening ceremony at a new dairy at Mildenhall. The Bridge Farm Dairies premises deal with all the milk from the estate, distributing it within a 15-mile radius. 61 09 14

St John's Church in Duxford, which has fallen into disuse and disrepair since the living was amalgamated with that of St Peter in 1874, is gradually being repaired and restored. The Rector initiated a restoration scheme three years ago when he entered the living and the most urgent part of the work has now been completed. At the start the church required re-guttering, re-glazing, re-pointing and re-decorating throughout though these were of secondary importance to the task of renewing the roof of the north aisle. Much remains to be done including repairing windows, many of which have been broken by vandals. And while washing the walls traces of medieval murals have been discovered. 61 09 14a

CND plan sit-down protest at Trinity in support Bertrand Russell – 61 09 14b

1961 09 15
A new 'baroque' organ at the church of St Etheldreda in Reach has been built by one of the churchwardens, Mr C.C. Washtell, an electronics engineer. For many years he had toyed with the idea of building an organ but it was not until the church at Reach had been badly damaged by lightning and the restoration work was nearing completion that he began the actual construction. Last Saturday, two-and-a-half years later, the last screw was placed in position and the organ was ready for an informal demonstration 61 09 15

1961 09 19
Thirteen people travelling on a United Counties double-decker bus had remarkable escapes when it ploughed through a ditch and crashed into a copse after being in collision with two heavy lorries at the junction of the Bourn Airfield turn on the main Cambridge-Bedford road. A large section of the off-side of the bus was pushed in and the conductor thrown to the floor and covered in a pile of seats. One of the lorries, owned by Chivers of Histon, was completely swung round and overturned in the centre of the road. 61 09 19

1961 09 20
Barclays Bank has opened a new branch at 35, Sidney Street. The front of the building is in Portland Stone and mahogany has been used for the counters, cashiers tills and doors. The first floor is sound-proofed from the banking hall and accommodates the typewriters and customers' statement machines. These statements are sent to the banking hall by means of pneumatic tubes, a quick means of communication which helps to keep the noise down without impairing the speed of the service 61 09 20 # c.32.8

1961 09 21
Ely RAF Hospital has been awarded the trophy for the best airmen's mess in the UK. The competition is judged on the outside appearance of the dining hall, its décor and cleanliness as well as the state of the kitchen. For a small unit the size of Ely this is an outstanding achievement. There a generally a choice of four different savoury courses and sweets. But the most revolutionary development is the availability of wine before starting the meal itself. The days of the clumsy mug and ugly tea urn have gone and now Servicemen and women have elegant glass cups and teapots. In the centre of the dining hall there is even a miniature goldfish pond 61 09 21a

A 75-year-old gardener from Bury, Hunts, has taken out a patent on a revolutionary way to enable rowers to sit facing the direction they are travelling. He bought a pair of second-hand oars, cut off the top sections, rejoining them with a cogging system forming a type of hinge. A pull on the oars sends the boat forward and at the same time they are automatically positioned again for the next stroke. Now he intends to contact manufacturers. 61 09 21

1961 09 22
Demolition in Ram Yard has revealed a brick inscribed '1509'. Its size indicates that it was part of a batch produced shortly after 1790 when the Government imposed a brick tax. As a result bricks suddenly became larger so fewer were needed to build a house. A firm at Bourn made outsize bricks of a four-inch depth, which can be seen all over the village. A very handsome gault brick was made

by a Barnwell firm. These are still very much in demand and when properties are demolished they are salvaged for reuse. The Shire Hall was built from such old bricks which fetch £11 a thousand. 61 09 22a # c.23

1961 09 23
History of the Dog and Gun, Castle Street – 61 09 23 # c.27.4

A Land Drover and a passenger train crashed at Swavesey level crossing. The crossing is controlled by two five-bar gates which are kept padlocked until traffic wants to go through The vehicle was returning from milking with a full load of churns in the back when the diesel engine loomed out of the early-morning mist. Passengers were taken to Cambridge by bus and trains were back running by 10 a.m. 61 09 23a

1961 09 29
The Queen opened the Gladys Yule Surgical Wing at the Equine Research Station of the Animal Health Trust at Newmarket. It is the most advanced horse hospital in the world with an operating theatre where unconscious animals are carried on electrically operated overhead hoists. The Duke of Edinburgh's favourite polo pony will be one of the first 'patients'; it needs a leg operation pioneered by the Station's veterinary surgeons. 61 09 29, 61 09 30

Geoffrey Dixon-Box thought the old army surplus bungalow he was improving at Balsham needed something extra. So he decided to build a 25ft tower next to the front door using materials at least 1,700 years old. Some stones came from the old Roman Wall around London, others from demolished abbeys and the cliffs at Hunstanton. It took almost four years to put up, working entirely by himself, and now it is complete he can stand on the beaten copper roof and look over the battlements. 61 09 29a

History of Industrial School in Victoria Road pioneered by Harvey Goodwin – by Clifford Thurley 61 09 29d

The blacksmith's yard at Lode was the scene of unusual activity when Bill Sargent and his two assistants, James Borley of Teversham and 'Nibby' Aves of Swaffham Bulbeck, set about 'shoeing' seven cartwheels belonging to Ambrose Estates of Stuntney. Bill has been blacksmith in the village for 42 year and in the old days it was normal for him to 'shoe' as many as 200 wheels during a season. He is one of the very few blacksmiths who still practice the craft but has no son to pass the trade on to. When he retires Lode will probably never again see wheel shoeing in progress. 61 09 29b

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1961 10 04
Swavesey rail crash details – 61 10 04

The news that the American air base at Alconbury will not now be closing will give long-term confidence to residents and traders in Huntingdon and St Ives who were concerned of the effect on their businesses. The Americans had announced that the base would be reducing its strength in 1964 and about 200 British civilian employees would be declared redundant. Now Alconbury and three other bases in East Anglia will remain open 61 10 04a

Austin Beales and Coote and Warren opened their new fuel oil terminal and solid fuel depot in Clarendon Road, the most modern in Europe. Oil arrives from Mobil's refinery chiefly by rail and is discharged into three main storage tanks before being sent by road tanker over a wide area. Solid fuel deliveries are concentrated in Cambridge itself. Each year 45,000 tons is unloaded from rail wagons by two cranes with 65 wagons of solid fuel arriving each week. 61 10 04b & c # c.27

1961 10 05

Harry Runham has retired after more than 30 years as car park attendant on Cambridge Market Hill. When he started in 1930 comparatively few vehicles were left there, owners being charged 6d for all-day parking. As the volume of traffic increased, the bull-nosed Morris gave way to other cars, lorries and motor cycles while fees for all-day parking increased until the present figure of two shillings was reached. 61 10 05

Sir - The pavement on the right-hand side of Huntingdon Road has been reduced to a strip barely wide enough to allow two prams to pass. This narrowing has been caused by the construction of four lay-bys of extraordinary length. It is certain these will be used by heavy lorries and visitors to the new colleges to be built on the other side of the road. Traffic is already heavy and goes much too fast. This will increase noise and vibration and turn it into the most dangerous and undisciplined road in Cambridge. – J.R. Northam 61 10 05a

The Rev Peter Barratt is helping to move some of the oak pews into his new church – St Martin's in Suez Road. The church, which will be consecrated on Saturday, has a seating capacity of 400, 280 of which will be provided by the pews. Most of these, together with other chairs, come from a Liverpool firm and were brought to Cambridge by road. 61 10 05b # c.83

The River Cam Conservators will approach Whitbread's to try and bring back the ferry that connected the grounds of 'The Plough' at Fen Ditton with the opposite river bank. After the ferry overturned last March, throwing many people into the water, the brewery considered erecting safety barriers on the bank but then decided to remove the boat altogether. It was later taken to Ely 61 10 05c # c.44.7

1961 10 06
Intruders who blew a safe at the University Veterinary College got away with a £60 haul. But they may have become infected with a disease almost unknown in this country. Hookworm is a menace in Malaya and was a scourge of British troops serving in the Far East. The burglars could have contracted it by handling forceps being used by scientists in one of the rooms. It is so rare that it will be difficult for hospitals to diagnose 61 10 06

A newly-built Canadian wooden house on the Girton Road is attractive visually. The exterior is finished in cedar shingles, the interior panelling and door frames are pine, the doors mahogany, the lounge has parana wood panelling and the ceilings are of plaster-board. Decorating costs have been cut to a minimum: the interior walls are papered, then covered with a thin film of plastic. It cost more than a comparable five-bedroomed house, but its upkeep costs far less. The new owners are delighted 61 10 06a # c.23

1961 10 07
RAF Alconbury closure denied – 61 10 07

1961 10 09
Hundreds of parishioners and clergy were present at the consecration of the new church of St Martin's in Suez Road, Cambridge. In accordance with tradition the Bishop of Ely, Rt Rev Noel Hudson, knocked on the door three times with his pastoral staff before taking the service. It is the first church to be consecrated in the Diocese for many, many years and will help meet the large overspill from Peterborough and other neighbouring towns which at the moment is very great indeed. 61 10 09 # c.83

1961 10 10
City council may purchase 160 acres of land north of Arbury Road – 61 10 10

Cyril Ridgeon is celebrating 50 years of service to the building trade. Never before has Cambridge seen so many outstanding changes as old out-dated premises are giving way to the modern shops and houses demanded by today's standard of living. Its depot at Cavendish Road has a specialised department dealing in Formica while fully-loaded lorries carry timber treated against rot by a

Tanalising Plant, ensuring it an almost indefinite life. In the Slabbing Shop a large range of artistic fireplaces are manufactured in tile, mosaic and marble 61 10 10a # c.23

1961 10 13
Newly-wed Wendy Talkes of Bateman Street is one of the ladies attending cookery classes at the Manor Evening Centre. "I picked up a little cooking from my mother, but have come here to make sure my flans don't sink and my pastry doesn't get burnt", she said. Her husband commented "Her cooking is much better that I expected. But perhaps there is a little room for improvement". The Centre only opened a week ago but already about 200 attend the evening classes. However there is little demand for the handyman course. 61 10 13 # c.36.7

Longstowe Hall was originally an Elizabethan Manor House but in 1870 the owner built extensively and completed 'buried' the earlier house with the exception of a few oak beams in the hall. Visitors have to enter under an archway which divides the two staff houses close to the road and there is a long drive bordered by trees which links the lodge to the Hall. Two enormous flower beds backed by yew hedges reach down to the lake and there is a formal rose garden. They are particularly attractive this time of the year 61 10 13a

1961 10 14
Churchill college foundation stone laid – 61 10 14 # c.44.5

1961 19 18
What is believed to be the world's oldest industry is still carried on in the village of Brandon, Suffolk, where 57 years old Mr Arthur Drewry and his son-in-law are the only two men now employed in the craft of flint knapping, which has its origins as far back as 2,000 B.C. 61 10 18

A 20-year old law student at New Hall was carried unconscious from the Cambridge Union Society debating chamber. She was one of three girls who fought their way in as a protest against 'a niggling absurd and out-of-date rule' which forbids women as debating members. As the guest speakers, Peter Thorneycroft, the Minister of Aviation and Labour MP Richard Crossman looked on, the debate was adjourned. In the scuffles that followed the girl fainted. She was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital. The debate then continued. 61 10 18a # c.36.98

1961 10 19
Stretham church hall dedicated – 61 10 19

Cambridge Library Group re-formed – 61 10 19 # c.77.4

1961 10 20
The Malting House stands on one of the busiest corners in Cambridge yet overlooks a backwater of the Cam bordered by a meadow where cattle graze. It was a brewery until converted for habitation in 1902 when the Corporation demolished the front of the house to widen the road. The bricks for the new façade came from the old properties being taken down at that time. In 1912 what remained of the old malting was converted into a small hall where countless musical evenings have been held. The whole house, which used to be a single domicile, now has six domestic units 61 10 20 # c.61.7

West Wratting and other footpaths cleared by volunteers – 61 10 20a

Fire gutted Grantchester Garage, wrecking three cars. Villagers awakened by explosions and 50 ft flames braved a 'blazing inferno' to push 12 other parked cars out of danger. One of the helpers was Reg Fuller, landlord of the 'Red Lion'. "It's a good job it was a wet night because sparks were flying everywhere and I was afraid they might get in our thatched roof", he said. Experts are trying to discover the cause of the blaze 61 10 20b

We're giving away petrol! To mark the opening of our new garage in Newnham Road, Cambridge, we will give each customer on the opening day one gallon of Shell petrol completely free of charge. We are open every day from 8 to 8 offering a Super Service and the kind of attention that makes so much difference to your motoring. B.E. Cocks & Co. – Advert. 61 10 20c # c.26.48

1961 10 21
Alban G. Wigery 'A philosopher's pilgrimage' describes Lt Shelford & University 61 10 21

1961 10 23
Nearly 300 people had the distinction of being the first out-patients to attend clinics at the new Addenbrooke's Hospital. Long before nine they were filing into the spacious entrance hall and being dispersed to six clinic suites each of which has a receptionist to prepare them for the consultation. Only a few clinics remain at Trumpington Street, including orthopaedics, radiotherapy and psychiatry. By January it is hoped to have nearly all the wards transferred 61 10 23 # c.21.4

1961 10 25
Local rock 'n' roll fans were given a bumper evening at the Regal Cinema. Star of the show was Billy Fury who received a tremendous reception from the teenagers and several young girls ran down the aisles but were turned back by cinema staff. Amongst the supporting cast was Joe Brown, a singer from the East End of London, Eden Kane, the Allisons (who came second in the Eurovision Song Contest), Tommy Bruce, the Karl Denver Trio and the Viscounts. Musical backing was provided by Peter Jay and the Jaywalkers 61 10 25a # c.69

Pop-singer Billy Fury was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital after collapsing in his room at the University Arms Hotel. He was carried on a stretcher to a waiting ambulance watched by 20 people, including schoolgirls and teenagers. Fury – real name Ronald Wycherley – had been working for the past five days against doctor's orders. He is suffering from bronchitis and a throat infection. Last night he cut short his act at the Regal Cinema, singing only three numbers including the hit 'Halfway to Paradise'. A series of X-rays later revealed that he was suffering from a kidney complaint and he was taken by car to a London clinic 61 10 25, 61 10 26 # c.69

1961 10 26
New gas plant operates without causing dust and smoke – 61 10 26 # c.24.4

1961 10 27
In a former prisoner-of-war camp chapel in Coldham's Lane members of the Cambridge Amateur Boxing Association celebrated the start of a new season by flailing themselves, and each other, almost to husks. Membership is restricted only by the inability to pay the annual subscription – boxing ability is immaterial. Boys from the age of seven are provided with equipment and training and competitive bouts begin at the age of 11. One lad accumulated a host of silver-ware but became too successful as officials were unable to find anyone who would fight him 61 10 27 # c.38 : boxing

The typical housewife of a few years hence will take an object the size of a cigarette case from her handbag and press a button. This will be linked by remote-control to the range in her kitchen and turn down the heat. The electronic cooker will include a magnetron tube which produces high-frequency microwaves that change into heat when absorbed by food. Scientists predict that by the mid 1960s food will be treated with radiation and stored for long periods without losing freshness. 61 10 27a.

Security-minded Cambridge businessmen will soon be able to hire armoured cars for wage-carrying or uniformed guards to patrol premises at night. These are two services offered by Securicor which has opened an office in All Saints Passage. The vans have radio contact with headquarters during the whole of a cash transit run and it is impossible for bandits to get into the money chamber while the guards are judo experts. Specially trained dogs can also be provided. 61 10 27d # c.32.8

St George's Church of England school declining in number of pupils – 61 10 27b

Contemporary house at 'Silversite', 8a Gog Magog Way, Stapleford – 61 10 27c

New garage at Fulbourn – advert 61 10 27e

Cambridge Film Unit is in Germany making film of Displaced Persons camps – 61 10 27f # c.65.6

1961 10 28
Two Cambridge couples are attempting to beat the Cambridge 25 hours non-stop jiving record at the Freebooters Club in Wellington Street. The dancing started last night at 9 o'clock with eight couples competing but six of these became exhausted and had to give up in the early hours. However Adrian Mead and his partner Linda Worboys and Fred Ellis with Bridget Holmes are continuing. The boys are not allowed to stop, but their partners can have a standby 61 10 28 # c.69

Cambridge Amateur Operatic Society celebrate golden jubilee – history 61 10 28a # c.69

Parents have bought a £400 hut to provide Newnham Croft School with an additional classroom. Erection of the prefabricated building has started 61 10 28b

1961 10 29
Chipperfield's circus televised for Christmas show – 61 10 29b # c.76.2

1961 10 31
Undergraduates have been banned from the centre of Cambridge on Guy Fawkes Day. This will enable police to control the danger from homemade fireworks which have caused injuries to innocent bystanders A similar ban last year made it the quietest for many years 61 10 31 # c.36.95

Trees being removed from Four Lamps area in preparation for road widening scheme and alterations to roundabout 61 10 31a # c.18

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1961 11 01
When the Prince of Wales inaugurated the new butt and parade ground of the Cambridge University Rifle Volunteers at Grange Road in October 1861 he presented a cup described as 'of massive silver, but chaste in design – a kneeling rifleman surmounting the lid, in the act of taking aim'. It is still awarded to the best shot at 1,000 yards. The Corps at first had a ground on Mill Road in conjunction with the 1st Cambridgeshire (Town Corps) but the range was found to be too short. The Grange Road ground consisted of two fields with the butt at the extreme end. 61 11 01 # c.45.4

University Medical School saved by salary increase 61 11 01a # c.36.9

An inquiry will decide whether land south of Goose Hall Farm, Landbeach should be developed as a site for 20 caravans. Landbeach was a popular place for residential development, despite the lack of a public house, butcher or baker and with mobile shops. With public transport and the universal use of the motor car the site was not isolated, the proposer claimed. But planners objected: it was outside village limits and unsuitable 61 11 01b

1961 11 02
Chesterton railway bridge with approaching train – photo 61 11 02

Soham from the air – photo 61 11 02a

1961 11 03

The most modern and up-to-date double-decker buses are coming into service in Cambridge. Fitted with fluorescent lighting, internal heaters, a wider staircase and closing doors, they are the result of many years' research into passenger comfort. The new suspension makes for a much smoother ride and top-deck vibration has been eliminated. The interior has been streamlined to give more room and newly-designed seats reduce 'travel fatigue'. Any minor faults will be corrected in later models 61 11 03 # c.26.46

Thirty years ago two L.N.E.R. railway carriages were brought from London on the line to Bartlow and transported to Balsham on a large trailer. Once on the site they were positioned parallel to each other leaving a 10ft gap in between. The roof was stretched right across and the gap enclosed with the front and back doors at either end. Down the centre of the house there is a lounge and kitchen with a double chimney stack in the middle, heating both rooms. Because the carriages are so solid the house is warm. It has no electricity and the family use paraffin for lighting and to run a refrigerator. The owner, Mr H.G. Garratt, would not change his unusual home, saying he loves everything about it 61 11 03a

1961 11 04
City planners have turned down Cambridge University's plans for a £2million 'science island' scheme on the 'New Museums' site bordered by Corn Exchange Street and Free School Lane. It would have meant the disappearance of many old laboratory building. Councillors were concerned that the three multi-storey structures, two of which were 200 feet high, would spoil the skyline. No new buildings should be higher than the present Guildhall. 61 11 04 & 06 # c.36.9

1961 11 09
Two silver birch trees transported by road to the new block of flats in East Road – 61 11 06a
Maids Causeway trees cut down to widen roundabout – 61 11 09

1961 11 10
A London company who hope to build a 24-lane ten-pin bowling centre on land at the 'Willows' in Chesterton has offered to pay the expenses of any residents wishing to see their Stamford Hill, London, facilities. There would be a social centre and bowling alley with restaurant and snack bar as well as a nursery for the babies while their parents play. The centres are well-run, clean and open, giving very little trouble, they claim 61 11 10 # c.38 : bowling

Bingo is the new national craze. During the first few games of a Cambridge session television refugees toiled away at their bingo booklets, smog descending over their bent heads. Most of the audience were regulars. They 'never missed' because 'it was an evening out'. They were not lonely there, neither were they bored. The jackpot was a modest one – if it reached previous heights of £30-40 people would be queuing to get in. But at sixpence a time and with not a 'line', let alone a 'house' in credit, the evening could be an expensive one. 61 11 10a

1961 11 11
Ten council houses in School Lane, Chittering, are supplied by one water tap; tenants fetch water in buckets. They would welcome mains drainage and a water supply if they could afford it; photos of Mrs S. Peach pumping water and tipping it into sink from bowl – 61 11 11 CIP

1961 11 13
A bullock being driven to St Ives market escaped from a herd and went into the large plate-glass window of Messrs Kiddle and Son in Crown Street, where wallpapers were on display, breaking away about two-thirds of it. Nobody was injured and the animal was taken on its way to market, apparently unhurt. Due to the heavy rain at the time it was necessary for the firm's staff to quickly board up the window. 61 11 13

1961 11 14

Twenty-five elderly people living at Sawston are spending their spare time knitting, sewing and toy-making to raise £125 to pay for a week's holiday at the seaside. The warden at the old folks' estate at Uffen Way set up the scheme after discovering that some of them have never had a holiday in their lives. Now they are working to meet a rush of orders for tea cosies, chair backs, socks and pullovers. It gives them something to do and helps keep their minds off aches and pains. 61 11 14

The developers of a proposed 24-lane ten-pin bowling alley on the now deserted Willows Walk site – between Lovers' Walk and the University boathouse at Chesterton – said it would employ about 20 people, be open until 11pm seven nights a week and include a snack bar selling alcoholic drink. But it would attract a lot of traffic to Belvoir Road and cars would park in front of the houses. If the proposal fell through then 15-storey flats would be built instead. 61 11 14a

1961 11 15
The world's most valuable painting, Rubens' "Adoration of the Magi", which fetched a record £275,000 at auction, has been installed in King's College Chapel. Movement of the painting from London began before dawn in strict secrecy. Two security guards with an Alsatian dog, followed in a car and mingled with onlookers as the painting was off-loaded at the main gate. It took two hours to get the picture in its steel frame to the chapel where it was hoisted on to a giant easel. 61 11 15a – picture – 61 11 15, 61 11 16c # c.44.5 # c.64

Mildenhall Railway line inspected – BR want to close it – 61 11 15b

1961 11 16
A cluster of balloons was flown over Cambridge to give an idea of how the proposed 200ft towers of the 'Science Island' off Corn Exchange Street would look from the Backs behind the famous King's College Chapel. Theodolite readings were also taken from Rose Crescent. The proposal has been rejected by planners 61 11 16a & b # c.36.9

Corpus Christi College has embarked on a plan to fulfil two great needs in the university. It has created a graduate extension at Leckhampton House in Grange Road to enable research students to enter fully into university life and to extend to teaching staff the social advantages and responsibilities which attach to being a Fellow of a college. Only about half the research students and unmarried Fellows normally wish to live in college rooms. 61 11 16d # c.36.9 # c.44.5

1961 11 17
Buckets of water cascaded over undergraduates who marched along King's Parade as a protest against having to wear gowns. About 250, many without gowns, walked four abreast to the Senate House escorted by a solitary policeman. Other students chanted 'Keep the Gown'. When they reached Senate House Hill three Proctors accompanied by two Bulldogs took down some of the names – they are liable to a fine of six shillings and eightpence. The only 'casualty' was a Bulldog who had his top hat snatched by an undergraduate who ran off in Trinity Street 61 11 17b # c.36.92 # c.67

Planning appeal over bungalow at Westfield Road, Gt Shelford has been going on for two years – 61 11 17

Rhodes Moorhouse brought consignment of boots from Northampton to Dalton's bootmaker, Bridge Street in 1911 – history 61 11 17a # c.26.1

A Spanish style ranch house named 'Manacor' has become a focal point in Fen Ditton since it was built six years ago. 61 11 17c

1961 11 18
Police dog Karl's first arrest – 61 11 18

1961 11 20

Main train lines were diverted while railway engineers worked throughout the night to construct a bridge on the line between Great Chesterford and Shelford. They started at 11.30 pm under electric lighting take up the old bridge and fit one of a standard design four feet above the water level of the narrow river at Duxford. Men worked in shifts throughout the day while trains were diverted via Audley End, Bartlow and Shelford. 61 11 20

1961 11 21
The Cambridge Scooter Club is a new 'all-makes' club which also caters for three-wheelers. It will organise social activities, displays and film shows. However the Cambridge Lambretta Club specialises on topics such as scooter care and maintenance. Its members have completely dismantled and reassembled a machine to gain a better insight of its works and electrics. Members average 120 miles a week with almost all using their machines every day. 61 11 21 # c.26.485

The proposed new Cambridge fire station on the corner of Parkside and East Road is without doubt the best situation that could be found. It is on the immediate perimeter of the inner congested centre of Cambridge, has access to good routes and is well-placed to take advantage of the proposed new bridge over the Cam. It will replace the present fire station built in 1944 at the corner of Newmarket Road and Coldham's Lane which consists of war-time huts and brick structures on the site of a refuse pit. 61 11 21a # c.34.75

1961 11 22
Future of University Medical School – 61 11 22

RAF Anson aircraft crashes at West Row – 61 11 22a

Electricity Board representatives will tour the isolated droves around Lt Downham, Pymore and Fodder Fen, Littleport seeking views on a scheme to bring electrification to the last few Fenland dwellers. Every hand shot up when the 130 people attending a meeting in Downham School were asked if they would like electricity. But the cost of bringing it to the Downham droves alone is over £50,000 61 11 22b

1961 11 23
Claude Kirkup became manager of Cambridge cattle market in 1936 and has seen tremendous changes. He can remember the days when sheep and pigs were brought to the market in tumbrel carts or by horse and cart. With the advent of motor traffic the market increased ten-fold and animals now come from a very wide radius. Many Continental buyers attend the Monday agricultural machinery sales. 61 11 23 # c.27.3

1961 11 24
Topcliffe Mill Meldreth converted into house – 61 11 24

1961 11 25
Mitcham's Corner proposed one-way system – 61 11 25

Bottisham village hall fire – 61 11 25a

1961 11 28
Two young fliers from RAF Waterbeach were given lifts by passing motorists when they landed safely by parachute after abandoning their Javelin jet fighter-interceptor aircraft high over Cambridgeshire. The 700 mph aircraft plunged into a field on Rectory Farm at Fox End Balsham and blew up, scattering wreckage over a wide area. Crash investigation work was hampered as live ammunition from the aircraft's canons was lying in the thick mud of the field where it crashed. 61 11 28 # c.26.1

1961 11 30

Thetford Chase is a man-made forest covering 54,000 acres which produces 400 tons of wood a day. Since the first plantations were formed in 1921 the Forestry Commission has gone on planting steadily. Brandon is the central produce department where timber for pitprops, fencing materials and firewood is handled in addition to that destined for pulpwood and hardboard. Now a softwood sawmill and particle board plant will be added. It will employ 300 men and begin operation in 1963 61 11 30

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1961 12 01
Harper House in Portugal Place houses 10,000 books devoted to the British Empire. It started in 1919 with informal tea parties at which students met for cultural discussions. By 1921 these had become so popular that 'Cambridge University International Teas' and conferences were started. In 1940 Mrs Irene Harper formed the Birdwood Club open to British children whose families were 'not pacifists' and had some connection with the armed forces. The postwar years which produced a Motherland 'bewitched, bothered and bewildered about the Common Market' have thinned the ranks of the membership 61 12 01 & a # c.36.9 # c.33

A bold scheme to transform Cambridge Market Hill into the 'finest piazza in Europe' would involve banning traffic in King's Parade, demolition of a few buildings on the corner of St Mary's Passage and the complete clearance of the Market Place. The screen in front of King's college would be removed and the Senate House and Law Department buildings linked together to form one magnificent spacious vista, says architect G.M. Vickers 61 12 01b # c.61 # c.44.6

Nightingale Avenue means something new in elegant living. It means spacious, modern four-bedroomed detached houses of quality and character by Trend Homes. Here is a rare opportunity to buy an exclusive architect designed house in a first-class position. Each will have the wonderful boon of oil fired heating, built-in wardrobes and French doors to a paved terrace. Price from £5,250 – Advert 61 12 01c # c.23

Nearly 800 University students crowded in to a meeting to hear Sir Oswald Mosley, leader of the British Union Movement. Security measures were taken to prevent incidents including plain clothes policemen in the hall. The precautions were successful although the meeting at times became lively with plenty of loud heckling. Mosley said one third of Africa should be turned over to white people and the rest looked after by the coloured races 61 12 01d # c.33

Arbury Road takes a lot of traffic but one bungalow is peaceful because its wings act as a sound buffer. It is built in the form of a square with the fourth side open and has five front doors leading on to a courtyard. The main door – distinguishable from the others by the letter box – leads into a small hall. The eight rooms are interconnected and, apart from the kitchen and bathroom, can be arranged to satisfy individual tastes. Running along the right wing is a wash house with enough space to dry a heavy wash. 61 12 01e # c.61.7

1961 12 02
Burwell's new Church of England Primary School was opened by one of the newest village residents, Francis Pym MP. It was impossible to improve the curriculum with a collection of small schools and several had been closed. While no Cambridgeshire schools were 'too bad', plenty ought to be improved. It was no good having wonderful technical and secondary education if a child was stunted at the primary stage: the country's greatest asset was the brains of its young people. 61 12 02

1961 12 06
Pythagoras Hall in Northampton Street has been bought by St John's College. It is the earliest secular building in the city and was home to the first Mayor of Cambridge. But his family lost its wealth and it was sold to Merton College, Oxford, in 1270. For several centuries it was leased to farmers and

became a granary. St John's hope to use it for collegiate purposes, though it means that Lord Rothschild, a University lecturer in Zoology, will have to move 61 12 06 # c.61.7

Coypu have been killed at Rampton, Lode and Bottisham during November along with 10 other in the Isle of Ely. The coypu grows to two feet long with strong orange-coloured incisor teeth and webbed feet. It lives in marshy areas and makes flat 'nests' of dry reeds. It is essential to seek out and kill them before they become established in the fens, causing heavy damage to crops and dykes 61 12 06a

1961 12 08
The collared dove is a new and exciting addition to the birds of Cambridgeshire. The first of these invaders from Eastern Europe settled on the Norfolk coast about five years ago and nested successfully at Overstrand. But they were first recorded in Cambridgeshire only two years ago. Three broods have been recorded from a pair nesting in Littleport and another pair has been seen in Adams Road. It will be interesting to see how they will stand a really hard winter. 61 12 08b # c.19

Roebuck House, Chesterton – 61 12 08 & a # c.61

1961 12 09
Five villages, Graveley, Ickleton, Hauxton, Toft and Whaddon, have been stimulated into getting their own village halls through the closure of their local church schools. In the past they have been unable to afford the cost but now hope to purchase the buildings and convert them. The Ministry of Education has made grants for new halls at Stetchworth, Barrington and Lt Shelford while the Carnegie Trust has funded others at Newton, Orwell and Weston Colville. 61 12 09

1961 12 12
Ely planning proposals envisage a new by-pass to the west of the city and the allocation of 33 acres of land for industrial purposes. Silver Street would be widened and the present route past the Cathedral closed to through traffic. There should be a new road linking Lynn and Prickwillow roads to provide direct connection with the sugar beet factory. About 1,000 people leave Ely to work elsewhere and full benefit is not taken of the numerous visitors. The plan set out to remedy these deficiencies. 61 12 12

Cambridge Amateur Operatic Society jubilee – 61 12 12a # c.69

Henry Morris, the creator of village colleges, was 'the most remarkable and creative mind in English education during his generation'. He had the vision to commission Gropius and Fry to design Impington Village College and under his direction Cambridgeshire achieved distinction in raising the national standard of design in schools. Morris attempted to extend his ideas to other zones, but was opposed by vested interests. Instead he was commissioned by President Roosevelt to develop rural community centres in the USA. 61 12 12b & 13a

1961 12 13
'War Lover' stars Shirley Ann Field and Robert Wagner at King's – 61 12 13 # c.65.6

1961 12 14
Queen Edith public house opens, Wulfstan Way – 61 12 14 # c.27.4

Sawston Hall's history is being brought alive in a remarkable way. Floodlighting greets visitors but once inside candles are the only form of lighting, blending with Christmas decorations. Guests were given hot punch before the first of six tape recorders began a commentary by Wynford Vaughan Thomas with music composed by a Franciscan friar. The portrait of Queen Mary was illuminated as the story of her escape was told and visitors were invited to look at the priest's hole beneath a stair. It has taken two years to perfect the presentation, a most successful experiment making the Hall even more attractive. 61 12 14a.

After a gloomy day's location work on the film 'The War Lover' some thirty men and women trudged to their cars parked on Queen's Road and made off for a hot bath. The day had seen two shots of film stars Shirley Anne Field and Robert Wagner walking up to and leaning on King's bridge. Miss Field plays a research worker and Mr Wagner an American officer, caught up in the romantic agonies of war. Such is the way of film making that even after a morning in which it was too wet to work, the fire brigade still had to hose water onto the bridge to make it wet enough to show. 61 12 14b # c.65.6

1961 12 15
Ely Market Place underground car park proposal 61 12 15

A self-contained flat at Manor Secondary Modern School is teaching senior girls some of the finer arts of housekeeping. Two of them spend the whole week in the flat. They do the normal daily cleaning, wash and iron clothes and prepare a midday meal, roasting, frying, casseroling and pressure cooking as they would in a home of their own. The bed-sitting room is furnished with a table, fireside chairs, bookcase and divan. Although the girls are not under constant supervision the teacher may go in at any time of the day. 61 12 15a

Mitcham's corner and a 70-year promise – letter – 61 12 15b

1961 12 16
Saffron Walden Steam Laundry was gutted by fire. Firemen heard the noise of asbestos sheets cracking in the heat and were soon on the scene using water from the municipal swimming pool. Volunteers pushed delivery vans from the yard while the stoker set off the works hooter to give warning to nearby families. Standing in an entrance yard full of snaking hose pipes and looking at premises almost entirely gutted, with the exception of a brick-built office block, Mr Southall said: "I managed to get into my office, although it was as hot as an oven, and saved all my records". 61 12 16

1961 12 18
A new vestry block, a garden of rest, memorial tablet and some new windows were dedicated at Great St Mary's Church. 61 12 18 # c.83

1961 12 10
Soham new Eastern Electricity showroom opened – 61 12 19

1961 12 20
The railway line between Cambridge and Mildenhall opened on Whit Monday 1884 with the Fordham to Mildenhall extension nine months later. The branch line was probably never self-supporting and today there are two trains daily. All the villages between Barnwell and Fordham are well served by buses and it is only Mildenhall and Isleham that do not have a satisfactory alternative service. All existing parcel facilities would remain except at Isleham and Quy stations which would be reduced to unstaffed sidings. Even at Quy staff would be provided during the heavy sugar beet season to assist farmers loading traffic, an Inquiry heard. 61 12 20a & b # c.26.2

1961 12 21
A 58 years old village sub-postmaster at Chittering, who lives alone, was working on his accounts in the living room when two men broke into the kitchen about 11.25 pm. He struggled and managed to lock one outside, then continued to wrestle with the second. But he was overpowered and tied to a chair. The robbers stole about £20 and cigarettes and pulled out the telephone cables. After struggling free the postmaster went to the Travellers Rest public house to report the attack. 61 12 21

Cambridge Folk Museum has been closed for the last nine months while various alterations and extensions have taken place. Several major improvements have been made as part of a programme that started four years ago. First the building was re-roofed, then a house was erected for the resident curator, Miss Enid Porter. This meant the old house at no.3 Castle Street became available for

museum use. It has been redecorated, the staircases widened and a new system of oil heating installed 61 12 21a # c.03

Tollemache and Cobbold Breweries announce the opening of The Racehorse, Newmarket Road, Cambridge. This house has been designed for maximum comfort and service. There are three well-appointed and furnished bars and decoration is tasteful and modern. Sandwiches and snacks will always be obtainable. One of the rooms will be available for clubs and private parties. Apply to the manager, Arthur Shatford. – Advert 61 12 21b # c.27.4

1961 12 27
It is going to be even colder than it was during most of the Christmas freeze-up when ice on the Cam trapped several swans in the water. On Christmas morning fire appliances went to St Giles' church where a small fire severely damaged an electric motor in the organ. They were also called to Avery's scale makers premises in Regent Street and at Joseph Lucas on Newmarket Road where pipes in the ceilings burst and flooded the premises. The Waterworks Company dealt with 30 burst pipes on Christmas Day 61 12 27 61 12 30 # c.12

1961 12 30
The British Amateur fenland skating championships at Bury Fen, Earith, were curtailed by snow falls. Skaters and spectators tried out the cleared patches and made a journey to the only source of heat – a small hot-dog stand on the edge of the fen. Then the noise of a starting pistol presaged the whip of skates over the ice. Later the noise was changed to the gentler swish of drizzle and when this accumulated into small pools, the racing was abandoned. 61 12 30a # c.38 : ice skating

1961 Cambridge Independent Press

Throughout the year the CIP carried a series of feature articles relating to Cambridgeshire villages. They are

Shelford, Gt – 61 01 06 CIP
Fen Ditton – 61 01 13 CIP
Caldecote – 61 01 20 CIP
Stow-cum-Quy – 61 01 27 CIP
Babraham – 61 02 03 CIP
Hauxton – 61 02 10 CIP
Swaffham Prior – 61 02 17, 17a CIP
Meldreth – 61 02 24, a & b CIP
Horseheath – 61 03 03 CIP
Foxton – 61 03 10 CIP
Conington – 61 03 17 CIP
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Lolworth – 61 05 12 CIP
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Swaffham Bulbeck – 61 05 26 CIP
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Thriplow – 61 06 09 CIP
Melbourn – 61 06 16 & a CIP
Elsworth – 61 06 23 CIP

Oakington – 61 07 07 CIP
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Boxworth – 61 07 21 CIP
Brinkley – 61 07 28 CIP
Longstowe – 61 08 04 CIP
Wood Ditton & Saxon Street – 61 08 11 CIP
Coton is the home of one of the pioneers of film-making – Arthur Melbourne-Cooper, builder ofg St Albans first cinema, photographer and film maker – 61 08 11 CIP
Papworth Everard – 61 08 18 CIP
Lode – 61 08 25 CIP
Abington Pigotts – 61 09 01& a CIP
Cheveley – 61 09 08 & a CIP
Dullingham – 61 09 15 & a CIP
Fordham – 61 09 22 CIP
Whaddon – 61 09 29 CIP
Burrough Green – 61 10 06 & a CIP
Stetchworth – 61 10 13 CIP
Graveley – 61 10 20 CIP
Kirtling & Upend – 61 10 27 & a CIP
Wendy-cum-Shingay – 61 11 03 CIP
Abington, Gt & Lt – 61 11 10 CIP
Carlton-cum-Willingham – 61 11 17 CIP
Snailwell – 61 11 24 & a CIP
Hatley St George & East Hatley – 61 12 01 & a CIP
Soham – 61 12 08 & a, 61 12 15 & a CIP
Ashley-cum-Silverley – 61 12 22 & a CIP
Arrington & Wimpole – 61 12 29 & a CIP

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Isleham – 62 01 08 & a CIP
Kennett – 62 01 19 & a CIP
Burwell – 62 01 26 & a, 62 02 02 & a CIP
Bartlow – 62 02 16 CIP

1962 Cambridge Daily News (Cambridge News from October)

I have copies of these articles

January 1962 CDN

1962 01 01
Many Cambridgeshire villages are without electricity as eight inches of snow dislocated traffic and communications. Engineers had difficulties getting to the trouble through road blocks, fallen telephone wires and diversions. Snow ploughs have been working on the roads throughout the night. Railways have been badly affected with a drift between Shepreth and Royston making only single line traffic possible. It was the coldest night in Cambridgeshire since February 1917 62 01 01 # c.12

Queens Road & Earl Street with snowed-up cars – photo – 62 01 01a

1962 01 02
The school population in Cambridge has increased by 80 per cent since 1939. Council houses have been built in large numbers leading to a movement of population into new estates and new schools could not be provided in time. Serious overcrowding of infants classes reached a peak in 1953 and spread on to secondary schools in 1957. Over-large classes have been unavoidable and children are taught in halls, dining rooms and even store rooms. 62 01 02 & a # c.36.5

Clearing snow St Andrews Street & dumping it at Quayside – photos – 62 01 02b

1962 01 03
Supplies of salt are fast running out at Cambridge grocery shops as people adopt a 'do-it-yourself' policy towards clearing away the snow from their doorsteps. In two of the largest stores stocks of block or crushed cooking salt are negligible. But there is still plenty at the Corporation store yard in Mill Road despite a considerable amount being used on the streets. Hard-packed frozen snow still prevails on all roads and overnight fog reduced visibility. One result of the snow-up in Royston was the postponement of the meeting of the Urban Council 62 10 03 # c.12

G.J. Rogers record of unbroken 34 years service in Corps of Royal Engineers – 62 01 03 # c.45.7

Hundreds of building workers have been laid off because of the severe freeze-up. Many have taken temporary jobs with the City Council as snow cleaners; so far 250 extra men have been put on to help the 50 regular council workmen. In addition 46 extra lorries have been hired with 10 bulldozers and two crawler shovels. Gangs are working 24 hours a day gritting and sanding the roads. The cost of all the extra work will be 'pretty heavy' 62 01 03a # c.12

1962 01 04
Banham's building racing shell for Boat Race – 62 01 04 # c.38 : rowing

A Council debate to decide whether to create a post of City Architect ended in chaos after the Mayor stopped discussion. A qualified architect is vital if development is to be continued with taste. Council estates were dull in lay-out and their roads were not up to modern traffic. Uninspired planning must be stopped now. At a time when the Lion Yard, Museum site and City Road area are in the melting pot they should have the advice of an architect, some councillors felt. 62 01 04a # c.35.7 # c.49.4

In this 'ice box weather' with power cuts, communication difficulties, fuel shortage, food scarcities and tragedies attributable to the weather, it becomes vital to prevent chaos spreading far and wide. One of the most important amenities is electricity. The blizzard kept the Electricity Board's entire engineering staff busy deep in the night. There were no less than 20 breakages and no sooner did they repair one line at Linton than another break was discovered when they restored power. By Monday

morning they had tramped and driven many miles to repair cables and were utterly exhausted.62 01 04b

1962 01 05
Baldwin Manor, Swaffham Bulbeck – 62 01 05

Barnwell and Wadloes Roads, sections of the Whitehill housing estate, were intended to be part of a ring road on the eastern side of Cambridge. That project was abandoned years ago but now they could form part of a proposed eastern by-pass. This should take priority over the 'Spine Relief Road' which was planned to run from Huntingdon Road, across Chesterton Road, over the river and up to Jesus Lane, councillors agreed. 62 01 05a

Alderman Albert Ernest Stubbs died at his home in Arbury Road. A Yorkshire man by birth, he came to Cambridge in 1914 and was for some years employed by the CDN as a rotary printing machinist in charge of the printing presses. In 1917 he'd been a member of the Agricultural Wages Committee and during the war was appointed to the County War Agricultural Executive Council. Ald Stubbs had an active political career on both County and Town Councils and was elected as Cambridgeshire's first Labour MP in 1945, serving until 1950. 62 01 05b

1962 01 06
The University rugby ground in Grange Road is one of the finest in the country. Two years ago millions of gallons of water were pumped during the heat of the summer and hundredweights of seed used to repair the ravages of the winter season. After months of loving and expert care the groundsman defied me to traverse the pitch and produce a dozen weeds. I didn't bother to accept the challenge. The playing surface looked, if shaved, fit for bowls. It was a credit to the efforts of the Hayward family who care for it. 62 01 06 # c.38 : rugby

Water undertakings administered by local authorities in St Ives, Ramsey, Chesterton and South Cambridgeshire are to be transferred to the Cambridge University and Town Waterworks Company – 62 01 06a # c.24.2

Cambridge Waterworks Company dealt with 1,500 burst pipes and 20 burst mains during the big freeze-up. At the peak of the trouble a team of 36 men were working 12-15 hours a day. The most serious flooding was where householders had gone away for the Christmas holiday. Plumbers had to show considerable self-discipline in declining offers of liquid and solid refreshment. But one lady called urgently for help only to turn away the plumber with the request that he call again when the weather was fine – and when he had cleaned his boots! 62 01 06b

1962 01 10
This year marks University boatman Alf Twinn's silver jubilee as the man in sole charge of the Cambridge University Boat Club, although he has been with them much longer. He took over from 'Cooie' Phillips in 1937 and is only the fourth boatman in the 133 years' history of the Light Blue Club. Excluding the war years Alf has had charge of 12 winning crews, but has never seen a Boat Race. He is the only man outside the realms of inter-Varsity sport who has been awarded his 'Blue'. He got his cap in 1939 when Tom Langton was President. 62 01 10 # c.38 : rowing

1962 01 11
Cottages in West Fen Road, Ely should be preserved – 62 01 11

1962 01 12
The Chittering sub-postmaster told magistrates of the night when he was beaten, tied up and robbed by two men. They had come to his house with a gun and a 'chiv' – a razor – and shouted "If you put the light on I'll blast your guts out". He was tied up with flex from the telephone and a roller towel but had struggled free and crawled to the public house to inform police. The younger robber gave himself up because he was worried about the old man. 62 01 12c

Oliver Cromwell House, Ely – feature – 61 01 12

Earith suspension bridge should be reconstructed – 62 01 12a

How Cambridge caters for would-be pilots – Marshall's flying school, University Gliding Club & Royal Aeronautical Society – 62 01 12b # c.26.1

1962 01 13
Pye T.V.T. has helped Leeds Transport Department to introduce a new system of closed-circuit television to watch bus queues and traffic in crowded streets. Three small cameras mounted on police at City Square Briggate and the Corn Exchange send pictures via a special underground cable to separate screens in the control room at transport headquarters. Here operators can turn each camera to see how many people are queuing at each stop and direct buses accordingly. The Pye system is to help in a survey of Leeds traffic problems during the next two years – 62 01 13 # c.27.1 : Pye

A six shilling rise for farm workers, bringing their wages up to £8 15s. for a 46-hour week, is too small, Union officials say. A new system is needed if agriculture is to retain the men who have the experience and skill. Many are leaving because they can get better payment in other spheres. 62 01 13a

1962 01 15
The establishment of a gramophone record lending library should be deferred. A scheme was proposed for the reading room at the Central Library in Wheeler Street to be closed and the junior library moved there. Then a music library would take its place. But the Library Committee did not agree and no alternative space has been identified. The initial costs of a gramophone record lending library would be about £1,750 with running costs of £1,450. 62 01 15 # c.77.4

Plans for a 24-lane ten-pin bowling centre to be built on The Willows site at Cam Road have been rejected. Planners say it would be out of character in a residential area and should be located near a community centre or shops. The application by Contemporary Homes Ltd for a bowling centre with restaurant and a place where parents could leave their children had brought objections from local householders. 62 01 15c # c.38 : bowling

1962 01 16
'The Young Ones', at the Regal, is an attempt to get away from the now familiar run of rock and roll films, trying to cater for the family rather than just the teenager. Cliff Richard emerges not only as a singer but tries his hand at dance routines. Meanwhile at the Rex 'South Pacific" is a well-established favourite; 'Guns of Navarone', a most remarkable adventure film is on at the Victoria while the Kinema is showing 'On the Double' with Danny Kaye and Diana Dors – 62 01 16

Tommy, the railway shunt horse from Newmarket has died, literally in harness. He was pulling a loaded grain wagon under the watchful eye of his shunter when, without previous warning, he collapsed and fell to the ground. Within seconds it was all over. The 10-year old handsome grey gelding of 17 hands was chosen to take part in the Horse of the Year Show because of his personality. A scrounger for tit-bits and a swank, he seemed instinctively to know how to get his way with human beings. Although he would jib at pulling more than two horse boxes at a time, Tommy was never work-shy and was a first class shunt horse. 62 01 16a

1962 01 17
Two new schools may be built, councillors decided. There should be a nursery school at Histon to replace the existing one which is to be demolished to make way for a new bridge over the railway level crossing. The new school at Childerley Gate will be a two-class primary which will replace the

present temporary building. The original was knocked down for Air Ministry purposes during the war 62 01 17

Diana Gunn, writer of Kings Mill House, Shelford – 62 01 17a # c.74

1962 01 18
Council bans bingo on its premises – 62 01 18

Witcham parish council can no longer bear the responsibility for the engagement and payment of a gravedigger. This is due to the continual rise in pay required by a man to do the work. The clerk says this will mean that relatives will become responsible, but there is no doubt that undertakers would do it on their behalf. The decision comes into effect immediately. The council will continue their statutory duty of providing grave spaces.62 01 18a

1962 01 19
Radioactive waste materials with a short life, from University departments, can be buried under six feet of earth at the Cambridge rubbish dump off Newmarket Road. There were concerns that children might dig it up before the radioactivity had dropped or rats might become contaminated and spread it around. Dangers might also arise if a fire broke out on the dump or if some of the material got into sewers or drains. Councillors recommend the waste, wrapped in plastic, should be delivered by University vehicles and buried after strict safety checks have been observed by University officials. 62 01 19 # c.21.15

A Scandinavian-style house at 7, Hurst Park Avenue, built five years ago, is well insulated and centrally heated by a boiler featuring a small bore system with circulating pumps thermostatically controlled. The lounge has French windows opening to a terrace while the dining room has a serving hatch from the kitchen. The four bedrooms have built-in fittings with full-length wardrobes and a glass door. It is a good example of contemporary architecture on a small scale 62 01 19b

West Indians in Cambridge are having difficulty in finding a clubroom in which they can meet. At a social evening in the Romsey Labour Hall over 50 were present to dance, listen to calypso music and meet new friends from the British Commonwealth. Many of the 150 West Indians at present in the city would be keen to join a club of their own and others would travel from Ipswich 62 01 19a # c.31

1962 01 20
A former Grenadier guardsman and policeman has set up a personal bodyguard service in Cambridge. He and his staff will be available for bodyguarding 24 hours a day, providing a personal service as well as working for firms. The job does not necessarily mean guarding large sums of money: they also make the service available to people who live on their own and who need protection. For security reasons he can't say how many men he has on the staff or who they are. He himself is a former Isle of Ely policeman who won the military medal for bravery in the Italian campaign. 62 01 20 # c.34.7

Skating on Lingay Fen in 1895 by aid of floodlighting – picture – 62 01 20a # c.38 : skating

1962 01 25
Gas Board to pay cost of decontaminating River Cam after oil from the Gas works polluted the river – 62 01 25 # c.46.5 # c.24.4

Castle Street, Chesterton Lane corner widening – 62 01 25

1962 01 30
W.H. Smith's bookstall on Newmarket railway station was completely destroyed by fire. It was first noticed at 11pm but there was no one at the station at that time and when firemen arrived the stall was well alight. Flames spread along the wooden awning above the platform, several doors were scorched

by the heat and windows were broken. Two cycles used for newspaper deliveries were also severely damaged. 62 01 30

1962 01 31
An experiment to prevent traffic jams at Mitcham's Corner was judged a success. It reroutes traffic along the Milton Road junction road island around the houses, and makes several of the nearby side streets one-way only. One-way traffic means cars could use the whole of the road and motorists would soon get used to it. Only three policemen would be needed to help control the traffic if the scheme was put into operation. 62 01 31 # c.49.62

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1962 02 01
A 19-year old Cambridge undergraduate now in an Ipswich isolation hospital as a smallpox suspect may not have the disease at all. Although living in Bradford he had not been in contact with smallpox victims there and may be suffering from vaccine poisoning. All those at Pembroke College who have been in contact with him are being traced but other students are not being vaccinated. 62 02 01. # c.21.1

Smallpox suspect – 62 02 01a

The changing face of old Cambridge will soon see further demolition. Already a number of houses have been pulled down in Shelley Row and four more are to follow including one boasting an elegant example of a Mansard roof. The building on the corner of Leeke Street and Newmarket Row, known as Mendicity House, formerly provided lodgings for beggars following the Napoleonic War. It was later purchased by the Industrial Dwellings Company, set up to improve the inadequate housing in the Barnwell area. It is now Harris' butcher shop. 62 02 01b & c # c.61 # c.32.9

1962 02 02
Littleport Riots & John Vachell – feature – 62 02 02

1962 02 03
Quainton Close, Newmarket Road, Cambridge is a distinctive garden site development. There is a choice of 5 designs – split-level and open plan houses, detached bungalows and luxury flats in Kensington Court. Show house and flat now open for inspection. Prices from £3,150 to £4,350 with 90% mortgages to approved purchasers. Architect G.M. Vickers. Builders J.M. Hill (Ampthill) - Advertisement. 62 02 03

1962 02 06
Football League plans to admit more non-league teams have sparked a debate about merging Cambridge United and Cambridge City football clubs. Over 62% of fans back the idea: it is a must if we are ever to have League football in the city as what one team lacks the other often has. But one fan who has watched each team says it would be a much better idea if they both packed up and their grounds were used as car parks. 62 02 06

1962 02 08
Cambridge scientists' important role in history of Medical Research Council – feature 62 02 08 # c.36.9

1962 02 10
Hayley Wood, Little Gransden, is in danger of becoming a dark, tangled wilderness of neglect, Cambridgeshire Naturalists Trust fear. It has been in existence since the Middle Ages and is a man-made modification of the original natural forest. Wood anemones, oxlips and purple orchids are amongst its plants with excellent conditions for butterflies and moths. The Trust has wanted to acquire such a wood ever since its formation in 1957 and have launched an appeal for funds. 62 02 10a

1962 02 13
Caravan at Fen Road damaged by fire – photo – 62 02 13

Foxton Hall has been added to the ever-growing list of country mansions to be used for new purposes. It has been acquired by Dr H. Hurst to study his new technology for inserting a liquid damp-proof course into buildings which are being ruined by rising damp. Initial research was carried out at the Cambridge University Department of Colloid Science and continued at the Timber-proofing Laboratories at Trumpington. It has been employed at the Leys School, Bourn Vicarage and the Royal Oak public house at Stretham. 62 02 13a

1962 02 14
Excavators and bulldozers from Dickersons Contractors of Cambridge are carrying out demolition work at Hadstock airfield near Linton. One hundred acres of concrete faced the contractors when they began. They have been digging up the runways for two years and the work is expected to take another two. A two-ton weight is repeatedly dropped on the runway to shatter the concrete then one of their concrete crushing machine moves 500 tons of material a day; its two arms pouring broken concrete on one heap and earth on another. 62 02 14a

Cambridge's new Addenbrooke's Hospital is the first with an accident service. This brand new idea deals with everything from a minor cut on the thumb to major high-speed road accident. Eventually the idea will spread all over the country. Many labour saving devices have been introduced: electronically controlled containers in a pneumatic tube system deliver records and drugs to all parts of the hospital, oxygen can be piped to the wards, there are special chutes for the disposal of rubbish and doctors carry small wireless bleepers to tell them where they are wanted. Patients are assured of the finest attention in some of the finest hospital surroundings in the country 62 02 14 # c.21.4

1962 02 16
When Miss I.G. Long was asked to start a Wolf Cub pack she did not know anything about the movement. But armed with the Jungle Book, on which the clubs are based, she formed a pack in the parish of St Barnabas and boys came from as far away as Comberton and Abington. That was in 1930, the same year as the St John's pack began under the leadership of Miss F.E. Isaacson. Both ladies are still working for the cubs 62 02 16 # c.37.9

1962 02 20
Sir Harry Legge-Bourke, MP for the Isle of Ely, who has criticised his Conservative party's policy, has been praised as 'courageous' by Lord Walston, the farmer and Socialist life peer. The Tories were now going through the same troubles that Labour faced 10 years ago. They were split over immigration, army estimates and the pay pause which had been brought about by their mishandling of the economy, he told a public meeting which inaugurated a Teversham Labour Party. 62 02 20

"Twist Around the Clock", the second such film at the Central, has a minimal story but is designed to give as many opportunities as possible for the presentation of the Twist tunes and the gyrations which accompany them. It features Chubby Checker, Dion and Vicki Spencer. Meanwhile the Victoria is showing 'Spike Milligan Meets Joe Brown' which takes a tilt at the rock'n'roll culture and conditions the audience for the main feature, Peter Sellers in 'Only Two Can Play'. 'Romanoff and Juliet' is on at the Rex while Connie Stevens, who looks like a younger version of Debbie Reynolds, stars in 'Susan Slade' at the Central 62 02 20a

1962 02 21
A site in West Fen Road Ely, where Nissen huts once stood, will become a new Council estate that could well become the housing showpiece of the Eastern Counties. Ambitious in outlook and almost revolutionary in concept, Priors Court will provide 162 homes together with 143 garages. In addition two parking areas will give space for 41 cars to allow for visitors. The emphasis on the modern need

for garages is only one unusual aspect. Another is the high regard for road safety which will keep children and traffic completely apart. 62 02 21

Grove primary school named – 62 02 21a

1962 02 22
Seven people were injured when a crowded double-decker bus was in collision with a fully-laden 20-ton coke lorry along the Huntingdon Road as it stopped near the Crematorium to pick up passengers. The rear of the bus was ripped open and large quantities of coke strewn along the road. Traffic was not disrupted by the accident and the uninjured passengers were given lifts by passing motorists 62 02 22

1962 02 23
Westfield House has been formally opened as a Lutheran House of Studies with an inaugural lecture by the Bishop of Gothenburg in the presence of an invited audience of senior members of the University. The spacious building on Huntingdon Road will take students from home and abroad who are preparing for the Lutheran ministry and will have a library specialising in Reformation studies. 62 02 23

The original Duxford Mill was mentioned in Domesday Book as "worth twelve shillings; it is now broken but could be repaired". Later the present mill was built on the site and worked until 1946 when it was again in a bad state of repair. The mill and miller's house are now made into one spacious home. In the room which is now a kitchen Charles Kingsley wrote 'The Water Babies' during his frequent visits. 62 02 23a

What will be the future of Papworth Everard church spire – demolition or repair? A church and parish council meeting must decide. Demolition would cost £780 and repair £511. If repaired the spire – erected in 1877 as a memorial to Robert Cheere – would probably give no more trouble for 80 years. There are several severe cracks in the fabric and the spire is of little architectural interest. Last time they decided against having it removed 62 02 23b

Prompt action by firemen saved one of Cambridge's largest timber yards from being extensively damaged. The fire broke out in the dust extractor plant at Travis and Arnold's premises in Devonshire Road – on the night of the Fireman's Ball at the Dorothy Café. The Chief Fire Officer, R.J. Stepney, supervised the fire fighting in evening dress, before going on to the ball. There were fears that the strong wind would fan sparks on to timber near the railway rolling stock but after four hours the blaze was brought under control. 62 02 23c # c.34.75

The Cambridge Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, formed seven years ago, hopes to establish a residential home for those who are capable of an amount of self-help but need accommodation when their parents can no longer care for them. At present the only option is admission to a large hospital catering for all types of mental defect. The Society have purchased a large sombre-looking Victorian house in Milton which will be transformed with the careful use of colour to meet the best of modern standards. There will be a sheltered workshop for those capable of industrial work 62 02 23d # c.21.5

The small puddle-jumping aeroplane is becoming part of the modern scene. Wing Commander K.H. Wallis, a member of the well-known Ely family, imported a Benson autogyro in 1957 and has carried out an intensive modification programme. The result is a practical single seat machine known as the Beagle-Wallis WA-116, far-removed from the original American design. It will leap into the air in about 25 yards and climb very steeply at over 1,000 feet per minute before landing n half the length of a tennis court 62 02 23e # c.26.1

Sir – I admire the paintings of Edward Vulliamy and hope there may be an exhibition of his work. I have two examples of his genius. One, dated 1929-31, is a superb watercolour of a drainage windmill

that stood near Wicken Fen, the other is a pencil sketch of the windmill on Madingley Hill. They hang alongside other fenland etchings – R.W. Macbeth's 'Fen Flood', 'Potato Harvest in the Fens' and Robert Farren's 'Holywell' and 'Sunrise on Wicken Lode'. I hope I shall find somewhere that Cambridge people may enjoy them as I have done – William Farren, Milton Road, Cambridge. 62 02 23f & 24 # c.64

1962 02 24
Bicycles. Battered ones, shiny ones. Fiery racers and aged trundlers with baskets. Bicycles for traffic weaving in town or gentle rolling down country lanes. All have seen better days. They have laid at the police station unclaimed and yesterday were sold off by auction with prices ranging from ten shillings for boneshakers to £8 for superior machines. 62 02 24a # c.26.485

1962 02 28
Bunny Hop Creche for children of parents attending Addenbrooke's Hospital – 62 02 28

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1962 03 01
A young pilot escaped serious injury when he used his ejector seat at low level shortly before his Vampire jet aircraft crashed on the airfield at Graveley. 62 03 01 # c.26.1

Macintosh and Sons of Market Hill, Cambridge, one of the oldest ironmongery firms in the country, has been sold to an unknown purchaser. The firm's earliest records date back to 1688 when the business was sold to the Finch family. They kept it going for 200 years before it was taken over by William Macintosh who'd been in business in Sidney Street. A major redevelopment scheme is proposed for the site after their retail premises close in September. The wholesale, agricultural and workshop departments will continue to trade from 349 Mill Road 63 02 01a # c.27.2

1962 03 02
Two women are virtually controlling the publication used by senior University members to express themselves on policies and topics for the first time in its long history. 'The Cambridge Review' is entirely edited by Dr Mary Hesse and Mrs Karen Needham. The Review has no official status but is mostly read and contributed to by senior academics. It recently celebrated its 2,000th edition. 62 03 02

Wamil Hall, Mildenhall, has been damaged by fire three times in the last 63 years but is still one of the most beautiful houses in the area. At the end of the last century the ground floor was damaged and the tenant, a big game hunter, left the hall with his salvaged possessions in a barge for King's Lynn, using the then-navigable River Lark which flows nearby. Then in 1912 the East end had to be rebuilt after a fire and the structure was drastically changed after the last fire of 1958 which gutted the main part of the building and destroyed the main staircase 62 03 02a

Work is being carried out on building a new bridge over the River Lark at Prickwillow, replacing an earlier one which was situated on a double bend. When completed the bridge will form part of a straight road over the river. 62 03 02b

Six barges, each 60 feet long, were towed down the River Cam from Ely to the Pike and Eel landing stage at Chesterton, where lorries were waiting to collect them. The 10-ton barges had been hired from a Hampshire firm and were used during the Ely sugar beet campaign. But the cranes needed to hoist them out of the river were too large to go on the Ely landing stage so the barges were brought to the nearest suitable spot. A police escort was provided through Cambridge streets for the lorries with their lengthy loads. 62 03 02c

1962 03 03
None of the aluminium bungalows owned by Cambridge city council is in urgent need of demolition because of corrosion, an inspection has found. However work should be started on pulling down the

100 bungalows at Church End, Cherry Hinton, within two years. This would allow for the area to be cleared for redevelopment. The 135 temporary bungalows in Fisher's Lane, Roseford Close, Walpole Road and on the Green Park Estate were not in such as bad state 62 03 03 a & b # c.23

1962 03 05
Unexploded bombs have been found in Cambridge for the second time within a week. Two were discovered by Mr Norman Summers when he was digging over a piece of waste ground at the rear of his council house in Peverel Close. Bomb disposal experts think they may date back to the beginning of the First World War. They were destroyed on the beach at Mundesley. It was the first time the land had been dug: previously it was just waste ground where children played occasionally. Last week gardeners at Grange Court found an unexploded 12lb practice bomb in the bottom of the hedge. 62 03 05 # c.45.8

1962 03 06
'England our England', a new review written by Keith Waterhouse and Willis Hall at the Arts Theatre, tempers its attack on bumbling bureaucrats with amused benevolence. Dudley Moore has added the type of music for which he has been so acclaimed since 'Beyond the Fringe'; the numbers are bold and tuneful. The cast led by Billie Whitelaw, Alison Leggatt and Roy Kinear was visibly worried by some atrociously slow lighting adjustments but the audience appeared to enjoy it. 62 03 06

1962 03 09
Burwell former Maids Head public house is now a home – 62 03 09

In 1803 Robert Willis built Stapleford smock windmill on the road to the Gogs. The mill ceased to function in 1910 but continued to provide a shelter for many an owl, jackdaw and wood pigeon until it quietly collapsed on June 22 1945. All that remains is the spinney which protected it from the northern blasts, the lintel of the door with 'R.W. 1803' engraved thereon and the mill stones, one of which may grace a local garden. The land on which the mill once stood has been cleared and will now grow corn which will be sent elsewhere to be ground. 62 03 09a

1962 03 13
An express freight train broke in two as it was passing through Audley End station. The two halves travelled about four miles downhill towards Cambridge and collided on the Ickleton road crossing and bridge outside Gt Chesterford station. A tanker wagon carrying 4,000 gallons of diesel oil was severely damaged causing the oil to spray out over the adjoining fields and seep into a stream.62 03 13 & a & b

Work is underway on a large new factory and other facilities which will greatly increase the scope of boat building by Appleyard Lincoln & Co. of Ely. The project started last year and is now nearly completed. All kinds of conventional boat building are undertaken by the firm which has been inexistence under its present name since 1945. Previously a boat building firm had been established at Ely in 1860. 62 03 13c

1962 03 17
Fire broke out one of the narrowest thoroughfares in Newmarket threatening four shops which were more than 500 years old and constructed almost entirely of wood. The manager of the Freeman, Hardy and Willis' shop saw flames coming from the second storey window of Jack Taylor's pet shop in Market Street, and dashed across the road to the 'Newcabs' taxi office to call the Fire Brigade. The upper rooms were badly burned and the shops damaged by water. But the wooden walls of the buildings survived intact 62 03 17a

1962 03 19
A chapel for the deaf and dumb in Romsey Terrace was packed with people for its ordination. The service was taken and translated into deaf and dumb language by Mr E.G. Gollup, the Missioner. More than £900 is still needed to finish paying for the timber-built chapel which seats about 60 and

has an expected life of 30 years. The Ely Diocesan Deaf and Dumb Association's work began a great many years ago and a hall – close to the chapel – had been used as a meeting place. But people found it easier to pray in a church or chapel and needed a space apart where they could worship. 62 03 19 # c.21.1 # c.83

Dispute over use of land at corner of Castle Street –Shelley Row – Mount Pleasant – 62 03 19a

1962 02 20
The city council want a three-storey car park in King Street, between Malcolm Street and Manor Street. There would be space for 260 cars together with a filling station and a maximum of nine shops. It would form part of the pattern of perimeter car parks with another in Park Street. There would be an inner 'control zone' and an outer area for car parking administered by meters. This would accommodate over 400 more vehicles and relieve congestion. Motorists were reluctant to use parks away from the city centre as they wanted to get as near as possible to their places of work, an Inquiry was told. 62 02 20 & a 62 03 22a # c.26.48

1962 03 21
Rampton County School will probably close when the headmistress, Mrs J. Haird, retires at the end of the summer term. The pupils would be transferred to Cottenham where a Village College will open shortly taking children over 11 years of age from surrounding villages. This will leave the Cottenham County School available for primary education. There would be no real opposition but if there was a public inquiry could be held, councillors were told. 62 03 21

1962 03 22
Two sets of dilapidated cottages in the village of Elsworth have been bought by the Cambridge Cottage Improvement Society. All but one is occupied. About £3,000 will be required to restore them, although the Society is not considering a public appeal at the moment 62 03 22b

A police dog and handler make nightly patrols of Prospect Row where Irish labourers are camping out in empty houses, sleeping on wet mattresses and ripping up floor boards to make fires in the open grates. The houses will be demolished when a home is found for 82 year-old Lily Wilkin, who has lived in the Row all her life. Meanwhile Corporation workmen are stapling strong wire mesh over doors and windows in nearby Brandon Place and Adam and Eve Street. But no attempt can be made to clear the rubbish which litters many of the tiny backyards. 62 03 22 #

1962 03 23
Television may have dislocated the national reading habit, but books still supply a major need in most lives. Bachelor girls curl up with them, insomniacs swallow them, old ladies take them with tea and some children still find in them a world of fantasy which all the idiot boxes' resources cannot replace. Seneca it was who said 'Leisure without books is death and burial of a man alive'. Maybe the burning desire for good reading dims in the light of continental jaunting, do-it-yourself, cinema going, play acting or the other thousand and one activities we devise to keep ourselves from sitting still for five minutes. And though leisure without books may be tolerable, a life without them hardly ears imagining. Browse through any public library and you will find people engrossed in books. For as these pictures taken in the Cambridge Central Library show, book-borrowing is not a matter of pick-and-go. Prospects of delight must be tasted, savoured, chewed over, considered and taken. Or rejected for something more appetising. 62 03 23 # c.77.4

Widnall, Grantchester Old Vicarage and dahlias – feature – 62 03 23b

White Roses at The Hythe, Reach is a Tudor manor house continuously inhabited for more than 400 years. At one time it was a merchant's house with a yard alongside the Quay at the back. It was damaged by fire and the yard destroyed and in 1890, when it became a vicarage, an East wing was added. It features the entrance to a tunnel between the fireplaces, a hidden room which was possibly a

priest hole and seats which came from the old 'Black Susan of the Evil Eye' inn opposite. 62 03 23 c & d

1962 03 24
A new Cambridge boundary stone has been erected in Hauxton Road. It was fashioned at Ivett and Reed's stonemason's yard from a 4¼-ton block of Ketton stone quarried in Rutlandshire. The City crest has been carved in relief instead of embossing and David Reed, son of one of the partners, did the lettering. 62 03 24

1962 03 26
The Central Youth Centre in York Street has closed after twelve years. The farewell dance, with music provided by Johnny Cullen and his Dawnbreakers, was a great success. The hard core members were quite subdued and seemed really sorry that the club was having to close. But youth leader L. Casey is leaving and the lease is expiring. However there are ample facilities for those who wish to join other clubs. 62 03 26 # c.37.9

1962 03 27
A Cambridge scientist is building a new electronic computer between 10 and 100 times faster than any existing machine, capable of over 500 million basic decisions per second. Neil Wiseman, chief engineer at the University mathematical laboratory, is putting all this brain power into a six-inch cube. It may take two years to complete. The existing ESDAC II computer occupies space equivalent to a large living room and has so many valves it needs air conditioning to cool it. 62 03 27 # c.27.5

Robinson Crusoe Island, the strip of grassland in the River Cam between Fen Causeway Bridge and the Mill Pool, is to be developed as a beauty spot. Scudamore's boat building company will plant flower beds and lay lawns; old tree stumps will be uprooted and an old boat store pulled down. It will probably be used as a stopping-off point for people punting or rowing to Grantchester. Extensive works are also being carried out to the river bank along the frontage of the Garden House Hotel as part of a gardens improvement scheme 62 03 27a

1962 03 30
Cambridge Central Library has spent 100 years in Wheeler Street. Drastic and effective reforms took place between 1954 and 1959 to make more efficient use of staff, facilitate access to the shelves for ticket-holders and give the children their own library. Space was cleared in the reference library (formerly the reading room) to seat 47 people. Reference library staff are generally able to lay their hands on a diversity of volumes relating to every aspect of any subject almost before the reader has formulated his real requirements. Year by year the service becomes more far-reaching and the qualifications demanded of librarians become more exacting. 62 03 30 (see cutting)

Sam Giddens, the Guildhall Keeper is the last to leave at night. He was custodian of the Corn Exchange for 11 years before moving to the Guildhall where he supervises the cleaning staff, sees to the heating arrangements, sets out committee rooms and helps the public find their way round the labyrinth of rooms and corridors. "I meet all sorts of people, it's very interesting", he says. But often when he thinks he's finished there'll be some committee or other meeting and he has to stay on. 62 03 30a

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1962 04 02
Fire swept a Horseheath farm causing thousands of pounds work of damage. The 16th century Tudor style College farmhouse on the West Wickham Road was gutted and flames roared into the thatch of nearby farm buildings. About £1,000 worth of stock was scattered into the mud of the stockyard with seconds to spare as burning thatch began to collapse. The fire was spotted by Arthur Tinney of Manor Farm who raced into the barns and let out bullocks, pigs and chickens worth altogether about £1,000. 62 04 02

Police are searching for a silver-grey American car which smashed down level crossing gates in Milton Road. Crossing keeper, Edward Dyson, had just closed the gates ready for the train when a large American car coming from the Milton direction rammed them. It reversed and headed back the way it had come. Members of the Cambridge City Reserves football team returning from their evening match at King's Lynn left their coach and helped drag parts of the broken gates from the rails. Mr Dyson telephoned Chesterton Junction and had a goods train diverted through Ely. 62 04 02a

1962 04 04
Addenbrooke's Hospital to install two-way closed circuit television between Operating Theatre and X-Ray department – 62 04 04 # c.21.4

A wild Muntjak deer, believed to have wandered around Cambridge for more than a year, was cornered and captured by RSPCA officials in the Caius College boathouse. For months people have reported seeing it running across their gardens, nibbling their flowers or walking along main roads. Although tired the deer, about the size of a small dog, was still lively. It was placed in a disused aviary overnight and succeeded in loosening one side with its constant kicking. It was taken to the wooded countryside on the southern outskirts of the city and released. 62 04 04a # c.19

1962 04 05
The new Victoria Ballroom was opened by Ronald Fraser, the film and television star, who had previously appeared at the Regal Cinema as part of its 25th anniversary celebrations. Converted from a café above the Victoria Cinema, it will reduce the number of 'wallflowers' on Saturday nights when special buffet dinner dances are being run at a cost of a guinea for a double ticket. When not in use for dancing it will still be put into service as a café 62 04 05 # c.69.2 # c.76.9

Heavy traffic should be kept away from Cambridge, County Surveyor Robert Lacey told a meeting. The anticipated build-up of through traffic when new roads are built from London into Essex and Hertfordshire and industrial activity develops in Suffolk and Norfolk will mean the construction of by-pass roads round Cambridge, Huntingdon and Newmarket, which he dubs 'The Midlands-East Anglia Motorway' 62 04 05a

The new slaughterhouse in Cheddar Lane, originally a two-storey builder's store, can deal with 60 to 80 cattle units and will be used for the wholesaling of fresh and chilled meat. The premises, provided by Mr R.S. Speechley, a wholesale butcher and slaughterer, replace one built by his father 60 years ago which has fallen behind modern standards. The business was taken over by the Ministry of Food from September 1940 to July 1954. 62 04 05b # c.27

1962 04 06
Cambridge hairdresser, 77-year-old T.H. Harrison is retiring as his shop in Norfolk Street is scheduled for re-development. Most of the neighbouring property has already been demolished. He has been unable to obtain similar accommodation and the new shop that is to be built on the site will be too expensive. He was also a dance pianist for many years touring village halls and playing at the United Football Club Supporters' Club three nights a week. 62 04 06

Stanley Aves, 64, has been a stonemason at the same Cambridge firm since he left school at the age of 12. After a five years' apprenticeship, he began his career making monuments, tablets and bits of Cambridge Colleges. It is a good and interesting trade and, given a lump of stone, he can tell where it was quarried. He used to run a dance band in his younger days. 62 04 06a

The newly-formed Cambridge branch of the Gideons International held its first public meeting. Almost all the local hotels have received Bibles, as have nearly 300 school-leavers and it is hoped to cover all such youngsters each year. Young folk from Queen Edith's Chapel have volunteered to read aloud Bibles given to the Blind Homes in Glisson Road. Twenty Bibles have been given to the

Rehabilitation Centre in Brooklands Avenue. The replacement Addenbrooke's Hospital will be a major challenge in the near future 62 04 06b # c.83

Angel public house, Market Street bought by the unknown purchaser of Macintosh's – 62 04 06c # c.27.4

1962 04 07
Pye components on first space research satellite – 62 04 07 # c.27.1

1962 04 09
The Big Star Show at the Regal Cinema was assured of success before it began, helped by the enthusiasm of modern teenagers with hands sore from clapping, feet aching from stamping and throats sore from shouting. Billy Fury went through his handful of hits, did a series of acrobatic gyrations and left to an onslaught of applause and a stampede of young girls. Eden Kane sang the songs which have made him famous, Joe Brown called for quiet – to no avail - but Shane Fenton and Jackie Lynton received less hero worship and wild enthusiasm. It was a slick show, loved by the teenagers and witnessed with amused benevolence by their elders. 62 04 09 # c.69

1962 04 11
The Isle of Ely has been classified as a 'neutral area' in the Government's scheme for the dispersal of the public in the event of a national emergency. This means one out of which no planned movement was to be considered. 62 04 11a # c.45.8

A special road island will be built so that a 50 ft elm tree can retain its present position near Four Lamps Roundabout. Part of Butt Green has been cut away to make room for a wider roadway and now the tree, which once stood on the Green, is in the middle of the main road. Other elms were cut down as part of the scheme to speed the traffic flow and reduce congestion. Work has taken much longer than expected because of the large number of cables and wires that needed re-routing 62 04 11 # c.18

An inquest was told that a 23-year-old man found dead in his rooms in Emmanuel Road had smoked 'reefer' cigarettes. He'd bought some Indian Hemp in London 62 04 11c

Dant's Ferry, memories and 'Cuckoo' Dant – 62 04 11b # c.44.75

1962 04 13
South Cambs DC Surveyor admitted that their small sewage plant built at Ickleton in 1951 to serve over 20 houses had contravened planning requirements. It was too near some small cottages and had been a bit of a nuisance ever since. They hoped to install main drainage in about four years. In the meantime the village had a high density of septic tank drainage, far in excess of what was now permitted. This meant plans for the erection of 13 bungalows at Coploe Road should be refused, an Inspector was told. 62 04 13a

A glass staircase is just one of the fascinating features of a house in Queen Edith's Way which was built just before the war. It was designed by W.A. Cairns with sweeping curves, enormous bay windows at the front, a canopy above the sun terrace and arched doorways. The framework is of steel and armour-plate glass treads on slim rubber supports. The lounge has a circular mirror decorated with an engraving of a polo pony and rider. Much of the furniture is built in, including a cocktail bar and writing bureau 62 04 13 # c.61.7

Harry Larkins, hurdle maker – 62 04 13b

1962 04 14
The new Scientific Instrument Centre comprising laboratories and factories of Unicam Instruments and W.G. Pye in York Street were opened. The two small companies, both members of the Pye

Group, have won international renown. Unicam is one of the leading manufacturers in the world of photo-electric spectroscopic instruments while W.G. Pye is making a major contribution towards improved accuracy of physical measurements and in the field of chemical analysis. They have more than 1,000 employees with exports exceeding £1m during the last financial year. 62 04 14 # c.27.1

1962 04 16
The parish of St George, Chesterton, has practically doubled in the past five years. Twenty four members of the congregation were engaged in welcoming new families on the new King's Hedges Estate. But the need for the appointment of a curate to assist the Vicar, the Rev J. Degwel Thomas, was urgent. Amongst those elected to the Parochial Church Council were Donald & Derrick Flory. 62 04 16a # c.83

An electrical storm near Isleham was the most violent in living memory. It lasted only 15 minutes but behind it there was a trail of shattered fir poles, dead cable and a jagged crack running down a farmhouse wall. The storm hit the area with such force that the top half of electricity poles carrying 11,000 volt cable between Elderberry and Burn Foot Tree farms were split in half. Scientists have noticed that electrical storms are becoming more violent, especially in the Fens. The area around Burwell has always experienced storms of greater severity due, possibly, to an excess of iron content in the sub-soil 62 04 16b

The Cambridge Daily News moved from its old premises in St Andrews Street to the new buildings in Newmarket Road at the weekend. It began in earnest as soon as the presses stopped running off the late sports editions on Saturday evening. Then the removal men moved in equipped with a five-ton crane for lifting linotype print setting machines to augment new ones already at the new works. To take the machines from the old building a special door was made in the wall opening onto the Post Office Telephone Department yard next door. Runners and skids were placed under the linotype machines then teams of workmen pushed them across the floor into the doorway ready for the crane to do the rest. The offices were easier to move, tables and chairs typewriters and books presenting problems. Throughout the weekend fleets of van, lorries and cars plied backwards and forwards between the two buildings. The move had to be completed in one go. Unlike most offices a newspaper cannot close up for the day. The process of news-gathering must go on. The move is now complete although there is still a branch office in St Andrew's Street for the convenience of the public for the insertion of advertisements and payments of accounts.– 62 04 16c # c.04

1962 04 17
Parking meter plan unveiled – 62 04 17

1962 04 19
Francis Leach, stained glass artist and sculptor – obituary – 62 04 19 # c.63

City Architect's Department dispute over set-up – 62 04 19a # c.35.7

Rampton school closure dispute – 62 04 19a

1962 04 21
CND column of vehicles tour bases to Mepal etc – 62 04 21 # c.45.8

1962 04 23
The massive square building of the Cambridge Maltings on Newmarket Road is where barley is converted into malt for malted food and beverages but mainly for brewing into light ale. The loading room holds row upon row of sacks bulging with fat, glossy barley grains which has to be dried in a huge perforated drum. It is carried to bins where it is rested for six weeks and then conveyed to the square brick tower which rises higher than the main malt-house roof. When the process is complete it is hauled by electric elevators on to lorries to be taken to the leading breweries. 62 04 23 & a # c.27.41

Tiger Moth crashes at Caxton – 62 04 23b # c.26.1

'Prowlers' pop group – photo – 62 04 23c # c.69

1962 04 24
University to survey car parking in streets – 62 04 24

1962 04 25
St Giles Cricket Club history – 62 04 25 # c.38 : cricket

1962 04 27
Leonard Sewell, lock keeper Jesus Green, Jackie Mather groom instructress – 62 04 27

Mitcham's Corner traffic-flow experiments – 62 04 27a

In 1851 Mr Alfred Bodger, 'Hosier, Glover and Shirtmaker', founded his Gentlemen's Outfitting shop opposite Holy Trinity Church. As business grew he added a tailoring shop and in 1934 moved to the present site on the corner of Sidney Street and Green Street. In 1946 the ready-to-wear site was enlarged. More expansion followed in 1954 and now internal alterations are complete allowing a full range of goods to be shown. But friendly and personal attention is always available – Advert 62 04 27b # c.27.2

1962 04 30
Lakenheath Hall, the 16th-century former home of Sir Charles Briscoe was destroyed by fire. When firemen arrived the 23-roomed thatched house was well alight. Several American servicemen and their wives who live in the village assisted in removing furniture. Farmer Henry Smith brought the house just over a year ago 62 04 30

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament's mock funeral march through the centre of Cambridge caused traffic congestion, provoked an anti-CND march and met with a noisy reception from undergraduates in the Market Square. The 'funeral cortege' stretched for 300 yards behind a child's coffin carried by two pall bearers. Altogether 400 'mourners' took part in the march including Mr Gabor Cossa, the antique dealer. A Committee of 100 contingent joined in a demonstration at the Government buildings in Brooklands Avenue 62 04 30a # c.45.8

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1962 05 01
An experiment at Mitcham's Corner designed to speed up rush hour traffic brought protests from road users and residents. Cars and lorries were brought to a complete standstill for up to ten minutes in Chesterton Hall Crescent which was used to siphon off traffic from Milton and Gilbert Roads. Residents protested saying it was a fiasco and the scheme should be abandoned. There were 16 children under ten years of age living in the Crescent and they felt strongly for their safety 62 05 01a

Hayley Wood Appeal fund raises £5,000 – 62 05 01a

1962 05 02
Russell Wortley with Cambridge Morris Men – 62 05 02

Highsett, Hills Road, comprises elegant town houses in a sheltered green and pleasant place. Designed by a leading architect, they include a large living room, study, two double bedrooms and well-equipped kitchen. House warming is by underfloor heating, thermostatically controlled. No cold spots, no stoking, no dust. Good insulation keeps running costs down. They are grouped round a central landscaped green maintained through a Residents Society which is also responsible for

structural repairs and external decoration. First house ready soon on 99 years lease, £4,975. Span Developments. Advert 62 05 02a # c.23

1962 05 03
An inquiry into the Bradmore Street area heard that 119 houses between Petersfield, East Road, Broad Street and the CCAT were unfit for human habitation and should be demolished under the slum clearance plan. The area would be used for extensions to the college and the Mill Road Sorting Office. But six householders objected. One lady had lived in her home for 50 years, she was 89 and blind and would find it difficult to move. Another had been deaf and dumb from birth; she had lived there for 54 years and was frightened at the prospect of being relocated. 62 05 03a # c.49.4 # c.44.6

1962 05 05
Whittlesford was a beautiful village and should be preserved as it was, Mr J.H. Tickell of The Manor told an inquiry into a proposal to build 49 houses. 'Scotts' had been an attractive feature of the High Street for more than 200 years and was a listed building. But developers said the house was in an appalling and even dangerous condition, beyond economic or practical repair, restoration or preservation. The existing services, electricity and water would not be strained, though there was no main drainage and the five houses per acres was not excessive development, either visually or socially. The owner of the Whittlesford Manufacturing Company said some houses were necessary but should be in character 62 05 05

1962 05 07
Mr Jack Cotton and Mr Charles Clore, the property millionaires, have bought the site of Heffer's from Emmanuel College on the understanding that the bookshop will be rehoused in any new redevelopment of Petty Cury. Their company, City Centre Properties, acquired the adjoining Lion Hotel site last year. The Director of Dolamore, the wine merchants, who hold the freehold of most of the corner with Guildhall Street, would not say whether they had also approached them. Recently this part of Petty Cury was included in the area scheduled for redevelopment. The firm also have an interest in the New Theatre site which is now being demolished to be replaced by a block of offices 62 05 07 # c.49.67

1962 05 08
Cambridge Evening News new building on Newmarket Road – supplement – 62 05 08 also a

For the first time the Cambridge Daily News is housed in a modern building on Newmarket Road building created for its needs. The production of the Cambridge Daily News in its new large page form occupies the major part of the premises and its processing forms the bulk of the day-to-day activities. It also accommodates the range of weekly newspapers produced by Cambridge Newspapers Ltd. At the centre of these is the Cambridge Independent Press which has separate editorial offices in the building. The combined editorial output is set in type in a specialist printing department and is printed in the rotary press room which forms a large section of the new building. The main section of the building is on three floors. The ground floor office accommodation houses the editorial section with offices for the editors, reporters, general and sport sub editors, news agency teleprinters, "copy taking" and interviewing. Each reporter has his own desk with a spring loaded device which allows his typewriter to be swung out of sight at a touch of the fingertips. There is a telephone kiosk built into the corner of the room which is used for confidential calls or those coming from a long distance which require quiet surroundings for easy listening. Typists in the copytaking room transcribe telephoned stories while national news and photographs sent by wire or radio are received in the teleprinter room. On the first floor housed in the west wing are the Board Room and the officers of the managing director together with the offices of the advertising manager and his department. For members of the public who called in to discuss advertising matters, an interview room is provided. Facilities are included for the reception of telephone advertisements. A corridor gives access to other officers including that of the assistant manager and to the main photographic and engraving department where pictures used in the Cambridge Daily News are processed from the staff photographers' glazed print to the etched printing block. A lift carries the finished product to the

printing works below. The main accounts section is located on the second floor together with staff dining hall and kitchens and store rooms. The site includes car parking spaces and the garage which houses the transport section and which provides facilities for washing and greasing the fleet of vans. There is also ample room for dealing with reels of newsprint which are delivered direct into underground storage rooms, and with printing ink which, bought in bulk buy a tanker, is pumped into underground storage tanks. For the future, a considerable amount of space has been left for both officers and equipment full stop in the rotary press room a series of concrete sections in the floor can be lifted to have further units of the press if necessary 62 05 08b
Producing the pictures – 62 05 08d, composition of pages – 62 05 08e, foundry – 08f, printing works – 08g, machine produces 40,000 copies hourly – 08h, despatch – 08i, transport – 08j # c.04

1962 05 09
Cambridge University wants to erect a petrol filling station on Huntingdon Road using land designated for educational and research requirements – Inquiry 62 05 09

Cambridgeshire Planning Department has described the University's scheme to create a new regional shopping centre in the Fitzroy Street area as 'basically an impractical proposal'. Their idea is incompatible with the County Development Plan principle of restricting industrial and population growth. The extra traffic would mean roads would have to be improved to urban motorway standard and rehousing the existing residential population would impose a severe strain on the building industry 62 05 09a # c.49.66

1962 05 10
The clean-cut façade of the offices of Messrs Ellison & Co. show up well at the end of the little court in the passageway between the Lion Hotel and Heffer's bookshop in Petty Cury. The offices were acquired by the Clore-Cotton Group's City Centre Properties when they bought the premises occupied by Heffer's and the freehold of that part of the Lion Hotel formerly held on lease from Emmanuel College. The area is scheduled for redevelopment as part of the Lion Yard scheme. 62 05 10a # c.44.6

Lt Shelford shop keeper inquest – 62 05 10

The 80 women who work among the paper Christmas trees at Whittlesford are hopping mad with Mr J.H. Tickell who runs one of the village public houses. He told an inquiry "We do not want more factories in the village as they attract the wrong sort of girls". They ride their cycles three or four abreast down village streets, indulge in raucous behaviour and give the female equivalent of a wolf whistle if any man passes, he claimed. But the owner of the paper-decoration factory says they were nearly all respectable married women and a few single girls of very good character. 62 05 10b

1962 05 11
More than a century ago the Old Tea Garden on the East bank of the River Stour, close to Barnwell Bridge, was a fashionable resort. Skittles and bowls were the favourite pastime and there was dancing to the harp and fiddle on the spacious lawns after dark. It is no longer open to the public. A large well-constructed timber-roofed building is now used as a garage. It has a brick fireplace and the long floor of the skittle alley which ends ina padded wall. The brook has been fence off from the lovely garden, some of which has been absorbed by the Cambridge United Football Ground. More will go when Barnwell Bridge is widened. 62 05 11 – note: History of Co-operative Dairy and creamery # c.27 # c.61.2

1962 05 12
Renovations being carried out at the Green Dragon Public House in Chesterton have led to the discovery of coins and business cards over 100 years old. They were found by the licensee, John Harrison, after a mantle shelf was taken down over the fireplace in the public bar. The coins include a Rochdale halfpenny from the 1790s showing a spinner at a weaving loom while one of the cards relate to a General Election of 1835. The pub itself is of considerable age, having been granted an inn

licence in 1630 when it afforded 'sufficient entertainment for 20 men and horses in bedding and stable rooms' 62 05 12 # c.27.4

1962 05 14
Some 28 miles of concrete fen roads around Isleham, Soham, Willingham and Swaffham Prior are to be taken over by the County Council over a period of up to three years. Cambridgeshire Farmers Union had requested they should be adopted and maintained at public expense. The Internal Drainage Boards had agreed to finance the cost of bringing them up to satisfactory standard 62 05 14

A Cambridge electronic engineer says his research work into colour television has been set back by six months after highly secret plans were stolen. A specialist gang got into the Golden Rule Laboratory at a converted public house, the Seven Stars in Litlington, and went straight for the files. They also took another device to enable the blind to see electronically. Edward Jaggers has warned his agents in Paris and Geneva about the raid. 65 05 14 # c.27.8

1962 05 16
The Littleport and Downham Drainage Commissioners first met at the Club Hotel, Ely, in 1756 and it was there they gathered for a celebration luncheon before driving five miles to Oxlode for the opening of a £65,000 all electric pumping station. Lord De Ramsey switched on two 320 hp motors capable of discharging 270 tons of water a minute. Together with two diesel-driven pumps they will serve one-third of the area they administer. Two more stations will be built near Denver Sluice and at Littleport to bring a big improvement to land that was suffering from poor drainage through the gradual wastage of the peat. 62 05 16 # c.29

1962 05 17
"Audley Cottage", Grantchester, which also houses the Grantchester Stores, was sold by auction for £6,000. The cottage is officially listed as a building of special architectural or historic interest. It faces Grantchester Meadows, dates from the 17th century and in addition to traditional latticed dormer windows has some quaint wood carving on the front. 62 05 17

Royal Flying Corps history – feature – 62 05 17a

1962 05 18
Five-room transportable homes which are made in two sections and take a day to erect are springing up round the county. Called a 'Sun Cottage' it can be put on any land where there is permission for a caravan and is regarded as a mobile home, even though the wheels may be taken off. Costing £1,000 it has an aluminium exterior with asbestos between the two sections and full insulation. Rooms are generously proportioned with a fitted sink unit and cupboards. One is being used by Mr & Mrs L.R. Hilberry of the Timber Yard, Pampisford. 62 05 18

Betty Rea, the sculptor, was taught by Henry Moore at the Royal College of Art – profile – 62 05 18a

1962 05 19
Cambridgeshire Table Tennis Association was formed in September 1936 and won their first match against Bury St Edmunds with a team comprising Messrs Humphries, Betterman, Stearn, Constable and Nunn. The finger spin service which was then very fashionable tended to bemuse the Cambridge players to a certain degree. Youngsters John Thurston and George Lawrence made a name for themselves while John Cornwell had several fine victories over international players. The Y.M.C.A. team were county champions in the inauguration year and repeated the feat in 1962 – the Silver Jubilee year. 62 05 19

1962 05 21
The burial ground which surrounds Dry Drayton church is almost full and no longer adequate for the future requirements of the village. So an adjacent burial ground was consecrated by the Bishop of Ely. 62 05 21

Sir – one of the loveliest spots on the River Granta is being destroyed. I refer to the woods on the upper river aptly called 'Paradise' During the war the hedge that gave shelter from the wind all the way to Grantchester was taken away along with a number of fine young walnut trees. Byron's Pool has lost all its former beauty and is an eyesore, filled up with tree branches and mud so that swimming is dangerous. Up to 1945 the water was crystal clear and drinkable. Now it has become a dirty, muddy stream, polluted and unfit for bathing – B.G. Cash. 65 02 21

1962 05 22
Jerzy Kazimerz Starnecki, the chief engineer and head of development at W.G. Pye, York Street, was born in Poland and served with their armed forced during the war. In 1947 he joined Pye as leader of a small team engaged in problems encountered in armoured fighting vehicles. He was responsible for the design of a complete new optical system used in the gunsight of the Conqueror tank, servo-controlled automatic stabilising gear and the C 42 Army V.H.F. communications set. His far-sighted thinking and sound engineering knowledge influenced the design of many instruments, one of his latest products being a multi-way rotary switch 62 05 22

1962 05 24
Queen's Hill at Worlington was built after the war and features an exceptional landscaped garden with long lawns backed by yew hedges leading to a large pond and rockery. The combined lounge and dining room runs the length of the south side and opens on to the terrace with a patio which forms a sun trap. The double garage, approachable from the hall, is always kept in a good state of decoration and with pictures, a carpet and furniture is quickly transformed into a supper room when entertaining. 62 05 24

1962 05 28
Histon church burial yard consecrated 62 05 28b

1962 05 29
The Queen arrived in Cambridge to a fanfare of trumpets and over 2,000 people stood in the biting wind to welcome her as she opened the new Addenbrooke's Hospital. With Miss M.M. Puddicombe, the hospital matron, she walked past a line of nurses to the marquee where the ceremony was held before touring various wards speaking to patients. Later the Queen visited King's College chapel to see the newly-installed Rubens painting and toured the Papworth Village Settlement 62 05 28 & a 62 05 29a # c.02 # c.21.4

Fuel cells may soon provide power for motor cars, writes Rodney Tibbs, News motoring correspondent. The cells, which were developed by Mr Bacon of Great Shelford, have an ability to produce electric current. I remember that at the original demonstration in Cambridge the cell was shown operating a fork lift truck. Now the Chrysler Corporation say they may take the place of conventional car power units within the next ten years. The immediate goal is to produce a cell which will use a simple hydrocarbon fuel such as petrol mixed with air in place of dangerous gases 62 05 29 # c.26.48

1962 05 31
The Quay Brewery, Broad Street, Ely has been sold by auction to Robinson and Gimbert, the building contractors. Part of the site will be used for residential development. Steward and Patterson have moved into new premises so the brewery was surplus to their requirements. 62 05 31

The University's proposals for the future development of Cambridge are designed to enhance its character as a university town. The Lion Yard area should include a multi-purpose public hall, for which they have offered to pay half, a new public library, exhibition gallery and arts centre. There would be a regional shopping centre in the City Road area including department and chain stores with large scale car parking and the segregation of pedestrians from traffic. 62 05 31a # c.49.4

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1962 06 01
Thieves last night cleared almost the whole stock of lightweight coats, suits and cocktail dresses from the upstairs showroom of Hutton, the women's outfitters in Petty Cury. Only clothes in the showroom window were untouched. Evening dresses were left heaped on the floor and bridal gowns left on their hangers, indicating that the thieves were disturbed. Police say the raiders carried bundles of dresses to a van parked in the narrow Alexandra Street near the shop. 62 06 01

Stetchworth mill dates back more than 250 years. It was a working watermill until four years ago but has now been converted into a quaint compact house by Miss M.E. Chadburn, the artist. The mechanism, which was driven by steam, was in front and its position is now covered by lawns. Inside is an enormous studio which absorbs the entire first floor; the bricks are left unplastered and the high ceiling gives a wonderful sense of freedom. In the lounge the owner's skill with horse studies is reflected in the plaster relief decoration at the back of the fireplace. It is a fascinating, beautifully planned home. 62 06 01a

From being almost a novelty, the steam engine has come to be regarded with sentimental veneration, receiving the same loving care and attention as vintage motor cars. The Pumfrey family of Duxford have owned a Ruston and Proctor seven n.h.p. engine since it was bought new in 1914 while Mr H. Nicholls of Cheveley has preserved a 1902 single crank compound Burrell which was used for estate work at Fordham Abbey. The Taylor brothers of Wimbish, who have a reputation for being assiduous collectors, displayed the formidable Fowler 18 n.h.p. double crank compound ploughing machine built in 1918 and still occasionally used for ploughing and mole draining 62 06 01a

Willingham often finds itself with a very low water pressure because so much water is required for the village's extensive irrigation systems and its large quantity of glasshouses which almost outnumber the houses. In 1912 the Willingham Water and General Supply Company was established. They built a water tower and installed pipes and pumps, making it one of the most important horticultural areas in the region. Chesterton RDC took over responsibility in 1955 and has agreed with the Ramsey and St Ives Joint Water Board for additional supplies in an emergency. 62 06 01b

University plans for city – 62 06 01c # c.49.4

1962 06 04
Mackay engineering firm celebrate 50-year jubilee – 62 06 04 # c.27

1962 06 05
A site at the junction of Bray's Lane and the Market Place at Ely has remained vacant since it was bought about 15 years ago with the erection of a new cinema in mind. At present it accommodates the headquarters of the St John Ambulance Brigade who are moving to New Barns Road. It has now been purchased by a London Company, Central and Provincial Properties, who hope to erect a retail store not more than two stories high 62 06 05

1962 06 06
Camera club exhibition includes photographs by J.H. Scoon – 62 06 06 # c.65.5

1962 06 07
Shipowners' Refrigerated Cargo Research Association new research lab opened, Newmarket Rd 62 06 07 # c.27

1962 06 08
Somewhere behind Cherry Hinton's façade of newness lies a village. But suburbia is spreading its tentacles into the furthest corners with the noise of cement mixers churning and hammers hammering as estates mushroom out of meadows. Even now the new estates seem to breathe a slightly dispirited

air. Individualism is drowned in blanket development. People must be housed and it was inevitable that Cherry Hinton would be swallowed. But no-one who condemns the grey terraces which run beside the Tin Walk can view the new development with joy. 62 06 08 # c.44.3

Dalham Hall – feature – 62 06 08a

Cambridge railway station will become the "Gateway to East Anglia" when a new high speed passenger service to Oxford is introduced. At present there is only one through train a day between the two University cities but now a further seven will speed the service, some taking only two hours for the journey. From Cambridge there is easy access to Norwich and resorts such as Hunstanton, Lowestoft and Yarmouth. 62 06 08b # c.26.2

Sir – the subject of traffic problems is perennially popular. I suggest building an orbital road around Cambridge with a number of tiered car parks. All cars would be required to park and the journey would be completed by bus. Since everyone would use them the service would be well patronised. It would spare Cambridge from being a mere island set amid roads and car parks, bathed in swirling mists of exhaust, serenaded by that odious sound of creeping, choking traffic – R. Hennessey, Brookside. 62 06 08c # c.49.62

1962 06 11
New Post Office trunk telephone exchange planned – feature – 62 06 11 # c.27.75

1962 06 13
One of Cambridge's best known and most colourful characters, Dr John Ernest Allen has died a few days before his 90th birthday. He was a familiar figure as, dressed in plus fours, he rode along the Cambridge streets on his tricycle in all weathers. But another character, Dr Frank Leavis of Downing College, was spared seeing his books burnt on the steps of Great St Mary's Church. The Milton Society annually burns the poems of T.S. Eliot who has attacked Milton the poet in a tradition that dates back to 'the mists of time'. But newspapers had suggested they'd be attacking Dr Leavis personally which was not a proper thing to do as he'd just retired. 62 06 13 # c.39

1962 06 14
Huntingdon's narrow High Street may be closed to traffic to form a pedestrian shopping precinct. An inquiry into proposals to redevelop no.35 High Street as a supermarket was told it was presently let as a fish shop, at the rear was a 16th-century house, now unoccupied, and an old tithe barn. It had dry rot and woodworm, a section was structurally unsound and it needed a great deal spent on repairs. But planners said rebuilding would have a detrimental effect on the architectural and historic interest of the street which includes numerous ancient buildings 62 06 14

1962 06 15
When dress designer Mr R. Newton first saw the mid 15th-century Dower House at Pampisford he immediately decided to buy it, even though it had a demolition order, holes in the thatched roof and bulging plaster. He banked on there being substantial beams and persuaded a builder to strip it of all the old plaster. Once it was virtually a wooden skeleton the walls were built up again, making it practically a new house. It now has a new thatched roof and oak façade with a new staircase and only a few beams separating the lounge from the breakfast room. 62 06 15

Landbeach School was overcrowded with 49 children divided into an infant and junior class for which there are two teachers. It would be better if it were closed with children going to Waterbeach. But the County did not have the right to shut a Church-controlled school unless there was one nearby, and that at Milton was already full. Parents were opposed: the school had been part of the life of the village for 200 years; once closed it was most unlikely there would ever be another one. 62 06 15a

1962 06 18

Two local men were on the footplate of a B.1 class locomotive when it steamed out of Cambridge Railway Station to close an 80 years' period of railway history. Driver Bertram George and fireman Ivor Wilson were in charge of the 100-ton engine as it left the goods sidings with one carriage and a truck. It was the last train to leave Cambridge hauled by a steam engine. During the weekend a dozen other steam locomotives were driven or pulled to engine sheds in London as railwaymen finally severed their connections with the 'steamers'. Now all trains are being hauled by the new high-speed diesel locomotives 62 06 18

1962 06 20
Eleanor Summerfield, the actress who stars in the film 'Petticoat Pirates' with Charlie Drake, and her husband Leonard Sachs, well-known as the chairman of the BBC tv 'Good Old Days' have bought a weekend cottage at Wilburton. Most Fridays they motor down from London with their two sons and at the moment they are attacking the garden. The cottage was advertised as having a river running by the garden and is in an isolated position. Mrs Sachs always thought she disliked flat country but as begun to appreciate the magic of the fens and the wonderful expanse of sky. The people are 'so gentle, kind and good natured' 62 06 20

1962 06 21
County council 'At Home' on lawns of Shire Hall – 62 06 21

1952 06 22
The shortage of water in Huntingdon has become so serious that the Borough Surveyor has warned residents that supplies may be cut off in parts of the town for selected periods. The level in the water tower has reached such a low level that there is insufficient pressure to reach the higher buildings. The Fire Brigade is pumping water to the County Hospital to enable it to carry on and workmen may be laid off at the Silent Channel Company's factory, where car accessories are manufactured. The villages of Brampton, Ellington, Easton and Spaldwick might soon be entirely without supplies. 62 06 22

Toft Methodist Church celebrated its centenary with a gathering of 500 people in a barn at Orchard Farm. This was appropriate as both John Bunyan and John Wesley had preached in such a building very near the present chapel. Prior to the rally and afternoon service and a tea had been held and the celebrations will conclude with a barn dance. 62 06 22a

The legends about a tunnel from Sawston Hall to the Gogs have been discounted by recent sewage excavations. But some villages say they did not go deep enough. During damp or misty weather a particularly dense line of fog may be seen stretching from the hall across the new churchyard in the direction of the Gogs. Others think a tunnel would have been further east, missing the churchyard or at the bottom of the Tudor lavatory shute, very near the famous hiding hole in the tower. 62 06 22b

1962 06 23
Two village railway stations may be closed by British Railways. Only five people a day use Black Bank station on the main March line; the buildings are gradually subsiding into the fenland soil leaving the former stationmaster's house in a poor condition. And only eight people a day use the 11 stopping trains at Harston station; by closing it they could save nearly £700 a year. 62 06 23

1962 06 25
University plans for the future of Cambridge envisage that in the Lion Yard there would be a new hall for conferences, concerts and all kinds of music with a new library, small shops, cafes and homes for 300 people. A new regional shopping centre in City Road would be free of all vehicular traffic and there could be more homes on the site than before. The housing areas which are close to the centre are also the oldest and many are in need of redevelopment. Already 4,000 people have had to leave since 1950 but the University wants to see at least as many living in these areas as were there ten years go. 62 06 25 # c.49.4

1962 06 27
University development plans attacked – 62 06 27 # c.49.4

1962 06 28
Addenbrooke's Hospital development plans – 62 06 28 # c.21.4

St Ives water shortage very serious – 62 06 28

1962 06 29
Violet Stormont combines the duties of housewife with her job a petrol attendant at a Cambridge garage, providing a cheerful on-the-spot service to passing motorists. Dark haired and smart in her official uniform she finds the work more interesting than her previous job as a children's nurse. She says that male motorists are invariably more polite and considerate that the average woman driver. 62 06 29

1962 96 39
Cambridge's last surviving Victorian post-box outside King's College main gates is to disappear for a month while workmen redo the surface of the college forecourt. It will be replaced in a slightly different position and the lamps will also move back a bit. At the moment the workmen are preparing to re-lay flagstones and cobbles, which are badly worn. The side walls are also to be moved back about four feet on each side. 62 06 30 # c.27.7

About 250 people were ferried across the River Ouse at Ely for an open day staged by Appleyard, Lincoln and Company the boatbuilding company which was formed in 1944 from a business which had its origins in the early 1800's. The new factory has increased facilities for the manufacture of fibre-glass craft for sale and hire, expanding their fleet of ten cabin cruisers operating on the fenland waterways. 62 06 30a

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1962 07 02
Longstowe villagers are angry that their water was completely shut off for three days. At midnight just a trickle of water came through allowing people to fill buckets and cans. Postmistress Mrs A.M. Prewett was constantly asked to telephone the District Council. They said the water was only shut off at night but the heavy demand was too great for the main, resulting in the daytime shortage. It was not until the Fire Brigade arrived with containers that the water came on in the taps. Gamlingay and several other villages also experienced difficulties. 62 07 02

St Mary's Church, Swaffham Bulbeck, held a parade to mark the feast of St Peter, reviving a ceremony that has not been celebrated for 30 years. Led by Burwell Band, members of the British Legion, Fire Brigade, Sunday School and Mother's Union processed round the village, stopping five times for the band to play. The parade was followed by a flower-decked hay cart depicting the carpentry and stone mason's tools being used in the restoration of the south aisle of the church 62 07 02a

1962 07 03
King's College excavations reveal foundations of old buildings along King's Parade – 62 07 03 # c.41

H.C. Banham launch first fibre-glass hulled boat – 62 07 03a # c.26.3

1962 07 05
A leather bag containing 22 sticks of gelignite has been found in a wagon of coal delivered to Newmarket Railway Station. The locked wagon had been taken to the Co-operative Coal Depot in All Saints Road where the bag was discovered. Staff thought it contained tools but on opening they discovered sticks of gelignite wrapped in grease-proof paper. These looked very damp and dangerous

so police were called. There was no question of the explosive being delivered with anybody's coal. The bag is thought to have belonged to a shot-firer who worked at the coal mine. 62 07 05

Transferring Royston into Cambridgeshire would be a 'disaster', the Clerk to Royston council told a Local Government Commission inquiry. Before 1896 the town was half in Cambridgeshire but then it was created an urban district in Hertfordshire. Any expansion of industry or population would come from Herts or London. Residents say their present council services are effective and convenient and any change would be a retrograde step. 62 07 05a

County Council plans for a new "inner relief road" linking the Huntingdon Road-Castle Hill junction with Hyde Park Corner would cost £932,000 (£16.3m today). There would be a new bridge over the Cam at Jesus Green with an underpass at Four Lamps before the road continued to Parkside and Regent Street. This figure did not include the cost of acquiring additional land. It was needed to deal with traffic problems in Magdalene Street which is very narrow, an Inquiry was told. 62 07 05b # c.49.6

Abberley House, Gt Shelford is the HQ of the county Civil Defence Corps. In a nuclear war Wardens would give advice, Communications and Intelligence sections control operations and Scientists go out after an attack to collect technical information. First aiders would supplement the ambulance service, Rescue workers free trapped survivors while Welfare staff would provide food, shelter and clothing. Members of the C.D. are only asked to give as much time as they can spare and more volunteers are needed. 62 07 05c # c.45.8

1962 07 06
University architects have built a revolutionary new structure, the first of its kind in the world. The hemispherical artificial sky has been built in the grounds of Scroope Terrace 62 07 06

1962 07 09
Plans for an 11-storey block of 60 flats on the junction of Roseford Road and Carlton Way met with opposition from residents concerned it would cut out a lot of light from nearby houses. Members of the Arbury Playgrounds and Open Spaces Committee say it is the only open space apart from the recreation ground on this side of the estate which will eventually house 10,000 people. You could not blame teenagers for getting into trouble if they had nowhere to go. 62 07 09

1962 07 10
Musical history of East Anglia – Charles Cudworth lecture – 62 07 10 # c.69

1962 07 11
A large proportion of the strawberries you eat will have been picked by Cambridgeshire women who have spent most of their lives working on the land. They start in the Spring picking daffodils and follow through the season with flowers, soft fruit and finally apples. The short season for the different fruit and flowers prevents the work becoming monotonous. During the summer holidays their children join them. This is how most of the women were introduced to picking themselves, starting at six o'clock in the morning. There is no age limit and the most efficient are over 60 years of age. 62 07 11

1962 07 12
A four-storey hospital is being erected at RAF Lakenheath, replacing a number of smaller buildings. It will be one of the best US military hospitals in the UK, catering for 150 'in-patients' with a dental clinic, X-ray laboratory and an ultra-modern operating theatre with surgeons able to handle every type of emergency. The hospital faces the main road, some distance away from the noise of jet aircraft taking off from the base. 62 07 12

Briscoe Snelson, Cambridgeshire Rowing Association secretary – 'Sporting Personality' cartoon – 62 07 12a # c.65.5

1962 07 13
Badlingham Manor, a picturesque moated hose at Chippenham, has retained its character while benefiting from extensive modernisation. Centrally heated by an oil-fired boiler, it has been fitted with practically every labour saving device and a modern kitchen. Many rooms have new wood-block floors but heavy beams in the entrance hall originally came from a ship while wrought iron fittings and decorations in the brick fireplaces date back to the 17th century. 62 07 13

The fabulous Pye model 1001 is the low-cost record player with the high-price look. It has a fashionable cabinet in two-tone blue/white with gilt finishings and an easily detachable clip-on lid. It is simple to operate – one knob turns it on and off and provides more volume than you'll ever need – and plays all speeds and sizes of records. And all this for only 12½ guineas (about £220 in today's money) - Advertisement 62 07 13a

1962 07 14
Ely Co-operative Society's shop in Market Street suffered thousands of pounds worth of damage when fire broke out in the upstairs drapery and fashion departments. It started in a small store beneath a staircase, then burned through the ceiling. Large quantities of clothing were destroyed or damaged by smoke and the heat became so intense that plastic coat-hangers melted. Business continues in the grocery, haberdashery and hardware sections on the ground floor. 62 07 14

1962 07 19
The University's plans for Cambridge envisage a new shopping area off Fitzroy Street providing sites for large retailing units, segregated pedestrians and vehicular traffic areas and car parking close enough for shoppers to walk. All future schemes for redevelopment of University sites should have adequate car parking; this is the University's view and they will bear their share of the car parking burden, the Estate Manager told an Inquiry. 62 07 19 # c.49.4

1962 07 20
The Coypu is a large aquatic rodent from South America. It has enormous orange coloured incisors, brown fur, a long naked tail and webbed hind feet. It was introduced into England 30 years ago and bred on fur farms. The business came to an end in the war when some of the animals escaped and set up colonies. They are now a menace, burrowing into river banks, digging up potatoes and eating sugar beet to ground level. They survived the hard winters of 1940, 1947 and 1954 and there is now only a faint hope of them being wiped out by severe frost. Last year a culling campaign killed more than 40,000 in East Anglia 62 07 20

Kentford – Lillie Langtry's cottage – 62 07 20a

St Bede's Roman Catholic Secondary School in Birdwood Road was formally opened by the Bishop of Northampton. It is a co-educational school for 300 pupils with eight classrooms and a library, together with craft, woodwork and housecraft rooms and laboratories. There is a combined hall and gymnasium together with a kitchen and dining hall which can be used for teaching space. The facilities are excellent in every direction. The school was opened to pupils after Easter. 62 07 20b # c.36.5

1962 07 21
Balloon ascents – historical feature – 62 07 21 # c.26.1

1962 07 23
Car belonging to J. Kidman the builder stolen and used as getaway car in wages snatch – 62 07 23

Development of shops, maisonettes and a filling station on corner Perne Road and Cherryhnton Road 62 07 24

1962 07 26

The Queens Head public house at Newton is in bad repair and the owners, Flowers Breweries, have asked the County Council if they would like to buy it together with two adjoining cottages. They could then all be demolished to make way for a road improvement scheme. The pub renders the corner completely blind. If the pub were to be renovated and extended this would make any clearance much more expensive in the future 62 07 26

1962 07 27
Stapleford Hall, thatched house – 'Other people's home' article 62 07 27

1962 07 30
The old general stores and filling station at Rampton are being dwarfed by the new stores rising behind them. The premises are being built for A.E. Young, who has run the business for 33 years. One unusual feature is a 28-feet unsupported span of ribbed concrete which forms the roof. This part of the structure was produced in Cambridge by Sindall Concrete 62 07 30

Shudy Camps School is closing after 100 years and the retiring headmistress, Mrs D.K. Edwards was presented with a silver tea service. She could look back over her 35 years teaching with pride. She had sought no promotion but been content to stay in this excellent little school in this excellent little village providing a wise and kindly guidance to the many children who had passed through her care. No other teacher had served so long. A few years ago proposals to close the school brought a storm of protest but now improvements have been made at Castle Camps school and the children will go there 62 07 30a

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1962 08 01
A Cambridgeshire bungalow stuck together with glue has been chosen by 'Ideal Home' magazine as one of its 'houses of the year'. Situated in a large secluded garden at Stapleford it uses epoxy resins made by CIBA at Duxford. The framework is built of plywood beams strengthened with struts glued with resin and other of the firm's products, such as shipboard panels have also been used. It is hoped that the principal can be adopted on a larger scale and adapted to all kinds of buildings. 62 08 01

Fellows of Gonville and Caius College saw the shape of things to come when they toured the College's newly constructed Harvey Court designed by Sir Leslie Martin, the University Professor of Architecture. It is the first of a new range of University and College buildings in West Road providing bed-sitting rooms for 100 undergraduates and Fellows, allowing them to spend two years in college instead of one. The building will be inspected by architects from U.N.E.S.C.O. 62 08 01a # c.44.5

1962 08 06
West Wratting windmill was in a bad state of repair until restored recently by Miss V.Z. Pompei with the advice of Rex Wailes. It was built in 1726 and last in use some 30 years ago. Much of the wooden fabric was renewed and where the mill had sunk badly on one side it was corrected. It took two years to complete the work, a big hold-up being the acquiring of pitch pine for the new sails. The windows were renewed and the old wooden cap replaced by one of aluminium. The smock mill, which is unusually small for its type, is now used as a home for garden equipment. 62 08 06

People wishing to take a country walk from Carlton-cum-Willingham to Willingham Green can now get right away from the road and make their way by a shorter, much pleasanter route across good agricultural land. The path had been overgrown for nearly 50 years preventing humans passing through but harbouring rabbits much to the concern of farmers. It has been cleared by the County Council after eight days' work 62 08 06a

1962 08 07
The 70 years old spire of St Peter's Church, Papworth Everard, is almost certain to come down. The tower can then be made good as originally built. The spire was never intended and is out of proportion

to the church. The stonework is cracked possibly due to bomb explosions during the war and if restored would have to be done again in 70 years time. It was put up as a memorial to Robert Cheere who lived at Papworth Hall in the 19th century. But the family has probably died out. 62 08 07

1962 08 08
The annual tug-of-war over Reach Lode went ahead as planned despite heavy rain and was watched by a large crowd in mackintoshes and Wellington boots. The first match was between married men and bachelors, the second featured an American team from Mildenhall who found the appalling conditions too difficult and were beaten by local men more used to them. However they braved the cold water into which they were pulled cheerfully. All proceeds

1962 08 09
Henry Merton, commons pindar – 62 08 09 # c.32.3

City planning inquiry considers Castle Hill area – 62 08 09a

1962 08 10
Cambridge Instrument Company history feature – 62 08 10 & a # c.27.1 : Cambridge Instrument

Brewery dray visits Ely brewery – 62 08 10b

1962 08 11
Bricks have begun to appear on the site of the new headquarters of the St Raphael Club for the physically handicapped off Hawthorn Way. 62 08 11

Bradwell's Court arcade and shop development has been a joint venture between Jesus and Christ's Colleges and Ravenseft Properties. It stretches from St Andrew's Street through to Drummer Street bus station and provides a continuous covered route to the city centre. Work on demolishing the out-of-date shops and buildings started as long ago as October 1957 but was held up by difficulties over leases. The last tenant to go was the well-known antique dealer, Mr K.A. Rowe. By the time the University term begins again the development will be complete and all the 20 new shops and showrooms fully occupied. 62 08 11a # c.27.2 # c.49.4

1962 08 15
The Low Temperature Research Station at Cambridge was founded during the First Wold War when Government was concerned about the storage of food supplies. The first patent for 'drying freezing' foods was taken out from Cambridge and subsequently taken up by commercial enterprises. Another concerned the gas cold storage of foods now widely used for storing apples. 62 08 15 # c.36.9

1962 08 16
The 15-roomed Gonville Place Hotel has been sold – photo – 62 08 16

The Cam Foundry in Thompson's Lane once had 20 men making cast iron, lamp posts, grating and road ironworks. Friday was the usual day for mould filling. The fire could be kindled in the cupola early in the morning and loaded up with hard furnace coke. The furnaceman was a real 'character'. A labourer, tough and very strong he would swing a 32 lb hammer to break up the scrap and pig iron. He distained the use of gloves or goggles, his bare hands and unprotected eyes in constant danger from molten splashes and sparks. It closed in 1923 and Messrs Macintosh transferred the business to the old Romsey Town cement works at Mill Road 62 08 16a & b # c.27.

Milton church is in urgent need of restoration. One of the wooden roof beams fell down during a service several years ago, originally over a foot wide it had been eaten away by Death Watch Beetle until parts were barely five inches across. Walls are crumbling, stonework cracking, tracery disintegrating and the belfry floor can no longer be walked upon in safety. But the Rector, Rev H. Franklin sees it as a challenge, and he enjoys a challenge. 62 08 16c

1962 08 18
Site of old Shire Hall courts cleverly landscaped to hide the car park which lies in front of trees – 62 08 18

1962 08 20
Medieval houses at Ashwell, which were saved from demolition by village residents and now scheduled as of historic interest, are being restored under the supervision of Sir Albert Richardson, a distinguished architect and Fellow of St Catharine's College. At one time they belonged to the Foresters' Lodge. Parts of the properties are thought to date from 1380 and Elizabethan and Tudor extensions were added. 62 08 20

Railway station on listed buildings list – 62 08 20a

1962 08 21
Trains were cancelled after a derailment blocked the main line at Sawston – only a mile from the scene of a similar accident six months ago. The Dagenham to Whitemoor (March) goods train broke in two on a slight incline. The break-away section of the train caught up with the rear of the front part bouncing a 5,000 gallon tanker filled with paraffin a hundred yards along the track. The tanker ended up standing on end with paraffin splashing on the line. Firemen stood by with foam sprayers as engineers cleared it using a giant crane 62 08 21

1962 08 22
Two fliers parachuted to safety when their Hunting Jet Provost aircraft crashed into a corn field at Girton. It came down less than 100 yards from the spot where one of the first flying machines in the country force-landed 50 years ago. The same man who ran to the rescue of the pilot then was one of the few eye witnesses to the recent crash. He was 65-year-old Herbert Moore of Histon, a special constable in the County Police. The plane is believed to have been on a flight from the experimental centre at Boscombe Down 62 08 22

A USAF faster-than-sound Super Sabre jet fighter from Lakenheath crashed into an unoccupied house at Stanton, near Bury St Edmunds. Two semi-detached houses in the village were set alight but no-one was hurt. Later the USAF said further reports indicated that four houses were damaged. A woman and baby in one house and a US officer, his wife and two children in another, narrowly escaped injury. The pilot, 1st Lieut John E. Malone had baled out when his engine stopped and landed safely. He was taken to hospital 62 08 22

1962 08 25
An Ely couple and their six children have been brought together under one roof again after the husband, wife and two youngest children spent the past week living in a small tent on the side of the road. But their new house is to be demolished to make way for a new old people's estate on the corner of Downham and West Fen Roads, Ely. Mr Frederick Goldsmith and his family lost their home when they were evicted from a tied cottage on a Prickwillow farm. Since then Mr Goldsmith has biked 1,000 miles in search of a new job 62 08 25

1962 08 28
A new patrol service centre has been opened by the A.A. on the junction of the main A505 and A11 roads at Pampisford, replacing their caravan which was a prominent feature for many years. Equipped with a short wave radio, the new centre is in constant touch with Cambridge headquarters and mobile road patrols. It is manned from 9am to 7pm after which members in difficulty can use the emergency telephone kiosk to call help. 62 08 28

Piped television begins in Cambridge on Saturday when 30 Arbury Estate subscribers tune in to receive three television and four radio programmes via a 170 ft mast in Kings Hedges Road. The British Wireless Relay Company says the cost of laying a complete underground network was

prohibitive but wherever possible the cables were being put in the least conspicuous places. People can hire sets for between 7s6d and 13s a week 62 08 28a # c.27.8

1962 08 29
Francis Pym MP visited the Whittlesford Manufacturing Company's factory, the largest in the country dealing only with Christmas decorations and goods. For two hours he saw how hundreds of miles of tinsel and coloured strings are produced throughout the year and was then shown the large wholesale import warehouse where toys from all over the world are waiting to find their way into children's stockings on Christmas morning. "It is an excellent industry for a village like Whittlesford", he said. 62 08 29

Over 140 Londoners employed by Horatio Meyer, the bedding manufacturers, have volunteered to move 60 miles with their families to new homes and work in Huntingdon. The workers, drawn from the company's four London factories, will form the spearhead of the staff to man the new factory being built in St Peter's Road making mostly mattresses and divans. Coachloads of workers came to see the site and the new houses being built under the L.C.C. scheme to attract people from overbuilt areas of London. 62 08 29a

1962 08 30
The new admissions villa at Fulbourn Hospital will accommodate 95 voluntary patients in a general atmosphere more like that of an hotel. It will be completely self-contained and stands in open arable land next to the existing hospital. Unusual in construction, it consists of pre-cast concrete framework with precast artificial stone facing panels and purpose-made timber windows. There are large panes of glass and many rooms open directly on to gardens giving no sense of confinement. 62 08 30

George Webb, a ballast contractor told a inquiry that if the shortage of sand and gravel gets worse it could seriously affect development, particularly of University buildings. At present it had to be hauled nearly 40 miles adding to the expense. They wanted to use land at Willpack Farm, Hemingford Grey where they already had permission to excavate and build a washing plant. But planners said the access to the main Cambridge-Huntingdon road would be detrimental to road safety 62 08 30a

Painting lamp standard Sidney St – 62 08 30a
Ronald Hatchman, cement bagger – 62 08 30d

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1962 09 05
Bulldozers and heavy earth-moving machinery have been followed by a fleet of lorries as clearance work starts on the site of the new multi-deck car park in Park Street. It should be completed within nine months and will form an integral part of the new parking meter system for which the City Council is to seek Ministry approval. Councillors are still waiting a decision on their earlier application for another multi-storey car park about 200 yards away in King Street 62 09 05 # c.49.62

Douglas Goodwin from Field Road, Ramsey, was driving his lorry laden with four-and-a-half tons of baled straw along Newmarket Road, Cambridge, when a heavy downpour tightened the ropes and pulled the load to one side. He turned the lorry round and made for the nearest lamp post against which the load rested safely until it could be transferred to another vehicle to complete its journey to Stowmarket 62 09 05a

A voice on the telephone last night warned the manageress of the Kenya Coffee House in St Andrew's Street, 'There is a time-bomb in the café, it will wreck the place within an hour'. An emergency call went to the police and a squad of ten detectives who rushed to the café ordered its immediate closure. It was the second bomb hoax on the premises within the last month. Staff say they lost about £4 in takings while the premises were closed. At about the same time the Fire Brigade received a call from a foreign sounding voice to say the Scotch Hoose Café was on fire. But nothing was wrong. 62 09 05b

Dant, Cutter ferry history and account of barge traffic – 62 09 05b & c # c.44.75 # c.26.3

1962 09 06
Some regard a civil marriage as a brief, coldly informal sealing of the legal knot in a drab little office. But Mr S.J. Gentle, the Cambridgeshire Superintendent Registrar, says his job is intensely satisfying. He has to match his mood to that of the particular client of the moment. As well as the happy atmosphere of the marriage room he deals with faltering grief-stricken old ladies or a younger mother registering her first baby, more attentive to the whimpering of the child than the questioning of the registrar and more than a little fearful while he holds the baby as she signs the register. 62 09 06

1962 09 07
The Co-operative Society's fish shop in High Street, Sawston, was badly damaged by fire fr the second time within a year. 62 09 07b

Cambridge now has British Relay wired television which is all ready for 625-line viewing of the new programmes and colour when it comes. It cuts out aerials and gives the crispest pictures without knob twiddling receiving the current BBC, London ITV and Anglia TV programmes, plus all BBC Home, Light and Third radio programmes and popular Radio Luxembourg. . Your own television set can receive Relay TV by means of the 'Relaydapta' which simply plugs into the aerial socket. Advertisement – 62 09 07c # c.27.8

1962 09 08
A guard was taken to hospital with multiple injuries after a collision between two express freight trains near Huntingdon. Fifty wagons and a steam engine were derailed when one train ran into the rear of another that had been stopped by signals at Offord. One engine toppled on to its side. Railway gangs worked through the night but fifteen hours later the line was still blocked. The men were provided with food from a restaurant car brought from Grantham 62 09 08

A familiar landmark of the Cambridge skyline is to disappear. The 210-foot mast at Pye Ltd in St Andrew's Road is being taken down. It will not disappear for long as Pye plan to replace with a later type suitable for newest television techniques. The old mast was built at the start of the war to help Pye Ltd develop defence systems. It was originally 185 feet tall but extra aerials were added. At the top is a small cabin used to house experimental equipment and large enough for a man to work in. The mast was once used to put out very low power experimental television programmes with Pye employees in the starring roles. This was during the war when the B.B.C. television was closed down and Pye had to put out its own programmes to develop receivers for the future television market. 62 09 08a # c.27.1 : Pye # c.27.8

1962 09 11
One-way traffic past Ely cathedral proposal – 62 09 11

Army Cadet HQ in East Road demolished – move to Drill Hall – 62 09 11a

A new bridge may be constructed across the river at Ely to serve as an access to Appleyard Lincoln's Babylon site. The river was a major attraction but there were few amenities for mooring and the encouragement of visitors, an Inquiry was told. The Cathedral chapter want only one-way traffic down the Gallery. It would halve the amount of vibration which occurs when almost anything apart from a perambulator passes the west front. The tower was not very safe: it was extended upwards and an 80-foot top put on without the foundations being strengthened. The alternative route was along Silver Street 62 09 11

1962 09 13
Bluntisham church giant's gravestone – 62 09 13

Haddenham sewage scheme tenders sought – 62 09 13a

1962 09 14
Maurice Stevenson started as a cinema projectionist in 1927 as a lad of 16 at the old Tivoli Cinema in Chesterton Road. They were the silent days. Then he went to the Regal and later the Central. In the old 'disc' days you had to be careful even closing the door in case you shook the needle out of its groove in the record. If you lost the synchronisation between the record and film it was the devil's own job getting it back again, he remembers. The machinery is much more simple to operate now. 62 09 14 # c.76.9

Huntingdon council housing shortage – 62 09 14a

1962 09 15
Herbert Robinson's electrical premises with a large double frontage in Regent Street have been sold to a Messrs Skertchley, the cleaners and dyers for a price in the region of £100,000 (c£1.7m today). The firm has been selling the remaining electrical equipment at reduced prices with two-year old television sets down to £15. On two occasions the shop together with the adjacent garage and Llandaff Chambers have failed to reach the reserve price at auction 62 09 15 # c.27.2

1962 09 18
Edward Vulliamy exhibition staged – 62 09 18

The new Chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St Nicholas at St James' Church, Lode, was dedicated by the Bishop of Ely. It has been given to the church by Lord Fairhaven in memory of his parents. The chapel was designed by Professor Sir Albert Richardson and built by Mr P. Golding, a local builder, in Burwell rock (known locally as 'clunch') taken from a disused pit. The church was also constructed from this material 100 years ago. Because specialised craftsmen were needed and the mining of the rock took a considerable time, the chapel has taken two years to build. 62 09 18a

1962 09 21
Prospect Row showing demolition – 62 09 21a; Free Press in area of redevelopment – 62 09 21

1962 09 22
Two more St Ives public houses are to be closed, leaving the town with only 12 licensed houses, including two hotels, where once it had 96. They are the Lamb near the Market Square where Mr Charles Garner has been licensee since 1948 and the Cow and Calf in the Broadway where F.H. Mott is leaving after just one year. Brewers Steward and Patterson say they will probably be sold. There were 'two many licences' and a need for 'better pubs' such as the recently-erected Seven Wives 62 09 22

1962 09 25
Bus wedged between parked lorries and scaffolding in Petty Cury – 62 09 25

Newmarket has been completely forgotten in the latest Suffolk Development plan, say councillors. It would be better for it to go into Cambridgeshire. While other towns were to have new industry and overspill Newmarket would remain 'just a little village'. Unless arrangements are made for development young people and existing craftsmen would be drained away. Population should be increased by 3,000 and a by-pass constructed without further delay. 62 09 25a

Huntingdon's ancient charters were kept in a muniments safe which lacked ventilation which had resulted in some of the documents deteriorating. And one had gone missing. Archivist P.G. Dickinson said he was 'horrified' when he saw the state of the Godmanchester charters. They were kept in a wooden case and were in a poor condition, needing immediate attention. The famous King John Charter had been damaged by drawing pins and required attention, he reported. 62 09 25a

1962 09 26
Mrs C. Clark has been secretary of the Cambridgeshire Society for the Blind for 15 years. She supervises two homes for the blind in Cambridge as well as the blind workers' shop in Regent Street. But there is more: she deals with the loan of wireless sets – there are more than 250 at present, visits blind people in need of help and arranges parties or outings. There is a 'talking books' system and two blind undergraduates who had difficulty in finding textbooks were grateful to the people who read the information to them. Volunteers are needed to take people out for walks or help with teas at the weekend when the domestic staff are off-duty. 62 09 26

The new register of buildings of 'special architectural or historic interest' features houses, pubs and even mile stones. The Ministry thinks most of the parish churches are worth maintaining as are some village halls and windmills. The list includes a dovecote in Church Street, Comberton, The Three Tuns pub at Fen Drayton – once the Old Guildhall, Chiver's windmill at Impington, the obelisk at St Margaret's Mount, Harston and a statue in the grounds of Fulbourn Manor 62 09 26a

A farm labourer from the Hythe Reach, who has never been outside the county, has won £8,925 on Littlewoods Pools (about £158,000 today). He has been doing the football pools for the past 30 years. A bachelor, he has no plans for his win, except perhaps to buy a car. "I have lived in this village all my life and I have everything I want. We don't bother with holidays in this part of the world, the money will go into the bank and I shall carry on working. But it means that I will have security for the rest of my life" 62 09 26b

St Ives estate shop plan – 62 09 26b

Cambridge Amateur Boxing Club is seeking for a piece of land on which it can build a gymnasium in place of their headquarters in Henley Road. They have more new members than at any time in their history and have collected over £2,000 towards a new building which will include kitchen and seating accommodation. In addition the club's President, Arthur Cooper, has promised a brand new £100 ring. The season opens with a fixture against the University at the Corn Exchange with another in the Drill Hall, East Road 62 09 26b # c.38 : boxing

1962 09 27
St Michael's Church in Trinity Street is "an intolerable disgrace", says the Vicar of St Mary the Great, its sister church. Now there are plans to turn it into a modern parish hall with kitchen for meetings while the east end will become a small chapel for prayer. The massive restoration scheme will cost £10,000 and to promote it the church will be flood-lit. The youth club will give a show on the lines of a 'Review' and operate a 'talent scheme' where young people will be given money to be taken away and multiplied. 62 09 27 # c.83

Huge sluice gates have been constructed as part of the £10 million Great Ouse Flood Protection Scheme designed to save the Fens from abnormal conditions. They will control the peak flood waters of the Little Ouse, Wissey and Lark rivers and allow them to be fed into the new 27-miles long cut-off channel due for completion next year. The new channel starting at Denver and ending at Brandon Mills will also provide miles of new fishing facilities and a new waterway for sailing enthusiasts. 62 09 27a # c.29

Thieves broke into a booking office at Newmarket Railway Station during the night and used gelignite to blow open a safe. "It must have been a very disappointing night's work for them, because they only got about £20" said Mr C.E. Tolliday, the station-master. Iron bars being used by bricklayers carrying out repairs to the Wood Ditton Road railway bridge were used to force the doors. The robbery was discovered shortly after 6.30 am by Mr Reg Cummins, a porter. The last train to pass through the station last night was the 9.16 from Cambridge and the safe had been locked at 9.45pm. 62 09 27

Some Whittlesford residents are 'living in conditions which are appalling', councillors were told. The council houses 400 of the 1,000 population. There had been 52 council houses in the village after the

war and there would be 94 when the new ones were built. But at present a large number remained uncompleted and some had not even been started. The Ministry did not wish to restrict their house building programme but had to be sure construction would at least be commenced during the allocation period. 62 09 27a

For at least 20 years Littleport has had a 24-hour ambulance service provided by public subscription. It was made possible by the co-operation of a local garage proprietor who had been responsible for the daytime running of the ambulance and the provision of the driver. St John Ambulance Brigade members and voluntary helpers had manned it at night and during the weekends. But during the last year the mileage had diminished until it has had to be withdrawn. The Brigade could not afford to maintain a full-time driver and payments from the County Council did not cover running costs. 62 09 27a

1962 09 28
The last resting place of many Cambridge vehicles is Rich's yard off Coldham's Lane. To this graveyard of motor vehicles come hundreds of cars and lorries worn out with old age or cut off in the prime of life through accidents. If they are of a type still running on the highway they are stripped of anything that might be transferred to a similar vehicle. So the yard is a mass of broken bodies and skeleton parts, old shafts, old springs and old engines. The bodies are broken up further and sent away for export, mainly to Japan where they are crushed and melted down. 62 09 28 # c.26.48 # c.21.15

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1962 10 01
The Government has told universities that an extra 40,000 undergraduate places ought to be provided by 1966. In Cambridge numbers had risen to 7,579 in 1959 but then declined as colleges reduced the overcrowding caused by the 'ex-servicemen's bulge. But the new target will restrict funds for graduate students who had increased by 40 per cent in the past five years. An addition the new universities will need additional teaching staff, a considerable number of whom would come from Cambridge, the Vice Chancellor, Sir Ivor Jennings, warned 62 10 01 # c.36.9

University development must halt – 62 10 01a

1962 10 02
Cambridge City Council has made a third attempt in 50 years to gain the status of a County Borough Council. During the early 13th century Cambridge had gained its freedom from the county by a special charter from King John but in 1888 when the County Council was set up it came again under the county authority. Cambridge is a market town, the headquarters of many organisations and has a good record of local government. It is strong financially and would save £2,000 a year an Inquiry was told. This would help fund the new redevelopment scheme and sewage works as well as the appointment of a City Architect 62 10 02 & a # c.35.7

Sidney Sussex main gateway rebuilt, revealing bricks beneath rendering – 62 10 02c

Cambridge Ladies Fencing Club started just before the war and was coached by Madame Perigal whose daughter, Caroline Drew, reached international status. By the late 40's the growing interest in the sport meant it became mixed. But it has always maintained a strong link with the County Girls' School Fencing Club which has a proud record in the National Schools championships. Now it has a professional instructor, Reg Cullum, while some fencers visit Prof Harmer-Brown, the University coach. Its members range from firemen to a wine merchant, a vet to a mental welfare officer. But they always welcome new blood. 62 10 02d # c.38

1962 10 03
Ely Corn Exchange redevelopment proposals – pics – 62 10 03 & a

1962 10 04
Haddenham fruit farm visit by women – 62 10 04

1962 10 05
A 1910 Rolls Royce which served as a utility vehicle at Longstowe Hall before being sold has returned to its former driver for a check-up and overhaul. It has been completely changed since the chauffeur-engineer Mr J. Perry, last saw it. It was a six-seated when it first came to the Hall in 1937 but he was given instructions to convert it into a farm lorry. During the war it was put into a garage but six years later it started on the fourth swing of the huge starting handle. Now it is a comfortable two-seater which cruises along at 12 miles to the gallon. 62 10 05

Rag and metal merchant Ronald Arber of Newmarket Road says rags are still in great demand. He receives as much as six tons a week often brought in by children during the holidays and when the Midsummer Fair is being held, so that they can get a few more coppers to spend. They are baled up and sent to a London merchant where they are sorted into various categories and used for such things as cleaning materials and roofing felt. Considerable quantities are exported to Italy. Metals are similarly sorted. Lead is delivered to London mills to be made into lead piping, roofing materials and the lead bricks used at atomic power stations, such as Harwell. The demand for iron and steel has decreased in the past few years both at home and abroad. Most metal merchants are finding they can get more scrap iron and steel than they are able to sell. Bones, which used to provide an extremely good trade, no longer interest Mr Arber because the glues for which they were used are now made from other substances. Much of the material comes from the public. They bring their odds and ends in all the time: bed rails, gardening tools, bicycles, brass pots, radiators, car batteries, mangles, even refrigerators and fish-frying ranges along with aluminium saucepans and kettles. Jumble sale left-overs also provide a source of trade. An electric guillotine cuts as many of the items as possible into short lengths for easy transportation. After pressing, melting and recasting at other factories, it its surprising how many of these waste articles find their way back into the home. Looking at a rag and metal merchant's premies is like looking at a wilderness of destruction. But there is order in the wilderness and every item has its place. The firm has been established for 40 years and he is confident it will remain for many years to come 62 10 05a # c.21.15

1962 10 06
Cambridge Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, Edmund nurseries Milton being renovated – 62 10 06a

1962 10 08
King's College gateway area recobbled, lamp standard remains, post box replaced – photo – 62 10 08

1962 10 09
Cambridge will probably be one of the first places to benefit by the importation of liquefied natural gas from the Sahara, Eastern Gas says – 62 10 09

1962 10 11
St Neots bridge to be reconstructed next spring – photos – 61 10 11

1962 10 12
An attempt to have plans for an 11-storey block of flats on the Arbury Housing Estate rejected immediately was defeated by the City Council. But they will ask the Surveyor to submit an alternative design before making a decision. Residents were unanimous in saying the block of flats was 'not desirable nor in the interest of the estate'. It would not give more units of accommodation because more open space would be needed around it. Councillor P.J. Warren said he would prefer to see high blocks in the centre of Cambridge. 62 10 12

Fowlmere Chequers Inn priest hole – 62 10 12a

1962 10 13
Police cleared hundreds of lunch time shoppers from Woolworth's main shop in Sidney Street in five minutes after an anonymous telephone call warned that two time bombs had been placed in the store and were to blow up at 1.30pm. A thorough search was made but nothing was found. This is the third bomb hoax in Cambridge in the last three months. On two occasions police cleared a coffee bar after a similar warning. This time the caller had a foreign-sounding voice. 62 10 13

Hugh Gaitskell attended Labour rally – 62 10 13

Pratt, Manning and Co of Trinity Street, Cambridge's oldest bespoke tailoring firm, is to close. It was established in 1865 by Thomas Pratt and acquired by Ald H.T. Wing in 1897. Until the First World War about 80% of the trade was from undergraduates who ordered three or four suits at a time. Today students on grants cannot afford high prices for hand-made clothes and they rely on professional and business men for their trade. Customer's patterns and records will be transferred to their London office and a cutter will visit Cambridge at regular intervals. 62 10 13a # c.27

Shortly after the Mayoress laid the foundation stone for the new St Raphael Clubhouse for the physically handicapped a fire broke out in the large marquee used for the reception. Prompt action by helpers prevented the blaze, which was probably caused by a firework thrown on the roof, from getting out of control. Fortunately many handicapped people in wheelchairs who had been present for the ceremony had already gone home 62 10 13b & c

1963 19 16
A 'mock funeral' was held for two undergraduates, Philip Gurden of Magdalene and Simon Keswick of Trinity, who were sent down for failing their exams. Their 'coffin' was carried on a sports car while in the 'cortege' at the rear was Prince William of Gloucester who is at Magdalene College 62 10 16 # c.36.9 # c.39

Sir. Whittlesford has one of the largest percentage of slum dwellings in South Cambs. Doctors' letters state "The house is a poor one … the roof over one bedroom is leaking badly, rendering the room uninhabitable. Mr & Mrs – and their two children are compelled to sleep in one room". "Mr & Mrs --- and their three children are living in one cottage with no amenities which is falling about their heads … conditions not suitable for a young family". Such awful, soul-destroying descriptions are actual facts – Jack Merrett, Whittlesford. 62 10 16a

"Charity Unlimited" the business founded by the curate of Fen Ditton and the landlord of the King's Head, may go out of existence. They joined forces to collect salvage to raise money for people in need. The response has been magnificent but the church hall, where the articles are stored, is wanted for other functions. Now new premises are needed together with a volunteer van driver to collect the scrap and jumble offered by villagers. 62 10 16b

1962 10 17
Fen Ditton church has a team of the youngest bell-ringers in the county. Most are still at school and all are members of the Parish Youth Club. Interest began two years ago when an experienced student at CCAT offered to train teenage enthusiasts. They cleaned out the belfry, lowering rubbish in buckets through traps in the ceiling and floor of the clock-room to the church floor. Then the window openings were treated to new wire netting, worn ropes were replaced and minor repairs undertaken before instruction began. Now they ring a few rounds each Sunday morning 62 10 17

1962 10 18
A family of four are living in the church hall at Chettisham. They have been evicted from their homes at Stuntney and Chettisham twice in the past year and have nowhere else to go. Churchwardens have allowed them to put their furniture in the hall. Until 10 years ago it was the local village school. Now it is used by the church for occasional meetings and social events. The Rev E. de T.W. Longford said it was a matter of Christian charity. 62 10 18a

Mill Road cemetery gravestones – 62 10 18 # c.21.2

1962 10 19
Cambridge University Archives guide by Heather Peak – 62 10 19

1962 10 20
Cromwell House Museum in Huntingdon was officially opened by the Speaker of the House of Commons. It houses the largest collection of antiquities relating to the Lord Protector and his family and is based in the school Oliver Cromwell attended. The Norman architecture has been renovated by the County Council with the encouragement of Huntingdon and Godmanchester Borough Council. But owing to the restricted floor and wall space much of the collection cannot be displayed. 62 10 20

Macintosh premises being demolished – photo – 62 10 20a

Burleigh street property bought by London property firm – 62 10 20c

1962 10 23
CIBA make new road surface for Tower Bridge – 62 10 23

1962 10 24
A crowd of 5,000 people, mainly students, swarmed through Cambridge after police and Proctors stopped a political protest rally about the American-Cuban crisis on the Market Square. Carrying placards declaring 'Hands Off Cuba' they made their way to Parker's Piece where the meeting got under way with speakers both supporting and opposing President Kennedy's moves. One warned 'We are on the verge of a nuclear war'. Later police prevented another rally outside the Guildhall where demonstrators hammered on the side of passing buses. 62 10 24 # c.33

1962 10 25
Police closed Little St Mary's Lane after they were told that a church spire was in danger of collapsing and crashing down into the road. Workmen carrying out an examination of Emmanuel Congregational Church found the sandstone spire was badly cracked and the weight was pushing the wall out. They are now removing it brick by brick using supports to stop it from falling down on them. The road will be closed for two weeks 62 10 25 # c.83

Newport post office raided by masked men – 62 10 25a

New garage and flats on corner Chesterton Road nearing completion – photo - 62 10 25b

Last steam engines and diesel units at Coldham's Lane – photo – 62 10 25c

Dove and pigeon houses – 62 10 25d

Buckden's bypass has opened two months ahead of schedule. Traffic is running smoothly along the new toad which eliminates the bottleneck in the village. The scheme includes a length of abandoned railway line carrying Huntingdon traffic underneath the Great North Road and pedestrian subways have also been provided. Nearly all the A1 in Huntingdonshire is now dual carriageway 62 10 25e

Dove houses once common – history – 62 10 25d

1962 10 26
"I'd like a farthing for every rivet I've knocked into shoes these last 30 years I've been a cobbler", says Mr W. Cordoroy. It's fascinating work, especially with modern stiletto heels. Most cobblers put new heels on, but he repairs them. "I used to work in my home village of Swaffham Bulbeck before the war, but it was hard going so I moved to Cambridge. In those days I used to work all hours -

sometimes I didn't finish until after midnight. No farm labourer had more than one pair of boots and I had to repair them when they weren't working. That meant long, awkward hours. Now I can go home in the evening and watch the telly" 62 10 26a

Buckden bypass open – 62 10 25e, photos 62 10 26f

Emmanuel Congregational Church spire repairs – 62 10 26

Residents of houses in Ferry Path Terrace crowded into the Fort St George and decided to fight against the city council's plan to pull down half the properties for slum clearance. A lecturer at the School of Architect said the houses were ideal from a planning point of view, embodying standards of design that were coming into fashion with planners. They would be worth £5,000 if they were new (about £87,850 today) 62 10 26c

Cromwell Museum exhibits – 62 10 26d

Personnel working at Alconbury's U.S.A.F. Tactical Reconnaissance Wing base are handling over 35 tons of mail each month. A courtier is sent daily to West Ruislip, the London Aerial Terminal, and often the drivers from the motor pool are on the roads until the early morning. The amount of boat mail needs an additional truck and the lights in the post office burn until midnight while it is sorted. Much time is spent searching for addresses that do not include box numbers. Each month nearly 13,000 pieces of mail require redirection. 62 10 26e

1962 10 29
More than 200 people in the 'No War over Cuba' march around Cambridge. The marchers were mostly students but included 87-year-old Mrs Clara Rackham, 87, and were led by Robert Davies, the Prospective Labour Party Candidate. Four undergraduates carrying placards 'Hands off Cuba' distributed leaflets to the thousands of spectators streaming into the City Football ground on Milton Road. Members of the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers, who were meeting to discuss safety in the building industry, petitioned Mr Gaitskell and the TUC over the moves made by President Kennedy 62 10 29

1962 10 31
St Mary's Lodge and Isle of Ely County Council Care Home was established nine years ago at no.44 St Mary's Street Ely to accommodate 24 elderly men and women. It expanded into the adjoining building in 1959 and now both are being linked to form one complete unit housing 44. The home offers well-furnished bedrooms, comfortable sitting rooms and lounges fitted with wireless and television 62 10 31

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1962 11 01
The firm of Tom M. Scotney of St Ives, which employs 210 people on important defence and export contracts from some of the leading aircraft companies, will have to turn orders away, an Inquiry was told. The lack of affordable housing means that they cannot attract skilled craftsmen. But proposals to erect staff dwellings on land at London Road, Fenstanton were opposed by planners who say the only access to the town was by the river bridge and it would add to traffic at peak hours. Residential development should be to the north of the town so retaining the identity of the Hemingfords and keeping away from potential flooded area. 62 11 01

Littleport and Downham Drainage Commissioners approved a new pumping station at Wood Fen-North Fen, Littleport - 61 11 01a

The dedication of the new chapel at Lode completes a two-year building programme which included the construction of a new vestry. It has been given by Lord Fairhaven in memory of his parents.

Designed by Prof Sir Albert Richardson and constructed by local master builder Percy Golding of Longmeadow, the altar is of York stone and there are mahogany pews for twenty worshippers. It may be the last building to be made entirely of local clunch because of the problems of quarrying the rock and finding skilled labour to work it. 62 11 01b

1962 11 02
The announcement that Dr Max Perutz and Dr John Kendrew have been awarded the Nobel Chemistry Prize means that there are now four Nobel prizewinners working at the small Medical Research Council molecular biology unit at Cambridge. Dr Frederick Sanger gained the Chemistry award in 1958 and less than a month ago Dr Francis Crick was awarded the prize for Medicine. 62 11 02 # c.36.9

Sir Will Spens, former Master of Corpus and wartime regional defence commissioner dies at Ely - 62 11 02a

The proposed new coat of arms for Huntingdon and Godmanchester includes English motto – 62 11 02b

Mr A.R. Paske started a packaging business in an old chapel in North Street Burwell about 15 years ago, making strawberry chips. His Corrugated Fittings Limited became so successful that it was acquired by Tillotsons which makes containers for Black Magic chocolate and Senior Service cigarette packets. Their new factory employs 250 men and women who appear to be keen and happy; production is continuous and several hundred thousand boxes are sent off every day 62 11 02c

1962 11 05
Cambridgeshire villages are suffering the type of development more suitable to a factory estate. Often people were only too thankful to find a roof over their heads but this would not always be the case and they would not forever accept what the builders put up. Housing estates often lacked character and villagers did not like the sort of development found on the outskirts of towns. Planners should develop some new settlements and not try to bring new blood into old villages, councillors said. But the pattern of development was changing, many villages were dying and others being given 'artificial life' by dormitory development. 61 11 05 & a

1962 11 06
Bonfire Night was very quiet this year. Police appeals for people to stay away from the city centre met with a good response and the streets were almost empty. Extensive use was made of radios and police with walkie-talkie sets moved on any groups from street corners. A University ban on students entering the city centre during the five hours before midnight was equally effective. Major incidents were few and far between and the elaborate measures taken proved more than adequate on one of the quietest Guy Fawkes nights for many years 62 11 06 # c.36.94

1962 11 07
Cherry Hinton chalk pit may be preserved as an area of exceptional educational value for the study of natural history. It is not an amenity at the moment but should be made one as the chalk cliff is an area of interest. Cambridge University has said it may provide the services of a warden for the area if it were left untouched. The eight-acre site, recently vacated by the Cambridge Civil Defence Corps, is next to land scheduled for extensions to the Grammar School for Boys playing field. 62 11 07 # c.17

1962 11 08
Poppy Day rag history – 62 11 08 # c.36.95

1962 11 09
Night climbing – dummy on St John's tower – 62 11 09

Cavendish Laboratory made its own equipment – F.A. Reeve – 61 11 09a # c.36.9

Buckden is so quiet that some people are finding it difficult to sleep. Ever since the first stage coaches rumbled through the narrow and twisting main street which is part of the Great North Road, walls and windows have reverberated to the sound of traffic. But today it is different and people lay in bed in wonder at the silence. The reason is the new dual carriageway bypass which takes traffic out of earshot. It also means people can walk down the street and do their shopping in peace. 62 11 09b

1962 11 10
Traffic was brought to an almost complete standstill in Cambridge as the Poppy Day Rag got under way and the streets became blocked with floats. Altogether 4,000 students with dustbin lids, tin cans and saucepans collected for the Earl Haig Fund. Dr Kildare performed 'bloody operations' on the streets, Trinity Hall undergraduates shaved Belisha beacons, girls from Girton dressed as blackbirds 'plucked ready for cooking' did hectic business while the 'new Hally Orchestra' gave a command performance with bicycle chains on dustbin lids and old mangles. Pedestrians found it hard to resist a forlorn and bedraggled donkey with an equally forlorn undergraduate clutching a box of soggy poppies. 62 11 10b # c.36.95

1962 11 10
David (Ken) Quick succeeds Horace Ingle as Sergeant-at-Mace – 62 11 10 # c.35.7

1962 11 10
Next Sunday the Vicar of Horningsea will probably walk from his rambling vicarage to the village church, open the door for a few minutes, close it and walk back home. For nine times out of ten nobody arrives and on the rare occasion that they do he conducts a service for three or four people. There is no organist or choir so no hymns are sung and he does not preach a sermon. This state of affairs has been in existence for some years. "It seems a shocking waste of time for me to be out here", he says 61 11 10a

1962 11 12
There are now more than 24,000 people aged 65 and over in Cambridgeshire and the development of welfare and medical service for the elderly is one of the most important public health problems, says the County Medical Officer. The district councils continue to develop purpose built houses for them but much more will be required. The County's plans have been frustrated by the difficulty of finding suitable sites and the length of time it takes to buy and begin building homes 61 11 12

1962 11 14
Haverhill's automatic telephone exchange brings Subscribers Trunk Dialling (S.T.D.) allowing people to obtain many of their trunk calls direct. All coin-box telephones have pay-on-answer coin boxes. Subscribers receiving a call will hear a series of rapid 'pips'. They should announce their telephone number and hold on until the pips cease. This is the pay-tone signal which tells the caller that his call has been answered and it is time for him to put in the coins. The closing of the manual exchange marks the end of a period of great difficulty caused by the large increase of calls and the overloading of the switchboard 62 11 14

1962 11 15
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Castle Street 62 11 15 [DYS cut].

A giant pall of smoke hung over Cambridge as ten thousand old rubber tyres and about a dozen derelict cars were destroyed by fire in a vehicle breakers yard on the Blue Gates site, Chesterton Fen Road. It started when one of the assistants decided to burn some old rubbish. The wind fanned the sparks into a giant blaze. It was fortunate that the smoke and smuts drifted more or less into the open countryside and there was no danger to property or life. 62 11 15

Down Your Street articles by Eric Dimock start with Castle Street – 62 11 15a # c.04

Sir – the Vicar of Horningsea says the village is not church minded. Few attend services, there is no organist or choir, hymns are not sung and he does not occupy the fine Elizabethan pulpit. But he has made no serious attempt to bring people to church, he does not visit parishioners nor mingle with them. Nor does he provide a Sunday School. His interest in the parish is such that, Sundays excepted, the vicar leaves for Cambridge by the 10.10 am bus and does not return until late afternoon. The church needs repairs costing £9,000 but an appeal brought in just £35 and he has no plans or suggestions for raising the rest – S.G. Buttress, People's Warden 62 11 15b Parish asks vicar to clear up garden – 62 11 15c

St Neots council is negotiating for a 'well-known national brewery' to set up works in the town. The company would use road and rail transport and provide employment for 80 people. But the supply of water required – 120,000 gallons a day – will not be available for two years and there is a problem over industrial effluent which would place too heavy a burden on the sewerage works 62 11 15d

The Freebooters Club opened two years ago in an old converted church hall in Wellington Street, Cambridge, which is damp, dingy and has dry-rot. At that time school-leavers wishing to join youth clubs had to join in formal activity. Not wishing to do this they drifted to the coffee bars on the outskirts of the city. When these closed they were left with nowhere to go. The Freebooters filled the gap with a coffee bar and juke box. Originally it was a 'toughs' club but times have changed. Now it will be modernised with a dance hall, tv lounge, snooker room and motor cycle repairs workshop 62 11 15f # c.37.9

1962 11 16
People in Sawston were puzzled when a number of large steel structures appeared on the skyline over a field off the Babraham Road. Work had begun on Deal Grove Estate, a major private residential scheme of more than 250 houses and bungalows. They are all built on frameworks of steel which can be put up in two days. Exterior walls are made of brick, laminated plasterboard is used to line the interior walls and the steel roof rafters are assembled. When finished the building outwardly appears of normal construction. But owners need have no worries about sagging roofs or attacks of vermin or rot. 62 11 16

Several hundred people packed the Dorothy to watch UK 1962 ballroom dancing champions Bob Burgess and Doreen Freeman give an exhibition of dances including the waltz, quickstep, cha-cha, twist and Madison. After demonstrating the basic steps and variations of the Madison Bob & Doreen called for other couples to join in and soon the floor was crowded with keen enthusiasts 61 11 16a # c.69.2

The famous RAF fighter station at Hornchurch, Essex is to close. Originally known as Sutton's Farm it came into use as a base from which to combat the Zeppelin. The first patrol took place on October 13, 1915 and in 1916 Lieut Robinson gained the VC for bringing down the first airship. It was reconstructed as RAF Hornchurch in 1924. Spitfires flew continuously during the Battle of Britain although the Luftwaffe made regular attacks. But it was not suitable for jet aircraft and now the hangars and buildings will be sold with the rest of the land returned to its former owners. 62 11 16b

The population of Fen Ditton has soared in the last 50 years. In 1952 its boundaries were extended to include the Whitehill and Peverell estates and took in the Leper Chapel. Students from Westcott House had taken services there since 1922 but it could not seat more than 50. So the Priory School was used for Family Eucharist. Now a hall which will become part the new Church of the Holy Cross has opened and the Leper Chapel will be only used for monthly celebrations of the Holy Communion. Many will be saddened by the move away from the unique Normal chapel which they have come to love 62 11 16c # c.83

1962 11 19
Billy Fury meets Cambridge fans Roger Crow & David Mackie – 62 11 19 # c.69

Only three go to church at Horningsea – 61 11 19a

1962 11 21
Undergraduates starting to use food shops – 62 11 21

1962 11 22
'Science Island' on New Museums site plans 62 11 22 # c.36.9

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Grange Road 62 11 22 [DYS cut]

1962 11 23
BBEN estate, Deal Grove, Sawston – advert – 62 11 23

Roundabout at Perne Road – Birdwood Rd junction starts – 62 11 23a

1962 11 24
St Stephen's is not very important as Cambridge churches go. It does not feature in guide books, visitors do not flock there and some parishioners have never seen it. 25 years ago a hall was built to house a Sunday School for the children of what was than an expanding part of Cambridge. Now a fine new building has been dedicated alongside it. But the task is not finished. One day the asbestos end will be knocked away and a proper chancel added with a vestry for the minister. Until then it is business as usual. No gimmicks, no elaborate ritual, just regular offering of worship in the simple time-honoured way 62 11 24 dedication – 62 11 26 # c.83

1962 11 26
Gt St Mary's jazz service – 62 11 26

One-way traffic is being introduced at Minster Place at the Gallery, Ely, as a first step towards complete closure of the road that goes past Ely Cathedral. The return flow will be along St Mary's Street and Silver Street which will be widened for two-way traffic. This will take away heavy lorries carrying beet to the sugar factory which detract from the peacefulness and dignity of the Cathedral. Other improvements include the clearance of disused and unsightly gravestones on the Cathedral's north side and their replacement by pleasant lawns 62 11 26

Post office sorting department in Mill Road demolition – photo – 62 11 28a # c.27.7

1962 11 28
Standens of Ely, agricultural machinery taken over by Dental Manufacturing Co – 62 11 28

Haddenham garage fire – photo – 62 11 28

1962 11 29
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Arbury Road 62 11 29 [DYS cut]

1962 11 30
"It's a dying trade this. I can remember the days when there used to be 15 of us down here and we never used to go home until eight in the evening", recalled Arthur Starr, a tailor. "We used to do a lot of undergraduate trade: we worked hard for about seven months, then we'd have the rest of the year free. The only thing I do now is jackets. I won't touch trousers and waistcoats. I've been doing it for 50 years. I always sit cross-legged. It's the only way to do it. I rest sitting like this, you now. I even sit in bed like it" 62 11 30 # c.27

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1962 12 01

A pop singer who trades as Rocky Rivers of the Rocky Rivers Top Twenty Club, Corn Exchange, St Ives was fined for displaying advertising posters in Cambridge without permission. The City Council were concerned with the spread of such unauthorised posters. 'Rocky Rivers' claimed they'd been put up by rival groups to get him into trouble. He'd given posters to people at the club but did not know where they had been stuck. 62 12 01

C.O. Stanley, head of Pye, warned of redundancy in the tv industry unless people bought 625-line sets. 62 12 01b

Col G.L. Archer funeral service at Ely Cathedral – 62 12 01c

1962 12 03
Fifteen Britannia 102 airlines are being flown to Cambridge Airport by the British Overseas Airways Corporation to be put on show to prospective buyers. The turbo-prop aircraft are surplus to their needs and are being replaced with Comet 4 jetliners. The most likely customers will be small domestic and international airlines looking for a medium range aircraft with a large seating capacity. Cambridge airport has been chosen as a convenient 'shop window' and will not be directly concerned in the sale of the aircraft 62 12 03

1962 12 04
The landlord of the Golden Lion public house in the quiet village of Bourn is trying to start an old-time version of the 'ten pin bowling' craze in the pub car park. Jack Allison recently found four 200-year-old skittles in the debris of an old barn. Peter Ingle, 86, remembers that over 70 years ago the game was played in an open-ended carriage shed during Bourn Feast when every farmer expected his workers to be away from the farm for 10 days. But the skittles are now riddled with woodworm and may not stand up to the wear and tear of regular use. 62 12 04

St Ives councillors discussed the acquisition of properties and the erection of flats in Green Street. With the right buildings it would make the central part of the town look as attractive as possible. This was an ideal spot for six-storey flats which would give those in the top storeys a wonderful view of the river. It would be too big a development for the council themselves but developers and contractors would take an interest as land has now got so scarce and there is little space on the outskirts of the town 62 12 04b

Whitelocks Yard, Trumpington is a quit oasis from traffic thundering by on the main road. Now the twelve 100-year-old houses are being put up for sale by the trustees of the charity of George Whitelock who say they need considerable improvements and a lot of money spending on them. But the elderly tenants are concerned for the future, fearing they may be thrown out on the streets. The homes, with a half-acre site, are being sold for £4,750 (about £83,360 now) 62 12 04a # c.32.9

1962 12 05
The fog which came down over the Cambridge area was blown here from London by a twelve-knot wind, says meteorologists. London, having its first clear day since Monday was like an oasis surrounded by a slowly-clearing fog belt though mainline trains were still meeting long delays and London Airport was closed. The number of sudden deaths in the capital has now reached 106. Conditions were still grim in East Anglia with temperatures remaining well below zero and part of the River Cam froze between Pye's Bridge and Garret Hostel Lane. 62 12 05 & 07 # c.12

Cavendish Laboratory is housed in grotesquely cramped old buildings and ill-suited to meet competition, said Prof Pippard. Details article re plans 62 12 05a & b & c # c.36.9

1962 12 06
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Norfolk Street 62 12 06 [DYS cut]

Electric power lost in City Road area - 62 12 06

1962 12 07
John Shrive had osier beds at Horningsea and Fen Ditton until he died 40 years ago, employing five men to grow and cut them with bundles kept moist in the Green End ditch until needed. Most of the women of Fen Ditton were employed in peeling or cleaving on a casual basis, sitting on each side of the road with their bundles beside them. Stripped osiers were collected by horse and cart then taken to Mr Shrive's workshop in East Road where they were woven into baskets to be sold from his shop on Peas Hill. School reports up to 1912 list frequent absenteeism with children 'helping with rod peeling' 62 12 07a

Two railway lines in Cambridgeshire are under threat following Dr Beeching's proposals. All lines transporting less than 10,000 people and 10,000 tons of freight a week may close. This includes the line from Cambridge through Histon and Oakington and the one to Mildenhall through Burwell. Fruit growers would be seriously affected and have to switch to road transport, putting up prices. Rural bus services are another failure of Government policy and had been cut because they were unprofitable, a Labour meeting was told 62 12 07c # c.26.2

Reed and sedge plants grow wild in Wicken Fen. Reed needs to be cut annually in the depth of winter while sedge is normally harvested in the spring. In the past, cutting was done entirely by hand, the reeds being tied in bundles a yard in circumference and carried three at a time to the lode-side. There it was loaded into a flat-bottomed barge and pulled by 'one donkey power' to the stacking site to await sale. Today the donkey has been replaced by an outboard motor and the actual cutting is done mechanically with a tractor and Allen scythe. One may regret the passing of picturesque methods of the past, but they were very hard work and economically unrewarding 62 12 07d

1962 12 08
Collections at the Round Table's Christmas tree in St Andrew the Great churchyard began in 1953. Last year they raised money to provide 415 parcels for old people, each containing £1-worth of Christmas cheer. The names of old people who benefit from this magnificent effort are revised each year and every person is visited before Christmas. One year a 30-foot high tree was delivered and putting it up meant dislocating the traffic outside Christ's College for some time. 62 12 08 # c.32.9

Emmanuel Congregational Church turret tower cone, which is in danger of collapse, has been removed and walls are being rebuilt. 62 12 08 # c.83

1962 12 10
An all-night vigil by CND members at the USAF airbase at Wethersfield near Saffron Walden was partly cancelled due to rain squalls and cold conditions. A mobile canteen which had been arranged to supply refreshments to the demonstrators did arrive but stood unused. However next day a public meeting was held on Wethersfield village green which was addressed by a member of the Committee of 100 before protestors marched to the base which is home to the 29th Tactical Fighter Wing flying Super Sabre fighter bombers 62 12 10 # c.45.8

Royal Engineers spent an hour and a half in drenching rain preparing to demolish the last concrete base on the Royal Show site at Trumpington. They tunnelled holes into it, under it and around it and inserted twenty pounds of plastic explosives. Two men were sent to warn Addenbrooke's Hospital of an ear-splitting bang before the men took cover. But there was just a weak muffled 'back-fire' noise and only a few cracks in the base – not really worth stopping the trains on the nearby railway line. Two hours later came a very satisfying bang and the great concrete block was lifted out of the ground in a shower of smaller chunks and metal bolts. 62 12 10a

1962 12 11
The Thor missile base at Ely is to be closed and the war-time airfield will be disposed of. The Air Ministry says there are no civilians working on the base, which is a satellite station for Feltwell missile base, and had three Thor rockets which cost £1 million each. There have been two protest

marches in the last four years. The first in 1958 was organised by Cambridge City Labour Party, the second during an East Anglian CND campaign 62 12 11 # c.45.8

1962 12 12
Language Laboratory set up at CCAT – 62 12 12

1962 12 13
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Lensfield Road 62 12 13 [DYS cut]

1962 12 14
'About Anglia' celebrates 500th edition – 62 12 14

Mr E.J. Wesley Coe was a glass-blower for one of the University laboratories who practiced his craft at home, making quaint little animals and glass pipettes for artificial insemination. In 1952 he formed his own company making electronic valve components for the radio industry and apparatus for the semi-conductor field. Soon he was employing a dozen people and now supplies the needs of the most recent Nobel prize-winners, the Admiralty, Air Ministry, atomic energy and radio industry at home and abroad 62 12 14a # c.27.1

1962 12 17
Winds gusting up to 70mph brought damage to all parts of Cambridgeshire. In Cambridge a Panton Street house was damaged when a chimney stack crashed through the roof and scaffolding collapsed at the new Addenbrooke's Hospital. At Somersham a man was killed when a giant elm tree fell on to the van in which he was travelling, Isleham was without electricity for seven hours and nearly 30 roads blocked by falling trees 62 12 17a

The occupiers of five cottages nestling against the footpath of Trumpington High Street are confused about the future of their homes. The houses – three of them thatched – have been recently been listed as of special architectural interest which means they cannot be demolished without Ministerial permission. But the Ministry of Transport has plans for a road improvement scheme in that area. One of the owners has recently erected a modern fireplace in place of an inglenook wants to create a bathroom. But he is not prepared to spend money if the houses are to come down 62 12 17

Rubbish from the corporation tip in Coldham's Lane was spread over a wide are by the gales on Saturday; gardeners were littered with paper and other refuse. But residents claim this is nothing new: "We get smells in our houses, fillies and rats frequently visit us and the floors are covered with dust each morning; and these nuisances all come from the rubbish pit", one claims. 62 12 17b

Adkins Corner. For the convenience of those who prefer out-of-town shopping with good parking facilities, W.J. Atkins have opened a self-service store by the Perne Road island in Cherryhinton Road where you will find the same quality – the best – which has made Adkins famous for English and Scottish meat, sausages, pies, cooked meats and other provisions. You pay less for the best – and you get Green Shield Stamps as well – Advert 61 12 17c

1962 12 18
Noel Teulon Porter was an original. From 1911 for over 22 years he was a familiar figure in Cambridge. His progress along King's Parade was one continuous procession of cheerful encounters and although he was not a member of the University he was given a pass to enter the University Library and allowed to attend certain lectures. During WWI he was co-opted onto all manner of Faculty boards. In 1915 he bought the former Half Moon pub in Little St Mary's Lane and began to cultivate the church graveyard as a garden, clearing out tons of old rubbish. 62 12 18

1962 12 19
Cherry Hinton chalk pit where Civil Defence Corps had their headquarters may be a small-bore rifle range or used as a caravan site. – 62 12 19

A Stretham boy, waiting for his school bus outside Bridge Cottage, opposite the Royal Oak pub missed death by inches when a Premier Travel coach skidded on a bend and crashed into the living room, knocking down the outside wall. Most of the furniture was badly damaged by falling masonry and the Christmas decorations were strewn all over the floor. Last year a lorry crashed into the corner of the house, but no great damage was done 62 12 19a

1962 12 20
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on St Barnabas Road 62 12 20 [DYS cut]

Workmen are removing the spire from the tower of St Peter's Church at Papworth Everard. The work is being supervised by Mr Peter Foster of Godmanchester, the architect who discovered that the spire was unsafe when he carried out a quinquennial inspection of the church fabric last year. The Parochial Church Council has funds for the work but a further £900 will have to be raised 62 12 20

1962 12 21
One third of the institutions which house our old people are just former workhouses. Terrified of losing their individuality in an institution plenty of old folk prefer merely to exist in poverty-stricken solitude. The real problem is of lonely old age – and no place can be lonelier for an old person that a 60-bed workhouse dormitory full of strangers. But the Abbeyfield Society integrates people in their own neighbourhood in houses with separate bed-sitting rooms with personal belongings and an electric hot-plate for minor cooking. Now one may be set up in Cambridge. 62 12 21

The Rector of Croydon with Clopton is to receive £525 damages for a libel published in the 'Daily Sketch'. The article claimed he had ordered a couple to quit the School House – 62 12 21a

1962 12 22
King Street poultry mart held its last Christmas sale. It has existed for nearly 50 years and now the auctioneer Claude Kirkup and clerk, Alfred Harding will retire. Mr Kirkup, a well-known figure, has dealt with about 1,000 chickens, turkeys and geese this week alone. He started in the mart in 1918 and was joined by Mr Harding in 1922. The site was purchased recently by Jesus College 62 12 22 # c.06

Arkesden chalk pit had been worked for hundreds of years and there is a great demand for worked chalk. The site would be reclaimed and put back into cultivation, an Inquiry was told. But Arkesden was pretty well-known internationally and the pit lays in an area of great landscape value. Chalk dust would foul the countryside and lorries bring material on to the road on their wheels. A parish meeting had voted against the proposals and a geologist said that working the site would lead to an increase in flood danger. 62 12 22a

1962 12 27
Ely Youth Hostel's success is 'spectacular' and by September the Eastern Regional YHA recorded over 1,000 overnights 62 12 27

1962 12 28
Fireman fought with frozen water hydrants at Fordham while a string of store sheds owned by Turners Transport were going up in flames by the side of a 2,000 gallon diesel oil tank and a set of petrol pumps. Lorry spare parts and a company director's 16-foot motor launch were blazing amid great clouds of smoke. The launch's petrol tank blew up with a bang and flames shot out. After an hour the yard was like a skating rink, the water freezing almost as soon as it hit the ground. 62 12 28

Ely Corn Exchange, built in 1847 was used for the last time as a corn market. Only a handful of farmers, merchants and representatives of seed, feeding stuffs, fertilisers and oil companies turned up for the building's last two hours' use as an indoor market. Before the war some 300 people from the Eastern Counties and London congregated every Thursday and Broad Street was packed with people coming off the trains to the markets. Now market activities will be transferred across the road to the

Club Hotel. The Exchange, recently purchased by a London development company, will continue to be used for a variety of events such as dinners, dances, darts tournaments and wrestling matches. 62 12 28a

1962 12 29
Reconstruction of Matthew's restaurant in Trinity Street would provide three modern restaurants – a separate steak bar, a wine and cheese bar and a chicken and ham restaurant. It would probably be called 'The Turk's Head Restaurant'. The British public should be able to have wine with their food and were becoming more educated to this fact because they 'occasionally escaped abroad', an Inquiry was told. Mr Bernard Matthews, managing director, said the firm was leasing the restaurant from Trinity College who were not opposing the application 62 12 29

1962 12 31
Cambridgeshire has not been too badly affected by the cold but Elmdon was cut off, Ickleton lost power on Christmas Day and a cow had to be rescued after it broke through an ice-covered dyke at Braham Farm, Lt Thetford. When pulled out it was too exhausted to stand and was given half a bottle of whisky while a makeshift sledge was constructed. Snow ploughs were used on the Sutton-Earith Road and several major firms have sent gangs to help clear snow after building work ceased. Several bags of barley fell from a lorry at Littlebury proving a stroke of good fortune for wild birds. Hundreds of them fed on the seed and passing motorists had to sound their horns to clear birds from the road. 62 12 31a

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1963 01 01
Seven-foot drifts block county, 400 workmen fight to keep traffic moving – 63 01 01 # c.12

Newmarket Congregational Church trustees are negotiating to buy Ellesmere House, the former training establishment in Exeter Road, and would like to build a new church and manse on the site. They are anxious to take advantage of an offer made to them by a commercial undertaking for their present church in the High Street. But Newmarket UDC are still planning the future road pattern in the centre of town and cannot comment on the future use of the Ellesmere House plot 63 01 01a

1963 01 02
The Freebooters Club has closed down. It was started in Wellington Street for youngsters who could not fit into the regular pattern of youth activities. It had done good work and some of the young people who had been 'unclubable' had settled down in other established youth clubs. But there has been a recent heavy decline in club membership and an adverse financial position had been reached. John Ewan, the University theological student who started it two years ago, was thanked for his inspiration in forming the club and wholehearted devotion to the task of running it. 63 01 02 # c.37.9

1963 01 03
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on St Andrew's Road 63 01 03 [DYS cut]

1963 01 04
People travelling to work were delayed after three buses were put out of action with frozen fuel pipes. Sunshine encouraged many skaters on the River Cam along the Backs where ice is two-inches thick but the Met Office warns there is no sign of a break in the very cold weather. Snow and ice has brought outside work on building sites to a standstill though many firms are keeping on men to help with snow clearing. Demand for coal has shot up as have the number of telephone calls with people ringing up to say they are suffering from the acute weather conditions – 63 01 03 Cambridge shops dim lights to conserve power 63 01 14 63 0115 # c.12 # c.12.1

Milton Road 'Mayflower Court' flats to be unfurnished – 63 01 04

1963 01 05
Because of the snow, making roads impassable, the Rev John Hornby, Rector of Croydon Church, walked ten miles 'cross country' last Sunday to Tadlow, East Hatley and then back to Croydon to hold services in the villages. Mr Hornby has shown himself prepared to venture off the well-worn path on previous occasions. In October he conducted a thanksgiving service in a Croydon public house and later followed it up with Christmas carols. He has been heard to comment "I would rather have one person who is in church 'to do the business' than a hundred who are there because they think they ought to be" 63 01 05

The Lands Tribunal confirmed an offer of £4,300 compensation by the Ministry of Agriculture following compulsory requisition of 75 acres of Burwell Fen 63 01 05a

1963 01 07
The new Seventh Day Adventist Church in Hobart Road was dedicated at special services held to mark its opening. Mr Roger Scott, the architect, was congratulated on designing such a 'clean, bright building full of light, commodious and comfortable' by Pastor J.A. McMillan, president of the Seventh Day Church in England. Builders, Robinson & Gimbert had ensured that the construction went smoothly and without fault. 63 01 07 # c.83

J.G. Horne is no ordinary garment manufacturing business. Tucked away in a building at the top of a wooden staircase, amidst brightly-coloured materials and the clatter of sewing machines, 20 girls are employed making articles which range from college scarves to rowing shorts, academic gowns to schoolboys' blazers. Since it was established in 1927 it has concentrated on the club and colours trade, producing 7,000 scarves each year. Many are made by 'out-workers' and each stripe is individually added. But gowns, blazers and sportswear are made in the premises in St Barnabas Road. 63 01 07a # c.27

1963 01 09
Princess Margaret to present new colour to the Suffolk & Cambridgeshire Regiment, TA. 63 01 09

1963 01 10
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Young Street - 63 01 10 [DYS cut]

Mepal Airfield is gradually being landscaped. More than 400 trees have been planted with others along the main road, which was reinstated in 1958. It was one of the important air bases during the war and afterwards some outlying camps were used by squatters. Today most of the airfield is unused apart from a small section which houses Thor missiles. Now these missile bases are being gradually closed down 63 01 10a

Recently qualified State Registered Nurses were present with their certificates at the Preliminary Training School, Owlstone Road. Miss Puddiscombe, the Matron, outlined the current situation at Addenbrooke's Hospital and its various departments 63 01 10b

1963 01 11
The GORB decided to raise the banks of Cottenham Lode; maintenance work has been carried out and the provision of a flapped culvert at the end of Reynolds Drain had prevented flooding. But surveys show overtopping would occur. 63 01 11

Littleport St George's church organ being rebuilt – 63 01 11a

1963 01 12
Turkeys destroyed in fire at Caldecote Manor Farm, Abbotsley – 63 01 12

Earith bridge replacing suspension bridge – photo – 63 01 12a

1963 01 14
Four disused gas fittings surrounding statue of Oliver Cromwell at St Ives to be replaced by electric lights – 63 01 14a

Cambridgeshire was described as the 'Cinderella' of County Hockey 30 years ago. But it has come a long way since then and now has a record many larger counties could be proud of. Administrative difficulties have been overcome and this should prove one of the most successful seasons since the war with a wealth of young players offering talent, speed and enthusiasm. Peter Wroth, a Welsh international, has accepted the captaincy and with Geoff Powell, David Wilman and Michael Hunt the club has one of the best attacks ever mustered 63 01 14b

1963 01 15
Electricity voltage may be cut during continued cold weather – 63 01 15

The Flying Scotsman passed through Huntingdon station at above 75 mph on its last historic run from London to Leeds. The locomotive, which was sold recently to a Nottingham businessman for £4,000, was five minutes late. But train-spotters did not seem to mind as they jockeyed for positions with their camera and stop watches. A trace of billowing white steam roared through the station pushing

everything, including the spotters standing on the edge of the platform, to once side. In a lightning green flash it had gone, well on its way to its first stop at Peterborough. 63 01 15a

1963 01 16
The Prowlers, a popular local rock'n'roll group, are recording two numbers for a new teenage magazine programme for the BBC radio 'Come On In'. Last April they played on Anglia television and since then have been successful at a number of local dances. The instrumentalists are Peter R. Garner, David Cooper, Adrian Tomkinson, all from Waterbeach, and Peter Gale from Needingworth. 63 01 16

King's College porters were often barbers as well – research by John Saltmarsh – 63 01 16a

1963 01 17
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Chaucer Road – 63 01 17 [DYS cut]

Lt Shelford residents protested against building a factory producing scientific and electronic glassware at the rear of a thatched cottage fronting Church Street. It was an important industry and some work was of a secret nature for the Atomic Energy Commission. It did nobody any harm as there was no noise, smell or fumes. It had grown over 10 years from a part-time concern and would employ up to 30. The land had existing industrial rights and was formerly used as a ropeworks. But neighbours said it would overlook their gardens and spoil the view. 63 01 17

1963 01 18
Giant earth scrapers are advancing in the soft clay at the bottom of one of Huntingdonshire's most beautiful natural valleys near Diddington. Soon millions of gallons of fresh water will be pumped over ploughed land and pasture until the valley becomes a three-mile long reservoir, the largest man-made lake in the country. The hamlets of Grafton and East and West Perry lay clear of the water line but seven farmhouses and six cottages will be submerged. The new lake will be used for sailing and provide a rowing course to Olympic standards. But water ski-ing will not be allowed as oil from towing craft might cause pollution 63 01 18

Wicken Fen peat digging industry – history and picture of Sennitt by W.M. Lane – 63 01 18a

Should Huntingdon's 18 prefabs be improved and made permanent or be demolished. When they were built it was for a period of 10 years as temporary accommodation and many authorities have pulled them down. Several tenants have complained about condensation forming on ceilings during bad weather caused by the metal roofs. If demolished the site would make a good housing estate. But two have been converted to bungalows by adding brick walls. 63 01 18b

Miss Alice Haslop, 95, Trumpington's oldest parishioner; was born and lived all her life in the village where he father was bootmaker and carrier to Cambridge. She was a laundress of no mean repute and a good plain needlewoman, particularly in making pillow-slips. She insisted on doing her own housework as long as she could and possessed a sense of humour. As a child the nearest doctor was near Woollards Lane, Shelford, and medicine had to be fetched, walking to the surgery before breakfast. "I liked going", she said with an impish gleam in her eye, "because then I was late for school". Her death closes a chapter in the village's history. 63 01 18c

W.B. Holttum recalls people skating from St Germans sluice to Boston, then skating back; describes trip – 63 01 18d # c.38 : skating

1963 01 19
Scores of road closed, with eight-foot snowdrifts – 63 01 19

The icy weather has taken its toll of the large numbers of swans on the River at St Neots; five have been frozen to death and many are weak and unable to fend for themselves. Mr P.C. James discovered

one with its wings frozen to its body and hardly able to stand. He took it home wrapped in warm blankets and left it in a bath overnight. Within 24 hours the bird was fully recovered and back on the river. Then he bought as much bread as he could from local shops and has fed the swans regularly. Now the RSPCA are delivering food. 63 01 19a

Parkside pool filled with water for first time – 63 01 19b # c.38 : swimming

1963 01 21
Firemen fought for six hours against a blizzard to answer an emergency call from an isolated farm house at Little Chishill where a chimney was alight. Engines from Whittlesford and Letchworth were unable to get through and firemen tried digging their way clear in deep snow. One tender was re-routed but that road was blocked too. A Cambridge engine also found roads impassable but with the aid of a bulldozer managed to get as far as Chishill Grange. Firemen then plodded over fields covered by thick snow and drifts. On arrival at Rectory Farm they took 30 minutes to extinguish the blaze, then began a 150-minute journey back to base. 63 01 21 # c.34.75

First steps towards meter-controlled car parking – 63 01 21a

Cambridge police station was turned into a temporary boarding home to accommodate 15 teenagers and servicemen people cut off by the blizzard from their country homes. They had been to the cinema and dances, then found roads blocked by snow. The W.V.S. sent blankets. One of the guests was Derek Welstead of Shudy Camps Park who had to walk home across fields. Snow ploughs have been called in and many of the men laid off by building firms have helped clear roads. Hatley and Odsey schools were closed because they were cut off by snow drifts and others because of frozen water mains and lavatories 63 01 21b & 25

Devil's Dyke – place of legend, lure & love – 63 01 21c

1963 01 22
Temperatures amongst lowest ever recorded with 35 degrees of frost – 63 01 22 # c.12.1

The water position in Huntingdon is very grave and supplies may need to be cut. It is essential that householders do not leave their water taps running overnight – a practice which some people adopt to prevent taps from freezing – 63 01 22

Work at Trinity College kitchens reveals 14th century foundations thought to be from Michaelhouse – 63 01 22a # c.44.5

Haverhill's town expansion scheme is suffering from the worst hold-up since development began five years ago because of the effect of the snow and frost. The contract for 224 houses at Portway and on the Clements Estate has stopped as has the erection of factories on the Holland Park estate for Person & Sons and Refrigeration Appliances. 63 01 22b

London Instrument Company manufactures athletics equipment in the Old Mill, Newnham Pond. It employs 30 people annually producing 5,000 hurdles, 1,500 javelins as well as starting blocks and shots. It was founded by Henry Rottenburg in 1911, Fellow of Kings and lecturer in the University Engineering Laboratories. In collaboration with the University Athletic Club they developed a long jump measuring device, scoreboards and an ill-fated starting gate which nearly strangled a competitor. 63 01 22c # c.27

1963 01 24
Report critical on development and design layout in villages – 63 01 24

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Glisson Road – 63 01 24 [DYS cut]

1963 01 25
Huntingdonshire schools closed due frost – frozen lavatories and water mains – 63 01 25
Macintosh's premises, Market Street being demolished – photo – 63 01 25a

By river to Grantchester – walking on ice – 63 01 25b # c.38 : skating

1963 01 26
Temperatures rose above freezing point for the first time in ten days but electricity cuts almost paralysed in the county. 63 01 26 # c.12.1

Plough Monday memories from Pampisford 1887, Swaffham, Cambridge - 63 01 26b # c.39

Tower blocks should be banned from city centre says planning consultant Thomas Sharp in his report 'Dreaming Spires & Teeming Towers'. They would destroy the character of the Backs, Parker's Piece and Midsummer Common. The New Museums and Downing sites are 'deplorable in their high crowding, overdevelopment by dull buildings'. This comes when the University has plans for proposals for a tower block as part of its 'Science Island'. Any rebuilding in the central streets should be by small units rather than large-scale frontages, he says 63 01 26c # c.49.4

1963 01 29
Caxton church is situated on the site of the original village burnt at the time of the Black Death, some half-mile from the present settlement and parishioners find it rather a long walk. So the vicar has provided a transport service for members of the congregation. The church bus, which is capable of seating 12 people and driven by the Rev B.B. Edmonds himself, covers the area before morning and afternoon services. No charge is made for transport and passengers ride at their own risk. 63 01 29

The delivery period for coal in Cambridge is still about a fortnight even though snow has released many frozen supplies. But reports of 'coal racketeering' are unfair, according to Austin Beales, one of the largest coal distributors. Certain small merchants have been in great difficulties during the past few weeks as the freeze-up of stocks at the pit-heads had brought immeasurable problems to the industry. People must wait until the National Coal Board in co-operation with the railways, regain their normal smooth functioning. 63 01 30

1963 01 31
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Mill Road - 63 01 31, 63 02 07 [DYS cut]

U.F.O. group formed by Cambridge students – 63 01 31

Two new firms are to build large factories under the Haverhill expansion scheme. Hopkin and Williams of Chadwell Heath were established in 1850 and are manufacturers of chemicals for research, analysis and industrial purposes. They want extra space to meet overseas markets and will employ up to 75 people. Enfield Rolling Mills have already started site works at Holland Road for one refrigeration appliances factory and this second will provide for automatic plating and finishing of the products, bringing more jobs. Haverhill council are delighted 63 01 31a

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1963 02 01
A retired farmer died when fire swept though his thatched-roof home at Pickering Farm, Whaddon, despite efforts by firemen wearing breathing apparatus to save him. After battling through dense black smoke, they found the stairs leading to the bedroom had collapsed. Even as they unrolled their hoses flames shot from one end of the thatched roof to the other; there was no hope of saving the house which was completely gutted. 63 02 01

Simpers rope works in New Street was established 200 years ago to meet the demand for tow-ropes for horse-drawn barges which plied along the Cam. They were made by hand on the Ropewalk which once marked the borough boundary. Today, with the coming of machinery, they are among the biggest rope and fibre merchants in the country making canvas covers for lorries, marquees, tents & flags. Since the war tremendous development has taken place in the agricultural ironmongery department where farmers can find cattle-troughs, shovels or forks and builders buy barrows, water-proof clothing and nuts.63 02 01a # c.27

1963 02 02
Parts of the Backs should be flooded and turned into skating rinks, says a Cambridge botanist. There are a few natural ideal spots, used for lawn tennis, which could be easily flooded to provide skating. The initial cost would be insignificant but the benefit for the young and 'young at heart' (meaning dons) would be enormous. The maintenance of the skating rink would be easily covered by a small entrance fee. And it wouldn't spoil the tennis courts as ice and snow give the best protection for the species of grasses which might otherwise be damaged by the continuous cold. 63 02 02a # c.38 : ice skating

Like other sport, golf has been hit by the appalling weather conditions with no play since Boxing Day at the Gog Magog course. The ground was frozen before then and the greens have not been fit to use since the middle of December: they are like lakes and the bunkers full of snow. At Newmarket greens are like frozen lakes, Girton's nine holes are completely waterlogged, St Ives frozen solid and the hilly course at Royston has drifts many feet deep. 63 02 02b

1963 02 04
The Air Ministry was asked not to send any planes over Cambridge while the Marlowe Dramatic Society recorded the entire works of Shakespeare. George Rylands directed the project which started six years ago at the A.D.C. Noise interruptions were a constant worry: whenever a dog barked, a car backfired or rain fell on the roof, the recordings were spoiled and the actors had to begin again. After several summers they moved to a London recording company's studios. It was difficult getting the right sound effects for battles: one scene was the noise of supporters at a football match with cries of 'ref' judiciously removed. 63 02 04

1963 02 06
In 1956 college rating assessments were treated like those of offices or shops and increased three or even five times, one playing field assessment increased 11-fold. These figures were far too high and an appeal was lodged. Colleges make little demand on local authority services – not one extra place in a school, not one extra book in the Public Library, no extra policemen or inch of road. But there may be slightly more college drainage and refuse. They attract tourists who cause great expense to colleges whereas the entire financial benefit goes entirely to the city. They are not even charged a modest entrance fee to the private courts which are the sole reason for their visit – J.C. Bradfield, Bursar of Trinity College 63 02 06 & a # c.44.5 # c.32.6

1963 02 07
Deep snow blocks roads, sheet-ice responsible for lorry crashing into wall of Post Office at Gt Shelford – 63 02 07

1963 02 08
Two nights a week, figures drift up the yard behind the Royal Oak Hotel, St Neots, carrying boxes of varying shapes and sizes. They disappear into an old hay loft which houses a large miniature car racing circuit on which model Lotus, Cooper, Ferrari and Jaguar cars propelled by 12-volt electric motors travel at a scale speed of 180 mph. Racing is extraordinarily real – the only thing missing being the smell of exhaust fumes and the noise of the engines. Even women are finding the sport worthy of their interest and skill – 63 02 08

Huntingdon needs bypass – 63 02 08a

1963 02 09
Fuel stocks dwindle due to snow – 63 02 09

City Librarian not allowed a new carpet, difficult conditions – 63 02 09a # c.77.4

Afternoon shoppers in one of Cambridge's busiest streets scattered when a large piece of masonry fell from the top of a three storey building on to the pavement. Petty Cury was sealed off for an hour after an ornamental stone flower pot fell from the top of the building containing John Collier's outfitters shop and a Chinese restaurant. Fireman with a turntable escape ladder inspected another stone pot; it had hairline cracks but was left in position. 63 02 09b – photo 63 02 13

One big happy family with a big boxing reputation; these are the conclusions after visiting the house of Lauds in Bluntisham. Mrs Vera Laud had eleven children, six of whom were still at school when her husband died. The family oozes with boxing talent: four of her sons are operating in the ring, one as a professional, and two others have retired from the sport. But she has only watched them boxing on one occasion – they say she puts them off. 63 02 09c

1963 02 11
The Dorothy Café is undergoing extensive alterations to make it one of the foremost in East Anglia. The high Venetian Room – the one adjoining the main ballroom – is being split into two levels to cater for banqueting and other functions with improved toilets, creating a much better atmosphere. Already it has been completely stripped and preparations for the installation of the steel girders are well under way. This does not affect the running of the ballroom and the café downstairs 63 02 11

1963 02 12
Cambridge City Council may sell 16 of its new homes, which have cost about £2,700 each to build (about £44,500 today), for a deposit of only £5 – with the buyer being allowed up to 30 years to repay the balance. The houses are in Jolley Way and Kent Way, new roads on the Arbury Estate. The City Treasurer says the scheme has been proposed as an experiment; it is the first time the idea has been suggested for Cambridge 63 02 12 # c.23

Milton diversion will eliminate double bends in the Cambridge Road – photo 63 02 12

1963 02 13
The Rendezvous Club at Soham is to reopen. But liquor can be sold only to club members whose names must be available to police. The Club which opened 15 years ago, is owned by London and Provincial Cinemas together with the Regent Cinema. It formerly had 64 members, of whom a dozen were women, who can play billiards, darts and cards or listen to the juke box. There is one other club, Soham Comrades, but this is for men only. 63 02 13a

1963 02 14
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Storey's Way – 63 02 14 [DYS cut]

1963 02 15
Kneesworth is a little hamlet, population about 200, on the Old North Road. Nobody comes to their parish meetings and it is difficult for the council to make up a quorum. The centre of Bassingbourn is a mile to the west but the two parishes are virtually indistinguishable. Now they have asked whether they can join up with their larger neighbour (pop 2,600) as one council. 63 02 15

1963 02 16
Haverhill to abstract water from Bartlow – 63 02 16

Darts is still a popular sport which appeals to all classes. The Star Brewery League began 30 years ago and is a very lively concern with 300 registered competitors in its 20 clubs. George Woolley of

'The Hoops', Long Stanton is one of their leading performers but 'The Jubilee', 'Haymakers' and 'Five Bells' have all won the championship in recent years . Ely City Darts Organisation, which started around 1932, has nearly 800 on its register, including 90 women. 63 02 16a #c.38 : darts

1963 02 18
East and West Suffolk will not amalgamate, Newmarket UDC should be retained – 63 02 18

1963 02 19
Mr S. Owen Webb was the first President of the Cambridgeshire Farmers' Federation which formed in March 1914 and even after his retirement in 1935 he had a great influence over farming until his death in November 1951. Now the National Farmers' Union is based at 'Owen Webb House' in Gonville Place which was bought from Caius College. It provides offices together with full dining facilities for members with a good bar where a lot of hard talking is done on matters that affect agriculture. 63 02 19

1963 02 20
Plans for the New Town area will retain the strong community spirit with different blocks of flats and houses centred on a 'village green'. There will be a church, local shops, public house, old people's flatlets, a children's playing space and hall, an Inquiry heard. However 87 properties in Russell Street & Coronation Street not fit for human habitation would be compulsorily purchased and 27 others redeveloped. The roofs are in bad shape, the brickwork and chimneys perished and all have outside toilets. It could be rebuilt in stages to minimise disruption. But some residents objected. 63 02 20 # c.49.4

1963 02 21
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Victoria Road 63 02 21 [DYS cut]

Victor Reynolds, member of 'Rock King' family burnt in fire at Sturton St home – 63 02 21

There were a great number of old people in Burwell who needed a Meals on Wheels service Magnetic Devices of Newmarket had offered to provide 10 meals from their canteen each day and the W.V.S., who used to operate a free soup service, may help again. At Soham they charged one shilling a meal – the price having been reduced from one-and-six when it was found some old people were unable to afford that amount. The cost of producing the meal was two shilling and twopence and the money needed was raised locally. They were lucky to have an excellent band of voluntary workers who went round in their cars delivering the food. 63 02 21a

1963 02 22
Portholme Meadow petition against plans for sand & gravel workings – 63 02 22

BBC engineers have been carrying out tests to find a suitable site for a relay booster television station in Cambridge. It follows a petition signed by 5,000 viewers that was organised by the Cambridge Radio and Television Retailers Association. The tests on Stourbridge Common involve the use of a barrage balloon which lifts a transmitting aerial to different heights. The signal is picked up by a mobile control room which travels around Cambridge testing reception in different areas – 63 02 22a # c.27.8

1963 02 23
Despite appalling conditions the national cross-country championships attracted more than 250 runners to the Coldham's Common course. The race started near the old rifle butts with a dash through ice-fields and bumpy ground towards the gas works, over a bridge built by the Territorial Army then past the Whitehill Estate, keeping to the rough of the Priory School playing fields to the railway bridge. Then runners were on the course proper. A special train was laid on from Liverpool Street with buses to Coleridge School 63 02 23a 63 03 04 & a # c.38 : running # c.32.3

Glauart wins prize for best photo of skating on Backs – 63 02 23

1963 02 25
County mobile library service approved – 63 02 25 # c.77.7

1963 02 26
Freedom of City granted to Suffolk & Cambridgeshire Regiment TA – 63 02 26 # c.45.8

Building land sought in Newmarket as private housing below average – 63 02 26a

1963 02 27
Coal being shipping into Wisbech for first time in 35 years; not had a cargo of coal since 1926 – 63 02 27

Clearing ice at Milton road football ground – 63 02 27a

1963 02 28
London commuters are eligible for 100 per cent mortgages under a new 'home loans for all' plan by the London County Council. Loans will be made on any house or flat within a 50-mile radius of Charing Cross and will be available to those living in St Neots, Royston, Huntingdon or Haverhill regardless of income. Repayment can be spread over 25 years. The only restriction is that the value of the property must not be more than £5,000. Estate agents predict it will not have a dramatic impact on Cambridge. 63 02 28

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Union Lane – 63 02 28 [DYS cut]

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1963 03 01
Hale Close Melbourn new homes – advert 63 03 01

Restoration work at historic Yew Tree House at Witcham has revealed an inglenook fireplace and an ancient flight of stone steps behind a bricked up doorway covered by wallpaper and plaster. The steps simply peter out into another wall but may once have led to a priest's hole. The Vicar thinks that the foundations of the 17th-century house could well be as old as the church and legend says an underground passage may have run between them. There is a depression in the ground which might be a collapsed tunnel 63 03 01a

Ancient fireplace and oak chimney discovered at house in Burwell – 63 03 01b
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Broad Street – 63 03 07 [DYS cut]

1963 03 08
Johnsons Structures Ltd is one of the most recent industries to come to St Neots. They needed a new factory and the shipping of giant structures weighing 30 tons could be done more easily from there. Good facilities were offered for housing some 25 key workers who have transferred from the old factory at Mitcham, Surrey. They find people friendly – the locals buy you a drink - , but there is little in the way of entertainment, the roads are not as clean as in Battersea and they have to go to Bedford for shopping 63 03 08

Cambridge firms, University department and the City Council who employ large numbers of people have been encouraging their employees to change from wages in cash to payment by cheque. Pye says it would cut down the risk of hold-ups. But banks have not experienced any sudden swing to cheque payment 63 03 08b

Stapleford and Shelford would probably be virtually unknown outside the immediate district but for one man – L.L. Baynes. Ten years ago he felt that the D.I.Y. movement had great possibilities so built a single-storey shop, Shelford Building Supplies. Handymen appreciated his advice and range of products and as the business expanded extensions became necessary, leading to a new store in 1962. Undergraduates come to get materials for making bookshelves and members of the armed forces from the many camps in the area are also good customers. Now he issues a 36-page illustrated catalogue of his stock. 63 03 08c

1963 03 09
Cuts in the education budget means that the primary school buildings programme has been badly hit; the Ministry has agreed to only one new school at Coton, replacing a two-classroom village school. Proposals for schools at Comberton and Fen Drayton have been rejected. 63 03 09

Cambridgeshire Rowing Association history – Briscoe Snelson – 63 03 09a

1963 03 12
A six-acre site between Downfields and the centre of Soham is being considered for allocation to light industry. It would give employment to 300 people – 63 03 12a

1963 03 13
Developers claimed that for all practical purposes Kennett and Kentford were one. Although planning permission had been granted for 1,000 houses in the area many landowners had applied so they could get a value on their land and had no intention of selling. But one farmer said he had bought land to build on and had no intention of farming. West Suffolk had given permission for 44 houses and bungalows in Kentford but Cambridgeshire planners opposed saying the site was open land half-way between the two villages and would spoil the countryside 63 03 13

1963 03 14
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Garlic Row - 63 03 14 [DYS cut]

1963 03 15
The battle of the fens is on with councils in direct competition with each other in efforts to attract more light industry and halt the migration of their populations. Chatteris has a good labour force but every day 200 women leave to work in factories around Cambridge. March has a large railway marshalling yard employing 1,500 people and wants industry in case it is reduced in size. Ramsey are trying to get firms from Middlesex, bringing 500 employees into the town. It has little to attract them but hope that 'bingo and the cinemas' will be enough amusement until it can grow. 63 03 15

1963 03 16
An 89-year-old lady was sitting quietly by her fireside in a 19th-century cottage at Godmanchester when a lorry loaded with eight tons of carrots ran off the road and wrecked the empty house next door. Although half a ton of bricks and masonry crashed into the side of the cab, the driver was uninjured. The carrots, from Ramsey, were on their way to Wigan. Surveyors examined the badly-damaged cottage while the lady went on sitting by her cosy fireside next door. She enjoys watching the traffic go past and does not want to move. 63 03 16

1963 03 18
The flow of traffic through Eaton Socon has been greatly hindered during the past 10 days due to road workings in the centre of the village. The works, which stretch for 100 yards, have resulted in queues of cars and lorries stretching two miles to Wyboston. Shops have been badly affected with business down 50 per cent. The hold-ups will continue into April. 63 03 18

The circus came to Cambridge, not in glittering costumes but in best suits to Great St Andrew's church. The occasion was the wedding of Jeoffrey Nicholson, a clown with Bertram Mills Circus to Patricia O'Dell from Quy. The couple first saw one another when the circus came to Cambridge three

years ago, but it was not until recently that they met again. Amongst the personalities was Jacko, a fellow clown. After a reception at the Garden House Hotel the couple left for a honeymoon before returning to the circus. 63 03 18a

1963 03 19
St Ives considers redevelopment of prefab site 63 03 19

Ely Chamber of Commerce commissioned an architect to produce a scheme for brightening up Fore Hill. Mr W.T. Rayment, a butcher, and Mr S.J. Theobald felt that it would encourage more visitors. Mr L.G. Cornwell would treat his shop on the lines recommended but Vernon Cross had already carried out some redecoration and would not be doing more and other traders could not see it working. It had to be done as a whole because the colours all blended. 63 03 19a.

1963 03 20
Chris Montez, the young American singer, sang his hit tune "Let's Dance" before packed houses at the Regal Cinema and judging from the amount of screaming and cries from the female section of the audience, he was worth it. Tommy Rose gave a more sedate performance of "Little Sheila" but the most versatile group was the Viscounts. The Beatles, a four-man 'rock' group with weird hairstyles as a gimmick, sang and played their current hits, "Love Me Do" and "Please Please". The fast-moving show was not the best Cambridge audiences have seen but enthusiastic teenagers agreed the flying visit of the stars was well worth while. 63 03 20 # c.69

Poultry industry faces collapse unless fowl pest vaccination – 63 03 20

1963 03 21
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on King Street – 63 03 21 [DYS cut]

Demolition workers on Icewell Hill, Newmarket have discovered a dry well, believed to be a medieval method of refrigeration from which the area gets its name. It is mainly square, unlike a normal water well. When lighted torches were thrown down the hole they revealed a tunnel leading horizontally from the bottom, which is believed to be 30 feet deep. Other wells have been found in the area, two were filled in several years ago. Archaeologists hope that more may be unearthed when new buildings are constructed. 63 03 21

1963 03 22
The road works at Eaton Socon have hit businesses. R.B. Drake, garage proprietor, reports petrol sales are down 50 per cent, the Co-op says customers find it impossible to cross the road while W.P. Sherwood, baker and grocer says one driver who was stopped by the traffic lights rushed in for 20 cigarettes, left ten shillings and said he would pick up the change later. They are still waiting for him to return. Marjorie Songest of the 'Old Sun' says she might as well close. The pub stands in the middle of the construction area with just enough room for pedestrians. The ironic thing is that the traffic lights are plugged into a socket in the pub lounge. Everybody will be very pleased to see the work end at Easter 63 03 22

Underground road to service Lion Yard shops – 63 03 22a [See Memories 14 Mar 2013] # c.49.4

The Chivers-Hartley factory at Histon has developed 'New Jam' made by a vacuum process believed to be unique in the country. 63 03 22e

Nicholls & co new garage, Newmarket Road, National Fuels – advert 63 03 22f

1963 03 25
The top floor of a historic little Cambridge house was badly damaged by fire. The house, known as 'The Hobby', is at Montagu Road is rented by two American Mormons 63 03 25

The former Quay Brewery site in Ely now houses a plastics factory owned by Devanon who have recently moved from London, bringing work to seven local people. The firm produces plastic articles for advertising display purposes, including plastic bananas! The site is large enough to accommodate 16 small light industrial units and the company is hoping to encourage other small manufacturers to switch from London to Ely. Ultimately the firm hopes to expand and increase its personnel to 30 women and five men 63 03 25a

Longstanton farmer's daughter, Sarah Stroude, travelled by punt to reception – 63 03 25b

1963 03 26
Plans have been drawn up to create a new village. The development at Bar's Farm, Dry Drayton, the first anywhere in the country for at least a century, would be undertaken by a private firm and envisages freehold and leasehold properties built to a high architectural standard to house about 3,000 people. A Board of Trustees would ensure it was completely self-supporting with its own shops. But some say that Lolworth, with a population of 90, should be developed instead to house about 6,000 people. It used to have about 400 houses until they were burned down in a great fire many years ago and nobody bothered to rebuild them. 63 03 26

1963 03 27
The Beeching report on the future of British Railways suggests the closing down of 19 stations in the Cambridge area – including three serving the main towns of Haverhill, Saffron Walden and St Ives. There would be the complete withdrawal of passenger services from branch lines, Cambridge-March, Gt Shelford-Marks Tey, Audley End & Bartlow lines. Amongst the village stations closed to passenger traffic would be Histon, Wimblington and Chatteris, Bartlow, Pampisford and Linton together with Soham and Fordham. Services from Black Bank would also cease 63 03 27 & a # c.26.2

Proposals by Holland, Hannen and Cubitts for a new village at Bar's Farm, Dry Drayton are a 'unique concept'. Development would be phased over 15 years using materials sympathetic with the landscape but avoiding monotony of detail. A large proportion would be housing of a contemporary nature with a big area set aside for light industry. There would be nursery, primary and secondary education, shops, two public houses and a church together with a petrol filling station and motel. 63 02 27b & 63 03 29

1963 03 28
Rampton to get new sewage pumping station – 63 03 28

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Station Road – 63 03 28 [DYS cut]

1963 03 29
Courtyard, Lt Shelford – new housing – 63 03 29a

Few visitors to King's College realise that there is a five-bedroomed house beyond the archway where Head porters have lived since 1828. It appears to be a comfortable modern house with lounge, spacious kitchen, coal cellar and two bedrooms. Heating is by coal fire but the high ceilings make it difficult to keep warm, there is no back door or garden, it has bars on the long windows and the chapel music can be heard from the bedrooms. Originally there was a gardener's house on the other side of the entrance archway but this has been converted into undergraduate rooms. 63 03 29b

The City of Cambridge Rowing Club was founded on April 20 1863. 'Town' rowing had flourished in the 1840s with half-a-dozen clubs capable of manning an eight apiece . But by the mid 50's it was mainly confined to gig-pairs and four-oared activity. At times no local crew owned even a rudder string and depended on College Boat Clubs for the loan of equipment. In 1953 the club organised the first open regatta to be held on the Cam for over 50 years and in 1961 the Leys School decided to add rowing to their athletic activities, a centenary dinner heard. 63 03 29c 63 03 29c # c.38 : rowing

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1964 04 01
Parkside indoor pool was opened by Ald Ridgeon and dozens of young members of Cambridge swimming clubs who had been sitting round the edges of the pool jumped into the water, splashing and cheering. A colourful and exciting gala followed featuring Linda Ludgrove, the double gold medallist at the Empire Games, and several Olympic swimming stars. The new building, which took three years to erect at a cost of £250,000, contains two heated pools; the main one has diving boards while the beginners' pool has a constant dept of two feet six inches. 63 04 01 # c.38 : swimming

Cambridge Water Company has become responsible for public water to the areas previously supplied by the Borough of St Ives, Ramsey UDC and the Rural Districts of Chesterton, South Cambs and St Ives. 63 04 01a & b

1963 04 02
First section of temporary bridge at St Neots now in place – 63 04 02

The withdrawal of passenger train services from St Ives would be a great blow to trade; people in villages would not use buses with that tedious journey, the town's Chamber of Commerce heard. The line from March to Cambridge would remain open for freight and a rail conductor service for passengers might be provided. But it would deter industrialists who were considering setting up business. More light industries should be encouraged; they would supply the population to fill houses and the factories would contribute towards the rates and help meet the high cost of the new sewerage system. 63 04 02a

1963 04 03
The new car park at the rear of Queen Anne Terrace has now been completed and is open for public use, free of charge. It adjoins the car park at the new swimming pool which can accommodate 67 cars and has been constructed as part of the council's policy for traffic control in anticipation of the Minister's approval of the parking meter scheme. The multi-storey car park in Park Street should be in use by the middle of the year and a decision is awaited on an application for another in King Street 63 04 03 # c.26.48

1963 04 04
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Histon Road – 63 04 04 [DYS cut]

The shock of Dr Beeching's plans to close Chatteris railway station and the St Ives loop-line connecting them with Cambridge and March is over. But Chatteris councillors' battle to maintain the line is hotting-up. It would hit many residents who travel to work in Cambridge each day or visit Addenbrooke's Hospital. If the station closes there would be more traffic on the roads which are already congested and make the town isolated, they claim. 63 04 04

1963 04 05
Chatteris Market Hill Garden and shelter receives award – 63 04 05

During the day the Brunswick School is filled with robust youngsters who are being prepared to take their place in a highly competitive world. One evening a month it opens to those who have neither the rude health nor the glorious prospects of the day scholars. Though many of them are young they are physically handicapped and will never qualify to take an active part in life. They come for companionship, to get away from the four walls, to meet others the same or worse than they are, but above all to enjoy themselves. 'The Gray Club' started in 1955 for Open Air School leavers and has now affiliated with the rapidly increasing St Raphael Club whose permanent centre will soon be open 63 04 05a

Saffron Walden council decided to surrender without a fight to Dr Beeching's proposal to axe the town's branch railway line. It was part of a much bigger plan. They were not a museum committee and should consider an alternative transport system. But some councillors felt the line could be run at a tenth of its present cost and its closure would mean more bus services increasing the use of the roads and leading to expensive highway improvements. Many people travelled to London or Cambridge for work and many of the trains which currently stop at Audley End would not stop if the branch line closed. If people did not fight for this, they would not fight for anything. 63 04 06

1963 04 06
Earith suspension bridge demolition – 63 04 06a

Civic Trust awards for West Wratting windmill, Fisons Pest Control, Bradwell's Court and Chatteris market hill garden – 63 04 06b

1963 04 09
Haslingfield is in danger of losing its village hall and recreation ground if financial support is not found soon. They were left in trust 38 years ago by a Mr Badcock who willed that the amenities should last forever. But the money in the will ran out several years ago and now support for the Trust Committee has dwindled. It costs £150 a year to maintain and is used for dances, the Over-60's club and as changing rooms. The children's playground would also suffer. 63 04 09

1963 04 10
Flying Scotsman arrives at Cambridge station en route to London where it will pull an enthusiasts' train 63 04 10 # c.26.2

1963 04 11
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Jesus Lane – 63 04 11[DYS cut]

1963 04 13
Tourist traffic, bigger than it has been for many Easters in Cambridge, jammed the city centre. Police say that 'Once the car parks are full, we're snookered. There is nowhere for them to go. There are various new car parks behind the new Swimming Pool and behind Queens' Road, but will the tourists find them". An added attraction is the show of crocuses and daffodils along the Backs. Bus companies report a larger than average influx of visitors from the Midlands, London & Norwich as after the long winter, people are making the most of a fine spell of weather. 63 04 13

Parcels which arrived at Cambridge railway station in a tremendous rush just before Easter have caused a bigger backlog on deliveries than they did at Christmas. The parcels, mainly for local shops changing and increasing their stock for the beginning of the University term, are lining the platforms in barrow loads. "We just can't cope with them. We hope people expecting parcels will come to the station and collect them themselves if they're in a hurry. It will be the end of next week before we clear them", a railway spokesman said. 63 04 13 # c.26.2

1963 04 15
Cambridge's latest jazz club in the dimly-lit cellar of the Dolphin public house in Coronation Street is fast building a reputation for modern jazz. Every Wednesday the resident group, the Percy Seeby quartet, backed during the interval by records, plays to a membership now limited to 100. Half an hour after the band starts the cellar was full and it was even difficult to climb down the dozen or so steps. Another popular item in the programme is poetry reading lead by Nigel Gordon. 63 04 15

1963 04 17
Planners say industry should be established on land opposite the Cherry Tree Inn at Soham. It would employ 300 people, many from the Downfield housing estate. There was a need for a by-pass but this would not come in the next 20 years so something would have to be done about congestion in the main shopping centre. A car parking site had been allocated at the old Grammar School where shops

were to be erected on the frontage. The Shade junior school was sub-standard; it will be replaced by a new one off Berrycroft Lane and the Clay Street Infants' school would be rebuilt and enlarged. But they denied claims they did not want further development on the commons as it would be constructing decent roads. 63 04 17

Saffron Walden council were wrong to accept the proposed closure of the rail link to Audley End without protest and were letting residents down, Haverhill councillors felt. They claimed the withdrawal of passenger services from the Shelford-Haverhill-Marks Tey line and the Bartlow-Audley End link would disrupt the social and economic organisation of the area and damage their expansion scheme. Haverhill station should be kept open for freight traffic and personnel and luggage from Stradishall RAF station. It should also become a centre for the distribution of coal. 63 04 17a

Greyhound fans will be able to enjoy racing at a local stadium if plans for establishing a track at Brickfields, Withersfield are carried through. A local businesswoman has acquired the site and plans to stage meetings in May by which time the site will have been levelled and turfed and the traps installed. Haverhill is a growing town and this is the sort of entertainment many of the newcomers have been used to, she says. Her eventual plan is for a 'flapper' track similar to that at Bury St Edmunds 63 04 17b.

Often youngsters who fail the eleven-plus choose an apprenticeship in the engineering industry. They start in a company at age 15 and serve a 12 month's probationary period after which the normal apprenticeship runs until their 21st birthday. They will study at a Further Educational Centre one day a week and also attend classes one or two nights. W.G. Pye and Unicam have played an important role in maintaining and improving standards in their large and well-equipped apprenticeship schools and more recently Pye has opened an entirely new Training Centre to cater for apprentices throughout their group. 63 04 17c

1963 04 18
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on High Street Cherry Hinton – 63 04 18 [DYS cut]

1964 04 22
The City of Cambridge Rowing Club commemorated its centenary by unveiling a new weather vane at its boathouse. It is the oldest 'town' club and was 'Head of the River' for eleven successful years from 1951-1961. The weathervane, made by Messrs George Lister, was presented by the well-known Cambridge artist, Raymond Lister, who has a long association with the club. 63 04 22 # c.38 : rowing

1963 04 23
The Princess Royal, as Air Chief Commandant of the Princess Mary's RAF Nursing Service, opened the new Outpatients Department at the Ely RAF Hospital. She inspected the Nurse Officers' quarters, the Training School and the Airmen's Dining Room before lunching in the Officers' Mess and unveiling a plaque. Later she toured some of the wards and went to the Red Cross Library where the wives of five senior NCOs were presented. 63 04 23

Someone misread a map and gave the wrong name to what will be Britain's biggest man-made lake after 1,700 acres of Hunts countryside is flooded by water from the Great Ouse. Seven farms and 20 houses will be inundated by the lake's 13 thousand million gallons which are urgently needed to supply water to neighbouring counties. The Great Ouse Water Authority had decided to call it Diddington Reservoir but after protests from Grafham villages agreed it had been wrongly named. 63 04 23a

1963 04 24
The modernised Thriplow Junior School was opened and dedicated by the Bishop of Ely in its centenary year. It had been in danger of closure in 1947 when the number of children dropped to 20. There were signs of revival in the mid 1950s when nearly 50 pupils attended and after long

discussions it was decided the village should continue to have a school. Mr G.O. Vinter, one of the Foundation Managers, thanked all who had assisted with the extension programme 64 04 24

Royston Priory Memorial Gardens to have fountain to commemorate American airmen of 91st Bomb Group who died on missions from Bassingbourn. 63 04 24a

1963 04 25
Dustbins may be abolished in Cambridge to be replaced by sacks. Mid-day collection might be organised for houses in some badly lit side streets so bins were not left on the pavements overnight 63 04 25

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Gwydir Street – 63 04 25 [DYS cut]

G. Hamit of Green End Stretham has bird box for blackbirds, son Terence collects eggs – 63 04 25a

The Beeching report says the Cambridge main line would be retained but the branch lines that feed it are going to be withdrawn, meaning the business will fall off and putting it in future jeopardy. Three miles away a bridge was being built over a railway line where passenger services may be withdrawn and nobody knows how long it was going to be used for freight. Yet at the same time funding for the road bridge over the Cam at Walnut Tree Avenue was deferred time after time, councillors complained. 83 04 25b

The honour of being given the freedom of the city is the ultimate recognition of service to the community. But there are no privileges attached. Amongst those elected have been Kitchener of Khartoum, members of the Cambridgeshire Regiment in 1901 and 1946, the US Eighth Army Air Force and Alderman William Raynes in 1951. Originally people could pay to become freemen meaning they could practice their trade, graze animals on the common and hold a booth at Stourbridge Fair. Since 1931 it has been technically possible to apply to become a freeman but nobody has done so.63 04 25c

1963 04 26
A revolution in mushroom growing which will increase production by 50 per cent came into operation at the 'model' Bell Farm at Nuthampstead. The new developments, using straw and chemicals instead of horse manure, cost no more to produce. Its formula involves some 20 different chemicals took ten four years to perfect and is a closely-guarded secret. The process begins in a covered yard where 35 tons a week of horse manure is turned by a muck-spreader to get rid of its ammonia content. It then spends a week in an enormous Turkish bath, then cooled before mushroom spoors are injected. Covent Garden want 'closed-cup' mushrooms but Cambridge people won't touch anything by open cup and flat varieties 63 04 26

A London firm of steeplejacks are dismantling a 177 feet high chimney stack at Adelaide, near Ely, for the Ely Beet Sugar Factory. The work should take about a month. The operation must be done brick by brick as an explosion would damage nearby machinery. The chimney was erected in 1925 and was last used two years ago. 63 04 26a

County Sports of St Neots is one of the country's leading manufacturers of cricket bats, exporting them around the world. It was started in 1925 by Mr A.E. Trimmings and his father and uses English willow, some grown on islands in the Ouse, to make the blades. The most skilled craftsmen manufacture the handles which are designed and patented by the firm. But there is a lack of people willing to take the five year apprenticeship and a lack of interest in hand crafts. 63 04 26b

1963 04 29
Mr R.A. Butler, the Deputy Prime Minister, has been appointed High Steward of the City of Cambridge, a distinction only conferred on outstanding men 63 04 29 63 04 30 # c.35.7

A million tons of fertile Fenland soil is to be given away. Standing 30 feet high and covering 100 acres it has been washed from sugar beet processed at the Ely Beet Factory over the past 30 years. They get about 30,000 tons of soil annually which is dumped nearby but has run out of space and it is cheaper to give it away than buy more land. It is used to make up gardens, bank up roads and fill in rubbish dumps. Anybody wanting soil has to arrange their own cartage 63 04 29a

1963 04 30
If Huntingdon and Godmanchester council support a plan to erect 185 terraced houses at a density of 13 per acre, it would be allowing dwellings similar to those built during the industrial revolution, a councillor claimed. But the properties off Veasey Road, near the L.C.C. overspill development site, were approved. "The brains of the Planning Office have considered this and it's not up for ordinary lay people to criticise", he was told. The majority of people these days only want small gardens 63 04 30a

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1963 05 01
Chesterton RDC consider collection of rubbish in paper sacks rather than dustbins – 63 05 01

Bourn is a pretty village and residents do not want it to be spoiled by the innumerable amount of new street lights that are going up. – 63 05 01a

Pampisford dress designer Rudi Newton showed the collection he has created for the London fashion house of Sylvia Mills. He has a distinctive simplicity, getting extreme smartness into everything he makes while keeping them absolutely suitable for both town or country. The suits have the wider shoulders (though far removed from the 1940s styles) and are gently rounded and flattering. His range of over 80 coats, suits and dresses suit women of all ages. 63 05 01b

King Street car park approval delayed, plans for controlled parking outlined – 63 05 01

1963 05 02
Emily Benstead of Littleport has been collecting for charity for nearly half a century – by bicycle. Her benevolent work started in the First World War and she has worn out three bikes, cycling thousands of miles and raising £1,500. She has been out in all weathers from deep snow to a heat wave, pedalling up to 15 miles at a time round surrounding Fenland. The Red Cross, St Dunstan's and Cancer are just some of those who have benefited as has St Matthew's Church. "She is a grand old lady who has done a wonderful job", said one villager 63 05 02

The Aga Khan flew to Paris from Cambridge in a specially-chartered airliner after visiting Newmarket races to watch his horse race in the Two Thousand Guineas. But sadly he had no luck – Darannour was unplaced. Whilst waiting for his plane's clearance he was shown over a Bristol Freighter used to fly racehorses to Ireland and a new Beech Queen Air business aircraft. The Sales Manager of Marshall's said the Aga Khan was keenly interested in all types of executive aircraft. 63 05 02a

A farm worker with his wife and family trudged down a narrow village lane in pouring rain, carrying all their belongings into Longstowe village hall. It will be home to him and his wife, four children, three canaries, a pedigree cat and a black terrier dog until he can find somewhere else to take them. They have to fetch water from nearby cottages and use their toilet facilities. The man, who looks after a herd of pedigree cows, was evicted from his cottage home in the High Street. There are only five council houses in the village and he will lose his job if he has to move too far away. 63 05 02b

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Bateman Street – 63 05 02[DYS cut]

1963 05 03
Haverhill may become two communities – the newcomers and the old population, warned the Chairman of the Urban Council. Several hundred new people, grown-ups and children, were moving in every year from overcrowded cities like London. He had lived there all his life but was surprised to see how people moving in could feel at home. It was due to the friendliness of the locals and not just the lovely Suffolk air. Towns must either expand and progress or stagnate and Haverhill had changed more than most. 63 05 03

County Record Office display of documents – 63 05 03aa

1963 05 04
Hardwick is split by planning dispute over residential development – 63 05 04

Sidney Street hostel on site of Sainsbury's – 63 05 04a

1963 95 96
Histon bypass bridge progress – 63 05 06

1963 05 07
Baldry's install tank containing liquid carbon-dioxide, Gothic Street – 63 05 07

1963 05 08
Corpus Christi cellars could be used as fall-out shelter in times of emergency – 63 05 08 # c.45.8

Romsey Terrace site an 'eyesore', want store and garage – 63 05 08a

1963 05 09
Chatteris needs town development scheme to encourage industry – 63 05 09

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Chesterton High Street - 63 05 09d-g

Sawston Hall used as film setting – 63 05 09a

South Cambs RDC plan new offices at Brooklands Avenue or Sawston – 63 05 09b

1963 05 10
Cambridge Riverside Jazz Club has moved from the YMCA Hall to the Red Cow public house behind the Guildhall. The clubroom is being converted and several murals for wall decorations have been prepared by local art students. The club, which has over 500 members, will feature the Percy Seeby quartet playing modern jazz on Sundays, Pete Sayers and the Bluegrass Cut-Ups with their country and western music on Wednesday and the Riverside band with traditional jazz on Thursdays. 63 05 10 # c.69

Warboys. Avoid the expensive localities and live in this elevated and prosperous village, six miles from Huntingdon, 17 from Peterborough and 20 miles from Cambridge. 63 05 10a

1963 05 15
The Government rejected the City Council's scheme to build a multi-storey car park together with shops and a petrol filling station on land near the Malcolm Street junction at King Street. The site is obscurely located in a residential area and the roads leading to it are narrow, awkward and unsatisfactory. It would cause serious detriment to adjoining properties and initiate a substantial commercial encroachment to the detriment of the special qualities of the cultural and central area of the city. An alternative site should be found, the Minister says 63 05 15, 63 05 11 # c.49.62

1963 05 15

In 1869 William Weatherhead purchased the business of John Hatt, a bookseller and printseller in Union Street, now Peas Hill. Then in 1886 took over an established stationers' shop in Trinity Street. The two merged at his death in 1907, added a wholesale department and flourished until 1936 when they moved to its present premises in the Caius College development on Market Hill. Now it has been acquired by W.H. Smith 63 05 15a # c.25

Hinchingbrooke House was purchased by Huntingdonshire County Council in 1962. Now they have bought the nearby Home Farm and New Park to allow the extension of the Grammar School playing fields and safeguard the amenities of the area. Huntingdon is a rapidly expanding town but with the likely extension of George Street much of the council's office accommodation would be pulled down and it is essential to have land to cater for their growing County services 63 05 15b

1963 05 16
Two wage bags, containing £20,000, were snatched in a daring daylight raid at March. One of the assailants was sprayed in the face with purple dye during the attack on the blue Securicor Ford Anglia car occupied by three security guards as it made its way along Station Road. The raiders used one car as a ram, threatened a woman who tried to grab one of the bags, made off in a handily placed can, then stopped a pursing laundry van by throwing a brick through its windscreen. They next changed to another van that was found abandoned at in the Graysmoor area. 63 05 16

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Tenison Road - 63 05 16 [DYS cut]
Studio home at Courtyards, Lt Shelford – 63 05 16a
Hinchingbrooke Hospital may be build at Huntingdon – 63 05 16b

1963 05 17
Cyril Phythian from Dry Drayton has, after tremendous effort, produced the delightful Solway cricket ground. It is one of the most picturesque for miles, entirely enclosed by small trees and flanked by his bungalow. The pitch was used for a time by the village cricket club but now has been adopted by the St Giles Cricket Club of Cambridge. Its cedar pavilion will be a place where cricketers can bring their wives and children for an afternoon out. 63 05 17

1963 05 18
Temporary bridge being built over Ouse at St Neots – photo – 63 05 18

1963 05 21
Barrington cement works fire of 100 tarred railway sleepers being used for extensions railway line – 63 05 21

The firm of E.J. Pigott (Tools) was established in Sidney Street 100 years ago and moved to Sussex Street before the war. It has been handed down from father to son with always some member of the family behind the counter. Its handicraft shop in Hills Road was the first of its kind in East Anglia and they've recently opened an ironmongery department. It has ceased to sell hip and slipper baths but stocks 140 different types of pocket knife 63 05 21a & b # c.27

Reach Fair opening – 63 05 21c

1963 05 22
Plans by the Pye Group to tour the country with their new mobile 625-line television transmitter and studio have been blocked by the Post Office who says they do not have a licence. It was launched in Cambridge when the Mayor, Ald Hickson, became the first public figure to appear on the system. The whole of the television industry has been devoted to the development of the new equipment which was featured at the last Radio Show. Pye has called for the ban to be immediately reversed 63 05 22 # c.27.1 : Pye

Cambridge's new radio-telescope at Lord's Bridge will be the most advanced in its field. Three giant reflector dishes, two fixed and one moveable, will receive radio signals from the universe. The mobile aerial will travel on a half-mile length of rail at a speed of one mile an hour. Prof Martin Ryle said that ten years ago nobody could have dreamed about this type of radio telescope. It was unique in the world today. The millions of copper needles launched into space by the Americans would not affect its working at present, but might well do so in the future.63 05 22a # c.12 # c.36.9

1963 05 23
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Milton Road – 63 05 23 [DYS cut]

1963 05 24
Revised plans for the Sidgwick Avenue site include parking for 300 cars underground. But it will not include the West Hall which was to have contained 1,000 seats and provided for symphony concerts and full-scale theatrical productions. A site closer to the city centre would be needed if this was to be a success. The Faculty of History will include studies for academic staff and a library with space for 300 readers. But the need of faculties 20 years hence cannot be accurately forecast and some of those now planned may be accommodated elsewhere. 63 05 24 # c.36.9

Mcmanus for value in Cambridge. The Chesterton Estate, Histon Road, offers spacious three-bedroom terrace houses with attractive tile-hung elevations and in-built fuel stores with a garage nearby if required, for £2,895. Detached two-bedroom bungalows, £3,395; semi-detached £2,695. A decorated show house is available for inspection fitted with central heating in the form of Sager Tangential Flow fan heaters. Maximum Mortgages available – Advert. 63 05 24a # c.23

1963 05 25
Work continues to eradicate coypu colonies in Norfolk and North Suffolk with a systematic drive inwards from the perimeter. The outer four-mile wide strip has been cleared, trapping is nearing completion in the second strip and the next is being surveyed. Infestation in the rest of the region was lighter and more sporadic so Ministry of Agriculture officers, farmers and the public were given the task of clearing the area. The pests will continue to represent a threat to the farming community and the utmost vigilance is needed 63 05 25

A 1916 Sopwith Pup aircraft was forced to make an emergency landing in a field near Waterbeach. Police stopped traffic on the A10 while it was manhandled across the road on to the airfield 63 05 25a # c.26.1

1963 05 27
Until a few weeks ago there was a farm in the heart of Cambridge where cattle grazed in fields not a stone's throw from the University Library. Now Mr Dale of Grange Farm, Adams Road is moving and the livestock and implements have been sold. In 1939 the farm, owned by St John's, extended to some 200 acres but part of this was used for the building of a repair shop and later Churchill College. The farm house itself is large and rambling with 14 rooms and an absolute contrast to the nearby house on Herschel Road recently built by Lord Rothschild 63 05 27 # c.44.6

1963 05 29
A site has been identified for the proposed new Shelford Village College 63 05 29

1963 05 30
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Brooklands Avenue – 63 05 30 [DYS cut]

Duke of Edinburgh arrives by helicopter to talk to children in his Award Scheme – 63 05 30 # c.02

1963 05 31
At S.R. Barnes' factory on the outskirts of St Neots female employees turn out finely shaped briar pipes for man's enjoyment throughout the world. In the course of one year nimble fingers shape and

polish over 180,000 pipes, many exported to the US and Canada. The firm was established in London in 1920 but with the War it was necessary to safeguard the stocks of briar and vulcanised rubber from enemy bombers so they moved here. Now they are planning to expand. 63 05 31

At Priors Court, formerly an army camp in West Fen Road Ely, 70 houses and flats are going up. Fairfax Court also being built – 63 05 31b

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1963 06 01
Joseph Custance, farm worker at Kingston, retires 63 06 01

Castle Camps School was packed as over 100 villagers turned up to support the newly-formed Castle Camps and Shudy Camps Residents Association. It was formed so they could air grievances over the way South Cambs RDC used every trick to suppress publication of controversial details about proper and adequate drainage. Bartlow Road council houses have to empty their sewage into an open ditch which could lead to paratyphoid. The parish council chairman should resign. 63 06 01a

1963 06 04
Soham carnival opened by Norman Vaughan – 63 06 04a

1963 06 04
Ely Barracks Field should be site for new public hall and civic centre – 63 06 05.

1963 06 06
Ely Quay Brewery site in Broad Street to house eleven factory units – 63 06 06

Cambridge Central Library is 'bursting at the seams'; 'general inquiries' should be made about completely new accommodation. The Herbert Robinson garage could be used for a record library – 63 06 06a # c.77.4

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Brookside – 63 06 06 [DYS cut]

1963 06 07
Royston railway bridge is being reconstructed to provide a wider road and footpaths with vastly improved visibility and more head clearance for rail traffic 63 06 07

Grafham Water construction work progress – 63 06 07a

Royston cave – feature – 63 06 07b

Stapleford man builds ultra-light monoplane in garage – 63 06 07c # c.26.1

1963 06 08
Austin car slung under Bridge of Sighs – 63 06 08

Grantchester parish hall falling into disuse – 63 06 08a

Firemen had to lift passengers down from the top deck of a No.115 bus at the Bentley Road junction with Trumpington Road after a heavy lorry had demolished part of the bus' stairway. The rear of the bus was extensively damaged in the impact. The bus had pulled into a stop when the collision took place and it was pushed nearly 30 yards along the road. The bus conductor was taken to hospital with head injuries and shock after being trapped by his ankle in the collision. Two lady passengers were also hurt. 63 06 08b # c.26.46

1963 06 10
St Peter's church spire to be restored – 63 06 10 # c.83

Fire severely damaged the picturesque Tudor period 'Six Bells' public house in Fulbourn High Street, destroying much of the landlord's living accommodation and property. The blaze began in the eaves and spread to the rest of the recently-rethatched roof. The public house is over 350 years old and has been recently scheduled for preservation. Emergency precautions were taken at the Fulbourn Garage, across the road, which was destroyed by fire almost four years ago. 63 06 10a

1963 06 11
Castle Camps school swimming pool opens – 63 06 11

Miss Minnie Pate, University Typewriting and Secretarial Service – appreciation – 63 06 11a # c.27

1963 06 12
A Longstowe farmworker who has been living with his wife and four children in the village hall has been told it will be at least another month before the council can do anything. Chesterton RDC will not accept responsibility as he works in Bourn. – 63 06 12

A Georgian property at Swaffham Bulbeck containing one of the oldest and largest gold medal bakeries in the country has been sold after operating successfully for more than a century. It has been run by Charles Collison since 1950 supplying fresh bread throughout the locality. But now it is uneconomic in the face of competition from large-scale producers. Built by Smith and Son of Lambeth, the bakery oven has been maintained by them ever since through a number of owners and a recent change from coal to oil as its fuel. 63 06 12a

1963 06 13
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Huntingdon Road - 63 06 13 [DYS cut]

Police motor scooter fleet – photo – 63 03 13 # c.34.7

1963 06 14
Birdwood Road residents complained about the 'fall out' of white dust from the main chimney of the nearby cement works. It turns their red roses into white ones, and makes the garden lawn appear like winter once more. The plant was closed down for a thorough examination and a defect fixed in the electrostatic precipitator. There should be no more trouble 63 06 14

The firm of J.E. Hanger of Brooklands Avenue is concerned with the supply and repair of artificial limbs. For nearly 50 years they have dealt entirely with legs. Measurements are taken, appliances fitted and minor or emergency repairs are undertaken. The workshop has legs of all shapes, sizes and styles, with or without shoes and socks or stockings. Repainted wooden feet are hung up to dry and a grinder is used for smoothing rough metal surfaces. Shelves of screw-top jars contain nuts, bolts and screws 63 06 14a # c.21.1

1963 06 15
Zoology Department feature article – 63 06 15 # c.36.9

1963 06 18
Steps are being taken to solve the problems of the current increase in the West Indian working population of Cambridge. Though small, the increase in the number of coloured people is causing problems of housing, child care and general social welfare. Housing is one problem: often the only way they can make ends meet is to fill the house with many paying tenants. When both parents go out to work there are difficulties with getting child care facilities 63 06 18 # c.31

Opening the new Mayfield Primary School, Mrs C.D. Rackham said many things had changed since the first council school in Cambridge was opened in 1905 in Romsey Town. It has its own library – youngsters are voracious readers, a unit for partially deaf children which allays their fear by allowing them to mix with others and join in school life, and a swimming pool. This helped children gain confidence besides being fun. It is a change from the old idea of 'chalk and talk' 63 06 18a # c.36.5

1963 06 19
The ancient tradition of making corn dollies has been saved from extinction by a book written by Mrs Minnie Lambeth, the wife of the rural industries organiser. She is an expert, continually plaiting and producing them for people all over the world. The Cambridgeshire dolly is either a bell or umbrella. Only a handful of people are making straw dollies in the corn growing area of the country and are facing difficulties in getting hollow straw as combine harvesters work better with the short, solid-stemmed straw. 63 06 19 # c.39

1963 06 20
The first Model T Ford to arrive in Cambridge was owned by a Dr Graham who lived at Parkside and was driven by his chauffeur, Bert Jackson. For many years the car, CE 1464, was a familiar sight and remained in the area until only a few years ago. Now Model T Fords will be having their own Brighton Run to commemorate the centenary of Henry Ford. Amongst the entrants is George Webb of Shepreth with a Model T lorry which was recently restored to its original glory 63 06 20 # c.26.48

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on East Road – 63 06 20 [DYS cut]

1963 06 27
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Northampton Street – 63 06 27 [DYS cut]

1963 06 28
More computers and automatic machines should be installed in City Council departments instead of extra highly paid officers, said Ald. P.J. Warren. Some firm which deals with computers should examine the structure of the City Treasurer's Department to see how it would be susceptible to treatment by modern machines. But computers could cost as much as £200,000 (about £3.5M today) and the problems that arose were new ones only an officer could solve. 63 06 28

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1963 07 01
Histon primary school being demolished for railway bridge – 63 07 01

Milton war memorial being moved – 63 07 01a

1963 07 02
Mr C.C. Thurston, Manager of Sindall Concrete Products has designed and built a decorative concrete fireplace for his home in Ditton Lane. Measuring 10ft 6in wide by six-feet high it embodies a number of new techniques. The bell-shaped hood has been made from ferro-concrete which is thin but strong. Canadian maple paper covers the back of the fireplace and even the lamp brackets have been made from concrete. The actual fire can be changed from traditional coal to electricity and has surrounds made of a special heat-resistant concrete 63 07 02

The old police station at Haverhill with cells, courtroom and bars will be auctioned. Situated fronting the relief road, the premises became obsolete 18 months ago when the new police headquarters and courthouse opened in Camps Road. They are suitable for offices, light industry or warehouses. The County had considered converting them into a youth centre but now one will be at Burton Cottage 63 07 02a

1963 07 04
At the new Forensic Laboratory at Newmarket Equine Research Station scientists will work to combat horse doping. The Soham House laboratory was formerly home to Dorothy Paget, racehorse owner, 63 07 04

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Coldham's Lane – 63 07 04 [DYS cut]

1963 07 05
The G.P.O.'s experiment to improve the parcel post service started with five new lorries operating from the parcels centre in Rosemary Lane. The present system is slow and costly. The new method will operate partly by rail and partly by road with parcels moved in bulk consignment. They hope it will reduce costs, speed the service and improve reliability. 63 07 05 # c.27.7

The Sawston of today owes much to Cramptons which started their printing firm in 1861 when the village was recovering from the stunning impact of the industrial revolution. 63 07 05a

Ely Cathedral Tabula has paintings of monks and Conqueror's knights 63 07 05b

The badger is a rare animal confined to the south-west of the county. The Naturalists Trust believes they should be protected. In 1959 they had setts at Morden Grange Plantation and Odsey but one on a nature reserve at Steeple Morden has been destroyed. There is a wide-spread belief badgers kill poultry, nesting pheasants and even lambs. But they eat worms, insects or wasps nest or dig for bluebell bulbs. 63 07 05c

People in Kings Hedges Road thought a bomb had dropped in the street when a thunderbolt hit no.39 and shattered the windows of houses hundreds of yards away. After crashing through the house it flashed along electricity cables the length of the street. All the pipes in the house split open as well as the asbestos walls and ceilings. Light switches were pushed out of the wall and all the light bulbs in the house next door dropped out. The gas meter caught fire, lumps of concrete and plaster shot out across the room. 63 07 05d # c.12

Margaret Reid, railway crossing keeper, Hinxton 63 07 05e

Electronic computers are being used by W. & C. French to speed the building of New Hall at Huntingdon Road. The severe weather delayed progress for three months but with their aid it is hoped they will still finish within the deadline. It is the first time computers have been used in this region to devise a logical schedule of jobs to be carried out & grading them according to importance. The college dining hall is taking shape with its elegant dome using ferro-concrete previously used in boat building. A huge crane is playing a major part to gain lost time 63 07 05f # c.23

Cambridgeshire Militia records on display, Archives – 63 07 05g

1963 07 06
Stables at the White Hart Hotel, Ely, that were built when it was a coaching inn, have been converted into a temporary public bar during its extensive modernisation. Licensee Alec Spencer calls it the 'Stable Bar' though customers have been quick to name it 'Ponderosa' after the well-known film series 'Bonanza'. The whitewashed walls of the building, latterly used as garages, have been faced with trellis work; the furniture comes from the hotel's original bar. 63 07 06

1963 07 08
New Chequers public house in Cherry Hinton High Street seen behind old building – 63 07 08

Blackamoor's Head in Victoria Road demolition – 63 07 08a # c.27.4

1963 07 09

R.A.F. Waterbeach ceases to be a flying base in August and becomes a constructional depot with flying personnel replaced by teams from West Raynham and Wellesbourne Mountford. About 70 civilian workers will become redundant. Waterbeach is a pre-war airfield and there was considerable controversy when agricultural land was taken over by the R.A.F. for operations 63 07 09

Castle Camps residents have written to the Minister of Housing over sanitary arrangements for the village. They say the untapped sewer and diversion of sink waste from council houses contravenes the byelaws and SCRDC have added to the problems 63 07 09a

1963 07 10
A court heard of a secret meeting along the Cambridge-Newmarket Road once a week when American cigarettes and bottles of spirits were exchanged. An Isleham labourer pleaded guilty to five charges involving two cameras, 6,460 cigarettes, 44 bottles of spirits and one bottle of wine on which duty had not been paid. While working at Mickey's tea bar at RAF Mildenhall he'd lent money to American servicemen was paid back partly in cigarettes. Later an airman asked him to sell liquor for him to a 'gypsy-looking man' in a pub near Cambridge Market 63 07 10

1963 07 11
Lloyds Bank, Cambridge, is using new high speed electronic equipment for transferring information on to bank statements 63 07 11 # c.32.8

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Newmarket Road – 63 07 11, 63 07 18 [DYS cut]

Engineering surveys of the Ely Ouse and Ten Mile River have shown that protective works are necessary along considerable lengths of the banks. To combat erosion protection will need to be continuous along those sections where erosion is severed; an overall length of 310 chains now required attention - more than originally estimated.Detailed studies had been made of various methods of production other than faggotting and a trial had been made of various methods of protection using specially manufactured corrugated asbestos cement sheets. As a result of the trial it was proposed to use these sheets for the permanent works rather than the faggots. The estimated cost of the work, which would be carried out by direct labour over a 3-4 year period was £26,350. 63 07 12 # c.29

1963 07 13
Cambridgeshire Fire Brigade's new Emergency Salvage Tender replaces one built on a converted 1939 pump chassis. It is specialised appliance carrying equipment for use in the rescue of persons and animals trapped in road and other accidents, together with waterproof sheets and salvage gear used to clean up after a fire. It also has electric generator and portable lighting and breathing apparatus. With four-wheel drive it can be driven over rough country when necessary 63 07 13 # c.34.75

1963 07 15
Pilgrimage to Lt Gidding marred by motorist 63 07 15

1963 07 16
The introduction of parking meters will cure Cambridge's traffic problems, say councillors. There will be sufficient off-street parking for motorists staying for any length of time. At present people move police 'No Waiting' signs and hope they will not be caught. When they drive away others pull into the gap without bothering to check whether they are in a restricted zone. Although police decorate them with pink tickets, the cars still obstruct a length of street until they are eventually moved. But many of the new parks are a considerable distance from the centre and motorists will just not park in Saxon Street or Queen Anne Terrace and walk in. Rooftop parking will have to be employed, perhaps at the former Herbert Robinson property. 63 07 16 # c.26.48

1963 07 17
Planning proposals for Littleport show that three acres at Highfield have been marked down for residential development with more in the 'pleasant area' between the council houses and Martin

School and along Woodfen Drove. Further development would be permitted behind the garage towards Camel Road. Not much industry was envisaged, though some could come in the Silt Road area. But there was no bypass as this would not materialise for a very long time. 63 07 17
1963 07 18
Elsworth cottages before & after restoration by Cottage Improvement Society – 63 07 18

1963 07 19
The owner of the Queen's Head public house at Newton pulled down a plaster board ceiling in the saloon bar and was showered with 17th-century coins. Then he discovered an inglenook fireplace. So he did more interior demolition work and uncovered centuries-old oak beams running the whole length of the ceiling. Two large bricked-up archways may be an entrance to a tunnel connecting with the village school. Now, after the attention of squads of workmen the bar looks as near its original 17th-century condition as it is possible to make it 63 07 19

1963 07 20
St Paul's school children conduct traffic survey – 63 07 20

Soon after the war it was decided to form a committee to raise funds to build a village hall at Chrishall. Since then £1,200 has been raised – but there is no sign of a start being made. Thirteen years ago a piece of land was given to the village by Mrs Langford of Cedar House. Interest has faded and nothing has been done in the last five years. A lot of 'foreigners' have moved in who do not have an interest in this sort of thing. Now a meeting will be called to discuss the matter 63 07 20a

The Gainsborough Company is selling its new brand of petrol at Cook's garage, Newmarket Road at 4s 5d a gallon 63 07 20b

1963 07 22
Engraved plate showing the Maypole Farm, Church Street, Gamlingay, since pulled down – 63 07 22

Morris Dancing, King's front – 63 07 22a

Proposed new village, Bar Hill, outlined to Dry Drayton councillors – 63 97 22b

1963 07 24
Princess Margaret and the Earl of Snowdon came to Cambridge to watch television cameras and electronic equipment being made at the Pye factory, St Andrews Road. A small industrial closed circuit television camera was trained on them when Lord Snowdon asked to have a go. The Princess then focussed it on a group of press photographers. A great burst of cheering went up when Lord Snowdon went over to attractive Mrs Jean Keeble who was working on a television assembly line. "I was absolutely thrilled", she said. Later they took a voyage on the Cam on Viscountess Bury 63 07 24 & a # c.27.1 : Pye # c.02

1963 07 25
City council grants rating relief to college sports grounds & boat houses – 63 07 25

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Panton Street – 63 07 25 [DYS cut]

Eaton Socon lock up to be repaired – 63 07 25a

Willows development area, Cam Road will provide 81 houses, 24 maisonettes – 63 07 25b

1963 07 26
"Playing House" novel by Bernardine Bishop – Hutchinson – draws on Cambridge to provide a study of a young don – 63 07 26c # c.74

1963 07 27
Sixty Castle Camps villagers turned out to dig up two council house soakaways which they claim are illegal and contravene bye-laws. They run into an open ditch running through the grass in front of the houses and are dangerous to children. Three weeks ago another soakaway in the garden of a house on Bartlow Road was dug up and South Cambs RDC warned villagers they would be liable for prosecution. A Doctor says "They are shocking and should be dispensed with as soon as possible" 63 07 27

1963 07 29
Cambridge University Press's move from its present buildings in Trumpington Road to Shaftsbury Road has been planned in three stages 63 07 29

Lime Kiln Hill was closed to traffic and pedestrians while Sappers used high explosives to blow up the kiln shaft and the tunnel leading to it. They blasted six-foot deep holes which they gouged deeper so as to blow in the thick pit walls. Then sentries ensured everyone was clear before a tremendous bang carried rocks and earth high in the sky. The shaft walls were cracked or ripped apart and surrounding trees and shrubs were almost non-existent. Electricity wires some way away from the explosion were broken. But a practice climbing wall used by the CU Mountaineering Club was left standing. 63 07 29a # c.32.3

1963 07 31
The Oak public house at Swaffham Bulbeck has been in the Blaydon family for nearly 100 years and 77-year-old Mary Blaydon has served behind the bar for 20 of them. But she has always refused to have a drink with the customers as she prefers a nice cup of tea. Now she is retiring. Mary remembers when beer was fivepence-halfpenny a pint and the pub was packed and the singing - you never hear anything like it now, people are not so lively. It's all these cars and bingo that takes people away from the pubs, she says. 63 07 31

St George's Church of England Secondary School opened in 1835 with separate departments for senior boys and girls. For 100 years it was called East Road School until the infants section closed in 1931. Pupils will attend other secondary schools until new premises are built on a site in St George's parish. The old school will be rebuilt to house the St Matthew's Infants School 63 07 31a # c.36.5

Railway workers ran along the main lines just outside Cambridge Railway Station to warn the driver of an oncoming passenger train when a 100-ton diesel locomotive was derailed and fell across the tracks near the end of the platforms. Two platforms were put out of action because of blocked lines and the points mechanism was damaged. Repair gangs using a heavy mobile steam crane worked through the night to get the engine back on the track but the incident caused heavy delays to passenger traffic. Two other derailments occurred within 48 hours 63 07 31b, 63 08 01 # c.26.2

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1963 08 01
Castle Camps sewage protest rejected – 63 08 01a

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on West Road – 63 08 01[DYS cut]

1963 08 02
The Government decision to reject Cambridge City Council's claim for County Borough status was described as a 'profound disappointment'. Although its case has been recognised Cambridge is to again be sacrificed on the altar of rural interests, councillors feel. The Local Government Commission says the administrative counties of Cambridgeshire and the Isle of Ely should be amalgamated to form one local government unit and that Huntingdonshire should join with the Soke of Peterborough 63 08 02 & a # c.35.7 # c.35.1

1963 08 03
Parts of a tall building overlooking Cambridge Market Square are having to be evacuated because it is a danger to both occupants and the public. Some movement has taken place at 15 Market Street which is partially occupied by Watches of Switzerland. Premier Travel and the United Dominions Trust have already moved to temporary offices. Workmen will start shoring up the building from the inside to stabilise it and remove the danger 63 08 03 # c.44.6

1963 08 07
St Paul's School children survey traffic at junction Bateman Street and Hills Road – 63 08 07

Minutes after the opening Cherry Hinton's new branch library by the Mayor of Cambridge, there were complaints that working men cannot get there before it closes at 7pm and it should stay open an extra hour. There has been a library of sorts for many years. Originally books were kept in a locked bookcase at the entrance to the Church of England School in High Street. It moved to Colville School in the mid-50's. Now work has started on Newmarket Road library after which another will be constructed on Arbury Road 63 08 07b Profile of librarian, Margaret Traviss – 63 08 07c # c.77.4

1963 08 08
Cambridge firms may be able to hire the use of 'Titan', the University's new computer which is being installed at the Mathematical Laboratory in Corn Exchange Street. Their present computer has done work for 36 departments, even Archaeology have put it to use. The University was one of the pioneers and was using a computer as far back as 1949. There is one in the Engineering Department and two small ones were used by the Examinations Syndicate for processing marks. At present there are 500 computers being used in the country by the coal, car and gas industries, businessmen were told 63 08 08 # c.27.5

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Barton Road – 63 08 08 [DYS cut]

1963 08 09
Gerald Forbes Tweedie, the Cambridge travel enthusiast, became the first man to have 'spotted' every steam or electric engine on use on Britain's railways during the last 24 years. Now the 41-year-old printing machine minder hopes to record his 1,000th night spent in a Youth Hostels Association building. As he travels through the country lanes seeking fresh railway lines to explore and new YHA hostels in which to stay, he makes a note of every new inn and public house sign he sees. So far he has collected 3,000 names of pubs and breweries. 63 08 09

1963 08 10
Ely gardens judged by Charles Bester and H.C. Holliday – 63 08 10

Fen Drayton residents are concerned about plans to dig for gravel on 300 acres of land north of the village. Dust thrown up by lorries thundering through the streets would discolour washing hanging on lines, they fear. But the firm say gravel is badly needed by London firms and was in very short supply. They would construct a special railway line from the pits to the main railway track, would fill in the pits after they'd been worked out and even plant trees around them. 63 08 10b

1963 08 12
A centuries-old tradition was revived at Ashwell when the springs, the source of the Cam, were blessed. It used to be observed every year when villagers relied on the water for an income, selling the watercress growing in the shallow springs. The Vicar led a procession of choir and congregation from the church, singing the Litany. Villagers, particularly children, lined the streets to watch them go by while others peered out of windows. "We have done something out of the ordinary and it was worthwhile", Rev Catterick said. 63 08 12

1963 08 13

St Luke's school buildings which are being pulled down may be replaced by gardens – 63 08 13

1963 08 15
Fen Drayton gravel pit used by angling society is in danger of drying out – 63 08 15

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Abbey Walk - 63 08 15 [DYS cut]

1963 08 16
New houses at Bottisham estate have modern equipment, designed for young and old – 63 08 16

Ferry Path houses should be preserved – 63 08 16a # c.44.6

1963 08 20
Men desperate for somewhere to live will build their own homes – 63 08 20

1963 08 22
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Madingley Road – 63 08 22 [DYS cut]

1963 08 23
Royston's population could rise by 4,000 to about 10,400 by 1973 with additional 110 acres for residential purposes, more space for industry and a new school on the former Militia Camp under new planning proposals. – 63 08 23

1963 08 26
Under the Beeching plan passenger services on the Stour Valley railway line will cease though the line will remain open for freight. Now the removal of goods yard sidings has been described as 'the normal recovery of redundant assets'. Those at Haverhill are being taken away because the light industry which had moved there under the 'overspill' scheme did not call for the use of heavy transport. Should this change it would be possible to install new sidings. The scrap value of the steel in the rails more than offsets the labour costs of removing them. 63 08 26

1963 08 27
Work starts on new Barnwell Road Library - pic – 63 08 27 # c.77.4

Going 'on the beat' for P.c. William Lythell of Stretham has for nearly 20 years meant just stepping outside his own front and making a tour of the village in which he was born and brought up. He joined as a War Reserve one September morning in 1939 and transferred to Stretham five years later, a place where everyone was his friend. One of the few constables who still rides a pedal cycle on duty, he has thoroughly enjoyed his work. He married a local girl and one of his sons is also a policeman. 63 08 27a

1963 08 28
A fine 16th-century key has been in a field on the site of the long since disappeared Thunderley church, the last remains of which were dismantled at the beginning of the 19th century. The vicar of Wimbish says the key will be cleaned and hung in a case in his parish church of Wimbish-cum-Thunderley. The villages were merged 600 years ago and the church was allowed to fall into ruins. 63 08 28

1963 08 29
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Green Street – 63 08 29 [DYS cut]

1963 08 30
Librarian Kate Asbery organises reading competition – 63 08 30

1963 08 31

Spicers Theatre, Sawston's only cinema, closed because of declining patronage and increased running costs. It had been kept in good condition with two main projectors which are new models. It was patronised mainly by the younger element but rarely more than half of the 288 seats were full even on peak days. Teenagers will now be at a loose end: there is no general youth club; the only thing left are pubs 68 08 31

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1963 09 04
St Neots and the nearby village of Eaton Socon share a strong community of interest but are in different local government authorities. St Neots has a number of small factories with plans for new comprehensive schools while a development scheme will enable it to absorb overspill population from Middlesex. Eaton Socon village is gradually losing its rural identity and has been regarded a little else than a suburb. Many welcome proposals by the Government's decision to transfer it from Bedfordshire to Huntingdonshire 63 09 04

A Canberra aircraft coming in to land at RAF Bassingbourn was forced to overshoot because of two motor lorries moving along the Old North Road across its path. 63 09 04a

With eleven airfields within a 25-mile radius of Cambridge no-one is immune from the noise. But few experience such consistent interference with their sleep as the villagers of Cottenham, Girton, Histon and Dry Drayton which lie on a circuit used by planes of the flying school at Oakington where the night flying programme goes on until three o'clock in the morning. Residents have complained to MP Francis Pym but the Air Minister says the noisy Varsity aircraft cannot be moved to another station. 63 09 04

A new stretch of the A10 Cambridge-Ely Road which has just opened will cut out a narrow road bend in Milton village. The new length of road starts near the Milton War Memorial junction and continues through to the Northern side of the village. It forms part of Cambridgeshire County Council's road improvement scheme which is well under way 63 09 04b

East Road, once a narrow, cluttered thoroughfare, is gradually being improved; photo of new works adjacent to the widened East Road carriageway 63 09 04c

1963 09 05
The Pye 625 mobile television test station which was closed by the Post Office in May, is to start broadcasting again. Agreement has been reached with the G.P.O. over a broadcasting licence for the station which will start a tour of the Midlands. The station, which was first publicly shown at Cambridge, will transmit pictures and captions together with commentaries to inform the public about 625-line television. 63 09 05

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Hills Road pt.1 – 63 09 05, 63 09 12 [DYS cut]

1963 09 06
Workmen have begun to prepare the gardens which will replace some old classrooms that were demolished because of their unsafe condition at St Luke's Primary School, Victoria Road. Low brick walls surrounding the gardens are being erected. The school authorities are to encourage the children to look after the gardens themselves 63 09 06

1963 09 07
Longstowe Hall gardens to open – photos – 63 09 07

Wilburton, which won the first 'Best Kept Village' two years ago, has retained its title. Judges say the long street contains a substantial public hall and fine buildings, some thatching was noticed. Glimpses of bright and well-kept gardens can be seen on either side when walking the pavement. The sports

field is beautiful but surrounding farm property is not what it might be. Parish Council chairman, John Sneesby says "Residents are proud of their beautiful village and work very hard to take care of their houses, gardens, hedges and allotments" 63 09 07a

1963 09 10
Victoria Road Congregational Church Hall – unusual view visible by demolition – 63 09 09
Longstowe Hall interiors – photos – 63 09 10

Melbourn Village College pupils have returned from a five-week tour of Austrian refugee camps where they gave performances of songs and sketches. 63 09 10

1963 09 11
Market Hill modernisation of offices of Leicester Permanent Building Society – 63 09 11

Demolition work on site of CDN works and New Theatre – 63 09 11a

Chippenham Fen has been declared a National Nature Reserve. It is one of the few remaining great tracts of native fenland covered with peat varying from a few inches to several feet in depth and the presence of springs ensures a plentiful supply of water. It contains rare plants such as butterwort and bog pimpernel together with some very rare insects. Access to the 193 acre site is be permit only from the Nature Conservancy Council 63 09 11b

Cambridge girls seem to have a reluctance to wear eye make-up says a beauty consultant working at a local store. Women do not look after their skins properly, cleansing the face carefully each night to take away all trace of the day's make up. The cosmetics she was promoting are the most expensive in the world but are extremely economical in use. Some of the colours are intriguing. Gossamer green neutralises ruddy or florid complexions, a soft mauve lightens sallow skins white a whit blots out shadowed, darkened and lined areas and will highlight cheekbones, shorten or lengthen a nose and make small eyes seem larger. 63 09 11c

Cambridgeshire Record Office dates from 1930 when records were first sent to the County Council for safe keeping; it was then responsible for the Isle of Ely, Huntingdonshire and Rutland. In 1948 a part-time honorary archivist was appointed and the staff has gradually increased to an archivist, assistant and repairer. Although they have a few postal inquiries, most students come in person and do much of the searching themselves. The most frequent enquires are legal, usually concerning rights of way or ditches, then come genealogists, especially Mormons, and people interested in the history of their house. They have considerable arrears in cataloguing documents and have not yet been able to prepare guides or arrange exhibitions, Mr Farrar, the County Archivist, told Rotarians 63 09 11d

1963 09 12
Taxis annual inspection – photos – 63 09 12

Ely St Audrey's primary school first day – photos – 63 09 12b, c

Eric Cave, the Cambridge City Librarians reported that book issues in August had been a record high, at 108,551. More people were making personal inquiries at the Reference Library, taking up a lot of time, and other work is falling into arrears; soon more staff will be needed. There should be a new central library with information bureau nearby but care needed to be taken that readers were not disturbed by people rushing about trying to find information. When a new building was acquired it would be possible to carry out some if the ideas they were at present unable to fulfil 63 09 12d

1963 09 13
Whilst excavating some tree roots at his home, Cave Lodge, Anstey, Robert Parry found a round hole which appeared to lead towards the village. At first just small enough for a man to crawl through it soon enlarged into a well-cut tunnel big enough to stand up in. It ran about 20 yards to a point under

the Barkway-Hare Street road, where it ends. Legend has it that such a tunnel or escape route once ran from Anstey Castle to this spot. 63 09 13 & a

Work on St Nicholas Ferrar, Good Shepherd church, Arbury estate 63 09 13b

St Ives Cromwell's Barn repairs – 63 09 13c

New barriers have been erected on the Green Dragon Bridge, Chesterton in a bid to stop cattle and motor cyclists using it to cross the river. But it is now difficult to get coach-built prams through – they certainly won't get under with the hoods up. If the posts were further apart, cattle would get through, the council says. Motor cycles and scooters are official prohibited from the bridge but there is no objection to pedal and motor-assisted cycles provided they are pushed across. 63 09 13d

1963 09 17
Lloyds new bank on Newmarket Road is the only one in Cambridge with its own private car and cycle park. Facing Sun Street, it will take three cars and five bikes. The bank replaces the temporary wooden structure which has housed the business for more than a year and will offer a full range of services. It is under the supervision of Mr E.J. Furley, manager of Lloyds main local branch at Sidney Street 63 09 17

1963 09 18
St Ives plan for 140 houses at St Audrey's Lane approved – 63 09 18a

Business at the Cambridge Civic Restaurant and Snack Bar has 'really been phenomenal' under the efforts of manageress, Mrs J. Gillettes and her staff, councillors heard. July takings in the restaurant reached £3,620 and those in the snack bar were also the highest on record. But overall profits are down because of the cost of repairs and improvements. The Parks Superintendent will be asked to supply shrubs to brighten 'the rather desolate spot' near the rear exit 63 09 18b

1963 09 19
The fenlands could be drastically changed by massive landscaping operations in an effort to get rid of unwanted dust – a by-product of the generation of electricity. The Central Electricity Generating Board says pulverised fuel ash produced when coal is burned in power stations can support vegetation and agriculture. It is reclaiming nearly 2,000 acres of waste land and pit holes near Peterborough. Now bleak fenland can be landscaped with hills and interesting terrain on a very large scale. Waste from sugar beet factories can also be used as a top soil for the dust and be ready for farming within six years, they claim. 63 09 19

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Ditton Walk – 63 09 19

1963 09 20
New York is just eight hours away from Cambridge for many American families. Direct flights by the military version of the Boeing 707 jet liners or C118 transport aircraft are operated daily between Mildenhall airfield and McGuire Airfield on the outskirts of New York. About 80,000 travellers, most being wives and families of serving airmen, enter or leave the country through here; a large hotel has been built for passengers catching an early flight with nearly 5,000 accommodated there each month. 63 09 20

The 5,000 m.p.h. rocket missiles which once stood on remote sites such as Mepal airfield are being returned to the United States. Some have already gone back stripped of their war-heads and fuel propellants, chained inside the cavernous interiors of the giant C-133 transport aircraft. The rockets are to be used for space research and training programmes. They caused a political uproar when they arrived in this country ready for erection on their launching sites. 63 09 20c

Wilburton Manor School natural history – 63 09 20d

The USAF 10th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing Hospital renders medical services to some 7,000 military personnel & their dependents. The nine physicians, seven dentists, ten nurses and a veterinarian are split between the main wards and delivery room at Molesworth and Alconbury where the dental clinic is based. Each has an ambulance section, X-ray faculties, laboratories and treatment rooms. Highly-trained staff can set up a 36-bed transportable infirmary capable of treating patients in the event of an emergency in just two hours. 63 09 20e

1963 09 21
Sawston County Junior School opening – 63 09 21

1963 09 26
Castle Camps villagers have won their fight for improved drainage systems for eight council houses in Bartlow Road. They have campaigned for several months and even dug up a number of council-installed soakaways which they claimed were 'illegal'. Now an investigation into the alleged insanitary conditions has recommended a combined drain at the rear of the houses into which sink wastes can be discharged. The existing drains will then be disconnected and stopped up 63 09 26

Canon Hugh Montefiore has been inducted as Vicar of Great St Mary's church. – 63 09 26 # c.83
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Chesterton Road – 63 09 26 [DYS cut]

1963 09 27
Pye Printed Motors Ltd formed to manufacture electric servo motors - 63 09 27 # c.27.1 : Pye

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1963 10 01
Under the 1961 Rating and Valuation Act the University now has to pay rates on the full annual value of all its properties and as new buildings are erected, their liability will increase. Even though Colleges receive 50% rate relief on old buildings they will still pay more on new. Without that relief rates would be prohibitive. The long legal wrangle had been a great inconvenience to the local authority but the changes are very complex. Now however they will pay full rates which will be a heavy burden on their income 63 10 01 # c.36.9

1963 10 02
Part of the East Road dual carriageway is now open. 63 10 02

"There is only one thing to do with Cromwell's Barn and that is put a bulldozer through it", St Ives councillors were told. Huntingdonshire county council say measures should be taken to preserve the building in Houghton Road and asked the Borough for a contribution. But they consider the barn was not of great historic interest and the owners did not want anything to do with it. There were no records to prove Oliver Cromwell used it and the barn at Toseland was in much better condition 63 10 02a

1963 10 03
More and more Cambridge people are rejecting the idea of a three-bedroomed house and there is a growing demand for small, one or two bedroomed units. Brookfields, on East Road, should consist entirely of these types of property and be supplemented by development at the junction of Carlton Way. The improvement and conversion of the older type of pre-war council houses should be advanced at all speed, councillors were told. They will draw up proposals for the redevelopment of aluminium bungalows at Church End, Cherry Hinton 63 10 03

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Gonville Place = 63 10 03 [DYS cut]

1963 10 04

St Luke's Mews, off Chesterton Lane, are the first moderately priced new town houses in central Cambridge. Although only ten minutes walk from the centre, the houses stand in a quiet setting with mature trees. The completely modern design incorporates gas hot air central heating and independent electric thermostatically controlled domestic hot water supply. They have built-in cupboard under the stairs, built-in dustbin cupboard, two bedrooms and internal bathroom. There are gardens to rear and a forecourt for car parking. Prices from £3,110. (£55,000 at today's prices) 63 10 04

Fitzwilliam House's first stage on Huntingdon Road is completed. 63 10 04a # c.44.5

Walk through Dr John Bryan's Elizabethan home at Elsworth and you will see a Regency pipe organ, an old dulcimer, a Georgian French reed organ originally built with hand bellows and an 18th-century English guitar. Less refined are street pianos on sticks, (usually seen with a waist-coated monkey), hurdy-gurdies and mobile barrel organs. Alongside are some modern instruments he has made himself, including a handsome upright spinet, decorated with marquetry, which took months of work. 63 10 04b

Early in the morning a car crashed through the wall of the Greyhound public house at Ickleton, ran into the saloon bar and then – with its engine still running – bounced back on to the pavement outside. The licensee and his wife were asleep in a bedroom furthest away from the road when there was a terrific noise. The car, a Hillman Super Minx pushed the saloon bar window before it after taking a sharp bend in the road. But only one of the window's ten panes of glass was broken. "The room was only decorated at the beginning of the year – and to think that yesterday I was worried by a dry patch on the wall", his wife said. 63 10 04d

Sunny Smile Ltd of Eaton Socon produces over two million rattles each year together with teething rings, brush and comb sets, woollen toys and items to keep babies contented in pram, cot or high chair. In the factory 75 workers, mainly women, assemble the toys in a 'motherly' atmosphere. There are pin-ups on the wall, not of pop stars but of beautiful babies. New machines can turn out babies' combs in a matter of seconds but many of the toys are painted by hand 63 10 04e

1963 10 05
A series of television lectures will be given by members of Cambridge University in a programme called 'Dawn University'. They will be transmitted at 7 a.m. over the whole of the ITV network to demonstrate the usefulness of television as a teaching medium. It is the first time such programmes have appeared so early and it is impossible to say how many people will get up early to watch them. There will also be two-way lectures between Cambridge and the new University of East Anglia at Norwich and a closed-circuit link with scientists at Imperial College, London. 63 10 05 # c.36.9 # c.27.8

1963 10 09
Land prices at Great Shelford have soared to 'fantastic' levels due to the rigid attitude of the County Planning Department, an Inquiry was told. Mr Douglas L. January, who wants to develop 11 acres surrounding his home, 'Trinity House', says it was a large house that was proving difficult and expensive to maintain. He was finding it difficult to get adequate domestic help if his present staff left him. But planners say it is outside the development area in the green belt and the sewage system is inadequate. It would change the character of the area entirely 63 10 09

1963 10 10
The City Council is to buy a house and premises at Clement Place to provide room for extensions to the multideck car park at Park Street. 63 10 10

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Mount Pleasant – 63 10 10 [DYS cut]

Histon nursery school opened – 63 10 10d

1963 10 11
Ely Beet Sugar Factory has started its 29th campaign. By the time it ends, four months from now, nearly half-a-million tons of sugar beet will have been processed into raw sugar which is sent in bulk transporters to refining factories. It draws its supplies from more than 2,400 farms with 300 men working shifts around the clock. Ninety per cent of the beet comes by road, the rest by rail. For a number of years some came by river but this was discontinued three years ago. 63 10 11, a b

Ely Sugar Beet campaign – feature – 63 10 11c

A 'Flying Flea' airplane was built by Mr W.V. Smedley of Wisbech in 1936 and tested in Cambridge. But when the test pilot was killed elsewhere, the machine was abandoned 63 10 11d # c.26.1

1963 10 12
Shelford Library in Woollards Lane has new look – pic - 63 10 12

Cambridge's night life is waking up! The opening of the Café Royale, Regent Street, is positive proof that Cambridge is not so dead after all. Now at last you can wine and dine amidst the splendour of majestic elegance. The only restaurant where you can enjoy English, French, Italian, Spanish, German and Oriental cuisine. Starlit dining room, bar, dancing, resident band. Cabaret presenting stars of radio, television and stage. – Advert 63 10 12a & b # c.27.47

Residents in Brick Lane, Mepal petitioned Ely Rural Council over the state of their houses: they lacked in the kitchen and wash-basins in the bathroom and were subject to dampness. 63 10 12c

1963 10 14
There were so many artists appearing in the Regal Stage Show that ten of the performers had no dressing room space and had to change in the nearby University Arms. Heading the cast was singer Billy Fury whose songs were accompanied by the usual shrieks and squeals of teenage girl fans. Joe Brown and 'The Bruvvers' nearly stole the show as he jumped round the stage playing his guitar behind his head. In more relaxed vein The Karl Denver Trio presented their hit 'Still'. But Marty Wild and the Wildcats received only lukewarm applause. 63 10 14 # c.69

1963 10 15
Magrath Avenue residents object to Rex Cinema showing motor racing films for Cambridge Car Club – 63 10 15

1963 10 16
Lloyds Bank Chesterton Road opened June 1930; adds extra storey – 63 10 16

1963 10 17
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Trumpington Road – 63 10 17 a-c

1963 10 18
Men at Work – fireman Ernest Tyrell – 63 10 18

Captain Ernest Albert Longley was one of Cambridge's most distinguished retired soldiers. He first saw active service in the Boer War, then took charge of motor cycle despatch riders at C.U.O.T.V. During the Great War he was first regular soldier to be a despatch rider & the first Cambridge man to receive the D.C.M. He drove a locomotive during the General Strike of 1926 and was called during the Second War to serve as instructor in the bridging school, adding the Military Service Medal to his other honours. He served as a Councillor in 1922 becoming Honorary Entertainments Officer until he retired aged 80 63 10 18a

1963 10 24
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Trumpington Street - 63 10 24 [Reeve Album

1963 10 26
A thousand teenagers queued outside the Regal Cinema in the early hours of the morning to obtain tickets for the visit of the Beatles, the Liverpool pop singers. Police patrolled the line which stretched over 200 yards along Downing Place. Armed with transistor radios, blankets, sleeping bags and even primus stoves, they settled down for the night. When the doors opened at 7 a.m. – three hours early – Maurice Cornell of Byron Square was at the head of the queue 63 10 26, a b # c.69

1963 10 28
Perse School make digital computer – 63 10 28 # c.27.5

Park Street car park opens – 63 10 28a

1963 10 29
Sir Keith Joseph, Minister of Housing and Local Government, has refused to change his mind about the administrative future of Cambridge and will not grant the city County Borough status. The Town Clerk, P.M. Vine, who was part of a deputation including MP Sir Hamilton Kerr, that travelled to Whitehall, said "We did not get very far". The Minister thought the decision would be a good thing for the whole area – 63 10 29 # c.35.7

1963 10 31
The new Cottenham sewerage scheme will serve more than 1,000 people in Cottenham and Rampton, with four pumping stations as well as a disposal works. During construction they had discovered a network of old village drains, most of which were unrecorded. They were not laid in straight lines and were provided with few manholes. It means that half the villages in Chesterton RDC's area are now connected to main sewers with other schemes planned for the New Year. 63 10 31

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1963 11 01
Rabbits which a few weeks ago were worrying Cambridgeshire farmers by their rapid increase in numbers during the summer, are now dying off quickly following another attack of myxamatosis. Literally hundreds of decaying carcasses are scattered around the countryside and where, just a few weeks ago, large numbers of rabbits were to be seen and shot, none can be found. The disease is carried by the rabbit flea and as more die off, so their distribution becomes retarded, leaving odd rabbits here and there unaffected. The traditional English 'Bunny; will never for long worry the farmer by its destructive rabbits. But if the larger American cotton tail rabbit becomes established the pre-war problems might return 63 11 01

1963 11 04
Stapleford Parish Council has called a public meeting to discuss the removal of the recreation ground from the outskirts to the centre of the village. The cricket club is opposed, having done much work on the present pitch. Recently two hard tennis courts were constructed at a cost of £1,000. Now Chesterton RDC wants to develop land at Vine Farm for a school, recreation ground and a limited amount of housing. The say the present rec would make an idea housing site 63 11 04a

1963 11 05
History was made when Janet Hogg, a 321-year-old New Hall undergraduate, became the first woman member of the University Union Society since its formation in 1815. Two Girton women became the first to take part in a debate on the motion "Till death do us part is ridiculous". The motion was rejected. To return home to a wife and family after a day of fighting for his existence was one of the most pleasant and happy things that could happen to a man. 63 11 05, 13a

Histon railway bridge to be opened – 63 11 05a

1963 11 07
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother said the new Cottenham Village College was opportune; in the years ahead there will be people going out to work at the age of 15 or 16 who in their more mature years would want to develop their interests. With increased leisure demand would increase and she was confident Cambridgeshire would play its part in new developments. She spoke to some children, then planted a copper beech tree 63 11 07a

After declaring the new Histon railway bridge open Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother cut a tape with a pair of gold-handled scissors then decided to walk to the crest of the which was lined by schoolchildren. She then moved on to Melbourn old peoples home where she met Amelia Dye, the oldest resident and was presented with quince jelly. But it was a frustrating day for news agency photographer Peter Dunn: the Queen Mother then admired his baby, cradled in his wife's arms – but there were no cameraman to get a picture – 63 11 07b 63 11 07a, 63 11 08

A new Army Cadet Force weekend training centre opened at Burwell in old school buildings. It would accommodate some 50 cadets and provide lecture rooms, adult dining room and ladies' sleeping accommodation in a new hut. The Cadet Force was now about 500 and tactical training would take place on Spring Close, adjacent. 63 11 07

1963 11 08
The landlady of the inn at Caxton Gibbet says the pub is haunted. A former innkeeper decided to rob three wealthy travellers during the night, but one woke so he killed them all and disposed of the bodies down the well from which the inn took its water supply. Footsteps are heard from the upstairs room to the trapdoor which still covers the well. At the Royal Oak in St Neots an unpleasant smell is believed to the decaying corpse of a man who hanged himself from a meat-hook in a pantry. The body was not found for three days. 63 11 08a & b

1963 11 09
Cambridge had a carnival atmosphere for the annual Poppy Day Rag. A procession of 35 gay noisy floats was the first 'organised' procession in rag history. They depicted the Great Train Robbery and the Channel Tunnel. Degrees were sold outside the Senate House, passers-by were menaced with toy guns and undergraduates scrubbed zebra crossing, delaying motorists who sere surrounded by students waving collecting tins. It was claimed that The Beatles pop group had been kidnapped and would be sold in Market Square. But News Agency reports say they were returning to Liverpool by car after a tour of Ireland. 63 11 09, a,b

1963 11 12
Cambridgeshire has a higher ratio of road vehicles per head of population than the national average – about one to every six. Peak hour travel is increasing as more people use their cars to journey to work. If this continues the demand for all-day parking space will increase at a greater rate than the demand for shorter parking. Increased parking and traffic loads have given rise to severe congestion and journey times have steadily increased. But one third of the traffic in the central area has no business there. The proposed Chesterton bridge scheme is thus of the highest priority, a report says. 63 11 12 & a # c.49.62

1963 11 13
Death watch beetle is eating its way into the 13th century Holy Trinity Church, Bottisham. The roof beams are rotting and half of the roof has had to be completely removed before restoration. Now the nave is criss-crossed with a framework of scaffolding while workmen replace them. The work will cost more than £3,000 to complete and the Vicar is appealing for donations. 63 11 13

Two Girton girls make Union history, the first women to take part in debate – 63 11 13a

King's College consider moving Reuben's' Adoration of the Magi to the East end of the chapel – 63 11 13b

1963 11 14
Cambridge University Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament will keep the public informed of the progress of their 'Fallex 63' exercise by posting large newspapers at three points in the city centre. They will include details of how a supposed 'nuclear war' is raging across Europe with maps of nuclear fall-out. The railway station will be picketed where it will be assumed that all main services have been immobilised. Most activities will take place in the city centre and around the housing estates where short public meetings will be held. 63 11 14 # c.45.8

Headquarters of the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Territorial Army may move from Ipswich to Bury or Newmarket. The Drill Hall in East Road may close 63 11 14a

Ely councillors voted to erect a two-storey block of 14 flats for old people with warden's accommodation attached at Haddenham, backing proposals by Coun Miss J. Tebbutt. The flats would be centrally heated and have a community room. They would be let to elderly people who could look after themselves with the reassurance of a warden nearby. There would also be space for bungalows. But some thought it a 'costly experiment'. Now the County Council will decide. 63 11 14b

York Street crane lays concrete beams Education Centre building – 63 11 14c

1963 11 15
Coalman Alfred Pilsworth says he's been asked to dump coal in many strange places, including a bedroom and a bath. The work is hard: "I walk about 10 miles a day lugging nearly 10 tons of the stuff. In the old days I used to go round with a horse and cart with only a few hundredweight of coal loaded up. It's cold during the winter, but you get used to it just as your shoulders get used to the bags after a couple of weeks" 63 11 15

Cambridgeshire Motors, the well-known Ford Main Dealer, was founded in 1923 and quickly grew from strength to strength. It established a reputation for personal attention and in 1928 purchased a new site in Cherryhinton Road. In 1925 a branch was founded in Wisbech. Now it has been taken over by J.J. Wright, the Dereham motor and agricultural engineers which makes it one of the largest firms of its kind in East Anglia having grown from a one man concern started 75 years ago. 63 11 15a & b # c.26.48

1963 11 16
Stapleford debate future of recreation ground – 63 11 16

1963 11 21
The famous Singapore drums of the Cambridgeshire Regiment which were hidden from the Japanese when the Regiment was captured in 1942 and recovered when the war ended in the Far East in 1945, are to be sold to raise funds to re-equip the Corps of Drums of the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment T.A. One will be placed in the regimental museum and two reconditioned to be used by the Corps of Drums. The Old Comrades Association is purchasing two side drums to present to the Cadet battalions. 63 11 21 # c.45.8

1963 11 23
William Boyce's 'Cambridge Ode' written for the installation of a new University Chancellor is to be performed for the first tine since 1749. The words by the Pembroke poet, William Mason, capture the mannered elegance and decorous formality of 18th-century academic life. It praises Cambridge where with the occasional sedan chair plying between Pembroke and the Senate House each 'ingenious youth' comes to 'Learning's richest shrine' to discover the 'treasures of immortal truth 63 11 23

Guests at the Mayor's Ball stood in silence when the news of the death of President Kennedy was announced. Then they took to the floor for four hours of dancing ranging from the barn darn to the twist. Flags in Cambridge are flying at half-mast on all public buildings and colleges. American air

bases at Lakenheath and Alconbury are in mourning and the Madingley cemetery has lowered its flag. Cambridge United observed a minute's silence at their match with Bedford and other local football clubs followed suit. 63 11 23a

1963 11 25
Several Cambridge colleges have increased the wages of their bedmakers. At Jesus, where unrest led to union meetings, they have risen from two-shillings and tenpence to three-and-six an hour (about £3.10 at today's prices). Members of the kitchen staff have been given one free Sunday in three, a substantial improvement on their previous situation. But the question of overtime rates remains in dispute. St Catharine's and Selwyn have also raised wages 63 11 25b # c.32.1

Technical equipment from Britain's obsolete rocket bases is on view at some of the ex-Thor missile sites. One of the largest was at Mepal airfield which was closed down as an operational station during the summer and is now manned by maintenance staff. The stores and plant will be sold by auction but items such as the count-down and launch control caravans have been 'demilitarised' to ensure they cannot be used by an enemy. Practically all that is missing are the giant Thor rockets themselves which have gone back to America for space research 63 11 25, pic 63 11 27a # c.45.8

1963 11 26
The Beatles, the current idols of Britain's teenagers, were smuggled into Cambridge by the City Police in a Black Maria. They were driven into the Downing Street site then rushed into the rear entrance of the Regal Cinema before 200 screaming girls broke through the police cordon and dashed along Downing Place. Once inside the doors were slammed shut. Police will not let them out until after the last performance. Every available Cambridge policeman is ready for duty. But the elaborate security measures taken to prevent demonstrations before they were due to appear at the Regal Cinema went wrong: police were due to meet the Beatles' car near Trumpington but they had almost reached Lensfield Road before it was spotted 63 11 26 # c.69

Bassingbourn's new County Primary School, looking like a miniature village college, was officially opened. It was built to replace the school in High Street built in 1877 which had been inadequate especially when families had come to live at the RAF station. At one time there had been 360 children on the roll. Cambridgeshire had provided 13 new primary schools in rural areas as well as enlarging 29 others, laying the foundation for education, Ald F.H. Jeeps said. 63 11 26a

1963 11 27
The Regal Cinema rocked with sound during the visit of the Beatles – but only a small part of it was musical. During the two performances there was a continuous crescendo of screams and shouts. Girls jumped up and down in their seats, many tearing at their hair and waving souvenir programmes. The Red Cross had a dozen men in pairs to deal with cases of fainting and hysteria while the foyer resembled a miniature battle station with blankets and large bottles of smelling salts. Afterwards, with the curtains still closing, hundreds of excited squealing girls rushed from the cinema to wait for the Beatles to come out. But the singers had already been smuggled away to their hotel across the road. 63 11 27c # c.69

Beatles enjoy a late morning nap before leaving; Beatle drive beats the fans – 63 11 27, 63 11 27b

Mepal missile base to be sold – pic – 63 11 27a

1963 11 29
The Duce's Tip site between Coldham's Lane and Newmarket Road may become a new suburban shopping centre with a two-storey supermarket, a garage and filling station with parking 1,000 cars. Space would be available for relocating premises affected by any redevelopment. But there was a danger that the Lion Yard scheme might not start commercially if trade were drawn away to another area, planners fear 63 11 29

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1963 12 02
A new wind tunnel enabling scientists to study the low speed characteristics of aircraft has been installed in the aeronautical section of the University Engineering Laboratory – 63 12 02

1963 12 04
Proposals that books from Cambridge University Library might be lent to the new University of East Anglia met with opposition. Senior members had already petitioned for borrowing to be reduced here and teaching staff in both universities would want the same items. Old books could be obtained secondhand and recent developments in photographic techniques made the production of reprints feasible. Cambridge's vocation was not to show sentimentalism to those poorer than itself but to promote the interests of this University, they say. 63 12 04

1963 12 05
Ely's new county library will be built a site in Minster Place once occupied by an SPCK Bookshop. The Royal Fine Art Commission has approved a design embodying the most up-to-date ideas. The ground floor will house adult and children's lending rooms and a quick reference section while upstairs will be a space for lectures and projection of films together with maps, plans, pictorial and museum specimens relating to Ely. It will also serve as an information bureau for summer tourists. Ely has had a county library since 1927 with the present, inadequate part-time branch in Bray's Lane existing in adapted premises for about 18 years. 63 12 05a

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Norfolk Street – 63 12 05 [DYS cut]

1963 12 06
British Railways announced plans to close the Oxford to Cambridge line through Bletchley and Bedford, despite proposals in the Beeching Report for modified passenger services. A financial appraisal shows the line is losing money. MP Francis Pym says he has been approached by constituents in Gamlingay and Longstowe and will take every step to make local views known to the Minister of Transport. There will be a detailed examination and consultations before closure takes effect. 63 12 06 # c.26.2

Frogmen are searching the River Ouse at Barway for the body of a 17-year-old landowner feared drowned after a home-made punt capsized. He was returning after an evening at Lt Thetford with a friend when the punt overturned near Barway pumping station and he became entangled in his bicycle. Police say the river is 15 feet deep and treacherous. They have used grappling irons to drag the river but so far no body has been recovered. 63 12 06a

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Since 1950 there has been virtually no control over purpose-designed agricultural buildings meaning that even though farmers must apply for a small two-bedroomed bungalow they can erect a tall farm building ten times the floor area without permission. The development of larger farm units, more intensive stock keeping and greater need for covered storage has led to more and bigger buildings. Now the County Council is trying to get this stopped around Wimblington and Doddington 63 12 06b & c

Drinkers at the Black Horse pub in Fowlmere enjoy meeting 'Cleo', landlord Alfred Thatcher's rather unusual pet. It is a two-foot long Cayman alligator which lives in a warm aquarium in one of the

private rooms. When the family moved to Fowlmere she was brought down by train to Cambridge travelling in a cardboard box and began to honk loudly. Passengers were concerned when told it was an alligator making the queer noises. 63 12 06d

Banham's exhibit two new boats at Boat Show – 63 12 06e

Gamlingay Full Range school gives pupils aged 5-15 a unique education; they discuss newspaper coverage of current affairs and study thatching and car maintenance having built a garage for the school minibus. There is a large garden growing produce for school meals with the remainder being sold. After the four o'clock bell come clubs like match-box-top collecting, horse management and canoe-building. Retiring Headmaster J.T.C. Robinson MBE has been ahead of contemporary education. But soon the senior pupils will be transferred to the newly-planned Village College 63 12 06g

Standing on the old town boundary at Histon road, this house was for many years the last in Cambridge. Now it is scheduled for demolition. It was built in 1881 and at one stage was a Dr Barnardo's Home for Girls when a fire escape was installed. Not it is used as offices by Moore's of Cambridge Ltd, precision engineers 63 12 06h

1963 12 07
Paradise Farm, Mepal, has been presented to the Ministry of Agriculture by Ald Arthur Rickwood, the Chatteris farmer. It is due to have new buildings including laboratories used for research work. The fens have been rich farming land for 200 years but many farmers are concerned at the shrinkage of peat. The wastage in some areas amounts to an inch a year, a colossal amount over a long period. Farming techniques are changing all the time and it was important to solve the problems. 63 12 07

1963 12 09
Police will meet representatives of all businesses in Petty Cury to try to persuade them to stop deliveries by lorries to their premises during peak traffic hours. All loading and unloading could be banned between 9am and 6pm. It was an offence for vehicles to park on the pavement when serving shops and inconvenienced pedestrians. But police often used their discretion as otherwise congestion in the narrow streets would be chronic. 63 12 09

Sir – the site of the demolished houses in Prospect Row is being covered with tarmac to serve as a 'temporary' car park. Yet again people are being displaced by motor cars, even though the area is designated for residential use. The traffic problem is indeed urgent and the temptation to use slum clearance areas conveniently near the city centre must be great. But such streets should be rebuilt with houses of suitable design and cost so more people could live within walking distance rather than have to rely on transport – Julie Larter, Cambridge Civic Society 63 12 09a

1963 12 10
Emily Mary Gingell, partner of family firm at Horningsea, dies – 66 12 10

A.D. Cornell, an expert on extra-sensory perception, has spent 15 years seeking ghosts but has never actually seen one, though he has heard and felt them. He described many different local hauntings. Phantoms at first seemed so solid and real that you do not realise it is a ghost until the apparition gradually faded away. In the Victorian era with flickering candlelight and gas lamps people were more in tune with the unseen. But modern conditions with brilliant electric lights were not suitable for ghosts, he says 63 12 10a # c.39

Six months ago about all that was standing at the Six Bells public house, Fulbourn, after a fire had gutted the building, was the public bar. Now restoration work has been completed. Originally the roof was thatched with Norfolk reed which was replaced by straw. Now it is reed again 63 12 10b

1963 12 11

Dr Alice Dwyer-Joyce, who helps her husband with a General Practice at Histon, has written her first, highly-entertaining novel, 'Price of Inheritance' which is set in a fruit growing area with a familiar-sounding name – 'Harton'. The book is dedicated to her husband, a gifted artist, who paints a setting to give his wife the atmosphere of the story she is writing. She hopes he will design a dust jacket for a future book. 63 12 11

Demolition work has begun on the 116 year-old Corn Exchange on Ely's Market Place. The property, which includes the Exchange Cinema, was purchased some time ago for £20,000 by a London development company which wants to build shops on the site. 63 12 11a

Barway drowning inquest – had been to Lt Thetford Youth Centre but there was a whist drive – 63 12 11b

1963 12 12
Arbury branch library plans – perhaps with flats above – 63 12 12

The Phantoms, four young Cambridge men, went to Sweden two years ago to find the fame every guitar group seek. Since then they have never looked back, getting a best seller in the Swedish hit parade and become trend-setters where they have appeared – a sort of Scandinavian equivalent of the Beatles. They can earn up to £70 a week each, after expenses (about £1,200 today). Kenneth Leverington, Cliff Gentle, Dave Clarke and Robin Bailey formed the group in June 1960 having played in different local groups. Altogether they have made 10 best-selling singles and a LP album. 63 12 12b # c.69

A police demonstration on the Mepal-Chatteris road showed the unerring accuracy of the radar speed meter, a piece of equipment costing £600 (about £10,600 today). It directs a beam at an angle across the road which records vehicle speeds on the meter. It is as accurate as any other scientific instrument. Some drivers say the use of radar is unsporting but police have to clear up the messy and tragic results of thousands of accidents each year 63 12 12c

1963 12 13
Proposals for expanding Lolworth with 450 new houses would rejuvenate the dying village, an inquiry was told. The village green would be enlarged, open spaces provided and there would be a small area for industrial use. But it would continue as a village and not a new township and would not be to the detriment of the surrounding countryside. The developers, a consortium of local landowners, are opposing plans for a large new development at Bar House Farm, Dry Drayton 63 12 13 & a

Why Cavendish college was such a failure; a memoir of the early days – by Irene Lister – 63 12 13b # c.44.5

Little Chishill post mill has been bought by Cambridgeshire County Council in order to preserve it. Several mills in the county have already received the attention of the Cambridge Preservation Society but now the Council is trying to ensure that one example of every type of mill is preserved. The post mill gained its name from being mounted on top of a wooden post so it can be turned into the wind. It is the earliest type of windmill known in Western Europe 63 12 13c

1963 12 17
Centaur Motor Cycle Club organises training scheme for motor cycle and scooter riders - 63 12 17

1963 12 18
H. Day plays sixpenny flute – pic – 63 12 18

1963 12 19
One Cambridge bandstand is always empty. It was built 60 years ago and originally stood in a tea garden belonging to Laurie & McConnal, from where a violinist would have entertained the

customers. The tea garden closed before the bandstand could be use and it has stood silent ever since. To get there the musician must climb three flights of stairs, borrow a ladder, open two fanlights, climb a railing and walk across the roof of the roof of the store. For it stands 100 feet above Fitzroy Street and is perched on a corner of the store roof 63 12 19

1963 12 20
It's quite simple really. You are either a Mod, a Mid or a Rocker. That's according to two Cambridge girls overheard making a deep study of the City's young set. 63 12 20

St Ives Sand and Gravel Company started in 1937 and is now one of the leading producers of aggregates in the country. It works at about 18 pits including Earith, Fen Drayton, Wimblington, Chippenham and Mepal, in the river terrace gravels of the Ouse Valley. One pit at Meadow Lane St Ives was a football field two years ago and has now been dug out to a depth of about 20 feet and left flooded. Filling in is a problem for this must be done with clean material which must not pollute the water supply. On the other side of the road enormous shovels have created cliff-like sides streaked in brilliant orange and chrome. 63 12 20a

Butler-valet George Clayton is looking for a job as 'Jeeves' to any local gentleman. Colleges will not do it – they don't reach the service he is used to giving. He was 15 when he became a hallboy in London then worked his way up to second footman, then first footman before gaining his status of single-handed butler at the age of 28. A gentleman's gentleman begins the day at 7.30 when he calls his master with early morning tea, lays out his clothes and draws his bath. Then he starts his ordinary daily work such as cleaning silver, pressing suits, cleaning shoes and washing the car. He also has to drive – in his last position there was a Ford Zephyr and a Rolls Bentley. He met his wife, a cook, in private service and have always had a house provided as they bettered themselves from position to position. 63 12 20d

1963 12 23
Sir John Berry (Jack) Hobbs, one of Cambridge's legendary names in cricket, dies.- 63 12 21; tributes – 63 12 23 # c.38 : cricket

1963 12 28
New bus shelters in Sidney Street – photo – 63 12 28

Cambridge Police start a rugby football section – 63 11 28a

1963 12 30
St Luke's church installs first centrally-positioned altar in Cambridge. 63 12 30 # c.83

1963 12 31
Prince Chula-Chakta-Bongse, King of Thailand's cousin, dies. He installed the dog drinking trough Chesterton Road – 63 12 31

Cambridge News new offices on corner St Andrew's Street marks transfer of business from office in New Theatre Building – 63 12 31a # c.04

Holiday lectures for children – 63 12 31b

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1964 01 01
Cambridge's chief constable has suggested city centre traders might equip their vehicles with radio telephones to ensure they arrive at convenient times for loading and unloading. Other suggestions include avoiding excessively large vehicles and depots for breaking down loads. It would help to alleviate the problems of loading and unloading vehicles in Petty Cury between 8 and 9.30 am and noon till two o'clock 64 01 01

1964 01 02
Plans for a temporary information office in a caravan or sectional hut on Market Hill found little favour with councillors: it would be inaccessible because it would be surrounded by stalls or parked cars. They think the present information centre should remain in the Central Reference Library in Wheeler Street which has experienced much greater use since direction signs have been erected. There would be little demand for Sunday opening – we are not in the same position as Southend or Brighton in trying to attract people. 64 01 02 # c.77.4

1964 01 03
Isleham shop sale bill, 1880 64 01 03a

John Berry Hobbs – feature – 64 01 03b # c.38 : cricket

Preliminary stages in the creation of a boarding school and medical unit at Meldreth for 120 spastic children have been completed. The Old Manor House has been converted to form accommodation for the school staff. It is a pioneer project where children will be educated normally and trained for a full and useful future. The National Spastics Society hope it will be copied all over the world 64 01 03c

1964 01 06
Butler-valet George Clayton is looking for a job as 'Jeeves' to any local gentleman. Colleges will not do it – they don't reach the service he is used to giving. A gentleman's gentleman begins the day at 7.30 when he calls his master with early morning tea, lays out his clothes and draws his bath. Then he starts his ordinary daily work such as cleaning silver, pressing suits, cleaning shoes and washing the car. He met his wife, a cook, in private service and have always had a house provided as they bettered themselves from position to position. 64 01 06

Plans for redevelopment on corner of Downing Street and for a four storey building with bank and penthouse on the roof on New Theatre site 64 01 06

A Cottenham-based firm have come up with the not-so-dusty idea of pre-packing high quality coal so the housewife can carry it home with the shopping. Now 100 tons a day are distributed in polythene bags which can be placed on the fire and will burn for three hours. Cottenham was chosen as it is midway between the Midlands coalfields and the London market and the firm employs up to 50 women. Coal is scooped on to a conveyor which takes it to the 'autopack' machine that fills 5lb bags. They are sealed with wire and women then pack them into larger carriers. It fills a need at peak time but is not a serious rival to conventional coalmen. 64 01 06a

1964 01 07
Plans for a 24-lane ten-pin bowling alley on Mill Road have been approved subject to conditions that the premise should be closed between midnight and 8am. It would include a snack bar, changing rooms, kitchen and offices. But now developers want to extend the project to include either a dance

floor or ice-rink, a public house with flat over, service station with office and parking for 150 cars. 64 01 07 # c.38 : bowls

Ely council is to consider forming a society of volunteers to run No.4 Lynn Road as a museum. The future of the public clock on the former Exchange Cinema is uncertain; nothing has been heard from the London Development Company about the suggestion that the mechanism should be incorporated into the new building to be erected on the Corn Exchange site. Now a similar inquiry will be made of the G.P.O. which is to build a new Post Office on a site facing the Market Place 64 01 07a

1964 01 08
Heavy scraping machines are busy on the one and a half mile Linton bypass which is expected to be completed by the Autumn. It is going to cost £100,000 and will divert traffic around the village's narrow streets. A bridge with a 35 foot span is also involved in the project which is mainly concerned with developing the 24 foot wide bypass running south of the village along the A604, crossing the B1052. 64 01 08

1964 01 09
A report on the condition of the 24 public lavatories in Cambridge notes a range of minor criticisms concerning the absence of toilet paper and soap or damaged taps. But such essential supplies are replaced every day and are generally as a result of theft. The council is not causal or neglectful but frugal and aims to provide the essentials at the cheapest cost consistent with hygiene standards. Over 80 per cent of repairs are a result of wanton damage, doors have been ripped off and made targets for flick knives, the City Surveyor reports. 64 01 09 # c.29.8

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Peas Hill – 64 01 09 [RAl.4.82]

1964 01 10
The congregation at Linton Parish Church will not have to put up with using chairs much longer. Soon new rows of gleaming pews from Great St Mary's Church and a USAF base chapel will be in position. It is part of a restoration programme which has included an oil fired boiler. The interior is obscured by scaffolding while all the woodwork is treated to keep woodworm and beetle at bay. The next step will be the renewal of the side chapel known as 'Agriculture Hall' since it was used by many of the farmers during Sunday services. 64 01 10

1964 01 11
Trumpington cottages demolished to make way for new housing – 64 01 11

Laurie & McConnal's bandstand – memories – 64 01 11a

The Oxford to Cambridge railway line links the two important university cities and should remain open, a Reinvigoration Society says. It bisects the line from King's Cross to Peterborough at Sandy where the two sets of platforms are adjacent. But no attempt has been made to encourage interchange of passengers. Through trains could be run from Norwich to Bristol in five hours using inter-city diesel units with miniature buffet facilities. But the route is divided between three of British Railway's regions and an overlord – line manager should be appointed to co-ordinate services 64 01 11b # c.26.2

1964 01 13
Agricultural production is increasing but the number of land workers is going down. Farm workers were now more like the skilled technicians of the factory and a £10 national minimum wage was not realistic – it should rise to £12, Swaffham Prior agricultural workers unionists say. And toxic chemicals were still a problem – they should only be used under a licence. Ben Brand of Elsworth was presented with a cheque on behalf of the Union in settlement of a claim arising from at accident at work when wheat slid off a stack, knocked him down and covered him. He was off work for 34 weeks. 64 01 13

1964 01 14
Planners need maps to show countless aspects of community life and County Council draughtsmen are continually producing them. Within Shire Hall the maps are conceived, drawn and even printed on their own printing presses. Huge cabinets store maps of almost every inch of Cambridgeshire. Some are produced with the aid of aerial photographs. Colour often has to be used and when maps have to be printed it means special 'overlay' negatives have to be drawn for each colour and a separate printing plate produced for each. 64 01 14

1964 01 15
As opposition mounts against the proposals to build a 750-place car park under Parker's Piece, the City Labour Group has called for a full public inquiry. A petition with more than 800 signatures was handed in at the Guildhall including nearly 250 names of people living in the Mill Road area. But some think the disturbance caused in construction would only be temporary and it is the best possible place for a park on this side of the town. The one disturbing thing is the cost. 64 01 15

Fore Hill Ely butcher's shop demolished to give better visibility at Broad Street junction – 64 01 15a

1964 01 16
Gordon Logie, the City Architect spoke of his desire to see the central area of Cambridge used for pedestrians only. Traffic conditions were 'frightful', especially on Saturday afternoons. "It will be impossible for everyone to drive into the centre in the future. I am afraid that most people will have to walk in from the outer fringe car parks or travel by shuttle-service public transport", he told the Trades Council. He would like to see a new city hall and central library to replace some out-of-date shops in an attempt to make the central area more pleasant. 64 01 16 # c.49.62

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Abbey Road – 64 01 16a-d

1964 01 17
Chesterton Youth Club being given a face lift – photos – 64 01 17 p7 # c.37.9

1964 01 17 ES
Quick Action Saved Him On Crossing. A 33 year old Prickwillow farmer's quick action saved his life on Wednesday week when the tractor he was driving over an occupation railway crossing was hit by a diesel freight train in dense fog. The front wheels, front axle and bonnet of the tractor were ripped off by the force of the collision, which occurred on the Prickwillow side of Padnal Siding.
In fact, the farmer, Mr Kenneth Hopkin of Siding Farm, escaped without a scratch. Another man, My Cyril Norman of 2, Kingdon Avenue, Prickwillow, who was listening for trains on the track, also escaped unhurt as he jumped out of the way of the train as it bore down on him from about 12 yards.
Mr Hopkin explained to our reporter that he, Mr Norman, a labourer who was 'helping him out', and other workers had been lifting celery which was being taken over the crossing by tractor and trailer.
"The fog was very thick" he said, "We had got one load across and I was just about to take the second over the crossing. I stopped the tractor and went to a signal about 25 yards up the line and saw that it was alright for us to cross as far as the Ely to Shippea Hill trains were concerned. My mate Cyril Norman went to the Shippea Hill - Ely line and put his ear to the rails to listen for any trains that might be coming" commented Mr Hopkin. "Hearing nothing Cyril waved me across so I put the tractor in gear and started to cross. The next thing that I saw was the engine coming at me about 10 or 12 yards away so I slammed the tractor in reverse and managed to get it back a foot or two" he went on. "There was a crash and the front of the tractor swung round. lucky for me I had a trailer behind otherwise I would have been toppled into a ditch". " I don't know what made me do it but when the guards van passed by I burst out laughing. I couldn't get out of the cab of the tractor for laughing. I think it must have been the look on Cyril's face and the way he was standing".
Mr Norman ran over to the tractor and shouted "Are you alive Ken" He soon got his reply for Mr Hopkin climbed out of the cab to survey the damage. Although the back of the tractor was alright the front wheels and axel were held to the main chassis by only the track rod. The engine stopped a little

further up the line and the driver and others on board came to see if anyone was hurt. Some one was sent to the Padnal Signal Box to report the incident and meanwhile Mr Hopkin got another tractor to clear his off the line. The accident occurred about 4:20 and it was the 4:10pm freight train from Shipee Hill to Ely that was involved. It was not until 5:30 that both lines were cleared and until then single line working had to be brought into operation. There was no real delay in the train schedule and although the tractor was severely damaged the only damage to the engine of the train was a sandbox, a device for sanding rails in icy weather, was knocked off the front of it. Mr Hopkin has not been frightened out of using the crossing though. When our reporter was there he was still lifting celery from the same field and carting it over the same crossing by the same method, although of course the fog was not so thick. The last word from Mr Norman. "It was a miracle escape, I thought he must be dead, but it was obviously his quickness in getting the tractor reversed the few inches that saved his life. It was lucky that we both looked in that direction at that moment, other wise we would be minced meat now" he added.

1964 01 18
Five mothers who live with their children in a hostel for the homeless at Linton are rebelling against the regulations. "This place is just like a Borstal" one said. Visitors are allowed only at certain times and the central heating is not warm enough after 8 p.m. It is an experiment and the only hostel of its kind in the county, providing temporary accommodation for the homeless with up-to-date kitchens and bathrooms and each family has a sitting room. Regulations had to be strict because the facilities had been abused, managers reply. The people are difficult to deal with, most are there because they were not able to manage their own affairs, but they won't abide by the rules. 64 01 18

1964 01 20
A 'round house' at the rear of Robert Sayle's has been demolished to make way for car parking; it originally covered a well which provided water for a local brewery's beer making – 64 01 20

Rev Canon Sidney Arthur Odom was reporter on the Cambridge Chronicle in 1920s where his father was printing overseer. He became a priest in 1932. 64 01 20a

Cambridge police are looking for 24 traffic wardens to patrol streets when parking meters are installed. They will help motorists to do their business in the city centre and enforce regulations to allow free movement of traffic. There will be 450 meters giving one hour for a shilling in the central shopping district, two hours further out. Men with a genuine desire to serve the public will find it an interesting and rewarding job. The salary starts at £13 a week. 64 01 20b

Thatching in Cambridgeshire is a flourishing industry with more than enough work to be done. Just after the war there was a serious shortage of professional thatchers and some very bad work was undertaken by amateurs and 'jumpers' or stack thatchers, which brought disrepute to the craft. Now the Rural Industries Bureau has formed an association to guarantee their work. Good thatchers like the five Dodson brothers of Abbots Ripton can earn up to £2,000a year. But there is a shortage of boys and female thatchers are almost unknown. In the Isle of Ely there is almost no thatch, except in Whittlesey. Barns and outbuildings are often re-roofed with corrugated iron when the thatch wears out 64 01 20c

1964 01 22
The Refugee Aid Shop in Regent Street gives away its entire profits and is staffed mainly by voluntary workers. Last year it donated more than £2,000 to charity and each week sends 10 sacks of warm clothing to Oxfam. Local people have given a mass of articles including books and sometimes bicycles or prams. Clothing should be clean with at least six months wear left. Most is sold at a little above jumble sale prices with winter coats at five shillings each. Material from worn cotton dresses is salvaged and made into aprons. The worst ends up at the rag merchants 64 01 22

1964 01 23

Farmers have much to do in wintertime including hedging, ditching, repairing machinery and farm buildings. But they also like to relax with a little hunting and shooting. Pigeons do widespread damage to crops and their numbers have been increasing. Small birds are becoming a problem to fruit growers, one of the worst culprits being the bull finch which can strip off all the fruit buds. Sparrows are also destructive and target gooseberries. One fruit grower estimates an annual loss from bird damage to be about £500. 64 01 23

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Little St Mary's Lane – 64 01 23 [DYS cut]

University Arms demolition of entrance foyer – pic – 64 01 23a

1964 01 24
At 84, Harry Capon is the oldest stallholder on the Cambridge market. He sells the same type of fancy goods as when he first set up the stall at 16. "Every Monday and Saturday I get up at 5.30 and load up the trolley with the goods and pull it from my house in Coronation Street. I set the stuff out on the stall then it's sell, sell, sell until 6pm when I start to pack up. Again another hour or so to load the trolley and then back home to bed about 9 pm. Two days a week I go up the London and the warehouses; I often get a lift with a fruitier and he leaves me at Hyde Park Corner on the way to Covent Garden", he says., adding "The market is slowly dying … fewer people and fewer stalls" 64 01 24 # c.27.3

Linton Red Cross Hut is in a poor condition: the floor was dangerous, the roof needs repairs and toilet faculties should be improved. It was hardly used by the Red Cross but would make an ideal village hall and the British Legion would welcome having the hut for hire. K.D. Paintin, a local builder, said his grandfather had sold the hall to the Red Cross in 1949 for £100 and he would be interested in buying back the site. Villagers decided to try and buy it to avoid disruption of their social life 64 01 24a

1964 01 25
Judges stay at Trinity College – history by F.A. Reeve – 64 01 25 # c.34.9

Many of the council houses built 30 years ago in Stretten Avenue, Darwin Drive and Scotland Road need modernisation: there is no hot water, the bath is in the scullery and they have only outside lavatories. They were becoming 'social slums' and attracting 'the least desirable of tenants' said councillors. But residents say they are like an old fashioned community: Mrs Evelyn Pigott, who keeps a grocery shop in Akeman Street has organised a group of householders willing to help cook for neighbours while the alterations were carried out. 64 01 25b & c

1964 01 27
Brenda Malkin, Miss Littleport – 64 01 27a

Stretham plough blessed in church – 64 01 27b

1964 01 30
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Thompson's Lane – 64 01 30 [DYS cut]

Experimental traffic island sign being erected at junction Station Road and Hills Road – 64 01 30

Once a day, at 1.15 pm, a little diesel train leaves Ely station, goes eight miles and arrives at Sutton. Then at 3.20 pm it turns round and goes back again. Hauling three goods wagons, it stops first at Little Thetford where the driver and fireman nip down smartly from the cab, open and close the gates, and continue the trip. It carries mainly fuel, with possible stops at Stretham, Wilburton and Haddenham stations. Thirty years this little-known line carried a passenger service. It was constructed

under the Grunty Fen Railway Act of 1864 and the Friends of Haddenham hope to run a centenary passenger special. 64 01 30b

Milton war memorial on new site after removal – 64 01 30c

The village pond at Hardwick is 'dangerous, unhealthy and an eyesore' and should be filled in, the Parish Council says. Chesterton RDC decided it would cost them too much – about £1,000 – if they had to buy their own materials to do the job. But it is to consider an offer by Coun. E.A. Hearn to supply enough free material to fill in the pond.– 64 01 30d

1964 01 31
Chesterton bridge could be started in 1967 – 64 01 31

Enid Porter on Bone sisters of St Andrew's Hill – 64 01 31a, 64 02 07

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1964 02 01
St Neots planning inquiry – 64 02 01

Traffic wardens – 250 sit test – 64 02 01a

St Ives library opens – 64 02 01b

1964 02 03
A railway porter and his family have lived at the 120-year-old Newmarket railway goods station for seven years. Their 10-roomed Victorian 'mansion' has a frontage of over 100ft and along its length are nine pairs of magnificent columns. It stands in its own grounds and costs £1.1s.4d. a week to rent. Inside offices have been converted into three bedrooms, a lounge, living room and kitchen. There is also a large cellar. But he would prefer to live in a small, comfortable, three-bedroomed house. "We are very lonely and have problems getting baby sitters because they think the place is haunted", he says. 64 02 03

Cambridgeshire is growing faster than anticipated, planners admit, and work to guide development in villages had not taken place. High density, monotony, suburban-style properties, bad estate development and the improvement of houses were subjects of most complaints from villagers. 64 02 03a

1964 02 04
The biggest pillar box in England, in Sidney Street, may be moved to relieve traffic congestion – 64 02 04 # c.27.7

1964 02 06
Abington Youth Club members now provide their own music for the monthly club dances. Three of them nine months ago formed the 'Rebounds'. A small charge for admission to the dance helps pay off the hire purchase on the instruments. The youth club, which meets in the village hall, has 30 members and others join them on occasional evenings. As well as indoor activities the club has thriving cricket and football teams 64 02 06

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Perne Road – 64 02 06

Haddenham block of 14 old peoples' flats approved, High Street – 64 02 06a

1964 02 08
Hemingfords want housing development and a shopping centre – 64 02 08

1964 02 10
Recruits for Cambridge City Civil Defence are drawn from a wide and diverse field. Amongst the 575 on strength at the Warkworth Lodge headquarters there is a 55-year-old University professor and a 20-year-old farm labourer. Other volunteers include an optician, compositor, school teacher, window cleaner, scientist and housewife. The Mayor and Mayoress, Mr & Mrs J.B. Collins both hold the civil defence medal for long service. "Somebody has got to be available to pick up the pieces and start again. In the event of nuclear warfare we would try and care for survivors", one said. 64 02 10 # c.45.8

With the words "V.Q.4 mobile", a large car swings from the yard of Cambridge police station. But unlike television's "Z-Cars" this V.Q. is inconspicuous. There are no flashing signs, bells or gongs and the two men inside are in civilian clothes. If you are walking the Cambridge streets in the early hors of the morning, the chances are they will pull up and ask what you are doing. Sometimes they spend so much time interviewing people they don't have time to travel very much. The job may not be glamorous but it helps prevent crime 64 02 10a # c.34.7

The struggle to provide a swimming pool at Huntingdon has caused a great deal of frustration. Year after year Mayors have wished it would open during their term of office. The idea began 30 years ago with a scheme for an open air pool on Hartford Road Fields using water from the nearby river. By 1957 the cost was estimated at £12,500 but this rose to £90,000 before 1962. Now a site has been identified at Bushey Close near the Oxmoor Estate with a hope it may be in use by summer 1965. 64 02 10b

1964 02 11
University Arms Hotel frontage being removed – photo – 64 02 11

1964 02 12
Haslingfield rubbish tip causes annoyance – 64 02 12

1964 02 13
Isleham church bells to be rehung – 64 02 13

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Rose Crescent – 64 02 13c-d

The Victory, one of Newmarket's oldest public houses, was officially closed on New Year's Day. Now demolition workers are pulling down what has been a familiar landmark for over 100 years. The pub is the second to be demolished under Newmarket Council's Icewell Hill re-development scheme. The Wheatsheaf was the first. Under an agreement with the owners, Tollemache and Cobbold Ltd, they have been replaced by a new building, The Palomino on the Houldsworth Valley estate 64 02 13a

The pop group, Nick-E-Burd and the Raveons, practice in an old shed at the top of Byrd's Farm Lane, Saffron Walden. Nickey Bennett, the vocalist, founded the group with bass guitarist Martin Duke about two years ago. They were joined by Frank Bonelli (rhythm) and "Pip" Preece on lead guitar, with Graham Jackson on drums. All the money they make goes into paying for the instruments and buying a van. But they hope to break into the big time before they retire. 64 02 13b

1964 02 14
It is an "unmitigated tragedy" that Trinity Church, Huntingdon, a landmark for nearly 100 years, is to disappear, Paul Petty told Rotarians. It has been announced that because of its condition it will have to be demolished. At present Sunday services are held in the schoolroom. The foundation stone was laid on May 22 1867 by Thomas Coote of Fenstanton and it opened for worship on 16th September 1868. The total cost of providing the church was £10,600. 64 02 14

Mildenhall parish church organist, William Sturgeon, composes hymns – 64 02 14a
Soham Grammar School cadet HQ – 64 02 14b
"Five centuries of Cambridge musicians" commemorates quincentenary of first recorded Degree in Music – 64 02 14a # c.69

1964 02 15
Bluntisham parishioners do not object to their Rector breeding fighting cocks and selling them to countries were cockfighting is legal. Rev J.C. Eddy exports them to Malta, India and Peru and also sells them to gipsies who call at his rectory in the lonely village. Drinkers at the local pub say it is an agricultural area and he has every right to keep fighting cocks. Housewives at the village store have no objection and the parish council has heard of no complaints. 64 02 15

1964 02 17
House shortage means difficulties recruiting labour for industry – 64 02 17

Fen Drayton Methodist church organist is 83-year old Mrs E.A. Close – 64 02 17a

Cambridge to Oxford railway line too important to be lost – feature – 64 02 17b # c.26.2

1964 02 19
University warn that increased number of students as envisaged by Robbins report would be a disaster – 64 02 19 # c.36.9

D. Stops, newsagent, started in 1952; elected President Federation Retail Newsagents – 64 02 19a

Petrol station at Mildenhall Road Fordham allowed at appeal – 64 02 19b

1964 02 20
Mr George Seaman-Turner of Linton is believed to be the only pargeter in East Anglia. The best example of his work is on the front of his own 17th-century cottage where with the aid of a small trowel and pallet he has carefully engraved figures of birds and animals. For many years he has been a pig farmer but two years ago he developed his interest in pargeting and began renovating faded wall decorations. He prefers the original plaster and refuses to use a mould as it is too modern. 64 02 20

Horace H. Higgins, joined the CDN as a senior reporter in 1921 and became editor on the death of Morley Stuart in 1950, guiding it through many changes since it came into the ownership of Lord Iliffe. He was also the principal drama critic and was present at the opening of both the Festival and Arts Theatres. He launched funds to supply radios for Addenbrooke's and Papworth Hospitals and for improvement the Red Cross Society's 'Edwinstowe'. He is succeeded as editor by Mr N. Keith Whetstone from the Coventry Evening Telegraph. 64 02 20a # c.04

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Parkside – 64 02 20 [RAl.4.96]

1964 02 21
Huntingdon Spiritualist Church demolition – 64 02 21

Cambridge tram history by Robin Cox – 64 02 21a # c.26.44

Saffron Walden bell-ringing festival history – 64 02 21b

Chesterton Bridge Route, Elizabeth Way, published – 64 02 21c

University Music School quincentenary celebration – 64 02 21d

Two Ely schoolboys have made their own electric guitars with fittings including a tremolo which gives additional tonal effect. Christopher Brennand and Christopher Bunting started in the Needham's School wood-work room after passing their G.C.E. and finished at the evening institute. Now they will learn to play them and might form a group. The woodwork master, R.W. Harper has another half-dozen lads just beginning to make guitars which would cost £40 in the shops 64 02 21e

1964 02 24
Royston Cave, the centuries old excavation, has been closed for two years because of difficulties over entrance – 64 02 24

Milton Roman archaeology – Ken Humphries – 64 02 24a

Red Cow and buildings in Corn Exchange Street sold – 64 02 24b

1964 02 26
CDN building demolition reveals view police station – 64 02 26

Ely reservoir and booster pump being built for Ely, Mildenhall & Newmarket Water board – 64 02 26a

1964 02 27
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Cherryhinton Road – 64 02 27, 64 03 05 [DYS cut]

1964 02 28
Haverhill has too many shops for the population, traders complain – 64 02 28

Barrington chalk works are in the middle of an expansion programme to increase productivity by two-thirds. Yet its storage shades and machinery remain inconspicuous and only the tall chimneys can be seen. 64 02 28a

A family will be living in the Bishop of Ely's House for the first time in more than 20 years. It clearly a bachelor's house at present. No woman today would accept a route between the kitchen and dining room with four steps down and two up. Things will have to change. Mrs E.K.J. Roberts, wife of the new Bishop, is keen on interior decoration with decided ideas on colour. 64 02 28b

1964 02 29
Wray's Court, Sidney Street to be demolished – 64 02 29 # c.44.6

St Luke's Church Schools in Victoria Road are outdated and almost sub-standard. However since 1962, when children were shivering in classes, electric heating has been installed to take the load off the open fires. The school is fifth on the list for rebuilding within the next four years, but may slip down the list. Until a new one is built parents will have to remain dissatisfied with the accommodation. The council is not rejuvenating the decaying areas of the city but concentrating on new ones. 64 02 29a # c.36.5

Planned buildings for St Catharine's and King's Colleges – 64 02 29 # c.44.5

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1964 03 02
A student prank ended in tragedy on Saturday evening when the cox of a Clare College crew drowned in the river. He had been celebrating at a dinner with the rest of the crew afterwards gong to Clare Bridge where he was thrown in. He called for help and three of his companions dived in to save him. They failed and one had himself to be rescued. Earlier the cox had been given the traditional ducking by the boat crew when he swam to the bank safely 64 03 02b # c.38 : rowing

1964 03 03
Overseas students are charged ridiculously high rents for inadequate accommodation and food but are prevented from leaving lodgings as they have to pay a term's rent in advance. Landladies are cashing-in on the name of the University, a student claims. But landladies not only spend time washing and cooking but also talk to students and virtually give them English lessons. However there will always be the greedy ones and there will always be the mugs who are willing to pay 64 03 03 # c.36.52

1964 03 04
Tesco to open store in Regent Street in former Herbert Robinson garage site – 64 03 04

St Andrew's Street rebuilding photos – 64 03 04a

Houses in Walnut Tree Avenue have been bought by the Ministry of Transport for demolition when the dual-carriageway for the proposed Chesterton bridge route is constructed. One side of Cam Road will also have to be demolished. It is expected that negotiations for the 30 properties involved will take a year to complete. The first part of the scheme will link Newmarket Road with Chesterton and Milton Roads. Later the existing roads of Lensfield Road, Gonville Place and East Road will feed into a roundabout at the junction of Sun Street and Newmarket Road 64 03 04b

1964 03 05
Thaxted Plymouth Brethren sect - 64 03 05

Royston new railway bridge nears completion – 64 03 05a

Traffic problems in Chesterton High Street – 64 03 05aa

1964 03 06
Glider crashes Rosemary Lane, Cherry Hinton - 64 03 06 # c.26.1

The House of Lords has approved two orders amalgamating Cambridge and the Isle of Ely and Huntingdon and the Soke of Peterborough into two new counties. The orders seem to permanently exclude Cambridge from becoming a County Borough: it was so important a factor in the new county that to remove it later on would destroy the county's viability. Peterborough had been in favour since it might then become the capital of the new administrative unit and eventually perhaps get its own county borough status. But then they changed their minds. 64 03 06d # c.35.1 # c.35.7

Ralph Brown has been teaching at Cambridge Grammar School since 1927. He was the only man teaching at Morley Memorial School in 1922 – 64 03 06a

Alice Springs was named after Alice Bell, daughter of Peas Hill corn merchant – 64 03 06b

Residents of Walnut Tree Avenue, which is poised on the brink of destruction for the new Chesterton, are resigned to its fate. A large proportion are retired people who have invested much in their homes. Apart from those who are widowed or retired, most work all day and have taken great care of their properties. Only a few look unkempt and these are the ones bought by the Ministry of Transport from people who are leaving anyway. 64 03 06c

1964 03 09
Cement factory Coldham's Lane closes because of filter problem – 64 03 09

'Dawn University' tv experiment review – 64 03 09a # c.27.8

1964 03 10
Metals Research to work on US space programme – 64 03 10

1964 03 11
Cam Road & Haig Road householders fear they will lose homes with Chesterton Bridge route – 64 03 11

1964 03 12
Folk Museum on shoestring budget – 64 03 12

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Gloucester Street – 64 03 12 [DYS cut]

1964 03 13
Our Lady church properly cleaned for first time – 64 03 13

University petrol station St Neots Road Madingley rejected – 64 03 13

Haddenham parish register dates back to 1570 – 64 03 13a

Duxford 'Life in a village' photo feature – 64 03 13e

1964 03 14
Handbill describes thunder storm August 1843 – 64 03 14

1964 03 16
Floods in county but city escapes – 64 03 16

1964 03 18
Herbert Lowe, who runs a grocery shop in Herbert Street, decided to give up selling cigarettes and tobacco when the American Medical Association published their report on the link between smoking and lung cancer. He claims he has lost no customers, none ask for cigarettes though they still come in for sweets and other things they used to buy. But a stranger did ask for some and commented 'Good Gracious' before walking out. 64 03 18

The Education Committee have decided to change the route of the bus carrying children from Isleham to Soham Village College so that it avoids Fen Road, which parents claim is dangerous. Isleham parish council support the protests about the narrowness of the road and deep dykes on either side. MP Francis Pym also thinks it dangerous and will take the matter up 64 03 18a

1964 03 19
A new town for 100,000 people at Stansted is proposed in the Government study of the problems of development during the next 20 years. The decision will depend on the establishment of a third international airport for London. If it came it would provide the initial impetus for a new town. One of the factors is water supply which might be expensive to obtain and have an unfortunate effect on existing supplies from the River Lee 64 03 19

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Gresham Road – 64 03 19e-f

Young children go to Grantchester parish church every Wednesday after school for a special service. The idea is to introduce them to the church and give some basic knowledge. Rev P.D. Hewat says a father should be the child's main teacher; however while all fathers had children, few children have fathers. The best way of teaching is through play, encouraging them to play at going to church and weddings. 64 03 19a

William Bate Harvey, Cambridge biologist who pioneered food science & set up Food Investigation Board – feature – 64 03 19b

Ross Chickens of Hemingford Grey supply 100,000 birds to the market each week. The cheeping in their broiler houses testify to contented birds that were comfortably co-existing on clean shavings, sleeping and eating when they felt like it. The atmosphere is scarcely stuffy at all and an automatic alarm system protects the ventilation against power cuts. The production costs can be 1s.5d per bird in cold weather, but the market price is only 1s.6d. 64 03 19c

Government study on \south-East England envisages new cities and expansion areas – 64 03 19d

1964 03 20
The new HQ of Cambridge A.T.C. Squadron is the former Royal Observer Corps base on Newmarket Road. When the Squadron was first formed as a unit of the Air Defence Cadet Corps its members attended lectures at the University Engineering Laboratories before moving early in the war to Leighton House in Trumpington Road. But most of its time has been spent at "Rock Mill" in Rathmore Road. 64 03 20

Clara Rackham recalled conditions in the Cambridge workhouse when she was a Guardian. There were a number of children with their parents. These were either illegitimate or the families of trams who took refuge in the winter and took to the roads again in Summer. The children and babies were cared for by the best of the inmates. Orphans were boarded out in foster homes. Aged people sat in their crowded day-rooms, clothed in their workhouse garb, allowed out on alternate Mondays. Dinner three days a week was a plate of pea soup and hunk of bread. 64 03 20a

Royal hunting lodge, Kneesworth Street, Royston – history – 64 03 20b

Workers at the Landsmans Services Caravans, Buckden, have been offered the chance of becoming co-owners in the company. There is a sales and service depot at Buckden and a factory at Alconbury which manufactures mobile trailer units. But some don't understand why the owner, who has pent 10 years building up the business, should want to give it away. There are many things to think about before a decision is made. 64 03 20c

Although the pharmacy of A. Sidney Campkin and Sons of Rose Crescent is modern, it retains unique links with a long history. It still offers for sale Brewster's balsham of squills, horehound and aniseed as well as ear canker lotion for dogs. In 1955 the business passed to Mr T.E.W. Howell and now has a labour force of more than 60. It has had a 'facelift' but is still one of the older-fashioned chemists of Cambridge. 64 03 20d

Swaffham Bulbeck village life photo feature – 64 03 20e

Colin Drage of Abbots Ripton has been a rat catcher since leaving school. He cycles up to 30 miles a day carrying bait and traps. He formerly kept five dogs and 60 ferrets but now mainly relies on modern poisons. His biggest catch was at the old Huntingdon incinerator where he picked up over 800 dead rats, many others died in their holes. But now many old buildings in Huntingdon and St Ives have been demolished so there are not so many rats about. 64 03 20f

1964 03 21
Fenstanton lock-up dates back to 1780 and is now a listed building. Lockups were usually inconspicuous, distinguished only by iron studded doors with small gratings. In the 17th century they were under the control of the parish constable. Prisoners were kept in them pending their transfer to the county gaol or an appearance before the magistrate. The constable was an officer of the manor and usually chief executive officer of the parish. In 1842 the appointment transferred to the parish vestry until the Police Act introduced police districts and the lock-up fell into disuse. 64 03 21 # c.34.9

St Luke's church running a weekly children's' club to counter falling attendance at Sunday School 64 03 21a

1964 03 23
Haverhill unlikely to be affected by large-scale expansion – 64 03 23

1964 03 24
Stansted to be London new airport – 64 03 24

1963 03 25
Cambridge University loses appeal on rating assessment on property – 64 03 25 # c.32.6

Hailstorm of 1843 reminder – 64 03 25a

1964 03 26
Clunch was for centuries an important material but now the old quarries have fallen into disuse except as sources of stone for road-mending and fen-embanking. Sometimes the waste rubble was burnt for unslaked lime and the limekilns in Carter's Quarry at Burwell were used as air raid shelters. They are still there, derelict and tumble-down with the shed that once housed the transport horses. Part of the interior of Heydon Church, bombed during the war, was rebuilt with clunch and at Lode a new chapel, built entirely with clunch, was added by Lord Fairhaven when builders had to be specially trained for the work. 64 03 26 # c.23

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on City Road – 64 03 26d-g

Caxton life in a village photo feature – 64 03 26a

Witchcraft – feature by Enid Porter – 64 03 26b # c.39

William Pomfret, Ely cathedral cleaner – 64 03 26c

1964 03 28
The contents of Ely Folk Museum, which was opened in 1905 are to be auctioned by George Comins. This collection, visited by countless tourists, has been house in Ye Olde Tea Rooms and Museum a property owned by Mr F. Vernon Cross and built in 1553. The building will be auctioned later. iThe tea rooms were used as a baker's shop until the middle of the eighteenth century, but the Littleport Bread Rioters ransacked the property in 1816, looking for food. It was restored by his father in 1905 when the collection was started – a tradition carried on by his son. 64 03 28 # c.03

Cottage at Hinton Way junction with Babraham Road, Gt Shelford, is being rethatched – 64 03 28a

Stretham bypass marked out in fields – 64 03 28b

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1964 04 01
Lion Yard car park as traffic meters come into operation – 64 04 01 # c.49.62

The Universal Tape Printing Company of Saffron Walden can print on such products as adhesive tape, sweet wrappers and even razor blades. Started in 1958 in a former Methodist Chapel, the works contain 25 machines designed by the firm's creator, Sidney Bailey. Some have been sold to Scandinavia and Africa. Now plans have been passed for an expansion of the works. 64 04 01a

1964 04 02
The congregation of the Wesleyan Chapel at Eltisley have worshipped in their church for the last time. Amongst those at the final service were people whose forefathers had built the chapel and prayed there all their lives. Now the chapel is going to be transformed into a grain store. The interior

is being demolished and the old pews are on sale to anyone needing a garden seat or firewood. But some say it was the Methodist chapel that should have closed: it looks more like a dance hall than a place of worship and is really close to all the heavy traffic. 64 04 02

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Newnham Road – 64 04 02e-f

P.F. Thompson furniture shop bought premises in Fitzroy Street in 1881 – feature – 64 04 02a

The Mayor of Cambridge fed a parking meter on Peas Hill with a shilling "to make them hungry and ready to bite" as one official put it, and set the new parking scheme in motion. Long queues of traffic soon formed in streets leading to the Lion Yard car park and motorists had some acid remarks about the meters. A moped rider complained about finding a ticket stuck to his bike with thirteen inches of sticky tape. From the number of excess charges shown on the meters the city coffers will soon begin to bulge 64 04 02b # c.49.62 # c.26.48

1964 04 05
Ickleton 'Life in a village' photo feature – 64 04 03

Haslingfield village hall has few users – 64 04 03a

Royston Priory Memorial Gardens feature – 64 04 03b

1964 04 04
A dream is coming true at Coveney. Previously social events were held in the school but higher charges were introduced and it could not be hired during holidays. Little grumbles became louder until it was decided to build a village hall. A site was secured and money raised with children collecting milk bottle tops and scrap metal. Now work has started on its construction 64 04 04

1964 04 07
Rampton electricity supplies to be improved – 64 04 07

1964 04 08
Bring back the sunshine with a bright new colourful deep-woven Axminster or Wilton carpet from the Co-operative House, Burleigh Street. Laurie & McConnal or Peak's Furnishers where you can save up to one pound per square yard. [A three-page advertising feature printed in colour on 8th April, the first time colour was used extensively in the News] 64 04 08a-c # c.04

1964 04 09
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Coronation Street – 64 04 09 [DYS cut]

Cow Lane Rampton an awful mess – clerk P. Robinson – 64 04 09

Stretham cross brickwork crumbling away – 64 04 09a

Cambridge University Croquet and Lawn Tennis Club, known as the 'Cock and Hen' club is moving to a new home on Madingley Road. It is the oldest tennis club in Cambridge founded before 1885 by and for senior members of the Universities of Oxford & Cambridge who were expected to join in pairs – hence the name. Now half are townspeople. Croquet has not been played since the Great War but some say a lawn could be laid at Gilling Paddock.64 04 09b # c.38 : tennis

1964 04 10
Clara Rackham reflects on career – 64 04 10bb

Work on Cambridge's Eastern Bypass was interrupted by the war and today only a short section is in existence. It runs from Wadloes Road, across the main Newmarket Road and peters out at the end of Barnwell Road where a muddy track and footpaths picks its way towards Coldham's Lane. Standing amid the rubbish dumps, tumbledown sheds and chicken houses which adorn this part of the route one can hear the distant rumble of traffic on Newmarket Road. It is likely to be many years before the scheme is revived. 64 04 10 # c.49.62

Cottenham photo feature – 64 04 10a

Ron Eaton, motor engineer – 64 10 10b

1964 04 11
John Wilson of Horningsea has transformed a 60-year-old mouldering waterlogged hulk which had foundered in Burwell Lode to a trim cabin cruiser. It has been refitted using mahogany from an old grand piano. John, a 16-year-old naval student, has always had a strong interest in boats and the sight of the Santa Anna lying derelict resulted in discussions with his father. He baled it out and rowed it home. Now it will be relaunched 64 04 11 photo 64 04 13a

Quy residents fear their village will die unless the County allow more development. But this cannot come until there is a suitable sewage scheme. Children have to leave because of a scarcity of building land. "We are gradually losing our young folk. If no new life comes then the present very active community life may die", one resident laments. One suggestion is a small housing estate should be constructed with houses made available to villagers 64 04 11a

1964 04 13
June Robertson a librarian at Cambridge central library – profile – 64 04 13 # c.77.4

The Cambridgeshire Deep Freeze Company was formed in 1952 in adapted buildings on Pound Hill, then extended into pre-fabricated cold rooms nearby. Soon however the whole of the Pound Hill area became part of a redevelopment plan and they moved to a new site at Girton during the severe winter of 1962-63. It accommodates bulk quantities of raw materials such as raspberries and blackcurrants for national processors but one cold room is sub-divided into lockers which can be hired to private individuals for the storage of game or garden produce. 64 04 13b & c # c.27

1964 04 14
There may be many vicar-less churches, but there cannot be many church-less vicars. That is the position of the Vicar of Shingay-cum-Wendy. Several churches have been built at Wendy but none has stood long. One built in 1735 fell down, another built about 1865 became unsafe and was pulled down in the early 1950s. It is thought the great weight of the hammer-beam roof (which came from All Saint's Church in St John's Street, Cambridge) was too much. Now plans have been drawn up for a new one. At present parishioners use a 'tin church' near the Abington Pigotts road junction. 64 04 14

Ely view from cathedral tower – 64 04 14a

1964 04 16
A turf-digging tool and a fork used for harvesting were among the fenland tools bought for the Folk Museum at the sale of antiquities from Vernon Cross's 'Ye Olde Tea Rooms' at Ely. The curator, Miss Enid Porter, was among the crowd of buyers. She also obtained two Doulton spirit barrels and an 18th-century digester. Plaster moulds from old Ely houses, an unusual type of frying pan and a 19th-century knife cleaner were also purchased 64 04 16 # c.03

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Devonshire Road – 64 04 16b-f

Lichfield road prefabricated bungalow fire – 64 04 16a

1964 04 17
Conington village photo feature – 64 04 17

After living for half the winter in the old Lolworth village hall, the Adams family have hope of better accommodation. The trouble started when Mr Adams took a job with a farmer at Caxton when the family lived in a tied cottage. They then moved to Lolworth for a new job. At that time they had a caravan but were unable to keep it so moved into the derelict hall. It has toilet and washing facilities and cooking has been done on a solid fuel stove. Now Mrs Adams has gone into Mill Road Maternity Hospital to have a baby leaving her husband to look after the other four children and large Alsatian dog. 64 04 17

Temporary classrooms at Bottisham and Arbury schools – 64 04 17b

Gustav Hamel gave flights at Cherry Hinton – 64 03 17a

1964 04 21
"Nothing but the best" film features scenes in Cambridge – 64 04 21

1964 04 22
Green End Road derelict land subject planning application – photo – 64 04 22

1964 04 23
Cambridge earthquake 30 years ago – memories – 64 04 23

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Silver Street – 64 04 23 [DYS cut]

Reuben's painting 'The Adoration of the Magi' has been moved from the nave is now in an experimental position as an altarpiece at the east end of King's College chapel. Some 150 feet of wooden panelling has been removed from the walls and the familiar altar has gone. The effect has been to lighten the east end and introduce an entirely different feeling and character to the magnificent east window. It is part of a more complete scheme which would see the removal of a series of steps and the provision of an extra 80 seats during important services 64 04 23a

1964 04 24
Comberton school – parents complain about standard of education, photo – 64 04 24
Emmanuel college undergraduates threaten to boycott college dining hall as meal are too expensive – 64 04 24a

'Cambridge New Architecture' criticises the Addenbrooke's Hospital buildings in Hills Road. No doubt these bleak buildings work efficiently but the bungaloid growth of the out-patients building cannot mitigate the overall barrack-room atmosphere, it says. Bradwell's Court shopping centre is attractively self-effacing and the Snowcat is one of the few well-designed modern pubs. But other Arbury building is weak with prim brick terraces with utility steel or concrete doorways of modish design. It is a squandering of Cambridge's short-supply of housing land 64 04 24b

City of Cambridge Brass Band needs new instruments: the old are obsolete and fashions have changed to those with a lower pitch. They are having a successful season, getting through to the finals of the Daily Herald National Championships and taking part in an open air brass band concert in London as well as frequent appearances at holiday resorts like Yarmouth. But over all their activities hangs the fear that their instruments could give up the ghost at any minute.64 04 24c

Gt Chesterford 'Life in a village' photos – 64 04 24d

In the very early hours young men venture out intent on climbing some of the university buildings. Night climbers are not an organised society, just individuals though know the other students who participate. The porter's lodge at King's is an irresistible challenge, not because of any climbing difficulty but because of the imminent danger of being discovered by college ports below. Climbers usually tie a piece of rope at the top of a building, though sometimes an item of female underwear is seem flapping gaily in the breeze the next morning. 64 04 24e

Cambridge library service must be aware of the increasing opportunities the future is likely to bring, say City Librarian, Eric Cave. They had issued over half-a-million books for the first time in its history but there can be no complacency over the increasing usage of the libraries. The coming of Anglia television had slowed demand for books. There has been a steady increase in the number of readers using the reference library. But the number of staff changes has been too great to make the provision of a smoothly-running service possible; young trainees move on to other libraries, attracted by better working hours and higher pay 64 04 24f # c.77.4

1964 04 28
Narrow Lane Histon, complaints – 64 04 28a

Cambridge city council are to spend up to £2,300 on taking penny slot machines from doors of toilets; they will also install wash basins and hot water supplies in the 24 toilets within the next few months – 64 04 28 # c.21.2

The grocery department of Matthew and Son is to close after 134 years – 64 04 28b # c.21.2

1964 04 29
History Faculty library planned for Sidgwick Avenue site – 64 04 29

University proposals for 110-foot tower block on New Museums site approved – 64 04 29

City librarian Eric Cave to deny car charges – 64 04 29a # c.77.4

Advances in biology may make it possible for a man to control his own heredity in the future, Dr J.C. Kendrew, a Nobel Prize winner told Cambridge Rotary. But learning about ourselves could be more dangerous than the H-bomb as it intimately concerns us. Already science could produce better roses by controlling heredity. Biology was once considered the 'Cinderella' of the sciences but one of the greatest advances was in biochemistry and research was just beginning to bear fruit. Many industrial processes could be carried out in the laboratory. The biological method was often much cheaper 64 04 29b

Memories will flood back to Girton man, Vic Watson, when his old team West Ham play in a Wembley Cup Final. The last time they were there was in 1923 and Vic, then 25, was leading the attack as centre-forward. They lost 2-0 to Bolton in a game that became known as the 'White Horse Final'. Vic was with the club for 16 years and won seven England caps. After retirement he became club coach at Cambridge Town for nearly 20 years until they turned professional. Now he will be a guest of the club together with Jimmy Ruffell, Billy Moore and G. Brown. After the match they have been invited to the team's reception at the Hilton Hotel in Park Lane. 64 04 29c

1964 04 30
A Regent Street trader has lost 78 per cent of his usual turnover since parking meters were introduced, Cambridge Chamber of Commerce was told. A survey of over 30 shops showed the average loss in turnover as 45%. There should be a reduction in rateable values and compensation for businesses which are forced to close. Meters should be closed down and a return made to unilateral parking supervised by wardens. But the Parking Committee chairman said that if motorists used the meters to the full they would get most of their customers back 64 04 30 # c.27.2 # c.49.62

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Sturton Street – 64 04 30 [DYS cut]

Parking time for women – 64 04 30a

Chronic problem for low-lying farms – rates for drainage on higher land 64 04 30b

The 'Town Café' in High Street, Soham is a new venture based in a former general stores. It comprises a restaurant at the rear of the premises and a coffee bar at the front. They have been granted a music licence so that a juke box can be installed in the coffee bar. The owner also owns a café at Chatteris. 64 04 30c

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1964 05 01
Sprite Limited was into being in 1949 when Sam Alper moved his small caravan-making business from the East End of London to Newmarket. It was initially centred in an old garage near the station. Production was slow: manufacture of the chassis and final assembly of the caravans was carried out at the garage, the sides were assembled at Stetchworth and painting was done at Cambridge. Then in 1955 it moved to a 10-acre site on the Fordham Road and sales rocketed. The firm merged with Bluebird Caravans to form Caravans International, the largest in Britain. 64 05 01

Wilburton village photo feature – 64 05 01c

Arts Cinema is oldest repertory cinema in country; Norman Higgins opened it in 1933. Previously at the Tivoli he founded an undergraduate film society and leased Conservative Hall in Market Passage. Began showing films all year round in 1947 – 64 05 01cc # c.76.9

Airfield Construction Unit at RAF Waterbeach – feature – 64 05 01dd

1964 05 02
Matthews is to close their grocery shop in Trinity Street – 64 05 02

Thriplow blacksmiths restored – 64 05 02e

Strawberry and the Fruit Drops, The Wreckers, The Huntsmen, The Inmates, The Ancestors and The Spyders are beat groups who rehearse in the building which adjoins the Grand Cinema in Huntingdon. The premises are occupied every night of the week by one group or the other. Most of what the boys earn goes towards buying instruments, equipment and running three minibuses. During weekdays they restrict their bookings to 40 miles from Huntingdon but they will travel any distance on Saturdays. Two of the groups, The Wreckers and the Huntsmen have reached the finals of a Beat Competition at Northampton that was judged by Norrie Paramour who asked for a recording. But now their rehearsal area is to close 64 05 02a # c.69

St Mary's Convent new wing blessed by Bishop – 64 05 02b

Ickleton open days to aid church – 64 05 02c

King's College chapel find piece of music written on wall when wood panelling removed – 64 05 02d

1964 05 04
Reach fair opened by ringing a bell for first time – 64 05 04 # c.27.3

1964 05 05

Sindall Concrete Products Ltd have built a pair of semi-detached houses on their Cherry Hinton Rectory Farm estate which could lead to revolutionary changes in the building industry. The houses can be erected and completed in two days using precision-made concrete panels with built-in insulation and wallpaper or emulsion can be applied direct to the walls. There is a choice of pitched or flat roof types lifted into place by a crane and a brick outer face can be added to give a traditional appearance. 64 05 05 # c.23

Willingham Earith Road largest sewage scheme started – 64 05 05a

Sketchely same day cleaning now in Cambridge – 64 05 05b

King James' hunting palace, Royston to be restored – 64 05 05c

1964 05 06
Ely Parsons Charity almshouses to be improved – 64 05 06

Soham steelyard may be restored – 64 05 06a

1964 05 07
Stuntney villagers are terrified by night drivers: screeching brakes and screaming tyres as traffic rounds the sharp bend at the top of the hill at too fast a speed have become a regular part of the night life. There is a gaping hole in the church wall which has been hit three times in the last four years. Now they have written to Ely Council asking for the street light on the bend to be kept on all night.– 64 05 07

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on James Street – 64 05 07d

Fulbourn Hospital, new Kent House opened by Duchess of Kent – 64 05 07a

Mrs D. Saberton & K. Sulman become first Witcham women parish councillors for 70 years – 64 05 07b

Diddington farmers compensation fears over Grafton water – 64 05 07c

1964 05 08
Every Saturday children start arriving at the Victoria and Central cinemas for the matinee performances. Many are brought by their mothers who are grateful for the chance to do the weekend shopping without them. Before the film starts they sing 'We are Minors of the A.B.C.' to the tune of 'Blaze Away'. There's always one cartoon like Tweetie Pie, then the serial in which the action is fast and furious. It's followed by a short comedy film, then a full-length feature with plenty of action, usually made by the Children's Film Foundation 64 05 08 # c.76.9

Potton photo feature – 64 05 08a

Willingham church roof angles dislodged when aircraft collided above church tower during WWII – 64 05 08b

1964 05 11
Cambridge has one of the few public croquet lawns in England. It is on Christ's Pieces, next to the bowling green. It is almost exclusively used by undergraduate members of the University Croquet Club to whom most of the equipment belongs. Although only three years old they have gained a reputation for their enthusiasm and high standard of play. Anyone can take part but it is not a game suitable for the infantile or the senile 64 05 11 # c.38 : croquet

The Isle of Ely name will be forgotten in 20 years time – fear, 64 05 11a

Ely Bishop Edward Roberts enthroned – 64 05 11b

Sir Eric Franklin fire at Cavendish Avenue destroys diplomatic papers – 64 05 11c

1964 05 12
A wartime Spitfire has made the 250-mile road journey from RAF Middleton St George Yorkshire on a 60-foot transporter to Ely where is was lifted with help from a 10-ton crane from RAF Waterbeach operated by Mr Stanley Porter of Bohemond Street. Now fitters are re-assembling it on the lawn at the entrance to the RAF Hospital where it will be on permanent display and floodlit at night 64 05 12

1964 05 13
The United States Air Force 10th Tactical Wing based at Alconbury, is ready 24 hours a day to fly to targets in Europe. But their RB-66B aircraft carry cameras, not bombs, and targets are only strafed with fire canisters to illuminate the ground many thousands of feet below providing pictorial evidence of military build up or bridges. The planes are packed with electronic aids, important to penetrate strongly defended areas. On returning the nine-inch wide film is developed in seven minutes and examined while still wet. 64 05 13 # c.45.8

Winifred Rayment, matron of Papworth Hospital, reflects on changes – 64 05 13a

City libraries to introduce token charging – 64 05 13b

Isle wants development for Wisbech, March and Chatteris – 64 05 13c

Pye group in the space race – 64 05 13d # c.27.1

1964 05 14
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on All Saints Passage – 64 05 14-b

1964 05 15
Barrington church find paintings three skeletons – 64 05 15

Soham village life photo feature – 64 05 15a

Ratepayers' Association keep watch on council spending – 64 05 15b

Waterbeach RAF station used by Airfield Construction Unit – 64 05 15c

Explosion at Koch Laboratories, Haverhill – 64 05 15d

1964 05 16
Wilburton Best Kept Village sign unveiled – 64 05 16

1964 05 20
Ramsey golf club to open – feature – 64 05 20

1964 05 21
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Park Street – 64 05 21 [DYS cut]

Peter John Warren, Cambridge Mayor- profile – 64 05 21

1964 05 22
Peaks new carpet centre, Fitzroy St – 64 05 22 # c.27.2

An undergraduate who daubed a political slogan on King's College Chapel has been suspended for a year – one of the longest suspensions in the history of the University. The first-year student from St Catharine's painted 'Free Mandela' – the African political leader – on the chapel wall. A second student has been rusticated until the end of term – 64 05 22a

Planning permission has never been obtained to convert part of St Ives town hall into an office, occupied at present by the Town Clerk. According to planning records it is still listed as a women's toilet. When the council took over the building, Stanley House, 40 years ago, it prompted great opposition. So heated were the arguments that after brawls and fights a government inspector was appointed and opponents put up their own candidates for the council. 64 05 22b

1964 05 23
RAF Alconbury – feature on the USAF base – 64 05 23 # c.45.8

1964 05 27
Housing problem for Cambridge industry – 64 05 27

1964 05 28
Alderman H.R. Mallett officially opened the new branch library in Barnwell Road, nine years after it was first announced. Because of the credit squeeze the Library Committee were refused permission to raise a loan in 1955. Three years later a library was opened in a shop where it continued until now. The first book was issued to ten-year-old Susan Northfield of Priory School by City Librarian, Eric Cave 64 05 28 # c.77.4

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Eden Street – 64 05 28a-d

1964 05 29
Heavy explosions and columns of smoke around Duxford airfield marked the destruction of groups of blast baffle walls which were built when jet aircraft came into general use after the war. Dickerson's hope to get most of the 56 walls, each weighing 240 tons, down in one day. Sixteen baffles near the main road are being left until last so police can assess whether any special traffic precautions are needed. The concrete rubble will be broken into hardcore to be used for building work at Arbury Road. 64 05 29

Revolutionary planning proposals for central Cambridge being considered – 64 05 29a

Prickwillow Baptist Church organ should be completely rebuilt by the minister, Rev Christian Evans who has already installed an electric blower to save having it pumped manually. The 150-year-old pipe organ will be moved from its present position in the gallery to the front of the church downstairs. He has spent two years building an electronic organ which stands in the Manse. The keyboard comes from an old American organ, an old dining table forms the cabinet work and it has 50 wireless valves. The speaker is housed in a five-foot tall sewer pipe. 64 05 29b

Steeple Morden, Guilden Morden photo feature – 64 04 29c

In 1918 two Sutton brothers, Baden & Stanley Powell were working on their father's farm when the milk from a small dairy was not making very good money. So they decided to make cheese, hawking them from door to door by pony and cart. In those days there were a dozen cheese makers in villages around Sutton and they had to work long hours. They abandoned the dairy in The Row and built a much larger one, Rathmore Diaries, near the church. But then the war stopped the supply of milk. By the end Mr Powell was the only cheese maker and today he produces a quarter of a million pounds a year.64 05 29d

1964 05 30

Screaming teenage girls besieged the Co-op in Burleigh Street when the Merseybeats, a 'pop' music group from Liverpool, made a personal appearance. Four policemen pushed the crowds back when the group arrived in a taxi and inside girls clambered on to radiograms, refrigerators and television to see them as they signed autographs in the record department. Some girls wept and others grabbed publicity photographs. Finally John Banks, Tony Crane. Aaron Williams and Johnny Gustafson escaped and relaxed with coffee before departing for Manchester 64 05 30 # c.69

A new system of issuing books is to be introduced to Cambridge libraries to reduce waiting times. During peak periods queues have built up whilst staff search for tickets. Now borrowers will be given a small plastic card in exchange for books returned and they will hand back the tokens when the new books are date-stamped on the way out. City Librarian Eric Cave expects a lot of users will find it strange at first but it will be more efficient and relieve pressure on staff 64 05 30a, b

Soham church gets new lead roof – 64 05 30c

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1964 06 02
Fuller's new restaurant at 17 King's Parade is ultra-modern in every way without losing any of the quant charm of the building which houses it or the delightful character of Cambridge itself. Here is a restaurant especially designed to cater for people of individual taste. For such a discriminating clientele it offers a retail shop, self-service or waitress restaurant. Individual rooms may be reserved for private functions. Open 9am to 8 pm, weekdays, 10 to 8 Sundays – Advert 64 06 02

Cambridgeshire County Council is anxious to buy compulsory some land at Castle Hill, including that occupied by the Sir Isaac Newton public house, for their new assize courts building scheme. They also want a private house in Gloucester Street and a cycle store. Much of the other land between Gloucester Street corner and the county police headquarters has already been acquired for the court project permission for which has been given after a delay of several years. Work should start this year. 64 06 02a

Newmarket Road footbridge discussed – 64 06 02b

1964 06 03
Small in stature, yet one of the liveliest bungles of energy in Cambridge, is Mrs J.C. Burkill. She was the instigator of the University Graduate Society set up in 1963 for visiting scholars and their wives from all corners of the globe. It can be difficult for the wives: their husbands dine in college and they often sit down to a boiled egg at home. During the war she helped get 800 refugee children out of Europe and settle in the area, then pioneered New Hall, allowing girls to study in Cambridge. "Fortunately I have a wonderfully patient husband", she says 64 06 03

Whether or now new shopping development takes place in Lion Yard or at City Road the old shopping area should stay where it is and retain its highly individual character. Cambridge has continued to attract more and more visitors leading to fears of King's College ashtrays and "Kiss me quick" mortar boards. But one development benefiting both local and visitor must be the creation of a pedestrian precinct such as the one at Harlow. It would enable streets to be given over to their rightful functions as places for strolling, shopping and gossip 64 06 03a

1964 06 04
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Emmanuel Road – 64 06 04a-d

The opening of Churchill College by the Duke of Edinburgh could hardly be called a ceremony. It was more like an indoor garden party. The College was pretty open already but now it is more open that it was before, he told guests. He was serious about the role it should play in today's scientific and technological age. Earlier he strolled round an undergraduate's room, chatted with workmen and

joked with bedders. The sherry and cocktail party which preceded the lunch was a bright affair which brought out the Ascot feeling in many of the fashionable ladies present. 64 06 06– 64 06 04, 64 06 05, 05a # c.44.5

1964 06 05
Houghton village life photo feature – 64 06 05c

Charlie Wearn at Wendens Ambo makes garden statues & marble floors – 64 06 05d

Listed buildings may not be demolished but owners need not keep them in repair and they often deteriorate until they are condemned as a danger to public safety. Cromwell's barn in St Ives was a magnificent example of a 16th-century manorial barn but it was burn down because it became unsafe. In Cambridge many little cottages are disappearing behind scaffolding to emerge with a completely different character and price-tag. Some houses in Portugal Place and a tiny court near Sidney Sussex College are in danger but Orchard Street has been saved by the Preservation Society 64 06 05b # c.61.2

1964 06 06
Compulsory purchase orders have been confirmed for the clearance of areas at Napier Street, Leeke Street, Coronation Street, Gold Street and Russell Street. But the Minister has excluded some properties in Newmarket Road and Burleigh Place together with no 9 Coronation Street which his inspectors say is fit for habitation. Objectors had claimed that compulsory acquisition would cause hardship and was not necessary for redevelopment. 64 06 06a # c.49.4

The Victoria Ballroom in market square is the principal rendezvous for groups such as The Undertakers, The Moving Coils, Black Diamonds and Dawnbreakers. Most nights it provides a musical attraction: jazz sessions on Tuesday with top flight bands such as Kenny Ball and Chris Barber. But just around the corner the Dorothy Restaurant has featured Kathy Kirby, the Merseybeats and Manfred Mann. Helping to bury the old cry that Cambridge is 'dead' after dark are the cellar-bar 'shuffles' where regulation dress is jeans or slacks, sloppy sweaters and dark glasses. When not twisting or shaking the current rage for both sexes is to smoke miniature cigars and drink 'James Bonds' 64 06 06b # c.69

Newmarket's 120-year-old goods station with its grandiose façade of nine pairs of stone columns is still in everyday use. Caravans and machinery account for most of the traffic. Standing in its own grounds with a frontage of over 100 feet it gives the impression of a country mansion. Until recently it was home to a railway porter but they have moved to a more modern house and now the rooms are draped in dust sheets, unused. Newmarket councillors call it a 'monstrosity' and want it to be used for industrial development. But now it has been listed as a building of special architectural interest 64 06 06c

Blind-folded student cycled through Cambridge rush hour – 64 06 06d

1964 06 08
Burwell Poor's Fen Charity has been in debt since they were set up in 1883 after villagers had rioted over rights to cut grass and reeds on common land. They'd armed themselves with cutlasses and staves and the militia were called out to restore order. But the charity had to play for the military's costs out of their income. Now they have sold Poor's Fen Farm and invested the money to supply coal to the poor and needy 64 06 08

1964 06 09
Large twin-engined Vickers Varsity aircraft warm up their engines as Oakington Flying Training School start another period of night flying. The planes lumber round to the end of the runway, pause to allow safety checks and then haul themselves into the sky. Villagers attempting to sleep complain

that all they do at Oakington is night flying and urge the RAF to relocate to quieter areas. But it is an essential part of the flying curriculum. 64 06 09

John Evans Bidwell, the well-known Cambridge chartered surveyor and land agent, was one of the founders of Papworth Village Settlement in 1916 64 06 09a

Bottisham has four public houses but few know the Queen's Head as it closely resembles a modest country cottage and does not even have a name-plate. William Osbourn, 86, has held the licence for 53 years but now has only seven regular customers. They are mostly friends who come for a glass of beer and a game of dominoes. There is one room, kept spick and span with wooden seats, a table and a few old prints. His family have been running pubs in the village for over 100 years. Once there were six others but now just the Bell, Swan and Anchor remain. 64 06 09b

1964 06 10
Enid Porter, Folk Museum curator – profile 64 06 10

1964 06 11
Royston railways in Victorian times recalled – 64 06 11

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Fitzroy Street = 64 06 11 [DYS cut]

1964 06 12
Hundon photo feature – 64 06 12

Steeple Morden 'at crucial stage' planning inquiry into eight houses told – 64 06 12a

Shirley School lollipop lady – 64 06 12b

1964 06 13
Mandela: protests at savage sentences – 64 06 13

Pre-fabricated aluminium bungalows Church End Cherry Hinton to be made safe, suffer corrosion – 64 06 13a # c.23

1964 06 15
Dr Hatley, Waterbeach GP retires – 64 06 15

Cambridge housing squalor – squatters; 500 houses have no hot water, 5,000 no bath, 640 no flush lavatories – 64 06 15a # c.23 # c.32.9

1964 06 16
Prefabs may be answer to city's house problems; cars not considered when planning new estates; survey King's Hedges – 64 06 16a # c.23

Saffron Walden 'Walden Cinema' to close – 64 06 16b

Fire Brigade HQ, Parkside soon to open; 'temporary' buildings in Newmarket Road built during war have outlived usefulness – 64 06 16c # c.34.75

1964 06 17
Edith Hepher, Swavesey councillor – profile – 64 06 17

March store owned by Miller and Skoulding catches fire – 64 06 17a

Footballers' summer jobs – 64 06 17b (see Memories) # c.38 : football

1964 06 18
Meters fail to pay new Park Street car park losses – 64 06 18

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on French's Road – 64 06 18a

1964 06 19
Thatcher Henry Hancock of Grantchester retires, 86 – 64 06 19

Wilbraham photo feature – 64 06 19a

River Cam memories from the 1920s – feature – 64 06 19b # c.46.5

1964 06 20
Pidley volunteers scythe churchyard – 64 06 20

Rank Bros Garage, Bottisham makes cancer research instruments – 64 06 20a

1964 06 22
Automatic half-barrier railway level crossings to be installed Wisbech Road Manea and Bottisham Rd Waterbeach – 64 06 22

1964 06 23
Prowlers pop group members open antique shop Waterbeach – 64 06 23

Wilburton church renovation appeal – 64 06 23a

Sutton former vicarage where Winston Churchill spent many Christmases is being demolished – 64 06 23b

1964 06 24
Grantchester barn to become music room of new house – 64 06 24

East Barnwell youth centre opened – 64 06 24a # c.37.9

1964 06 25
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Shaftesbury Road – 64 06 25 -a

1964 06 26
Bottisham Lode railway station, once used by dairy farmers as a centre for milk distribution, is to close under the Beeching plan. The old waiting rooms, station master's office and lamp room will be turned into office accommodation. James Beard, who has worked as porter for 45 years, members when there was also a station master, three clerks, two signalmen and an assistant porter. Now only he remains. The once gleaming rails are becoming rusty and the British Railways sign creaks on ancient hinges. Three times a week freight trains pass through but these will stop on July 13th – 64 06 26

Large postbox being moved further along Sidney Street – 64 06 26a

Gt Gransden photo feature – 64 06 26b

A group of women meet twice a week in a corner of Cambridge police station. Some are typists, some work in laboratories and banks, but the majority are ordinary housewives. They are all rifle shooting enthusiasts who practice on the police range. They change into slacks and firing jackets, then erect target cards and collect ammunition. Their ambition is to be selected for the county women's smallbore team. Husbands and boy friends used to be rather patronising when they took up shooting

as a hobby. That is until they were invited to the range one evening and given the opportunity to shoot. 64 06 26c

1964 06 27
A giant post box has been moved from its position in Sidney Street to a spot a few yards away. It has been there for 30 years. The box is one of the largest in the provinces 64 06 27

London Co-operative Society are to close their creamery at Ditton Walk because they have not go sufficient milk in the area to keep it going since Cambridge Co-op now want an extra 1,000 gallons to mean increasing population. The creamery supplied milk only to London areas. Many of the staff of 22 have been there for 30 years 64 06 27a

1964 06 30
A car park was needed on the West side of the river to help clear Queen's Road and they should consider an underground car park at the Backs, councillors heard. Park Street was a mistake because it was too near the city centre but Coe Fen was one of the best places for a surface car park. Queen Anne Terrace was a marvellous site as it could have a basement, three of four storeys of flats and a roof garden restaurant. There would be a mini-bus to get shoppers into the centre which meant the Lion Yard would be used more by people who came to park for the day. 64 06 30

July 1964 CN

1964 07 01
Sites in St Matthew's Ward, which have been cleared for redevelopment, are being used for rubbish dumping and becoming overgrown with weeds. The worst parts are a big dump of soot and abandoned car parts in Burleigh Place. There were also concerns about sites in Petworth Street and Staffordshire Street as well as Coronation Street. If a property was not demolished at once, vagrants moved in. There was a risk of squatting if they didn't fence off some of the areas, councillors heard. 64 07 01a

1964 07 02
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Magdalene Street – 64 07 02-02e

1964 07 05
Snowy the roadman is the first person newcomers to Oakington notice, for he always wears a 'bowler' to work. Walter Reginald Farr was born in Longstanton and has been a roadman eight years. He has three bowlers including a Sunday best which he only wears at weekends with his dress suit when he goes for a walk. 'Snowy' sports a colourful, grizzled beard, yellow at its thickest but now greying at the sides. His face is a lobster read and he has bright, friendly blue eyes. He takes a pride in the village and there is no doubt the village take a pride in him. 64 07 05

The Burystead in Sutton is 600 years old. Saxon built, it dates back to the early 14th century when it was a manor, surrounded by a moat. It was part of the living of Alan de Walsingham, a lifetime before the parish church was completed. It is still in the possession of the Ecclesiastical Authorities but now rented by the Sutton Smallholders Association. The house was modernised three years ago. It has six rooms, three up and three down, and two toilets. The present tenants have lived there for 10 years – a 60th of the former manor's life 64 07 05a

Fulbourn photo feature – 64 07 05b

1964 07 06
Proposals for a new town for more than 100,000 people at Lakenheath, instead of Stansted were backed. It would very desirable to have some sort of growth in the area which at the moment is very sparsely populated and should suit industry Planners say an airport at Stansted would take good agricultural land and travel developments such as helicopters and monorails would bring Lakenheath within an hour of the capital. It has the longest runway for planes in the country and could be

developed as London's third airport. But there are no plans at present for closing the American base and a new hospital and other facilities have recently been built. 64 07 06

Cambridge expansion: Conservatives would like to encourage businesses which start in the town and want the Market Square to be the main centre. Socialists want new light industries with the Lion Yard as a civic centre and with new shopping in Burleigh Street while the Liberals favour a central pedestrian precinct with public transport in the form of a minibus service or travloator. 64 07 06a

1964 07 07
First automatic railway crossing gates being tested at Manea – 64 07 07

1964 07 009
Councillor Jean Barker, wife of the headmaster of the Leys, believes television is partially to blame for the unruly behaviour of some teenagers. "They come home from work to find their parents glued to the television and get so bored that they just drift out again onto the street corners", she contends. But at boarding schools evenings are filled with a great variety of social activities. However day schools are more suitable for girls as home life is important and boarding schools can be de-feminising. Her ambition is to open a first-class 'frightfully expensive but frightfully good' restaurant in Cambridge – possibly in a boat house 64 07 08

City Librarian, Eric Cave had a past history of severe concussion after an accident in 1941 64 07 08a # c.77.4

1964 07 09
Tattersalls plans for new sales ring at Newmarket – 64 07 09

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Regent Terrace – 64 07 09-09a

1964 07 10
Elsworth village life photo feature – 64 07 10

St Michael's church is a very important prototype of college chapels with much 14th-century building. The architectural interior would be improved by proposals to convert it to other uses. Some services would continue to be held. Ald Warren said he supported a grant if it was to be an ecclesiastical museum but not if it was to become a meeting room or youth centre. The committee decided a grant would not be justified. 64 07 10a # c.83

Grays of Cambridge, manufacture of high-quality sports equipment, are best known for as makers of rackets. H.J. Gray, the founder, became rackets champion in 1864 when he was succeeded by his brother. Business grew rapidly and in 1912 they moved to the present factory in Benson Street. Then they developed a revolutionary tennis rack and never looked back. Now hockey sticks are their most successful line but ski-ing is the sport of the future 64 07 10b # c.27

The roof of St Andrew's church, Soham, is being re-leaded to prevent water dripping on to the new altar in the 13th-century building. The old lead, laid in 1798, was stripped off and taken to Norwich where it was melted and purified with new pig lead added. The roof has also been treated against death watch beetle and fungus and the stonework cleaned. 64 05 30c
Elsworth photo feature – 64 07 10

Water may be let into the Old West River without detrimental affect on water levels or danger to agricultural land. With dredging it is the only hope of preserving it so that the public could enjoy its fishing, boating and other amenities. New disposal works at Over would eliminate existing discharges of unpurified sewage but future development would more than double the amount of effluent entering the river and some fresh water should be admitted through Hermitage Sluice. But the height of the

river was only just below the level of the washes and if more water were let through there would be trouble halfway down the river 64 07 10c # c.46.5

1964 07 11
With a shuddering roar, a diesel locomotive disturbed the sleepy silence of Mildenhall railway station and with four empty wagons trundled away on the last trip to Cambridge. The station's freight line, which opened in 1885, had fallen under the Beeching axe. The stationmaster, Mr N.S. Sykes, stood on the platform among weeds and wild flowers and waved as the train pulled out. Passenger services were withdrawn in 1961 and freight limited to coal, cattle seed and worn tyres which were sent to Harwich for export. 64 07 11 # c.26.2

Hayrick with thatched roof in Lordship farm, Swaffham Bulbeck – 64 07 11a

1964 07 13
Heyworths sale advertisement – 64 07 13 & a

1964 07 14
Club Jazz, which opens at the Lion Hotel, is the first to have Musician's Union support and is an attempt to sink differences between bands, individuals and musicians which have bedevilled the jazz scene for many years. Mondays will feature folk music, Tuesdays modern and Thursdays traditional jazz presented by local bands. Sitters will be able to sit and listen without a soundproof screen of dancing bodies. Dancers can dance without being invaded by drinkers from the bar and drinkers can listen at a distance that makes the music a comfortable background to conversation and not a vociferous profusion of decibels 64 07 14 # c.69

1964 07 15
Stretham bypass work continues – photo – 64 07 15

1964 07 16
If Oxford to Cambridge passenger rail services are withdrawn alternative road services will add congestion – 64 07 16

A path for pedestrians should be placed outside the Coldham's Lane bridge which is a danger, the Accident Prevention Council say. Such a path had been proposed for Barnwell bridge but the need was more urgent here as there had been two fatalities in recent years. 64 07 16a

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Mill Lane – 64 07 16 [DYS cut]

1964 07 17
St Matthew's Piece may make way for new youth centre – 64 07 17

Waterbeach photo feature – 64 07 17a

1964 07 18
The new three-storey March divisional police headquarters and Civil Defence area control in Burrowmoor Road replaces the old station in High Street built just over a century ago. The ground floor is designed to accommodate an inquiry counter, communications equipment, accommodation for officers, police woman and a parade room together with a surgeon's annexe and a cell block. Upstairs are rooms for the admin, traffic and CID while the basement comprises the Civil Defence area control. 64 07 18

1964 07 21
Hartford cottages in 'The Hollow' being demolished for new bypass – 64 07 21

Cam Controls of Ainsworth Place, are a small company in what is a virtually new electrical industry. They specialise in control equipment for heating, ventilating and air conditioning and have fulfilled a contract for a New Delhi college and an aircraft testing building at Farnborough where the Concord is undergoing trials. They train their own staff as it is impossible to find men experienced in this kind of work and take a pride in their maintenance service. 64 07 21a # c.27.1

1964 07 22
Toft people are buying their former primary school and hope to re-open it as a village hall which will also serve Hardwick, Kingston and Caldecote. At present all they have is the church institute, a very small place. The building needs another exit, a kitchen and flush toilets – and it also has a leaky roof. During the war the village raised £750 for a fund that was never used and this, with a grant and interest-free loans from residents, will finance the scheme. 64 07 22

St Neots vicarage in Church Street may be demolished for building – 64 07 22

The Isle of Ely will lose one of its most ancient offices – that of Custos Rotulorum – when the county is amalgamated with Cambridgeshire next April. The office dates back to about 1460 and is responsible for the records of the county and quarter sessions. The present holder is Ald Leonard Childs of Chatteris who was appointed by the King in 1952. In Cambridgeshire the office is held by the Lord Lieutenant, Ald R.H. Parker 64 07 22a # c.43

Nearly 500 people attended a greyhound race meeting at Chesterton Fen Road, one of eight to be held during the next few weeks. Now organisers are planning a campaign for a permanent track equipped with floodlights and facilities 64 07 22b # c.38 : greyhound

Chesterton Towers to be renovated and opened to public. It would be fenced off from flats to be constructed alongside 64 07 22c # c.61.2

1964 07 23
Trinity Baptist church, Huntingdon needs £10,000 to make the church and its 182 ft steeple safe. The deeds say that if it is closed down and sold the money must be distributed to charity. For five years services have been carried on in a small converted hall at the back of the building with congregations from 50-100. The church is without minister at present and until its fate is known the trustees cannot invite a new pastor 64 07 23

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Bene't Street – 64 07 23-23c

1964 07 24
Electrical engineers are busy analysing the damage from recent storms. Special devices have been fitted to minimise damage – feature – 64 07 24 # c.24.6

1964 07 25
Royston Social Club members were bold enough to buy the Manor House, a gracious 18th century residence off Melbourn Street in 1949. Today it is the town's most popular social centre. With two billiard rooms, a lounge, card room and bar it offers facilities and informality to its 500 members. Formerly home of the Phillip's family it was requisitioned by the military during the war. Now rooms are leased to firms for offices and an annexe formerly used by the county library has been demolished. 64 07 25

1964 07 26
The 'Genial Squire of Soham Grammar School' as Mr C.J. Ford , the second master was termed, retired after 38 years as chemistry and biology master having joined the staff in 1928. Headmaster E.A. Armitage praised his high academic quality, sense of dignity and occasion. He will remain in residence at his home at the bottom of the school drive and will teach occasionally. Tribute was also

paid to Mr A. Lawrence the mathematics master who retired after 12 years. When he joined the staff the department was in poor shape, now it is excellent 64 07 26

1964 07 27
Marriage Elizabeth Ann Scambler – 64 07 27

1964 07 29
Shepreth churchyard extension consecrated – 64 07 29

1964 07 30
Pye produces world's first transistorised nuclear reactor – 64 07 30 # c.27.1 : Pye

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Round Church Street – 64 07 30 [DYS cut]

1964 07 31
Fordham village life photo feature – 64 07 31a

August 1964 CN

1964 08 01
Caxton is a dying village following the closure of one of the two general stores in the village. It is in three separate clumps including a council estate built since the war. But there was insufficient employment and most tenants had to work away from the village. Local industry should be established providing jobs for 30 people. The parish council had drawn up a plan for carefully phased development 64 08 01a

Borehole at Melbourn could have serious effect on Cam, turning it into open sewer – fear – 64 08 01b

1964 08 03
Moses Carter, giant of Histon – 64 08 03

Midfield House at Oakington is a reception centre for children in need of care. Some are short-term visitors, others are admitted under the Children's Act. Every child brings a problem. They are assessed and transferred to a home at Shelford, to foster-parents or sent for training. There is plenty to keep them mentally fit and interested. Up to five share a daintily decorated bedroom and parents are encouraged to visit whenever possible. Some, after rehabilitation, return to their families. 64 08 03a

The US Air Force 10th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing at Alconbury uses 1.5 m gallons of fuel a month in their RB-66 jets. Ninety per cent is loaded by two-man crews from an underground supply system and an aircraft can be refuelled within 15 minutes. Other aircraft are serviced by tankers like those used at petrol stations. Two six-inch pipelines direct from the supply dept at Sawtry service the two storage areas and the underground system with its 50,000 gallon tanks and seven pump stations. Another aspect of the fuel supply is the liquid oxygen plant manufacturing breathing oxygen for airmen. – 64 08 03b

Haddenham Young Farmers Club show 64 08 03c

1964 08 04
The annual Caucus Race at Trinity College saw undergraduates in gowns set off on a mad career around the Great Court. Each man must run round every rectangle in the pattern formed by the grass. Some crafty students carried mathematically-calculated routes and beneath their gowns wore running shorts and plimsolls. After the race many competitors cooled off with a face-splash from the fountain in the middle of the court and enjoyed a firkin of college ale. The idea of the race began a few years ago on the inspiration of a passage in 'Alice in Wonderland' 64 08 04 # c.39

1964 08 06
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Bridge Street – 64 08 06-06f

1964 08 07
A transistorised nuclear reactor developed by Pye Ltd is cheap yet provides immense opportunities in the field of research. It will produce short-lived isotopes for medical diagnosis and neutron activation. The reactor was built under licence to an American company and modified to raise the power to 100 kilowatts. In the event of overheating, boiling water within the reactor shuts down the output of the pile. Accidentally-dropped radio-active material is far more likely to bring the warning system into use that uncontrolled goings-on within the system. 64 08 07 # c.27.1 : Pye

Barrington village photo feature – 64 08 07a

1964 08 08
Electric lighting replacing gas in Riverside – 64 08 08

1964 08 11
Charlie is tall with bushy sideboards, a stovepipe hat and a face resembling Abraham Lincoln. It is thought he was a schoolmaster at Paxton Hall who died many years ago. But is has become increasingly apparent that his ghost still haunts the old gate house. There is one bedroom which smells of stale cigars and no matter how hard the door is closed, it always opens again. The pet cat, on reaching the room, scampers down the stairs as fast as possible. Another cat jumps on the bed, purring loudly. But there is nothing there. 64 08 11

194 08 12
Clark and Butcher, Soham – small fire will not affect mill's capacity – 64 08 12

1964 08 13
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Russell Street – 64 08 13 [DYS cut]

1964 08 14
Four pews can be removed from St Mary's Church, Buckden after objections by eight parishioners were overruled. One was from the granddaughter of John George Green who was granted exclusive use of two newly erected pews in August 1840. She had agreed to the removal of the front 'half-pew' provide she could have reserved rights in the second pew, which had been agreed. One of the other objectors was related to the craftsman who had made the pews. The church said there had been difficulty manoeuvring coffins during funerals. 64 08 14

Fire gutted a house at Harston Hill, destroying antique furniture stored in one of the rooms. It had been bought, together with the mill, by a Haslingfield builder who was restoring it. Flames reached 20 ft above the blazing house before its timbers collapsed. Firemen pulled down the walls of the upper floors and they were too dangerous to leave. But they successfully saved the mill itself. 64 08 14a

Heydon has one of the few churches damaged by bombs in the last war. In 1940 a bomb struck the embattled tower which collapsed and tore down most of the north side of the nave and the north aisle; the rest of the bombs falling harmlessly on a field behind a row of houses. The church has been thoroughly restored using the best of new building techniques. Restoration work was finished 16 years after the bombs fell and the church rededicated in 1956. 64 08 14b

Frank Fossey, a Great Eversden farmer, has made his own museum of outdated and disused farm implements and other items of country life. It includes everything from ploughs to gingerbread moulds together with a fly-trap used in his mother's dairy. Many inventions are only 40 years old but are already out of date and forgotten. Exhibits are housed in a thatched farmyard building dating from the 1500s and have a great attraction for local historians. [They now form part of the Farmland Museum at Denny Abbey] 64 08 14c

Hemingford Grey and Hemingford Abbots village photo feature – 64 08 14d

1964 08 15
Great Ouse flood protection scheme to open in September – 64 08 15

1964 08 17
'Focus on Cambridge' is a new documentary film seen through the eyes of two tourists as they drift along the Cam in a punt. Made by Norman Mason-Smith of Forgeron Films it is intended for people lecturing on Cambridge or tourists wishing to take home a memento of their visit. It was filmed in Technicolor, lasts 16 minutes and is available in 16mm format for £22 10s [about £370 at today's prices]. Cambridge City Libraries have agreed to take a copy 64 08 17 # c.65.6

1964 08 20
Lode villagers are seething over Newmarket RDC's decision to sell plots of building land to private individuals instead of using it for council houses. The largest piece has been offered to the council's engineer who designed the development. The controversy has swept aside ordinary gossip. One resident who sold land under the threat of a compulsory purchase order was convinced it was to be used for council housing. But now he finds it offered to individuals who wish to build their own homes. They are demanding an inquiry 64 08 20

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on King's Parade – 64 08 20 [RAl.4.80]

A bomb disposal squad from London removed a hand grenade from a Newmarket vicar's garden – after it had been for four days in a hole in the wall with a notice stating it was an unexploded bomb. The grenade, though to be a relic from the Great War, was discovered by the Vicar of St Mary's just before he left for holiday. He contacted the police who put it into a niche in the garden wall with a notice warning people to keep away. The bomb disposal squad have now taken it. 64 08 20a

1964 08 21
Tank transporters travel through Cambridge en route to Thetford – photo – 64 08 21

As the fire brigade mobiliser tape-records the warning call, the operator retrieves a file on the area in question. There are cards for every village showing the quickest route and full information on individual building with instructions on the appliances needed and the position of hydrants. The system is vital to allow fire fighters to have information allowing a safer battle against the flames but with new buildings constantly sprouting the work of documentation is never complete 64 08 21a

The new landlady of the Carpenter's Arms, Gt Wilbraham, Paula Lester, has been a leading lady at the Windmill Theatre. She has covered every aspect of the theatre since she made her stage debut aged 14 and was the youngest principal girl in a pantomime. Then she married Cecil Grosvenor-Brown, sales manager for a publishing company. They have taken the pub after a time in South Africa. It is wonderful to have a six o'clock opening time, she says. 64 08 21b

Old Contemptibles, British Expeditionary Force who stopped Germans reaching channel ports – photos - 64 08 21c

Punt owners say trade is bad with eighty per cent of those available for hire lying idle. Until 1950 students would take their books to the river in term time, but they don't do it nowadays. Some hirers use up their £1 deposits and leave the punts, then long-haired types jump in and smash them. Foreign visitors do much of the damage and the French treat the punts a lot rougher Scudamore's say. Their new fibreglass punts have been found too weak: they are too low and not really big or steady enough for hire work 64 08 21d

Teenage motor cycles and girl friends moved on from Wulfstan Way after complaints of noise – 64 08 21e

Everton village photo feature – 64 08 21f

1964 08 25
Littleport children's' treasure hunt – photos 64 08 25

Calibar prepacking factory fire, Angel Drove Ely – 64 08 25a

1964 08 26
Festival theatre invited audience to see performance again free, encouraged smoking and had programmes printed so could read by holding up to light – feature – 64 08 26

Dry Drayton has more than its fair share of problems, villagers claim. It is lacking essential amenities and facilities. It has no recreation ground with swings and mothers of young children live in daily fear of the heavy lorries that speed through. The sewerage system is inadequate, buses infrequent and the aircraft from RAF Oakington fly low at night. Money has been raised for a new hall but nothing has been done, leaving just the old hut. "We have to play bingo with gloves on in winter, it's so cold in there" one pensioner complains. 64 08 26a

Spillers laboratory Station Road fire, explosion fear – 64 08 26b # c.34.75

1964 08 27
Royston's Eagle Tavern area soon to have piped water – 64 08 27

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Burleigh Street – 64 08 27a-h

1964 08 28
The Lion Yard area is badly laid out and contains 'obsolete development'; there should be a small increase in shopping space with the rest devoted to civic and university uses, Sir Keith Joseph, the Minister of Housing says. A brand new shopping area should be created in the City Road area – the present twilight zone. It will take traffic away from the centre, cater for modern supermarket trends and fit in with plans for the continuation of the East Road housing scheme 64 08 28, 28b # c.49.67 # c.49.4 # c.49.66

Isleham church angels fired at by Cromwell's men – 64 08 28a

Traders are split over proposals for a new shopping centre off Fitzroy Street. Claude Scott, motor agents, say trade would be increased but he would seek full compensation to leave. T. Tarrants tobacconists, say it would be good but family businessman A.P. Cook of Prospect Row, who has run a grocery store for 50 years, says he will fight hard against compulsory purchase. Mrs J.A. Douglas of Earl Street, who has just modernised her house, is horrified at the proposals. 64 08 28c # c.49.66

Gt Abington village photo feature – 64 08 28d

1964 08 29
"The Images", four youths who formed their own rock group, played in public for the first time at a Littleport charity function. About 300 children gave them a rousing welcome that would not have disgraced Beatle fans. Tony Gipp of Burnt Fen manages the group which includes David Kerridge (lead guitar), John Summers (rhythm guitar), John Drake from Little Ouse (bass) and Michael Taylor from Mildenhall (drums). They are the first rock group to be formed in Littleport 64 08 29

1964 08 31

Nearly 1,000 houses and 60 businesses will be effected in creating a new regional shopping centre off Fitzroy Street. 64 08 31

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1964 09 01
Ward & sons, radio, bicycle and pram dealer to move from East Road to Burleigh St – 64 09 01

Madingley Cricket Club, who have bought the old Queens' College pavilion on the Barton Road ground, may cut it in sections and move it that way. Queens' new pavilion, which is a memorial to a former president, Dr J.A. Venn, will be ready for the start of term and the groundsman has already moved into an adjoining bungalow. It has the most modern facilities in Cambridge with showers, toilets and its own bar. But the planned car park has been left for a later date. 64 09 01a # c.38 : cricket

Powchers Hall at The College, Ely, is an old stone building almost as ancient as the Cathedral under whose wall it nestles. It is occupied by the Assistant Bishop. The building badly needed constant, sustained heating. Electric thermal storage heaters, modern, clean and automatic, were installed in the study, bedroom and landing. No other work has to be done. They are charged during the night and electricity does the rest 64 09 01b

1964 09 02
No new industries employing more than five people will be established and only a moderate expansion of those existing will be approved, says the Minister of Housing in his review of the Cambridge Town Map. The inner relief road will be rerouted to take it clear of Jesus College grounds and Marshall's garage and the Western Bypass will now run next to the University Observatory and behind properties in Storey's Way. Local shopping centres will be expanded at Mitcham's Corner, Mill Road and at the corner of Alex Wood Road. There will also be a car park to the south of Silver Street. 64 09 02 # c.49.4

Grantchester 17th century barn, part of Merton College estate, being converted into a music room – 64 09 02a

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Trinity Street = 64 09 03 [DYS cut]

1964 09 03
Plans by Theodora Gibbons of Hope Cottage, Wilburton Road, Stretham for residential development on 10 acres of land in Watson's Lane, Little Thetford were too extensive, planners say. The site fronts on an unmade drove and there is no sewer, though a public water supply was available. Permission was granted to develop the frontage only, providing access to the rear was created to cater for possible further development in stages. 64 09 03

Mike Hopkins of Willingham has built up a curious collection of photographs of the area. He holds public showing of his slides during winter months and they form a commentary in pictures of life decades ago. One shows a young boy wearing a mortar board operating a chaff cutter. With his left had he pushes the chaff along to the cutting knife while his foot depresses a block to hold it steady. Many of the plates were taken by Harold Smith, an amateur photographer who went to London and became a professional. Others were taken by Horace Thoday, another old-time photographer. 64 09 03a

Passenger services on the Ely to Newmarket line are to be withdrawn on January 4th and Soham and Fordham stations will be closed. Alternative bus services will be provided, though the stationmaster says that the present system is quite adequate to cope with the two or three passengers who use the stations. The line is uneconomic: six trains stop a day during summer but none run at time when a

heavy load of passengers could be expected. The staff of 12 at each station will be retained to deal with freight traffic such as scrap iron from Middlesbrough and flowers from local nurseries 64 09 03b

1964 09 04
A journey on the fated Ely-Newmarket railway line shows why it has become the victim of Beeching's axe. The only regular traveller is a British Railway employee who uses it to get home to Fordham. Two people got on at Ely – both BR staff – and the only other passengers were an American couple touring Britain. There was nobody waiting at Soham or Fordham. Sometimes up to 30 people get on the Ely-bound station at Soham before changing trains to Cambridge but mostly only a few people use it. 64 09 04

Waterbeach & Clayhithe photo feature – 64 09 04a

1964 09 05
Cambridge Railway station to build park for 200 cars, coal tower to be demolished; Histon station prepare for garden competition – 64 09 05

Youngsters in the Youth Guild at Linton church are making their own coffee bar in the vicarage gardens, installing lighting and insulation. The wooden building was the church stand at the Royal Show in Cambridge three years ago. Now called the church pavilion it is used by the whole parish from the 'The Anglicans', church's own beat group, to the Mothers Union and bingo sessions. 64 09 05a

Linton village college construction photo – 64 09 05b

1964 09 07
Crowds lined the platform as the Beeching axe fell on Saffron Walden. About 130 people packed the rail bus on the final trip to Audley End. They included the chairman of the Railway Group which had led the fight to keep it open. The guard, Ron Cornwell who has worked on the railway since 1946, commented "If a few more of these had travelled earlier on, perhaps it would not have been closed." At Haverhill two local railwaymen were the only people on the platform when the diesel railbus, crowded with passengers made the last journey on the branch line between Bartlow and Audley End. It will be replaced by buses. 64 09 07

Boys Brigade needs to present a modern image to young people – parade at Cambridge – 64 09 07a

Milton people petitioned for a weekly refuse collection saying their dustbins are seething with maggots and breeding house flies and rats. The present fortnightly collections are inadequate. Some residents of the flats have no open fireplace or incinerator and since the lawns have been sown, no open ground to burn kitchen waste. Young children were tempted to explore overflowing garbage and gastric illnesses had caused high absence from the school. 64 09 07b

1964 09 08
Milton dustbin complaints answered – 64 09 08

1964 09 09
Plans for a new Cambridgeshire Rural Council combining Chesterton and South Cambs Eural Council with Newmarket proposed with headquarters at Great Eastern House – 64 09 09

Hemingford Abbots new vicarage – 64 09 09a

1964 09 10
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Market Hill – 64 09 10 [DYS cut]

Newmarket Road new branch library needs extra children's books – 64 09 10

1964 09 11
The 14th-century cross at Stretham is in danger of collapsing unless it is repaired. A Cambridge firm have estimated that the renovations would cost up to £4000 but Ely Rural Council cannot obtain a grant from the Ministry of Works and Public Buildings. Stretham Parish Council have powers to spend only one-fifth of a penny rate (about £15) on the cross – 64 09 11

Saffron Walden plans for new shops, road and pedestrianisation of King Street – 64 09 11a
Comberton photo feature – 64 09 11b

1964 09 15
The first stage of Cambridge's Inner Relief Road would comprise twin-carriageways starting with a roundabout at Murkett's Corner, on the junction of Huntingdon and Histon Roads. The planned road goes southward through the Rex Cinema site, leaving space for the proposed law courts near Shire Hall. As it approaches Chesterton Road there will be a flyover to take the main traffic flow over a roundabout. Then there would be a new bridge over the Cam before it crosses Jesus Green parallel to Park Parade. A subway will give access under the road to Jesus Green. 64 09 15 # c.49.62

1964 09 16
Alconbury bypass flyover inspected – 64 09 16

Pye Thermal Bonders formed – 64 09 16a

1964 09 17
Retired Squadron Leader Douglas Thompson Adamson has bought Joist Farm, Waterbeach and is adopting modern methods on a traditional fen farm. He has built a 200-ton grain store in an old Dutch barn with eight Crittal silos equipped with the latest Simplex 'Airsweep' floor cleaning. He hopes to mechanise the sugar beet crop though he does not believe that thinners or gappers are altogether satisfactory for fen soil. Most important, like many farmers, he aims to expand. 64 09 17

Trinity Church in High Street Huntingdon was sold by auction for £42,000. A landmark in the town with its 182 feet spire, it was built about 1868 replacing a chapel dating from 1823 in Grammar School Walk. There is outline planning consent for the building of shops on the site. Money raised by the sale might be used for a new church on part of the site on which the school hall and caretaker's cottage now stands or on another on a completely different site 64 09 17a

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Hobson Street – 64 09 17b-e

1964 09 18
Ely Broad Street car park site photo – 64 09 18

Liberals call for traffic-free Petty Cury – 64 09 18b

A.G. Wright saw 1,700 acres of his land at Haddenham swamped by the flood of 1947. Since then he has worked to avoid a similar disaster. He has a wide knowledge of fen drainage and has been responsible for many improvements meeting the challenge of Britain's biggest drainage scheme in the same way as he introduced mechanisation into fenland farming – with knowledge and a realisation of the enormity of the task. Now he believes the flood ménage is beaten. In honour of his work, part of the scheme will be named after him 64 09 18a # c.29

South Cambs 3,000th council house, Sawston – 64 09 18e

Milton High Street farmhouse demolition for Hereward Estate – photo – 64 09 18d

Huntingdon Holy Trinity church to be Tesco supermarket – 64 09 18c

The country parsonage is changing. Once it was a sombre, imposing residence in spacious grounds. Now it is a dignified, modern house in more modest surroundings with central heating. A clergyman was an important figure in a village community, ranking with the squire. Now he is less well off than his neighbours. So the Diocese is building new homes and many a parson's lot has been improved. Six were completed in 1962, including at Wood Ditton and Lt Shelford. Now one at Dry Drayton is about to be occupied 64 09 18bb

Melbourn village photo feature – 64 09 18f

Farm Dairies, F.G. Jeater, Pound Hill – careers for milkman – 64 09 18g

1964 09 19
A chalk inscription claiming the Great Ouse River Board's £10 million flood protection scheme was a 'waste of money' had to be removed from the Lark Head sluice at Barton Mills before it was opened. It marked the end of ten years' work on the three-part scheme which has included a 27-mile relief channel skirting the edge of the fens, the widening of the Ely Ouse and Ten Mile Rivers and the construction of a new 11-mile relief channel from Denver to King's Lynn. It is as great an engineering feat as anything ever attempted in this country. 64 09 19 # c.29

1964 09 21
Ely Chamber of Commerce exhibition, Paradise – 64 09 21

1964 09 23
Balsham's Susan Plum coaching inn, formerly Fox & Hounds, to be sold – 64 09 23

Cambridge airport, an asset to city – feature on Marshall's – 64 09 23a # c.26.1

1969 09 24
Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Regent Street – 64 09 24, 64 10 01 [RAl.4.75]

St Neots Salvation Army citadel damaged when lorries lit wall – 64 09 24

Avalon furniture – two-page colour advertisement – 64 09 24a-b # c.04

Cambridge Water & Lee Valley Water Company sink boreholes at Melbourn to ensure water supply, fear might dry up source of Cam at Ashwell – 64 09 24c

1964 09 25
Caxton Gibbet roundabout construction – 64 09 25

Burwell photo feature – 64 09 25b

Cambridgeshire's 19 wartime airfields are falling into disuse or being reclaimed as farm land. Weed-choked runways, derelict barracks and tumbledown conning towers are all that is left. At Duxford the concrete baffles have been demolished and its runways are disappearing with the rubble being used for housing and road building. Waterbeach had a succession of Vikings and Vampires aircraft but now it is mainly trainers that take off. At Bottisham many of the buildings are used for storing grain. But Mepal, which recently had a Thor missile base, is now in the hands of the Americans – 64 09 25c # c.45.8

1964 09 26
Lidgate school sold to community for £1 – 64 09 26

Unicam blacklisted by Russia because of dealings with Greville Wynne who sentenced for spying – 64 09 26a # c.27.1 : Unicam

Horningsea cemetery consecrated – 64 09 26b

Therfield church ransacked – 64 09 26c

1964 09 30
Television booster station to be top of gas works – 64 09 30

Soham Lloyds bank celebrates 60 years business – formerly Capital & Counties – 64 09 30a

Fitzroy Street shopping development to be linked to centre by free bus – feature – 64 09 30b

October 1964 CN

1964 10 01
The new Arthur Rickwood Experimental Husbandry Farm at Mepal will soon start trials to find out how peat soils can be conserved and wastage stopped. This was requested by Ald Rickwood when he gave the farm to the nation. The effects of herbicide will be studied together with irrigation techniques. The variety of sub-soils means that the farm is ideal for such experimental work. 64 10 01

Fen Drayton had to be evacuated following a nuclear explosion near Wisbech. There was no damage from the blast but because of radiation fall-out more than 200 people were moved to Civil Defence Headquarters at Gt Shelford. The last person to leave each house put a white towel in the window to indicate the house had been cleared. Police patrolled the village to prevent looting. But shopkeepers were worried about the loss of trade and some farmers were too busy to go. It was only an exercise to test plans in case of the real thing. 64 10 01a, 05a # c.45.8

1964 10 02
Coote and Warren, the coal merchants, have used Somersham as a coal depot ever since the station opened in 1850. But they have still not been informed by British Railways that it is to be closed on December 28th. Few other businesses will be affected. Norman's, the general stores, say supplies went to Chatteris by rail before coming in by road and fruit growers mostly have their own lorries. Stationmaster George Hlubek does not know where he will be transferred whilst Bert Rivers, who is now three years over retirement age, will stay on as a passenger porter 64 10 02

Whittlesford photo feature – 64 10 02a

1964 10 05
The new Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely County Council was 'thrust upon us by a dying Parliament in defiance of local history and deep-seated tradition', claimed Coun. M.S. Pease. But the new chairman, Ald Jeeps, urged councillors to try to make it a success. He has worked all his life as a farmer and fruit grower, is courteous, firm, persuasive and quick to see a compromise solution to problems. He also knows the importance of silence as chairman. This makes him an ideal person for the job, Ald Rickwood, of the Isle of Ely County Council, said. 64 10 05 # c.35.1

Following the explosion of a nuclear bomb Cambridgeshire Civil Defence workers quickly evacuated men, women and children threatened by radiation from Fen Drayton. And then the 'accident' happened. A car with six occupants crashed into a ditch as part of a dummy accident to supplement their exercise. An ambulance was immediately despatched but it was involved in a real crash with a bus. As a result the 'victims' in their theatrical make-up had to wait for 40 minutes. Even then they could not be moved as the first-aid team failed to arrive. 64 10 05a # c.45.8

1964 10 07

The Community of St John the Baptist of Neale House, Huntingdon Road, Cambridge have been told that their temporary chapel has been granted planning permission until September 1967. It was built in 1959 by the former occupants of the house, the religious order of the Sisters of St Margaret, from East Grinstead. 64 10 07 # c.83

"I'm voting Labour with Robert Davis" says Jim Wilson, 86-year-old retired railway worker. "After working all my life now I have to live on £3.7.6 a week pension [about £61 today]. When I need anything else, like medicines, I have to go to the national assistance for help". Angela Fisher, a housewife, says: "too may young people starting families can't get a home. Labour are pledged to end profiteering in land and housing and to build more homes" 64 10 07a

1964 10 08
Cambridge Ring Road – the eastern bypass which was proposed before the war – is today bordered by rows of neat council houses and old peoples' flats. It runs from Fen Ditton to the main road under the name Wadloes Road then crosses Newmarket Road and continues as Barnwell Road. Then it peters out into a track behind Cambridge Airport until finally reaching Coldham's Lane. Now a new Inner Relief Road is proposed from Huntingdon Road to Jesus Green. But will either of them ever be completed? 64 10 08

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on St Andrew's Street – 64 10 08 [DYS cut]

1964 10 09
Cambridge air is only a little less dirty than that of Newcastle-on-Tyne with a considerable health hazard from smoke. Now a programme of control orders will be introduced at a cost of £18,000 a year to make Cambridge a smoke-free city by 1985. But the greatest danger came from vehicle emissions, there was an inadequate supply of smokeless fuel and it would involve hardship for old people, councillors argued. 64 10 09 # c.21.1

Brampton photo feature – 64 10 09a

Sir Hamilton Kerr Cambridge MP– profile – 64 10 09b

Robert Davies, Labour candidate – profile – 64 10 09c

Michael O'Loughlin, Liberal candidate – profile – 64 10 09d

Francis Pym – profile – 64 10 09e

Controversial plans for an inner relief road have been deferred. The general line of the road had been known since 1950. It would be an alternative to Magdalene Bridge and give better access to Park Street car park. But people along the proposed cannot sell their houses because of the uncertainty. If the Press had not reported council meetings they would not have known anything about it. 64 10 09f

Harry Legge-Bourke Isle MP – profile – 64 10 09g

1964 10 12
Corpus open Leckhampton House for research students – 64 10 12 # c.44.5

Mill Road shift workers say dustbins left in darkened streets are a menace and danger. Residents drag their dustbins into the street ready for an early collection. But at midnight all the street lights go out and people bump into them in the blackness of dreadful dustbin alleys. Elderly people say refuse collectors could take bins from the rear of their homes. But this would mean dustmen going through their houses. 64 10 12a # c.21.15

1964 10 13

Parents are keeping their children away from Comberton primary school because of inadequate heating in the classrooms. The old solid fuel stoves have been removed but replacement electric heaters have not been connected. Children sit huddled in one classroom wearing thick winter coats warmed only by drip-fed oil heaters. One teacher took her class to her own home because of the cold. The County Education Officer says the heating will be switched on tomorrow and there was nothing for parents to make a fuss about. 64 10 13

1964 10 15
Civic Society criticises Inner Relief Road - 64 10 15

The City Architect will prepare a scheme for car parking on Cambridge council estates. This could be on the verge side, by rear access roads, garage courts and in front gardens. Coun. Reilly said it was wrong that people in private houses should be allowed to park in front of their property while council house tenants were barred from doing so. This was especially clear in roads where there were both council and private properties. But his pleas for council tenants to park cars on their front gardens were defeated. 64 10 15a # c.26.48

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Sidney Street – 64 10 15 [RAl.4.73]

1964 10 16
Royston cave treasures – 64 10 16

Sir Winston Churchill used to stay at Sutton as a small boy when his great uncle, the Hon. C.F.O. Spencer, was Vicar of the parish. He often went at Christmas time and would worship in the magnificent church which is famous for its unusual tower which dates back to the 14th century. Because of its similarity to the Ely octagon it may be that it was build by craftsmen constructing the cathedral. The Rev Spencer was responsible for considerable restoration work and today the church is in a fine state. It seats 600 people and is filled several times a year, particularly for harvest festival 64 10 16b

Cambridge Library maintains lists of local societies. Some have grown up out of the trials of war including the Dunkirk 1940 Veterans Association, Lifeline, which aids displaced persons and the Association of Nazi Camp Survivors. Lesser-known organisations include the Tibet Society, an association of Ukrainians and the British Association of the Experiment in International Living. Then there is the Reindeer Council, the Saltire Society, a Science Fiction group and the Stephenson Locomotive Society. 64 10 16c # c.37

Electricity pylons are spreading rapidly to cope with demand: electricity consumption has soared from 200 kw. in 1960-61 to 12,000 kw today. Some of this is caused by the boom in sale of night storage heaters. But in one region in the fens the number of consumers has fallen. There are problems erecting pylons between Peterborough and Wisbech where piles had to be driven deep into the clay below the fens, adding to costs. But this high capital investment will prove a bargain in the longer term 64 10 16d

Gamlingay Cinques Common nature reserve – feature – 64 10 16a

Linton village photo feature – 64 10 16e

Stretham bypass newly opened – 64 10 20

Lt Abington electricity cables put underground – 64 10 20a

1964 10 22

Windsor Court at Somersham has 21 flatlets with a communal lounge-cum-television room, a laundry and the ever-available aid of a warden. The residents are independent: they have their own keys and can come and go as they please. They cook for themselves and even boast a refrigerator each. Visitors can stay in two guest rooms at a nominal charge. But many people living with little comfort in old houses will not take the flats. They will not leave the place where they grew up, will not move without their dog (cats and birds are allowed), and think of it as an "old people's home". 64 10 22

Central Library a 'public disgrace'; is cramped but wrong to spend money now; trying to give 1964 service from 1882 building. The old rooms have pipes running through them and are full of dust. The number of readers has doubled since 1954 but wish had building to display stocks and comfortable reading conditions for borrowers – pictures of Cambridgeshire Collection and school lending department – 64 10 22a & 64 10 21 # c.77.4

Down Your Street article by Erica Dimock on Petty Cury – 64 10 22 [RAl.4.75]

Hartford county primary school opened to cater for large number of children from Huntingdon's London overspill scheme. A companion school for 240 infants is also planned. There are eight classrooms for up to 320 children who will be integrated with those from the old part of the village. It is hoped that by growing up together with those from the new estate the children would settle down into a combined community 64 10 22b

Ely needs a community centre. The Corn Exchange has been bought by a London development company and demolished; the Central Hall has been turned into offices for the Ministry of Labour and the Drill Hall is seldom used for socials. A hall could be incorporated in the proposed new Needham's School but this might not be available for letting. The council-owned Barracks Field car park in Silver Street would provide the answer as it has space for a hall and parking. 64 10 22c

Fishing activity – includes Royal Oak -= feature – 64 10 23

Proposals to develop the Gonville Hotel site for a five-storey office bock had been turned down on the grounds that it would encourage the introduction of new firms into Cambridge, undermining the basic principle of the restriction of employment and the stabilisation of population. Since then the council had changed its policy but had not told Sindall's the applicant. There was an urgent need for offices for professional firms displaced as a result of the Lion Yard development, an inquiry was told. 64 10 23a

Cambridge Instrument Company has developed the 'Stereoscan', the first commercial scanning electron microscope. It is a result of whole-hearted co-operation between university departments and a Cambridge firm with the ability to develop a proved commercial product. Work was begun in 1952 and now the first model has been bought by the Du Pont de Nemour and Company of America 64 11 23b # c.27.1 : Cambridge Instrument Company

Solomon Greenburgh, Cambridge Public Analyst undertakes post-mortems and food contamination – feature – 64 10 23c # c.21.1

Newport photo feature – 64 10 23d

1964 10 24
Sir – to say that Cambridge Central Library is a 'public disgrace' is putting it mildly. Just when was it decorated? I would guess about 1924
It is the gloomiest public place in Cambridge. Why does a library have to be such a dull, miserable place? Surely a bit of colour would do much to enliven it … new mats in the entrance would not cost a fortune. No wonder they are short staffed; who would want to work in such a depressing atmosphere? I think that the helpful assistants that do work there, are bricks! – 'Book Lover' - 64 10 24 # c.77.4

1964 10 26
Eversdens petition for recreation ground – 64 10 26

Good Shepherd church consecrated – 64 10 26a # c.83

Parkside fire station built for the future with electronic devices, a 'fire house', recreation facilities and workshops to deal with 30 appliances; chief fire officer R.J. Stepney – 64 10 26b & c # c.34.75

1964 10 27
Huntingdon National Hunt racecourse redevelopment – 64 10 27

1964 10 28
Cambridge Central Aid Society say problems have increased in complexity. Some young married couples get into difficulties when they take furnished rooms beyond their means. When they eventually get a council house they have to continue paying in lieu of notice as well as having the cost of moving and buying furniture. One of their happier tasks is to arrange and finance holidays for some overburdened person worn down by ill-health or anxiety – 64 10 28a # c.37.3

St Ives Football Club new clubhouse nearly ready – 64 10 28b

1964 10 30
U.S. Alconbury eat 2,100 meals a day – 64 10 30a

The Isle of Ely County Library already pays the postage cost for 'talking books' for registered blind people. Now it is adding specially printed books with large clear type. They will be kept together and a collection and taken round by travelling libraries to enable readers with imperfect vision to read books which they cannot currently enjoy. The cost is no greater than for ordinary editions and the books are equally suitable for people with normal sight. 64 10 30b

Bottisham photo feature – 64 10 30c

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1964 11 02
The gas-holder at Mill Road industrial site, Royston is to be retained as a reserve, though the main supply is piped direct from Cambridge. Although 50-years old, it was constructed soundly and has been kept in good condition. Another will be kept in service together with the fairly new 'waterless' holder at Stamford Avenue. A wall will be built to separate it from the new industrial site on which the council plan to build small factory units. One gas-holder was removed when the Urban Council acquired the site 64 11 02

Pye Electrical is to go into the twin tub washing machine market with a model that will sell for 49 guineas (about £910 at today's prices). The specification is very similar to that of the Rolls washing machine which went out of production when John Bloom's company collapsed. It is finished in white enamel and fitted with twin tubs and aluminium lids. Simple controls are fitted to the top, right hand corner of the front panel and a table top is available as an extra. 64 11 02a # c.27.1 : Pye

Coal-loading tower at Cambridge goods yard demolished – 64 11 02b # c.26.2

Patients in hospitals may choose as many books as they like from the library trolley taken round the wards by the St John and Red Cross Hospital Library Department. More than 30,000 books are read each year with light romances, crime and Westerns being the most popular. Mrs M. Ogden, the organiser keeps the books in fresh condition, the pages are sorted through and stains removed. Worn

copies are taken away to be renovated by book repairers. There is a microfilm projector for patients in iron lungs and an automatic turner for those unable to hold a book. 64 11 02c

Granta magazine charity show to raise finance, includes Jimmy Edwards, Bernard Braden, Thora Hird, Peter Cook, Frankie Howerd and David Frost, and ex-editor. 64 11 02d

1964 11 03
Ely council to buy Paradise recreation ground from Church Commissioners – 64 11 03

1964 11 04
Bolebec Cottage, Swaffham Bulbeck and two other derelict 16th-century cottages converted to one house – 64 11 04

Bar Hill fly-over urgent – 64 11 04a

1964 11 05
Huntingdon High Street 'nightmare' may become shoppers' ideal – 64 11 05 & a

Swaffham Bulbeck in danger of stagnating – 64 11 05b

1964 11 06
Charles Harland Parker, Cambridge deputy town clerk – profile – 64 11 06

Rev C.F. Bosley the vicar of Mildenhall is one of busiest in England. He also ministers at West Row, Kenny Hill and Beck Row and drives 2,000 miles a year to hold services in at least three of them each Sunday. This year he held eight harvest festival services. The parish used to have three curates but now there is only one so he relies on his lay readers. But all the parochial work is multiplied by four and he wonders how long he can keep up the pace 64 11 06a

Barley, village of craftsmen – 64 11 06b

Petrol pumps and garage – feature – 64 11 06c

Earith is not a very attractive Huntingdonshire village. There is little of architectural or antiquarian interest. Some compensation for villagers is offered by the river, providing both sport and relaxation. Audrey Jones, 10, likes sitting patiently for the fish to bite while her nine-year-old friend Clare Benson tries to catch small fish in a landing net. The Riverside Hotel has only been open two years but is a firm favourite with anglers and has a bar grill incorporating swords, horseshoes and blacksmiths' implement [Photo feature] 64 11 06e

1964 11 07
Cambridge News wins 1964 Newspaper Design Award for evening newspapers; acquired by Lord Iliffe five years ago; he built new works and offices on Newmarket Road which opened April 1962 with printing plant of the latest design. New headline type, old five-column pages gave way to present six – 64 11 07

1964 11 09
H.C. Banham, the old-established boat building firm, might be forced to close if the Chesterton Road Bridge is built along its present line. It would involve destruction of major buildings, plant installation and machinery and cut their land in two 64 11 09

1964 11 10
Over 8.500 homes built in Cambridge since 1945 – 64 11 10

Chesterton Bridge route would bring very heavy traffic within feet of residents – 64 11 10a

1964 11 12
Cambridge council launched a pilot scheme to test the reactions of householders to putting their refuse in paper sacks instead of the traditional dustbins. There are various faults: it will not be possible to put hot ashes or wet refuse such as potato peelings in the bags. And there is the question of cost: it seems the paper bag scheme could prove more expensive. Meetings have taken place with various paper sack manufacturers to discuss the types of refuse bag now available. 64 11 12

Work on new bridge over Granta at Linton to join up two main sections of village bypass – 64 11 12a

1964 11 13
Eastern Electricity's new Fens Sub-Area control room knocks spots off the old system used at Thompson's Lane. A huge panel displays the entire electrical network while control desks have radio communications and lists of emergency engineering staff who can be called out. There is a standby generator which starts automatically should the main power fails. All this is the work of Pye Ltd. There is not a second when it is left empty. But it is unlikely that full-scale automation will ever be introduced. 64 11 13

1964 11 14
During the summer a series of greyhound racing meetings were held on an improvised track near a car breaker's yard at Fen Road Chesterton. But plans for a permanent stadium may prove impractical because of drainage difficulties. If buildings containing lavatories are to be erected the problems of foul sewage disposal might prove insurmountable. There are also problems about access to the site over the Fen Road level crossing. The road is inadequate for the kind of traffic that would be attracted to race meetings. Before the war a proposal to build one at Teversham was turned down 64 11 14 # c.38 : greyhound

The site for the new Cambridge University graduate centre has been cleared and work will soon begin - photo - 64 11 14a

The Pagoda, a new Chinese restaurant in Regent Street offers a variety of 120 dishes served in an atmosphere of luxury at reasonable prices. The décor is modern, a six-foot golden pagoda stands just inside the door with a Buddha enshrined on the wall of the restaurant. A small rockery with a waterfall stands by the staircase to the first floor which permits dining and dancing until midnight. The menu includes succulent Chinese and traditional English meals ranging from omelettes to a ten-course meal. It will be the most modern and hygienic restaurant in East Anglia 64 11 14b # c.27.47

1964 11 16
Doris Nix of Ely wants to be a Presbyterian minister at Westminster College – 64 11 16

Fears that the new ultra-modern building in Cambridge market square would bring an outcry from nearby traders have not materialised. Instead many of them say that the building, which replaces Mackintosh's the ironmongers, is an example to be followed. There will be shops on the ground floor and luxury flats above. Mr D.F. Yates, manager of Crown Wallpapers thinks it is an example of what neighbouring premises should look like. Mr A. Hall manager of Saxone Shoe Company agrees. But Mr Victor Balham of Bacon Bros the tobacconists does not think it the best of contemporary architecture. 64 11 16a # c.44.6

1964 11 18
Cherry Trees, a club for the elderly, has opened in new buildings in St Matthew's Street which have been donated by Miss Evelyn Boake. It will be run by the W.V.S. on similar lines to their successful Hill Top Club on Castle Hill. The main room with a lounge opens out to a sun terrace. The décor is rich and colourful with easy chairs in orange blue, green and red. Coffees and lunches will be served each weekday to men and women of pensionable age who are not in full employment. At present the main problem is obtaining sufficient volunteers to help serve. 64 11 18 # c.37.5

The Steelyard at the Fountain Hotel, Soham has been repaired by C.E. Fuller and Company who demonstrated how it used to weigh agricultural produce many years ago. The steelyard is one of only two in the country, the other is at Woodbridge. It is said to be between 300 and 400 years old and its last reported use was about 1890. With the opening of the Newmarket to Ely Railways the weighing of goods was transferred to the mechanical weighbridge at Newmarket. – 64 11 18a

Isleham vote on whether to close recreation ground on Sunday – interesting feature – 64 11 18b

Ely new drainage works start, Butter Market – 64 11 18c

1964 11 19
University offer money to engage planning team to submit plans for Lion Yard and new shopping area in City Road as urgent action needed – 64 11 19, 19d

St Martin's Jam Factory Ely to be taken by Dorman Sprayer Co – 64 11 19a

Co-op Society Coldham farm estate, Friday Bridge has biggest heap of potatoes – 64 11 19b

At Coleridge Youth Centre the hall vibrated with the sound of the latest pop tune. Outside the air was filled with the sound of motor cycles and scooters as more youths arrived. Youngsters were playing cards, table tennis and billiards, in one corner a group of girls sat talking. In between dances they sauntered to the canteen for a cup of coffee, a Coco Cola and a glance at the pile of magazines specially chosen for young people. It has a current membership of 300 of which two-thirds are boys. The future will depend on a comprehensive new youth centre to be started shortly at St Matthew's Piece 64 11 19c # c.37.9

Isleham Pits houses – dilapidated and crumbling cottages surrounded by rubble and waist-high weeds 64 11 19d

Marshall's printing business, Round Church Street established 1826 by Mr Wilson; were nearly destroyed by bombs in 1942; to be sold – 64 11 19e # c.25

1964 11 20
Birds Eye orange juice advertisement with colour for juice- 16 11 20 # c.04

Nurses cartoon – 64 11 20a

The Cambridge Society for the Blind runs two homes in Glisson Road providing comfortable surroundings for 20 people and operates a small shop in Regent Street selling handicrafts made by the blind. Those registered are allowed craft materials at cost price, receive a free radio licence or get a rebate on the cost of a television licence. They also have access to the Nuffield Talking Book Library. The newly-formed Cambridge Rehabilitation Centre for the Blind provides the opportunity for meetings and discussion at the Barnwell Community Centre 64 11 20 cdef # c.21.1

Papworth Everard photo feature – 64 11 20g

1964 11 23
Haslingfield says rubbish top is nuisance – 64 11 23

Application for 200 houses off Mill Lane, Lt Paxton – 64 11 23a

Estate agent John Bidwell's home, Fox Hill, Gt Shelford on part of Gog Magog Hills for sale – 64 11 23b

1964 11 26
George Macaulay Trevelyan, Master of Trinity – feature – 64 11 26

When the RAF handed back land at Lt Gransden which they had commissioned during the war the owner got permission to let ten houses at Primrose Hill. These will remain, tenants are assured. Mrs S. Weston says they were quite comfortable and the rent was reasonable. They may be a bit on the damp side, but they have flush toilets, unlike others in the village. Miss D.E. Parker, 74, moved in three years ago. She enjoys the community life of the site and plays the piano in the tiny mission hall. 64 11 26a, b

1964 11 27
Gordon Logie, City Architect– feature – 64 11 27 # c.35.7

Special constables celebrate 50th anniversary – history – 64 11 27a # c.34.7

Wallis Autogyros Ltd, formed by Wing Commander Kenneth Wallis and his cousin, produce some of the world's smallest aircraft. Military versions of his autogyro have been tested by the Army and reached more than 10,000 feet. Now the design is being simplified for amateur flyers. Twelve are being completed at a factory at 121 Chesterton Road. His father built the 'Wallbro' monoplane in St Barnabas Road in 1909, but it was destroyed by a storm 64 11 27b # c.26.1

Huntingdon Trinity Church interior – awaits demolition – 64 11 27f

Sutton photo feature – 64 11 27c

Ely Bishop's gaol closed in 1836 and leased as a police station. When they moved out in the 1890s a private family lived there, using better-appointed cells as bedrooms. In 1961 was sold to Ely UDC and used by Health Department and School's Museums Service. May become a museum – 64 11 27g

All Saints church centenary – feature – 64 11 27d, e # c.83

Double-page colour advertisement – 64 11 27h # c.04

Buildings in Jordan's Yard, Round Church Street and Bridge Street should be acquired by council for preservation and extension Park Street car park – 64 11 27i # c.44.6

1964 11 28
Cambridge's Old Church Schools date back to 1700 when school for poor children were started by clergy. After the Education Act of 1870 introduced compulsory education Newnham School was opened in 1872 and followed in 1875 by Park Street for girls and infants. St Barnabas, Sturton Street, York Street, Catharine Street & Ross Street schools followed. St Matthews is the newest – and the most modern of all schools in Cambridge - 64 11 28 # c.36.5

1964 11 30
Rozel Court at Beck Row, Mildenhall, which was bought with the intention of growing Christmas trees, has planning permission for 64 caravans. Now it will has become a permanent caravan site where old people can retire in comfort. It has telephones, electricity and inside flush lavatories while local tradesmen call each week and a bus takes residents for shopping expeditions to Bury St Edmunds. There is a social club and tenants pay two shillings a week to pay for annual outings. It is a solution to the problem of active old age and is giving caravanning a better image 64 11 30

December 1964 CN

1964 12 02

Record library would include 1,000 long-playing records, mostly classical music though traditional jazz would be included. Hope to start next year – 64 12 02

Deacon's Bank opens a branch in a 19th century Georgian building in Trinity Street. The banking hall has illuminated writing desks for customers, with a night safe, interview room and manager's office. Although new to Cambridge William Deacon's Bank can trace its history back to 1771 and was acquired by the Royal Bank of Scotland in 1930. It is strongly represented in the North but has been extending and now has a network of over 250 branches. 64 12 02a

The twin estates of South Arbury and King's Hedges has hardly any social amenities with just one youth club which runs one evening a week in the Manor School canteen. Now Arbury Amenities Association has called for the development of a community centre and recreation ground on the corner of Campkin and Arbury Roads. There is always the danger of young children getting involved in accidents if they have to play in the roadway, especially as heavy lorries use it on their way to building sites. The licensee of the Snowcat public house says there are several hundred teenagers who have nowhere to go in the evenings except city centre dance halls. 64 12 02b

L. Campbell Taylor, Royal Academician and one of Cambridge's best-known painters – profile 64 12 02c

1964 12 03
East Barnwell Youth Club meets in specially-built premises. The décor of the hall is purposeful and modern, the coffee bar is well patronised and the quiet room provides seclusion of a chat away from the noise of table tennis balls and record player. Activities include chess, draughts and billiards but girls complain the boys won't dance unless organised dance nights are arranged. Members are working on a pantomime which they plan to give in children's homes. They are also collecting silver paper to purchase guide boys for the blind. 64 12 03

1964 12 04
Frederick Drayton Porter, Cambridgeshire's Chief Constable has 30 years experience and vivid memories of the 18 murder cases he has investigated in Nottinghamshire where there were 14,000 indictable offences last year. By contract in Cambridge there were 2,300 crimes, of which a large proportion concerned cycles. Traffic and parking is the major problem. Since the introduction of parking meters the movement of traffic is much better, but a policeman should be able to tell a motorist where to park, he says. 64 12 04 # c.34.7

Bridge Hotel Clayhithe – feature – 64 12 04a

Cambridge Instrument Company Transrite III cardiograph – 64 12 04b

Cromwell's sister was married at Eltisley church – feature – 64 12 04c

Upwood County Primary School pupils turn out poetry which has vision far beyond their years. But then they are proficient at doing the unexpected. Others play Elizabethan music or concentrate on Laban dance movements. The teachers are in contact with the very latest thoughts and trends in education. The aim is to allow a child to become an individual in an age of mass media and mass conformity but the sight of a tiny tot standing before a blackboard doing university level mathematics is a little unnerving 64 12 04d & e

Shepreth village photo feature – 64 12 04f

Most people still have some idea that Sunday is a day apart. Shops are closed, offices and factories at a standstill and the air of unhurried calm reminds you that it is a special day. The average man gets up later than usual and if not religious-minded, spends the morning in the garden. 'Family Favourites'

with the Sunday roast, a quiet nap and a look at the newspaper take care of the afternoon. Evening is spent watching Norman Vaughan at the London Palladium on the tv 64 12 0

1965 10 08
Memories of musical life in Cambridge in the 1920s; Dr Mann of King's College & his successors – Philip Radcliffe 64 12 08 # c.69

1964 12 09
The Sunday night 'Drop-in' Youth Club in Wellington Street provides somewhere for youngsters to get to know each other. There is table tennis, snooker and badminton together with a coffee bar and a juke box providing music for dancing. Some girls complain that boys will not ask them to dance but the boys say if they do they get stared at. They come because they are bored, there is nothing to do, nowhere else to go. Many houses are so small they can get little privacy and parents may lose their peace because a radio or record player is blaring, they say. But it's sad they cannot find companionship and interests at home, just one night a week. 64 12 09 # c.37.9

King James I's 'Old Palace' in Kneesworth Street Royston – feature – 64 12 09a

1964 10 10
Construction of five-storey block of flats on Arbury Road estate will be the biggest single housing development ever undertaken by the City Council – 64 12 10

Councillors addressed comments by the former City Librarian at an address to the Public Libraries Conference. Dr W.A. Munford, now Director General of the National Library for the Blind stated that 'after an almost complete change of council, I faced an uphill task'. They conceded: "If we are frank about it, we must admit that the library services was not too good in his particular day". During the period from 1945 to 1953 the number of books went down.
City Librarian Eric Cave said the position was vastly different today. However there was a serious shortage of staff. They had only five chartered librarians, although the establishment was for 18. Three had resigned recently, two might have been retained if their salaries had been increased. He had no trouble in getting the numbers he wanted, but more trouble in keeping them – 64 12 10a, c # c.77.4

Stretham parish council allow Sunday sport on recreation ground despite protests – 64 12 10b

Information bureau on Market Hill opposed – 64 12 10d

1964 12 11
Rapid growth of 'necklace villages' puts pressure on parish councils – Sawston example – 64 12 11

There were originally three windmills owned by the Nunn family but as they were superseded the buildings fell into disuse. Two were pulled down and the other, at Kneesworth, was converted into living quarters for the servants who worked for Dr Edmond Nunn. After removing the top portion, which carried the huge sails, he had it rebuilt in the style of the ancient John o' Gaunt's tower which stood down the Old Fen. Unfortunately vandals have completely ransacked it of its fittings. But Mrs George Oliver can clearly remember it and the small railway which ran down the Drift on which little trucks full of the milled flower were manhandled as far as the main road - 64 12 11a

Chimneys – feature with pictures – 64 12 11b

Stretham photo feature – 64 12 11c

1964 12 12
Stretham – Pearce postman picture – 64 12 12

Jimmy Savile at Huntingdon – profile – 64 12 12a, 12b

1964 12 14
Gamlingay church fabric worse than thought – 64 12 14

Swaffham Prior villagers are up in arms over the selection by the stonemason of 'models' for gargoyles on the church. But they are caricatures, not memorials and choice is entirely that of the architect and carver. They feature John Shuffleton the mason, Cecil Bourne the architect, John Norris the restoration fund treasurer, former vicar Red Tom Fisher, works foreman Mr Ward and James Sheldrick, an 82-year-old gardener. 64 12 14a

Arthur Chapman celebrates 90th birthday at Red Lion pub, Toft, where he has been a regular for 75 years 64 12 14b

King & Harper showrooms in Bridge Street to be sold to Trinity College with a new sales centre built at Milton Road says Oliver Rix who acquired company in November 64 12 14c # c.26.48

1964 12 15
New farm reservoir completed at Herringswell for land irrigation – 64 12 15

Gt Abington headmaster J.C. Faulkner retires after 25 years – 64 12 15a

1964 12 16
A bomb disposal team exploded five pounds of gelignite and a quantity of industrial detonators found in a wood on the Gog Magog Hill. The gelignite was of the type used in safe-breaking and it was found by police after they received information from a man serving a prison sentence. The explosion blew a two feet deep hole and was heard more than a mile away in Stapleford. People rushed into the street to see what had happened. 64 12 16

When Artic Prince won the Derby in 1951 Royston streets were decorated with flags as it was welcomed back to Willie Stephenson's training stables. He established the thoroughly modern 'Tudor Stud' at Aspenden with 100 beautifully-equipped boxes after the Newmarket area became terribly 'horse sick'. Royston has been a racing town for well over 300 years with annual races dating back to the time of James I whose stables known as 'The Jockey House' were just beyond the end of the present heath. 64 12 16a

1964 12 17
Daleks in Cambridge – 64 12 17 & a

1964 12 18
Freight train derailed at Sandy – all main railway trains diverted – 64 12 18 & a

Cyril Eastwood, Cambridge Medical Officer of Health, profile – 64 12 18b

Cambridge Institute of Education in Shaftsbury Road runs courses for teachers and undertakes research in education – 64 12 18e

Beck Row photo feature – 64 12 18f

1964 12 21
Henry Andrews moved to Royston in 1766 and compiled Old Moore's Almanac; his portrait hangs in the reference section of Cambridge public library – feature – 64 12 21

Terracotta crib scene in Central Library junior department – 64 12 21a

Graffham Water being filled – feature on history of Diddington reservoir – 64 12 21b

1964 12 22
Cyril Fletcher brings magic to 'Aladdin' – 64 12 22

Jack Branch, haulage contractor, missing – 64 12 23

1964 12 23
Harston speed limit to be raised to 40 mph – 64 12 23

1964 12 28
Sir – Magdalene College's plan to pull down a row of cottages, nos.8-18, in Northampton Street and replace them with a garden would alter its character and leave a gap in this distinctive part of old Cambridge. The row at present makes a beautiful curve, a fitting foil to the more splendid Cory House and no.13 Magdalene Street. In view of the college's highly successful treatment of Magdalene Street where the aspect has been retained, I hope they will be find some other solution short of complete demolition – Elizabeth Harland 64 12 28

The second phase of new Church of England school being built in Flower Street will be finished in September. The first involved the building of two classrooms and a hall, the second another two classes, kitchen and staff accommodation. Another hall and more classrooms will follow. The school was formerly St George's Secondary School for 150 pupils aged 11-15. In July it adapted to a new age range and became St Matthew's Primary School. A two-storey building of the old school has been demolished and the school is being adapted to suit the needs of primary education. 64 12 28a

1964 21 31
Saffron Walden Literary and Scientific Institute library was established in 1832 and in 1889 the building in King Street was given to the trustees. But increasing costs and decreasing membership mean the priceless collection of ancient books dating back to the 15th century are deteriorating. They will be given to Essex County Council for preservation. One of the conditions is that the building in King Street would be retained as a library and reading room. It is expected that the existing county library in Church Street would be moved there 64 12 31

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1965 01 01
A shortage of bricks and labour problems, caused by the high wastage of recruits who complete their training before deciding that building is not for them, has forced Cambridge Council to experiment with a timber-based system for 32 houses on the Arbury Estate. Each costs nearly £800 more than conventional houses but traditional methods mean they would not be able to provide the 500 houses needed. The situation was exacerbated by the 200-odd eroding prefabs that have to be completely replaced almost immediately. But the Ministry of Housing rejected their plans saying it was too expensive– 65 01 01

Life in a village – Willingham – photos – 65 01 01a

Following the theft of a ton and a half of lead from the roof of the isolated parish church of Wood Walton, the priest is to launch an appeal to raise £1,500 to replace it. The lead was stolen between the close of Sunday afternoon services and Wednesday when a visitor to the churchyard discovered the damage. The church, which stands three-quarters of a mile from the village, is already appealing for restoration work on the vestry – 65 01 01b

1965 01 04

The statue of Jonas Webb, an internationally-famous 19th-century sheep farmer may be moved from the Corn Exchange to Parker's Piece overlooking the National Farmers' Union headquarters, Owen Jebb House. The statue was erected over 100 years ago and originally stood in the Market Place. But the constant attention of students and pigeons necessitated its removal to the Corn Exchange. – 65 01 04

Heyworth's sale – advertisement – 65 01 04a

1965 01 05
Dorman Sprayer of Cambridge begin production at new works – St Martin's Jam factory Ely – 65 01 05

Gamlingay church bells ring again after two years of silence – 65 01 05a

Cambridgeshire's planning officer had resigned through ill health. It means the new combined Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely County Council is without a senior planner. The present Isle of Ely planner joined a Midland authority some months ago. The position in an area like Cambridgeshire is regarded as a 'plum' job. The council also needs a new County Architect to succeed one killed in a road accident. – 65 01 05b

Lion Yard plan may include large hotel – 65 01 05c

1965 01 07
Work on the extensions to the University Arms Hotel is proceeding on schedule. It will include a conference room that can be divided into four separate rooms together with an extra 58 bedrooms. There will be a new entrance hall and an ultra-modern bar opening directly on to the street. It should be finished by April. – 65 01 07

Stuntney horses in snowy landscape photo – 65 01 07a

The new hospital at USAF Lakenheath contains the latest and best in medical equipment and patient comfort. It has air conditioning, seven channel radio – including Radio Caroline – television and electrically adjustable beds. With 27 doctors, 48 nurses, 250 airmen and 50 civilians attached to the hospital there are nearly three staff to each patient. They have the most modern X-ray and dental equipment with 'push-button' control, surgical and obstetric suites and an intensive treatment ward. A 'flying doctor' service with a specially-converted Convair aircraft means it will serve Americans from all over the country – 65 01 07b

Mp Francis Pym may lose most of his 1,400 acres of land, and two farms, if proposals for a 3,000 acre reservoir in the Abbotsley area materialise – 65 01 07c

Hawes farm, Padney near Wicken has starling results with new variety of potato, Desire – 65 01 07d

1965 01 08
The Vicar of Waterbeach says that some RAF buildings in the 'boom-town' area should not have been demolished but used as living quarters. It was wrong for surplus living accommodation to be destroyed in the present desperate housing shortage. The RAF say the site was used as a mess by the W.R.A.F. during the war. Later it had been converted to living accommodation though no-one had lived there. It was uninhabitable and children were climbing into it. No other properties would be destroyed.– 65 01 08

Plans for 32 industrialised 'factory-built' houses on Arbury Estate rejected by Government – 65 01 08a # c.23

Mildenhall picture feature – 65 01 08b

1965 01 11
Education budget may have to be cut – 65 01 11

Major Dermot Freyer, first socialist member of City Council joined in 1919 and represented Petersfield until 1937; elected an hour before Clara Rackham – 65 01 11a # c.35.7 # c.33

1965 01 12
Labour MPs refuse to debate immigration at Cambridge Union with Peter Griffiths MP for Smethwick – 65 01 12

Lorry-load of cases, King's Parade as students return – 65 01 12

Longstanton prehistoric monster bones given to Museum Archaeology – 65 01 12

Chesterton Hospital staff shortages are nothing new. Since the invention of antibiotics people do not die of disease at early ages, but live on. Geriatric nursing is not something you would be glad to see your daughter doing. Particularly when there is such a wide choice of less demanding and better-paid jobs. It is hard work: patients have to be fed, washed and helped to a degree unimaginable in other forms of illness. Sometimes their very helplessness makes the patients feel resentful at their dependence on the goodwill of others, so that they are critical rather than grateful for the help that is offered. If Chesterton is one of the most up to date in the country, one shudders to think what the rest must be like.– 65 01 12

A new German machine at Milton owned by Cambridge Precast Stone can produce enough bricks to build a house in less than two hours, thus helping to beat the national brick shortage. It is the biggest installation in the country and will enable the firm to supply orders from builders' merchants. It comprises a dragline feeding aggregate to a mixer where cement and colouring are added. The

moisture content is measured by an automatic 'Hydrobot' device. The mix is fed to the moulds for vibrating and tamping before the completed bricks are delivered on pallets to an off-loading conveyor 65 01 12a

1965 01 13
Huntingdon expansion plan have been going smoothly for three years. More than 700 new houses have been built and 3,000 have moved in – mostly under the London overspill scheme. But now rising building costs mean the LLC needs to raise their contribution to prevent a gap which might lead to big rent increases. Huntingdon is not the only 'overspill' town to have found the financial burden heavy. But the second phase of the development scheme will still go ahead. – 65 01 13 & b

Village College for Gt Shelford plans inquiry – 65 01 13a

Buckden church remove pews - 65 01 13c

1965 01 14
Smart & Son, the outfitters in Market Street, has been run by the same family for more than 150 years. But now they are to move to Mill Road and the shop sold – 65 01 14

Rag Day proceeds may be used to fund a youth centre for young people who live and work here. The bankside opposite Magdalene College would be an ideal site. There are good reasons: the college buildings are now awkwardly sited in relation to town development and will always be an encumbrance in terms of planning. Townspeople have to pay higher rates because of the specially low rating allowed the colleges and industrial development has been restricted which would have provided new industries. As it is many children have to go to other towns to earn their livings. And when they reach marriageable age they have difficulty finding housing since so much land is taken up by the university.– 65 01 14a

1965 01 15
Aldermen should be abolished, council say – 65 01 15, 15c

Royal Hotel modernisation progress – 65 01 15a # c.27.45

Edarn builders of Haslingfield built first house at Abington in 1960 – history – 65 01 15b

City's parking policy aimed to 'break even'; photo Corn Exchange Street parking – 65 01 15d # B.Cor

Saffron Walden is expanding as a commuter district. Each morning commuters gather at Audley End station in preparation for their daily pilgrimage south. Some bury themselves and their feelings in a morning newspaper, others gaze rather sleepy-eyed into the distance while the remainder mutter to themselves about the closure of a centre Saffron Walden branch line. The migratory habits of their species are catching on and the number who daily jostle and barge their way to the capital is increasing – 65 01 15e

Wicken village photo feature – 65 01 15f

1965 01 16
Peter Coe of Cambridge blows the tenor sax for Georgie Fame on 'Yeh Yeh' which has pushed The Beatles from the top spot in the hit parade. He is an ex Cambridge High School boy and began his playing career at Coleridge Youth Club. The jazz group he helped to found came third in a national competition organised by 'Melody Maker'. He is now a full professional with the Blue Flames who pick up £200 a performance. His parents in Catherine Street are devoted to the Blue Flames new wave Rhythm and Blues – 65 01 16

Residents of Catherine Street believe they are the only thoroughfare in Cambridge to keep up the tradition of street parties which celebrated the end of the war. Around 130 members of the Social Club attended a ball in Romsey Labour Club. The Secretary said "This is a really sociable street. Irrespective of who lives here, they are entitled to belong to the club which costs sixpence a year.". They have a New Year party which has been celebrated since the Coronation in 1953 and a summer outing. Other streets get jealous but they cannot extend the size of the club because it would be too unwieldy 65 01 16a

1965 01 18
Welcome to foreign students – about 1,000 full-time students – feature – 65 01 18 # c.36.52

1965 01 19
Floating restaurant planned for Cam – 65 01 19

1965 01 20
Royston expansion problems – feature – 65 01 20

A plan to build a shopping centre with parking for 1,000 cars at Duce's Tip would reduce the pressure on the central area of Cambridge. It would also include five one-acre sites for business and commercial use. But it may be blocked if the city council are allowed to acquire an adjoining site by compulsory purchase for the re-location of two displaced businesses 65 01 20a, photo 65 01 22a

1965 01 21
Cambridge Cage Birds Association was formed from the Cambridge Ornithological Society. Its 200 members range from specialists who breed different strains to those content with one bird. W.A. Knights of Argyle Street specialises in speciality border canaries and has 60 birds. Others collect budgerigars, Zebra Finches or waxwings. The cage bird hobby is more expensive than it was but good birds can be bought from two pounds ten shillings. 65 01 21

Victoria Road Congregational Youth Club attracts 50 15-21 year-olds each week. There is a large hall and they can dance or play games, talk and drink coffee. The highlights include punt parties, sausage sizzles and barbecues. In spite of the austerity of the hall there is a genuine air of friendliness. Organisers have tried to introduce more serious activities but they have not proved too popular. The evenings end with a short epilogue, though the influence of religion is not particularly stressed. 65 01 21a

Common Land feature – Snailwell Poor's Fen is an example of a common in neglect. Having been set aside for the poor to obtain sedge it is now used only for shooting – feature – 65 01 21b

1965 01 22
The greenhouses of Cherry Hinton Hall are coming apart with walls bulging, rooms leaking and draughts. Dampness and poor heating make the task of producing sturdy plants soul destroying for the staff of the propagating centre. The boilers are old, obsolete and temperamental. Stoking goes on day and night in boiler rooms which have no proper ventilation. The dust is choking and at times the fumes are so powerful the stoker is in danger of being overcome. But if the temperature drops plants and seedlings will die by the score – 65 01 22

Offord D'Arcy & Offord Cluny photo feature – 65 01 22b

Melbourn village green, once the scene of fierce riots, is today no more than a tiny area of tree-shaded grass by the busy central crossroads – belonging, apparently to no one. The green was not allocated at the time of enclosure. The parish council thought it was parish property but the County disagrees. This is one of the reasons when the idea of erecting a bus shelter has been shelved after years of debate 65 01 22c

1965 01 25
Winston Churchill appeal – part of proceeds will go to Churchill College – 65 01 25

The new Mormon Church in Queen Edith's Way – the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints – is an imposing structure with a simple interior. The neat and modern design incorporates a sports room marked out with a basketball court. It was constructed using many hours of voluntary labour, many not members of that faith, and will be open to all. 65 01 25a (dedicated in 1967 when completely paid for) [11.8]

Cheveley memories of Winston Churchill – spent holidays there – 65 01 25b

1965 01 27
At Mildenhall local trade has boomed because of the air base but, with speculation on its future, councillors say they cannot live forever on the economy of the American bases. If they have nothing to replace them with when they are abandoned it will be a very poor out-look. Now plans for a third airport for London have led to suggestions that Lakenheath might be a suitable site, linked to the capital by monorail. An US company, Superior Oil are searching for oil or natural gas at Wangford, an off-the-beaten-track hamlet. If successful Mildenhall could become a 'boom' town 65 01 27 & b grant approved despite colour bar issue – 65 03 03d

Northampton Street cottages being reroofed – photo – 65 01 27a

1965 01 28
Cambridge Librarian, Eric Cave, is anxious to provide a permanent home in the central library for odd items of Cambridge interest like old books, scrapbooks, prints and photographs. He had recently received a scrapbook of the public activities of the late Ald W.L. Raynes when he was Mayor from 1931 to 1932. His executors sent them having seen a report about a similar gift from another former Mayor 65 01 28

Clark and Butchers millers of Soham were the first in Britain to have a chilled grain store, probably the largest in the country. Normally grain is kept in condition by putting heat into it to dry it – if grain is moist it will deteriorate. The new idea is to take heat out of it and store it moist. Jack Clark says the 1963 wheat kept in this way was in very good condition. It is important to maintain careful control of temperature because if a hot spot develops it is difficult to stop the heat rising. 65 01 28a

1965 01 29
Fenstanton bypass open for first time – photos – 65 01 29

Girton photo feature – 65 01 29a

1965 01 10
Most shops closed, traffic slowed down and parts of Cambridge stood still. People doing weekend shopping were caught up in the 'quiet hour' as the town showed its mark of respect on the funeral day of Sir Winston Churchill. Even the market lacked its usual chivvying of customers. Some stalls were covered and closed for business. The coffee bars and television shops remained open. People crowded into Radio Rentals in Regent Street to watch the funeral on television. A few stood outside to hear the service relayed on a loudspeaker 65 01 30

Llewellyn-Davies invited to prepare plan for new shopping Centre, Fitzroy Street – 65 01 30a # c.49.4 # c.49.66

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1965 02 01
Addenbrooke's Hospital 2nd phase to start in a year – 65 02 01

When the gears did not have synchromesh – Bertie Baker drives a 31-year-old Austin Seven – 65 02 01a

1965 02 02
The death of Mr J.D. Livingstone brought a feeling of personal loss to hundreds of old pupils of the Central School. He joined the staff in 1921 and in 1933 succeeded G.W. Martin as headmaster. He entered fully into the social life of the school, attending every school camp and developing a strong boxing club. He formed an old boy's association in 1924. A memorial service will be held.65 02 02a

Old West River near Stretham – photo – 65 02 02b

1965 02 03
County Council staff demand for pay rise rejected – 65 02 03

Since 1961, when the overspill expansion scheme started, St Neots has grown steadily and the wisdom of controlled growth has injected a new vitality into a town regarded as charming but archaic. The new bridge over the Ouse will remove a hazardous bottleneck which has throttled the town and frustrated motorists. Sandfields, the new housing estate on the Cambridge Road has a great deal more character than most of its kind. Residents are generally pleased with their houses though they hope for increased amenities, better public transport and medical facilities. Young couples are pleased they are to receive a special encouragement to settle there 65 02 03a

Inquiry into development of Downing St – St Andrew's Street block – should fit into Lion Yard scheme – 65 02 03b

1964 02 04
Chesterton Tower – modern flats being built alongside – photo – 65 02 04

Coton Linden Brooke tea rooms known throughout the country. For sale – photo – 65 02 04a

Sturton Street Methodist Church youth club has a membership of 50. Meeting on Friday evenings their activities are a little restricted but they offer a fairly varied programme. Most activities take place in the church hall and the adjoining kitchen is used for light refreshments. But in addition to the social and recreational aims, they also have an educational and spiritual element with talks, film shows and a discussion on topics of interest. A short lesson, hymn and prayer is given at the end. A youth fellowship meets on Sunday afternoons for bible study 65 02 04b

Arbury Court branch library foundations – photo – 65 02 04c

1965 02 05
Elderly people living alone in St George's parish are invited to place a fish-shaped card in the windows of their homes to attract the attention of passers-by if they need sudden emergency aid. 65 02 05a

Papworth St Agnes church closed for services because of cold – photo – 65 02 05a

The temporary closure of the church at Papworth St Agnes because of the cold weather does not mean the village is dying. J.H. Sperling, whose family have owned the village for generations says the church is not simply for the village. He has a large estate of fine farms and cottages and has been given planning permission to build twelve more houses in the village. The church, together with Graveley and Yelling, did not have a vica last year. Apart from money collected in the normal free-will offerings there was no appeal being launched for a new central heating system for the church 65 02 05d

Plans for five-storey block of flats at Roseford Road – Carlton Way junction in Arbury approved – 65 02 05b

Fulbourn Hospital sports pavilion & social club opened – 65 02 05c

Barley photo feature – 65 02 05e

1965 02 08
Burwell Secondary Modern School was the first to introduce adult evening classes in 1923 but it was not felt right to turn it into a village college until other areas of Cambridgeshire had secondary education. Now it will be the last to enter village college ranks and money has been allocated for new buildings and soon the old buildings will be empty for the first time since its foundation in 1846. The principle has mixed views believing the present school has hall necessary educational accoutrements and provides children will a good education 65 02 08a

A great deal of money is spent on training scientists at the university and village colleges. If light industrial firms were encouraged to come to Cambridge and set up small factories employing 50 people, there would be a ready supply of skilled technicians, creating better employment prospects, says Coun. Ron Thulborn of Fulbourn. He is against heavy industry. The city council has been pressing county planners to lift their ban on industrial development. But they say it would alter the whole concept of Cambridge as a university town and allow it to grow in size out of hand 65 02 08b

The world's largest and most advanced amateur television station is based in Jeremy Royle's home at Duddenhoe End and he puts out a regular transmission each evening. Another station is owned by Douglas Wiles of Mill Road whose equipment and home-made camera is fitted into his living room. Both are members of the Cambridge Amateur Radio Club and the audience consists of about half-a-dozen people who can switch on their transmitter and chat to the figure on the screen. The availability of cheap war surplus material gave amateur radio and television a boost in the post-war years but today the supplies have died away 65 02 08c

1965 02 09
Gypsy couple with caravan by roadside at Lt Shelford – Loveridge family – photo – 65 02 09

1965 02 10
Wooden footbridge at Burnside to be removed and replaced with steel structure to allow cement manufacturing company to move heavy digging equipment on land at the rear. It will later be replaced – 65 02 10a

Cambridge undergraduates may soon be able to go out at night without their gowns. A Council of Senate report supports proposals for the abolition of compulsory wearing of gowns after dark by the Proctorial Syndicate. In June 1961 rules governing academic dress and discipline were amended to allow graduates to go out at night without gowns. But the practice of 'walking' would be continued for other disciplinary reasons including visiting licensed premises and places of entertainment – 65 02 10b

Haverhill looks forward to the year 1981 when it expects to have about 18,500 people. It was in 1952 with the Town Development Act that Haverhill earned the right to call itself a pioneer. Its agreement with the London County Council for the transfer of industries and some 5,000 people from London preceded similar agreements with Thetford. Now land has been set apart for a further 5,000. Older residents have watched the appearance of multiple stores such as Fine Fare and Woolworth's mark the transition from parochial obscurity to twentieth-century affluence. But a certain amount of hooliganism has caused the police a few headaches 65 02 10c

Paint flakes from the ornate wooden eaves of Newmarket station and the long and desolate platforms seem to stretch on interminably. In the waiting room a coal fire smoulders. There are long seats, the

leather upholstery cracking, and the walls hung with faded water colours of children on the sand at Southend. Further along the south platform the cream-painted arcade changes into charred wreckage, the aftermath of a fire three years ago which demolished the book stall. In its heyday several race-day specials would pull up at the station. But today racegoers travel by car. Next month the north side will be modernised 65 02 10d

1965 02 11
St Ives Dolphin Hotel and Bridge House may be demolished – photo – 65 02 11a

Conditions to be imposed on City council tenants who want to park their cars in front gardens were criticised. They insist that areas must be paved with concrete slabs laid on sand so as to spread the load of parked vehicles and not damage water pipes or electricity cables. Councillors are concerned that as tenancies changed frequently subsequent owners not possessing cars might want to cultivate the gardens. But such restrictions do not apply to private owners. In one road there is an ice cream vehicle parked in a front garden and many people put caravans there 65 02 11b

1965 02 12
A new German machine at Milton owned by Cambridge Precast Stone can produce enough bricks to build a house in less than two hours, thus helping to beat the national brick shortage. It is the biggest installation in the country and will enable the firm to supply orders from builders' merchants. It comprises a dragline feeding aggregate to a mixer where cement and colouring are added. The moisture content is measured by an automatic 'Hydrobot' device. The mix is fed to the moulds for vibrating and tamping before the completed bricks are delivered on pallets to an off-loading conveyor 65 01 12a

Cheveley photo feature – 65 02 12b

Cars threaten to swamp the Trumpington council house estate but a piece of land in Foster Road lies derelict and unused, except as a rubbish dump. Some families have two or three vehicles and more than 300 cars can line the roads or block the grass verges and greens. 65 02 12c

1965 02 15
West Wratting wheelwright Bertie Taylor was last in a family; he followed his father and grandfather, dating back 100 years 65 02 15a

1965 02 16
Most Cambridge doctors are in favour of withdrawing from the National Health Service if the dispute between the Government and the medical profession is not resolved. They are not protesting about the salary they are getting but arguing about the way in which they are paid. There is a tremendous amount of wastage and so little money is being put into general practice, they claim. 65 02 16a

Magdalene College scaffolding causes problems for seven months – photo – 65 02 16b

1965 02 17
St Ives has not grown all that much in recent years and it remains an intimate little town with a cosy atmosphere. But whether it can continue to resist the pressures of the outside world is another matter. The narrow, ancient bridge proved a big bottleneck to modern traffic coming from Cambridge though things have been considerably improved by the present traffic lights. But a proposed by-pass will help prevent it becoming over-congested with traffic and relieve motorists of having to drive through the middle of the town on a busy market day 65 02 17a

1965 02 18
Tread-wheel in well house at Priory Farm, Berden, near Saffron Walden ne of only two – photo – 65 02 18

The streamlined new offices of the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board stand next door to Chesterton Hospital, a bleak monument to Victorian philanthropy which remains basically unchanged in appearance. 65 02 18a # c.21.4

Bassingbourn Youth Club has a comfortable club room known as 'the dugout' situated under the stage of the Village College hall. Previously used as a furniture store it has been cleaned and decorated with colourful murals drawn and painted by some of the girls. The boys have built a coffee bar and adapted some of the old school furniture into coffee tables. Chairs and cupboards have been bought and dart boards and a variety of games imported. The hall is used for more energetic pastimes such as table tennis and badminton and the centre has acquired a full-sized billiards table which Rudyard Kipling originally bequeathed to Orwell village 65 02 18b

A new Roman Catholic Church has arisen from a derelict shed at R.A.F. Waterbeach which will serve local villagers as well as the camp. Previously Catholics worshipped in a nondescript, black hut, now condemned. Just before Christmas servicemen adapted an old dingy servicing shed as a new church, demolishing concrete tables and replacing them with seats, introducing religious paintings instead of cobwebs and adding a porch and sacrarium. 65 02 18f

It has not happened in Cambridge yet but if motorists leave their cars at bus stops or in no-waiting areas the offending vehicles will soon be unlocked by a set of master keys and taken to the police pound. It will cost a minimum of £2 to recover them. If a car cannot be unlocked it will be hooked on to a break-down lorry and towed away 65 02 18g

Lion Yard car park and Park Street car park are not adequate; the only way to improve the situation was by an extension of the multi-deck park, Chamber of Commerce told – 65 02 18h

The parking meter scheme in Cambridge is a complete and utter wash-out, a newsagent claimed. If the present system continued the city was almost bound to die as a regional centre unless it could handle the motor-car efficiently. 65 02 18i # c.49.62

1965 02 19
Croxton parish church is now some distance from the village, across parkland and close to the Manor House, Croxton Hall. But it still attracts villagers to regular services – 65 02 19a

Robert John Wadsworth, one of the most popular men in Cambridge, spent his working life with the family firm of mineral water manufacturers, Wadsworth and Sons. This became Barker and Wadsworth Ltd of which he was managing director before his retirement in 1960. He was, perhaps, best known for his many and varied sporting activities. He was much in demand as a chairman for he was known for fair-mindedness and humour in the way he conducted meetings 65 02 19b

Buckden photo feature – 65 02 19c

1965 02 20
Shepreth housewife, Mrs Greta White, has turned bricklayer, carpenter, painter and plumber in helping to create her own home. She and her husband Ted, who is manager at CIBA, have rebuilt the 200-year-old broken-down water mill at Shepreth which they bought six years ago. Now it combines the ancient and modern, with the original main shaft in the tastefully furnished lounge contrasting with the modern bedroom and kitchen furnishings – 65 02 20a

1965 02 22
Complaints over noise of weekend flying over Cambridge – 65 02 22a

Pye's Achoic Box is a high-fi stereophonic record projection system winning orders from all over the world – 65 02 22b # c.27.1 : Pye

1965 02 23
Labour row over Coun Richard Reilly becoming Mayor – 65 02 23

Contraceptive machines installed in public houses but breweries do not approve – 65 02 23a

Women take over post office, Radwinter – 65 02 23b

Standens produce combine for sugar-beet – 65 02 23c

1965 02 24
No coloured workmen or their families will be accepted in Mildenhall under the first stage of the town's development scheme. It was said that people in the town 'would not be happy' to see them. The council approved a resolution not to take coloured families from London as the effect of the integration of these families upon the local population was not known. "We do not want another Smethwick here", one councillor said 65 02 24a

There has been difficulty in encouraging industrial growth in Ely. What industry there is is agriculturally based and exceptions like boat-building are few. But the reliance on agriculture could prove unfortunate: there is no certainty yet that the Arthur Rickwood Experimental Husbandry Farm at Mepal will be successful in solving the problem of the shrinkage of the fen soil, which is a very real menace. But one forecast says that in 50 years time the Ely area might be nothing more than a paradise for speculative builders. By then communications will doubtlessly have improved beyond all recognition. Already nearly 1,000 people travel to work in Cambridge every day 65 02 24b

1965 02 25
A plan for a merger between Cambridge City and Cambridge United Football Clubs has been put forward by City chairman, Harold Ridgeon. It would see the amalgamation of the clubs and the disposal of both their grounds with the creation of a new football stadium to the south of the city. It would include the facilities such as car parks and recreational amenities that future spectators would demand. 65 02 25a # c.38 : football

1965 02 26
Wulfstan Way bollards protest – 65 02 26a

Nora David, a Cambridge housewife will soon be completing her first year as a Labour member of the City Council. She is anxious to see the Lion Yard and new shopping centre development go ahead as soon as possible and thinks there are other parts of Cambridge which also need attention. Many streets look rather dull and need a face-lift. She is in favour of Cambridge having a concert hall and art gallery, has a interest in the welfare of elderly people and has been involved in the new clinic for the early diagnosis of cancer at Addenbrooke's Hospital 65 02 26b # c.33

Jack Baldry, the Cambridge mineral water firm, has installed a new soft drink production plant which has doubled their bottle output and cut factory staff by a third. Two production lines now complete the cycle of washing, filling, capping and labelling the drinks, a job preciously done by three bottle lines and about 35 employees working on equipment which was up to 18 years old. Now 10,000 bottles an hour can be made up at the Gold Street factory 65 02 26c

Haddenham photo feature – 65 02 26d

1965 02 27
Gt St Mary's – view framed through King's arch – 65 02 27a

Print of Ely Martyrs engraved wrong way round – 65 02 27b

Mothers in Lawrence Way, Cambridge are arguing over whether their children should be allowed to play on a large green in front of their homes. Tempers have flared as youngsters between the ages of nine & 12 have been playing football and kicking the ball into gardens, trampling things down. One resident says he has told them to be quiet but they don't take any notice and are abusive. 65 02 27c

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1965 03 01
Husband and wife team on County Council – Michael Pease – 65 03 01b

Pinehurst building site sale – 65 03 01c

1965 03 03
United directors snub city merger – 65 03 03

Waterbeach RAF airfield sign warns of low-flying aircraft – 65 03 03a

Soham development issues – 65 03 03b, c

The LCC was urged to delay payment for the construction of six unit factories at Mildenhall because of the town council's refusal to accept coloured workers. But it was a small community which intended to expand and suddenly faced an influx well beyond what they think they can integrate easily. This 'progressive brave little town' had appealed to the LCC to allow the factory grant to go forward. The grant was approved 65 03 03d

1965 03 04
A northern by-pass for Cambridge which could cope with the increasing flow of Midlands traffic on its way to East Anglia is proposed in the latest review of the County Development Plan. It would leave the A45 St Neots Road in the vicinity of Hardwick and swing north to meet the Cambridge-Huntingdon Road. From there it would run by Girton, cross the Histon Road near the sewage farm and on to Quy. Then the road would continue to Bury, Stowmarket, Ipswich and Felixstowe. – 65 03 04a # c.49.62

Emmanuel College needs extra accommodation for Fellows & undergraduates. The new building would occupy the site of the former New Theatre with two three-storey wings designed to give a good relationship with Old Court. There would be a single-storey block containing a small assembly area. It would enable every undergraduate to spend at least two of his three years living within the college and be ready for occupation in 1966. – 65 03 04b # c.44.5

The need for youth clubs in a rural area is perhaps even more acute that that in larger towns where there are at least coffee bars, cinemas and dance halls. The Village College has helped provide organised activities but something else is needed to prevent the breakdown of village life and individual youth clubs should be established, Jim Reed, adult tutor of Linton VC says. Clubs attract a high proportion of the youthful population who participate in many activities for which the village hall or school is suitable - billiards, table tennis, darts or dancing. One evening a week club members throughout the area get together at Linton for organised activities such as five-a-side football, badminton or table-tennis coaching. Special dressmaking and shorthand and typing classes are arranged. Until recently young people shied away from anything that was the least bit formal or organised. Now they are beginning to want something outside their clubs and enjoy coming to the VC and meeting members from other clubs. Increased mobility has encouraged young people to go onto the towns at weekends, particularly if Friday is pay day. During the week they stay in home area. Some clubs have done a lot of work for elderly people and this may increase. Village clubs have become an integral part of village life and when youngsters see they are well established they settle down to do something. If more people help rather than criticising a lot more could be done. Young are maturing earlier and marrying earlier; need senior clubs catering for those of courting age and up to

25. Brinkley is one of best examples, formed six years ago; the only other venture is a boys club which concentrates on physical training. The club meets Tuesdays and Thursdays in the village hall and is run by a committee of youngsters. Is a friendly active organisation with more than 50 members from the tiny village and area. Activities include table tennis, darts, board games and racing small electric cars around a track. In the kitchen the girls make coffee and eggs on toast for their friends. Whole atmosphere of friendship and enjoyment. We don't want anything more, just the opportunity to get together, talk and play games, they say. Cricket and football teams have been formed. More than £50 given to charity, elderly people given food parcels and entertained to day outings and other tasks involving practical help have been undertaken. At Horseheath a derelict hall was acquired by youngsters and now serves as home of a very cheerful little club. Membership only 20-30, but this is 90% of the eligible population. It is an isolated village where the club gives something never before had. When members tire of playing table tennis or darts they gather round and chat informally about current affairs or listen to instruction on first aid. When first opened many villagers contributed 2s 6d towards cost of redecorating the hall and more spent on laying a proper concrete path outside. With freedom of it own hall they will redecorate by new members who take pride and interest. Atmosphere at both is friendly– 65 03 04c, d

1965 03 05
Searle cartoon on different types of library borrowers – 65 03 05a # c.77.4

Hempstead photo feature – 65 03 05b

1965 03 06
David Lane, a graduate of Trinity College, was chosen as Conservative candidate for Cambridge. He first came to Trinity in 1941 but joined the R.N.V.R. and was gunnery control officer on a destroyer. He returned to gain a first class degree then studied at Yale before being called to the bar. He has opposed nationalisation of the steel industry and is an executive at the International Petroleum Company. "Clearly traffic is a problem in Cambridge and I am sorry for the people who have to organise it", he said. The long-term solution would be by-pass schemes. – 65 03 06, a

1965 03 08
Regulars at the 'Queen's Head' at Newton were surprised to see the Shah of Persia and Queen Farah playing darts and sipping halves of bitter. They had been staying at Newton Hall as the guests of Lord Walston, Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, on an unofficial visit and walked in unannounced just after opening time. The Shah signed the visitors' book and left £30 for a fund to improve the Village Rooms. Later they toured King's College Chapel 65 03 08 # c.02

Newmarket Road work on dual carriageway – 65 03 10b, 65 03 25b

Soham cemetery chapel meeting – 65 03 10b

1965 03 10
Some planners feel that the population of March should expand to around 25,000. Others believe the attraction of industry would spoil the town's intimate character and mean a vast expenditure on public services that it could ill afford. The industries that have already come, such as concrete block and cotton bag making firms, find it is not as remote as they thought. One London firm found the move was expensive but they have cut their overheads by half. At one time March relied on agricultural subsidiary industries to provide the bulk of jobs outside the railway and the busy market centre. The motor car age has not caused undue concern and you can pull up at a shop, get what you want and drive off again. 65 03 10c

1965 03 11
Ward's move to new premises in Burleigh Street marks another stage in the long history of a firm which started when Jonas Ward made a living mending bicycles in East Road. For some time they made the famous Crown cycles, one of which was ridden from Cambridge to Monte Carlo in 1930.

They also supplied carrier cycles and box tricycles. Later they diversified into wireless, gramophones, washing machines and baby carriages and became one of the first to stock televisions in 1938. – 65 03 11a, b # c.27.2 # c.26.45

1965 03 11ES
Haddenham Church Hall dance – photo. 65 03 11ES

1965 03 12
Warboys has the appearance of a small town with an impressive clock tower which belies its village status. Only the pond is left of an area which was once the village green and was used to baptise members of the Baptist Church. The church has the largest regular congregation in the country and the school choir has made three broadcasts. Albert Harvey carries on the family tradition of sub-postmaster begun by his father 46 years ago. It no longer has a railway passenger service. The station, more than a mile outside the village, was closed many years ago leaving only rusty lines and overgrown platforms – 65 03 12a

1965 03 13
Melbourn old water pump discovered – 65 03 13a

Mill Road bowling alley work progresses – photo – 65 03 13b

1965 03 15
St Edward's Church restoration completed with rededication of Trinity Hall chapel – 65 03 15a # c.83

1965 03 16
Tourists will be able to enjoy an even wider panoramic view of Cambridge from the top of Great St Mary's church after the tower refitted to give a better view – 65 03 16a

Chesterton Road house, Mitchams, being demolished for extension Barclays Bank – photo- 65 03 16b

Madingley Cricket Club pitch one of the finest in Cambridgeshire. The pavilion, a substantial wooden structure was bought from the Queens' College Sports Ground in Barton Road 65 03 15c

1965 03 17
Chatteris has a Dickensian air about it for the town seems to have remained untouched by the surging tide of development. The weather-worn appearance of much of the housing seems to suggest it is a depressed and none-too-pleasant spot. It needs shaking up with a sharp injection of new blood. The council realise it has got to keep abreast of the times yet want to avoid many of the pitfalls. Their efforts to attract light industry have not been completely successful and agriculture is still the bulwark of the town's prosperity. Men travel to Peterborough to work in the brick works while many women go to Pye and Chivers. But a corset firm helps provide diversity of employment 65 03 17a, b, c

Saffron Walden railway station has a forlorn air about it these days. It sulks for the present and fears for the future. Once 30 trains would stop at the station each days and the goods depot was constantly bursting, handling coal and agricultural goods. Several thousand passengers would use the station every week and once there was a staff of more than 50. Then in September last year it closed, a victim of Dr Beeching's cuts. The bus timetables on the station wall mock the boarded ticket office and dead leaves and dust litter the waiting room floor. The tracks are becoming rusty and the signals stay down 65 03 17d

1965 03 18
Priory Farm at Swavesey is reputed to be haunted. Footsteps, tapping and shuffling noises and an unexplained incident when a wireless went dead have sent shivers down the spines of some of the men working on the house. The farm house was built in 1875 and a story tells of the witches' well deep in the foundations. But the new owner puts it all down to imagination. 65 03 18a

1965 03 18ES
Great Ouse River Board last meeting – review. 65 03 18(3)ES
Ely Broad Street car park opens. 65 03 18ES

1965 03 19
A more suave, more affable Billy Fury sang briefly at the Regal Cinema but he left out the storming and the wriggling which he pioneered a few years ago. The show was a little frayed. He sang flanked by his own group, the Gamblers and 11 John Barry men. As there were quite a few saxophones, his voice was sometimes drowned. "Lost Without You", his recent flunk was moaned and demonstrated how Fury has lost his fangs 65 03 19a

400 new lamp standards to be erected in Cambridge – 65 03 19b

Wendens Ambo photo feature – 65 03 19c

Cambridge public libraries seriously under staffed; only nine of the 40 are fully qualified and at least a further nine are needed to bring it up to efficient operating strength - 65 03 19d # c.77.4

1965 03 22
Huntingdon & St Neots will not close doors to coloured workers- 65 03 22a

1965 03 23
Samuel Jones & co, the St Neots gummed paper manufacturers, are building a £250,000 factory on an island in the River Ouse – 65 03 23a

1965 03 24
The judicious introduction of light industry has ensured that Saffron Walden remains one of the least spoilt market towns in England. But now the proposed new town and airfield at Stansted may shatter the existing pattern of life. It is renowned for its religious tolerance which has seen many sects developing side by side without rancour. Congestion and narrow streets have forced the council to think of roads to avoid the over-crowded centre and a system of pedestrian ways 65 03 24a

Cambridge Sea Cadet unit was formed in 1941 to provide healthy recreation for young citizens. They used school premises until 1950 when Nissen huts were made available on the riverside at Halingway. But these are now altogether untenable and a new headquarters, "T.S. Ganges" built complete with quarter deck, lecture rooms, canteen and a wireless office. 65 03 24b

1965 03 25
Many people moved to the Arbury North council house estate were being put "into the deserts and snow fields of West Chesterton", a councillor claimed. They need a community centre where parents could meet socially and children be left while their mothers went into town. Social clubs and whist drives could be held during the day and at evening. But Trumpington had no social facilities and should be give priority, a report says 65 03 25a

Road dualling at junction of Coldham's Lane and Newmarket Road – photo – 65 03 25b

1965 03 26
The Wash can be reclaimed by dumping 10,000,000 tons of ash from the Electricity Generating Board's coal-fired generating station into it each year, W.E. Doran claims. It would greatly increase the rate of land reclamation but care would have to be taken to ensure shipping channels were not impeded and that silt came in over the layers of ash to make the land agriculturally fertile. However this may be so expensive that it is not practical and water storage would be more worth while 65 03 26a

New Cambridge Automatic Trunk Switching centre in Long Road opened. Subscriber trunk dialling provides a better trunk service 65 03 26b # c.27.75

Caxton Gibbet effigy of Agriculture Minister placed by farmers - 65 03 26c

Hilton photo feature – 65 03 26d

1965 03 27
The new corn market building on the Cattle Market site will replace the old Saturday corn market held in the Corn Exchange. Merchants have been advocating a move for 10 years and now it is hoped the market will revive. An encouraging number of people want to take stalls. The cost of desk or box in the new building is £10 a year. People who attend to buy or sell are charged £3 for an annual ticket. Visitors are admitted free. It will also provide a small new hall for the Cherryhinton Road – Hills Road district 65 03 27a

Two and three-quarter acres of freehold building land at Grange Road with planning permission for 60 flats and 67 garages sold for £26,000 an acre at auction. Building of high-class flats will start 'almost immediately'. This was probably the best piece of land ever made available for this type of development in Cambridge, said Douglas January & Partners 65 03 27b

1965 03 30
Cruse Club planned for widows and children – 65 03 30a

The University has asked the City Council to urge the Ministry of Transport to build the new Cambridge Western Bypass in the next seven years. It will start at the main London to Cambridge road near Brooklands Avenue, run across Coe Fen, over a new river bridge to Barton Road, then proceed to the rear of Grange Road to join the Bedford Road opposite the University Observatory. They also want all to ban the day-time parking of all vehicles along the Backs as large numbers of students cross Queen's Road to study on the Sidgwick Avenue site. This would be better than underground car park as had been suggested 65 03 30b # c.49.62

1965 03 31
Speaking at the final meeting of Cambridgeshire County Council before its amalgamation with the Isle of Ely Ald P.J. Watts said there had never been and would never be a more effective unit of local government. They had been a progressive authority with a world-wide reputation in the field of education which was efficient and served by a hard-working staff of great loyalty. Now they were being abolished by people who know a great deal about local government but do not understand it, in the interests of effective convenient local government 65 03 31, a # c.35.1

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1965 04 01
Scholars and others who wish to do research in the evenings will now be able to make use of the Cambridge Reference Library until nine o'clock. But there will only be one librarian on duty so it will not be possible to make use of the other facilities. Extending the hours of the lending library service could not be justified as people already had reasonable opportunity to change books, City Librarian Eric Cave said 65 04 01a

Fisher House not to be demolished as part of Lion Yard redevelopment – 65 04 01 # c.83 # c.49.67

An Army officer and a firemen were taken to hospital when a bomb disposal unit tackled 22 Molotov cocktails in a deserted rubbish dump at Villa Road, Histon. The bombs were unearthed in the back garden of a council house and were part of a load of 24 dumped by the Home Guard during the war. One exploded causing burns to the men's arms and legs. Later they were blown up with an explosive charge on a six-foot length of fuse 65 04 01c

1965 04 02
Trevor Westley of Westley & Huff estate agents leaves; in partnership since 1951 – 65 04 02a # c.06

A new folk group, the Blue River Boys, specialise in American Bluegrass Music. They comprise two guitarists, Andrew Kendon and Mike Scott, mandolin player Joe Watson, banjo picker Erik Grainger and bassist Adrian Kendon. Meetings at the Horse and Groom have become so packed that the Cambridge Folk Club is moving to the large hall of the YMCA in Alexandra Street where 200 can sit in comfort. Later a concert will be held featuring Mike Seegar, brother of America's leading folk singer, Pete Seegar 65 04 02b

Inner Relief Road protests over Minister's decision not to modify line of road – 65 04 02c

Radwinter photo feature – 65 04 02d

1965 04 03
Regent Terrace to lose the gate on this most public private road – 65 04 03a

Five 'fen tigers' of Lode who were all friends at school 90 years ago recalled the days when the lads of Lode battled with those from Bottisham. "I think the oldest people in Cambridgeshire live in Lode. It is a quiet cul-de-sac with very little development, just right for a peaceful life" said Mrs Hephzibah Watts who at 97 is the oldest. Billy Harvey, 96, still enjoys a pint at the 'Cow and Hare' while Elizabeth Pettit is 95, Maud Flack 93 and Phippin Cornwell the youngest aged just 90. 65 04 03b

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1965 04 07
Linden-Brooke world famous tea rooms at Coton for sale – 65 04 07a

Cambridgeshire Mental Welfare Association formed 1908 – history – 65 04 07b # c.21.5

1965 04 08
Heath Lodge Hostel protest at Royston councils view on homelessness – 65 04 08a

Castle Street double yellow lines – photo – 65 04 08b

Mill Road bowling alley to open – feature – 65 04 08c # c.38 : bowls

Railway crash Gt Chesterford – 65 04 08d

Reuters news agency monitors Russia from Green End House, Royston – feature – 65 04 08e # c.04 # c.27.8

1965 04 08 ES
Isle of Ely County Council final meeting. 65 04 08(2)ES
Ely Market Place redevelopment plans. 65 04 08ES

1965 04 12
Caxton's Elizabethan Manor House turret clock is up for sale. Its Victorian weight, assisted by the rumble of heavy traffic are shaking open cracks in the house's Georgian front. Clock was given to the village by Major Gape's great-grandfather to commemorate Victoria's Golden Jubilee – 65 04 12a

Yardbirds cancel Corn Exchange concert due to flu – 65 04 12b # c.69

1965 04 13

TR-2 men at Marshall's sacked following Government cancellation project – 65 04 13a # c.27.1 : Marshals

Library committee to pay more for qualified staff; understaffed by 12 qualified librarians; no shortage of junior library posts & admin but they leave for other jobs with less hours – 65 04 13b, 65 04 23b # c.77.4

1965 04 14
Mildenhall London overspill – first 24 houses completed in June – photo – 65 04 14a

1965 04 15
Barnwell railway station children of children of D.B. Thornhill – photo – 65 04 15a

Fen Ditton photo feature – 65 04 15b, c

1965 04 19
Yasume Club formed 1949 for Japanese pows – feature – 65 04 19a # c.45.7

Ramsey Angel pub lintel may be by Robert Adam – 65 04 19b

1965 04 20
Colleges may ban big tourist parties – 65 04 20

1965 04 21
Beauty treatment for businessmen – feature – 65 04 21a

1965 04 22
Wallis Autogyros set up in Chesterton Road with support from people at Coton – 65 04 22a # c.26.1

King & Harper to relinquish radio & television interests; went into television from its outset and were original Pye agents in Cambridge – 65 04 22b

Newmarket Wellington Street a stinking back alley - 65 04 22c

RAF Upwood demonstrate sonic booms – 65 04 22d

Charlie is last railway horse at Newmarket – 65 04 22e

1965 04 22 ES
Ely Railway Station facelift. 64 04 22(2)ES

1965 04 23
Shelford fight closure of Shelford-Marks Tey railway line – 65 04 23a

Peter Wright on shortage of library staff – 65 04 23b

Alconbury & Alconbury Weston photo feature – 65 04 23c, d

Cambridge Water Company cautions over drought prospects – 65 04 23e

1965 04 26
Guides opening of new HQ in Perne Road by Lady Baden-Powell – 65 04 26a # c.37.9

1965 04 29

University Local Examination Syndicate building, Hills Road, opened; 370 candidates took first examinations set in 1858; now 252.000 – 65 04 20a, b # c.36.9 # c.36.9

Mitcham's Corner new traffic island improvement to start – 65 04 29c; opposition – 65 04 30d

RAF Wyton Bomber Command new visual display system – 65 04 29d

Boots Booklovers Library to close; during war were 450 branches – 65 04 29e # c.77.4

1964 04 29 ES
Littleport Boat Haven plans – photo. 65 04 29ES

1965 04 30
A 500-lb practice bomb capable of destruction of radius of 1,000 yards was safely defused by an R.A.F. bomb disposal team. The bomb was pulled out of the Old West River near Aldreth by a dredger. It was left in the middle of swampy fenland three miles from the village.After it had been inspected by a team of Army bomb disposal men, the R.A.F. were called in. With the aid of torches the experts picked their way among the marshes to examine the giant bomb. They returned next morning and made it safe. It will now be taken to the R.A.F. range in Yorkshire where it will be exploded. Kenneth Day of Flat Bridge Farm – the building nearest to where the bomb was found – claimed it was one of half-a-dozen jettisoned by a bomber returning to Waterbeach - 65 04 30a

Orchard Street terrace built 1826-1830 wins grant for repair – 65 04 30b

Bassingbourn firm Headly & Gresham built first taxis – feature – 65 04 30c

Mitcham's corner island plan criticism – 65 04 30d

Jim Wooders looks after parcels Drummer Street bus station for 40 years; started 1922 – 65 04 30e

Dullingham picture feature – 65 04 30f

Knight of St John 600-year-old cells under Chippenham school – photo- 65 04 30g

May 1965 CN, ES

1965 05 01
County Development Plan rejected by Minister with plans to limit Cambridge population to 100,000 and place virtual bans on all industry – 65 05 01 # c.49.4 # c.49.1

Proctorial powers and prospects – feature – 65 05 01a # c.36.9

1965 05 03
Fire when transparent polythene on newly-completed dome at New Hall caught fire – 65 05 03

1965 05 05
New county to fight proposals to transfer parts of rural area into West Suffolk – 65 05 05

Axminster carpets – double-page colour advertisement in CEN – 65 05 05a # c.04

1965 05 06
Oban Court flatlets for elderly people in Union Lane; have kitchenettes, bed-sitting room and dressing room with washbasin and lavatory. The double ones have bathroom. To be officially opened – 65 05 06

1965 05 06 ES
Bomb found at Aldreth. 65 05 06ES

1965 07 07
Inner Relief Road – 2,000 petition Minister – 65 05 07

Upherds Lane, Ely, an unadopted, bumpy, earthsurfaced thoroughfare is subject controversy – 65 05 07a

Cambridge police dog handler invents new tracking harness – 65 05 07b

Kedington photo feature – 65 05 07c

1965 05 10
Cigarettes stolen in raid on S.A. Rolfe warehouse – one of most highly organised ever known – 65 05 10 # c.34.6

1965 05 11
Possible link-up between Chesterton & S. Cambs RDCs with Cambridge acquiring necklace villages – 65 05 11

Fison's train to spray weeds; Broncho Bill circus arrives – 65 05 11

Cherryhinton Road new pedestrian crossing near Rock Road – 65 05 11a

Reach history – Len Warren seeks archives – 65 05 11b

Alexandra Garden trees removed as rotten – photo – 65 05 11c # B.Alex

Rethatching cottage Binfield Cottage, Girton by Joe Kursij – 65 05 11d

1965 05 13
J.C. Fison of Station Farm, Lode, uses fiddle sower as land so wet – 65 05 13

Leslie A. Dyer, Brook Lane, Stretham rears rabbits – feature – 65 05 13a # Stretham

1965 05 13 ES
Coveney Carnival and Hall opening. 65 05 13ES

1965 05 14
Lt Paxton photo feature – 65 05 14

1965 05 15
Hashish drug bought in Cambridge public house to be examined by forensic sciences – 65 05 15

1965 05 17
Minister of Transport to authorise the building Elizabeth Bridge following public inquiry – 65 05 17 # c.49.4 # c.44.7

Tolliday open new buildings in King's Road for horticultural business; was originally blacksmith – 65 05 17a

1965 05 18
Grantchester Baptist church which closed two years ago to be sold – 65 05 18

Cam Road empty house became vacant several months ago but stands in the middle of the Elizabeth Bridge scheme – 65 05 18a

1965 05 19
City Librarian, Mr Eric Cave, must be one of the few local government officials in Cambridge who welcomes the fact that his work has doubled during the past 10 years and shows every sign of increasing even more doing the next ten. Mr Cave lives for his work, and his work his books and more books. The success of his work can be judged from the ever increasing number of books issued from Cambridge public libraries. When he came to the city in 1954, about 570,000 books were issued. Last year the demands made on the library services reached a record level and more than 1,203,000 books were issued. Cambridge, he contends, is an ideal city for a librarian. With its university element and its population of around 100,000 it offer opportunities and a challenge to librarians not found elsewhere. "Places like Cambridge and Oxford present the happiest of all library jobs", he says. "In large places like Manchester, the librarians become administrators. I like to maintain personal contact with the public because I consider public relations are an important job." To achieve this end, Mr Cave never misses an opportunity to talk to social clubs, women's organisations and schools about his work. He started his local government career 34 years ago in the Town Clerk's office in the Yorkshire town of Rotherham. A few months later a vacancy arose in the library there for a junior assistant, so he applied for the job and was selected. Subsequent years saw many changes as library assistants with local authorities in many parts of the country until his appointment as Cambridge City Librarian
He set to work with a will, introducing new systems and methods and soon the reading figures were shooting up. Despite the influence of television and the demands made on readers' time by other outside interests, libraries began to assume increasing importance in the lives of thousands of Cambridge residents. His own reading is confined its newspaper and periodical with reviews of new books. As soon as these are published he can expect a rush of requests for them. Mr Cave always does his best to dispel the popular belief that librarians are elderly intellectuals completely wrapped up in their own little musty and dusty worlds. He believes that to know what people want to read one must get to know them. He makes constant efforts to give Cambridge readers a better service. Book stocks in the central library have increased enormously and doing recent years the number of branch libraries in the city has increased to six. His policy of taking the books to the reader is one of the main features contributing towards the rise in the number of books issued. Mr Cave's forward-looking ideas and attitude are not matched by the surroundings of his office. His private room, like the building in which she works is outdated and inadequate. Surprisingly enough, it is not stacked with books. A modest bookcase in one corner of the room contains a few recent issues and some reference books. The possibility of a new library going up in a few years delights him. "We should be able to give a much better service", he says. "On Saturdays it gets a bit like Petticoat Lane in the main library, with so many people coming and going. 65 05 19

Eric Cave, City Librarian came in 1954; issues have doubled, gives talks organisations; anticipates new library – profile – 65 05 19

1965 05 20
Abbeyfield Society open 5th house or old folk in Lyndewode Road – 65 02 20, a, b # c.32.9

1965 05 20 ES
Wilburton planning appeal over houses on School Lane. 65 05 20(3)ES
Adelaide church to close, two-nine attend, dying village. 65 05 20(3)ES

1965 05 21
Minister prevents trees being removed at Church Lane, Whittlesford for new houses as it would spoil a picturesque corner – 65 05 21a

New youth club on St Matthew's Piece will cater for various activities – 65 05 21b

1965 05 24

Minister rejects plan for redeveloping Downing Street, Downing Place & St Andrew's Street triangle – 65 05 24, 24b # c.49.4

Co-op shoe repair premises, Fitzroy St damaged by fire – 65 05 24a # c.34.75

British Legionnaires flock to Ely rally - 65 05 24c

1965 05 25
Don Moore, engine tuning specialist wins prize fir MG – 65 05 25

1965 05 27
Metals Research Ltd to close sites at King Street and Milton and open at Melbourn. The firm, which has a world lead in the production of metal single crystals was formed in 1957 and now employs 120 workers – 65 05 27

1965 05 27
Cathedral to lose Graham Sutherland cross. 65 05 27ES
British Legion massive rally Cathedral. 65 05 27ES

1965 05 28
University Arms Hotel extensions opened – 65 05 28 # c.27.45

Littleport photo feature – 65 05 28a

1965 05 29
United fail in bid for Football League status – 65 05 29

P.J. Warren returns to wok in Dept of Geology afer period as mayor – 65 05 29a

June 1965 CN, ES

1965 06 01
Lucy Farren retires from Cherry's Sweetshop, Arbury Road corner after 40 years – 65 06 01

1965 06 02
Clavering School overcrowded – 65 06 02

Decline of community life in small villages says Croydon vicar John Hornby – 65 06 02a

Abbot's Ripton level crossing to close – 65 06 02a

1965 06 03
Coun Reilly expelled by city Socialists for disloyalty – 65 06 03

1965 06 04
Inner Relief Road recommendation by single vote – 65 06 04

Maypole dancing official opening Maypole pubic house, Portugal Place – photo – 65 06 04a # c.27.4 # W.69

First motor buses article by Robin Cox – 65 06 04 # c.26.46

Harlton photo feature – 65 06 04d

1965 06 05
Major welcomes Heidelberg athletes Guildhall- photo – 65 06 05

1965 06 07
'Peace in Vietnam' banner strung between pinnacles of King's Chapel by night climbers - 65 06 07 # c.36.93 # c.38 : climb

William Everit, Warren House, Wilburton celebrates 106th birthday – 65 06 07a

1965 06 08
Isle Prison stone discovered during demolition ay Quay Brewery site, Ely – 65 06 08
New Hall supplement at new building opening by Queen Mother – 65 06 08a, 65 06 09a, b # c.44.5 # c.02

1965 06 09
Anti-tank bombs discovered in house – 65 06 09, 65 06 10

1965 06 10 ES
'Isle Prison' slab found on site of Ely Trading Estate. 65 06 10ES

1965 06 11
Abbotsley photo feature – 65 06 11

1965 06 15
Eversdens village festival – 65 06 15

1965 06 17
Boat trip along fen rivers by Rodney Tibbs & Michael Manni – 65 06 17, 65 07 08c, 65 08 02a

1965 06 21
C & A. Gould, corn merchants of Newmarket may demolish 100-year-old, five-storey mill – 65 06 21

1965 06 22
Cambridge concert hall needed' in 1903 3.000 people heard Melba sing in Corn Exchange, up to 1920s were Saturday Night Penny Pops at Guildhall but plans for expansion shelved; Corn Exchange and Regal Cinema also used and were afternoon concerts – feature by Millers Music Centre – 65 06 22

1965 06 23
Marshall's design men strike over wages – 65 06 23

1965 06 24
Gordon Logie plans civic hall with seating for 1,800 as main feature Lion Yard – 65 06 24, 65 06 25b # c.49.67

Bottisham Sluice new hydraulic lock being constructed – photo 65 06 24a

At the point where the Old West River runs into the River Cam stands the Fish and Duck public house. It is the domain of Sidney Wicks, the landlord and his Yorkshire-born wife. They came there four years ago when the pub was uncared-for and empty and the Wicks, whose love of water, fishing and boats had bought them there as a customer some years ago, decided to take it over. Now it is a going concern and has become the focal point for a variety of interests. It is one of the few places where one can find sailing men and motorboat men knocking back a drink incomplete rapport. This has been achieved under the auspices of the Fish and Duck Boating Club which is thriving with over 40 members and has its own clubroom at the rear of the pub. Next door is a large workshop; canoes

hang in the roof, outboard motors are conveniently clamped onto disused tubular-chair frames and on the floor an old sunken fen boat bought for £2 is being converted into a two-berth cabin cruiser. The Wick's most vivid memory of life at the Fish and Duck was in the winter of 1962 when the water froze to 21 inches deep and the tortuous road route to the pub was cut off by heavy drifts. Skaters however found it an ideal rendezvous and business remain brisk. The only way extra supplies of beer could be bought in was by sledge down the river. With its attendant motor launches and boats moored to its grassy banks, the Fish and Duck stands with lopsided charm at the junction. The site seems to have been set aside for it by history – 65 06 24b, c.

1965 06 25
Enid Porter, Folk Museum, holds Honours degrees in Modern Languages, did post-graduate teacher training and has edited volumes of folk tales; but has to help with cleaning – 65 06 25, a # c.03; pay a real scandal– 65 07 14 # c.03

Lion Yard plans unveiled by Gordon Logie – 65 06 25b # c.49.67 # c.49.4

Kennett & Kentford photo feature – 65 06 25c

Ely Catherdral altar cross by Graham Sutherland was rejected by Dean, now goes to France – 65 06 28

Tillotson's modern styled pavilion Burwell opened – 65 06 28a

Jesus College announce send major redevelopment scheme within week of Lion Yard plans, this one for King Street – 65 06 29, 29a # c.49.5

Wicken Fen museum treasures saved from fire – 65 06 29

BBC producing film showing residents in Cambridge to be broadcast on Channel Five transmitters not visible in Cambridge – 65 06 30 # c.27.82 # c.65.6

July 1965 CN, ES

1965 07 01
Littleport moorings being developed – photo – 65 07 01a

1965 07 01 ES
Wicken Fem Museum fire, W. Barnes, Keeper, saves exhibits. 65 07 01(3)ES
Ely Football Supports beauty competition – photo. 65 07 01ES

1965 07 02
Waste paper warehouse, Norwich St deliberately set on fire – 65 07 02a

Cambridge at night – photo feature – 65 07 02b

1965 07 03
King's Parade rebuilding scheme by King's and St Catharine's – Keynes Hall – to start – 65 07 03a # c.44.5 # c.44.6

Table Tennis personalities – sketches – 65 07 03b

1965 07 07
University Arms Hotel will have first indoor parking meter system to deter shoppers – 65 07 07a, b # c.27.45

1965 07 08
Francis Bacon developed fuel cell – profile – 65 07 08a

Shudy Camps church vandalised, windows smashed – 65 07 08b

1965 07 09
Clavering photo feature – 65 07 09a

1965 07 12
Traffic wardens on point duty for first time – 65 07 12a, b # c.34.7

1965 07 13
St Luke's church organ built 1726 needs repair – 65 07 13a # c.69.6

Howlett & Bryant had first car to come to Cambridge, 1910, adapted as van & used to deliver bread – photo – 65 07 13c

1965 07 15
Photo of first motor car ever to come to Cambridge with chassis added by Bryant & Howlett, Abbey Walk; also horse-drawn cart – 65 07 15 # Q.A

Jack Green who set up brick-making machine at Milton has gone into liquidation because teething troubles – 65 07 15a # c.23

1965 07 15 ES
Walsoken new Turnpike Inn. 65 07 15ES

1965 07 16
Jesus College new residential North Court to open – 65 07 16a

Cock-up bridge, Burwell – photo – 65 07 16b

1965 07 22
Pye strike threat increases in dispute – 65 07 22

Willingham smallholders claim level of water in wells affected by water pumping, some wells have dried up – 65 07 22a

1965 07 22 ES
Newmarket railway line axed. 65 07 22ES

1965 07 23
Stewart and Patterson brewery dray with Percheron horses visit Ely – 65 07 23a

Bottisham Locks showing new lock – photo – 65 07 23b

1965 07 26
Newmarket jammed by cars taking two hours to get from Stetchworth Toll – feature – 65 07 26a, b

Demolition of 24 old cottages at Sawston – quotes – 65 07 26c

1965 07 27
King & Harper new Milton Road garages revealed by demolition – photos – 65 07 27a

1965 07 30

Laurie & McConnal modernising the whole of their shop frontage in Fitzroy Street; new display windows will replace the arcade-type ones there since 19th century; "faith in City Road as new shopping centre – 65 07 30a [13.8]

1965 07 31
Ely new Post Office site – shows work – 65 07 31a

T.S. Moyes of Peterborough experiment with 75-foot barge – first seen since war – from Cambridge towards Lynn; may revive canal trade – 65 07 31b # c.26.3

August 1965 CN, ES

1965 08 02
River Ouse & Cam locks & lock-keepers, Bottisham & Brownshill – 65 08 02a # c.46.5

1965 08 05 ES
Amazons pop group. 65 08 05(3)ES

1965 08 06
Sturmer photo feature – 65 08 06a

1965 08 07
Drugs found in raid on house Clarendon St – 65 08 07; three guilty – 65 09 03

1965 08 12 ES
Changing face of Ely: Chief Street & new Red, White & Blue pub, Kum-in-Café replacement, Library, Standen Factory: photo. 65 08 12(2)&(3)ES

1965 08 14
Ely pathway along river beside Cutter to connect with path at Waterside – 65 08 14a

Rhodes Moorhouse airman won VC – commemoration – 65 08 14b

Two students buy doomed 64-year-old houseboat at Jesus Lock home to generations of veterinary students since 1958 – 65 08 14c # c.26.3– 65 08 14c

1965 08 17
Keynes Hall demolition – photo – 65 08 17a

Adam & Eve car park showing wrecked cars – photo – 65 08 17a # B.Ada # Q.Ar.

1965 08 18
Milton Road railway gates hit by lorry – 65 08 18a # c.26.2

1965 08 19
Scudamore's introduce fibreglass punt – 65 08 19a # c.26.3 # c.46.5

1965 08 19 ES
Littleport girls collect Museum. 65 08 19(3)ES
Tractor crash A142. 65 08 19ES

1965 08 20
Graveley photo feature – 65 08 20a

1965 08 23

O.G. Lywood caravan factory closing – 65 08 23

1965 08 25
Demolition at Zoological site, Downing Street – photo – 65 08 25a, b

1965 08 26
Dean W.R. Inge, Prof of Divinity 1907-11 – profile – 65 08 26a

1965 08 26 ES
Changing Ely: proposed shop, Minster Place, & construction. 65 08 26(2)ES
Changing Ely: Witchford Road houses, Downham Road, New Barns Road. 65 08 26(4)
Edward Duncan painting 1847. 65 08 26ES

1965 08 28
Sea Cadets HQ opening delayed as not met target – 65 08 28a

1965 08 30
Tickell Arms, Whittlesford – pub run by squire – 65 08 30a

September 1965 CN, ES

1965 09 01
Caxton bypass could become a lifeline to 'dead' village – 65 09 01a

1965 09 02
Reach history as separate kingdom – 65 09 02a

First Folk Festival – 65 09 02aa # c.69

1965 09 02 ES
Desmond Hawkins, magician of Haddenham on road to stardom. 65 09 02(2)ES

1965 09 03
Arrington photo feature – 65 09 03a

Drugs find – hemp found in Clarendon Street – 65 09 03

1965 09 04
Milton Arms pub may be replaced by block of flats – 65 09 04a

1965 09 09 ES
Ely Holy Trinity vicar and Reg Holmes inspect chalice. 65 09 09ES

1965 09 10
Sawston almshouses Dickensian conditions featured in letter – 65 09 10a

Cambridge railway station– photo feature – 65 09 10b, 10c # Q.C

1965 09 13
Last passenger train from Ely to Newmarket – feature & photo – 65 09 13a, b # c.26.2

1965 09 14
Railway signalman Cambridge South Box H. Andrews reflects on 45 years service – 65 09 14a

1965 09 15
Minister rejects protest over closure Cambridge to Oxford railway line – 65 09 15a # c.26.2

1965 09 16
Marketing of farm produce problems – photo Pordage collecting produce at Gwydir Street for delivery Bishop's Stortford – 65 09 16a

Traffic congestion Gonville Place – photo – 65 09 16b

1965 09 17
Hobson's Conduit damaged by midnight climber – 65 09 17a # c.61

Charles Kingsley and connections Cambridge – 65 09 17b

Bus jam Market Hill – photo – 65 09 17c # Q.Af

1965 09 18
Fenstanton fire destroys three shops & cottage – 65 09 18a

1965 09 21
Churchill College library block to open – 65 09 21a

1965 09 23
Enid Porter gets pay rise on £8 a week salary – 65 09 23a # c.03 #

Ortona double deck bus, driver Bert Clasby, conductor Alex January – old photo – 65 09 23b

Bus services in county poor, includes Elsworth – 65 09 23c

1965 09 23 ES
Ely Red White & Blue pub opens. 65 09 23&(2)ES

1965 09 24
Jesus College proposals for King Street development – model – 65 09 24

Cambridge University may become one of work's leading centres in use of computers to index texts – Linguistic Computing Service produces word indexes – 65 09 24a # c.27.5

1965 09 28
Bottisham Lock construction progress – photo – 65 09 28a

Keynes Hall progress – 65 09 28b

1965 09 30 ES
Stretham Helping Hand Club at Sun Inn closes as pub shuts

Stretham Meeting for women: are well catered for: W.I. and British Legion meet monthly and now start of evening class in dressmaking. The churches each have a women's meeting: the Mothers' Union in connection with the church meets monthly, the Baptist Women's' Fellowship meets fortnightly and the Methodist Women's Bright Hour has first meeting next Wednesday. 65 09 30ES

October 1965 CN. ES

1965 10 01

Rolling Stones visit to Regal means will not see Everley Brothers – 65 10 01b

Knapwell photo feature – 65 10 01c

1965 10 02
Bassingbourn Hoops pub features RAF memorabilia – 65 10 02a

Stokes wall blocks access Trinity Hall Farm industrial estate from Milton Road – 65 10 02b

1965 10 05
Houseboat at Jesus Lock in danger of sinking – 65 10 05a

1965 10 06
New Hall dome polythene shroud being removed – 65 10 06a

Locks and safe construction – article by D.A. Dale – 65 10 06b

1965 10 07
Jonathan King undergraduate turned pop star returns to study at Trinity – 65 10 07b

1965 10 08
Lord Butler installed as Master Trinity – 65 10 08a

Car breakers yard – photo feature charts break-up of vehicle – 65 10 08b # Q.Ar

Frederick Morleys working mans stores Hobson St, Bridge St, Fitzroy St – photos – 65 10 08c

1965 10 11
Derelict houses Bradmore St, South St area inspected – are 80 empty houses vacant for years – 65 10 11a # c.23

Northampton St at beginning century; houses being modernised and corner house to be demolished – photo – 65 10 11b # B.Mag.K0

1965 10 12
Newmarket Road Gas site cottages being bull-dozed – photo – 65 10 12a

Fulbourn Ida Darwin Hospital – first 32-bedroomed villae on schedule – 65 10 12b

Haslingfield & Harlton vicar's wife returns from USA – comments on difference – 65 10 12c

Minister Transport does not consider improvement Victoria Avenue as alternative Inner Relief Road – 65 10 12d,f

Mildenhall railway station derelict – photo – 65 10 12g

Wallis Autogyro win first export order to Ceylon – 65 12 12e, 65 10 13a

1965 10 13
Suez Road residents want name change – 65 10 13b

1965 10 14
Pye not to spend large sums on colour television until Government reach decision on future – 65 10 14a # c.27.1 : Pye

Lily F. Waring, novelist – profile – 65 10 14b

Star Brewery manager H. Kempton retires – 65 10 14c

1965 10 15
Peter Warren sees no harm in creation of industrial estate on outskirts of Cambridge – 65 10 15a

City Architect plans for future – preservation and enhancement as a university city – 65 10 15a

Shire Hall not to open car park to public at weekend – 65 10 15b

Arthur Skeel, ex cycling champion profile – won races at every distance up to 200 miles – profile – 65 10 15c # c.26.485 # c.38 : cycling

School meals – feature – 65 10 15d, e

Blue Cross Garlic Row Cats' Home – feature – 65 10 15f

Oakington grave of Francis Holcroft – feature – 65 10 15g

1965 10 16
Lucy Cavendish College now have a home; two offices in Silver Street – 65 10 16a # c.44.5 # c.36.98

Riverside pumping station construction – photo – 65 10 16b

Rolling Stones escorted to Regal in Black Maria – 65 10 16c; interview on why pop is dying – 65 10 22e # c.69

1965 10 19
City centre shops to be allowed to open six days a week - end of compulsory half-day closing for central shops with two or more principal trades – 65 10 19a [5.1]

Romsey Town becoming a slum – warning – 65 10 19b

1965 10 20
George Lawrence of Bridge House Farm Adelaide chops sugar beet for amusement aged 85 – photo – 65 10 20a

Ely Tesco supermarket tones in – 65 10 20b

1965 10 21
Vinpac of Meldreth packages wine in plastic bags – 65 10 21a

Bradmore Street 14 derelict houses to be demolished – 65 10 21b

1965 10 22
County Hall, Hobson Street to be vacated by Chesterton RDC, companies express interest – 65 10 22a

Eric Milner wants to start special records library of everything broadcast on televion or radio about Cambridge – 65 10 22b # c.27.8

Cottenham link with US President Calvin Coolidge – 65 10 22c

Quy photo feature – 65 10 22d

1965 10 25
Railway not hopeful about bridge from Davy Road to link large housing estates at Cherry Hinton – 65 10 25a

1965 10 25
Magpie service station, London Rd, Stapleford opens – 65 10 25a

1965 10 27
Balloon drifts over Cambridge, Magdalene College students evacuated – 65 10 27, 27a, b, c # c.26.1

1965 10 29
Cambridge Film Society organise Animation Festival – 65 10 29a # c.65.6

1965 10 30
Inner Relief Road lobby charges denied – 65 10 30

November 1965 CN, ES

1965 11 05
Cattle Market photo feature – 65 11 05 # I.R.

1965 11 12
Kirtling may combine with Ashley – 65 11 12

Exhibition paperback at Union – photo Eric Cave – 65 11 12a

Fenstanton photo feature – 65 11 12b

Old Contemptibles march Hills Road – photo – 65 11 12c # T.G.

1965 11 13
Rag Day quietest for years – 65 11 13, 65 11 15

1965 11 16
Exning cemetery cottage to be demolished – 65 11 16

1965 11 19
Councillors back Inner Relief Road – 65 11 19a

Shop compulsory half-day closing ends – 65 11 19b # c.27.2

Modern architecture house Barton – 65 11 19c

1965 11 24
Council to re-examine Rag Day future – 65 11 24a

1965 11 26
Rag Day slumps – raised only half usual sum – 65 11 26 # c.36.95

Lt St Mary's Lane cottages derelict for 30 years – 65 11 26a

Pub & advertising signs – photo feature – 65 11 26

The legend that is Will Carter, stone engraver – 65 11 26c

1965 11 29
Ely Christmas lights – 65 11 29a

1965 11 30
Prof Roy Calne to pioneer the setting up of a kidney graft unit at Douglas House, Addenbrooke's Hospital – 65 11 30 # c.21.4

Arthur Rickwood, farmer, dies at conference; in 1963 gave Experimental Husbandry Farm at Mepal – 65 11 30a

December 1965 CN, ES

1965 12 02
Longstanton station may become loading point for farm produce – 65 12 02a

Clara Rackham, suffragist, socialist – profile – 65 12 02b # c.33

W.I. Market stall celebrates 2nd anniversary – 65 12 02c

1965 12 02 ES
Stretham church restoration needed; photo with Rev Foulds who to become Vicar of Littleport. 65 12 02ES

1965 12 03
Percy North, Red Cross stalwart, chiropodist, photographer – profile – 65 12 03a # c.65.5

Pidley photo feature – 65 12 03c

1965 12 04
Malls Stores, derelict shop Chesterton High Street to be rebuilt – 65 12 04a

1965 12 07
Colleges rate fight – city wants increase rating of four university buildings and four colleges – 65 12 07

Histon Road building land surprises agents – 65 12 07a

Civil Defence Corps reduced numbers, college porters to be trained – 65 12 07b # c.45.8

1965 12 09
City library services viewed as Cinderella, Librarian should be provided with telephone at home for use in emergencies – 65 12 09a # c.77.4

Sidney Street Christmas lights photo – 65 12 09b

Littleport youth centre opening – 65 12 09c

1965 12 10
Record library to open next month – 65 12 10a# c.77.4

1965 12 14
Wash barrage plan and creation reservoir near Cambridge considered – 65 12 14, 14a, b

Conservative Club, Market Passage may close due finance; there 80 years; some of rooms were vacated for Arts Cinema – 65 12 14c

1965 12 16 ES
Wilburton cottage almost 100 years old in Station Road destroyed by fire. 65 12 16(3)ES

1965 12 23
Children's' library nativity scenes – photo – 65 12 23a

1965 12 28
Road-roller used to smooth out potholes City Football pitch – 65 12 28a

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I have copies of these articles

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1966 01 01
Automatic ticket barriers come into action at Queen Anne Terrace and Saxton Street car parks, smashed – 66 01 01

1966 01 03
Army taking over R.A.F. Waterbeach in July – pic of Spitfire gate guard – 66 01 03

1966 01 07
Mitcham's corner traffic at night photo – 66 01 07a

1966 01 12
By year 2000 the population of Cambridge and area within six miles may have doubled from present size of 300,000 and light industrial development may be firmly established. High-speed roads will by-pass a star-shaped city with network of cycle tracks, says City architect, Gordon Logie – 66 01 12 # c.49.4

1966 01 14
Major fire at Blue Boar hotel averted; started in basement used as furniture store; spotted by guests – 66 01 14b

1966 01 18
Upper freight yard depot of British Railways to close on January 31st and part of the land may be used in a new road scheme connecting Brooklands Avenue and Newmarket Road. The public depot on the other side of the main line to remain open 66 01 18c

1966 01 21
Cambridge sewage farm manufactures 6-7 tons of sludge a day and dumps it on land corporation owns. A soil conditioner it will be given to anyone who wants it – 66 01 21b

1966 01 21
New Square Residents Association issue 'The Second Centre' report opposing Inner Relief Road; seeks bus station Gold Street, one-way streets, commercial development – 66 01 21c # c.49.66

1966 01 21
Ecumenical service of Holy Communion held at Gt St Mary's for first time during Christian Unity Week – 66 01 21d

1966 01 27
Arbury Road Baptist church opened; small chapel built on site 125 years ago – 66 01 27 # c.83

1966 01 28
Cost to ratepayers of running city library expected to be £86,200 with income of 10,000. Gramophone library may be postponed as music librarian resigned – 66 01 28 # c.77.4

1966 01 30
Arbury Court branch library opened – 66 01 30; Reg Tarrant stocks shelves – 66 01 12 # c.77.4

1966 February – CN

1966 02 05
Hobson Street scaffolding for extension Marks & Spencer – photo – 66 02 05

1966 02 09
Dick Durnford rides horse in Cambridge – 66 02 09a

1966 02 12
Anti-hunt protestors with Cambridgeshire foxhounds – 66 02 12

1966 02 14
Early morning workers – photos of delivery men etc – 66 02 14a

1966 02 15
The Ely Diocesan Home is a haven to unmarried mothers who go six weeks before and leave six weeks after the birth of their baby. It is a daunting experience: The house is much bigger than anywhere they have ever lived before and they have to face 20 strangers; but it is a comfort to the unmarried and pregnant girl who has thought herself unhappily unique to meet about 17 others in the same predicament. It is also a relief to her parents to meet others parents facing the same problems Pastel paintwork, flowers and plants, comfortably battered easy chairs, the kitchen stocked with bottled fruit and homemade jam, knitting left lying about - even a dog and cat snoozing in the sun - all combine to make the Home a real home. “The girls come thinking they are going to have a miserable time – the old image of scrubbing floors, a kind of punishment, dies hard but we try to make them as happy as possible”, said the Superintendent. “But of course it isn't all jam and honey; we cannot take the sadness out of it”. Allocated in fair rotation, the domestic chores of the house are done by the girls and finished by lunchtime; in the afternoon they go out, rest or read depending on choice and in the evening while watching television most of them do some kind of handiwork such as knitting or embroidery. The girls do all the cooking and some learn the skill here for the first time. Apart from big items such as sheets they wash and iron their own and their babies clothes. A Church of England foundation – there is a chapel where the girls pray voluntarily morning and evening - the Home gets payments from the local authority but no grant; girls, their parents and sometimes the father of the child pay what they can. A chaplain doctor and health visitor call regularly. Equipment such as cots and prams are provided at the home but the girls bring the basic layette for their baby. Those who keep the baby are given quite a lot to take away with them as the Home is fortunate in its friends who generously donate clothes and equipment. Baby and mother stay in the home for six weeks which gives both the mother and grandmother a chance to decide his future. Last year about two-thirds of the girls gave their babies to be adopted. The majority of the girls say they would not have missed this experience for the world. 646 02 15a # c.32.9

1966 02 18
The high bridge over Burwell Lode is to be rebuilt. Steps are going to be constructed in place of the steeply ramped approaches. Centuries ago, the bridge was built for a definite purpose - to allow horses towing barges to cross from one bank of the river to the other. But this was before automation. Now the Great Ouse River Authority believes the bridge stands in the way of a public footpath and would be more convenient to users if steps were constructed. The height of the bridge will remain the same so river traffic will not be affected. There may, however, be complaints from farmers who have previously used the bridge for vehicles, and from people who like to see the countryside on horseback. Once the reconstruction has taken place the County Council will pay for the maintenance of the bridge – 66 02 18a # c.44.75

1966 02 21
Dales brewery has just closed – photo – 66 02 21a # c.27.41
Radio &Telephone Service Ltd employs 50 girls sending invoices – 66 02 21b

1966 02 22
Masters and Presidents of every Cambridge College were warned of the fearful risk they were running in connection with drug taken by students in college hospitals and lodgings. It came after a member of staff was fined for being concerned in the management of a house used by people for Indian hemp smoking or dealing in drugs. The house was being visited by long-haired people and filthy beatnik parasites. Hoards of people would arrive at midnight and break open empty rooms to sleep on the floor. One girl was thrown out after it was discovered eight people climbed through her bedroom window. It would appear but if any student or person is found taking drugs at any time of the day behind locked doors of private rooms in student hostels the management shall be held guilty even if they had taken active steps to ensure the property is managed in an orderly and satisfactory manner, the court was told.– 66 02 22a, b, 66 02 23b # c.34.6

1966 02 23
'Crumbling Cambridge' feature – derelict houses, vermin; pictures Nelson St, Coronation St, Leeke St – 66 02 23a # c.49.4 # B.

1966 02 24
Cambridge development plan unveiled – 66 02 24a, d-g # c.49.4
John Elven appointed Town Clerk – 66 02 24b # c.35.7
Kinema closing denied by George Webb, proprietor – 66 02 24c

1966 02 25
Mill Road becoming a coloured area – organisation to give practical help to immigrants – 66 02 25, a # c.31
Kendal Way residents fight verge parking – 66 02 25b # B.Ken

1966 02 28
Longstanton postmistress Miss Rignal retires – 66 02 28a

March 1966 CN
1966 03 01
Civic Restaurant is one of most efficient catering establishments but atmosphere like gloomy relic of Victorian railway building – photo – 66 03 01a # P.Civ
A Playle opens abattoir extension at Litlington – 66 01 01bnnn
Cambridge bookshops are exceptional – notes on Bowes & Bowes, Heffers – 66 03 01c

1966 03 02
Crumbling Cambridge: delays in council processes and elderly councillors – 66 03 02a # c.35.7

1966 03 04
Cambridge Gas Appliances garage, Burleigh Street, collapses – 66 03 04a
Colour tv services put back at year – 66 03 04a

1966 03 05
Petition calls for re-siting of Cambridge airport – 66 03 05

1966 03 07
Drugs, including purple hearts stolen in raid on chemists – 66 03 07
Old car abandoned, Arbury – 66 03 07a

1966 03 08
Plane crashes on A11 near Six Mile Bottom, two killed – 66 03 08
Excavation work on new reservoir at Lime Kiln Hill – photo – 66 03 08a

1966 03 09
Stearns photographers in merger between Hunting Surveys and A.H. Leach of Brighouse. The new company will be based at Boreham Wood. Stearns university group photographers and specialists in art and industrial photography are expected to benefit by the merger – 68 03 09 # c.65.5

1966 03 11
City library gramophone record library to open, 10 years after first considered. The first librarian will be Judith Preece. Initially only classical music will be stocked but later jazz will be added together with music from stage shows – 66 03 11a; opens – 66 03 17a # c.77.4

1966 03 12
Kinema cinema, Mill Road closing; has 400 seats and staff of seven. Owner is George Webb. It may continue as cinema under new ownership – 66 03 12a
Shelford Rugby Union Football Club given six acres of land for new HQ by Percy Davey – 66 03 12b

1966 03 14
Ely Market Square demolition – photo – 66 03 14a
Cambridge International Centre to close at end of summer; was formed seven years ago by Frank Bell and intended for promotion of international friendship and understanding – 66 03 14b # c.36.52

1966 03 15
Viola Pemberton of Trumpington Hall, president of Women's Institutes for 20 years – profile – 66 03 15a
Addenbrooke's Hospital: first glimpse of new proposals – profile – 66 03 15b # c.21.4

1966 03 16
Crumbling Cambridge: depression lurks over centre re transport policies – feature – 66 03 16a # c.49.4 # c.49.62

1966 03 18
University Library – feature – 66 03 18a
Lt Wilbraham church, Norman window discovered – 66 03 18b

1966 03 21
Addenbrooke's Hospital first kidney graft – 66 03 21 # c.21.4

1966 03 22
Waterbeach airfield Spitfire gate guard moved to Kemble – 66 03 22a

1966 03 25
Pigeon breeding is fascinating hobby – feature – 66 03 25a

1966 03 26
Council gets Government permission to buy site of George Lister at Abbey Road as possible annexe to Technical College engineering department; firm to move to Coldham's Lane – 66 03 26

1966 03 28
Hurricane winds ruin fen crops – fen blow; damage to houses – 66 03 28a; farmers count cost – 66 03 31a

Please make what use of this you may. Kindly remember where it came from – www.mikepetty.org.uk

1966 03 29
Cherry Trees club for elderly in St Matthew's Street – feature – 66 03 29a
Mill Lane sluice tunnel old brickwork being replaced – photo – 66 03 29b

1966 03 30
Crumbling Cambridge – lack of vitality in development such as new library and Lion Yard – 66 03 30a # c.49.4 [pic Guildhall organ]

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1966 04 01
Electricity power station Quayside wreathed in scaffolding prior demolition – photo – 66 04 01 # c.24.6
Top Tories fall as Labour near 100; Davies for Labour Pym and Legge-Bourke returned – 64 04 01b
Edward Bowles makes saddles and leather goods at his Glisson Road shop for 70 years – profile – 66 04 01a # c.27
Rail services between Cambridge and Oxford to continue as no adequate alternative bus service – 66 04 01c # c.26.2
CCAT offer courses in computers and mathematics for school-leavers – 66 04 01d

1966 04 04
Pye incur large losses in radio and television side of group – 66 04 04 # c.27.1 : Pye
Wicken Fen reeds in demand for thatching – 66 04 04a
Arbury estate play equipment, Hawkins Road – photo – 66 04 04b
Army lorry petrol tank catches fire on A10 near Ely – 66 04 04c

1966 05 05
CND demonstrate over Vietnam war – photo – 66 04 05 # c.45.8

1966 04 06
New City Library may contain special room for homework - 66 04 06a # c.77.4

1966 04 07
Impey new housing developments at Bartlow Road Linton, Lt Eversden & Balsham – colour advert – 66 04 07a

1966 04 09
Ely-Haddenham-Sutton railway – history – 66 04 09a

1966 04 11
University authorities ban King Street run; started 40 years ago – 66 04 11a; does not take place 66 04 21c; (takes place in defiance of proctors – 66 04 28c) # c.27.4 # c.39

1966 04 13
City gramophone library fails to attract expected users – 66 04 13a # c.77.4
Midsummer Fair to last 4½ days under new decision by Minister – 66 04 13b # c.27.3
J. Lyons café redecorated in grey, used to be an airy place of white and gold – letter – 66 04 13c # c.27.47

1966 04 14
Snow threat in Cambridge – 66 04 14
Clark & Butcher open new automated provender mill at Soham – 66 04 14a

1966 04 15

Prime Minister rejects plea to save Oxford railway line – 66 04 15a

1966 04 16
Pye still silent as rumours mount – 66 04 16
Police sergeant Chater of Linton – memories - 66 04 16a

1966 04 18
J.S. Wilson bookbinders since 1830, now to be run by employees – 66 04 18a # c.25
Barclays Bank, Gt Shelford, modernised – 66 04 18b
Milton Arms cannot be demolished and replaced with petrol station and 30 flats – 66 04 18c # c.27.4
Bishop's House at Ely modernised – feature – 66 04 18d
King Len Warren of Reach threatens to advertise village for sale to Russians or Americans – 66 04 18e
Guildhall needs more space, either extension or rent space in Barrett Building, Rose Crescent – 66 04 18f # c.35.7

1966 04 19
Pye respond to report of resignations following large losses – 66 04 19, 19b # c.27.1 : Pye
King's students distracted by tourists – 66 04 19a
Corn Exchange demolition for New Museums site – photo – 66 04 19a # B.Cor.

1966 04 21
Reach will be handed to crown if proved to be a Kingdom in its own right – 66 04 21a
Pye Telecommunications and Unicam Instruments granted Queen's Award for Industry – 66 04 21b # c.27.1 : Pye # c.27.1 : Unicam

1966 04 22
500 Cambridge youths, including undergraduates, smoke Indian hemp; police raid lodgings – 66 04 22; police doing all they can to cut out drugs – 66 04 23# c.34.6
Cherry Hinton parish room is rat-infested – 66 04 22a
Cambridge Conservative Club admit women members – 66 04 22b
Electricity generating works – scaffolding erected to demolish chimney – photo – 66 04 23a

1966 04 25
New nursery school opened in Station Road by Cambridge Association for Advancement of State Education – 66 04 25 # c.36.5

1966 04 26
Police may set up drugs squad – 66 04 26
Longstanton churches in need of repair – 66 04 26a
Plans for indoor sports stadium next to Parkside pool discussed – 66 04 26b

1966 04 27
Adventure playgrounds needed; survey of existing facilities at Coleridge, Lammas Land – 66 04 27a # c.37.9

1966 04 28
Grove Primary School, Campkin Road opened; Lady Bragg reminisces – 66 04 28a # c.36.5
Morley's Wine Bar in Petty Cury to close; will be off-sales in Wellington St; established since turn of the century, need to expand – 66 04 28b
Could be western by-pass and motorway to north, City Architect Logie predicts – 66 04 28d # c.49.62

Cambridge undergraduates' King Street Run, the eight-pint beer drinking marathon, took place last night in defiance of the wishes of the Proctors. Nine runners started the course at the Duke of Cambridge in Short Street. Although all remained at the finishing line, the Royal Arms in King Street,

until closing time, there was no sign of the Proctors and their Bulldogs. Last night's winner is today in Gibraltar. Pilot Officer Nark Wellington of Royal Air Force, Oakington, negotiated the seven public house pint-to-pint in 1 hour 12 minutes. He ended the run without penalty and celebrated with a ninth pint in the Royal Arms. All the other runners were undergraduates of who about half had penalties awarded against them. The Downing College president of the King Street Run Club, who preferred to remain anonymous, said at the start of the run that the Senior Proctor's ruling against it came as a complete surprise to him. "The Senior Proctor said he made his decision because the undergraduates of today, he thought, could not hold their beer. This is not true, if anyone is ill in a public house or public place he will be disqualified from taking part in the Run. The club is a social group and I don't think there is anything in it to complain about. As far as I know no member of the public has ever objected and I, for one, certainly do not think drunkenness is a good thing", he said 66 04 28c # c.36.9 # c.39

1966 04 29
Railway stations to be sold at Six Mile Bottom, Sutton (pic), Bluntisham, Haddenham, Harston, Wilburton, Stretham, Dullingham, Isleham, Longstanton – 66 04 29a # c.26.2

1966 04 30
Colin Jordan, self-styled Nazi, visit called off as Liberal Club can find no room – 66 04 30a # c.33

1966 May CN

1966 05 04
Charles Orr Stanley replaced as chairman of Pye by Francis Duncan – 66 05 04

1966 05 05
Ida Darwin Hospital to admit first patients – 66 05 05 # c.21.5
John Hornby, rector of Croydon gets petition from residents over plans to demolish public meeting room – 66 05 05a

1966 05 06
University Audio adds Record Shop to its high-fidelity audio. Peas Hill – 66 05 06

1966 05 07
Government offices, Brooklands Avenue – photo – 66 05 07 # B.Bro

1966 05 09
Women workers at gas works – memories & photo – 66 05 09 # P.Gas

1966 05 10
Duxford Flower Pot pub to be sold – 66 05 10

1966 05 12
Shrinking fen may mark end of a golden age – 66 05 12

1966 05 16
Ely choristers photo in new cassocks – 66 05 16 # Y.Ely

1966 05 20
Stanley Thurston fairground memories – 66 05 20a #c.27.31

1966 05 24
Corn Exchange may be adapted for council offices or used as library – plans – 66 05 24, 66 06 20 # c.77.4

1966 June CN

1966 06 02
Soham ammunition drama recalled – 66 06 02

1966 06 08
Madrigals on river – photo – 66 06 08 # W.69

1966 06 10
Pirate radio station may go on air as May-Week stunt – 66 06 10 # c.27.8

1966 06 14
Darwin College Hermitage extension demolished as double intake and launches expansion scheme– photo – 66 06 14a # c.44.5

1966 06 15
Simon Community a year old, but still no hostel – 66 06 15 # c.32.9
Parcel people – couple tramping England carrying bundles of ragged packages – reach Hardwick – 66 06 15a
Bredon House, Selwyn Gardens converted from private house to University College = 66 06 15b

1966 06 16
Derelict scout hut on corner Ainsworth Street and Sleaford Street is used by tramps and rat-infected – 66 06 16a; demolished – 66 07 14a
Mustill, Wallis & Co, largest glazing contractors and glass merchants move to new warehouse in Cromwell Road – 66 06 16c
Seaman-Turner exhibition of rare books at Linton – 66 06 16b

1966 06 28
Roseford Road panoramic view – photo – 66 06 28

1966 July CN

1966 07 01
The other day I went along to the Record Office in the Shire Hall, Cambridge. These officers aren't just rather dull places where even duller council notices are kept. Of course you'll find council papers here but Parliamentary records and statutes as well - there are shelves full with them. But there are other things like copies of Domesday Book and old assessment for window tax as well as maps of the Enclosure Award in 1809 on which are marked turnpike roads. Few of us can fail to be interested in the old contours and land owners of our village. A fascinating side-light is thrown on our local history by household account books like those of Sarah Woodham at Shepreth. In in 1783 she records the expenses bill for beer for plumbers and carpenters. But it's not only books, papers and maps that are kept at the Record Office. There are also exhibits like Mr Mann's pocket book which he was carrying in 1809 when he set his horse to jump the tollgate. Rather than pay the charge, Joshua was thrown from his horse and died shortly after. In trying to save a penny he lost his life. – 66 07 01 # c.43

1966 07 02
Chesterton RDC new offices at Gt Eastern House, Station Road, to open – 66 07 02 # c.35.1

1966 07 06
Royal Oak picture of youngsters – 66 07 06

1966 07 08
Bingo at the Kinema – feature – 66 07 08 & a # c.76.9
Plesiosaur bones found at Stretham – 66 07 08b, 11

1966 07 09
Folk Festival – photo of Notts group turning up – 66 07 09

1966 07 14
Queen Mother opens extensions Fitzwilliam Museum – 66 07 14 # c.02 # c.03

1966 07 15
Old Post Office, Petty Cury, Ministry of Pensions manned by a single clerk in room that precious housed counter activities; small corner occupied by National Savings Movement. Wide corridors lead to Overseas Students Club used by 10-12 students. Petty Cury shops well-maintained but accommodation above ground floor level has been condemned for years. Must all be demolished – letter – 66 07 15 # c.49.67 # c.44.6 # c.27.7

1966 07 16
Elmhurst, Brooklands Avenue, GORA headquarters for 30 years sold to Lloyd's Bank in one of city's largest property auctions for £74,000 – 66 07 16

1966 07 28
Chishill windmill renovation – 66 07 28a

1966 07 29
City planner Gordon Logie revels six possible scheme for a new Cambridge shopping centre; one would build on part of Christ's Pieces and extend grass over the King St area – 66 07 29, a, b # c.49.4 # c.49.65 # c.32.3

Councillors painted a Dickensian picture of Cambridge - houses without baths, children open to infection from rubbish dumps, homes swarming with giant blowflies and rats roaming at large. It was scandalous that in 1966 people were still living in houses, which had not been modernized. Some people were living in houses with no hot water some in houses without baths. But they are paying modern rents. And this is where we put mothers with little children to bring up. It is a scandal in the University City of Cambridge. One was worried about proposals for refuse collection which involved some people in Ramsey who might have to carry their dustbins more than 50 yards unless they took them through their front doors. Because the dustman call at 6:30 a.m. bins had to be put out overnight, causing a hazard on the pavements. Anyway, it was morally wrong that men should have to lug dustbins about. They should have paper sack system. There were plans to extend the Coldham's Lane rubbish tip, but it was a nuisance to health that smells in warm weather. There were rats and flies. The area was utterly unpleasant and unhygienic and mothers were afraid to let their children play in the gardens. The only reason the council use the site was that it was cheap. 66 07 29c # c.21.1

Geoffrey Cresswell to succeed Burrows as City Surveyor – 66 07 29d

1966 07 30
Former clerk to Cambs & Isle of Ely County Council, Charles Phythian, allowed to retain double salary payments when activing as clerk to County Council and chief officer of new combined authority – 66 07 30, 30a # c.35.1

1966 August CN

1966 08 02
Cambridge city centre deserted – Sidney Street – on date world cup final – 66 08 02

1966 08 05
Marks & Spencer sales girl on bra counter – photo – 66 08 05 # P

'Before the sacrifice of our heritage' – article by Dr D.R. Taunt, Bursar of Jesus College following 'Shopping growth in Cambridge' report dealing with Christ's Pieces – 66 08 05a, b # c.32.3

1966 08 09
Island site on River Lark near Isleham locks chosen for development as holiday centre – 66 08 09
Cambridge airport main runway may be extended across main Teversham Road but must not be used more than eight days a year, will enable larger and heavier aircraft to use it – 66 08 09a # c.26.1

1966 08 12
Littleport has two museums – E.V. Kerridge's garage in Ely Road has collection of antiques, Francis Hatch, 11, has museum in her bedroom – 66 08 12

1966 08 19
Jack Pointer ice-cream factory – feature – 66 08 19 # c.27

1966 08 20
Wallis Autogyro Ltd machine provides background noise for 'Those magnificent men' film- 66 08 20

1966 08 21
Lord Fairhaven of Anglesey abbey dies after fall – 66 08 21

1966 08 22
Sinclair Radionics mini-tv shown at Television and Radio Show at Earl's Court – 66 08 22 # c.27.1 : Sinclair # c.27.8
Jack Overhill profile – 66 08 22a # Cowley

1966 08 23
Cambridge Maltings on Ditton Walk to be sold; was in use until recently when bought by Associated British Malsters; work stopped month ago – 66 08 23 advertisement – 66 10 21 # c.27.41
Fitzroy Street sub-post office moved to Co-op in Burleigh Street, petition in protest – 66 08 23a # c.27.7
Ely Market Place redevelopment work – photo – 66 08 23b

1966 08 29
Dant's Ferry taken over by David Dant more than 80 years ago – photo details – 66 08 29

1966 08 30
St Barnabas church arson – bibles and hymn books set alight – 66 08 30, 30a # c.83 # c.34.75

1966 September CN

1966 09 01
House of Dolamore bought wine and spirit business of George Morley in Petty Cury and Guildhall Street some 80 years ago; now has new address in Wellington Street – 66 09 01 & 1a # c.27.4
Les Hutt, street sweeper subject to time and motion survey – photo – 66 09 01b # B

1966 09 03
Rev John Hornby inducted as Rector of Stretham – 66 09 03
George Lister engineering moves from Abbey Road to Coldham's Lane, been there since 1890 – feature – 66 09 03a # c.27.1

1966 09 05
Jim Reynolds 'Rock King' profile; firm trading 120 years – 66 09 05 # c.27

1966 09 06

Harry Day played penny whistle; at Stourbridge Fair joined 'Herb' Reynolds and Charlie Hunter with their concertinas and harp on the upper floor of the Oyster House playing reels, waltzes etc – 66 09 06 # c.69 # c.39
Ronald Searle first cartoon in CDN published 26 Oct 1935 – 66 09 06a

1966 09 07
Pye pocket radio-telephone exhibited – 66 09 07 # c.27.1 : Pye # c.27.8 # c.27.75

1966 09 10
Eaden Lilley men and boys clothing shop in Market Street is for sale; will more to main department store; have owned since 1907; have recently bought Smart's outfitters' shop – 66 09 10 # c.27.2

1966 09 13
Cambridge Drill Hall may replace indoor sports facilities in Corn Exchange when rebuilding work starts – 66 09 13

1966 09 16
Cambridge Daily News War Bulletin of 13 Sept 1914 gave impression war almost over – 66 09 16 # c.45.5

A new plan shows how the "Kite Area" might look in 20 years' time. It shows a new shopping area built between the Parker Street, Emmanuel Road and Earl Street triangle, facing an enlarged Christ's pieces, and a New Square put back to grass or paved. Emmanuel Road and Short Street would be closed, and a new road along a widened Fair Street and part of Clarendon Street would take traffic around an extensive housing redevelopment area to East Road. The Fitzroy Street, Burleigh Street district would be redeveloped and extended and three large carparks provided. The Drummer Street bus station would be resited to the Clarendon Street area which would become an access to the service areas and parking facilities. The area previously occupied by Emmanuel Road and Short Street and a small area along the houses fronting King Street would be added to Christ's aces. The new scheme would be commercially viable and provide enough area for shopping expansion for the next 20 years by which time all of the area between Clarendon Street, East Road, Burleigh Street and Prospect Road could be redeveloped with modern houses. The tentative at layout shows a series of green courts grouped around a central pedestrian area. It would be possible to re house all the people presently living in the area together with those to be displaced by the new shopping centre. The Fitzroy Street, Burleigh Street area would be partially rebuilt around a central pedestrian area. There could be car parks behind its three main frontages with the goods delivered to the rear of the shops, enabling the whole of the Fitzroy Street, Burleigh Street area to become a pedestrian only shopping centre. 66 09 19a # c.49.66 # c.49.4

1966 09 19
Circus elephant parade – photo – 66 09 19 # c.76.2

1966 09 23
Boy in boat glides through mist at Stretham – photo – 66 09 23
Great Ouse River Authority open new HQ at Gt Ouse House, Clarendon Road; will be shortage of water; formed in 1920 to take over work Bedford Level Corporation – 66 09 23a # c.29 # c.46.5

1966 October CN

1966 10 01
Ted Salisbury rented small garage in Cam Road in 1919, moved other side of road, kept Pye lorries on road during war, now retires – 66 10 01 # c.26.48

1966 10 03
Hubert David inherited business from his grandfather, Gustave, in 1936 – profile – 66 10 03 # c.25

1966 10 07
Burleigh/Fitzroy Street favoured for shopping redevelopment in preference to Lion Yard – 66 10 07 # c.49.64 # c.49.66 # c.49.4

1966 10 11
Cheshunt College staff and students to join with Westminster College, premises in Bateman Street for sale; was founded in Wales in 1768, moved to Cambridge in 1905, new buildings 1913 – 66 10 11; premises for sale – 66 10 21b # c.44.5 # c.36.9
Bluntisham station closed two years ago, is home t former porter-in-charge – 66 10 11a

1966 10 13
Cambridge's Deputy Librarian, Wilfred James, said he would not have resigned his £1,900-a-year job if the City Council had treated him differently and a council member accused the council of giving the library staff a raw deal. The resignation is the latest move in a long-standing argument between the Library Committee, the Establishment Committee and the Council over the salary and status of the Cambridge Librarian, Mr Eric Cave, and Mr James who has been in Cambridge nearly 12 years. He claimed that the deputies to the council's chief officers had received two shabby salary increases since he was last regraded. When his resignation was reported to the Library Committee, the chairman, Coun. Peter Wright, said "We are all very sorry to lose him, but as things stand I cannot blame him. I feel our library staff have had a very raw deal and they have been shabbily treated compared with other chief officers of the council". The dispute stems from the council's decision to raise the salary and status of the Town Clerk. After that post was re-graded five other chief officers asked for salary increases – with appropriate rises for their deputies – and these were granted. But the authority stood firm against requests from Mr Cave and Mr James for salary increases. Mr James leaves to become Lowestoft Borough Librarian. 66 10 13 # c.77.4

1966 10 21
Hershel House, Herschel Road demolition – photo – 66 10 21a # B.Her

1966 10 25
£1m dive in Pye share value; dissatisfaction with new management – 66 10 25 # c.27.1 : Pye

1966 10 28
Cambridge United manager, Roy Kirk, resigns; also dismiss trainer-coach Brian Doyle – 66 10 28 # c.38 : football

1966 10 31
Louis Sylvester of East Road has been making ice cream for more than 60 years. His ices taste very nearly as they did when his father first taught him to make them when he was a boy. It was hard work then, he said. "In the days when ice cream started we were one of the first ones about here it was all done by salt and ice - there was no modern refrigeration then". Making ice cream is still hard work. All the machines have to be washed and sterilized when you start and when you finish. "We used to have to get up at 4.30 in the morning to send the sellers out with pony barrows. Modern refrigeration did not come in until about 1920 and there were no cones or biscuits in existence at first - we used to call it hokey". Nine or 10 years ago he gave up a round he had made for 50 years, his vehicles the last of a fleet that the business sent out in and around the town. "We used to have barrows out in Fitzroy Street every other night - if one of the barrows came back it would sell out on the street. Someone else had hot chestnuts there as well. "Years ago my father used to push a barrow to Histon and sell it at the factory. We had a barrow on the market every day opposite Boots, near where the Victoria is now, and the fair - we used to have five or six barrows there". Things have changed a lot. On East Road people used to sit out the front on chairs until 12 at night in summer. Today it is a different mode of living. After the war the big boys opened every Sunday and competition became intense, but the smaller man hopes to keep his customers by the good quality of the product he supplied. "We have all had our rough times. We have all started at the bottom and we are getting a rough time again now" -

considerable housing development in the East Road area has been demolished. The business has been in the family for more than 120 years. Mr Sylvester is one of the oldest established traders in Cambridge and it is no wonder he retains is loyal customers. He still makes all his own ice cream with pure dairy products and will not keep it long.
It is delicious - the sort of ice cream one relished having when rationing ended after the war – 66 10 31 # c.27

1966 November CN

1966 11 04
Bene't Hostel, Cambridge's only hostel for girls closes; has been on verge of bankruptcy for much of its 23 year history; gave shelter to women stranded in city; was used by women teachers and social workers as well as girls sent by welfare organisations; now accommodation easier to rent – 66 11 04 # c.32.9 # c.27.45

1966 11 07
Police new HQ at Parkside, plans unveiled – 66 11 07 # c.34.7

1966 11 08
Motor show exhibition, Corn Exchange – 66 11 08 # c.26.48

1966 11 09
University 'science city' plans for west-Cambridge site unveiled, follows Deer report – 66 11 09, 09a# c.49.4 # c.36.9

1966 11 11
Pye urged to appoint Receiver following losses if to remain independent – 66 11 11; J.O. Stanley voted off Pye's Board – 66 11 17, 61 11 18 # c.27.1 : Pye

1966 11 21
King's Hedges estate 10 acre site for recreation ground agreed near proposed housing development off Campkin Rd – 66 11 21

1966 11 22
First new 'blended' petrol pumps installed at BP garage, King and Harper's, Milton Rd – 66 11 22 # c.26.48

1966 11 23
If Fitzroy St area developed as shopping centre CCAT students will have nowhere to park their cars – 66 11 23

1966 11 24
Pye shares rise as big international take-over battle develops; bid from Philips – 66 11 24a, c # c.27.1 : Pye
Whirlaclean brand new automatic dry-cleaning centre opens in All Saint's Passage – 66 11 24b # c.27

1966 11 30
New GPO mast towers over windmill at Over – 66 11 30

1966 December CN

1966 12 02
Bypasses essential to solve traffic problems – letter – 66 12 02
Rival relief road plan to be discussed by city council – 66 12 02a
Vietnam protest march – 200 people – 66 12 02b # c.33

1966 12 03
Cambridge School of Flying operated from field at Hardwick, had French Caudron biplanes – memories of visit in 1917 – 66 12 03 # c.26.1

1966 112 09
Kent House hospital for psychiatric patients – feature – 66 12 09 # c.21.5
Plan to create regional shopping centre in Fitzroy Street and develop Lion Yard primarily as civic centre approved by City Council – 66 12 09a

1966 12 14
How much more traffic can Cambridge take – article – 66 12 14, 14a # c.49.62 # c.26.48
Senate plans to redevelop Old Addenbrooke's Hospital and west Cambridge – 66 12 14b
Wash barrage plans not to go ahead say Government, farmers annoyed – 66 12 14c # c.29

1966 12 20
Cambridge could be chosen as one of nine sites for experimental local radio service by BBC – 66 12 20 # c.27.8
Joan Copp compiling city guide for the disabled – 66 12 20a

1966 12 28
Experimental one-way traffic system for Romsey roads to start – 66 12 28 # c.49.62

1966 12 31
Coldham's Common dark and dingy hut is changing room for footballers – 66 12 31 # c.38 : football

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1967 01 05
Memories of barge photo - 67 01 05, a

1967 01 10
Jock Langley has sold newspapers from pitch in Regent Street for 40 years, now has to move – 67 01 10a

1967 01 14
Sinclair Radionics HQ in Cambridge established year ago, make miniature TVs - 67 01 14 # c.27.1 : Sinclair

1967 01 17
Trustee Savings Bank new premises Jesus Lane opened by Lord Butler - 67 01 17 # c.32.8

1967 01 25
Co-op Sociey dance Dorothy Café – photo - 67 01 25

February 1967 CN

1967 02 01
Pye speculation over resignation of one of the manaing directors – 67 02 01, 67 02 02

1967 02 03
Cattle Market is dying on its feet, plan move to sewage farm - 67 02 13
King's Hedges housing estate master plan approved, will have central pedestrian core and open space - 67 02 03a # c.49.4

1967 02 09
Undergraduates and dons called upon to strike over Government proposal to increase fees of foreign students – 67 02 09

1967 02 10
New flat developments announced: Croft Lodge on Barton Road and Pinehurst, Grange Road – 67 02 10

1967 02 15
Green street traffic shakes shop, Gray's shop front repaired after struck by vehicle – 67 02 15
Councillors urge full check on Magdalene Bridge safety, oppose plans to widen Magdalene Street – 67 02 15a

1967 02 20
Concern about works of art missing from Guildhall and library – 67 02 20

1967 02 21
Ely sugar beet factory feature – 67 02 21

1967 02 22
University plan new Cavendish Laboratory as part of 'science city' in west Cambridge - 67 02 22 # c.49.4 # c.36.9

1967 02 24
Market Hill no.5 was originally a private house for Watson family of grocers; has a rich shell hood with painted ceilings; building sold to mystery buyer – 67 02 24

Drugs problem – how to combat – 67 02 24a, b,c 67 02 25

1967 02 28
A 16ft clock tower crashed through roof of King & Harper's tyre store, killing one man and injuring two others. The three were buried by four tons of rubble. The store and the roof looked as if it has been hit by a bomb. Two demolition contractors were clearing loose mortar from the walls and roofinf when there was a strong gust of wind and it blew the clock tower though the roof. While ambulance men were at the scene of the tragedy a gust of wind ripped off half the roof of the garage at Cambridge Ambulance Station in Ditton Walk blew off and crashed through the roof of an adjoining garage - 67 02 28 # c.26.48, a
Edward Storey almshouses originally built in 1729 for clergymen's widows; houses built in 1844 converted to flats – feature - 67 02 28b # c.32.9

March 1967 CN

1967 03 01
Concern that city archives are kept under proper control. Some are University Library, some in University Registry and some in the City Library. Appointment of city archivist to be considered. Would like someone lent by Fitzwilliam Museum or University Library to put matters in order. – 67 03 01a # c.43
King and Harper tower was to have been replaced – 63 03 01b

1967 03 03
'Heart of Cambridge' planning report envisages shopping centre surrounded by traffic-free area – 67 03 03a # c.49.4
Mitcham's Corner, second huge island created between Chesterton Rd & Victoria Rd – 67 03 03b # c.49.62

1967 03 04
Dutch façade revealed on building during demolition work for Eaden Lilley; believed to be the only remaining trace of an old alleyway which ran parallel with Market Street – 67 03 04 # c.61

1967 03 06
Express train derailment at Conington – 67 03 06

1967 03 09
Dustbin collections being reorganised – photo of men with bins – 67 03 09a

1967 03 10
Cambridge does not want to be considered for local radio station yet – 67 03 10a # c.27.8

1967 03 14
Bar Hill exhibition of plans – 67 03 14a

1967 03 15
Cheshunt College sale may be concluded to private buyer – 67 03 15

1967 03 17
Cavendish Laboratory new electron telescope is largest in country – 67 03 17

1967 03 20
Cambridgeshire Regiment changes with reorganisation Territorial Army, to be a military force to assist police in law and order and act in support in event of nuclear attach ; history – 67 03 20, 20a # c.45 # c.45.8

1967 03 29
Chesterton Study published – could become one of most pleasant suburbs – 67 03 29 # c.49.4

1967 03 30
Lloyds Bank moving district office from Hobson Street to Brooklands Avenue building that housed Gt Ouse River Authority – 67 03 30 # c.32.8

1967 03 31
International Bilderberg Conference attended by 90 leading politicians, businessmen, bankers and publishers at St John's College – 67 03 31, 67 04 01, 67 04 03# c.27.9 # c.02

April 1967 CN

1967 04 11
Quaker Meeting House, Jesus Lane to be replaced; dates from 1894 – 67 04 11 # c.83

1967 04 13
Alfred Barrett, tailor to take Rose pub; Percy Cornwell retires from grocery shop, Hills Road – 67 04 13

1967 04 17
Queen opens National Stud, Newmarket – 67 04 17

1967 04 18
Canberra bomber crashes into empty house, Steeple Morden – 67 04 18 # c.26.1

1967 04 19
Greene King to transfer Cambridge depot from Panton Street to new premises Newmarket Road; stopped brewing in Cambridge in 1957 – 67 04 19 # c.27.41

1967 04 24
Joshua Taylor make coronation robes for Queen of Tonga – 67 04 24, 67 05 04

1967 04 25
Folk Museum exhibition of customs; photo Enid Porter with dulcimer – 67 04 25

1967 04 27
National Folk Week, Morris Men & Russell Wortley, customs recalled – 67 04 27b # c.39
Cambridge City and Cambridge United directors consider merger of clubs; one condition the selling of the Milton Road ground- 67 04 27, 67 04 28 # c.38 : football
Lloyds Bank alterations to Mill Road branch; now light & airy – 67 04 27c # c.32.8

May 1967 CN

1967 05 06
Shire Hall redevelopment envisages 15-storey block of offices and law court, car parking under pedestrian precinct – 67 05 06 # c.35.1
Central Library new plans unveiled include information bureau, meeting room, music library, newsroom and reference library – 67 05 06a # c.77.4

1967 05 11
Midsummer Common cows – photo – 67 05 11

1967 05 15
St Ives sand and gravel firm, Greenwoods in take-over battle, 67 05 15

1967 05 16
Prefabricated houses in Teversham Drift awaiting demolition – 67 05 16

1967 05 18
'The Cam' magazine edited in 1937 by Reginald Spalding after coming down from Clare; have appreciation of town but closed after six issues due financial difficulties – 67 05 18 # c.04
Plans for relief road from New Square to East Road – 67 05 18a

1967 05 19
Histon Road new Esso petrol station has showroom and servicing facilities – 67 05 19 # c.26.48

1967 05 22
Ely Cathedral attempt to blow up safe failed – 67 05 22

1967 05 24
Fossey brothers museum at Gt Eversden feature – 67 05 24 # c.03

1967 05 25
Bar Hill first families arrive – feature – 67 05 25
King Street demolition for Jesus College redevelopment – photo – 67 05 25a
Grant Instruments started in Grantchester, then moved Bulbeck Mill at Barrington in 1957; new works at Shepreth opened – 67 05 25

1967 05 31
Fitzroy Street 'Corner Shop' demolition – photo – 67 05 31 # B.Fit

June 1967 CN

1967 06 21?
Dry Drayton new village hall opened – 67 06 21a

1967 06 02
Traffic wardens start issuing on-the-spot tickets; if pay £2 fine motorists avoid a conviction – 67 06 02 # c.26.48

1967 06 03
University Chancellor, Lord Tedder, dies – 67 06 03

1967 06 05
Railway carriage home at Barnwell station retains many Pullman features – 67 06 05 # c.26.2

1967 06 07
University Engineering Department new modern sculpture unveiled – 67 06 07

1967 06 13
City council sub standard houses to be updated with prefabricated bathrooms and lavatories attached to back of homes – 67 06 13, 67 06 28 # c.23

1967 06 15ES
Fish & Duck official reopening, Lt Thetford: photo. 67 06 15ES

1967 06 16
Ald Robert Davis, former MP, appreciation – 67 06 16 # c.33

1967 06 19
Leys School extensions opened – 67 06 19 # c.36.5

1967 06 21
Cambridge police station now a listed building; built 1901 to design of John Morley – feature – 67 06 21 # c.34.7 # c.61

1967 06 27
Bene't Hostel for Girls closed last November; girls remanded now have nowhere to go but police cell, Holloway or Borstal – 67 06 27a # c.34.9

1967 06 28
Magdalene Bridge closed to buses and heavy lorries for at least a year while repairs carried out – 67 06 28a # c.44.47 # B.Mag

July 1967 CN

1967 07 05
St James' church, Wulfstan Way expansion programme needed; fist phase will be sanctuary nave and extra rooms – 67 07 05b # c.83
Fitzroy Street neglected area – photo – 67 07 05c # B.Fit

1967 07 06
Lloyds Bank move district office to Brooklands Ave – 67 07 06 & a # c.32.8

1967 07 13
Bartlow station now disused, stands deserted – feature – 67 07 13 & b

1967 07 27
Cheshunt College bought by Freemasons – 67 07 27 # c.44.5 # c.37.1?

1967 07 05?
Lion Yard redevelopment plans approved by Minister – 67 07 05a # c.49.4 # c.49.67

1967 07 12
King's Hedges Infants' school delay increases costs; dispute over blame – 67 07 12 # c.36.5

1967 07 20
Cambridge Advisory Centre for Young People offers advice on birth control and relationships; most of clients from university – 67 07 20 # c.21.1

1967 07 26
County Council buy Howes Close mansion and 23 acres as extension Shire Hall site, to move Country Centre students – 67 07 26 # c.35.1 # c.61 # c.36.7d

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1967 08 04

Addenbrooke's Hospital site excavates vast crater 25ft deep during construction – 67 08 04, 04a # c.21.4

1967 08 07
Vintner & co formed 100 years ago, Geoffrey Vinter chairman of group 23 companies – 67 08 07
Trinity College annual Caucus run around Gt Court – 67 08 07a # c.39

1968 08 11
Colour prejudice in Cambridge – difficulty of accommodation, feature – 67 08 11 # c.31

1967 08 16
Eastern Electricity remove unsightly power lines from some villages – 67 08 16

1967 08 31
Trumpington church Black Magic celebration & desecration – 67 08 31 & a # c.83 # c.39
New Central Library 'by end of 1971', probably on three floors with lending, information bureau, schools library, music, newspaper room, reference; a further 10,000 sq feet proposed tentatively for a central archives area – 67 08 31b # c.43 # c.77.4

September 1967 CN

1967 09 07
Hovertrain development approved by Government – 67 09 07

1967 09 13
Cheshunt College moving out of Bateman Street buildings which to become Freemason HQ – 67 09 13

Prince Charles arrives at Trinity College – 67 10 09, 09a # c.02?

October 1967 CN

1967 10 02
Pye chairman F.R. Duncan who took over from C.O. Stanley in May last year now hands over to Peter Thoneycroft, chairman of Pye Holdings, the Company set up by Philips to control Pye following their take-over – 67 10 02 # c.27.1: Pye
University cash crisis, new teaching and research projects could stop as Government financial restructuring – 67 10 02a # c.36.9

1967 10 06
Churchill College chapel to open – 67 10 06
Victoria Cinema reopens with giant 70 mm screen, luxury lounge area replacing seats on ground floor; restaurant and ballroom refurbished – 67 10 06 # c.76.9

1967 10 13
Concert Hall plan at Queen Anne Terrace rejected, multi-terrace car park and sports hall instead – 67 10 13 # c.69
Greyhound racing track approved at City Football Club twice a week – 67 10 13a # c.38 : greyhound

1967 10 28
Prime Minister Harold Wilson greeted by one of biggest demonstrations, 1,000 protestors encircle Guildhall – 67 10 28 # c.33

November 1967 CN

1967 11 02
Trading at Cambridge Corn Market on the Cattle Market site has sunk almost to zero and the specially designed £8,000 hall launched two years ago is tottering towards its doom. Council was under legal obligation to provide a new corn market once they decided the old one was not viable. 47 merchants said they wanted a stand, it opened with 32 but this has dwindled to 22; on Mondays it is often empty – 68 11 02 # c.27.3

1967 11 03
Cambridge University Rag Queen judging – girls on tables – Avril Groom, Mayana Lucas, Pat Hartein, Paula Perkins, Irene Rutter, Christed Forsell, Lena Alexanderson & Barbara Gonwald – 68 11 03
Snowy Farr, Oakington village roadman going about his duties on a colourful tricycle dustcart he built for himself – photo – 67 11 03a

1967 11 07
Arbury Estate rainfall has created pond dangerous to children – photo – 67 11 07
Chesterton Bowls Club was founded in 1931 with HQ in Milton Road. The lease expires next year; now found new site on St Andrew's Road – 67 11 07a; 67 12 30 # c.38 : bowls

1967 11 08
Abbott's Cambridge Tourist Centre started when American tour party let down; grew until 50 university students handling tours to Cambridge; then diversified into foreign travel by local residents; moved Guildhall St by Dec 1959 – 67 11 08a # c.46.45

1967 11 09
University Centre decided in 1962 as no single focus for life of university as distinct from collages – 67 11 09, 09a # c.36.9

1967 11 14
Prince Charles walks down Senate House Passage, narrowly missed by cyclist- photo – 67 11 14

1967 11 15
Police shield UA Ambassador from hundreds of students demonstrating against Vietnam war at Churchill College – 67 11 15 # c.33

1967 11 17
Drayman makes delivery in Alexandra Street – photo – 67 11 17 # B.Ale.K67
Bassingbourn RAF bomber base to close in mid 1969, 140 civilians will lose jobs – 67 11 17a

1967 11 20
Station clock becomes parking meter for bicycle – photo – 67 11 20
Rag Day disrupted by hooliganism and groups of teenagers; collecting boxes stolen – 67 11 20

1967 11 21
Railway bridge on Cambridge to Bedford Line between Toft and Bassingbourn in poor condition – 67 11 21
St Raphael Club opened in Hawthorn Way in 1963, have 150 handicapped people – feature – 67 11 21 # c.21.1

1967 11 24
Arts facilities have been neglected, is no good concert hall, might be centre of a new Lion Yard development - 67 11 24, a
Prince Richard of Gloucester transformed house in Victoria Street with five friends – 67 11 24b

1967 11 29

Kenny Hill resident defiant as ejected from house – 67 11 29

1967 11 30
Cambridge Building Society formed as Cambridge Benefit Building Society in 1847open new offices in St Andrew's Street – 67 11 30, a # c.32.4

December 1967 CN

1967 12 01
City council budget changes threaten libraries' books – 67 12 01

1967 12 06
Hovertrains will flash by at 125 mph; work to start on concrete track in March; Professor is consultant to Tracked Hovercraft Ltd - 67 12 06, 06a # c.26.2
Reach loses last pub as White Horse closes – 67 12 06b

1967 12 07
Research on mole drains to improve land drainage - 67 12 07
St Andrew's Church Chesterton spire needs repair – 67 12 07a
George Dean resigns as Secretary Cambs Football Association; played for Cambridge City – profile – 67 12 07b # c.38 : football

1967 12 08
Howard Mallet Youth Club to meet needs of new generation of young folk - 67 12 08, 08a # c.37.9

1967 12 11
Granta swimming club may join with Cambridge Amateur Swimming Club - 67 12 11

1967 12 18
Turks Head restaurant damaged in fire, another Berni in St Albans also alight – 67 12 18 # c.27.47 # c.34.75

1967 12 30
Chesterton Bowls Club new home – 67 12 30 # c.38 : bowls

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1968 01 01
Market Hill fountain from CIP 1858 - 68 01 01
Cambridge manufacturing operations of the Cambridge Instrument Company Ltd groups under a new subsidiary called Cambridge Scientific Instruments Ltd – 68 01 01a # c.27.1 : Cambridge Instrument Co

1968 01 04
J. Ward & sons cycle shop in Castle Street closes after 22 years, staff transfer to Chesterton Road branch – 68 01 04a

Victoria cinema projection equipment with projectionist Albert Waldock- feature – 69 01 04b # c.76.9
Trinity Hall Farm industrial estate entrance on Milton Road to be blocked, Stokes protests – 68 01 06a

1968 01 08
Ken Quick, Sergeant-at-mace, Guildhall – profile – 68 01 08a # c.35.7
Tracked Hovercraft Ltd want workshops in Cambridge to develop 300 mph hovertrain at Earith – 68 1 08b, 68 01 24 # c.26.2

1968 01 10
Staff of L. Eyres Knitwear of Searle Street work extra time on export bid – 68 01 10a

1968 01 11
Cambridge Cattle Market flourishing but farmers find Bury more convenient – 68 01 11a # c.27.3
Stretham wintry sun over river photo – 69 01 11b

1968 01 17
Book Bros garage in Newmarket Road up for sale following death Laurence Cook – 68 01 17a
Hardwick villagers complain of muddy path leading to school – 68 01 17b

1968 01 18
Oakington White Horse pub closed since Christmas, to reopen – 68 01 18a

1968 01 19
B & C Cartons blocked from using site in St Philip's Road for storage and industrial purposes – 68 01 19a

1968 01 20
E.M. Barraud of Lt Eversden publishes story of family – 68 01 20a
Victoria Road roadworks block traffic – photo – 68 01 20b

1968 01 25
Hovertrain delay deplorable – county council delay decision on whether to permit development laboratories in Cambridge – 68 01 25a

1968 01 26
Stretham Old Engine – feature – 68 01 26a

1968 01 28

Silver Street traffic – photo – 68 01 28

1968 01 30
Cavendish Road house demolition – photo – 68 01 30; removal men – 68 02 02a

1968 01 31
Chatteris in bid to attract Hovertrain work – 68 01 31

1968 February CN

1968 02 02
Hover project could offset city road bill – part of money paid by City Council for land in Wadloes Road could be recovered if they take up short lease – 68 02 02

1968 02 06
King's College chapel restoration work under way – photo – 68 02 06

1968 02 08
Cambridge Rag for 1968 is axed due to rowdyism and failing enthusiasm of undergraduates – 68 02 08 # c.39.95
Guy Shropshire of Barway a major grower of fen celery, devises new pack – 68 02 08a

1968 02 09
Leslie Dyer of Stretham breeds ferrets – feature – 68 02 09

1968 02 16
Mill Road Broadway shops with flats over sold for double price of seven years ago – 68 02 16

1968 02 17
City architect Gordon Logie retires due to ill-health – 68 02 17; profile of career and controversial planning issues # c.35.7 # c.49.4
Fenners groundsman Cyril Coote recollections – 68 02 17b

1968 02 19
Undergraduates invade US air base at Lakenheath in protest Vietnam war – 68 02 19 # c.33

1968 02 23
Mullard Radio Astronomy observatory discover unknown object in universe which sends out radio messages – 68 02 23 # c.36.9

1968 02 27
Cambridgeshire planners bid to block Hovertrain development in Cambridge – 68 02 27, 68 02 28a # c.49.64

1968 March CN

1968 03 04
Rupert Matthews, gyp and kitchen porter at Trinity Hall- memories – 68 03 04 c.28

1968 03 08
Hovertrain project to be housed at Ditton Walk – 68 03 08 08a # c.26.2 # c.49.64
McManus, London-based building firm terminating Cambridge interests because of attitude of local planners; selling 6-acre building site off Histon Road – 68 03 08b # c.23

1968 03 09

Defence Secretary, Denis Healey, hissed by undergraduates after meeting at University Labour Club – 68 03 09 # c.33

1968 03 26
Fitzroy Street – Burleigh St residents fear city council intend to demolish good houses under slum-clearance scheme – 68 03 26 # c.23
Churchill College porter with child picking daffodils – photo – 68 03 26a
Criterion pub, Market Passage to close – brewery cannot afford new rent asked by owners, the Edward Storey Trust – 68 03 26b # c.27.4

1968 03 29
Plough and Harrow, Barton Road, being replaced by new pub – photo – 68 03 29

April 1968 CN

1968 04 04
Walker and Walker, Market Hill tailors, to close; been there since 1849 and departure will leave only Bacons as original member of Colonnade group of shops; have served Edward VII when Prince of Wales; blame expiration of lease, rising rates and fewer old-style customers – 68 04 04 # c.27.2

1968 04 11
Fen Ditton favourite for development as new suburb – 68 04 11 # c.49.4

1968 04 22
Gabor Cossa profile – 68 04 22

1968 04 29
Marshall's garage move into new extension at Cambridge Airfield – 68 04 29 # c.26.48

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1968 05 01
E.J. How, Mill Road, baker for 100 years – 68 05 01

1968 05 02
City council buys block property in St Andrew's Street to make shopping arcade through to Lion Yard – 68 05 02

1968 05 03
Addenbrooke's Hospital make liver grafting history – first operation in country by Prof Roy Calne – 68 05 03 # c.21.4
Magnet Joinery open depot Abbey Road – 68 05 03a

1968 05 06
Cambridge Consultants almost double staff since move into new HQ at Bar Hill – 68 05 06 # c.27.1 : Cambridge Consultants

1968 05 11
Clearance of houses opposite St Mathew's Church for 100 new houses and flats, Staffordshire Street area – photo – 68 05 11 # c.23

1968 05 20
George Love removals firm – memories – 68 05 20

1968 05 22

Pete Sayers entertainer, musician – profile – 68 05 22

1968 05 24
Evelyn Nursing Home founded in 1920, 46 beds, tries to keep prices down – feature - 68 05 24 # c.21.4

1968 05 27
Bert Finbow, removal business, - profile as becomes Mayor – 68 05 27

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1968 06 03
Deryck Mumford, principal of CCAT for 30 years – profile – 68 06 03 # c.36.7
Hovercraft booked for Earith fair break down – 68 06 03a

1968 06 05
Rise and fall of Cambridge rag – feature – 68 06 05
City council may need private Parliamentary Act to abolish eight university and college seats – 68 06 05b # c.35.7

1968 06 06
Lord Adrian installed as chancellor – 68 06 06 # c.36.96

1968 06 10
Don Maltby, Cambridge entertainments manager – profile – 68 06 10

1968 06 14
Government's Industrial Reorganisation Corporation buys shares in Cambridge Instrument Company following bid by George Kent firm of instrument makers – 68 06 14, 68 07 09 # c.27.1 : Cambridge Instrument Co

1968 06 19
Cambridge Midsummer Fair in the past 45 years has gone a long way from the days when horse-drawn caravans were strewn across the grass and drinking booths by the river thumped to the sound of heavy dancing. The history of the fair since then up to the present roar of amplified beat groups is lodged firmly in the brain of an 84 year old chiropodist. Mr Percy North has completed 50 years' service with the Red Cross & been in charge of their fairground first aid station for 30. He has clear memories of early days of the fair: "Down the path leading to the river when I was a boy there used to be drinking booths. Some of them had a part boarded floor and they would have dancing. But there was a lot of drunkenness and they were closed. On the other side of the path were the cockle and whelk stalls and I remember Mrs Hames had a great boiler of hot peas. In those days the horse fair was still being held and all the caravans were horse drawn too." Not content with having a living memory of the fair Mr North enjoyed examining the history of the event and has written a short tract to explain how it began.– 68 06 19 # c.65.5

July 1968 CN

1968 07 01
Pye Unicam formed through merger W.G. Pye & Co. Ltd and Unicam Instruments – 68 07 01 # c.27.1 : Pye # c.27.1: Unicam

1968 07 04
Acting City Architect, William Cartmell resigns – 68 07 04

1968 07 11

Overnight storm causes damage – 68 07 11, 11a

1968 07 19
Trumpington cottages to be demolished – 68 07 19

1968 07 24
Miller's Restaurant and Wine Parlour bought by Gough Bros – 68 07 24

1968 07 27
Traffic jams blamed for 'lost' buses; photo bus Victoria Avenue – 68 07 27 # Q.Af

1968 07 29
Scott Polar Research Centre opening hit by fire – 68 07 29

1968 07 31
Arbury Court shopping arcade –advertisement – 68 07 31

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1968 08 01
John Edis, Cambridge gaol keeper's journal – 68 08 01
Kite area planning report from London consultants- 68 08 01a # c.49.66

1968 08 20
David book stall on Market increases prices – feature – 68 08 20 # c.25

1968 08 22
Eaden Lilley move out of Sidney Street store for new student hostel – 68 08 22

1968 08 26
Enid Porter, Folk Museum – profile – 68 08 26 # c.03 # c.39

1968 08 29
Electric Wiring and Repair Co close retail side business; established 1919 in Corn Exchange St – 68 08 29

1968 09 30
Mill Road library issues drop due parking restrictions – 68 08 30

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1968 09 02
Tony Cornell – a ghost-hunter's casebook: profile – 68 09 02

1968 09 07
Sidgwick Museum of Zoology skeleton moves to Corn Exchange Street – photo – 68 09 07

1968 09 10
G.N. Welch of Welche's Transport Ltd – profile – 68 09 10

1968 09 11
Aim Associates Cambridge Ltd, formerly Cambridge Consultants, form new company, AIM Physical Sciences – 68 09 11

1968 09 13

Local authority homes for old or handicapped people – feature – 68 09 13 # c.32.9

1968 09 20
How floods hit region: picture parade – 68 09 20 CIP

1968 09 25
B.E. Cocks, motor engineers, buy four acres land Coldham's Lane for new garage; few areas allocated for industrial use – 68 09 25; plans rejected – 68 11 26

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1968 10 04
Cheddars Lane sewage pumping station – fight to prevent demolition; may become museum – 69 10 04 council reprieve from demolition – 68 10 11 # c.03 # c.29.8
John Slater photographer started Newmarket after WWII, moved to maltings in Fordham Rd 1968 producing good-quality colour prints – 68 10 04a # c.65.5

1968 10 05
Harvest with horses, Stuntney – photo – 68 10 05 # W.22

1968 10 09
St Laurence's Roman Catholic School opening – 68 10 09 # c.36.5

1968 10 10
Panorama from Castle Hill – photo – 68 10 10
Arbury – green bounded by Crowland Way and Cadwin Fields fills with water – photo – 68 10 10a # B.Arb

1968 10 11
Civic Restaurant closure would be a calamity but site needed for Lion Yard – 68 10 11 # c.27.47

1968 10 12
History Faculty building opens a year late – with leaks – 68 10 12 # c.36.9 # c.61

1968 10 14
Prosser Scientific Instruments may move because of veto on industrial development – 68 10 14 # c.27.1 # c.49.64

1968 10 18
It's not just books. A printed guide to Cambridge in German or French, a list of inexpensive boarding houses, sets of plastic armour, telephone book from Chicago … all can be found at the City Library. But the majority of users at the Cambridge Central library and its six branches think only in terms of books and exhibit a curious inhibition when a simple verbal enquiry would produce a wealth of further information. The sheer weight of Information Services and material, which the City Library service handles make any reticence on the part of the public that much more regrettable and the moral must surely be to ask if material is available, however, obscure the subject. At the moment valuable collections of local history, of maps, directories, playbills and a thousand other items are hidden from the public gaze by the cramped, nature of the premises. This will be remedied when the Library eventually moves to its proposed new home in Lion Yard. The staff at the library battle with cramped conditions both of themselves the books and other material. But in spite of the difficulties the reader at any one of the branches or the central library has a worldwide service open to him. In the Lending Department in addition to fiction and nonfiction volumes the libraries also handle Ordnance Survey maps, books in many languages and a selection of special large print books for those who sight is not so good. A readers' inquiry service will trace particular titles, compile reading lists on request, provide assistance with catalogues and trace particular volumes. The search begins in the City's own

libraries and if unsuccessful extends to libraries in other regions. If necessary books can be obtained from libraries abroad and some valuable works at been obtained for readers in this way. The topic of a Record Library was argued for some years before it was finally established. But its success has never been in doubt. Accommodation difficulties weigh as heavily on the music section as it does on other parts of the building. Even so, books on music, sheet music, records and miniature scores are housed together. A most useful feature is a music diary in which concert organizers can check they do not clash with other activities. Record borrowers pay an annual subscription of 25 shillings, plus sixpence, a week hire charge and for this he has more than ,2500 records in both mono and stereo to choose from. The Children's Library maintains an excellent blend of all the traditional and classical favourites, plus plenty of modern material. In addition, the children's librarian also administers a books service for schools. Considerable expertise is used in maintaining a pool of volumes paid for by the Education Committee and available to all City Schools. With it goes a wide range of general educational material, wall charts, posters, film strips and slides records as well as various models, including suits of armour. Another service for children is the holiday club for youngsters beyond the ages of five to 10. The Administration Department deals with the expert selection, receipt and accessioning procedures and catalogues about 20,000 books each year. But basically the library service is concerned with the public and with public relations. In addition to the quantity of material available under variety of subject, which is regularly given away, library staff provide a number of illustrated talks to local societies and organisations. The Information Bureau located in the large Reference Library forms the focal point of relations with a very large public. For once, figures do not give a true indication of the volume of work this particular department undertakes. And they also make it clear that the tallest use this information centre to a much greater extent that is commonly supposed. For the year ended March 1968, the number of readers in the Reference Library was recorded at 85,801 while the information desk had dealt with 27,651 personal inquiries of which 4,326 were tourists. The desk is well equipped to answer queries from the visitor and has to hand a number of pamphlets and lists of extraordinary variety including language schools, hotels boarding houses, cafes and restaurants. Even the one-day visitor who doesn't speak a word of English has not been neglected. Well-illustrated brochures in French and German are available and provide a summary of the background to Cambridge and the location of colleges and major features. Written in English is a brochure which includes specimen walks around the city. Street maps in various forms are also available to the tourist and visitor. Thus the library service has aims to provide as comprehensive a service as possible, and to tell as many people as they can about it. And the present level of public interest suggests that service is thoroughly appreciated. 68 10 18&a c.77.4 # F.D.K68

1968 10 22
Eaden Lilley alterations, bedding department entered from Green Street – 68 10 22
Hovertrain's 'tremendous' export potential – 68 10 22a

1968 10 28
King's Hedges School, built two years ago, needs major structural alterations – 68 10 28; two schools to be re-roofed – 68 11 27 # c.36.5
Enoch Powell speaks secretly at Union as police thwart city demonstrations – 68 10 28a # c.33

1968 10 29
Orchard Street cottages photo – 68 10 29 # B.Orc

1968 10 31
Enid Porter awarded Folk-Lore Society medal for fen studies – 68 10 31 # c.03 # c.39

November 1968 CN

1968 11 01
Pye Group – 400 jobs at Pye Telecommunications and Combined Electronic Services – 68 11 01
Bird's eye of New Square car park from Lauries – photo – 68 11 01a # B.New

Problems of multi-deck car park – photo Park Street and Lion Yard – 68 11 01b # c.49.62 # B.Par # B.Lio

1968 11 05
Parking at Rex, Magrath Ave – photo – 68 11 05 # B.Mag

1968 11 06
Clare Hall topping out – Brian Pippard photo – 68 11 06 # c.44.5

Dolphin Lane, Ely – photo – 68 11 06a

1968 11 12
Lion Yard plans – outline planning agreed, details – 68 11 12, 12a

1968 11 14
Sea-gas arrives, preparation for mass change-over of meters and appliances – feature – 68 11 14, 14a

1968 11 15
Shorter track planned for Tracked Hovertrain tests – 7½ miles between Earith and Welches Dam – 68 11 15

1968 11 19
Marks & Spencer extension opens; came in 1934, extended 1937, 1938 and 1966. Present expansion on site former Millers Music shop – 68 11 19 # c.27.2
Cambridge Society of Industrial Archaeology set up to save Cheddars Lane and develop as museum of technology – 68 11 19a # c.29.8 # c.03

1968 11 21
Stewart and Patterson says closure of Ely brewery due need for economies of scale from brewing at Norwich and Northampton – 69 11 21

1968 11 25
Trinity College start new accommodation block on site of Matthews in Sidney Street releasing land in Petty Cury for Lion Yard – 68 11 25
Three-wheel car hung under Bridge of Sighs – details – 68 11 25a # c.36.93 # c.44.7

1968 11 27
Richard Ramsey Fielder of Upware and Broad Arrow sign – 68 11 27a

1968 11 28
Cambridge Civic Restaurant deals with more than 1000 customers each day. It is a direct descendant of the British Restaurants of wartime years of which they were a number in Cambridge and was established shortly after the war years in the former Post Office building at the entrance to Petty Cury. Catering begins at 10 with coffee, continuing to lunch and through to the afternoon high teas. It operates on strictly commercial lines and would go out of existence if it made a loss for three years in succession. Whatever the restaurant may lack in gloss and sophistication it balances by moving closer to mother's home cooking. Wherever possible vegetables are fresh, milk is used exclusively in the custard and cream is real. In 1961 a snack bar was established in what was the waiting area for the main restaurant and this has been an unqualified success. The Civic Restaurant now has seating for 200 people and lunches consist of a range of permutations on fish and chips, sausages, beans, potato and other staples. Shepherd's pie is very popular with customers. A main lunch course costs 2/10, a sweet 9d and a cup of tea 5d. Until recently it also produced more than 1000 meals a month for the W.R.V.S. Meals on Wheels service. The setting has been made a little more intimate by the provision of opaque screens, Members of the Cambridge Catering Committee are frequent customers at the Restaurant - which does not go unnoticed by the staff. 68 11 28 # c.27.47a

December 1968 CN

1968 12 05
King's College chapel new setting for Adoration painting – 68 12 05 # c.44.5

1968 12 09
Walter Easy drives Cambridge taxis for 50 years; was provincial car company in 190 which started at old tram depot in East Road; father one of first to have motor transport – T-model Ford, later motor-cycle taxis – details – 68 12 09 # c.26.48 # c.26.47

1968 12 10
Lords Bridge railway station to be observatory – photo – 68 12 10

1968 12 14
Cambridgeshire Local History Council put people in touch with expert – 68 12 14

1968 12 17
New techniques for sewer-laying and new pumping station which will use current derived from effluent – detailed feature – 68 12 17, a # c.29.8

1968 12 27
History of non-university rowing researched by James Moy – details – 68 12 27 # c.38 : rowing

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January 1969 CN

1969 01 11
Trustee Savings Bank opens fourth branch in Burleigh Street – 69 01 01
John Hilton Bureau – the postal service run by the 'News of the World' – closes – 69 01 11

1969 01 13
David Constant appointed City Council director of leisure activities – 69 01 13
N.A.B. celebrates 50th birthday; was opened by King George V and Queen Mary; started with 10 acres of grounds, worked on virus-free potatoes – 69 01 13a # c.18

1969 01 15
Mathematical Laboratories in Corn Exchange Street to be demolished; how to move Titan computer; EDSAC 1 started in 1949, EDSAC 2 in 1958 – 69 01 15 # c.36.9 # c.27.5

1969 01 22
RAF Bassingbourn to close – feature- 69 01 22

1969 01 24
Cambridge-St Ives railway line could be kept running – feature – 69 01 24

1969 01 30
Undergraduate sit-in at Old Schools in solidarity with students at LSE – 69 01 30, 30a, 69 01 31a # c.36.92
Challis & Sons fishing tackle shop in Newmarket Rd to close after 31 years, was formerly Hardings; made Pembroke and Trinity reels – feature – 69 01 30b # c.38 : fishing

1969 01 31
Lloyd Stokes sells land at Trinity Hall industrial site; as farmland would be worth £130 an acres, now sold for £200,000 – 69 01 31 # c.27.1 # c.49.64

February 1969 CN

1969 02 03
Jehovah's Witnesses start to build new Kingdom Hall in Stanley Road using volunteers; 10 years ago were 40 Ministers of Jehovah in Cambridge, now are 140; lists rooms used since 1933 – 69 02 03 # c.83
Kenneth Gilbert closes butcher's shop in Newmarket Road; to become coin-laundrette – 69 02 03a

1969 02 04
Abandoned cars between De Freville Ave and Haig Road worry parents – photo – 69 02 04 # Q.Al.

1969 02 05
Lion Yard plan decision delayed by Minister – 69 02 05

1969 02 07
Sports Hall plans delayed by Government – 69 02 07

1969 02 08
Snow traps scores in Cambridge – 69 02 08, 08a # c.12.1
Prince Charles crowns Rag Queen- 69 02 08b, 69 02 15a # c.36.98 # c.36.95 # c.02

1969 02 13
W. Heffer & sons open new children's bookshop in Trinity Street, plan to move main shop from Petty Cury – 69 02 13 # c.25

1969 02 15
Rag Day takes new look; parades off in break with Poppy tradition; squeeze into mini car – 69 02 15 # c.36.95 # V.U

1969 02 21
Fitzroy Street redevelopment – architect's impression – 69 02 21, 21a # c.49.66 # c.49.4

1969 02 24
James Ritchie, Cambridge's only head brewer at Star Brewery – profile – 69 02 24 # c.27.41

1969 02 25
Prince Charles as singing dustman in Rag revue – 69 02 25 # c.36.95 # c.02
Wallis open new garage Mitcham's Corner – 69 02 25a,b # c.26.48

March 1969 CN

1969 03 01
Walk-out over 'dictatorship of Stretham rector John Hornby – 69 03 01
Prince Philip and Princess Anne watch Prince Charles perform in Trinity College revue, handed protest leaflet about tour of South Africa by undergraduates who broke into auditorium – 69 03 01a # c.02 # c.46.92

1969 03 03
Darwin College new buildings opened, include first octagonal dining room – 69 03 03 # c.44.5

1969 03 05
Banham's Boatyard old premises being switched to new building to make way for Elizabeth Bridge – 69 03 05 # c.29.65

1969 03 07
NIAB opening by Queen Mary in 1921 – memories – 69 03 07 # c.19 # c.02
Riverside Jazz Club revived with New Riverside Jazz Band – 69 03 07a # c.69

1969 03 12
Queen visits Prince Charles at rooms in Trinity then visits NIAB – 69 03 12, 12a # c.02

1969 03 13
Cambridge News first evening newspaper to include full-colour photos less than 24 hours after they were taken; film flown to colour plant at Coventry and printed pages driven back to Cambridge in fleet of radio-controlled vans – 69 03 13, 13b # c.043
NIAB Royal Jubilee – Queen visits – 69 03 13a , b # c.18

1969 03 14
Whippet coaches buy six more vehicles – 69 03 14

1969 03 18
Cherry Hinton old spring cleaned out – photo – 69 03 18 # Y.Cher

1969 03 19
Milletts outfitters, St Andrew's Street damaged by fire which threatened a whole block of shops and offices; may have been raided – 69 03 19, 19f # c.27.2 # c.34.75

Front of McManus estate on Histon Road, which has been derelict for several years, is to be developed; new firm hopes to start work on 63-house estate – 69 03 19a # c.23

Enid Porter 'Cambridgeshire customs and folklore' book published; review – 69 03 19b # c.03

Gwydir Street public baths opened in 1927; part may be turned into sauna – 69 03 19c # c.21.1

ADC Theatre given permission to show films all year round , stands empty for much of year – 69 03 19d # c.76 # c.76.9

Arthur Marshall appointed Sheriff – 69 03 19e

1969 03 20
Dunsmore Close, modern development astride old Cambridge- Mildenhall railway line – photo – 69 03 20
Northampton Street cottages, four empty converted by St John's College for use of married graduates – 69 03 20a

1969 03 27
Titan computer lowered into place after being transferred from old mathematics laboratory into New Museums Site – photo – 69 03 27 # c.27.5

1969 03 29
Prince Philip opens Churchill College conference – 69 03 29 # c.02

1969 03 31
Harry Beard world in theatre – profile – 69 03 31
Flying Scotsman stops at Cambridge station – photo – 69 03 31a # c.26.2

April 1969 CN

1969 04 03
Cambridge prefabs to be demolished – feature; have gone from Church End, Walpole Road and Fisher's Lane; leaves 40 at Gilbert Close and in Lichfield Road – Golding Rad area – 69 04 03 # c.23

1969 04 05
Excavation of Roman town in Mounty Pleasant, Albion Row area- 69 04 05 # c.41

1969 04 09
Simon Community home for vagrants – profile – 69 04 09, 09a # c.32.9 # tv photo

1969 04 15
Clara Rackham bronze bust unveiled at Alex Wood Hall – 69 04 15

1969 04 21
Stanley Stubbs retires as head of Perse – profile – 69 04 21 # c.36.5

1969 04 24
Inner Relief Road scheme rejected by Minister – 69 04 24, 24a # c.49.62
Louisa Hall memories of Edwardian Cambridge – series – 69 04 24b, c, 69 05 01b,c 69 05 08, 69 05 15, 15a

1969 04 25
Abbeyfield Cambridge Society houses for elderly – feature – 69 04 25 # c.32.9

1969 04 29
Combined Electronic Services factory, part of Pye group, closes – 69 04 29 # c.27.1 # c.27.1: Pye

1969 04 30
Sidney Street properties to keep façade during major changes by Trinity College – 69 04 30
Bridge Street buildings on corner Round Church Street must be restored to original condition; owners P.H. Allin want to demolish – 69 04 30a. Storm over plans to demolish – 69 05 14 , 14a# c.61

May 1969 CN

1969 05 01
Tanner and Hall roofers move from Hills Road railway siding to new offices at Harston, formed in 1953 – 69 05 01, 01a # c.23

1969 05 02
Undergraduates try burn academic gowns on laws of Senate House in protest against examinations – 69 05 02, a # c.36.92
Inner Relief Road rejection – what now – 69 05 02b # c.49.62

1969 05 05
Fencolor Laboratories move from Abbey Road to Coldham's Road; started in early 1950's in Bridge Street; will increase workers to 80 – 69 05 05 # c.65.5
Cambridge United win Southern League championship – 69 05 05a,b # c.38 : football

1969 05 06
Tracked hovertrain prepare for Earith track – 69 05 06

1969 05 09

Lion Hotel demolition begins – photo – 69 05 09

1969 05 15
John Pesie, founder of Cambridge Asphalt Group dies – 69 05 15

1969 05 17
Ely Woolpack inn closes – 69 05 17

Baldry's move to new factory in Harvest Way from Gold St; started in 1923, first to use all-automatic crown cork sealed bottles; took over Cambridge Soda Works and in 1925 acquired important contract for mineral waters with a local brewery; began bottling cider in 1930 and in 1935 extended range to confectionary, cocktail sausages, pickles and groceries. Bought Sawston Aerated Water Company – 69 05 17a, b, c # c.27.4 # c.27

1969 05 19
Selwyn College Cripps Court opens – 69 05 19 # c.44.5

1969 05 20
East Road roundabout planted with flowers – photo – 69 05 20

1969 05 21
Snowy Farr, Oakington roadman with trike and top hat – 69 05 21

1969 05 22
Ely Library receives Civic Trust award – 69 05 22

1969 05 28
King's College to become second to admit women – 69 05 28 # c.36.98

1969 05 30
University 'Science City 'planned for 300-acre site near Coton – 69 05 30 # c.49.4 # c.49.8

June 1969 CN

1969 06 05
Steam punt with paddle wheel launched by student – 69 06 05 # c.26.3
Work on bridge carrying A45 over stream at Quy – photo – 69 06 05a

1969 06 06
Sainsbury's want two self-service shops to replace their antiquated premises in Sidney Street, one in Trinity Street, the other in the Kite – 69 06 06, 06a # c.27.4
Coldham's Common lake listed in sports report – 69 06 06b
Gasworks ceases production after 140 years to make way for sea gas, 60 lose jobs – 69 06 06c # c.24.4

1969 06 09
A.G. Hutchinson, chapel clerk at Trinity College – profile – 69 06 09

1969 06 10
Queen Mother attends centenary lunch at Girton College – 69 06 10, 11a # c.44.5 # c.02
Midsummer Common four-day pop music concert prompts protests – 69 06 10a # c.69

1969 06 11
Maud report on local government says Cambridge to become geographical centre of huge new authority as part of three-tier system – 69 06 11 # c.35.1

1969 06 18
Petty Cury flower seller loses pitch with demolition of Lion Hotel, is built replacement site – 69 06 18

1969 06 19
Gelignite used to blast away one of four brick piers which carried the old Cambridge to Bedford railway line over the Cam at Trumpington – 69 06 19 # c.26.2

1969 06 23
Investment Research start biggest micro-filmed chart library of stock exchange dealings – 69 06 23

1969 06 24
Walnut Tree Avenue site for storage equipment for construction Elizabeth Bridge; Banham's boatyard has moved to new premises, ferry remains – 69 06 24 # c.44.7
Midsummer Fair china seller feature – 69 06 24a # c.27.31

1969 06 26
Pete Sayers, Newmarket singer has own TV show in Nashville – 69 06 26

July 1996 CN

1969 07 01
Red Lodge plans for bypass cause controversy – feature – 69 07 01
J. Lyons & Co sign Petty Cury to change – photo – 69 07 01a # B
Prince Charles' career since he came to Cambridge – feature – 69 07 01b,c,d,e # c.02

1969 07 02
Sale city centre property including Arts Cinema, Miller's Music, Eaden Lilley warehouse, Jarrolds – 69 07 02 # c.06
Trustee Savings Bank introduce first 24-hour self-service banking – 69 07 02a # c.32.7

1969 07 04
P.O. Reed, hairdresser started 53 Trumpington St, 1946 to Mill Road, then King St etc – history – 69 07 04

1969 07 09
Reach - 'King Len' abdicates, gives village back to Queen – 69 07 09

1969 07 10
Elizabeth Bridge engineering problems – feature – 69 07 10 # c.44.7

1969 07 11
Swim through Cambridge – exiting finish to women's race & photo – 69 07 11 # c.38 : swimming

1969 07 17
George Moons shop, Fitzroy Street recalled – 69 07 17 # P.Moo

1969 07 18
Women Land Army WWI, includes Mrs E. Hobbs of Milton (3rd from left) photo – 69 07 18 # T.W.8

1969 07 19
St Luke's CofE Primary School official opening – 69 07 19 # c.36.5

1969 07 22

Waterbeach electric pumping station near locks in Ranold Road were installed last February, completed in May – 69 07 22 # c.29

1969 07 25
Queen Anne Terrace car park plans approved, to open next June – 69 07 25 # c.49.62
Walt-ham-stell, large house in landscaped gardens, Barton Rd is the 1795 'House in the Fen', a famous old coaching inn; is tunnel to Grantchester & Roman well. Permission granted for demolition but should be saved – 69 07 25a # c.61

1969 07 28
Norman Higgins, impresario, was manager Tivoli in 1928, involved Arts Cinema & Theatre, served on board – profile- 69 07 28 # c.76

August 1969 CN

1969 08 07
Swaffham Prior old fire engine restored – 69 08 07
King's College to close two gates at weekend in bid to control tourists, others consider – 69 08 07a

1969 08 21
Traffic warden controls cars – photo – 69 08 21 # T.

1969 08 23
Demolition on corner Gloucester Street & Castle Hill for new County Council premises – photo – 69 08 23

1968 08 25
Percy Reed hairdresser – profile – 69 08 25

1969 08 27
Cantab Enterprises creditors to meet - are retail owned buying group of grocers and general stores, formed 1959, cash-and-carry warehouse started 1966 – 69 08 27
Arbury Roman settlement – archaeology – 69 08 27a

1969 08 29
Cambridge may have an improved Tourist Information Bureau in the section of the Central Library in Wheeler Street now occupied by the Children's Library. This department will be moved to the newspaper Reading Room which is used regularly as a place out of the rain by undesirables. The papers and periodicals displayed there will be put into the existing Reference Library section. The moves will allow for the present music library to be extended. The scheme would mean the employment of two additional staff members at a total cost of about £2,000 a year. The new Bureau could undertake answering accommodation requests from tourists and possibly also sell picture postcards and photographic slides. – 69 08 29 # c.77.4

September 1969 CEN

1969 09 02
Cambridge News changes title to Cambridge Evening News – 69 08 26 (old) 69 09 01, 02a; change names on vans – 69 09 02a # c.04

1969 09 08
Maurice Stevenson, longest-serving film projectionist – memories – 69 09 08 # c.76.9

1969 09 15
Percheron parade through streets – 69 09 15

1969 09 16
German bomb might be buried in mud of Cam near Victoria Bridge – 69 09 16

1969 09 18
New Addenbrooke's Hospital progress – feature – 69 09 18

1969 09 23
Alison Quiggin memories of Women Citizen's Association and women's activities – 69 09 23
Gloucester Street building site progress – photo – 69 09 23a

1969 09 24
Market holders discontent over plans for Market Square – 69 09 24; plans delayed – 69 09 25; plans outlined – 69 10 01, 01a # c.27.3

October 1969 CEN

1969 10 03
Civic Restaurant to end when building demolished for Lion Yard, to be no new home – 69 10 03 # c.27.47

1969 10 08
Mill Road maternity hospital premature baby unit opened – 69 10 08 # c.21.4

1969 10 09
Dons divided on plans for science city proposals for West Cambridge site – 69 10 09 # c.49.8 # c.36.9 # c.49.4

1969 10 10
Royal Cambridge Hotel fire – 69 10 10 # c.34.75 # c.27.45

1969 10 25
Cambridge Scientific Instrument Company second fire in two weeks – 69 10 15 # c.27.1 : Cambridge Instruments # c.34.74
Demolition of Regency Houses in Bene't Place to make way for bio-chemistry department – inquiry – 69 10 25 # c.61

1969 10 30
Hiam's farms at Shippea Hill, Pratts Farm Prickwillow, Ape's Hall Littleport and Stretham not sold – 69 10 30
Enoch Powell dodges protesting demonstrators when speaking at Union Society – 69 10 30a # c.33

November 1969 CEN

1969 11 04
Magdalene Bridge to be replaced with present cast-iron structure replaced with 'a simple modern design', says Ministry – 69 11 04 # c.44.7

1969 11 06
Pye establish new computer centre opposite St Andrew's Road HQ – 69 11 06

1969 11 07
Garlic Row industrial site final stages, is for relocation of businesses within Cambridge – 69 11 07

1969 11 11

Capt A.C. Taylor, managing director of CDN for 40 years; his father William Farrow Taylor founded paper in 1888; he became manager in 1919; was acquired by Lord Iliffe in 1959 – 69 11 11 # c.04
Judge leaves Trinity en route Assizes – photo – 69 11 11a

1969 11 12
Cambridge Collection grows – 'Arbury News' magazines being added by J. Barham, is developing an S.D.I. system to inform readers; copy photos, use of books increases 50% in three years – 69 11 12 # c.77.4
Banham's ferry being used by engineer – photo – 69 11 12 # K.F.

1969 11 15
Josephine Victory of Stretham starts training RAF nursing – 69 11 15

1969 11 18
Tracked hovercraft model on show – 69 11 18, 69 12 04# c.26.2
Railwaymen deliver newspapers overnight – feature – 69 11 18a & b # c.04 # c.26.2

1969 11 20
Tunnellers prepare for Elizabeth Bridge, divert pipes underground – profile – 69 11 20 # c.44.7

1969 11 26
Traffic jams in Magdalene Street due accident – photo – 69 11 26

December 1969 CEN

1969 12 03
Elsworth village lacks sewers, bury waste – feature – 69 12 03
Barclay's Bank extension, Bene't St – photo – 69 12 03a

1969 12 10
Clare Hall new college – feature – 69 12 10, 10a # c.44.5

1969 12 13
City traffic emergency test – motorists headed for car parks on edge of city, Midsummer Common, Shire Hall – 69 12 13 # c.26.46 #c.49.62

1969 12 23
Ratepayers force council to hold a public vote on their Private Bill aimed at giving council wider financial powers and improve building lines – 69 12 23 # c.35.7

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January 1970 CEN

1970 01 03
Bassingbourn parish library in parish church for 250 years sold to Universities of Cambridge and Essex. Was started in 1717 by resident and comprises 800 volumes – 70 01 03

1970 01 06
U.F.O. over West Wickham rattles roof – 70 01 06
Mitcham's Corner being widened, the end house being demolished – photo – 70 01 06a # B.Mit

1970 01 09
County to ease ban on city industry, approve science-based industry – 70 01 09, 09a # c.49.64 # c.49.4

1970 01 13
Vicarage Terrace now site of Cherry Trees Old People's Centre – photos before and after – 70 01 13 # B.Vic

1970 01 14
Simon community derelict pub on East Road taken over as place of refuge is to close – 70 01 14 # c.32.9

1970 01 15
Herbert Webb blacksmith in Russell Street – photo – 70 01 15 # PC.Bla
Gonville Hotel planned to grow into one of city's biggest with room sup from 20 to 100 – 70 01 15a # c.27.45

1970 01 20
Elizabeth Bridge construction work on subway – photo – 70 01 20

1970 01 21
Ted Salisbury garage to expand with coming Elizabeth Way – 70 01 21 # c.26.48

1970 01 23
Jack Hobb's childhood home at 4 Rivar Place, Sleaford St to be demolished – photo – 70 01 23
Papworth St Agnes village owned by St John Sperling – feature – 70 01 23a & b

1970 01 28
Regency houses in Bene't Place may not be demolished for University biochemistry – 70 01 28 # c.61

February 1970 CEN

1970 02 04
Ministry of Technology Computer Aided Design Centre, Madingley Road operating nine months; staff outnumber the firms who have found anything useful to design by computer – 70 02 04 # c.27.5

1970 02 05
Steadily and inexorably the flood advanced and by dusk much of what in the morning had been fertile fen was a mass of grey water gleaming dimly in the fading light. Houses, bungalows, farm buildings and stacks stood maroon and desolate. Destiny may have chosen 1947 to devastate fen country with one of the worst disasters in its history. But destiny also chose the man to record it, Mr W. Martin

Lane of Ely. It was a remarkable fulfilment of a childhood premonition that bought Mr Lane to take 1,000 photographs. Examples from a set of 300 pictures in this priceless record of the floods are the centrepiece of an exhibition of local history being staged in by Cambridge City Libraries in the Guildhall from February 11th to 13th . When a child Mr Lane was shown tide marks of floods in old fen houses. He had a premonition that the fens would flood again and that he would be there to photograph it. As acres went deep under water he went into action with his camera to record a record of the flood in detail that no Fleet Street photographers could hope to emulate. Mr Lane's pictures, which one's raised large sums to help in flood relief, form a centrepiece to a varied exhibition. It will include sections on local arts - fiction set in Cambridgeshire, poetry and the theatre - tourist Cambridge, trades and industries, Cambridge at war, amateur and professional press, transport and other aspects of local history – 70 02 05; exhibition sets up – Mike Petty, Alison Barker, Clare Beatty - photo – 70 02 11a# c.29 # c.77.4 # F.D.

1970 02 06
George Cunningham school dentist to be remembered – 70 02 06

1970 02 10
Malting Lane, Newnham – sketch – 70 02 10 # B.Mal

1970 02 11
Anti-Greek junta demonstrators fail disrupt tourist exhibition at Dorothy – 70 02 11 # c.33

1970 02 11
The mayor of Cambridge was presented with 1000 negatives of the fen floods of 1947 by Mr W. Martin Lane at the opening of a local history exhibition in the Small Hall of the Guildhall. The photographs provide the central feature of the exhibition which is to be open for the next days. Opening the exhibition, the Chairman of the Libraries Committee, Alderman Elliot Ridgeon, said the collection of local history was obviously very useful to historians and equally interesting to the general public. But many people probably did not know of its existence, because it was housed in a very inadequate room which was not open to the public. The items in the collection are available only on request from the Reference Library. "I hope the publicity that we are able to give it will enhance the use to which it is going to be put. By 1974 we hope the new library will be built in the Lion Yard and there should be adequate facilities to house the Collection there", he said 70 02 11a

1970 02 14
Garden House Riot against Greek holiday promotion – 70 02 14, 14a, 14b# c.36.93 # c.33 # c.34.6

1970 02 16
Cambridge Computer Services ltd take delivery £200,000 computer, 10-unit ICL 1903a delivered through window at Juniper House – 70 02 16

1970 02 17
Tenpin bowling rink, Mill Road, shuts down suddenly by Magnet Bowling who opened it in 1965 – 70 02 17 # c.38 : bowling

1970 02 18
Student demonstrations menace – discuss Garden House violence – 70 02 18 & a # c.36.93 # c.33 # c.34.6

1970 02 21
Prince Charles in Trinity Review with bagpipes – 70 02 21 # c.02

1970 02 27

'Grandfather's Cambridge' – memories of Bob Acres – 70 02 27, 70 03 06, 70 03 13, 70 03 20, 70 03 26 & 26a, 70 04 03b, 70 04 10 & 10a, 70 04 17, 70 04 24a, 70 05 01, 70 05 08 & a, 70 05 15 & a, 70 05 22, 70 05 29 & a
National Health Service new buildings in Vinery Road – 70 02 27a # c.21.16

March 1970 CEN

1970 03 04
Lion Yard library might be built by Development Company instead of the city council. Ravenseft Properties may agreed to build the three-storey library because it is scheduled to go on top of a block of shops; the city would then lease the building from the company – 70 03 04 # c.77.4 # c.49.

1970 03 09
Moore Pianos to close after 50 years due problems skilled staff – 70 03 09 # c.69
What now for Magnet bowl and old cinemas – 70 03 09a

1970 03 10
Fulbourn Hospital renovation – feature – 70 03 10 # c.21.5

1970 03 13
Elizabeth Bridge last concrete span fixed in place – 70 03 13a # c.44.7

April 1970 CEN

1970 04 01
Richard Duce took over Coldham's Lane site in 1948 after a brickyard closed and since then recovered 23,000 tons of copper and aluminium from scrap metal' has sold most site to London property company for new trading estate; to demolish chimney and move to bottom of the site between railway line & Newmarket Road – 70 04 01 # c.21.15
Otto Wehrle jewels shop clock may disappear as shop closes after 125 years – 70 04 01a # c.27.2

1970 04 03
Y.M.C.A. celebrate centenary – feature – 70 04 03e # c.37.9
Two Tees Boat Yard opened by Ernest Tyler and Mo Tyrrell, worked for Banham's – 70 04 03a # c.29.6

1970 04 23
Library roof leak – photo of children's library – 70 04 23; 79 09 18 # F.D.

1970 04 24
Bassingbourn school discover glass slides – 70 04 24

1970 04 25
Harold Woolfenden runs Cambridge Music Shop – profile – 70 04 25 # c.69
Trinity College plan 13-acre Science Park – 70 04 25a # c.49.64 # c.27.1

1970 04 30
Gustava Vasa memorial, Chesterton restored – 70 04 30 # c.62
Tracked Hovercraft concrete track – feature – 70 04 30a,b,c,d # c.26.2

1970 04 31
St Faith's School new hall opened – 70 04 31 # c.36.5

May 1970 CEN

1970 05 06
Roller skating – 200 attend Corn Exchange – 70 05 06
Prince Charles opens Kettle's Yard – 70 05 06a # c.02 # c.03

1970 05 11
1,000 march to Free Greek Rally – 70 05 11 # c.33

1970 05 13
Prince Charles speaks Union Society, with Earl Mountbatten – 70 05 13 # c.02

1970 05 14
Kent Cambridge Scientific set up in USA to market electron probe made by Cambridge Scientific Instruments – 70 05 14 # c.27.1 : Cambridge Instruments

1970 05 16
Painting farm house junction Newmarket Road & Coldham's Lane – 70 05 16 & a # B.Newm

1970 05 18
Free Press licensee Geoffrey Nichols there 43 years – memories – 70 05 18 # c.27.4
Newmarket Road new roundabout – photo – 70 05 18a # B.Newm

1970 05 22
Elizabeth Way taking shape – aerial photo – 70 05 22a

1970 05 37
Taxi drivers push cabs – photo – 70 05 27

1970 05 28
Fire Serck Services radiator firm, East Road – 70 05 28 # c.34.75

1970 05 29
George Porter of Galloway & Porter profile –firm started in 1901 – 70 05 29b # c.25

1970 05 30
Cambridge United elected to 4th Division Football League – 70 05 30, b15 06 14b # c.38 : football
Police move to Parkside HQ – 70 05 30a

June 1970 CEN

1970 06 01
Prince Charles walks back to college rooms after examinations, Senate House Passage – photo – 70 06 01

1970 06 02
Public works committee members cross Cam on ferry at inspection Elizabeth Bridge – photo – 70 06 02 # K.F.

1970 06 03
Kidney Unit at Douglas House can be opened following permission for junior doctor; team headed by Prof Roy Calne; unit contains ten kidney machines – 70 06 03, 03a # c.21.4

1970 06 04
Parkside police station – feature – 70 06 04

1970 06 08

Cambridge United welcomed in return from German tour – 70 06 08

1970 06 10
De Vere granted permission for hotel and office block at Pound Hill – but will be inquiry – 70 06 10 # c.49.4 # c.27.45

1970 06 12
Dr Dale has private 'black museum' – feature – 70 06 12 & a # c.03

1970 08 15
Harry Porter, professor steeped in theatre – profile – 70 06 15

1970 06 16
Birch's Garage began Victoria Road in 1956, moved Milton Road – feature – 70 06 16 # c.26.48

1970 06 17
Kite area plan 'torn up behind locked doors' – city reject consultants' recommendation, to form consortium with Jesus College and a property company, inquiry told – 70 06 17 # c.49.4 # c.49.66

1970 06 19
University Graduate Centre – feature – 70 06 19, 19a # c.36.9
David Lane and Scurfield talk during election county – photo – 70 06 19b # W.33

1970 06 20
Keith Whetstone, editor of Cambridge Evening News – profile – 70 06 20 # c.04

1970 06 22
Cliff Richard sings and speaks at Gt St Mary's – 70 06 22 # c.69

1970 06 24
Garden House Riot – trial – 70 06 24 # c.34.6 #c.36.93

1970 06 25
Ely-Ouse – Essex scheme – feature – 70 06 25 & 25a # c.29
Barclays Bank modernise Bene't St HQ – feature – 70 06 25b & c # c.32.8

1970 06 26
Monsoon Day floods Campkin Road
A freak storm hit without warning and for more than two hours Cambridgeshire was lashed by rain hand and gale-force winds. Two and a half feet of water gushed into houses in Captain Road, Cambridge, causing hundreds of pounds worth of damage. Every house from 68-78 was flooded. And just as householders began to win the battle with the water heavy vehicles, forcing their way back way through, Sent shockwaves of water cascading back into their houses. At number 68 residents stood in the middle of a running river of water flowing through their front door and out the back. The husband cast a baleful look over the brand new deep pink wallpaper in the Hall. It was slowly changing colour as the water crept up. "We decorated the place only a couple of weeks ago. We managed to get out carpet up in time. But we don't think we have lost anything" he said. A widow said "Everything is soaking. We are using bed covers and any material to mop up and keep the water out." Several neighbours formed bucket chains to remove water. At the Jenny Wren Public House on the corner of Saint Kilda Way Water burst into the cellars and the Landlady was worried her beer stocks might suffer. At the Kingsway Flats underground garages were swamped and at Ferrars Way the subways to the lock up garages were impossible. On the McManus Estate Chatsworth Avenue was one of the worst hit points. Householders in shorts and swimming costumes battled to keep the flood water out.

Dozens of calls for help were sent out by people to the fire service and police but because of the situation throughout the county no help came until the floods abated around 6pm. 70 06 26a & b # c.12

July 1970 CEN

1970 07 01
History Faculty building wins RIBA award, despite leaks – 70 07 01 # c.61

1970 07 03
Six Cambridge students were sent to prison for the part they played in the demonstration at the Garden House Hotel in February. Two others were sent for borstal training and seven acquitted. The Judge said the sentences would have been heavier had he not been satisfied that they had been exposed to the evil influence of some senior members of the University. All admitted they were present at a demonstration when a crowd of several hundred gathered outside the Garden House Hotel during a protest against a dinner and dance which was the climax of a Cambridge Greek Week. Students threw bricks and stones, smashed windows and pull-down electric lights. Their careers were now in jeopardy and there was a possibility they might be sent down from the University.– 70 07 03, 03a,b; clash with townspeople – 70 07 06; verdict – appeal rejected – 70 08 19 # c.34.6 # c.39.63

1970 07 04
Jim Smith, machine room manager of Cambridge News for 37 years retires – 70 07 04 # c.04

1970 07 10
Hope Tebbutt started first nursery school in Cambridge 45 years ago, Stagsholt Nursery School Gresham Road for poorer areas; was 15 years before another – 70 07 10 # c.36.5 # c.37.9

1970 07 11
Proctors' future for discipline to be considered – 70 07 11 # c.36.9 # c.36.93

1970 07 22
Aerial photo from five miles up – 70 07 22

1970 07 23
Lion Yard development – only legal snags remain – 70 07 23 # c.49.4 # c.49.47

1970 07 28
Pye – album of photos of workers found – 70 07 28
Stretham Ferry Bridge accidents – 70 07 28a

1970 07 29
Ely Diocesan report says four churches may close – St Andrew the Great, All Saints, St Giles and St Peter- 70 07 29, a,b # c.83.01
Dr Dale's black museum sold, no buyers for county gallows – 70 07 29c # c.34.9 #c.03

1970 07 31
Co-op store alterations increase floor area, new high-speed checkouts – 70 07 31

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1970 08 01
Jonas Webb statue to move from Corn Exchange – 70 08 01, 70 09 18; to relocate to South Cambs DC HQ, Hills Road – 70 11 05 # c.62

1970 08 04

Hovertrain line collapse halts work – 70 08 04;

1970 08 11
Turnpike house near Barnwell Bridge bought from Jesus College, converted into house – 70 08 11 # c.61

1970 08 13
Children's Relief International investigation – 70 08 13 & a # c.32.9

1970 08 17
Science laboratories devastated in big explosion laboratory on New Museums site – 70 08 17, 18; caused by natural gas – 70 08 22 # c.36.9 # c.24.4

1970 08 17
Eight men have been laid off at the Tracked Hovercraft site at Sutton Gault while an investigation is carried on into the track collapse which brought construction to a halt. Track building for the pioneer Hovertrain was halted after three 50 ton concrete beans crashed 25 feet to the ground two weeks ago. Construction firm Shephard Hill of London said they were hoping for news from the investigators next week. A decision will be made then about work for the 30 men left at the site. It will be several weeks before building can start again. There has to be a bit of a clear up and some modification of the beams will certainly have to be made, said a spokesman. Foundation work on which most of the men have been kept occupied is running out. But it may be that the investigation will show that the track will need more supporting beams than planned at first. A three- mile stretch of experimental track is being built between Earith and Sutton Gault ready, it is hoped, for a first large experimental vehicle to use early next year. 70 08 17a

1970 08 18
Heffers to move bookshop to Trinity Street – 70 08 18a

1970 08 26
Railway track removed at Gt Shelford junction – 70 08 26 26
Cambridge Philatelic Society 50th anniversary – 70 08 26a # c.42

1970 08 28
Bridge Street overhanging first floor room damaged by lorry – 70 08 28

September 1970 CEN

1970 09 15
Several charities to merge in bid to build new almshouses on Old Manor House site at Church Street, Chesterton to replace old Wray's Court Houses; Henry Wray trustees apply city council – 70 09 15 # c.32.9

1970 09 16
Rudi Dutschke, radical German student living at Clare Hall; will not be allowed to remain – 70 09 16 # c.33

1970 09 18
Supermarket price wars – 70 09 18b # P.Tes

1970 09 22
Elizabeth Bridge construction work photos – 70 09 22

October 1970 CEN

1970 10 01
The cost of the marina planned for the Fish and Duck Inn at Little Thetford will run into thousands of pounds, said the owner, Mr Albert Cedar. There will be a jetty almost 100 yards long providing moorings for 60 to 70 boats, slipways, undercover accommodation for at least six boats, fuel and provisions stores. Work has already started and a channel is being cut to allow access to both sides of the proposed jetty. The marina is planned to come into operation next spring.A car park would also be provided and he is turning a nearby 12-acre field into a golf driving range. "This will not be a money-making object but an extra facility for people coming to the marina", he said.
The Fish and Duck stands at the junction formed by the Ouse, Cam and Old West Rivers.
70 10 01

1970 10 02
Heffers open new bookshop, Trinity Street – 70 10 02 # c.25

1970 10 05
Cambridge to St Ives railway line final journey – 70 10 05 # c.26.2

1970 10 07
Cambridge Scientific Instruments axe 70 workers – 70 10 07
Taxis running on propane gas with United Taxis private gas tanks in Hills Road – 70 10 07a # c.26.47

1970 10 09
Stearns photographers to merge with Eaden Lilley photography department – 70 10 09 # c.65.5
Parkside police station official opening – 70 10 09a # c.34.7

1970 10 10
Pye Unicam redundancies follow news sacking at Cambridge Scientific Instruments – 70 10 10 # c.27.1

1970 10 13
Cambridge University Proctors are no longer to attend student political demonstrations which take place off university premises. In future undergraduates taking part in such demonstrations will be subject only to police and civil law. The Proctors will retain their jurisdiction both on university premises and elsewhere in accordance with recently-amended statues and ordinances. The Council of the Senate appointed a committee after eight Cambridge students had been sentenced for their part in the Greek Week demonstration at the Garden House Hotel. In evidence the Chief Constable had made it clear that maintenance of order in public places was the responsibility of the police. 70 10 13

At the Union undergraduates called for the abolition of the Proctors. A don urged "Get rid of the Proctors, change the basis of authority in this university and get rid of the capitalist system". He claimed the Proctors were forced to give names of students who had taken part in the demonstration to the 'State'. The 'State' chose to prosecute. Twelve of the 15 charged were members of the Socialist Society. The Proctors existed partly for enforcement of rules and partly as spies for authority. Cast in that role, students would never be satisfied until they were completely dispensed with.
But a former Senior Proctor emphasised that the role of Proctors was now largely to keep "an open and free climate for rational debate". To call for the abolition of the proctorial system would gain immediate sympathy but in the long run would do more harm than good. "In political demonstrations the Proctors have been strictly impartial". In the Greek demonstrations they came in for criticism from both Left and Right and that was a sure sign they were being used as scapegoats. He blamed the "crazier elements" of the extremist fringe for the damage that had been done to political demonstration. However a Trinity College history done declared the Proctors had become the object of ridicule throughout the world. Chasing undergraduates down King's Parade for the benefit of cameramen was not the way responsible officers of Cambridge University should be shown. He was not alone on the high tables of Cambridge in condemning the position in which the Proctors had been placed over the Garden House affair. 70 10 13b# c.36.9 # c.36.93 # c.34.7

Planners may ease band on industrial development; suggest land be earmarked for science industry park – 70 10 13a # c.27.1 # c.49.64

1970 10 14
Cheddars Lane should be preserved and listed say Government – 70 10 14 # c.61 # c.03

November 1970 CEN

1970 11 04
Magdalene bridge should be demolished and replaced say Ministry of Transport but opposition likely – photo of proposals – 70 11 04 # c.44.7

1970 11 06
CCAT new building, the fifth instalment, to be opened next month – 70 11 06 # c.36.7

1970 11 10
Granta Tyres buy old Granary building in Histon Road – 70 11 10

1970 11 23
Sewerage work Newmarket Road to replace surface water sewer – feature – 70 11 23

1970 11 26
Sutton Gault Hovertrain route back on track – work to restart – 70 11 26

December 1970 CEN

1970 12 03
Lion Yard car park from Corn Exchange Roof – photo – 70 12 03 # B.Lio

1970 12 07
Lion Yard plan goes ahead on schedule – 70 12 07; work finally starts – 70 12 28 # c.49.4 # c.49.67

1970 12 08
Fire True Form shoe shop, Petty Cury was caused by candles used during electricity cuts – 70 12 08 # c.34.75 # B.Pet

1970 12 10
Electricity strike cuts expected to black out central Cambridge – 70 12 10 #c.34.6

1970 12 12
Cambridge News curtails number of editions due power strike – molten metal used to cast type will quickly solidify – 70 12 12 # c.04

1970 12 15
Banhams and Appleyard Lincoln boat builders to attend London Boat Show – 70 12 15

1970 12 29
Fitzroy-Burleigh redevelopment may start as Samuel Properties start discussions – 70 12 29 # c.49.4 # c.49.66

1970 12 30
Long Road college of Further Education to replace York Street FE Centre approved by Government – 70 12 30 # c.36.7

1970 12 31

St Andrew's Junior, Park St Infants & Junior and St Paul's infants and junior schools must go, Alderman says – 70 12 31

1971 Cambridge Evening News

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January 1971 CEN

1971 01 01
Coulson's builders celebrate 50 years by installing a computer – 71 01 01
Lt Thetford round house restored – 70 01 01a

1971 01 02
Alderman Howard Mallet, champion of youth, dies; worked for scouts for 50 years, youth club named after him – 70 01 02 # c.37.9

1971 01 07
Grosvenor records issues record of organ music from Cambridge – 71 01 07
King Street architecture criticism – 71 01 07a

1971 01 08
Rudi Dutschke who came to Britain in 1986 to recover from gunshot wounds and has been living at Clare Hall should not be allowed to stay, Tribunal recommends – 71 01 08; call for University strike – 71 01 11; students plan protest – 71 01 14; 1,000 students march – 71 01 16 # c.33 # c.36.93
Hot-air balloons launched over Cambridge by Perse schoolboys – 70 01 08a # c.26.1

1971 01 21
Pye plan new complex for production, storage and offices in St Andrew's Road – 71 01 21 # c.27.1 : Pye
First mobile library arrives – 71 01 21a # c.77.4
Jonas Moore statue moves from Corn Exchange – 71 01 21b

1971 01 23
Archaeologists have ten days to investigate King's Ditch under Lion Yard – 71 01 23 # c.41

1971 01 27
Postal strike – private stamps issued by Donald Hofford – 71 01 27, 27a, 71 01 30 # c.42
Shire Hall plan Castle Court extension with landscaped offices – 71 01 27b # c.35.1

1971 01 29
Midsummer Common may be used as temporary car park – photo cows – 71 01 29

February 1971 CEN

1971 02 03
Two new mobile libraries have been commissioned in the last three days. In Cambridge the Mayor opened an articulated unit which will serve points in the city suburbs while the Chairman of the County Library committee handed over a similar vehicle for the county service. It already runs three other vehicles which account for about a fifth of the 2.5 million borrowings by rural readers each year. When the new vehicle, stocked with about 2,500 books, is fully operational all villages in the county will be served either by a mobile unit or by a branch. All branches, mobile or static, are backed by the resources of the central County Library in Cambridge. Fordham, Milton and Waterbeach will be served by libraries as soon as the service can build three permanent branches. These villages are too large for the mobile units. Country dwellers find the service invaluable and a social event as well. One

Oakington housewife says "It's a marvellous service. It saves us time, money and gives us a chance for a chat as well". In cases of real hardship the mobile librarians are prepared to take the books into the houses of those who are unable to go out to the vehicle. Librarian Dennis Cheason says that there are unexpected perks for the staff. Some of them have been given flowers or fruit at various times of the year. There are practical advantages for the county's finances as well. There are 21 part time permanent branches and four full-time ones. They serve a comparatively small part of the county and cost a lot to build, staff and maintain. The mobile units are staffed by two people cover two or three villages a day and by allowing people to keep their books for some time they only call once a fortnight. The economies are substantial. In comparison Cambridge is just learning about mobiles. They discussed paying for a mobile as long ago as 1949 but nothing came of it until last year. Now the unit has been commissioned and will save money in the long term. The articulated lorry has some advantage over solid chassis lorries for urban work. Once the trailer unit with the library inside has been towed to one of the 12 sites around Cambridge it will visit each week, the tractor unit can be taken away for other work until the trailer is due to move on again. The City Librarian, Eric Cave, estimates it will make about 90,000 lendings in the first year of operation – 71 02 03. 03a # c.77.4

1971 02 04
Refuse disposal problems as cement works pits fill up, plans for pulverisation plant at Cheddar's Lane – 71 02 04 # c.21.15

1971 02 06
County Hall Hobson Street may be sold by County Council to raise money for new offices behind Shire Hall – 71 02 06 # c.35.1

1971 02 08
Jewel raid at Saqui & Lawrence, raiders break through wall to steal £5,000 rings – 71 02 08 # c.34.6

Home Secretary Reginald Maudling visit to speak to University Conservatives ends without trouble – 71 02 08a, b # c.33

1971 02 10
Changes proposed to inside of Catholic Church – High Altar to be moved – 71 02 10 # c.83.02

19171 02 11
Cambridge United battle to take over Whitehill allotment land for use as car park – 71 02 11 # c.38 : football

1971 02 12
Gas works buzzer finds new home as Natural Gas forces closure of gas works – 71 02 12

Banks coped with Decimal Day – feature – 71 02 12a; The D-day non-event: D-Day hit Cambridge like a damp squib. Banks, shops and offices were predicting one of the biggest non-events of all time. Business was slow but smooth and confused customers were few and far between. All the preparations seem to have paid off. The banks had set up special inquiry counters. Shop assistants were patient and ready to explain. And most of the shoppers were taking it all in their stride.
Staff at Heffers were putting the final touches to their re-pricing – from today it will be decimal prices only. Someone went decimal a day early yesterday – Great St Mary's Church had one new penny piece in the collection plate. But almost a hundredweight of old pennies, worth about £24 crashed to the ground at the Old Spring public house in Ferry Path at a ceremony arranged by the Cambridge Cancer Campaign. They had been collected over the last eight months. – 71 02 13a # c.32.8

1971 02 13
Golden Rose landlady retires, pub closes – memories – 71 02 13 # c.27.4

1971 02 16

Railway station façade facelift – 71 02 16 # c.26.1 ‘ I.N.

1971 02 19
Rudi Dutschke leaves Cambridge – 71 02 19, 19b
Cambridge Free Radio off air after being hunted down by Post Office engineers – had been broadcasting over a 25-mile radius from Histon – 71 02 19a # c.27.81

1971 02 22
Rag Day violence forces decorated float procession to be abandoned – 71 02 22 # c.36.95 # V.

1971 02 24
Cambridge Students Union link with CCAT, outnumbering undergraduates in an organisation they brought into being at the beginning of last term – 71 02 24 # c.36.7 # c.36.92
CCAT – how long to wait for polytechnic – feature – 71 02 24a # c.36.7

1971 02 26
Pye sack 260 works, rising costs blamed – 71 02 26 # c.27.1 : Pye
CCAT new computer will be used by hundreds of schoolchildren as part of their normal syllabus – 71 02 26a opens – 71 03 11a # c.27.5
Community radio concept for city: Brian Jackson of Advisory Centre for Education has developed a proposals for new form of broadcasting; Enid Porter would speak on fen customs – 71 02 26b # c.27.81
University to buy new £1.7m computer – IBM 370/165 to take over from Titan – 71 02 26c # c.27.5

March 1971 CEN

1971 03 02
‘Women are People’ group protest about restrictions on taking pushchairs into colleges – 71 03 02 # c.46.45

1971 03 06
Fire at gas works when oil residue caught alight as workmen using acetylene torches cut metal plates from demolished gas storage tank – 71 03 06 # c.34.75 # c.24.4
Head Post Office in Regent Street modernised – 71 03 06a # c.27.7

1971 03 09
Jesus College new organ, older one restored – 71 03 09 # c.69.4

1971 03 11
Fly posters deface empty shops – 71 03 11

1971 03 12
Market Hill redevelopment – British Cinemas to build offices and shops at 3-5 but plaster ceilings and beams to be preserved – 71 03 12 # c.61

1971 03 13
E.S. Summers, commercial and heraldic artist for 40 years to retire when Lion Yard redevelopment sweeps away premises at 13 Alexandra Street – 71 03 13 # c.58 # c.64

1971 03 18
Ted Salisbury build new garage with showrooms on site of Elizabeth Way; started 52 years ago when heard rumours of new bridge – 71 03 18 # c.26.48

1971 03 19

Banhams boatyard transformed from home of traditional craftsmanship to an industrial production line of fibre-glass boats – 71 03 19 # c.29.6

Arbury residents cut off from shops; is functional and austere, offering adequate homes at economic rents and a place to sleep. But few pensioners can afford price of bus ride to centre and council puts off cheap bus fare scheme – 71 03 19a # c.23 # c.26.46

1971 03 19ES
Expansion plans at Lt Thetford. 71 03 19ES

1971 03 22
Terraced houses plan will ruin Lt Thetford say residents. 71 03 22

1971 03 25
Jehovah's Witness' new Kingdom Hall in Stanley Road nearly ready – feature – 71 03 25 # c.83 # c.83.08

1971 03 30
Garden House Hotel £1m extension scheme starts – 71 03 30 # c.27.45
YMCA to celebrate centenary by move from Alexandra Street to Gonville Place – 71 03 30a # c.37.9

April 1971 CEN

1971 04 02
6,000 properties could become the slums of tomorrow unless deterioration is halted and basic amenities installed – feature – 71 04 02 # c.23

1971 04 03
When Jack Baldry decided to become a mineral water manufacturer in Cambridge he fased competition from 32 firms who were selling in the town. Today he is chairman of Cambridge's last remaining soft drink factory - a handsome new plant built at Harvest Way. He took up an apprenticeship with the well-known Cambridge firm of Baker and Sons and ran the company doing the Great War, Later he started on his own: "I worked from dawn to dusk, there was no gas light no electric light and in winter we had to shut at four because we couldn't see". The first order was from the Livingstone Hotel in Petty Cury and was for two dozen cases of lemonade. He has seen the business growth from output of 100-dozen bottles a day to its present capacity of 400-dozen bottles an hour but manufacturing costs and prices have risen enormously. The Cola industry change the trade: "I had the sole agency for Pepsi Cola before the war and bought the first barrel. They almost gave me a brand new lorry to get it going. I couldn't sell it, couldn't give it away. But when the war came over along the American forces came over and they had to have coke. In America it's a drug. After the war the younger generation all asked for cola which is a tragedy for English manufacturers. It used to be a seasonal trade but he says we are up to our house in work all the year round and production obviously increases during the summer months and production increases during the summer months but he insists "We are up to our eyes in work all the year round". 71 04 03 # c.27.41

1971 04 05
Dr Barnardo's home in Fitzwilliam Road to close after 20 years; only five children remain – 71 04 05 # c.37.9

1971 04 06
Meadowcroft Stretham – advertising feature for new homes.
Introducing 'Meadowcroft', Stretham; only 10 miles from Cambridge by the fast A10(T) road. Five superb types of properties each of striking design and layout. All properties to have Central heating, Car ports, Choice of decorations, N.H.B.R.C. 10-year guarantee, Coloured bathroom suite, Fitted kitchen. Prices from £3,995 to £5,425. When you reserve a home, no matter how much the costs rise,

we guarantee to hold that price until you move in – provided you exchange contracts within eight weeks. Costs are rising fast and house prices could well go up 10 per cent during 1971 so this guarantee is worth a lot of money. Once you have purchased your new R.H. Spicer home, the service doesn't stop. After six months every one of these architect-designed properties, at your convenience, is given a full inspection by a senior representative. If anything needs fixing they fix it, quickly and free of charge. 71 04 06

University Library faces crisis due static staff while work increases – 71 04 06a

1971 04 11
Gypsy Jim Loveridge sleeps beside Romany van – photo – 71 04 11 # RA.Gyp

1971 04 13
Cambridge Instrument Company sack 150; follows Pye redundancies earlier – 71 04 13 # c.27.1 # c.27.1 : Cambridge Instrument
'Guildhall News' – full page advertisement of city council activities starts – 71 04 13a

1971 04 14
Regal Cinema to be twinned – two different films to be shown – 71 04 14 # c.76.9

1971 04 16
Pye Group to set up new computer bureau, Cambridge Data Processing – 71 04 16 # c.27.5 # c.27.1 : Pye
De Vere Hotel plans rejected by Government – 71 04 16b # c.27.45 # c.49.4

1971 04 19
Cheddar's Lane A.F.S wartime photo, seek trace members – 71 04 19

1971 04 23
Commercial radio: culture or canned music – feature – 71 04 23 # c.27.81
Colleges may shut out tourists if numbers continue to increase at Trinity & St John's – 71 04 23a # c.46.45

1971 04 24
Ashdon revolt by farm workers against low wages in 1914 – 71 04 24
Roman Catholic mass and confirmation service held to be held in St Edward's church for first time since Reformation – 71 04 24a # c.83 # c.83.02
Corn Exchange may be converted to concert hall – 71 04 24a

1971 04 28
Fitzroy Street shopping report published – feature – 71 04 28 # c.49.4 # c.49.66

1971 04 29
Sir Frank Lee, Master of Corpus, dies – 71 04 29

1971 04 30
Trinity Wren Library to reopen after restoration – 71 04 30 # c.77.81
Cheddars Lane pumping station to open for steam weekend – 71 04 30a # c.03 # c.29.8
Barley Corn Lane sign repainted – 71 04 30b

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1971 05 01
Progress on 'Science City' development adjoining Madingley Road may be slow, Senate says – 71 05 01 # c.49.81 # find pic

1971 05 05
Gas works retort house landmarks to disappear; put up 15 years ago; five-storey warehouse in Fitzroy Street also to be demolished – 71 05 05

1971 05 12
Regal cinema organ – last chance to preserve – 71 05 12 # c.76.9 # c.69.4

1971 05 13
Western Relief Road across Lammas Land prompts mass protest – 71 05 13 # c.49.6

1971 05 14
Anchor Inn alterations and modernisation with new river bar and restaurant – 71 05 14

1971 05 17
Herd of Frisian cows eat roses in churchyard Gt St Mary – 71 05 17

1971 05 22
100 more meters, double charges and double yellow lines introduced – 71 05 22

1971 05 24
Billy Smart's circus procession Hills Road – photo – 71 05 24 # V.I.24

1971 05 25
Jehovah's Witness new Kingdom Hall, Stanley Road dedicated – 71 05 25 # c.83

1971 05 28
Cambridge to lose Assize Court under new reforms – 71 05 28

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1971 06 01
Hovertrain – another 50-ton beam wheeled along the track at Earith – photo – 71 06 01

1971 06 04
Stretham not a village for large-scale housing and plans by J.B. Smith for 42 homes off New Road would be against policy – 71 06 04

1971 06 05
Jesus Lane demolition of houses to make room for new buildings at Wesley House theological college – photo – 71 06 05 # c.44.5

1971 06 09
Three 17th-century cottages in Water Street, Chesterton being converted into one house – photo – 71 06 09
John Parry Lewis appointed by Government to head study team to examine future of Cambridge as a major East Anglian regional centre – 71 06 09a

1971 06 10
Bridge Street debacle: the two faces of Cambridge – laments crumbling buildings; feature 'A city in shackles' – 71 06 10 & a # c.49.4 # c.44.6 # c.61 # B.Bri

1971 06 12
A bulldog's life – Edmunds Hill, University Constable 40 years – feature – 71 06 12 # c.36.9 # c.36.92

1971 06 16
Cambridge United Supports' Club open new bar and lounge – 71 06 16, 71 06 18 # c.38 : football

1971 06 17
St Botolph's church crumbling; tower needs restoration – 71 06 17
Toilet at East Road – Mill Road junction being demolished – 71 06 17a # c.29.8

1971 06 23
Lion Yard first level complete – view over site – 71 06 23

1971 06 26
Prof Colin Buchanan engaged by Cambridge Preservation and Civic societies to prepare plan for Cambridge development – 71 06 26 profile – 71 08 28 # c.49.4
Littleport station master's house being demolished – 71 06 26a

1971 06 28
Fitzroy Street, Burleigh Street shopping – photos – 71 06 28 & a # B.Fit B.Bur

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1971 07 06
Queens' College apply for new footbridge over Cam between Mathematical Bridge and King's; would allow access to proposed new building- 71 07 06 # c.44.7
Burwell brickworks closure. One hundred years of production of Cambridgeshire white brick is to cease with the announcement that the Burwell Brick Company is to close having been trading at a loss for several years. It produces 9½ million bricks a year and employs 50 men, 45, are production staff average wage about £20 pounds a week. All will be made redundant. Since the factory first started production Burwell whites have been a common feature on the Cambridge in landscape. They have proved popular with local authorities over the years and their light-reflecting qualities were once in demand for the interior walls of hospitals and factories. For more than 50 years the tall chimneys have dominated the flat fenland landscape. Now their use is coming to an end and with it a village industry, which grew from a local farmer's interest in coprolite mining in the 1860s. Although Masters and Company set up in 1864 as coprolite merchants and artificial manure manufacturers, coprolite mining did not provide year-round work and the Company turn to brick making to pick up the slack. By 1888 under the ownership of Colchester and Ball, brick-making was fully established alongside chemical manure manufacture. In the early 1930s Fisons, Packard and Prentice took over the company and Fisons continued with an interest until 1966 when they were bought out by the Ibstock Brick and Tile Company Limited.
Now in a few more weeks, the brick company will disappear, as had coprolite mining and chemical manure manufacture before it. 71 07 06a

1971 07 07
Catling Brady and Bliss celebrate centenary; started by James Catling in Free School Lane; Brady joined 1895, Bliss in 1959 – 71 07 07 # c.06
Cambridge Computer Services to be centre of major new computer services group – 71 07 07a # c.27.5

1971 07 09
City through camera's lens – review of Reeve 'Victorian and Edwardian Cambridge in old photos' – 71 07 09 & a

Alan Howard of University Department Investigative Medicine pioneers new treatment for heart cases – 71 07 09b # c.21.4

1971 07 10
Cambridge police spy on homosexual's haunts, says Liberal; photos toilets – 71 07 10 # c.29.8

1971 07 13
Elizabeth Bridge, Cambridge's is first major road link across the river for close on the century, was officially opened by Lord R.A. Butler, Master of Trinity College. Large crowds of spectators gathered in bright sunshine to watch Lord, Butler cut the ceremonial tape to mark the new bridge open. Just before he cut the white ribbon he invited the mayor, Councillor Jean Barker to join him at some future date in the Mayoral car 'For a little drive over the new bridge'. "This might well increase the density of the traffic but it will also add dignity to the cavalcade", he quipped. The Mayor read a message from the Queen saying she was very glad that the bridge should bear her name. The Elizabeth Bridge and approach roads was started about two years ago and finished right on schedule.It is designed to link the Cambridge-Newmarket Road with the Cambridge-Ely Road taking much of the heavy through traffic crowding Victoria Avenue and Mitchells Corner. Elizabeth Way made a marked impact on some areas of Cambridge traffic. Soon after its opening 'it was like motoring in the city early on a Sunday morning'. But already the bridge and approach roads have been called the worst possible thing from a pollution point of view to happen to the West Chesterton area for many years. There is apprehension by people whose houses overlook the new road. They fear the effects of noise and vibration on their homes. And the effect of pollution on themselves. 71 07 13; review feature – 71 07 13a, b, c, d; complaints – 71 07 15a # c.44.7 # c.49.62

1971 07 15
RAF Oakington trains pilots – feature – 71 07 15 # c.26.1

1971 07 16
Cambridge News sales top 50,000 for first time – 71 07 16 # c.04

1971 07 17
Runciman's veterinary surgeons: profile of Cambridge business; has just moved from Downing Street to Chesterton Road – 71 07 17 # c.19 # c.27

1971 07 23
University Press celebrate 450 years of book printing – 71 07 23 # c.25

1971 07 26
Cambridge Scientific Instruments Company trading improves with electron microscope – 71 07 26
Harry Cooper opened furniture shop in Newmarket Road about 50 years ago; would pull down shutters for fear bullocks would get in – 71 07 26 # c.27

1971 07 29
City council reject plans for comprehensive education which would have ended 11-plus – 71 07 29 # c.36.1 # c.36.5a

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1971 08 04
Hovertrain arrives in Earith – photo near Abbotsley – 71 08 04

1971 08 05
Cambridge to Fen Ditton road closed for removal railway bridge on old Mildenhall line – 71 08 05 # c.26.2
Force Three Associates advertising firm formed five year ago, flourishes – 71 08 05a

1971 08 06
Tourist's view of Cambridge from St Mary the Great – photo – 71 08 06

1971 08 09
Regal cinema to convert to two screens – 71 08 09

1971 08 10
City Library issues soar, when Cave came in 1954 were 560,000 – 71 08 10

1971 08 23
Newmarket Road derelict house last of 'padding cans' houses built for navvies who came to build railways and dig coprolite – 71 08 23 # c.61

1971 08 24
Railway station new travel centre and entrance hall opened – 71 08 24 # c.26.2

1971 08 26
John Howes cycle firm founded 1840, move into new showrooms, Regent Street – 71 08 26 # c.26.485

1978 08 30
Regal cinema closes for redevelopment – 71 08 30

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1971 09 02
Barnwell in 1853 – feature based on Morning Chronicle article – 71 09 02

1971 09 03
King Street new buildings ruin environment, Architectural Review claims – 71 09 04 # c.61 # c.44.6

1971 09 07
Harvey Housing Association flats for unsupported mothers with day nursery – feature – 71 09 07 # c.32.9

1971 09 10
Comprehensive education plans impeded – feature, photo Coleridge school – 71 09 10 # G.Col

1971 09 13
Cambridge Microfilm Services a success story, set up two years ago – 71 09 13 # c.27.5 # c.27

1971 09 14
Arbury Estate gets new post office, Cameron Road – 71 09 14 # c.27.7

1971 09 17
City in shackles feature on planning delays – 71 09 17 & a # c.49.4

1971 09 24
Greene King draught beers withdrawn from 22 public houses brought by Whitbread from Dale's Brewery – 71 09 24 # c.27.4

1971 09 27
World Chief Guide, Lady Baden-Powell visits Perne Road HQ – 71 09 27 # c.37.9

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1971 10 06
Prince Hirohito of Japan's visit to Cambridge 1921 recalled – 71 10 06 # c.02
Millers Wine Parlour frequented by dons, lawyers and businessmen who petition against closure – 71 10 06a # c.27.4

1971 10 07
Queen Anne car park opened – 71 10 07 # c.26.48 # c.49.62

1971 10 08
Gas works retort house demolition – 71 10 08
Hovertrain to make first run son – photo – 71 10 08a

1971 10 10
First automatic mail sorting machines delivered to Post Office in Mill Road – 71 10 10 # c.27.7

1971 10 12
Cambridgeshire Collection exhibition on River Cam in Guildhall, Mike Petty and G.R. Wilson – 71 10 12 # c.77.4

1971 10 14
Queens' College plans for new Cripps building – 71 10 14 # c.44.5

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1971 11 01
Queen Anne car park unused; photo parking King's Parade – 71 11 01 # B.Kin

1971 1 02
Hovertrain positioned on track at Earith – photo – 71 11 02, 02a

1971 11 10
Geoff Beasley makes last milk round, Stretham – 71 11 10a

1971 11 13
Charles Perrin joined Bailey and Tebbutt brewery in Panton Street in 1920; has seen take-over by Greene King in 1925, closing of brewing in Cambridge and launch of new depot in Harvest Way – profile – 71 11 13 # c.27.41

1971 11 23
Watson's estate agents founded about 1880, opened in Cambridge 1954 – history – 71 11 23 # c.06

Cambridge Assize closure ends 710-year tradition of judge's stay at Trinity college – 71 11 23a # c.37.9 # c.39

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1971 12 03
Libraries should remain under city control following local government reorganisation, committee say – 71 12 03 # c.77.4

1971 12 04
John Elven, Town Clerk, reflects over five years in Guildhall – 71 12 04 # c.35.7

1971 12 06
Kite – a sad saga of city-county clashes – feature – 71 12 06 # c.49.5 # c.49.66

1971 12 07
Problems of where to put extra shops – reflections on last eight years – 71 12 07, 71 12 08, 71 12 09, 71 12 10b # c.27.2 # c.49.65 # c.49.4
Mackay plans to extend engineering factory and build more shops and offices on East Road blocked – 71 12 07a # c.27 # c.49.4 # c.49.66
King' Hedges School water tower erected – 71 12 07b

1971 12 08
Hovertrain makes first full-scale test run – 71 12 08a, 71 12 10

1971 12 10
Sidney Street and Bridge Street townscape analysis report – 71 12 10a # c.61

1971 12 17
Clare College to offer places to 36 girl undergraduates – 71 12 17 # c.36.98
Townscape Analysis report acclaimed – 71 12 17a

1971 12 22
Prime, Cambridge building firm started more than 150 years ago cease trading, main yard at Adam & Eve Street – 71 12 22 # c.23

1971 12 23
Ernest Blows joined CEN in 1914 when circulation was 7,000 copies delivered by horse and cart; now sells move than 51,000 with four editions covering 1,500 square miles – 71 12 23 # c.04

1971 12 24
Lion Yard plans approved by Government – 71 12 24 # c.49.4 # c.49.672323

Cambridgeshire Scrapbook 1972 January to April, by Mike Petty

I started to compile the *Looking Back* column in the Cambridge Evening News with the issues of March 1947. I read through issues of the paper listed potential stories and transcribed one for each day. I have copies of the articles to March

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1972 01 07
Star Brewery to cease brewing this year – illustrated feature – 72 01 07 & a b # c.27.41

1972 01 12
Regal Cinema reopens as ABC 1 & 2 twin cinemas – illustrated feature – 72 01 12 # c.76.9

1972 01 13
Cambridge Consultants sold to American Arthur D. Little organisation – 72 01 13 & a # c.27.1

1972 01 14
Old Fire Engine House, Ely – illustrated feature – 72 01 14
Robert Knight's memories of a mail coach driver before WWI between West Wratting and Cambridge 72 01 14a # c.26.42 # c.27.7

1972 01 18
Norwich Union building, corner St Andrew's Street and Downing Street – history – 72 01 18 & a b # c.44.6

1972 01 28
Roman Cambridge may be lost – dereliction of Shelley Row, Mount Pleasant area – feature – 72 01 28 #

February 1972 CEN

Cambridge University members of the National union of Public Employees are planning a large-scale membership drive in the university. Their Secretary said today that a claim by the union for a £20 basic weekly wage for manual & ancillary staff in universities would not apply to Cambridge workers. (Meanwhile Melbourn Discount Warehouse offered a Hotpoint twin-tub washing machine for £108 - £12 less than recommended price - but more than five times their weekly wage)

"The visual quality of New Square is totally spoiled at present by its use as a car park. When new multi-storey car parks are built in the Fitzroy-Burleigh area however the square will be returned to grass and will once again be a valuable part of the Cambridge townscape"

A four-bedroomed detached house at 35 Luard Road, Cambridge was sold for £23,000 at an auction sale in the city. The house, built in 1937, includes three-quarters of an acre of gardens with 36 bearing peach trees.

1972 02 01

Councillor Gough-Goodman dines in Petty Cury as no entry experiment starts – 72 02 01, 01a # c.44.6 # c.49.62

1972 02 02
Downing Street veterinary surgery used by Runciman, built as part of former Bird Bolt Hotel, demolished – photo – 72 02 02 # B.Dow.K72

1972 02 04
Jack Overhill confessions of barmy winter bather at Sheep's Green – 72 02 04 # c.38 : swimming

1972 02 07
Undergraduate sit-in at Old Schools caused damage, forced way through doors into the Squire Law Library; carpet in Combination Room burned by cigarettes – 72 02 07 # c.36.93

1972 02 10
Cambridge News starts installs new conveyor system to speed packing time – 72 02 10b
Sheeps Green bathing place – photo showing Henry Hardy, custodian – 72 02 10a

1972 02 17
Cambridge News juggles with power cuts to get the paper out – describes printing process etc – 72 02 17 # c.04

1972 02 23
Jack Overhill recalls fetching coal from Beale's coalyard using handcart borrowed from Ayres the wheelwright in Bentink Street – 72 02 23

1972 02 26
Production of the noses of the Concorde supersonic airliner, which was planned to be in Cambridge, has been taken away by the British Aircraft Corporation. All the research and development work on the nose has been done by Marshall's at Cambridge airport. The senior shop steward is to see the Cambridge MP, Mr David Lane to try to get the decision reversed

1972 02 29
Petty Cury reopens after experiment week of closure, firms concerned about delivery problems – 72 02 29

March 1972 CEN

Note: I started my 'Looking Back' column in March 1997. I listed potential stories and summarised one for each day

1972 03 01
The Cambridge M.P., Mr David Lane yesterday waived aside professional traffic statistics and asked those at the by-pass inquiry to use their eyes and their common sense. In a statement to the three-week old inquiry Mr Lane gave his whole-hearted support to both the proposed western and northern bypasses and claimed to have the backing of most people in Cambridge. A woman living in Elizabeth Way wrote "On this bend to which the big lorries cruise and then rev up hard out of it it is one frightful nightmare and the fumes are really killing". A man living in Chesterton Road wrote: "Life is now intolerable and the only acceptable answer is an alternative route by-passing the city altogether" In supporting the northern bypass Mr Lane said disturbance to Girton village must be minimised.

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Ratepayers 16½p rate, p1
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Try for derelict land for car park, p9
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Elizabeth Way noise plan rejected, p12

1973 03 03
RAF Oakington to shut 1975
Parker's Piece space, p5
Addenbrooke's Hospital no cash, p17
West Suffolk highway officials are considering what went wrong when a £30,000 road improvment scheme to speed traffic at Newmarket's busiest junction caused chaos and confusion when it was tried out this week. Irate motorists complained to police as traffic piled up on all roads leading to the junction on Tuesday night and yesterday a fire engine called to a chimney fire had to take an alternative route to avoid an early-morning snarl-up. Under the scheme a system of traffic lights is to replace the Clock Tower roundabout. But less than 24 hours after the new system was marked out kerb stones & traffic diverted along a new road between Exeter Road and Fordham Road it was abandoned, p22

1972 03 04
Residents at Over have been saved a 1/2p [0.5 pence] rate rise through the efforts of the village's Young Wives Club disclosed the chairman of the Over Parish Council, Mr Albert Barker. He said the Over Young Wives Club had bought a children's slide for the village from their fund raising activities. "They have saved not only the young people but the old age pensioners as well, in fact all the villagers a 1/2p rate. It is a very worthy effort". The £150 slide is to be erected on the recreation ground. About 1,250 residents of Over will benefit from the fund raising activities of the Young Wives Club, p11

Undergraduates at Downing College today continued a 24-hour occupation of the dining hall despite a warning that violent protest could close the college for the rest of this term. They are protesting against the expulsion of two undergraduates and the rustication of a third for their part in sending an obscene leaflet to Downing college dons and undergraduates. A supported by a march last night by more than 500 students blocked Regent Street for more than an hour, with demonstrators seated in the road outside the college, 72 03 04 p11

Where will Frost saga finish, p5
Steeple Morden school capacity to double, p7
City traffic intolerable, p9

1972 03 06
A Burwell landmark, one of the two 180 foot high chimneys at the disused brickworks was demolished on Saturday – but only after two earlier bids failed. The first two attempts left the chimney standing on a section of its base measuring only three feet by 18 inches. A final explosion with one-and-a-half pounds of blasting gelatine was needed to send the chimney crashing. The operation was part of a plan to clear the former Burwell Brick Company which ceased production last autumn. The brick company folded s they were no longer making money due to a shrinking order book, old plant and high costs. The firm were sold by their parent company, Ibstock Brick & Tile Company to Ruane Developments who plan to turn the 40-acre site into a rubbish dump, p10

First computer-designed –welds, St Ives, p6

1972 03 07

Cambridge's Civic Restaurant, one of the last in the country, will be closed on March 30 after 30 years of service stretching back to the days of British Restaurants The old Post Office building, where it is situated, is to be demolished to make way for the next stage of the Lion Yard development. The restaurant which for several years has served an average of 1,000 lunches a day has been there since 1947. Before then its previous home since 1942 had been the the Pitt Club in Jesus Lane. It was then that it was known as a British restaurant, one of the thousands set up by the Government throughout the country to provide a communal feeding service during the war years, p5

Lion Yard redevelopment starts soon, p5

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Heart of Ely plan
New Street Residents Association plan Prospect Row

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Student trial row over police, p1
Newmarket traffic plan reconsidered, p14

1972 03 10
Sainsburys are planning a major supermarket development on a four-acre site at the corner of Coldham's Lane and Brooks Road, Cambridge. The group seeks either to build a supermarket with a petrol filling station, four shops and parking for 355 cars, or a supermarket with four shops and space for 390 cars. Sainsburys, whose city centre supermarket is expected to open in July, describe their new proposed development as a "district shopping facility". "We believe that edge of town developments are the thing of the future" said a company spokesman. "Cambridge needs two Sainsburys, one to serve the centre needs and one to serve the district shopper. This one must have plenty of parking. We would sub-let the shops and filling station and the parking development would serve adequately the whole development", p8

Villagers at Great Gransden voted to put 1p on their rates for a year to raise £174 towards electrifying their church clock, which is one of the oldest working clocks in the country. Some of them gasped when they heard at the annual parish meeting that the total cost of repairing the clock and electrifying the winding mechanism would be £918. But they relaxed a little when they were told that there was a good chance that most of the money would be found by the Pilgrim Trust. The clock, which was made around 1680, has an extremely rare mechanism and its chimes play six different tunes. The clock was last repaired in 1931. Someone has had to climb the spiral staircase every day for 282 years to wind the clock. 56-year-old Mr Sonny Sherman does it at the moment, but the parochial church council doubt if they will be able to find anybody to take over the job if Mr Sherman has to give it up. 72 03 10

Proctor injured in uproar, p1
CEN to tender for radio, p1

1972 03 11
The former Ministry of Housing and Local Government simultaneously agreed to the building of one of the world's biggest radio telescopes near Cambridge and the routing of a major road straight through it, the inquiry (into the Western bypass) heard yesterday. Professor Sir Martin Ryle said in 1966 an application for a grant to build a 5 km radio telescope along the line of the old Bletchley to Cambridge railway at Lord's Bridge and extend it as far as the bridge over the River Cam was being discussed. A grant of more than £2 million was made for the telescope. Later it was learned that discussions had led to a route for the Cambridge Western bypass which passed through the line of telescopes. As a result the size of the telescope had to be reduced to 4.6 km with a considerable loss

of power and the instrument was site half-a-mile further west. In 1970 it was announced that the by-pass was to be built as a motorway. Then it became known that radar devices were being developed for long-distance vehicles to prevent multiple motorway crashes. It seems likely that some of these devices will be introduced during the next five years. # c.36.9
Observatory and road plan mix-up, p9

1972 03 13
Milk - 1 pt (silver top) 5½ p Bread - large medium sliced 0.10; butter 1/2 lb Lurpak 15½ p Margarine - 1/2 lb Stork 6p Coffee - 8oz Nescafe 50½p Tea - 1/4 lb Typhoo 8½ p Whisky - 26 3/4 oz Johnnie Walker £2.65 Cigarettes - 20 Woodbine plain 26p Petrol - 1 gall BP 4-star 36p Newspaper - Cambridge Evening News – 3p. Car Park - multi-storey Park Street, up to 2 hours 7p

Oliver Rix M.D. resigns, p6

1970 03 14
Histon house prices, p6
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Decay of villages attributable to farm decline, p10
Marathon light switch-on almost complete, p11

1972 03 15
A group of educationalists today unveiled detailed proposals for a community radio in Cambridge. If the trust get a licence they will cover everything from university talks to darts matches. They make it clear that they do not want a station which resorts to excessive pop music, peak listening periods would be devoted to local news, light entertainment and pop music. From 5pm to 6.30 pm there would be a children's programme followed by news. The late night slot from 11pm to 1 am would be aimed at the University age group with a programme on the lines of the old television favourite "That was the week that was" # c.27.8

Students want proctor disciplined, p14

1972 03 16
Grantchester fight bypass inquiry, p13

1972 03 17
It is known that William the Conqueror launched a full-scale against Hereward. But did he attack through the Aldreth causeway or along another causeway from the direction of Stuntney and much nearer Ely. Now Dr R.C. Smail, Fellow of Sidney Sussex college and his son Richard a Perse school pupil will be arguing against Reg Holmes, a noted Ely historian and Charles Bester, parish clerk of Haddenham. The chair to be taken by J.R. Ravensdale lecturer at Homerton and another local historian. (And it was organised by a young Mike Petty!; just for the record the audience voted in favour of Aldreth)

Cambridge Instrument Company to move from Chesterton Road, p12
How hard to get dentist?, p15

1972 03 18
Cambridge voted a big Yes to the permanent closure of Petty Cury in a survey. The results published today show that 92.1 per cent agreed that the closure had added to the convenience of shoppers. There was also overwhelming feeling that the experiment should be tried on other roads. The most common comment was "Close the whole Market Square to traffic"

Les Waters joins police degree squad, p10

1972 03 20

Victoria road, Cambridge, is a narrow one with even narrower pavements barely wide enough for one person. But this road is used unceasingly day and night by heavy traffic. This is a confounded nuisance because of the noise and vibration and pollution caused to the unfortunate people who live there and use the road. The blast from these high-powered lorries driving at speed along the road means old and weaker people are literally blown aside by the blast. (Letter)

1972 03 20
Most of the people who will be displaced by the Burleigh Street-Fitzroy Street redevelopment (Cambridge) want to be rehoused in the same area according to a report. Counc. Christopher Bradford claimed that the land was bought by the city council for "chickenfeed" ten years ago and is now worth £65,000. The council paid only £200 to £300 development value for some of the houses and perhaps £2,000 for some of the others

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Censors consider Clockwork Orange, p19

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1972 03 24
It was "eyes down" for the first time last night in Cambridge's new £10,000 bingo hall which will offer enthusiasts an almost non-stop programme throughout afternoons and evenings six days a week. The bingo hall which can accommodate nearly 1,000 players at a single sitting, is in the converted former Central Cinema in Hobson Street # c.76.9 # BINGO

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1972 03 25
Three separate lines for the proposed Huntingdon by-pass were put forward yesterday at the re-opened by-pass inquiry. The official line proposed by the Department of the Environment would take the traffic along a north-south route past the town. This is being opposed by the county's M.P., Sir David Renton, who favours an East-West line. But yesterday's surprise was a third proposal put forward by a Hemingford Abbots man which would incorporate the town's by-pass in a major route between Ipswich and the M1. He said in the next 10 years the increase of traffic with East Coast ports would boost traffic through Huntingdon to such a degree that a second by-pass could prove necessary if the current north-south line is adopted

Cherry Man plea for life, p6

1972 03 27

The site of the old Woolpack Inn, the 200-year-old pub at the corner of Market Street and Newnham Streets Ely, has been bought by a Northern development company. Work is to start soon on building a shop and offices. The pub was closed nearly 3 years ago. It was knocked down last year

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Some parts of central Huntingdon could be turned into piles of rubble in five years unless the pace of demolition work in clearance areas is changed. The Council's Labour Mayor-elect, Coun. Vic Howell attacked a move to class an area in Castle Hill as a clearance area. "In four or five years all we're going to have left is rows of piles of rubble in this part of town. Let’s make no mistake the piles of rubble will lay there for years" he said

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1972 03 29
Girton College was warned yesterday that without the Cambridge by-passes the road outside their front gate would be "a hell on earth" within the next 20 years. The County Surveyor said it was estimated that by 1990 the road would have to carry the equivalent of more than 50,000 cards a day - well over twice its present load. It would necessitate the provision of dual three-lane carriageways and this would mean the demolition of many of the properties fronting the road

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Being a loyal supporter of Cambridge United I must say how disgusted I was with their performance against Bury. Remember Cambridge United were elected to the Football League because they were considered worthy of league status. Now after only two seasons we are told the club are £2,000 in debt and cannot afford new players. But they are able to afford an assistant manager, trainer, coach etc - men who do not play but cost a lot of money. A player-assistant manager like Alan Gilzean would attract the crowds. Gates are 2,000 down, equivalent to £1,300 in a season - more than enough to play the wages of a few star men Letter from P.J. Smith)

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Mildenhall parochial church council got a shock when they diligently followed their Archdeacon's advice to see their church was adequately insured. For the 13th-century church which has a unique "angel roof" was valued at a quarter of a million pounds with an annual premium of £620 to pay - which they cannot afford. The Vicar of Mildenhall, the Rev Frank Bosley said "It was a tremendous shock to us". He said the diocesan quota was £625 a year and amounts were paid for cleaning and heating the church as well as to the curate and vicar. The vicar is still trying to raise £5,000 to complete a £12,000 roof repair appeal, p11

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1972 04 10
The last pint was pulled in the "George and Dragon" in Thompson's Lane, Cambridge, last night. The pub, on the corner of Jesus Green by the river is to come down to make way for a modern pub-restaurant. Although the pub, more than 100 years old and owned by St John's College was a Tolly House its successor, to be called The Dragonfly, will be a joint venture. Undergraduates and many University organisations have used the George and Dragon, once known as the Spade and Becket. The outgoing hosts, Jack and Wynn Asplin, take over the Great Northern Hotel by the Station Road roundabout, p10

1972 04 11
Free milk and hang the consequences. That was the decision reached by Haverhill Urban Council last night after four months of soul-searching on the free school milk issue. Government legislation last year stopped free milk in schools for children over seven. Despite pleas to wait for a High Court ruling members voted to give milk to seven and eight-year-olds. The council's clerk asked members to await the High Court verdict on the legality of councils paying for milk themselves, any councillor who voted against a motion that was subsequently found to be illegal was not liable to be surcharged as a result of the decision. Coun. Hartley replied "We may be a poor authority in terms of money but we are rich in our children"

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Hundreds of seagulls are leaving their mark on Cherry Hinton. But the people who live there are not impressed and have asked Cambridge councillors to start a clean-up campaign in the area. The seagulls live on the refuse tip at Coldham's Lane where the pickings are good. But they do not confine their activities to the waste ground and have started to make themselves felt on the residents. And this has upset the housewives who have told the councillors that they prefer their white washing to stay that way. Some residents have referred these problems dropped on them unexpectedly from the heights to the council's Conservative leader, Ald Stanley Bowles. Today he admitted "I just don't know what we can do about the problem. Perhaps we should issue the seagulls with nappies"

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The Green Man at Grantchester calls itself proudly, if obscurely, a Bilstafayre Restaurant and expresses the hope on a little printed card that its proporietors have created the right atmosphere for you to enjoy. On a Saturday evening the atmosphere is controlled more definitely by the patrons and can get pretty thick. The clientele is on the trendy side - leather thongs and see-through dresses. There is a good selection of meats which you debate in the bar over a sherry or gin and tonic (39p). We chose Prawn cocktail (35p), Entrecote steak au poivre (1.20) with tossed salad (15p). The trifle (20p) was distinctly dry and a concoction of pears and meringue (20p) was rather ordinary. At 6.75 for two it is not cheap, p9

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1972 04 15
Women's Lib is fighting a losing battle. Though they are trumpeting the call for greater freedom for women, modern pressures are making it more difficult for women to break free from domestic chores. So said Dr Edward Leach, social anthropologist at King's College, Cambridge. With more use of contraceptives families could be created at will. This meant the old way of having large families spread over the years with older daughters helping at home with the babies was disappearing. "Daughters are now more in the nature of parasites. They cannot really help at home. Again, the modern woman is more tied to he home" said Dr Leach, p10

Mr Alexander Dale, of The Old House, Histon, the noted collector of macabre historical relics, has died. He was 63. His "black museum" contained the last gallows ever used in public execution at Cambridge, assorted bloodstained wrist crushers and torture instruments from the Bastille. Most of the exhibits were sold at public auctions in Cambridge during 1970 when Dr Dale wanted the space at his home which the museum was occupying, p10

Girls High School, p9
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1972 04 17
In due course all Cambridge colleges will be co-residential, according to a senior University tutor. So far Churchill, Kings and Clare have agreed to open their doors to women but there was little likelihood of any more colleges following suit at present. A student from St Catharine's college said "They would never think of it at my college. The reason is basically because we have a large proportion of the public school type on the governing body and they feel their role is to promote the college in the public school image", p11

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1972 04 18
The Conservative chairman of the Cambridgeshire Planning Committee, Tony Cornell, has told the Government that local councils should be allowed to buy land compulsorily unless land prices come down quickly. The cheapest houses in Cambridge and county will cost £9,000. And only one fifth of the young couples who want their own home will be able to afford one. What land is coming on the market now is changing hands at £30,000 - £40,000 an acre and rising

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1972 04 20
The Dorothy in Cambridge has been sold. A new role for the city's best-known catering and dancing centre has not been decided by the new owners, but may include a "quality" department store. The Dorothy's present owners, G.P. Hawkins ltd said that parking restrictions have hit the firm's business. The Dorothy contains a supermarket, restaurant, large ballroom and other rooms used by many organisations for official functions, p10 # c.27.47

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1972 04 21
Shopping in Cambridge in the lunch hour is becoming a nightmare. Many small local shops have been squeezed out of business. At the same time 'modernisation' and self-service hare becoming the rule almost everywhere for ordinary frequently-bought items. The attitude seems to be 'If we have got it, and you can find it, and you don't mind queuing to pay for it, you can buy it'. Many items have to be weighed and measured in one place and paid for in another. Whose time is being saved? - letter from Mrs A. Hull, p22

The traffic lights at the Trumpington Road – Lensfield Road -Fen Causeway junction in Cambridge are expected to be working again this weekend. Some new lights control equipment which went wrong before it was installed last week has been returned from the makers. The City council had intended to install the equipment in a bid to cut delays at the junction. Traffic experts consider that the system which was working until last week gave preference to "minority groups" and caused hold-ups for most other road users. There had been no reports of accidents so far on the corner but the City Surveyor, Geoffrey Cresswell, feared that motorists might get used having no lights at the junction and be tempted to take chances, p28

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Two middle-aged women who jumped from a first-floor window into the Garden House hotel's back gardens to escape the fire were later found by a Cambridge milkman wandering along Fen Causeway in their nightclothes. A friend said "The women looked like refugees with smoke-blackened hands and faces. They had walked across Coe Fen. The milkman stopped his float and asked if he could help them". Miss Sarah Wilhelm from Ohio said she was woken by a burning smell. She saw the room starting to fill up with smoke and saw the paint on the inside of the door turning brown. She jumped from the window and the other lady followed, p1 # c.27.45

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1972 04 26
The planning go-ahead has been given for the re-development of the old Chivers warehouse site in George Street, Huntingdon. It is the largest single industrial site in the town. The agents revealed it was hoped to attract one major industrial concern to take over the entire six and a half acre site. The offices to be housed in a modern block will front George Street and will be set back from the road in line with the present post office and alms houses. The property was sold at the beginning of the year for an undisclosed five-figure sum and the re-development is eventually expected to generate many job opportunities in the town, p12
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1972 04 28
Full central heating is to be installed after all in 44 family homes to be built as part of a £332,000 development in Brooks Road, Cambridge. The Housing Committee had earlier decided on only part central heating to cut costs. Coun David Keate said "Let us pitch our standards a little bit ahead for once and prepare for the future when all houses which do not have full central heating will almost certainly have to be altered to install it" , p24

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1972 04 29
Common Market lorry drivers on a trans-European trip to Britain would probably bring their girlfriends along with them, the Cambridge By-pass inquiry heard yesterday. And if their route passed close to the famous city of Cambridge they would want to call in and see the sights, said the chairman of Hardwick Parish Council. The inquiry now holds the record for the longest public inquiry into a road scheme ever held in Britain. On Tuesday it will be 11 weeks since it began, p9
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Altogether 715 people completed the 28-mile Cambridge Oxfam Walk on Saturday ... including one 79-year-old, Dr A.E. Clark-Kennedy, A Fellow of Corpus Christi College. He has walked in several Oxfam walks and has always completed the course, P11

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1972 05 02
The first proper May Day march in Cambridge for many years collected together most of the action and pressure groups in the city on what is traditionally the workers day worldwide. As they marched through the city streets in the thick of the lunchtime crowds, passers-by tried to grab posters that were being carried. Amongst the marchers were the Anti-Interment League, Women's Lib, the Anti-Common Market Action Committee, the National Federation of Old Age Pensioners Association, who had to have a breather in the middle of the march, the Cambridge Tenants' Association and the

Stepping through the doors of the Rock Hotel, Cambridge last night was like stepping back in time. Teddy boys were propping up the bar, Jerry Lee Lewis was rock'n'rolling on the turntable and other teds were jiving around the floor. But these were not the teds who slashed cinema seats and slouched around in the late 50's. The velvet drapes were there along with drainpipe trousers, bootlace ties, frilly shirts and hair cream. But the years had mellowed the people wearing them. The occasion was the first meeting of the Cambridge Rock'n'Roll Club. One ted said "It's nice to remember the good old days" 72 05 02

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Sainsbury's "edge of town" shopping scheme for Coldham's Lane has been rejected by Cambridge City Council's Planning Committee because it does not conform with their policy. The "edge of town" policy would have been fully exploited in Cambridge for the first time. The Planning Committee refused the scheme because the land is zoned for industrial use, p18

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1972 05 06
New plans for office block development on the corner of Bridge Street and Round Church Street, Cambridge, are likely to be submitted soon, said developers, the Scottish Mutual Assurance Society. The Department of the Environment's refusal of the previous plans was announced yesterday, after a seven-year wrangle between developers, planners, and preservationists which culminated in a

public inquiry last December. One of the crucial points of the first scheme was the future of number 10 Bridge Street on the corner which was to have been demolished. Objectors feared this would enable city planners to push back the building line in Round Church Street and set a radical precedent that would ruin the whole street, p9

1972 05 08
Attempting suicide is becoming an epidemic disease and soon there won't be many sane people left, the Professor of Medicine at Cambridge University said last night. "The pattern of illness has changed practically over the last 10 years through the strain and pressure of life. In 20 years' time there won't be very any sane people around", he said. "It is the expansion of affluence which is getting to the point where it is interfering with the human brain". A man often went on strike not because he wanted more money but because other people were doing better than he was, p11

More than 100 former pupils of Papworth Everard Primary School took a stroll down Memory Lane on Saturday when they met their old headmistress, Mrs Muriel Dykes. And there were gasps of amusement or horror as the visitors, who all went to the school between 1922 and 1946, caught sight of photographs of boys in "short" trousers reaching below their knees who are now respectable-suited businessmen and shy little girls with smocks and ringlets who are now married women. Mrs Dykes came to the village school as head in 1922, when she was 28, and retired in 1946. She said "The whole village was started for soldiers from the First World War who were suffering from Tuberculosis. So many of them were townsmen, coming from sophisticated places to a place where water wasn't laid on, or electric light. They were disgusted that their children should have to go to a village school" 72 05 08

Land for 2,700 homes, p13

1972 05 09
Leading groups from the world of Soul, Beat and Pop are to be booked for a new season of entertainment at the Howard Mallett Youth Club, built at a cost of £60,000, four years ago as a "drop-in" club for youngsters in the city. Discotecheque equipment costing £200 is also being installed for a new programme of Sunday discos. "We intend to get back our crowds of 200 for the discos and 500 for the dances" said the warden. Nearly half the area of the club is devoted to the coffee and snack bar and lounges. "There is no sort of membership. Anyone over 17 can drop in to meet friends and talk. The admission is 5p." p5

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1972 05 12
Robinson and Gimbert, the Cambridge builders with reputation for high class work have been taken over by one of the "big boys" of British home building. From next week they will be trading under the direction of T & E Homes ltd of Reigate. The Cambridge firm who started in Guildhall Street 25 years ago and moved to Victoria Road six years ago have 60 full time employees. Robinson and Gimbert currently have schemes on the go at Oakington and Stapleford, and recently completed one at Waterbeach. They build about 50 houses a year, p20

Haverhill housing, p26

1972 05 13
It's whatever turns you on, man, and for 3,000 people who gathered at Parkers Piece last night the message was : "If you're gonna turn on, turn on to Jesus". The "drop your dope" call came from 31-year-old Arthur Blessitt, the self-styled leader of the Jesus People movement in America. His message was simple: "Go, Go, Go with Jesus" -and his technique was the fast-talking hard sell of detergent commercials. Mr Blessitt became known in Britain after a mammoth nation-wide walk and his followers grew from a handful to many thousands, p7

1972 05 15
The story-book world of Bambi the baby deer came to Gilbert Road, Cambridge, yesterday when Mr Roy Wing looked over his garden fence. He couldn't believe his eyes. A small, brown, bright-eyed young deer was sitting calmly among the foliage in his neighbour's garden at 142 Gilbert Road in the middle of suburban Cambridge, many miles from the known haunts of deer, p11

Victoria Road crossing, p9

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Newmarket rail crossing, p12

1972 05 17
Revolution swept quietly through the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge when for the first time a modern musician accompanied the preview of an exhibition by a contemporary artist. The folk-singer, Donovan, played his guitar and sang to the predominately-young audience who had come to view the opening of a showing of sculptures by David Wynne. Sitting cross-legged on a lime-green cushion and flanked by the odd Murillo depicting a biblical scene, Donovan's presence was clearly not part of the Fitzwilliam tradition. Donovan was one of the subjects whose heads were depicted in bronze in the exhibition, p16

1972 05 18
Insignificant Hardwick, a ribbon development west of Cambridge has become "millionaires' row" with the sale of land destined for a huge new housing estate. A building firm have bought 84 acres from 51 landowners for close on £1 million. The 480 strong village was said by many to be "dying " through lack of interest and development. In 1935 the land was bought by the philanthropist Mr William Game. He had the idea of it becoming a "green dream" for Cockneys who wanted to quit London for the countryside. Many people who bought land there reared chickens but when the bottom fell out of the egg market in the mid-1950s most of the land fell into disuse, p18.

Stapleford land prices, p10
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1972 05 19
A Cambridge building which has had a richly varied history enters yet another era of its life when Eastern Electricity's enlarged shop opens at 4 Market Hill on Monday. At different stages of its history the Market Hill building has been a cinema - oldies of the "penny-gas" days of the early twenties before the talkies were projected on to the wall of what is now a sub-station behind the shop - and a tearoom frequented by undergraduates, who took their 1920's tea and muffins in the panelled room upstairs, p43

1972 05 19
Faith, Hope and Charity will never be quite the same again if the Government go ahead with their proposed motorway interchange at Girton. Faith, Hope and Charity are the names of three fields on the Cambridge University Farm - and their future is in some doubt because they lie at the exact spot

where the city's Northern and Western bypasses are due to meet up with the A604. Although the university farm has some picturesque names - Youngman's Pasture, Pheasant Meadow and Stickfast - it is an experimental unit rather than a pure agricultural investment

The rapid growth of Burwell - which has almost doubled in population in 10 years - may have to be slowed down to allow public services to catch up. The village which now has a population of more than 5,000, needs improved sewerage facilities to cope with the new homes and trade waste from a large factory, p19

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Cambridgeshire people are not "prison-minded" and they display a certain apathy towards crime, claimed Cambridge's Senior Probation Officer, Mr William Gaskell, last night. The reason was that the county had no prisons. Yet the effects of crime were very much with us. "We have people from this county in 25 different prisons and borstals in counties in East Anglia and South East England", p11

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Two homeless, unsupported mothers have taken over a house in Milton Road, Cambridge, as squatters and intend to make it their home. They expect to be joined by four more mothers and another nine children. The mothers, who refused to give their names, are members of a group who call themselves the Cambridge Squatters, formed only a week ago. They want to bring greater recognition to the social problems of unsupported mothers, p12

City lose sewers, p19

1972 05 25
ABC Taxis of Cambridge, have taken over one of their biggest rivals, United Taxis Ltd, and now run one of the largest fleets of hire cars in the area. United were in the news two years ago when they decided to run all their cabs on petroleum gas which, they claimed, gave a considerable cost saving in spite of expensive conversions to the engines, p16

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1972 05 27

Hundreds of acres of root crops have been lost or badly damaged in the severe dust storms which swept Cambridgeshire fens yesterday. Farmers say it was the worst for 20 years. During the storm visibility was down to as little as five yards and trees were uprooted. Mr Fred Abbs, a manager of several farms totalling 1,000 acres at Swaffham Fen estimated today that he has lost more than 100 acres of carrots and sugar beet. Mr Abbs estimated the lost crops were worth about £2,000, p9

An unlovely and inhumane heap. That is how the "Architect's Journal" describes the £12 million second stage of New Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge now complete after six years of building. "One would have to go a long way to find such an unlovely and inhumane heap, which looks as if it was designed piecemeal by a team of untalented temporary assistants, p11

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Butchers want price rises, p1

1972 05 30
Sainsbury, who open a new supermarket on the Matthews site in the centre of Cambridge on August 1st, are to auction their old shop in Sidney Street. Property values in central Cambridge are soaring, agents talk confidently in top rental terms of £6 and more a square foot on prime sites. The closure of the Sidney Street premises is part of Sainsbury's policy to do away with service stores. The new shop is in standard supermarket style, p30

1972 05 31
A free parking bonus will be given to motorists using Cambridge's show-piece Lion Yard car park during its first weeks operation after the opening date on July 24 The city's Traffic and Parking Committee decided to cut parking charges by 5p during the working day for the first week, which means one hour's free parking during each parking period. If a motorist leaves his car at Lion Yard for one hour or less it will be completely free, p15

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1972 06 03
Old Huntingdonshire road signs which have been obsolete for several years could be sold for more than £100 each. Ald George Earl said the four foot long signs, which contain the word Huntingdonshire and the old county crest could be quite valuable. Ald Donald Daking, a Peterborough auctioneer and surveyor, said "they should by all means make a nice little figure. You might get £25, but I doubt you will get three figures, p9

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1972 06 05
Petty Cury, Cambridge, was closed to all vehicle traffic today and handed back to pedestrians for the second time this year. It is likely to stay closed to traffic for at least two years and perhaps permanently. The same city centre street was closed to traffic for a month's experiment in February which was rated highly successful. The whole of the southern side of Petty Cury will be demolished in the next three months and a new Central Library will appear within the next three years

Garden House delay, p9

1972 06 06
It's not every road sweeper who goes to work in a taxi. But Mr Ernie Hatchelt, who works for St Neots Urban District Council goes in style every day. It all started three months ago when Mr Hatchelt's motor cycle broke down and he faced the problem of getting to work from Tempsford six miles away. Now he goes in a taxi every day to St Neots and clocks up £7 a week in fares each week. A road sweeper's basic pay is £17.90 a week but bonus takes it up to £19 gross, p13

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"Costly and inadequate" bus services in Cambridge are stopping many teenagers from enjoying themselves in the evening. This is one of the findings of a special survey into youth activities carried out by the Cambridge Association for the Prevention of Drug Addiction. Transport formed an almost insurmountable problem. "Bus services were costly and inadequate; entertainment often had to be curtailed to all the last bus home to be caught. Outlying villages were even worse served, and as they were without entertainment the young people had become very discouraged". The Committee recommended the setting-up of a disco-coffee bar

1972 06 08
It will be Cambridge's feast of the year. At a cost of up to £33 a head, the 60 or more guests will be treated to the full flavour of haute cuisine. Turtle soup, lobsters and the very best wine. But this "men only" dinner at Christ's College on June 30th is not a junket for visiting royalty. It is a special "plug" for the Cambridge Sports Hall Appeal. The host will be a London restaurant proprietor. He is gambling that if you are prepared to spend up to £2,000 to feed 60 to 70 people you can expect to receive up to £10,000 back in donations to the appeal, p11

Two long-haired students from the Cambridgeshire College of Arts and Technology picked the wrong moment to walk into a Cambridge restaurant. It was about the time of day that the cafe's manageress had seen enough shoulder-length locks to last her a lifetime. And she refused to serve the students at The Whim in Trinity Street. The students claimed they were subjected to a stream of almost hysterical abuse and told they were dirty and disgusting. The manageresss said she had tried to be patient but found it difficult to run a business when customers filled up the restaurant for hours at a time having only paid 5p for a cup of tea 72 06 08

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Denny Abbey will be open, p10

1972 06 09
The family firm of D. Mackay, Britannia Works, East Road, Cambridge, celebrate their 60th year jubilee this week. The Britannia Public house from which the works took its name has recently been demolished, and the houses which formed Britannia Place have long since disappeared, as has the Smith which stood in the public house yard. Many other landmarks have been swept away in the new Roadworks. It used to be said that by standing at the corner of East Road and Newmarket Road one would be sure to meet one's friends. Now it is difficult to see which is the corner, and the traffic roars past too fast for leisurely greetings, p27

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Fenstanton diversion, p7

1972 06 12
I have just had my first and last visit to Cambridge. I walked half-way round the city to find a toilet. I was directed to the one on the market. It stank so much I would not use it. Getting back to the market - it is a disgrace, with old clothes stalls which smelt and old vegetable leaves on the floor a danger to the public. There were about two decent stalls there and in the centre round the fountain were the drunks, a revolting sight - letter from visitor from Bexhill, Kent, p8

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1972 06 13
Girton College now has more rooms for resident students than any other women's college in Oxford or Cambridge, claimed the Mistress, Professor Muriel Bradbrook yesterday. She was speaking at the official opening of Wolfson Court which adds 100 rooms to those available at the main college site. It was financed by an appeal including a £150,000 contribution from the Wolfson Foundation, p15

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Police pay Garden House Riot claim, p13

1972 06 14
Cambridge's famous Magdalene Bridge is to be preserved, the Secretary for the Environment, Mr Peter Walker, has decided. His move follows last year's public inquiry into proposals by his Department to knock down and replace the 148-year-old bridge. Mr Walker has ruled that the bridge should be strengthened internally and that a temporary bridge should be provided alongside while work is going on, p18

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1972 06 16
People living in Norfolk Street and Gwydir Street made it clear at a meeting in Cambridge that they want some peace and quiet - and soon. They want to be able to park their cars free outside their own homes and are calling for rapid police action to enforce parking bans in the area. Half the 1,400 vehicles recorded during a 13-hour period were using the narrow roads in the area as a short cut between Mill Road and East Road, p26

High-speed runs are to begin next week at Earith for the hovertrain being developed by Tracked Hovercraft Ltd, the Ditton Walk, Cambridge, division of the National Research and Development Corporation. A more powerful motor has been fitted after a three-week overhaul of the research

vehicle which has been constantly used since its first run last December, It is planned to reach 110 m.p.h. - the diver of a high- powered sports car would be hard pressed to achieve the same speed. Work is going on to finish the two-mile extension of the track which will eventually be 12 miles long when speed of 300 miles an hour should be possible, p20

Arbury adventure playground, p5
Senate calls for new Music School, p24

1972 06 19
Early in 1974 a new county will be born. Its name: Cambridgeshire. Instinctively, most Cambridge people will look to Cambridge as the county town. The largest and most important community in the new administrative area. Ask a Cambridge citizen about Peterborough and he may describe is as industrial, a little characterless and distinctly Midlandish. Oh yes, and it's due to take a few overspill Londoners ... The facts are somewhat different. In 15 year's time Peterborough may be almost twice as large as Cambridge, it will almost certainly have the largest representation on the county council and its industry and commerce may be looking towards Cambridge for new horizons, p11

1972 06 20
As President of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society, I am aware of the many calls for help received by the handfull of professional archaeologists in the city and county. A full-time professional archaeologist, appointed by the area authority, would be able to supervise and plan much of the work. Some authorities have already created such posts. There is an immense fund of goodwill in the present younger generation which needs to be channelled and encouraged. I write to plead with your readers to press their local representatives into an active realisation of their responsibilities. The problem is urgent - letter from Christopher Parish, Cambridge, p10

Cambridge missing in radio race, p13
Teacher hit by house prices, p13

1972 06 21
Car parking facilities at New Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, have sparked a row between the National Union of Public Employees and the hospital administration. N.U.P.E. claim that while consultants can park on the doorstep, other staff are being pushed to the site's outskirts, p16

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Leys ‘Mrs Chips’, p4
Elizabeth Way jams, p8

1972 06 23
Six months of commercial disaster have brought new doubts about the future of Stansted Airport, scene of one of Britain's biggest and most bitter planning battles. Essex County Council have long made it clear that they want to see the airport shut down by the early 1980s. Their view is based on the Government's rejection of Stansted and subsequent choice of Foulness as the site for London's third airport. But recent events suggest Stansted could fade and die long before 1980. But is Stansted's future as an airport really that gloomy? In recent years the volume of traffic handled has grown enormously. Passenger figures have jumped from 13,991 in 1967-68 to more than half a million last year, p23

University signs wages pact, p24

1972 06 24
Labour councillors will ask the city council next week to build moderately priced houses - for sale to their tenants and private buyers - on land at Arbury Road, Cambridge, which the council plan to sell to property speculators. The six-acre site off Arbury Road - between St Laurence Junior School and the newly built multi-storey council flats - is now on offer to developers prepared to give a good price

and willing to draw up a development scheme acceptable to city planners. Some property sources have suggested that the land could be worth £500,000 to the city council, p11

Owlestone Croft nurses home, p5
House prices rise, p10

1972 06 26
The City Council are to continue their campaign to eventually take control of 22 villages around Cambridge. When the city council put forward their take-over plan more than a year ago, it met with total opposition from all the villages concerned. The city council have on a number of occasions claimed that by taking an area around the city within a radius of roughly eight miles they would form an ideally sized 'district council' under the new local government shake-up, p13

'Miss Worl' opens fete, p13

1972 06 27
Although the war ended 27 years ago the little patch of Cambridge around Alexandra Street has a distinct 1940s look. In common with all the little alleyways off Petty Cury, Alexandra Street is in the throes of the Lion Yard re-development scheme. The old is being swept away by the demolition gangs to make way for the new and soon the whole face of the area will begin to change. The first phase of the project - the multi-storey car park - is due to open at the end of next week. Work on the second stage - the demolition of the southern side of Petty Cury and the building of shops and service roads on the Lion Yard - is already under way and is expected to take about two years. The third stage - the building of a large central library - will start soon after this, p17

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Newsells Park Royston sale, p15
Cromwell Museum reopen, p15

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Loo dossier, p15

1972 06 29
A Mid-Anglia firm claim to have pocketed a world market with a new electronic calculator announced yesterday in London. Sinclair Radionics Ltd of St Ives Mill, who are mainly known for their hi-fi equipment, launched the Sinclair Executive calculator, which is smaller than a 5p bar of chocolate. The Executive is 5 1/2 inches long, 2 inches wide and just over 1/4 inch thick, and will easily fit in the breast pocket of a suit. It will sell for £70. The calculator uses 7,000 transistors, 10 times as many as in the normal colour television set. The calculator has an illuminated display of up to eight digits. It will add, subtract, divide and multiply instantaneously, p12

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New Dutch Elm disease, p9

1972 06 30
"For many years until recently we at Milton have suffered the stench from the city's sewage farm. Milton has developed enormously in recent years into a thriving community. We hope to develop a large recreational area for boatmen, fishermen, picnicking etc to which people will be welcomed from elsewhere. Now however as a blow to all these hopes comes the suggestion to site a gypsy encampment on our boundary. It also appears we shall have to suffer the northern by-pass nearby and extra traffic with it. We ask, is this fair?" - letter from D.Pearson, chairman of Milton Parish Council, p22

Cut price parking 'unfair', p23

Boundary plans shock council. P25

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1972 07 01
Cambridge - "an environmental jewel" - is in danger of becoming an environmental slum because of the motor car, according to the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the Environment, Mr Eldon Griffiths. And the only way to stop the rot, in his opinion, is to keep cars out of the city centre and to speed ahead with the building of the Western and Northern by-passes. "The sooner a pedestrian precinct can be established in the city centre, and later extended, the better", p9

1972 07 03
The announcement that Stansted Airport was expected to handle 3.5 million passengers a year by 1980 has again raised the spectre of a major London airport being based at Stansted. But officials of both county and amenity groups are confident that this "back door" method of building up the airport could be blocked. The 3.5 million figure, a 600 per cent increase on the present passenger flow, came from the British Airport Authority. The B.A.A. made their shock predictions despite the closure of two Stansted based airlines this year. The chairman of Essex County Council Planning committee said today he through the figures projected by B.A.A. were "quite unrealistic. I do not think we have anything to worry about", p9
Lauries summer sale, p3
Kelsey Kerridge, p7
Cambridge Scientific Instruments new factory, p9

1972 07 04
It is unlikely that many ratepayers will visit the Shire Hall in Cambridge this week to see how their money is being spent on the latest chapter in the De Vere Hotel saga. They should. Almost everybody agrees that the city could do with that 200-bedroom hotel at Mount Pleasant. The proposal by De Vere Hotels to build a £2 million hotel was originally approved by the County Council but the Environment Minister claimed that the development was too large for the site. If the hotel is not built the developers could claim compensation of up to £500,000 & ratepayers would have to foot the bill

New police headquarters topped out, p6
Newmarket Road Barnwell Bridge, p15

1972 07 05
A group of Bar Hill villagers last night decided after more than two hours of argument, that they would like to see a Community Association formed there. Mr Rodney Dale, who had headed a special working party explained that such an organisation would seek out the needs of the community as well as co-ordinating village activities. At the end of the meeting the chairman of the Parish Council said it had been a "difficult, irritating and niggling meeting". "But", he added, "it is right that we should have conflicting views, and it is good and healthy that they are aired"

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Chesterton Preparatory School, p4
Histon British Legion club, p22

1972 07 07
The Government amendment to the Local government Bill retaining Newmarket in Suffolk has been agreed by the Commons. The amendment which has been bitterly opposed by Newmarket Urban Council means that Suffolk's borders will remain largely unchanged, but East and West Suffolk will become one county. At Newmarket today, the chairman of the urban council, Coun. Leslie Bell said "This now starts the fight". Representatives of the urban council, Newmarket Rural Council and Ely Rural and Urban Councils are to meet the county council members and officials to see if anything can

be done to reverse the ruling. The four councils have been working together for more than a year on the basis that they were to form a new district council within Cambridgeshire

No sign cheaper houses, p15
Graffham Water sailors, p41

1972 07 08
The Cambridge By-pass Inquiry began their 66th session yesterday with a spell of market square haggling between Milton village and the Department of the Environment. Milton Parish Council are worried about the proximity of the Northern By-pass to the village and the effect of an interchange on the A10. They had put forward an alternative by-pass route but offered yesterday to withdraw it if the Department made three concessions. The Department offered two but hesitated on the third. Said the Inspector "It seems to be what is called a piece of horse-trading". The clerk to the Parish Council, Mr Kenneth Humphries, said that the proposed western by-pass for Milton should be built concurrently with the Northern By-pass in order to cope with the extra traffic.

Hildersham pub sale, p10

1972 07 10
A pirate radio station operating from a Cambridge council house was pounced on by GPO officials and police yesterday. They took away a transmitter and a cassette recorder. The raid on the house came exactly six minutes after the illegal radio station – calling itself Radio Caroline - started its regular Sunday lunchtime pirate broadcast. For more than a year GPO engineers have been trying to track down the wavelength and whereabouts of the radio and using detector vehicles they closed in on the Cherry Hinton area. The station had been broadcasting fairly regularly each Sunday for almost 18 months

1972 07 11
Firms in Haverhill are having to go to the north-east to recruit workers and last night a local councillor accused them of paying wages that were too low to interest Londoners. "If you go to London and ask skilled workers to come here on local rates of pay they will laugh in your face", Coun. Mrs Vera Godden told members of the town's housing committee. One firm, Halliburtons, had requested houses for 42 key workers from Sunderland. The firm had found it impossible to attract labour from London through the Industrial Selection Scheme. Since they put in their application two more firms in Haverhill had asked for a total of 19 key worker homes. The Greater London Council would release only 25 houses for key workers.

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Six-lane A604 dangerous, p17
City library as Civil Restaurant, p18
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Sewer scheme guest honour, p20

1972 07 13
For simple country folk, such as myself, living to the north of Cambridge, the Elizabeth Bridge is a godsend. For a year now it has enabled me to leave my home, 17 miles from the city, at a civilised hour and be at my office desk within 30 minutes. And in the evenings all I have to do is find my lane and with minimal traffic hold-ups be out on the A10 to Ely again. It now seems hard to remember than once one allowed at least 20 minutes for the Newmarket road- Arbury road run at either peak hour: that to be stuck interminably at Mitcham's Corner was a commonplace. Today my only wish is that more and more improvements are allowed by the planners so that everyone can enjoy a quality of life freed as much as possible from traffic pollution

Doomwatch – Newmarket, p12

1972 07 14
The Cambridge Arts Theatre has suffered "staggering" financial losses this year - often £1,000 a week – and the Secretary and General Manager, Mr Andrew Blackwood, said yesterday : "We can't go on like that. We would soon be out of business". The reason for high production costs was that touring companies require guarantees of £1,500 or more before they would visit Cambridge. Seat prices generally ranged from 40p-90p and 50p-£1. Audience attendance figures were 14,000 down on the year - and he blamed Cambridge's impossible car parking situation for the loss

Cambridgeshire planners '£3 million idea of turning the historic Battle of Britain airfield at Duxford into a gigantic sports complex has been turned down by the Environment Minister, Mr Peter Walker. And Mr Walker has, temporarily at least, locked the doors on the Home Office's present plans for turning parts of the airfield into a Borstal. The decision could mean that the airfield will be derelict for years to come. Mr Walker told the planners that he is not satisfied that the impact of noise, traffic and crowds on the Duxford area, which the sports complex would bring, would be either tolerable or justified

City needs sites one-man businesses, p20

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Villages get city overspill, p9
Back-street houses facelift, p11

1972 07 17
A Cambridge architect, Mr David Page, has blamed the Cambridgeshire planners and he County Surveyor's Department for the "boring conformity" of new housing estates in villages surrounding Cambridge. He explained "There is a boring conformity from one village to another of new building. All the windows seem to be coming from the same factory, all the bricks are the same cheap sand-faced range, roof tiles are similar, layouts are very seldom varied and all dominated by the County Surveyors inflexible designs for forecourts and footpath. What an appalling state design has been reduced to when the character built up over the centuries is completely ignored and decimated in less than a quarter of a century"

1972 07 18
Two large new city council housing estates - each with probably hundreds of homes - are being planned for Trumpington and at Fen Ditton, just outside the Cambridge boundary. The Trumpington site was the home of the Royal Show some years ago and is expected to start a storm of controversy because it involves land regarded by the preservationists as being of high scenic value. The Fen Ditton scheme, too, is unlikely to meet with much approval from the village authorities, because it would greatly increase the community's size

Arthur off to Yarmouth, p1
Plum harvest, p11

1972 07 19
It was the end of the road for the Cambridge By-pass inquiry yesterday. It died in the afternoon at the tottering age of 72 days - and no-one shed a tear. It had lingered through six tedious months and had achieved notoriety as he longest public inquiry into a road scheme ever held in the British Isles. There were 76 objections and scores of witnesses and counter- objectors and every nook, cranny and cubby-hole of the by-pass project was explored to the horizons of desperation and beyond. It was the Inspector who raised the point which had occurred to everyone but which no one liked to mention. "I do hope that I survive long enough to write my report", he remarked casually one afternoon, "For all your sakes"

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£25,000 record price, p19

1972 07 21
Mid-Anglia police were very happy with their new Volvo patrol cars - until they found that usin their VHF radio cut the car's speed by about 15 miles an hour. Drivers doing 50 m.p.h. found that when they made a radio call their speed dropped to 35 m.p.h. – alarming for them and for anyone travelling behind. The Volvos bought on the insistence of the Chief Constable in the face of opposition by some members of the police authority came into service earlier this year. They have a special computerised fuel injection system, and when drivers made radio calls the VHF signal sent the computer haywire. The result was that the engine was starved of petrol supply and the car quickly slowed down. But the mystery fault has been cured - by a mechanic from Sweden and a roll of baking foil.

Improvements to the A10 trunk road, including by-passes for Melbourn and Buntingford, and new bridges at Littleport and Foxton have been announced by Whitehall. The by-passes should be started within the next 10 years and will cost in the region of £1 1/2 million. The Deputy County Surveyor for Cambridgeshire said At Foxton there are continuing delays at the crossing gates and there are regular accidents. It has been a black spot for longer than I care to remember, and the only way to stop it is to do away with the crossing, and the only way to do that is to run a road bridge over it". The Chairman of the parish council said. "I am honestly very pleased at the news; it is a major step forward. The next thing will be to get the actual work done"

Punt-hire firms, p18

1972 07 24
The Lion Yard multi-deck car park opens on Monday proving another 500 car spaces within a stone's throw of the centre of Cambridge. The completion marks the first stage of he city council's multi million redevelopment project for the area - which was first proposed nearly 25 years ago. The new park, which aims to cater for the shopper and the shortstay motorist, is the second major car park to open in the city in less than a year. The other is at Queen Anne Terrace, which opened last October. The usual parking fees will be 5p for the first hour, 15p for two hours, 25p for three hours, up to a maximum of 75p for 10 hours. The council hope the prices will encourage people who work in the city centre to leave their cars in the parks away from the centre, like New Square and Prospect Row, where the charges are considerably less.

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Museum chief to quit, p13
Village bobby come-back, p17

1972 07 26
A total of 160 houses in the Burleigh street – Fitzroy street area of Cambridge will have to be demolished to make way for the city council's shopping redevelopment scheme. At present only 34 of the houses are unoccupied. The city council are prepared to buy the houses at full market value if the owners cannot find other buyers. Some of the houses have already been classed as slums and earmarked for demolition. A number have in fact already been closed, such as in parts of James Street or demolished, as at Adam and Eve Street. A year ago the city council gave details of a large area outside the Burleigh Street - Fitzroy Street complex which they said would not be required for demolition. This gave the house owners the go-ahead to apply for grants of up to £1,000 to improve their homes

The Cambridge Arts theatre lost almost £14,000 last year, £9,000 more than their loss in 1970-71. The chairman of trustees, Mr George Rylands, told the annual meeting that it had been a "disappointing and worrying" year which seemed to point to a decline in interest in Cambridge in the live theatre. Mr Rylands blamed the over-all loss on the increased cost of productions, higher salaries and wages, and

a decline in attendances of nearly six per cent. He hoped the opening of the new Lion Yard car park would induce new patrons to the theatre

1972 07 27
By throwing out plans to fluoridate Huntingdon and Peterborough's water supply, the county council have only postponed the day for two years. Because when the new health authorities take over, there is little doubt that fluoride will be in every water supply in England & Wales. Their decision means that for the sake of having no fluoride in the water supplies to a small part of the area around St Ives and Ramsey, they have denied fluoride to almost 200,000 people in the Cambridgeshire & Isle of Ely area. This is because both councils were linked in a £68,000 plan to be carried out by the Cambridge Water Company

Commercial radio, p16

1972 07 28
With Murkett Bros' move to new premises in Histon Road on Tuesday, Cambridge will shortly lose a familiar landmark. The Huntingdon-based firm's motor car showrooms and offices at the corner of Huntingdon Road and Histon Road is to be demolished and a million-gallon-a-year petrol service station built in its place. Murkett's sold their prime corner city centre site to Chevron Oil (U.K.) earlier this year. Chevron consider the purchase of the old showrooms a coup. "With a traffic count of around 40,000 cars a day at this junction, it is a prime site equal to some of the best in London", said a spokesman

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Barnwell Bridge work, p16

1972 07 29
The Department of the Environment have squashed a plan to develop a 20-acre industrial estate in Milton Road, Cambridge, opposite Trinity College's proposed 13-acre science park. Bitter controversy has shadowed the scheme from the start. It was first approved by Cambridge City Council but later vetoed by the County Council who said they had already earmarked sufficient land for industry. The planning permission was for construction of roads and sewers as a first step to an industrial estate being sought by Stokes of Cambridge ltd. When they were turned down by the County council they appealed to Whitehall and a public inquiry was held in February this year

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Delay on Kite, p12
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1972 08 01
Two Cambridge University computers half a mile apart have been operationally linked by an infra-red beam - the first system of its kind to be set up in Europe. The computers involved are the massive new £1.7million machine just installed in the mathematics laboratory, and the smaller, older, instrument in the Department of Engineering. The link is established by a beam transmitter and receiver at the top of each building and an essential condition of operation is that no obstruction lies in the path of the beam.

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New Sainsbury’s open, p15

1972 08 03
Is the panic going out of house buying in Mid Anglia? With more and more houses coming on to the market the answer, according to Building Society spokesmen is Yes. It is not so many months ago that estate agents were advertising for houses to sell. Now their lists appear to be as long as ever. The Leicester Permanent Building Society manager said "It can now take weeks to sell houses which a short time ago were being sold in a couple of days. I believe these are the first indications of an end to the recent hectic price spirtal" More private houses were started in June than ever before. Council housing starts, too, have reached their best level since last year.

Traffic study urges new relief road, p1 & p13
Waterbeach planning, p14
Land price rise terrifying, p15

1972 08 04
Cambridge housewives face soaring prices this weekend as thousands of tons of vital imports lie strike-bound in Britain's ports. Fruit and meat imports are the biggest casualties of the national dock strike which entered its second week today. In Cambridge the Mill Road greengrocers, Clements have raised the price of imported Granny Smith apples from 11p to 14p a pound, while bananas are up from 8p to 11p a pound. At Tesco, in Regent Street, the manager said they had run out of bananas, but oranges and apples were still available and had not gone up. Tomatoes however had risen by about 5p to 18p a pound
Get tough policy on planning, p13

1972 08 05
The long-awaited Cambridge Transportation Study was finally published yesterday. It is two years overdue and has cost £113,000 - almost £1,000 a page. It was jointly commissioned in 1967 by the Cambridge city and County Councils and the University. It was to be carried out by R. Travers Morgan and Partners and was estimated at that time to cost £78,000. Its major proposals include a Railway Road leaving the A10 south of the Trumpington street traffic lights, hugging the northbound railway track all the way to Newmarket Road. After crossing the Cam the new road would veer sharply west to follow the St Ives railway line along to the A10 Milton Road before linking up with Arbury Road. The Railway Road should be largely dual two-lane carriageway. Full construction could take many years

Red revolution landlords win Watney war, p11

1972 08 07
The Backs have been described as "one of the world's most beautiful assemblies of buildings and grass and trees". Queen's Road, which skirts The Backs, is also one of the busiest heavy lorry roads in Cambridge. For many years the university have urged the closure of Queen's Road to through traffic, but the counter-argument is that there is no other convenient traffic route in west Cambridge. Travers Morgan's Transportation Study proposes a new West Road which would carry some 60 per cent of the traffic using Queens Road and Grange Road which would then be closed, to bring peace once again to the Backs

New guided bus, p10

1972 08 08
I was among the first into the new Lion Yard multi-deck car park when it opened. The public hadn't really caught on, and the vast concrete halls echoed emptily to the dumpers and merry shouts of workmen still constructing it. Later in the week I returned. Now the park was known and very full. It was clearly making an impression on the parking situation in Cambridge for there were now more parking meters available than usual. It won't be until all the decks are in use at Lion Yard that the final effect on Cambridge parking will be seen. In my view it must be beneficial – Rodney Tibbs

How bikes depose cars, p11
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Crazy spiral of housing market, p9
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15,000 use Lion Yard, p16

1972 08 11
Crandal - a village within a village. The most pleasant village of Gt Shelford, has been for many years an idyllic residential area. The character and charm has been retained whilst every modern amenity is available. The strong community spirit that exists has led to the establishment of many local societies and clubs. It will be understood that the local authority wish to reserve the village feeling of Gt Shelford. It has therefore been after much direct consultation that Arjon Development Company have evolved the concept that is Crandal, a development of exciting and unique homes. Plans have been approved for expansions of the amenities with a further 6 shops, a supermarket, library and health centre. All enquiries to sole selling agents – Adrians

Six building sites halted, p1

1972 08 12
Castles in the air are all very well but when it came to haystacks in the sky villagers at Histon began to think they were really dreaming. Airborne straw rained down on the village yesterday and clumps of it were scattered over roads and in the gardens of puzzled residents. Seven year old Carmen Moore, who watched the whole event said; "I thought it was very funny seeing haystacks in the sky". The mystery of the falling straw was solved by the R.A.F. Oakington meteorological office. A spokesman said "This comes from burning fields of stubble. The heat from the ground can lift loose straw up to 10,000 feet and it can travel as much as 30 miles before it falls down again"

Cambridge University student, Mr Colin Rosensteil, was so annoyed by the grubby looking and almost illegible street nameplate outside his home in John Street that he decided to brighten it up himself. Now he is thinking about going round the other street nameplates in the area - if his requests to the city council to do the work fall on deaf ears. He has written to the city council's Conservative leader, Ald Stanley Bowlesasking for a rush programme of sign repainting throughout the city.

A Cottenham man used to be quite fond of cheese but he has rather lost the taste for it since he learned that the once-famous Cottenham product probably stands to lose him a few thousand pounds. Two cottages he had planned to sell to make way for new housing have just had a preservation order put on them because of an old cheese press and cheese room in one of them. It is though that the last cheese was made in Cottenham about 80 years ago and the press may prove to be extremely old. In the 18th century there were large herds of cattle in the village. The milk was used to produce large quantities of butter and the surplus to make the famous "Cottenham Double Cheese", a speciality of Stourbridge Fair and other markets in the area

Market Street opens again, p7

1972 08 14
The first boat to go through Roxton Lock, near St Neots since the beginning of the century, took the Duke of Bedford a mile up-river towards Great Barford after he had opened the new £80,200 lock on

Saturday. The opening marked the 21st birthday of the Great Ouse Restoration Society whose pressure has so far opened up three locks between Eaton Socon and Bedford. There are three more to go, Great Barford, Willington and Goldington.

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Pye profit, p8
Arbury community centre, p12

1972 08 17
The Rex cinema in Cambridge may soon echo to the moans and groans of live wrestling. This is just one of several ventures planned for the cinema by Victory Theatres who will take over as new owners in a few days' time. The front of the cinema is to be re-modelled and additional heating installed. In keeping with its luxury refit The Rex is to be renamed the Royal Luxury Cinema. "It will be a cinema of the seventies", said the Managing Director of Victory Theatres, Mr Victor Freeman. Other ideas for the revamped Rex include a Christmas pantomime. Victory Cinemas are buying The Rex from Abbey Sports Club. The ballroom at the cinema will continue to be owned by Abbey Sports Club

The strike by building workers forestalled the demolition of one of Cambridge's best loved buildings - the University cricket pavilion built at Fenners in 1875. The pavilion - the nursery of many great names in cricket and the host to countless others - is to be replaced by a new pavilion whose completion is being delayed by the strike. Such celebrities as Dr W.G. Grace were among the first to use the pavilion and Donald Bradman, the prolific Australian run-machine found a corner to hang his head in shame after being bowled for a duck at the ground in 1934.

Fewer boating enthusiasts Ouse, p9

1972 08 18
In a small blue and yellow Bermuda sloop 26 year-old Shane Acton will sail down the Cam from Cambridge tomorrow morning on the first leg of a round-the-world voyage. Shane bought the 20 foot sloop last Christmas with £600 saved during two years. Since then he had been living on the boat, moored on the Cam near Mitcham's Corner. He plans to sail around the coast to Falmouth, then across the Atlantic to the Azores.This will be the first time he has ever made a journey of this length sailing solo

Summer madness on building sites, p23

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Arbury get grant, p10

1972 08 22
The setting up of a full-time Cambridge tourist department is likely to be recommended to the city council. Tourism is at present looked after by the library committee. During the nation-wide local government reorganisation in 1974 responsibilities for running library services will go to the new county council. But the new District Council will obviously want to run Cambridge tourist facilities. The Library committee's Labour chairman, Coun Roger Thornely said the tourist work of the City's Libraries department was increasingly rapidly and taking up more of the department's time and added: "I believe that at times the Librarian does not see a book for about four or five days at a time"

1972 08 23
The tourist is choosy, picking for his photographs only that which pleases his eye. It would be small wonder then if he were to gloss over the less attractive of the Cam's backwaters. It is the city resident who suffers the full impact of the Cam's dirty ditches. Week by week through the tourist season the waterways gradually clot up with tin cans, bottles and paper to leave an unsightly blot on the city's scenery. In the stagnant stretch of water behind Queens' College the sludge of rotting leaves and

branches produce an overpowering smell. Ducks struggle manfully amid the tin cans and broken bottles which poke up through the thick layer of scum on the surface.

1972 08 24
It has been an irritating summer for the hundreds of visitors to Cambridge who have been forced to scour the surrounding countryside for hotel rooms. Cambridge has always had a notorious reputation for being unable to accommodate all the summer visitors. This year the situation was made worse by the Garden House Hotel fire in April which left the city the poorer by 75 bedrooms. Help is already on the way. The Garden House Hotel is being rebuilt; the Gonville Hotel will open again after alterations and work has started on a 100-bedroom hotel at Bar Hill. Whitbread have outline planning permission to build a 60-bedroom motel extension at the Red Lion Hotel, Trumpington and De Vere Hotels are awaiting the outcome of the inquiry into their application to build a 200-bedroom hotel on Castle Hill

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Smelly Cam, p23
Liberals scrap Relief Roads, p26

1972 08 26
Six mile queues of traffic built up at Newmarket today as the big Bank Holiday getaway moved into top gear. The A.A. warned drivers to steer clear of the town, a notorious holiday bottleneck for people heading to the East Coast. The Newmarket bottleneck caused queues to bank up along the A11 as far as Six Mile Bottom. Drivers were taking almost an hour to travel the two- mile stretch from Stetchworth Toll to Newmarket and an estimated 1,800 cars an hour were passing through the town

1972 08 27
Bar Hill villagers have won a temporary bus service into Cambridge. It will begin on the first day of the next school term. Villagers have been campaigning for a full bus service into Cambridge as "a matter of life and death". One woman has already been killed crossing the busy Huntingdon Road which children have to get over to reach the existing bus service to Cambridge outside the village. The service will run three journeys a day each way.

Cottenham cheese, p9

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1972 08 29
Cambridge colleges will have to take a very close look at controlling the number of visitors passing through their courts and cloisters, warned college Bursars, after one of their busiest tourist seasons ever. And while visitors have been allowed in with a minimum of restrictions in the past, it looks as if the day when the turnstiles are installed at the Porter's Lodge may not be far off. It could mean that 1972 will be the last year of free access to the colleges for the thousands of visitors who flock to Cambridge, one of Britain's top half-dozen tourist attractions.

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Care for old in villages, p13

1972 08 31
The preservation and restoration of the historic frontage of 10-16 Bridge Street, Cambridge is assured in new plans for a 40,000 sq.ft. development by the Scottish Mutual Assurance Company. An earlier version of the scheme was turned down after a public inquiry. It involved knocking down the corner

building and replacing it with a new structure which the inspector at the inquiry described as "aggressive in design". The new plans preserve the Bridge Street frontage. The scheme occupies a prominent site at the corner of Round Church Street and Bridge Street which has been a topic of heated discussion between developers, planners and preservationists for several years.

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1972 09 01
Cambridge folk have become accustomed to large scale demolition in various parts of the city, and soon yet another prominent building will disappear when the premises of the Hills Road Methodist Church are sold and taken down for development. The building is much too large; its seating capacity is 750 and the present membership is less than 200. Secondly the premises are over 100 years old, and while the sanctuary is in good condition, the premises downstairs are in a poor state and hopelessly out of date. As the adjoining premises were being developed it seemed a suitable time to sell.

The Cambridge & County Folk Museum is run on a shoestring, but thanks to its indefatigable curator, Miss Enid Porter, it has become a model of what a people's museum should be - intimate, quaint and compact. That the museum so ably embraces the local community's way of life is due, undoubtedly, to the skill and reputation of its curator, who is acknowledged as an expert on East Anglian folk lore and witchcraft and is particularly renowned for her understanding of fenland. Miss Porter is a powerhouse of activity since coming to Cambridge in 1947 she has created an invaluable display of bygones and bric-a-brac. When it is remembered that she does it on £3,000 a year the scale and depth of the exhibition is nothing short of miraculous

1972 09 02
News that the old R.A.F. station at Stradishall, near Haverhill may be used to house Ugandan Asians was greeted with mixed reactions. The chairman of Clare Rural Council said "I regard the Asian problem as an international one. I think we should bear our share of it as a nation, but not the whole brunt of it. When little black dictators act like that what can you expect?" In Stradishall's only pub, the Hound, most of the locals thought it would be a good idea for the Asians to come. Pensioner Mrs Ann Brown said "Some people just don't like anything - aeroplanes, prisons, anything. I think it would do the village a lot of good to have some strange people in". Jack Cook thought the 200 villagers would give the Asians a friendly reception if they came.

Joe Bugner - St Ives' former British European and Commonwealth heavyweight boxing champion could be forced to train outside Huntingdonshire if his plan to build a gymnasium at Wyton is turned down. Joe currently trains in a gymnasium in St Mary's Street in Huntingdon. His manager Mr Andy Smith said "I should think that in view of Joe Bugner's contribution to this county in the past they could perhaps give him a little consideration"

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Asians, p15

1972 09 06
"The demolition of the old Y.M.C.A. building will no doubt bring a touch of nostalgia to many of the Cambridge residents who have lived here for well over 70 years. I can remember that the very first "talking pictures" in Cambridge were shown there. These took the form of a rather jerky film show, screened from the rear, and the talking was done by a lady and gentleman behind the screen, After the performance they came to the front and bowed to the audience, which, on Saturday afternoon mainly consisted of children, and each child was given either an orange or a bag of sweets on the way out" - letter from F.C. Woolfenden

1972 09 07
For an event that will create such havoc in the Saffron Walden area, the coming of the M11 has caused surprisingly little resentment among the affected residents. Local people are either being remarkably tolerant and understanding of the nation's needs, or else they have not yet comprehended the likely effects of this concrete serpent as it winds its way across the countryside. The latest official line from the Eastern Road Construction Unit is that a start will be made late next summer and that the work will be completed in two years.

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Jane Asher sells hideaway, p26
Sunday trading, p26

1972 09 08
Just a few miles from Cambridge on the fast A604, the Trinity Foot continues to service a wide selection of lunches without dropping its standards in the process. I chose a beef curry and was surprised at the generous portion for 40p. My companion chose a cold chicken salad accompanied by a side plate of "extras" such as Russian salad, cold baked beans, potato etc for 50p. With two pints of well-kept Whitbread Tankard our bill came to £1.22 - perhaps a trifle expensive for everyday eating out, although we could have had a good lunch there for far less.

Just in case The Bomb should ever drop, eight powerful new air raid warning sirens are to be installed in Cambridgeshire. Although few people ever see or hear them, the Home Office has about 22,000 warning points in the United Kingdom equipped with electric or hand sirens for air attack warnings and maroons for fall-out warnings. Now they are to be replaced by powerful compressed-air sirens which are much more efficient and much louder. The eight which are to be installed in Cambridgeshire will be at Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge, Waterbeach Barracks, Oakington airfield, Great Wilbraham, the old Duxford airfield, Bassingbourn Barracks Lt Eversden & Linton 72 09 08

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1972 09 12
St John's College, Cambridge, have refused to sell land on the long disused army camp at Milton which Cambridgeshire & Isle of Ely County Council want for building a gypsy caravan park. For years the City Council have been urging the County council to provide a site near Cambridge for a gypsy caravan park to prevent gipsies from illegally occupying various council owned land in Cambridge. But whenever either the city or county have suggested any particular site there has been an immediate public outcry against the plan

Garden House Hotel lady, p5

1972 09 13
A full-time tourist officer should be appointed for Cambridge, a special meeting on tourism decided yesterday. They also agreed that a disused car park attendant's hut on the Market Square should be commissioned as a tourist information centre. The Mayor, Coun. Peter Wright suggested that voluntary workers could staff a tourist information kiosk in Market Square. The City Librarian, Mr Eric Cave, suggested that if the kiosk plan went ahead it could remain open on Sundays so that the present Sunday skeleton service at the Information bureau could be closed down.

1972 09 14
Six out of seven vehicles which travel along Newmarket High Street - the bottleneck of East Anglia's road system – will be diverted away from the town if a 14-mile-long by-pass is built, a Department of the Environment official told a public inquiry yesterday. "On market days, on race days, at weekends and at many other times, long queues develop through the town centre of Newmarket and stretch back, sometimes for miles, along the main roads into the town" John Coates of the Eastern Road Construction unit said.

1972 09 15
Two men have launched in Cambridge a unique publications and visual aids service for industry to fill the gap between straight advertising and full scale book publication. Their firm, Woodhead-Faulkner (Publishers) ltd began business at 7 Rose Crescent this week. The whole concept is one of "below the line" advertising in which firms sponsor books in highly specialist fields while at the same time getting publicity for their products from the sponsorship

1972 09 15
The lychgate made by prisoners of war in Changi Prison, Singapore, in 1942 has been brought to England and reassembled at Bassingbourn Barracks, near Royston. A small plaque on a side post tells how the gate was made by men of the 18th division of the British Army, which included men from the Cambridgeshire Regiment, and erected at the entrance to the prison cemetery where abut 600 prisoners of war were buried. When the cemetery was cleared after the war and the dead reinterred elsewhere, the lychgate was removed and later put up outside St George's Garrison Church at Tanglin.

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1972 09 16
Cambridge City Council have halted the demolition of some of their old prefab bungalows at Histon Road while officials find out if they could be used for housing Ugandan Asians. The bungalows, which were built shortly after the Second World War as temporary homes, are being demolished to make way for a large council houses and flats development. A few of the buildings are still occupied but the tenants are due to move shortly.

1972 09 20
Bank architecture, p12

1972 09 21
A rubbish-filled claypit off Coldham's Lane, Cambridge, bought by a firm of London property developers less than four years ago for little more than £100,000, has just been resold for £300,000 without a single building being put on it. The former claypit was filled with rubbish in the late 1940s before being bought by Mr Richard Duce in 1948 for "a matter of a few pence". In the mid-1960s attempys were made to build a shopping centre on the site but these fell through. Then at the end of 1968 Summerfield Developments bought the seven- acre block with an option on the remaining seven. Plans were announced to build warehouses but these in turn fell through. Now the land has been bought by J. Coral Estates, another firm of London developers at around £40,000 an acre. Coral also intend building warehouses

No to Ugandans in prefabs, p23

1972 09 22
The church clock has stood for far too long at ten to three, and Grantchester has deteriorated with time. Its inhabitants seem to be living still on past glories and cannot see that their world-renowned village is but a shadow of what it was. Or to put it in the words of Mr Reginald Lambeth and Mr

Vernon Cross "The whole village can only be described as scruffy". Messrs Lambeth and Cross came to their conclusion one summer day in June. They had been charged with the task, unpaid, of picking out Cambridgeshire's best kept village. Swaffham Prior won the contest and Mr Lambeth and Mr Cross eliminated Grantchester in the second round. They were "shocked by the low standards of "property maintenance" although they mentioned notable exceptions such as the White Cottage. The decrepit state of things, they say, cannot be blamed on the roadman, who has to look after three villages, nor on the traffic. Bitterly they conclude; "People who are proud of their association of Rupert Brooke should at least keep to his standards"

1972 09 23
The Mayor of Cambridge, Coun Peter Wright, last night gave an assurance that the City Council had no intention of promoting tourism at the expense of attempts to expand light industry in the city. In fact, he told the council's Library Committee, the council must encourage light industry if they were to boost tourism. "The more industry we have here the more will be the council's rates income. The council can then spend more on providing facilities for tourists, as well as their own citizens", the Mayor said. Ald Elliot Ridgeon warned that there was the danger that more tourists than ever would come to Cambridge as the result of appointing a tourist officer

1972 09 23
The introduction of a computer has brought the Board's accounting right up to date and saved the work of half a person, the Clerk to Ely, Mildenhall and Newmarket Water Board told members yesterday. Mr J.W. Robins said that for the first time he could remember all accounting was up to date and the stores programme and accounts were to be transferred to the machine was soon as possible. He said the equivalent of half a person's duties had been taken over, but there had been no redundancy because somebody was still needed to answer the telephone.

Kendall Way bathrooms, p12
Duxford airfield motor noise, p13

1972 09 25
Police arrested five youths, two from Peterborough, and rushed a sixth to hospital after running battles between rival gangs of supporters following Saturday's Fourth Division derby at the Abbey Stadium. Fighting broke out at the Newmarket Road end soon after Cambridge United scored the first of their three goals. Police moved in and restored a vestige of order. This was the pattern with skin-headed youths proudly presenting bloodied noses for their pals' benefit. A raging battle with fists and feet flying sent ordinary supporters scurrying for shelter. Fathers lifted children above their heads and cups of coffee and orange squash were hurled into peaceful sections of the crowd.

Ugandan Asians, p12

1972 09 26
The Wolfson Building of Trinity College, Cambridge, once described as a liner stranded in a dry dock, opened its doors yesterday for an official tour of inspection. The building rises lozenge-shaped behind the historic and preserved facades of Trinity Street in the city centre. It is topped by two large winged roof-lights, which, the architects said, were added deliberately to be a modern feature of the city skyline. The scheme provides rooms for 125 Trinity students. Beneath the college buildings are the commercial premises which include the Sainsbury supermarket, Heffer's booksellers, Horne's the men's outfitters and Barclays Bank.

1972 09 27
Only hours after moves began to cut its food bill, a Cambridge hospital has learned that it is one of the top four in the country for its bill of fare. New Addenbrooke's Hospital is only one of four hospitals named in a national survey by the Egon Ronay organisation as providing "completely good meals". The Ronay accolade is a tribute to the efforts of New Addenbrooke's head chef Douglas Lambert and catering officer Miss Mary Chivers - still working together in the kitchens after 24 years. General

hospitals visited spend an average of £2.40 each week on food for patients. The food bill at New Addenbrooke's has risen recently to £3.20, and the Hospital's estimates committee recommended the bill should be cut back to about £2.50

1972 09 28
We, the teenagers of Girton village, strongly resent the slur that has been cast on us. Admittedly we use the bus shelter as a meeting place, but that is because there is literally nowhere else to go. There are about 20 of us basically decent, normal, healthy teenagers with the boisterousness of youth and it is not physically possible to meet all at once in each other's houses. So the only building which protects us from the weather is the bus shelter. We absolutely deny that it has an offensive smell and is strewn with litter. In fact the bus shelter at Mayfield Road is in a far worse condition and is not used by members of our age group. - letter signed by 23 Girton youngsters

A collection of Cambridge nostalgia went under the hammer as the fixtures and fittings of the Old Dorothy restaurant and ballroom were auctioned. "The Dot" as it was affectionately known to Saturday night dancers down the years was a mecca of weddings, parties, dinners and thousands of personal memories. It was a child of the tea dance and potted palms of the 1920s and survived the Second World War to outlive nearly all its contemporaries. It closed its doors to the public in August and now its future is uncertain. Today it looked drab and tattered with mirrors, lights and other fittings ripped from the walls. About 150 attended the auction but many were only there to pay their last respects. 72 09 28

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Women wrestlers, p8
Magdalene College close sports ground, p45

1972 09 30
When the North wind doth blow the children know where to go - to the cloakroom to dress for school dinners. Mid-winter meals have often been taken in topcoats in Burrough Green village near Newmarket. The trouble lies in the old reading room which stands 50 yards down the road and has been used as a school dining room for the past few years. When villagers built on a kitchen with volunteer labour it meant blocking up the two fireplaces, having one small electric fire. Mrs Maureen Ward said "The school classrooms are well heated and the children go straight out of a warm room and freeze in the reading room. They get such things as gravy and custard on their sleeves if they are wearing their coats"

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1972 10 02
John Nicholson is a tall, solemn, ranging character with a Biblical appearance. Currently he runs two shops in Cambridge. Neither of them makes a profit. Before that he published an "alternative" newspaper "Cambridge Voice", a paper which ran to 16 issues. After a skirmish with "The Shilling Paper" he felt that a University element were against him. His two shops are the King Street Market and Cockaygne, Portland Place, New Square. It's an unusual shop selling a range of science fiction and occult books, "underground" periodicals, American comic books and all sorts of pamphlets

Haverhill bailiffs, p7
Clare girls, p8

1972 10 03
Modern-style living has caught up with Histon. A few years ago the parish council could not find tenants for their allotments. Now people are living in houses dubbed as "rabbit-hutches" the council have more applications than allotments. In the past about 18 allotments in Spring Close and The Dole have given way to housing developments. Mr A.J. Gayle, who is Chairman of Chesterton Rural

Council told members that before the allotments were swallowed up the parish council could not find tenants for them. He went on: "Now they are building rabbit hutches and they all want gardens"

Lion takes another step, p10

1972 10 04
Since 1892 the University Typewriting Office has provided the link between thousands of Cambridge graduates and their doctorate degrees. In the 80 years hundreds of Cambridge women have typed out millions of words on every discipline in the alphabet. Now, for the first time, the business has a man at its helm. Founded by a Mrs Marion Marshall, guided for 50 year by a Miss Minnie Pate, then by Miss Marjorie Sutherland and finally by Miss Mary Noble, the business was sold in May this year to Mr Walter Falles, a chartered secretary.

Addenbrooke's Hospital accident unit, p19

1972 10 05
The bulldozers and demolition gangs may have ruined the character of Petty Cury and destroyed Falcon Yard forever, but for those who appreciate the past two crumbs of comfort: Fisher House was saved. Reprieve too for Ramsey and Muspratt, the photographers in Post Office Terrace, where silver bitch trees have sprouted in the old courtyard behind the studio. There have been photographers in Post Office Terrace since the 1860s. Lettice Ramsey and Helen Muspratt took over from Palmer Clark in 1933. "We took over the whole thing, lock, stock and barrel, with about 50,000 old negatives. We have been here ever since", said Mrs Ramsey, competing with the noise of a pneumatic drill. Now she and her women assistants battle through the noise and dust every day to maintain a "business as normal" service

Bottisham court house, p10

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1972 10 09
Britain's first purpose-built Interdenominational Church Centre was opened at Bar Hill by the Dean of Ely, when 200 people crammed into the new hall to hear the special service of dedication. The people of Bar Hill were never too choosey about where they said their prayers. Just as long as they had a roof, any building was good enough. During the past five years there have been services in private houses, in a contractor's hut on a muddy building site and in the half-finished shopping arcade. But whether it was Holy Communion by the supermarket or Evensong in the living room there was always the hope that one day Bar Hill would have its own church.

Arbury playground, p8
Rail axe scheme, p9

1972 10 10
An 1875 bicycle made a rare appearance on the streets of Cambridge to promote Cambridge City Library's exhibition "Tourism in Cambridge" at the Small Hall of the Guildhall. Its owner, Mr J.D. Howes took it from his Regent Street shop and gave it a spin along the road before it went to the

Guildhall. The third exhibition of its type to be staged by the library it puts Cambridge into its proper setting for both Fenland, county and city are covered by the various displays.

Wedgewood Benn, p9
Co-op discount warehouse, p12

1972 10 11
By ceasing to have University councillors on Cambridge City Council when local government is reorganised, Cambridge would be losing the benefit of wise men's counsel, the Deputy Mayor, Mrs Jean Barker said last night. "I personally regret the passing of the university councillors elected by the university, although I know it is considered undemocratic, but we had some outstanding brains working for us". In her year as Mayor, Mrs Barker attended 290 social and other functions, 76 in company with her husband, Mr Alan Barker, headmaster of The Leys School

Two councillors resigned today as accusations mounted over a £300,000 gift offered for a swimming pool at Newmarket, which has now been withdrawn by millionaire racehorse owner Mr David Robinson. One of the terms laid down by Mr Robinson was that the pool must be built on the Severals at Newmarket and that the council must be unanimous in accepting his offer and conditions. At Monday night's meeting councillors could not agree on where the pool should be sited. Mr Robinson was accused of trying to dictate to the council. Mr Robinson withdrew his offer in a letter.

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Alderman Bowles resigns, p14
Darling & Wood, p16
Butler butchers close, p16

1972 10 12
A charge that they are workshy has been levelled against the unemployed of Cambridge by a shop stewards committee representing the largest engineering business in the city, Marshall of Cambridge. The senior union men are angry at the inability of their firm to find sufficient labour to maintain an important long-term Government contract. They cannot understand why with 897 registered unemployed in Cambridge it is proving impossible for Marshalls and other firms in the area to fill their labour needs. They ask "Do the men really want work? Or do they have sidelines which make it unnecessary for them to take up jobs paying up to £30 a week?"

Comberton's village pond has dried up. And the famous group of wild mallard which live there have flown away. The pond has dried entirely only for a week in the driest of summers before. This time it has been dry for three months. The chairman of the Parish Council, Mr William Watts, suggests that trench-digging around the village to install main drainage, has stopped up the flow of surface water into the pond. He said "We are worried about the situation but we'll wait until there has been a real good fall of rain to see what happens before we actually do anything about the lack of water. If the water does not run into the pond then, we might have to consider sinking a well or something. The village pond is a real amenity"

Growing demand Social Services, p6
Hamilton Kerr gift of house, p7

1972 10 13
At the Pagoda Chinese restaurant in Regent Street Cambridge there are over 100 items listed on the menu. The easy way out might have been to opt for Special Meal (£2.55 for two persons) but that sounds too much like totalitarianism so we sifted out portions of Sweet and Sour Pork (large 48p, small 42p), Chicken on bean sprouts (48p, 40p) and Sliced Beef, green pepper and Black Bean Sauce (55p). Fried rice (14p) went almost without saying. Cheefoo White Wine, bottled in the People's Republic was not worth the £2.15 it cost per bottle. After all this only a sense of duty led us to share a

dish of lychees (25p). The meal cost us £6.57 for two, but if you did not fall for the "wine of the country" bit, it would be very good value

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1972 10 20
New laws which have given the Cambridge planners control over the future of old, but not historically important buildings may preserve much of the city's side-streets and stop redevelopment in odd corners and byways The planners could use their powers for the first time when they consider a request from a London development company to demolish the Red Cow public house on the corner of Corn Exchange Street and replace it with a four storey office and shop block. The County Council are thinking of preserving the adjoining Guildhall Chambers building which overlooks the Lion Yard redevelopment

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Murkett’s garage demolished, p15
Fluoride, p16

1972 10 21
Fears of another prolonged power dispute this winter have led to panic buying of every type of candle in towns throughout Mid-Anglia. Stores report that candle stocks are low or run out and emergency heating and lighting lines are rapidly dwindling. The rush for stock started last week, and now that the electricity power workers have given October 27 as Disruption Day demand for emergency heating and lighting equipment are so great that stores are having difficulty in coping. The manager of Hatters Hardware in Milton Road said his lamp trade had gone up by 60 per cent this week. But he was sorry for the shoppers. "There may not be a strike. If not, the £3 or £4 they spend in here seems rather an expensive insurance policy"

Coton shopkeeper retires, 72 10 21 p6

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Prickwillow British Legion, p10

1972 10 24
The tiny Cambridgeshire village of Great Wilbraham has become so popular with property developers, that villagers have decided to draw up their own village plan in an effort to keep control of the threatened invasion. Since the word has got out that the village (population 323) will soon be on complete main drainage, planning applications by the dozen have been lodged at Shire Hall. Some property developers have asked to build as many as 24 houses in the village at a time. The chairman

of the Parish Council said "There is no doubt that our drainage and sewerage scheme has made our village more attractive to developers

Standard of living, pxviii

1972 10 26
Cambridge University are finally to come to terms with decimalisation and, after next year, undergraduates who break the rules will no longer be liable to a fine of six shillings and eight pence. Instead they will have to pay the Proctors a sparking new 32 pence. When the British Government decided on decimalisation, Cambridge University decided to wait until the 1973 edition of their rule book was published before completing their changeover. Their current accounts were converted at the same time as the rest of the country.

Although the credit card is obviously here to stay, the euphoria surrounding this week's launch of "Access" does not appear to be shared generally by traders and the public. Local traders objection is simple and forthright; "It is costing us money to provide credit" In the city centre firms like Heffers, Joshua Taylor and Robert Sayles are not members of the scheme. Eaden Lilley's have joined and on the first day the firm took £174 from 12 customers using the card

On wash days Mrs Marlene Bassett walks up and down her garden about 50 times a day emptying buckets of water. The only tap in the house is a cold one which runs into a sink. The sink has no drain - the slops from it have to be collected in a bucket and taken to the end of the garden. She lives in a row of four three-bedroomed houses which have no hot water, no bathrooms, no drains and outside the kitchen door is the lavatory, a metal bucket under a wooden seat. They are at Wenden Lofts and the owners of the houses are Saffron Walden Rural Council. The Clerk of the rural council said: "These were some of the first of the council houses ever built and they were very good council houses, but they want modernising. As villages get sewered so we modernise houses and put them on the sewer"

Rent rises, p11

1972 10 28
Addenbrooke's Hospital will have to use many self-employed agency nurses to cope with the extra beds in Stage II of the new site. The hospital could need 100 extra nurses. Miss Mary Bonner, the chief nursing officer said; "Our total complement is somewhere between 800 and 900 nurses in the hospital group - but we will need all those for Addenbrooke's alone in 1973. With 841 beds, eight suites of theatres, the new accident admissions units and the out-patients department we will still need between 200 and 300 more nurses. An agency nurse can expect to earn around £25 for a 30-hour week, a little more than the hospital-employed nurse

1972 10 30
From today letters posted to addresses at Ely, Haverhill, Newmarket and Saffron Walden should bear postmarks. And the Post Office hope people in these areas will show a better example than Cambridge residents. For after four years only 30 per cent of the letters posted in Cambridge are postmarked. A Swedish postmaster who recently visited Cambridge said "We have no problems with postmarks in our country. Ninety per cent of the people responded immediately to the system". Asked how they achieved that amazing success rate he replied "We don't deliver the letters to the addresses that are not postcoded"

1972 10 31
Twenty-five thousand second class letters are being deliberately held up every night at the Post office's mechanised sorting centre in Mill Road, Cambridge. The letters are sorted into bundles by the 2pm to 10pm shift ready for loading on to trains from Cambridge. But they do not leave the centre until the next morning after the rest of the second class post has been sorted. Assistant Post-master for Cambridge, Mr Reginald Starkey said "It is a second class standard of service. They have paid only

2½ pence". Ironically it is only the second class post which goes through the £500,000 worth of equipment installed at the Mill Road office five months ago.

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Barwell tyres, p12

1972 10 31
Barwell Engineering, the £1 million-a year specialist rubber processing equipment firm have launched a new re-treating system which literally lays new tread on to old tyres. The process known as "pressuretread" is a development from the Swavesey firm's Queen's Award- winning precision performing equipment. Launched in August the new retreading system has taken 18 months to develop and already the first plant has been sold to the United States. Already the firm have had enquiries from Japan, most European countries, and New Zealand. The complete plant, including the autoclave curing oven and a milling machine, costs around £30,000

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Allotment men warn United, p15

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Fen Ditton takeover, p10

1972 11 03
With plans nearly complete for the 152-bedroom Garden House Hotel, due to rise on the site of its burnt-out namesake in the middle of Cambridge, the hotel's neighbours and other people are claiming that the building will be too big, and might create a traffic nightmare. They fear the narrow streets round Granta Place will be choked by a heavier flow of vehicles and some are worried that the only answer will be a new service road across Coe Fen. Before the fire in April which destroyed the old 76-bedroomed Garden House, an extension with 48 new rooms was already under construction. Work carried on while the ruins of the old building were demolished. The site is now being prepared to take the new main section ringing the total number of bedrooms up to 152

Pity the poor dogs of Huntingdon, Haverhill, St Neots and Mildenhall. An R.S.P.C.A. inspector said: "Many Londoners come down to places like Haverhill and feel they are in the country for the first time. They've not been allowed to keep animals before and their first thought is: 'Now we can have a pet'. They usually get a Labrador dog without thinking how big it will grow". Lack of time to give the animals sufficient exercise and a small garden often resulted in its being turned out on the streets and this was when the dogs joined up in packs to roam together. At St Neots the dogs roamed the estates in packs all day, frightening children and old people.

1972 11 04
Britain's top female liberationist, Miss Germaine Greer, told Cambridge undergraduates of the sexual tensions she had become aware of in the university while studying at Newnham College five years ago. She said: "Most people feel that this university enshrines the most incapacitating mistakes about the relationship between men and women. Why was it when it came to May Balls male undergraduates always invite girls from the language schools, or their cousins from London?. The thing that amazes me is that the girls do not break into the May Balls by inviting all kinds of truck drivers as their escort. I went to most of the balls over the fence and what I cannot understand is why girls have baulked at this male confidence trick"

City school comprehensive, p5

1972 11 06

A firework, probably a rocket from a Guy Fawkes party, is thought to have caused a fire which almost burned out a historic 18th century thatched cottage at Landbeach. The cottage, built in the 1760s by the then Rector, had been unoccupied for the last three years. Fireworks were also believed to have started a fire which badly damaged an old wooden barn used by Bar Hill junior school as a storeroom. Almost the whole of the 2,000 sq. ft. building, part of the original Bar Hill Farm and one of the new village's oldest buildings, was destroyed

The odd man out in Mr Heath's wide-ranging Government reshuffle is Mr Francis Pym, the 50-year-old Chief Whip and M.P. for Cambridgeshire. Mr Heath has decided that it would be imprudent to dispense with Mr Pym's skilful role as another stormy session looms. Mr Pym welcome the promotion of his colleague, Mr Peter Kirk, the MP for Saffron Walden, from a relatively obscure junior post in the Defence Ministry to leader of the first Conservative delegation to the Common Market Parliament. The new Solicitor General, Mr Michael Havers is a former chairman of West Suffolk Quarter Sessions and lives at Ousden, near Newmarket. Sir Harry Legge-Bourke, the Isle of Ely MP whose decision to quit the chairmanship of the Conservative 1922 Committee was announced at the weekend is expected to be on sick leave for a month
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University workers beat freeze, p7
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1972 11 10
Only three months after starting work on a housing scheme at Great Shelford, a development company who pitched their prices too high are pulling out and re-selling the land. Arjon, of Stansted, advertised three and four- bedroomed houses planned for the estate on September 15. The asking prices were from £21,500 and £23,500 respectively. Only two people placed reservations on houses & later one of them withdrew but this house was later reserved at the price £3,000 lower by another purchaser. Now after partially completing the two houses reserved, Arjon have put the 18 remaining plots on the market

It's five years since the carriage doors slammed at Longstowe station. Now it is one of four stations on the old Cambridge to Bedford line which will go under the hammer at an auction in Bedford next month. They were all closed by Dr Beeching. Longstowe is a rare opportunity for the railway enthusiast with the money to back up his fanaticism. It has a vacant station house and the station building to go with it. The track and sleepers have already been taken up and the lines sold to adjoining landowners

Landbeach spire, p26

1972 11 11
Mr David Robinson, the millionaire Newmarket racehorse owner and businessman may be the "mystery benefactor" behind the plans of Gonville and Caius College Cambridge, for a new mixed undergraduate college. Mr Robinson's name has been linked with the anonymous gift announced a year ago which is thought to be worth about £5 million. Caius College, founded in 1348, has been

considering possible sites for the proposed college. The college-owned house "Finella" on Queen's Road and their sports ground on Barton Road have been considered.

1972 11 13
The roof was torn off a Cambridge house and hurled down the street as 60 m.p.h. gales and torrential rain swept through Mid-Anglia during the night. The storm left a trail of chaos throughout the area, with trees uprooted, chimneys dislodged and motorists stranded by water-logged cars. Hundreds of trees were uprooted in the region and villagers at King's Ripton, near Huntingdon turned out in the early hours to clear a tree which blocked the Ramsey Road. The storm caused widespread power cuts; one of the biggest failures was at Gamlingay where 200 consumers were without power

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Newmarket Road closed, p7

1972 11 15
Young people in Cambridge have lost their Saturday night dances - the high spot of their week - and this has meant more violence in the city, Steve, an apprentice chef at Christ's College claims. The Dorothy - the city's best known catering and dancing centre - closed in August. Teenagers have looked for other dances, but tend to spend more time wandering around looking for somewhere to go that staying in any place. Saturday night dances at the Corn Exchange suit another type of person, said Steve. They prefer a different sort of music, which he describes as "heavy". He and other young people who frequented the Dorothy preferred Tamla Motown music. There are more than 80 people who used to go to the Dorothy. Many of these now wander the streets of Cambridge, travelling from one pub to another looking for something to do.

Kidney card, p14
Dorothy to become furniture shop, p16

1972 11 16
De Vere approved, p15

1972 11 17
Plans for the conversion of Cambridge's Corn Exchange to a 1,500-seat concert hall costing £936,200 will be considered at the inaugural meeting of the Concert Hall Action group. Before the meeting will be a feasibility study drawn up by Arup Associates, the London consultants who were responsible for the Maltings concert hall at Snape. One of the partners said "not only Cambridge, but Britain as a whole, will gain a concert hall of potentially international stature". The study recommends an extension to the Corn Exchange involving the closure of Parsons Court and the acquisition of other properties on its west side

The Government are considering the future of Tracked Hovercraft, the experimental air cushion transport project presently under test at Earith. Speculation has surrounded the project for some time. The work is well behind schedule. One major problem is the test track at Earith. At present this is little more than a mile long and the much vaunted 100 mph speed for the experimental vehicle RTV31, has not yet been reached. Early reports expected three miles of track to be completed last year and the full eight miles to be ready at the end of this year

Inflation hits WRVS service, p25

1972 11 20
Twins are supposed to look alike. But there is no similarity between Haverhill and its proposed twin town of Pont St Esprit in the south of France. The French town, swamped in sunshine and steeped in history, is half as big and twice as pretty as Haverhill. But the contrasts between the two towns and their ways of life will simply serve to intensify their interest in one another, and also help to promote an interchange of people and ideas

Queen's silver wedding, p4

1972 11 21
The Cambridge City Council's planning consultants who are designing the redevelopment plans for the Burleigh Street- Fitzroy Street have suggested the building of a departmental store East of Napier Street. Consultants feel that the introduction of shopping uses at this point would improve the whole project in addition to saving housing land to the North of Maids Causeway and James Street. They have also proposed that the pedestrian way along Fitzroy Street should be graded down and Napier Street itself raised over the pedestrian way. This appears to be the best way of separating traffic and pedestrians

1972 11 22
The campaign to re-open the Great Ouse to boats between St Neots and Bedford has made a huge step forward with an "outstanding gift" of £100,000 from Bedford Corporation towards the rebuilding of Great Barford lock. The money should amount to more than half the cost of restoring the lock and dredging the river beyond it. After Great Barford only two other major locks would need to be restored before navigation reaches Bedford.

1972 11 23
Billy the Kid, fresh from his latest brush with the law, stood in a makeshift office in the derelict, boarded-up pub in East Road that is the Cyrenian's haven for dossers in Cambridge and threw down a challenge. "I'll bet you", he said in the most confidential of tones, "that I can pick up in Cambridge as much in one week as ever you can earn". Now Billy the Kid's reputation among the "touchers" of Cambridge stands high. Billy the Kid is the city's uncrowned king and no sane man would ever doubt his begging ability. "Well", I queried, playing safe, "I might be interested". "You've got to beat 75-quid and most of that is from the students"

More jobs are available today in Mid-Anglia than at any time since the mid-1960s. Department of Employment statistics out today show that more than 2,000 jobs are on offer - the first time this figure has been topped since 1967. This is almost double the jobs on offer at this time last year. On the unemployment side the picture is equally encouraging. The drop in the number of jobless begun in October has continued - 2,053 being registered out of work this month compared to 2,132 in October. In terms of work on offer only Haverhill is worse off that it was last month

Visitors to a new house at Barway, near Ely, may be asked to take a pew. After all, that's what people have been doing there for 600 years. The idea is to convert the village's tiny St Nicholas Church into a two or three-bedroomed house - a job that has been loosely described as a major alteration. St Nicholas, which has been unused for the last 10 years has been bought subject to planning permission to convert it into a house. If the deal goes through the new owner will inherit an unspecified number of skeletons - not in the cupboard but in the one-time graveyard outside. 72 11 23

City answer to tourist flood, p11

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Nuns selling up, p12
Cottenham Co-op, p22
Duxford sports complex, p28

1972 11 25
Rag cash to Poppy fund, p2

1972 11 28
The opening of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technician's eastern regional headquarters in Cambridge marks a major step forward in acquiring the "modern image" required in

today's union activities. For several years the Union, known then as the Amalgamated Society of Woodworkers, operated from small offices in Newmarket Road. Now with the move completed to new offices at the corner of Abbey Road "the union are in a position to project their image", says regional secretary Ivor Jordan. The offices were to have been opened in July but the ceremony was put off because of the building workers strike

1972 11 29
The badly-needed extension to St Neots branch library will not be built for at least three years, the County Librarian, Mr R.V. Keyworth, said yesterday. This was the earliest the County Library Committee had managed to include the cost in the Huntingdon and Peterborough capital spending estimates. They intended eventually to double the library size. "I wish somebody could tell me what we could do in the meantime", said Mr Keyworth. "There is nowhere to spread – only backwards. We will really be scratching our heads in a couple of years"

1972 11 30
A new hotel opens in Cambridge this week - and with 33 bedrooms it becomes the fourth largest in the city. The new Arundel House Hotel is a complex of red brick houses on Chesterton Road overlooking the River and Jesus Green. The development follows the purchase of number 61 Chesterton Road last year and its conversion into a 12-bedroomed hotel. Now John Norfolk has converted two other adjacent properties he owns - from flats and bedsitters to an integrated hotel complex. "With house prices as they are now it is virtually impossible to charge a proper rent related to these new values," he said. "The transition of Chesterton Road into a hotel was the obvious answer to get a proper return"

Cambridge City Council's Trinity Hall Farm Industrial Estate looks more like an army practice ground than a land of golden opportunity for trade and commerce. The only thing that is conspicuous by its absence is industry. Although it is now 10 years since the 12.6 acres off Nuffield Road were designated for industrial use there are still only two firms with premises there. Only firms displaced by council re-development or public works can be sited there. At last week's council meeting members agreed to seek permission from the Department of the Environment to change the re-location criteria in order to allow other firms to take up sites on the estate 72 11 30

Traders fed up with Kite delays, p13

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1972 12 01
A plan to build up to 600 houses on farm land off Long Road, Trumpington has brought mixed reaction from local residents. A Birmingham development company who earlier this year took over Cambridge builders I.J. Stocker ltd, want to build houses and a group of shops on land at Clay Farm. But some local residents object because they think the land should remain open. It is zoned as open space and playing fields, with most of it within the green belt, in the Cambridge town map. The developers said it would be a 5 or 6 year scheme from the starting date

Post Office precautions over bonus, p17

1972 12 02
The Arbury Estate, a local authority complex on the northern fringe of Cambridge and Bar Hill, a new village about five miles away, both suffer from the lack of a strong separate identity and from isolation. Bar Hill is suffering from the recent phenomenon of maximum human isolation. It arises from two factors. The first is that Bar Hill lies in a cul-de-sac. The second is that there are no lines of communication dissecting the village. This would not be so bad if there were something in the village to draw people from the surrounding area, such as a countryside museum, miniature railway or area sports centre. Without any major facilities or attractions the village is being by-passed by the community at large

An R.A.F. camp - complete with barrack block, N.A.A.F.I., officers' mess and guard room - is due to be auctioned at Newmarket later this month. The camp, which was formerly an important communications centre, is one of the smallest in the country. Although there are all the facilities for training a private army, the camp at the top of Newmarket High Street, is likely to be sold to property developers. Planners have indicated that permission for housing is likely to be given. The three-acre site has been empty since the R.A.F. Eastern Region communications headquarters was moved away, and Post Office staff now run a communications section. Another Newmarket landmark, the old goods station at All Saints road is also to be auctioned on the same day. The station is a grade two listed building and is regarded by experts as one of the finest examples of early Victorian baroque architecture, but is now in a bad state of repair

1972 12 04
Fowlmere planning, p14

1972 12 06
There was a bit of a flap in Comberton this summer when the village ducks took to the wing and flew away. The village pond had dried up. The ducks came back when the autumn rains began and the pond started to fill up again. This week the Army came to the rescue. The officers and men of the Royal Engineers, based at Waterbeach, decided that a spot of pond digging would be good training for their excavator operators and on Monday the job of lifting several tons of slime and silt began. An army spokesman said "We have a number of families living in the village and we decided it would be neighbourly and help us at the same time"

Chesterton rents, p15

1972 12 07
A large out-of-town shopping complex covering about 10 acres is being planned for Newmarket Road, just outside the Cambridge boundary. But Cambridge planning committee decided to resist the project. Fears were expressed about the effect the shopping centre would have for the city council's plans for redeveloping the Burleigh Street - Fitzroy Street area. Marshalls of Cambridge (Engineering) made an application to develop the shopping complex, together with car parking and garages on a site immediately to the East of their vehicular workshops off Newmarket Road. The site faces Cambridge airport

Cycleway network, p17

1972 12 08
The future of Fisons is based firmly on research said the group's chief executive when he opened the agrochemical division's new laboratory complex at Harston. The new buildings comprising a laboratory block and a product applications department will eventually house 80 research, chemical engineering and analytical staff. Fisons Agrochemical Division employ 600 people at Harston of whom about half are headquarters administrative staff

An estimated 2,000 people turned up for the first day's trading at the Marcade, Cambridge's first indoor market. The Marcade is the brainchild of two city businessmen, one of whom said "We have spoken to every trader today and most of them have said they have taken as much in five hours todays as they usually take in a week" There are 48 stands in the market, which is in the old Eastern Electricity buildings in East Road and they hope to have a total of 100 by January. "The whole idea is to make it a good market where someone can buy anything at competitive prices and of good quality". They were aiming at at market where a customer could buy everything from a kitchen sink to a fur coat, said Mr Smith

1972 12 12

The death of 12 people on the three-lane A604 between Fenstanton and Cambridge brought protests from members of Mid-Anglia police authority. The chief constable, Mr F. Drayton Porter said "The sooner that road is made a dual carriageway the better. The police strongly object to three-lane roads. The A604 quite frankly has reached saturation point". The Department of the Environment had already been pressed to make the road into a dual carriageway but they wouldn't hear of it

Invitations for dance hall, p7
Elm disease, p15

1972 12 13
Rag fund backed – Haig, p13

1972 12 14
Ely may find itself heading downhill during the next 10 years unless central and local government come to the rescue, warns a report out today. Ely and the surrounding Fenland villages are among 16 "problem" rural areas listed in the Small Towns Study commissioned by the East Anglia Economic Planning Council. The report says the district is suffering; as agriculture becomes more mechanised there is a steady drift from the land but the influx of industry is insufficient to compensate. The result is a general rundown of the market towns and surrounding villages with fewer jobs, fewer services and fewer inducements to stay. The report urges inducements to industry to establish more factories in rural East Anglia

Stubble-burning bylaw, p4
Defy Whitehall – spend, p11

1972 12 15
East Anglia has the lowest overall average earnings of all the regions of Britain. Of the counties in the region Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely top the earnings league with an average £1,130 per worker - well ahead of lowest paid Norfolk with £1,080 per worker. Half the men over 21 earn less than 60p an hour; half the women less than 40p an hour. In fact in return for 45.9 hours work a week East Anglian men averaged an hourly income of 62.53p. The typical East Anglian budget includes Housing £3.02, food £6.74, tobacco £1.23, clothing £1.81

1972 12 16
The last five plots of the old Cambridge to Bedford railway were sold yesterday for a total of £137,250. The line was once the link between Cambridge and Bedford but those days went when Beeching axed the route. Since then British Rail have taken up the rails, and sold the land on which they stood to neighbouring farmers. Yesterday four of the stations and their accompanying yards came under the auctioneers hammer. The last plot was the Old North Road station at Longstowe. The buyer who paid £23,000 for it said he had no idea what would be done with the 1.25 acres site and the station house, booking office, waiting rooms and goods shed

1972 12 18
It’s not every day that you meet the Minister for Education. So it’s a bit embarrassing to do so when your hands are covered in sticky modelling clay. But that's what the children of Haddenham playgroup did on Saturday. And the Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher loved it. She sat down and joined in their activities. She was there to open their new extensions, built on to the vicarage. Mrs Thatcher said: "This is a marvellous example of what can be achieved from basic beginnings". The group were formed four years ago. Today 39 children attend and are looked after by the vicar's wife, the Honourable Mrs Margaret Fox and a group of 20 adult helpers

Bassingbourn lychgate, p11

1972 12 19

Snowy Farr, the self-styled King of the Road, who has raised more than £1,400 for the blind in two years, has been priced off the road with the tractor that tows his mobile menagerie. Since Snowy bought the tractor two years ago to replace the tricycle he had used previously he has driven it on a £5 a year concessionary licence. But now he has been told that he must have a general haulage tractor licence which costs £60 and he says he hasn't got the money. Snowy first became famous when the cart he used for his work as a roadman around Oakington began to take on a very individual appearance as he added to its basic shape. He then started to take his pet animals with him. Someone suggested he should raise money for charity because so many people gathered to see his mobile show wherever he went.

1972 12 22
The £2 million De Vere hotel building project at Mount Pleasant - Huntingdon Road corner in Cambridge has been given final clearance by the Cambridgeshire planners. The drawings of the proposed 200-bedroom hotel - the largest in East Anglia were given approval privately this week by the city planning department. Last month the Environment Minister gave approval to the project. The De Vere hotel saga has dragged on for more than four years during which time it has occupied two major public inquiries and has been the subject of a High Court hearing

Trinity Hall plan, p14

1972 12 23
An acute shortage of bricklayers is putting up the cost of new houses in mid-Anglia. This is in addition to the rise in prices caused by the building workers' autumn pay increase. The demand for new building since the end of the builders' strike has produced an even greater crisis. One Cambridge building contractor said: "Six months ago bricklayers were getting about £16 per thousand bricks laid. Now they get about £24 and for some work up to £30

1972 12 27
An electronic design team lead by a Wendens Ambo man have produced a miniature power supply unit which could revolutionise whole fields of electrical equipment. Now with this single vital piece of equipment greatly reduced in size, the desk top computer becomes a reality. What Malcolm Murchall and his team of four engineers at Advance Industrial Electronics have done is cut down the size of the normal power supply unit to one-eighth of its present size. Already a number of large orders have been received with Japan, Australia and Canada all showing a strong interest in the new device

Flu hit the now-traditional barrel-rolling relay race at Grantchester on Boxing Day and a cool drizzle resulted in fewer than usual spectators turning out for the event. But neither the practical difficulties nor the celebrations of the previous day prevented a team from nearby Barton romping home minutes ahead of their rivals to carry off the 48-pint prize. Their nearest rivals were a team from the Queen's Head at Sawston. Women made their debut last year but illness had depleted entries down to one team - from the Green Dragon in Cambridge so the four women agreed to divide into two team and Mrs Tricia Newman and Mrs Ann Carter won the day. Their prize was 48 pints

Wilkinson Mastermind, p7
Old-world living cost more rates, p7
City pubs & shops, p8

1972 12 29
Fen Ditton will die is Cambridge City Council go ahead with their plans for a 1,000-home estate in the village, says the parish Rector, the Rev Raymond Harrison. Writing in the parish magazine he says that with an estate of almost 1,000 homes in the village the population would increase by nearly 4,000 people. "This plan is not for some distant future, but in three or four years' time when the city fathers allege they will have no more building land in the city area. Clearly the whole character of Ditton will

be altered if this pernicious plan is put into operation". The city council are continuing their efforts to get planning permission to develop an 80-acre site in the village, and another at Trumpington

Cann Bircham celebrates 25 years at Sawston, p4

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1973 probably
So many patients are being infected by bacteria after operations at Old Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, that £15,000 is to be spent on renovating the operating theatres. Surgeons have expressed their concern over the number of infections and have asked the hospital board for a policy to be laid down to control it. Their request comes only 10 months after the Chief Nursing Officer publicly declared "No risk is involved in the old building which has well stood the test of time". That statement came only a few days after two theatre sisters resigned over hospital practices which they considered gave rise to an unacceptable infection risk to patients undergoing surgery at Old Addenbrooke's

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1973 01 01
Thriplow's three-quarters-of-an-acre recreation ground is up for sale - by order of the village. At the weekend a village referendum came out, by 5 votes to 40, in favour of the sale. Now all that is needed is the approval of the Department of Education and Science who have indicated that if two-thirds of the sale price - expected to be £15,000 - is used for building a new village hall, the rest can be used for establishing a new recreation ground. At present a First World War hut is all that the village has in the way of a community hall

1973 01 02
The people of Stow-cum-Quy will be fully consulted before a decision is taken to close the village school, members of the County Education Committee said today. A petition signed by almost the adult population of Quy was presented before their meeting today. The document voiced the residents' opposition to suggestions that the school at Quy, which serves only 30 children, may have to be closed because it is grossly "substandard"

1973 01 03
A message of sympathy to the victims of American bombing in the North Vietnamese cities of Hanoi and Haiphong may be sent by Cambridge City Council following a move last night by Labour councillors. The group have drafted a special motion to be submitted to the council at their next meeting. It expresses "anger and horror" at the bombardment of civilian targets by the American forces

St Ives rail link, p16

1973 01 04
Pubs join boycott, p1
King Street almshouses, p12

1973 01 05
The rising price of beef is already being felt in Cambridge shops, but at least one supermarket are keeping the price down to 94p a lb for home-produced rump steak. Butchers will be doing all they can to help housewives pick the best buys of "Common Market" meat prices. Argentine rump steaks are around 65p a lb compared with 95p for English, with topside at 45p against English topside at 60p a lb. Roger Purvey, the Tesco manager thought that prices had to ease off. "People are buying more lamb instead of beef"

1973 01 06
Haverhill must go on expanding until it reaches the 30,000 population envisaged in the town plan by 1980 - even if it means taking up more agricultural land, the chairman of the East of England

Economic Planning Council, Lord Walston, said at the council meeting. A very large problem would arise in 10 years' time because the population brought into the town so far had been very young and in 10 years' time there would be a large amount of school leavers looking for jobs, Lord Walston said. If jobs were not available because Haverhill had not expanded then it would go from being a very young town to an old one, because all the youth would leave to find jobs elsewhere

Kite scheme might begin, p7

1973 01 08
Pye Telecommunications of Cambridge have opened a Middle East office to service their expanding interest in that part of the world. The office in Beirut, capital of Lebanon, opened for business on Monday. Their director of International Marketing said "Pye Telecommunications look upon the Middle East as a key territory in their international operations and intend from these arrangement to provide an improved service for their existing and potential customers throughout the territory"

1973 01 09
Balsham growth, p9

1973 01 10
It is a popular view that Arbury must be treated differently from Cambridge's other outlying communities. Necklace village populations, it is argued, choose to settle away from the heart of a town and are more likely to create their own neighbourhood environments. The early Arbury settlers, on the other hand, had little choice. They were placed on an estate by circumstances over which they had little control. Because Arbury was built as an appendage of Cambridge it lacks trade, industry and recreation. And this has become a particularly serious problem since 1960 with the emergence of young vigorous families with a high proportion of active youngsters under the age of 15. Everywhere is flat and featureless. There are no mounds to run up, nor gradients to run down. It is mostly a flat maze of little dwellings and concrete paths

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Long Road plan, p9
Butchers cut orders, p11
Coral estate, p12
A45 blackspot, p14

1973 01 12
In the medical field a health centre is a social parallel to a village college. A health centre provides a very wide range of services and facilities to its "customers" all in one place. While Cambridgeshire was not among the real pioneers it has certainly joined the vanguard quickly. For it is now believed that there are more general practitioners based in Cambridgeshire Health centres, as a percentage, than anywhere else in the country. And this has all happened since the first health centre in the county was opened at March in 1969. Sawston Littleport and Whittlesey followed that year. Ely and Soham got similar centres in 1971, two more at Bar Hill and Fulbourn are now being built for opening next spring

Dial-a-bus future?, p17

1973 01 13
Pye of Cambridge Ltd have become the first company in the modern electronics industry to be granted armorial bearings. They grant which has royal assent has been made in recognition of the company's contribution to the nation. One reason for Pye receiving this rare distinction was their role in designing and producing equipment which helped to bring the Second World War to a close. They switched their production to inventing and making military equipment and by setting up a village network of 14,000 people. They led the field in radio location, radar, bombing aids, radio communications, and one of the first guided missile devices

1973 01 15
Willingham's new £7,700 recreation ground pavilion was opened on Saturday. The new brick- built pavilion replaces an old wooden one built in the 1920's. The new building incorporates a main club-room, dressing rooms, showers and canteen facilities. Chesterton Rural Council have also paid to have public conveniences included in the rear

1973 01 16
Dale's old brewery in Gwydir Street, Cambridge, officially became the hoe of the new International Centre when it was declared open last night - but for the time being it will remain "dry" for it does not have a licence. Instead, the cavernous rooms of the old brewery, which once echoed to the clatter of horses' hooves and the rattle of casks now hear the merry pop of Coca Cola cans and the chatter of many tongues as foreign students find themselves somewhere to gather for the first time in six years. The director of the new centre, Sudhir Agarwala, has established and financed the new International Centre from his own pocket

1973 01 17
This year could see the beginning of changes in the pattern of shopping for people who live in Cambridge and the surrounding areas. Plans have been put forward to build several "out-of-town" shopping complexes and a public inquiry next week will hear an appeal by J. Sainsbury Ltd against Cambridge City Council's refusal to allow their "edge of-town" supermarket at Coldham's Lane. Last month the Council turned down an application by Marshall to develop a 10-acre site on the Newmarket Road as a shopping complex. A scheme by Brierley's to build a big drive-up shop on a 3½- acre site at Bar Hill with parking for several hundred cars was withdrawn

Pig market shutdown, p12
Radio group company, p13

1973 01 18
Nurses desk jobs, p18

1973 01 19
Cambridgeshire will soon boast a 60-acre country-park at Milton Pits and picnic sites at Mepal Pits and Shepreth if a Committee proposal is backed by the County Council. The Countryside Commission are poised to give grants to cover 75 per cent of the purchase and development costs for all three sites. The picnic site at Shepreth would cover about 24 acres of smallholdings land on the western side of the road from Shepreth to Barrington. One side has a frontage to the River Rhee. The Cambridgeshire & Isle of Ely Naturalists Trust say they are prepared to lay out a nature trail for visitors

The Earl Haig fund was finally dropped from the list of Cambridge Rag charities last night when the city council decided to let the students do as they like with the money from their annual street collection. That means for the first time ever this year the Royal British Legion's fund for ex-servicemen and their dependents will get nothing from the proceeds of the annual February parade and collection through the Cambridge city centre. Instead the money will go to five local charities. The Earl Haig fund has benefited from the Cambridge Rag ever since it came into being earlier this century. Until the mid-1960's the fund received all the Rag proceeds, which sometimes amounted to as much as £12,000. But in recent years their share has been cut to a third

Lammas Land voye, p14

1973 01 22
Cambridgeshire farmworkers have called for a £30 minimum wage for a 40-hour week. But they turned down demands for strike action to back their claims. At present farmworkers receive a £16.20 minimum for a 42-hour week. An increase bringing it to £19.50 was due on January 22nd but was caught in the freeze and will not be paid until April. Little Downham farmworker Michael Collins

said that farmworkers were living on a minimum wage. "We have got to throw down our tools and hold the country to ransom like the miners and the power workers. The country has got to wake up to the fact that we are an important industry and we want a living wage". Others pointed out that the Prime Minister himself had said that anyone earning less than £20 a week was on a starvation diet

1973 01 23
Wages in Haverhill are amongst the lowest in the country. They are lower than anywhere else in the area, which is the lowest paid region in the county. Members of Haverhill's Housing Committee had before them figures which showed the national average earnings for adult men as £37.00. The East Anglian average was given as £33. For Haverhill the average was £29.50. A report by the Housing Manager on some of the “economic & social problems" that faced tenants and that had led to the council's rent arrears crisis told of families on low wages, inexperienced at managing their affairs, often being seduced by the attractions of hire purchase schemes they had no hope of meeting. Traders in the town who sell goods on credit have equal problems in getting their money

Pay freeze council officers, p8

1973 01 24
The overspill agreement that aimed at changing Mildenhall from a sleepy West Suffolk village to a small rural industrial town was signed on March 31, 1965 between the Rural Council and the then London County Council. Now with the scheme at the half-way stage the question can be asked: How has it worked? Almost 50 acres of land has been allocated to new industry, all of which has been taken up. With a block of 200 homes nearing completion in Clare Close and St John's Close 700 new homes will have been built. The earliest problem, overspill families returning to London dissatisfied with the few amenities is beginning to be overcome but leaves in its wake a difficulty in finding skilled labour

Haverhill overspill, p16

1973 01 25
Two national organisations are interested in building a dance hall in the Fitzroy-Burleigh Street area, the Cambridge Arts and Entertainments Committee were told last night. The Director of Leisure Activities, Mr David Constant, reported that the Mecca organisation had written to the Town Clerk confirming their interest. Another firm of national dance hall promoters were also interested, he said. Meanwhile public criticism of the lack of dances in Cambridge has led to a decision to hold a series of monthly dances at the Guildhall from next October to March. Mr Constant said the cost of a ticket, without subsidy would be 75p. If the dances proved a success they might be able to lower the price

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1973 01 26
Cambridge Moslems will soon have their own mosque if a scheme to convert a property goes through. The City's Moslem Association have bought 175 Chesterton Road and hope to use it for their Friday prayer meetings as well as religious festivals and other meetings. A Trustee of the foundation said "We have about 70 members and we hope that it will be a meeting place for all Moslems who are living or staying in Cambridge. If we get permission for it we shall be sending back to our home countries for donations and help from there"

St Ives boxer Joe Bugner will not be alone when he steps into the ring to face Muhammad Ali in Las Vegas next month - for beyond the ropes & out of the spotlights will be scores of his local fans. Many fans from his home town of St Ives are making the once-in-a-lifetime trip to Las Vegas to cheer their hero in the biggest challenge of his career. Amongst the crowds will be the proprietors of his local Seven Seas fish and chip shop, Keith and Eileen Holland. Since they opened their shop four years ago Joe, the European heavyweight champion, has been one of their regulars

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1973 01 27
I hope it will not have escaped notice that in the absence of any signals, traffic is now flowing through the Trumpington Road / Lensfield Road / Fen Causeway junction nearly as quickly as it did a year ago, when there was a power strike and the lights were not working. I am an everyday user of this particular junction and have noticed that traffic will always be clear, and on no account is there any traffic jam, when the lights are not working. As soon as the council turns them on there is chaos everywhere. When will they ever learn the more they do to that particular junction the worse they make it - letter G.D. Mills

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1973 01 30
To most people Value Added Tax means a slightly worrying period round about April 1st of this year when the prices of familiar objects are likely to do funny things. But to the staff of the new V.A.T. wing of the Customs and Excise Department it means a massive piece of reorganisation to be undertaken in a remarkably short period of time. Although 6,00o extra people have been employed nationally the Cambridge sub-office does not have a particularly large staff. When fully up to establishment it will employ about 26 people involved in the administration of VAT and this number will include officers and secretarial staff. From dealing with 500 people over Purchase Tax the officers of the department will now have contact with 10,000. But against this the tax is easier to administer in some areas and has been designed for computer control from the outset

1973 01 31
Wrights of Cambridge, who claim to sell a quarter of all vehicles sold in Cambridge, have been taken over. The new owners are Gilbert Rice Ltd, a south coast garage chain who, like Wrights, are Ford dealers. Wrights began 60 years ago as motor and agricultural engineers. The family business boomed and they took over Cambridgeshire Motors in 1963

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1973 02 01
Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely County Council may hand back more than £1 million to ratepayers in an attempt - during the authority's last year of life - to stop rocketing rate increases forecast for this year by financial experts. The council will be asked at their budget meeting to levy a total rate of 30p in the pound during 1973-74. The coming financial year will be the County Council's last. They amalgamate with the Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council on April 1 1974 to form the enlarged Cambridgeshire council. Before the merger takes place, the committee want to pour back more than £1 million to bring the county council's financial balances into line with those of the Huntingdon authority

Bartlow mound, p18

1973 02 02
Buried under the car parks of a handful of pubs in Cambridgeshire are little areas of gault clay, about four feet square. Forty years ago these were sites for one of England's oldest and most venerable sports - quoits. This sport, along with devil-among-the-tailors, bat-and-trap and shove ha'penny have disappeared from the Cambridge pub scene. Cards, dominoes, darts and the occasional skittle alley hold sway in Cambridge now. But in the twenties Cambridge was the centre of quoit-playing in East

Anglia. It had its own league, with a set of rules which differed from more northern quoit-playing area of England

Householders, traders, planners and property developers have a common hope in the outcome of next week's public inquiry into the proposed comprehensive development plan for the Burleigh Street area of Cambridge. They all want a firm answer to a question which has blighted a decade of Cambridge planning history. The answer, if it comes, will not please everybody, since homes and small businesses are threatened by the scheme, but it should put an end to years of confusion and uncertainty. The question is: Will the Government give the go-ahead for redevelopment on the lines of the current proposals?

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1973 02 05
Cambridge's longest slogan - all 60 yards of it - spanning the Lion Yard hoarding along Petty Cury is likely to remain for some time. The slogan, which advertises the Cambridge Claimants' Union, exceeds even the anti-Vietnam banner erected on King's College chapel some years ago. The foot-high, spray-painted slogan proclaiming: "Fight for the right to live with Claimants Union, the union for all unemployed unsupported mothers, low paid supplementary pensioners, sick people" seems set to stay

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1973 02 14
The Government have abandoned the Hovertrain project. They decided two weeks ago not to plough more money into the project, but the decision was kept secret because the Aerospace Minister, Mr Michael Heseltine, hopes to sell of parts of the project to two contractors. Mr Heseltine said nearly all the 150 workers on the project would lose their jobs. An arrangement has been made with Hawker Siddeley to develop the linear motor. British Rail had agreed to continue development of the magnetic suspension system. The Tracked Hovercraft Company was set up in 1967 and £5,250,000 was originally earmarked for the project

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1973 02 15
Student sit-ins in Cambridge should be met with firm action, and, if necessary, criminal proceedings says the University's High Steward, Lord Devlin, in a report on student disturbances. In the report - arising out of last February's occupation of university offices by students - his advice to the university for dealing with demonstrations is clear. First there should be "persuasion by the proctors and university constables, reinforced by enough physical presence to test the atmosphere". If that fails the police should be called in and criminal proceedings instituted. Lord Devlin calls for more student participation in the university government, a forum for discussion of student vies and a better information service

Joe Bugner fighting a mercurial Muhammad Ali was clearly out-pointed in his world title eliminator in Las Vegas. Any chance the European champion from St Ives had of taking the initiative disappeared in the first round. From then on his fight for survival was only infrequently interspersed with bursts of aggression. The Mayor of St Ives, Coun. Mrs Susan Phipps said she was going to send Joe a telegram congratulating him on putting up "such a splendid fight"

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1973 02 16
Mr Jeremy Thorpe, the Liberal leader, visited residents in the Burleigh-Fitzroy Street area of Cambridge, whose homes are endangered by the proposed shopping development which is at present the subject of an inquiry. Amongst the people he met was Mrs Lavinia Hawes, who moved to her James Street home six months ago and said that it suited her family perfectly. She would be giving evidence at the inquiry. After a visit to the new Cambridge volunteer bureau in Fitzroy Street, Mr Thorpe left to see Bar Hill

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1973 02 17
Cambridge Undergraduates are to continue their occupation of two university buildings until Monday morning. The Sidgwick site sit-in is now Cambridge's longest student occupation on record. Last year's protest at the Old Schools lasted just 48 hours, while the one two years previously was a short-lived 36 hours. The Sidgwick occupation was sparked off by university rejection of some Economics Tripos reforms and now incorporates a protest against Lord Devlin's recommendations to the university

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1973 03 01
A beds shortage has forced Old and New Addenbrooke's Hospitals, in Cambridge to halt admissions for routine operations. At the same time the hospitals face a stepped up campaign of industrial action, including selective strikes, by their non-medical staff. The beds crisis has come at a time when there are 3,000 people on the waiting list for routine operations at hospitals in the United Cambridge group.

The building where the first electricity for lighting in Cambridge was generated is now on the market. The property, No.2 Market Passage, was the premises of Bailey, Grundy and Barrett, electrical contractors. In 1891 the firm produced the first electricity for lighting in the city with a gas engine and a dynamo installed in the basement. In those early days private electrical generating plants were supplied by the company to several of the Cambridge colleges. Until after the 1914-18 war such plants continued to be installed in country houses in outlying districts. As this business declined, the company moved into wireless, the design and making of temperature control equipment for laboratories and other specialised apparatus

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1973 03 03
The £16,000 hydraulic platform which the Cambridgeshire Fire Brigade bought two years ago has revolutionised fire fighting in Cambridge, and made it much more efficient. In view of its success the County Fire Brigade Committee decided to abandon the use of the old-fashioned hook-ladders which have been used for years to reach the tops of high buildings. The hydraulic platforms, which extend to a height of 80 feet can be used to operate over the tops of parked cars in narrow and congested city streets

The Master of St Catharine's College, Professor Edwin Rich, was involved in a scuffle with women's lib demonstrators last night when 30 of them interrupted the Cambridge College's dinner. College Fellows left the high table and with waiters rushed to the 69-year-old Master's assistance when women demonstrators began struggling with him after he had grabbed a bugle which one woman

attempted to blow in his face. The demonstration was aimed at drawing attention to the lack of places for women in Cambridge University. The trouble started immediately after grace had been said and halted waiters in their tracks leaving them poised with trays of grapefruit. The demonstrators - all women - swept into the hall led by a bugler and carrying an assortment of placards on the theme "Sexism - out"

1973 03 05
Sinclair Radionics Ltd, whose launch of a miniature electronic calculator less than a year ago bred a host of imitators on the market, are still cock-a-hoop. For today, with eight month sales behind the, the St Ives firm still dominates the market, sending out from their riverside mill factory each month more than half the United Kingdom sales. Now the firm have hit harder still at their competitors with a £20 reduction to £59. The executive calculator is smaller than a 5p bar of chocolate. It uses 7,000 transistors, 10 times as many as in the normal colour television set

Ambulance HQ, p7

1973 03 06
One of the largest single orders - £2.1 million - ever placed to a Pye group company has been won by Pye TVT Ltd of Coldham's Lane, Cambridge, to supply colour television equipment to the government of South Korea. Many Far East observers believe that Korea could be expanding industrially to the point where it could become another Japan so the long-term prospects for business there seem very good. The contract is for a full colour television installation for the national broadcasting system. TVT will supply four colour television studios, a monochrome studio, colour and monochrome cameras, mobile studios, a master control and associated equipment. It also covers the training of Korean engineers

Housing crisis, p15

1973 03 07
With pomp and pageantry - and a large clap of thunder and deluge of snow and rain - Ely cathedral's 13th centenary celebrations were launched. There was something almost supernatural about the thunder and lightning and the deluge which came as the heavens opened up. It was almost as if the monks, who 1,300 years ago established the first monastic settlement in the historic city, were watching and where determined to make their presence felt. But the celebrations got off beneath the shadow of the cathedral which dominates Ely, as hundreds of townspeople, visitors from the surrounding area and tourists watched. It marked the beginning of a year of activities

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1973 03 10
An ancient forest of bog oaks has been dug up in a 10-acre field at Soham Fen. A contractor ploughing the field only three inches deeper than usual found his plough catching two or three oaks in every run across the field. Mr John Fletcher who farms the field said; "I've been cultivating this land all my life and only struck the odd one, but this year it is just as if there is a whole forest of them. It has taken four men with two tractors a fortnight to clear the field. Some of the oaks were 60 feet long and had to be cut into three parts before the tractors could pull them out". A National Farmer's Union spokesman said "The oaks lie at the bottom of the peat soil on the hard sub-soil. By ploughing deeper

Mr Fletcher has struck this level". He said: "Bog oaks are not as common around Ely as they used to be as most of them have been cleared. They are several thousand years old"

Mecca ice rink, p5

1973 03 12
The people of Elsenham, near Saffron Walden, regard their pump house highly. When someone fenced it in they reacted strongly. Within hours a crowd of 100 villagers gathered round the fence and minutes later all that remained of it were planks of wood tossed ito a back garden. The woman who put up the fence watched helplessly as it was destroyed. Now she and her mother were leaving the village. It was difficult to find villagers prepared to talk about the incident which revolved around a village pump house built by Sir Walter Gilbey in memory of his wife. The pump house has been used as a meeting place by youths and children for many years. The question of who owns it is still unresolved

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University seek damages sit in, p10

1973 03 13
A change in the system of Government financial aid to developing towns will severely affect industrial schemes in mid-Anglia. Huntingdon councillors were last night dismayed by the impact of the new system and Mildenhall are seeking talks with Government to offset the problems it will create for the town. At Haverhill the council are less worried because industrial expansion is fairly well advanced in the town. St Neots is not affected because they do not rely on the Greater London Council for providing these funds. Expanding towns have been borrowing money freely from the G.L.C. to finance non-key scheme such as industrial expansion projects. Now this will be more difficult

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1973 03 15
A man died yesterday when a tanker loaded with 6,000 gallons of diesel oil crashed and exploded on the A11 at Quendon near Saffron Walden. Two others were injured the crash and the road was blocked for six hours. The crash occurred when a tanker and an articulated lorry collided head on. Both vehicles went up in the air as they hit, then the lorry caught fire. Burning fuel flooded down the road and the hedges caught fire. A pall of smoke rose over the A11. Firemen faced what one described as "flames rolling down the road towards us". They put out the fires in the hedges and used foam to control the blazing vehicles.

Cambridge's notorious Trumpington Road - Lensfield Road junction was back to its old bunged-up state last night, with queues of smoking traffic and frustrated drivers paralysed by £3,000 worth of new, improved, traffic lights. Having been out of action for the best part of two months the lights came on again having been retimed, moved and the traffic flow redesignated by the traffic experts of the Department of the Environment's Bedford-based traffic unit. The junction's real test came at teatime and by 5.40 p.m. mutinous drivers were breathing imprecations through their exhaust fumes. Drivers were saying that 15 minutes had been added to their travelling time

Garden House plans, p11

1973 03 16
The ghosts of mid-Anglia will provide a job for members of the new Cambridgeshire County Council when they start their work after April. For the council will have to look at the organisation of all the old council records and other archives now kept by the separate Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely, and Huntingdon and Peterborough councils. The archives of Huntingdon and Peterborough are managed jointly with those of Northamptonshire by a single archivist. Cambridgeshire archivist, Michael Farrar, says "Any solution that involved the separation of the historical Soke records from those of Northamptonshire is archivally objectionable and next to impossible".

Cambridge Water Company may appeal to gardeners and car washers to ration their water this summer, after the lowest winter rainfall for many years. The deputy manager of the Company said "We are in the situation where in March we are down to end-of-summer levels. We have had about only one half of our normal rainfall. And only a quarter of that has got through to the underground strata. We usually get ten inches of rainfall in the six winter months. This year, after five months, we have only had five inches"

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1973 03 20
Laser-Scan Ltd, who will become the first Cambridge company to move on to the Trinity Collage science park at Milton Road, are a typical science-based concern. Founded in 1969 the Company was the brainchild of three Cavendish Laboratory scientists. They could not afford the type of equipment which could do the work they wanted, so decided to design their own apparatus and get it made. Within two years they had established firmly the principles they wished to follow, within two further years they had built the necessary working equipment, known as a "sweepnik". However a firm cannot stand still and the firm hopes to be in their 5,000 square feet factory on the Science Park by the end of the summer. As a high-technology business Laser-Scan are precisely what the planners have in mind for the science Park. Work on laying the spine road and sewers began this month and developers hope to have the first phase completed by August. When fully developed the 13-acre site is planned to provide up to sixteen factory units. Trinity College expect the final development to provide jobs for up to 1,000 people

Haslingfield recreation centre & doctor, p12

1973 03 21
The Ugandan Asian emergency camp at Stradishall, near Haverhill, ended today, six months after those who were forced to flee President Amin's regime arrived at the former RAF camp, penniless, cold, tired and miserable in the September drizzle. The vicar of Wickambrook, who has organised much of the social resettlement of the refugees, voiced his deep appreciation to the people throughout mid-Anglia who have taken Asians to their homes for weekend visits. Now plans are being made for a new group of residents at Stradishall who are unlikely to be allowed to make approved weekend visits to local homes. From April 1at the camp becomes Home Office property in readiness for its conversion to a prison

1973 03 24
The Stretham Sunday feast parade which appeared in jeopardy earlier this week will go on the Rev John Hornby said yesterday. Fears that the feast might be cancelled grew when Mrs Lottie Wright of Eric Wright Haulage of High Street Stretham said they would not be helping an6y fund-raising activities in the village. Mrs Wright told the annual parish meeting she t6hought remarks made by councillors about her firm's safety record were "libellous" and this was why she pulled out. But Mr Hornby, the village rector said he had an offer of alternative vehicles for the May6 parade within 24 hours of the announcement

1973 03 26
Work on the proposed £4 million industrial development scheme for Studlands Park, Newmarket, is to begin shortly. The developers, Beadle Property Holdings, announced that tenders for the first part of the 30-acre project are going out this week. Work is scheduled to begin on the first five 10,000 sq ft factories in the summer. The complex, to be known as the Beadle Trading Estate will take four years t6o complete and will provide jobs for an estimated 1,000 people

1973 03 27
The Pye group intend to maintain their workforce at about 23,600, the chairman, Lord Thorneycroft, said today. This followed four years of staff pruning in which 6,000 people have lost their jobs. Since the Philips takeover in February 19sixtyseven a policy of rationalisation has been carried out in all companies and operations within the Pye group. Staff cuts were made from a peak of 29,636 employees in 1969. Over the past five years sales per employee have almost doubled and trading profit has shot up from 8.4 to 22.4 per cent

1973 03 27
Captain Adrian Hudson, a self-confessed Colonel Blimp, and one of the best-known eccentrics in Cambridgeshire was found dead last night in his battered caravan home at Caldecote. About 10 years ago he began a long war of attrition with all forms of bureaucracy. He called for the dissolution of Caldecote parish coucil and he once tried to take a colection of plastic buckets into the public gallery at a county council mee6ting. Once, when interviewed, he descried himself as "an old blimp. One of the many Old Blimps knocking around disregarded by pedagogues who don't know how to run anything"

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1973 03 28
There is a serious housing shortage in Soham, one of the town's representatives told the annual parish meeting. "We have been striving to get additional accommodation for Soham. We are in a very bad condition as far as houses and bungalows go. The housing list gets longer every month, and we now have a colossal list". Work on Palmer's Field development scheme, consisting of 11 houses and 22 bungalows was expected to start in a month or two. "We hope that early next year we will have some accommodation with which we can help some of these people on the housing list"

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The slow release of new building land by both national and local government was condemned by one of the nation's leading property developers, Mr Victor Matthews, when he opened the new £1m. Cambridgeshire Hotel at Bar Hill. He told the "News" that he could build "at least a dozen Bar Hills" - at £50m a time - in the south of England if there was land to use. The hotel and sport facilities complex at Bar Hill is owned by Cunard-Trafalgar Hotels Ltd. He said, "When we took over Bar Hill five years ago it was a brilliant concept, of an entirely new village, which had turned sour. He said the whole village, which his group took over from the original developers, would cost £50M by the time it was complete

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1973 04 02
Goldie, the Cambridge University shadow Boat Race crew, sank in the Thames today. The crew were recovered by a police launch, but the boat has not yet been recovered. The Cambridge oarsmen were unaccompanied when they went down at Barnes Elms Reach, and had to swim for their lives until a police launch arrived. Said a Tideway expert: "I don't know why Goldie went out. The conditions were atrocious and no eight should have undertaken a row. They did not have a coach's launch with them and I understand the crew were in the water for about a quarter of an hour before they were picked up by a police launch". The sinking is the latest in a series of blows to the Light Blues as they prepare for Saturday's Boat Race

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1973 04 03
A rota for extracting water from rivers for crop irrigation and controls on the use of domestic water are among the suggestions put forward by farmers to counteract the water shortage crisis in the Great Ouse River basin. Mr Derek Crawley stressed that farmers argued it seemed unfair that there should be a ban on supplies which were needed for their livelihood when there were no controls on car washing or garden hoses. The river authority pointed out that it is important to keep river flows to a certain level in order that there was the necessary level of dilution to check pollution and ensure the dilution of sewage outlets into the rivers. Already the Ouse at Denver is the lowest since 1934 when records started

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University pact with unions, p12

1973 04 04
Proposals to eat into the Green Belt between Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn to help solve the Cambridge city housing problems were given a rough ride yesterday by Chesterton Rural District Council, who are responsible for much of the area involved. The proposals include a 1,200 unit housing programme for a 105-acre site on the borders of the city and Chesterton rural district. They would be built to meet the city's housing needs up to 1978. Land outside the city was investigated recently by the city and county planning authorities who favoured the Cherry Hinton site - but Chesterton councillors were upset at the likely intrusion into the green belt

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1973 04 05
Shoplifting amongst schoolchildren is a "sport" which is growing, said to the President of Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, Mr Jack Newbon. "It is not something that just happens. It is calculated. They come down to town from school having already planned on what they intend to do, and then pilfer

goods. People who say that this is something that happens on the spur of the moment do not know about the calculation that goes into this sort of thing", he declared

1973 04 06
The villages bordering Cambridge have earned the "necklace" prefix because of their obvious connections with the city. Thousands of commuters have migrated further into the countryside during recent years and some of the once-sleepy villages have had to swallow huge dormitory populations. But, almost without exception they have fought to retain their rural independence and fiercely resisted the take-over ambitions of Cambridge City Council. Now with the county planners talking of another 100 acres for council housing at Cherry Hinton the city council may abandon their fight to expand the Cambridge boundaries

Mr Jack Baldry, chairman of Cambridge's last remaining soft drinks factory died yesterday at the age of 71. He started as a mineral water manufacturer in the city 50 years ago. When the company was started it faced competition from 32 firms in the city. Initial output was 100 dozen bottles a day, but business increased and four years ago a new plant was built which enabled an output of 400 dozen bottles an hour on each of its two units

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Wash reservoirs, p27

1973 04 09
The Market Square ends of Guildhall Street and Peas Hill, Cambridge, were closed to traffic today as part of city council's plans eventually to make much of the central area into a pedestrian precinct. It is now possible to walk from Sidney Street to King's Parade without crossing a road. City surveyor, Mr Geoffrey Cresswell said that some motorists were still driving round Market Square attempting to get into Peas Hill. The present closure is officially regarded as only "temporary" - although it will last for possibly another two years - while rebuilding of the adjacent Lion Yard site is under way

1973 04 10
The village shop is alive and well, say the British Tourist Authority. And to prove it they have picked out the village shop and post office at Gt Abington. The shop, run by retired R.A.F. squadron leader Jack Armitage, has been highlighted in an article in the magazine "In Britain". Since he and his wife took over the shop they have modernised the inside but left the old front as it was to blend in with the rest of the village. Since they took over three years ago takings have almost doubled. "I am sure there will always be a place for the village shop", she said

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1973 04 11
Bomb disposal experts have been alerted following reports of two explosions under a council house at Southoe, near St Neots. The tenant, Mr Reg Darnell, now believes that is home was built on top of a stick of small anti-personnel bombs which were dropped in the area during the war. He said "I can well remember the bombs being dropped. They didn't go off and were dug up next day from the field where my house now stands. I am convinced that some of the bombs are underneath the place and that's what caused the explosions". He was having a quiet pint in the village pub when the explosion happened. About 10 minutes later there was another even louder explosion. It was just like a bomb going off

Give postmen mini-buses, p15

1973 04 12

The £2¼ m complex for the Cavendish Laboratory on Madingley Road, Cambridge, was declared open by the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. A.W. Deer. Large earth banks will hide the new Cavendish site from the Cambridge Inner Relief Road, if it is ever built, and it is hoped the University will not continue to crowd buildings in upon the new site until it achieves another science slum like that left behind in Downing Street

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1973 04 13
Nurses at Chesterton Hospital have dreaded what might happen if flames gripped the most vulnerable of their wards. Sister Pat Hough, of Harston ward, said, "Our ward has 19 continuous care patients. It has a wooden floor and it is above the kitchen". But yesterday she was a lot happier after a mock fire exercise at the old people's home in which a new invention came through its first test. The invention - a harness that lies under the mattress and clicks like a car safety belt into an emergency hammock for the patient - is the brain child of the Hospital's fire officer. She said: "The first patient was down the fire escape 35 seconds after the alarm went off. That is about four times quicker than we could have expected if we had used the conventional method"

The Conservative and Labour parties have both failed to gain overall control of the new Cambridgeshire County Council. Instead of one political party ruling the big new county the balance of power will be in the hands of a centre group of Independents and Liberals. New councillor Mrs Jean Willmer of the Huntingdon rural division said: "People have begun to realise that party politicians are sometimes not as sincere as Independents". Now with the election over there is a two-week lull before the first meeting of the new Cambridgeshire County Council on May 1st. Much of the rest of this year will be spent in appointing officers ready for the final take-over on April 1 1974

Willingham growth, p26

1973 04 14
When 80-year old Louis Sylvester died a secret died with him. For more than sixty years Cambridge people marvelled at the irresistible ice cream that "Lew" of Milton Road, Cambridge, made in the family business he took over from his father. His son Tony said, "Nobody has ever made ice cream like dad. He won diplomas at Olympia for it. I used to help him but only he knew the secret. It is the end of the line now". No other people in Cambridge run that sort of business. When Mr Sylvester left his shop four years ago his departure marked the end of 100 years of the Sylvester ice-cream business

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Old folk care at home, p15

1973 04 19
Cambridge water reserves are now lower than at the end of a normal summer, Cambridge Water Company disclosed yesterday. Officials who have been monitoring supply and demand very carefully during the exceptionally dry winter are now hoping for the sort of summer deluge which will make garden hoses redundant and car washing a waste of time. The average Cambridge rainfall is 22 inches a year but in the 12 months ended March 31st there were only 13 inches. A spokesman said "We are certainly lower than at any time on record and we don't know just how our sources will react. But there is no cause for alarm at the moment

St Ives line, p19

1973 04 21
Every day 83-year old Mr Percy Hoare picks up his buckets and makes his way cautiously along 30 yards of uneven path to collect his daily ration of water. Should he glance up as he fills the buckets

from a stand pipe he might be excused a cynical smile. For just a few feet in front of him is a brand new pumping station of the Lee Valley Water Company which each day pumps thousands of gallons of fresh water all over the district. But not to Percy : he and the nine other residents of Silver Row at Wendens Ambo near Saffron Walden are still waiting for the water to be connected to their homes. His landlord points out that the rents were very low. Mr Hoare pays £11.68 rent for six months

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1973 04 23
Helicopter rescue units at United States Air Force bases at Alconbury and Lakenheath are to close down. There has been a rescue unit at Alconbury since 1968 when it was transferred from a base in Germany. The unit is closing down because of a re-arrangement of the U.S.A.F. rescue services, says the Alconbury base newspaper "Photogram". All rescue personnel are to be given new jobs

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Tories name Robert James leader, p13

1973 04 25
Hilton parish council do not trust the county planners. They have brought out their own village plan, months before any firm proposals by the county. Their main worry is that the character of the village, near St Ives, may be destroyed by overdevelopment, says the parish council clerk, Mr Maurice Furniss. The village proposals criticise Huntington and Peterborough County council planners and claim "they may not be sensitive to the environmental aspects of the village". The Parish council are concerned the planners may not have considered the need, with a more than doubling of the population, to provide sites for shops and other services

In the ordinary course of events Gerald Brown of Great Gransden is a farmer who goes about his work without anyone taking much notice. But in common with others he greatly cares for the centuries-old village church of St Bartholomew. So when the weather cock on top on the steeple became dangerous during the recent gales, it was a quiet farmer who volunteered to become a steeple jack to put matters right. Helped by the Vicar, Rev W. Harbury, and others he climbed the 100 twisting stone steps to the top of the tower. The party then had to haul up two ladders by rope and Gerald climbed to the top of the spire. The cock was leaning at a crazy angle. He carried out the repairs, oiled it and now hopes it will be at least another 40 years before it again needs repairing

1973 04 26
The scheme to build a hypermarket for Tesco on the outskirts of Cambridge has been rejected by the city council. The scheme was put forward on behalf of Tesco by Stokes of Cambridge Ltd. They asked permission to build a 100,000 square foot hypermarket with a car park for 900 cars on land off Milton Road next to the railway line. The store would have been one of the largest in Cambridge. In turning it down the planning committee said it was outside the area allocated for development, would encourage extra traffic on a fast trunk route and was against the shopping policy for Cambridge in which large scale development is aimed at the Fitzroy Street - Burleigh Street area

Owlstone Croft, p16

1973 04 27
Cambridge city council's housing waiting list has been rising at a crisis rate since the beginning of early last year. Counc. Christopher Bradford said: "Throughout last year applications for the waiting list have been accepted at the rate of 75 a month. Last year hundreds of people put their names on our housing list because they can no longer afford to buy their own property". Coun. Mrs Doris Howe said: "I believe the problem will get a lot worse. It is now almost impossible for a young couple in this

city to buy a house unless they have one to sell. We must have a vastly increased programme for letting houses and we must have the land"

The railway children will be laughing and chattering again soon in the waiting room and ticket office of the ghost station at Haddenham - although it is years since the train passed along the line. The little station will come to life again as a result of the vision and far-sightedness of Mrs Jean Holdaway, the Girl Guides County Commissioner, who saw that the crumbling building had the possibility for being turned into a splendid outdoor activities centre for Guides. The old waiting room will become the living-cum-dining-room for the parties of Brownies, Guides and Rangers who will use the centre. The first Brownies will arrive to stay at Haddenham Halt just as Mrs Holdaway retires as County Commissioner after five years in the job

A combination of originality and discipline had distinguished his company over the past 25 years, said Mr Sam Alper, chairman of Caravans International Ltd. He was reminiscing at a luncheon given to celebrate a quarter of a century of the Sprite caravan, which is manufactured at the rate of one every four minutes at the company's factory at The Oaks, Fordham Road, Newmarket. Mr Alper paid tribute to Newmarket where the firm had come by chance in 1948. "It is unique and it would be a tragedy if it lost its uniqueness because the importance of racing were to disappear or fade and become insignificant". His firm had had their problems with what was the only industry in Newmarket but that was natural to react against the introduction of a foreign body

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1973 05 02
Exultant Cambridge United players shared the glory with the fans after Saturday's epic 3-2 win against Mansfield - the win which takes them into the Third Division. The Untied players, directors, officials and their wives will be guests at a civic reception at the Guildhall. It has never been done before and will probably never be done again. That was Cambridge United's chairman Geoffrey Proctor's view of the clubs starling 22-year rise to the Third Division since turning professional. "It all started in 1950-51 when we turned professional in the United Counties League and now we are in the Third Division. Naturally we want to go up to the Second Division and even First Division football. Meanwhile manager Bill Lievers, the author of so much emotion the day before, spent yesterday morning helping groundsman Alec James take down the Abbey Stadium goalposts in readiness for full-scale work on levelling the pitch at the Newmarket Road end 73 05 03 [14.10]

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1973 05 03
The government has overruled the Cambridge city planners and given Sainsbury's the go ahead to build a large supermarket and shopping complex in Cambridge. Last autumn planners rejected an application to build on what used to be a precast concrete factory site at the Brooks Road - Coldham's Lane corner. Now the Department of the Environment has granted permission. There is little doubt

that city planning officials are embarrassed by it - because it cuts sharply across their own proposals to safeguard the council's Burleigh Street shopping re-development project 73 05 03

1973 05 04
It could be a record year for four singers from Cambridge area who have all had new LPs issued within the last few months. They are Pete Atkin, Jancis Harvey, Pete Sayers and Shusha. Mr Atkin, a professional singer appeared in several University Footlights Club revues. His lyricist is Clive James, a Pembroke graduate, critic, journalist and erstwhile front man of the television programme "Cinema". Jancis Harvey, clear-voiced as ever but now very much more professional, has filled the Albert Hall at Nottingham while singing in concert. Pete Sayers, country singer and guv'nor of Grand Ole Opry, the monthly show at Newmarket, needs no introduction to countless Newmarket fans

Newnham log fires, p17

1973 05 05
Cambridgeshire & Isle of Ely County Council today ignored a Government request to axe £750,000 from their estimated £34 million spending this year. Alderman John James said that if money could be saved in Cambridgeshire this year it would be put in the balances of the new county council purely for the benefit of Huntingdon and Peterborough ratepayers

1973 05 08
Arrests for drug offences in the mid-Anglia region are equal to those of any large city and other more densely populated areas of the country, the Chief Constable, Mr F. Drayton Porter, said today. The number of people taken to court for drug offences was 246 last year, almost double the 1971 figure of 125. He said the arrest rate pointed to the increasing effectiveness of the Aid-Anglia police drug squad

1973 05 09
Cambridge Students' Union secretary, Mr Rodney Smyth, made university history yesterday as the first undergraduate to speak during a Senate discussion. Normally only Dons are allowed to take part in discussions but for consideration of the joint Don-Student Committee report on student representation in university government both undergraduates and postgraduates were given a special dispensation. Mr Smyth, who had earlier listened to criticisms of the C.S.U. told Dons that he did not think the organisation at present was representative enough of Cambridge students. Proposals to put four students on Cambridge University's "inner cabinet", the Council of the Senate, got a frosty reception

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1973 05 10
County planners envisage that the population of Sutton - classified as a "growth village" - may almost double to 4,000 by 1981. The council chairman, Mr Marcus Darby, said, "I don't see why we shouldn't accept the proposed growth. It must help the prosperity of the village". Planning officials spoke of possible extensions at the village school, or the building of a second school and possible areas for new building development. They suggested the former airfield and the old railway station as suitable sites for any small firms who might wish to come to Sutton. Councillors also suggested the allocation of a site for a community centre

1973 05 11
Cambridge college libraries, which are of fundamental importance to undergraduates, have strikingly small staffs, states a report published this week. It says "No fewer than nine college libraries, including two large ones, have no full-time staff. They have well under half the ratio of staff to books found necessary for the efficient administration of departmental libraries". In the present year, it is estimated that the University will give college libraries a total of £12,000

1973 05 12
A woman doctor spoke last night about sexpot girls from Cambridge schools who wander around trying to be sexual objects. Dr Shirley Emerson, a family planning advisor, said "I have met girls who have never learned anything about sex except that sex is the thing to do but that you have to be successful at it. Boys and girls are trying to do sex at "O" levels, I have 17-year-olds coming to me complaining that they are frigid"

Pampisford pub fire, p7

1973 05 14
Over 5,000 people - umbrella-ed, rain-coated and overcoated against a cold drizzling afternoon - packed into Ely's park for the BBC "It's a Knock-Out" between Ely and Hertford. It turned out not so much of a knockout as a slaughter as Ely won by a record 19-1. Now Ely have won themselves a trip to Arnhem in Holland for an international "Jeux-sans-frontiers" heat in August. Genial Eddie Waring - sharing commentating duties with Stuart Hall said "It is a remarkable performance and I think the biggest margin we have ever had". Team manager, David Cornwell said, "I don't believe it"

1973 05 15
The centre of Ely became one big pedestrian precinct as streets were sealed off to traffic for a ten-day festival - the 1,300 year-old city's most spectacular event of this, or possibly any other, century. Six thousand costumed children from 670 schools in the Diocese poured in by train, coach and on foot to make merry in a festival organised as part of the cathedral's 13th-century celebrations. It aimed at recreating the atmosphere of the ancient St Etheldreda's fair. Monks, peddlers and mummers roamed the streets, slaves were auctioned, bears were baited, beef was roasted on spits in the Market Place, local shopkeepers and their staffs in costume joined in the fun making

Methodist leaders are planning an all-out campaign to beat Haverhill's mounting social problems. Their main targets are the bingo playing mums who spend their house-keeping money, child cruelty, rowing parents and street corner youngsters with nothing to do but drink. Rev George Sharman said on bingo: "It's harmless for a little while. But we know that some mothers spend £3 or £4 a week. They start spending their housekeeping and the tension mounts

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A45 motorway, p20

1973 05 17
The fens were yesterday swept by the most severe blow this spring, as high winds picked up the lighter peats in the Soham, Stretham and Mepal district, uprooting new sown crops of beet and carrots, which are particularly vulnerable. The blow appeared to be widespread and raged for several hours. There have been two blows so far this spring but neither has caused widespread damage. Last year, more than 10,000 acres of sugar beet had to be replanted after a blow at roughly the same time. A Soham farmer, Mr Guy Shropshire has been using a prototype machine which "plants" straw between vegetable rows to prevent wind damage on his 1,000-acre farm

Willingham planning, p9

1973 05 18
More than a thousand farmers and industrialists through Mid Anglia are being sent warning letters telling them they may be ordered to reduce their water consumption next month. A clampdown on the amount of water used for farm irrigation is now being seriously contemplated. Rainfall over the last year has been almost the lowest on record and now there are fears that the quality of Mid Anglia rivers may reach crisis point during the hot summer months unless action is taken soon

Swavesey estate, p23

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Willingham plan, p7

1973 05 21
Sir Harry Legge-Bourke MP has died at his London home. He came to live in Ely in 1946, the year after he won the Isle of Ely parliamentary seat from the Liberals. He farmed at Witchford for the next 12 years and named his Ely home Witchford House. Sir Harry played an active role in county affairs and was a popular and hard-working Member of Parliament. He fought eight campaigns to retain his Isle of Ely seat for 28 years. Sir Harry was often dubbed "the galloping major" for the zest with which he tackled his electioneering campaign

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1973 05 23
After 700 years of male domination the first woman to be chosen as Vice Chancellor - the effective head of Cambridge University - does not anticipate any particular problems in dealing with her male colleagues. Miss Rosemary Murray, who is president of New Hall, was nominated by the Council of Senate. She will take up her post in two years if the nomination is accepted by the university, usually a formality. She is due to take charge at a difficult time in the university's history, when students are demanding more and more say in the running of its affairs

The £11,000 a year top management job on the new Cambridgeshire County Council has been given to 38-year-old Mr John Barratt, the deputy town clerk of Bradford. He will take control of the hundreds of staff who will ultimately be appointed to the new council or transferred from the present Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely County Council. One of his first jobs will be to advise on the appointment of a team of chief officers who will form a boardroom style management group when the new council takes over responsibility from the old on April 1st next year

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Shelford superstore, p14

1973 05 25
After 86 years in business the Cambridge firm of A.W. Crisp and co., the first people to commercially introduce heraldic design work in the city, have closed down. Their premises at King's Parade will come up for auction next month. As one of the few freehold properties which become available in the city centre a price of £150,000 is on the cards. The firm were responsible for the wooden spoons given to the mathematics tripos candidate with the lowest examination mark.

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1973 05 29
Extra police were drafted in from Mid-Anglian towns for a pop concert at St Ives attended by hundreds of teenagers who had come to see The Sweet pop group. The crowd was not as big as organised hoped. Even one of The Sweet commented when he got up on the stage; "There isn't many of them, is there". The top pop group was supposed to have arrived in a helicopter, but in fact they slipped almost unnoticed into the grounds in a large black car. Only a handful of fans saw them come in, most were listening to a supporting discotheque

There was no one to take the Mayor of Cambridge for a ride when he opened the centuries-old fair at the tiny fenland village of Reach. After performing the traditional opening ceremony the Mayor usually takes off his hat, and the town clerk hangs on to his wig for a civic whirl on the dodgems. But this time there were no dodgems. There were not any coconut shies either, or rifle ranges, or roundabouts. In fact Reach green was almost deserted apart from a hot dog caravan, a fluffy doll stall, a sweet stand and a beer tent. The cause of all the trouble was that the newly designated spring bank holiday this year had clashed with the anniversary of the Reach fair charter, which was granted by King John in 1201

Magrath Avenue violence, p11
Burwell windmill, p16

1973 05 30
A £90,000 bypass has brought peace to the village of Eltisley, near St Neots. Suddenly last week the roar of traffic from the A45 ceased and a comparative silence descended on the man road. The rumble of continental juggernauts stopped and the danger from fast-moving cars almost disappeared. To celebrate the arrival of the by-pass one young married couple took a leisurely stroll down the middle of the old main road - something that would have been impossible during a normal bank holiday with a stream of traffic travelling at least 50 mph. But not all Eltisley welcomed the by-pass. The local garage owner, Mr Tim Furlonger, since it could be a disaster as far as his business is concerned

Motorists pay to park at home, p12

1973 05 31
The skid-lid industry is booming in Cambridge where sales of motor cycle crash helmets are rocketing. The reason for the boom is the June 1st deadline when police start enforcing the new law that all riders of motor-cycles must wear securely-fastened crash helmets. While 80 per cent of motor cycle owners currently wear crash helmets far fewer passengers own or wear them. Now they will have to. At Halfords in Bridge Street, Cambridge a spokesmen said their sales were up by at least 50 %. Hallens of Cambridge, probably the city's biggest motor cycle and accessory firm said; "Saturday was chaotic"

Saffron Walden building, p12

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1973 06 01
Air pollution in the older parts of Cambridge is currently higher than the urban average for East Anglia. Even so it is well below those of other parts of the country. The National Survey of Air Pollution says "smoke concentrations in the older high-density residential area are currently above the urban average, smoke pollution in the remaining areas should be generally below average". Sulphur dioxide concentration monitored on the roof of the Guildhall is below average, but in other areas of Cambridge were not so favourable

Cars soon banned, p21
Superstore policy shelved, p22

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Students invade garden party, p7
Joe Bugner, p10

1973 06 04
This is the week the bulldozers break through a tangle of red tape and purse strings to make a start on two vital bypasses for towns in the Cambridge area. Today a start is made at Huntingdon, in two days it will be the turn of Newmarket, one of Britain's worst bottlenecks. The two schemes have escaped the Government's road spending axe. Together they will cost £15 million and take two years to complete

1973 06 05
The Cambridge City Surveyor, Mr Geoffrey Cresswell, claimed today that speed-reducing ramps built into roadways - sometimes called "sleeping policemen" are "positively dangerous". He told the Public Works Committee that these bumps in the road could cause fatal accidents, particularly to cyclists and motor-cyclists. The Government are asking local councils to look for suitable areas where these ramps could be installed. After a brief discussion the committee decided they did not want any "sleeping policemen" in Cambridge

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Kite pay park, p5
Gt Shelford plan, p10

1973 06 07
History was made in Cambridge today with the birth of the first calf from a frozen embryo which had been transplanted into a host mother. The Hereford bull calf was born at the Agricultural Research Council's Unit of Reproductive Physiology and Biochemistry. The calf was reported to be in god condition by the pioneer of the new technique, Dr L.E.A. Rowson of the Cambridge A.I. centre. The process has been achieved successfully with a number of smaller animals like mice and rabbits but this is the first time that it has been done with cattle

A severe shortage of casual labour in St Neots means that dustbins in the town aren't being emptied every week. The council's Engineer said "No-one seems to want jobs like emptying dustbins or cutting grass verges any more. Although people could earn about £30 a week it just doesn't seem to attractive to them"

1973 06 08
Labour have taken control of the new Cambridge District Council with a landslide win over the Conservatives. When the final results were declared they had a clear majority of 10 on the new district council which supersedes the city council on April 1 next year. This is the first time in Cambridge local government history that Labour have won overall control. The Mayor of Cambridge, Ald. Stanley Bowles, a former Conservative leader on the city council was defeated. He will continue as mayor until the city council ceases

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Newmarket council shock, p12

1973 06 12
Mid-Anglia police have armed themselves with CS gas shotguns for use in quelling mob violence. The force are also standardising their other weapons. They have taken delivery of five Smith and Wesson revolvers, the first batch of a total of 28 handguns the area's policemen will have at their disposal. To complete the arsenal the Chief Constable has authorised the purchase of a dozen 7.62

mm rifles with telescopic sights. Until last April the force held about a dozen .303 rifles and about 30 assorted handguns

1973 06 13
City council Alderman, Mr Jack Warren, will be elected as the first chairman of the new Cambridge District Council. His vice-chairman will be city councillor Mrs Wendy Nicol. Both are prominent Labour party members. Ald Warren has been a member of the city council for more than 20 years. He was mayor during 1964. Mrs Nicol is a comparative newcomer to the Cambridge local government scene, being first elected just over a year ago. She is a former civil servant who has lived in Cambridge 30 years.

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Queen Mother visit, p15

1973 06 15
Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, relaxed and obviously enjoying her visit to Wesley House, Cambridge, delayed part of her programme to talk to more members of the college than planned. The six-year-old daughter of the Senior Tutor - Rosemary Skinner - showed a marked reluctance to hand over a posy of flowers to the Queen Mother, but the three-year-old son of the college students' chairman decided to make his own impromptu and unscheduled offering of a potato crisp. And watched by the Lord Lieutenant, the university's divinity professors and a host of other dignitaries young John Oglesby persisted and all the assembled guests had to wait their turn. The queen Mother, in a grandmotherly way, accepted his gift with thanks and a brief chat

Tickell Arms – service not included, p5

1973 06 15
"If your face doesn't fit don't be surprised if you are told". Thus runs an entry for a Cambridgeshire pub in a new guide to hostelries. The pub? The Tickell Arms at Whittlesford - and the outspoken entry appears in the Country Gentlemen's Association Pub Guide. But to the landlord-owner Mr Kim Tickell it comes as no surprise - his establishment has appeared in a number of guides - but later been removed for a variety of reasons. The entry reads "a unique place and unlike anything else in the world. The landlord is apt to leap over the bar, insult you, send you into fits of laughter, depending on his or your mood". It gets bottom marks for service

1973 06 18
Marshall of Cambridge (Engineering) have just finished a nose transplant - on a giant Hercules transport aircraft. The successful transplant "operation" took two years to perform. The modified aircraft will investigate turbulence in clear and cloudy weather and is the only one of its kind. Inside the Hercules the transformation has been no less striking. A laboratory has been constructed and four scientists can keep track of data as it flows from the nose instruments to the aircraft's "brain centre"

1973 06 19
Waterbeach may get a £150,000 by-pass instead of just a new minor road into the village - because of Cambridge's traffic problems. If the plans are accepted the by-pass will link the main Cambridge-Ely road near the Slap-Up junction with the Clayhithe Bridge over the River Cam. The mile-long by-pass would replace the short stretch of road originally planned to link the A10 with the centre of Waterbeach. The County Surveyor said that the by-pass was now being recommended because of the large volume of traffic using the Fen Ditton - Waterbeach road as a short-cut to the Eastern side of Cambridge to avoid the congested city streets

One way housing dilemma, p7
Another rainless week, p12

1973 06 20

Mid-Anglia revelled in rain last night. Nearly one-and-a-half inches soaked the area - about a quarter of this year's total rainfall - and although there was some damage to crops and minor flooding in country areas, farmers said that the rain came just in time to save the threat of poor crops. The downpour also helped the water shortage temporarily but a water board spokesman said: "No-one should think they can go ahead and use all the water they can. We are still in difficulties". The only flooding of any proportion was at Duck Lane, St Neots, a notorious spot for trapping water

1973 06 21
A 7½ cwt bullock, slaughtered on Monday, was hoisted on to a pit alongside a wood fire in the Park at Ely. For the next three days it will be slow-roasted ready for a barbecue that will form part of an Ely festival year entertainment on Saturday night. The operation is being supervised by Ely butcher, Mr Toni Rayment. It is the first whole ox is to be roasted in Ely for 38 years. The last time was in May 1935 when his father roasted one for King George's jubilee celebrations. It will be cut into 5,000 helpings.

Linton village factory, p7

1973 06 22
Claims by a prominent Cambridge trades unionist that many bored and disgruntled Cambridge City Council tenants were demanding to be moved from the Arbury estate were rejected this afternoon by the Housing Committee chairman, Coun John Powley. The claims were made by Don Millard. He said both young and old people were asking to be moved nearer to the city centre because they were bored with life at Arbury. He added that the boredom was due to the lack of social and community facilities and a dearth of public houses. The claims were supported by Counc Mrs Janet Jones, a Labour county councillor for the area. "Arbury and Kings Hedges are just like an isolated satellite town", she said. "People are always asking us to help them move away because they do not like living there"

1973 06 23
Two Mid-Anglia farm workers with 106 years' service between them will be presented with long-service awards at the East of England Show. Mr Bertie Cowl of Soham can look back on 52 years on the land, most of them working for the same employer. Mr Harry Pryor can look back on an almost unbroken span of 54 years on the same farm at Great Shelford. Mr Cowl was born in Soham Fen. When the late Mr Herbert Bedford took over Fletcher's farm he joined him and has been there ever since. As farming has become more mechanised Mr Cowl has one special regret: "I particularly miss horses", he said. Mr Pryor who is 70 started on a farm at the age of 10 as a part-time cattle drover earning 3d a week. "We used to leave off school at 12 and then I'd run down to the village to take the cows from the fields into the barns for milking". He has never fully come to terms with driving a tractor and still looks back affectionately to when horse provided the power in the fields

1973 06 25
The Bishop of Ely, the Rt. Rev. Edward Roberts, and the Bishop of Huntingdon, the Rt. Rev Eric Walls, completed their 300 miles "beat the bounds" tour of their widespread diocese on Saturday. And their return together to Ely brought shopping to a standstill. Shopkeepers and their staffs, summer dressed and shirt-sleeved customers, lined the streets to watch the Bishops, accompanied by Ely's civic leaders, join in a procession of over 300 diocesan churchwardens to the cathedral for a service addressed by the Archbishop of Canterbury to mark the 1,300th festival service - on St Etheldreda's day

Professor Holloway, p4
Bassingbourn plan, p14

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Samaritans, p9

1973 06 28
A £750,000 deal has been signed for Sinclair Radionics Ltd, of St Ives, to supply more than 30,000 electronic pocket calculators to Japan over the next 18 months. Sinclair, who claim to be the largest European manufacturer of electronic calculators say that the order will mean a 50 per cent increase in the present staff of 120. To help with production they have just taken a lease on a second factory at St. Ives. Mr Clive Sinclair claims the Executive is the world's smallest pocket calculator - it is the size of a 5p bar of chocolate. It sells at a price which puts it at the top end of the market in Japan, in line with their policy of selling a product which has quality and features which make it a prestigious purchase

Royston Brown Librarian, p7
Gamlingay baker, p16

1973 06 29
Huntingdon's "forgotten" town museum may be re-born if plans by the Local History Society get off the ground. They want to build up a town museum in one of the many County Council buildings in the town which may become vacant when the new district council takes over next year. The chairman, Mr Philip Dickinson, said that a Government report, out yesterday, which hits out at the way the county is neglecting its local museums, could have been written for Huntingdon, whose museum closed in 1950

1973 06 29
Latest casualty in the Hills Road office redevelopment programme is the 100-year-old Methodist Church. Demolition work started yesterday. In autumn last year any people were surprised to learn that an active church in so sound a financial position and such good repair should close its doors. But the trustees had been aware for some time that the building was just too large; it has a seating capacity for 750 and a congregation of less than 200. The congregation transferred to the Wesley Church, Christ's Pieces, or to other Methodist churches closer to their homes. The property went on the market in November 1972.

1973 06 30
Mr Clement Freud is to be Liberal candidate in the Isle of Ely by-election. he was chosen last night by a convincing vote by the Isle Liberal Association. It is the first time Mr Freud, a journalist, television personality and gourmet has stood for parliament. The by-eection is caused by the death of Conservative MP, Sir Harry Legge-Bourke

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Social services director, p11

1973 07 03
Joe Bugner will be the world heavy-weight champion in two years time. This is the prediction of his manager, Mr Andy Smith, today as he reported Bugner fit and well after his tremendous 12 rounds battle with Joe Frazier, the former world champion. After Bugner's points defeat, Andy Smith said: "We have no regrets either abbot last night's fight, nor the one Joe lost to Muhammad Ali in February. I would be happier if he had won"

1973 07 04
For the first time sales at the St Neots Co-operative Society have topped the £1,000,000 mark in a year, to complete a decade in which the society have broken records on all fronts every year. "Up until 1962 we were just jogging along, doing all right, but nothing sensational. But since then sales have gone up every year", said the managing secretary, Joe Brooks. The net profit would be available to members either through the Co-op trading stamps or the "nest egg" bonus scheme. The President, HS.

Cobbold, said the management and staff were responsible for the "excellent progress" of the St Neots Co-operative Society, and thy had made "a success story of which St Neots could be justly proud"

Postman shortage, p11

1973 07 05
Emergency hospital treatment had to be given to 11 people after a drum of poisonous chemical spilled on to the roadway at one of Cambridge's busiest junctions as the afternoon rush hour started. The chemical spilled when the drum containing ethyl acrylate split open after falling from a lorry at the Huntingdon Road - Histon Road corner. Immediately the air, in spite of a strong breeze was pungent with the smell of the liquid. The police and fire brigade were called to deal with the problem. The drama, which led ultimately to the total ban of traffic at the junction began at 3.10pm, by 6pm the acrylate was safely loaded on to a sand covered trailer, then in convoy with two fire tenders and police cars it was taken at less than 10 mph the seven miles to the Royal Engineer's airfield at Waterbeach

Oakington, the last operational RAF airfield in Cambridgeshire is to close down and will be sold off within two years, the Defence Lands Committee have recommended. The committee also says that other mid-Anglian airfields and military sites should be returned to civilian use and over 600 acres of land at Molesworth should be sold. It was a bomber base during the war and is now used as a United States Air Force stores and housing complex in association with their use of RAF Alconbury

Council homes costs, p7

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Cockayne theatre, p6

1973 07 07
Hundreds of tons of high explosives are driven through Cambridge every week on open-backed unmarked lorries. This was revealed yesterday after one of the lorries burst a tyre on Huntingdon Road, a mile from the spot where 48 hours earlier a drum of deadly poison fell off a lorry and burst. The high explosives come through Cambridge en route from Felixstowe docks to an ammunition manufacturer at Grantham. Dozens of unmarked lorries pass through Cambridge every week to 10 days carrying the explosives. Many then return to Felixstowe carrying the finished product, various types of ammunition for export abroad

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Burwell expansion, p14

1973 07 10
Long trousers will be in vogue at the Netherhall School, Cambridge, this autumn - and it will not be just boys who are wearing them. Netherhall Girls' School will be the first in the area to introduce trouser suits as part of the official uniform. The trouser suit - a French navy crimpeline sleeveless jerkin and trousers - will be worn with a white turtle-neck sweater or a blue-and-white check blouse. Yesterday 14-year-old Linda Shaw modelled the suit, which 11-year-old girls joining the school will be invited to buy. The only objection raised by the girls seems to have been that the trousers are not flared enough

The scheme to widen the notorious A604 Cambridge to Huntingdon road could be axed as a result of the big cutback in Government road spending announced a few weeks ago. The A604 is one of the few roads in the area with long stretches of three-lane single carriageway and has been described by the Chief Constable as the worst road in East Anglia. It is also one of the busiest with much of the East coast port traffic and there have been improvement plans n the pipeline for several years. Under

present proposals the road would be turned into a full six-lane highway between Girton and Godmanchester 73 07 10

1973 07 11
The possible reopening of the St Ives - Cambridge passenger rail service is a very real priority, said Mr Robert Gemell, the Chief Passenger Manager of British Rail. He gave an assurance that he was doing all he could to get the line reopened. But the future was really in the hands of local councils and the people living in the area to make their demands for this service heard in the right places, he said. The final decision was with the Government on the advice of British Rail. The recent estimated cost of re-opening the service was £100,000 but British Rail were trying to see if this could be reduced

1973 07 12
It may be the end of the year before the Government finally makes a decision on the already long-delayed plans for St Neots town centre, the MP for Huntingdonshire, Sir David Renton has warned. The delay may last six months until the Government have earmarked which road is to be used as the main Midlands to East Coast ports traffic artery. Planning in St Neots town centre has been virtually paralysed since 1971 when a public inquiry was held into objections to the proposed town map

Mr Geoffrey Datson, Deputy Clerk of Cambridgeshire & Isle of Ely County Council, has been appointed Chief Executive of the new Cambridge District Council. Yesterday Mr Datson said he was "very pleased" about his new job. "The interchange of staff between the county council and the city augers well for the future" he said. It may be some time before Mr Datson knows his exact salary. The committee wants to pay him at the top end of the nationally agreed scale for chief executives. This scale goes up to £8,300 a year

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St Tibbs Row, p5
Hills Road SOS, p17

1973 07 14
Nine days after a leaking drum of ethyl acrylate caused a scare in Cambridge, a five gallon drum of poisonous chemical was found in a field at Sutton - and it took officials six hours to move it to a safe place. It was sitting 10 feet from the main A142 road. The police had no responsibility to move the can. Neither had the fire service. It was finally removed in a local contractor's Morris 1000 pick-up truck and locked away in an isolated hut at Witcham sewage works. (The can, which was labelled "ethyl acetate", was later found to contain pond water)

Whittlesford accident, p6

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Patrick Stephens move, p11

1973 07 17
A "stress centre" may be set up in Cambridge for student nurses under pressure in their professional and personal lives. This is because stress is causing many of them to give up their careers while still in training. For a number of reasons such a centre could not be established for some time, but in the meantime doctor are thinking about carrying out a psychological assessment of those nurses who want to give up their jobs, and appointing a full-time counsellor to give advice to hospital staff generally. It is thought that as many as 15% of those leaving could be suffering, unknowingly, from some form of psychiatric illness

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Hildersham pub, p8

1973 07 19
Ely last night won the fourth European heat of the television "It's a Knockout" competition. The ancient cathedral city of Arnhem erupted with English roars and cheers as they scraped home by just three points. The team and their 100 supporters ran riot over the market place. The chairman of the urban council, Coun. Stanley Cornwell, kissed every woman in sight. Later there were all-night parties for the Ely invasion force. The team are now almost certain to go to the final in Paris

Shelford superstore, p10

1973 07 20
Girton Parish Council is to ask the county council to give urgent consideration to drawing up a village plan in a bid to get effective control over large-scale development. The prime concern is the preservation of the Old Rectory, in the heart of the village, until parishioners can decide whether they wished to retain the 18th century building or not. Already 150 homes have been approved which takes Girton to its 1981 population limit. Now it could mean a further large area of land being released for development

Alderman Rigeon dies, p22

1973 07 24
There are 17 vacancies for every unemployed school leaver in Cambridgeshire, it was disclosed yesterday. The principal careers advisory officer, Miss G. Miller, said the jobs glut had highlighted last year's raising of the school leaving age. Most of the vacancies were in shop and offices. Jobs were also plentiful in manufacturing industry - chiefly unskilled labour. A spokesman for Pye, who employ more than 6,000 workers in Cambridge, confirmed they were having difficulties in recruiting school leavers

A Cambridge pensioner claims that old people are being forced to stay away from their church on Sunday mornings because they are baffled by the Series Two Holy Communion service. But now, claims Mr Richard Pettit, who has been going to St Augustine's church, Cambridge, they are outraged by a plan to do away with Series Two and bring in Series Three - a new version of the service in modern English. "They are being forced to sit at home because they can't follow the services, and it's a crying shame" he said

Double triple trouble, p1
First egg transfer trials, p15

1973 07 25
A commercial radio consortium backed by three of the largest firms in Cambridge are asking other city organisations to join them in making plans for local broadcasting. The group have the support of Cambridge Newspapers ltd, the Pye group and Marshall of Cambridge. They represent the first major opposition to the Cambridge Community Broadcasting Company - a consortium set up several years ago by Mr Brian Jackson of the city-based Advisory Centre for Education. It may be almost 1980 before there is any chance of Cambridge getting a commercial station

1973 07 27
A massive vote of no confidence in Ted Heath's government gave the Liberals two shock victories in by-elections today - and made Clement Freud the new M.P. for the Isle of Ely. As the result was announced the 49-year-old journalist, broadcaster and gourmet was hugged jubilantly by his wife and two of his children. Mrs Freud said she had not really thought of her husband as an MP until last week when she was canvassing for him in Ely. She said "I talked to people and I suddenly knew that he was in"

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There was more than a sense of achievement in the air at the official opening of Hemingford sewage works. More than 80 guests had first-hand experience of that certain something that distinguishes a sewage station from any other kind of plant - because the wind was blowing in the wrong direction. In his opening speech the chairman of St Ives Council Health Committee said "I must apologise for the lack of control of air pollution, but I understand it was not possible to have air fresheners for everyone so you will have to put up with it"

1973 07 31
As 9,500 folk music fans slowly drifted away from Cambridge's ninth and largest weekend Folk Festival, the mammoth task of clearing the site at Cherry Hinton Hall began. Damp weather also took its toll of the ground as thousands tramped over the grass. Hundreds had to be turned away as the allocation of tickets was sold out. Festival director, Ken Woollard, said, "It has become a family affair now with whole families and their children coming. If it were much larger it would lose the character and atmosphere"

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1973 08 03
Restoration work on the Victorian murals which cover every inch of the chancel at Hildersham parish church has brought a startling change to the interior. They were commissioned in 1880 by the parish priest. The restoration started in February and took 10 weeks to accomplish including cleaning, repairing, regilding and repainting. The dingy state of the murals was not an effect of modern pollution but due to the fact that candles were used exclusively for the church lighting until the 1920s

The story of an old church and a redundant pulpit will unfold its final chapter at Shepreth parish church on Sunday. Two years ago the Vicar visited Hignam Rectory near Gloucester where he noticed a Caroline pulpit standing in the hall. It came from the redundant church of nearby Lassington and they didn't know what to do with it. Mr Breay suggested they give it to Shepreth church and it was eventually agreed. The expense of restoring and installing it was borne by Mr Percy Austin of Harston in memory of his wife. The pulpit and its delicate carving has been expertly restored by Cecil Adams, a local man

1973 08 04
A grand piano which takes several men to lift, was the centre of an attack at Haverhill's Town Hall by the town's Centurians Theatre Group. The group claims they were told by the council that workmen would move it "for a small charge" but it was not done. "A dress rehearsal went on with a grand piano blocking half the stage. The piano was still there on the first night so shoulders to the wheel the actors removed it". Then came the account, together with a bill for its removal. The Council treasurer said the hall is a multi-purpose building. "If it doesn't exactly suit the Centurions they can hardly expect us to transform it for their own particular activity"

1973 08 06
Large housing estates on the Cambridge county boundaries may be built jointly in the future by the new Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire district councils, under a new plan outlined today. It suggests that the councils should get together and set up a special body to hammer out their mutual housing difficulties. At the same time this body could make strong demands on their own local councils and the new Cambridgeshire county council to earmark more land for housing. These efforts would go hand in hand with a concerted drive by commerce and industry to provide more homes for their own workers - perhaps by converting existing buildings into flats or other dwellings

1973 08 07
Shopping and traffic surveys are being prepared to support West Suffolk county council's oppositions to plans to build huge supermarkets in Kentford, near Newmarket and Saxham near Bury. Two firms have applied to build a hypermarket at Kentford, the latest outlines a 60,000 sq foot supermarket with parking for 400 cars. Despite outraged opposition from villagers Mildenhall rural council are supporting this plan. Their clerk said: "They feel these things are coming so we may as well have the rateable value as anybody else. It's a practical way of looking at it"

Hovertrain factory sold, p11

1973 08 08
There are more homes on the market in Mid-Anglia today that there ever have been before. They are changing hands more slowly than they have done for several years. There is less money around, in real terms, to buy them with. Yet their prices remain largely constant. That is the paradox of housing in and around Cambridge in August 1973. But it was only a year ago homes were being snapped up as quickly as an owner hinted he wanted to sell. For many they had watched the value of their house double in less than a year. Today to shift a house in under three months is good selling; to have it on one's hands for six months is not uncommon

Late revellers, p15

1973 08 09
Cambridge is breaking all records this year for visitors. Business at the city council's tourist information bureau has almost doubled and staff are working flat out to cope with the demand for help and advice. The council's new hotel booking service has been overwhelmed by visitors looking for rooms and late yesterday a queue of tourists looking for accommodation had formed at the Guildhall bureau. Miss Margaret Badcock, who is in charge of tourist information estimates that the market square kiosk is handling up to 300 questions a day. She estimates that business was up by between 80 and 90 per cent

New Civic restaurant, p10

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Brrington lorries, p16
Magdalene Bridge, p23

1973 08 11
Three young women in distress have put Cambridge public health inspectors in a tight spot. They are victims of a mystery wind-borne attacker that makes holes in their tights - but only on Monday mornings when the trio are walking to work. "Little holes suddenly start appearing in our tights", said 20-year-old Sally Chapman. “There are small black holes like burns around the holes. Jo gets holes round her ankles. I get them round the knees and down. All sorts of places.” The public health department has twice taken pairs of tights away for examination.

1973 08 13
It is now one of the last places in Cambridge one would look for a blacksmith's forge ... an old brick building standing behind a large, brand new house in Russell Street. Most of the other buildings in the street have fallen to demolition. Cambridge's last remaining blacksmith, is Chubb Webb. The family business, which will be 100 years old next year, now shoes horses mainly for riding schools, but it also has as much work as three men can handle in other directions - making springs for vehicles, forging wrought iron for gates, widows and grilles and using brass for window surrounds. One customer ordered a life-size cat cut out of steel. She wanted it to go on top of a sign, to name her house

Essex drivers Vascar, p12

1973 08 14
Just how important is one product in the range of a group which has 40 companies turning out a whole range of products? The answer for Pye - when it comes to colour television - is very important. For continuing good sales of colour television is one of the main reasons for the group's record sales and profits in the first six months of this year. The chairman, Lord Thorneycroft forecasts continued high sales: "I think the actual rush is over but with the Royal wedding coming along in November and the World Cup series next year there is no knowing where it is going to end". The sales of the group rose 29% to £84 million

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Super-county team now complete, p13

1973 08 17
As the temperatures soar the queues for ice cream get longer and longer but buying ice cream nowadays is an expensive business and prices vary considerably from queue to queue. This year ice cream should be cheaper because it is zero rated for VAT. In fact some of the ice cream makers have knocked 1p of some makes. A 3p lolly last year costs 2p in many places and a 6p choc bar last year can now be bought in some places for 5p. But prices vary from place to place. A medium sized ice cream at a shop in Arbury, Cambridge, costs 4p yet a similar one on Newmarket racecourse costs exactly double

Mini "bombers" are terrorising tourists on the River Cam. Mr Bell of Scudamore's boatyards, Mill Lane, Cambridge, said "A lot of people who cannot swim go out on the river. It seems nothing is going to be done till somebody is seriously injured or drowned". He said youngsters were playing "bombing" games, jumping in at the iron bridge and diving boards near the swimming pool and landing as close to the boats as possible. He understands that youngsters involved are in the seven to 11 age group 73 08 17

Tony Cornwll in New Guinea, p4
David Lane on planning, p19

1973 08 20
Only three boats took part in a demonstration cruise to drawn attention to the Reach and Burwell lodes which were in danger of being closed and drained. But Great Ouse River Authority had already agreed to spend £155,000 in preserving the waterway. The lodes were constructed to drain the fens but the drainage has shrunk the peat soil so that the waterways and their banks stand above the surrounding land. Now the banks are wearing and leaking - flooding the land they were constructed to drain

Norman Hall organs, p3

1973 08 21
A group of doctors who set up a hard drugs clinic in Cambridge during the 1960s believe they have now contained the spread of heroin addiction in the city. The first full report on almost seven years work by the Containment Unit for Drug Misuse has been produced by Dr Ross Mitchell, a Cambridge consultant psychiatrist. The unit was established to deal with hard drug addiction and he is not sure whether the same methods could be used to deal with the spread of "soft" drugs. "The misuse of drugs like cannabis and LSD have a large personal, political and ideological component. Our concern should be with young people at risk and we should attempt to set up facilities which will recognise this risk and try to provide continuing support", he said

Mid Anglia Police yesterday settled down to business in their lush new headquarters complex at Hinchinbrook Park, near Huntingdon. Removal men are busy removing stores from the old buildings at The Manor, Brampton. Removal vans laden with police equipment will be on the road again next

weekend. Huntingdon divisional headquarters are to be moved from Ferrars Road, Huntingdon to The Manor. Work is already going on building a new police station at Ferrars Road, Huntingdon for the town's police

1973 08 24
At the Gardenia Middle Eastern Restaurant in Rose Crescent, Cambridge, I began with Houmous (25p), a thickish paste made with chick peas and oil which you scoop up with pieces of unleavened bread. It was quite tasty though for the price not particularly plentiful. It is not particularly elegant tackling by hand a four-skewer kebab (60p) in an envelope of unleavened bread with bits of onion and tomato spilling out. But the Gardenia does not pretend to be the place to take a grande dame out to dinner with candles. The Kadeifi (15p) which followed looked on the plate like a prandial imitation of Dougal, everyone's favourite long-haired television dog.

Hotels in Cambridge are not facing the acute shortage of accommodation that they did last year. At the Cambridge Tourist Bureau Mr John Franklin, a co-ordinating assistant, said they were working flat out trying to fit people in at boarding houses in the city. The average cost of bed and breakfast in a private house in Cambridge is £2 a night, while the cost in a leading hotel is at least double that. "What we badly need is something like a hostel where people can stay at £1 a head", said Miss Margaret Badcock at the information bureau. "Most of the people who come to us can't afford to stay at the hotels" 73 08 24

1973 08 25
Attendance figures at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, dropped last year by more than 4,000 to 116,998. The deputy director, Mr Graham Pollard, said it could be part of a national scare about museum charges. The same had been experienced by national museums in London where charges are due to be introduced from next January. "We have no intention of imposing charges", he said

Flames roared through more than 150 acres of prime crops worth more than £10,000 in Haverhill's worst farmland fire in living memory. The fire swept for two miles through six fields on neighbouring farms. Firemen armed only with flails and forks were powerless as the wind fanned flames across hedges - scorching trees and telegraph poles and missing farm buildings by only yards. Reinforcements were brought in from Clare, Wickambrook and Bury - nearly 20 miles away - as the blaze cut into 50 acres of oats and barley on Mr Bill Patrick's Haverhill Hall Farm. Police and even children armed with branches cut from trees, joined the battle

1973 08 27
The second oldest business in Cambridge, G.P. Jones, the grocer of Trumpington Street closed down at the weekend. They were established in 1623, three years after the oldest business in the city, Bowes and Bowes. Now the old-world grocery shop, famous for their blends of teas and statuesque tea jars, will become a fine art shop. Mr Sidney Jones looks back with resignation to the days when the shop had its own tea blending room before the war and produced over 20 blends. He said, "It was inevitable that the grocery had to close as our regular customers became fewer and fewer. More people have come in to try and buy the jars and old furniture of the shop but I'm not parting with it for the moment"

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Fulbourn Hospital, p4

1973 08 29
Coton forge, p12

1973 08 30
New bait house hunters, p11

1973 08 31

The £20m redevelopment scheme for the Fitzroy Street - Burleigh Street area of Cambridge may go ahead with only minor modifications, following the result of a 13-day public inquiry earlier this year. Several schemes for the area have been considered and rejected over the past 10 years, but the present plans, designed by international architects Piano & Rogers were adopted by the city and county councils last year

A mixture of anger and amazement greeted the news that the redevelopment scheme for the Fitzroy-Burleigh area of Cambridge may go ahead with only minor amendments. Some of the mass of objectors criticised the inspector's recommendations. Coun. Colin Rosensteil, Liberal Association, said it would be challenged in the new Cambridge District Council: "It seems to ignore the whole question of city centre congestion and the views and feelings of the residents of the area". Mr Bernard Greaves said, "A grandiose re-development scheme like the one proposed was out of date"

Lifetime of schooldays, p8

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1973 09 03
Chesterton Rural Council today increased their mortgage interest rates to new borrowers to a record of 12 per cent. This is believed to be one of the highest figures charged by any local council in the country. Their rates to existing borrowers remain unchanged; some of these are as low as five per cent. The council's clerk said "People are not going to like our new rates but we have got to charge them". Both Cambridge City Council and South Cambs Rural Council have also increased their mortgage rates to 10 per cent

1973 09 04
De Vere's have been given final planning permission to go ahead with their plans to build a £2 million-plus hotel at the Huntingdon Road - Mount Pleasant junction, Cambridge - almost five years after the project was first proposed. But the London-based company are not saying yet when they intend to start building on the derelict site overlooking one of the city's busiest road junctions. It was at the beginning of 1969 that De Vere Hotels and Restaurants Ltd submitted their original plans for the hotel

At least 40 new jobs will be created by the take-over of Clockwork Orange's clothing factory at St Neots by the Gay Girl group of London. In place of a split line making dresses, trousers and blouses, the new ownership will make only slacks, half of which are destined for export markets. Gay Girl, a £3-million a year group, have formed Nethermere Ltd (St Neots) to run the operation and expand it. If things go to plan they will be looking for another factory within a year, said the Managing Director

Communities – nobody there, p14
Potatoes left to rot, p15

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Cholera vaccine, p14

1973 09 06
Hovertrain bunglers, p1, p11
Kerridge takeover, p14

Telephones, p15

1973 09 07
One of the longest and fondest traditions in American military history came to an end yesterday when the very last Dakota DC3 to serve in Northern Europe made its final flight into Mildenhall air base. They used to call the plane the Gooney Bird because of its ungainly and awkward appearance on the ground. Right on schedule the US Navy plane flew in for a champagne reception at the Naval Air Facility, Mildenhall

King's Parade pedestrianisation plans, p16

1973 09 08
The men from the Ministry have given in to the potato pickers of Burwell. They say villagers can go and dig up the 80 tons of potatoes which red tape threatened to let rot. They are in a field which has been bought for the construction of the Newmarket bypass. Earlier this week about 40 villagers who were trying to salvage the potatoes were ordered off the field by workmen. Villagers and conservationists raised a storm of protest.

A Fen Drayton grower who has dumped 12,000 lbs of tomatoes because it was not worth his while selling them, is appealing to colleagues to unite and agree on a minimum price for the fruit. Mr Eric Jarnet owns six acres of land two of which are covered by greenhouses. Last week he dumped the crop because the market price had dropped to between 30p and 35p a 12lb chip. He said he would be left with 8p for a chip of average grade after covering marketing and transportation costs. Out of this he has to cover staff wages and the running and maintenance of his property

1973 09 10
Prof John Parry Lewis, the Manchester don who has just finished the biggest Cambridge re-development plan ever devised, has told the Government that it may as well be scrapped now if the new Fitzroy-Burleigh Street shopping centre goes ahead. When his final report is published it will contain some sweeping proposals. One of these is for a new commercial centre on the Cambridge outskirts - perhaps in the Trumpington area - in order to siphon shops and traffic away from the historic heart of the city

1973 09 11
Fairview Estates, the first major developer to beat the building ban in Saffron Walden caused by the sewage crisis, have suggested making a financial contribution towards the town's £1¼ million sewage scheme in return for a further planning agreement with the borough council. They already have permission to build 130 of 250 new houses allowed by improvements to the existing sewage works. The new offer follows the refusal of their planning application for a further 90 houses off Railey Road. George Wimpey also want to build 56 houses at Highfields

Rag Day doubt, p11
Rail line demonstration, p13

1973 09 12
Farm wages, p16

1973 09 13
Eighteen Ely people won international fame for their home town when they battled their war through a crazy obstacle course in a game which is being watched by 150 million television viewers. Ely became the Knock Out kings of Europe by a mere two points. With defeat staring them in the face they staged a storming finish to wrest he crown from six other countries in Paris. Many Fenlanders were openly weeping or walking around the arena in a daze as they realised they had achieved a dream which started more than a year ago

Revitalised Cam plans, p15

1973 09 14
Cambridge City Council and the new County Council have to settle a who-pays-what dispute that could delay the opening of the City's new public library by many months. The row centres on the cost of fitting out the new library. Local government reorganisation means that the City Council will disappear and their successors will not have any legal responsibility for running libraries. This will rest with the new County Council. They are worried that rural area ratepayers will be saddled with the cost of a large prestige building mainly for the benefits of City residents and if they pump hundreds of thousands of pounds into it other large towns in the county will demand similar treatment

Knock-out, p17

1973 09 15
Apple cropm, p8

1973 09 17
Ely's victorious "It's a Knockout" team who followed up their British win and international success at Arnhem by winning the European championship were given the biggest civic reception ever seen in the city. Thousands of cheering people lined the streets for what team manager, David Cornwell, described as a "fantastic response". Afterwards there was a champagne celebration at the Maltings

Barnwell bridge, p1
Gas masks, p9
Storms, p11

1973 09 18
The Cambridge by-passes have been given the Government go-ahead. Work may now begin in less than a year on the £30m.-plus scheme to give the city its biggest new road complex in history. Within four years Cambridge is likely to have 14 miles of new motorway and nine miles of new trunk road to bleed heavy lorries and other traffic away from the historic heart of the city. It will also mean a much-improved A604 route between Cambridge & Huntingdon - at present one of the busiest and most accident-prone roads for miles. Today's announcement ends years of argument and months of speculation following a record-breaking public inquiry stretching over six months early last year

Swavesey railway, p9
Fumes fear, p14

1973 09 19
The environmental effects on the Cambridgeshire countryside and a number of villages in the building of the Cambridge bypasses are given in the Government's go-ahead to the projects. The inspector concludes that at Grantchester environmental intrusion would be mitigated by a properly conceived planting scheme & the effects on the village would not be serious. At Hauxton and Lt Shelford the environmental effects, though great, would not be intolerable. The Inspector does not support Girton's claims that the area will be severed in any practical sense by the Cambridge Northern Bypass. The new road would pass in a cutting and noise screening is recommended. At Fenstanton the Inspector thinks that the noise problem is more important than any partial severance of the village by the A604. He recommends noise screening

Longstanton planning, p20

1973 09 20
The scheme for the first stage of major housing development at "millionaire row", Hardwick is now before the county planners. More than 50 villagers made around £1 million last May when they sold their shares in the 80-acre site to two developers. The land had been bought back in 1935 by the

"philanthropist" Mr William Game who saw it as a "green dream" for Cockneys who wanted to quit London for the countryside. His vision was for a one-acre plot and a cow for each owner. But it dimmed when the plan failed because of the poor quality of the land, which fell into disuse from the 1950s. Now the village is set to get a recreation ground, village hall and school in a scheme devised for the Limes Estate. The first phase comprises 147 houses and 10 bungalows

Brandon Creek picnic, p17

1973 09 21
Like some great suicidal spider Cambridge will have eaten its heart out by the turn of the century. Such is the dramatic prophecy of Professor John Parry Lewis who has been making a complete study of its future. Specifically he is saying is that if Cambridge proceeds with the scheme to build a twin shopping centre in the Fitzroy Street - Burleigh street area it will be signing the death knell of the present Market Square area. He concludes that a new focus for commercial activity must be developed on the edge of the city either in the Trumpington area or to the east near Marshall's airport. This cannot be done if the Fitzroy-Burleigh scheme proceeds, as the indications now are that it will

Long-established family business in Cambridge city centre say they may be forced to close because their college landlords are demanding up to nine times the existing rent to renew expiring leases. The owner of Colin Lunn Ltd, a tobacconists which has stood in King's Parade since 1899 said he had received a letter from Trinity Hall's estate agents specifying a 95% increase from his current rent of £500. Mr Peter Stockbridge attacked Corpus Christi College for almost trebling the rent for his antique shop to around £3,000. An abrasive reaction came from the proprietor of the Copper Kettle restaurant who have been told unofficially that their rent is to be trebled 73 09 21

1973 09 22
Attempts by 93-year-old Miss Florence Lilley to get Castle Green, Kimbolton, registered as a village green and for 17 acres of Kimbolton Park to be registered as common land have failed. The Commons Commissioner says the use of the land by Kimbolton residents was not as of right. But Miss Lilley declared she would fight on. "Rogues have cheated Kimboltonians out of everything. I have been fighting them for 20 years". She told the Inquiry that Queen Alexandra's Nurses occupied the castle during the last war and that Lord Montagu held a 21-year lease before that. As evidence of public use she produced picture postcards of Queen Victoria's Jubilee celebrations, which she remembers.

1973 09 24
Rabbit breeding, p11

1973 09 25
If a superstore was not built at Bar Hill the existing shops in the village would peter out, a director of Bar Hill Development Company told members of Bar Hill Parish Council and the residents association. He added "the shops are costing us money and there is a limit to how much we are going to spend". The only way the shops would prosper was when a superstore was operating nearby. But it was obvious that several members of the audience did not agree with this. A survey showed 44.3% did not want a superstore anywhere in the village. "We don't want a large store bringing in hundreds of people from outside into the village," said Ron Page of the residents' association

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Oakington planning, p12
Ely sugar beet, p14

1973 09 28
A group called the Romsey Town project intend to open a cafe which will serve as a community centre, discussion room and open newsroom for their paper "Romsey News". The paper, which is self-supporting at 2p a copy has a circulation of 1,500. Jean White, an organiser, said "The people of Romsey Town get a rough deal in Cambridge as far as amenities are concerned. There is no cinema -

only pubs and the Labour Club. There is no real centre for the town as Mill Road carries traffic straight through - though in my opinion the shopping centre is better than the centre of Cambridge. We have joked about charging higher prices depending on the length of hair so that the cafe will not become a student centre from the University"

The cost of improving and modernising the public library at Mill Road, Cambridge, has risen to £13,790 due to inflation. For a number of years the Library Committee have had a programme of improvements they hoped to make to some of their ageing branch libraries. But repeatedly the economy-conscious city council have cut back on the projects. This year they agreed that the Mill Road scheme could go ahead to brighten up and repair the buildings. But since the estimates were received inflation has taken its toll

Uplands restaurant, p13
Library reprieved, p15

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1973 10 01
A chronic staff shortage could force another halt on routine admissions to Addenbrooke's Hospital this winter. The situation is so grave that the hospital's laundry have less than half the 60 staff they need, New Addenbrooke's have only 13 of the 24 cooks and assistant cooks they need. The general porters and distribution section have only 31 out of 41 members on the establishment. No extra beds have been opened at the new site since July when 15 wards were opened with 372 beds. The board hope to have 514 beds in 21 wards open by February of next year

1973 10 01
A close-circuit funeral for an "old friend" will be televised at Cambridge University. A special eulogy will be delivered and he will be dismembered for research studies and sent to the scrap heap. The "body" will be the much-loved 10-year old Titan computer. It has been on light duties since the end of its 18-month phasing out link with his more powerful replacement £1.7million worth of I.B.M. 370/165. The 370's memory is being doubled in size & the main disc memory for holding all the files is now 1,000 million characters

1973 10 02
The hospital service is starting to fall apart at the seams, Ian McLaughlin of the National Union of Public Employees claimed last night. The number of people on the waiting list at Cambridge hospitals is up about 30 per cent to 4,121. "People can stand so much under pressure. It is possible we may get to a stage where people walk out in sheer frustration, but other hospitals in East Anglia can get staff," he said. Low national pay rates, competition for labour during low unemployment and Cambridge property prices were the key reasons.

1973 10 03
The trapping know-how of an obliging Royal Engineer is helping Waterbeach Parish Council clear up a plague of rabbits in their burial ground. After a variety of remedies had failed, Sapper Nigel Packer, from the neighbouring barracks, took a hand and set two of his own ferrets on the job. And already the ferrets have paid their way in fighting the nuisance caused by the rabbits chewing up graveside flowers and burrowing beneath the gravestones and surrounds. Sapper Packer's expertise is a welcome relief to villagers, who have enjoyed a long history of community service by the Royal Engineers

Tolly, the East Anglia brewers may sell off their £1 million Star Brewery site in Newmarket Road, Cambridge within the next three years. The 4½acre site includes the brewery buildings and the Burleigh Arms public house. The old Star Brewery stopped production last year and the buildings have been used as a storage depot. It is understood the directors have been considering various possibilities for the Newmarket Road site, which is bounded roughly by Auckland Road, Midsummer Common and Parsonage Street. One includes building luxury flats, a hotel and public house on the

site. "There is no possibility of us leaving Cambridge. It is a very important place for us", said Tolly's managing director

1973 10 05
It is one thing criticising your own husband, but how would you feel if you had to sit and listen to other people hurling abuse at him? It is something which faces the wives of Cambridge United footballers. The wives do get upset, particularly when they feel the criticism is unfair or when they know their husband's play is going through a bad patch. The footballers are idolised. "You know the girls make a bee-line for the players", commented one wife. The wives just have to learn to live with it and trust their menfolk. "I feel very proud of him", said another. And that is true of all the wives. Carefully they store away match reports in scrap books and polish the trophies.

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St Ives railway line, p8

1973 10 08
Students at Cambridgeshire College of Arts and Technology today began searching for a hall in an emergency plan to beat what they claim is the city's worst-ever shortage of rented accommodation. The situation at the Technical College, where there are more than 1,000 students who have to live in rented accommodation in the city, has been aggravated by the failure of a plan to buy up houses for use as hostels. A housing association was set up earlier this year and agreement reached with a building society over 100 mortgages. But then came the building societies' financial difficulties and the whole plan has been shelved

St Neots thunderstorm, p7

1973 10 09
Cambridge sank deeper into a planning quagmire last night as opponents in the sub-regional study row tossed words at each other from their offices in Manchester and London. Down in the jungles of mid-Anglia the News intercepted and sifted the communiqués and tried, despairingly to bridge the 184-mile gap between the protagonists. And when it was said and done it proved far less difficult to plot yesterday's progress in the Middle East war and to assess Mr Heath's Phase 3 counter-inflation plans than to determine who was making progress in Cambridge's shopping centre controversy

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B.E. Cock’s garage, p14

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Bowyer letter, p12
Foxton crossing, p15

1973 10 11
More than 100 students from the technical college who are squatting in Owlstone Croft spent last night moving in food and other supplies. Occupation of the building, which has been empty for almost four years, followed a meeting in protest at the lack of student accommodation in Cambridge. Owlstone Croft became the target of criticism as officials pointed out that the Department of Health are now planning to demolish the fully-equipped hostel after refusing to sell it to the college. After half and hour's discussion about 200 students left the college to occupy the building

1973 10 12
Partly-completed dungarees are delivered to your house. Your job is to machine stitch the bib and braces, insert elastic into the waistband which has to be stitched and gathered, sew on a pocket. How much would you expect to be paid? This was the task given to a young Huntingdon mother who answered a clothing factory's advertisement for home workers. It took her five hours to complete two

pairs, then she abandoned the venture. Providing her own machine, electricity and thread she decided the work was "exploitation". The payment was 10p a pair.

No further inquiry, p1

1973 10 13
A Cambridge councillor told the city council meeting he hoped there would be some money left over for books after meeting the £490,000 bill for fitting out the new central library in Lion Yard. But Councillor Neville Auker said; "We have been in need of an up-to-date library in Cambridge for many years. The staff at the present library do enormously well. But for a city of Cambridge's standing the library has long been a disgrace"

There are still a lot of young people around who remember the Fifties, those golden days when Bill Haley was top of the charts and the permissive society had not been heard of. More than 40 of them got together in Gt Chesterford's village hall to celebrate the 26th birthday of an Ickleton teddy boy. Most of them wore the "teds" uniform of drainpipe trousers, long jackets, bootlace ties, slicked-back Tony Curtis hairdo's. They jived until midnight to the music of the Bluebird's Rock 'n' Roll Band. One said, "The only time he doesn't wear his teddy boy clothes is at work, but even there he wears old creepers and one ear-ring" He added "Whatever anybody says I don't think there has ever been anything smarted than ‘drains’"

200 students squatting, p1

1973 10 15
An appeal for special heavy-duty breakdown equipment went out after an articulated lorry overturned at Mitcham's Corner, Cambridge - and the wrecked vehicle and its scattered load were still there six hours later. The lorry overturned outside Wallis' garage showroom at 6.40 am. But the major equipment of local garages was already committed to other things and later the army sent some from Waterbeach. The accident caused extensive delays - at one time there was a queue right back to Washpit Lane, Girton, more than a mile from the city boundary on Huntingdon Road

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Owlstone Croft, p1

1973 10 17
News that Royston could finally have a new sewage works in three years was greeted by town councillors with relief tempered with scepticism. It is 21 years since a new works was called for in 1952. In recent years the council have lived through a saga of complaints from farmers about crop damage due to sewage flooding, petitions from tenants about smells from the old works at Coombes Hole, and increasing difficulties in dealing with the quantity of sewage from the town which culminated with a brake on further housing development when the works could no longer cope. But Bassingbourn village have complained about losing land for the scheme

Student problems, p11
New art gallery, p13

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Cambridge Aircraft Preservation Society, p15

1973 10 19
A £13,000 facelift for Mill Road branch library in Cambridge has been shelved by the city council to leave their architects free to concentrate on housing schemes. The Library Committee were forced to postpone the modernisation plan after hearing that it would be caught in the Government's current economic policy to cut back local council's capital spending. Mill Road was to have been the first of three branch libraries in the city to be modernised with new lighting, decorations and layout. Those at

Rock Road and Milton Road were to follow. Members agreed to contact the new Cambridgeshire County Council, who will take over libraries in April, to ask them to consider the three schemes sympathetically

South Cambridgeshire District Council have agreed to enforce fire laws which could mean the "death knell" for many village halls. Councillor Watts declared: "There are places of entertainment which do not match up 100 per cent to what the fire authorities would insist upon. It will mean the death knell for our older, less prosperous village halls". Surely it was better for halls 90 per cent safe to remain under the control of local people than to be closed - some of them never to be opened again. But Coun. Powles stressed; "It only wants one person to lose their life unnecessarily in a fire for us to be in a very serious situation with the public. The laws will be applied as sympathetically as they can be"

Laser-Scan Laboratories Ltd, a science-based Cambridge firm set up four years ago, made history when they became the first tenants of the new Cambridge Science Park this week. The Trinity College scheme is being developed on land off Milton road. The Senior Bursar, Dr John Bradfield said they believed it was the first science park in England. "We are 99 per cent certain on signing a contract with a second tenant and we have two more in advanced stages of negotiation", he said. "The idea was first mooted four years ago by the Mott committee and I think we have done very well to get this far in four years". He said the college were looking for a commercial return on their venture, but not necessarily in the usual financial expectations of recovering costs in a given number of years 73 10 19

Waterbeach school, p17

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Burleigh Street plans, p6
Knickers at Fulbourn, p6

1973 10 22
Mr Harold Wilson stirred the Labour Party workers of East Anglia into a fiery fighting mood at their regional rally in Cambridge. The audience of about 1,000 people gave him a standing ovation. Mr Wilson raised cheers with promises of pensions of £10 for a single person, £16 for a couple, strict controls on big business and action to secure the public ownership of land, especially for public amenities, schools and hospitals. His speech contained many personal swipes at Mr Heath. He said: "The truth is that while the three great social priorities - housing, education and hospitals - are being cut back, office building and property speculation runs on unchecked"

Taxi driver, p3

1973 10 23
Ely RAF Hospital may be developed as one of the three main Service hospitals in the country. The report of an inquiry into Defence Medical Services says each service should have one major hospital of up to 400 beds. In the case of the RAF it suggests that either to Ely hospital or the one at Halton, Bucks., would be suitable for this kind of development. Ely RAF Hospital was opened in 1940 and since then has been considerably extended. For a number of years it has also admitted civilian patients and it is reckoned that about 30 per cent of people treated there are civilians. Last year it treated 6,000 in-patients and just over 31,000 out-patients

Marshall homes plan, p12

1973 10 24
Huntingdon's county ambulance service is being forced to run its vehicles into the ground to keep up with demand, and the situation is likely to get worse next year. Extra work is having to be put in by the mechanics to keep vehicles on the road because two new ambulances had to be sent back to British Leyland with brake trouble. One is still out of action and another had to be taken out again last

week. Some of the remaining ambulances are wearing out faster than expected and will have to be replaced next year - and there is a nine-month waiting period on new orders

Nobel prize, p17
St Neots sewers, p20

1973 10 25
De Vere have finally abandoned their plans to build a 5-star 200-bedroom hotel at Cambridge's Mount Pleasant - Huntingdon Road junction. Instead the company have suggested to planners that the site could be used for a four-storey block of residential flats with a restaurant, showrooms, offices and a bank included in the development. The company say it is "no longer economically viable" to go ahead with the hotel project which has been on the stocks for four years. It is being suggested that the originally estimated building costs of around £2 million has now risen to about £3.8 million

Newton Hall, p17

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Newmarket rail users, p27
Shudy Camps pub a temple, p33

1973 10 27
The Dalai Lama held the attention of a 1,000-strong Cambridge audience last night while he talked for almost an hour on Buddhist doctrine - mostly in Tibetan. Hundreds of people queued for nearly an hour outside the Senate House. They filled every seat, crowded four-deep in the side galleries and were left clinging to the outside window sills to get a view of "Kundun" - The Presence. In his crimson and saffron robes His Holiness delivered his address in a casual, conversational style, occasionally breaking into English to drive home a point. After his address he walked through the Cambridge traffic to Trinity College where he was due to attend a buffet supper

1973 10 29
A group of people found an unusual way to spend an afternoon on Saturday - using paint to pick-out the detail on a Cambridge lamp-post. The lamp-post which stands at the paths junction in the middle of Parker's Piece has for many years been painted plain grey. Now after some hard work by five friends part of it is resplendent in blues, yellows and red. The friends who are all students were led by brothers Sandy and David Cairncross. They obtained permission of the City Surveyor's department before beginning.

Charles Cudworth, p3

1973 10 30
Plans by a London catering company to convert the 17th century Bath Hotel in Bene't St, Cambridge, into a steak bar rival to the Turks Head have been vetoed by Corpus Christi College who own the site. Dr Peter Lewis said, "We don't want to change the atmosphere of the Bath Hotel and these plans would have done that too drastically". The Bath Hotel is basically a 17th century building with extensive 18th century modifications. West End Catering, who put forward the proposal said, "The college's grounds for refusal are absolutely unreasonable and invalid. The dons seemed to be examining our plans as a viable place for them to eat instead of examining them in terms of popular catering"

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A senior planner warned the new Cambridge district council faced a serious position over the acute shortage of council housing land in the city. David Urwin explained that even if the council were allowed by the government to go ahead with their plans to build houses on 100 acres of land at Cherry Hinton all available council housing land in Cambridge would be used up by the end of 1978. The Environment Committee chairman said "South Cambridgeshire district council apparently do not take gladly to any form of development outside Cambridge. But I hope that we shall be able to negotiate with them"

Coldham's Lane trafficlights, p15

1973 11 02
A stretch of A1 near St Neots was sealed off for five hours last night after a chemical-carrying articulated lorry burst into flames, threatening overhead power cables and sending toxic fumes towards Eaton Socon. More than 20 firemen fought the blaze with foam and water shuttled in an emergency tender. The lorry was loaded with chemicals widely used in industry. The crash is the latest in a series of incidents involving the leakage or spillage of chemicals in Mid Anglia roads in recent months - provoking calls for a tightening-up in chemical transport regulations

Clark Kennedy cockerel, p4
Dogs on leads, p17

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Nurses under stress, p5

1973 11 05
Cambridge's prospective parliamentary Labour candidate, James Curran, believes that the way gipsies are thwarted at every turn should be on everyone's conscience. He said "The city council have deliberately built obstructions round waste ground which they feared might be occupied by gypsy settlement, they have hounded gipsies out of the city". He claimed the site earmarked for possible use by gypsy caravans at Milton - part of the disused army camp was "totally unsuitable". "It is sandwiched between the proposed by-pass on one side and the sewage works and waste disposal company on the other. Why should gipsies have to put up with what everyone else in Cambridge would find intolerable"

Balloon record, p7
Saffron Walden Boots store, p10

1973 11 06
6,000 people turned out to support the second firework spectacular presented by Cambridge Round Table at Cambridge United's Football ground. Hundreds of children were amongst the spectators to watch the £400 firework display. A variety of set pieces, most of which largely featured Catherine wheels won plenty of admiration. But for many sitting high in the terraces the displays of rocket fireworks were unseen and wasted, obscured by the covered stands. Bonfire night in Cambridge was one of the quietest for many years. The Fire Brigade had only one call - and that was a false alarm

Play bus, p10
One-sex colleges move, p13

1973 11 07
Eastern Electricity this week produced a detailed rota and chart to help the public tell when their area would most likely suffer power cuts. A cutback in electricity supplies could take place tonight. Voltage reductions were feared during last night's period of peak demand - usually the largest of the week - but they were not necessary. The men's associations have agreed nationally with the electricity industry that they should get special payments for "unsocial hours" they have to work, but the agreement has been blocked by the government.

Sinclair calculator, p8

1973 11 08
Motorists are having to wait for up to a month for spare parts in a situation which is becoming a head ache for some Cambridge garages. Mr Frank Taylor of B.E. Cocks' garage in Newmarket Road commented: "Delays are getting longer and it's proving to be an awful headache" Apart from the long waits motorists are having to face large bills for hiring other cars. "We do the repair work as quickly as possible and then it comes to a full stop because we have been unable to obtain the necessary parts", added Mr Taylor. "The spare parts situation is becoming a joke in the trade"

Some of the Cambridge school buildings which have to be altered to turn them into comprehensives may not be ready by the time the new system starts in September 1974. Alterations costing more than £100,000 are being held up because builders, who have a lot of work on their hands and face an acute labour shortage, are unwilling to undertake any more City council contracts. Worried council officials had to approach 13 building firms before they could find anybody willing to undertake a £4,000 classroom building job at the Coleridge secondary school

1973 11 09
The 10,000 agricultural workers in mid-Anglia were today bitterly disappointed at the £2.30 a week rise awarded by the Agricultural Wages Board after 10 hours of negotiation. The workers' spokesman said they were bound to be aggrieved at the award which gives a new basic rate of £21.80. The farm workers had asked for a £25 a week minimum wage. The higher rate of increase will go to tractor drivers, horticultural specialists, stockmen and foremen.

Dorothy Grainger post box, p16

1973 11 10
A crowd of several hundred greeted BBC disc jockey, Tony Blackburn, when he arrived at the Cambridge Co-operative Society store in Burleigh Street. Store officials, red faces streaming with perspiration, linked arms and strained hard to keep the ground, largely consisting of weeny-boppers in order. He was appearing at the store to mark its £40000 ground-floor refit. The new hanging racks of jackets and jumpers were under almost continuous siege with children of all sizes, as they tried to get nearer to Mr Blackburn. After 40 minutes he left the store pursued by young fans. Nevertheless a number of children left in tears clutching unsigned photographs

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United fans battle, p1
Beer drought, p10
Ramblers Association formed, p14

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Thriplow development

1973 11 16
Cambridge University's extra-mural studies board will move out of the city and into new offices at Madingley Hall if a £60,000 plan now being considered by dons is approved. But they are hoping that the scheme would cost the University nothing – a gift of £47,000 is being offered by a trustee of the University of Southern California and the Board of Extra-Mural studies would be required to meet the remaining £13,000 from their balances. Madingley Hall at present houses 55 residents who are either visiting scholars or graduate students of the university.

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Godber price increses, p1
CALA building, p5

Waterbeach power cut, p5

1973 11 19
No more Cambridge council houses will be sold after April 1st – because the waiting list of people who want to rent them is growing daily and building land is running out. The new Labour controlled Cambridge district council also intends to clamp down on speculators who buy old houses cheaply and sell them at big profits after modernising them with the aid of improvement grants. During the last five years almost 300 city council houses have been sold to tenants and a number of other possible sales are in the legal pipeline.

The cost of bringing the White Ribbon Hotel at East Road, Cambridge up to the standard needed to meet fire safety regulations and public health requirements now about £4,000 – nearly three times the amount originally estimated. Until last April the hotel was run by the Salvation Army as a hostel for city working men with no family roots. But, because of the high cost of maintaining the building and bringing it up to the new standards, the Salvation Army moved out and the |County council took over the building. Cambridge city council have told the county that they will not pay any more than £750.
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Soccer fans, p1

1973 11 20
Many mid-Anglia motorists had to take petrol pot-luck today as reductions in supplies began to bite at garages around the region. The Cambridge Short Street garage warned the fuel crisis could force them out of business while others reported rationing and restrictions on opening hours. The manager said "We are now restricting petrol to our regular customers. They can get £1 if they have one of our stickers". The owner of Ted Salisbury & Son's garage said: "We are limiting petrol to four gallons a customer. Our sales were 37% up last week as a result of panic buying. We ran out of petrol last night".

Edward Towgood and sons ltd of Sawston, who run the 300 year-old paper mill, one of the oldest in the country, is to close in February. The mill, the last left in East Anglia, is part of the Reed paper and board group. The firm announced losses totalling more than £ ¼ million over the past three years. The other factors were acute labour shortage in the area and the alarming world shortage of materials. The decision to close in no ways affects its close neighbours Spices (stationery) ltd. It is hoped that many people currently working for Towgood would join Spicers.

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St Neots pop flop, p18

1973 11 22
It was the Second World War which boosted the trade in used agricultural machinery at Cambridge cattle market. Now, after 30 years on the Hills Road site, it is hoped that the move to the new sales area down Milton Road will give a similar fillip to what is generally regarded as one of Europe's outstanding second-hand implements market. The cattle market developed over the years and continued unchanged until 1966 when the advent of an £8,000 new corn market proved more or less a flop from the start and received negligible support from farmers and auctioneers. There have been frequent prophecies that the cattle market will eventually go the same way. Obstinately though, it refuses to die

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Queen's Ely visits, p1
Bassingbourn Village College, p17

1973 11 24

The Queen came to Ely yesterday – and made history because she gave her permission to allow Ely the right to remain a city after the local government reorganisation next April. The most hectic moment of a busy day came in the afternoon on the market place where crowds had gathered to see her watch 600 schoolchildren put on a display of the Ely street festival seen earlier this year. A black mongrel dog kept following the Royal party. A police officer gently pushed the dog into the crowd and gave instructions to people to stand with their legs close together to prevent the dog running out again

Dalham mill, p8

1973 11 26
Newmarket can be described as the typical small country town for shopping – alL the necessities of life and a few of the luxuries are available in one main area and in several small ones. There are no less than five saddlers in the town. Apart from such rarefied suppliers many of the grocery chain stores have branches in the town: Liptons, International Stores, Fine Fare and the Co-operative Society. Smaller grocery stores are dying out but Laing's, an old-established and more specialised food chop, keeps going under the aegis of Fine Fare. There is nothing special in clothing. Ashfords is a good general drapery if you don't expect high fashion, and Janes two boutiques with Norma's room at the Top are respectable rather than distinguished.

Uri Geller screwdrivers, p1

1973 11 27
Cambridge greyhound stadium moves from the dog racing backwoods in February next year when their twice-weekly meetings will come under the auspices of the National Greyhound Racing Club. At present their meetings at Cambridge City Football Club's Milton Road ground are continuing on Wednesday and Saturday during the floodlighting ban with the aid of a generator installed at Milton Road.

Rail electrification, p3
Geller screwdriver missing, p13

1973 11 28
The construction of a nuclear power station at the old wartime bomber site at Molesworth, west of Huntingdon, is being planned. The Central Electricity Generating Board are currently investigating the suitability of the site and they need planning permission from the Government before they can go ahead with the £200 million development. The scheme was announced today. If plans go through they don't expect to start actual building work until the late 1970s. The airfield closed down in the mid-1950s and has since been used as a store by the United States Air Force

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1973 12 07
Only one woman in a Saffron Walden factory knows the recipe of natural oils and moisture that go into a huge melting pot to reduce Britain's biggest selling moisturiser. British women have always had a reputation for good skins and it is only recently they have begun to turn to moisturisers and skin care creams to help slow down the advance of lines and wrinkles. Latterly these products that have cornered the fastest growing section of the cosmetics industry and the Garsalle factory at Shire Hill, Saffron Walden has been carried along on the crest of a wave. It employs just over 30 people turning out 150,000 bottles of skin care products a week. And the factory is bursting at the seams.

1973 12 07
Reach, the tiny but historic village in the middle of the Cambridgeshire fens could do with a pub. The last public house closed some years ago. It is considered that the village would benefit socially if a public house were re-established, but, of course, such a project must be shown to be commercially viable. This need is spotlighted by the County Planning Department in their outline proposals for village development in the next ten years.

YMCA, p15
Reach pub, p29

1973 12 08
Lightwriter device, p6

1973 12 10
A series of explosions rocked the centre of Cambridge over the weekend and so far the cause remains a mystery. Gas board officials say the bangs have nothing to do with natural gas leaks. The bangs were reported to police by householders in the Green Street – Sidney Street area. They brought people rushing from their houses, but they could find no cause for the explosions. While the people were outside more bangs occurred, apparently from underground

1973 12 11
A 160-foot-high chimney that was used in the old days as a furnace for brick-making in the heyday of the Cambridge brick industry is now a pile of bricks, strewn about a sticky clay building site off Coldham's Lane, Cambridge. The chimney was abandoned well before the last war and remained as a blackened reminder of the glories of an industry past its peak. The new owners of the site, J. Coral Estates Ltd, decided they did not need it at their £3 million warehouse and industrial development on the 11 acres they have bought so they blew it up. The bricks will become the fill for part of the new warehouse development already christened the Coral Park Estate

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Place to dance, p14
Coral Park estate, p19

1973 12 13
Councillor Don Maltby told Cambridge housing committee that Cherry Hinton had always been an isolated part of the city – and residents wanted it to remain that way. "The people of Cherry Hinton are not selfish but are wondering why all these houses should be built there. I think they are right

because this is the one part of the city which has always considered itself to be a village". He was speaking about plans to build up to 1,500 houses and flats to accommodate about 4,500 people together with shops and a school in the area.

1973 12 14
Mid Anglia seems set for a bonanza Christmas with people determined to enjoy themselves while they can – come power, petrol or rail crises. Most of the region's shops report that business is booming although they are unclear as to whether this Is because of the traditional pre-Christmas spending sprees or because housewives are stocking up in fear of worse to come, hoarding things which they though might become scarce. Many of the smaller towns believe the petrol shortage is helping them by keeping shoppers away from the big centres, Cambridge and Bedford.

Ely Rural Council, who sold 44 of their houses in the last financial year, are now considering buying some newly-built private houses – to ease their waiting lists. The houses at The Row and the Hillside, Sutton have been empty for several months and already existing residents fear the idea will bring down the value of their homes.

Comberton parents back to school, p9

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Churches combine, p7

1973 12 17
The world's longest surviving liver transplant patient, Mrs Winifred Smith, made her annual pilgrimage to Cambridge to see the surgeon who saved her life five years ago. She was one of 100 kidney and liver transplant patients who had come from all over Britain to acknowledge their debt to Prof. Roy Calne and his team at an annual Christmas reunion in the new Frank Lee Centre at Addenbrooke's. These get-togethers have been held for the last seven years

Shops meet crisis, p9

1973 12 18
Thousands of women planning to look just a bit prettier this Christmas with a holiday hairdo will be disappointed. For leading Cambridge hairdressers have announced they have been forced to cut their bookings by almost half because of Government measurers that say only five out of the next ten days can be worked. Joshua Taylor's hairdressing department "Raymond" said, "We can do simple appointments which won't involve the use of electricity but I estimate we will have to turn about 1,000 people away"

Bus shortage, p9

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Industry copes with cuts, p11
Cherry Hinton development plans, p15

1973 12 21
Total disaster faces the world in about two generations according to Prof Mike Pentz of the Open University. Speaking in Cambridge he said so much energy is now being burnt that the temperature of earth's atmosphere will rise by half a degree. "This will melt the polar caps and start a runaway reaction which will raise the ocean levels by a height which will bring about disastrous flooding." A rise of 100 feet in this country would put Cambridge well beneath the waves.

Cambridge University has been given £10 million to build and endow a new college for graduate and undergraduate students, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof Jack Linnett, announced today. The lump sum gift has been handed over by the Newmarket racehorse owner, Mr David Robinson, who started his career

at the age of 15 as an apprentice in his father's cycle shop in Cambridge. The new college will be built on a 12½ acre site on land bounded by Herschel Road and Grange Road.

Cambridge residents spoke about the "bombshell" news that their homes are on the site proposed for Cambridge university's new college. Most of them were informed about the plan 24 hours before the news was announced to the public. One 78-year-old resident said "The letter from the college came as a horrible shock, just at Christmas time"

1973 12 24
Mid Anglia stores say they are making valiant efforts to give the public every opportunity to do their Christmas shopping. Most will depend heavily on emergency lighting and special security measures will be taken to beat the shoplifters. Eaden Lilley say that on days without electricity old gas lamps still fitted in the shop will be used. The January sales have been brought forward at Robert Sayle to take advantage of remaining days with electricity before the more stringent regulations come into force in the New Year

Shoppers in Cambridge defied the gloom of crisis-torn Britain and were out in force to do their last-minute Christmas shopping. At Woolworth's in Sidney Street the manager said: "People are determined to enjoy Christmas despite the gloom and doom". Tesco, in Regent Street, said they were fairly busy. The general manager of Joshua Taylor said that trade was about 20% up compared with last year. 73 12 24

1973 12 27
It looked like Sunday in Cambridge yesterday with most of the city's shops closed, and only a few people on the streets. Only a few small "corner" grocers and one supermarket were open for housewives who ran out of essentials. In the city centre Waring and Gillow, the recently-opened furnishers, began their sale. Most of the staff of city shops were having the day off after putting in extra time to cope with the pre-Christmas rush. Most of the shops have used their five days of electricity and will not be able to use any more until the New Year

Home sides routed all opposition at Grantchester in the annual Boxing Day barrel rolling competition. And not only did the Rose and crown men's and women's teams carry of the 24-dozen bottles of beer between them, they also ensured that it was a family affair. For with just one exception, the members of the teams were all related

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Wayman builder St Neots, p15

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Saffron Walden printer, Mr Jim Samuels plans to beat next week's three-day working week by substituting electric power with pedal power. He has been taking the dust-covers off an 1893 pedal press which he plans to use when industry in the area will be without power. "We used the old press when we started Two Jays press, but when we got automatic machines it went into retirement", he said. "I shall be doing the pedalling, it's what's my right leg's for"

1973 12 31
Much of what happens in Newmarket next year will be a continuation of this year's events. The by-pass will be opened, the George Lambton playing fields laid out on the Fordham Road, the Rookery and All Saints' areas developed and the swimming pool (maybe) started. But by far the greatest event is one in which the public has not been much interested – the joining of Newmarket and Mildenhall into one administrative body, Forest Heath district.

Haverhill, p9

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Marshalls exempt from three-day week, p13

1974 01 03
Council offices in the Cambridge area are making the most of daylight hours to beat the power crisis by opening earlier and closing as soon as darkness falls when there is no electricity. Chesterton and South Cambridgeshire Rural Councils are now both closing at 3.30 pm on the non-electricity days of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. St Neots urban council open half an hour early and their dinner break is cut to 30 minutes. Their offices are managing to maintain near-normal hours with oil lamps.

Something of the wartime spirit has crept into Mid-Anglian managements who are faced with the three-day electric week and oil shortages. The Pye Group employ a large percentage of women, so they don't want to ask them to work Saturdays, as the power rota demands, because of family commitments. So they will be using generators to give basic power on the other days, and will do as much as possible on those days that does not need power tools. They'll also cut down the lunch break

1974 01 04
Paraffin threat, p1
Bridge Street pollution, p15
Bottled gas, p18

1974 01 05
One of Cambridge's finest medieval buildings, the Abbey House in Abbey Road, was formally presented to the city council as a gift from the Cambridge Folk Museum. The house was originally given to the museum in 1946 by the first Lord Fairhaven who had hoped it would be an enlarged Folk Museum. But the curator, Miss Enid Porter, said he had come to realise the building was just not suitable and the museum did not have the resources to keep the house in good repair

1974 01 07
Many more young people are sleeping rough in and around Cambridge than anyone has estimated. A man who has slept rough for the last 30 years says he knows of about 100 people aged from 17 to 30 sleeping out in woods and fields around Cambridge. But his estimate has been rejected as "exaggeration" by the rector of Girton, who has been helping to tackle the problem

House prices are still falling in Mid Anglia. Even after a £1,000 tumble in the last six months further falls are expected. Until now the brunt of the drop has been carried by standard three-bedroomed homes in the £10-£12,000 price range. It appears unlikely the housing market will move out of stagnation until three-bedroomed semis are on sale from around £9,500. The Cambridge Building Society said "We have funds for members, but with interest at 11% house buying is not very brisk

Pye allowed full week, p1

1974 01 09
People living at Swaffham Bulbeck are being asked by the Cambridgeshire planners to tell them whether they would prefer an expensive bypass built around the village or a cheaper, shorter road between the two main built-up areas. The new road is needed to do away with the three right-angle bends in the centre of the village.

Cambridge has escaped lightly so far from the effects of the three-day working week. Only about 250 workers are being paid benefits by the Department of Employment. The vast majority of those temporarily laid off are receiving benefits from their own firms under a "do-it-yourself dole" scheme. The firms will be reimbursed later by the Department. At Saffron Walden the town's largest firm, Acrow Engineering Ltd, are treating Thursdays and Fridays, when industry in the area is without power, as part of their workers' normal holiday entitlement

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Gales, p15

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Old folk cold at Christmas, p9
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1974 01 11
With heavy symbolism and an optimism to fight the gloom of the national crisis, Cambridge's erstwhile unlit Christmas lights were lit up in all their glory last night. At least a small group of them in Sidney Street were aglow for just two minutes. In the face of the ban on public decorative lighting the Chamber of Commerce could not have the cheerful Christmas light gaiety in the city centre. But, because they had bought new lights, they thought they would like at least a glimpse of what might have been, had it not been for the Government bans.

When Cyril Brady started in a Cambridge estate agents and valuers a new semi-detached house in the city sold for £425 cash or you could rent it for 14s.9d. a week. Now those same houses run to five figures and rent comes out at around £40 a month, unfurnished. The figures reflect the changes in the 41 years that Mr Brady has been in partnership which has been running under the name of Catling, Brady and Bliss since 1969.

Sawston Village College, p9
Tourism campaign, p15

1974 01 12
The economic crisis has forced a Haddenham baker to cut his van deliveries by half, leaving an estimated 600 customers in Cottenham, Haddenham and Wilburton to find alternative suppliers of their daily bread. Mr John Wright said that he was pulling three of his five vans off the road permanently. The national association of master bakers said the profit margin per loaf was too small to make van deliveries economically viable. Barker's bakery, Betabake and the Co-operative Society all have shops in Cottenham

1974 01 14
Downham village hall, p9

1974 01 16
Women's libbers pulled off a master stroke when they won equal rights in Huntingdon's new working men's club being built on the town's housing estate. And minutes after the decision was announced, the first woman was voted onto the management committee of the 700-member BRJ club under construction at Sallowbush road. Not content with their victory, the women are also demanding that as the men have had two fund-raising stag nights they should have the chance of a hen party

1974 01 17
The number of books borrowed from libraries in the region since the early tv closedown came into force has gone up considerably. Late evening boredom in Huntingdon and St Neots has, according to the county librarian, Mr Reg Keyworth, given rise to a "substantial increase" in the number of books being taken out. "People have been coming into the libraries saying they are bored and want something to read because of the earlier television closing down times" he said.

Cambridge's new export club got off to a great start at the inaugural meeting. The three men who promoted the idea expected four or five people to turn up, have a chat over a pint and then go home. As it was, 40 enthusiastic men and one woman involved in both export marketing and the movement of products made in mid-Anglia agreed the scheme was a "must" for Cambridge – and forthwith set up a committee to get things moving

1974 01 18
Relief road plans, p15
Pampisford pub, p16
Shops accespt big rises, p20

1974 01 19
Pedal power has taken the "Cambridge Evening News" boardroom by storm. Former chair and car-bound executives and cycling to appointments on bicycles to beat the petrol shortage. Leading the two-wheel revolution is the deputy chairman and Managing Director, Mr Anthony Durham closely followed by the "News" editor, Mr Nicholas Herbert. Mr Durham, with cycle clips protecting his pin-stripe suit, has personally tested four cycles bought for staff and found them the ideal answer to the city's one-way systems and parking problems but staff will not be forced to use them

Classical concert dropped, p7

1974 01 22
Villagers at Elsworth who look to the church clock to get the right time may be unlucky in a few days. For the church authorities are unable to get at the winding mechanism of the clock since thieves stole the key to the tower of the church. Mr Kenneth Hollier said "We can't get into the tower to have the clock wound, so it will start to run down within a few days". The thieves also took the key to the west door of the church.

Houses out of reach, p7
Molesworth nuclear tests, p12

1974 01 23
Empty houses, p12

1974 01 24
Many Cambridge Scots have been spared the disappointment of a Burns Night without haggis thanks to a 120-mile "mercy dash" by a city butcher. Because of rail and post problems the supplies to Mr Derek Traylen, a Newmarket road butcher dried up over Christmas which left many of his regular customers without haggis for Hogmanay. So with Buns Night coming up he decided that he could not let his regulars go without again. His Glasgow suppliers were unable to send a normal parcel because of the train drivers' industrial action but they could send his delivery direct to Euston station. So Mr Traylen drove to London and picked up about 2 cwt of haggis yesterday

Student dig problems, p11
Fen Ditton house plans, p13
Sidney Sussex co-ed, p13

1974 01 25
South Cambridgeshire Rural Council are considering a plan to create a new village near Duxford airfield using the 150 houses on the 30-acre airmen's married quarters site as a nucleus. It would be a completely new village with its own community hall and centre. Cambridgeshire planners are hoping to develop a large open air sports complex on the 600-acre airfield which closed down some years ago

1974 01 26

Supplies of foodstuffs and household goods in Cambridge have been disrupted by the national crisis, but there is no need for panic buying, said store managers. Customers have flocked to buy toilet rolls, and stocks at Woolworth's have been exhausted. Supplies of paper and plastic based products have suffered because of world shortages. But food is plentiful, partially because the food industry are exempt from Government restrictions on power

1974 01 28
A United States air force sergeant who defied the military haircut regulations, was driven off to start four months detention and hard labour – to a rousing chorus of "Haircut Rebel" songs from sympathisers. The Vietnam war veteran with a Good Conduct medal had been found guilty at USAF Alconbury court martial of eight charges involving his refusal to trim his hair, moustache and side burns. After the trial he said: "I have a constitutional right to wear my hair as I please. When they cut my hair at the detention centre I will go the whole way and shave my head, my legs and my arm pits."

1974 01 29
Milk bottle shortage, p9
Huntingdonshire power staion fuel, p11

1974 01 30
Meldreth has nearly doubled its population during the past 10 years from less than 900 in 1962 to about 1900. About one third of the population increase could be attributed to the Manor School run by the Spastics Society. It is now the major source of employment in the village although the biggest employers are the Atlas Stone Co. Ltd. just outside the village. Planners say the electrification of the Royston – Kings Cross railway line will undoubtedly create development pressures.

Play council, p14
Mill Road traffic plan, p15

1974 01 31
Since the traditional bar in Alexandra Street was closed down for the Lion Yard development, the name of Henekeys has been missing from the city scene. The Henekey Tavern, which has just been completed under the former Dorothy Restaurant has brought it back in style. The Alexandra Bar keeps a link with the past and adjoining it is a farmhouse-style chop bar. In the contrasting Squires Bar a more substantial meal can be eaten in plush surroundings

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Rex nightclub plan, p19

1974 02 04
When Christ church, in the parish of St Andrew the Less, Cambridge, was built in 1839 the cost was £3,800. On Saturday a new church- installed at gallery level in the original building at a cost of £40,000 - was dedicated. Rebuilding began nine months ago, following the sale of Abbey church hall and Christ church institute to Cambridge city council as part of the planned redevelopment of the Burleigh street area. Now the building provides a new church with seating for 465 and at ground level a hall with seating for 200

1974 02 05
The Eastern Sports Council fear that unless former airfields like Duxford are used for sporting pursuits, some activities which require large areas of space – like parachuting and land yachting – may be forced out of existence within ten years. The 600-acre airfield has been disused for a number of years and its future is still in doubt. A £3 million scheme for a major sports complex was rejected last year together with a counter-plan to build a prison for young offenders on the site. South Cambridgeshire RDC have proposed turning the married quarters into a nucleus of a new village

Cambridge students sitting university examinations next term will not be allowed to use electronic calculators. The Board said: "It is not that calculators are noisy or interfere with anyone else. It is just the question of inequality – they are expensive things and which some students can afford them, others cannot. We do not want to give the better-off students an advantage". Instead they are being told to stick to the more traditional aids like slide rules and log tables.

1974 02 06
Car owners living in Stretham face greater rusting problems than car owners elsewhere in the country. The AA which has been undertaking an extensive survey on vehicle corrosion report that a car which is used in a dry part of the country rusts at a faster rate. Stretham is said to be the driest spot in the country. On this basis cars there face a limited life. Lack of rainfall means they do not benefit from the scouring effect which removes mud that contains salt and acid deposits from the roads

1974 02 07
During wet weather "concrete cabbages" grow in Cherry Hinton area gardens and "stone-dashed cars" appear overnight in the streets, a Labour councillor claimed. The reason for such unusual sights is the outfall from the chimney of a cement factory, he said. "If any clothes are left out to dry overnight on washing lines they need to be washed again in the morning because they are covered with a fine dust. If you clean your house windows and there is a little rain you have to clean them all over again"

St Ives line backed, p18
Twentypence Inn opening, p28

1974 02 08
Cambridge city council's controversial plan to stop Gwydir Street being used as a short-cut between East Road and Mill road has come into action and already shopkeepers are reporting trading losses of up to 50%. Norfolk street, once continually busy with traffic, is now silent and virtually at a standstill. And the shopkeepers of the street are beginning to wonder if they might soon be at a standstill too. Mrs Linda Gregoris who owns the Athena restaurant lent on her broom and surveyed the five customers. "It is 11am and normally this place is chock-a-block and people have to fight for a seat. Yesterday we had five people in here – normally it would be as many as 80"

Pym bodyguards, p16
City centre car ban, p20

1974 02 09
Half-an-inch of highly brittle steel is all that has been holding up the 200-foot spire of Saffron Walden parish church, disclosed by the architect who has been surveying it. If the metal rod had snapped, the top of the spire would have become highly unstable and might have collapsed. The spire, which was found to be almost two feet out of plumb, has now been stabilised.

Hundreds of in-calf cows in East Anglia are being slaughtered because their owners cannot afford to keep them, claims a Haddenham farmer, Sidney Ward. He also predicts a milk shortage. The price of feeding stuffs has doubled in the past 18 months. But the price of milk is still the same. The outlook for milk and beef is bleak because many of the lower production cows are not economic to keep in the present situation. When he started retailing milk in 1931 a full loaf of bread was the same price as a pint of milk. "Look at the difference now. We are in a crisis" 74 02 09

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Swaffham Prior church chest, p8

1974 02 12
Parking on grass verges, p12

1974 02 13
City archives, p15

1974 02 14
A former Mepal pub is the new home of Clement Freud, Liberal candidate for the Isle of Ely, and his wife Jill who moved in yesterday in the middle of their election campaign. Mrs Freud, who spend the morning arranging furniture before going out to canvass for her husband, was not at all worried by the rush of moving house during the campaign. The family will stay in their new home whichever way voters turn on February 28th. "We will be very happy to live here anyway, it is a very simple place, but it very nice", she said

1974 02 15
The menu at The Three Horse Shoes, at Madingley, is reasonably extensive for so unpretentious a pub. We plumped for a peppered fillet steak with cream (£1.55) and a whole crawfish provencal (£1.95). The latter lived up to its name, the aroma of garlic lingering for several days. The pub follows an interesting policy of charging a flat £2 for all full bottles of wine. The dessert trolley offered a good selection from which we chose a sherry trifle (40p). To sum up dinner is a pleasant experience but at £10.10 for two (there is a cover charge of 10p each) it is not an experience which many people will be able to repeat very often.

1974 02 18
The three Cambridge parliamentary candidates competed for the ears of shoppers in a battle of decibels in the Market Place. The Liberal, Dr Michael O'Loughlin, was coming to the end of his soap-box session when his Conservative opponent, Mr David Lane, arrived armed with a megaphone. Minutes later the Labour contingent arrived with their candidate, Mr Jim Curran. Their loudspeaker van made a tour of the Market Square booming out the socialist message and drowning everyone else.

A 22 year-old student at Girton College, Cambridge, Miss Susan Inkster today became the city's fourth parliamentary candidate. A student of social and political sciences she described herself on the official nomination papers as "Digger". She was accompanied by a group of young men carrying large placards saying "Dig for victory". She was reluctant to talk much about her policy. 74 02 18

1974 02 19
Cambridge city council are negotiating privately with the University to buy 20 acres off Milton Road which could provide space for up to 400 council houses. The council's Conservative leader, John Powley, denied any behind-the-scenes deal with the University on planning permission for the new Robinson College in exchange for the housing land. The 20 acre site lies behind the council housing estate at Ramsden Square. It is occupied by a number of university departments. Some of the land is used for genetic experiments with plants.

Swaffham Prior church restoration, p14

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Haverhill disco, p11
Newmarket swimming pool, p11
St Ives blackspot, p15

1974 02 21
A waste tanker dripped foul-smelling butchers' waste through the streets of Cambridge before it was stopped on Elizabeth Way Bridge. One lane of the bridge was closed to traffic as men worked for nearly two hours down the road. The waste – including excreta and chicken waste – was washed down to the road below. There were mixed descriptions of the odour from residents in Abbey road. One said the smell was "like a dog's lavatory – it invaded the whole house", another as "like rotten eggs" but one woman said she didn't even notice the smell among the fumes of the traffic.

Linton garage petition, p12

1974 02 22
Mr Eric Cave, who has been the Cambridge city librarian, officially announced his retirement today. There have been many developments in the Cambridge library services since he was appointed in 1954. He seen three new libraries built, the introduction of mobile libraries, the opening of the record lending library, and the introduction of library services to old people's homes. He hopes to see the final completion of the fitting-out contract of the new library being built in the Lion Yard.

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Lights for polling, p1
Pull up road, p11

1974 02 26
Mr John Impey told Melbourn parish council: "There are an awful lot of rats at Melbourn. One old gentleman watches rats run through his home and others watch them play in their gardens".

A decision by the new St Ives parish council to wear robes on civic and other special occasions was criticised as being out of touch with the young electorate. Councillor Bertie James also warned about embarrassing future parish councillors who may not be able to afford the £30 to buy a robe for civic functions. A majority of councillors disagreed and the decision to wear robes on civic occasions and other occasions where councillors thought fit was carried

Shire for pub signs, p11

1974 02 27
The Queen has agreed to allow Cambridge to remain a city after local government reorganisation takes effect on April 1st. Her decision means that the ancient office of Mayor of Cambridge will continue. The new mayor will be Councillor Jack Warren who has been chairman of the Labour-controlled district council since their formation last June

Some housewives are being charged 100% more for meat than farmers were getting, Mr G. Duke of Ickleton told the Cambridgeshire Farmers Union. Mr Keith Roberts of Great Wratting maintained that the pig industry was "in a frightful muddle". The return on pigs was £6.90 less than last October while the extra feed costs were £2.95 more. "We need 60p a score to make pigs pay". The Danes were receiving £3 in subsidies for each pig through compensatory amounts paid by the E.E.C. 74 02 27

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1974 03 01
A photo-finish to the General Election has been predicted. Both major parties will finish up with about 300 MPs according to a computer-based forecast. Amongst ministers returned was the Education Secretary, Mrs Margaret Thatcher. The Conservatives held Cambridge. The Labour candidate, James Curran, said the University vote had been a major factor in his defeat. The Digger candidate, Miss Susan Inkster, gained 369 votes. She said: "This is only the start. People in Cambridge will be hearing much more of the Diggers in the future"

Johnson Matthew pollution equipment, p19

1974 03 02
John Stevens, the Tory candidate in the Isle of Ely, was the only combatant surprised by the more than five-fold increase in Clement Freud's majority. The constituency was a Liberal stronghold many years ago. But it has taken the personal magnetism of Freud to revive that Liberal tradition.

A jubilant Sir David Renton went horse-riding to celebrate his victory for Huntingdonshire's Conservatives in the General Election. The 65-year-old MP and Queen's Counsel galloped his grey mare from his home at Abbots Ripton knowing that he had been returned to Westminster for the ninth time since 1945

1974 03 04
The last page was turned on nearly 500 years of history when Edward Towgood and sons ltd , probably the country's oldest paper mill, closed its door for the last time. The mill at Sawston is believed to date back to Caxton's time around 1490. Now its days are over. With accumulated losses in the last three years the present owners Reed Paper and Board have closed it down and made 150 people redundant

Cycle demonstration, p7
Land deal, p8

1974 03 06
The new Cambridgeshire County Council are leading a nation-wide drive to pressure the new Labour government into giving them more money to keep down rates. The Conservatives changed the mathematical formula for assessing the level of grants paid to hard-up county councils operating in areas of low population and rateable value. This has meant the county has received £27 million in rate support grants which is 4m. less than they would have received under the old assessment formula

Plans for a water park at Baitsbite lock, including a 2,000-metre rowing course have run into trouble with Milton parish council whose objection was that good agricultural land would be lost. It would slice through the ancient course of Fen road, now an almost traffic-free track to the river, which would become choked with heavy traffic. Milton would be overwhelmed with recreation areas since hundreds of acres have already been zoned for a country park.

1974 03 07
Cambridge councillors voted to end a 400 year civic tradition when the District Council, who take over at the end of the month, voted to make the wearing of gowns optional on ceremonial occasions only. The custom dates back to 1558. Councillors wore simple black gowns and aldermen scarlet gowns on four special "scarlet days" and black gowns at other times. Councillor John Powley said he had some regrets against seeing the end of such a long established tradition. "I shall not be disposing of my gown. It may be going into mothballs, but it may well be coming out again in two or three years' time".

Council buy Sawston, p10

1974 03 08
Three Cambridge aldermen who between them have served the city council for 87 years were conferred with the honorary freedom of the city at a ceremony at the Guildhall. They were Geoffrey Hickson, Tom Amey and Cecil Mole. The ceremony was a rare event – only seven individual honorary freedoms have been granted in the past 30 years. All will be retiring from local government at the end of the month when the city council goes out of existence and is replaced by Cambridge District Council

The announcement of a return to the five-day week was greeted with relief by mid-Anglia's industrialists. Pye of Cambridge said that all their factories would be back to normal working on

Monday. The secretary of Cambridge Trades Council said that for workers the main gain was a return to normality. “In this area we were not hit very hard by the three-day week, but it is a good thing it is over”

Addenbrooke's Hospital chef, p9

1974 03 09
Liberals had not a “hope in hell” of seeing electoral reform introduced within the life of the new parliament, said Isle of Ely MP, Clement Freud. A conference on the subject, along with two cabinet seats and “enough junior ministries to ensure that we would have no-one left on the back benches” had been some of the “bribes” offered by the Conservatives in their attempts to form a Liberal-Conservative coalition. But to have accepted these would have meant “selling out” the Liberal electorate.

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Teddy boys, p9
CIBA expansion, p13

1974 03 12
Chris Marsh, p13
University staff pay, p14

1974 03 13
Robinson College, p11

1974 03 14
Lyons restaurant in Cambridge city centre is to close at the end of the week. It opened first as a tea shop just over 42 years ago in Petty Cury. Lyons said that the restaurant was closing because of reorganisation within the group. A spokesman said: “The shop does not fit in with our plans for the future”

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Mortgage rise, p15

1974 03 15
A 17-feet high wire mesh security fence is taking shape round the former RAF camp at Stradishall near Haverhill, which is being converted to a prison. The camp, more recently used as a transit camp for Ugandan Asians is due to receive its first inmates next January. The base was abandoned by the RAF No.1 Navigation Training School in 1970 after 31 years’ service. Now the camp will hold 700 prisoners, 500 category B offenders (not high-risk) in the main prison, to be called High Point, and 200 young offenders in a detention centre called North Ridge

In barely twenty minutes the chairman, Mr Leonard Childs, pushed sentiment and nostalgia firmly aside … and by the close of the meeting the Great Ouse River Authority was dead and buried. It seemed ambitious when vested with wider powers to replace the Great Ouse River Board in 1964. The board replaced the drainage boards dating back to 1920, which replaced smaller units … and so on back into shrouded fenland history. The momentum of change gathers pace with the advent of the new Anglian Water Authority bringing a new dimension not only to water and drainage but sewage as well.

Stapleford school room. P22

1974 03 16

Cambridge University gave Mr David Robinson's £10 million new college a massive go-ahead when a total of 916 dons voted for the project and only 135 against. The university will now apply for outline planning permission for the college on the Herschel Road, Thorneycreek site.

Ida Darwin management, p7

1974 03 18
Lyons restaurant, p9

1974 03 19
Last week psychiatric nurse Jock Watson was in charge of wards full of mentally ill patients at the Ida Darwin Hospital, Fulbourn. This week he's back with a brush and a bucket scrubbing out the same wards in his new job as a hospital domestic – and he's £5 a week better off. After 16 years' experience he was earning a basic wage of only £26.98 a week. Some male nurses work a 72-hour week occasionally and hardly see £25.

Hardwick development, p9

1974 03 20
A loyal 94-year-old patron of a century-old Cambridgeshire pub has vowed to give up beer drinking now that the Golden Lion in Over has closed. Mr Ernest Few, of Fen End, lifted his first pint there as a lad of 16, which makes him the oldest customer. For his patronage he received a tankard at the closing down party. However it seems he will have little use for it. "You ask me what I'll do when the Golden Lion closes. Blowed it I'm going to walk after the stuff. Just have to buy a tin of cocoa, that's all"

Inflation University, p12

1974 03 21
Bakers, p11

1974 03 22
A fellowship of Royal Society at the age of 32 is probably unprecedented. To achieve this in the face of the difficulties set in the path of Dr Stephen Hawking is astonishing. His is severely disabled. He cannot walk, has immense difficulty with speech and uses a special typewriter to produce his papers. During the past ten years a major portion of his research has been concerned with Black Holes.

1974 03 26
More than 200 past and present teachers attended a farewell reception for the retiring Cambridgeshire education chief, Mr George Edwards. He relinquishes his post after almost 20 years in office. He succeeded the late Mr Henry Morris, whom he served as deputy for 11 years. Mr Ian Cunningham succeeds him as chief education officer of the new County Council on April 1st

Lion Yard library, p13

1974 03 27
Chesterton rural council (1894-1974) began its final journey into the history books of local government when chairman, Coun. Frederick Rhead, removed his chain of office to mark the end of the council. It disappears next Monday when the area will be taken over by the larger South Cambridgeshire District Council. It was created in 1894 when the poor law guardians of the Chesterton union of parishes were reorganised. The new council met in the Poor Law Institution, now Chesterton hospital in Union Lane, Cambridge.

1974 03 28

Robin Page is again finding himself unpopular – this time for publishing some home truths about his home village, Barton. His book "The decline of an English village" has upset several residents. He believes that newcomers have diminished the quality of life of people born and bred in Barton. But the row is unlikely to match the time he was sacked by the Health Department for offending the Official Secrets Act.

St Ives plan, p11

1974 03 29
Cambridge City Council met for the last time yesterday. It took the council about ten seconds to dispose of their formal business – approving the spending of £1,248,000 on the new Central Library at the Lion Yard – then they went on to spend almost two hours saying goodbye to themselves, their retiring chief officers and exchanging presents. On the last day of the month, the city council, who more or less in their present form have run Cambridge since 1836 will make way for the new Cambridge District Council.

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1974 04 01
Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely County Council has died at the age of only nine. And before their chairman, Ald. Maurice Payne, performed the last rites by formally signing the minutes, he expressed doubts about the wisdom of Whitehall in killing them off in their prime of life. The council are a victim of the nation-wide local government reorganisation which comes into effect on 1st April. They are being replaced by the new Cambridgeshire County Council made up of an amalgamation with Huntingdon and Peterborough County Council.

1974 04 01
Throughout the country hundreds of local councils are ready for the blast off into a new age. The council reorganisation which takes place today is the biggest upheaval ever to affect local government in this country. Hundreds of rural, urban, borough and city councils are swept away and their places taken by a new structure of county councils working with a network of district authorities. With a wan smile they have shrugged off the all-too-obvious jokes which were levelled against the start date for the new administration – April 1st

1974 04 02
Water services have undergone a sweeping change. The new governing body is the Anglian Water Authority, who are now responsible for services previously administered by the river authorities, water boards and local authorities in a huge area. In Mid Anglia they have taken over responsibilities previously carried out by 22 authorities. Cambridge Water Company will continue to have delegated powers catering for the needs of nearly 300,000 consumers

Services which attract large numbers of people are being banned at Mildenhall Baptist church because of the state of the building. If it deteriorates any more, the congregation may have to abandon it. The minister, the Rev William Hitchcock, said he had to switch a wedding to his other church at West Row because of the large number of guests. "It's not that the building is unsafe, we are using all the premises for regular services, but we are anxious not to have a large number of people to crowd the building out just in case", he said

Hempstead pond, p10

1974 04 03
Anyone who wants to release pent up tensions and generally let off steam should go the Abbey stadium when Cambridge United have a game there and shout off their heads, says the new Mayor of Cambridge, Coun. Jack Warren, President of the United Supporters. Maintaining his loyalty to the

club, he is reluctant to say whether he thinks they will remain in the third division. "Let me say that if I was a betting man I would not put much money on their chances", he said
Parent power, p9

1974 04 04
Cambridge City Council's hope of converting the church of St Andrew the Great, in the city centre, may be dashed by the high cost involved. Estimates for the conversion work have been put at £137,000. Coun. Mrs Doris Howe said: "It would be ideal to house organisations like the Citizens' Advice Bureau, the Tourists' Information Office and the Consumer protection Advice centres under one roof and even perhaps think of using part as a Civic Restaurant. But it as an awful lot of money to spend.

Over mill, p6
Hospital start, p11
Site sold, p15

1974 04 05
The Exorcist the controversial film about demonic possession, gained its first hospital victim in Cambridge last night. A young girl was taken to New Addenbrooke's by ambulance from the Victoria 1 cinema to add to the tally of more than 50 cases of treatment since the film opened on Sunday. "We haven't had anything like this since the days of Ben Hur, 15 years ago", said Mr Colin McCurdy, a senior officer of the St John Ambulance Brigade. "Most of them have fainted, a few have been sick, others have been giddy and in all these cases there has been some shock". The cinema manager said the film was claiming between eight and 12 victims a day

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Housing priority, p17
St Ives buses, p20

1974 04 06
When Cherry Mann moved into a council house in Holbrook Road, Cambridge this week it was not just a new home for her but the beginning of a whole new way of life. It was a dream came true. She has been severely disabled by a rare and incurable disease for more than 30 years, and her home for the last three years has been a hospital bed. The house been converted into a self-contained flat with wide sliding doors, accessible light switches and doors on to a specially-built patio so that she can propel herself in her wheelchair into the fresh air. "It is just incredible to be here", she said.

An estimated 500 million people will watch the Eurovision Song Contest. There are more girls than ever before competing including Olivia Newton-John, the Cambridge born United Kingdom hope. She lived here as a child, though in 1955 she left for Australia with her parents. Olivia was non-committal about her song "Long Live Love". (She came equal fourth. The winners were Abba with "Waterloo")

Boy Boon has them reeling, p10

1974 04 08
How children see Barton, p8

1974 04 09
A gang of hooligans are terrorising old folk living on the Arbury estate in Cambridge, says County Councillor Mrs Janet Jones. She said the gang have let off fire extinguishers in the Edgecombe flats, cut down washing lines in the gardens of old peoples' bungalows, gathered at Arbury Court refusing to allow old people to pass and rampaged along the alleyways linking Crowland Way with Campkin Road, smashing dozens of windows in garden sheds. "There appears to be a gang going round and there is not much else one can do except to ask them to behave themselves", she said

York Street, p10

1974 04 10
There has been less than 1½th of an inch of rain during the last 21 days – and that was before the drought period began 18 days ago. Yet the subterranean water table is showing a considerable improvement on its level at the same time last year when there was an eight-inch deficit. “It will probably be a matter of two years before we get back to the level which existed two years ago”, said a Water engineer

Car-owning league, p17

1974 04 11
Cut-price homes plan, p25

1974 04 13
Cherry Hinton residents were up in arms after they woke up to find a thick film of dust sprinkled over their gardens, houses and cars after a breakdown in the nearby Norman Cement Works. The dust showered during the night from a tall chimney known locally as “Smokey Joe” which dominates one of the new estates. A resident said “It’s all very fine to talk about cars but we must be breathing this stuff in 24 hours a day”

Easter motorists, p1
Foxton station, p7

1974 04 15
Truly, Christians are crazy. In the bitter cold before dawn, 250 of them huddled on the frosted Gog Magog hills to sing to the sound of 13 guitars and a tambourine. They had travelled from the warm beds and frozen bird baths of suburban Cambridge to bring sanity to society. This was the local launching of Power in the Land, a year-long national evangelical campaign by Christians of all makes. We had most sorts in our lot yesterday, from high Anglican to Plymouth Brethren – Christopher South

1974 04 16
Bourn market, p10
Millers music centre, p13

1974 04 17
There have been big changes in shopping habits at Royston over the past decade and now, with addition of a new supermarket and extensive modernisation of many stores, the town can boast that they are able to cater for all the major needs of the modern family. Easily accessible by car, bus or train, it has become increasingly popular among a wider range of neighbouring villages whose inhabitants have found other shopping centres too inaccessible or too congested. Royston with its pedestrian precinct does not have either of these worries.

Huntingdon landlords, p14
Gravel pit protest, p15

1974 04 18
Gwydir Street traffic doubles, p12

1974 04 19
The barman with the fastest gulp in St Neots, 46-year-old Edwin Cheeseman, looks set to hold on to his month-old record for sinking a pint. Edwin, an agricultural worker of Eaton Socon, has fought off a score of challenges at the Greenacres pub, Longsands, all determined to better his astounding 3.1

seconds to drink a pint. None has succeeded. “The secret is just to open up your throat and pour, there’s no time to swallow”, he explained

12-year-old dancer, p8
Huntingdon bypass warning, p18

1974 04 20
Four youths were arrested and three needed hospital treatment when 1,000 pop fans went on the rampage at Cambridge Corn Exchange. 68 windows were smashed and police with dogs took an hour to restore order. Police said trouble started when an American group, The Drifters, failed to appear. The packed hall had waiting for 90 minutes for the group to turn up. Each had paid £1.10p. to get into the 8pm to 1am pop concert

1974 04 22
A blue double-decker bus interrupted an historical pageant when it trundled slowly down Haslingfield High Street between a clutch of monks and Queen Elizabeth I riding side-saddle. It became part of a two-day festival to raise money for the restoration of the parish church. The embarrassed passengers looked sternly in front of them as the crowd clapped and cheered an old woman alighting at the bus stop.

Prickly problems, p7
First-class mail delays, p10

1974 04 23
People feel sorry for Shirley Leivers. “They often come out with things like, ‘You must a terrible time at home with him’”, she told me, as she came perilously close to falling off her chair with laughter. “Him” refers to her husband, Bill Leivers, manager of Cambridge United, the man who put Cambridge on the football map, the former “iron man” of Manchester City, who is seen by some as “the ogre of the Abbey stadium”. United, the club he took from Southern League obscurity to the Third Division of the Football League in just four seasons have faltered, and fallen straight back to Division Four

Arts Theatre losses, p6

1974 04 24
Clive James and Peter Atkins write some of the best songs. They are always classic essays in lyric writing, perceptive, incisive, studied and restrained – and a long way from rock lyric writing. The lyrics are written by Clive, Peter is the musician and performer – and they both live in Cambridge. Their partnership cemented while they were both students. Evidence of the excellence of their music can be heard on three albums by Atkin including: “A king at nightfall”

Newport manion flats, p18

1974 04 25
County Council HQ, p14
Mildenhall jets, p14

1974 04 26
Plans are being discussed for another hospital to serve the Cambridge area in a bid to ease staff and administration problems at the giant new Addenbrooke’s in Hills Road, Cambridge. The Department of Health have indicated that they think the ultimate 1,700-bed hospital is too big to be managed satisfactorily and too difficult to staff adequately. Officials have been studying surveys with a view to siting the new hospital near where it could best recruit nursing and ancillary staff. Ideally this would be near a big housing estate such as Arbury

Council tenants will move into four-bedroomed homes on a high-class privately built housing estate in St Ives if Whitehall agrees. Huntingdon district council say they are waiting for the go-ahead to buy a dozen empty houses on the White Cross estate, Ramsey road. But home owners already living there are continuing their protests that it would be unfair to have half the estate council–owned and the rest in private hands

1974 04 27
The Government have refused to give any more financial handouts to Cambridgeshire ratepayers this year. Changes made by the late Conservative government in the local government system have had an adverse effect on the new county. Under the rate support grant system it receives about $5 million less than the total received by the former county councils

Rising costs facing the electricity supply industry meant that Eastern Electricity was heavily in the red. But sort-term difficulties should not inhibit the long-term development of the industry. "With its ability to use poor qualities of coal and oil and with the growth of nuclear energy, this industry is destined to play an increasing role in the energy supply of this country", the Chairman said.

1974 04 29
Fisher House rebuild, p3

1974 04 30
One of the most significant features of the reorganisation of local government from 1st April 1974, has been the changes in function. Cambridge city council will have no further responsibility for education, libraries, weights and measures, sewage disposal, or the domicilliary health service. The advantages claimed for the transfer of these services to larger bodies should lead to greater specialisation, the adoption of improved methods and techniques, better levels of service and economy of scale. Time will show whether these ideals can be realised.

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1974 05 01
A controversial street traffic experiment was being scrapped today. Council workmen were removing the bollards which had blocked Cambridge's Gwydir and Sturton streets to through traffic for the past three months, after the traffic committee decided the experiment had been a failure. Dozens of residents from neighbouring streets packed into the meeting to hear the debate on the future of the scheme. Afterwards the residents' association chairman, Mr Ian Henden, said: "This just shows what people can do when they stick together."

Parking may soon cost up to 50% more at some of the Cambridge's city council parks. If suggestions are accepted the charge at Park Street will go up from 5p to 7p an hour with a maximum rate of 75p for more than five hours. The present maximum is 50p. The daily charge for the Queen Anne Terrace (multi) and the Saxon street ground level park will go up from 10p to 15p. At New Square the maximum for more than five hours will rise to 40p.

Ely canon, p1

1974 05 02
Labour peer Lord Walston of Thriplow, said today that despite his plea in the House of Lords for a £35 a week minimum agricultural wage for farm workers he could only afford to pay that amount to one or two of his own workers. He said that until provisions had been made for farmers to get better returns from the market it would not be possible to pay the wages he wanted for farm workers. People could not, and ought not, to rely on cheap food bought at bargain prices

Dog loss, p11

1974 05 03
Cambridgeshire county council member, Mrs Janet Jones, strongly tipped in political circles as the city's next prospective Labour parliamentary candidate, has withdrawn from the nomination scramble. She said she could help Labour's cause by concentrating on her local council work in Cambridge and the rural area. "I sincerely believe local government can give more practical help to the people of Cambridge"

Swaffham Prior ghost estate, p18
Bridge Street façade, p20
Melbourn ghost town, p30

1974 05 06
Addenbrooke's Hospital fire, p1
Sports Hall, p9

1974 05 07
300 young people mobbed BBC disc jockey "Diddy" David Hamilton as he tried to punt down the Cam and forced him to abandon a live radio broadcast. As he crouched under a plastic mack in a Trinity college punt trying to conduct interviews and introduce records to several million Radio 1 listeners the crowd squirted gallons of water at him and threw pepper. Mr Hamilton, who had been keeping up a radio microphone link with an outside broadcast van at Garret Hostel Bridge was rescued after a chaotic half-hour during which several people including a representative of the city's entertainment department, tumbled into the river.

Huntingdon ambulances, p10

1974 05 09
Sand to desert, p19
Shelford shopping, p24

1974 05 10
The placing of the Garden House Hotel into the hands of a receiver-manager illustrates all too clearly the fine line between success or failure in business plans. At one moment the £2 million scheme was all go, and even at an interest rate of 10½ %, would have been viable for the family business. But then, almost overnight, rocketing interest rates killed off all hopes of doing anything other than paying a loan. Even though the hotel is making a profit on a day-to-day basis they could not contemplate it. To pay off a bank overdraft accrued since the fire that gutted the original buildings two years ago, they had to expand and create a higher turnover.

Water seeping through the banks of the Reach, Burwell, Swaffham Bulbeck and Bottisham lodes presented the Great Ouse local land drainage committee with a cash dilemma: spending a smaller amount of money but partly closing the system to navigation or spending a lot more to allow boating to continue. The engineer said there was a straight choice. This involved demolishing all or part of the high-level lode systems so creating a new low-level system of drains, or retaining the high-level systems and controlling the seepage that occurs. "Once you close a system of waterways to navigation you will never get it open again", he said.

Bar Hill houses 'diabolical', p6
Robinson petition, p22

1974 05 11
Stansted airport action group were guarded today about reports that it may become London's third airport after all. This is certain to rekindle the fires of a few years ago when pressure from local residents quashed a Government plan to develop it. A committee member said: "We feel that the airport's existing facilities area adequate to handle two million passengers a year"

Wilkinson wins Mastermind, p7
Maharishi symposium, p7 (& 13th p9)

1974 05 13
An experimental five-day ward at New Addenbrooke's hospital, Cambridge, has opened. Five patients requiring minor surgery were admitted, and barring any unlikely complications, they will be back home by Friday. The ward is an attempt at cutting the hospital's long waiting list and at the same time offering a five-day week for nurses. On Friday night, they pack up for the weekend and the patients go home. The free weekends, it is hoped, will be more attractive to staff, and it is staff the hospital is very short of.

1974 05 15
Cambridge City new manager, p15
Garden House is viable, p19

1974 05 16
Taxi fares are to go up in Cambridge by 24% if the city council agree. The new rate for the first three-quarters of a mile of any journey will be 26p. The present rate is 18p. Subsequent rates will remain at 3p per quarter-mile.

Abington Pigotts sewage, p11

1974 05 17
Huntingdon swimming club's dream of an international standard pool in the town was sunk last night by Huntingdon district council. Club members listened to a debate on the council's capital expenditure programme for leisure schemes hoping to hear favourable comment on a £280,000 plan for an indoor pool alongside the existing Bushey Close swimming baths. But they heard councillors agree to put only £5,000 into the programme and to meet Cambridgeshire county council officers to discuss the idea of a dual-dash use pool which would not be built to international competition standards

1974 05 18
Homing, the sport that for many still conjures up a misty picture of bleak northern hillsides, cloth caps and mufflers, in thriving in Cambridgeshire. Where there were only three clubs after the Second World War there are now 14, the newest of which, Cambridge Granta, was formed four years ago. In the Cambridge area alone there are about 450 fanciers with a total of 25,000 birds.

1974 05 21
Residents of the north Arbury estate did not need a heat wave to remind them of their need for another pub and the opening of The Ship will meet with eager response. Campaigners for real ale will be pleased to find that Wells of Bedford are making this their fourth Cambridge pub, providing beer connoisseurs with their prize-winning bitter as well as a wide range of other beers, wines and spirits in spacious new premises 74 05 21

Cycleway plan, p6
Savage cuts social services, p9

1974 05 22
Arch-goon Spike Milligan hosted a reception at the University Arms Hotel with folksinger Jeremy Taylor to mark the release of a double album, "An adult entertainment: Spike Milligan live at Cambridge University", recorded in concert at the Lady Mitchell Hall last year before an invited audience. Spike made a military entrance dressed in a blue-denim jacket – buttoned up wrongly – and a flowery shirt and inspected the guests who lined up in military ranks. He had spent the day in

Cambridge being filmed by a BBC crew. In the afternoon he visited the market and briefly served behind the counter of Mr Andy Gray's record stall

One of Swaffham Prior's last two remaining pubs is to close. The Allix Arms, a small pub has been run by one well-known village family for 44 years. Mr Arthur Bye, the present licensee, was handed his notice from Tollemache Cobbold breweries. The pub occupies two rooms of the house where he lives. He uses the pub yard for his coal business. "I am the last tradesman left here. This village is becoming a dying duck, but if I can't find another yard, my coal business will have to close too", he said

Newmarket take-over, p11
Oakington aircraft, p14

1974 05 24
British rail passenger fares will go up by an average of 12% from June. Cambridge commuters to London will pay £1.79 instead of £1.60 for a second-class day return, while the ordinary return fare goes up from £2.55 to £2.87. Other increases affecting local travellers are: Huntingdon-London day return up to £1.79; Ely to London day return now £2.36 while a second-class single from Cambridge to Ipswich goes up 10p to 85p

The former Lyons Restaurant in Petty Cury, Cambridge, is to be reopened in the autumn as a dress shop. Dorothy Perkins Ltd have been trying to get into Cambridge for some years. The restaurant which opened 42 years ago as a tea shop was closed because of reorganisation. At first the city council planned to investigate reopening it as a Civic restaurant. But their hopes were dashed when Lyons announced they had already sold the premises to a private buyer 74 05 24

1974 05 25
With head down, feet in the air, a gentle bounce on his head and a good smack on his bottom, 12 year old Barry Watson was the first to suffer the bouncing ceremony in Cottenham. Altogether about 75 villager set off to take part in beating the bounds of the parish – a tradition dating back to medieval times. They intend to walk all of the 20 miles in a day long tramp around the boundary. At four places boys were bounced according to a custom originally intended to make sure they never forgot the siting of the parish boundaries.

Newmarket traffic jam, p6

1974 05 28
The vicar of St Ives defended gambling after children had been placing dice for bibles in his church. Canon Ronald Jennings said the 300-year-old ceremony was one of the town's traditions. It takes place each year because in 1675 a town doctor left a legacy to pay for bibles to be diced for by children in the parish. The youngest was 7-year-old Claire Coleman and the top scorer was 10-year-old Rachel Anderson.

1974 05 30
Cambridge city council have been advised to buy privately-owned houses to cut down their waiting list, and in most cases pay a maximum price of £11,500. But the move angered the leader of the council's opposition conservative group who condemned it as "Nothing more than a Labour Government attempt to nationalise housing". The new government had given local councils powers to buy houses to increase their housing pool. But Counc. Terry Sweeney said the shortage of mortgages and high interest rates were the reasons so many houses remained unsold. The council would be doing a public service by buying and letting them, he said.

1974 05 31
An alleged ghost, affectionately known as Fred, in a 17th-century building in St Neots town centre, is the subject of an intensive investigation by the Society for Psychical Research. The alleged apparition,

said to be that of a man dressed in a three-cornered hat and wearing a cloak, has been reported twice in five years in the building. The owner of Carousel Restaurant called in experts because she wants the matter cleared up. "My cook saw him. I'm not scared but I wouldn't like to see him suddenly", she said

Lion Yard, p6
Ditton Lane land, p26

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1974 06 01
Important research experiments were destroyed when fire badly damaged a wing of the University Department of Biochemistry on the Downing site. Four floors of the building, which was opened in 1963 and is the workplace of about 40 people, were damaged. Expensive equipment and research papers were badly affected on the second floor where research work into proteins is carried out. The top floor, home of the chemical microbiology research centre, was also affected.

Foxton barn fire, p7

1974 06 03
Spicers at Sawston, p11

1974 06 04
The drug pushing problem in Cambridge was stopped overnight when four youths received prison sentences for drugs thefts. They were the heaviest ever imposed in the area & had been imposed for stealing drugs worth than £2,000 on black market from a Sawston chemist's shop. "All burglaries of chemists' shops have so far been detected by the Drugs Squad and in many cases the property has been recovered", said Chief Constable F. Drayton Porter

The site of the Co-operative laundry in Cambridge, which closed at Easter, is now up for sale. The company bought the site in Histon Road during the last war and began operations in 1941. At their peak 100 people worked there compared to the 60 at the time of their closure. "The problem was getting staff. It was terrible," said the Chief executive. They are keeping open three shops at Histon Road, Arbury Court and Mill Road 74 06 04

King Edward potatoes, p11

1974 06 05
Cottenham sugar beet, p18

1974 06 06
The Isle of Ely Conservatives are arranging for six Liberal voters in the constituency to undergo intensive psychoanalysis in an attempt to discover why they lost the seat they had held for 28 years to Mr Clement Freud in the last General Election. Their agent said the attempt to get to the root of the "Freud on the Brain" condition was meant to be secret

Storeys House opening, p14

1974 06 07
Cambridge Poverty Action Group have agreed to support Gingerbread, the organisation concerned with the needs of one-parent families, who want the County Council to help them establish a day centre where children can be cared for while their parents are at work. Gingerbread's chairman said he would like to see it open from 7.30 am till 6pm five days a week throughout the year. At least 50 children in Cambridge needed such a centre.

St Ives passenger service, p14
Roads plan, p17

1974 06 08
A computer device which will enable police to produce statistics in four hours instead of the present four weeks, is to be installed at Police Headquarters, Hinchingbrooke. It is a data entry system which will replace the present manual system used for drawing up quarterly and annual statistics. The information will then be run through the County Council computer at Shire Hall. Cambridgeshire Police do have another computer carrying criminal records and names on police files. This machine will eventually be linked with the national police computer terminal at Hendon. It has come in for criticism nationally because of "big brother" fears

Dr Frank Stubbings, fellow and Librarian of Emmanuel College, was elected Cambridge University Orator. He could be the University's last Latin-speaking orator. The council of the Senate have said they are thinking about dropping Latin as the official language of the University. If it is dropped the post of orator, with a stipend of £612 a year, will be open to any artsman or scientist. At present with the job of writing lengthy Latin speeches the orator must be a classicist.

Library book shortage, p7
Strawberry prices, p8

1974 06 10
Norman Higgins, a trustee and former managing director of the Cambridge Arts Theatre died at his home. Eight years ago he retired as general manager of the Arts cinema which he had started as the Cosmopolitan cinema in 1933. His contribution to the cultural life of Cambridge since he managed the old Tivoli cinema was immense. He willingly responded when Lord Keynes invited him to supervise the building of the new Arts Theatre and was subsequently responsible for more than 200 productions of opera, ballet, plays, revues and pantomimes

Burleigh Street scheme, p7

1974 06 11
School bans water, p7
Sawston cemetery, p11

1974 06 12
After 50 years of growing and packing flowers on a farm in Fordham Mr Reginald Nicholls is retiring. He has worked for Mr Reginald Reader at Halesfield, Fordham, since he set up as a flower grower in 1924. He is foreman in the packing shed, where up to 950 boxes of flowers are made up every day for shipment to Manchester, Glasgow and London. "I can remember when we had 30 people working in the packing shed, and on August Bank Holiday the fields were blue with scabius as far as you can see", he said. Mr Reader said: "You can't make money growing flowers as you could. You can't get the labour. Some of the women who pick with me have been with us for 20 years"

River Stour fish, p12
Fordham flowers, p17

1974 06 13
Cambridge rock and roll fans were out in force last night for a concert given by the Bluebirds Band which was filmed by a television crew. Dressed in their best sneakers and velvet collared "Ted" jackets, the 200 fans danced the night away to the tune of Telstar and the Shadows and Buddy Holly numbers. It was the second rock and roll evening organised by the Roc Club and manager, Mr Charlie Flack, said that if the club succeeded in buying the old Rex Cinema, top name groups would be playing there. The film is part of a series "Portraits of Places" which is to be screened on Independent Television next month.

Ely bypass, p9
Taxi plates, p10
Bedders trade union, p17

1974 06 14
It is the most interesting job 53 year-old Wally Edwards has done in 37 years of carpentry. Bird Brothers the builders took it on because nobody else seemed interested. The success or failure of their work will be plain for all to see. It stands high and dry on top of a hill near Saffron Walden and just outside the village of Ashdon. And once Braggs Mill is renovated, Mr Edmunds Vestey hopes it will provide a focal point for sightseers. The mill was built in 1800 and is one of the oldest post mills in Essex.

Thriplow school, p23

1974 06 15
Dairy princess, p1
Corn Exchange disgrace, p7

1974 06 17
Reubens' "Adoration of the Magi", reckoned to be among the most valuable in the world was damaged when raiders, who stole money from an offertory box in King's college chapel, scored the letters IRA across the lower middle of the painting. Discovery of the damage was made by a tourist. Earlier it had been missed by both police and college authorities when they investigated the break-in. The scoring, with a blunt metallic object had penetrated through the varnish and pigment into the grounding. "There is every hope we can repair it", said the Dean, the Rev. Michael Till

MP papers lost commons bomb, p8

1974 06 18
Ely Nat-West bank, p12

1974 06 19
Children who have fixed up a suitable career should be able to leave school at 14 rather than spend two wasted years at school, says the Liberal MP for the Isle of Ely, Mr Clement Freud. He said the amending of the school leaving age was necessary if education authorities were to have any hope of checking the large increase in truancy. "The younger ones are now following the example of the 15 year olds and staying away as well, and in some cases teachers are not coming in because they cannot face another day trying to teach 15 years olds who are simply fed up with school", he said

The £2 ½ million extension to the Cambridge trunk telephone exchange in Long Road was declared open. It has more than doubled the size of the original building which was opened in 1965. The ceremony also celebrated the recent completion of STD facilities. Cambridge is the first area in the Eastern region to have 100% STD facilities. By 1976 Cambridge people should be able to telephone direct to North America and most of Europe, covering 65% of the world's telephones

1974 06 20
Farmers may face compulsory restrictions in their use of river water this summer because of the acute water shortage. Rain last winter was again well below average and the water shortage suffered last year could be expected again. The worst time was likely to be during the spray-irrigation season when farmers will be taking large quantities of water from the rivers to water their crops. A special watch will need to be kept to make sure that sewage treatment is kept to the highest possible standard as the level in rivers drops.

1974 06 21

Bassingbourn vets return, p19

1974 06 24
John Wesley, founder of the Methodist church, was famous for riding 50 miles a day on horseback. But his counterpart in a Haverhill pageant had to walk. The pageant, part of the town's Methodist church centenary celebrations, was to have been led by a parishioner dressed as Wesley and riding a horse. The first horse selected for the job went lame and another refused to enter a horsebox. So Wesley walked. Methodist minister Mr George Sharman said: "It rather spoilt our pageant as John Wesley was famous for his riding. But apart from that the celebrations went off well".

1974 06 25
The Newmarket millionaire racehorse owner, Mr David Robinson, is to sell Cambridge city centre property in Sidney Street. The site, which includes Millers Music Centre, the Arts Cinema and part of the Eaden Lilley store is due to be auctioned in London. But the future of the Arts cinema, on which the lease does not expire until 1981, is safe. Any future owner will have to retain its use as a cinema

Ramsden Square modernisation, p13

1974 06 27
A warning that within 10 years the Lion Yard areas of Cambridge, now being completely redeveloped will become a "twilight zone" is given in a new booklet, "Walks round vanished Cambridge", published by Land of Cokaygne. It says: "Within 10 years the town centre will have moved east to the Kite area, the University west to the science city. Lion Yard will be a twilight zone lost somewhere between the two".

Bradwells Court carpet, p8
River Cam sick, p13
Sewerage rate robbery, p18

1974 06 28
Threshold pay increases for teachers have cost the new Cambridgeshire County Council an extra £1M. more than they bargained for. Now they are faced with the mammoth problem of finding this extra money which seems certain to end in cuts being made in the education and other council run services. County Treasurer, Jack Barton, said the council provided 9% for pay award increases in their budget but this has not proved enough.

Things have changed since Mr Edgar Blincoe went into service at Cambridge University. "When I first went to the University all the undergraduates came up in lounge suits and bowler hats. Now you see them going down the street eating fish and chips". The discipline has gone. It was for this reason that by the time he carried out his last duties as a Bulldog (or University policeman) he had seen his role reduced. 27 years ago, when he began work, undergraduates had to be in by 10, wear gowns one hour after sunset, and refrain from smoking in academic dress. And when they were caught they faced a 6s.8d fine for not wearing a gown. For returning to college an hour late the price was 1d.

Cottenham plan, p19
Gamlingay growth, p32

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Brampton cadet HQ, p6

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Johson-Matthey jobs, p11

1974 07 02
It was 50 years ago that Mrs Ruth Mellanby began to guide people round the colleges when she was asked by a newly-opened travel agency in Guildhall St, Cambridge to take two elderly American tourists round. This was the beginning of a life-long and distinguished career as a guide. In 1950 she wrote her little book, "Cambridge in brief" as a thumbnail sketch of the colleges. Then 20 years ago she started the Cambridge Guide Service, training a group of around 20 guides. The Guild of Guide Lecturers ultimately drove the street touts who at one time operated their own dubious type of tours, out of business

Police sealed off part of Hills Road, Cambridge, for most of yesterday afternoon after a 1½ ton container of deadly formic acid toppled from an open-backed lorry and began to spill its contents on to the road. The acid is poisonous and corrosive. Cambridge has experienced 21 such incidents in the past two years. Police cars blocked the road and three fire units drenched the rear end of the lorry with water, yet a girl on her way to a nearby post-box splashed through the liquid around the lorry, wearing nothing on her feet but wooden sandals 74 07 02

1974 07 03
Council pay package, p11

1974 07 04
Projecting a good public image is going to cost the Anglian Water Authority £40,000 in publicity, exhibitions, printing and recruiting propaganda – right down to £500 for grooming leading spokesmen on how to give television interviews. A Lincolnshire delegate said: "I think this may be a little excessive at the moment, bearing in mind the hard times we are living in"

1974 07 06
The White Ribbon Hostel, in Cambridge, which provides accommodation for nearly 30 single men with no family backgrounds, may soon be run jointly by Cambridgeshire County and Cambridge City Councils. Until 18 months ago the Salvation Army ran the hostel at East Road. But rising costs and the prospects of having to pay thousands of pounds to bring it up to the new fire safety standards led them to hand over the project.

1974 07 08
Newmarket bypass, p9

1974 07 09
Bus company cuts, p10
Littleport milk firm, p14

1974 07 10
Transport cafes, p7
Kimbolton go co-ed, p8

1974 07 11
The bells of Oakington church are ringing again after 50 years silence thanks to the efforts of four boys from the village. For almost a year, Graham Brasnett, aged 13, Tony Moore, 12, his brother David, 11, and their friend Michael Cleaver, 11, who all live in Water Lane, have been helping the vicar to repair the 300-year-old bells which experts said would never ring again. The vicar, Rev. James Alexander, said he was very pleased the bells were ringing again. His only disappointment: "They don't have a very beautiful ring"

1974 07 12
Time and cost, two major problems when you are having your own house build, have been drastically cut in a revolutionary new house in Cambridge. It took only three months to put up the tall, airy three-bedroomed house at 214 Chesterton Rd, and the cost (without land) was £7,200 – less than half the

normal figure to build a house of this quality. This remarkable feat was achieved by a Cambridge University lecturer in architecture who designed it for his own family. His method was to use unconventional building material. A timber frame, flat asbestos sheets form the walls and a feature of the design is the huge expanse of glass. It is an exciting, attractive home which could set a new style in house building.

Kent takeover, p24

1974 07 13
Learn for fun classes, p5
Rescued horse, p8

1974 07 15
The world's first test-tube babies have been born, and at least one of them is alive in Britain. A Cambridge University scientist, Dr Robert Edwards, of the Department of Physiology, has figured prominently in work involving producing a test-tube baby. He and a colleague, Dr Patrick Steptoe, an Oldham gynaecologist, have been working on the technique of fertilising the human egg in the laboratory.

Debden celebration Diocese, p9

1974 07 16
Royston has allowed itself to be spoilt; it lacks shopping facilities; it is an expensive place for housing; and it is a town in limbo not knowing whether it should turn to Cambridge or North Hertfordshire, says Prof. Parry Lewis in his planning report. "This is a town that is surrounded by extremely beautiful countryside containing several villages of delightful character and appearance. As one approaches there is an expectation of something that might perhaps have something of the quality of Saffron Walden. The expectation is rudely disappointed", he says.

1974 07 17
Haverhill planning, p5

1974 07 18
Seven generation of Barretts have been supplying the citizens of Cambridge with pottery and glass since the C18. This week the family business is virtually "coming home to roost" in opening up new premises in Gt St Mary's Passage – only a stone's throw from the spot where Simon Barrett opened up his first shop nearly 200 years ago. The long-established premises in St Andrew's Street will still remain in business.

1974 07 19
Urgent talks on the future of Stansted airport are being called by the MP for Saffron Walden, Mr Peter Kirk, following the decision to scrap the Maplin airport plans. He is arranging meetings with local authorities and pressure-groups around Stansted to thrash out a collective opposition to the possibility of massive expansion of the airport. Under a new scheme Stansted, which only recorded 31,000 aircraft movements last year, could be coping with 16 million passengers by the 1990s.

1974 07 19
Parry Lewis and his team of planners have examined the possibility of expanding Cambridge. Their studies convince them the best plan was to expand the city in a southern direction. Development would follow a line east of the new Western bypass. A second shopping centre would be located to the south-west of Trumpington. There would in addition be various district centres and a suitable amount of industrial and office development

Rent-a-witch, p8

Swaffham Prior church, p22

1974 07 23
The people of Cambridge would never accept the building of the proposed Western Relief Road project, linking Huntingdon Road with Trumpington Road and going through Newnham or near Grantchester, it was claimed by city councillors. In addition the county proposed a road linking Huntingdon Road with Madingley road. But Counc. Overhill supported the road. “If this was proposed through the middle of Chesterton, nobody would complain. It is only because it is going through Newnham that people are against it”, he said

Adult classes, p7
Over Baptist manse, p11

1974 07 24
Comedian Eric Morecambe, in a borrowed Ironside helmet, led the celebrations at St Ives when extensions at the Golden Lion Hotel were officially opened. He met hundreds of local people who came along for the free beer and merry-making. Between signing autographs on beer mats Eric sparred with Joe Bugner, one of the guests

1974 07 25
The racing industry would collapse without stablelads. They are the nursemaids of the industry. There are about 750 stable workers in Newmarket. For years their conditions and rates of pay were deplorable. This has changed completely since the strike of 1960 and Newmarket is considered one of the best racing towns in which to work. The basic weekly wage is now £26.43

1974 07 26
After all the artists had been booked for the first Cambridge Folk Festival 10 years ago the agent of a young American singer rang up the Festival director, Ken Woollard, to see if the singer could be added to the bill. They accepted an offer of £14 worth of complimentary advertising in the first programme and the singer appeared. His name was Paul Simon. Ten years on, with the Simon and Garfunkel world-winning partnership already cold history he is top of the word in his own right. So, too, in its own world, is the Festival

County seek cash, p19
Newmarket lads, p19

1974 07 27
The USAF open day at Alconbury has been cancelled after IRA bomb warnings. The decision to put off the flying spectacular, which annually attracts thousands of visitors, was taken last night. Alconbury is the base of the 10th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing and their 54 Phantom aircraft operate within NATO

St Luke’s centenary, p7

1974 07 29
Folk festival, p5

1974 07 30
A Cambridge undergraduate accused of cheating in an examination has been found guilty by the University Court of Discipline. He has been rusticated for the whole of next year and deprived of the chance of obtaining an Honours Degree. This was announced in a statement from the court, who had only their second sitting in history to hear the case. The undergraduate has the right of appeal to the Septemviri. They are the higher court of senior University members who would be convened specially for the occasion and who have not sat since before the last war

If you drive down Mill Lane, Gt Chesterford, you had better be prepared to abandon your car. For although it is open to vehicles down one side, it's for walkers only on the way back. The trouble is a classic case of bureaucratic bungling between two county councils. They have given different designations to each side of the road, which straddles the county boundary and leads to a sewerage works. On the Essex side it is a byway open to vehicles. But on the Cambridgeshire side it is a footpath and only open to walkers.

Addenbrooke's Hospital, p11

1974 07 31
Save Kite, p15

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1974 08 01
Cambridgeshire Football Association's annual attempt to improve their position as one of the poorest of poor relations where coaching is concerned gets under way at Cambridge City's Milton Road, ground. Freddie Barrett, the county's head of coaching, has been running short, intensive annual courses for 25 years since he qualified as a full-time FA coach, but despite his considerable efforts, coaching in Cambridgeshire is still in its infancy. Over 6,000 people turn out every weekend in Cambridgeshire to play football which puts in perspective the figure of 32 for attendance at last year's coaching course

Soham cottage, p4
Brooke Crutchley retires, p15

1974 08 02
The 1¼ acre Arbury adventure playground looks like a Wild West stockade, with tall telegraph poles visible above the high fencing and a tattered union jack blowing in the breeze. It lies on the northern edge of the housing estate. As many as 250 children are likely to be there during the school holidays. It was parents on the estate who got the venture going and raised the initial money. Fencing alone cost more than £1,000. Since then the city council have helped with grants

The White Ribbon hostel in East Road, Cambridge, which provides a home for 30 working men with no family backgrounds, has been declared a great fire hazard by Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service. For many years the hostel was run by the Salvation Army but they were forced to give up when the high cost of bringing the building up to fire safety standards was discovered last year. The building was then run by Cambridgeshire Mental Welfare Association. But because of other commitments, they have handed over the administration to the county council. Eventually the authorities hope to replace the old buildings with new ones. But no swift action is likely in rebuilding because of the present serious shortage of money in local government circles. 74 08 02

Sugar shortage

1974 08 03
First into the new swimming pool built by the men at Waterbeach barracks was the officer commanding 63 Headquarters Squadron, Major J.M. Allen. He was thrown in by his men at the official opening ceremony. A squad of 17 men built the 30-metre pool from scratch. It cost about £10,000 and is Waterbeach's first major amenity purpose built for the 1,000 men. Next September a Government-built gymnasium should be completed

1974 08 05
Cambridge teddy boys were out in force on Saturday for a double Teddy boy wedding at the Shire Hall. Members of the Cambridge Rock & Roll club dressed up to the nines in teddy boy drapes, creepers, dazzling socks and boot-lace ties formed a guard of honour for the two couples as they left

the register office. All their rock & roll friends were invited to a joint reception at the Alex Wood Hall when one of the country's top rock and roll groups, the Impalas from London, played

Violent storm, p11

1974 08 06
Battling mothers at Abington last night won the first round in their fight to stop Education chiefs from removing a mobile classroom at the village's primary school. Workmen who arrived at lunchtime intended to carry off all three sections of the classroom to a school at Swaffham Bulbeck. But a group of more than a dozen mothers sat in the final part of the classroom and prevented the workmen removing it. The parents say the village hall, which the Department want the children to use instead, is unsuitable for teaching in

1974 08 08
The Government has given the go-ahead with the production of a cigarette containing artificial tobacco. N.S.M. (New Smoking Material) is really de-lignified wood pulp shredded to look like a tobacco material. It has been under study at the Huntingdon Research Centre for the past three years. The man in charge pronounced the new product "terrible, it smells ghastly when it is burning, just like burning wood. I'll stick to ordinary tobacco", he said

1974 08 09
Cedar Cycles of Cottenham, one of the biggest wholesale and retail bicycle dealers in the Cambridge area, intend for the first time to exhibit foreign bikes only at the Cambridge Leisure Fair. The decision seems to be part of a trend that could subtly change the cycling scene in Cambridge – capital of British pedal power. More and more foreign bikes are to be seen on city streets. Cedar Cycles, who cover a large area in Mid-Anglia, say they sold nearly 1,000 new bicycles in 1973 and aim to double the total within five years. They have just become East Anglian agents for Yugoslavia's Unis bicycles.

Several hundred people were turned away from the Corn Exchange, Cambridge, when a top American group, the Ronettes, failed to turn up for a concert date. Their agent confirmed their lead singer Ronnie Spector had been taken ill. Earlier in the year several hundred fans went on the rampage when another American group, The Drifters, failed to play a concert date

1974 08 10
The decision to close down the RAF base at Oakington, first announced in 1972, was confirmed yesterday. There were tears in the eyes of many workers when Wing Commander G.J. Daly made the announcement. Mr Ivan Cockbill of Willingham, a chef at the station since 1970 said: "We hoped the closure would be shelved". Another worker, Mr Martin Rainesford, of Cambridge, who has worked at the base for 17 years said: "We are all sorry to see it close down". The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers will take over the base in April next year

Camp site crisis, p6

1974 08 12
Rag cancelled, p7
Savoy Jazzmen, p9

1974 08 13
Many shops in Mid Anglia are trying to beat the sugar shortage by selling specially-imported supplies, and customers are eager to buy the new stocks although they are having to pay 20p a kilo (almost 2¼ lb). British produced sugar has been selling at about 11½p for 2 lb. At Royston two main supermarkets have been hit by the sugar shortage. The Spar stores in High St, Hemingford Grey had imported sugar at the weekend and demand was so great they sold out by Saturday evening. Two Haverhill supermarkets have no supplies of sugar this week.

1974 08 14
United line-up 1974-5 season - supplement

1974 08 16
Some publicity pictures are a real hang up. But one sent out by Cambridge folk group, Spriguns of Tolgus, is a fake (showing the group at Caxton Gibbet). The group's bass Mike Morton read that the last public hanging at Caxton gibbet was in the 1750s. He naturally wanted to put the record straight. "The last public hanging at Caxton occurred on 6th August 1974". The victim was the group's new drummer, Rod Moore. Mandy Morton is cringing and Chris Russon reads an ancient paper in the photo they commissioned. They reckon the scene is connected with one of their traditional folk numbers, about William Corder, hanged in Bury for the murder of Maria Martin

Someone in Haddenham was displeased when the parish council decided to reallocate allotments to local gardeners. So they decided to get their own back, says the parish council clerk, by planting his prize garden full of weeds – giant bindweed, nettles, twitch grass and willow herb. "I would have given anyone a pound for any weed they found in my garden, now I've dug eight or nine pailfuls of weed roots up from all over it" , Mr Charles Bester said. They had been cut into three inch root lengths, and dug in with a long-tined fork and the top soil carefully replaced. He found the weeds when digging in some fertiliser. And that's not all he found. By way of some small recompense he dug up a George I farthing, a William III farthing and a 1963 sixpence. 74 08 14

Swaffham Bulbeck best-kept village, p18

1974 08 17
Two Cambridge honeymoon couples are among the thousands of people hit by the collapse of the Court Line Holiday Group. One couple, due to be married at Girton, paid £190 for their honeymoon on Lake Como in Italy. Another couple who were due to be married this afternoon have had to make last-minute changes to their plans. They were due to fly out from Luton for a holiday in Ibiza for which they paid £133

The decision to close down the Tracked Hovercraft site at Earith was regrettable, the Hunts MP, Sir David Renton, said. A White Paper yesterday announced the closure. The scheme was axed in February last year because the then Conservative Government would not put in £4 million needed for the second phase on the grounds that there was no customer for it. Most of the 142 staff were made redundant at once. A few were kept on to tidy up THL's operations in Cambridge and Earith.

Ossie Neal motor cycles, p5

1974 08 21
The first council tenants have moved into the luxury homes bought by Huntingdon district council in a controversial bid to beat the housing shortage. Three families have moved into the £11,000 privately-built houses on Whitecross estate off Ramsey Road. The 26 house owners already on the estate have been protesting against the scheme ever since it was announced four months ago. A four-bedroomed house will cost £10 a week rent. On the other side of the road owner-occupiers are paying £17 a week mortgages.

1974 08 22
For the first time Cambridgeshire primary schools are to have direct representation by parents and teachers on their governing bodies. For county primary schools in the city it will be the first time that they will have had managing boards at all. Previously a sub-committee of the former Cambridge education committee have had delegated powers for these schools, but with local government reorganisation they are to be brought into line with the rest of the county

Cottage hospitals reprieve, p6

1974 08 23
A convoy of lorries carrying 50 one-ton bombs to an American air base were diverted on to the half-built Newmarket by-pass last night when some of the loads were found to have shifted dangerously. Explosive experts examined the bombs for damage before they were reloaded by a crane brought from USAF Lakenheath. The scare lasted for five hours and involved dozens of firemen, police and American military personnel. An atmosphere of secrecy surrounded the incident from its beginning near the railway crossing on the A11 at Six Mile Bottom. Military explosive shipments are on Cambridgeshire roads every day without police escort, and without information being given to the fire service.

Bacon shortage, p22

1974 08 24
Protesting housewives and placard-carrying teenagers forced a Haverhill market trader to stop selling sugar for 20p for a 2lb bag. Housewives returning from supermarkets with the same sugar sold at 11p but one bag per customer started to accuse the trader of profiteering. After trying to sell his sugar unsuccessfully for nearly two hours he put the packets under the counter. He said: "I only brought it because the public want it. I'm only making 25p in the pound."

Gleaming Duchess, p5

1974 08 26
Rex complaints, p6

1974 08 27
Life with Adamsons, p4
Saffron Walden land, p11

1974 08 28
Children on their own are banned from buying sugar in Lipton's Huntingdon supermarket because the manager says they are running a high price black-market. Others have taken action because mothers are sending in their children to beat the 2lb a family rationing by shops. In all towns in the area the story of the sugar stampede is the same: as soon as it appears in the shops it is snapped up. The manager of Civil's supermarket in St Ives said they were having to ration to make sure a steady flow was kept. In Cambridge sugar was not available at most supermarkets but Arbury Discount had enough for every customer to be allowed one bag.

1974 08 29
A former patient at Addenbrooke's hospital, Cambridge, who has invented a machine to aid victims of speech paralysis presented the hospital with the first production model. Called a lightwriter it uses an electronic typewriter keyboard and display screen to give the power of rapid communication. The inventor, Mr Toby Churchill, was himself paralysed when he contracted a neurological illness. Left dumb he gathered a team of specialists and between them the produced the prototype. The lightwriter will sell at £450.

Ely postman, p11

1974 08 31
Between 400 and 500 people attended the funeral in St Neots of a Romany, Mr James Lee, aged 71. The funeral, one of the biggest for several years, was attended by scores of Romany families, some from Scotland and Ireland. Four wagons carried more than 200 wreaths & the graveyard was decorated with flowers in the traditional Romany fashion. Mr Lee's caravan, in which he had lived for many years, was burned in the traditional Romany way at Gt Paxton earlier in the week. Mr Lee, a horse and general dealer had lived in the area for 30 years.

Vicar drives 50 miles, p6

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1974 09 02
Rain delayed and upset the programme of events at the Burma Star Day at Waterbeach barracks. The air and ground display spectacular, which attracted thousands of people, was threatened by a heavy downpour. The show is recognised as one of the largest of its kind in Britain and is probably the only one combining service and civilian, air and ground activities

James Webb is a well-known figure in the St Neots area, but is isn't an easy man to find at any one time, for his traditional craft of knife-sharpening takes him to all corners of Bedfordshire and Huntingdonshire. With his broad-brimmed hat and weather-beaten face 47-year-old Romany Mr Webb and his cycle-driven grindstone has been a familiar sight in the streets of local towns and villages for 40 years since he first travelled with his father learning the craft of giving a keen edge to steel. Children love to stand and stare as he unloads the grinder from his van an begins to send a stream of sparks from a pair of garden shears or a knife

Minster pub, Ely, p11

1974 09 03
Cambs Drugs Squad have dug up 30 cannabis plants from back gardens at Cambridge and Littleport since they made their appeal in last Saturday's News, to the public to keep an eye open for "pot" planters in their neighbourhood. The head of the squad said: "In the case of the plants we have no doubt they were planted in all innocence"

1974 09 04
Elsworth pub feast, p18

1974 09 05
Huntingdon amblulances, p12

1974 09 06
The leader of a Buddhist sect, based at Shudy Camps returned after a month's absence to find himself locked out of the house he set up as a temple. The door was padlocked and barricaded. The sect leader, former London bricklayer who became known as the Rev Nagaboshi Tomio, said that shrines had been stacked away, religious paintings on the walls whitewashed over, the house was decorated and a family were living there. He founded the Kongoru-Ji meditation centre in the old Three Horseshoes public house last October

Thaxted Holst festival, p9
MP on Benn plans, p11
Newton stream, p22

1974 09 07
Budge Brothers the Basildon-based builders who were developing a 145 house estate at Sawston, have gone into liquidation. The Sawston site and another 18 acres of land at Homefields, Histon, could provide more than 400 badly-needed new council homes. But the company's liquidation means that all their assets, including these two sites, are frozen. Houses on the Sawston site are well underway but building work stopped as long ago as February

Thaxted residents are laughing during power cuts. When the electricity supply goes off the 28 gas lamps, which the village still retains, keep burning. The man who keeps the lamps alight, 71-year-old

Mr Fred Johnson, a lively pensioner who has been looking after the gas lights for the parish council for six years can remember the time when gas street lighting – installed there in the middle of the last century – was practically universal. "But now, so far as I know the gas lamps in Thaxted are the only ones in the area"

1974 09 09
Gail force winds swept through Mid-Anglia uprooting more than 100 trees, blocking roads and tearing down electricity power cables. At Grantchester the elm standing in front of the Green man public house, believed to be more than 500 years old, was split in two by the wind. A piece of Huntingdon history fell to the winds on Lattenbury hill, Godmanchester, when a tree broke in half. It is said to have connections with the Highwayman Duck Turpin

1974 09 10
Anglian Water Authority have asked Souths Cambs district council to refuse permission for any new development and severely restrict building in a further 19 because of the overloading of the sewage treatment works, Milton, whose drains lead into the Cambridge works has suffered from a development embargo for the last four years. It is now joined by Shelford, Girton, Histon and Fen Ditton where a complete ban on development is requested. At Over, Gamlingay and Bassingbourn permission will only be given to one-building application. All of these sewage works have been badly overloaded for some time but the cuts in public spending have prevented AWA from going ahead with extension schemes

Haverhill development, p9

1974 09 11
Cambridge city football club have submitted plans for a £500,000 night club at their Milton road ground. It is planned that the 1,000-seater cabaret theatre will be built at the Milton Road end of the ground on a site that present houses the supporters' club. "Modern football is in the doldrums and will never pay for itself again", said the chairman. If the club get the go-ahead they intend to engage international stars and provide first-class food and drink

Histon, p8

1974 09 12
Patients are dying because of a stop on kidney transplants in Cambridge, the head of the city's transplant unit, Prof. Roy Calne said today. Operations have stopped since he received a letter from the Cambridge coroner saying he would withdraw co-operation in permitting the removal of organs from bodies unless relatives had agreed. The letter follows a case in another region where organs had been removed and the patient had begun breathing again

1974 09 13
Ely hairdresser Mr Fred Dobson is still shaving customers and tending hair at the age of 85. The family business started in 1739 and now, five generations later, is entering its last chapter. In his museum-cum-salon in St Mary's street hangs a 1730s print showing his great great great grandfather shaving a jolly side-boarded customer. Mr Dobson began his barber's artistry as a lad of 7, lathering the customers. He is famous for the bald patches recipe cure perfected through the five generations of the business. He was also well known for his wigs.

1974 09 16
St Andrew the Great church in the centre of Cambridge may be turned into a new Civic restaurant. If the scheme goes ahead it would be only a few yards from the site of the old restaurant which was demolished two years ago to make way for the Lion Yard Development project. City officials are looking into the possibility of converting the church buildings which the Diocesan authorities have classified as redundant. A feasibility study shows it could be converted into offices but would cost at least £135,000.

1974 09 19
Police cars throughout Cambridgeshire have been fitted with a controversial American speed trap. Known as VASCAR (visual average speed computer and recorder) it enables a police offer on patrol to measure the speed of a vehicle whether he is in front or behind the target, waiting in a side-road or even travelling in the opposite direction. Before bringing the instrument into operation use the police will be demonstrating the machine to the press and public

Ambulance seatbelts, p17

1974 09 20
City football nightclub plan, p17

1974 09 21
Housewives in Mid-Anglia who are stripping the shops of salt were described by shopkeepers and suppliers as mad and hysterical. The panic buying has been caused by false rumours and there is no shortage. Supermarket managers reported selling stocks that usually lasted three weeks in a day and a half. “This whole city has gone crackers”, said one manager. The International Stores on Market Hill, Cambridge, sold out during the week. At Lipton’s in Royston a delivery which normally would have lasted all week, sold out on the same day. At St Neots the Co-op sold out within an hour of delivery

The opening of Cambridge’s new indoor bowls centre at Chesterton brings to a climax many months of work by a group of bowlers who can now boast the only six-rink indoor green in the country. Sited next to their outdoor green in Logan’s Way, the impressive new building is the next best thing to bowling on a warm summer’s day. Already there are 400 bowlers on the membership lists and secretary N. Harper-Scott says there is still room for more

1974 09 23
Parties compete to save Lodes, p8

1974 09 24
Every night while the rest of the town sleeps six St Neots men are busy practising a deadly form of Kung Fu which can kill a man with one blow. For the last seven months they have trained from midnight until four in the morning enduring pain and exhaustion before going home to snatch a few hours’ sleep. Their Chinese instructor works in a Bedford restaurant so the men are forced to hold the training sessions in the early hours of the morning

Fears were expressed at a special meeting of Longstanton parish council that the village would become a “garrison town” when the army take over the RAF Oakington in April. The chairman said plans for 200 extra married quarters made a complete nonsense of the village plan. They are recommending that the quarters, if built, should be on the other side of Oakington’s airfield, adjacent to that village. Although one member suggested the council were “passing the buck” others felt there was “nothing wrong” with building the quarters in the next village. Oakington had been pressing for expansion

Sindalls record contract, p12

1974 09 25
Wine from an Isle of Ely vineyard at Wilburton may be on sale for the first time in the spring. Harvesting will go ahead in four weeks’ time. “The crop is ripening up very well at present”, said Mr Norman Sneesby, who works the vineyard with his family. It is planned to sell the wine under the name of St Etheldreda. She was founder of the monastery church at Ely whose monks produced wine in medieval times

1974 09 26

Early morning in Cambridge Market Place and indomitably breezy stallholders arrive with bulging cardboard boxes full of paws paws, crocus bulbs, turnips, antique Persian porcelain coins, brillo pads and all other things we need to victual our leaky ship. Before some of them can load their trestle tables from the cardboard boxes, they must gather up the broken and bloody hypodermic syringes, left behind by heroin addicts overnight. Once the syringes are out of the way, the square is soon ready for the public – Chris South

1974 09 27
A fourth candidate today joined the Cambridge election contest. He is Mr Christopher Curry, a 28 year old electrical engineer who is representing the United Democratic Party. Their platform is basically anti Common-Market. He said he had only heard of the party at the start of the week. Nevertheless he is organising an active campaign programme. The other three candidates were all surprised. Mr David Lane said: "We had a Digger last time. This will make a change".

1974 09 28
Bomb disposal experts removed an unexploded bomb from Manor Farm, Worlington. It was unearthed by farmer Mr Richard Mortlock when ploughing & had probably been lying in the ground since the Second World War. Three more small unexploded missiles were found behind a row of council houses at Gt Bradley, near Haverhill. Police said they were small aircraft shells, probably dropped during the war.

1974 09 30
John Saltmarsh dies, p9
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1974 10 02
Today sees the first issue of a talking newspaper in Cambridge. Carried on tape cassettes it will be issued to 30 blind, elderly and infirm people and will provide a service of news based on material appearing in the C.E.N. Pye radio provided £1,500 worth of tape recorders to launch the project and the Vice Chancellor has offered University recording facilities. The "Talking News" was originated by Mrs D.M.C. Matthews of the Blantyre Home for the Blind in Glisson Rd and is now administered by a special trust.

Fly-by-night greyhound coursing and poaching is again proving a big headache on Cambridgeshire farms. Those responsible always knew the police wouldn't get the time to tackle the problem. One farmer pointed out it was quite possible to take the same remedies as were used in protecting sheep. Where coursing was taking place the hares could be defended like other animals on a farm – with a gun. But the Chairman warned that this was not advisable. 74 10 02

Littleport notices, p14

1974 10 03
The most costly new houses are so difficult to sell that some Mid-Anglia builders have temporarily stopped constructing them. But general house sales are picking up after a slump of two months ago, say estate agents. A £15,000 three-bedroomed detached house built at Shelford two years ago is to be sold shortly. Hockeys Ltd of Cambridge report that houses costing less than £10,000 were selling "extremely well". At Haverhill prices have dropped to a lower level. The houses that were not shifting were in the £12 - £20,000 bracket. In Newmarket houses in the £10-14,000 price bracket were selling quite easily

1974 10 04
Ely Cathedral restoration, p20

1974 10 05
A £2 million plan for converting the old Cambridge corn exchange into a multi-purpose concert hall was accepted by the City Amenities Committee. An early warning of stormy times ahead was given by Coun. Peter Cowell who said: "There is bound to be a lot of opposition". In their report the architects claim that "not only Cambridge but England as a whole will gain a concert hall of potentially international stature which could attract the finest musical talent". They suggest the reshaped building could hold up to 1500 people and would also be ideal for events such as boxing, wrestling, operas, plays, exhibitions and conferences.

Cambridge Co-operative Society announced that only customers spending at least 50p on food in their shops would be allowed a 2lb packet of sugar. "To ensure that distribution reached as many customers as possible and the minimum purchase set at 50p to avoid embarrassment to our pensioned customers with limited purchasing power", said a spokesman. Sainsbury's say they were not operating any such system although they were asking customers to restrict sugar purchases to 2lb each. A Budget spokesman said they were limited supplies to regular customers only 74 10 05

1974 10 07
About 7,000 men and women in the Cambridge area work for the Pye Group of Companies. More than 1,000 employees travel daily to work by Pye bus. The first of the 40 buses in daily use sets out from Wisbech in time to make the Cambridge works by 8am. Almost 30 per cent of the workers get to and from work by the buses. A special crèche has allowed the mothers of some 40 youngest children to return to work. Without a firm commitment to planned industrial expansion Cambridge could well fall behind more dynamic centres within commuting distance, and, in time, become a quaint but declining tourist backwater in the fens, say the company.

Haverhill is heading for an industrial boom unprecedented in its 20 year history as an expanding town. Formerly a decaying market town built around agriculture and a single textile industry, it today has more than 80 factories and the industrial estate spills over into the surrounding countryside. The town's largest employer is situated two miles away at Lt Wratting where Frank Sainsbury's farm has developed into one of the largest pork product producing complexes in the country, Haverhill Meat Products

Brownies 60th anniversary, p9

1974 10 08
Diggers, p9
Roads problems, p10

1974 10 09
If you're looking for home in the Cambridge or Huntingdon area there's really only one place to go. David Charles. Wherever you want to live and whatever you want to pay you are almost sure to find your perfect home. Orchard End, Bluntisham – around £12,500; all have four good-sized bedrooms, fitted kitchen and full gas-fired central heading. The Elms, Dry Drayton - 21 four-bedroomed luxury homes a mere 15 miles from Cambridge from £17 - £18,000. Lanes End, Hauxton offers you a host of good things like beautiful countryside, shops, schools, entertainment and very attractive homes at realistic prices – around £13,500 – Advert

Sugar Ely, p15

1974 10 11
The Conservatives have held the Cambridge seat at the General Election, but with a drastically cut majority of 2,773 over Jim Curran by David Lane. Loud cheering greeted the three main party candidates as they appeared on the Guildhall balcony but boos, hisses and cries of "Seig Heil" greeted the United Democratic Party candidate when he appeared. A few tomatoes and apple cores were thrown on the balcony but none of the candidates were struck. The former Ulster Secretary, Mr

Francis Pym successfully defended his Cambridgeshire seat though his majority was 1100 down on second-place Labour's Mr Nick Farley. Stephen Jakobi, Liberal candidate, polled 15,841

Cherry Hinton plan, p17

1974 10 12
Linton's new £80.000 primary school will get a second mobile classroom soon to ease overcrowding in classes. The school, which only opened its doors in September is too small, because the County Council did not have the money to build it to the size required for 200 pupils. The five classrooms have already been supplemented by the addition of one mobile classroom.

Over parish council called a meeting to allow residents to voice their opinions on proposed development of the village. The mood was against a plan for the Doles area which included 57 houses and ten shops. A speaker said: "We first want to put in sewers for the rest of the village before we start to put in homes and shops". Another said: "We do not want this scheme, or any other scheme, in this village"

1974 10 14
Haverhill firemen had to mop up 30 homes in the town centre after a water main burst. Water erupting from the main in Crowland road sent a four-feet waves sweeping 400 yards down the road. The force of the water buckled the road surface and caused a crater over the entire width. Mud and rubble was swept down the roads and into homes. This is the second time that the main has burst

Beef problems, p12

1974 10 15
For the second year in succession the world's top physics accolade has come to Cambridge. Two of the University's foremost radio-astronomers, Prof. Sir Martin Ryle, and Prof. Antony Hewish have jointly one the 1974 Nobel Prize for physics. Sir Martin's major work in Cambridge has been the development of the Lord's bridge radio-observatory and the construction of the five kilometre telescope there. In 1967 Prof. Hewish started a series of observations which led to the discovery that some radio sources in space – later given the name pulsars – emitted extremely regular radio signals. As a result of this discovery it has been possible to establish the presence of neutron stars in the universe

Parts of French's mill, a Cambridge landmark, have been dismantled to make the ancient structure safe. The mill, half brick and half wood was in its heyday about 1912 and has been passed down through the French family. Corn grinding stopped there 17 years ago. Rot has set in to the main beams holding up the shaft and wheel which have been removed as they were afraid the beams would give way and the falling shaft and wheel bring the rest of the mill with them.

Haslingfield planning, p6

1974 10 16
Huntingdon bypass, p12

1974 10 17
Cambridgeshire planning department may be asked to scrap the ban imposed 25 years ago on industrial development in Cambridge, & they may also be asked to allocate up to 100 acres of land in Cambridge for industrial use. At present less than 30 acres are earmarked for this. The Holford report which was published in 1949 recommended that no new industry employing more than five people should be allowed to develop in the city. In 1965 the planners raised the limit of employees to 12. Repeated requests by the city council for the ban to be removed were all refused.

The A10 crossroads at Waterbeach, an accident blackspot which over the past year has been the scene of two death crashes, is to be altered before the end of the year. Milton's High Street is also acknowledged to be a stretch of road where accidents frequently happen. The head of the police traffic division said "I don't see there is anything basically wrong with the part of the road which passes through Milton provided people are sticking to the enforceable speed limit." During the year within Milton's built up area seven road accidents involving personal injury were reported.

1974 10 18
A1-M1 link road, p16
Golf course plan, p27

1974 10 21
Cambridge's western by-pass will be built to lower standards than originally announced – to save money and to reduce the land needed. The Government today confirmed the line the road will take but said the 14-mile motorway would be built with two-lane carriageways instead of the three lanes originally planned for most of its length. They say the lesser width will cater adequately for the expected traffic flow. No announcement has been made about a likely starting date.

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Waterbeach coalman, p5
Football club merger plan, p7

1974 10 22
United sack Lievers, p1
Palestine Liberation Organisation at Union, p7
M-way traffic chaos, p9
Malcolm Heron death, p10
A604 trimmed, p11

1964 10 23
Woodcock memorial, p11

1974 10 24
Mid-Anglia's cigarette smokers can gasp with relief; tobacconists have stocks of most brands, and W.D. and H.O. Wills's workers have ended their strike. The manager of wholesalers Palmer & Harvey Ltd of Cambridge says regular customers have been getting about ¾ of the amount of Embassy and Regal cigarettes they had ordered. At Ely, tobacco wholesale Mr Patrick Fynes said he was severely rationing his customers. Asked if he thought this would force heavy smokers to cut down, he replied: "They will smoke anything". Finlay tobacconists in Ely High Street said they were not too badly off.

Theft construction, p12

1974 10 25
A crane with a 100 foot toppled over and smashed into a bridge being built for the Huntingdon by-pass. It was being used to lift a piece into place by the side of the Avenue in Godmanchester. One of the tracks was dug deep into the ground and the jib buckled, with part of it lying across the new section of bridge which will eventually span the river Great Ouse.

Theft construction equipment, p12
Cigarette shortage, p14

1974 10 28
Tourists at Cambridge colleges found themselves caught up in one of the largest security operations mounted in the University in recent years. It followed a message passed on by the Metropolitan police

that there could be a bomb explosion at a college within 48 hours. As a result tourists carrying parcels were stopped by porters. Many central colleges locked their chapels and halls altogether. Last week bombs exploded in a London club and at Harrow school.

Flats for retired ex-servicemen in Cambridge which were completed for the Royal British Legion Housing Association a year ago were officially opened. Mrs M. Fernie, the daughter of the late Harry Scott, after whom the flats are named, unveiled a plaque by the entrance. Mr Scott was a former chairman of the Eastern Area Council of the Legion

Fulbourn alcoholic centre, p9

1974 10 29
The Parry Lewis super plan for the future of Cambridge, which took three years to prepare at a cost of £20,000, has been rejected by all the senior city and county planning officers. The plans main suggestions were for the immediate scrapping of the scheme for extensive development in the Burleigh Street – Fitzroy street area and the building of a second shopping centre in the Trumpington area. Chairman of the County Planning committee, Counc. Tony Cornell, said: "The technical boys took a look at Parry Lewis and they have not liked what they have seen"

Panton Arms up for sale, p11
Saffron Walden shopkeeper, p15
Chesterton school rebuilding, p16

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Cherryhinton Road Coulson & Fisher Close, p17
Register office weddings, p18

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1974 11 01
It gets ever more expensive to ride to hounds but another fox hunting season starts today with no sign of waning enthusiasm. One local hunt, the Cambridgeshire, will hold its opening meeting tomorrow. But hay for the horses has almost doubled in price since last year, the hounds' food now costs more, the staff who care for them undoubted receive higher wages, horses cost more to shoe and even the price of hunting coats and boots has doubled in the last few years. On the bright side subscriptions to both hunts have remained at last years' level - £50 for one days hunting a week and £80 for two or more. The hunt meets four days each week. Meanwhile the number of subscribers is more than 200

The Mayor of Cambridge, Councillor Jack Warren, was today considering diplomatic ways of asking some of the oil rich Arab sheikhs of the Middle East to help finance the £2 million conversion of the Corn Exchange into a public hall. Last night the city council gave him six months to raise the money needed.

MP Francis Pym lambasted the government for complacency and completely failing to cope with the agricultural crisis. He painted a grim picture of the plight of the British farmer and urged immediate Government action blaming Agricultural Minister Fred Peart for causing the collapse in beef prices. The pig industry too was facing great difficulties. 74 11 01

Bugner-Ali fight hope, p1
Agricultural crisis, p21
Cremation charges, p22

1974 11 02
The owner of Tebbit's bakery, probably the last in the Cambridge area with a coal-fired oven, retires after nearly 50 years of producing crusty loaves and rolls for Chesterton and East Cambridge. The bakery, off Gold St, run by Mr William Tebbit with his wife Bunny, is to be closed. Each weekday he has got up at about 5 am to start baking his daily batch of about 500 loaves, He forms the dough for cottage loaves, Coburgs and bloomers by hand

Sylvia Canham saves life, p1

1974 11 06
New plans for reshaping Cambridge's Burleigh St – Fitzroy St shopping area are being unveiled at a private meeting tonight. Although the project provides for more than 80 shops, including two major departmental stores, it is on a smaller commercial scale than the plans put forward three years ago. The project includes a new underground country bus station; placing much of Napier street underground to avoid disruption to people living nearby, a series of underground service roads to allow pedestrians traffic free access to the main shopping area, and the creation of landscaped parks. It provides for a new store for the John Lewis organisation and another for Laurie & McConnal

The departure of the last pilot training aircraft from RAF Oakington – a Varsity T Mark 1 – saw the end of an era at the base, which is due to be taken over by the army in March next year. The Varsity is the last of 31 used at the base since 1951. From 1962, about 1400 trainee pilots have recorded 60,000 landings at the airfield. The Varsity completed a sweep above the village and two fly-pasts at low-level before heading to its new home at Cottesmore in Lincolnshire.

1974 11 08
Saffron Walden's oldest Poppy seller must surely be Mr Jimmy Coe, who will be 91 later this month. For the last three mornings he has put on his overcoat and his row of medals and left his home at 6.30 am to sell Remembrance Day poppies on Audley End station. The decorations he wears include the Military Cross won he was serving in France in 1916. He is modest about how he gained it. "They just threw it at me, it came up with the rations", he joked

By Cambridge planning standards, the argument over how the Burleigh St – Fitzroy St area should be redeveloped is a relative newcomer to a list of current city controversies. It has been raging for only 15 years. Which means that at least another 10 years of inactivity are necessary before the Lion Yard redevelopment record is reached. Cambridge city council has announced its intention of making a decision on the future of the area by the end of the year. But even if this happens it will not be the end of the story by a long way. There will be inevitable objections and the problem of raising money must remain a formidable obstacle in these economic times.

Isle of Ely farmers have called on farmers throughout England to be ready to picket East Coast ports in protest against imports of surplus Irish beef. The NFU said "People have found themselves driven to extreme measures not just to maintain their existence or improve their position but just for survival." In the 1970s it was not just a question of squeeze but of strangulation. Coast had been shooting up but returns had been falling almost as fast, a situation which made it virtually impossible for anyone to compete. 74 11 08

1974 11 11
Sir – In the death of Mrs Doris Ditchburn, Cambridge has lost a much-loved citizen who will be missed by a wide circle. She and her husband came to Cambridge in 1934 to work at the old County Hospital in Mill Road. Together they worked to improve the standards of the hospital and towards her dream of a first-rate maternity hospital. Mrs Ditchburn was a most understanding person and most unlike the old-fashioned dragon of a matron, but insisted on a high standard from her nurses and gained their affection and respect. – Margaret Reed

A schoolgirl bride kissed her husband goodbye outside the school gates in Cambridge after being told by her headmaster "Studies before come before honeymoons". Instead of relaxing in southern Ireland as planned she is staying in the £120 a week Bridal Suite at Cambridge University Arms Hotel with her 18-year-old husband, and setting out each day for lessons at Parkside Community College. The bride's mother said "I went for an interview with the headmaster. I asked him if my daughter could have a week off, but he said it was not in her best interests as she is studying for O-levels"

Circus elephant parade, p4

1974 11 12
St Neots ice house, p10

1974 11 14
Sex attack, p1

1974 11 15
An Uttlesford District Council committee decided to spend up to £1,200 on a coat of arms and enamel and silver gilt insignia for the chairman after slashing nearly £½ million from its housing scheme. But the policy and resources committee decided to make private requests to councillors to give up part of their council attendance allowances to pay for it.

A barmaid told Newmarket magistrates court of the big problems small townspeople were causing her. She said "Newmarket is a very funny place to serve drinks. You get so many small people, you can't tell their ages". The licensee had been charged with selling liquor to persons under the age of 18. The presiding magistrate dismissed the charges.

1974 11 18
Owlstone Croft students, p5
Green belt housing, p8
Haverhill strip shows, p9

1974 11 19
Untreated sewage escaped into the streets of Cambridgeshire villages with pumping stations unable to cope with the volume of rainwater. At least 11 pumping stations were overwhelmed. With the pumps unable to get rid of the water fast enough, raw sewage forced its way up through manhole covers into the streets. A South Cambs Health Officer said "The smell doesn't give rise to any health hazard". The heavy rain also meant the sewage would be diluted. Provided people washed their hands before handling food there was very little to worry about.

Operation Mop-Up got into full swing as flood waters subsided after nearly two hours of rain in 24 hours. In Cambridge the river burst its banks from Lammas Land in Newnham to Pye's in Chesterton where the playing fields resembled a lake. At St Neots a disable d elderly man and his wife were evacuated as flood water burst into their homes during the worst flooding in that town since 1947. Office workers at the Anglian Water Authority headquarters at Huntingdon spend an anxious afternoon – waiting to see if they would be flooded. Children at Dullingham primary school had to be ferries across floods by a local farmer's trailer when water blocked the road. 74 11 19

1974 11 20
Ely sugar beet, p11

1974 11 21
The salt pot has disappeared from the dining tables of Cambridgeshire schools. Now school children can only help themselves to salt under the watchful eye of a supervisor. The rationing follows big cuts in the deliveries of table salts to schools. During some weeks they are getting none at all. Ten-year-old

Michelle Williams of Hardwick made sure of her salt supply by taking her own to her school at Comberton

1974 11 22
Hundreds of children are being robbed of the chance to use their school swimming pool because of the high cost of oil fuel. At Godmanchester primary school hundreds of pounds worth of equipment for heating their partially-covered swimming pool is standing idle. The headmaster said: "If oil were not so expensive we would have children out there now using the pool. I don't hold out much hope for next year either, with the rates going up as they are. We will open the pool sometime next year when it is warmer".

Ron Atkinson, 35-year-old Kettering manager and former Oxford United skipper, is to be Cambridge United's new manager. He said: "I think it is a club with a good chance of going places. I am not the type of guy to float in there and clear everybody out. There are some good players, although possibly they need a bit of a lift. There is still a chance we can get into the promotion race. All I promise is that I shall work as hard as possible to get the right results".

Juggernauts Saffron Walden, p20

1974 11 23
Customers at two riverside pubs near Needingworth found it was a case of "water, water everywhere, but a not a drop to drink" unless they came equipped with wellingtons to breach the floods. At The Pike & Eel, which was marooned on an island, staff helped customers across a relief route of up-turned crates. As the crates gradually became submerged customers had to be rowed to the pub in a rubber dinghy. At Overcote the floods stretched nearly 200 yards from the normal river edge & the normal footpath to the Ferry Boat lay eight inches under water.

Bomb threat, p7

1974 11 25
The first full degree awarding ceremony of Cambridgeshire College of Arts & Technology was held in an atmosphere of austerity. There was dignity but no frills as more than 130 degrees were awarded – no academic gowns or hoods, no flowers. The college officials felt that such "extras" might have offended the ratepayers.

Fitzroy Street put off, p8

1974 11 27
Huntingdon factory fire, p1
Hemingford Grey floods, p15

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Duxford explosion, p1 & p15
Meat prices, p6

1974 11 29
Tomorrow Arnold Parker will put the final batch of loaves from his oven at Lt Shelford. So ends a century-old baking tradition and so passes that delicious crusty loaf which arrived warm on the kitchen tables of homes in surrounding villages. Private bakeries have been dwindling rapidly in recent years. In 1971 there were half a dozen left, and now the numbers are very small. The economic situation will probably kill them all off in the next few years.

Start on bypass, p1

1974 11 30

Football fanatic Denise Langram, aged 15, had not missed a Cambridge United home match for four years – until today. She went into hospital more concerned about missing United's home game against Rotherham than about her treatment. But she was given some consolation when two of her heroes, United's longest serving player and former captain, Terry Eades and full-back Ray Seary took her a bouquet. Denise hopes to be out at the end of next week: "And I hope I never have to miss another match", she said

United new manager, p1

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1974 12 03
Traffic came almost to a standstill in Coldham's Lane, Cambridge, as queues built up for the newly-opened Sainsbury's supermarket and freezer centre. By 9.15 the car park, which holds nearly 400 cars, was almost full and queues had formed outside the door. After Mr John Sainsbury had opened the store the eager shoppers converged on the packed shelves and crowds formed round the plentiful supply of sugar.

Paper dispute

1974 12 04
Cambridge chamber of commerce has discounted criticism that around-the-clock Christmas lighting in the city's streets is a waste of electricity. They consider that to switch off Christmas decorations now would only bring about an atmosphere of gloom when people should be confident and full of beans. Their president, Mr George Abbott, said: "We have been assured power stations have enough coal for a normal winter but if there is any suggestion the power situation is likely to become serious all local businesses will co-operate fully".

No more Whitehall cash, p16

1974 12 05
The best route through Cambridgeshire for the "missing link" road between the A1 and the M1 would be generally along the existing A604 Huntington to Cambridge road, the county planning committee decided. The government has indicated its intention of building the road within the next ten years. It would cost £9 M. and cause the least disturbance to housing and agriculture. In addition it would enable by-pass schemes for Bythorn, Spaldwick & Ellington. County councillors criticised the government suggestions that the road should be built to single-lane standards because there would be insufficient traffic using it to merit dual carriageways.

Bypass, p20

1974 12 06
The new Sainsbury's supermarket in Coldham's Lane, Cambridge, was almost overwhelmed with customers last night. The car park was filled, and the traffic jams built up to such an extent that the police were called to help to get things moving again. And there were jams inside the store. The doors were closed at 7.30 pm – half an hour earlier than advertised - in the interest of safety.

1974 12 07
Social workers were despairing, demoralised & frustrated at being pressed to carry out more welfare work while at the same time being faced with demands for strict economy, the County Social Services Director said yesterday. There was a desperate pressure of work on staff and many were having to work 60-70 hours a week. In addition, they faced demands from courts, the police and pressure groups for more services.

Saffron Walden hospital

1974 12 09
The rapist terrorising girls in Cambridge's bed-sit land claimed his fourth victim in two months when he struck in the Newnham area of the city yesterday. It was the fifth attack on single girls living alone. Four have been raped and one fought her attacker off on the doorstep. The man leading the 20-strong special police squad, Detective Superintendent Bernard Hotson said today: "We are looking for an extremely sick and dangerous man"

Bread supplies, p8

1974 12 10
Large-scale ward closures at both Old and New Addenbrooke's hospital are planned over Christmas and New Year because not enough nurses will be available to staff them. Patients will be sent home and only emergencies dealt with. The closures have been made necessary because the Health Minister, Mrs Barbara Castle, has ordered than nurses should take an extra six days holiday before March 31st next year and wants the leave taken as soon as possible. A nurse said: "We obvious welcome the extra leave, but it was not necessary for Mrs Castle to order it to be taken right away. We feel she took the measure to placate the more militant member of the profession"

Petrol prices, p11
Radio Cambridgeshire, p11

1974 12 11
Sawston parish council criticised an application for the demolition of Peasgood's shop in the High Street. The building, believed to date from the sixteenth century, stands in the heart of the village's conservation area. It has been closed since a fire damaged it about two years ago and is now derelict. Large lorries using the narrow Portobello Lane at the side of it have caused further damage. Councillor Tony Cartwright called it the last example of a medieval yeoman's dwelling left in Sawston. "It is a building of considerable historic interest. We would be very sorry in twenty years' time if we let this happen" he said

There are 24 council house tenants at Horseheath still using tin bucket lavatories at the end of their gardens 18 months after a new £170,000 sewer connection was laid across their back gardens. The parish council chairman said it was "unbelievable that people can still live in these primitive conditions". The new sewer was completed in April 1973 and the former South Cambs council announced an £80,000 programme for providing the houses at Allington Terrace, Bakersfield cottages and Meadow cottages with modern toilets and bathrooms. These houses contain young couples with children and pensioners. But still nothing happens

Pedestrians, p1
Beehive scheme, p4

1974 12 12
City library, p4

1974 12 13
Western bypass, p8
Cows phased out, p17
Horseheath sewers, p20

1974 12 16
This year for the first time in more than 30 years a group of Polish people will have a family-style Christmas in their own homes. After the war they arrived in this country as displaced persons or refugees. Because they were sick, they were admitted to mental hospitals, and they did not learn the English language. The new house, bought by the British Council for Aid to Refugees, has been simply

but comfortably furnished. As a group, they are now working out what they will have for Christmas diner. The occasion marks the beginning of a new life

1974 12 17
Doreen Fred & David, p11
Antony Day artist, p14

1974 12 18
A once-and-for-all bid to tackle the flooding problem in the Swavesey area is to be made by South Cambs district council. For years, farmers in the area have complained about the flooding and the inadequacy of the Webb's Hole sluice gate. One said the problem would get worse, forming a threat to human and animal life, unless something was done. A landowner described how in the recent heavy rains the floods had completely covered a five-barred gate. The water had drained so slowly, that, a month later, there were still floods of up to a foot deep.

A series of trials have given an insight into Cambridge's drugs scene. It's an underworld you may never come close to, yet for the detectives of the Cambridgeshire drugs squad it's a very real world with its very own language. A large cannabis cigarette is generally known as a joint or reefer, but may be a "skliff" or "roach". A single ounce of ordinary cannabis vegetable matter currently fetches £18-£20. In August this year the drugs squad raided five Cambridge houses simultaneously. In the past year 605 persons have been arrested for drug offences.

There aren't too many places in Cambridge where one can get a meal of any kind for £1.25. So when a restaurant offers a choice of freshly carved beef, pork or lamb, with a sweet, and as many vegetables as you care to take for that price it seems too good to be true. That however is exactly what Jason's Carving Rooms do at their latest acquisition – the Red Lion at Grantchester. It has been completely re-designed so that customers can enjoy comfort with their meals. Starters such as melon or prawn cocktail are also available at extra cost.

1974 12 20
East Anglian wage packets continue to be the smallest in the country according to figures published by the Government today. The average annual income for 25-44 year-olds last years was £2,072 but the east Anglian average is only £1,182. House prices appear to be amongst the highest in the country. The average house purchase loan from mortgage societies was £6,002 against the national average of £6,181

Southend winger, Tommy Horsfall and Kettering youth team captain, Steve Fallon, are both set to sign for Cambridge United as new manager Ron Atkinson moves in to the transfer market for the first time. Fallon, an 18-year-old former March Grammar School pupil could be the first Cambridgeshire boy included in the United first team squad for years. "He is a lad who, with a bit of luck, could be gold-dust", said Atkinson

City shops go-ahead, p1

1974 12 21
The economic crisis does not seem to have had any marked effect on the influx of Christmas visitors to Cambridge hotels this year. All but one hotel in the city says it is as full as it wishes to be. The Garden House Hotel closes down after lunch on Christmas Day until New Year's Eve & the University Arms Hotels closes half its rooms to allow half its staff a free Christmas. The Gonville Hotel is "as full as it wishes to be" but the manager of the Royal Cambridge Hotel said "we have only about a third of last year's Christmas booking so far"

1974 12 23
Christmas in drain, p5

1974 12 24
Cambridge planners are looking at the possibility of turning the Central Library buildings in Wheeler Street into a Civic Restaurant when the library is moved into a new building in the Lion Yard next summer. The Library buildings are the centre of a legal wrangle between the city and county council who have now taken over responsibility for public libraries. The county claim the old library building should be given too, it but the city is arguing that as the library forms part of the Guildhall complex – the council's administrative headquarters – the county has no claim. The replacement of a Civic restaurant has been a top priority with the new Labour-controlled city council since it took office nine years ago

It took them most of yesterday to get Lord Lascalles out of a ditch at Gt Chesterford. They used heavy recovery cranes, a lot of sweat and a word or two that you wouldn't hear at midnight mass. His Lordship, a 20-ton traction engine slithered down the side of the bank on his way to a charity do at Ickleton. Uttlesford district councillor, Mr Stephen Neville, was behind the wheel when the accident happened. The engine has raised over £400 for charity this year.

1974 12 27
Sir Hamilton Kerr, a former Conservative M.P. for Cambridge has died in a London hospital. He represented Cambridge for 16 years from 1950 and lived at the Mill House, Whittlesford. He was parliamentary private secretary to Harold Macmillan between 1954 and 1956 and became a Baronet in 1957. He was a member of St John's College.

Home teams carried off the honours – or rather the beer – in Grantchester's annual Boxing Day barrel rolling race down the village's main street. Both the winning men's and women's team were from the Rose and Crown, Grantchester, whose landlord, Mr Len Tanner, organises the race. The Rose and Crown team were in fact all on the staff of Christ's College, Cambridge organised and trained by their kitchen manager, Mr John Bolton, and storeman Mr Ted Darling. Their recipe for success "I had for whiskies before I started. I think the more you have the better you do", said Mr Gardiner

1974 12 29c
More than 10,000 Cambridgeshire farm workers are bound to feel "disgusted and insulted" by the proposed award from the agricultural wages board. They adjusted their award of three weeks ago by 70p, raiding the minimum rate to £28.50 with a £2 increment in July. Although the county's workers receive at least £3-£4 a week above the minimum the Nation Union of Agricultural Workers organiser said a few men might fall short of the workers' minimum target of £35 a week

1974 12 31
The controversial multi-million pound redevelopment proposals for Cambridge's Burleigh Street – Fitzroy street area may be scrapped and traders and residents encouraged to rebuild as they wish. This is just what the majority of them have been advocating for most of the 15 years over which the controversy surrounding plans for the revitalisation of the area has raged. Leading members of the City council's controlling Labour Group are now trying to whip up general support behind the scenes for the new thinking. Moves come on the eve of the Government's expected announcement that after a two-year delay official approval is on the way to the area to be declared as suitable for comprehensive redevelopment

The Earith site of the Tracked Hovercraft trials is up for sale. The main "hangar" area of 6,300 square feet of industrial floor space is on offer. The prototype train ran at 107 mph before being scrapped in February last year because the Government would not put in the £4 million necessary to finance the second stage of the project which had, at that time, cost £5 m. The Government gave the go-ahead last August for the dismantling of the three-mile test track. The technology is now being pursued in Japan, Western Germany, France & Canada 74 12 31

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1975 01 02
Hundreds of Cambridge secondary school children would be disappointed if their yearly opportunity to hear professional people speak had to be scrapped, Mrs K. Joice Taylor, the secretary of the Cambridge Holiday Lecture Association said. This was a real fear because it was now in debt and no grant money was available to safeguard the event which has become a tradition during the past 12 years. Last year in order to heat the lecture theatre during the fuel crisis, batteries were used. This resulted in a big heating bill.

A petition calling for the replacement of the hundred-year-old St Andrew's school, Chesterton, is to be presented to a Minister at the Department of Education. Efforts to get the school replaced have been going on for at least ten years. They were lent greater urgency when, last October, a young teacher was injured by a lump of plaster falling from the ceiling of one of the classrooms. Children at the school make a ten-minute walk along a dangerous road to go to lunch each day at the Shirley School in Green End Road 75 01 02

ADC grant, p12

1975 01 03
The meteorological office at RAF Oakington, which has kept weather records and made forecasts in Cambridgeshire since the second war is to close down. The closure of the office brings a step nearer the handover of the base in April to the army. Flying has ceased now. The weather area was a 50-mile radius around Oakington for flying purposes but forecasting for the public extended throughout Cambridgeshire

1975 01 04
A big increase in the number of Mid-Anglia firms in financial trouble is shown in figures for 1974 issued by the Department of Trade. They show that company insolvencies went up five times on the 1973 figures and there were nearly twice as many bankruptcies. 22 liquidations and 83 bankruptcies were handled by the Cambridge office of the Official Receiver

1975 01 06
The new face of Huntingdon will be shown to the world within two years if a £2m redevelopment of the town centre goes ahead. It will provide a new cinema, public houses, shops and offices in a complex stretching along the High Street from the existing Hippodrome cinema to W.H. Smith. Several well-known buildings including Fishers Department Store and the Queen's Head public house will be knocked down. Parking for 400 cars will be provided on a rooftop and a pedestrian arcade will link the complex with the bus station and the High Street

Hadstock post office, p11

1975 01 07
Frogs are in decline in the fens but are turning up in East Anglia towns disclosed A.S. Cook of the Monks Wood Experimental Station. "Traditional breeding grounds have disappeared because of changes in agricultural practice which has destroyed many natural habitats. Frogs have adapted by becoming more suburban than rural and shown a marked trend towards towns with places like St Ives becoming very frog-rich areas". The revival of the frog had occurred partly as a result of children bringing tadpoles from the rivers to their garden ponds

1975 01 09
Magdalene Bridge, p7

1975 01 10
The road across Oakington airfield linking it with Longstanton may be reopened to buses, cyclists and pedestrians. It was closed 18 years ago when the airfield was established. County Surveyor Mr Robert Lacey said he doubted if there was a case for the reopening of the road to all traffic because the building of the Bar Hill flyovers nearby would give a better access to Longstanton than through neighbouring villages

Bus services, p1

1975 01 11
Surgeons at New Addenbrooke's hospital carried out their first open-heart operation. The patient was a 15-year-old boy whose condition is "very satisfactory". The operation posed no problem. It was the type carried out regularly at Papworth Hospital but its significance is that patients coming into the hospital's accident service will be able to get heart surgery on the spot without having to be transported all the way across the county. The operation was carried by Mr T.A.H. English in association with Prof Roy Calne

1975 01 13
The Department of Environment's plan to make the proposed A1-M1 link a single carriageway road is to be reconsidered following criticism. The proposal to make the road a single carriageway for most of its length has been widely attacked by road hauliers, motoring associations and farmers.

1975 01 15
Cambridge dons are thinking of limiting the ultimate size of the University to 14,000 students. The University General Board says also that they should also be allowed to run against current policies which are producing more arts than science students. That means persuading the University Grants Committee that Cambridge is an exception to the rule and must be allowed to retain its pre-eminence in sciences, notably engineering and mathematics

1975 01 15
Liquid manure was used to stifle a lorry fire on the A1 near Buckden just as flames began to lick round the fuel tank. The driver was on his way to Doncaster with 20 tons of flour. He tried to put the fire out with mud and grass as he was afraid it would spread to the fuel tank. But just as he was beginning to despair a fertiliser tanker stopped.

University limits, p11

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Beehive plan, p18

1975 01 17
After nearly seven years of having to travel two miles for a drink, Reach villagers may soon be getting a pub of their own. Mr Michael Warrington of Church Farm House has applied to magistrates for a provisional licence to sell drink from his home. The last pub in Reach was the White Horse which closed in December 1967. If the application is approved the pub will be called Dykes End.

Until Sainsbury's opened their new filling station alongside the supermarket in Coldham's Lane, Holland Motors at the end of Mill Road provided the cheapest petrol in Cambridge. Sainsbury's station opened this week offering 4-star petrol only and no other forecourt services. Their price of 68p a gallon is regarded as something of an opening offer. Holland motors comes second with 4-star at 71p a gallon. The dearest is Oliver Rix at 74p 75 01 17

The wave of redundancy and short-time working announcements this week has heralded the arrival of the long-predicted industrial recession. Nowhere are the effects more keenly felt than at Haverhill. A pioneer in town expansion, its 20-year transfusion of industry and workers from the greater London area is now in a painful adolescent stage. Major town centre building projects have just left the drawing board, large chunks of lands are prepared for the final flood of factories and housing schemes worth £7½ m are under way to provide the workers with homes. Now the impetus is being lost as the cash flow stops and firms cut back.

Longstanton army houses, p20

1975 01 18
The question of whether to re-open the road across Oakington airfield is developing into an inter-village row. Villagers at Oakington and Girton say they do not want the road opened to traffic, but a number of people at Longstanton are in favour of the idea. The chairman of their parish council pointed out the new flyover on the A604 would cut out most of the inconvenience and danger to motorists and this may well be completed before any decision on the airfield road is taken.

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Over doles scheme, p5

1975 01 22
Robinson College, p12

1975 01 23
A call for Cambridge to opt out of East Anglia and become part of the northern Home Counties came from the Council's Labour leader, Peter Wright. He believes this would benefit the city and lead the Government to consider it more favourably. His call comes in the wake of the publication of a government-sponsored report on the future of East Anglia which suggested holding back Cambridge's development. This is in direct conflict with the city council's view of seeing Cambridge opened up to industrial development in a bid to increase local job prospects and expand the economy

Cambridge councillors will consider the possibility of turning the old Corn Exchange into an ice-skating rink if plans for converting it into a multi-purpose public hall fall through. Alternatively it might be possible to build the ice rink on spare land between the Parkside swimming pool and the Sports Hall complex. The proposal comes from the Ice Rink Action Group who say there is a growing demand for an ice rink in Cambridge

1975 01 25
A Little Paxton housewife is desperately trying to get rid of an expensive pet which is slowly destroying any furniture within pecking range. Percy, a four-year old blue and gold macaw has wreaked havoc since he was given as a Christmas present. He so far gnawed chunks out of an expensive dining table and chairs near his perch.

1975 01 27
Meteorologists at Honiton recorded gusts of up to 56 knots and an average wind of gale force eight during storms which swept the region leaving a trail of damage. At Swaffham Bulbeck the roof of the Girl Guides hut was lifted up and deposited on the village's fire station roof.

1975 01 29
The number of homeless families in the Huntingdon, St Neots area is rocketing. Scores of families have been made homeless after being evicted from tied houses or finding themselves unable to keep up with mortgage repayments. Hundred more are living with friends while they join the already-long waiting lists for council houses. The three-day week threw a lot of people on hard times, especially young men with wives and families with large mortgages. An official said the housing situation was "hellish" and was getting worse all the time

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1975 02 03
World records don't fall very often, but one took a hammering in Gt Shelford when Robert Manderson of Stapleford sang for nine hours without a break and that took care of the existing record for non-stop singing in the Guinness Book of records.

King's will be the first Cambridge college to experiment with non-meat meals following a campaign by Survival, the conservation group. The meals will be offered to assess student reaction. Another college, Christ's, has turned down the experiment but three more are considering the idea. Efforts to involve Cambridge restaurants in providing more vegetarian meals have so far drawn a poor response.

1975 02 03
Cambridgeshire chief constable, F. Drayton Porter, suggested that the defunct RAF station at Oakington could be used to house the county's problem children. This would prevent them being held in police stations and prisons when there was nowhere else for them to go. "This kind of accommodation could well be ideal. After all the housing of the Ugandan Asians in RAF stations was done in a matter of days", he said. A plan to build a prison for young offenders on part of the disused Duxford airfield was dropped in 1973.

1975 02 04
A complete Cambridge college – the second in eight years – is being offered for sale on the open market at an unspecified price, thought to be in the region of £1 million. Ridley Hall is for sale following a decision in 1971 to enter into federation with two other Anglican training colleges, In 1967 Cheshunt College in Bateman Street was sold for in excess of £225,000.

1975 02 05
Cambridgeshire MP Mr Francis Pym, has been asked to fight for the Tory leadership. He paid tribute to the former leader, Ted Heath. Mrs Thatcher's success was remarkable and he thought she was likely to win the second ballot. Cambridge MP, Mr David Lane, said "Conservatives now face a difficult period, but our loyalty to the party is even stronger than to any individual. Whoever is elected can rely on united support

1975 02 06
The Cambridge area property market offers a broad range of housing at the moment. It ranges from Ridley Hall to a tiny disused telephone exchange at Bottisham. Other exchanges at Cheveley and Steeple Morden are also on the market as STD spreads through the Cambridge telephone area. Some of them have possibilities as bijou cottage residences but buyers have to go on the waiting list for a telephone

Royston's oldest inn, the Old Bull is now able to take more residents thanks to a six-bedroomed extension. Bargain weekends are one of the innovations brought in by the new proprietors. For £13.50 they offer accommodation for two nights and a dinner dance on the Saturday evening.

1975 02 07

The Government has decided after two years deliberation that the Burleigh Street – Fitzroy street area of Cambridge is suitable for redevelopment. This now lays the responsibility for action squarely on the city council who are likely to decide within two months whether to drop the much-criticised official development plan and go ahead with something less contentious. The plan has been unanimously rejected by the area's residents and shopkeepers.

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Road closure scheme, p15
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1975 02 08
Spinners concert, p1

1975 02 10
Cambridge's city centre traffic experiment swung into action today. Thousands of motorists faced the through-traffic ban for the first time. The road closures and a system of one-way routes will operate for six months unless "utter chaos" develops. The scheme could then be swiftly abandoned. It closes two sections of road in the centre of town to private cars. One extends along King's Parade from King's College gate to Gt St Mary's while the other runs from Woolworth's along St Andrew's street to its junction with Emmanuel St

1975 02 11
Voluntary workers in Cambridge are battling to keep an old peoples' day club and meals on wheels service going while they wait for new premises. The WRVS Hill Top Club for the elderly is run in a dilapidated "pre-fab" on Castle Hill. The workers took the building over in 1958 from American servicemen who had used it as a social club. It has been feared the building would not last until new premises at Primrose Croft were built.

King's Parade tea party, p5

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Disco, Corn Exchange, p7

1975 02 14
Superstitious fears were cast aside by members of South Cambs District Council yesterday when they agreed unanimously to include "unlucky" 13 in their street numbering scheme. Undaunted by the day's date, February 13th, and reported complaints from the public about the use of 13 in numbering schemes, councillors came firmly down on the side common sense. Councillor Mrs Millie Pepper said that if she was given number 13 she would feel lucky to get a house at all.

A house-to-house survey carried out in six Cambridgeshire villages showed that residents were overwhelmingly in favour of a superstore for Gt Shelford, a public inquiry heard. The results delivered by the managing director of Scotsdale Garden Centre, the proposed site for the superstore, came as something of a shock on the last day of the inquiry. Up until then indications were that most people were strongly against a proposal of Asda to build a 50,000 square feet store and car park

For many months Andy's record stall has been one of the biggest market square attractions in the country. And with the opening of his new shop in Mill Road, Cambridge, Andy Gray has achieved another success. Opened by "Mr Top Twenty", Alan Freeman, the shop already houses more than 500 LPs covering the whole spectrum of folk, country and western, rock, motown and soul. There is also a cassette corner in the new shop. They will continue to offer discounts of between 50p and 90p off most LPs and albums.

Local radio, p5

1975 02 15
Stradishall's Highpoint prison is rapidly taking shape on 160 acres of the former RAF base. It will be a year before any prisoners appear. There will be four establishments: the main Highpoint prison for 450 male prisoners situated in the area of the former hangars; a detention centre, Northridge, for 200 young men at the former sergeants' mess; a prison physical education officers' school and a security dog training scheme near the former officers' quarters.

1975 02 18
Car park problems, p10

1975 02 19
Addenbrooke's Hospital is so short of staff housing that new recruits may be put up in hotels. Already it is having to turn away staff it has recruited because of the accommodation shortage. In spite of desperate staff shortage resulting in 168 beds remaining permanently unused, new staff cannot be taken on because no housing can be found for them either within the hospital or in the city.

Sawston over-sixties, p18

1975 02 20
Four men ran a pirate commercial radio station from remote spots in the Cambridgeshire countryside, magistrates were told. They were caught in a field near Histon as they had just closed down a two-hour broadcasting session of Anglia Free Commercial Radio. They had previously put out two-hour broadcasts on Sundays from various spots in Cambridgeshire, and the programmes were heard in places as widespread as Exning, Waterbeach and Fenstanton. The magistrates ordered the transmitter to be forfeited. The men were fined between £50 and £70 each

Milton has no chance of getting a branch library at the moment. Finance for such projects as new branch library buildings simply isn't available the Deputy County Librarian explained. Outline planning permission for the land at one end of a garden near Coles Road lapsed this month. Building on sites without outline planning permission is strictly embargoed by the Anglian Water Authority so Milton must put up with its part time, limited stock library which opens in the British Legion hall on two afternoons and two evenings. 75 02 20

1975 02 20
Cambridge University should be nationalised, the Kite area turned over to council housing and traffic banned inside the city boundaries, the Cambridge Communist Party says in a policy statement. Amongst other measures they would like to see are turning the church of St Andrew the Great into a civic restaurant, requisition of vacant accommodation if vacant for six months, industrial expansion of Cambridge with more council houses, and the banning of office expansion in favour of housing and jobs.

1975 02 21
Housewives were today urged top take advantage of low potato prices before they soar in the spring. But while shops are now able to buy cheaply at a cost of between 1p and 1½ p a pound, they are selling them in Cambridge at between 3p & 5p. A glut of potatoes from the fens has pushed prices down to an unprecedently low level of between £16 and £23 a ton off the farm. A potato merchant said "One of the things I can never understand is why the shop keepers don't pass on the benefits of the lower wholesale and farm prices to the consumers, but they never do"

Clare museum, p20

1975 02 25
Cambridge's ratepayers face an increase of about 20% on their rates bills from August. Last night the Labour-controlled City Board agreed to recommend a total rate of 71.6 p in the pound. The city

council's own share of the rate will be 15.5p – a 51.2% increase. The decision sparked off heated protests from the opposition Conservative members. Their leader, Counc. John Powley, claimed the council was sheltering behind the county which was levying a lower rate than forecast because of large government grants.

Wendens Ambo plan. P12
Sawston take-away, p20

1975 02 26
Cambridgeshire County Council is to buy a 147 acre slice of Duxford airfield, including the mile-long runway, for an undisclosed sum. This will allow the Imperial War Museum to go ahead with its plans to house permanently its large collection of historic aircraft in the hangar and to develop the whole site into one of the largest aviation museum complexes in the country. The deal brings to an end almost ten years doubt and dispute over the future of one of the most historic airfields in aviation history

Rix to sell, p17

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Lodes scheme, p5

1975 02 28
Down in Gt Shelford the traditional pub games of darts and dominoes have a rival. It's chess. The stately game has found its way into the bars of the Square and Compasses public house where no fewer than 22 players entered the pub's chess tournament. Landlord Mr Ron Hughes has bought two special chequered-topped tables for the saloon bar. "It's obvious that this is something that's going to grow", he said. "It's about as popular as darts"

1975 02 28
The Mayor of Cambridge, Ald Jack Warren, and the Vice Chancellor of Cambridge University, Prof Jack Linnett, held a reception at the Guildhall for ten Nobel Prize winners' resident at the University. As the learned and the erudite stood in earnest groups they assured each other that the occasion was unique. "You won't see the like again" they muttered as the champagne went round and round.

Chess at Sawston pub, p9

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1975 03 01
The bizarre sight of city-suited lawyers in mud-covered town shoes, sorting out llamas, camels & elephants in a disused coal yard at Cottenham brought to an end the sage of Circus Hoffman. Earlier in the day the villagers had been treated to the unique sight of a high court tipstaff, complete with court orders and warrants, being chased by a baby elephant. It was all part of the tragi-comedy which opened last November when one of the four brothers running Circus Hoffman decided on a unilateral declaration of independence and peeled off what he considered was his chunk of the circus and headed for Cambridge from London. The final curtain was lowered amidst tears and curses when the peeled-off chunk re-joined the whole.

1975 03 03
The first gas-powered police car takes to the road today. With gas at about 30p a gallon and the cost of conversion from petrol to gas around £140 the car should be saving taxpayers' money in September. But police want to find out any problems that may crop up before committing themselves to spending money on more conversions. Other vehicles owned by the county council also fill up from the big storage tank in the Corporation yard, Mill Road, Cambridge

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Archives, p5

1975 03 05
Finger-printing of juveniles is becoming standard practice in Cambridgeshire whenever anyone between the ages of 14 and 16 comes before a court, the County's chief constable said. In recent weeks fingerprints of 14 year old have been taken for stealing bikes in one case and stealing flowers in another. "There has been a large clear-up of offences through this. We often find that juveniles arrested for minor offences have been involved in burglaries and other serious offences after their fingerprints have been recorded", he said

Members of the newly-formed Cambridge rock 'n' roll club turned up to their first party last night at the Midland tavern, Devonshire Road, Cambridge, only to be told there could be no dancing. The club's plans came unstuck when Cambridge magistrates ruled that there had to be no dancing at the pub because it only had a licence for music – not for dancing or singing.

Archives better condition, p5

1975 03 06
Cambridgeshire planning committee yesterday drove another nail in the coffin of the Parry Lewis development plan for Cambridge when they joined the growing list of local council bodies which have pronounced the last rites over the plan which cost £20,000 and took nearly three years to produce. The plan suggests the city should scrap its super-shops plans for the Burleigh-Fitzroy area and develop a new large commercial centre in the Trumpington region.

The long dispute between Cambridgeshire planning committee and a number of Cherry Hinton residents about Cambridge city council's plan to build 1500 homes in the village has been brought to an abrupt end. The committee chairman made it clear that the decision to allow the development will stand. No public enquiry could now be held. More time had been spent on the Cherry Hinton issue than on any other matter he could remember.

Bar Hill unfinished, p5
Village fears as bypass, p10

1975 03 08
The Kojak craze has hit Cambridge. Sales of the sort of lollipop the actor Telly Savalas sucks in the popular television series have soared in the past three weeks in Cambridge, according to Mr Jim Reynolds, the 'Rock King' of Newmarket Road. He believes that most of the increased sales are being made to adults, not children. As far as Kojak hairstyles are concerned, Mr Terry Taylor, of Topman, Market Hill, Cambridge, said he had one or two customers who were thinking about adopting the Kojak look, but no-one has actually had the style done yet, he said

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RAF Oakington move, p9

1975 03 11
Newmarket Phohibition pub, p17

1975 03 12
Patients in some Cambridge hospitals over-eat because they are bored, and hospital wards are over-heated to the point of discomfort, health officials were told. Mrs Janet Jones said "Patients wade

through enormous quantities of food, often stodgy and unappetising, simply because they are presented with it and have nothing else to do". On heating she said: "Patients quite often ask to have the windows open, not for fresh air, but to reduce the temperature. They said they are uncomfortably hot"

1975 03 14
Cambridge's new house squat got underway this week in Glisson Road. One occupant, who is unemployed and drawing social security benefits, said "There are now so many squats that we are thinking of forming a Cambridge squatters union to look after our rights and get the thing organised. We would move in and do essential repairs while living in the houses for no rent. . Cambridge is a young people's town and there are so many people here wanting accommodation but look around the town at the number of empty houses. The council just ignores them"

1975 03 18
700 Cambridgeshire police constables are sacrificing £3 a week each to allow the county to take on more men. They have agreed to work less overtime to finance the strengthening of the force which is faced with the faster-growing crime rate in the country. Last year it went up by 36%. The county council has no money to pay for the recruits needed to keep the force up to strength. About 190 more men are needed

St Bedes Duke of Edinburgh awards, p11

1975 03 19
Cambridge city council will drop its controversial waste paper collection experiment next week after losing almost £1,800 of ratepayers' money on the project. Now they intend to encourage voluntary bodies to organise their own collections. More than eight tonnes of waste paper were collected during the first week but the average had now dropped to below five tonnes. In addition the price which they obtained had dropped from £18 to only £14 a tonne.

Mr Edwin Appleyard's partnership with a Shell oil barge has ended after 18 years. The 60-year old barge was first introduced to the fens from Holland about 1910 and was used for delivering tulip and daffodil bulbs growing in the fens to Ely station. It next became a cargo boat plying between King's Lynn and Cambridge before being bought by Shell in the 1920s. It was then used to supply pumping stations with gas oil. Now it has been sold to a canal and passenger boat operator of Manchester.

East Anglia's "Mr Average" buying his three-bedroomed semi on a mortgage now needs an income of £3,927 a year to maintain his family's lifestyle - £300 a year more than he needed three months ago. A National survey shows the effect of the inflationary spiral. It indicates that East Anglia is 4.2% cheaper than the average of all other regions. The current asking price for a three-bedroomed semi in East Anglia is £9,800 and a five-six bedroomed house is £29,300

1975 03 20
An anonymous little dog-leg road near Mitcham's corner Cambridge is typical of many roads interlacing the grey huddle of bed-sit suburbia on the flanks of Cambridge. But on the night of October 18th last year its cover of anonymity was blown. It was on that night that an unsuspecting girl became a victim and a burglar became a rapist. Between then and December the rapist claimed five victims and sexually assaulted a sixth. During that time 130 policemen were trying to catch him. They didn't succeed. He is still at large.

Pop group noise, p5

1975 03 21
An appeal for £30,000 has been launched to convert the old Cheddar's Lane Pumping Station into a technology museum. The existing pumping station provides a centrepiece for the museum, representing technological developments during the 19th century. Single storey extensions with

galleries to house exhibits are being built at the Riverside split-level site. A special gallery may be designed to enable children of all ages to participate in the building of working models. The museum began in 1968 when the old pumping station was replaced by an electric plant

Cambridge has become a garrison town, with more soldiers living within a 10-mile radius of the city than University dons. With the arrival of a new infantry regiment at Oakington there are now 2,500 soldiers in the area with 2,000 dependants. Most of the troops are stationed at Bassingbourn with the army engineers at the former battle of Britain RAF station at Waterbeach. There is no larger concentration of troops than this in East Anglia, other than at Colchester.

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Debden RAF, p8

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Conservative Club closes, p6
Addenbrooke's Hospital slashed, p7

1975 03 24
Detailed recommendations aimed at presenting the town centres of St Neots, St Ives and Huntingdon from becoming “deserts” of industry and commerce – where no one lives – have been studied by Huntingdon district council. Up until the 1950s, the three town centres were mainly residential except for small cores of commerce. Even these had their high proportion of flats. Then came the dramatic expansion of the 1960s and 70s in housing with shops and offices following hard on its heels. Commercial activity forced out residential considerations and together with worsening traffic conditions the town centres gradually became less desirable places to live.

Banned Mass, p9

1975 03 25
Cambridge pubs range from grimy to gracious according to a drinker’s guide just published by a group of undergraduates. Grime, according to the guide, is synonymous with the Locomotive pub in Mill Road, and grace is one of the virtues of the Plough Inn at Fen Ditton. Praise is lavished on the “thematic scheme” of the Galleon bar in the Burleigh Arms, Newmarket Road. The Free Press has “exceptional character” and the Baker’s Arms, East Road, is called a “refreshing surprise”. The Bun Shop, Downing Street is said to be “something of a Cambridge institution and well worth a visit”

1975 03 27
A bus ride from the outskirts of Cambridge to the city centre is slightly cheaper than a taxi fare. It’s a close thing if you share a taxi with three other people, but if four are travelling together the private car journey, even with a 10p parking fee, is still the cheapest course. Camtax say from Cherry Hinton to the city centre the fare would be 53p. plus 2p VAT.

56 girls want to lead the cheers for the Cambridge “It’s a Knock Out” team – and the organiser are so impressed they have arranged for a mass audition. The girls will be trained to do a cheer leader routine in front of a crowd of 10,000 when Cambridge takes on Peterborough and Oxford at the Cambridge City FC ground on May 25th. Contenders include Mrs Judith Slater of Sawston, Debbie Haddock of Haddenham, Ann Pretty, a ballet student of Cambridge and Mandy Turner, a food research technician 75 03 27

The kitchen oven was doing overtime and the skilled hands of a skilful housewife at Lt Eversden were kneading and pressing the dough all day. The baking demon is Mrs Jill Marshall, who wants to help the village recreation ground committee out of its present money troubles. She hopes to have hundreds of hot cross buns ready by Good Friday morning. She is taking a gallon of milk a day this week, and has a sack of flour. She is no newcomer to the culinary big time. Her speciality is multiple-tiered wedding cakes.

Police at breaking point, p1
Bypass over Gogs plan, p25

1975 03 29
The Oyster Tavern in Northampton St, Cambridge is one of those restaurants that only those in the know are likely to be able to find. It is still listed in the telephone directory under "Bistro Italo". Those who remember the old Bistro will probably avoid it. They will be making a big mistake. Sirloin steak is offered at £1.90, salted beef at £1.40 and chicken Provencale at £1.25. Like almost everyone else we chose seafood and did not regret it. Apple pie and cream and chocolate nut sundae were both 25p.

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Councils one year old, p9

1975 04 02
Melbourn, South Cambridgeshire's worst kept village, is determined to remove that insulting title from its records. But residents have a tough job on their hands because they claim the biggest rubbish culprits are people driving through the village. Last year the judges in the Best Kept Village competition relegated them to the bottom spot. The parish council feel the solution to their litter problem will only come when the proposed by-pass is built in a few years' time. "When we get the by-pass we shall be a village again", said Mr Aldridge. One of the worst spots is the village green near the traffic lights. Nearly every evening it was crowded with young people who tended to throw Coca-Cola tins and other litter on the green.

Hotel abandon plans, p12

1975 04 03
Joe Bugner will not be fighting Muhammad Ali for the world heavyweight championship next June. Ali, after his win over Chuck Wepner, declared that Bugner would be his next opponent. But the world champion has had second thoughts. Andy Smith, Bugner's manager, said, "Quite frankly, he's afraid that Bugner with his strength, fast jabbing and his intelligence, will beat him"

Leaving your car in the Lion Yard car park, Cambridge, between 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm can be costly. Mrs Carol Taylor of Trumpington drove her car into the Lion Yard at 5.46 pm and drove out again at 6.18 pm. She was charged 17p – 7p for the 14 minutes before 6 o'clock and 10p for the 18 minutes after. The charges change at 6 pm when the evening tariff comes into operation. She felt this was an unfair charge for 32 minutes of parking time.

Paul Day, table tennis, p10

1975 04 04
More than 40,000 people in the Huntingdon and St Neots areas are running a higher than average risk of drinking contaminated water. An Anglian Water Authority spokesman said water supplied from the Brampton treatment works could be hit by "lightning pollution". The works take part of its supply direct from the River Ouse just before treatment, so any pollution in the river goes straight into the plant. For many years there has been problems with the drinking water supplied by Brampton, because there were not sufficient storage facilities.

Wilburton traffic speed, p9
Fulbourn mill, p14

1975 04 05
A wooden road sign at Cottenham is of special significance to one of its villagers, Mr Alfred Maskell. He made the sign in the last few weeks before his retirement at the Highways depot at Cottenham. The sign, together with another at Meldreth, may turn out to be two of the last wooden ones in this area. Wooden road signs have been phased out in favour of metal ones for about 15 years, although some have been used when residents have specially asked for them.

Landbeach leisure site, p6

1975 04 08
Long term predictions about water shortages are beginning to look slightly off key as national population forecasts plummet. Only a few years ago ambitious plans were being made to swamp vast areas of good agricultural land in order to keep pace with demand. Now it looks like a false alarm. Plans for reservoirs like those at Abbotsley, St Neots, and Gt Bradley, Haverhill, rarely come out for a dusting. Even the Wash reservoir scheme may prove a costly indulgence. Population statistics have always been notoriously unpredictable. In the Eastern region the authority will probably have to cater for a 2001 population of nearly 7 ½ million against the present 5 million

1975 04 09
Snow ploughs and salting trucks were fighting the snow-ice blanket which dropped over Cambridgeshire. In one of the county's heaviest falls the snow settled to two-inch-thick carpets on the major roads as county council emergency highway crews worked in darkness to keep them clear. Some of the worst affected roads were in the Haverhill area. Weather experts are reporting further snow falls today.

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Green boxing, p24

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Doctor's resignation, p1
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1975 04 11
It is difficult to equate gastronomic expertise with Mill Road, Cambridge. But when faced with a fancy for honest French cuisine it is just the place to go. For although La Garconne is a modest restaurant there is nowhere else quite like it. There is the temptation of pigeon in red wine (£1.10), or a casserole of rabbit (£1). Unfortunately the coq au vin (£1.35) was not ready until later in the evening. A brandy at 40p rounded off a very good meal for two which cost £7.86. It is possible to have an equally satisfying meal for two, with wine, for just under £4. By today's standards that is pretty good.

County HQ plan, p9
County Council staff crisis, p12

1975 04 12
The Prime Minister, Harold Wilson, came to Cambridge last night. For an hour he overcame both hecklers and the notorious acoustics of the city's Corn Exchange to win a standing ovation from almost 1,000 people. His main topic was the Common Market. He then went through a list of election promises and while harassed by the hecklers, who had paid 15p to get into the meeting, spelled out how each promise had been fulfilled.

1975 04 14
A screaming crowd of 2,000 teenagers blocked Haverhill High Street as BBC Radio One DJ and television personality Noel Edmonds opened a record shop. As the crowd, mainly of young girls, rushed the shop, the main window broke under pressure and the police had to evacuate the building.

Inside the shop 26-year-old Noel, suavely dressed in open-necked brown pattern shirt, cream jacket and brown flared trousers and Cuban-heeled boots was completely unruffled.

Rapist, p1

1975 04 15
Eight old houses near the railway line, at Mill Road, Cambridge, are being offered by the city council, which owns them, to dossers and down-and-outs. The houses are scheduled for eventual demolition to allow British Rail to widen the bridge when it starts work on electrifying the main Cambridge-London line. But because no date has been set the council has offered them on an annual basis to Cambridge Night Shelter. The council considers the houses which stand on the Argyle Street corner to be suitable because there are no other occupied houses immediately adjacent.

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King Street run, p6

1975 04 17
The main cooling towers of the £200,000 million nuclear power station which the Central Electricity Generating Board may construct on the former airfield site at Molesworth would be almost 400 feet high, the planning committee was told. And there could be up to six such tower buildings each 300 feet in diameter at the base. They would probably stand on the only piece of high ground in the area and be visible along the whole of the Nene valley and across large tracts of Cambridgeshire countryside. The prospect of such buildings was described councillor Robert James as "horrific".

1975 04 18
The Labour-controlled Cambridge city council has decided by a two-to-one majority to develop the Burleigh-Fitzroy area mainly as a regional shopping centre in partnership with Jesus College and a London property company. This is the first definite and much substantial move the city council has taken about the future of the so-called "Kite" area in the 15 years of controversy and discussion that has surrounded it.

Policemen have gone off on LSD "trips" just be handling a new super-powerful LSD pill, the size of a ball-point pen tip. And now there are warnings that the drug may be circulating in the mid-Anglia region and may find its way into Cambridgeshire. CID Commander Det Supt Bernard Hotson, confirmed that his force had been warned to look out for the purple and black speckled pills – and not to handle them.

The Government has given permission to the giant Shell petrol company to look for oil in south Cambridgeshire. The area selected extends from Gt Shelford up to Royston and southwards through Hertfordshire as far as Buntingford. In the west it takes in Ashwell, Steeple Morden and Gamlingay, while in the east it extends almost to Saffron Walden. The actual drilling areas have not yet been selected. Nearly six years ago an American oil company planned to make test borings in the north Cambridgeshire fens. A few years before that tests were made near Saffron Walden. Nothing came of either project

1975 04 19
The Cambridgeshire Library Service will break down if money to run it continues to be withheld by the County Council. The warning has been given by County Librarian, Mr Royston Brown, in a report on the effects of "no growth" budgets. The report adds "demands in many areas for provision will continue to increase in the next few years and be accelerated by the current economic and social difficulties. Short of new laws being made to forbid people from attending their local libraries it is impossible to regulate the use of them"

1975 04 22

Jerry Bol, the one-man-band who has tramped the streets of Cambridge collecting pennies from passers-by, has been invited to play alongside some of Britain's top musical entertainers at Gonville & Caius May Ball. Dutch-born Mr Bol has been busking in Cambridge since the beginning of this year. Since then his act has taken off with requests from all over Western Europe and an offer of an American tour.

Farmers dump onions, p7

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Austin circus, p6

1975 04 25
The bells of the parish church at Everton, near St Neots, may soon be up for sale. The church tower was struck by lightning last summer and a considerable part has had to be demolished. As a result, there is no longer a belfry and nowhere to put the five bells. If they are sold the money will go towards making up the deficit to restore the damage. At the moment, however, permission has yet to be granted from the chancellor of the Ely diocese

RAF Debden closed this week. The axe of economy has severed Saffron Walden's last real link with wartime Britain. The RAF isn't making a bit of fuss about it. A quiet ceremony in front of the top brass from London and a private dining-in night in the officers' mess is the only salute the station will get. It was an accident which caused the station to be built in the first place. An old Bulldog bi-plane crashed in a wheat field near Debden in 1934. War Office men who inspected the remains reported that it would be a good spot for an aerodrome.

1975 04 28
The King Street run or the King Street pint to pint is a Cambridge drinking tradition. It means drinking eight pints of beer in two hours. In the old days King Street had enough ale houses for the Run to be held along it, but now the organisers have to plan the route incorporating public houses elsewhere. The run last year ended at The Zebra in Newmarket Road but licensee Mrs M. Warren won't be allowing it again. Last year youths who vomited in Fair Street outside the Hopbine bought a ban there on all future runs.

Hardwick Limes, supplement

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St Ives centre, p6
City road system, p16
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1975 05 01
The Campaign for Real Ale has bought a disused pub, the Salisbury Hotel in Cambridge for £22,000 – with the house next door thrown in. Secured at an auction it is their fourth public house acquisition in the country. The auctioneer described the price as very poor for such a commodious property. The licence was never rescinded or transferred and so is available for an application to the city licensing magistrates for renewal. At the same auction the King William IV pub at Histon was taken off the market at £17,500

Stablelads picket, p1
Auction, p9
Preachers, p15

1975 05 02

Newmarket stable lads' pay dispute spread to the racecourse, bringing chaos to the first day of the Guineas meeting. Trouble started when 150 lads staged a sit-in on the course and delayed the start of the race by 15 minutes. Further sit-ins during the afternoon led to angry confrontations involving stable lads, jockeys, police, course officials and racegoers. Willie Carson said he was "sore, especially around the legs" where he had been hit with his own snatched riding crop.

Mental hospitals, p12

1975 05 05
Hundreds of Cambridge motorists were late for work today as the second stage of the city's traffic experiment turned into an enormous snarl-up. Police described the situation as chaotic. A police inspector said "Vast numbers of drivers are completely unaware of the new experimental scheme. At 8.30 this morning there was a solid block of traffic from the Catholic church corner of Hills Road to Perne Road island. Drivers are bewildered and completely at sea". One councillor said that while the first part of the experiment was a semi-hit, the extension was a definite miss.

Exactly a year ago, gardeners and farmers were gazing at parched spoil, cracked earth and dry ditches. There was worry about the future of crops and the height of the village duck pond. Now the situation has reversed with a vengeance. Much of Cambridgeshire is totally water-logged – again there is concern about the future of crops and the height of the village duck pond. 75 05 05

1975 05 06
Banhams, p11
Queens back plan, p10
Reach fair, p10

1975 05 07
Mrs Gladys Theobold, who has kept the White Swan public house, Stow-cum-Quy for 42 years served behind the bar for the last time last night. She has run the pub almost single-handed since her husband died 16 years ago.

Satan's bride, p12

1975 05 08
It seems to take a certain sort of woman to cope successfully with the life of being the wife of a professional football player or manager. The wife of Cambridge United's new and highly successful manager fulfils the role perfectly. Ron Atkinson's life is football. Apart from cutting the grass once a week and taking his car to the car wash he leaves to his wife all the responsibility for the day-to-day running of the home and garden. From the time she takes Ron's breakfast up to him in bed with the papers – he reads them all avidly – life in their home revolves around the one subject. When Ron does have a spare moment he reads football books and magazines.

David Patrick tug, p17

1975 05 09
Political extremists failed in their efforts to break up a mass pro-Common Market rally in Cambridge Guildhall last night while Mr Edward heath was speaking. But the agitators who frequently called out their support for the National front movement and waved banners and posters succeeded in halting the meeting twice – before fighting and scuffling broke out and they were thrown out of the meeting by groups of burly stewards. Repeatedly Mr Heath parried their tirade until the noise from agitators and the counter booing and shouting of hundreds of other people in the hall forced him to stop speaking

The Varsity restaurant in St Andrew's Street, Cambridge, is not the place to go if you are fussy in demanding smart décor. But it does offer good wholesome food at extremely low prices. We saw one elderly gentleman complaining that his carafe of wine (£1.10 a half litre) was too cold. The obliging

waiter held it in front of an electric convector fire to bring it to a more acceptable temperature. It was little more than a gesture, as the fire was not plugged in. We ate a three-course meal, with wine, and the bill for two was £3.25 75 05 09

Tony Benn to visit, p20

1975 05 10
Vigilante patrols have been formed in some bed-sit areas of Cambridge by householders anxious to protect single girls from the Cambridge rapist –but the groups are not welcomed by the police. The Cambridge MP, David Lane, dropped in unannounced at police headquarters to offer his support and encouragement to detectives hunting the city rapist.

1975 05 13
The influx of army children to Hatton Park county primary school, Longstanton, is causing problems. A report showed there were now 144 army children, 17 RAF and 106 village children in the school. With the arrival of the newcomers 40-50% of each class was considered in need of remedial teaching.

1975 05 14
Landbeach comedian Jack Harding yesterday gagged his way to an expenses-paid holiday for two in the Mediterranean. For 66-year-old Jack won first prize in the senior citizens' talent competition at Leicester. Jack, a part-time retired mobile hardware and oil merchant, was supported by 200 well-wishers from Golden Age clubs in Cambridge.

1975 05 15
Robinson College, p1

1975 05 16
At the County Council meeting presentations will be made to mark the retirement of Col Geoffrey Hurrell as Lord Lieutenant and to Lord Hemingford as a Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire. These formal and social functions are likely to be the only bright spots at a meeting otherwise heavily laden with prospects of financial gloom. Dire warnings will be given of the possibility of the council's money running out before the end of the financial year. Jobs of some employees may be at stake if they press for too large a salary increase – because there is just no money available

Fourteen Cambridge student bodyguards were out in the city last night looking after single girls who fear the rapist may strike again. The Eden Street based Townswomen's Liberation Group has arranged for a self-defence demonstration. It will be for the benefit of anyone fearing assault. The Cambridge Evening News has offered a reward of £1,000 for information leading to the rapist's arrest and conviction.

Ministry camera, p9

1975 05 17
The Mayor of Cambridge, Coun. Jack Warren, is under attack by the Communist Party because he gave a sherry party for Mr Edward Heath when he spoke at a rally in the city supporting the Common Market. The Mayor, who makes no secret of his support for the Market, although many of his Labour Party colleagues are strongly opposed to it – gave a small sherry party in his official parlour for a number of leading members of the Cambridge In Europe campaign.

1975 05 19
Towns and villages were mopping up after a downpour which led to road chaos, flooding and burst river banks. Some of the most serious flooding was in the St Neots, Eynesbury and Eaton Socon areas after the continuous rain swelled tributaries of the Ouse until they burst their banks. It was the second time in less than six months that these areas had been hit by floods.
Cottenham beat bounds, p4

1975 05 21
Fen lodes meeting, p4

1975 05 22
Twelve traders at the Marcade in East Road, Cambridge, were each fined up to £10 for serving customers on a Sunday. The charges arose from an undisclosed complaint on the Sunday before Christmas and a visit to the covered market by a public health officer and three inspectors. One of the traders said he carried out a survey on the same Sunday and discovered 17 other shops open and selling goods contravening the law. They were giving a public service on the run-up to Christmas and were surprised other shops doing the same thing were not prosecuted.

1975 05 23
A row between Huntingdon district council and the village hall committee at Abbotsley, near St Neots, has led to the Common Market Referendum in the village being held in the back room of a High Street house. The hall management committee was demanding £1.50 per hour for the 15-hour voting period – and that was just too much for the district council. The hall treasurer said the council wanted to pay £5 for the whole day but if the village folk can't get it for less no one else should.

Appleyard Lincoln, p23

1975 05 24
For the first time since it was produced almost 20 years ago a prize-winning history of Cherry Hinton is to be available for reference at libraries. The contents were compiled by the Women's Institute in 1958. But the book, hand-written and with water-colour sketches, was too fragile to be easily available. But now staff from the Cambridgeshire Collection have made three complete copies of the book. One will be at Cherry Hinton library.

1975 05 27
Cambridge romped home to win "It's a Knockout" in front of a crowd of 15,000 at Cambridge City Football Club. In a close-fought contest the home team balanced, tugged, splashed, climbed and tumbled its way through a variety of crazy games. The score was Cambridge 22, Peterborough 20 and Oxford 18. This sees them through to an International round of "Jeux sans Frontieres" where Cambridge will be the only British team against contestants from six other countries.

Emergency action was taken at the weekend to cut off sections of Ashwell parish church and churchyard from public access because of the dangerous state of the 600-year-old church tower. An architect has reported that parts of the buttress could collapse at any time. Inside the church the altar, pews and other furniture have been moved away from the danger area. The organ will no longer be used for services and there is also a ban on bell-ringing. Emergency repairs would cost about £10,000 but the total bill for a major restoration would amount to £60,000

1975 05 28
Cambridge's largest all-male college, Trinity is to admit women. Graduate women students will be admitted from October 1976 and undergraduate women from October 1978. The college decision puts Trinity fourth in line amongst previous all-male colleges who are now planning to open their door both to women dons and students. In 1976 Sidney Sussex and Selwyn colleges will become co-educational, followed in 1977 by Trinity Hall

1975 05 29
Mr Bernard Smith is proud of the way he keeps Burwell's Gardiner Memorial Hall spotless. He polishes the floor seven hours a week. He is also proud of the way he keeps the cemetery tidy. He mows the grass until it is as smooth as a bowling green. But Mr Smith, who receives £35 a week says hooligans tearing holes the in tennis court fence, "breaking everything" and leaving the area "in a hell of a mess" makes looking after the 9½ acres of the recreation ground a thankless task

With the reorganisation of secondary school education 16-year olds must now look round at all the subject choices and courses at the different Sixth Form Centres. CCAT is far and away the largest A-level centre in the area. Its total of over 500 full-time A-level students considerably exceeds that of the Hills Road and Long Road Sixth Form Colleges together. 75 05 29

Despoiled land, p6

1975 05 30
The official opening of the Riverside Park at St Neots takes the town a step nearer to becoming an important inland centre noted for its fine leisure facilities. Although the project is costing about £300,000 ratepayers have not had to find a penny so far. It is a dream fulfilled for the scheme's promoters. At the turn of the century there were grandiose plans to turn the town into an inland spa by exploiting the "valuable medicinal" properties of the natural waters in the area. But the spa venture failed. Celebrations this weekend, the biggest event in the history of the town, are unlikely to end on the same dismal note.

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1975 06 04
A Bar Hill firm's bid to be Britain's number one odd exporter has been beaten. Eastern Sands and Refactories got into the running in a competition run by an export magazine and a drinks company for selling £50,000 worth of British sand to the Arab oil state of Abu Dhabi – which is all sand. The sand was needed to filter seawater.

1975 06 05
Bangles, baubles and beads have all featured in male fashion trends, and now a single earring is the fad followed by teenagers imitating their rock band idols. But six-year-old Neil from Haverhill, must be one of the youngest weeny-boppers to adopt this adornment. A gold sleeper through his pierced left ear completes his "bovver" gear of leather boots, striped socks, shin-length trousers, braces and tee shirt. A fan of such stars as Mudd and the Bay City Rollers, Neil plagued his parents for an earring after seeing his idols on "Top of the Pops"

Posters of David Essex, the Bay City Rollers and Elton John looked down on the voters of the tiny villagers of Conington as they filed into an 18-year-old pop fan's bedroom to record their Common Market voters. And with the polling booth at the foot of the bed and Mrs Nancy Jeffs drinking tea brought in by her husband from the next room as she checked off the voters' list, the whole exercise was quite a family affair. The village has just 95 people eligible to vote

Nigerian jeers, p1
Trumpington homes, p6

1975 06 06
Student yells of "Biafran butcher" at General Yakubu Gowon failed to disrupt the Honorary Degree ceremony at the Cambridge Senate House. The General gave the thumbs up sign to a bunch of two dozen students who chanted insults at the Nigerian head of state as he walked in procession. He was flanked on one side by a hefty special branch armed bodyguard plus the Cambridgeshire chief constable, Mr F. Drayton Porter, and by contrast on the other by the tall, elegant figure of Queen Margrethe of Denmark. The 60 policemen on duty had nothing more to do than keep the protestors at arms' length and stop the traffic for the snail-paced procession.

Dining at the Pink Geranium, Melbourn is warm, comfortable and cosy. In the partly-panelled dining room we decided on a bottle of Piersporter 1973 (£2.50), unwisely as it turned out because it was not sufficiently chilled to be at its best. It did not spoil the smooth, lightly-flavoured pate (50p) or the full smoky flavour of the trout (75p) and was in prime condition for the sole meuniere (£1.95) and the

duckling with curacao sauce which followed. With brandy and Cointreau to round off the evening our bill amounted to £11.25. It is true to say it is thought locally to be expensive but it is possible to get a first-class meal, including a half bottle of wine, for something like £6 - very reasonable for such relaxing and homely surroundings.

Cambridgeshire votes to stay in, p1

1975 06 07
Danish queen visits landlady, p6

1975 06 09
A hoard of screaming women mobbed the man charged with raping seven girls in Cambridge as he was led handcuffed into the city magistrates' court today. A crowd of about 500 people gathered outside the Guildhall and when the car carrying the suspect pulled up at the rear entrance a section of the crowd surged towards him. The women shouted insults but were held at bay by police encircling the court

Cambridge Union Society's historic debating chamber, scene of heated exchanges between Britain's top politicians this century, was badly damaged by fire. The blaze spread through part of the floor of the chamber and went up through two floors of the Round Church Street premises. Crowds gathered in Park Street as a 100-foot turntable ladder was swung into place and three pumping appliances arrived on the scene. The main part of the building was not affected by the fire. Teams of undergraduates mounted guard on the building throughout the night 75 06 09

1975 06 11
The much-criticised second stage of Cambridge city council's central area traffic experiment has been abandoned and traffic flow systems introduced five weeks ago withdrawn. This means there is again two-way traffic in Regent Street, Parkside, Emmanuel Road and Short Street. Through traffic is still banned along parts of St Andrew's Street, Sidney Street & King's Parade. City police said many motorists were confused by the changes which it was improving impossible to enforce. Long traffic queues had built up at major junctions since the start of the experiment which brought traffic chaos to the city

The River Cam is not only so polluted as to be a bather's health hazard, but in recent years has had to be artificially aerated to keep fish alive, an Anglian Water Authority spokesman has confirmed. He spoke of children who suffered "diarrhoea and tummy upsets" after accidentally falling into the river in the Clayhithe area, and of skin divers who were ill after a sponsored Cam swim. He agreed that via Milton Road sewage works some 8 million gallons of effluent were going into the Cam daily. 75 06 11

Archive office crowded, p7

1975 06 12
Cambridge members of the Campaign for Real Ale will take part in a nation-wide investigation into overcharging in pubs. In Cambridge some pubs charge 26p for a pint of bitter that is sold for 20p in other public bars. In February the Courage brewery gave a breakdown of the 20p pint which showed the landlord to be taking 7p from each pint sold.

Pordage, p14
Sylvia Beamon, p17

1975 06 13
Wizards & witches, p17

1976 06 14

Ring road, p1

1976 06 16
'Knockout' bill

1975 06 17
Cambridge United have taken the first major step towards a merger with their Southern League neighbours, Cambridge City. United's chairman David Ruston said "It was decided that the best way to approach amalgamation was for us to make a proposition that if city agreed, we would in due course make an offer for their shares. Both sides are agreed that something like this is in the best interests of football in the city". Jack Ginn, City's former chairman said, "Nothing can save football in Cambridge other than amalgamation. I understand City have lost £15,000 in the past year and United more than £30,000. This cannot go on".

Lightning kills 12 cows, p8

1976 06 18
Cottenham fire engine, p4
Cambridgeshire starved by Peterborough, p12

1975 06 19
Part of the historic town centre at St Ives was in ruins today after fire swept through 200-year-old timbered buildings causing more than £100,000 worth of damage. At least one of the buildings collapsed and others may have to be pulled down. The fire started in a workshop in Crown Yard and spread rapidly to Crown Street. Firemen were hampered by falling debris as centuries old timber beams cracked and walls buckled in the intense heat

When the King of Tonga dropped in for lunch at The Leys School yesterday, it was the headmaster's wife, Mrs Jean Barker, who had to do the cooking. The King was more concerned with his son's progress who is in the middle of taking GCSE O-level examinations. The Kingly menu offered by Mrs Barker – "the first course in an eggy thing topped with fake caviar, followed by salmon and peach flan", she said

Farm land prices, p6

1975 06 20
Various local buildings are to receive Civic Trusts Heritage Year awards. At Thaxted the Hunt's almshouses, a row of 17th-century homes have been rehabilitated. The Trust comments: "Not only have these beautiful little houses been cleaned up – maintenance, paintwork and plastering – but rearranged internally so as to continue serving their ancient purpose". Ashwell qualifies for two commendations, the new infill scheme for elderly people's flats in Gardiner's Lane and the restoration of a miller's dilapidated cottage and building of an extension within the ruins of the old water mill, to form a private house

St Ives fire, p13

1975 06 23
Shoppers in Fitzroy Street, Cambridge, were astonished to hear the strains of a brass band drifting down to them apparently right out of the sky. But the band was real enough. Perched in the little bandstand on the top of Laurie & McConnal's store the player jogged memories back 40 years or more to the time when such entertainment was a regular event for Saturday shoppers. The revival was the idea of Kite Community Action. Eight members of a local jazz group agreed to revive the past and play again. Whether the Saturday morning continues is up to the players. The store would be very happy to have them play anytime

1975 06 25
Cambridge Science Park was officially opened by Sir Alan Hodgkin, President of the Royal Society and Fellow of Trinity College. The park came from an idea by Sir Neville Mott, who led a committee which first proposed the setting up of a Science Park in Cambridge to further scientific industrial development in the city. Trinity College has spent £650,000 to date on developing the centre. The site has four tenants so far.

One of St Neots best-known public houses, the Old Falcon Hotel, in the Market Square is up for sale and is expected to fetch at least £100,000. It is one of scores of properties which have been affected by the planning blight in the town centre during the past twelve years. One of the two proposed alternative road plans, later scrapped following pressure from townspeople, would have passed right through the rear of the hotel.

1975 06 26
The temptation to buy strawberries this weekend may be overwhelming, but buy without thought and you have a more than even chance of being taken for a ride. Prices vary from 42p to 40p per half-pound & only the astute shopped can be sure of getting quality and the right quantity. At a stall on Market Hill I selected a 25p box and asked for them to be weighed. They were below ½ lb and with a cheerful smile the assistant added two more strawberries – from another punnet!

Ombudsman, Cherry Hinton, p10
Hovercraft site, p13

1975 06 27
Sky-rocketing potato prices look like forcing many Mid-Anglian fish & chip shops into temporary closure. With new potatoes being quoted at upwards of £170 a ton owners are saying: “either we put up our prices and lose customers, or we shut for a while”. “None of us want to sell chips at 14p a portion”, said Mr Jack Holliday of the Quality Fish Shop in Mill Road. If he increased his price for a portion of chips from 8p to 12p or alternatively halved the size of the portion the public would cringe, he added.

Nude bathing is spoiling the prospect of fishing in a lake at West Town Park, Haverhill. Their antics are disturbing the 300 breeding fish. There were about six local people, men and women, swimming, snorkel diving and diving and the effect on the fish is the same as blasting a twelve-bore in a small room filled with people, complained one angler

1975 06 29
A glittering prize dangles within reach of Joe Bugner, of St Ives, tonight – the world heavyweight title. Bugner fights the legendary Muhammad Ali for the title – sport’s richest prize in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The world will be Bugner’s oyster if he pulls it off, but win, or loose, he will have achieved a dream in fighting Ali for the title. His mother, Mrs Marget Bugner said:” I think Joe will win. He is very clever now, older, wiser and more mature”

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1975 07 01
Bugner may quit, p1

1975 07 02
Fifty patients were led to safety was fire raged through part of Fulbourn psychiatric hospital. The blaze began in the music room in the recreation block at Kent House, a unit established within the hospital 11 years ago as a residential and day centre dealing with psychiatric disorders. The house was empty, as the tenants had moved out that morning to a new home in Soham

1975 07 03

The Environment Minister, Mr Anthony Crosland has rejected a plan to build a supermarket on the Scotsdale Garden Centre site at Gt Shelford. He says that the development would be in the wrong place, at the wrong time and would result in the over-provision of large-scale shopping. If it was permitted in addition to the recently built Sainsbury's supermarket at Brooks Rd, Cambridge and the centre planned for Bar Hill it would overprovide shopping facilities in the "20-minute zone" car shopping journey area from Cambridge. In the longer term, however, population growth might justify further substantial additions to the food retailing outlets.

Only three of the 54 firms who have been given tenancies of the new shops in Lion Yard, Cambridge, are local, and there is considerable disquiet in some local quarters over this, said the secretary of Cambridge Chamber of Commerce. "A lot of the names are of big firms in London in the rag trade and jewellery. They can afford the high rents, but the smaller traders of Cambridge who would have expected to get the chance of a letting cannot", he said

1975 07 04
Joe Bugner, sporting a black eye and a slimmer waistline after his unsuccessful bid at the World Heavyweight Boxing Championship returned to his home town of St Ives to a tumultuous welcome from hundreds of townsfolk. The Mayor told the crowd: "We are perhaps a little disappointed that Joe did not bring back the coveted award this time"

St Michael's church, Longstanton, a part-thatched building dating back to the 13th century will be preserved for future generations. The church, which stands empty and has been the target of hooligans, is to be put under the care of the Redundant Churches Fund. It was declared redundant in November 1973 and was without heating or lighting. There are minor repairs to be carried out before the church will once again be opened to the public.

Beefeater, p10

1975 07 05
Dutch elm disease, p6

1975 07 08
Newmarket bypass opens, p7

1975 07 09
Dozens of traders in central Cambridge have mounted a campaign aimed at persuading the city council to drop its traffic control scheme, which prevents cars from going along parts of King's Parade, St Andrew's Street & Sidney Street. They are complaining about a big slump in business since the scheme started six months ago. Some say they have experienced a 50% drop. Shops are hit by the traffic ban during the day and restaurants, pubs & places of entertainment suffer at night. Tomorrow the council will be recommended to ask Whitehall to make the scheme permanent.

1975 07 09
Mid-Anglia's potato crisis is claiming its first commercial victims. With the potato shortage and rocketing prices, a number of fish & chip shops are considering closing down. One shop in Brampton shut up more than a week ago and others are wondering whether it is worth carrying on when they have to sell chips at 15p a portion. Bad weather at the start of the year delayed potato planting which meant old potatoes were running out before reasonably sized new ones could be harvested. Now drought is causing more problems

Pye buildings, p14

1975 07 10
Britain's first & only tracked hovercraft made its last journey – by road. The 21 ton machine, code number RTV31, was trundled at a maximum 25 mph the 40 miles from its hangar at Earith to the

College of Technology, Cranfield. It will join other transport "has-beens", including the remaining TSR2 aircraft, that suffered the same fate – axed by the Government as an economy measure when still in its early prototype days. The site & buildings at Earith have now been sold to a firm who plan to use it as a plant and stores depot

1975 07 11
Motorists will soon have to pay up to 50% more to park in the centre of Cambridge. Meter parking will cost up to 15p an hour and parking at Lion Yard and Park Street multi-deck parks and on the New Square surface park will cost up to 10p an hour, and increase of 3p.

Newmarket bypass, p18

1975 07 12
Newmarket shoppers were amazed to find they could cross High Street without taking their life in their hands yesterday. Minutes earlier the £9.5 million 15-mile Newmarket bypass had been officially and unceremoniously opened by the last of the Wimpey men who have been working on it for two years. The long-awaited bypass immediately took 75% of the traffic out of the town. The manager of Laings sad the bypass would help shopkeepers as people won't be so scared to come out and shop on both sides of the road. It would encourage holiday traffic to stop and shop.

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Newmarket bypass, p7
Coaches, p8

1975 07 15
Linseed plants, p5

1975 07 16
St Ives based Sinclair Radionics Ltd, one of Europe's biggest manufacturers of packet calculators has introduced a new model. The Scientific Programmable Calculator is aimed at scientists, students, engineers and statisticians. Initially it will be available only by mail order

Stress on road, p1
Newmarket caravan factory, p15
Balsham sign, p15

1975 07 17
Cambridge planners have decided to refuse permission until January 1978 for all major developments in the city – because of the serious overloading at the sewerage works. But because of the general economic situation, the cut-back in private building programmes and the acute shortage of development land anyway the decision is unlikely to have serious effects on the city. A similar ban on development has been operated for nearly a year in the "necklace villages" surrounding Cambridge.

1975 07 17
Advert: An open letter to the citizens of Cambridge. We, the traders in the centre of Cambridge, have served you for many years. Thanks to ill-considered action by our elected representatives in stopping the free and unrestricted flow of traffic through the city centre we find that our livelihood is being threatened. It is a fact that without a city centre which is alive and throbbing the city will die. By taking trade away from the centre the city fathers have betrayed the trust we have placed in them. Let us make 1975 Cambridge Conservation Year and protest against the creeping paralysis which is being forced upon us by these out-of-date idiots – Cambridge City Centre Action Group.

Racecourse sabotage, p1
Anne at East show, p8

1975 07 18
A 53-year-old vicar made a terrifying 200 feet climb on the outside of his church steeple to publicise the church's restoration appeal. The Rev. Arthur Rodwell, vicar of Saffron Walden, shinned up steeplejacks ladders to help place the renovated weathercock on top of Saffron Walden parish church spire. He said afterwards: "I feel fine. I made a trial run up on Tuesday and I'm getting expert now"

1975 07 18
How much are stores paying to rent a unit in the Lion Yard Development? Last October companies were being asked to stump up between £15-17,000 a year. In the Lion Yard itself the asking price was between £7-10,000 per unit. Smaller units described as boutique types were on offer between £3 & £5,000. Wealthy national companies can afford to speculate and rent properties for a few years, but for small local traders the rents have proved too expensive so far. Of 54 units rented out only two may be occupied by firms based in Cambridge – Campkins (cameras) & Waits (menswear)

Caldecote 'tin town', p9
Royston Bull Hotel, p20

1975 07 19
Sports Hall, p10

1975 07 21
News photographer Tony Jedrej took a souvenir picture of his wallet by accident on Friday – then drove away from Girton and never saw it again. Part of his car was included in pictures taken near the Old Crown public house and it was not until later, when the developed the film, that he saw he had left his wallet on the boot. Mr Jedrej believes the wallet, containing £1, fell off when he drove away from Girton, though his long search of the area afterwards was fruitless

Caravan owners, p5

1975 07 22
Kings School 3Rs, p9

1975 07 23
The Queen Mother opened the new £½-million extension of the Fitzwilliam Museum. The Royal visitor, dressed in a pale-blue turquoise coloured outfit, paused several times to smile and wave to the crowd before being introduced to Museum staff by Prof Jaffe. She had a good look at the £2½ million collection of Cambridge plate on display and after tea she was driven to a waiting helicopter on the playing fields of St John's College

1975 07 23
Work is due to start on the diversion of the A10 and the construction of a new bridge at Stretham Ferry. It will involve diverting the road to the west. A new bridge will be built where the river joins Chear Lode. The Department of the Environment says the present bridge is deteriorating and the bend on the approach restricts visibility and is a hazard to traffic. In the past a number of accidents have occurred at the bridge.

1975 07 23
Cambridge city council has accepted an invitation from the County Council to build an £8,500 bus-rail interchange improvement outside Cambridge railway station. The scheme includes bus waiting bays and shelters.

Linton zoo, p6

1975 07 24
First bus lane, p13

1975 07 25
A protective walkway, quantities of scaffolding and expanses of wire netting surround the Tudor buildings that huddle around the corner of Bridge Street & Round Church Street, Cambridge. Behind the façade a vast mechanical screw digs into what was once Jordan's Yard, overlooked by the empty shell and sagging roofs of the rear of the buildings. Eleven years after it was suggested that something ought to be done to rehabilitate the delaying 16th-century houses, work is finally underway to preserve them as the front of a new office and shopping development

Chauffeurpunt, p17

1975 07 26
Cambridge Reading project, p6

1975 07 28
Folk Festival, p5
Jocket lads strike, p10

1975 07 29
General Gowon deposed, p1
Birdbrook fire, p8

1975 07 31
Church Army hostel, p6

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1975 08 01
It was a wet welcome that Cambridge was offering any tourist foolhardy enough to punt past Sheep's Green bathing place, Newnham. Young swimmers aged about 15 kept up a barrage of dive-bombing from springboards at the bathing place and from the footbridge nearby. A custodian said: "It's a hazard that people who come punting have to put up with. There's no way I can keep an eye on the whole lot: on a busy day there's probably 3,000 people here. Only a few every complain, I think most people enjoy being splashed"

1975 08 01
At Ferry Boat inn at Holywell we decided on avocado vinaigrette, & prawns and scallops in batter with tartare sauce at 75p and 85p. From a wide choice we chose coq au vin, the cheapest meat course at £1.95 and a steak au poivre at £2.30. Vegetables cost an extra 25p a portion and we shared the sauté potatoes, garden peas and mushrooms. A bottle of Gevrey Chambertin we thought was a little pricey at £3.04. The sweet trolley bore a choice of deserts, all priced at 50p. We ended with coffee and a brandy and cointreau which brought the bill to a total of £11.50

Prince of Wales, p11 & p12

1975 08 02
Some of the most sought after scenery in Cambridge is being devastated as a result of the fight against Dutch elm disease. Tourists visiting the backs of the colleges will find tree felling in full swing. The disease has spread to trees near Trinity's main college buildings and systematic felling began there in March. The college had carried out an intensive programme of tree injection but despite this the disease is spreading & it has decided to fell all the elm trees and replace them with limes.

1975 08 04
Hundreds of people crowded around the entrance to the Senate House to watch Prince Charles arrive in academic cap & gown to collect his MA Degree. They waited patiently for 20 minutes when he

emerged again after the ceremony. But the formal schedule of his procession was broken when Mrs Phyllis Hepburn, a friend from his student days, hailed him from the crowd. The Prince turned and stopped to chat with her. She said he used to come to her home in Millington Road to play in a string quartet.

UFOs, p6

1975 08 05
President Ford flew into USAF Mildenhall for a 40-minute refuelling stop accompanied by the Secretary of State, Dr Henry Kissinger. He was greeted by thousands of servicemen with their families. Massive security was in operation, security men with pistols bulging under smart suits checked photographer's equipment and armed soldiers patrolled the entire base.

Willingham school, p7

1975 08 06
British Rail decided to blow up a redundant pumping station by the railway line near Teversham. But the building was more solid than expected: seven pounds of explosive was not enough. The pumping station, which stood over a 75 foot well, used to supply all the water for the steam engines in the Cambridge area. The site will now be bulldozed and earthed over.

1975 08 06
Cambridge' new £1 million plus central library being built in the Lion Yard, is due to open at the end of September – three months late. The task of transferring more than 100,000 books and reorganising the library's various departments is likely to take up to a fortnight. But Librarian Andrew Armour is hoping to keep the closure of the main library down to three days to minimise inconvenience.

St John the Baptist community, p6

1975 08 08
The Government has accepted the County Council's advice that the best route through Cambridgeshire for a new highway linking the A1 and M1 motorways would be to follow the A604 from Huntingdon. The county says this route would cost only £9m to build, against £15m for the other three alternatives and would prove much less destructive of property. It could be completed in pieces through the construction of village bypasses.

1975 08 08
A hairdresser and amateur inventor of Saffron Walden has been trying to interest the motor industry in his pointed safety car. The reinforced pointed bonnet and boot act as deflectors in a crash and lessen impact. He is using his smallest car, a Fiat 500 for the tests

Knock-out, p10

1975 08 09
Cambridge's top businessmen are swapping their bowlers for crash helmets and joining the motor bike brigade. Mr Andy Lee, who has been in the trade for 16 years said: "It's my best year ever". His customers include doctors, housewives and businessmen. They are just the latest recruits to a fast growing army who are finding that motor cycles can be more fun than four wheels

1975 08 11
Tourists and passers-by took little interest as two men groped their way up the south pinnacle of King's college chapel. They were steeplejacks from a London firm engaged by the college to remove a lavatory seat which has crowned the chapel since it mysteriously appeared on the pinnacle three weeks ago. It all looked easy as one man finally stood at the top waving the offending object high over his head.

Andrew Kendon crops, p5

1975 08 12
Knockout, p3
Robinson first head, p8
A1-M1 link, p9

1975 08 13
It was a disappointed Cambridge team that filed out of Stockport swimming pool last night having come sixth in its international round of "It's a Knockout". After the initial dejection at its defeat, the Cambridge team picked up, swapping t-shirts and track suits with other contestants. Back at their hotel they were met by the city's Mayor, Coun. Bob May. The biggest flop of the contest must have been the number of supporters who went to watch them. Only 16 people went up for the day trip and another 18 made an overnight stop. Angela Maxted said: "It's been worth it. Every minute has been worth it"

1975 08 14
Cambridge colleges are to be approached by the Arts Theatre trust in its bid for survival after running into the red to the tune of £18,000, its biggest ever loss. St John's College has granted a subsidy of £3,000 a year after hearing of the theatre's plight. The financial situation could deteriorate further due to the loss of a £2,500 grant from South Cambs. District Council and the failure to gain support from East Cambs. District Council.

1975 08 14
After 56 years trading the International Stores at St Neots is being closed down. The manager, James Pelley, said: "We have been one of the victims of the St Neots planning blight. We have been completely frustrated by the planners". The International took over in St Neots in 1919 from a private grocer, Paynes.

1975 08 15
First Heidelberg trip, p13 # c.45.7

1975 08 18
Fears are growing that the interchange between the Northern By-pass and Horningsea Road at Fen Ditton will bring serious traffic problems to the area. The Environment Secretary accepts that traffic would increase by 50% but considered the benefits to other roads in Cambridge far outweighed the disadvantages which the village might suffer.

1975 08 18
Milton children cycling or walking to Impington Village College will have to negotiate heavy traffic on the new by-pass for the village before they can reach their school. This follows the decision by the Environment Secretary not to build a special bridge or underpass where the bypass will cross Butt Lane. He feels that with improved visibility there would be less danger than at present. Vice Chairman of the Parish Council said the council had argued strongly in favour of such a crossing & it was a 'sad decision'

1975 08 19
Villagers at Reach have waited a long time for a pint in their own local but now they have the chance at last in The Dyke's End which opened last week. It is seven years since the only other pub, The White Horse, was closed. The 'King of Reach', Mr Len Warren said: "This is utopia for Reach. This is what we have wanted since the last one closed".

Pig farm, p3

1975 08 20
The controversial plan for a multi-million pound nuclear power station at Molesworth has been dropped. The Central Electricity Generating Board say the availability of water in the area would restrict generating capacity. Economic considerations and problems arising from the foundation conditions also helped them reach their conclusion.

1975 08 21
The finance director of the Pye Group, Cambridge's largest employer, is a worried man. Not that the group is going to the wall or even likely to run into the red in the current year – but the fact is that the group's profits are going to be less than 1974. Already this year it has cut out 2,000 of its 21,000 UK jobs and is making expensive efforts to sell goods. The problem is that the recession in Britain and Western Europe shows no signs of ending.

1975 08 22
The Cambridge Sports Hall, opened on July 1st, is already beginning to attract enthusiastic support. Trampolining and weight training have proved particularly popular with families who have also taken advantage of the squash courts. Volley ball and handball have done particularly well through the participation of Language School students.

1975 08 22
Even at 93 years of age farmer George Graves is working as hard as anyone in the Saffron Walden area to gather in the harvest. The family use a 70-year-old reaper to collect in the crop so that the straw can be used for thatching roofs. Next week they will thresh the wheat using a threshing drum bought during the First World War: "We don't need to buy new equipment to do the job properly because the old is just as good", he said.

1975 08 22
Willingham is a happy village. Mr Frank Rule, an owner of Berry Croft stores, attributes this to there being a good mix of long-established residents and go-ahead newcomers who are genuinely interested in what goes on. Next month the new primary school will be opened succeeding one built by the parish about 1856. Its future is undecided. Some residents think it should become a village hall, there is none at present.

1975 08 22
Rampton consists of only 350 people but it is singularly active. The Rector, J.D. Thomas, said "Rampton people are warm in their welcome (he is in his first year there), very friendly and lively, with an enjoyable sense of humour. We have a churchwarden in his eighties, Walter Cundell, who opens the church every morning about 7.30 and closes it every night."

1975 08 26
A visit to the lavatory by a railwayman has been caught up in a web of red tape. Mr Clarence Page who mans the signal box West River Crossing, Lt Thetford, wanted a proper flush lavatory, after getting through three of the chemical type in the last seven years. He got permission and a plumber came down and fitted it at a cost of £25. However when the bill reached British Rail headquarters they were not pleased. The flush lavatory was ripped out and another chemical one put in. He reckons the exercise has cost as much as £200. The Union representative says: "We want a flush lavatory. We want to be classified as human beings"

1975 08 27
With the school term a week or so away parents have been forced to dig deeper than ever to kit out their children in the approved uniform. At the Co-op prices of a girl's school skirt range from £3.15 to £4.25, white blouses cost from £3 and sweaters from £3.50. Boys trousers start at £4.25, shirts from £2.45 and a blazer from £7.75 to £8.30. A tie is 65p and shoes upwards of £5 a pair

1975 08 28

Harston pub, p14

1975 08 29
Isleham cricket, p11

September 1975 CEN

1975 09 01
Stallholders at the Marcade, East Road, Cambridge, were today counting the cost of a blaze which gutted the indoor market on Saturday night, destroying more than £100,000 worth of stock. The fire was first spotted at about 11.45pm and within half an hour the market was a raging inferno as clothes, antiques, records and household goods went up in flames and asphalt and glass sections of the roof began to cave in. The Marcade was opened two and a half years ago and many of the stallholders were just beginning to build up a profitable livelihood.

Isleham cricket, p7

1975 09 02
The rocketing cost of potatoes is having a drastic effect on school meals. In Cambridgeshire more than 66,000 school children can expect fewer potatoes in their weekly meals. Instead the County Council is trying to offset the rising bill by using more bread rolls, rice, spaghetti, suet, Yorkshire puddings and dehydrated potatoes. About 60% of schoolchildren have school meals, with parents paying 15p towards the actual cost of 30p a meal.

Kite redevelopment, p3
Country Centre, pxiii

1975 09 03
Frank & Babs Munns, well-known to numerous city centre newspaper buyers, have retired from their Market Passage newsagents. They have been in the business for 45 years. His family started in Newnham, one of only two wholesalers in Cambridge of Sunday newspapers. They started their first business in Castle Street and moved to Market Passage 14 years ago. Over the years there has been a big increase in the number of continental magazines people want to buy. Italians from as far afield as Bedford come to their shop for periodicals in their own language

1975 09 03
Britain's most popular barmaid stooped the traffic in Mildenhall High Street when she opened a new grocery shop. Hundreds of housewives spilled out into the road while waiting to catch a glimpse of Bet Lynch, the buxom blonde from behind the bar of the Rovers Return in 'Coronation Street'. Bet – Miss Julie Goodyear – spent almost two hours signing over 1,000 autographs in the new Spar supermarket shop before retiring to a back room to crack a giant bottle of champagne with the management.

1975 09 04
Police and firemen were today probing a mystery blaze at Longsands School, St Neots. Flames swept through the mathematics block only hours after the first day of the new term had ended. Seven classrooms were destroyed with thousands of pounds worth of books & equipment. Longsands is one of the largest comprehensive schools in the country with 2,000 pupils. The headmaster said: "For a small school the fire would be pretty disastrous but for a school of this size with 100 teaching spaces the damaged classrooms are a small percentage. It's inconvenient rather than difficult and the pupils' education will not be affected".

Huntington & Godmanchester, p7

1975 09 05

Linseed, p12

1975 09 06
Farms go metric, p5
Retiring milkman, p6

19765 09 08
Isleham Fenwomen, p11

1975 09 09
The unveiling of a sculptured horse mural in Newmarket's new £1.1 million Rookery shopping precinct developed into a comedy of errors. What opened with a rousing drum roll and the arrival of the band of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, ended with a barely audible whisper when the public address system failed. Happily councillor John Barker happened to have a loud hailer in is car. The developers' competition to find the best explanation for the clock bearing the figures 13 instead of 12 lost its point when workmen painted the extra Roman numeral I out. It had to be replaced with the help of black sticky tape.

Labour priorities, p1
Isleham angry, p7

1975 09 10
St Ives market, p8

1975 09 11
What is claimed to be one of the largest haystacks seen in recent years in East Anglia is dominating a field at Offord Darcy. The stack over 100 yards long and 20 feet tall has been assembled by farmer Frank Eayrs and is evidence of the increased value to farmers of the formerly useless fibres. The stack is designated for conversion into animal fodder at the new straw processing plant at Tilbrook near Kimbolton. Up to this year it might have been burnt as unwanted corn refuse.

1975 09 11
Princess Anne is to put the royal seal of approval on one of Cambridge's most controversial schemes. She has agreed to open the multi-million pound Lion Yard redevelopment complex in December. More than four years have been spent in its construction. Expert critics are unhappy about the scale of the enterprise and its relationship to the previously intimate and recently pedestrianised shopping precinct in Petty Cury. There has also been adverse comment on the nature of the shopping development which, because of the high rents, has made it a virtually unattainable Shangri-La for local businesses.

Police recruitment, p11

1975 09 13
The Cambridge Talking News, a talking newspaper for the blind, elderly and infirm, took over a prototype high-speed cassette copier. The machine can make two copies of a cassette in minutes. The copies are then sent out to blind people all over the area. The administrator at the Blantyre Home for the Blind, Mrs T.M.C. Matthews, said the machine had been fitted with a bleep so that blind people could use it easily.

1975 09 15
Cambridge's 13th scout group officially opened its new headquarters in Romsey Town. In little more than a year they managed to raise the £6,000 needed and get the building constructed on the site of two old scout huts. Some 200 people watched Dr Winifred Nott, the sister of the original Nott brothers who helped establish the group before the First World War, cut the tape and unveil a plaque to mark the official opening.

1975 09 16
Social workers too soft, p5

1975 09 17
There is no reason why Cambridge's first mini roundabout should not become a permanent feature. The roundabout at the junction of Queen's Road with Northampton Street came into operation yesterday morning. It is hoped this will overcome the long tailback which has occurred in Queen's Road since the introduction of the city centre traffic scheme.

1975 09 17
Over 25 years of argument, several million pounds of ratepayers' money and three years of toil what will we get? The Lion Yard development. On the first floor is a modest entrance to a building that Cambridge has desperately needed for many years … the new library. It has three floors. The top will be used for housing the Cambridgeshire Collection. On the first floor is a children's' room where young readers can comfortably browse through their selection. The building bears about as much comparison with the old Wheeler Street library as Buckingham Palace does with the Black Hole of Calcutta

Trumpington housing, p11

1975 09 18
A life sized mythological figure in bronze, the work of British sculptor Mr Michael Ayrton will be erected on the Lion Yard site. The semi-abstract sculpture represents Tarlos, the legendary man of bronze who was given to Mynos, ruler of Crete to defend the island. The leader of the city council, Peter Wright said: "No doubt some will like it and some will not"

Pedal power, p4

1975 09 19
Dossers shelter, p13
Police inexpensive, p15

1975 09 20
The failure of many back garden vegetable plots this summer is believed to be the reason for the increasing number of thefts of produce from farms. The thieves are stealing not only produce which has been harvested. Some of them are going into the fields at night to pick it for themselves. Recent reports include potatoes dug up and stolen overnight and several rows of runner beans stripped bare. Far more people have been trying to cut their housekeeping bills by planting vegetables in their gardens, and many have brought deep freezers hoping to fill them with their own produce. But this year's long drought has resulted in many back garden crops failing completely.

1975 09 23
A coffin-stool – one of the stools on which coffins used to be rested during a funeral service has disappeared from Stapleford church. "They are much sought after as furnishings for people's houses these days", said the vicar, the Rev C.A. Barber. "We haven't any proof that it has been stolen – it might just have been borrowed", he said

Bar Hill criticism, p8

1975 09 24
Cambridge garage chiefs are divided on the petrol retailers' call for the Government to peg the price of a gallon. Some say it is essential to stop the "mad price war" – others say it simply wouldn't work. One of the smaller garages that has suffered badly since the price war started is the Short Street Service Station where sales had recently dropped by 35%. A random check on the price of a 4-star

petrol per gallon in Cambridge garages showed Sainsburys 63p., Holland Motors 68p, Short Street Service Station & Ted Salisbury 73p

Rams exported, p5

1975 09 25
Nine heifers escaped from Midsummer Common, Cambridge, this morning and used the Four Lamps Roundabout as a refuge from rush-hour traffic. Police kept an eye on them until the city pindar, Mr Harry Merton, arrived to open a gate to the common. Motorists were then treated to the sight of several men in blue and a passing school crossing keeper waving their arms and moving the cattle, cowboy style. The cows' owner thought they had squeezed through the common's bicycle barriers

1975 09 26
The fire risk wards at Chesterton Hospital have been drawn directly to the attention of the Health Minister, Dr David Owen, by the city MP, Mr David Lane. He expressed concern over the Hospital's Harston and Hardwick wards where 36 elderly patients are housed in cramped conditions. Both wards are 130 years old and were condemned more than two years ago as fire risks, but because of lack of cash nothing has been done to replace them

1975 09 26
The secretary of the Newmarket Stablelads' TGWU branch, Mr Harry Foley, retires after a lifetime in the racing industry. In a few days' time he will be 82 – but the little man who has been a familiar figure in Newmarket for 50 years is still full of fighting spirit. In defiance of his age, he fought alongside the pickets in the three-month-long stablelads strike.

1975 09 26
Standards of service in Cambridge Libraries have fallen since their administration was taken over by the County Council last year, City Councillors claimed. They were reminded of the decision to allow the city's ancient records to be housed in the County Archivist's' Department at Shire Hall. Counc Warren said: "It would have been even more convenient for the records to have been placed in the new library in the Lion Yard as we had intended in the first place".

1975 09 27
Library service poorer, p6
Doctors lop Brinkley patients, p7

1975 09 29
Number 10 Downing Street, Cambridge, the new Norwich Union Building has been 'topped out'. It replaces the former building on the corner of St Andrew's Street. There were some protests about the loss of the old buildings but planning permission was eventually given after the Royal Fine Art Commission approved the designs.

Trees topple, p8
Cycyleways scheme, p7

1975 09 30
Royston cave, p9

October 1975 CEN

1975 10 01
Cambridge is desperately short of rented accommodation and within 48 hours, as students join those already searching in vain for somewhere to live, the situation is likely to deteriorate. Already landlords advertising property to let are embarrassed and often upset by the number of applicants who plead for a room. One landlord ran an advertisement in this newspaper and in three days received

around 100 applications for the flat. A Sutton man advertised one to let at £65 a month and in three days received 60 replies.

Madingley Hall extensions, p5

1975 10 02
The builders of Huntingdon bypass are helping experts to unravel the mystery of a centuries-old massacre in the town. Part of the site of a Norman castle at Castle Hill is to be dug out. The Archaeological Field Officer, Miss Alison Taylor, began work on the site and almost immediately uncovered human remains. 'It is all very mysterious. The remains are placed very haphazardly, which seems to suggest some sort of massacre occurred hundreds of years ago", she said

1975 10 02
Hop on a bus in Doncaster and it will cost 4p to travel 3½ miles. In Cambridge a similar journey is priced at a staggering 17p. And if Eastern Counties get their way when they go before the Traffic Commissioners the cost will be 19p. Fares for a one-mile journey have risen from 6p in 1974 to 9p today.

Gydir Street baths, p4
Tuck twins athletes, p21
Granta extension, p20

1975 10 03
The Conservatives held the Trumpington Division seat in yesterday's County Council by-election. Now the victor, Mrs Jane Brookes, a Cambridge housewife, says that she is "ready for anything" the council has to offer her. She added: "I am interested in people and that is what counts"

1975 10 03
Four people who helped police to end the Cambridge Rapist's reign of terror and the detective who made the arrest share the £1,500 reward offered by the CEN and two businessmen. They each played a significant part in the arrest which led to the conviction of the rapist who jailed for life at Norwich Crown Court for the Cambridge rapes and other attacks on girls.

1975 10 03
The Alley Boutique is now open in new and spacious premises in the Lion Yard arcade. Mr Ian Burns said: "Customers are flocking in, but we have plenty of room for expansion and we hope to introduce a mezzanine floor. We were the first boutique in Cambridge, opening in Falcon Yard ten years ago. We get customers of 12 and up to 60 years of age, but most are young". The Boutique sells almost any clothing from a jumper to a fur coat.

1975 10 04
Rape recovery, p1

1975 10 7
Chesterton church clock, p1

1975 10 08
The wretched quality of this year's potato harvest was graphically demonstrated at Rampton parish church. The harvest festival vegetable display did not include a single spud – just one pack of Instant Mash. I hope the Almighty takes the hint – Christopher South

Lottery plan, p1
Magdalene Bridge, p9

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Helping teenagers find work, p9

1975 10 10
Complaints have been made about the growing number of large container type vehicles using Waterbeach and Horningsea as a means of bypassing congested Cambridge streets. But the county surveyor pointed out that the building of the Northern By-pass would do away with the problems now being caused in the narrow winding village streets.

Balsham Black Bull, p23

1975 10 11
Denver Sluice, one of the great monuments of fenland engineering and a vital control point in the flood threats of the past, could soon be something of a white elephant. Its fate hinges on an investigation being carried out into the level of silt build-up in the Great Ouse River basin which the sluice may have limited power to control. The river systems increasing use for fresh water supplies through Grafham Water, the Ely-Essex water transfer project and proposals to regulate groundwater levels in the chalkland had reduced river flows and opened the possibility of silt coming in from the Wash.

1975 10 14
When the new Cambridge Central Library opens in Lion Yard it will have some of the most up-to-date individual listening booths in the country in its gramophone record section. But the booths will remain unused for the time being – because the economy conscious County Council cannot afford the £2,000 needed to equip them with cassette tapes. The booths would have enabled music lovers to listen individually to various recordings of music so they could decide which ones to choose. They would keep down noise levels and prevent disturbance to other library uses.

1975 10 14
The final chapter in the history of the long-established Ely boat-building firm, Appleyard Lincoln, was played out when more than 1,700 items were put up for auction. They went into liquidation earlier this year after being hard hit by VAT and lack of orders. Among the lots on sale were three motor cruisers still under construction

Library listening booths, p4

1975 10 16
Never had the cherubs on top of the marble columns looked down on a scene of such noise and commotion. For years they have held sway over an atmosphere of dignified hush in the library in Wheeler Street, Cambridge. But all that changed when removal men dismantled bookcases and piled thousands of books into crates ready to go to the ultra-modern library in Lion Yard. As men stripped away its contents the room with its faded splendour and peeling yellow paint looked remarkably small. It was never easy to reach the top or bottom shelves of the tall bookcases. Anyone bold enough to crouch down and survey the low shelf inevitably collided with some other borrower standing behind.

Elms hit, 200 perish, p4
Isle vineyard, p7

1975 10 17
Cambridge desperately needs cheap accommodation for dossers, a Cambridge police commander claimed. This was preferable to the free accommodation once provided by Cambridge Night Shelter whose facilities, he felt, only served to aggravate the city's vagrancy problem that had grown in the past five years. "I have to ask whether life has not been made too easy for alcoholic dossers in Cambridge. Aren't we in fact encouraging them to become what they are by giving money and a place to stay when they need it?" he asked.

1975 10 28
Union honours Macmillan
Kingston street name, p7

1975 10 20
A hunt begins to find former women dentists living in the area. If they can be persuaded to come back into the profession they may save dental services form imminent collapse. Health chiefs fear that unless the women are found quickly, an already serious shortage of dentists could become critical

Jumbo containers, p3
Jack Warren MA, p9

1975 10 22
Hare coursing, which has about 300 followers in Mid-Anglia, seems almost certain to face extinction. A survey carried out by the League Against Cruel Sports indicates that public opinion is overwhelmingly against it. There are six clubs operating in the region but the pursuit is not particularly a pre-occupation of farmers and the majority of the followers come from outside the agricultural industry

Tarlos and Coleridge School band, p5

1975 10 23
South Cambs District Council could save at least £1,500 a year on fuel if it agrees to convert all its mini vans to run on gas instead of petrol. If they decide to go ahead it will be following the example of the County Council. Comparative costs per mile were 1.36p for petrol and 0.97p for gas. The cost of conversion for the 22 vans is about £5,350

Corn Exchange, p7
School dinners, p11

1975 10 24
Willingham mothers have dismissed as "rubbish" suggestions that they cause traffic jams by gossiping outside the village primary school. A Parish Councillor claimed they turned up at the school half-an-hour before the children were let out to have "a chinwag". One mother said traffic did get very bad at Thodays Close, but "it is because there are a lot of cars". Headteacher Mr Roy Goodwin said: "there is a lot of traffic for ten minutes, but within ten minutes the whole area is clear"

School of Pythagoras, p15
Henneky's, p27

1975 10 28
Fire swept through the dry reed thatch of Madingley's Three Horseshoes public house. As firemen ripped wire mesh out of thatch on the building's roof & smoke billowed across the main street, 20 people were kept busy moving tables, stocks of wine, ornaments, pictures, carpeting and personal belongings. By lunchtime the whole of the roof had been affected, most of it exposing the wooden rafters below.

Abbey sports closes, p1
Tony Wicken, p7

1975 10 29
When I told friends I was going to sleep in the Victorian cells at Huntingdon police station they decided I was mad. After an hour lying on a rock-hard mattress with a wood block as my only pillow I began to think they were right. There is no provision for women. "We just say this is the woman's cell

because it is a bit cleaner, doesn't smell so much and is nearer the loo", the sergeant said. Then he led me across the courtyard and into the air-conditioned warmth of the new police station. Seven cells have been provided for men and six for women. Every one has its own built-in toilet, central heating and air conditioning. Some senior detectives feel that the new cells are a trifle too comfy. Within the next ten days the old dungeons are to be destroyed to make way for a car park

Permanent mini roundabout, p4

1975 10 30
Royston industry, p10

1975 10 31
Motorists will be allowed to park on Midsummer Common, Cambridge, during the two Saturdays and three days immediately before Christmas – at a cost of 40p a time. The aim is to provide hundreds more parking spaces to supplement the permanent car parks which always become full during the Christmas shopping rush period. But the Labour leader, Coun Peter Wright said the Chamber of Commerce, whose shopkeeper members would benefit from the Christmas shopping spree, had never offered to pay for making good the damaged grass

Narkway house, p22

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1975 11 01
Cambridge's £60,000 Hester Adrian Centre was described as an "outstanding achievement" by the Minster for the Disabled, Mr Alf Morris at its official opening. The Centre provides work facilities for both mentally and physically handicapped people. He paid tribute to the co-operation between Cambridge St Raphael Club, the Cambridgeshire Mental Welfare Association and the County Social Services Department. "It is a matter of deep concern to the Government that in the field of the handicapped, there is so much that still needs to be done to bring facilities up to the standard we accept as necessary", he said.

1975 11 03
A £50,000 re-investment programme that has begun at the Cadbury Schweppes factory at Histon will make it the biggest jam factory in Europe, increasing capacity for jam production by 40%. When the programme is complete the front part of the Histon factory site will be almost entirely devoted to the production of jellies and the back part to production of Chivers, Hartleys, Moorhouse and Rose's jams and marmalades. A total of 1,300 work at the factory, 1,000 of them full-time

1975 11 04
Cambridge City Council has set itself a house-building target of 400 a year. Completions for 1976 are expected to number 250 but the new target should be met for the next five or six years. Councillor Don Mackay said he was worried that building such numbers might lead to "little houses being dotted all over" – as they were at Haverhill. Coun Liz Gard was concerned about the shortage of sheltered accommodation for elderly people in some parts of the city.

Junior doctors strike, p1

1975 11 05
An early harvest and wide publicity has saved the day for the Landbeach Society's bid to re-thatch a 16th-century tithe barn in the village. Work has just started on the £4,000 project. If good straw and a team of thatchers had not turned up in time, a £1,500 Architectural Historical Heritage Year grant would have been withdrawn. But at the last moment Huntingdon thatcher Mr John Dodson turned up and offered to do the job and straw of the right quality became available in Lincolnshire.

1975 11 06
Bourn, p12

1975 11 07
There are three restaurants in Cambridgeshire that are worth a star – according to Mr Egon Ronay in his latest guide, just published. The Old Fire Engine House at Ely, the Pheasant Inn at Keyston and Swavesey's Hotel de la Poste are amongst the best eating places in England. At Swavesey patrons are assured of an "extensive, interesting and impeccably French menu and swift bustling service". The Pheasant produces intriguing sea-food dishes & at the Old Fire Engine local women who have had no real professional training cook to a consistently high standard

1975 11 07
A £½ -million win on the Pools has helped two brothers on the way to success, so the bar of their new restaurant at Histon will be decorated with photographs of big pools winners to remind them of their good fortune. The old Green Hill pub, which has been the least attractive feature of the area, has now been transformed into a tastefully decorated establishment which will cater for lovers of good food and drink. It has a number of whiskeys – sold at low prices, and motorists will appreciate the large car park at the rear

1975 11 10
Cambridgeshire County Council will tell Government ministers that it is not prepared to make Cambridge area ratepayers foot the bill for the development of Peterborough new town. They will ask the Government to pay the Peterborough bill itself – or the Council will refuse to provide its services in the rapidly-growing area. For months the hard-up County Council has been making threatening noises about the increasing drain in the ratepayers cash caused by providing services in Peterborough

1975 11 10
Clashes between football fans and Cambridge police lasted more than three hours on Saturday; 13 fans were arrested, nine of them were Northampton supporters. The first clash came about 2pm when the glazed door of the Dog and Pheasant public house on Newmarket Road was smashed as rival fans met on the way to the match. As police broke up the confrontation, United fans collected £2.50 to help pay for the damage to the pub door.

1975 11 11
A storm blew up today over a plan published by City council engineers to build a road across the famous Grantchester Meadows beauty spot. The plan was condemned by one of the city's leading environmentalists, Coun Colin Rosensteil as "idiotic". And he warned: "It will never be built because there will be such a gigantic public outcry"

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Whittlesford mill, p1

1975 11 13
The Duke of Edinburgh opened the new Patscentre at Melbourn which has built by PA Management Consultants Ltd. Amongst the things he saw were solar panels which were being used to heat water, and a bicycle powered by a special high-energy electric motor – both developments by a company of which the racing driver, Graham Hill, is a director.

1975 11 13
The turkey, once a rare delicacy for the ordinary dining table, now reigns supreme on the country's Christmas menu. This season there are forecasts that turkeys will cost 40% more than last year with the top weights selling at about 50p a lb. One of the men rearing turkeys locally is Mr David Rayner, who farms 1200 acres at Burgh Hall, Swaffham Bulbeck. He has been producing turkeys for 15 years on an otherwise arable enterprise and now averages 10,000 birds a year

1975 11 14
Part of a horse's skeleton, pottery from Saxon and Roman England and an old black dog (very much alive) have so far come to light in the dig being carried out behind the Queen's head public house in Huntingdon High Street. Archaeologists believe the dog must have wandered through the fence cordoning off the dig during the night and stumbled into their trench. Unhurt, but cold and hungry, he was rescued next morning

Cattle Market sale, p14

1975 11 15
Male chauvinist drivers in Cambridgeshire beware – for the police driver who pulls you in could well turn out to be a woman. Cambridgeshire Traffic Division has just successfully trained its first three female drivers. WPCs Jill Melville, Susan Ashwell and Penny Bailey have sailed through the very stringent advanced police test and will be working with senior traffic patrols. They are the first in the country to become traffic drivers in a totally integrated force. They can handle £5,000-worth of police Range Rover as professionally as any man.

1975 11 17
Saffron Walden sewage, p8

1975 11 18
An elm tree at Gt Shelford was felled because a black cat named Jemima was trapped at the top and neither the RSPCA, the police, nor the fire brigade could think of any other way to rescue her. The tree – which was diseased anyway – was cut down and Jemima leapt to safety as it fell and made straight for the house where she was reunited with her very relieved owners.

1975 11 20
It looks like plain sailing from now on for one of Cambridge's best known sights, the Viscountess Bury pleasure boat. It was confirmed that a new site for her mooring near the gas works had been approved by Cambridge city council. It means the 87-year-old boat will still be plying the Cam next season. Earlier it looked like it may have had to leave Cambridge as Banham Marine, the firm who own the boat, have to move to a new site at Upware

1975 11 20
The number of women seeking Cambridge University places has remained virtually unchanged despite the opening of three previously all-male colleges to girl applicants. At present, with three women's and three mixed colleges about 500 women a year are being admitted. By 1978 four more colleges will have become mixed, bringing the expected number to 650 women. Miss Sheila Edmonds, Vice-Principal of Newnham College said while some well-qualified candidates still do not secure a Cambridge place, this would not be true if the total admission were 650, instead of 500.

1975 11 20
An underground tunnel 296 feet long, discovered at Wandlebury estate on the Gog Magog hills is likely to become Britain's only specially adapted bat sanctuary. A planning application has been made for a small brick tower which will provide access both for men and the bats. The 18th-century tunnel is believed to be part of an early drainage system which ran from the large mansion which once stood inside the famous Wandlebury ring. It was discovered by the present warden, Mr W.A. Clark when searching for a later drain.

1975 11 20
The first cannabis resin distillery to be found in Cambridge was discovered when drugs squad detectives raided a house on the north side of the city. After a tip-off police surrounded a private house in a residential area. Inside they found various pieces of equipment along with drugs substances. They took away tubing and bottles which forensic scientists are examining. They believe distilled resin has been used to impregnate non-drug vegetable matter and foodstuffs for consumption

by drug users. Police regard their find as important in a city where soft drug abuse is fairly widespread.

CSU procession, p1

1975 11 21
Work started this week to preserve the surviving timbers of Fulbourn windmill. It will be the start of a four-year plan of restoration aimed at reviving the 167-year-old mill to its former looks. But sadly the ancient structure will never grind wheat again as the estimate for complete restoration back to a working mill is nearly £30,000. However an enthusiastic band of volunteers hope to set up a windmill society to financially support the restoration. It is at present owned by Dr Leslie Woollaston who has offered it to the trust and is 'delighted' to see the work being carried out.

1975 11 22
Stop of the stops, p6
Arts Roof Garden closed, p7 # c.27.4

1975 11 25
A 1,000-signature protest petition is being sent to the Charity Commissioners by residents who are campaigning against the sale of the old primary school at Willingham - disused since pupils moved into a new primary school in September. Willingham Social Club wants to turn the school into a social centre because its present base – a small wooden hut on the opposite side of the road - is in poor condition, but the trustees claim that under existing trust rules they have no option but to sell

Charter exhibition, p5
Boathouse developments, p9
St Paul's School playground, p11

1975 11 26
One man and his hot-dog stand are at the centre of a furious row which threatens to erupt into court. Since early this year the hot-dog stall now opens all day on Mondays and Saturdays on the pavement outside Bradwell's Court, Cambridge. Local cafes claim it unfairly undercuts them. The manager of the Wimpy Bar said he was losing seven per cent of his takings. The owner of the Stroll-in said he was thinking of having a minimum charge. People were coming in with a hamburger and just buying a cup of tea or coffee.

1975 11 26
The trustees of the Hunts Almshouses at Thaxted were presented with a Civic Trust European Architectural Heritage Year award for restoration work on the buildings. Before the improvements were made there was no inside water supply and only two outside toilets for the nine dwellings and the local authority refused to allow the houses to be reoccupied when old people left or died because of their poor condition. Now the buildings can house only three elderly couples instead of the previous nine.

School places reprive, p5
Road link scrapped, p7

1975 11 27
Petty Cury building, p5

1975 11 28
Cambridge City Council has brought the Rumble-Tum Restaurant at Burleigh Street and two private houses at Fitzroy Street. All are in the centre of the area, known as the Kite, which the council proposes to redevelop comprehensively in the near future. The individual purchase prices are not

being disclosed. The Burleigh Street and Fitzroy Street properties will show an estimate future profit for the council of £1.137 a year from rents.

Swimming instructor, p13
Campkins supplement, p9

1975 11 29
Few towns can boast a singing garage man with a genuine 'silver' tenor voice, but Newmarket has one in the burly shape of pump attendant, 64-year-old Mr Percy Bursford. Favoured petrol purchasers at the Rutland Hill Motor garage have the pain of forking out for fuel eased by his liquid tones. There is nothing he enjoys more than letting rip with a full-throated burst of light opera over the cash till. He has been singing since he joined St Mary's Church choir and became a boy soloist at Ely Cathedral and he once got as far as an audition at Covent Garden.

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1975 12 01
Jet-ski Santa, p3
Ski slopes, p5
Boy-Bishop, p8

1975 12 02
The Lion Yard lion is up, carrying in his proud frame many years of history as he looks down on the centre of the Cambridge new development's shopping centre. The city's acquisition of such an appropriate symbol is a combination of luck and circumstance. The lion is believed to be the original wood carving for a cast lion which stood over the old Red Lion brewery at Waterloo station. It was discovered at the Woburn Abbey antique centre four years ago. Since then it has been completely refurbished at the city engineer's workshops at Mill Road. Now it has been put up in its final home-the Lion Yard

First Jobcentre, p11

1975 12 03
Pimbo book, p9
Lion Yard opening supplement

1975 12 04
Princess Anne, making her first official visit to Cambridge, insisted on an impromptu chat with some of the thousands of sight-seers who thronged the city centre Lion Yard shopping centre. An estimated 10,000 people packed the Market Square and stood eight deep each side of Petty Cury as she walked into the new shopping centre. She stopped to talk to the delighted shop girls who were crowding their doorways and also to the eager shoppers who pressed forward to get a closer look at her. She explained: "I am not a complete stranger here because I have been shown around the university and city unofficially by two previous students who are both fans of the old city"

1975 12 04
Large crowds turned out to see Princess Anne wherever she went in Cambridge during her visit yesterday. Inevitably the criticisms that have been voiced about the architecture of the Lion Yard were referred to during the formal speeches. The city council's Labour leader, Coun Peter Wright, spoke of the 'dissension' which still existed over the complex. And Princess Anne, who declared herself a "VI – that means very independent" observer of the architectural scene, said she would report back on the project to two "former students" at Cambridge University when she returned to London.

1975 12 04

The seasonal popularity of mince pies is reflected in current promotions and special offers. A box of six Mr Kipling's mince pies costs 24p instead of the usual 31p. At Fine Fare six mince pies are costing 22p. At Tesco, Robertson's mincemeat is 43p for a 29-ounce jar, saving 3p.

Regent Street rebuilding, p8
Pig trough city, p18

1975 12 05
Arkesden Axe & Compasses, p25
Save Lodes, p26

1975 12 08
The official opening of the Cambridge Jobcentre was carried out by the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, Miss Rosemary Murray. She said a site in the centre was desirable for any supermarket – and jobcentres had been called job supermarkets. They are a new thing to get away from the old dole queue and form-filling image of job seeking. 30 staff have been transferred to the new Jobcentre from the employment offices in Brooklands Avenue. Currently the city has 1,650 out of work and 370 jobs on offer

1975 12 09
Grantchester Meadows road, p5
La Garconne, p12

1975 12 11
Families in East Anglia now have to earn 31 per cent more than they did a year ago to keep pace with inflation. This is .5 per cent above the national average. The Regional Survey reports that an East Anglian family buying a three-bedroomed 'semi' on 70 per cent mortgage & running a 1100 cc car, now needs £4,511 a year to maintain its lifestyle. The current asking price for a three-bedroomed 'semi' in East Anglia is £9,700 (£1,100 less than the national price). Council rent for a similar house is £5.02 a week

1975 12 11
A state of emergency has been declared for hundreds of old people living in Cambridge. The County social services leader, Coun. Mrs Janet Jones, claims that they are in serious danger of grave illness, injury or even death because they cannot afford to use the electric heating provided in many city council old people's flats. Because of this they are either shivering in the old or buying oil heaters which they could easily overturn

Meldreth & Fordham conservation, p13

1975 12 12
Elderly Pampisford villagers have been spare a long trek to collect their pensions because a temporary post office now operates in the village hall. Their own post office closed when the postmistress, Mrs Brenda Beere, resigned because of her husband's ill health. On Tuesday afternoon Mr Philip Burns, who normally works at Sawston post office, sat at a wooden table, surrounded by Christmas decorations, and doled out pensions and mothers' allowances. He said he was not used to working in such colourful surroundings. "There is a play group here in the morning and they have decorated the place", he said.

Cash from tourists, p7
Ashwell church, p19
Lion Yard cartoon, p23

1975 12 13

Commuters may grumble non-stop about trains being late, but few could work up enough steam to sustain a systematic six-month daily time check on arrival times. But Saffron Walden commuter, Mr Roy Mager, has been checking the 7.30 daily run from Audley End to Liverpool Street and claims that 92 per cent of the time the train arrived in London late – overdue on average by 6½ minutes. But, to be fair, twice it was a minute early.

1975 12 16
Snowy as Father Christmas, p11

1975 12 17
The controversial proposals for building a major road across the Grantchester Meadows beauty spot just outside Cambridge have been abandoned for the time being by the city council following the surprise discovery of a legal document signed 43 years ago. The document, signed by the Borough Council, King's College and the Cambridge preservation Society, effectively bans the building of roads across the meadows by local councils anywhere between the city boundary and the south of Grantchester village. Legal experts are to examine the document to see if it is still valid. The document came to light after King's College authorities drew the council's attention to it. None of the council's legal department remembered it.

1975 12 18
Cambridge will be completed ringed with major by-passes by the 1980s under a plan being worked on by government road engineers. They are planning major improvements to the A11 between the junction of the Northern and Western by-passes at Six Mile Bottom and Stump Cross. The A11 is a narrow single carriageway and very heavily used at present, but the Government have been working away quietly and will soon be producing a scheme for making it into a dual carriageway and building a series of village by-passes, to become an eastern by-pass for Cambridge.

1975 12 19
A plea was made for British Rail to open a station at Cherry Hinton. The existing traffic problems would get even worse when more than 4,000 extra people went to the village with the new council development. Passenger trains could easily stop there. The idea had already been suggested informally by British Rail and was under consideration. Coun Taylor said a mother with children could pay £1 just to get to Cambridge and back by bus. Coun Rowley thought his was evidence of how the bus service had failed.

Kingston road name, p16
Pike & Eel transformed, p25

1975 12 20
Veteran village milkman Douglas Childerley remembers winters so cold that roads were too icy to walk upon. And he suspected that the winter of 1975/6 was going to be a harsh one, which is why Douglas, who's been delivering milk in Coton, Hardwick and Madingley for 50 years, decided the time has come to retire. He was born in the Plough public house, Coton, where his father doubled as publican and village milkman before him. As a boy he helped his father carry milk on a yoke with a can at each end. Later he had a bicycle with two three-gallon cans on the front and two more on the handlebars.

1975 12 20
Rampton football club must have one of the most unusual changing rooms in the country … a double-decker bus. It originally plied a Yorkshire route but was bought by Mr Ted Young, who operates a transport service from Rampton, and who has loaned the vehicle to the footballers while a proper pavilion is being built. 'The home team change upstairs, and the visitors downstairs' explained the club secretary, Mrs Margaret Smith.

1975 12 22

Charges should be made for treatment in hospitals, doctors should be freed from committee work and top-heavy administration should be pruned to bare essentials if the National Health Service is to be cured of its present malaise, the Cambridge surgeon, Prof. Roy Calne, says in a long letter to 'The Daily Telegraph'. He says the service is afflicted by what little money there is being spent on the organisation and administration of care and not on the improvement of conditions in the hospitals. Doctors and nurses are being taken away from patients to sit on committees and become involved in administration. Token payments from patients towards food and medicines whilst they were in hospital would help ease cash problems in the service.

1975 12 23
Daisy's Christmas, p6

1975 12 24
Wrecked Spitfire, Lode, p18

1975 12 27
Councillors are concerned about the future of the Coral industrial estate off Coldham's Lane, Cambridge, where moves are being made to turn some of the storage warehouses into cash-and-carry centres. They fear this could result in a lot of extra traffic. It is built on derelict land which was once the city's household refuse tip & has been growing rapidly over the past few years. They will consider an application from the Kingsbury Warehouses chain to change the use of a warehouse to retailing and warehousing. For years planners have been worried about the lack of definition for planning purposes of the word 'warehouse'. Various authorities interpret the meaning differently and this had led to confusion.

1975 12 29
Cambridge's ADC Theatre has managed to keep solvent in face of 'overwhelming' expense only by doing without a stage manager for a time. Three years' ago Cambridge University intervened after a warning from the Trustees that without substantial financial assistance the theatre would have to close. While audiences have increased by 50 per cent and more use is now being made of the theatre by student societies, cash is still a problem. However they are confident it will continue to provide the facilities needed for the practice of amateur drama in Cambridge.

1975 12 29
Mr Cyril Asplin of Needingworth does not have fairies at the bottom of his garden – he has a concert hall. It all started with what he calls a 'half-hearted' construction built primarily as a store for his two musical instruments – Hammond and Lowry organs. From then it just grew and now it can comfortably seat 250 elderly or disabled people. When they cannot come to him, Cyril goes to them. He began touring seriously six years ago and has given 1,400 recitals for charity.

1975 12 31
Living on a modern house on a St Ives estate just did not have enough character for Mr Peter Cracknell and his wife. So they have taken on the mammoth challenge of bring back to life a railway station at Bluntisham. Accommodation is not exactly tailor-made for a family at the moment. There is a booking hall, waiting room, a kitchen in a shed, a ticket office, three bedrooms, a yard and outbuildings. 'There aren't many houses with a platform at the bottom of the garden with a railway line as well. Most of our friends think we are crazy', he said.

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1976 01 02
County council cash crisis, p9

1976 01 03
Hurricane force winds gave Mid-Anglia its worst night of storm damage for years. Wandlebury beauty spot was closed for the first time in memory after gale-force winds ripped up magnificent giant beech trees by their roots during the night, causing three fires as they crashed down on high-voltage power cables. The warden, Mr Bill Clark said: "It looks as though we shall have large gaps – maybe for years – and this will make the park even more vulnerable if we have more gales."

1976 01 03
A huge clearing up operation was organised by emergency services as the hurricane winds died down. The trail of wreckage included tiles ripped off hundreds of homes, fences blown down, flattened greenhouses and television masts torn off chimneys. At Milton an ancient elm tree which only months ago was declared safe by tree experts was partly blown down. At Histon the side of a house was blown out on a new estate and some villages between Harston and Bassingbourn were still blacked out today after the hurricane blew down power cables.

1976 01 03
Almost all the stock of top class boats being built by St Neots Rowing Club were lost when the wall of the boathouse collapsed during the recent storm. They included a brand new boat that was to have been used by the elite four who had been invited to take part in Olympic trials at Henley. Also lost were some old clinker sculls and clinker fours, now virtually irreplaceable. There was also widespread damage in the area. At Alconbury the police office roof was damaged and council workmen were kept busy during the night clearing fallen trees on most major roads, including the dual carriageway A.1 north-bound road at Southoe

1976 01 05
About 700 homes in mid-Anglia were without electricity today – more than 48 hours after the gales. The areas hit by major faults included Saffron Walden, Ickleton, Burwell, Littleport, Haddenham, Gamlingay and Melbourn. Up until yesterday afternoon between 1,500 and 2,000 homes had been without power. The Fire Brigade dealt with 150 emergency calls and had all their appliances working to make wind-damaged property safe. Thirty caravans were blown over at Caravan International's Newmarket site.

1976 01 05
The St Ives boxer, Joe Bugner, former British, European and Commonwealth heavyweight champion, has retired from boxing at the age of 26. The 16-stone boxer is rated number four among the world's heavyweights. Bugner, who held his own with the best, began his eight-year career with a three-round knock-out defeat and ended it with a 15-round fight for the world title with Muhammad Ali. He said today: "Boxing was a sport which I never liked, but which I learned to love. The love died after the Ali fight".

1976 01 06
Grantchester murder hunt, p1
Bar Hill store closes, p11

1976 01 07

One of England's most successful ever horse trainers, Noel Murless, is to retire at the end of the flat-racing season in November. From his stables at Warren Place, Newmarket, he said "I am 65 years of age and have been actively engaged in racing for 50 years and it's time I got out of the way." On retirement he will hand over his yard and the majority of the 50 horses currently in training to his son-in-law, Mr Henry Cecil, and his daughter, Julie, who at present train at Marriott stables. Mr Murless became champion trainer for the first time in 1948.

1976 01 08
Newmarket traders are preparing to fight an application to build a £500,000 supermarket in the town. They feel the plan could mean the closure of some of the town's food stores. Whittome Properties Ltd has applied to build a 14,000 sq. ft., two-storey food and merchandise store for the John Lewis Partnership on the site of the Rutland Hill service station. There would be parking for 187 cars and a new access to Rous Road.

Wilburton Manor School fire, p4
Willingham social club, p11

1976 01 09
There was a double celebration at Priory Infants School, Cambridge – it marked both the 25th anniversary of the school's opening and Miss Gwendolen Meadows' 25 years as headmistress. The Mayor and Chairman of Governors were amongst the 200 guests who attended a reception. There were two teachers from Miss Meadows' own school days as well as somebody who attended the school as a pupil when it first opened its doors in 1951.

1976 01 09
One of Huntingdon's best-known filling stations is to close after more than 14 years because of plummeting sales. The Afton service station has been a victim of Huntingdon by-pass. It has taken away most of the passing trade and is cut off from its local customers. The final blow came when the access road passing the filling station was changed to one-way traffic into the town. Local customers could not get to the Afton unless they chanced a hazardous U-turn across the traffic flow

Bus subsidies, p1
Radio petition, p9
Quiet after storm, p15

1976 01 12
Two students had a dramatic escape from death when they fought their way through dense smoke after a fire broke out at historic Magdalene College, Cambridge. An electrical fault triggered off the blaze which caused widespread damage to an isolated three-storey building and at one stage threatened to endanger the famous Pepys library. It was the worst fire disaster at a Cambridge college for many years. The last severe University fire was at the Department of Biochemistry when there was £100,000-worth of damage

1976 01 14
Student dress, p9

1976 01 15
Eight women working on an horticultural farm near Wisbech have come out strongly against the new sex discrimination and equal pay laws. They want to be freed from the legislation that would give them the same pay as the menfolk on the farm because they do not drive tractors or lift heavy boxes. They have told the Agricultural Wages Committee that as they are not willing to do this sort of heavy work, they would be satisfied with being paid 75% of the wages earned by the men.

1976 01 16

A male stripper, who recently won national fame in a court case with a blazing Viking helmet, is to perform at one of a series of variety entertainments at Haverhill Town Hall. The shows are being organised by two men who have formed an agency to "bring life to a dead town". They have already staged a highly-successful stag night with female strippers.

1976 01 16
Trees along Cambridge's world-famous Backs felled because of the spread of Dutch elm disease have now been replaced. More than a dozen lime tree have been planted at Trinity College Pieces to replace 20 elms recently felled. Trinity college bursar said, "Not all of the elms were diseased but they were felled because, once the disease starts in a row it is difficult to contain unless all are removed". The disease was beginning to appear in a number of other elms, although at the moment those in the Fellows' Garden were unaffected.

Plane wreckage, p7

1976 01 19
The Free Press public house, Prospect Row, Cambridge, is being sold back to Greene King by the City Council. The tiny Kite-area pub, council-owned since the 1960s when it was bought as part of a slum clearance area was due to be demolished to make way for a road. That scheme was dropped in 1969 and now they are negotiating its sale back to the brewery, which continued to lease the pub after the council bought it.

1976 01 21
The Cambridge pressure group Kite Community Action are making a half-hour television film to be screened as part of the Open Door series and will put the case against the proposed re-development of the Kite as a regional shopping centre. They are trying to show something about the people who live there. The film will show the kind of neighbourhood which is likely to be sacrificed in the interests of motorised shopping.

1976 01 20
School dress, p6-7

1976 02 21
Kite tv film, p5

1976 01 22
Potatoes at 11p to 12p per pound are becoming a once or twice a week luxury in many houses. The current wholesale price for 56lb of potatoes is £4.80 and the price will go up at the end of the week. This time last year the price was 85p.

1976 01 22
As the Alcoholism Treatment Unit at Fulbourn reaches its first birthday Britain's chronic rate of alcoholism will reach a new peak. Nine years ago researchers found alcoholism was "a serious problem in Cambridgeshire". Their conservative estimates then of 514 alcoholics in the county is now inaccurate. The figure is more likely to be about 1,000. A National report shows an increase from 80,000 to 150,000 women showing signs of alcoholism

1976 01 22
Local authority planning has failed to stop the village of Bourn being "deflowered and desecrated" Coun Peter King said. Ten years ago it was looked on as one of the most beautiful villages, since then something had happened to desecrate it. In the centre on a beautiful square of open space, 21 houses were being built. "Yet if any village people want a little development they are turned down", he said

1976 01 24

The fire risk and crumbling condition of the building at the Cambridge Cyrenian's community short stay hostel for down-and-outs in East Road has added new urgency to their eight-year search for new premises. The chairman said: The building itself, the bricks and wood, are falling to pieces. You could pour £5,000 into it and achieve nothing. The dozen men living in the hostel all sleep downstairs because of the difficulty of evacuating in an emergency

1976 01 26
Chaos & slide to work, p1, p8
Willingham school, p4

1976 01 27
The experimental ban on heavy lorries using the narrow roads of picturesque Grantchester came into forced yesterday. Since 1972 villagers have been campaigning for a ban on heavy lorries using their twisting roads as a short cut to the A10 London road. Prof. E. N. Willmer, the historian who led the campaign said he was "well satisfied".

Extra council spending, p1
Rents, p11

1976 01 29
Little Shelford has said "no" to further housing estates being built in the village because, say the parish council, probably three-quarters of the residents of the existing Courtyards estate seem not yet to have fully integrated into the village community. The council feels Little Shelford should be allowed to keep its own identity and not be merged with other villages or be over-developed.

Hemiongford Abbots school, p11

1976 01 30
Inadequate heating forced a junior school headmaster to move 30 children out of their brand-new classrooms and back to the Victorian school building nearby. For four days the exodus from the new to the old has been a daily event at great Hormead Junior School, near Buntingford, because in cold spells children and teachers find it impossible to work in the new extension. The problem was partially solved when four new radiators were installed.

1976 01 31
Cambridge City Council may soon start building low price houses and sell them without profit to young couples on the council house waiting list. They are also looking into the possibility of encouraging self-build groups with the help of low-price land supplied by the council. The chairman of the Cambridge Labour Party group said: We want to prevent large profits being made from private development and give every one who wants to buy their home the chance of getting one". The council would not be changing its policy of not selling existing council houses to tenants.

1976 01 31
The old signal box on the Cambridge to St Ives railway line at Oakington was loaded on to a lorry and taken to the Bressingham Steam Museum near Diss. The box, one of the few remaining Great Eastern types dating back to the early 1900s, was bought several years ago by railway enthusiast Mr Mike Sharman, who lives at Foxton. However he ran into snags when he wanted to move the box to his home so he presented it to the museum.

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1976 02 02

More than 100 people were turned away from Holy Trinity church when Cliff Richard, pop star and evangelist, visited. About 700 people had already been admitted. Some of them had queued in freezing conditions to be sure of a place at the service. Earlier in the afternoon the singer had appeared in an evangelistic concert with the Brightwinter Group at Lady Mitchell Hall. Some 500 people paid £1 a head and the profit will go to a Christian charity.

1976 02 02
Because of its low unemployment figure Cambridge is a labour-importing city. Up to £3,000 worth of government grants could be given to a man and his family in an area of high unemployment to persuade them to live and work here. The new Jobcentre in Guildhall Place has aptly been described as a job supermarket. An inviting window display tempts people into the well-carpeted warmth. The centre employs 26 people who find their work far more enjoyable now than ever they did in the days of the Labour Exchange

Cyrenians take hostel, p8
Petrol prices, p9

1976 02 05
The Government has no intention of turning Cambridge into a museum city, said the Environment Secretary. He told MPs that fears that the Government-backed policy of moderate restraint would mean stagnation were unjustified. It was no secret that there had been differences of opinion between the city and county councils over the proper planning policies to be pursued in the region. Growth would continue but they could not countenance unlimited boon growth with the considerable impact that would have on the Cambridge environment.

1976 02 05
Details of a mass fight between a group of Sawston “smoothies” and a rival group called “greasers”, were given to Cambridge magistrates. To some people “greasers” conjured up images of Marlon Brando types with leather jackets, many were, in fact, perfectly respectable. The term refers to anybody who rides a motor cycle, whether he be the local curate or the local villain.

1976 02 07
Save Shire Hall library, p7

1976 02 10
Chips are one of those rare commodities that do not have to be sold by weight, quality or recommended retail price. So what do you get in 1976 for your six pen’orth. Well an old 6d won’t even buy you a squirt of tomato ketchup in some shops. There is a growing tendency to sell ketchup and tartare sauce in sachets at 3p each. Nowhere in Cambridge could I find chips selling for less than 12p a bag. Four shops had a 15p. minimum price. The most extreme difference in value were between the Quality Fish Shop in Mill Road at 7oz for 12p compared to only 5 ozs for the same price at Mike and Julie’s, Wulfstan Way and D.G. Munns, Old Chesterton

1976 02 11
Council house tenants in East Cambridgeshire who get behind with their rent could find themselves being moved to a remote farm cottage without hot running water. There were some tenants who do not take their responsibilities seriously and are quite happy to let the rest of society pay for them. The only alternative was to provide a property which, although habitable, lacked the standard of amenity or convenient location which most people now seek

New Central Library, p14-15

1976 02 12
Prince Philip is now the strongest contender for the Chancellorship of the University. Informed sources have disclosed that Prince Charles was offered the post but turned it down because of his

naval commitments with HMS Bronington. Lord Ramsey, former Archbishop of Canterbury, is thought to have declined the invitation while Mr Selwyn Lloyd, recently retired speaker of the House of Commons, is still regarded by many dons as too close contemporary politics to command unanimous support. Prince Philip has for many years maintained a close formal and informal interest in Cambridge and has seen Cambridge life from the student viewpoint through unannounced visits while Prince Charles was up at Trinity

Punters, p5

1976 02 13
A new piece of equipment designed to aid rescue work at the scene of an emergency is now being used by Cambridge police. Called a 'stem light', it is a telescopic floodlighting unit mounted on the top of one of the force's vehicles. When extended it supplies a brilliant light, thus helping rescuers at the scene of an emergency.

1976 02 13
A village family, terrified by the ghost of a friend killed in a road accident, has called in the local vicar to help remove its presence. The wife says the poltergeist appeared at her home, tapped her on the shoulder, flung a cup to the floor, opened and shut and electric oven and sent the pet cat screeching from the kitchen. The spiritual visitor has frightened the couple and their five children so they called in the village vicar who said a prayer for the deceased. The presence has disappeared since the prayers were said.

Fenstanton pub, p7

1976 02 14
The mystery of a walled-up tunnel in an old coaching inn at Great Chesterford is to be explored by its new owners. It is believed the four-foot wide by six-foot high arched brick tunnel leads form the cellars of the Crown House Restaurant to the village church. But the passage is blocked by a four-foot thick brick wall from floor to roof – built perhaps by Cromwell's men. Charles II is said to have stayed in the Crown House in the days when it was a main coaching inn.

1976 02 16
Stokes' road, p9

1976 02 17
Standing on the Royal housing estate at Eynesbury, near St Neots you could be on any trim estate in any part of the country. The houses are comfortable and easy to run with pleasant gardens and quiet, safe, roads. For some it sounds idyllic, but for some women it proves just the reverse. They are the victims of "housing estate blues".

1976 02 17
Travel to the Channel Islands from Cambridge and all you need to do is get a taxi to Cambridge Airport. The airline services provided by Intra (Jersey) Airways began in 1972. Until this season the airline used DC3s but have now introduced the turbo prop Viscounts. Direct flights are also provided for the first time this year to Guernsey

Eynesbury lonely lives, p7

1976 02 20
Orange squash and cakes were the order of the day at Priory Infants School, Cambridge, when more than 200 youngsters celebrated the school's 25th birthday. Last month Miss Gwendolen Meadows celebrated 25 years as headmistress. There are about 215 youngsters aged between four-and-a-half and seven years at the school. Yesterday each class had its own cake

1976 02 20
Five members of the House of Lords went to a village near Huntingdon to see how greyhounds chase and kill hares. They were to gain first-hand knowledge as part of their investigation into hare coursing and whether it should be banned. Everyone was on their best behaviour to make sure their Lordships went away with a good impression. People shouted "Jolly Good" when hares got away, but when an anti-bloodsport leader tried to take a photograph of a kill a gum-booted woman hopped up and down in front of him to spoil his view

Blue Bear, p14

1976 02 23
In 1974 the Crawford Committee recommended Cambridge as an ideal centre for a small-scale radio station but neither the BBC nor the IBA has included it in firm plans. There is however some chance of improved stereo reception. The BBC says they "hoped" that stereo transmission will begin from Tacolneston, near Norwich, in the spring. A booster transmitter on the Cambridge gasworks for stereo was a "very long-term project" for which there was no date.

1976 02 24
Tony McPhee, lead guitarist with the Groundhogs, is moving from his home near Haverhill because the Department of the Environment has turned down his appeal to keep a prefabricated recording studio he built near his house. He bought his studio, which stores equipment including a £16-track recorder, because studios in London are expensive.

Milton quarry objection, p3

1976 02 25
When Texas open the door of their new super-store at Coldham's Lane on Saturday, Cambridge will have the largest Do-It-Yourself centre in East Anglia. Spurred on by the success of their year-old store which took over from Peaks Furnishers in Fitzroy Street, Texas are sure that Cambridge shoppers will make extensive use of the new premises, which are packed with all kinds of goods for the handyman.

1976 02 27
300 children were evacuated from Duxford Primary School after one of the pupils took what appeared to be an unexploded bomb to school. The nine-year-old found it while playing near the former Battle-of-Britain airfield in the village. When the Headmaster, Mr Peter Chivers, saw it he got it out of the school and called the police. All the children were sent home for the day. Later the Bomb Squad identified it as a practice rocket from World War Two.

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Shire Hall library, p8

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Vanishing villages, p6

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1976 03 02
Cambridge's last links with serving members of the Royal Navy will be officially severed next week when the Royal Naval Unit in Porson Road closes. It has been involved in providing 'guinea-pigs' for psychological tests at the Medical Research Council Applied Psychology Unit in Chaucer Road. Sailors from many parts of Britain have come to Cambridge to take part in the tests. The Cambridge unit first opened in 1945 at Parkside and moved to Porson Road in 1951. Research centred on the effects of hot and humid atmospheric conditions – heat stress – upon work.

1976 03 02

Workmen moved a few traffic cones and oil drums to open the £400,000 Bar Hill flyover. Construction began last April after years of pressure from residents who wanted improved safety for the junction between the busy A604 road and the village. The turning point had become one of Cambridgeshire's worst accident blackspots and the interchange was planned to relive traffic hazards.

Prickwillow pottery, p7

1976 03 03
The branch library at the Cambridge Shire Hall is to close down and will be replaced once-a-week by a visit of one of the county council's mobile libraries. The decision to close down the library – to save an estimated £6,000 a year was taken at the county budget meeting. A petition of more than 500 signatures of readers asked for the building to continue. When a vote was taken there were 25 for and 25 against and the decision was taken on the casting vote of the Chairman.

1976 03 04
Stokes' site, p11

1976 03 05
At the age of 67, a man believed to be Cambridge University's oldest undergraduate has been excused the "undue hardship" of relearning Greek. The University's cabinet recommended a special dispensation after earlier declining to accept Mr Bernard Greer's 1926 school certificate Greek for the tripos. The grounds for exemption were those of the "undue hardship involved at an advanced age and in a relatively short period of time".

1976 03 05
A group of Cambridge young people are hoping to be able to fly their hot-air balloon regularly this year, after spending more than three years designing, building and redesigning it. The Cambridge Hot-Air Balloon Association consists of about eight young men, several ex-pupils of the Perse school. The saga began when George Laslett started experimenting with model balloons in tissue paper. By the time they had progressed to building paper balloons of up to 1,200 cubic feet capacity and flying them as an attraction at village fetes, they felt the time had come to start translating their dream of a man-carrying balloon into reality.

1976 03 05
With its four-star grading proudly displayed the Garden House Hotel seems to be changing for the better. The a la carte menu us comprehensive but expensive. Main courses are priced at £3-£4 plus the cost of vegetables at 45p a dish. Starters and sweets are priced between 50p and £1. We settled eventually for the table d'hôte menu & our bill came to £12.60 and we thought the meal was disappointing for such a highly-rated hotel.

Arts Theatre struggling, p6

1976 03 08
A Surrey publican is trying to fill an entire block of flats at Newmarket with licensees from all over the country. He believes the flats in the Moulton Court block are very reasonably priced at between £12-£17,000 each but individual flats are not for sale. So he has advertised nationally in the trade press for 24 "sporting ladies or gentlemen" to join him in making a bid for the whole block which has been empty since it was completed about 14 months ago. Licensees are very well in small does but when they gather together they are almost unbearably ebullient. Moulton Road could become a very lively area of Newmarket – Chris South

1976 03 08
He may be 82 but Mr Archibald Clark-Kennedy proved that he was just as good as the other 778 competitors and one donkey when it came to completing a 25-mile cross-country sponsored walk

round Cambridge for Oxfam. A Fellow of Corpus Christi college, he estimates that he has raised more than £50 for an activity he has been supporting ever since the annual walk was started.

1976 03 09
Newmarket Road trees, p8

1976 03 10
Two Cambridge brothers have just completed 50 years in the bakery business. Maurice and Dennis How, the bakers and confectioners in Mill Road started in the business by chance after leaving school. "Our father, who ran the business, was taken ill and had to go into hospital", explained Maurice. "There was no one else to take over and keep things going. When we started a large loaf cost four pence in old money. Now the same sort of loaf is 17p". Their father, Mr John How, started business at Shelford in 1868 and moved to Mill Road in 1901

1976 03 11
A new store, the Talk of the Town, is to open in Fitzroy Street, Cambridge in the building formerly occupied by Peaks Furnishers. The store is divided into individual sections, some let to local traders & some rented to national companies. An Elizabethan Tea Room complete with period furniture and fittings and a wedding dress section are on the top floor. The store has special design features such as log cabins for changing rooms in the fashion section and thatched roofing for the farm produce section

Rising costs, p4

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Gay liason, p7

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CUL accessions, p7

1976 03 15
Denny Abbey, the 12th-century monument near Waterbeach, is to be opened to the public as soon as possible. Original plans to allow the public access at Whitsun have had to be scrapped because of the economic situation and problems about getting staff. Conservation work has been going on for some 16 years. A new wooden stairway and walkways have been built inside the main part of the building. The Abbey dates back to 1160 but in more recent times were converted for farm use and are now the responsibility of the Department of the Environment

1976 03 15
The possible closure to through traffic of Arbury Road, Cambridge, will be discussed by the city council. Some councillors have been pressing for years for the road closure as a way of improving the environment for people living in the Arbury area. The road is, at peak periods, one of the busiest in Cambridge with commuter traffic. The suggestions are certain to cause a storm of protest. The main objection will centre round the claim that a lot more traffic would be pushed on to the already busy Gilbert Road.

Duxford church redundant, p8

1976 03 16
Both visitors and staff at the Cambridge County Record Office, Shire Hall, are still having to put up with overcrowded conditions. One visitor has described conditions as "the worst of any record office in the country". The county archivist says in his annual report that there has been no improvement in office or search room space. One woman who had been offered a post on the staff had declined it because of the overcrowding which she had observed. # c.43

Northern peripheral road, p3

1976 03 17
Cambridge pubs and beer gardens teem with tourists on hot summer nights – until shortly after 10.30 pm when local licensing laws decree that pub life must come to a sudden stop. But, as holidaymakers climb into their guest house beds, the evening's revelries are still in full swing in Wicken, Snailwell and Wood Ditton, not exactly cosmopolitan centres of jet-setting sophistication but villages allowed by local licensing laws to stay open until 11 pm from Monday to Saturday

1976 03 17
One of Cambridge's best-known characters, Trevor Hughes, was rescued by firemen from a blazing room in a derelict house in East Road. He was found choking in a smoke-filled room at the back of the old headquarters of the Cyrene Community. Trevor, the elder statesman of the Cambridge dosser community, is well-known to shoppers in the Market Square where he sits daily by the fountain

1976 03 18
In the past the Green Dragon at Chesterton has not lived up to the expectations of its distinctive sign. All this has been changed by extensive alterations which have transformed this Greene King pub from a cosy but unremarkable establishment into a comfortable open-plan rendezvous which has all the modern comforts without destroying the atmosphere of a very old business. A new extension provides new toilets to replace the old outside toilets "across the yard"

Bar Hill Queensway, p11

1976 03 19
Six primary schools in Cambridgeshire villages may have to close next year. Schools at Wood Ditton, Kirtling, Chippenham, Horseheath, Quy and Madingley have been shortlisted from a number of schools with less than 75 pupils which the county council feels may no longer be viable for educational or economic reasons. Other schools with few pupils include Ashley (30 pupils), Black Horse Drove (40), Castle Camps (55), Dullingham (30) and Stuntney (40)

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Rampton pond, p19
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Bedford Lodge, p36

1976 03 20
Office clampdown, p5
Waterbeach baker, p6

1976 03 22
Isleham's Methodists are having to hold services in their own homes as a result of the closure of the village's 136-year-old chapel after cracks appeared in its north wall. The small, clunch-build chapel stands perched on the edge of the village's old clunch pit. The congregation usually numbers about 20.

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Toilet survey, p7
Wood Ditton school closure, p8

1976 03 24
Bar Hill 'ghost town', p9

1976 03 26

The bells can ring out from St Cyriac's in Swaffham Prior once again – but they will call the villagers to worship in the neighbouring church of St Mary whose tower was not strong enough to take the strain of the bells. Now the sound of St Cyriac's bells mark the end of extensive restoration by the Redundant Churches Trust & the villagers can make suggestions on the future use of the building. Similar churches have been used as concert halls, folk museums or wedding reception halls. St Cyriac's was last used for services in 1902

1976 03 26
Marcus, a three-year-old Shire horse will soon become a familiar sight at Orwell when his owner, coalman Alan Neaves, uses him instead of a lorry to deliver coal in the village. Before becoming a coalman nine years ago he used to work with Shire horses at West Farm, Orwell. "Since then I've always wanted an excuse for having one", he said.

Eltisley green, p9
University Arms poster, p10

1976 03 27
Burwell refuse, p6

1976 03 30
The first of three aerials for the operation of a radio call-out system for mid-Anglia's "Flying Doctor" service was erected at Hill Farm, Fulbourn, at the weekend. This follows the Home Office decision to grant a licence to the Cambridge Medical Answering Service for a radio paging and telephone system for the Mid-Anglia General Practitioner Accident Service. The new service should be operating in about a fortnight

1976 03 31
A 21-year-old Cherry Hinton man was sentenced to 120 hours of community service at Cambridge Crown Court. It is the first time such an order has been made in Cambridge. The community service scheme, under which offenders are given work in the community under supervision as an alternative to imprisonment, comes into effect in the Cambridge area tomorrow.

1976 03 31
Angry Fowlmere villagers claim that the village has been singled out as the only location for South Cambridgeshire District Council's "sin bin" scheme, placing rent defaulters in sub-standard houses. Parish Councillors Mrs Janet Greenwood said villagers were disappointed that the council had spent £7,500 in preparing the derelict cottages for defaulters when there were sub-standard council houses in the village whose tenants paid their rent. "There are about 20 unmodernised houses, six of which have earth closets", she said

1976 03 31
A quick morning's visit by comedian Dave Allen and a television crew to the Haddenham Farmland Museum unexpectedly became a full-day's filming. The original plan was to feature the museum in a six-minute slot for a half-hour documentary programme, but when they arrived they were faced with a blacksmith, needlecraft specialists and a brass band, many of them pupils at local village colleges. They had to play at less than normal volume so they did not drown out the filming of a conversation between Dave Allen and Craig Delanoy, the 11-year-old founder of the museum.

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1976 04 01
Farmers in the Waterbeach Fen and Swaffham areas were assessing the damage after what one of them describes as the worst fen blow he could remember in 25 years farming there. Huge black clouds hovered over the fens nearly all day as high winds whipped up the light soil and blocked many

drainage channels in the area. The blow does not appear to have involved any other light peat land south of Littleport.

1976 04 02
A plan for building a £13,000 halt at Cherry Hinton on the main Cambridge-Ipswich railway line was rejected by the county highways committee. Cambridge city council had asked for the halt, saying it would be useful for commuters and people working in the expanding office development in Station Road. Councillor Charles Swift (Peterborough) who is a train driver said that halts usually consisted of just a few old railway sleepers by the side of the track and not the station and buildings proposed for Cherry Hinton.

Kite report, p10
Whittlesford Red Cow, p29

1976 04 05
There is something splendid in the sight of an old steam locomotive thundering along the tracks. But like all grand old ladies, the Greene King which steamed proudly through Ely on a special run, hasn't got the stamina she once had, and instead of completing the run both ways from Ipswich to March she ran out of steam on the return journey. Now the old loco is at March waiting to be repaired so she can head back into retirement in Essex

1976 04 05
A new branch of Lloyd's Bank is due to open on the corner of Regent Street and Gonville Place, Cambridge. It will be the first entirely new branch of Lloyds opened in the city since 1964, when a branch was set out at Cherry Hinton. Five cashier positions have been provided inside the bank, together with a cash dispenser for quick service.

Royston cave, p7

1976 04 07
Rush hour chaos, p1

1976 04 08
Fire swept through the part of Mildenhall's prestigious new shopping centre late last night, completely gutting three shops, badly damaging five others and causing thousands of pounds of damage. Twenty-four firemen took just 20 minutes to contain the blaze which started in a recently-opened menswear shop. The shops gutted by fire were Mark Audio a radio and tv shop, the Stateside menswear shop and Laurie Wallis a bookmaker

1976 04 09
Cambridge Water Company consumers can expect to escape restrictions on water usage now being slapped on nearby areas. But that does not mean they can use water as freely as they like, even though they will probably not face the hosepipe ban imposed on the St Neots and Huntingdon area where the taps are fed mostly from dwindling surface reservoirs. They are up against acute difficulties if the summer is as dry as the past winter which had brought only two inches of rain since November.

Post Offices close Saturdays, p7
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Newmarket manhole riddle, p7

1976 04 12
Jesus College opened its Eden Street housing development to the public to show just what can be done with old properties in Cambridge's Kite area. The college plans the conversion of more than 30

two and three-bedroomed homes at rentals from £8 to £10 a week. Two major types of conversion are in hand, one of extending existing terraced houses to give two-bedroomed homes, and the other of combining two terraced houses to make one new one

1976 04 13
The Rev John Carre – latest victim in a spate of lead thefts from churches around Cambridge – has put fertiliser bags on the roof of St Andrew's. Chesterton, to keep out the weather. Thieves who stripped five sheets from the roof a few weeks ago, came back a second time and removed lead from the organ chamber. The parochial church council is to discuss possibilities such as slippery paint, and a dye which cannot be removed from the hands, in order to discourage further thefts. Christ church, Cambridge and churches at Fen Ditton, Quy and Haslingfield are amongst those which have recently been hit by the lead thieves.

1976 04 13
Twenty private beds will be axed at Cambridgeshire hospitals in the first phase of Government plans for phasing out pay beds from the National Health Service. There are 56 private beds in Cambridgeshire, 29 of them at Addenbrooke's & Mill Road Maternity Hospitals, Cambridge. Others are at Papworth (3), Huntingdon (1) & 23 in the north of the county.

1976 04 15
Fenland villagers who bought cheap whisky buried it in their gardens and poured it down the drain as police began investigating the theft of more than 2,000 bottles from Whitemoor railway marshalling yard at March. Almost £8,000-worth of Haig and J & B Export whisky bound for the continent was stolen in three raids from vans at the yards. Some whisky was hidden a suitcase, some was transferred to lemonade and sherry bottles, and some of it was drunk.

1976 04 15
The Twentypence Inn, Wilburton, claims to provide reasonably priced meals. The Sunday lunch menu offered a wide choice for £2 a head. It included prawn and peach cocktail, oxtail soup and ravioli for starters; and turkey and ham salad, roast duckling, roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, trout and lemon sole as the main course. This was followed by fruit salads from the fruit trolley. A carafe of red wine was £1.35

Bottisham specialist school, p6
Pye colour tv vans, p25

1976 04 17
The future redevelopment of the Burleigh Street - Fitzroy Street area of Cambridge is back in the melting pot following the decision of the outgoing city council to throw out the massive £30 million scheme proposed by a London development company for the Kite area. The rejection of the scheme, which would have brought a greatly-increased number of shops in to the area, together with car parks, a new road and an underground country bus station, was an easy matter for the city council. But it was far less easy for them to decide how to go about working out alternatives.

Reversing city traffic, p8

1976 04 20
Work on the controversial Tesco superstore at Bar Hill will start in a few days and the huge building should be open for business within a year. The building will include a bakery and a snack bar, a petrol filling station and car parking for 750 cars. Plans had to be revamped after the first ones submitted were condemned as "horrible" and "little better than a warehouse" by councillors.

1976 04 20
Bank holiday bargain hunters brought traffic chaos to Bourn airfield market when queues four miles long built up on the A45. Shoppers started moving in early to buy everything from double glazing to

garden gnomes. By noon thousands of people crowded the market ground. Getting away from the market was no easier. By lunchtime four lanes of traffic stretched back for three-quarters of a mile, attempting to get out of a single gateway.

Stz Hazel Court opening, p12

1976 04 21
An historic house in the centre of Fowlmere was flattened by a bulldozer today – just hours after planning officials ordered that demolition work must cease. The destruction of the centuries-old Dovecote House came as angry villagers and planners were still battling to save it. Villagers who believed they had been granted a stay of execution for the house could do nothing as it was reduced to rubble. It toppled less than two hours after they returned to their homes and jobs after an early-morning site vigil

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Plants replace rubbish, p6
Pye museum, p10

1976 04 23
A visitor to the ancient village of Papworth St Agnes was appalled at what she saw. The cottages and old Manor House were falling down. “It did seem very sad that the whole village was decaying”, she said. Seven years ago there was planning permission for eight new houses. Only two were built before the contractors went out of business. Further development has been held up by the lack of a proper sewerage system. But now development is on again. A number of the rundown cottages have gone to private individuals who are doing them up and one farmhouse looks very smart.

Brampton litter, p9

1976 04 24
A Cambridge researcher has collaborated in helping a 35-year-old woman become pregnant by using the test-tube baby technique. Dr Bob Edwards, from Cambridge University Physiology Department, has been working on the technique for ten years in collaboration with Mr Patrick Steptoe of Oldham and District General Hospital. The success is the first documented case using the method, but the pregnancy developed in the tube connecting an ovary to the womb and the foetus died.

1976 04 26
A Cambridge family who won the national final of a tv quiz show was given an official thank-you in the form of tea with the mayor. David and Tina Burton, with their son Andrew and daughter Kathryn came first in the BBC show “Ask the Family” after a taut final televised last week. They now have a holiday in Calpe, Spain, to look forward to as their prize for winning the quiz

Anti-nuclear rally, p3
Scout jubilee, p9

1976 04 28
Cambridge has gone through its driest winter for 54 years, according to records kept by the Water Company. And if the drought continues it could be the worst year this century. With the forecasters still predicting dry, cold weather water-users are being urged to economise wherever possible. The Anglian Water Authority is preparing contingency plans for an expected water crisis in the late autumn. Hosepipe bans have been introduced in the Huntingdon and St Neots area.

1976 04 29
The rocketing price of potatoes has cost 90 people their jobs at a Haverhill factory – a move described by the employment adviser as a “disaster for the town”. The sackings come as a complete surprise to the staff at the Courtenham’s Products Factory, Holland’s Road. Only last year it doubled its

workforce to 100 when it cornered the market in frozen chips by importing cheap Dutch potatoes during the poor home harvest.

1976 04 30
The eleven-month long drought brought two strong warnings today. Water supplies to all homes in the Huntingdon and St Neots area will be cut off within three months unless people economise. Elsewhere the dry weather is threatening all rivers with sewage pollution. Downstream from the over-loaded Cambridge sewage works the Great Ouse River Authority say the threat of wholesale sewage pollution was now "crucial".

1976 04 30
The River Cam is so polluted at Waterbeach that people who fall in it suffer from skin trouble and are sick if they swallow any of the water, claimed Coun Hilda Hatley. She said that a special anti-algae paint had been stripped off the bottom of a boat by the water. Councillors agreed the problem was the severely over-loaded Cambridge sewage works.

1976 04 30
Lime Kiln Hill could eventually become a footpath and bridleway if a proposed route for the extension of the Cherry Hinton bypass near the Gogs is approved. The County Council will be asked to approve a route which passes east of the reservoir eventually linking with the A604. This was a very long-term project and it was impossible to say when it might be built. There is a lot to be said for preserving Lime Kiln Hill – it is a pleasant rural lane. There would be great problems in widening and improving it

1976 04 30
Rabies, the terrifying disease which can be carried by animals, made an appearance on Newmarket Heath only six years ago. A diseased dog was probably running down Newmarket's High Street and across the Heath in 1970. Immediate action by the region's veterinary authorities isolated the animal, a terrier called Sessan. Later it was considered necessary to destroy a companion dog owned by the same family and the cats at a veterinary surgeon's. House to house enquiries were made at 310 premises and other dogs isolated. Fortunately the dog had not passed on the disease to wildlife or any valuable racehorses

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May Day celebrations, p3

1976 05 04
Huntingdon dial-a-bus, p3

1976 05 05
A row over the introduction of Sunday cricket on the green at Eltisley has split the village into two opposing teams. Some of the villagers have no-balled the games as a desecration of the Sabbath and an interruption of the villagers' peace and quiet. Play was stopped while a resident walked on to the field to protest to Eltisley's captain, who is also chairman of the Parish Council. Both the parochial church council and members of the Methodist chapel are against it.

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1976 05 08
The huge council estate planned for Cherry Hinton by the former Labour-controlled city council is to be scrapped by the Conservatives following their runaway victory in the elections. The Labour plan envisaged up to 15,000 council dwellings, a bypass, shops, a community centre and four new schools. Some are likely to remain but many of the council houses will disappear in favour of privately-built homes

1976 05 10
Barton villagers paid tribute to Mr Bert Crick and his wife May to mark their retirement from running the village post office after 30 years. He came 45 years ago, providing both a milk round and a greengrocery round service before taking over his Wimpole Road shop. They intend carrying on with their General Store; "It gives us something to do", he said. The post office business has been transferred to Conkers store at the other end of the village.

1976 05 10
A flotilla of 14 boats sailed to Burwell in a "quiet demonstration" in support of preserving the ancient fenland waterways. The Commodore of the Cambridge Motor Boat Club, Chief Inspector Roy Hardingham of the city police said it was designed to make the point that the Lodes should be protected for boating of all kinds, for fishing and because they were part of our heritage. Mr Geoffrey Woollard said Anglian Water Authority now seemed convinced that it would be foolhardy to destroy the lodes, which are reputed to date back to Roman times

1976 05 10
Bottisham Village College's new £23,000 swimming pool was "christened" with a practical joke. To many of those who sat or stood in sweltering sunshine the fate of the college's former head, Mr Charles Brereton, may have seemed more than enviable. In the first breach of pool regulation rules he was pushed into the cool blue of the water. During his time at the college he presided over the raising of over £18,000 in two years.

1976 05 11
Two ponies for 12p worth of apples – that was the deal Mr Len Coe, a stallholder on Cambridge market, was offered. But the deal never came off, and the two brown ponies are back with their owner, a traveller who is camping in De Freville Avenue. It all started when the two ponies began having a free feed on the apples on his stall after the traveller had been not to handle the fruit. When Mr Coe demanded 12p for the apples the man said he had no money. Then he said: "Hang on to the ponies" and away he went.

1976 05 11
In the early days of the Arbury estate there were many complaints about the lack of shopping facilities, but with the completion of Arbury Court with its quarter-of-a-million-pound supermarket and wide range of other shops, most of the residents are more than satisfied. A very different focal point is the local, the Snowcat. Quite controversial at the time it was constructed, this Greene King house has now settled down to provide what the residents really want – a place with a bit of atmosphere where they can get together in the same way as the regulars of a village pub

1976 05 14
More than a sixth of south Cambridgeshire school leavers are expected to be on the dole this summer. To cope with what is likely to be the worst situation on record special instructions on how to claim dole money are being put out to the 2,700 children leaving school at the end of the term. The careers

section has only 78 job vacancies on its books and officials fear that at least 500 teenagers will be without jobs. There are no vacancies in the building trade – although more than 200 enquiries have been made by those considering taking up apprenticeships.

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Sawston Hall, p13

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Burwell windmill, p8

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School leavers face dole, p1

1976 05 15
Tourists left King's college chapel, Cambridge, when Stapleford sheep farmer, Mr Gerald Beavis, gave what many people took to be a demonstration for their benefit of sheep shearing. But it was a routine part of his work. With a flock of 41 Suffolk ewes grazing on Scholars' Piece he decided to do the shearing at the college rather than lose time by taking the sheep back to his farm

1976 05 17
Ridgeons, supplement

1976 05 18
Having just landed a job as one of Britain's select band of trainee fly-keepers a Merseyside man is pleased if not actually buzzing with excitement at the prospect. Yesterday he began his initiation at Lakenheath's Stallode Fen Farm which breeds maggots for sale to fishermen. Engulfed in a bristling haze of more than 200,000 wheeling and skittering metallic blue flickering insects it will be his lot to brave the fly-house daily, supplying fresh minced chicken meat and cleaning away fly-blown corpses into a maggot incubating room.

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Kite scheme, p1

1976 05 19
Cambridgeshire fire fighters are facing their biggest crisis in years as open water supplies throughout the county dry up. Previously they could have relied on open supplies like ponds and fen drains when fighting blazes in the county. Now they will have to summon water tankers to help them. The chief fire officer, Mr John Maxwell, said: "For the first time in many years supplies are so low they are not sufficient". Now urgent talks are being held with Cambridgeshire National Farmers Union in a bid to stop farmers burning straw and stubble later this year

1976 05 19
Cambridge boasts some of Britain's best buskers and two of them will appear on BBC Television's Nationwide. No doubt accordionist Dag Ingram and flautist Michael Copley will perform classical music with their customary elan but one viewer will watch with a baleful eye. Jerry Bol, the accomplished 22-instrument one-man band from Gt Staughton, a veteran of many television appearance, is sometimes belting out "I love to go a-wandering" at the same time that his rivals are dashing off a quick burst of Bach. – 76 05 19

1976 05 20
Parish pumps are not a frequent topic of debate among parish councils. But Girton parish council not only discussed the parish pump – they actually had it in the committee room, a large, broken, rusty object dating from 1902. It had been stolen by two students and the well had been cemented over.

Now the police had recovered the pump. Members agree there was no point in replacing it and decided to give it to a collection of rural bye-gones.

Cycle thefts, p9

1976 05 21
Plans for radical alterations to two listed cottages in the "Kite area" of Cambridge, the subject of a long and bitter row between a city man and council officials, would cost £59,000, it was stated at a planning inquiry. The scheme involves dismantling and rebuilding an 1825 façade and excavating a basement in Orchard Street. A council witness said the plan to build a facsimile of the façade would destroy the weathered texture and unity of the terrace.

1976 05 21
The Turks Head Berni Inn, Trinity Street, Cambridge, sucks inside an almost relentless stream of visitors. The upstairs bar serves ducking and scampi but we were heading for the simple steak sort of menu. Our two schooners of sherry cost 32p each and the wine, Cotes de Rhone, £2.34. The food was worth a wait. We had rump steak (£1.91) and a fillet steak (£2.73) which were very tasty, with chips, peas and tomatoes. We followed up with chocolate icecreams, which were included in the main course price. We could have had instead cheese and biscuits. Other offerings were Dover sole (£2.44) and Sirloin steak (£1.89).

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Armed raid on betting shop, p1
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1976 05 26
Sixteen-year-old Jayne's new hair-do in aid of charity landed her in trouble at school. And it was not the style that caused a fuss, it was the colour. For her dark brown hair had been dyed … bright green. She is a pupil at Melbourn Village College and had her hairstyle altered at a charity fashion show at the YMCA. "As soon as I walked into college I was told off and told not to go back until I had had the dye taken out", she said. At Reed's Hairdressing Salon they said: "I find it difficult to believe that in 1976 a girl could be taken home from school for this reason". Other girls had had their hair coloured peacock blue, violet burgundy, sky blue and brilliant blue at the nape of the neck.

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University nursery needs, p13
Grantchester Red Lion, p22

1976 05 29
Dave "Boy" Green, seen in the fens as a reincarnation of their living legend, Eric "Golden Boy" Boon seeks the British title at the Royal Albert Hall. His ferocious fists have left a trail of 15 beaten bodies on his way to the title fight against Joey Singleton. It is fighter against boxer, the punches of the slugger from the country against the wits of the artful dodger from the city. When the bell goes he will storm forward like a runaway thresher throwing out punches from all angles, punches launched from awesome shoulders with murderous momentum – ten stone of terror on the rampage. He first put on gloves then years ago when he went to the local amateur boxing club in Chatteris

Haslingfield school pool, p8

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1976 06 01
A £34,000 radio link for Cambridgeshire doctors – the largest radio communication system in Britain – proved its effectiveness by calling out a doctor from a dinner to celebrate its opening. Dr Simon Bailey, a Newmarket General Practitioner, was amongst those who watched David Lane, MP, open the control room of the system. An hour later a pocket-bleeping device brought him away from his meal to the telephone and news of a suspected heart attack. Mr Neville Silverston, secretary of the organisation who set up the service, added that without the bleeper Dr Bailey would have had to miss the dinner altogether

1976 06 01
Vibration from heavy lorries thundering along Victoria Road, Cambridge, is causing considerable damage to some of the houses in the road, residents claim. Other have suffered cracking and crumbling mortar and damage to roof tiles. "The lorries are worse than ever now. It's not just the noise and vibration, it's the smell as well", says Mrs Mabel Haggis. The City Surveyor said: "The Northern bypass, which will be completed by the end of 1977, should lead to a considerable easing of the situation."

1976 06 01
The Kite is a thriving shopping and business centre with all the charm of a village within Cambridge, where the scale is human, where homes and businesses blend and where shopkeepers and shoppers know each other. It wears its quirks and curiosities proudly; where else could you browse through art nouveau curios (James Street), munch a crispy delicious waffle dripping maple syrup (Waffles) or buy a bargain pine dresser (City Road). There's a Kite community fighting every inch of the way to preserve the homes, the shops and the personality of this game little patch of Victorian Cambridge which is now more full of life than ever.

1976 06 02
When Mr Len Colvill first opened the door of his shop, horses and carts ambled by in Linton High Street and sugar, dried fruit and soap powder arrived by the sackful. The shop, which has remained an unchanged landmark in the village scene for 45 years is to close for good this week with the retirement of Mr Colvill and his wife Amy. Since 1931 customers have been served in an oak-beamed room stacked high with a complete range of household necessities.

Dave Green victory, p6

1976 06 03
Dave "Boy" Green returned in triumph to his home town of Chatteris parading the Lonsdale Belt through the streets in a horse and cart after his British light-welterweight win against Joey Singleton. A crowd of about 700 fans greeted him as he arrived at a civic reception at Cromwell Community College – his old school. He plans to continue his work at a Southery carrot-packing plant & stick to his planned route towards an eventual blockbuster showdown with Britain's world welterweight champion, John H. Stracey.

1976 06 03
The Royal Observer Corps posts, about one every 15 miles, are concrete bunkers buried deep in the ground. They are proof against radiation and a moderate amount of blast. If the radiation levels are intense the observers must be prepared to stay at their post for long periods, in total isolation. Should the very worst occur and the post find itself totally cut off with radiation reaching dangerous levels they could warn those residents above ground by operating their portable siren.

Haverhill dartboard company, p5

1976 06 04
A Sawston housewife, Pam Parfey, did the shopping for the next six weeks last night – and didn't have to pay a penny. She was the lucky winner of a competition, "Rob the Co-op". The prize was £100-worth of groceries. There was just one hitch – Mrs Parfey and one helper had to pick up the food and take it through the check-out in fewer than 15 minutes. They managed it with two minutes to spare

King's Parade traffic scheme, p15

1976 06 05
A cloak and dagger plan by the National Front to embarrass the Home Secretary, Mr Roy Jenkins, backfired. They had organised a protest by more than 60 people for his visit to St Ives – but he was not there. Four days ago he said he could not attend a Hunts In Europe dinner – but the National Front did not discover this until they arrived. They contented themselves with propaganda shouted over a loud-hailer

Bishop at Huntingdon, p6
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Ely cathedral verger, p5

1976 06 08
Pound a gallon petrol, now a nightmarish possibility, would not only present problems to the motorist but to petrol companies as well. National Benzole gave a demonstration of futurist forecourt equipment, including a petrol pump head which could not only cope with metric measurements – litres instead of gallons – but which was also geared up for prices of a pound a gallon or more. If prices were to rise to 85p a gallon then most existing blender pumps would not be able to cope with it. Originally pumps were designed for prices like 33p per gallon

Grain shrivels, p5

1976 06 09
Cambridge chauffeur-punt service on the Backs can go ahead again this summer. Third-year Law student at Trinity Hall, Mr Jeremy Nicholson ran the service for a limited period last year but his application for a new licence was refused by the city council because of complaints from fishermen. Now it has been renewed with conditions about insurance and the condition of the boats.

Farmland Museum junk, p3
Welch first show, p6

1976 06 10
The newly-created Roman Catholic Bishop of East Anglia, the Rt Rev Alan Clarke, was at Huntingdon to carry out his first official engagement. The occasion was a special mass to mark both the centenary of the founding of the parish of St Michael and the 75th anniversary of the Hartford Road Church of St Michael the Archangel. Afterwards he went to USAF Alconbury for lunch as the guest of the officers.

1976 06 10
The Vicar of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Arbury estate, the Rev Martin Suter, climbed up the scaffolding to see workmen put the finishing touches to the iron and gold-leaf cross on the top of the church. He said a prayer of dedication before joining churchwardens and workmen for a glass of beer on the roof. It was one of the last things that had to be done before work on the church is completed in time for the visit of Princess Margaret, who laid the foundation stone in 1957

Arbury gun siege, p1
Water take-over plan, p4

1976 06 11
The first 1000 pints were on the house as friends of traditional British draught beer packed the Salisbury Arms, Tenison Road, Cambridge for its reopening under the ownership of CAMRA Investments Ltd. The pub was bought from Whitbread last year for £22,000 and has been renovated from top to bottom. It is their first pub in East Anglia.

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Free school buses stopped, p1

1976 06 17
When the Rector of Conington, the Rev John Jones, found that the vestry needed rebuilding, he didn't launch a restoration fund, instead he and some of his parishioners did the job themselves. Work started on Easter Monday when a group of 15 people demolished the original wall. Since then he has been helped by churchwarden Mr Frank Murder, farmer Phillip Papworth and a Lolworth builder, Mr Laurie James, who built the new cavity wall.

Hosepipe ban, p5
Chesterton Road Instrument Company site, p13

1976 06 18
Cambridgeshire's motorists are being treated to nearly £60m of new roads but they have a price to pay … years of disruptive construction work. Top priority is the northern bypass which is due to start in August. An important adjunct is improvements on the A604 Huntingdon road which will be turned into a dual carriageway. Elsewhere the County Council is constructing a dual carriageway from Coldham's Lane to Barnwell Bridge; a dualling of Newmarket road beyond this will be delayed until the effect of the northern by-pass can be seen. Next year remains the official start date for the western bypass

1976 06 18
Wimpole Hall, the massive mansion which until her death last month was the home of Rudyard Kipling's daughter, Mrs Elsie Bambridge, has been left to the National Trust – which is uncertain it will accept responsibility for the bequest. "What we have to know whether she has left sufficient money to endow the maintenance of the property. Mrs Bambridge was an old lady and people did not go to the hall much. It has been a fairly closed house for some time and may need a good deal of work doing to it before it can be opened", a spokesman said. If they did accept the bequest Wimpole Hall would eventually be open to the public. "

Stapleford museum, p9
Bridge Street ceremoby, p11

1976 06 19

Cambridge's newest language school, the Newnham Language Centre, was officially opened at a reception. It is the brainchild of Mr Michael Short who was adult tutor at Comberton Village College for ten years. Students pay £70 for a four-week vacation course or £165 for a ten-week term and stay with Cambridge families. Tours to colleges and local country houses are arranged. It aims to provide facilities for small groups to learn the language in really attractive surroundings.

1976 06 21
The annual swim through Cambridge, organised by the Granta swimming club, has had to be cancelled for the first time in about 40 years because of the low level of water in the river Cam. Because of possible pollution problems they dare not risk the health hazards involved but hope to put the event on again next year. Typically 70-75 women and about 80 men would enter the event

Dust-cart teddy bears, p7

1976 06 22
Thaxted Morris Ring danced in the church at the funeral of a founder member of the ring. "We danced to the glory of God and the memory of Mr Fred Caton", said their bag-man, Wilfred Abbs. Mr Caton joined the first team of Thaxted Morris dancers formed in 1911. He danced with then until a few months before his death at the age of 79. His musical talents extended to the town's brass band of which he was the last surviving member.

1976 06 24
The fenland onion crop, worth about £9m., is being threatened by the drought. Rainfall has been so low that it looks as if there will be only about half the normal yield. About 5,000 acres of onions are grown on the Cambridgeshire black land but they have suffered from extremes of temperature. Summer rainfall has been less than half the average. The boom crop of the fens has played a vital part in boosting home-grown onions from 10% to 42% of total consumption. Prices are now about the £200-a-ton mark but the cost of growing the crop is narrowing the gap

Wandlebury elm disease, p8

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Water pollution, p15
Farmland sold, p19

1976 06 26
Long visiting hours at New Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, can be more of an ordeal than a pleasure for relatives as well as patients. The visiting times are from 2.30 to 8 pm but the hospital finds the long hours can be a stress for both relative and patient, both anxious not to offend the other, but both finding the long periods wearing. Hospital authorities feel that 2.30 to 5 and 7 to 8 pm would be long enough for bedside "confrontations" – but that times should remain flexible for people travelling long distances.

1976 06 26
Extreme heat has begun to take its toll of animals and people, with little sign of letting up. For the past three days temperature has been in the 90s and this afternoon was a scorching 98 degrees Fahrenheit. At Cambridge abattoir in Coldham's Lane one animal died on the premises and three others have been dead on arrival because of the intense heat which induces heart attacks. At Haverhill Furniture Ltd, Rookwood, the management has been giving free drinks from an automatic machine while half of the fixed skylights at Taylor's Foundry have been removed to encourage a breeze.

1976 06 28
Wandlebury closes due heat, p9

1976 06 29

Railway workers spent almost seven hours repairing a section of the main King's Cross to Cambridge line at Shepreth which became distorted because of the heatwave. As temperatures hit 94 degrees in the centre of Cambridge one sour note came from King's College chapel where the organ was out of tune because of the weather.

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Heatwave, p1

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1976 07 01
Gentlemen visiting the Old Fire Engine House Restaurant at Ely may find it a little difficult to keep their minds on the menu. For the waitresses include three beauty queens, Debbie Rumbelow, who is Miss Ely; Julie Roberts, otherwise known as Miss Welney; and Linda Jakes who recently became Miss Coveney. "We don't choose our waitresses just for their looks; we chose them for their aptitude for the work. Appearances are secondary" explained their employer Mrs Ann Wheatley.

1976 07 01
Looking after an English country garden can be hard work, as Miss Gladys Prime well knows – she's been doing it for a good many of her 86 years. Gladys and her sister Edith were amongst the Barrington residents who opened their gardens as part of the village festival. Their garden contains a monument dating from the turn of the century which incorporates the first concrete produced by Barrington's original cement works. The sisters uphold another tradition – keeping geese. "The village used to be famous for its geese. They used to be kept on the village green", said Gladys.

1976 07 01
Children and adults from the Cam Causeway area in Cambridge turned out in force to help firemen fight a fire which threatened their homes. The fire raced across waste ground and broke through the fence line at the bottom of their gardens before it was controlled. It was the third fire on the land in a week. Cambridge Fire & rescue Service, already stretched with other alarms could only send one engine, so its first action was to put a call out for everyone to pitch in and help. First into action were schoolboy neighbours Stephen Stokes and Robert Earl.

1976 07 02
A meeting of over 100 parents at Hemingford Grey threatened to bring St Ives traffic to a standstill if the County Council does not reverse its plan to end free buses for village children at St Ivo School. A manager said: "If we lose, not one vehicle will cross St Ives Bridge on the first day of next term. It would only take one person to stop traffic crossing the narrow bridge. There was derisory laughter when an Education officer rejected suggestions that the St Ives Bridge was dangerous to children crossing on bicycles. The effect of 200 children crossing the bridge was not yet known.

Knife grinder, p26

1976 07 05
The rebel Roman Catholic priest from Downham Market, Fr Oswald Baker has been celebrating the banned Tridentine Mass in a converted outhouse in Cambridge. The Roman Catholic Bishop of East Anglia warned that such services were not authorised by the church, but Father Baker said that far from stopping he planned to increase the number of places where he celebrates the rite. He was sacked from his parish after he refused to accept the new version of the Mass which replaced the 400-year-old Tridentine rite a few years ago. Cambridge was one of the first places he had celebrated the old rite and he comes to the city about once a month.

Deaconess Ely Cathedral, p3
Dry Drayton feast, p9

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Mosque, p7
Fowlmere planning, p9

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Farmers told to halve water, p1
Tickell Arms, p9

1976 07 09
Planeloads of Scandinavia shoppers will arrive in Cambridge in the coming winter if plans being discussed by the East Anglian Tourist Board are approved. The aim is to create an East Anglian shopping rival to London; Cambridge with its added tourist attractions will prove better than smaller schemes now being run for overseas shoppers in Norwich. The first shoppers' "special" is expected to arrive next winter and if plans are completed between British and Scandinavian operators the plane will turn round immediately to take Cambridge people for low-cost weekend trips to the Scandinavian countries. Discussions have centred on charter aircraft seating an average of 60 people.

1976 07 09
The caretaker at Cambridge's Perse Boys' School for the past 21 years, Mr Ronald McAndrew, retires this weekend. He and his wife Dorothy are bound to be missed – not least because she has run the tuck shop for the last eight years. They will both miss the school, having seen generations of boys – boarders and day pupils come and go over the years; it has become a family affair – their daughter is a laboratory assistant in the biology department. They came to the school while Mr Stanley Stubbs was headmaster; the head is now Mr Anthony Melville.

1976 07 12
About 100 Cub Scouts and Brownie Guides collapsed from heat exhaustion at an open air service conducted by the Bishop of Ely at the Cub Scout jubilee camp at Braham Farm, Lt Thetford. There were about 4,000 people at the service, including about 2,500 Cubs and Brownies. The service was cut short and ended after half-an-hour. "The fact that this is the biggest-ever camp and that we expect almost 10,000 visitors just goes to show what a healthy state the movement is in this part of the world", said Assistant Commissioner, Mr Barry Howe.

1976 07 12
Has there ever been a more disastrous year for the trees of Cambridgeshire than 1976? The mild winter allowed the elm bark beetles to live on and their work of infection and destruction is plain to seen. In the high temperatures and drying winds of the last few weeks giant elm trees have taken only a few days to turn from green to brown. In January, gales felled many a fine tree which had taken a century or more to mature. Now Wandlebury has closed because the great heat is causing apparently healthy trees to shed branches without warning. What is more frightening is that young trees planted to make good the loss are dying too.

1976 07 13
Haverhill farm damage, p9

1976 07 14
The bamboo brainchild of a group of Cambridge University student architects which has been built over Grantchester primary school swimming pool could become a permanent feature of the landscape, if planners agree. But the dome has already run into trouble with some villagers who claim it is intrusive and damaging the view from Grantchester Meadows. When it was originally put up earlier this year the structure was only intended to be temporary but now the headmaster, Mr Kenneth Jackson would like it to be retained. "It helps to keep the pool warm and keeps out leaves and other dirt. It has many uses and we are pleased with it", he said.

1976 07 15

Cambridgeshire planners are asking major international airlines to start a high-speed airbus service linking Cambridge with Heathrow, Gatwick and Luton airports. They also want the network to extend to the other provincial airports in East Anglia. The journey between Cambridge and London airport frequently forced businessmen to stop overnight and the Philips electrical organisation thinks it is worth while running a trip for businessmen between its Dutch factory and Cambridge every week. But a director of Premier Airlines of Cambridge said he did not think there is a regular demand, at the price one would have to pay.

Quy head retires, p10

1976 07 16
Giant oil slicks choked the River Cam following failures in the city's drainage system at the height of last night's storm. Oil poured into the already heavily polluted river as interceptor tanks were overwhelmed by the sudden surge of water and workmen erected booms at points where drains entered the river. It appears the oil could have come from the Garlic Row area and may have resulted from oil which has collected in the drains during the spell of hot dry weather

1976 07 17
At Cambridge Museum of Technology there is no indication that the old Cheddar's Lane sewage station off Newmarket Road, is now a museum. The place looks a shambles surrounded as it is by knee-high weeds and forbidding "Keep Out" signs. Go there; don't be put off by the haphazard arrangement of exhibits and ask the helpful attendants when you fail to understand. A computer in a museum? An electron microscope – both are on display in this potentially breath-taking exhibition. I can't help but suspect that when the lease runs out the museum is going to be transformed into a profitable block of riverside flats. But I hope this does not happen.

1976 07 19
Sir – I would like to protest about the slur cast on the standard of cleanliness of the people of Stretham. The residents are no more negligent of hygiene that those of any other village. Meadowcroft is a new estate, very well kept by the owners. Those nearest the refuse tip are most affected by the plague of flies; more than 200 are being killed in one day in one house by one resident. It has been noted that when the tip has been sprayed the following day the number of flies has decreased. – Michael Young

1976 07 20
School leavers, graduates and redundant workers have combined to swell the Mid-Anglian unemployment figure to the highest level for five months, 5,285. At the same time the number of jobs available has dropped. Cambridge Jobcentre placed a record of 468 people in work in the past month – some 68 per cent of all the notifications of job vacancies they had. Unemployment in Cambridge is now 56 per cent higher than a year ago.

1976 07 21
By 1981, the Cambridge Water Company is likely to be short of more than 1¼ million gallons of water a day. But the demand could be met if the Anglian Water Authority's proposed ground water development scheme is allowed to go ahead. Taking ground water from the chalk would help in two ways: the water could be added directly to the public supply and as it would maintain river flows in dry weather, more water can be taken from existing boreholes. By pumping water into springs and rivers it would ensure that effluent from sewage works was adequately diluted even in periods of drought.

Junior doctors strike, p13

1976 07 22
Apathetic villagers in Burwell and Cheveley have caused East Cambridgeshire District Council to hold a fourth round of parish council elections in an attempt to fill two vacant seats. Both councils

have had their membership increase because of additional population. Three poll attempts have failed to stir villagers' interest. The clerk of Cheveley council said people were apathetic – but they moaned when things weren't done. The chairman of Burwell council said: "I think it is disgusting; I know people who are willing to stand but can't be bothered to get the forms – and you can't nurse them"

1976 07 23
The design of the shopping centre at Bar Hill was criticised by a councillor who says it looked like a dilapidated bingo hall. Councillor Ken Turner said: "I'm worried that the shopping centre is not a going concern". Shops seemed to change hands very quickly and some were standing empty. Coun. John Impey said things might improve when the new Tesco store opened as people were not attracted to a centre with only small shops. A supermarket had served them badly by steadily cutting down the range of goods it sold and by increasing prices. They should give the village every possible support to see that there was a return to the high ideals with which it was built.

1976 07 24
Construction work on the long-awaited nine-mile Cambridge northern by-pass has started at last. The first shovelful of earth was dug at Madingley by the recently retired Cambridgeshire County Surveyor, Mr Robert Lacey. The symbolic act ended more than 10 years of controversy over the bypass which is aimed at taking away massive juggernauts from the city's winding narrow streets. It will take up to two years to complete.

Arthus Wills, p5
Downing Street cycle way

1976 07 24
A Cambridge hot dog seller was in fighting spirits after the latest attempts to have him moved from his regular "pitch" at Bradwell's Court. Last week Ravenseft Properties suspended four metal poles from the arcade roof at the St Andrew's Street end to keep the stall out – but he simply side-stepped the poles. Now they have fixed more poles. In order to stay he would have to stand on the public right of way through the court – and risk being summoned for obstruction. Managers of two neighbouring cafes claim his stall is damaging their trade and he can undercut them since he doesn't pay rates, rent or wages. Yesterday he was determined to fight it out "to the bitter end. If they want me moved they will have to carry me out", he said

Northern bypass starts, p6

1976 07 26
Gamlingay house, p9

1976 07 27
It is not very often that one hears of a big building project being completed on schedule but Cambridge builders John Brignell and Co are two months ahead on two major council housing developments at Tanners Lane and Berrycroft Soham. At a time when the building trade in general is going through a sticky patch, Brignells are full of optimism. They have just been awarded two substantial contracts at Fen Ditton, for 218 dwellings, and the King's Hedges estate, Cambridge, for 167 houses, maisonettes and bungalows.

1976 07 29
David Lane, p1

1976 07 30
The garage business of B.E. Cocks and Co. at Newmarket Road, Cambridge, has been bought by Marshall of Cambridge, and is to become a Leyland car centre. The purchase includes almost four acres of prime garage site next to the main A45 road, modern showrooms and repair facilities and the goodwill of a business which has been running in the city for almost half a century. This and the

capturing of the Daimler, Jaguar, Rover and Triumph franchises from Wallis and Sons means the Marshall group is a real force against the big garage chains operating in the region.

1976 07 30
The chances of "Lane landladies" becoming a parliamentary cause celebre have disappeared now that the MP for Cambridge, Mr David Lane, has announced his resignation. He had been campaigning against the levying of Capital Gains Tax on those who let rooms to students because it was aggravating the city's accommodation problems. In spite of the energy he has spent in his years of campaigning for the landladies the statute book remains unaltered

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1976 08 02
An experimental free bus service for the Fitzroy Street area of Cambridge commenced at the weekend, providing the public with the first buses in the area for almost three years. 67 people made use of the first bus run at 10am on Saturday. The owner of the Talk of the Town shopping arcade, Mr Carl Owen, has hired one bus from the Eastern Counties Bus Company at a cost of £30 per day. He said he will hire more for a four-week period to prove the company were wrong to stop the service.

1976 08 03
The Government has decided that the experimental traffic restriction system in the centre of Cambridge can become permanent. Through traffic will be prevented from going along Sidney Street and St Andrews Street between Emmanuel and Market Street junctions, and along King's Parade. The experiment was introduced 18 months ago – against a background of support from amenity organisations and opposition from city centre traders who carried their protests to a public inquiry.

Histon a disgrace, p3
Arundel House Hotel, p11

1976 08 04
Cambridge's first bus and bicycles lane comes into operation along Victoria Avenue after the Government approved the city council's experimental plan to put down a special lane from the Four Lamps junction to Victoria Bridge. The plan also bans all parking along the Midsummer Common side; this means the hundreds of motorists who leave their cars there will have to find somewhere else. The aim is to speed up the substantial number of buses using Victoria Avenue, particularly during the evening peak period when traffic congestion causes extensive delays.

1976 08 05
The Rev Richard Smart is both incumbent at Dry Drayton parish church and, along with the Rev Gladys Seymour, a Baptist Minister, deeply involved in the Bar Hill Church Centre. This ecumenical experiment is supported by a number of congregations, but does not mean it stages a series of incomprehensible, mixed up, hotchpotch-like services of an experimental nature. The church is a large airy, octagonal building and the altar table changes position according to taste and need. It has aroused considerable interest and the future direction of the Church may be determined by the sort of togetherness now thriving at Bar Hill.

1976 08 06
Runaway bus, p1
Eros Restaurant, p24

1976 08 10
Planners, p7

1976 08 11
Mr Fred Unwin has paid £1,400 for the publication of his first book, Pimbo. While it was being printed he approached the 'News' and because of the book's mass of colourful detail about Cambridge characters it was decided to publish five extracts in advance of publication. When the extracts ended there was a lively market awaiting the book's publication but Cambridge bookshops said they were not interested in selling the hardback book because of the price, £2.95

1976 08 12
Cambridge Water Company has tentatively agreed to supply water in bulk to Anglian Water Authority areas north of St Ives. The operation would centre on a borderline area with Ramsey and Fenstanton on one side and Upwood and Hemingford Grey on the other. At a drought emergency conference it was announced that rationing would start in the Huntingdon and St Neots areas on October 11th, unless drastic action is taken by the public to conserve supplies.

1976 08 12
A natural spring that has supplied a Whittlesford home for more than 50 years without a break has dried up. Now the occupant of The Moors has to have water brought to her home in a tank for the 40 dogs boarded at her kennels. At present she baths at a friend's home and has to use a 50-gallon tank to store the water. Cambridge Water Authority say it would cost hundreds of pounds to have a standpipe fitted because of the distance from the road. As she had never asked to go on the mains before and had opted for a private supply she was "subject to the vagaries of nature"

Spring dries up, p5
Parsons garage, p16

1976 08 13
The Anglian Water Authority has called for police protection for the men who may have to tour parts of Cambridgeshire, cutting off householders' water. "We would not be so dramatic as to say we are expecting water riots, but we need to cover every eventuality", said a Deputy Manager. "Situations could arise where a lot of excitement could be generated and the presence of the police may serve to keep the situation calm". The Chief Constable, Mr Frederick Drayton Porter said: "There might be a bit of shouting and heckling but most people realise the crisis we face and will react sensibly"

1976 08 13
Householders in the Huntingdon and St Neots area will be two-time losers if water rationing is forced on them during October. Not only will they suffer a lack of water, but at the end of the emergency they will have to pay part of a £90,000 bill. This would be the cost to cut off 13,000 homes and introduce standpipes in the area. It does not include any county council spending on police, fire and social services.

1976 08 13
Conservation areas on farms may be one of the causes of a rabbit population explosion which is the worse for 20 years. In some areas it has brought numbers up to pre-myxomatosis levels. In 1953 outbreaks of the disease killed 99 per cent of the rabbits. They recover quickly after an outbreak; in a sparse population females may produce 24 young in a year. One Essex farm has lost a third of their crops because of their activities. Another problem is that we have lost 15 to 20 years of experience in dealing with them because of the disease, said a Ministry spokesman.

1976 08 13
The retirement of a glass blower brings to an end 150 years of family service to Cambridge University. Mr Cyril Smith joined the physical chemistry department in 1925 – following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. He was presented with a cheque subscribed to by research

students with whom he has worked since 1931. Many of them are now professors and several are Fellows of the Royal Society. “When one looks back at those young budding scientists it gives me great pleasure that my line of work has in some form shaped their future”, said Mr Smith

Hardwick bypass, p14
Downing Court, Swaffham Bulbeck, p15

1976 08 14
The standard of tidiness maintained by farms, shops and businesses has helped to win Little Downham the title of Cambridgeshire’s best-kept village. The judges described the public playground as “an appetising kind of place”. The only remark on the debit side was that some of the older houses could do with a facelift. Leighton Bromswold won the Huntingdon district title; “the joiner’s shop was commendably tidy but the farmstead at one end of the village left something to be desired, even allowing for the pressure now on the farming community”, they commented. Longstowe churchyard was well cared for but “the old school looked needlessly forlorn and the notice board would benefit from a touch of paint”, judges felt.

1976 08 16
Quins, p8

1976 08 17
The great and famous avenue of Wimpole Hall is now one of England’s sadder sights. Crows caw disconsolately in the leafless tops of trees devastated by disease and over all is the horrid scream of power saws. Three hundred and twenty elms more than 250 years old are being consigned to the sawmills and to smoke. But the elms, even without the final blow of Dutch elm disease were near the end of their natural span and, when the last has been grubbed out, new trees will be replanted. But not, alas, the lovely but vulnerable elms.

Exning gold medal, p5

1976 08 20
The scheme to reverse the flow of the River Ouse from Ely to Huntingdon is likely to upset boat owners and people living near the river; there could be noise from pumps at locks, and smell in the tidal part of the river. The scheme, a bid to offset the impact of the drought crisis, will mean closing seven locks to navigation between Earith and Offord. If it goes according to plan about 30 million gallons of water a day will be pumped into Graffham Water.

Cottenham museum, p9

1976 08 23
The landlord of a public house in Newmarket Road, Cambridge, issued a blunt warning to customers: “Watch out, there’s football fans about”. This is an area which has taken the brunt of local soccer hooliganism and violence. Walk along the Road on a Saturday afternoon when United are at home and you will sense an underlying tension as supporters trek to and from the Abbey Stadium. When the final whistle blows the United supporters and the respectable part of the crowd are allowed to leave. Nearly half an hour later the visitors are permitted to make their exit under escort.

Water rationing, p1

1976 08 24
Boreholes, p3

1976 08 25
200 men fought a blaze in forest and heath at Brandon which broke out when an American air force F4D Phantom jet fighter bomber crashed on take-off from RAF Lakenheath. A family narrowly

escaped injury after a piece of the aircraft came through the roof of a nearby farmhouse. The bomber had recently been refuelled and had 600 rounds of shells on board. Some of the ammunition went off in the blaze, but no one was hurt. The main road was sealed off to all traffic as men struggled to bring the fire under control. The pilot and weapons systems officer both ejected to safety

1976 08 26
A rescue operation has been mounted at the University Botanic Garden to save fish from a lake which is drying up. The lake, one of the main scenic attractions, started to fall about ten days ago and dozens of fish, mostly larger roach, dace and chub, have been transferred to the nearby fountain pond. Now they are threatened by swooping herons. The lake is normally fed by Hobson's Conduit, but all but one of the springs at Nine Wells has now dried up and even the one that is active has been reduced to a trickle.

1976 08 27
Nothing is more likely to inflame feelings now that we are being urged to wash our smalls in the bath than the sign of a sprinkler spilling precious water over Parker's Piece, Cambridge, under the heat of the noonday sun. Because the issue has aroused so much controversy City Council officials checked with Cambridge Water Company & were told that "watering for survival" is permissible; the wickets on the public cricket pitches are kept watered to prevent accidents. College gardens are among the most famous tourist attractions and until a ban comes into operation most colleges are watering those parts which they feel are most prized.

1976 08 27
For more than 200 years anglers have been inspired by the legend of the big pike in the artificial lake at Chippenham Park Estate. Occasional sightings of the elusive fish have encouraged generations to pass the story on from father to son. But the drought may have dealt a terminal blow to the tale. Over the past few months the waters have shrunk as the lake's three source springs have gradually dried up and now only a sorry puddle remains of a lake once over half a mile long. This is the first year it has ever looked like drying up and now all its fish will have to be removed

Drought adverts mislead, p1

1976 08 28
Mildenhall church vandalised, p1
Stubble fire halt factory, p6

1976 08 31
Plans for a nightclub in the former Rex Ballroom and Cinema at Magrath Avenue, Cambridge, have been scrapped after residents succeeded in opposing both a drinks licence and a music, singing and dancing licence for the club. Mr Gordon Cave wanted to open 'The Carioca Club' on the premises but faced violent objections from the police, the city council and residents who have for years protested about the noise and nuisance caused. Their complaints intensified when the ballroom was turned into a nightclub a few years ago and the cinema became a bingo hall.

"Changin Scene" supplement, p5

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I have reader printer copies of articles dated 76 09 15 etc

1976 09 01
"Out of Reach" parish magazine was launched at a reception. Its editor said that although the village has a population of only 260 it would fulfil a real need for the distribution of news. In the first issue news of the village hall committee's fund-raising bingo, fishing competition and the "Pork and Punch" tramps' ball is leavened with the fruit of some personal research which indicates there are

many more pigs than people in the village. It's the same with hens, but budgerigars, donkeys, ferrets and geese are in a distinct minority.

1976 09 01
Ickleton Parish Council is taking up villagers' complaints that pigs and cows have been straying through their streets, gardens and even houses. The pigs have been walking through the streets holding up the traffic, pigs and calves have been eating vegetables in gardens and one woman even had a pig in her dining room. One mother says she saw a pig rooting around her two-month-old baby, asleep in his pram in the garden. The man who owns the animals, a chartered accountant, said he had not kept pigs before he moved to the village: "It would have been more sensible to come and tell me personally. I'm usually here at the weekend".

Kite corner shop, p13

1976 09 02
Human glands are removed from bodies at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge and sold to the Medical Research Council without relatives' permission being sought. About 250 glands a year are sold for 20p each to the Council's laboratory at Cambridge. The money is shared among the mortuary technicians who deliver the glands. These are the pituitary glands which produce two hormones which cannot be produced synthetically. They are removed by the pathologist and are used solely for the benefit of those suffering from stunted growth or infertility. They are the only ones disposed of in this way.

Park and ride scheme, p1

1976 09 03
A 45-acre site between Fen Drayton and Swavesey may be turned into a marina and water sports centre when its working life as a gravel pit is exhausted in three years' time. The proposal is being put forward by the Amey Roadstone Corporation which operates extensive sand and gravel extraction pits in and around St Ives. A plan for a marina for 75 boats on part of the site is being considered with a suggestion there should also be a water sports area which will cater for water skiing, skin diving, water activities for children and picnicking. The workings have been operated for more than 20 years and now the company have to produce plans for reconstituting the site.

1976 08 06
Admiral of the Fleet, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, dropped in at the Burma Star Day at Waterbeach Barracks. His aim was to see for himself how, in just five years, "a bunch of amateurs" had managed to turn a small military tattoo into one of the biggest displays of its kind in the country. Flying displays were put on by numerous veteran and modern aircraft, ranging from the Spitfire to the USAF'S new F5E Tiger II fighters, based at Alconbury. A record 50,000 people attended the show and more than £6,000 profit was made for six charities catering for ex-servicemen

1976 08 07
Ancient village pumps could creak back into action if the drought crisis deepens. The idea has been put forward by Pampisford parish council which has decided to call in experts to see if its own village pumps can be put into working order. There are probably more than 100 pumps in the district, many sadly neglected and dilapidated. Some date back around a hundred years and almost all are out of working order after falling into disrepair with the introduction of piped water supplies to the rural areas. Since local councils lost responsibility for water supplies there has been a long-running dispute about their ownership though there is usually a tremendous row if anybody wants to get rid of them.

Bourn airfield tower, p3
Madingley school closure, p3

1976 08 08

East Cambridgeshire District Council received 353 inquiries from tourists last month – more than 100 more than the same time last year. The council does not have a special department to deal with tourists who visit the area and all inquiries are handled by three girls in the secretary's department, in addition to their normal work. The Council's Chief Executive, Mr Trevor Hardy, said he was worried by the amount of inquiries they were having to deal with.

1976 08 09
Cambridgeshire planners are prepared to pay anyone who is interested in taking one of the oldest windmills in England – the 17th century Post Mill at Great Gransden – off their hands. But the new 'owner' will have to be prepared to spend up to £26,000 on repairing and restoring it. The mill is one of the oldest known examples of its kind – and because of the expense of putting it right, it is rapidly becoming an embarrassment to the county council. Architectural and windmill restoration experts have estimated that up to £7,000 needs to be spent on repairs just to make the building safe. The mill was bought by the former Huntingdonshire County Council almost 20 years ago. When Cambridgeshire County Council took over three years ago the mill was closed on safety grounds.

1976 09 10
Most of the 38, century-old elm trees around Parker's Piece, Cambridge are likely to be chopped down within 10 years because of Dutch Elm disease. A number of the elms along Gonville Place are known to be diseased and felling has already started. Now tree experts fear that at least 80% of the others are likely to be affected. Replanting, using oriental planes, weeping silver limes and hybrid lime would be an ideal opportunity to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977

1976 09 10
Shoppers in Saffron Walden market place were alarmed to see a figure sawing off the top of the fountain. A closer look revealed the figure with the hacksaw to be the Mayor, Coun. Stephen Neville, who had turned steeplejack to remove the fountain's iron and brass pinnacle. Coun Neville, proprietor of Eastern Boiler Works, is asking fellow engineers to help him restore the ornamental metalwork free of charge so that the full £7,000 allocated to the fountain's facelift can be used to restore the crumbling stonework. His own part in the exercise is to mould a new finial to replace the one he sawed off yesterday.

BSM move, p3

1976 09 11
Families fled a sheet of flames which destroyed the heart of the tiny Bedfordshire village of Westoning, near Amphill, after a huge petrol tanker overturned and exploded. Some ran from a row of ten houses after being woken as their homes were turned into an inferno which swept along both sides of the main street. The ordeal started just after 7 am when the 5,000-gallon tanker went out of control on the wet road, apparently after skidding. Firemen brought the blaze under control – but not before it had spread through the 10 homes and also damaged the village post office, store, bakery and pub.

1976 09 13
Mildenhall lime pit, p9

1976 09 14
Although river flows have started to recover as a result of the weekend rainfall the Anglian Water Authority is sticking to its stand-by programme of controls in the Huntingdon and St Neots areas. But for the first time for many months it has been possible to pump water from the River Ouse into Grafham reservoir, which is an important source of water for the area. Director of Operations, Mr Geoffrey Bowyer said: "We need another six inches of rain fairly shortly to bring us back to anything like normal". The drought minister, Mr Denis Howell is to visit the area to inspect a focal point of the £200,000 reversal scheme at Earith.

1976 09 15

Stokeslea, p9

1976 09 16
HH Electronics cupplement

1976 09 17
In the pleasant dining room at the Hunters Fen restaurant at Cottenham we found the Cottenham smokies (55p), a mackerel smoked by the chef-innkeeper, Mr Noel Jeffery, was worth a place in anybody's recipe book. We were also trying for the first time "our local wine, St Etheldreda, Isle of Ely Sylvaner-Reisling" at £2.50. It was fruity and extremely pleasant, so pleasant that it seemed to go down almost too quickly. We could have had steak and kidney pie (£1.65), Hunstman's beefsteak (£1.95) or Cottenham lamb cutlets (£2.05). The vegetables were an absolute delight; for 45p each we had crunchy carrots, mashed potatoes, green peas and a delicious marrow and tomato concoction. We drove off into the wet fen night after paying the bill of £12.30 well satisfied.

1976 09 18
The Mayor of Saffron Walden criticised the town's magistrates when they stopped him playing a fairground organ because the noise was interrupting a case. Coun Stephen Neville planned to play the organ in the Market Square as a prelude to his ball at the town hall. He had set up two traction engines as well as the organ to entertain home-going schoolchildren. "We got at least 500 schoolchildren down here and then we were stopped", he said. "The magistrates could have held the case in the back court".

1976 09 20
Edmund House, Milton, p9

1976 09 21
Lloyds overseas branch, p10

1976 09 22
All fish in the River Snail, near Fordham, have been killed after a discharge of pollution from Newmarket Sewage Treatment Works during routine replacement of drive equipment to the aerators in the activated sludge plant. Coun Newport said the river was often used for paddling by young children and the pollution could have resulted in an epidemic. "The Anglian Water Authority did not mention it, hoping it would pass unnoticed", he said. "Fordham has already threatened the AWA with High Court action if this occurs again".

Saffron Walden swop shop, p12

1976 09 23
In eight weeks a gang of 120 men and their expensive machines have made a nine-mile scratch across the North Cambridgeshire countryside. In two years' time, and after £16 million has been spent it will be known as the Northern by-pass. As we browsed around the site at Stow-cum-Quy the foreman told us: "Look around as much as you like but don't stop the men from working. The machines are costing us £45 an hour". The labour force, numbering 120, is increasing week by week. Most of the workers are local men, so the by-pass is giving Cambridge employment figures a welcome nudge.

Robinson College, p7

1976 09 25
Trevor Hughes, p6

1976 09 27
Boats ban, p8

1976 09 28
Cambridge University Clinical Medical School was launched in a sea of champagne bubbles when students and professors got together at Addenbrooke's Hospital for an informal reception. The first intake of students consisted of 53 young men and women who have come to Cambridge for "on the job" training and will move from speciality to speciality under the watchful eye of consultants. Addenbrooke's is already the biggest and most prestigious provincial teaching hospital and by the early 1980s will be able to take 300 students.

New industy, p5
Lightwriter, p5

1976 09 29
Wine production in the region will be more than doubled this year as vineyards reach maturity. But prospects of a vintage year have been shattered by the recent warm damp weather which has proved an ideal climate for diseases. At Linton Mr Sam Alper of Chilford Hall said they were now pressing the grapes. Mr G. Reece of Gamlingay Vineyard is finding the disease troubles "a bit of a nuisance". Mr Norman Sneesby thinks his vines at Wilburton will bring a yield of ten tons while Mr Ron Jeffries of Saffron Walden who started Wenden Vineyard four years ago hopes to improve on last year's 1,000 bottles from his one acre site.

1976 09 29
Pure, clear water is what everyone who uses Fen Drayton village hall should be getting from now in. But for almost 40 years they have been drinking unsafe water – and no-one even guessed or showed the slightest sign of poisoning. Villagers found that their water came from the nearby Land Settlement Association reservoir, where it is used mainly for watering crops. A Cambridge Water Company inspector discovered it wasn't fit to drink. It only came to light when the estate turned off supplies at night to conserve water during the drought, and the village hall taps ran dry.

1976 09 29
A new flats complex for elderly people in Sturton Street, Cambridge, was opened by Mrs Rae Linnett, widow of the former Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University after whom it is named. He was chairman of the appeal which raised money for the scheme which was promoted by the Anchor Housing Association. Linnett House, which includes communal rooms, a laundry room and a warden's flat, is the first new development for the use of Cambridge residents named after a senior member of the University.

1976 09 30
Plans to ease the water shortage in the Huntingdon area are being held up because there is too much water in the River Ouse to bring the unique £200,000 flow-reversal scheme into operation. Graham Water is already being recharged much faster than it is being emptied. Up to a few weeks ago the flow was so low that the reservoir pumps had been idle for weeks. Now they are putting in up to 50 million gallons a day as a result of the heavy rainfall which has swollen the Ouse River system. As the Graham pumps can only handle up to 100 million gallons a day there is no safety margin to allow the trial pumping to begin

1976 09 30
It is NOT the driest summer in the Cambridge are for 500 years, or even 250 years – and that is official. Cambridge Water Company strongly suspected the statisticians were becoming over-excited. Now its doubts have been confirmed. Weathermen have been forced to admit that the months from October 1920 until November 1921 were even drier; during that time there were 13.4 inches of rain in the Cambridge area, compared to 15 inches in the same period up to the end of June this year.

1976 09 30
The powerful stench in Haverhill's library is enough to make a bookworm's nose curl up. For two days librarian Roy Foster and his staff struggled to work in the polluted atmosphere. But finally the

ever-increasing smell forced the library to close. Workmen who were called in to examine the sewers and drains traced the source of the smell to a warm-air heating duct where they found a decomposed hedgehog. Following a quick clean with disinfectant the library was back in business.

Shelford WI market, p7

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1976 10 01
Kingsway Flats residents have welcomed the move by Cambridge city councillors to put a stop to noise nuisance and vandalism by youngsters congregating outside their homes at night. The residents have complained for years about youngsters running through the passageways, banging on windows and smashing milk bottles. One said: "We are sick and tired of being sworn at and insulted by these gangs of young hooligans. These kids are only 13 or 14 at the most and treat us like dirt. They sit round on the concrete yelling and shouting every night. The girls are as bad as the boys. Their behaviour is shocking. It's not just kissing and cuddling they get up to. God knows what their mothers and fathers do with them

Traffic along Backs, p16

1976 10 04
Downham conker, p7

1976 10 05
A petrol tanker overturned near Saffron Walden and in seconds turned into a raging inferno. The driver was killed. Flames shot 50 ft into the air and a thick, black column of smoke could be seen miles from the scene, on the A11 outside Audley End House. Grass verges for 100 yards on either side of the tanker were scorched and a passing motorist came close to being trapped in the blaze. A ten-yard length of the flint wall was demolished and 60 square yards of the forest was destroyed by flames. It is the second tanker disaster on the A11 in just over three years. The first was a collision between a 6,000-gallon diesel tanker and a lorry at Quendon in March 1973. Two weeks later a tanker carrying 6,000 gallons of aviation fuel collided with a car at Audley End, but there was no fire.

1976 10 06
A Newmarket councillor explained why he slips out of "tedious" council meetings for a few minutes. "I find the only way I can contain my impatience is to go out for a pint", he said. "I make no bones about it I find certain meetings drag on with repetitions and irrelevancies". He was opposing a suggestion to reduce by £2 the attendance allowance of councillors arriving more than 15 minutes late or leaving the meeting for more than 15 minutes. He could down a pint in 15 seconds and be back from the pub within 15 minutes.

1976 10 08
Only six of Cambridge City Council's 11,000 tenants have shown any interest in buying their houses since the controlling Conservatives agreed to offer them for sale. Labour members complained bitterly about the policy of house-selling when waiting lists for council houses were growing larger and house-building programmes were being cut. They also complained about the growing shortage of private houses for letting. The council's Conservative leader, Coun. John Powley said: "I want to help to return the wealth of the country to the people of the country". The council went on to confirm its policy of selling houses.

1976 10 08
Stop building! That was the instruction from the Government that blocked plans for new homes in Cambridge. The Department of the Environment now has the right to veto plans for new house building for at least three months. The first scheme to feel the effects is the Cherry Hinton housing

development plans for Walpole Road which were before the council for approval. Although the scheme was given the go-ahead they will now not be allowed to invite tenders during the rest of 1976.

University day nursery, p18

1976 10 09
Rhodes James nominated, p1

1976 10 11
Work is progressing smoothly on the extension of Barnwell Road, Cambridge, to link up in about two years' time with Brooks Road on the other side of the Cambridge-Newmarket main railway line. The aim is to provide a quick route for heavy traffic between Newmarket Road and Perne Road and out on to the main roads to London. This will by-pass the notorious traffic bottlenecks of Coldham's Lane. The scheme includes a new bridge over the railway and an extensive road island and an extensive road island at the Brook's Road – Coldham's Lane junction.

1976 10 11
A pirate radio station raided by police and Post Office officials last week was back on the air at the weekend. ABC England, which has been broadcasting a two-hour music programme to Europe each Sunday, was found transmitting at New Town Road, Haddenham. It is claimed the owner of the property was not involved and had merely lent out his shed. Amongst those caught were a number of Cambridge men known to have a keen interest in the cause of free radio. Operating on short wave it has been making regular transmissions since February. A spokesman for the radio station said a broadcast went out from a secret address on a replacement transmitter

1976 10 12
More than 500 women who make their living on fenland potato-handling plants are on short-time working because of the slump in demand. The plants, which prepare potatoes for powdered substitutes, chipping, pre-packing, crisping and the retail trade are only ticking over at a time of the year when they would normally be working flat out. As a result many poorer families are now caught in a poverty trap, working only 15 hours a week instead of 35. Even in normal times they earn between 60p and 70p an hour, which is well below the agricultural minimum of 91p an hour.

1976 10 14
As you read this Cambridge's kidney transplant team could be facing a choice. Two people, both dying. Which one should they allow to live? The reason is simple. Not enough kidneys are being offered for transplant. Last year the team at Addenbrooke's Hospital only carried out 36 kidney transplants – it could cope with up to 100. The desperate shortage is continuing; for about three months they only carried out one transplant, but after some good publicity on television were able to carry out five transplants over one weekend.

Colhham's Common arena, p9

1976 10 15
Council houses in south Cambridgeshire have suffered structural damage as an indirect result of the drought – and it may cost as much as £25,000 to put it right. Two houses in Elsworth have subsided so badly that the council are in favour of demolishing them. The long hot summer caused clay subsoils to shrink with the result that some foundations have settled and cracks have appeared. Cottenham and Dry Drayton are badly affected. Some houses are rectifying themselves with the wet weather. Doors which wouldn't shut now will and cracks are sealing themselves up. The committee authorised the underpinning of houses urgently in need of repair.

Flooding & Ouse reversal, p7
Cam & farmers, p7
Bus station, p9

1976 10 16
Rhodes James, p7

1976 10 18
A new sport was devised by an Oakington farmer, Mr D.W. Chapman: spud picking. Not the orderly picking carried out each year by part-time fenland workers but a less-refined version invented by ordinary people intent on surviving in inflation-hit Britain. The offer was 7p a pound for Red Desiree. "We dig, you pick" said the advertisement in the News. With forecasts of spuds costing at least 20p a pound by Christmas is was an offer not to be scorned; like diving seagulls people swooped, grabbing, scraping and grovelling. Others wandered off to a quiet spot, kicked away the top soil and clawed out the potatoes with their bare hands. One man lifted 12 plants and then noticed his wife was selecting the whoppers and leaving the rest for the vultures. "To hell with that", he said, throwing down his fork, "I'm off to the pub"

1976 10 19
Trumpington flats, p8

1976 10 20
Swavesey street sale, p9

1976 10 21
The work of Dr Stephen Hawking, the Cambridge Reader in Gravitational Physics, is described in the Science Research Council's annual report as one of the most important contributions to science for some years. He has been working on the theory of a tiny "black hole" in space, so small it can generate intense magnetic fields. If the theory holds good it would shed light on the beginning of the universe and tend to lean towards a Big Bang theory for the manner in which it all started. Dr Hawking is severely handicapped and only able to produce his papers with the aid of a special typewriter

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'Temporary' homes, p10
Melbourn housing estat, p10

1976 10 27
Reed school, p11

1976 10 28
It is 19 years since Princess Margaret laid the foundation stone of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Arbury Road, Cambridge. At the time the first houses on the Arbury estate had been occupied for nearly four years and acres of land still remained to be built on. Today as she sees the church finally completed the changes in the area are striking. The population of the parish is now about 17,000. When the rest of the Kings Hedges estate is finished in a few years it will be nearer 20,000 – a fifth of

the people in Cambridge. Houses stretch in every direction. Arbury now forms, in effect, a small town on the edge of Cambridge.

1976 10 28
Princess Margaret whisked around Cambridge on a brisk visit. At the Arbury Estate many local people stood out in the rain to welcome her. The royal party then left for Langdon House, which she had opened during the previous visit where she met Mrs Francis Aldrich, the longest-serving member of staff. By now she was 15 minutes ahead of schedule for her visit to the University Clinical Medical School. "It threw us into panic stations" said the Secretary, Mr J.P. Howe

1976 10 28
In a "double wedding" the Vicar of Thaxted "married" two female couples. The women had their union blessed in the parish church by the vicar, president of the Gay Christians, an organisation for homosexual men and women. Parts of the Church of England marriage service were incorporated in the ceremony. Later the couples and their friends celebrated with drinks at the Turk's Head Stable Bar, Cambridge and the guests went on for more drinks at the Gay Scaramouche Club in Cambridge. One said the couple were women from Cambridge, not students.

1976 10 29
The long dry summer and drought emergency measures do not appear to have influenced experts studying the possibility of storing fresh water in the Wash. Their main conclusions are the storage reservoirs are unlikely to be required this century. A more immediate improvement could be to abstract residual flows from the rivers Great Ouse and Nene which could provide additional supplies of up to 75 million gallons per day, at a relatively low cost. Since 1970 predictions of population growth and future demands for water have dropped significantly 76 10 29

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Garden House sold, p1

1976 11 02
The signing of a £1 million sales contract for the Garden House Hotel in Cambridge marks the end of speculation and rumour about its future. Essentially a family business established in 1910, the hotel hit world headlines in 1970 when for five hours it was the scene of some of the worst violence Cambridge has ever experienced. About 500 students besieged the hotel, hurling bricks and abuse as a protest against the Colonel's regime in Greece and caused £2,000 damage. Two years later fire gutted the premises killing two guests. This disaster led to financial trouble and the appointment of a receiver-manager in May 1974.

Childrens' shoes, p7

1976 11 03
Saffron Walden youth club leader is worried about the lack of facilities. The town has got no cinema now, there is no marked out football pitch, nor a large hall for a disco. For a modest outlay you could build a putting green or a roller skating area, but it had neither. He can foresee a time when transport becomes so expensive that the children will look inwards to the town for all their entertainment. "There's no real problem with hooliganism yet, but it's only just around the corner – in about two years' time. Even now you can tell the nights when things don't click at the centre by the broken milk

bottles the next morning. Kids are just bored. Drink is one of the most dangerous influences and he can foresee a time when young people will have to show an identity card before being served in a pub.

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Sawston name, p11

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Kite plan, p9
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Kipling papers, p18

1976 11 06
Cambridge's experimental "Park-and-ride" scheme got off to a slow start today. The first bus left from the Cattle Market at 10 am and carried only 10 passengers. The scheme is designed to relive the normal pre-Christmas traffic congestion by allowing motorists to park free of charge and then buy a 15p return ticket to the city centre. It will operate each Saturday until January 8th with buses leaving every 15 minutes. The first passengers were enthusiastic about the acres of parking space available. "It's marvellous being able to park so easily" said Mr John Blackman, who had driven in from Sawston.

1976 11 06
Clearing up after a meal and doing the washing up are not the most popular of tasks. For most people they are just chores. But for the residents of Orchard House, Sawston, they are some of the things which stops their home from feeling like an institution. This residential home for the elderly is trying very hard to give residents a sense of independence and freedom. It is divided up into five communal flats each shared by eight people with its own kitchen, sitting and dining rooms. The House is the third of its kind to be built in the area – there are others at Fulbourn and Toft – and will be opening a day centre for elderly people to visit during the week to have a bath, see a chiropodist or have their hair done.

Rifle range, p6

1976 11 08
Invalid car, p1

1976 11 09
As the "soft" civilised world beds down for the winter in cushioned, curtained, blanketed comfort, Dick Barratt throws another stick on the fire and shrugs off the cold. He is a gypsy, a Romany, a traveller, a hermit, a woodland philosopher – a loner. In his permanent but makeshift camp a few yards from the thundering A11 Newmarket-London traffic, he makes only the occasional stranger welcome against a cacophony of barking dogs. A gentleman of the road in every sense, he doesn't steal, beg, live off the state, swear, spit, smell or go unshaven. He has charm, dignity, a great sense of pride – and trusts no one. 76 11 09

1976 11 09
Wicken's eldest resident, Mr Bert Bailey, who has been a regular at the Maid's Head since the middle of the 1890s, is to have his "long service" at the pub recognised by the brewery. When he reaches his 90th birthday on Christmas Day, Watney Mann intends to give him a beer allowance of one free pint a week for the next year. Mr Bailey started drinking at the pub in 1889 – at the age of three – when he was taken by his father. He became a regular at the age of nine after leaving school. In those days beer was 2d a pint, but he was only paid 6d a day for working on a farm at Padney. He has averaged two pints a day and says this has kept him in good health.

Eltisley letter, p3

1976 11 10
A proposal to set up nursery and crèche facilities within Cambridge University for the children of its staff and students was "wholly impracticable", dons were told. Parents ought to bear the responsibility for their children, "it was not something for the university or colleges to shoulder". But trades union officials said that Pye's had already provided nursery facilities for their staff. It would provide refreshment and revitalisation & allow women freed from family ties to become workers, students and academics.

1976 11 12
Wimpole Hall is to be taken over by the National Trust and opened to the public. The decision came after a lengthy meeting of Trust officials and their advisers, ending speculation they might not be able to afford the upkeep of the substantial house and grounds. Despite a large endowment there is a great deal of work to be done on the house and park and it will probably be some two years before the Hall can be opened to the public.

Lane quits, p1

1976 11 15
Hawking, p8

1976 11 16
One-time superstar Billy J. Kramer, who had a string of world-wide hits in the 60's, walked down Mill Road, Cambridge, looking for a sauna. The more exotic delights of the street didn't quite capture his imagination. Later at Romsey Labour Club his hour-long show combined new material with well-rehearsed medleys of old hits. By the end of the night people were standing on tables, clapping, stamping and cheering as he ran for the door to a waiting get-away car

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1976 11 18
Prince Philip is to be Cambridge University's new Chancellor, if dons agreed to his official nomination. The job has been vacant since the beginning of the year. Now his name has been put forward any 50 dons have the opportunity to submit an alternative name. If no further nominations are received the Duke will be declared Chancellor on December 17th. The announcement ends speculation which has ranged over almost every eligible name including Lord Ramsey, the retired Archbishop of Canterbury, and Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the retired speaker of the House of Commons

1976 11 18
Nick Barraclough leads one of the most entertaining bands to emerge in Cambridge for many years. Halfway through the set of Telephone Bill and the Smooth Operators in Willingham village hall, Nick, a veteran of Cambridge's folk scene, former member of the Grand Ole Opry Road Show and with masses of musical experience, is tall with a mop of curls a moustache and ever-ready grin. On stage he does the talking, sings and plays guitar, slide dobro, banjo. He also tries to keep the group disciplined, no easy task. All the music has a good time feel and the group bubble with good humour.

1976 11 19
A gang of art thieves broke into Wimpole Hall and got away with paintings and porcelain valued at more than £100,000. Under the cover of fog the gang – believed to be London based – stripped the hall's ground floor rooms of valuable Joshua Reynolds paintings and a vast collection of porcelain. Every available Cambridge detective under their commander Det Supt Keith Hookham went to the scene when police were alerted by an estate employee. The hall and its contents are valued at about £2 million. In 1949 it was raided by thieves and a collection of snuff-boxes used by Rudyard Kipling were stolen

1976 11 19
Val Doonican, Harry Secombe, The Spinners, Julian Bream, Stephane Grappelli, Los Paraguayos – all of these artists have appeared in Cambridge within a year. All were presented by the City Amenities and Recreation Department, working under director John Wilkinson. Every concert cost city ratepayers 6p per seat for every person attending, but two years ago the figure was 50p-per-seat. Sales for Val Doonican were disappointing and a loss of £1,100.83 was incurred but The Spinners drew a full house of 1,500 to the Sports Hall for the first time and a profit of £360.09 resulted. It now provides Cambridge with an auditorium large enough for bigger artists to draw sufficient numbers of people to pay their fees.

1976 11 19
Planners agreed a new policy for Papworth St Agnes – one of the smallest villages in Cambridgeshire. It has only one road in and out, no shop, no pub, no bus service, no vicar of its own, no school, no children of school age – and very little crime. Most of it is owned by Mr Henry St John Sperling who, as lord of the manor, patron of the church, chairman of the parish meeting and local councillor, has been trying to prevent the village becoming run down while preserving its unspoilt character. The new policy aims to inject new life, restoring and improving the church, manor house, old bakehouse and two thatched cottages; but the design and materials of new houses must harmonise with existing buildings

Elsworth chapel, p10

1976
Members of South Cambs Planning Committee spent more than an hour debating how they could make their meetings shorter. There have been so many applications for development that meetings have been going on from 10am to 2pm. Matters came to a head at the last meeting which went on for 6½ hours. “Meetings could be curtailed if members weren’t so verbose”, said Coun Hilda Hatley of Waterbeach. But the chairman, Coun Joe Brown, said he had no power to stop a full discussion not would he want to stifle debate. It was agreed to stop councillors repeating themselves.

1976 11 20
Litlington primary school, housed in wartime Nissen huts, is so damp that children and staff are running the risk of electric shocks if water penetrates the wiring system. A scathing report produced by the PTA claims that the children are probably sitting on diluted urine-soaked floors to change their shoes because the changing area is a continuation of the lavatory floors. The huts have been classified as temporary since 1950. “Not far from the school pigs are being housed in an identical building”, it says. At present there are 82 children at the school which is bleak and unfriendly and away from new housing developments.

1976 11 22
The former Liberal Party leader, Mr Jeremy Thorpe, spoke to shoppers near the Market Square, Cambridge above the noise of Conservative electioneering from the next-door stand. He arrived to join the Liberal candidate, Dr Michael O’Loughlin in addressing people at the corner of the Guildhall. A few yards away the Conservative candidate, Mr Robert Rhodes James broadcast his message through a megaphone. The Labour candidate, Mr Martin Smith, remained away from the shouting match – meeting people further along Lion Yard

1976 11 22
Eighty couples took a stroll down memory lane in Cambridge, many travelling hundreds of miles for the occasion. All had one thing in common – they were married at the United Reformed Church in Cherryhinton Road. The grand get-together formed part of the church’s golden jubilee celebrations. The “earliest” married couple there were Arthur “Snowy” Chapman and his wife Irene who were married in March 1933. He had been a salesman at Laurie and McConnals and they travelled to the service from their home near Nottingham

1976 11 23
There are now more than 1,000 Italians in Cambridge; the largest immigrant group in the city. Apart from a few prisoners-of-war who stayed on after 1945, the majority arrived in the 50s and 60s. Many have earned enough to start their own businesses and establish their own homes. The head of one Italian family says that with 88 hours a week spent on running a continental corner shop and bakery there is not much time for family or social life. He emigrated from Naples in 1961 to achieve a standard of living in which he could raise a family. His first job was in a college kitchen but he soon launched his own business from a bed-sit room supplying bread and cakes to the growing Italian communities from Nottingham to London and Ipswich.

1976 11 23
Cambridge University's most distinguished cycle stand bears the university's ancient coat of arms and is reserved for just one bicycle – the Vice Chancellor's own machine. Miss Rosemary Murray insists that the quickest way to travel on official business around the city is on two wheels rather than four. But she found herself squeezed out of the few cycle racks provided at the Old Schools. With an increasing number of staff cycles being pushed between executive cars in the courtyard drivers began muttering about damaged paintwork. So Miss Murray was given a "V-C-Only" cycle stand well clear of parked cars, doorways and other obstructions.

1976 11 24
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Loonies on poll, p9

1976 11 26
Since 1919 Miss Betty Macleod has run the 1st Cambridge Brownies, believed to be the oldest pack in the world; and she still runs it with a Brownie hut at the bottom of her garden and meetings in her own home when wet. The number of meetings she has missed can be counted on the fingers of one hand. But now the national headquarters has issued an edict that all guiders must give up their warrants on reaching the age of 65 – which counts out 79-year-old Miss Macleod. But before she hands over the pack she is organising a diamond jubilee party. The first meeting took place on January 3rd 1917 in Downing College; it was started by Miss M.A. Gaskell who in 1911 pioneered the Guide movement in Cambridge by founding the 1st Cambridge Guide Company.

1976 11 30
The continuing problem of some Elsworth council house tenants who have to use buckets for lavatories has prompted their parish council to back their demands for improvements. Most of the pre-war homes in Brockley Road and Smith Street have no lavatories and no hot water. There are about 16 houses altogether occupied by more than 50 people. The tenants have been campaigning for improvements for years and when sewerage mains work was completed recently they thought modernisation work would begin. So far nothing has happened and councillors fear that work may be postponed again because of the present financial crisis.

Addenbrooke's Hospital pathway, p9

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1976 12 01
Parents with children at several small village schools have lost their fight to stop them from being closed when Cambridgeshire County Council backed closure because they are no longer a viable proposition. The schools are at Madingley, Ashley, Kirtling, Chippenham, Wood Ditton, Hemingford Abbots and Coldham near Wisbech. Some have fewer than 30 pupils and are housed in outdated buildings. Councillor Margaret Shaw said "Village schools are the heart of our county". But hard decisions must be taken in times of financial difficulty. The Council also agreed that more than 70 places it provides at the Perse and Kimbolton schools should in future be 'assisted; and not free

1976 12 02
Cottenham fen land, p12

1976 12 03
There were three winners in the Cambridge Parliamentary By-election – the weather, apathy and Kojak. Together they succeeded in setting up the lowest turn-out in Cambridge this century. The biggest disappointment was that of the Liberal candidate, Dr Michael O'Loughlin who had hoped to take second place behind the Conservative, Robert Rhodes James. Labour officials were saying throughout the campaign that there was little chance of success, the Independent candidate was disappointed with his vote and the National Front result was a humiliation for them, getting less than 2% of the total vote. The only person not surprised by his lowly result was the Science Fiction Looney Party candidate.

1976 12 03
With its charming thatched church and peaceful atmosphere, Rampton gives the impression that nothing ever happens there. Not so, says the Rev Degwell Thomas. Only this week a car left the road and destroyed the bus shelter and before that another car demolished 12 yards of the rectory wall. Last Friday a fire almost destroyed part of the rectory and the dry summer has produced a three-inch crack in the east end of the chancel wall of the church. One of the new residents told the Rector "This is the most exciting place I have ever lived in"

Tory win, p1

1976 12 07
The curator of the Cambridge Folk Museum, Miss Enid Porter, is retiring this week because of ill-health, after running it single-handed for about 29 years. At the moment she is in hospital and the museum is closed. Since she took charge of the museum in 1947 its popularity and size have grown considerably. It was started following an exhibition of folk items by the Women's Institute in 1936. Cambridge Rotarians launched an appeal for a folk museum and eventually the present premises in Castle Street were acquired. Miss Porter has been a prolific author, writing books on Cambridgeshire folklore and customs and contributing articles to regional magazines.

French shopping, p9

1976 12 08
More than 1,000 jobs in the Cambridge area have been saved with the supply of £3 million of public money to the Cambridge Instrument Company, following a £1.85 million trading loss. The company has suffered serious financial troubles since it was set up after Metals Research Ltd of Melbourn took over Cambridge Scientific Instruments Ltd 15 months ago. The company is one of the leading British manufacturers of scientific instruments with opposition coming from Japan, the USA and West Germany. It is to retain this technology in Britain that the Government has put up the new money

Boy Green, p1

1976 12 09
The Cambridge College of Further Education could gradually die a slow death if all it is offered are an improved staffroom and lavatories. This is the fear of teachers bitterly disappointed at the latest proposals for the future of the college. Staff were hoping for a new college on the Long Road site in place of the decrepit York Street buildings – an old church hall with prefabricated classrooms across the road. It is one of the college's two centres – the other, Young Street, a more modern building is a five-minute walk away. In the windy, rainy autumn weather staff and students get wet every hour when they have to change classrooms. The college is proud of the results it achieves with some of the less academic young people, reaching higher standards than the national average in the 11 O-levels it offers.

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1976 12 11
Shippea Hill line, p1

1976 12 13
The Cambridge Symphony Orchestra concert turned from a potential flop to a solid hit when music-lovers rallied round to save it from disaster on Saturday. The concert seemed doomed to lose more than £2,000 but with nearly 1,000 people attending they could just break even. The managing director of the non-profit-making orchestra, Mr Jonathan Wearn said: "Beforehand were all very despondent and our guest soloist and conductor, Mr Tamas Vasary, was doubtful about confirming his March booking. Afterwards he said it was definitely on. We were so encouraged by the tremendous response and the way people rallied round at the last minute that we shall continue our links with the city". He admitted that administratively the organisation still had some problems to sort out but most of the concerts have been successful financially

1976 12 13
The Cambridge Scouts' shop in Perne Road celebrated 50 years of existence. Known first as the Equipment Store it opened in a rifle range half way up the stairs at the old Grafton Street headquarters on 13th December 1926. The shop's manager, Mr Kenneth North, took over in 1934. He remained when the shop moved temporarily to Russell Street and then to the new Scout headquarters in 1956. Mr John Chambers has been associated with it since he joined as a boy in 1940 & Roger Woollard, Scout leader running the 13th Cambridge Scouts Group, also helps out

1976 12 14
For the first time in two years Pye is going to see its television and radio division make money, but final details of the deal in which Philips Industries will take it over have still to be settled. Jobs are reasonably safe despite the selling off of the radio, television and audio side of its activities: Philips will take on those still working at factories at Lowestoft and King's Lynn. It is prepared to pay hard cash for companies whose losses were running at about £2 million last year because of the commercial benefits of expansion. Both have been busy on research and development work on radio, televisions and hi-fi equipment. Elimination of half the work brings an immediate saving. The Pye group will in future concentrate its efforts on scientific and technical "professional" equipment.

Police cadets, p7

1976 12 15
For almost the entire 60 years the National Savings movement has been in existence, villagers at Bourn have been relying on the same family to help them save. Between them Miss Amy Clark aged 84, her sister Miss Ada Clark, aged 78, and their late father have docked up 111 years' service to the Bourn Village Savings Group. The sisters' extraordinary record has been marked by the presentation of long-service medals. The Bourn group has only five members now, including the two sisters themselves but can look back on much busier days when more than 40 people were "on the books", saving for National Savings Certificates.

1976 12 16
The River Cam is being downgraded from its present status as a top-class river because of its deteriorating condition, mainly due to sewage and oil pollution. Downgrading would be a black mark against the Anglian Water Authority. More money will have to be spent on sewage treatment. Its Scientific Director said there had been an improvement during the past year, but low flow had aggravated the situation.

1976 12 17
The Cambridge County Court moved into a new office block between Bateman Street and Norwich Street earlier this year. Both the court and the offices are uncompromisingly modern. They are efficient, comfortable but quite impersonal. The court room with simple modern furniture lacks the character of the old premises in the centre of Cambridge. But most cases dealt with are divorce and

perhaps the less daunting informal atmosphere is more suitable. The witness boxes are so close to the judge's chair than an incensed witness could hit the judge and certainly see his notes.

1976 12 17
A storm of protest followed the building of a line of office blocks in Hills Road, Cambridge, about three years ago. Public meetings were organised and people claimed the character of the area was being ruined, good housing lost and small shops demolished or forced out of business. Most of the offices replaced large terraced houses of little architectural interest. But the busy main road was not an ideal site for housing and several were no longer private homes. The new buildings are individually of quite a high standard, but they appear completed isolated and out of character with the shopping area. They need something to break up their long facades and link them with the variety and bustle of the shopping area. But the offices have injected a new source of life into the area; already a bank and several eating places have opened up, presumably to catch the lunch time trade from the offices.

1976 12 20
The Government has chopped almost £10 million off its cash aid to Cambridgeshire County Council. Senior councillors have been shocked at the figure, which is almost £4 million more than originally anticipated and the most savage cut in the country. Councillors said that last year the Government took account of the county's growing population, but this year it has gone back to the old method and is working on population figures that are two years out of date. They have decided to shift money in favour of London and major urban areas.

1976 12 22
Waterbeach factory, p8

1976 12 23
Mr Stanley Chown has created hundreds of masterpieces over the last 50 years, only to see them destroyed in minutes. But he takes it as a compliment, because he is chef manager at Pembroke College, and has cooked his way to the top of his career. Last night a special reception was held at the college to mark his retirement. Mr Chown started as an apprentice chef with the college in February 1926. "In those days you did seven years' apprenticeship and then two more years before you were recognised as trained. I got five shillings a week when I began, and 15 shillings a week after five years", he said.

1976 12 23
When it's finished it will be the house that Jack – and Tom and Dick and Harry – built. In fact, almost everyone who lives in the Riverside Improvement Area will have made some kind of contribution towards the conversion of 6 Priory Road, Cambridge to make it their Neighbourhood House. At the moment it's a disused vegetable store, but now the City's Property Panel have given the go-ahead to turn it into a neighbourhood centre – on the understanding that residents carried out the work themselves. The centre will be mainly for the older people in the community. At the moment they go to the Howard Mallett club but it is very difficult crossing the busy Newmarket Road. Money raising ideas have already been put into operation. Christmas cards with a local Riverside area scene are selling like hot cakes. They were designed by Richard Darlington, closely involved in the project as the council's Area Improvement Officer.

Samuels shop, p8

1976 12 24
A question-mark hangs over the hub of local farming at Owen Webb House, as the county branch of the National Farmers' union embarks on a long round of negotiations which could lead to Ely becoming the capital of county agriculture. Negotiations for the proposed site in Silver Street, Ely, reputed to be worth about £50,000 are still in their infancy. The Owen Webb site in Cambridge has enormous development potential but the secretary is certain that the centre, opened in 1953, will remain the focal point for county farming

1976 12 29
Dozens of people armed with forks and spades descended upon a potato field at Over for easy pickings. The recent wet weather and the promise of sharp frosts promoted a local farmer, Mr Brian Burling, to make potato lovers an offer they couldn't refuse. They were given the chance of digging as many as they could at the rate of £6 a row, each row concealing about one hundredweight of potatoes. This could amount to selling potatoes at 5p a pound; in the village shop they cost 13p. Not all the pickers were locals. Some had travelled from Cambridge and Royston. Some found that the digging was not only kind on their pockets but also helped to work off the Christmas pudding and turkey. Mr Burling hopes that within six days about 20 acres, with 200 tons of spuds, will be cleared.

Grantchester barrel race, p4

1996 12 30
The Cambridge Polish community has a simple though to reflect upon. Fascism drove them out of their country and brought them to Britain & the advent of communism back home kept them here when the war ended. Poles like Henio Muszynski and Czeslaw Rataj, young infantrymen in 1945 recall the camaraderie of a post-war further education camp at Fowlmere where many were taught English and eased into British life. Cultural and social activities thrived; there was dancing and drama, "but we would just hire a place so that people would meet every week to talk Polish and just play cards", said Mr Muszynski. Four years ago the community raised the money needed to buy a three-story club house in Chesterton Road. It has 300 members and is a comfortably furnished piece of Poland in Cambridge.

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Bar Hill Christmas, p11

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Bar Hill floods, p1

1977 01 04
The New Year did not start very happily for two householders at Stretham. They awoke on the first day of 1977 to find their homes flooded after heavy overnight rain. Mr Derek Constable said the flooding was caused by a drain under the nearby A10 road which was too small. Flooding started after the road was built in 1964. Flooding also hit several places in the Huntingdon and St Neots areas and a small brook that burst its banks flooded two houses and other buildings belonging to the Cambridgeshire Hotel in Bar Hill. Traffic on the A604 was reduced to a crawl as the water swept across the road into ditches and roadworks on the opposite side.

1977 01 05
One of the more intriguing battles to be fought in the New Year is whether or not Cambridgeshire County Council's 47,000-acre smallholdings estates survives in its present form. The estate, which looks after the interest of about 5,000 tenants and workers is the largest of its kind in the land, established to offset the more disastrous injustices of the Depression in the 1920s and 1930s. The question is whether it would be better to carry out a phased withdrawal, say over 20 years, and allow those tenants who wish to buy their holdings to achieve their independence. The issue is further complicated by the fact that the estate is undergoing a radical amalgamation scheme designed to create larger and fewer holdings which are more economic to run. 77 01 05

1977 01 05
A former Cambridge businessman who built a £30,000 road at Milton without planning permission has now applied to keep it in operation to serve 12 proposed allotments. The site where the road was built in 1974 has been the centre of controversy for some years. Enforcement notices ordering the removal of the road, along with a Nissen hut and the clearing of scrap from the site were issued two years ago. Milton parish council clerk, Mr Barry Connor, said the village had two sets of existing allotments. One belonging to the parish council would be cut in half by the new by-pass. The other belonged to the church. There was a waiting list for the parish council's allotments.

1977 01 05
The golden age of British farming output and productivity had come to an end and a new generation of farmers will find life much tougher, according to Cambridgeshire MP, Mr Francis Pym. An incredible record of sustained production and productivity, unmatched by any other industry, had been upset by the present Government policies. "The years ahead are going to be hard and farmers are going to need all their reserves of will and skill to survive the difficulties", he concluded.

1977 01 06
A 19-year-old girl from the Royston area is in Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, with polio. It is the first case reported in the region for several years. The Hospital stressed there was no need for undue concern but urged members of the public to check their own vaccinations, which is taken by mouth on a lump of sugar. In 1975 only one case of polio was reported nationally. Last year it rose to eight. It is believed the Royston girl is the second victim so far this year.

1977 01 06
Most tourists coming to Cambridge do not get a change to the see the places around the city, because they have no transport of their own. Now a freelance journalist has formed a firm called Traditional Pub Evenings with the idea of taking visitors – and locals if they want to go – out to two well-known

inns, the Three Horseshoes at Madingley and the Chequers at Fowlmere, for what he calls a traditional night out in a natural environment. The price of £4.95 includes transport by coach to both of the inns supper at one of them and a hostess to supply historical information on the places visited. If it is successful the plan is to build up the service to three or four nights a week in the main tourist season.

1977 01 07
Newmarket's one-man band of talent, Pete Sayers once used to be a country singer. He is now an all-round entertainer. His "brother" Dennis, a yokel, has an inoffensive yet earthy sense of humour likely to brand him as Suffolk's answer to Billy Connolly. He speaks with wildly protruding teeth and wears thick-lensed spectacles, a cloth cap and a dirty old mackintosh. A firm favourite, he was less funny last night with the effect that his act went on too long. Another polished character is Ricky Storm, a raving rock'n'roll hangover from the 1950s with a "DA" hairstyle, "creeper" shoes and smart period suit, while Lawanda Davis, his female impersonation, is a full-figured country singer straight out of Nashville.

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O'Loughlin retires, p7

1977 01 08
A Cambridge solicitor, Mr John Hales Tooke paid a £3 fine in court – not for himself but for a well-known Cambridge character, Trevor Hughes. The reason – he had overlooked giving Mr Hughes his regular Christmas box and thought that meeting the fine imposed for being drunk and disorderly was a good way of redressing the situation. And while Mr Hughes was lucky, so was Mr Hales Tooke. For one of the magistrates said that they would have made the fine £10 if they had known Mr Hales Tooke was going to meet it.

1977 01 10
Bourn windmill is expected to be in working order again in the Spring following the battering it received in last winter's gales. One pair of sails were torn off in a storm, but all four are being renewed, for it was discovered that the remaining pair were in such a bad state that a thorough restoration was needed. When the Cambridge Preservation Society embarked on the restoration work it was estimated that it would cost around £4,000. But the state of the remaining sails and their replacement has now boosted the costs to more than £7,000. Bourn Mill, a post mill which dates back to the mid-17th century is reputedly the oldest surviving windmill in the country.

1977 01 11
Molly Dancing, a special Cambridgeshire Plough Monday celebration which died out in the 1930s, has made a comeback at Balsham. The Cambridge Morris Men revived the custom as part of the ritual of taking an oak plough round the village. About £1,000 has been raised for charity since Plough Monday was revived seven years ago but for once the "Ploughmen" in breeches and waistcoats, jocularly threatening to carve up lawns unless given money, were upstaged by the enterprise of the Morris Men. Mr Russell Wortley said the costumes were as authentic and possible and the tunes were recorded from an elderly Morris dancer at Comberton who died many years ago. It was the first time they had been danced since the tradition died out at Little Downham in 1936.

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Huntingdon mill, p5

1977 01 13
Heavy snow hit Cambridge as the worst weather for 14 years caused nationwide chaos and led to widescale disruption on the roads and railways. Weathermen say the snowfalls will be heavy and prolonged and warm winds could produce drifts. In many places there were snowfalls of more than one foot. Thousands of people were late for work as hard-packed snow, freezing fog and black ice

made driving treacherous. And many trains were late or cancelled despite an all-night fight against the Arctic conditions by British Rail who called in their full cold weather emergency procedures.

1977 01 13
The Cambridge "park and ride" scheme is to be continued indefinitely on Saturdays because of its success during the Christmas and New Year periods. At present the cattle market on the south side is used as a temporary car park and people can get at 15p return trip into the city centre on a bus. The service was started by the Eastern Counties Omnibus Company with the backing of the Chamber of Commerce and the City Council. The cattle market has spaces for about 700 cars and was constantly three-quarters full immediately before Christmas. The service might end if the city council wanted it to cease being a car park or if the bus company lost a lot of money on it.

Chishill church beer, p6

1977 01 14
The Cambridge cattle market, which has stood at Cherryhinton Road for almost 100 years, should be closed on its present site as soon as possible, the city council decided, because the ratepayers receive no benefit from the thousands of pounds spent on subsidising it each year. It is the only sizeable market in the whole of the county and played an important part in the city's life. Its closure did not exclude the possibility of its re-opening elsewhere. In the meantime the market should be accommodated on a smaller part of the site, thus releasing an amount of valuable land for industrial development.

1977 01 15
The Central EMI Bingo and Social Club, a converted cinema in Hobson Street, Cambridge, could quite comfortably have found a place in the zaniest of science fiction movies – with its brash psychedelic mish-mash of colours and huge electrically operated board that rises high behind the caller. The four-year-old club has 10,000 members and is an addict's paradise – open every afternoon and evening except Sunday and with hundreds of pounds at stake at each session. On Saturday the club linked up by phone to the EMI club in Oxford for a game which boasted a £400 jackpot. In the few seconds between games people dashed for the fruit machine which spills out its £30 jackpot in 50p pieces

Reach railway bridge, p6

1977 01 18
Joss sticks burned in King's College Chapel, Cambridge, when a capacity audience of more than 1,000 heard a recital by the world-renowned Indian sitarist, Ravi Shankar. The recital was in the ante-chapel with Mr Shankar and his accompanists seated on a specially erected dais covered with traditional Indian rugs and surrounded by electronic recording and amplifying equipment. James Day reported: "It was advisable to listen with closed eyes and let the music sink in; but opening them occasionally and focussing on the organ screen I would have sworn just for a moment that the carved bosses had turned into elephants' heads and that instead of being in King's I was in some oriental temple".

Marshall buy Oliver Rix, p11

1977 01 19
Reach mothers are uniting to press for the rebuilding of a bridge which they say is a potential death trap. It spans the disused railway line on the only main road into Reach from Swaffham Prior. Twenty feet below the bridge are the remains of the parapets, demolished by hooligans, brick by brick, over the last two years. A water main had burst on the surface of the bridge, which has subsided. The Assistant County Surveyor agreed the ideal solution would be to demolish the bridge and level the road, but they were unable to make funds available at the moment. The council is still in the process of taking the bridge over from the Railways Board.

1977 01 20
A grant of £650 is about to set the ball rolling in a bid to save something of a fast-fading group of wall paintings at Barton parish church. But it will scarcely cover the cost of restoring half of one of the major paintings – a picture of St Michael weighing souls, which is above the north door. Work is due to start after Easter. The paintings remained hidden for many years after they were covered up during the Reformation period. An attempt at restoration was made in 1929 but modern methods were not available and the work was not a success. Over the years the paintings have deteriorated further. Five years ago costs were estimated at around £3,000 and prices have spiralled since then.

Cycle sale, p9
Trumpington pub to houses, p10

1977 01 21
Parents at Hemingford Abbots have come up with a do-it-yourself plan in a bid to save the village school. It suggests parents teaching at the school as well as cleaning it and serving school meals & is to be studied by the parish council and school managers. It was put forward after the county council confirmed its decision to close the century-old thatched school where two teachers handle two classes of five to 11-year olds. It is due to close in September next year. Mrs Joan Keane, parish council chairman said: "We have got to save the school because it is the only real focal point for the village. If the school goes the village loses its heart and its identity"

P.D. James profile, p21

1977 01 22
More than 22,000 people are waiting to go into hospital in East Anglia, a substantial increase on last year when only 18,056 were awaiting admission. 1,447 cases were classified as urgent and 966 of them had been waiting for a bed for more than a month. Waiting times varied greatly from speciality to speciality but about 5,000 people have been waiting more than a year. The regional medical administrator said the figures were "surprisingly encouraging" bearing in mind the no-growth financial situation and the disruption caused by industrial action.

1977 01 24
A ticket system devised to control tourists visiting Cambridge during the summer might deter some people from coming to the city, according to a city council report. The system, introduced on April 1st is starting because ever increasing numbers of tourists have been causing chaos at the colleges. It requires the issue of a permit to visit the college – at £1 for every 24 people – well in advance of the party's visit. Coach operators have warned the scheme will not work unless a convenient bus park is provided

1977 01 26
Sunday services at Rampton are being enlivened by the return of a colony of squirrels to the church roof, but the accompaniment they are giving to the hymns is upsetting the congregation. A previous rampage was resolved when they were flushed out after repairs to the famous thatched roof in 1975 & the squirrels' squeaking activities seemed a thing of the past. Now they have found a haven between the outer and inner roofs of the tiled chancel. So in warm and comfortable surroundings the squirrel squatters again scramble about as the congregation lifts its voices in song.

1977 01 26
The international entertainment organisation, Mecca, has invited Cambridge City Council to talk about possible future uses for the Corn Exchange, one of the city's main entertainment centres. Five years ago Mecca turned down a request, saying Cambridge was too small to support a large-scale complex. Four years ago the Council expressed interest in a massive facelift operation, but could not afford the then £1.5m for the work and was unable to find a private backer. Coun. Garner said: "It is

often criticised as a white elephant, but it is surprising just how many functions are held there. We would not want to lose this amenity"

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Prof Kapitza, p7
Home Farm, Histon, p16
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1977 01 29
Western bypass delay, p1
Fordham railway carriages, p7

1977 01 31
A wave of soccer hooliganism swept across Cambridgeshire as hundreds of supporters passed through the county on their way to three major matches in East Anglia. At one time a convoy of 21 coaches carrying about 1,000 fans was escorted by police. A whole coachload of Derby fans was arrested in Cambridge city centre and escorted back to the Essex border after cars were damaged and occupants hurt by thrown bricks, bottles and beer cans. Cambridge United's Fourth Division clash with Darlington at the Abbey Stadium was free from serious trouble but pubs reported incidents as fans swept through the city. A soldier was injured outside the Still and Sugar Loaf public house at the Market Square.

1977 01 31
Everyone – from nannies to kids – is getting in on the goat-keeping lark and membership of the Cambridgeshire Goatkeepers's Society has jumped by 50 per cent. They say that more and more people want to do things for themselves and avoid the impact of rising prices. Milk has become quite costly. Most of the goatkeepers keep their animals in pens and let them out in their back gardens for exercise. Unfortunately goats prefer roses and blackcurrants to keeping the grass in trim.

David Hughes, p13

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1977 02 01
Men stripped to the waist are continuing a chicory drying process used at a Lakenheath factory 40 years ago. Mr John Fisher has brought Home Grown Chicory Ltd and turned it into a profit-making business, carrying on where the combine, Rank Hovis McDougall left off after three years. Farmers within a 20-mile radius grown about 400 acres of chicory a year – all of which when dried goes to a coffee plant at St Ives. More than 10 years ago the factory was handling three times the amount of acreage and Mr Fisher hopes to encourage farmers to grow more. The main alternative crop is sugar beet but chicory does not require any pest control whereas the sugar beet farmer has to pay several pounds an acre to protect his crop

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Hospital costs, p9
Apthorpe-Webb, p10
Cambridge United, p17

1977 02 02
The Dorothy Continental delicatessen on the corner of Sussex Street, Cambridge, ceased trading at the weekend. It was the last remaining part of the former Dorothy restaurant and ballroom, sold by G.P. Hawkins in 1972 for £850,000. The Dorothy contained a supermarket, restaurant, large ballroom and other rooms used by many organisations for official functions. It was taken over by the Co-op in 1952. The above-ground part of the Dorothy was acquired by Waring and Gillow, the London-based

furniture chain, the remainder now forms the Henekey Tavern. When the Dorothy closed, Hawkins moved it's outside catering section to the Alma Brewery site in Russell Street.

Order of boot, p5

1977 02 03
The villagers of Offord Darcy will shortly say goodbye to their most familiar landmark – a railway carriage which has stood at the entrance of the village for more than half a century. It is going to Kent to become part of a museum railway. Mrs Joan Athow has lived there since she was a child until just two years ago. Her grandfather bought the carriage when it was taken out of service in 1921. It was built in the 1890s and did the London to Scotland run which passes through Offord station, since closed down. Recently it began to deteriorate and they began to look around for someone to restore it. The operation will cost around £2,000. – 77 02 03

1977 02 03
There are holes in the roof of old Peter Price's home and he has no proper heating, lighting, running water or sanitation. That is just the way he likes it. And he has turned his nose up at what his new landlord wants to do with his tumbledown home – one of seven derelict 18th-century cottages in Chilton Street, Clare. He is by his own admission a rather unorthodox character & has lived alone in the cottage since 1948. He survives on home-grown vegetables and a crate of Guinness a week. His only heat is an open-log fire over which a pot of "stew" is constantly on the boil. He won't say what he's stewing.

Haddenham pop pirates, p1
Corn Exchange, p11

1977 02 04
Every one of four generation of the Reynolds family is a past, present or future "rock king". They are Mr James Robert Reynolds, aged 85, his son Jack, his grandson John and his great grandson James Robert, seven. Jack still makes old-fashioned brown rock – square, not lettered - in a tiny plant at the back of his shop in Newmarket Road, Cambridge which he mans seven days a week. He joined his father when he left school at the age of 14. There have been "rock kings" in the family for at least six generations. "It would be nice to see it go on – and every one of them a 'J'" he said.

Ely beet factory, p13
Whim, p17

1977 02 05
Members of the Cambridge & District Skittles League see themselves as men of great skill and dexterity, pitting their wits against other eight-man teams in a three-dimensional game that has its own terminology. They hurl, toss or spin a flat, flying saucer-shaped cheese at a table resembling a large, sparsely padded armchair upon which are spaced nine wooden pins. Each player has a maximum of four throws to demolish as many as he can. The dedicated band of serious skittles players are a dying breed. Gone are the days when coachloads of players used to arrive long before the game to limber up.

1977 02 07
Ox-roaster, p11

1977 02 08
Nell Gwynne's house, p6

1977 02 09
The machinery from the old watermill at Little Wilbraham, disused for more than 40 years, is being restored and re-assembled at the Cambridge Museum of Technology, Cheddar's Lane, by watermill

enthusiast Chris Hereward. Hawks Mill was discovered during a survey of industrial relics in the area and the farmer agreed to donate the machinery to the museum. Mr Hereward managed to transport many of the parts in his Mini van – although the ton-and-a-half main drive shaft had to go by trailer. Some of the ironwork bears the stamp of a local agricultural engineer, S. Long of Fulbourn.

1977 02 10
Planners took a long hard look around Cambridge to see where development could best be accommodated. They soon dismissed Histon or Girton because they have relatively limited potential for longer-term growth. At Milton there is considerable opportunity for expansion within the new road framework. Both Bar Hill and Waterbeach possess characteristics suitable for growth, but Cottenham is less accessible to Cambridge. Growth of up to 4,000 might be contemplated in the Teversham-Fulbourn area and the same at Bottisham. To the south it would be possible to develop the Clay Farm area of Trumpington and the Shelfords but Sawston seems to have the greatest development potential

Expand villages, p1
Stapleford museum, p13

1977 02 11
Reservoirs planned for Abbotsley and Great Bradley are no longer shelved. They were temporarily abandoned when the Government gave in to pressure for a Wash feasibility study. A decline in population, coupled with high costs have meant that any such scheme is now unlikely so Anglian Water Authority engineers are looking at the schemes again to find out how they compare in cost. Any revival of the Great Bradley scheme will be met with bitter opposition. When the plans to flood the 200-acre valley were first proposed 10 years ago the parish made the strongest protests possible and villagers believed the threat to their livelihood was dead. At Abbotsley parish councillors promised there would be violent opposition to the plan.

1977 02 12
After more than 200 years, the great elm avenue at Wimpole Hall, has now almost completely disappeared. The 202 elms had become so old and diseased that administrators were forced to call in contractors to fell the entire three-quarter-mile section of the avenue that stands on Wimpole land. The task has taken months and now little more than logs survive to tell the tale. Now the work of re-planting with lime trees will begin

Police strike, p1

1977 02 15
Arts Restaurant, supplement

1977 02 17
What kind of shopping facilities will we see in Cambridge in the future? If recent events are pointers then the small operator will be replaced – just as quaint non-conformist Petty Cury was replaced with the corporate dullness of Lion Yard. The rents jumped enormously leaving the high mark-up multitudes – Golden Egg, Dixons, Van Allen, Etam, Chelsea Girl et al to take the units paying between £3,000 and £18,000 a year in rent. It meant that the variety of shops was reduced. If the Kite complex proposals were to see the light of day then an identical effect could occur. 77 02 17

Vintage map, p15

1977 02 18
Children at Barrington are raffling a patchwork quilt they have made of village life. Mrs Diana Howard, the deputy head, and Mrs Pauline Pearson were the teachers in charge of the needlework classes that made the quilt. It is made up of 56 different pictures. It took over a year of craft afternoons to finish and was made by second, third and fourth-year pupils. Now it will be going on a

long tour of the village before it is raffled. The money will go to buy equipment for the school playground

1977 02 18
The Three Horseshoes, Madingley is not the place to visit for lunch-time unless you are prepared to pay around £1.50 per head to sample the inn's delicious home-made steak and mushroom pie. The price does not seem unreasonable when you are invited to dig into at least four bowls of mixed salads and then pick up a chunk of bread and butter. Cheaper dishes are available. Drinks are priced at 30p for a pint of beer and 35p for a glass of wine. Coffee with cream is served in the bar at 25p.

Rampton bees, p9

1977 02 21
Business was brisk at Zacharama, three new Cambridge student travel centre when the first customers slipped in before the official opening by the Vice-Chancellor, Miss Rosemary Murray. It has been started with a £5,000 loan from Cambridge University. The travel service can be used by both students and the public, but some services will only be available on production of college identification. Profits will be used to repay the loan and provide student facilities both in the university and at the technical college

Cz Instrument Company workshops, p5

1977 02 22
Cambridge open-air market traders have slammed the city council's decision to close the underground lavatories on the Market Square during the day. It will be most inconvenient for the many fruit and veg sellers obliged by health regulations to keep hot water on or near their stalls. They now face a hundred yards walk to the Lion Yard super loos, described as the most palatial in the country. But women stall holders can face up to half an hour's wait during the summer tourist season.

1977 02 23
Miss Kitty Willers, for more than 60 years a bellringer at Trumpington parish church, has died at the age of 78, having lived her whole life there. Her cycling and bellringing feats established her reputation as something of an eccentric. Until recently she would think nothing of cycling hundreds of miles. Once she refused offers of a lift to Loughborough to see the church's new bells being cast. When the church party arrived at the foundry they found Miss Willers there already as part of the reception committee. She had started cycling at four in the morning.

1977 02 24
A train derailment has put a freight line from Cambridge to St Ives out of action. An engine pulling nine wagons left the rails at Fen Drayton. The train driver and guard escaped unhurt as the engine ground to a halt – leaning over only feet from a flooded field. One theory is that the recent flooding had loosened ballast under the rails, causing them to slip sideways. The line is used mainly to transport sand and gravel from the Amey Roadstone Corporation works to London and will disrupt shipments of thousands of tons of sand and gravel

1977 02 25
From 7 a.m. a business-minded man was to be found standing all day at Earith lock, poised to leap into action as cars spluttered to a halt in more than a foot of floodwater. The price for motorists who lost the gambol to get across the 150-yard section of waterlogged road was £1 for a push out and clean-up with a rag, £2 for a tow out with a Landrover. The 'get you out' service has been in regular operation for a number of years and is lucrative: "If they can't pay we'll take anything: watches, foreign currency, cheques", he said. By evening there was cut-throat competition from two enterprising schoolboys from Bluntisham; they had made £20 during the week.

Postmen, p13

St Neots golf, p17

1977 02 26
The BBC plans to open a local radio station in Cambridge as soon as the Government gives permission for an extension of local broadcasting. At present it runs 20 local radio stations, mostly in the densely populated industrial areas of the country but would like to open a further 45, of which one would be in Cambridge. Four years ago two local radio consortia were formed with the aim of applying for a commercial broadcasting station licence as soon as these became available.

1977 02 28
The hopes of setting up a World Mushy Pea Eating Championship were well and truly dashed at the Five Bells public house in Cambridge. The blame for the collapse of their record attempt was put on the peas themselves. "You just wanted to be sick, they were so foul", said landlord George Low. "They were so terrible no one could eat them. I was looking to eat 10 bowls-full myself but could only manage two". The processed peas were provided free by a commercial soup firm. Despite this Mr Ronald Toates managed to down nine bowls-full to win an impressive trophy provided by Cambridge Catering Equipment

Bypass bridge, p9

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1977 03 01
Somersham villagers are pleased to announce the departure of their old railway station. The disused wooden buildings claimed to be a potential danger to children are to be knocked down. But this does not mean the end of the line for the century-old station. A mystery businessman is having it turned into a mammoth jigsaw puzzle – to be erected more than 100 miles away near a small private railway line in Berkshire. The parish council chairman said: "We hope whoever it is takes a liking to the signal box as well. That needs to go too and then there will be no danger at all." 77 03 01

Castle Street property, p4
Squatters, p9

1977 03 02
Mr Dick Dunford of Waterbeach is a firm believer in hoof-power and would prefer to have his horse, Fred, than a smart car any day. He comes into Cambridge on a shopping trip, riding along the A10 from Milton. When they arrive Fred will happily stay put at any convenient car park, meter or cycle rack. Mr Dunford pays the going rate at meters and has never got a parking ticket: "The traffic wardens like him", he said. 77 03 02

1977 03 03
Cambridge councillors are considering a new plan for building large numbers of low-price houses. A major building company would build houses to a standard design on a number of council-owned sites; the council would prepare the land, put in sewers and build estate roads. They would then buy the houses from the builders and sell them to young people living in council houses or who are on the waiting list. The plan is linked with a savings scheme aimed at giving first-time homebuyers enough money to put down as a mortgage deposit. Coun. John Powley said: "We are determined to give as many of our tenants as possible the opportunity of buying their own homes – and this is a new way of doing it".

1977 03 04
Skateboarding, p4
Milton expansion, p9

1977 03 05

Winmau Darts is to move from its factory at Haverhill because it was unable to find premises in the town large enough to cope with booming export orders. The Rockwood Way factory will be closed in an effort to streamline production, bringing the manufacture of dart-boards and darts under one roof. They have tried to find alternative sites in Haverhill but have not come up with anything suitable and are looking at King's Lynn, Bury St Edmunds or Sudbury. All 85 workers will be affected but the company is hopeful that as many as possible will remain with the firm.

1977 03 07
Two youths mugged a 71-year-old spinster in Cambridge for the sake of 20 pence. The lady, who has a weak heart, was attacked from behind as she walked down Union Road and her bag containing 20p, an old-age pensioner's bus pass and a blue torch was wrenched from her hands. A senior CID officer called it a nasty, cowardly attack on a defenceless old lady. Plain-clothes officers checked pubs and police dog-handlers scoured the area but their search drew a blank.

1977 03 09
Cambridge City Football Club's move to quit the Southern League for the Isthmian League third division brought a blazing Milton Road mutiny last night. City chairman Laurie Boost was presented with a petition of 221 names calling for the directors to reverse their decision – or resign. Manager Roy Johnson announced he would quit at the end of the season, club secretary John Aves, groundsman and trainer Bill Brignell and even ball-boys Paul Craft and Philip Butler said they would follow suit if the directors stick to their decision. The players also repeated their view that none of them would drop into the Isthmian League with City.

1977 03 09
The RAF Hospital at Ely, whose future was in doubt because of defence cuts, will stay open, thanks to a decision by the Cambridgeshire Area Health Authority to help with its costs until there is a substantial expansion of National Health Service facilities. Closure of the hospital, which carries 65 much-needed NHS beds, would have a serious effect on hospital provision. They also pledged to keep the maternity service in Ely going should the Defence Department give them notice to quit the Grange Maternity unit

1977 03 09
The experimental mini-roundabout at the junction of Newmarket Road and Coldham's Lane, Cambridge was working well on the first morning of its operation. Even at the height of the rush hour traffic was flowing smoothly. It has been put in temporarily while the traffic lights at the junction are being taken down; they will eventually be replaced with more up-to date lights as part of the Newmarket Road improvement scheme. Police Chief Inspector Maurice Murden said: "To think our problems have been solved by an old tractor tyre! It is something we have advocated for years, and now we just hope that it will become permanent". One driver said his driving time to his home in Chesterton had been cut from 20 minutes to five.

1977 03 10
The church of St Andrew the Great, Cambridge, could be turned into a community centre or a restaurant, but planners have rejected its use as a shop or offices. The church is one of a number which Diocesan authorities wish to declare redundant. The Australian High Commission expressed concern about its future because it contains a memorial to Captain Cook and a number of people protested against the closure of a Christian place of worship. Another suggestion is that it should be converted into a mosque for the city's 400-strong Moslem population.

1977 03 12
Newmarket Road works, p4
Shooting, p5

1977 03 14
Citizens Guide car parks list, p23

1977 03 15
A novelist told how a surprise trans-Altlantic telephone call to her Cambridge home ended her days as an impoverished aspiring writer – with the news that she had become a millionairess. Australian-born Colleen McCullough was holding a small party for friends in her flat when her literary agent called from New York to say the rights to her novel "The Thorn Birds" had been auctioned for £1,117,000 – the most ever paid for a paperback.

Polio, p15

1977 03 16
Residents in some of South Cambridgeshire's small villages which do not yet have main sewerage, could still be stuck with their cesspools and septic tanks in the year 2,000. Among schemes which do not now appear in Anglian Water Authority's programme are the Balsham & Teversham treatment works extensions and the Sawston Deal Farm pumping station. This means West Wratting and Weston Colville cannot go on to main sewerage and new housing at Sawston is in jeopardy.

1977 03 16
For the Cambridge disco pub, the Plough and Harrow in residential Madingley Road, the dancing is over – and another venue for city youngsters loses its attraction. Brewers Tolly Cobbold have decided not to appeal following objections from people living in expensive property nearby. One resident said: "We are all academic and professional people around here and need quiet to be able to work. We don't spend money on alcohol because we haven't got it. We spent it on books and things". The county councillor said: "I think the pub could do very well as an eating house; many people would like somewhere to go for a quiet drink without feeling out of place". 77 03 16

Village sewerage, p5
Witchford fen cottage crafts, p12

1977 03 18
Jerry Bol, the one-man-band, will not be performing his eye-catching acts in Cambridge for the next few weeks; he is off to his home country, Holland, for a round of engagements and an appearance on Dutch television. He has spent almost 30 years here but says: "Things have been pretty tough lately and I was tempted by the offer. But I love busking in Cambridge and I don't want to stop". He began busking for a living two years ago and since then has made numerous television appearances. 77 03 18

Fuel costs, p9
Linton hostel, p10
Monster request, p16
CUL postcard collection, p24

1977 03 19
Cambridge University Tiddlywinks Club now has 21 members. In action in a dingy cold room upstairs at the Castle pub, Castle Hill they slouch on all fours over the felt mat playing area and talk intensely of tactics using weird words like bristolling, crudding and squopping surface. To a certain extent the dedicated members of the winking world feel under threat, their skills unrecognised by the mocking, unwinking masses, but say that tiddlywinks can give back health and mental stability to those who are ravaged by the complexity and over-mechanisation of modern life 77 03 19

1977 03 21
Steeple Bumpstead's hunting vicar threw about 30 young anti-bloodsports demonstrators out of his church when they began chanting during the Mother's Day morning service. The vicar took the banner-waving and horn-blowing outside the church in his stride until a group of demonstrators joined the congregation of about 30 parishioners. They filed into the front pews but refused to acknowledge

the service until the end of the first hymn when they stood and sang "All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small; all things wise and wonderful, the vicar kills them all". 77 03 21

1977 03 22
Cambridge & District Co-operative Society's plan to expand the Beehive complex, which was turned down by the county planners, has been given the go-ahead by the Department of the Environment. The scheme, using the former Cadbury-Schweppes warehouse near Coldham's Lane will provide an extended shopping space, a garden centre and leisure goods sales centre. The Inspector said that as there were still no definite plans for the Fitzroy/Burleigh Street redevelopment the Beehive scheme would meet some of the shopping need without detriment to the city centre.

1977 03 23
Residents of Kingsmead Park Waterbeach complain they are jolted out of bed to the thud of heave machine-gun fire and the ear-splitting crack of high-powered SLR rifles and the birds have emigrated. The Army rifle range is right outside their bedroom windows & they are fed up with the day and night war games fifty yards from their caravans. The Army say that owing to the Northern Ireland situation all soldiers are required to fire a personal weapons test and that moving the range would be too expensive – it was there before the caravan park.

Cherry Hinton estate plans, p1

1977 03 24
Drugs are part of the attraction that brings hundreds of teenagers flocking to an all-night disco held every month at the St Ivo Recreation Centre, St Ives. Police say they set up roadblocks and enough drugs had been seized from vehicles to supply all 800 youngsters at the disco. But the promoters say there is no indication of widespread drug abuse and all they have found is one tablet in the cloakrooms. It was the second biggest disco in England & they attracted 14-18 year olds from all over the South. He had once tried to run an all-night discotheque in Cambridge but had found drug taking was rife and wouldn't go back there because of the problem

1977 03 28
Motorists were caught on the hop today as snow spread across almost all of East Anglia. The A45 was blocked near Newmarket when a tanker crashed at the Red Lodge petrol pumps & an unladen tanker overturned near the Four Went Ways. The Chatteris to Ely road was almost blocked & at Haddenham a baker's van slithered across the road. Police say there have been inundated with reports of hold-ups and accidents. Villagers at Hardwick were still without electricity at lunchtime, 11 hours after power went off. Parts of Papworth and Eltisley are also without supplies.

Regiment freedom, p3

1977 03 29
Ely market place, p5
Village expansion, p7

1977 03 30
Motorists pushed and fought their way to the petrol pumps in a panic-stricken rush to fill up before prices rose. Service stations were forced to close to save their remaining stocks and stop the motoring stampede. When news of the increase was announced on the radio Holland's garage, Cambridge, was one of the first to be besieged. A line of traffic stretched halfway along Mill Road and motorists, jealously guarding their place in the queue, were not even letting other cars out of the garage. At Huntingdon one petrol pump attendant said motorists had appeared to have "gone berserk" at the budget news

The volcano of violence that is Dave "Boy" Green erupted in an elemental awesome display of action fighting at Wembley. Proud Union Jack bearer, John H. Stracey, had as much chance as the citizens of

Pompeii. Green, a threshing machine with eyes blazing like headlights swarmed all over him, punching him to a standstill. Hooks to the body and muckspreader rights to the head exploded from him as he poured on the pace and the Londoner capitulated to the remorseless punishment of the Chatteris champion's bombing punches.

1977 03 31
When Wandlebury reopens after nine month's closure visitors are in for a shock. Torn apart by gales, laid waste by drought the 52-acre estate has something of the look of a battlefield. The once-familiar walks have been devastated, whole new clearings created and a major avenue of trees wiped out. Nearly 60 mature beech trees were lost in the January gales last year; the drought accounted for at least another 148 trees. Warden Bill Clark has spent the last 15 months in a one-man battle to put things right and make the area safe but fears he will go on finding many more trees which will have to be felled 77 03 31

Village expansion, p10

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1977 04 01
Anglian Water Authority-owned eel fisheries should be offered in lots of sufficient size to allow a proper commercial enterprise to operate, but this may force out traditional companies. Eel fishermen already have to be licensed in Cambridgeshire where there is a tradition of eel fishing around Earith and Littleport but many waters are worked "unofficially". Waters are becoming more over-fished every year; Dutch companies are keen to take as many eels as they can and smoked eel sells at £4 a lb in Holland. If one of the present fishermen paid for an official lease he might police it more thoroughly and offer more protection for the fishery.

1977 04 02
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United 50-up, p9

1977 04 04
Haslingfield's new Methodist church was officially unlocked by the oldest member of the congregation, Miss Grace Huddlestone, for many years organist at the old chapel. It will have as its minister the Rev Denzil Sutcliffe of Royston. Standing in part of what was once the Manor House garden, the new church replaces a century-old building which is being retained for use as a creche.

1977 04 06
Mill Road Maternity Hospital in Cambridge, a former workhouse, was slammed for its cramped and appalling conditions. A report highlights overcrowding, complete lack of privacy for patients, appalling residences for nurses & pregnant women having to sit clad only in a dressing gown in draughty corridors waiting for attention. It is virtually impossible to expand the hospital, access is difficult and car parking impossible. This is a disgraceful state of affairs for a maternity hospital doing the standard of work that Cambridge does. It should be replaced by a 100-bed obstetrics hospital on the New Addenbrooke's site as soon as finance is available

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Pye top-out building, p9
Hauxton village hall, p10

1977 04 12
Four Cambridge schoolboys, keen supporters of the latest skateboarding craze to hit Britain following its spread from America, have been banned from practising during the holidays on the playground of the Priory School, Galfrid Road, Cambridge. It is the second school to ban skateboards and is creating come controversy in education and road safety circles. A senior county education administrator said if

there was an accident the education authority would be responsible but a senior county road safety officer said it was better to have them off the road and on to places like school playgrounds. The boys hope to establish a skateboarding club with proper facilities.

Noel Edmonds, p1

1977 04 14
Cambridge scientists may be within six months of a major break-through. They hope that a new ultra-high-power electron microscope now being constructed will show atoms in the molecular structure of vital proteins and enzymes, including the life-giving substance DNA. Work on the new microscope has been going on at the Cavendish Laboratory for the past five years. Scientists in Japan are working along the same lines but the Cambridge scientists may achieve success first.

1977 04 14
Another stretch of the Cambridge-London Motorway – the M11 – was opened today. This second stage runs between South Woodford and Redbridge in London and South Harlow. With the section between Harlow & Bishop's Stortford opened in June 1975 there will now be 23 miles of motorway between the A12 at Redbridge and Birchanger. Work on the remaining parts of the M11 on to Cambridge is expected to start this summer.

St John's church centenary, p12

1977 04 15
Coleridge adult centre, p15

1977 04 16
Lutheran church, p6

1977 04 18
After four years of meetings, negotiations and hard work the villages of Hauxton have at last got their Village Hall. The opening by village storekeeper Mr Merrick Arnold marked the climax of a scheme thought up by the Women's Institute years ago. When a new school was built in 1974 a special committee set about raising £10,000 to buy the old school. Teams of volunteers knocked down walls, replaced plumbing and painted the walls. The chairman of the parish council, Mr Malcolm Woolf said it was "something the whole village should be proud of"

1977 04 18
The death of Sir Peter Kirk, MP for Saffron Walden, has cut short a highly promising and distinguished career. In Parliament before he was 27, he lost his Gravesend seat in 1964 but was promptly offered the safe Tory seat of Saffron Walden when it was relinquished by Rab Butler. Sir Peter was made Under-Secretary of State at the War Office and led the first Tory delegation to Europe in 1973 but had to face criticism of his frequent absences abroad. He always denied spending too little time in his constituency and was involved in many local issues.

1977 04 19
There may be treasure at the bottom of the garden at the Red House pub in Longstowe. Or on the other hand there may well not be. The landlord, Mr Rex Ford, is finding out – with the help of a team of expert divers. They spent six hours in the icy water but didn't reach the bottom after 90 feet & were forced to abandon the hunt having reached the limit of their decompression exposure time. They did find a large antique key on a ledge. George Hughes, aged 70, remembers drawing water from the well when a boy to power steam traction engines. "That is one of the deepest wells hereabouts and is reckoned to be over 300 years old", he said. 77 04 19

1977 04 19

A row is simmering just below the surface of the seemingly peaceful expanse of Eltisley village green. The wrangle turns on technical and legal points on the right to have driveways over a part of the green, which is common land. The question has split the village in two. It has brought the council into dispute with a vicar, a farmer and a doctor. It has made parish council meetings notoriously stormy and brought villagers out in force to watch the proceedings. The clerk and a council member have resigned over the row which make take a test court case to solve. 77 04 19

1977 04 20
A multi-million pound deal for the rebuilding of large parts of the Burleigh Street – Fitzroy Street area of Cambridge (The Kite) which would involve a handsome handout to the ratepayers is being negotiated between the City council and two internationally known development companies. Under the deal the redevelopment could be carried out without any cost to the ratepayers. The council would hand some of its land holdings – much now derelict – to the developers on a long lease. In return they would build large car parks for the council, re-grass the New Square car park and erect a number of shops, at least one of them a department store. And at the end of the development period the company would make either a substantial lump sum payment to the council or give it a large cut of the rents collected.

St John Ambulance HQ, p8

1977 04 21
Cambridgeshire County Council could be saddled with an expensive white elephant if it ever decides to use Whaddon Gap, near Royston, as a permanent site for caravan-dwellers. They are usually very superstitious people and some believe the site is haunted. One woman who stayed there said there was a sort of smoky mist coming up and she smelled burning and heard a horrible scream. When the same thing happened the next night she packed up & left. Residents say a tramp's body was found in a dug-out in 1940 and several aircraft came down in the area during the war. A few years later a Canberra bomber crashed and the three-man crew were killed. Nine years ago a gypsy who was living there was brutally murdered and caravan dwellers have never been there since. 77 04 21

Doreen Garner campaigns fof Cambridge causes – 777 04 21

1977 04 23
The new Bridge House office block and restored 16th-century buildings in Bridge Street, Cambridge, are a landmark and inspiration, said the Mayor, Coun Bob May, when he opened the £1.3 million redevelopment. "If only the architects had been involved at Lion Yard then things might have turned out differently there", he said. He praised the skill with which the historic and environmentally important site had been handled by the Scottish Mutual Assurance Society and its architects, Saunders Boston of Cambridge. It was an outstanding example of how a new building could be fitted into an old environment and how old buildings could be preserved.

1977 04 25
Printing technology is moving fast and regional newspapers are consistently in the forefront of developments. By concentrating on one major aspect the Cambridge Evening News has more than kept pace. The use of hot metal in printing is giving way to photography & we are the first in the country to print our papers by the Di-Litho method, enabling us to modernise and adapt our dated but sturdy and still efficient presses, improving the quality of reproduction in our publications and making working conditions easier and cleaner for staff. It is an indication of our confidence in the future that we intend to move to photocomposition, stage by stage, until completion in about a year's time.

St Ives Roman Catholic Church, p9

1977 04 27
Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise sustained a non-stop fusillade of gags and sketches at Cambridge Sports Hall. An audience of more than 1,500 people roared them to success. Eric took a snap look

around the room and declared: "I've never worked in an aircraft hangar before!" – much to the audience's delight. It is impossible to see where routine ends and inspired ad-libbing begins. Eric (about the audience): "Are they still there? They're not walking towards us with ropes and pulleys are they?" Later he told them: "You've been a marvellous audience, you really have. You've made me laugh, I tell you!"

1977 04 28
Cambridge undergraduates planning one of the university's most expensive-ever May Balls are insuring themselves against the Queen Mother's death. For she is patroness of Queens' College where May Ball tickets at £29.50 are now almost sold out. Her death before the college ball would result in cancellation leaving the student organisers with £10,710 worth of bills. One of the organisers said: "Cancellation could only really come about through the death of the Queen Mother or the college President and it is "court mourning" that we are most worried about. I suppose it is also something which is going to get more expensive the older she gets". The Queen Mother will be 77 on August 4th.

1977 04 30
Musicians' discontent over the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra turned to anger as more professionals claimed they were owned money. And as a London orchestral agency told of their wrangle over a cheque for more than £1,000 the Musicians' Union attacked the orchestra's policy of not paying amateurs.. The eight-month-old semi-professional orchestra is in a desperate financial condition. A London orchestral agent reported that he was "flabbergasted" at the way the Orchestra had treated its players. "I can't think why you people in Cambridge support it. I knew this would happen. You can't hope to run an orchestra on a shoestring", he said.

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1977 05 02
Corks bounced off the ceiling – and Steve Spriggs' head – and the champagne flowed long after Cambridge United's dramatic 3-2 victory over brave Brentford. They were celebrating promotion to Division Three. It will be one of the major shocks of football history if Ron Atkinson's team do not coast home to the Fourth Division title, sitting four points clear at the top of the table. They would have to lose their four remaining matches by at least three goals while the four teams below them would have to win all of theirs. It is all safely tucked away in the realms of fantasy, says Randall Butt

1977 05 03
Dennis is a Cambridge taxi driver who finishes work at two or three in the morning. But when he gets home there is no way he can get a night's sleep because he, his wife and nine-month-old baby share one room, 12 feet by nine, in which they have to live, eat and sleep. They leave a two-bar electric fire burning to dry out the damp. The family share a three-bedroomed terrace with two other families. There is no bathroom, the outside lavatory does not flush properly. There is just one kitchen. The house in Gwydir Street Cambridge is owned by the city council. The Housing manager agrees that conditions are far less than ideal but says the property is the last resort for dealing with real emergencies. A few years ago the family would have been split up with the wife and child going into a social services hostel.

Huntingdon crash plane, p1 – 77 05 03

1977 05 04
Two crewmen of an RAF Canberra and three children were killed when the plane crashed near houses at Oxmoor, Huntingdon. The main wreckage of the plane is spread around an area of grass at the end of Norfolk Road. The tail-plane of the Canberra wedged hard alongside one of the houses. Eight of the terraced houses appeared to be completely gutted with flames raging through the roofs. As the wreckage burned steadily police held back hundreds of watching residents. A spokesman at RAF

Wyton confirmed that one of their Canberra reconnaissance planes had crashed two miles from the runway as it came into land. 77 05 04

Mr Harry Evans of Sycamore Drive on the Oxmoor estate, Huntingdon described the scene as the Canberra crashed. "As I was walking along I looked across the estate and there was this jet coming in low like it was in a nosedive. It looked as if the pilot was aiming away from the houses. Then it disappeared from sight and there was a dull thud. We saw black smoke and flames". Mrs Betty Smith escaped from her blazing kitchen in Norfolk Road. "The plane virtually landed in my front garden. I'd just come down to the kitchen. I covered my ears like I always do when I hear a plane close and then could see flames. They were coming across the kitchen floor and under the table and I ran"

As Huntingdon mourned the death of three small children in the jet crash at Oxmoor, mystery still surrounds the cause of the crash. After experts had worked all night under floodlights amid the charred wreckage, one theory is that the twin engine Canberra photo-reconnaissance plane had suffered a failure in its Rolls-Royce engines. The two crewmen died as they fought to steer their crippled plane clear of the estate and a school 200 yards from the place where it crashed into eight terraced houses. Three small children died as blazing aircraft fuel spewed on to and into the houses

The two crewmen of the RAF Canberra killed in the tragedy at Huntingdon may have sacrificed their lives trying to keep clear of a school nearby where 250 children were about to start their lunch break. The headmaster of Sapley Park Primary School, Mr John Richardson, said the whole disaster was played out in full view of the school. The aircraft crashed about 200 yards away just as the bell was ringing for the start of the break. If the pilot had stayed in the air a few seconds more the school would have been hit. The crew could have ejected to safety and left the plane to its own devices.

The Mayor of Huntingdon said bureaucrats must take part of the blame for the Canberra jet crash disaster which killed five people. "It is clear the homes should not have been built under the flight path of the planes". The Oxmoor estate, where 2,000 families live, is mostly inhabited by Londoners who moved to the town under the Greater London Council expanding towns scheme and started in 1955. Residents have called for a halt to flights over the estate and threaten to block the runways at RAF Wyton. 77 05 04

1977 05 05
Oxmoor jet crash horror – 77 05 05

1977 05 06
Council elections, p1

1977 05 09
Cottenham residents can rest assured that their village bounds have been well and truly beaten following the traditional 20-mile hike at the weekend. 170 people took part in the annual ceremony to mark the parish limits and one who is unlikely to forget just where Cottenham stops and the rest of the world starts is 10-year-old Catherine Tompkins. She was chosen to go through the traditional "bumping" ceremony which takes place at each of the four corners of the parish. This combination of deterrent and reward, traditionally undergone by the village boys, entails being turned upside down, bumped on the ground, beaten with a stick and given a silver coin.

1977 05 09
Four men have resigned from Cambridgeshire Constabulary in the past six weeks over poor pay – the same number as in the whole of last year for the same reason. One 28-year-old detective constable has resigned after five years' service to double his earnings as a gas fitter. He had been taking home about £171 a month, including overtime and expenses. Another policeman is leaving to double his wages with a television hire company – and with a company car. The Chief Constable warned the service would continue to suffer unless policemen were paid above the national norm to attract the right men into the force.

Mill Road shopping supplement

1977 05 11
CU & Elton John, p6

1977 05 12
Huntingdon's "desolation row" where three children and two airmen died in last week's jet crash, will soon be no more. Contractors moved into Norfolk Road to begin demolishing the shattered and blackened wreck of seven houses. The machines brought to light pathetic mementoes of family life. Children's toys tumbled from upstairs bedrooms and the remains of a lunch that was never eaten disappeared under a shower of rubble. Huntingdon District Council intends to rebuild the block exactly as it looked before the crash. Greater London Council officials are searching their files for the original plans. 77 05 12

Inquest on Oxmoor crash – 77 05 12

1977 05 13
Bar Hill increase, p8
Arts cinema, p13

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Ickleton siege, p1

1977 05 16
The new Campaign for Real Ale guide to Cambridgeshire shows that, with the exception of a few oases, the north of the county remain a "real ale" desert. In the area between Huntingdon, Ely, Wisbech and Peterborough only 24 real pubs exists and of these five are in one town, March. The blame is put squarely on one major brewery, Watneys. But there are 42 more "real ale" pubs than last year, bringing the county's total up to 216 and in Cambridge itself 11 brewers supply real ale to more than 40 public houses

1977 05 17
Mill Road Maternity Hospital in Cambridge is medically second to none. The staff is good, the equipment the most up-to-date … but both are severely hampered by "appalling conditions" in the cramped old workhouse building. There is intense congestion in the antenatal clinic. Patients using the modern ultra-sound equipment have a long walk in their dressing gowns to reach a draughty corridor where they have to set near swing doors leading out of the hospital. Another £15,000 ultra-sound machine is being purchased but no-one knows where it can be placed. But the neo-natal care unit for new-born babies is regarded as probably one of the best in the country. 77 05 17

1977 05 17
The RAF disclosed officially that jet aircraft from RAF Wyton practice engine failures over Huntingdon but declined to comment on newspaper reports that a Wyton jet which crashed on the Oxmoor estate, killing five was practising a simulated engine failure when the disaster happened. A spokesman emphasised the manoeuvre is not dangerous and one engine was merely throttled back and can be put on to full power if something goes wrong.

Drugs, p1

1977 05 18
Drug addiction in Cambridge is running at a rate of more than seven times the national average – and addicts are spending as much as £70 a week on their habits. The drugs used are mostly Dexedrine and barbiturates, along with Mandrax, cannabis, amphetamines, heroin and LSD. In Cambridge there are 45 registered drug addicts on opiates and 15 known to be addicted to soft drugs – making a total of 60

known to the authorities, but this may only be about 10 per cent of the problem. There were 330 prosecutions for drug offences in Cambridgeshire in 1976

1977 05 18
Massive housing estates like Arbury in Cambridge and Oxmoor in Huntingdon are breeding grounds for drug abuse, says a Cambridge psychiatrist. While some of the young people started taking drugs through their family doctor's normal prescriptions, abuse was master-minded by European drug barons who imported the material via the east Coast ports. The influx of amphetamine-based drugs (pep pills) into large estates was considerable and there is a very sophisticated distribution network. Cannabis cost between £8 and £10 per quarter ounce – enough to last a casual user five or six days. Heroin cost around £40 a gramme.

1977 05 18
The Bar Hill Residents' Association was formed as a result of a meeting in October 1967 and now plays an important role in the village. It liaises between individual residents, the parish council and the developers and can act as a clearing house in any dispute. It has been involved in a project to construct an adventure playground and there are annual events such as the village firework display and fete. Its major function is to produce the monthly "Bar Hill News" which informs villagers of local activities, events and amenities, thus fostering the community spirit.

1977 05 19
It's three cheers for the red, white and blue in New Road, Sawston, where two families have already hung out the bunting for the Queen's Silver Jubilee. The homes now sport flags, bunting, a Union Jack and a giant-size poster of the Queen. "We are organising a street party for the children of New Road on June 6th and we thought we'd decorated the houses in advance", they said.

1977 05 20
A Conservative, Coun Maurice Garner, was elected Mayor of Cambridge for the coming year, succeeding Coun Bob Wright. A legal executive with a city firm of solicitors he is closely connected with many local organisations and has served on the council for 11 years. Yesterday he recalled how he first won his West Chesterton seat. It was all a family affair, he said – there are so many of his relatives living in West Chesterton that it was a simple matter to get elected. All the family voted for him and gave him a big majority!

1977 05 20
The bees are back in the wall at the Bees in the Wall. It is quite a relief to the landlord of the Whittlesford pub, Mr David Smith, because he has heard an old tale that if bees desert a building it falls down. The pub's name was changed from the Exhibition many years ago when bees first colonised high in the wall. They disappeared last October but a new swarm has now arrived, giving every indication that they intend to remain. Upstairs from the pub, in Mr Smith's lounge, are two glass panels showing back of the nest so he will be able to check the swarm's progress

1977 05 20
Cambridge City Council is likely to go into the public lottery business within a couple of months. Prizes of up to £1,000 would be given – and local cultural, sporting and welfare organisation could benefit by thousands of pounds a month. Under new laws the council is empowered to run a lottery once a month, using the profits for the benefit of services to the public. The council's Conservative leader, Coun. John Powley said: "I support the thing wholeheartedly". So far the only other councils who have indicated a willingness to promote lotteries are at Great Yarmouth and Thanet

1977 05 23
Each Sunday thousands of spectators flock to the West Row stadium, Mildenhall to cheer on their heroes, the Fen Tigers. And the heroes do not have to be adults. One rider in the mixed pairs was Melvyn Taylor who is just 16 years old. The stadium has mushroomed from humble beginnings in a mere three years. There is a good pavilion, a large bar, a snack room and various caravans dispensing

hot dogs, beer, ice creams, cups of hot drink and souvenirs. The riders themselves are a mixed bag; there are one or two professionals like captain Bob Coles and there are promising young riders from the area. Admission is 80p adults, 35p children

1977 05 25
Tenpenny vanilla cornets were given away free in Lion Yard, Cambridge as two ice cream bosses lined up for battle. Mr John "Country Boy" Powell gave away more than a hundredweight of his home-made ice-cream as part of his cold war against rival seller Mr Giovanni "Lyon's Maid" Rozzo. He claims that he has a gentleman's agreement with the boss of Wally's Ice Cream to share the Lion Yard "pitch". So there were a few frosty glances when Mr O. De Gennare wheeled in Mr Rozzo's barrow and set up in competition right next door. "Its poisonous" said one schoolboy to another who was clutching no less than three chocolate cornets to his chest. "I've gone mad", Mr Powell told the inquisitive.

1977 05 26
Police Sergeant Ray Dukes was proceeding in an easterly direction at midnight when he spotted something irregular – a giant turtle walking along Downing Street, Cambridge. It was not just an ordinary giant turtle, it was a giant snapping turtle and it was very angry. Taking care to avoid the snapping jaws, which can chop off a finger without too much trouble, he carried the turtle into the nearby Department of Zoology. The only person there was the night porter, Mr Charles Willard, who promptly locked it up for the night. Now the police are appealing for its owner to come forward and claim it

1977 05 27
Births, marriages and deaths have become a way of life for Mr Peter Layng. For he has spent the last 11 years copying out parish registers. The first register he copied was of Stapleford when he was researching his wife's side of the family and his hobby took off from there. Now he spends almost every morning at the County Record Office and is working on his 45th register. He has copied out big registers such as Bassingbourn as well as small ones like Tadlow. His lists are typed up in quadruplicate by Mr Colin Hatton and his wife Angela.

Turtle back home, p1

1977 05 28
The Mayor of Cambridge, Coun Maurice Garner, has offered to arrange skate-boarding sessions for city children in the Corn Exchange, where the council has a roller skating area, to keep them off the streets and away from the traffic. The new craze is rapidly gaining popularity and already some schools have banned their pupils from practising in the school grounds. For months the Road Safety Committee has expressed concern at the growing practice of skateboarding in the streets. A council report concludes: "As more people join in with the sport there is no doubt that the local authority will be asked to provide skate parks such as are provided in the United States"

1977 05 30
Firemen risking their lives searched for a husband and wife believed trapped inside the blazing Conservative Club at Huntingdon. Fire raged through the downstairs area of The Views, George Street as four teams of firemen searched for the steward and stewardess until word was received that they had begun a holiday. The fire destroyed the lounge and most of the bar area of the 19th century building. The downstairs reception area was also damaged its portrait of Mrs Margaret Thatcher blackened by soot and smoke.

Wendens Ambo traffic, p11

1977 05 31
Flag-draped homes, street parties and organised sports and entertainments will herald the Queen's Silver Jubilee at Haverhill. All day Monday will be devoted to parties organised by streets and courts

on the town's estates & Jubilee Day will be celebrated on the recreation ground with a Haverhill Girls v USAF basketball match and culminate with a torchlight procession and bonfire. At Linton there will be a wheelbarrow race, all old age pensioners will receive free food tokens and jubilee crowns will be distributed to schoolchildren. Horseheath will stage a village fair and a town crier in full period dress will herald the jubilee message around Wickambrook, visiting each of the eleven 'greens' which make up the parish. 77 05 31

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1977 06 02
With the opening of another section of the M11 it seemed a good idea for four "News" writers to set off for London. Each took a different route, setting off from Lensfield Road to Marble Arch departing at10.45 am. David Utting took the A11, clocking up 60 miles. The journey took two hours ten minutes. His verdict: "More a route to swear at than swear by". Tony Jedrej tried out the M11. It was three miles longer but took the same time. Rodney Tibbs drove on the A10 via Ware, a route of 55 miles & took one hour 45 minutes. John Gaskell recorded the fastest time on the A1 (M). It took him one hour 37 minutes to cover the 61 miles.

1977 06 03
Ashwell Street is no walk for the timorous. It needs nerves of steel to pass dogs barking and straining at the leash as the lane wends its seven miles between Ashwell and Melbourn. It is always hitting the headlines with stories of its squatters' rights problems, damage to neighbouring property at Litlington and litter, particularly at the Ashwell End. It is easy to understand why this is one of the more "unknown" green lane rambles. Maybe its not risking life and limb, but it comes darned close to it – David Waterson

Agee leaves Cambridge, p1

1977 06 04
The jubilee jubilations have begun in feverish earnest and Mid-Anglia is going red, white and blue all over. There were rumours that this sort of thing no longer stirs the imagination of the British public but News offices have been flooded with details of more than 3,000 jubilee events. Hundreds of street parties are being organised. Thoday, the fabric firm have out of their specially-designed Union Jacks and red, white and blue material within one and a half days and 20,000 red, white and blue plants are on their way to city flowerbeds and shop displays.

1977 06 08
More than 5,000 people cheered and sang the National Anthem when the only beacon in Hertfordshire was lit. The 30-foot-high beacon was situated in Beacon Field only a few hundred yards away from Tuthill Manor, Therfield, home of Mr & Mrs Rex Corbett who spent 16 years restoring the house. As the fire roared into life the high wind carried clouds of sparks over the field and as they descended hundreds nestled into the thatched roof of Tuthill Manor. The fire brigade provided a water carrier but the spray could not reach the top of the thatch & Royston firemen were called to douse the roof

1977 06 08
Thousands of people attended Cambridge's main jubilee celebrations – rustic games, music, a river boat procession and fireworks – on Midsummer Common. For the women there was a supermarket trolley race won by a team from Robert Sayles. Rain dampened the start of the carnival but large crowds gathered to watch the jubilee games and the procession of decorated motor boats which followed. The evening was rounded off by a fireworks display and there were cheers when the final set piece spelling out "ER II rules OK" was lit. At Thriplow a "Royal Show" included smashing the Royal Doulton, donkey rides from Anne's Riding Stables and a "Royal Free Hospital" blindfold stretcher obstacle race.

1977 06 09

After watching Jubilee fireworks until late last night Prince Philip flew in to Cambridge today, his 56th birthday, to be installed as Chancellor of Cambridge University. In the flag-waving crowd of about a thousand at St John's playing fields were two young girls, Jenny Nedderman & Katheryn Horsfall, carrying a hastily made banner wishing him a happy birthday. Later several hundred people waiting outside the Senate House broke into an impromptu rendering of "Harry Birthday to You" as he went inside for the installation ceremony & Julie Dunham surprised him with a birthday card and present.

1977 06 10
Only a man of towering pride and total lack of sensitivity could fail to be awed by assuming the ancient and distinguished Chancellorship of Cambridge University, Prince Philip told a packed Senate House. "I give a solemn assurance that I shall yield to no man in my devotion to the interests of the university and its students". About 70 demonstrators from the University Nursery Action Group stole the limelight as he led the procession to the ceremony. They were protesting about the lack of nursery facilities for the under-fives. The Prince gave the shouting mothers a quizzical look and a smile.

1977 06 10
More than 1,500 people packed into Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge to hear the Calcutta missionary, Mother Teresa, talk about her work among the dying and destitute of India. She asked the congregation "not to give from their abundance but to give from their love, till it hurts". Earlier she had been the first to receive an honorary degree from Prince Philip. The University Orator, Dr Frank Stubbings spoke of her work: "She saw the multitudes and had compassion on them; she went alone, in poverty, to the homes of the poorest, tended their illnesses and set up a school in the midst of the slums"

1977 06 10
Cambridge University, with its 11,000 students, is already larger that the "ideal" size for a university, according to its new Chancellor, Prince Philip. The bigger companies grew the more unsatisfactory their industrial relations were likely to be and the same applied to universities. Dealing with the arrival of women in what for almost 700 years were single-sex colleges the Prince said that if you have a limited number of students in a college and introduce women as a third of the number it could be difficult to provide sports teams. He thought it important that universities should have a very significant proportion of their effort directed towards science and engineering.

1977 06 10
One of Cambridge's best-known characters, Trevor Hughes, clocked up his 100th recorded conviction at the city magistrates' court when he admitted being drunk and disorderly in the Market Square. As he came into court, Mr Hughes, looking thinner and without his famous bobble hat or bushy beard said: "Good afternoon everybody". In court he said: "I won't deny it, but I can't remember. I like a little drop of tiddly, but I'm not abusive. But people say: 'look at that dirty old so and so', and I lose my temper". He was sent to prison for a month.

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1977 06 22 c
Plans to make the A604 a dual carriageway between Bar Hill and Godmanchester have provoked a far greater public outcry that at first expected. The Department of Transport revealed it has received 91 protest letter, 24 of which were concerned with the effects on Fenstanton. They want to improve the road to link with the Huntingdon bypass so establishing a fast route between the East Coast ports and the Midlands. This was necessary to cope with the future volume of traffic, expected to reach 36,500 vehicles a day by 1995

1977 06 23
Roadmen on the A604 at Linton have been inconvenienced this week because thieves have walked off with their portable toilet – the second time it has happened. The toilet was beside the road one night. The next morning it had gone. Now they have called in Cambridge police in the hope they can trace the missing loo. The head of Cambridge CID, Det Supt Keith Hookham, said: "It's the second time in less and a month this thing has been nicked"

Britannia Building Society, p15

1977 06 24
Several Cambridge United players in dispute over terms offered for Third Division football next season have not yet signed new contracts. Manager Ron Atkinson said: "We know for a fact that last year our players were most certainly the highest paid in the division – and were entitled to be because they were the best. Every player has been offered increased terms. The biggest bone of contention is that the basic wage has not gone up as much as they would like, but the bonus scheme has gone up by about 50 per cent. We are having to budget on shoestring gates. The players know that what the club has got, they will get. But if it has not got any more, they cannot get any more"

Library amnesty, p10

1977 06 25
I managed to "steal" four books from the Cambridge Central Library in Lion Yard, just to test its new and highly complex system of checking books in and out. I just walked out with them under my arm into the street. The new system involves photographing a special ticket against the book borrowed. But it will not prevent theft unless the manoeuvre I tried can be made more difficult. In the old library one had to pass down a very narrow passageway when taking books out, and my nerve would have failed. But in the wide open spaces of the modern library it held good. 77 06 25

1977 06 27
In five seconds George Williams of Sawston broke the world record and the skyline at Whittlesey will never be quite the same again. He didn't actually press the button that reduced ten chimneys to a field of rubble – that was left to Lesley Judd of BBC tv's "Blue Peter. But it was his job to make sure they

fell and fell in the right place. The chimneys, ranging from 90 to 230 foot, dated from the turn of the century and belonged to the London Brick Company; they will be replaced by only five.

1977 06 27
A Bar Hill shopkeeper, Mr John Wilson, will be closing down the grocery side of his business when the new Tesco superstore opens. Since January 1976, Bar Hill has been without a grocer's because Keymarket decided there was not enough trade to keep their small supermarket going. Their shop still stands empty. Mr Wilson stepped into the breach, supplying basic groceries from his fish and chip shop. Now he hopes to be 'frying tonight' for hundreds of shoppers parking behind his shop for the new Tesco store – 77 06 27

Bishop retires, p3
Hardwick postwoman, p9
Tesco supplement

1977 06 28
A team of Eastern Electricity apprentices are cleaning away about 150 years of soot, cobwebs and grime from the boiler room of the old fen pumping station at Stretham. They hope to restore it almost to the condition it was when the engine began operating in 1831 and are repairing as many of the valves and water level indicators as they can. The apprentices will also install lighting so that visitors will have a better view of the room and lights will also be fitted in one of the boilers to show its interior. The engine, which was last used in the 1940s is a popular tourist attraction

St Ives bridge, p9

1977 06 30
More than 1,600 Cambridgeshire school-leavers – about one-third of the total - cannot find jobs and most of them are drawing £9 a week dole money. The chances of them finding work are even more remote than last year as there are only 175 vacancies on the books. For months the careers advisory service has been making extensive efforts to find jobs but say they are very short of office and shop-type vacancies.

Californian cures, p12

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1977 07 01
All the customers in Berni Inns' Tudor Bar in Trinity Street, Cambridge looked like shoppers rather than office workers and it seems surprising that they have not discovered this quite spacious place to have lunch. The menu is not extensive but is reasonably priced; it includes a ploughman's lunch with either cheese or pate (65p), sandwiches and, in theory, cottage pie (46p) – but the chef was not at work. I tried the only hot pie available which the assistant "thought" was chicken and mushroom. As far as I could tell it was beef. Having spent only £1.50 between us we felt justified in lashing out on the speciality – liqueur coffee. At 51p it was an extravagance, but absolutely delicious

Oakington church repairs, p7

1977 07 04
The 600-year-old church at Wood Walton stands decaying in the middle of a field. Its windows have been broken, its furnishings smashed. A board still announces the psalm. It is isolated, almost a mile from the village which has a population of less than 300. Water and electricity have never reached it – parishioners used to carry their own candles to evensong. So it now rots. It is eerie, pathetic and beautiful. Its situation and condition mean that it will almost certainly never be used again and it is left to a group calling themselves "Friends of Friendless Churches" to try and preserve it. 77 07 04

1977 07 05
Cambridge City council announced details of its £10 million redevelopment scheme for the Kite area – and at once fell foul of the man who claims he can stop it all from happening, 76-year-old Mr Arthur Sutton. For nearly all his life he has lived at 1 Christchurch Street – one of the few houses which the council needs to demolish to make way for its new shopping and car park complex. But Mr Sutton declared: "Nobody is going to move me from the house I have occupied for 63 years. I am there and I am going to stay put". The new proposals are the latest in a string of plans produced during the past 20 years, all of which have been dropped. 77 07 05

1977 07 05
Cherry Mann's fight for independence has ended because she has died. And only death could have been her conqueror. She died weighing less than five stones. For 36 years – she was 38 when she died – she was the victim of a rare disease which turned 80 per cent of her body to chalk. She was incurable, and knew it; she could only move the forearm and three fingers on one hand. Yet she wrote in laborious long hand stories for BBC's Children's' Hour, poetry and gained her O & A levels. She fought for a home especially adapted to her needs and moved in when others like her had given up hope to wither away in geriatric hospitals. Her ambition was to help people. "I'll fight", she used to say, "to the day I die". And that was just what she did.

1977 07 06
Open air theatre plan, p1

1977 07 07
Rampton bees, p6

1977 07 08
Teddy Boys, ban-the-bomb and the Suez crisis are now all part of the history syllabus. Pupils at Netherhall School have been entering into the spirit of the 1950s by coming in wearing home-made "Ted" jackets and bootlace ties, with their hair slicked back – part of a competition for the best period costume. Parents have contributed 1950's "bygones" including ration books, a wedding dresses, pieces of pioneering Titan computers and valve amplifiers. The lads have borrowed school table knives to substitute for the dangerous 16th November flick-knives of the 50's.

1977 07 08
The Conservatives scored a massive victory in the Saffron Walden by-election, retaining the seat with an almost doubled majority, despite a low 65 per cent poll. Mr Alan Haselhurst described it as a victory for the party led by Mrs Margaret Thatcher. The Liberal, Mr Andrew Phillips, held on to second place but it was Labour's Ben Stoneham who took a pounding and returned a vote that will be embarrassing for the Government. Mr Oliver Smedley, anti-EEC, lost his deposit with less than 1,200 votes.

Rampton weathervane, p9

1977 07 11
A woman celebrated 50 years as a typist with the University Typewriting Office Ltd in Cambridge. Miss Dulcie Smith from Histon joined the firm when staff were enjoying new found freedom. "We were never allowed to come to the office unless we were properly dressed with hats and gloves and just before that the staff were never allowed to go into colleges unless they were chaperoned", she said. She has typed thousands of letters, accounts, theses and reports for dons and students and had to master the art of typing in a number of languages without having any knowledge of them.

1977 07 11
Young Thomas was a school dunce, an exam failure, a no-hoper. At best he was seen as unfortunate and underprivileged – at worst he was a stupid and lazy idiot. But this year, while many of his ambitious school contemporaries are kicking their heels in the dole queue, Thomas is enjoying his

first job after being groomed for employment by the Work Experience Unit at Waterbeach. He got free travel & free overalls while learning to do simple tasks well, straight-forward repetitive jobs requiring concentration and co-ordination. Now he is one of the unit's 23 pupils to leave and find full-time work since Christmas, only seven are left out of work, compared to one-third of Cambridgeshire's school leavers who are doing nothing because of the national malaise of chronic unemployment. 77 07 11

University Typewriting Office, p5

1977 07 12
Rubbish pits, p7

1977 07 13
A group of Cambridge residents have started a legal battle to stop buses using the narrow, congested Parker Street to reach the city's Drummer Street bus station. They are trying to force four major bus companies to use an alternative route via Emmanuel Street and Regent Street. The leader of the objectors said: "Parker Street is fit only for local traffic, being narrow and with houses on each side. At the moment the pollution is disgusting. You cannot open a window and the noise is above acceptable limits". The Eastern Counties traffic manager said: "Buses represent only a tiny proportion of the heavy traffic using the street, so why we are being picked on I don't know"

M11 road hospital access, p5

1977 07 14
Elizabeth Way is a noisy and polluted choked artery which miraculously eased Cambridge traffic problems in 1971 but it now itself in urgent need of relief. Residents used to live in tree-lined Cam Road, a quiet residential street on a par with De Freville Avenue in houses which had front gardens. Now they have lead pollution and noise levels three-and-a-half times above "acceptable" limits. People live in back rooms as, despite double-glazing, front rooms are still noticeably noisy. "It is difficult to cross the road, nobody can come and see you and window cleaners refuse to come here – they say it gets too dirty", said Mrs Winifred French. Relief could come next year with the opening of the Northern Bypass –at least everyone living on Elizabeth Way hopes so. 77 07 14

Scrambling feature, p22

1977 07 15
Public schoolboy Clive Stafford Smith, of Clarendon Road, Cambridge, got fed up with common-or-garden sponsored walks, so he suggested a pram race to Paris. He wrote round to a few firms and suddenly the mischievous baby of an idea had come of age, with promises of £3,000 and more to come. Today he and 14 friends from Radley College set off on a 250-mile trip and expect to take nine days. The first to reach the Eiffel Tower will win a magnum of champagne.

Bejam comes to Cambridge, p18

1977 07 16
The two leading private gardens in the CEN gardens competition were in the easy working are of Trumpington. The winner, Stuart Brown and his wife Shirley, had moved into the usual near dereliction about three years ago. Runner-up was Mr V. Pike who has spent a lifetime in gardening. Other class winners were W. Brunt of Rayson Way, E.W. Gentle of Thoday Street, F.J. Elbourn, Norwich Street and K.C. Newman, Fallowfield.

Elm church lead, p3

1977 07 19

Some of the plans for the development of Cambridge, which upset people living in the necklace villages, are being scrapped. Cambridgeshire planners are rethinking the city development plans because they claim information on population figures and job opportunities was wrong. Population growth in the area over the next 20 years is likely to be only 13,000 instead of the original estimate of 17,000. Intense opposition mounted by villagers against the rapid build-up of houses and industry near their home has had its effect. The Fen Ditton, Waterbeach and Cottenham expansion is almost certain to be scrapped and in its place more housing in the city itself and in growing villages like Hardwick will be suggested.

1977 07 20
Parents and children said goodbye to Mrs Betty Barrett and Mrs Norah Hudson who have run Cambridge's oldest nursery school, the Cranmer Nursery School in Newnham Lane for many years. Now the Old Oast House which has been rented each weekday morning is being sold by its owners. Their long experience with pre-school children will not be wasted as they plan to give advice and help to someone starting up a new nursery school in another part of Cambridge. They were presented with silver engraved forks in appreciation of their work.

River stunt plan, p5, axed 21st p10
Milton superstore, p11

1977 07 21
One of the most striking features in the property market has been the resurgence of interest in the small terraced city house in the Romsey Town area. Fifteen years ago one could have bought a two up, two down, for about £1,350. By 1967 the price was £2,200 rising to £5,500 by 1972 and is now £8,500 – and increase of 530 per cent. In De Freville Avenue a semi which cost £3,000 in 1962 is now £15,000, and in Queen Edith's Way the figures are £3,350 and £14,500. A post-war semi in Cherry Hinton has risen from £10,000 to £15,000 in the five years from 1972. 77 07 21

Jack Parnell, p8 & 15th p11

1977 07 22
Proposals to build a £40,000 open-air theatre on Jesus Green, Cambridge, from the proceeds of public lotteries, were thrown out by the city council. The first lottery is to start next month. The estimated monthly profit is £5,000 and the Lottery Committee had suggested that the proceeds of the first nine should be spent on a theatre. It would, they thought, have given the scheme an impetus – and the plan had certainly created a lot of publicity, generating hostility towards the project. They were asked to think again and come back with some good ideas.

1977 07 23
The Mayor of Heidelberg officially opened the rooftop garden above Lion Yard, Cambridge, which has been named after the German town to mark the link between Cambridge and its twin university town. Oberburgermeister Renhold Zundel said a scheme similar to Lion Yard was being built in his city and they might have a garden named after Cambridge soon. 77 07 23

1977 07 25
The Newmarket millionaire Mr David Robinson has added another £7 million to the £10 million he gave in 1973 for the foundation of a new college in Cambridge. The additional money will be used to overcome the effects of inflation and establish a trust fund to attract top-class academics to the college mainly from abroad. The shy millionaire who started off in his father's bicycle business in Cambridge refused to be interviewed or photographed - 77 07 25 &(2)

1977 07 25
Parishioners at Oakington have raised nearly £5,000 to repair the church bells. On Saturday four bells were taken down from the tower by a group of villagers; by doing a lot of the manual work they have

kept the costs down. The bells need a new frame to replace the present one which is 300 years old. They also need retuning and a fifth bell is being recast at Loughborough.

1977 07 26
Western bypass starts, p11

1977 07 27
The issue of redevelopment in the Kite area of Cambridge may have dragged on for more years than many care to remember but the controversy it has provoked is far from disappearing. More than 300 people turned up to the Guildhall. Opinions on the scheme varied. A pork butcher, Mr Jack Curtis, who had traded in Burleigh Street since 1945 said he had never seen a scheme that hurt so few people. There were interruptions, including an appropriately timed blast or two from a bugle smuggled in by Mr Arthur Sutton whose house is due for demolition – 77 07 27

Ely Cathedral appeal, p3

1977 07 28
The Railway Tavern, Shippea Hill, is threatened with closure by Watney Mann and the regulars are upset. The older men got to thinking back about the pub's previous owners. It was Steward and Patterson's, then Ely Ales, then East Anglian Breweries, then Watney's, then it was Truemans and then Watney's again. Three years ago it was one of the busiest pubs around. A lot of men worked in the station's goods yards but they were closed down and the custom drifted away. Now customers include a few farm workers and the passing trade: sales reps and occasional tourists. Sometimes servicemen from Lakenheath or Mildenhall pop in. – 77 07 28

1977 07 29
There are those who say that swimming in the Cam is only marginally less dangerous than going for a dip in an oceanful of sharks. There are others who swim in the river day in, day out and are the very model of health. The two sides met at the annual visit of the City councillors to the slowly decaying bathing huts on Sheep's Green. The Mayor said: "We're told the Cam is polluted. All we can say is: Swim, drink it and kill yourselves. Only don't say you weren't warned"

1977 07 29
Haverhill publicans are upset at what they see as "pot hunting" by a local darts team. The captain of the Black Horse darts team has asked three players from Sudbury to play for them in the forthcoming Haverhill District Winter League. Although importing good players from outside is not against the rules local landlords are describing the move as "sneaky" and "unethical". The players say they are only coming from Sudbury to Haverhill for a change of scenery

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1977 08 01
Folk Festival, p5

1977 08 02
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1977 08 03
Cambridge's £3 million concert and conference hall that never was began with a £2 million promise to pay for the conversion of the Corn Exchange. But that promise, made in 1974 was short-lived. Mr David Robinson decided that the Corn Exchange was ugly and should be pulled down. Instead he favoured a purpose-built concert and conference hall on the Downing Street end of the Lion Yard

complex. The man at the centre of those protracted negotiations was Coun Jack Warren who told him it was a listed building and could not be pulled down but he pooh-poohed this. In October 1976 Mr Robinson wrote to say it would be impossible for him to provide the money, and then gave another £7 to Robinson College. – 77 08 03 &(2)

1977 08 03
Cambridge pop groups are to be given a chance to make their names in the music industry. Lee Wood, the owner of "Remember Those Oldies" record shop in King Street has just launched his own record label for lively local bands. Having acquired the 16-track recording facilities at Spaceward Studios he is looking for local groups to promote on his new label entitled "RAW" and has plans to produce an LP of all the Cambridge groups over the last ten years. One of the first bands to be recorded are punk-rockers The Users, whose single "Sick of You" has already sold 10,000 copies.

1977 08 04
Eltisley kidney donor register, p11

1977 08 05
Lord Adrian, Chancellor of Cambridge University for seven years and one of the world's leading scientists, has died. He was one of the most eminent of the Cambridge scientists and won the Nobel Prize for medicine in 1932. He was a Professor of Physiology and preceded Lord Butler as Master of Trinity College. He had more than a score of honorary degrees from universities all over the world

1977 08 06
A race against time to fly Concorde to the Duxford Aviation Museum is likely to provide a tense photo-finish. Contestants are the British Aircraft Corporation with its supersonic 01 prototype and Bovis with its giant bulldozers. The bulldozers are now poised to start digging up the runway to form part of the Western By-Pass and if they do it will end, once and for all, the on-off guessing game surrounding Concorde's "imminent" arrival. BAC's chief test pilot, Brian Trubshaw has made it clear he will need every available foot of runway to bring the aircraft in.

Violence warning, p1

1977 08 09
Cambridge wants its northern by-pass badly, yet it has done little to make the men who are building it feel welcome. At the by-pass site office a community of men from Bovis Civil Engineering Ltd living in 80 caravans find that after long hours when the continual chugging of the expensive machinery finally ceases and the clouds of choking dust begin to settle, that Cambridge has been found wanting. "It is the worst town for entertainment I have ever been in. About half of us are northerners and what we really miss is the working men's club sort of place", said one. Others prefer to live with their wives on the site and find the local school at Milton the best anywhere. About a dozen children from site families go there. – 77 08 09

1977 08 10
In 1952 Haverhill was bravely pioneering town expansion. The agreement with the Greater London Council provided for a population of 30,000 by 1991. Between 1961 and 1971 the population more than doubled and at the end of 1973 three-quarters of all Haverhill employment came from London companies who had moved to Suffolk. It has grown rapidly and the haste in which estates were built has been blamed for the grossly overworked sewage works. The last development to be completed with GLC assistance was the 360-home Chimswell estate. There are more than 200 empty houses for which the GLC has nomination rights and a further 100 have been leased to the USAF to house servicemen. – 77 08 10

1977 08 10
Paul Turpin has big plans for the Cow and Hare at Lode, which has been transformed from a very ordinary village pub into a glamorous night-spot, where customers can enjoy a pint of real ale, a

reasonably-priced meal or a high class cabaret and music. It is his first pub and the last thing he wants to do is lose the custom of the "locals" so he has kept the bar looking like a bar, with draught Burton and Ind Coope bitter being varied according to demand with real ales.

1977 08 11
Robinson gift, p1
John Barry, p7

1977 08 12
For more than three years Cambridge has been on the verge of getting a £3 million civic hall gift from the Newmarket millionaire Mr David Robinson. But secret talks between City Councillor Jack Warren and the man who has paid £17 million to found a new college in Cambridge have collapsed with a letter from Mr Robinson saying, "It is impossible". Coun Warren made one last telephone call to the man he had come to know as a friend. Mr Robinson said his wife was ill and he was selling up and going to live in a bungalow.

1977 08 12
The first lottery tickets went on sale in Cambridge today – but still no one has any idea what the money will be spent on. The City Council's Lottery Committee has put off discussing ideas for another two weeks despite being told that it was illegal to sell tickets where there was no clear object in view. Any ideas should be given to council officers who will list them under three categories – charitable organisations, projects of a "social nature" and plans to the benefit of all residents such as the proposed open-air theatre. The council has still to sort out a kiosk selling point for the tickets but are aiming to sell 40,000 tickets through 32 newsagents for the draw on September 9th

1977 08 12
The Mayor of Cambridge had a go at skateboarding, the latest craze among youngsters. But try as he would to keep still the board had a will of its own and he had to hold on to one of a group of teenagers who went to see him about finding a proper skateboard rink in the city. He told them he had already made a firm request for the Amenities Committee to consider their 1,637-name petition and asked if some of the city's lottery money can be spent on one. The slopes of the Lion Yard present an ideal combination of smooth surface and different angles to turn in but shoppers say it is dangerous and large areas of plate glass windows are likely to be broken

1977 08 16
We have become so used to inflation that price rises are readily accepted as being a necessary evil. But what about the price of chips? In February 1976 the News did a survey and we have repeated the exercise now the raw material – the potato – is costing only a fraction of its previous price. None of the shops had passed on a reduction to customers. But cod is twice the price of 18 months ago and the fryer is having to subsidise his fish price from chip sales. The best value is at D.G. Munns in Old Chesterton. At 12p a portion the price is unchanged and for an extra 3p our reporter was given an extra half portion – three ounces of chips.

History under concrete, p3

1977 08 17
Haverhill policemen are finding a night's duty at their station is not a happy one. Ghostly bumps and bangs are disturbing their midnight sojourns by the cells. Heavy doors, soundly locked, have been heard to slam. Even typewriters in empty offices have started a spirited chatter. The station in Camps Road was built on the site of a pagan Roman court. In 19th century excavations bodies of slaves were found bricked into the walls. Now the officers feel their new headquarters in Swann Lane cannot be completed soon enough.

Bumps gun shed, p3

1977 08 18
The Labour Party has produced a controversial plan which could mean more power for large district councils like Cambridge City Council. It could soon be running its own schools and social services. This is only the first stage of a plan which ultimately would see English local government in the hands of a dozen regional and 200 multi-purpose authorities. The existing county councils would disappear altogether.

1977 08 19
Theoretically worth over £150,000 a year in rent, the 47,000 square foot office accommodation above the Lion Yard has stood empty since the precinct opened nearly two years ago. Agents trying to let the offices blame the economic malaise for their lack of success. The high price of central car parking is also a barrier. The city council made a former builders' site available to encourage offers and now one taker has at last been found. Vinters, the Cambridge solicitors have taken space. But Bidwells say matters will only improve when companies begin to expand and the perpetually optimistic estate agents say it is beginning to happen.

Arts outlook precarious, p5
Pye profits rocket, p10

1977 08 20
Concorde, proud emblem of British civil aviation swooped low over Cambridge and its necklace villages to her new museum home at Duxford airfield, ending months of speculation and delay. Pilot Brian Trubshaw circled before putting the sleek, streamlined beauty on to the runway. As the wheels touched down a parachute flew out from the back of the aircraft to slow her down on the comparatively short 6,000-ft runway. In the background was equipment belonging to the construction firm Bovis, waiting to lop 1,000 feet from the runway to make way for the Cambridge western by-pass. Now Concorde is here to stay – the runway is too short for her to take off again.

1977 08 22
Angry scenes ended a demonstration in which the vicar of Eaton Socon led parishioners into the main road to protest against heavy lorries. Seconds before the crowd was due to disperse after blocking the Great North Road for 15 minutes, two drivers decided they had waited long enough and tried to weave their way through. But residents, including young mothers with babies in prams, children and old age pensioners rushed to form a human wall round the cars. The demonstration was led by the Rev John Heffer whose banner proclaimed: "Diversions, not cremations"

Birdbrook treasure, p5

1977 08 23
Although it is a city which expects to attract two million overseas tourists this year, Cambridge has nowhere within its bounds where a visitor can pitch a tent. During the summer months the only welcome that Stanley Belcher, warden of the Camping Club site at Shelford, has been able to offer many visitors is a "site full" notice. There is an additional problem in turning campers away as planning regulations limit him to 60 pitches – about a quarter of an acre each. So when the site is full it certainly does not that way to foreign eyes accustomed to the crammed conditions of popular continental locations. It is ironic that Cambridge City Council needs no licence to jam tents in like sardines for the folk festival.

1977 08 24
Libraries face axe, p5
Lensfield Road roundabout, p8
Abolish County Council, p9

1977 08 25

"Come up with some proper plans" the city council told the skate boarders. And so they did. The Cambridge Sidewalk Surfers took their ideas to a commercial artist and the result is a scale drawing of the old bandstand on Christ's Pieces as they would like to see it. The present slab of grey asphalt would be replaced by a maze of ramps, tunnels and obstacles with one or two hair-raising features. They estimate the park could be built for less than £1,500 with club members providing some of the labour free. They would charge about 10p per session, just high enough to make a profit but no so high to keep people away.

1977 08 26
Skateboarders met Cambridge council officials and received a bit of a shock. They were told that the skateboard park they had designed would cost at least 30 times what they had estimated. "It's a quite incredible plan", said the Chief Recreation Officer. "It would give Cambridge just about the finest rink in the country – at a price. It would cost at least £25,000". He said a restrictive covenant governed development on Christ's Pieces, which would create all sorts of legal problems for the skateboarders. Their president said: "It's a bit disheartening"

1977 08 26
A campaign has been launched against the threatened closure of the Mill Road public library, Cambridge. It library is one of six which may close because of lack of money caused by severe cutbacks in Government grants. The County Librarian, Royston Brown, said the library needed £15,000 worth of repairs – and the county council did not have that sort of money. But the Romsey area has the highest percentage of old people in the city who use it as a daily reading room because they cannot afford to buy newspapers and magazines

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Lensfield Road roundabout, p5

1977 08 31
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Last Burma Day, Waterbeach, p9

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1977 09 01
Experts have successfully uncovered medieval wall paintings at Barton church. They have spent weeks cleaning off wax applied in 1929 in a previous attempt to restore the paintings which probably did more harm than good. It was believed then that wax helped to protect them but experts have now decided that damp coming through ancient church walls is sealed into paintings by the wax layer and leads to severe blistering. The paintings were probably done in vegetable dyes by travelling artists & were covered up during the Reformation period. The latest efforts have brought to light new details including an evil-looking devil; the early workers thought this was a duck's head

1977 09 02
Girls will continue to be barred from grants to aid further education from a charity at Steeple Bumpstead despite recent sex equality legislation. Village boys qualify for money from the wealthy George Gent Trust to help offset the cost of a university degree and the Charity Commission has ruled that the original "Men only" intention of the benefactor must be adhered to. The Parish council chairman said: "There are many local parents who would have been glad of an extra £50 to help send their daughters on to higher education". But the vicar said the original intention should be allowed to stand: "Often when a woman gets a degree it's a waste of money. She gets married and all the money that's been spent on her is wasted".

1977 09 02
Burma Star Day at Waterbeach airfield has become one of the region's major annual events and it is with a mixture of sadness and relief that the organisers present their last show. After six years they

have decided it is time for a rest. There will be the usual parade of events with the sensational display of the RAF Red Arrows, the freefalling RAF parachutists the Falcons and the flypast of the huge triangular Vulcan as the highlights of the day. Massed bands, motor cycle displays and the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight will be on show.

1977 09 03
Sitting in the enormous blue tent on Jesus Green and watching the incomparable Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet I felt that this is what a fully international university city should be all about. The huge tent provides a sufficiently large stage and seats to stage large performances and make them pay. Cambridge should consider investing in something of this sort. It took a lot of courage, hard work and imagination to bring Sadler's Wells to Cambridge and they have brought Cambridge to the crossroads. Either it goes forward from here or it retreats.

1977 09 05
The last Burma Star Day at Waterbeach went out with a bang – with record profits of more than £7,000 and a record attendance of over 53,000. It will be the last air show and display; the organiser and controller, Mr W.H.P. Clarke said "The show depends on many local volunteers who do this at weekends and in their spare time". The prime attraction must have been the RAF's Battle of Britain Memorial Flight but there was also the sole remaining airworthy RAF Mosquito. They were joined by aircraft of today including a Buccaneer, Phantom and a pair of Harrier jump jets.

Skateboarding, p8

1977 09 06
Heneky's bar in Cambridge had a prominently displayed luncheon list which included a "ploughman's lunch". It is a small bread roll, a very modest piece of cheese and some butter for 45p. But at the Bath Hotel in Bene't Street it arrived with everything – onions, pickled onions, tomato, lettuce and so on and the price was only 5p more. At the Still and Sugarloaf two sizes of cheese roll are obtainable at different prices. Each has a piece of processed cheese already in it.

1977 09 06
A bleak future faces the expanding towns of Haverhill and Mildenhall if agreements with the greater London Council are terminated. There would be little further factory building, fewer new schools and an end to major road schemes such as bypasses. Haverhill was the first town development scheme; the population doubled in ten years and is now about 16,500. But all planning had been geared to a target population of 30,000 and a £1½ million sports and swimming pool complex and other amenities provided for a town of that size.

1977 09 06
There is something innately rebellious about banger racing. It involves the smashing of a motor car into as many pieces as possible. At the end of a race the Concord Car Club's circuit at Henham looks like a breakers yard. What was once a Zephyr Zodiac is on its roof, the suspension of another car that defies identification has collapsed and another is wrapped up in the safety fencing. The criterion – "as long as it will run it will race" – applies to the cars which cost the drivers as much as £15 to buy. They can last for one meeting or perhaps three if you are lucky. Pay your £2 club membership and £1 every time you race and you're in. – 77 09 06

1977 09 07
Libraries revolt, p3
Conington pub, p7

1977 09 08
A scheme for a superstore at Milton, which would create 200 local jobs, got the thumbs-down from the planners. It was proposed by the Associated Dairies group which had similar plans for the Scotsdale Garden Centre site at Gt Shelford rejected after a lengthy inquiry. Like that plan the Milton

scheme ran into fierce opposition as soon as it was suggested. Local traders said it would push many of them into bankruptcy. Their business had already been affected by the Tesco superstore at Bar Hill

1977 09 09
Littleport bridge, p9

1977 09 10
The owner of the Alley Boutique warned skateboard enthusiasts to keep out of the Cambridge Lion Yard after his shop's plate glass window was smashed. Police found a skateboard amid the broken glass. Ian Burns said: "This is the third shop window to be damaged since they started using the slopes of the walkways". The skateboarders who are aged from 10 to 25 use the shopping precinct as an evening time practice run. The Mayor said: "Until they can find their own rink they say the Lion Yard is the only place to go"

1977 09 10
The prospect of severe bread famine saw about 300 people waiting outside bread shops in Mill Road before they were open. About 80 per cent of the bread sold in the city comes from the big bakeries now on strike. At Spillers-French Baking in Sleaford Street, which makes about half of the bread sold in the area, 100 bakers joined the strike. Some small bakeries are limiting sales to one or two loaves or serving regular customers first. The joint owner of one of Cambridge's smaller bakeries, Mr Jim Markillie, accused housewives of hoarding.

1977 09 12
Kite plans changed, p5

1977 09 14
At 2.00 am while Cambridge slept a solitary light shines in Belgrave Road. Master baker Roy Markillie has arrived at the family bakery. His aim – to turn out 4,000 loaves in time for the bread queues that inevitably form outside his shop at 9 am. All his working life he has been an independent baker and so isn't affected by the strike that has crippled the big bread firms. He doesn't relish the thought of tripling his normal production rate – it simply means he will have to work flat out for the next eight hours. At 9 am the bread goes on sale – rationed to one loaf for each person

Snowy film, p4
Shippea Hill new tenant found, p11

1977 09 15
The fens are an area strange and largely unknown to outsiders. But far stranger is the portrait of the region just published in the "New Society". It presents a picture of an area struggling against poverty with people trying to bring up families on wages of £27 a week. Some live in council houses with a good show of vegetables in the garden but "grim and comfortless within". The article paints a picture of intermarriage producing subnormality, children whose slowness at school reflects their parents' lack of expectation for them – even the highest number of shotgun murders in the country. There are no redeeming features. Even the weather is described as grim, and community resources "at an unbelievably low ebb" – 77 09 15

1977 09 16
Huntingdon skateboards, p7
Swimming in snow, p26

1977 09 19
Veteran charity fundraiser Snowy Farr led about 150 children around Cambridge city centre with the intention of filming the opening sequences of a children's television series in which he stars. But Snowy took the wrong turning and helpful police radioed around the route trying to locate him; over-exuberant children kept overtaking his bike; cats fell off the trailer and the goats couldn't get through

the crowd. And then, to cap it all, sirens screamed and blue lights flashed as three fire engines raced up Trinity Street to the Whim Restaurant. The whole thing was organised by a group of independent cameramen who are planning to sell a series to foreign television networks.

1977 09 20
Bread was being made at the large Spillers-French bakery in Cambridge for the first time in 11 days, as staff returned to work after settlement of the national strike in "plant" bakeries. The accountant at the Sleaford Street bakery said some loaves were coming off the production lines by mid-morning. But they would have to cool and then be wrapped before they could be sent out. During the strike the small independent bakers have been working flat out to try to meet demand. Most have managed to produce around double their normal output.

1977 09 22
A group of parents at Swaffham Prior primary school fought and won a battle to save a full time teaching job at the school. The village school with 80 children on its roll now has four full-time teaching staff. Now they want other parents to join them in a campaign to prevent any reduction in the present teacher-pupil ratio of 24 pupils to one teacher in most primary schools. Secondary schools average 16.5 to one

1977 09 23
The Cambridgeshire Structure Plan proposals, which have taken officials nearly four years to compile, were condemned as "a complete waste of time and energy" within minutes of their formal launch. The proposals, prepared at an estimated cost of many thousands of pounds, set out to chart the course of county-wide development during the next 15 years. They suggest the county council's aim should be to improve the quality of life in the face of a continuing lack of public money.

1977 09 23
Whitehall has rejected Cambridge City Council's representations that the county needs a larger slice of the rate support grant "cake", because of its growing population. The Department of Environment says that a larger population provides scope for economies of scale and will bring an increase of rate income because of new building. It adds that Cambridgeshire receives less aid because its needs are lower than those of most other authorities. The Chairman of the Finance Panel described the reply as "just Government waffle"

1977 09 24
Locals in Burwell cast a quizzical eye over the new thatched roof of a cottage in High Street. From a distance it looks the same as any other. But close up something appears to be different. The thatch is made of fibreglass sheets, screwed to the roof. It costs slightly more than a normal thatch but has been treated to make it fireproof, needs no maintenance and will last far longer than a straw or reed thatch. The product is manufactured by Fibrethatch, a Royston firm. Whatever the benefits the roofs are bad news for birds. They will not be able to burrow their way in to nest.

Captain Hatfield photos, p8

1977 09 26
Before I met The Stranglers I met their fans who formed a bizarrely-painted and clothed chain stretching from the Corn Exchange to King's Parade. First in the queue was a character by the name of Rat Rancid, with his mate Garry Gangrene, from King's Lynn. Here were some punks that looked every bit as vile as the ones we've all read about. They were horrible. I think it was the safety pins through the cheeks that made me feel slightly sick, but it may just have been the chains through their noses. They snarled and leered while my colleague, Mike Manni, took their pictures. Then Rat put down his can of Party Seven and scribbled his address. Could we send some prints. "To Rat Rancid", I asked. "Oh, no", he gasped. "My mum wouldn't like that"

1977 09 27

Greyhound pub, p6

1977 09 28
Royston has become one of the dirtiest and shabbiest little towns in Hertfordshire, according to one man who has to contend daily with a litter problem outside his home in Kneesworth Street. At night armed with a broom and dustbin bag he collects up piles of chip bags, sweets and cigarette wrappings, tissues and tin cans. A mechanical roadsweeper came down the street sometimes and he once swept the rubbish into the gutter. "The driver, believing I had emptied out household rubbish into the road, stopped his vehicle and pushed the whole lot back into my drive", he said

1977 09 30
An Army bomb disposal squad detonated a First World War bomb in the grounds of Sawston Hall – after the live bomb had been sitting in the hall's dining room for years. The 10-inch mortar was brought back as a souvenir of the war. The owner said he was going to give it to Duxford Aviation Museum but was advised to check whether it was live before donation. He doubted it was filled with explosive. It probably only had the detonator in, and would have needed a very hard knock to set it off.

1977 09 30
The Transport Minister is investigating claims that British Rail is planning to axe overnight trains between Ely and Norwich and King's Lynn. There had been negotiations over the cuts in services between 10 pm and 6 am. At present there are three or four trains during this time and ASLEF fear any changes would be the thin end of the wedge in steps towards closure. But British Rail say that far from reducing services they are actually planning some marginal improvements.

1977 09 30
The newsagents business of Lokers on East Road has been something of a landmark since Dobbie Loker founded the firm in 1861. They have come a long way, expanding from a little paper shop to one of the biggest wholesalers in the area and providing books, paperbacks, toys and other sundries as well as stationery for the newsagents of Cambridge. They were the last shop to leave the south side of East Road during redevelopment. Ten years ago they decided to concentrate on wholesale trade and look for new accommodation. They have now moved to Severn Place.

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1977 10 03
Forsythe at Bar Hill, p5

1977 10 04
The Cambridge department store Laurie and McConnal in Fitzroy Street is to close in December. Indecision over plans for the Kite area redevelopment is the reason, said Mr Anthony Frais. "We have tried everything we know to get something moving in the Kite, and while the council is now at last seeing sense we cannot afford to wait the two years before anything actually happens. As a small family company are paying penal rates." The business was established nearly 100 years ago. 77 10 04

1977 10 05
The sudden news of Laurie's closure has come as a shock to the City Council team involved in drawing up the Kite plans. Council leader, John Powley, said he was "very sorry indeed" and could well understand their frustration at the indecision. "Gradual renewal of the are, as some people want, just will not happen and will lead to a speedy decline of the whole area. A satisfactory scheme must be produced as speedily as possible. Constant delays are not good for the area, for the people of the city, or for Cambridge as a whole".

Milton laundry, p3

1977 10 05
The news that Laurie and McConnal's department store is closing will have come as a surprise to most people. But to anyone who regularly used the store it was only a question of time before they succumbed to the inevitable. Even at the height of the shopping day you could be the only potential customer in any one department. It had 50,000 sq ft of selling space, spread over five floors to service, heat, decorate and keep full of merchandise and the passing trade had dropped off dramatically as so many houses have been knocked down and food shops have disappeared from the Kite area. 77 10 05

1977 10 06
Hopes of bringing mains sewerage connections to isolated villages are no nearer being realised. The only exception being allowed by the Anglian Water Authority arises when the present conditions offer a health hazard. Coun Jack Warren said: "Conditions have got to be intolerable before we will do anything. I think we are a really stodgy lot. Sewage has got to be coming out of the taps before we will do anything". But the chairman said it was the Department of the Environment which had clamped down on pioneer rural schemes.

University Pagan Society, p1
Park & ride, p11

1977 10 07
Another step forward in Kite wrangle – 73 10 07

1977 10 08
More shops in the Kite area will be forced to close unless something is done quickly to rejuvenate the area. A number of stores have been teetering on the brink for some time and could go out of business. This has been caused by all the little ginger groups, all pushing for their own things. They hack and maul among themselves and all they succeed in doing is to cause the sort of intolerable position that Lauries found itself in. It is all very well saying the Kite should stay exactly as it is. But it cannot. It has changed markedly over the years and is still changing. It either has to be redeveloped in some fashion, or it dies. – 77 10 08

1977 10 10
Cash rescue hopes, p1

1977 10 11 c
The latest and controversial proposals for rebuilding the Kite area of Cambridge took another step along the long road to becoming reality when the city council accepted them in principle as a basis for discussion with a number of companies interested in financing the project. It took almost two hours of debate – which at times became heated and bitter – to reach the decision. Supporters warned against further delays; Coun Gough Goodman said "Filibustering in the council chamber has resulted in the loss of jobs for many people and the loss of a splendid business, Laurie & McConnal"

1977 10 12
Bypass machine, p11
St Andrews community centre, p17

1977 10 13
Stapleford Parish Council reaffirmed that it was willing to run the village library with voluntary helpers if it would result in it being saved. The library, which occupies a room in the school, is open for eight hours a week and its one of eight threatened with closure by the County Council. But the County Librarian says this could not be considered because it would cause trouble with the trade union.

Skateboard plan, p11

1977 10 14
Mitchams, the Cambridge department store, is to close after 68 years. Mr Charles Mitcham converted a house in 1909 and opened up the store. It spread into adjoining buildings and today sells almost everything but furniture. The shop was sold when Mr Mitcham died during the war and was taken over two months ago by a Manchester-based insurance group. The manager said: "It is more than just a shop closing. It is part of the city about to vanish" – 77 10 14

1977 10 15
Prime Minister, Jim Callaghan, arrived in Cambridge to address a Labour Party Conference in the Guildhall and talk to the Fabian Society in the Union Society building. Leaders of the city's Sidewalk Surfers skateboarding group waiting outside got no promises of support for their skateboard rink campaign. Over lunch local Labour Party leaders – including Mrs Janet Jones talked of next year's rate support grant settlement for the county. In his speech Mr Callaghan welcomed President Carter's willingness to reduce nuclear weapons and said he sought a comprehensive ban on nuclear explosions

1977 10 17
The Prime Minister, Jim Callaghan, has privately assured Cambridge Labour Party leaders that the County Council's financial difficulties will be sorted out – probably over a two-year period. Substantial Government financial help is on the way to stop massive cuts in council services – including the sacking of nearly 200 teachers. This follows cuts of more than £10 million in Government aid this year

1977 10 18
Undergraduates at Jesus College, Cambridge, are to keep watch in an ancient room for ghostly happenings on the night of All Souls. They will be on the look-out for the seven members of the college's reputed Everlasting Club, formed in 1738 which conferred eternal membership. Once a year the members promised to return to their original meeting room. But one by one they died. In 1766 the last surviving member sat down for annual cerebration with six empty chairs for his deceased colleagues. From 10 until midnight there was a 'hideous uproar' in the room after which he was found dead. – 77 10 18

1977 10 18
The Three Horseshoes at Stapleford, which had been closed since April 1976 is gone forever. And in its place is a completely new pub, The Longbow. Only the exterior of the building remains the same, inside are all the comforts of a modern establishment. Initially they are stocking Truman Crown, Whitbread Trophy and Whitbread "BB" mild on draught but intend to supply according to local demand.

Folk Museum move, p11

1977 10 19
Structure plan ideas for channelling Cambridge expansion population into the "pleasant little villages" of Milton and Waterbeach over the next 15 years have been described as "completely abhorrent" by Coun Paddy Crossman. He doubted that the population increase during the next 20 years would be anywhere near as high as the 12,800 predicted by the planners. Among the proposals is one to permit Milton (pop 1,400) to expand to 6,000 and to allow for industrial development in the village to provide jobs. Waterbeach is earmarked for some development, though on a much smaller scale.

1977 10 20
Take the dull and empty expanse of East Road roundabout in Cambridge, combine it with the recent clamour for a city skateboard park and the result is a plan which has just won Cambridge architect Keith Garbett and artist Jon Harris first place in a national competition. The idea incorporates a "pipe" with a viewing platform above where spectators can watch skateboarders emerge from a tunnel, a bowl with an up-and-down return slope and a slalom slope where skateboarders can weave in and out of rubber bollards. The Mayor said he would be happy to see the plan go before council officials for

consideration but would it attract children to a busy junction and might impede its real purpose which is to let people cross the road safely

Skeleton shortage, p10

1977 10 21
Caravan site, p10

1977 10 22
Cliff Richard, pop superstar and hot gospeller, fervently preached a message to the converted during his first Cambridge concert for many years. Unfortunately the message was hammered home between every song. He talks about his religious beliefs so much that I was bored beyond embarrassment. Why couldn't he just sing? He delivered Elvis' "Heartbreak Hotel" and his own unforgettable early hit, "Living Doll" and just before the end really started rockin' up a storm with two heavy beat numbers, real vintage Richard rock 'n' roll.

Folk Festival move, p6

1977 10 25
The spate of UFO sightings south of Cambridge has continued. Saffron Walden police received two independent reports of what appeared to be two very large headlamps which went into a star shape the size of a double-decker bus. It then transformed into the shape of a shuttlecock with red beams coming from both ends. The sequence was repeated six times. The next night a driver saw a bright amber light trailing an aircraft, it then hovered and dashed across the sky at very high speed. About a dozen other people claim to have seen strange lights in the sky during the last few months. – 77 10 25

1977 10 25
There is a strong element of industrial activity in Cambridge at the moment. There are already a number of famous and well-established large scientific concerns and nearly every month sees the setting up of a new firm based on scientific manufacturing and development. It is an open secret that in the past a number of the world's scientific giants have made approaches to the official powers that be in Cambridge about the possibility of setting up business in the city. But the city authorities have had to reject the approaches reluctantly because of the development plan strictures designed 30 years ago. 77 10 25

1977 10 26
The Jesus Green and Abbey outdoor swimming pools in Cambridge may be drained until early spring and turned into temporary skateboarding rinks. The Mayor has asked city council officers to look into the possibilities and if the investigation proves they can be used he will try and persuade the city council to approve the plan, thus bypassing the long and tedious committee procedure. Meanwhile Forest Heath District Council has decided that skateboarding is here to stay and accepted in principle a proposal to provide 'beginners' skateboarding tracks at Mildenhall, Newmarket and Brandon.

1977 10 26
When Mr Reg Smart first looked at a site in Newmarket for which his company had tendered for the contract to build 259 council dwellings, he admitted it looked frightening. For this contract was worth £ 2 million. The business started in the early 1960s from a Cambridge council house with the sum of £30 holiday pay which he received when leaving the gas board. The success of Phantom and Moreton estate venture which was completed four months ahead of schedule shows how far R.H. Smart Ltd has come since its early days. The whole idea of the estate has been to get away from the often drab uniformity of council estates. It is in an ideal setting and has a rural feeling about it.

1977 10 29
Gas works car park, p7

1977 10 31
Restoration work on the picturesque Bourn windmill was officially completed this weekend. Millwright, Mr Phil Davies, put the finishing touches to the £7,000 job earlier this month and it was left to his wife to unveil a commemorative plaque above the entrance to the mill, reputed to be one of the oldest in the country. Work on the mill started after two sails were torn off during the gales of January 1976. When the Cambridge Preservation Society embarked on the restoration work it was estimated it would cost about £3,000 but the state of the other sails pushed the costs up.

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1977 11 02
Power cuts, p1

1977 11 03
Ghostly members of the 300-year-old Cambridge Everlasting Club failed to make their appearance at midnight despite a vigil by Jesus College students. More than a dozen undergraduates gathered in a room at the top of an ancient staircase to wait for the annual reunion of the club which claimed to confer eternal membership on those invited to join it. All members of the club are reputed to have met grisly deaths and the room was sealed for many years as a result. Last night the student occupant invited fellow members of the Jesus Old Contemptibles dining club to join him for drinks but nothing happened despite the consumption of bottles of port.

1977 11 03
Toddlers at Elsworth at last have their own play group building – an old motorway site office – after months of back-breaking work by their fathers who built the foundations and weekend by weekend installed plumbing and electricity. Previously the children had to share the cricket pavilion but cricket and children don't really mix and equipment had to be carried in and out for each session.

1977 11 04
A plan by a top Cambridge police marksman to set up a smallbore weapons range in a disused pit at Haslingfield has been turned down. More than 180 villagers signed a petition against the firing range. South Cambs planners were told that small bore shooting is the second most popular sport in the country and they could not have found a more suitable applicant. But Coun Joe Brown said the site has a variety of wild birds and flowers and is often used for walks.

1977 11 05
Eastern Electricity introduced rota cuts in Cambridge to combat the deepening power crisis. Disconnections are likely at any time. As many as 35,500 consumers are likely to be without power at some time during the day. The district manager said the situation was bound to get tighter as the work-to-rule by the engineers began to escalate. Office staff are manning telephones 15 hours a day to keep the public informed.

1977 11 05
Retailers in Cambridge city centre are angry because the power cuts threaten to deprive them of electricity for up to three hours every Saturday afternoon. They feel it is unfair that the same shops should face being cut off during a peak period every week. The manager of the Abbey Boutique said it could cost traders thousands of pounds. But Eastern Electricity say they have to think of the needs of all their consumers and the traders would do well to see how it goes this weekend before they start complaining

1977 11 07
A congregation of 2,500 people came to Ely Cathedral to see the Rt Rev Peter Walker inducted, installed and enthroned as Bishop causing a traffic jam as Ely's medieval streets took the strain of the influx of people coming to the biggest service since Bishop Robert's induction 13 years ago. The cathedral was packed as a procession of 10 bishops entered the building before the west end doors

were firmly shut. The new bishop raised his crook to shoulder height and struck the vast doors three times. The echoes died down, the doors opened and with a fanfare the service commenced.

1977 11 08
St Ives town centre needs a drastic facelift, say planners. There are 134 protected buildings in the centre but more than 50 buildings are in need of renovation and two major sites – Dolphin Yard and Crown Yard - are derelict and need rebuilding. The main proposals are a new shopping precinct at Crown Yard & pedestrianisation of White Hart Lane. A new bus terminus is proposed at the Cattle Market plus a large new shopping complex on the Sheep Market. One development above all will have a significant impact – the provision of a by-pass to the east.

1977 11 09
A thief only got £5 for an original Constable – because an art dealer thought it was a poor copy of the one in the Fitzwilliam Museum across the road. But it WAS the one across the road, and the dealer only discovered that when he read about the theft in his morning paper. He dashed to his office, checked the painting and discovered it was the original. And while he was checking it the police walked in on a routine enquiry. So he handed it over. The picture was grubby and finger-marked because the thief had shopped it around five or six other dealers in Cambridge.

1977 11 09
Crowds waving flags and demonstrators waving banners greeted the Queen and Prince Philip as they arrived to open the new Wolfson College. For the Duke there must have been something familiar about the scene. For the second time in less than five months he was met in the city by pouring rain and by a group campaigning for nursery facilities in the university. He gave them a friendly wave as the car drove past. The Queen said she had laid the foundation stone of a college at Oxford and subsequently opened another of the same name at Cambridge. That this was possible was proof of the generosity of the Wolfson Foundation.

1977 11 11
A Cambridge tailors, James Neal Ltd, which has been in Cambridge for 107 years, has been taken over by another tailors which is even older. The firm which has bought out the Trumpington Street business is Ede and Ravenscroft which started trading in 1689. It specialises in ceremonial and academic robes and is a leading manufacturer of wigs and legal wear.

Magdalene Bridge, p1

1977 11 12
Cambridgeshire's fire authority has hidden a fire engine somewhere in Huntingdon for the use of the town's 13 retained firemen so they will not, it is hoped, have to cross picket lines of their full-time colleagues when a fire call goes out. The retained firemen have been refused service at the bar of the Firemen's and Ambulancemen Sports and Social Club. One said: "We are a bit disappointed. We wholeheartedly agree with their pay-claim and would do anything we could to help, except take strike action"

1977 11 12
A Cambridge genetics student has been refused a place in the university's late-night firewatch patrols, because she is a woman. But after she threatened to take the university before an industrial tribunal unless she is allowed to apply for the £16-a-night job an official said the policy was being reconsidered, adding: "At the time we started these patrols we did not think it would be right to subject young ladies to walking around all night". The patrol involves walking around different university sites and anybody who was worried by the prospect would not apply in the first place

1977 11 14
St Ives has more reason than most towns to be wary over the firemen's strike. When fire broke out in Crown Yard in the summer of 1975 it served as a grim reminder of past blazes. In 1680 a large part of

the town was completely destroyed in a disastrous blaze and nine years earlier a fire started in a malthouse at the end of White Hart Lane, crossed the Market Place east of Bridge Street and destroyed all the houses to the river.

1977 11 14
There are almost 400 properties standing vacant in Cambridge according to the Empty Property Action Group. More than 200 are houses of which the great majority are privately owned. There are 1,026 people on the council's "live" waiting list and another 1,400 seeking council accommodation at some future date. Numerous organisations are seeking accommodation for special groups like the College of Arts and Technology, Women's Aid, Fulbourn Hospital and Cyrenians Night Shelter. The Kite and Castle Street areas share the highest concentration of empty property. The city council are worried that the list could serve as a kind of housing register for squatters.

1977 11 14
In 1975 St Ives Borough Council approved in outline the development of a shopping centre and office buildings at Crown Yard. They were asked to approve the demolition of the Jackdaw Boutique at the entrance, an old gymnasium and the music shop in the yard. These were among the buildings destroyed in a fire that summer. Coun. Fred Jennings observed that historically and aesthetically the buildings were important. "We do not want to repeat the mistake of Huntingdon where buildings of modern idiom are crying out among buildings of an older type", he said

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Fire strike, p9
Duxford pub, p13

1977 11 16
A string of obsolete fire tenders standing in a Cambridge scrapyard prompted speculation they could be brought out of retirement to relieve the hard-pressed Green Goddesses standing in for the regular fire appliances. But the owner thinks that the situation would have to get desperate before they could be considered: "They have been standing round for about two years and have been partially stripped", he said. The main market for them is as spare parts for similar machines still in use overseas. A few years ago he sold a large batch of the Green Goddesses to Iceland where fishermen have converted them into large trucks for transporting fish.

1977 11 17
The church bells at Ashwell will ring out whenever there is a fire to alert the newly-formed amateur firefighting force. Men in the village offered to take on the job at a special meeting called by the parish council. They were worried that the Army would not get to the village in time if fire broke out and if able-bodied men were on call they could stop a small fire and prevent it from getting bigger. A lorry loaded with sheets, hoses, stretchers and shovels will be positioned near the Bluegates Dairy and farmers who have water tankers agreed to keep them full.

Cherry Hinton shop fire, p1

1977 11 22
A Huntingdon inquest returned an accident verdict on the deaths of the crew of a Canberra jet plane that crashed on Oxmoor and on the three children who were trapped when their homes were turned into an inferno. At the time the plane was carrying out a practice overshoot of RAF Wyton which involved approaching the runway with one of the engines throttled back to simulate engine failure. Huntingdon MP, Sir David Renton, said the RAF must stop practising such engine failures over built-up areas & called for greater co-operation with the RAF about building homes under flightpaths. – 77 11 22

1977 11 23

Library reprieve, p5

1977 11 24
A suggestion that the controversial punk rock group, the Sex Pistols, should visit Cambridge has been turned down by city council officials who fear they would attract the wrong sort of clientele. All punk rock groups who appear in council buildings should be of the moderate and non-controversial kind. An agency had suggested that they could perform in a tent on Midsummer Common.

1977 11 25
Cambridge City Council is to think again about plans to sell the mid 17th-century Abbey House in Abbey Road. The Folk Museum Trustees had given the ancient house to the city council only four years ago in the hope they would look after it. Coun Warren said: "It is shameful if the council is now considering selling the house and keeping the money itself." Coun John Powley said that money to repair the property was limited and the best course would be to sell it to the person living there and let him carry out repair working costing thousands of pounds. 77 11 15

1977 11 25
New Kite plans get blessing from council – 77 11 25

1977 11 25
An Ely youth club has been forced to close because it is too successful. The Young Pioneers Club is now so big it has outgrown its usual meeting place, the homes of the leaders. As a last resort to get a suitable club room members have sent a petition to Ely City Council calling for help. The club was started about two years ago to cater for children too young to go to the other youth clubs. They started with 12 members, now they have 40.

1977 11 25
It will cost about £10,000 to repair the disused River Mill at Eaton Socon which has been battered by vandals for the past three years it has been empty, says the secretary of Anglian Landowner Mutual Ltd which has just bought the mill and will be moving in with other associate companies next year. Vandals they have torn down ceilings, smashed every lavatory and even removed a complete staircase. The building, also known as Addison Mill has had a chequered history. At one time there were plans for it to be converted to a three-star hotel

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1977 12 02
Sir – some months ago Cambridge central library introduced a new computer system. The computer broke down and 250 borrowers were notified that books which they had already returned were overdue. The Electronic machine is our century's God and to suggest that a human being with ballpoint pen would be more efficient than a computer is, to those idol-worshippers, plain blasphemy. Since the Browne system was abandoned folly reigns in the pixilated Library – Mrs M. Daniels.

1977 12 02
Sidney Street, Cambridge can be a battleground at this time of year. The narrow pavements and heavy traffic are a strain for anyone trying to shop. A right turn down Sussex Street may prove more fruitful. It has a solid old-fashioned atmosphere and a tightly-packed variety of specialist shops. The decorations and window displays are refreshingly quiet. The shopper can get a bite in the newly-opened Took's snack-bar, or relax for a shampoo at Diane's Hair International. Pigotts has a large stock of ironmongery and clothing shops include Paris House and the Rose Cavern Boutique, Easifit shoes and Charles' leather shop.

Orchard Street case, p11

1977 12 03
Restoration work is underway on a pair of thatched cottages in Church Street Stapleford, bought for just £1. Also included in the deal was an old slaughterhouse next door. All are being rethatched. The buildings were owned by a development company and were offered to the Parish Council when a preservation order was made. The cottages were then sold to the Cambridgeshire Cottage Improvement Society who will renovate and let them to people in the village. The council has kept the slaughterhouse which may be used as a museum.

1977 12 05
Cambridgeshire lottery, p5
Military games, p9

1977 12 06
Fears that there may be danger of radiation created by the Cambridge atom-splitting team of the 1930s has resulted in a decision to open up a laboratory locked up and sealed for the past 30 years. The room, at the top of the tower in the old Cavendish Laboratory, was locked when Lord Rutherford died in 1937. Since then it has been opened only once – in 1946 when it was cleaned and all materials taken out of it. The room was immediately sealed again because of possible danger of radioactivity from the walls, ceiling and floor. His successors were prepared to live with the locked room but the new tenants of the building – the university's social scientists – need reassurance.

1977 12 06
The chairman of Cambridgeshire Public Protection Committee, Coun John Mitham, got a first-hand taste of firefighting when he was among the first on the scene at a blaze in a barn at Swavesey. He lives only a few hundred yards away and when he heard the siren go at Barwell's engineering works he made a dash for his van. Villagers started dousing the fire before the arrival of six soldiers in the Green Goddess which took nearly threequarters of an hour to make the journey from Coldham's Lane, Cambridge.

1977 12 06
More than 300 trees at Byron's Pool are to be felled because they have become dangerous through disease and drought. Most are large, mature specimens and the city council are calling in professionals to fell them. Officers say that the two dry summers of 1975 and 1976, together with the rapid spread of Dutch elm disease, has seriously damaged them

1977 12 06
Cambridge City Council should consider linking with a private developer to build a skateboard park & look at providing a beginners' skateboarding area and practice runs from the rates. A report says that contrary to some people's beliefs skateboarding is not just a passing phase. Areas like the Romsey recreation ground and the King George playing fields at Trumpington would be suitable introductory areas and Kings Hedges recreation ground and the disused bandstand on Christ's Pieces could be suitable for practising. But it would be difficult to get permission to use the Elizabeth Way roundabout

1977 12 07
Plans to save branch libraries from closure by moving careers advice offices into Cambridge central library have angered librarians. Andrew Armour said the move could lead to conditions as cramped as those in the old library in Wheeler Street. "It seems that just as we were settling down to being librarians we are back in the melting pot again". It would mean moving the children's & music libraries into the lending library with possible closure of the picture loan service, closure of the 'quick reference' section and moving the Cambridgeshire Collection into the reference library causing enormous disruption in services to readers.

Milton murmuring, p19

1977 12 08
A Cambridge sociology lecturer says Government cutbacks are welcomed in East Anglia as they provide the perfect excuse for councils to go on doing nothing. He found low wages, a high cost of living and inadequate schools, social services and public transport. The draconian restrictions on development, coupled with a fashion among townies for living in the country has driven up house-prices and rents to the point where land-workers either leave or accept tied cottages. In Suffolk conservationists, hand in hand with farming interests 'not only preserved hedgerows and views, but low wages and inadequate housing provision', he claims

1977 12 08
A big new development of houses for American servicemen is being planned for Newmarket. George Wimpey Ltd is seeking permission to build 227 houses at Studlands Park. A year ago the USAF announced it needed 600 houses and Forest Heath council offered to help find them a site. The council could have the option to buy the houses when the air force did not want them, at the price for which they were built. But the Studlands Park Neighbourhood Council will oppose the scheme. "This was intended to be a private development and self-supporting village in its own right. This would make it into a mini Army base" the chairman said.

Jubilee memories, p11

1977 12 09
Throughout the war Mrs May Webb was one of 40 ladies at Bassingbourn who worked to provide snacks and hot drinks for American bomber crews from the nearby airfield. But the old Church Room which housed the de-luxe soup kitchen is now lying damp, dilapidated and forgotten. Now she is determined to see the building restored in time for a commemorative service planned next year and feels it would provide a useful community meeting place.

1977 12 10
Nestling among the rose bushes in a well-kept front garden in the village of Abbotsley is a petrol pump, which is fed from two tanks sunk under the front lawn. It was in the garden before the Second World War when petrol was just 1s.6d. a gallon. The proud owner, Mr Harry Smith, enjoys a handy supply of petrol on tap. "It is always nice to have petrol, but it still costs us about 79p a gallon, so I suppose there is no real reason for keeping it", he said.

Mill Road shut, p1
Skateboard, p7

1977 12 12
The Spinners filled the 1,600-seat Cambridge Sports Hall for the second time this year, with their Christmas show. They are a perfectly assured, wholly-professional, middle-of-the-road group with a wide-ranging repertoire and pitched into a selection of songs and carols including some of their hits like "The Family of Man". Audience participation is very much a part of the technique; they had the people at the back drowning the rest of the audience in a four-part 'round' & started a three-part medley with "While Shepherds Washed Their Socks by Night"

1977 12 12
The mystery of oriental activity on Cambridge's Coe Fen deepened with proof that its water margins abound in wild cress – and further evidence of Chinese harvesters. Streams by the Leys School are virtually choked with watercress and one resident told how she watched a group of 10 Chinese carefully cutting and bailing the cress. Generations of Newtown people culled the Coe Fen paddy fields for their own salads and there are memories of a professional cress gatherer, 'Tug' Wilson, who operated before the First World War and sold it round the pubs and houses. He used to have a wooden cart he towed along and people ate it because they thought it was good for the blood.

Cavensish laboratory, p8
Thriplow house, p11

1977 12 13
Barkway gets a virtually new pub when The Chaise and Pair opens up again after nearly a year. Ian Scott bought the former Whitbread Inn after it closed down last February and after three month's hard work he is ready to open the doors to the new Free House. Younger's Tartan and McKewans bitter will be supplemented by major Green King brews, including mild, which is not easily available in the area.

1977 12 14
Library 'palaces', p11

1977 12 15
Two 600-year-old wooden effigies were stolen from Hildersham church. The eight-foot long effigies of a former lord and lady of the manor were the church's most treasured possessions and two of only 90 such monuments in the whole of the country. They were carved out of oak and carried in front of the funeral processions of the Bustlar family – lords of the manor in the early 14th century. "They were the most treasured of all the beautiful things we have in the church and we all feel absolutely shattered", said a parishioner.

1977 12 15
It was the dawn of the atom age and in small, cluttered and uncomfortable rooms in Cambridge great scientists set about a momentous experiment – splitting the atom. The rooms then moved into the space age, but in one room time stood still as the doors were locked at the top of the stairs of Lord Rutherford's old Cavendish Laboratory. Only the ghosts of the pioneers remained behind the doors and, according to some, so did the deadly product of their work – radiation. Safety experts have now gone into the room to remove every trace of radioactive material but some are still unsure that the old building will be completely safe. – 77 12 15

1977 12 15
It pays to discover the shops in King Street, Cambridge. There are three antiques shops and Andrew McCulloch's and Hi-Fi for Pleasure do a wide range of sound equipment. For records there is a choice between the instant-nostalgia shop, Remember Those Oldies, who rather oddly sell punk records, and Garon Records – more conventional with a good selection of bargain-price discs. The Cambridgeshire Health and Beauty Salon offers a facial at £3.95, sauna at £2 or a manicure at £1.50 and at Norman and Son you can still buy old-fashioned woolly long-johns.

1977 12 16
Newmarket plane crash, p1 & p18
Sawston charity, p12
Green Street, p26-7

1977 12 17
Abbey House, p6

1977 12 19
Bread strike, p1
Fire strike, p7

1977 12 21
Cambridge market is the logical starting point for the Christmas shopping trek: it's close to shops of every different kind, and is surrounded by banks. But heading straight for the centre and hoping to find a parking space somewhere is a mug's game at the best of times. At Christmas it's plain daft, although people still do it. Traffic wardens are not so many Santa Clauses in disguise and you'll just end up going round the one-way system a few times … slowly. Or paying £6 for the privilege of stopping.

1977 12 22
Cambridge is not short of record shops, so what chance has another one got? The answer, says Andy Gray, is plenty. His latest shop "The Beat Goes On" is something out of the ordinary in that it caters for those interested in "golden oldies" and New Wave records. They specialise in records up to the 1970s and have on display portraits of "The Jam" who opened the shop on Friday. The new shop in Regent Street supplements the premises opened in Mill Road three years ago and Andy's Record Stall on Cambridge market which is still a gathering place for music lovers.

1977 12 23
Bottisham map, p11

1977 12 24
The only barber in Burwell still to practice the art of shaving is retiring. Tom Ellis of High Street has been hairdresser in the village for more than 50 years and still has regular customers coming in for a shave. He said: "I don't know what some of the old men will do now because they can't shave themselves, even with a modern razor. Before the war my father used to collect a few papers for the people in the village who could read, which wasn't many. When I started we used to collect them from the train, but when the station closed the Burwell and District bus used to drop them off here. Now the van brifire strike, p7ngs them and we sell something over 500 papers a night."

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Wren toys, p4

Wandlebury trees, p7

1977 12 30
Charles Cudworth, p11

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1978 01 01
Banham death, p7
Ballrooms, p7

1978 01 03
Three publicans are so alarmed by the prospect of trouble at punk rock concerts in Cambridge Corn Exchange that they will close or guard their premises on the nights of the shows. Their concern follows two concerts when four youths were taken to hospital after a fight and a shop window was smashed. The licensee of the Eagle said "It was absolutely dreadful: all the London trains were full of punk rockers coming to Cambridge because all the other towns have banned them. They spit and strip on stage". The groups on stage that night were the Ramones and the Rezillos, two American bands.

1978 01 03
A tornado cut a two-mile swathe through Newmarket. Roofs were ripped off buildings, windows smashed and cars overturned. Every window in the railway station signal box was smashed. Chief Inspector Trevor Hewitt of Newmarket police said: "It's a disaster area. It was just a freak storm and only lasted a couple of minutes. The damage is appalling. Roofs have caved in, windows have been smashed and cars overturned". In Cambridge the wind lifted the roof from a house in King Street.

1978 01 05
The signal box at Newmarket railway station, which was badly damaged in the tornado, has been demolished. In half-an-hour a mechanical digger managed what the freak winds had failed to do – reduce the wooden building to a heap of torn timber. It was right in the path of the tornado which shifted it on its foundations and smashed most of the windows. After the early morning trains had passed through the station the digger set to work tearing the box apart. A temporary hut has been erected and the equipment needed to operate the points and signals installed. It will be used while British Rail decides on the provision of a new one.

1978 01 05
A plan by a Cambridge businessman to build a skateboard track on a field in Chesterton Fen Road has been turned down by planners. Mr Gordon Cave asked for permission to use one acre of the field but the plan was rejected on the grounds that the site had bad access and is two-thirds of a mile from the nearest bus stop. The majority of users would be schoolchildren, many of them young and unaccompanied, and the road had no footpath. But Coun. Peter King said: "It would be disastrous to be over-protective where young people are concerned. They are not bothered about a bit of mud or a walk from the bus stop. It would be better to offer a skateboard park here than nowhere".

1978 01 06
The impact of the tornado which unleashed tremendous energy, sufficient to rip up fully-grown trees along the edge of Newmarket cemetery and fling them about like bowling pins, was almost identical to tornado activity which occurred in May 1950 & caused considerable damage around Sutton and blew over a double-decker bus. Tornado tracks were plotted from near Hemel Hempstead, through Bedford, St Ives, Earith, Sutton, Witcham and Coveney. Cambridgeshire is a good tornado and thunderstorm region. The 50-odd destructive tornadoes in the British Isle from 1868 to 1950 were the most numerous in the eastern lowlands of England. 78 01 06

1978 01 06

Four Cambridgeshire policemen are trying to get on the right beat as much as possible – even when they are not working. Off duty they make up "Copper Plate", one of the few all-policemen music groups in the country. The group started when two members got to talking about music while in their patrol car. At the moment they are playing about one booking a month to audiences ranging from a village pantomime to more than 400 people at a dance in St Ives. One member said: "It sometimes surprises us that we actually manage to get together even for a practice, let alone a booking, with us all working different places and different shifts. We like to think of ourselves as being a versatile music and harmony group able to play anything from Beatles to barber's shop"

1978 01 06
A councillor went into battle to save three 17th-century cottages at Orwell – armed with a drawing and the heart of an oak tree. Coun. Peter King had sketched the cottages, which had been bought by the District Council in 1966 for £13,000 & were now worth £90,000 for council house building. They could be fully restored and the council would make a profit. He held up a small lump of wood which came from a ship which fought the Spanish Armada to show how strong the cottage timbers were. The council had recommended the cottages be pulled down to make way for an old people's housing development, but now they will remain standing.

Histon council, p7

1978 01 10
Cambridge City Council has told a group of Peterborough councillors to stop interfering in their affairs. The slanging match was prompted by the Cambridge Kite development project. The Peterborough councillors want to avoid a repeat of what has happened in part of their city when redevelopers moved in and put up "a lot of horrible concrete buildings all over the place". But the advice has upset members of the panel who are overseeing the Kite project. One said: "I would tell Peterborough to mind its own business; they should put their own house in order and I would thank them for not trying to tell us what to do"

1978 01 11
The bells of Pampisford church will soon be able to ring full circle – something they have not done in living memory. Four bells were taken down for renovation in 1975, along with the rotten wooden frame. Now a new steel frame has been put in to hold the bells. The old tenor bell, dating back to 1743, has been melted down and the metal added to that of a bell from the redundant church at Papworth St Agnes to make the first three bells. The original three bells dated about 1848 have been retuned to make up the set of six

1978 01 12
An overnight storm left more than 10,000 consumers without power; the Eastern Electricity area manager said: "I've called everyone off all duties except restoring supplies and have 300 men on the job. I had to call my men off at midnight because the conditions were so bad with trees crashing down all over the place". Road clearance operations were hampered by heavy rain, which washed away the salt and grit laid on frozen roads earlier. In Cambridge the wind speed was enough to blow out the gable end of a three-storey house at Mitcham's Corner and a bus was blown off the Sawston road by high gusting winds.

1978 01 13
It could cost up to £8,000 to repair the gaping hole left after storms tore down part of the 500-year-old east wall of Yelling Church on to the altar, damaging brass candlesticks but miraculously leaving unscathed a framed tapestry of the Last Supper hanging behind it. The Rev Mark Bishop said: "Although there were cracks in it there was nothing to give any clue that would happen". A tarpaulin was being used to cover the damaged wall and the Sunday service will be going ahead.

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Weather, p15

1978 01 16
Shoppers at St Neots fled screaming when a man shot a woman in a busy town centre supermarket. Police threw a cordon around the High Street Co-op store as the man stood over his victim who lay bleeding on the tiled floor. For almost an hour terror reigned. Frightened shop assistants hid in an upstairs office while outside the building police kept crowds of passers-by away from the plate glass windows. Then, just before 11.30 the man gave himself up, police moved in and an ambulance took the injured woman to hospital

1978 01 17
Traffic jam, p1

1978 01 18
Cambridge United have appointed club coach John Docherty team manager and made assistant manager Paddy Sowden general manager in a move to fill the gap left by the former manager Ron Atkinson's move to West Bromwich Albion. Docherty was appointed by Atkinson after quitting as Brentford manager in a clash with the London club's chairman early last season. He joined in a part-time capacity but was given a full-time one-year contract in recognition of his contribution to United's successful playing style. A former Brentford, Notts County, Reading and Queen's Park Rangers forward, Docherty turned down the chance to join First Division Leicester as youth coach earlier this season.

Berni Plough & Harow, p3
Traffic jam, p11

1978 01 19
Laurie & McConnal's department store in Fitzroy Street, Cambridge, opened its doors for the last time as the auctioneers moved in, just over a month after closing. Between 200-300 people milled around the five floors as the left-overs of almost 100 years of trading went under the hammer. Most of the faces were strangers, but a few of the old employees called in just to pay their respects. The sale will strip the building down to its last box of light bulbs – even part of a tin of toilet soap was in the catalogue. According the agents the building itself has attracted a few offers around the asking price of £250,000, but no-one has signed anything yet.

1978 01 19
For thousands of Cambridge holidaymakers the North Norfolk coast is their summer playground. But today they are wondering if it's worth making any plans for the 1978 season. Hunstanton's 110-year old pier has gone, most of it finishing up at Heacham, and the amusement arcade on the front was heavily damaged by a storm. It could cost half a million pounds to rebuild and is not a worthwhile investment. At Wells the most spectacular sight was the placement on the prom of the 120-ton coaster, The Function.

1978 01 20
Dozens of public libraries throughout Cambridgeshire will double up as social and community centres if a pilot scheme is a success. They could be used as meeting centres, law and political 'surgeries', advice centres, or simply as places where young mothers or elderly people with time on their hands could meet and chat over cups of tea. The social and community uses would run alongside the general library function as much as possible – but would also continue after library hours. The Mill Road branch library in Cambridge, which is threatened with closure, would be an ideal site for the pilot scheme. The county council sees the dual-use project as a way of raising extra cash for buying books for the libraries, which are threatened with severe cuts because of cuts in Government grants

1978 01 20
The village of Bar Hill has been slammed by an article in 'Architects Journal'; planning consultant Graham Moss claims it is artificial, takes up too much farming land, is too large and too posh. It has developed as an area of luxury properties, marketed through exclusive London agents who have

imposed urban ideals on the countryside. Because the houses are so posh they are unsuitable for essential agricultural labourers, he says.

1978 01 23
Hempstead is one of those pretty inglenook-infested Essex villages beloved of merchant bankers as a retreat from the City. In summer tourists flock to see Dick Turpin's cottage and the pub of which he was landlord. But now it is a village of fear: there have been three major fires in four months and now yet another thatched cottage has caught fire. The blaze did about £7,000 damage to the shopkeeper's cottage and was certainly arson. There was a similar spate of fires in Arkesden six months ago. Police are trying to find a pattern in the events.

1978 01 23
The bells of Buckden parish church, unused for 10 years, will soon be ringing again – thanks to the enthusiasm of a small band of children who are keen to learn the art of campanology. As a prelude to their training the children spent Saturday in the belfry, cleaning away 10 years' accumulated dust. At one time the bells were rung by a very expert team, but they have been out of use for some years because the previous vicar was not very keen on bellringing.

1978 01 24
Members of the National Women's Aid Foundation have worked long and hard to establish a refuge for battered women in Cambridge. After they were given the use of an old three-storey house which had been used for emergency accommodation came the physical hard work of cleaning, stripping, decorating and plumbing. The task is not yet complete; work is still going on to provide a sitting room for the women, most of who arrive with only clothes for themselves and their children. Once they are in the refuge they run the house themselves as a group and make rules about such things as children's bedtimes and bathtimes. It is a temporary resting place until they get some permanent accommodation of their own

1978 01 25
A dispute has broken out over the Quy interchange where the B1102 road to Burwell meets the Newmarket-bound A45, now being re-constructed to the size of a motorway. The problem started when motorists and police expressed concern that the newly-built junction could give rise to road accidents. Quy parish council say it has been built different to the original plans & the County Council say safety improvements will have to be carried out, but the Department of Transport say there is no need for improvements at

North Sea floods, p13

1978 01 30
Ely Cathedral Mass, p3

1978 01 31
A recent move to sell the Abbey House, Cambridge to its long-standing tenant, retired Professor Peter Danckwerts, raised eyebrows among people who know the history of the place. It was bought for the Folk Museum by Lord Fairhaven in 1945. No endowment was made and the museum found it impossible to keep up the house. It was given to the city in 1973 and the city has found it an embarrassment ever since, spending little on repairs. But a former Mayor and chairman of the Cambridge Preservation Society threatened to take the city council to court if it was sold

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1978 02 02
Essex MPs have warned the Government that they will fight any plans to turn Stansted into London's third airport. Increasing the passenger capacity to four million was one of the options put forward in the airports policy White Paper, but Saffron Walden MP, Alan Haselhurst, will be seeking 'copper-

bottomed assurances' that a ceiling would be placed on development at the airport: "To allow it to grow to the dizzy heights would thoroughly despoil one of the loveliest parts of Essex", he said. The White Paper claimed that if Stansted were expanded only 2,000 people would be affected.

1978 02 03
At least 1,300 Cambridge families are living in privately owned houses which council officials think are unfit for human habitation. The houses suffer from structure defects, extensive dampness, general disrepair and lack of conveniently accessible lavatories. And 2,000 other families live in homes – some of them council houses – which are classed as substandard because they lack basic amenities such as indoor lavatories and reasonable food storage, says a city council report

1978 02 04
He used to stand at the corner of Trinity Street and Green Street in Cambridge, touting his wares. Every few minutes he would break out into a chant which sounded something like "Toodle-oddle-aidie-ar". One day I couldn't stand it any longer – not knowing what it meant. So I went up and asked him. "Two o'clock late London", he said, not so much as raising an eyebrow. "Paper, sir?" Every community, in every day and age, has its 'characters', even if there never seem to be quite as many about as there once were. Today busker Jerry Bol happily makes an exhibition of himself as a one-man band, while 'Snowy' Farr and his menagerie delight thousands of people with their weekly Saturday appearances.

1978 02 07
The road accident everyone feared happened on the new Quy interchange. A giant articulated container lorry failed to negotiate one of the controversial tight bends and plunged down an embankment. The crash came only hours after Quy parish council had met once again to urge the highways authority to take action. The Cambridgeshire police traffic commander said the accident confirmed police fears about the safety of the road at that point.

1978 02 09
Ely Cathedral, p9
Lt Eversden house, p10

1978 02 10
A Newmarket restaurant where royalty and racehorse trainers used to eat is now providing bed and breakfast for stablelads and lorry drivers. L'Aubrge du Cheval Blanc, in Old Station Road, had a world-wide reputation for its French cuisine. But Mr Robert Petit, one of the two Frenchmen who ran the restaurant for the last five years says: "It's no use being posh if you've got no money". He is continuing to run the restaurant providing bed, breakfast and an evening meal for £4 while his partner has gone back to his old job at the London Hilton. There had been no co-operation from the racing world or local authorities to make Newmarket more attractive to tourists who could have given more business to the restaurant

1978 02 10
The Minister for the Arts, Lord Donaldson, visited Saffron Walden library and arts centre in the former Corn Exchange and went on to visit the town museum. The Cambridge-born Minister said: "This is one of the best laid out libraries I have seen and I am very impressed with the Victorian collection of books". He was accompanied by the Librarian, Mr John Ridler, Mayor Coun Russell Green and Town Clerk Mr Malcolm White

Weather, p1
Lock charges, p7

1978 02 11
Magdelene Bridge, p6

1978 02 13
I went for a pub-crawl the other night – without moving from my 'local'. Warmed by two or three pints of good beer I decided to call at The Criterion in Market Passage, which used to be a popular Saturday night pub, the Bun Shop just off Downing Street and the Volunteer in Green Street before tramping on to the Earl Grey in King Street and the Duke of Cambridge in Short Street. Every one of these pubs had its own special 'character'. The journey took only a few minutes but the best part of 15 years – during which time all of them have closed.

Freud pancake, p9

1978 02 14
A County Council report recommends that two old church schools in the centre of Cambridge, Park Street and St Matthew's, should close. It says no school will take more than 60 infants a year; all schools will have nursery classes from three-plus, and that separate infants and junior schools will be merged into one school taking children right up to 11. Catchment zones will be introduced for primary schools. At present Morley Memorial is under a great deal of pressure and children are taught in a rented church hall across a busy road while Sedley Infants and Romsey Junior have empty places.

1978 02 15
Ely must be the most historic city in the fens and has some of the leading firms. The premises occupied by the Fenland Carpet Company have a varied history. Over 50 years ago it was possible to have a carriage built by a firm trading as 'Fennings' Later it became well-known for supplying cycles and motor cycles in a business run by Mr Garnett & Mr Horace Wallis, under the trading title of Walbro and more recently they were occupied by Millers the music people and part was used as a 'discotheque'. Fenland Carpets was first formed about 15 years ago and give personal attention to their customer's requirements. 78 02 15

1978 02 16
After 17 years work costing nearly £1 million the 18 miles of River Ouse between Bedford and St Neots has been fully restored for boating. The Goldington project, which involves rebuilding the decayed lock along with dredging the river, has been the most expensive part of the operation. Previously a determined boater who was prepared to be his own lock-keeper and do some heaving and pulling might have made it through to Bedford with luck. Now it should be a straightforward journey

1978 02 16
After a disastrous fire which gutted the lounge and bar of the Conservative Club in Huntingdon last May, the restoration work has now been completed and the club will be official reopened by the MP for Huntingdonshire, Sir David and Lady Renton. This will be a great relief, as the club has only survived by using a Portakabin in which a bar was installed. The club will now hope to encourage more applications from members of the local branches of the Conservative Association which exist in nearly every town and village in the constituency.

1978 02 17
The battle for the Free Press has been won and this celebrated Kite survivor was officially reopened in all its renovated glory. It is a small street corner public house, originally on the end of a terrace of cottages. In 1964 it was purchased by Cambridge City Council as part of a clearance area and the cottages were demolished. But the pub was leased back to Greene King so it could continue to trade until required for demolition. The challenge has been to preserve and enhance the original character, retaining all the interesting features while enlarging the premises. It was reopened by Miss Brenda Nichols whose family ran the pub for 48 years.

1978 02 21
The Bonnett public house at Ashdon – famous for its annual pumpkin planting contest and its real ale – has closed down. This follows the death of the landlord for the past 12 years, Mr Len Murphy.

Greene King has put the two-bar, three-bedroomed pub up for sale with the licence rather than find a new tenant at a price of more than £17,500.

1978 02 23
Shopping Guide decided to investigate the cost of a cup of tea in Cambridge snack bars. Best value for money was The Whim in Trinity Street where a pot of tea costs 15p and with a jug of hot water and plenty of milk you can get three cups for your money. Worst was the tea and coffee counter at the Arts Theatre Roof Garden where you pay 15p for one cup. Thornhills in Regent Street was the best for choice as you can have a cup (8p) or pot (18p) whilst at the Coffee Pot in Green Street you pay 20p for a pot that held four cups, if you had the thirst to match it. Joshua Taylor is the only department store which has a coffee or tea shop but has a lunch-time minimum charge.

1978 02 24
The Cambridge Evening News has achieved a feat unprecedented among provincial newspapers by winning three awards in British journalism's most important honours list, the British Press Awards. Chief amongst the News winners is cameraman Tony Jedrej who has won the title of News Photographer of the Year for a picture of a gunman and woman hostage at Ickleton. Reporter Alan Rusbridger receives a commendation in the Young Journalist of the Year class for articles on Cambridge Symphony Orchestra and a punk rock group while Assistant Editor John Alexander is commended in the Provincial Journalist of the Year class.

1978 02 27
The foundation of the largest LSD ring the world has ever seen were laid in Cambridge in 1970, a court was told. Five men living in Cambridge at the time launched the operation that would end up supplying more than 90 per cent of Britain's LSD and more than 50 per cent of the world's total consumption of the drug, said the prosecutor at the start of the 'Operation Julie' trial. One man had ordered a tablet-making machine to be delivered to him at the University Chemistry Laboratory and delivered drugs to a house in Cambridge by simply dropping them through the letter box

1978 02 27
Cambridge University Footlights Amateur Dramatic Club celebrated the opening of a new cellar clubroom at the Cambridge Union Society. Only a couple of crates of fish were lacking to evoke something of the atmosphere of the late lamented club room, situated above a fishmonger's in Falcon Yard. Clive James topped the bill at an inaugural cabaret. A chunky, rapidly middle-ageing figure with fast-receding, Sinatra-like hairstyle, his sharp vinegary wit seemed to be the essence of monologue. Clive Anderson demonstrated that there might be a place in show business for a genuinely sophisticated stand-up comedian.

1978 02 28
Pete Sayers, the local boy made good, will be joining Gwennie Lee and the Len Ebbage Showband at the opening of the Carioca night-club in Cambridge. He is the first in a series of showbusiness personalities who have been booked to appear at the two-tier club which has been built within the premises of the old Tabernacle buildings in Newmarket Road. It aims to provide 'middle-of-the-road' dancing and discos on the top floor with a full-scale restaurant and cabaret below.

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1978 03 01
A unique village 'industry' may have dried up at Earith, and villagers are delighted. Winter flooding on the main road to Cambridge meant that people with tractors could sometimes make money by towing out stranded motorists whose cars stalled in the water. But now the County council has spent £23,000 on raising the level of the road by more than ten inches, and hope that this will keep at bay

the waters of the River Ouse. Previously flooding had meant the road was blocked to cars for sometimes 15 days a year.

1978 03 01
Cambridgeshire County Council have imposed the highest rate increase of more than 400 local councils in the country. It fixed a rate of 76p in the pound, an increase of 20 per cent on last year. But the Council's Conservative leader said it was necessary owing to the lack of further financial aid from the Government. Despite all the Government's claims that local government is being helped this year, Cambridgeshire is now substantially worse off than it was before. This year the council expects to spend more than £100 million on running public services. The Government, through its rate support grant system will pay £31.5 million, with the balance being footed by the ratepayers.

Ely Grange Maternity, p12

1978 03 03
No public libraries in Cambridgeshire will be closed this year – and books stocks will not be depleted – although the County Council is facing a continuing financial crisis. The council had threatened to close the Milton Road and Mill Road libraries in Cambridge, village libraries at Stapleford and Milton and two libraries in Peterborough. The threats caused storms of protest and now financial experts have discovered the council has saved £60,000 on last year's spending which can be used to buy new books.

1978 03 03
'Giant Haystacks', otherwise known as Luke McMasters, towers above every other wrestler in the British ring at 6ft 11in and 32 stone and you could only pity tiny 15½ stone Mike Marino as he stepped into the Corn Exchange ring to pit his strength against him. The bout looked over when Haystacks body-slammed Marino to the canvas and, with a contemptuous glance, headed for the dressing room. But incredibly Marino managed to stagger to his feet before the count ended and Haystacks could not lumber back into the ring in time. Earlier a crowd of 700 watched Bert Royal and Vic Falkner beat Hungarian exile Zoltan Boscik and Britain's Chris Bailey.

1978 03 06
Work has started on building a walk-way through from the Tesco site at Bar Hill to the Mall and the shops which back onto the superstore have plans to turn round. The Tesco superstore has attracted a flood of shoppers to the village – but they only see the backs of the small shops in the nearby precinct and some do not know the Mall even exists. One small supermarket and several other shops have closed and a hairdresser's and a chemist's are also closing. The clerk to the parish council said the village had taken a lot of knocks but would become a "key-centre" in the region and a great credit to Cambridgeshire

1978 03 07
Residents are occupying a deserted house in Fitzroy Street, Cambridge, after learning that the city council is about to demolish three other "unsafe" houses in the Kite area. Officers offered to re-assess the situation if the protesters paid them £340 – the cost of making the buildings safe. The Kite group stayed up collecting the money, only to be told the council would not accept it after all. The action is in spite of an assurance that demolition would only take place once the redevelopment scheme had been approved. The protesters are deeply disturbed that private citizens have to pay for council work in order to avoid the premature demolition of sound properties in the Kite.

1978 03 07
Princess Anne was mobbed by student demonstrators when she arrived at the Cambridge Union Society Rag charity debate. She was held up outside the door by demonstrators sitting in her path and screaming abuse. They were protesting that the motion "The woman's place is in the harem" was sexist" and none of the abuse was directed personally against the princess. Nearly 150 demonstrators representing a variety of student groups including Gay Cambridge, Anarchists and Men Against

Sexism picketed all entrances to the building. Other guests ran the gauntlet, Derek Nimmo was spat on and Robert Morley was catcalled and buffeted.

1978 03 09
Both St Matthews and Park Street schools in Cambridge are housed in high-ceilinged, drab buildings. There are no green playing fields, the playgrounds are cramped and asphalted and Park Street has outside lavatories. But for all this they inspire a great deal of loyalty from parents who see them as small family schools within a community. Both are in the central area and a few years ago found their rolls were dropping. But now there is a definite trend bringing young families back into the city centre terraced houses and they are battling to save the schools from closure.

1978 03 10
House-hunters looking to live in the country should be prepared to put up with country life – like flies and farmyard smells, said Coun Ken Turner of Hardwick. "Some people come into villages – they might be called the bed-and-breakfast residents – and the first thing they want to do is do away with the country way of life". Coun John Impey from Melbourn said a chicken farmer had been threatened with enforcement action by the environment department after a complaint about flies. The flies were not from his farm and it seemed unfair that pressure could be put on a long-established business because someone had decided to build homes nearby

1978
Planners have given the go-ahead to Sawston Parish Council to use part of the village car park as a weekend skateboard track. But South Cambs District Council decided to absolve themselves from risk of injury claims and leave the question of any insurance up to the parish council. They plan to rope off the area on Saturday afternoons and Sundays to solve the problem of youngsters skateboarding on pavements.

1978 03 11
Down on the pig farm something stirred, for it was the day of the VIP visit by the Leader of the Conservative Party, Mrs Margaret Thatcher. First came the locals, anxious to get a glimpse of the woman dubbed the Iron Maiden. Next came the convoy of Pressmen, then the motorcade of organisers and officials. All eyes stretched skywards for a glimpse of the helicopter which ferried her from a tub-thumping speech at Wisbech to the Sears Brothers pig unit at Manea, one of the largest and most modern in the area. She was soon talking shop with the stockman, Mr Grenville Emmerson. Mrs Thatcher described it as the most efficient pig farm she had seen and with a classic smile and wave she was off to Peterborough, leaving the pigs to wonder what all the fuss had been about.

Kite plan, p1

1978 03 13
The latest scheme for the Kite redevelopment in Cambridge threatens to collapse amid renewed bitterness and bumbledom. The 20-year-old history of "something being about to be done" has resulted in large-scale blight and buildings mouldering beyond repair. Just as predictable as crumbling masonry has been the increasing fed-upness of the people living in the area. They fought long and hard but until last week most of them realised their cause was lost and that the latest scheme would go ahead. Now at the last moment it probably won't because of a blunder by council officials.

1978 03 14
Life may return to the disused parish church at Little Raveley – but its walls could ring with the sound of family living instead of hymns. The 700-year-old church, which has been empty for almost 10 years, may be offered for sale for conversion to a house. The vicar said: "Even when it was open the last few services were attended by only a handful of people. The cost of maintaining and restoring it would be out of all proportion to the number of people who would be involved as a congregation. People now go to the Upwood church" Arrangements would be made to separate the graveyard from the church with a small area of land used as a garden

1978 03 15
Addenbrooke's Hospital, one of the world centres of medical excellence, is in danger of losing its international status through lack of money. The hospital is overspending by £200,000 a year. Once described as "a Rolls Royce hospital being run on a Mini budget" it has been in the forefront of medical advance in transplantation, eye and brain surgery and leukaemia treatment. But it has never had the financial recognition to support its regional specialities which pull patients from outside Cambridge.

Mobile classes, p11

1978 03 16
Bottles and stones were thrown at a Huntingdon headmaster after an incident at St Peter's School sparked off a demonstration by more than 200 pupils. Police were called after pupils who had been sent home at lunchtime because of teachers' industrial action, returned to find a gate locked. Motorists complained that children were blocking the road, making it difficult for cars to get through. But the head said the demonstrators were a group of disobedient children spurred on by a small group who were not members of the school and that the gates had been locked in an attempt to cause trouble.

1978 03 16
A new reservoir at Abbotsley might never be needed. Speculation about the future of hundreds of acres of farmland has been rife since the area was put forward as a reservoir 14 years ago. But now it is felt that the water needs can be met by developing Grafham Water, and a number of other options ensure the idea will not even be considered until at least 2001. The key factor is the big fall in the rate of population growth. But planners are not completely ruling out the scheme, it is just not on the cards within many people's lifetime.

1978 03 16
Heavy snowfalls caught motorists unaware as blizzards blew across East Anglia. As road gritter lorries struggled to get out into the roads in Cambridgeshire the A.A. warned that conditions could turn the county into a skating rink. Heavy lorries were unable to negotiate the Gog Magog Hills and two articulated lorries slewed across the road, blocking it. At Haverhill the Castle Manor School closed down when hundreds of children from outlying areas were unable to reach the town in coaches and cars.

1978 03 17
Cambridge schoolchildren will soon get their first skateboard park, perhaps two. Cambridge councillors earmarked money to convert hard tennis courts at Romsey and Trumpington with wooden embankments and ramps, but it may not now be possible to do both. They also decided that the former council storeyard off Newmarket Road would be ideal for the building of a large-scale permanent skateboard park. Four commercial firms interested in building a park have approached the council who have agreed to offer the land on lease if the park is built at no cost to the ratepayers

1978 03 17
The Three Tuns at Fen Drayton won't look quite the same once Bert Culmer has gone. Not only will regulars miss his familiar face behind the bar, they will also have a job to recognise the interior of the pub, stripped of the collector's pieces he has covered the walls with during the past 27 years. Hardly an inch in the bars was left uncovered by brasses, guns, swords, wooden carvings, lamps and pictures. Some of the brasses, which took nearly five hours a week to clean, will go with him, but most of the collection will be auctioned. Scruffy his talking parrot, who has been with him for 12 years now, was for once lost for words.

1978 03 18
Quy junction, p6

1978 03 20
The Kite, once the busiest out-of-centre shopping precinct in Cambridge is no longer flying high. Years of indecision by the City Council about the site and shape of successive rebuilding schemes have left their mark. The uncertainty had already led to the closure of Laurie and McConnall's and a number of smaller shops, branches of national chain stores have also moved away. The closures have meant fewer shoppers being attracted to the area and a general run down of business for many of the traders.

Nora David honoured, p1
Parish boundaries, p7

1978 03 21
The new Beehive Home Interiors centre opened in Cambridge by the Co-operative Society is unique in Britain. With more than 25,000 square feet of space, home interiors are laid out in authentic room settings and the Co-op has gone up-market. There is a four-piece suite which costs a cool £1,000. They hope to supply all the goods on show from the stock carried in the ground-floor warehouse and people will be able to hire roof racks or vans to get it home if their cars won't take it. It has a children's cinema so that parents can leave their children occupied while they discuss furniture with the sales staff.

1978 03 22
Banhams, p16

1978 03 23
The future of the picturesque St John's Church, Duxford hangs in the balance. It dates back to the 13th century but has not been used as a parish church for more than 150 years and was declared redundant in 1976 by the Church Commissioners. Several attempts have been made to find a buyer and one scheme to turn it into a house fell through. When a recent public inquiry turned down a scheme for a village community centre the church was mentioned as a possible site where some village activities could take place.

School buses, p15

1978 03 28
Naturalists are trying to account for a dramatic decline in the number of hares in Cambridgeshire. It's reached such an extent that the Cambridge Woodpigeon Club who have traditionally rounded off their winter stints with a hare shoot, have had to call it off. Various theories have been put forward for their decline including high prices which could have led to them being overexploited recently. A lot of hares are shot for export to the Continent. Farmers however are pleased at the drop for it means less damage to crops where the impact of hares has sometimes been overlooked because of the even worse damage done by rabbits.

1978 03 29
A Cambridge businessman, Lloyd Stokes, has submitted plans to build a 21-acre industrial estate just north of the old railway on the A10. It is opposite the Trinity Hall Farm science park which he developed from farmland worth about £130 an acre and has recently sold for £200,000. Mr Stokes is still involved in a four-year planning wrangle over what the District Council considers an illegal road at the rear of the Milton Industrial Estate.

Pubs map, p16

1978 03 30
Essex County Council may relax its opposition to any expansion of Stansted Airport. In the face of Government pressure to utilise the airport more fully it may agree to consider growth to four million passengers a year. But they would take all possible steps to oppose the growth until final decisions

have been made about future airport policy after the examination of all options open. Uttlesford District Council, which has been more amenable to growth, have agreed to support the recommendations.

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1978 04 01
Cambridge United, planning for Second Division football next season, want part of Coldham's Common for new £100,000 expansion plans. These include a skateboard park running nearly the length of the Habbin stand, extra car parking and a 2,500-seater stand over terracing on that side of the ground. Facilities at the Abbey Stadium have already been stretched to breaking point in the Third Division, most notably when Peterborough played a local derby in front of 10,998 people in January.

1978 0 03
A common language between social service departments dealing with baby-battering cases is urgently needed – that is the main finding of an official inquiry into the death of Soham baby Simon Peacock. The inquiry concludes that there was "an unfortunate combination of weaknesses in communication" between the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire County Councils. The recommendations were accepted by both the authorities involved

1978 04 03
Horace Bull, Britain's oldest angler – who went sea fishing after his 100th birthday – celebrated 101 years with a drink and a cigar in his favourite pub, The Royal Oak at Stretham Bridge. The former Waterbeach butcher who started angling more than 90 years ago hopes to have another sea fishing trip this year – if he can find a fellow angler who won't be sea-sick. For a man who remembers the A10 when it was just a cart track and who bought whisky for £1 a gallon, Horace is still fit and active

1978 04 04
Peacock report, p9

1978 04 06
Quietly and without fuss our daily bread got dearer this week, with the news that the big three bakeries were adding 2p to the cost of a "standard" sliced and wrapped loaf, bringing the cost up to 28½ p. In Cambridge the price of farmhouse loaves is left to the baker. Bridgeman Bros of Norfolk Street charge 30½ p for a very crusty, tasty and attractive loaf; Tylers of Mill Road charge 30p, & E.J. How and Godfreys of Regent Street 29p. The most expensive are Dixon's of Fitzroy Street & Maskell's of Victoria Road who charge 31p for a pale golden, high, crusty, loaf.

News awards, p5

1978 04 07
A growing number of rampaging foxes are causing havoc among the hens and ducks of the area around Wicken Fen, but the warden doubts the foxes are breeding on the fen. Farmer Stephen Beckett of Isleham said: "Four or five years ago we didn't know what a fox was around here. But now we've got them all over the area. Six weeks ago my brother saw a group of three on his land". The secretary of the Naturalists' Trust said the fox population had gone up very markedly, but so has the rabbit population which causes more damage. Elsewhere huntsmen are complaining of a shortage because of a demand for red fox fur by the fashion industry. An uncured pelt can fetch £18 before the furrier and fashion house begin to mark up the price of the finished article.

Gt Chishill fire, p7

1978 04 08
The Cambridge Instrument Company is being taken over by the Government following a trading year in which it lost £2.8 million. That's the effect of the National Enterprise Board's decision to increase

its shares to 80 per cent. The intention is to let the company go independent again in three years' time if it makes enough sales generating cash flow and profits by then. The chairman of the Company said: "This is the best thing for us in the short and medium term. Now we can go forward with confidence and have a lot more scope and room in which to manoeuvre"

1978 04 11
Many Cambridge dentists are refusing to give some treatment under the National Health Service because of their dispute with the Government over pay. Denture repairs and emergency treatment are in most cases only being done privately by dentists and a patient was recently quoted £20 as the price for two filling replacements. Dentists say NHS work is not profitable enough. The rate for a temporary dressing was 84p – a job which could take 15 minutes and require the dentist to provide drugs and equipment

1978 04 12
Traffic had to be stopped on Huntingdon river bridge as workmen took down overhanging boards and tiles from the listed derelict hosiery mill. The owner says it may soon be sold for redevelopment. Interest in the mill has become greater in the past few weeks. It might be used for many different things, a hotel, or maybe a leisure centre

Huntingdon mill, p11

1978 04 13
The closely-guarded secret about the future of a Tudor cottage at Sawston is out – it is being advertised for sale by auction. The sale description includes: "Large gardens with the benefit of potential for residential building plot". The Parish Council has protested against any plan to sell the house, which was left by John Ward in the 16th century to be held for the benefit of the parish church. The trustees of Ward's House in Church Lane have been meeting in private to decide what to do about the property, which is standing empty.

1978 04 14
It is often said in Cambridge that the cream of the city's machinists are at Cambridge Instruments. They've got to be good, working to measurement of one millionth of an inch in metal. And the firm is now looking for people with the same high skill level to help boost output. To younger people, training at CI can be the springboard for a career anywhere in the industry, within the company on promotion or anywhere in the world. A major expansion programme and a rapidly rising inflow of international orders have created 70 new jobs. Some 750 people work at the factory in Rustat Road

Milton footbridge, p9
Stansted, p17

1978 04 18
It would cost nearly £300,000 for Cambridge United to move to the Cambridge City club's ground in Milton Road – and the facilities would be no better than those at the Abbey Stadium. The suggestion had been made repeatedly over the years by supporters of both clubs and has come to a head again with United's plans for expansion and a skateboard park. Directors know their plans to take over common land would be an emotive issue, but it is a waste area and they would pipe a stream which is usually nothing more than a foul ditch.

1978 04 19
The Post Office has been criticised over the state of a large Georgian house in the heart of Saffron Walden's conservation area. The 30-room Hill House in the High Street is a listed building and former town post office. It is coming increasingly under attack from vandals since it was abandoned four years ago. The District Council would like it restored and converted into flats and offices. The three-storey building once housed a famous family called Gibson who founded a bank in the town.

1978 04 19
The restoration fund for Yelling parish church, which was badly damaged by freak storms in January, has reached £1,000. Amongst the donations is £100 given by Yelling Baptist Church; the Rector, Rev Mark Bishops, said: "It is unusual for another church of a different denomination to contribute, but we get on well and they obviously felt our need was great". He is awaiting an architect's report on the extent of the damage. Part of the 15th century east window and wall were destroyed and have been replaced with a temporary covering, resulting in little interruption of services.

1978 04 19 c
Eerie midnight howling is haunting the Caxton Gibbet Hotel – but the spine-chilling sounds are very real. They come from a homeless dog which has been roaming the district for about four years, ever since it was abandoned near the Gibbet Hotel. The elusive creature, a greyhound, has been christened Queenie. "It comes here most nights at about 12.30 and howls away at the front of the pub", said Mrs Mavis Spencer, the landlady. "I leave food for it each night and we turn out the lights and watch as it grabs a piece, runs off to eat it, then comes back for more"

1978 04 20
A recent review of the retail grocery trade reported a drop in the number of food shops in general – with the exception of freezer centres, which were on the increase. East Anglia came out above average with 43.1 per cent of homes owning a freezer. In a rural region such as this a freezer represents a saving on frequent trips to the distant shops as well as storage for gluts of home-grown vegetables. Cambridge has seen a growth in the number of specialist centres devoted to the sale of freezers and the frozen foodstuffs to fill them. They must be the most boring shops in existence.

1978 04 21
Sewage, p24

1978 04 22
Hildersham parish church has been the target for thieves for the second time in five months. Church officials unlocked the vestry and walked into chaos. Church documents and stationery had been scattered around the room. But the only item missing was the Victorian desk in which all the church papers had been kept. Last December two valuable 600-year-old wooden effigies were stolen when the church was forced into, but this time there was no damage. Earlier this week thieves walked out of Linton church in full view of three parishioners carrying three antique chairs

1978
The "Cambridge Students' Prospectus" aims to give the student view in parallel with information sent out officially to people applying for places. It says "King's College social life centres around a large, rather squalid bar where undergraduates and the friendlier fellows gather at lunchtime. The college is as cliquey as any other institution but tolerant. It is probably the happiest college with quite a lot of sex, drugs and rock-and-roll". But the Senior Tutor said he thought the remark was 'an unfortunate one which might better have been left out' and had spoken to the publishers.

1978 04 24
An arsonist terrorising two Essex villages has been foiled in his seventh attempt to set a home alight. The man escaped across fields at Hempstead in the early hours after stuffing straw under the eaves of a house. This was the fifth time an arson incident had coincided with a full or new moon and Saffron Walden police are not discounting the theory that the firebug is moon-mad. Six thatched houses in Hempstead and Great Samford have been badly damaged or destroyed since the arsonist first struck last August.

1978 04 24
Landbeach village sign was unveiled by the oldest and youngest inhabitants, Mr Horace Bull, aged 101, and Mrs Sarah Wilson aged 91, and babies John Abrahams aged three months and Gemma Horlock aged only 10 days. The sign is a combination of several prize-winning ideas submitted by

villagers and includes a capsule buried in the stone plinth which will, when opened, reveal some interesting facts to a new generation about the clothes we wear, the wages we earn and what the Queen's Silver Jubilee was all about.

1978 04 24
A novel method of treating rheumatoid arthritis is being developed at the Strangeways Laboratory in Cambridge and offers hope for millions of sufferers of the disease. The treatment, which is still being assessed clinically, involves using hydrocortisone – which was hailed as a wonder drug when first used 30 years ago, but then fell out of favour because of undesirable side-effects. Now scientists put minute amounts into tiny droplets of natural fat which are injected directly into the joint affected.

1978 04 25
A plan to sell off part of the playing fields at Bassingbourn Village College is being considered by Cambridgeshire County Council as part of its programme to raise cash. Development land has been fetching up to £40,000 an acre and all their land is being looked at to find any that can be sold with planning permission. But the scheme is likely to run into heavy opposition from villagers. The site is also used by the primary school and by young footballers who cannot use the recreation ground because of a restrictive covenant banning Sunday games. A similar scheme to sell land at Bottisham Village College is also being opposed

1978 04 25
Cambridge Magistrates may have acted outside their powers in seeking to license college bars. Cambridge colleges have operated student bars in the past, arguing that the Vice Chancellor has the right to issue licences within the university to authorise the sale of all alcoholic liquors, including wine. But while the right to authorise wine-selling has not been challenged, the sale of beer has come under official scrutiny. At King's College students fear the grant of a licence would affect many social events; it would become a criminal offence for a student to be drunk at his college bar and the police would have the right to enter without warrant or invitation.

1978 04 25
The Precinct is the latest thing in road sweepers manufactured by Melford Engineering in a very unobtrusive long low building in the fens near Sutton. Looking rather like an overgrown Dalek they are coming out of the factory in increasing numbers and beginning to appear on the roads in Germany and even Saudi Arabia. Just about all the little sweeper is made at Sutton. It has power steering, power brakes, a heater and the ability to travel sideways at the nose when required. Beer tins, half bricks, dust, plastic bags – everything is sucked up into the innards of the little vehicle.

1978 04 26
Quy sign, p10

1978 04 27
The 150-strong Jersey dairy herd on Lord Walston's Thriplow estate, one of Cambridgeshire's oldest and best known herds, fetched more than £27,000 when it went under the hammer. It was started in 1910 but time and economics have caught up with it and the sale marked the end of an era as they fell into line with the rapidly declining number of milking herds in the county. Two of the stockmen, George Fuller and Doug Andrews, said few younger people wanted the responsibility every day of the week. Buyers came from as far away as Devon and Scotland; the highest price paid for a cow was nearly £230 and a bull made £441

1978 04 27
Fowlmere parish council has protested that their village has become a dumping ground for bad council house tenants. The District Council's policy is to move tenants who refuse to pay rent or create a nuisance into sub-standard council homes and say it is unfortunate that such property exists at Fowlmere. This has been going on since the War when problem cases were housed in old forces huts

in the village. They have 16 tenants who owe £4,000 in rent between them. But the parish want the houses converted into warden-controlled old people's homes

1978 04 27
A campaign has been launched to save the 23-pupil Madingley Primary School by turning it into a co-operative. For 39 years the school has been run by the headmistress and the only teacher, Mrs Gwen Ruddle, who retires in July. The County Council thought that would be an appropriate time to close. But the parents say it would kill off the heart of the village and do not like the idea of sending their children to Coton school, 1½ miles away

Paint prices, p4
Frank Reeve, p21

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Madingley school, p17

1978 04 29
Haddenham Farmland Museum began with a modest box full of bric-a-brac collected by 13-year-old Craig Delanoy but has inspired support from the most unlikely of sources. There's never any difficulty in persuading the village youngsters to do their bit and indeed the whole village of Haddenham seems to take pride in what the museum has achieved since it opened in 1969 and more than £2,000 has been raised for charities. But an illustrious Cambridgeshire county councillor from that centre of culture, Peterborough, has condemned it as a glorified load of junk

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1978 05 02
Nearly 400 Protestants and Roman Catholics joined together at Haslingfield to revive a pilgrimage thought to be more than 500 years old. Led by the vicar and the Sawston Roman Catholic priest the pilgrimage wound their way up Chapel Hill to the site of a medieval shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Whitehill. In the Middle Ages it was used by pilgrims en route to Walsingham and brought much trade to the village, "enriching the priest and benefiting the inhabitants". It disappeared without trace about 1541. The modern pilgrims continued to Harlton parish church, pausing at intervals for hymn singing and Bible readings

Cambridge United, p1

1978 05 04
Sewage scheme, p12

1978 05 05
Cambridge's place in the forefront of test-tube life took another step forward when mice that were put into frozen suspended animation more than five years ago at the Physiological Laboratory were running around in a cage. They were frozen in liquid nitrogen as three-day embryos, then thawed and implanted into a female mouse. Frozen embryo banks are likely to become an increasingly important feature of future animal husbandry and one day embryos of whole herds of cattle may be shipped across the world in frozen containers, by-passing disease controls and ensuring preservation of rare breeds.

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1978 05 12
The Sunday Times devoted many pages to portraits of such people as Burgess and Maclean photographed during their undergraduate days in a "relaxed" style then very usual. They were taken by the famous Cambridge photographers, Ramsey and Muspratt in their studios at Post Office Terrace. The article also mentioned the 50,000-odd negatives left behind there by generations of photographic firms, but there could be even more. In a separate building at the back are cupboards, not opened for at least 70 years that are absolutely stuffed with glass negatives. But now a selection of them have been printed by the Cambridgeshire Collection

Landebach leisure centre, p6
Quy school, p17

1978 05 15
To raise £5,000 in five months from 500 people was the Rector of Fen Ditton's ambitious aim – and now he has done it. The project will not only provide a central meeting place for the parish but has also kindled a community spirit. Every night and weekend under the floodlights and in all sorts of weather people have been working voluntarily on the hall, said the Rev Lawrence Marsh. Two seven-year-olds raised £26 with a disco for the under 12-year-olds and a sponsored knit-in raised more than £900

1978 05 15
Newmarket shops have as much to offer as those in Cambridge and Bury St Edmunds. The town's greatest asset was extensive free and convenient parking. This was a considerable attraction for shoppers who knew if they went to Cambridge they would have to pay to park and might have to queue for a space. The future prosperity depended on the new Waitrose supermarket; if this could bring in shoppers it would benefit the other traders in general, even if one or two food stores were forced out of business.

1978 05 16
Horse VD, p5

1978 05 17
Fast action and a screwdriver avoided civic embarrassment at Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge, when a door lock jammed only minutes before the mayor's procession arrived for the church's 500th anniversary service. Verger Mr George Clark and a sidesman, Mr Claude Maskell, removed the ancient lock just in time to avoid halting the mayor and city councillors in the street outside. Representatives of city and university with clergy of many denominations crowded into the church for a unique thanksgiving service in which the church's historical records were brought to life by students and other readers.

1978 05 17

A historic bell that has been gathering dust for almost a quarter of a century has started a feud between the two neighbouring churches of Leighton Bromswold and Barham, who both claim it is theirs. It was originally at Woolley church and went for storage when the church closed down. It lay unwanted and forgotten in a side room at Leighton until the church council decided to sell it to boost church repairs. From nearby Barham came a howl of protest followed by a demand that the bell should be placed in their church where Woolley parishioners now worship. The two church councils are deadlocked over the issue which may be thrashed out by an ecclesiastical court.

1978 05 18
Fulbourn Hospital has announced a new deal to help ease their cash crisis. If people came and said 'If you take my old father we will come and help out with meals and keeping the old people occupied' it would free nurses for more specific skill tasks. The help would be unpaid but the benefits would be the treatment made available to the relative. The shortage of beds now means a large number of elderly patients cannot be given the long-term hospital care they need. Fulbourn does have empty beds, but not the staff needed to use them

1978 05 19
Cambridge City Council has applied for St Paul's school in Russell Street to be listed as a protected historic building. Built in 1845 it is the earliest elementary school in Cambridge and was designed by Ambrose Poynter, possibly the only classical school building by him in England. For 10 years there have been plans to build a brand new school on an adjoining site but now there are proposals to remodel the old one to allow more classroom space. – 78 05 19

1978 05 20
A fairy tale has come true for eighty children at Fen Ditton primary school. Their ancient record player is to be replaced with a brand new music centre despite none of their entries being successful in the recent News contest. It wasn't for lack of trying. Every single child in the school, plus the teachers, had a go at winning something they have wanted for years. Pye Telecommunications, sponsors of the competitions were so touched by their enthusiasm they decided to contribute half the cost of a new centre and the News has chipped in the other half. "Everyone is thrilled and delighted about it", said the headmaster, Mr A.M. Jones.

1978 05 23
Baitsbite Lock has a claim to fame that makes it a memorable gateway to Cambridge for the visitors arriving by river. It is the most expensive lock in the kingdom's entire waterways system through which to take a boat. For years there have been ripples of dissent among boating folk about the charges and now matters have come to a head with the announcement of a further increase. People whose leisure or livelihood depends on river boating are close to mutiny over the issue: "They keep putting up the fee just to keep the cruisers out; it's the rowing people: they want the Cam to themselves", one said

1978 05 24
Barnwell station will not be reopened to deal with next season's influx of soccer fans … because British Rail does not own it. There has been growing support for the idea since Cambridge United won promotion to the Second Division, as a way of stopping fans who come by rail from wandering through the city. But the station has ceased to exist and the land is part of a private dwelling. Any new halt would be an expensive and complicated business. The station house, platform and access were sold off in the 1960s and now form the flourishing Kindrum Kennels.

1978 05 24
The dedication of a memorial to American GIs based at Bassingbourn during the war gave a Cambridge woman an excuse to wear her black hat, which is 37 years old. "I wear it with pride as it is a wartime relic", she said. Doris Foster, who used to be the landlady of the Angel public house at Royston, failed to recognise one of her wartime regulars Sam Cipolla from Chicago. But he remembered her: "I used to sneak under your fence to get a pint & used to give sweets to the children

who called me Uncle Sam", he said. He may have recognised the hat which she often wore while serving in the bar because the Americans liked it.

1978 05 26
Betty Clarke and Joyce Evans and the boys got together again down at the old village café. These days it's a garage storeroom; the ceiling paint is peeling, a fire has not blazed in the corner for decades and the old piano is long gone. But for the men of the 78th Bomb Group it was a memory mission. Five broke away from the main sightseeing group at Duxford to take a nostalgic trip to one of their wartime haunts, the Aerodrome Café. It was a day full of laughter and only the happiest memories. One of the visitors said: "Berry hasn't changed a bit, I'd have known her walking down any street"

1978 05 27
The Government is to give £40,000 towards a controversial plan to convert the Methodist Church in Mill Road, Cambridge into a youth centre for the Romsey area. Objectors are concerned about traffic noise and vandalism that might result from the centre. But it will always be supervised, no alcohol will be served and most of the children will be too young to drive motor bikes or cars. It is designed to take trouble-makers off the streets and give them something to do

1978 05 30
Bassingbourn air show, p3

1978 05 31
The News decided to celebrate its 90th birthday by doing something light-hearted and invited 90 members of the Mid-Anglia population to pose for a photograph that would show a cross-section of the diverse community it seeks to serve. People who might never meet in everyday life found themselves jumbled together on the Shire Hall lawns for a photograph. Boxer and bank manager, actress and agronomist, proctor and postman became neighbours in a marvellous mixture. There was even a dog and a rabbit to represent readers' fondness for household pets. Aqualung diver Bob Kirby was driven to taking ice from the champagne buckets in a desperate attempt to keep cool.

1978 05 31
A scheme which could save thousands of pounds a year is likely to be pigeon-holed because its implications are too radical for most Cambridgeshire county councillors. They run the largest smallholdings estates in the country but a report recommends it should be reduced by a third. If the land is sold the council would lose £340,000 a year in rents but would make a capital gain of £10 million. It is likely the old guard will opt for merging holdings and selling off surplus land, but perhaps in five years a different view might prevail.

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1978 06 01
Lives are at risk from rapid flooding because of the inadequacy of Cambridgeshire's archaic drainage system, a councillor claims. A key part of the system, Earith sluice gates, is governed by regulations made more than 150 years ago which prevent the operator from acting promptly to stop homes and fields being flooded. Recently farmers were so desperate they took the law into their own hands and cut through a flood bank to release millions of gallons of water which were threatening a village, farmland and cattle. The system was designed to cope with water that would soak through the land, but now things have changed with all the development along the A604 area 78 06 01

1978 06 01
Frank Bell has stood down as director of the Bell School of Languages in Cambridge and called for tighter controls over foreign language teaching. "There are some cowboys who simply open during the summer in any old hall they can", he said. When he started in 1953 most of the students were

simply finishing off part of their private education. Now the majority have a professional interest in learning the language and are financed by their firms or governments. He envisages an even greater boom and the Bell School, at present attended by Princess Marie Astrid, seems certain to expand and adapt to a changing role.

1978 06 02
Prince Charles spent a few moments talking to some of the crowd of visitors waiting to greet him after he stepped out of his special train at the tiny Whittlesford station. He was escorted to the Mill House to open the Hamilton Kerr Institute where he was greeted by several hundred flag-waving children. Later, during the official part of the proceedings plain-clothed police had to chase away small children who tried to gate-crash by climbing over the garden wall.

1978 06 05
Most of the offices built on top of the City Council's Lion Yard complex in the centre of Cambridge are still unoccupied – nearly three years after completion of the development. Now councillors are concerned about the loss of rents and want more intensive steps taken to find tenants for the block, which is gathering dust. Only 5,750 feet has been let, to a subsidiary of Barclay's Bank but negotiations are now taking place with two organisations. If these fall through some councillors think they should let charity organisations use them

1978 06 06
Annie Norman moved back into the home she has lived in for 36 – but it was a different cottage to the one she left last October. The cottage at Church Street, Stapleford was one of two bought for £1 from Shelford Building Supplies by the Cambridgeshire Cottage Improvement Society. Now it has a bathroom and lavatory, new thatch, plaster and paint. "It's fantastic now, previously there was only a lavatory at the bottom of the garden", she said.

1978 06 07
Flooding, p13 78 06 07

1978 06 08
St Paul's school in Russell Street, Cambridge is one of the earliest elementary schools in Cambridge. It dates from 1845 and was designed by Ambrose Poynter, probably the only classical school building in England ever designed by him. Now it could be in danger of partial demolition since the school managers have decided rebuild on a site that cuts right through it. It unlikely demolition will occur because the old building is on one side of Russell Street and plans for the new building are on the other side of the road. Now the City Council has asked for the building to be listed. 78 06 08

1978 06 12
About 800 of the country's small rural schools have vanished in the past 10 years. Financially county councils claim there are not viable. But in Cambridgeshire four small villages have had a scheme approved which they hope will save their schools. Ashley, Cheveley, Wood Ditton and Kirtling have formed a Schools Federation, creating one school from four, but without the loss of any. Each will be maintained under one administration, rather than four, cutting costs and increasing the scope for improved facilities and a broader education. There will be one headmaster and six assistant teachers and a larger range of reading books which will float between the schools. 78 06 12

1978 06 13
Cambridgeshire skateboarders may soon have nearly 400 skate parks made available to them. The county education authority has decided to allow all suitable school premises to be used for skateboarding. Most schools have large concrete areas suitable for use outside school hours, but they must be adequately supervised and safety equipment used. The Road Safety Officer has welcomed the move to get children off the streets, where they are in obvious danger. Cambridge City Council is to build a skateboard park complex at Cheddar's Lane and a number of disused tennis courts are being converted into temporary skateboarding areas for beginners

1978 06 15
London thieves with 'shopping lists' of property they intend to steal will descend on Cambridge shops as soon as the M11 brings them within an hour of the city, police warned traders. It would become a fast and easy touch for gangs of London-based professional crooks. Now the traders are to discuss setting up a system to combat the menace. When the new roads are open it will be an easy 55-minute run from the East End of London where the better class thieves and receivers live and operate. They get orders for 50 suits of a particular kind and then come up here, police said.

1978 06 15
The 150-year-old Magdalene Bridge in Cambridge is in grave danger of collapsing, councillors were told. For the last 11 years there has been a three-ton vehicle restriction but sometimes the inter-continental 'juggernaut' lorries travelling through the city take a wrong turning and pass over the bridge. Now the abutments, which support the bridge at both ends, are moving apart and if this continues it could eventually break its back. Plans were made to rebuild the bridge but environmentalists objected and at a public inquiry it was decided the bridge should be strengthened, retaining its present appearance. But Government engineers came up against insuperable technical problems in the use of the cast-iron parapets and have suggested cast-steel instead.

1978 06 17
Cambridge City Council's new-style 'instant' lotteries could raise about £100,000 a year for the council. The first competition is a sell-out with the council making a £4,000 profit in less than a fortnight. The new-style lotteries have more than 3,000 prizes ranging from 50p to £500 which can be claimed at the time of purchase. These winning tickets then go forward to the final draw for the big prize of £1,000. The council made an average of well under £2,000 from each of its old-style lotteries run at six-weekly intervals during their first year of operation

1978 06 19
After three years trials a manager of one of Fenland's biggest farms – the 8,000-acre Hiams estate – is convinced that he has softened the impact of two of the worst hazards on the rich black peat – blowing and flooding. Keith Richardson believes that a German-made machine known as a cultipacker will provide better seed beds for root crops. The action of the machine in breaking clods and levelling without causing soil to compact too tightly, is the secret of its success and there is less flooding and blowing. The main problems have come when they hit bog oaks.

1978 06 21
Take 33 excited ten-year-olds, load them on to a riverboat, steam northwards for two and a half hours, deposit them in a wild fen with little more than a wooden shack for shelter, then keep them fed, clean and busy for three days. That was the job in hand for two teachers from The Grove Junior School on an environmental studies expedition to Wicken Fen. Long hours call for such diverse talents as an ability to catch insects, find mislaid wellington boots, cook a gallon of custard and handle a dormitory riot at midnight

1978 06 21
Some Cambridge colleges are threatening to ban visitors because this year's greatly increased numbers of tourists are causing problems. It is important to provide a permanent tourist coach park somewhere near the main tourist centre. A report says the best site would be on common and allotment land next to the News building on Newmarket Road. But some councillors think the ideal place would be in the vicinity of the Railway Station, at Saxon Street car park or on derelict land at the corner of Histon Road and Victoria Road.

1978 06 21
Cambridge University Library tower, the last great challenge to the student night climbing fraternity, has been scaled. Two men took just four hours and 15 minutes to climb to the base of the flagpole and attributed their success to the unsuccessful attempts of others during the past twelve months who left

bolts attached to the brickwork for safety purposes. It is without doubt the most difficult and dangerous building to climb. On the ascent they caused damage to a small window on the top of the tower. "This was completely unintentional and very much regretted. We have already sent off money to pay for the damage", one student said.

A11, p11

1978 06 22
When Tony May of Stretham went blind earlier this year he thought he would go 'mad' just sitting about doing nothing. He started taking the Cambridge Talking News service for blind people but realised it contained little or new news about the Ely district. So he hit on the idea of a 'talking' newspaper called 'Fenprobe' to keep people abreast with local news. Once established he hopes to branch out to include music and requests and on-the-spot coverage of major local events. 78 06 22

Kite parking, p21

1978 06 23
The cost of providing a complete flood protection scheme for the Newnham and Riverside areas of Cambridge would be 'totally out of proportion to the benefits, however desirable', councillors have been told. Flooding occurred for two days on the Gough Way housing estate when the Bin Brook overflowed during heavy rain and the River Cam overflowed its banks at Riverside during the same period. But the emergencies arose from exceptionally heavy and intense rainfall for which it is not reasonable to provide capacity within the sewers, water courses or main rivers and relatively few residential properties were actually flooded.

1978 06 24
Cavendish vineyard, p5

1978 06 26
More than twice as many new homes were completed in the South Cambridgeshire district during 1977 than in the Cambridge city area. And nationwide statistics show that the private sector building is the reason behind the boom. For while 333 dwellings were built by the local authority in South Cambs, private builders completed 750 homes. In Huntingdon 772 out of 1,011 homes finished were built by the private sector. But in Cambridge only 110 homes were built privately, compared to 405 by the council.

1978 06 27
Those who frequent the lane which runs past Little St Mary's church in Cambridge will have noticed some strange comings and goings in the last few months. The quiet churchyard has been disturbed by workmen with scaffolding, planks and ornamental woodwork. Oddly-shaped crates have been delivered and strange-looking pieces of mechanism have been unloaded. The church has been getting a new organ which incorporates antique pipework rescued from a village church in Norfolk.

1978 06 28
Otter houndsmen are angry at a Government report which comes out strongly against hunting coypu, a large beaver-like rodent with a hearty appetite for farm crops. The pest is now invading the fringe of the fens after fanning out from its Broadland stronghold. The Eastern Counties Hounds, who this year celebrate their centenary, have been hunting coypu in greater numbers since otter hunting stopped eight years ago. Last year they killed more than 200 coypus and this helped hold down their population to about 8,000 in East Anglia

1978 06 29
A plant growing in the fens near Huntingdon could hold the key to a crisis being forecast with supplies of The Pill. Fenugreek produces a chemical which is a vital ingredient of the contraceptive pill. Now a small glasshouse of the plant has been produced together with a secret field which will

boost seed stocks if the idea catches on. Much hinges on the attitude of the big chemical companies. At present they derive most of their supply from yams grown in Mexico, but there is now a ban on exporting so they have taken to producing it on the spot.

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1978 07 01
A campaign to improve safety along the A604 has been turned down because of Government red-tape. The County wants all lorries for Harwich to be routed around Newmarket and Bury bypasses to Colchester instead of passing through Cambridge city centre and out along narrow winding roads to Linton and Haverhill. But despite the opening this autumn of the Northern By-pass designed to take heavy lorry traffic away from Cambridge, the Department of Transport is insisting that traffic for Harwich is still routed through the city. The road has already claimed four victims this year in Cambridgeshire and another seven in Essex

1978 07 03
The Kite area of Cambridge plans to go the way of Rhodesia by declaring UDI – Unilateral Declaration of Independence - in a semi-serious but symbolic stand against the city council. On Independence Day the kite-shaped bounds of the area will be beaten and the rebel "government" will swing into operation. Arthur Sutton, the 76-year-old bugle-blowing campaigner will be elected Lord Mayor, the rubble-surrounded Little Kettle shop will be declared the town hall, the borders of the area will be marked and passports issued.

Bourn airfield caravans, p3

1978 07 04
The Huntingdon homes on the Oxmoor estate shattered by a jet crash which killed five people are to be rebuilt, more than a year after the accident. The long wait has been caused by sorting out details of compensation and insurance payments. Seven homes that were so badly damaged that they had to be demolished will be rebuilt. The announcement came as residents living opposite the site were about to begin a petition demanding action. One said: "It is horrible. We want to forget but we cannot because it is there all the time reminding us."

1978 07 10
Coleridge School, Cambridge, had more than its fair share of titled visitors when two queens and a baroness graced its summer fair. Baroness David of Romsey was amongst the guests and 14-year-old Deborah Clarke was chosen as the winner of the Miss Coleridge beauty contest. The retiring queen, Kathryn Turner, handed over the sash to her successor. About 1,000 people turned up for the event, which also included an "It's a Knockout" contest. The new headmaster, Mr Hugh Wood, made the draw for the raffle.

1978 07 07
Mr Bob Webster who has run the general stores at Station Road, Impington for 21 years has announced his retirement. The shop used to be a baker's, then a grocer's before he bought it & since then it has tripled in size. "I will miss everyone, my customers have been very loyal", he said. The new owner is Mr Graham Vialls.

Obesity, p21

1978 07 10
Hundreds of people on Jesus Green Cambridge saw stars of television, stage and the music world in the heats of the Thames Television Star Games contest. Broadcaster Cliff Michelmore suffered a calf muscle injury which will put him out of sporting action for four weeks and singer-song writer Jackie Trent was among the others who limped off after the finals. But though the stars are probably more

used to flexing their artistic muscles rather than their mainly lily-white limbs, they came through the day with cheers and about £10,000 for charity. The crowds saw singer Joe Brown lead his team to victory; Dickie Henderson's team were second.

Coleridge queen, p1

1978 07 11
King's Hedges junior and infants' schools in Cambridge have closed because of a dysentery outbreak, three weeks after the first pupils went down with the disease. The number of children being kept at home has been rising daily – over 120 children and staff absent yesterday – and it is obvious they can no longer function normally. They may never know where the infection came from, with a changing number of children with the symptoms. If there is just one case in the school the very number of people using the building means it is likely to be passed on repeatedly

1978 07 11
Service came out of the blue for a Cambridgeshire farmer with combine harvester trouble. It dropped out of the sky in what is claimed to be the first regular air service for farm machinery in distress. A Fenstanton farmer, Mr A. Behagg, uses Ursus-Bizon machines, produced in Poland, and their East Anglian distributors have introduced the 'servicing by helicopter' scheme in a bid to consolidate their foothold in the valuable English market

1978 07 13
Sightseers flocked to the dysentery-hit King's Hedges schools in Cambridge during the three week outbreak; they sat outside in their cars with the windows closed and pointed at it as if to say 'That is the unclean school'. The school caretaker and ancillary staff were publicly shunned in shops and pubs during the epidemic which hit nearly 100 people and closed the school. Coun Janet Jones praised the teachers: "They have been absolutely superb, and so have a lot of parents who kept their children at the school. And so have the kids", she said.

1978 07 13
Huntingdon District Council staff have been called in to carry out emergency work to make safe the historic Chinese bridge at Godmanchester after claims that children could fall through holes & drown. For months the Council has been in dispute with the County Council over who should repair the bridge. Now they have started taking legal procedures which might end with them taking the County to court over the condition of the bridge, as they are the highways authority who should repair it.

Mole drains, p15

1978 07 14
The risk of flooding may become a more important consideration when councils decide where houses can be built. Steps are also being taken to identify areas where the risks are greatest so that a better warning system for householders can be introduced. A gauge has already been installed at Gough Way, Cambridge, where the Bin Brook overflowed and damaged 20 houses and Newnham Terrace and Riverside may be flood proofed. It was suggested that the height the floodwater reached should be marked on houses which were involved. People would then be aware of the threat and could take their own measures.

1978 07 17
A sophisticated version of rotten egg-throwing provided one of the highlights at Saturday's Tudor Fayre for those with certain views on the proposed Kite development plans. Artist Mr Peter Fluck of Maids Causeway was commissioned by the Kite Co-ordinating Council to draw an outsized head of Coun John Powley, the man spearheading plans to build a large shopping complex. The picture was then electrically wired up and served as a dartboard. Anyone hitting the 'brain cell' rang a bell. During the afternoon more than one Labour councillors was seen surreptitiously to aim a dart at the target

1978 07 20
Try to get National Health Service dentures in Cambridge and it may be difficult to find a dentist willing to undertake the work. A minority of dentists are now doing any NHS work that involves paying technicians' fees. For the patient this can mean the difference between finding the £20 statutory NHS charge for a full set of false teeth or paying £60 or more for private dentures.

Bottisham Village College land, p5

1978 07 21
Cambridge United Football Club's plans to extend the Abbey Stadium to cope with the big crowds expected for their debut into the Second Division were wrecked by a mix-up in a council debate which one councillor described as 'better than Monty Python'. They had been asked to lease a part of Coldham's Common so the club could provide extra crowd accommodation, toilets and car parking, as well as a money-raising skateboard park. But after a complicated procedural wrangle the scheme was turned down with councillors claiming they had misunderstood what was happening. Now an urgent round of talks with council lawyers is to try and salvage the plans

Kite UDI, p6

1978 07 22
Cambridgeshire County Council is 'giving away' a 138-year-old thatched school at Hemingford Abbots. The school, which catered for 25 pupils, has been closed as an economy measure and because it was set up under a trust the building now returns to the descendants of the persons who set it up, the Herbert family. It was a sad moment for headmaster Mr Gordon Chambers as he said goodbye to the pupils, who will now go to Hemingford Grey School. But the closure will give hours of pleasure to other children for the school swimming pool is to be dismantled and taken to the Wheatfields School in St Ives.

1978 07 24
The Kite, Cambridge's own infant breakaway state, gave a further demonstration of the 'freedom' when a colourful procession beat the bounds of the two-day-old 'city'. Led by the self-proclaimed 'Lord Mayor', Arthur Sutton, resplendent in red robes and riding in a carriage, some 80 citizens of the Kite, accompanied by a jazz combo, wound their way to Midsummer Common where a 'Freedom Kite' was symbolically flown. The demonstrators were ignored by their main opponents, the controlling Conservative group, who are proposing to re-develop the run-down area, demolishing parts in the process.

1978 07 26
Mother and test-tube baby are doing fine – thanks in part to the Cambridge physiologist, Dr Robert Edwards who has helped pioneer research into laboratory fertilisation. It was his work with a consultant gynaecologist, Mr Patrick Steptoe, which culminated in the world's first test-tube baby born to Mrs Lesley Brown in Oldham General Hospital. The birth, the result of 12 years scientific work and experiments, was hailed as a tremendous achievement and a wonderful breakthrough.

1978 07 26
Great Chishill's hopes of another best-kept-village prize were raised by the sale of the dilapidated village school. The picturesque village last took the competition title in 1970, the year before the Victorian school was closed and 22 children transferred to Fowlmere. Legal problems have delayed the sale and the building has deteriorated. Now it has been sold by auction for £19,000 to a family who intend converting it into a house

1978 07 27
The Turk's Head, one of the largest eating places in central Cambridge, has served its last meals and drinks. Many of the 30 staff hope to be given the first chance in the project to turn the Plough and

Harrow public house in Madingley Road into a restaurant. The Turk's Head opened in the 1960s as a restaurant where a range of inexpensive meals could be had across a wide price band but it was too close to another Berni Steak Bar around the corner in Rose Crescent. Now there are plans to turn it into two smaller restaurants together with a 'mini Burlington Arcade' with some 11 shops aimed at tourists.

1978 07 28
The star that has shone over Cambridge Folk Festival of the past 14 years appears to be waning. There is increasing evidence among the mass of faces at this international event that the serious folkie is now staying away and that Cambridge – once the most prestigious event in the folk calendar – is slowly being taken over by an unfortunate yobby element who treat Cherry Hinton Hall like a Pontins holiday camp

1978 07 29
Laura Ashley, one of the fastest rising fashion and fabric business in the world is coming to Cambridge. They are taking over the ground floor of what was the Turk's Head restaurant. The rest will become separate eating areas. The Granary in the cellar will offer international cuisine, the first floor restaurant will be based on English cuisine and the Pasta Kitchen on the top floor will feature an a la carte menu. It will be one of the few English businesses to offer hot foods late at night in Cambridge.

1978
There are many sides to a new house at Great Gransden – eight in fact. Which has left villagers wondering why on earth anyone should want to pay money for an outsized threepenny bit. Murmurs of 'Monstrosity' and 'Shouldn't be allowed' were on the lips of environmentalists as the unusual house in West Street took shape. But the owner defends it: "I think it is in keeping, although it is in a conspicuous position amongst a lot of thatched and old-made tiled houses", he said.

1978 07 31
Folk Festival revue, p7
Skateboard opening, p8

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1978 08 01
The fate of one of Cambridge's best-known family firms hang in the balance with decision of Mr Horrie Mansfield to retire as senior partner of the Burwell and District Motor Service after more than 50 years at the wheel. He has tried to retire several times without success but now finds that running the company – and doing frequent driving stints himself – is becoming a strain. Burwell, begun by his father in 1921, has built up a reputation for reliability and efficiency. It started with a motor-cycle and sidecar, then secured a taxi and its first 20-seat bus van. Now it is a thriving company employing more than 20 people

1978 08 03
Ray Malmstrom, has just retired after teaching at Impington Village College for 32 years. He started as an assistant teacher with responsibility for the arts and within a fortnight had started a model aeroplane club, which is still going strong. He taught art and must have coached about 4,000 pupils, many of whom have gone on to art schools and training colleges and become teachers or have set up on their own as graphic designers.

1978 08 04
Renewed attempts will be made to have the annual Cambridge folk festival moved from its traditional home in Cherry Hinton Hall grounds to the more spacious surroundings of Coldham's Common. They have been reinforced by the state of the grounds after the heavy rain at this year's event which have been terribly churned up and it will take months for them to be reinstated. Last year councillors

opposed such a move fearing that people living on the Whitehill housing estate would be subject to noise until late into the night.

1978 08 07
'Moonies' in Cambridge, p3

1978 08 08
Considering the amount of rain that has fallen during the past few months, the impossible has happened – Anglian Water Authority 'lost' part of the River Ouse near St Ives. About a mile of the water between sluice gates at Hemingford and Houghton simply drained away and left boats high and dry. There are two sets of sluice gates which open and close automatically to control the river flow and they were both open to cope with the increased flow caused by the rain. But a large tree became stuck under one of the gates, preventing it from closing so the water flowed away until there was nothing but a trickle on the river bed.

1978 08 08
A leading churchman gave warning on the aims of the Moonies sect, which have been operating from a terraced house in Norwich Street in Cambridge for the past six or seven years. The Regius Professor of Divinity said the movement demanded total commitment and obedience from the young people who joined & was not a Christian organisation as it claimed to be. A Unification Church spokesman said the church was far more representative of the living Christianity than many of the more traditional denominations

The ice-cream war is hotting up in Cambridge's Lion Yard and the competition is getting so cut-throat that even some of the salesmen feel there are too many stands – as many as 19 on one day. A few years ago there were only two or three stalls selling hot-dogs and ice creams, or roast chestnuts in the winter. But now the proliferation is bringing complaints from shops who say their trade is suffering and from tourists, who say they are being molested. In addition the mouldering strife is threatening to erupt in violence as the growing number of traders cut into each other's sales.

1978 08 09
A major aircraft building job is being given to Marshalls of Cambridge by the Ministry of Defence. It involves the stretching of the fuselages of 29 Hercules aircraft to allow it to carry extra cargo. The conversion will be fitted into the normal overhaul and serving work which the firm carries on. Sir Arthur Marshall said: "At the moment we are on various major contracts for the Hercules – replacement of wing centre sections and outer wings – as well as work on military and civil aircraft from all over the world".

Barrow boys, p3

1978 08 10 ES
Lt Thetford village feast revival a great success. 78 08 10ES

1978 08 11
A compromise has been reached on the route of the Soham by-pass which will soften the impact on the county's last surviving remnant of the manorial open field system of agriculture. It will help protect the 80-acre Soham Green Hill site which is scheduled as of special scientific interest. It is rich in flowers such as meadow saxifrage, milkwort and five species of orchid and there are valuable old hedgerows and small ponds

1978 08 11
A petrol tanker disaster was narrowly avoided when the vehicle, carrying a 6,000-gallon load, caught fire on the A1 near St Neots. The driver pulled into a lay-by near the Wait for the Wagon pub at Wyboston with a puncture and smouldering tyre and then the wheel burst into flames. One of the first people on the scene was 15-year-old Peter Thompson, son of the landlord: "It looked very dangerous.

The driver and his co-driver looked shocked and one of them ran across the A1 for help", he said. After the blaze was extinguished the men were given tea in the pub

1978 08 12
Mr Len Warren, the self-styled King of Reach, stepped quietly into retirement- but he went with a promise that eventually the village would have independence. "King Len", sporting regal shoulder-length hair left the University Faculty of Economics where he has been caretaker for 16 years. He claims that in a Charter of 1201 King John gave Reach – then a prosperous port – the status of kingdom for ever. Len claimed the right to rule when he learned that the ruler, Count Allen was murdered in 1349 and a successor never found. "Once it is recognised as an independent kingdom I will give it back to the Queen", he said.

1978
People who live in Park Street have made a startling proposal which could solve some of Cambridge's housing problems at a stroke. They want to turn multi-storey car parks into blocks of flats. They say there is a pressing need for more housing in their area which could be met by converting the "obnoxious monster". The campaigners suggest the bleak concrete façade of the building could be covered with climbing plants as part of the conversion. A City Council spokesman says it might be possible, but the amount of reinforced concrete in the building would cause condensation.

1978 08 14
The Black Horse at Dry Drayton has opened its doors again after a £30,000 facelift and a year spent empty and derelict. The pub was bought from the brewers, Whitbread, by 26-year old Paul Bowskill, who has installed a manager after spending eight months restoring the building. Now a free house the pub supplies Greene King real ale and hopes to get either Adnams or Ruddles in the future. By next week the pub should also be serving bar meals

Bridge Street shops, p5

1978 08 16
Doubts about restoring the semi-derelict Fulbourn windmill are likely to be settled by the setting up of a village trust to lease it from the new owner. The Windmill Society hopes the deal will make it possible to continue the restoration work, begun in 1974. Since then timber has been weatherproofed and the aim is to restore the mill to something like the condition of its heyday when it was used for grinding villagers' corn. The main task at present involves renewing the floors and three months have been earmarked for the work.

1978 08 17
Organising holidays is a highly skilled business so when the Cambridge Federation of Women's Institutes offered WI members from any part of the country the possibility of a holiday tour based around Cambridge they were taken aback by the big response. No sooner had the word been put around than 30 applications poured in and the numbers had to be limited to one coachload. Now after months of preparations the WI holidaymakers are swelling the throngs of tourists doing the sights. They are staying at St John's College and paying £55 for their five-day stay.

Parking meters, p4

1978 08 18
Jerry Bol, the popular Cambridge busker, was fined £2 as a result of the police crack-down on street vendors causing obstructions in the Lion Yard shopping precinct. Police said they counted a crowd of 67 people listening to his one-man-band. Mr Bol told the court he became a busker five years ago & since then had appeared in 25 TV programmes & films. "The children of Cambridge call me 'Mr Music Man' and I stand in Petty Cury for their safety. The Duke of Edinburgh and the Mayor of Heidelberg came to see me", he told the court, & would pay his fine with £3 given him by well-wishers since his arrest.

United debut game, p5
Queensway store, p15

1978 08 21
The Four Went Ways roundabout on the A11 was sealed off for more than 24 hours after a tanker carrying 18 tons of ammonia crashed and overturned. It was on its way to the ICI depot at Chedburgh, near Haverhill. A team of ICI specialists and fire crews worked through the night under floodlights to pump the load into another tanker. One said: "This is liquefied gas and can be explosive & toxic in larger doses. Fortunately there are few people living nearby". Morning rush-hour commuters met delays as they crowded the country lanes being used as diversions.

Issitt garden, p7

1978 08 22
Greyhound plan, p1, p5

1978 08 23
A leakage of thousands of gallons of aircraft fuel at the Mildenhall American Air Force base may mean water supplies to 40,000 homes in the surrounding area will have to be cut off. The fuel is trapped underground near a bore-hole serving homes in the Ely and Littleport area. The Water Authority was informed on August 4th although the leakage had been discovered on July 18th when it was a kilometre from the bore-hole. Since then it had moved 200 metres but it was not clear whether it would eventually end up in the water supply. The oil is trapped in porous rocks and holes are being drilled to locate it. The USAF then hopes to pump the fuel to the surface.

United match, p18

1978 08 24
Work is underway on the redecoration of the interior of Rampton church for the first time in living memory. It brings to an end the last stage of a programme of repair. Much of the trouble began in the dry summer of 1976 when shrinking clay left a three-inch crack in the chancel wall. It was in danger of collapse and had to be underpinned. Metal ties had to be inserted and the aisle roof reslated. The work is costing £7,000 and fund-raising for the 800-year-old church, one of the few thatched churches left in Britain, continues

1978 08 25
For those who live in St Neots returning from holiday is a hazardous business. No less than 10 local newspapers are now circulating in the town and, whether they like it or not, several are pushed through the letterbox every week jamming the door. A circulation battle is taking place between three rival newspaper groups - one claims to distribute 18,000 copies in an area which contains only 14,000 households. Beat that for saturation coverage! The humblest event gets very thorough coverage; at the carnival's bonny baby contest there were almost as many journalists as entrants and everywhere are reporters, photographers, ad reps and vans proclaiming the title of one of St Neots' many organs. 78 08 25

1978 08 25
Meals on Wheels in its early days was set alight by the WRVS in the 1940's, the idea of a hot homely two-course meal taken by hand to the old and lonely, kindled flames of compassion in the heart of many a housewife. Voluntary drivers gladly used their own carts to transport the meals from kitchen to waiting recipient, all set with his two warm plates and his knife, fork and spoon. Since Cambridgeshire County Council became responsible for the service the price rose. Inflation roared, devouring food costs and petrol money & volunteer drivers melted into part-time jobs. But the list of recipients grew 78 08 25

1978 08 30
Cambridge councillors are having second thoughts about the historic and ancient Reach Fair festivities. Times have changed a bit since the year 1201 when King John granted the village a charter to hold its own fair during Rogation Week, a moveable church festival. This year the 'proclamation' date coincided with the new, politically inspired, May Bank Holiday, which resulted in a bumper turn-out. Now Reach Parish Council has asked that this should always be the official opening date.

1978 08 30
Members of the church of St Andrew the Great in Cambridge are stepping up their campaign against its closure. The redundancy process has already started but people think it would be a great sin and plan to petition the Bishop of Ely for a rethink. Although there has been no resident vicar for about six years the congregation has been steadily growing and weekday services have also started. The group of parishioners have managed to keep the church open all day on Thursday and Saturday and hope to keep it open all week as time goes on.

A1-M1 link, p1

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1978 09 01
The Government has stopped Cambridge City Council's plan to rebuild the Kite area. They have refused to allow them to borrow the £2.3 million needed to buy the land for shopping development which means the 20-year saga of decay will continue indefinitely. The council's Conservative leader claimed it was a political decision, probably part of a General Election run-up. M.P. Robert Rhodes James said the blight in the Fitzroy Street area would be perpetuated and the general economic and physical decline of the area would continue remorselessly. But organisations which have been fighting the plans are delighted.

Kite quandary, p14

1978 09 02
Hostile public reaction to the doubled fines introduced for overdue books at Cambridgeshire libraries is forcing a rethink on the matter. Although the council is nearly £20,000 better off since the fine went up to 10p a week for each book, the library service has been hit badly. A lot of people have stopped using the libraries and staff are subjected to constant complaints from readers. Assistants have become embarrassed to ask for the large fines and staff morale has dropped. A new report now suggests the fine be cut to 5p for the first week.

1978 09 04
United plans, p8

1978 09 06
The "violent shrill of complaint" from the public over heavy fines for overdue library books has left some county councillors unmoved. The Leisure Committee decided against reducing fines of 10p a week per book which are embarrassing library staff and causing hardship. Chief Librarian Royston Brown says people are taking out fewer books and many children have stopped using the libraries

1978 09 06
The first new boat sailed into the new marina beside the River Ouse at Ely. Work on Banham Marina, which can hold 112 pleasure craft, started in May and for the past few days it has been gradually filled with water. It is now ready for use, although landscaping, paths and car parks still have to be completed. It was designed by Dennis Adams and Partners of Ely and finished just in time for boat owners to 'lay off' their craft for the winter months.

German bomber, p12

1978 09 08
Cambridge parking meter charges - up to 15p an hour in the city centre and already among the highest in the country - are expected to increase in the New Year. This is mainly to help to pay for the traffic wardens' latest wage rises of 9.4 per cent, which takes their starting rate to £2,566 a year. The city's 426 meters, which have been run at a handsome profit for some years, will show a big deficit this year.

Hemingford Abbots Best Kept Village, p9

1978 09 11
Cliff Squires and Briscoe Snelson were two of Cambridge's most talented amateur photographers, good friends who often photographed the same scene, though from their own distinctive viewpoints. Squires, founder of the Cambridge Camera Club died not long after his friend Snelson was widowed and in 1953 Mrs Kathleen Squires became Mrs Snelson. She remembers both husbands as simply, "lovely men". Now their widow has deposited a horde of their photographs with the enterprising Cambridgeshire Collection, who are planning to hold lunchtime lantern-slide shows this autumn.

1978 09 11
Independent schools don't get more independent than tiny Madingley infants' school, which started the first day of term in defiance of the education authorities. The County Council ordered the school to close at the end of July saying that, at £10,000 a year for 23 pupils, it was too expensive. But parents, teacher and pupils walked out and launched a co-operative to run their own school. They thought of hiring the village hall but have now decided to use the wooden cricket pavilion. The old school building goes up for auction next month and parents have launched a campaign to raise money to buy it.

1978 09 11
Bar Hill's newest resident, twins Rupert and Stuart Donovan just two weeks old, and the oldest, Mrs Edith Chance who has lived there for seven years, were among the people invited to the stone-laying of the new community centre by the chairman of the County Council, Mrs Margaret Shaw. Residents hope the centre, which will have a social club, changing rooms, youth activity and a permanent playgroup, will be finished in a year. The Parish Council's contribution to the event, a display by three light aircraft, had to be curtailed due to high winds.

1978 09 12
Park Street flats, p9

1978 09 13
The Cambridge Symphony Orchestra is set to rise 'like a phoenix from the ashes' of its collapse last year. It has financial backing by four local businessmen to guarantee their first three concerts and hopes to regain the goodwill of local people. The format continues as before with a nucleus of professional musicians aided by enthusiastic amateurs and music students, some of school age, who will all be good enough to make a professional sound, bringing a symphony orchestra to Cambridge at a price people can afford to pay.

1978 09 14
Coveney planning, p13

1978 09 15
Fire swept through the old railway station buildings at Pampisford, gutting a warehouse storing timber and badly damaging an office block owned by a firm called Solo Park. Firemen used breathing apparatus to get into the building and traffic on the A11 was slowed down as hose reels stretched across the road. "You could hear the windows cracking and then the roof crashed in", one eyewitness

said. Fire also damaged a stage at Fulbourn Hospital where a grand piano and film screen was destroyed.

1978 09 18
The New Town area of Cambridge was developed in the 1820s with unpretentious terraces, many of which were ill-built. But at least they had unity. Today, largely demolished and patchily replaced, New Town strikes one as a sorry mess. Panton Street is a mixture of discreet, elegant houses with intrusive modern developments. The St Anthony's Walk almshouses are a discordant construction, their severe frontage characterised by jutting ventilatory contraptions: a battery-house for humans. Opposite begins the Russell Court complex of flats; as such developments go the quality is good and attempts have been made at a humanised appearance. Will its stark modern brick ever attain the serene texture of the houses over the way – Graham Chainey – 78 09 18

1978 09 19
Two years ago the ornamental iron gates at the entrance to the Memorial Playing Fields in Saffron Walden collapsed, and disappeared from public view. A few day ago they reappeared, welded and repainted and back in place, rekindling war-time memories. The gates were removed from Shortgrove Hall when it was used as a wartime hospital and in 1955 hung to form an imposing entrance to the Anglo-American memorial playing fields opened by Field Marshall Viscount Montgomery. In 1977 they were discovered laying flat in a bed of nettles, almost too far gone for repair, but the Saffron Walden Antiquarian Society arranged their restoration by local firm, Scott and Bow. 78 09 19

1978 09 20
They laugh a lot, paint exquisite pictures, write books, keep a menagerie in the back garden and in between times look after the health and welfare of half of Histon. They are doctors, Bob and Paddy Dwyer-Joyce, family doctors with the emphasis on family. In the surgery is a big sweet jar and soon it will be empty because they are both retiring from the NHS after 42 years. At the end of the month there will be a few private patients, that will be all. And the unknown numbers who will call anyway, and never be turned away

Madingley school, p18

1978 09 21
Some of the brightest artistic talents in Cambridge struggle along in two linked huts, sharing cramped premises with enthusiastic leisure groups. That they carry on with such professionalism is testimony to the spirit of the Cambridge Arts and Leisure Association (CALA). It was formed thirteen years ago to bring together under one roof in pleasant surroundings individuals and societies interested in all kinds of leisure activities and promote the enjoyment of Arts and Crafts. They are still campaigning from their base in Warkworth Street.

1978 09 22
The tools used in 44 years of farming near Milton went under the hammer when nearly 500 items ranging from heavy-duty tractors to ancient forks figured in a selling-up sale. The Downham Brothers, Richard and William, farmed about 70 acres of land from 1934. But William died last year and Richard decided to call it a day. A new road scheme has decimated the land, which will now go to other uses including the science park and light industry. An old tumbrel cart went for £40, tractors fetched £800 and £420 while some disc harrows were knocked down for £600 and a mower for £520.

1978 09 22
More reliable equipment to control the barriers of Cambridge car parks is being sought because the council is losing so much money through breakdowns. The dropping arms which control the entrances and exits are breaking down so often that councillors are becoming seriously concerned. People drive out through broken gates without paying. Now they will consider metal posts rising from small holes in the exits

1978 09 23
Two St Neots ambulance men made a one-mile mercy dash by bicycle to treat an injured man, because there was no ambulance. One had borrowed his wife's machine and the other used his own bicycle as they set off with first aid bags over their shoulders. But on arrival they were ridiculed by onlookers. They were laughed at, sworn at and generally made fun of for turning up on bikes. None of the station's ambulances were available. One 'emergency use' vehicle had broken down, two others were in use and two 'sitting case' vehicles were also unusable, one with exhaust trouble, the other with a puncture.

1978 09 25
Protestors against the proposed closure of Park Street School Cambridge stepped up their campaign by marching on the Guildhall. The television commentator and personality, Clive James, who is leading the fight said: "There will be no financial gain from closing the school. The main reason for shutting it seems to be the size of the playground which they say is insufficient for the kids to fulfil themselves". Park Street Residents Association has joined the campaign as they feel much of the community spirit of the area will be lost if the plans go ahead.

1978 09 26
David Patrick, paddled down the River Cam in a boat which is thought to be the last of its kind afloat on the river. He bought the Princess Jane when she was used as just a floating platform for an overhaul of Ely High Bridge. It was pock-marked by rust, her steam engines were removed and she was without a wheelhouse. Now he has restored the paddle tug to its former glory. But sadly when the new steam engines are fitted the boat will need deep moorings, of which there are few along the river.

1978 09 27
A wealth of historic architecture has been discovered in a cottage at Town Green Road Orwell which was thought to have been built in the 17th century but now has been dated at 1540. Two original fireplaces have been uncovered along with Tudor beams and windows. It was due to be demolished to make way for an old people's home but a campaign by Coun Peter King led to a change of heart and restoration is now under way. When complete there will be very little change from the outside but internally it will make a fine period home.

1978 09 28
A lot of the blame for flood damage was due to councils who allowed houses to be built with inadequate foundations, say Anglia Water Authority. They have largely ignored advice from drainage authorities who were sometimes not consulted when building in likely problem areas was given the go-ahead. Planning permission was recently given to new developments in the Cambridge area where flooding could be foreseen and no special arrangements were being made to ward off the threat

1978 09 28
Coypus, the large beaver-like rodents, could be eliminated more quickly and cheaply if farmers were paid on the numbers they shot, say the Anglian Water Authority. Trapping was an effective, if slow process demanding skill which many farmers did not have. There was difficulty in recruiting the right kind of conscientious man for trapping; it was an extremely lonely job and if he did it too well he did himself out of work. The Government should pay half of the cost because it was to blame for letting the pests into the countryside in the first place, 40 years ago.

1978 09 29
A graph in this month's parish magazine of St James' church, Cambridge, tells the story of David Ford's time in Cambridge. It shows the number of communicants has about doubled in the 12 years he has been vicar. Which is why for the second time in its 24 years the church is going to have to be enlarged. It is an unusual story for an age in which churches are supposed to be emptying and dying. The Gargoyles youth club he founded is more lively than ever and his success with young people has been recognised in his new appointment as vicar at Lewisham.

Bukovsky at Kings, p6

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1978 10 03
Cambridge' Drummer Street bus station may be extended on to the adjoining Christ's Pieces within the next few years as County Council traffic experts and the bus companies have agreed that expansion of the present site is the best way of bringing it up to date. The facilities such as booking office, news-stands & toilets are scattered, cramped and unsightly and there are no proper information displays. The city council has suggested the station should be moved into the Kite Area and Conservation interests prefer disused land near the railway station should be used. But the County rejects both locations

1978 10 03
Plans to reopen Kimbolton Sunday Market on a grander scale than ever before are going ahead, despite opposition from the parish council. A planning application has been submitted by a London firm of market operators, which envisages provision for 2,000 cars. They hope there will be about 150 stalls making it twice the size of the old market, which was shut down after pressure from the council who threatened injunctions under the Sunday trading laws. The firm is operating in co-operation with the owners of the site, Kimbolton Show Associates.

Domino inkjet, p11

1978 10 04
One way of improving the environment of the St Matthew's area of Cambridge would be to demolish many houses and widen the streets, says a City Council report. It contains 1,415 houses that are among the worst in Cambridge in terms of lack of amenities, structural repairs and the environment in which they stand. The problem is the long narrow streets where a small amount of through-traffic become an irritant and lorries cause congestion, noise and vibration. However well houses are renovated the area will not be greatly enhanced until substantial improvements are made to the environment.

1978 10 04
Milton parents and parish councillors are keeping an eagle eye on pupils crossing the two-mile Milton bypass which opened this week. Police say there had no problems with schoolchildren crossing the busy road between Impington Village College and Milton. But all are concerned at the speed of traffic on the new road which is expected to intensify when the northern by-pass opens just before Christmas. The Minister of Transport has refused to concede the need for a footbridge, pointing out that this could cost about £35,000.

1978 10 04
Some of the long-disused offices above Cambridge's Lion Yard shopping complex may soon be turned into restaurants. The plans have been warmly greeted by councillors who have complained for a long time about the empty space standing in one of the city's key commercial positions. The applicants want to rent the bulk of the ground floor and turn it into two restaurants, one catering for general medium price trade and the other as a high-class 'night life' restaurant. The three-storey office block which contains thousands of square feet of space has been standing empty since the development was completed three years ago.

1978 10 05
Fuel leak, p11

1978 10 09
The long-running dispute over responsibility for repairing the only bridge over the Old West River which gives access for thousands of visitors each year to the Stretham pumping station has been

settled. The County Council and a local farming company have agreed to pay £1,000 each towards the cost of repairs. The dispute began two years ago when the county closed the bridge because some of the structure had collapsed and part of the roadway had fallen into the river. Now it will be rebuilt and a bus turning area constructed for visitors to the engine which is preserved as a museum attracting industrial archaeologists.

1978 10 10
The 600-ton Fenman express train, the fastest on the Cambridge run, smashed through the level crossing gates at Shelford. Luck meant that none of the hundreds of commuting motorists was on the spot and luck stopped the 11-coach train carrying about 400 passengers being derailed. Luck also saved crossing-keeper Fred Bond as the other gate wound itself round his line-side hut, splintering the woodwork, smashing every window – but leaving intact the horseshoe nailed above the door. It was the third time in nine years that a train had gone through the closed gates.

1978 10 11
British Rail seems rather attached to the traditional style level crossing gate. Each time one is smashed to pieces by a train at Great Shelford they replace it with a new one. The crossing is a traditional manned gate system – branded by a Government report in 1968 as a 'creaking anachronism'. Since then there have been level crossing accidents at Shelford in January 1969 and October 1971, Longstanton, Whittlesey, Prickwillow and Brinkley Road crossing near Newmarket. The sight of BR workmen installing yet another manned gate at Gt Shelford has done little to allay the public's fears of their safety.

1978 10 12
People wanting a council house in Cambridge now stand a much better chance of being allocated one than they would have done four years ago. Not only has the waiting list shortened it has been opened up to many more people. Single people living and working in the city can now go on to the list at 21 instead of waiting until they are twice that age, and pensioners whose only connection is that their children live in the city can also go on the list. Nowadays young people move away to work which means the social services have to help out with the parents when they get old. Allowing pensioners to move closer to their children will relieve pressure on the social services.

1978 10 12
Over the last four years Cambridge city council has completed many major housing schemes – estates like King's Hedges, Fulbourn Old Drift and Walpole Road. And the government's new schools, fire stations and other building also proved a boon to the casualties of the time – building contractors and architects. But there has now been a cut in new town development, and home building involving architects virtually ceased overnight. In the past year there has been an upturn in private house building, but it is nowhere near the boom of the 1960's.

1978 10 13
Pleas from villagers at Oakington for South Cambs District Council to get rid of 'slum' homes for problem council tenants have been turned down. The Housing Committee decided it needed the 30-year-old prefabricated bungalows at The Broadway as temporary accommodation for problem families or the homeless. But Coun Tom Flanagan said "It is very unfair to put so many problem cases into a small village like Oakington. There is often violence in the area and the problem could erupt at any time". Other residents complained that the area was a 'slum' with an 'unpleasant and dangerous environment'

1978 10 13
The Varsity Handbook's pub guide includes a bitter attack on several Cambridge pubs. At The Horse and Groom, King Street it claims "the beer is foul, the bar dirty and the landlord unpleasant". The Pickerel, Magdalene Street, fares little better: "Foul place, selling foul beer and swamped by inhabitants of a certain nearby college". Whitbread pubs in particular come in for a bad time: "Why

does Whitbread charge so much money for their freezing cold fizzy beer", it asks. But it likes the Baker's Arms, East Road - "friendly and near a fish and chip shop" 78 10 13

Postcodes, p8

1978 10 14
Lottery plan, p6

1978 10 16
Spies, p13

1978 10 17
The jobs of Cambridge firemen are safe in spite of a major shake-up suggested in an official county council report aimed at improving the cost effectiveness of the Fire and Rescue Service. It hints that Parkside fire station is over-manned, particularly at night. A reduction in the number of full-time crews should be considered with a new fire station in the north of the city. Huntingdon fire station should be reduced to day manning on a seven-day basis and changes are also suggested at Ely. Proposals could involve the deployment of existing staff and they may need extra firemen when the new 42-hour week starts next month

1978 10 18
Caxton gibbet hound, p4

1978 10 19
A group of Madingley parents have won their battle to buy the tiny village school at an auction when they competed against one other buyer, a local property developer. He was greeted by jeers as he left the hall by parents who felt he had pushed the bidding up and wasted no time in telling him so. The building finally made £39,500. Parents are delighted but now face a major problem to find enough money to keep the school going as a co-operative. It will not be fee paying but gifts and grants will be sought.

Hole in heart, p1

1978 10 20
About 150 people have signed a petition protesting against District Council plans to spend up to £4,000 on a skateboard rink at the recreation ground in Newmarket Road, Royston. Campaigners fear that the proposal to use the area both as a skateboard rink and a car park could be hazardous to both children and motorists. They are also worried about more youngsters being attracted: "There is already a lot of vandalism, bullying and noisy larking about", they complain. Royston town council agrees than any money for skateboarding should be spent at the Meridian Centre where there is already a skateboarding park run by a youth worker.

1978 10 20
Cambridge sewage treatment works have been accused of turning the River Cam into one of the dirtiest, smelliest and most turgid stretches of water in the country. Now the works have been transformed into Anglian Water Authority's pride and joy – almost. It has been their top priority project but has generated fierce controversy with an eighteen-month sewage embargo prompting sharp criticism from local councils anxious to go ahead with development plans. At present the works cope for a population of 120,000, and there is scope for 165,000. But the river itself is already near the top of the Department of the Environment classification for chemical pollution.

1978 10 20
The level-crossing keeper at Great Chesterford described his day: "You learn the sleep through the trains, even though they rush right next door to the house and almost shake you out of bed. The gates are open to trains until 7 am, after that they're open to traffic. You don't often get woken up in the

night – about once every two months a driver wants to get through; according to regulations you're allowed 20 minutes dressing time, but I don't bother. You have to put up with all sorts of things. People flushing the train loo over the crossing or impatient lorry drivers who use your garden as a lavatory if they're kept waiting. The other day the bell broke down and so I didn't open the gates. Next thing there was this darn great express sitting there, hooting at me" 78 10 20v

1978 10 23
Gay stall banned, p8

1978 10 24
Francis Pym, p7

1978 10 25
Dorothy Grainger's tiny cluttered cottage in Burwell is full of her pictures – not framed or in albums but stuffed into old boxes and wrinkled paper bags. She was that sort of photographer, nothing fancy or arty. Just plain, professional pictures that told the story she had been paid to tell. Now nearly 84 she rides a motorised wheelchair, but loves to relive the days when she roamed the Fens on a motorbike with her heavy wooden tripod and half-plate camera strapped on her back.

1978 10 26
Mill Road library, p5

1978 10 27
St Neots may become the first town to have a battery-operated bus. The idea arose when County Councillors gave the go-ahead for a battery-driven mobile library and considered where other such transport would be suitable. It needs a small town where frequent battery charges were possible and where there were many estate roads where people are not keen on large noisy, smelly motor buses. Battery buses should be almost maintenance-free and would carry 25 passengers. Such vehicles are not yet in production but councillors would approach development groups and expect to attract government money.

1978 10 27
Skateboard firms have been quietly going out of business over the summer. Few of the country's 84 skateparks have proved a success and a recent survey claimed that there were only 15,000 skaters left. This has spelled disaster to hundreds of would-be skateboard tycoons. In Cambridge there is still a hard core of skaters who show no sign of losing interest. You can find them most weekends up at the Cheddar's Lane skateboard park. "I wouldn't dream of giving up" said one 14-year-old. "I am at the height of it and I want to get more stuff". But stuff is not cheap; a reasonably sophisticated board and set of protective clothing can set you back as much as £65

1978 10 28
A leading Cambridge scientist and Nobel Prizewinner, Dr Frederick Sanger of the Laboratory of Molecular Biology has been presented with an American award for new advances in the chemistry of genetics. His work on the sequencing of DNA in a type of virus used by scientists to study genetics might well warrant the awarding of another Nobel Prize to add to the one he won in 1958 for his study of the structure of the hormone insulin. He has also received other leading scientific awards.

1978 10 28
The Cambridge rubbish tip at Coldham's Lane, which has been frequently criticised on windy days for its smells and the large amount of paper blown from it, is to close. But the tip which is now full up will be replaced by a massive hole in the ground just a few hundred yards away at the worked-out quarry by the side of the Norman Cement Works, where the city's refuse will continue to be dumped. In time there will be a special section for household waste like old furniture and garden waste not normally collected by dustmen. It is expected the new tip will last about five years after which rubbish will be carted to a new tip at Milton.

1978 10 29
Experimental mini-roundabouts at the Lensfield Road – Trumpington Road junction in Cambridge have been approved by the Government and will be made permanent. They replaced traffic lights which for years caused long delays and have speeded-up traffic at the once-notorious bottleneck. In addition a pelican crossing is to be built at Fen Causeway at the entrance to the Engineering Laboratories with another at Trumpington Road. There will also be one over Brooks Road when the new and controversial link with Newmarket Road is opened shortly.

1978 10 31
Newmarket fountain, p3

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1978 11 01
A few pounds of gelignite put paid to the 120-foot chimney of the old riverside hosiery mill at Huntingdon. It was blasted to rubble by explosives expert George Williams who divides his time between running the University Arms pub at Sawston and destroying chimneys. He had demolished more than 100 and claims a world record for bringing down 10 brickworks chimneys simultaneously near Peterborough. The Huntingdon mill is being renovated by a London-based international company for use as a hotel or leisure centre.

Swavesey restaurant, p11

1978 11 02
When parents succeeded in buying Madingley School in order to keep it open they knew the hard bit was yet to come. The national newspapers have gone now, leaving the 14 children and Mrs McKay, their head, to start the second half of term back in their old school buildings. Some educationalists will be looking to prove pet theories about small schools, politicians will be looking at balance sheets and parents in a similar plight will want to know if they could do the same. The immediate future presents no problems but the parents have been doing their sums and believe they will have to raise about £100,000 to be sure of the school's long term future. 78 11 02

1978 11 04
A wave of panic buying hit shops as housewives rushed to buy bread a full three days before a threatened national bakers' strike is due to start. Sainsbury's store in Coldham's Lane Cambridge has rationed people to just two loaves and How's bakery in Mill Road said that all stocks were sold out by lunchtime. A Tesco in Regent Street exceptionally heavy buying emptied the shop of bread by mid-morning. Anxious shoppers out to stock up their freezers with loaves were described as "greedy" by shopkeepers. The strike is not yet a certainty and independent bakeries are not involved.

1978 11 04
Within two years the Government intends to start demolishing its sprawling concrete and asbestos single-storey offices at Brookland's Avenue, Cambridge. The development began during the war years, rapidly mushroomed and became the city's largest office complex employing upwards of 2,000 people in seven major departments over the 30-acre site. New offices, laboratories and stores are being planned together with roads and parking. Any land that the Property Services Agency does not want would be offered to the city council for road widening schemes or to housing associations.

1978 11 04
Prince Charles parried questions on his success with women when he spoke at the Cambridge Union. "I often think my best way out is to announce my engagement to Gladys Thrumm. The wedding presents would arrive and then I would call it all off and then I could be free to go about and see all sorts of people", he said. He was presented with a bath plug mounted on a wooden shield which came

from the rooms he occupied when a student at Trinity College. It was signed by Mrs Florence Moore who cleaned the rooms and was in the audience.

1978 11 07
Telephone Bill was at a loss to know who to phone up when he needed to recruit a new Smooth Operator. After two years of close comradeship touring together as professional musicians Nick Barraclough's band faced its first personnel change when Rob Appleton left. Then Nick heard Steve Reynolds singing at the Cambridge Folk Club; he had played alongside them locally on many occasions and was pleased to accept the invitation to join the group which soon begins an extensive nation-wide tour with Max Boyce. 78 11 07

Sinclair tv, p8

1978 11 08
Bourn Hall could soon be the world's first test tube baby clinic. Cambridge physiologist Dr Robert Edwards and gynaecologist Mr Patrick Steptoe, who pioneered the first test tube baby birth in Oldham, have been looked for a suitable based in the Cambridge area. Now an investment company has applied for consent to change the use of the Hall from residential into a private clinic. It has been the home for the past 20 years of Coun Peter King, a leading expert on the restoration of old buildings.

1978 11 10
Wilder Pinney, a dental repair man of Fitzroy Street, Cambridge told the News: "Some dentures I have to handle are horrible – all slimy and mucky. The smokers' are the worst, covered in tar they are. Black. You have to clean them before you can start work on them. People break their dentures in all sorts of ways. With schoolboys it's usually because they've been keeping them in their pockets. People are terribly embarrassed without their teeth. Some daren't leave the shop but sit hiding behind a magazine, others walk about with a hanky over their faces. Especially the ladies." 78 11 10

1978 11 13
Four armed men wearing theatrical masks – one an ape and another a clown – made a £30,000 raid on Newmarket post office. One was armed with a sawn-off double-barrelled shotgun, two had pickaxe handles and the other had an iron wrench. They tied up three sorters on duty and broke open registered mail. Extra police were drafted into the area and cars were stopped and checked on roads leading out of the town.

1978 11 14
Plant a tree, p9

1978 11 17
In some people's eyes Cambridge United manager Tommy Docherty is almost a nonentity, especially when comparisons are made with his predecessor, Ron Atkinson with his showman style, champagne, huge cigars and Jaguar car. Docherty drives a modest Datsun, dresses smartly but not flamboyantly and doesn't like the taste of champagne. While Atkinson was a motivator and inspirational manager, Docherty is a tactician and a pragmatist. Both share a belief that there is no limit as to what the club can achieve. But if United are playing at Anfield and Old Trafford next season the Doc will probably still be able to walk unrecognised past pressmen as they wait outside the changing room door.

Twenty-six men live in the county council-run White Ribbon Hostel in East Road, Cambridge with one bath between them. It is hardly worth bathing, the place is so damp and filthy. The rooms at the back are so rotten they are used just for storage. If you have a bedroom to yourself a week in the hostel will cost you £14.78, just £10 less than a room in the relative luxury of the YMCA. The problem is a practical one: the Hostel is scheduled to be demolished should the Kite redevelopment plans go ahead. The council is thus loath to spend much money on the creaking 19th-century structure. 78 11 17

Audley End park, p1

Salvation Army hostel hippy with guitar, p17

1978 11 21
One of Cambridge's most successful businessmen, Mr Douglas January has died. He built up an estate agent's enterprise from modest beginnings in 1937 to one of the largest in Cambridge, with branch offices in the main market towns in the area. He was also widely known in other community fields and was responsible for the successful fund-raising drive behind the launch of the Cambridge sports hall. He was President of the Cambridge Golf Union & Amateur Boxing Club and local sports clubs eagerly sought his patronage.

1978 11 21
If the slightest suspicion of smoke gets in your eyes you should travel with United Taxis where boss John Phillips has a strict rule forbidding his passengers and drivers from smoking: "We carry 300 hospital patients every day so its not healthy for them to have to breathe cigarette smoke, and besides it discolours the upholstery", he said. At the Guildhall, County Hall and Fisons workers can smoke freely and even health-conscious Cambridge United players are at liberty to clog their lungs up at work. CCAT students are free to smoke during classes, but only if a majority of them vote to do so at the beginning of a session; at Jesus College undergraduates voted to remove ash-trays from their library.

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County Council badge of office, p11

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Rex cinema, p10

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Ely sugar beet, p11
Fire memories, Chesterford Park explosion May 30th 1944 p23 – 78 11 24

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Orwell mulberry tree, p7

1978 11 28
Winter hit with a vengeance today, blanketing the region with up to three inches of snow and leaving a trail of chaos on roads into Cambridge. The worse spot was the A604 where the Bar Hill flyovers were so slippery that some motorists were forced to abandon their cars. There were long queues of traffic with many minor bumps and skids. This November has now become one of the coldest on record, yet only a week ago the opposite was true with mild weather providing one of the warmest autumns since the war.

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Coldham's Lane tip, p9

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Parking charges, p7
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1978 12 01
Parts of the Newmarket-based Kerridge building group have been sold to Iranian businessmen, who have paid cash for three companies within the group. The deal includes Platonoff and Harris a shopfitting company based in Sturton Street and the former Jack Branch (Waterbeach) site. The jobs of the 600 employees of the principal part of the business, Kerridge Construction Ltd will be safe and the company has lots of work. The firm was set up in Cambridge in 1875 and moved its headquarters to Newmarket in the summer.

1978 12 02
Lensfield Road, p8

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Fitzroy Street fire, p1

1978 12 05
Supplying the needs of the massive Arbury housing estate is a daunting task but at Christmas the Arbury Court shopping precinct offers everything you could need. T. Sutton has Christmas trees while a good range of poultry is available from Dyers Meat and J. Whittaker. On a frosty morning the most tempting smell in the precinct is that of freshly-baked bread coming from Markillies Bakery who offer a wide range of cakes and pastries. Arbury Hardware has also taken on a festive appearance with a good selection of gifts from Timex watches to figurines.

1978 12 06
The increasing use of Cambridge colleges as conference centres may result in irreparable damage to life in the University, dons have warned. Studious undergraduates are unable to remain in residence over the vacation, opulent undergraduates are forced to remove objects from their shelves and dons and graduates find their work disturbed by riotous assemblies of exuberant conferees. But the real danger is that colleges may think of themselves as conference centres first and colleges second. This follows the installation at Trinity College of bed sitting rooms with integral bathrooms rather than communal facilities and the construction of a conference centre at New Hall.

1978 12 06
Newmarket has organised a really festive Christmas this year aimed at encouraging shoppers to discover the benefits of friendly, personal service and a wide variety of shops and services. Until a few years ago shoppers needed to be endowed with very quick reflexes to avoid the many heavy lorries that thundered through the town centre. But now after the opening of the bypass motorists can drive easily about and park in one of the many free car parks.

1978 12 11
Johnny Morris, p8

1978 12 12
The largest crane in Britain was manoeuvred carefully into position as part of the massive construction work to a motorway bridge spanning the main London railway line at Stump Cross. British Rail closed the track and under the glare of arc lights massive 85-ton parapet beams were trundled by rail from Whittlesford station yard to the site and the operation began to lift them to the bridge above. The operation which started at 3.30 am was completed by noon and was watched by many observers who braved the cold to see the motorway engineers at work.

1978 12 12
Royston Town Council planners approved an application to turn the north wing of The Rookery in Kneesworth Street into a restaurant with parking for 20 cars. “This is exactly what this town wants – a good restaurant”, said Coun. Duncan Ferguson. But the mayor, Coun Alison Nicholls had grave doubts about it. “I don’t want a restaurant there; if it is a nice one I won’t be able to afford it and if it isn’t a nice one I won’t like it”, she said.

1978 12 12
Rupert Brooke's association with the Grantchester is now immortalised in drink after The Rose and Crown changed its name to the Rupert Brooke public house. The pub has built up an association with Brooke over the years; it sells copies of his books, has his framed writings on the walls and is the owner of a portrait of the poet. The landlord said: "We are the only ones around here to keep the name going like this and the most permanent way is by changing the pub's name"

Comet advert, p2

1978 12 13
One of Cambridge's well-known characters, Mr William Trevor Hughes, has died at Addenbrooke's Hospital aged 66. It is believed he had suffered a heart attack, Trevor had appeared before magistrates on some 113 occasions, mainly on drinking charges and was usually found wearing a woolly hat and old overcoat in the city centre. On one occasion a solicitor paid his £3 fine because he had overlooked giving him a Christmas present. A native of St Helens and a former cricket coach Mr Hughes had a wide circle of friends in the University and commerce.

1978 12 13
Cambridge City Council issued a report on the Kite redevelopment proposals detailing its negotiations with Grosvenor Estates, the prospective developers. Grosvenor would finance the land acquisition in the Kite, which the council would endeavour to complete by the end of 1979, and then carry out the redevelopment scheme over the following three years. If it is not possible to acquire sufficient land the council would buy back from Grosvenor Estates whatever land had been bought, and this would be available for any future plans for the area. The City Council will have the right to approve all plans relating to the scheme's appearance

1978 12 14
The East Anglian Consultative Committee expressed concern over aspects of Government proposals for ending London overspill arrangements with local towns. They think arrangements for the scheme being terminated are inflexible and could have serious repercussions for some district councils. Local authorities have been very understanding in response to the difficulties being encountered by the Greater London Council but the town development schemes are legal and binding and they are not prepared to let their interests go by default.

1978 12 14
Cambridge Co-operative Society was fined for Sunday trading at the Beehive Shopping Centre. The Society, which has opened its garden centre every Sunday since spring said: "Our competitors will still be trading just outside the city; all we have done is over the same service other garden centres do, and other councils turn a blind eye." It had opened after consultations with planners who welcomed the prospect of a garden centre occupying this then derelict piece of land; if it was stopped a great deal of harmless leisure activity would be spoiled for thousands of people.

1978 12 14
Work has started on a £2.2 million by-pass for St Ives which will relieve one of the major bottlenecks in the county – the 15th century bridge which spans the River Ouse. A new 25-span viaduct will carry the road across the river and adjoining flood plain and should be open by October 1980. Then the present bridge, which now carried about 10,000 vehicles a day, will be restricted to pedestrians, cyclists and service vehicles only.

1978 12 15
The East Anglian Railway Development Society urges the restoration of passenger trains on the Cambridge to St Ives line. Large domestic and industrial developments have taken place along the route and the new housing on the Arbury Road Estate would make for increased usage at Histon and

even warrant a new halt in the Kings Hedges area. A Parkway station should be built to serve the Sawston area and Meldreth become the boarding point for Kings Cross trains.

Mystery Kite purchase, p1
Andy's Records advert, p8
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1978 12 16
Mill Road Hospital closure, p1 & p5

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Kite plans, p6

1978 12 20
A disused Methodist chapel at Ashwell may be demolished. It had been hoped to use it for community purposes as by the end of the century people will have far more leisure. But in 25 years' time the cost of maintaining it would be prohibitive. It is 100 years old, and is unstable; being built of lime mortar the walls will not take any load. It will need listed building consent as it is in the conservation area and planners will have to be satisfied that what goes there will be suitable.

Overseas Students club, p8

1978 12 21
The northern bypass, described as a 'Christmas present to Cambridge' was officially opened at noon and then closed after police expressed reservations about the state of the nine-mile road and its interchanges. But as dusk was falling the barriers were pushed back and it was opened to the public. It includes one of the longest straight stretches of dual carriageway in the country and police asked drivers to get used to the road slowly. With the completion of the interchanges next year and the opening of the M11 Cambridge will have a road system surrounding it for which many other cities would give their eye-teeth

1978 12 22
A remarkable cross-section of the community gathered for the funeral service of a well-known Cambridge personality. There was a former Dean of Jesus College, a police superintendent, booksellers, shopkeepers, a solicitor, market traders and college staff. They heard an address and sang hymns. Then they exchanged reminiscences about the man whose service they were attending, paid tribute to his memory and went away. A regular occurrence in a town like Cambridge, perhaps. A distinguished academic or leading businessman had died, it might be thought. But this service was for a shabby old man with a beard of no fixed abode who had some 113 convictions mainly on drinking charges and who sat and drank in the city centre – Trevor Hughes.

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Bypass opens, p8

1978 12 23
The Secretary of State for the Environment has told Suffolk County Council that precedence will be given to the encouragement of new growth in Haverhill and that he will modify their strategic policy to encourage this. The council had also proposed to divide villages into three categories with different development control policies but he felt all should be helped to keep their identity and vitality and this was too restrictive. The first priority should be support for public transport, especially in the rural areas.

1978 12 28
The Golden Ball at Boxworth, a 13th-century free house, has been undergoing a period of improvements. There is a completely new bar carefully designed to blend in with the character of the

building, which was originally a bakehouse; it uses sturdy oak beams from a barn roof at Wakering in Essex and involved the construction of areas of Tudor bricks traditional in herringbone style. Another team of craftsmen renewed the kitchen, cellar and toilet areas whilst keeping all three fully operational. The three donkeys who have established themselves firm favourites with the customers now have a specially designed stable with a thatched roof.

1978 12 30
Residents of Fishers Lane and High Street Orwell were surprised on Christmas Eve when each house received a bottle of sherry as a gift from a businessman from Dubai who moved into the village a few weeks before. He said: "It appears to be a genuine village with an established community and I need a quiet life here, away from business. Whatever this village needs I am prepared to help". His commercial interests include construction, property, hovercraft and broadcasting. He would like to build a country club like one he has in Dubai which would provide evening entertainment, Italian cuisine, a crèche and would be open in the afternoon for families.

Addenbrooke's Hospital closure, p1
Review year, p7

1978 12
Television reports of unidentified flying objects seen around the world, particularly over New Zealand, have led to many reports of UFOs in the Cambridge area. Sightings ranged from 'blue lights' in the sky to a 'trailing' cigar-shaped white plume. One sighting reported to the police turned out to be bright smoke from Barrington cement works chimney

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1979 01 02
Eldon Griffiths, the Conservative MP, has asked for East Anglia, and particularly Haverhill and Cambridge to be considered an area for building new 'silicon-chip' factories. It has a clean uncluttered environment with abundant 'greenfield' sites together with easy access via the modern ports of Ipswich and Felixstowe. There is a population with a high proportion of teenagers, especially in the 'overspill' towns, capable of being trained in the new techniques of the 'micro-chip' revolution. He cites an absence of obsolete buildings and embittered industrial relations that inhibit the introduction of modern machinery and a sturdy foundation for electronic-type development arising from companies such as Pye and world-famous university science departments.

1979 01 03
Cambridge University's most historic coffin covering in cloth of gold is to be moved back to Great St Mary's church. The sombre pall was paraded over an empty coffin nearly 500 years ago while dons offered prayers for the repose of the soul of King Henry VII. Following his death the hearse cloth continued to be used in requiems on the anniversary of his burial. It has been housed for many years in the Fitzwilliam Museum but will now be displayed under the same roof which Henry gave in 1505 when he ordered 100 oak trees to be felled at Chesterford to provide the wood.

1979 01 04
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1979 01 02 c
The renovation of Bridge House in Bridge Street, Cambridge has been commended by the Civic Trust. Judges say this skilful piece of restoration has conserved a valuable piece of Cambridge, where the scale of the existing buildings is a foil to the University buildings opposite. The County Council is praised for the extension to Sutton School with its rich brickwork, inventive windows in scale with child and adult alike and traditional compatible fenland materials. In Essex commendations go to Saffron Walden Library and Arts Centre and Thaxted Guildhall. But the new Evelyn Nursing Home in Trumpington Road, Cambridge has won the only full award in the region; the handsome building makes an immediate impact on the environment.

1979 01 06
Two more airlines have applied to develop European passenger and cargo services from Stansted airport. British Island Airways want to start scheduled passenger services to Paris, Frankfurt, Dublin and Zurich with cargo flights to Hanover and Milan. Air Anglia has also recently applied for new European routes and this would bring about a major development of Stansted from the charter and cargo field into passenger services. More than 21,000 passengers passed through the terminal in November

1979 01 08
Romsey Methodist Church in Mill Road, Cambridge will have its final service before closing down. The congregation will continue to worship in the nearby Diocesan Chapel in Romsey Terrace. After alterations it will reopen as a youth and community centre. The church buildings will become a gymnasium, the hall will remain a youth club and a coffee bar and social centre will be built onto the car park. It is also hoped to include a quiet room and tv den. The main users will be a playgroup, over-60s and youngsters. The scheme is being organised by five Cambridge churches.

1979 01 08
Cabinet Ministers have met to discuss how to handle the twin crises of the strikes by lorry and petrol tanker drivers which threaten to paralyse road traffic, halt industrial production and strip supermarket shelves of food. The fuel shortage is not yet affecting Eastern Counties bus services and British Sugar Corporation is continuing its sugar beet campaign at Ely which is not oil-fired. Farmers have expressed fears about feeding livestock after Cambridge lorry drivers voted to join the unofficial strike. The Transport and General Workers Union has been supporting the strike by provincial newspaper journalists by refusing to cross their picket lines with supplies of newsprint.

1979 01 08
After years of waiting Cambridge got its Northern By-pass at last a few days before Christmas. Four years ago, at the second public inquiry it was described as “urgently needed” and three years before that the council was saying that it was even then “already overdue”. It was needed to take traffic pressure off the congested city centre. Heavy goods lorries thundered through Cambridge day and night, destroying the environment and giving the drivers a difficult job. Then on December 21st in the twilight hours the barriers were pulled back and the road was officially, and then publicly opened. Already it has made life easier and quieter. – 79 01 08

1979 01 09
Crucial talks are being held to try to unravel Britain’s transport crisis. The immediate threat to fuel supplies has eased but there will be no evening bus services in Cambridge and Ely; Eastern Counties say this is the best way to conserve stocks so that most bus services could operate for as long as possible. Some supplies are still getting through to Ely sugar beet factor where farmers are taking their own crops in with tractors and trailers as road haulage drivers are not crossing picket lines.

1979 01 09
Charges at Cambridge car parks and parking meters are to rise. Prices will increase from 25p to 30p for an hour at Lion Yard and a day’s parking at Queen Anne Terrace will now cost 30p. Park Street will remain unchanged. Parking meter charges have not gone up since 1976 and will double to 10p,

with the excess charge rising to £5. Increased use of the three central car parks is expected to bring an extra £15,000 next year but because of the rates forecast an extra £45,000 needs to be raised.

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Smart liquidation, p1

1979 01 12
James Street demolition, p1
Car park charges, p8

1979 01 13
The Government's East Anglian Emergency Committee, set up after the lorry drivers' strike became official has established a 'hot-line' telephone to give round-the-clock help to the public and industrialists. The drivers' union has agreed to give priority to the movement of livestock, solid fuel for schools and supplies to hospitals and old peoples' homes. Cambridge Co-op has appealed for customers to put out empty milk bottles for return because of difficulties of obtaining new ones. The dairy in Sleaford Street delivers about 100,000 bottles of milk daily.

1979 01 15
The first UK heart transplant operation outside London took place at Papworth Hospital. This is the fifth of its kind to be carried out in Britain. The operation lasted for seven hours and was conducted by a team of heart surgeons based at Papworth and Addenbrooke's led by Mr Terence English. Papworth hospital turned its attention to heart surgery in 1954 and more than 1,000 major heart operations have been carried out there in the last five years.

1979 01 16
Cambridge's northern by-pass is not a thing of beauty and has exposed the city's none-too-glorious backsides. Milton sewage works, the wrong end of the Arbury estate and a few dumping grounds that so far we have been able to conceal. For the local travelling along this stretch of dual carriageway is a new and rather bewildering experience. Coming at everything from an unfamiliar angle creates an impression that north Cambridgeshire as I knew it has been wiped off the map. The really beneficial effect was been the easing of the pressure on the Northampton Street / Castle Hill junction; five times I have passed through these usually overworked traffic lights with little delay. – 79 01 16

1979 01 16
The heart transplant operation at Papworth Hospital came within a month of the decision to close down its cardiac unit. The Regional Health Authority wants to start work on a new unit at Addenbrooke's Hospital because they say Papworth is inconveniently located and uneconomic in its running costs; a substantial range of improvements would be needed if it was to remain in use. The new cardiac unit at Hills Road would have 90 beds with operating theatres and support facilities. Work could begin in 1985

Rail strike, p1

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Lorry & schools strike, p1

1979 01 18
Cambridge dons gave over £10,000 last year to support student leisure activities. Thanks to their generosity undergraduates may soon be excelling in the art of throwing and catching the saucer-shaped Frisbee after the grant of £50 to launch a Cambridge University Frisbee Association. Other grants included £200 to the University Angling Society to enable the national student angling championships to be held near Cambridge. & £60 for the purchase of Hungarian dancing boots for the International Folk Dance Society

1979 01 18
Alan Biley, a free transfer from Luton less than four years ago, could now be worth a quarter of a million pounds to Cambridge United – and every goal sends his current transfer market value soaring still higher. United manager John Docherty this week dismissed a £175,000 bid from Norwich as ' ridiculous' after watching the 21-year-old striker finish a burst of seven goals in four games with his first hat-trick in the 5-0 hammering of Cardiff. Docherty has also turned down a £100,000 bid for 21-year-old newcomer, Derrick Christie who he bought from Northampton for £50,000 less than three months ago.

1979 01 19
Ambulance strike, p1
Monday strikes, p8

1979 01 20
Girton price rises, p7

1979 01 22
Thousands of schoolchildren got a surprise day off and others were without the regular meals service as the National Union of Public Employees strike bit hard throughout the county. All Newmarket schools were shut. Dustbins went unemptied and motorists were warned that no road gritting would be done. The striking council manual workers are demanding a shorter working week and a minimum £60-a-week wage.

Bus station plans, p6

1979 01 23
The railway line between Swavesey and Cambridge will be used for a passenger service on March 31st for the first time since its closure in 1971. Trains will call at Longstanton, Oakington and Histon – at least for one day. A special train is being organised by the Railway Development Society in conjunction with British Rail. It will leave Swavesey at 1pm and arrive at Cambridge an hour later, returning at 5.30 pm. The fare for adults will be about £1, children 75p and cycles free.

Strikes continue, p1

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Strikes, p1

1979 01 25
A Cambridge judge has hit out at the growing practice by people accused of minor drugs offences of opting for trial by jury. Cannabis possession was the kind of case that was dealt with only too frequently by magistrates and was not an issue that should be brought to higher courts. Judge David Wild was speaking after he sentenced a 17-year-old tailor who had been found guilty of possessing a tiny amount of cannabis in a tin during a police raid. He was fined £25 and ordered to pay £150 towards the costs of the prosecution. The case formed part of a campaign to establish certain technical defences to drugs charges.

1979 01 26
Two hundred people employed by Cambridge building firm R.H. Smart have lost their jobs. Work has ceased on the firm's major council housing jobs at King's Hedges, Arbury, where it contracted to build 214 houses and flats and employed 80 people. The firm began in 1960 as a plumbing business; it started on its first council housing contract in 1974 and took over Newmarket builders M. Carrick. Next year it had contracts worth £4 million to build 400 council houses

1979 01 26

Cambridge came to a halt early today in the worst traffic chaos for decades. Ungritted icy roads produced a nightmare tangle of cars and lorries which choked all man roads into the city for up to three hours. Dozens of car drivers abandoned their vehicles and walked into work and thousands of schoolchildren waited in vain for buses which failed to get further than the road outside the bus depot. The traffic only began to move again when council workers broke picket lines outside the Mill Road depot and brought gritting lorries back into action

1979 01 26
Attempts are being made by Cambridge's 'dirty jobs' strikers to close a number of city schools in support of their £60 a week minimum pay claim. Hundreds of workers are on strike. Householders are being urged to take their own refuse to the Coldham's Lane refuse tips as collections have been suspended indefinitely during the pay dispute. There were several minor accidents as drivers faced treacherous roads made worse by the overnight freeze and the supply of salt for roads is almost exhausted. Yesterday the Botanic Garden recorded 4½ inches of snow – the biggest fall since 1963.

1979 01 27
The doors of the Two Swans pub in Clarendon Street, Cambridge, may reopen – 67 years after they closed for the last time. 'Last orders' was called for good in 1912 and the pub was converted into a grocery and off-licence. Now Mr Percy Wing is hoping to change it back. The pub would keep its old name and be run as a free house. His wife said: "It would be something intimate, no music, no juke boxes, no darts – by doing this we can keep in touch with older as well as younger people who could come in for a cup of coffee. I think there are a lot of people who prefer coffee to a drink"

1979 01 29
Unemptied dustbins and plastic sacks full of refuse left on pavements outside Cambridge houses are becoming hazards to pedestrians. Some householders do not realise that the bins are not being collected because of the dustmen's strike and the City Surveyor has warned that technically it is an offence to leave the dustbins on the pavements. He is appealing to people to dump their rubbish either in the Coldham's Lane pits or on the 55 emergency dumping sites around the city.

Strike, p1

1979 01 31
The National Skating Association commemorated a hundred years of organised speed skating with a professional match at Bury Fen, Earith watched by 300 people. It was a Cambridge journalist, James Drake Digby, who set up the Association after he had covered the skating at Mepal during the great frost of 1878. He was so impressed by the achievements of the champion of the day, 'Fish' Smart of Welney that he determined to get rid of the cheating caused by heavy betting. He arranged a meeting in Cambridge Guildhall which led to the formation of the NSA with the Mayor as chairman and himself as secretary

1979 01 31
Smokers may be in line for another tax increase in this year's budget, but the Chancellor cannot touch 6,000 members of the Tilty Tobacco Curing Co-operative near Saffron Walden. Founded 30 years ago by a vicar raising funds for repairs in his church tower it is now run by his daughter from the Old Vicarage. More than 400 new members enrolled last year and applications are pouring in. While most smokers are paying around 60p for a packet of 20 – 50p of which goes in duty – the syndicate's members can produce fat cigars at 1p. each, 20 cigarettes for 7p and an ounce of taste pipe tobacco for less than 15p. There is no tax to pay as the group is non-profitmaking and all products are for members' own consumption

1979 01 31
"Commuter" criminals invading the countryside around Saffron Walden from the new motorway collected booty worth more than £500,000 last year. Almost every country house burglary can be blamed on carloads of London villains using the M11 to raid new territory say police. They come

from the East End, Tottenham and over the borders into Kent and have often returned to their metropolitan dens before the crime has even been reported. Last year Cambridge police warned shops that London thieves with "shopping lists" of property they planned to steal would descend as soon as the M11 brought them within an hour of the city.

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1979 02 01
Cambridgeshire County Cricket Club reaches the end of an era with the retirement of Peter Taylor, who has served as player and administrator for 47 years. He made his Minor Counties debut in 1932 as a Downing College undergraduate and now, a retired Soham Grammar School master, he feels the time has come for a change. He read Geography and history at Cambridge University and played all three years against Oxford to win a Blue, but that was at soccer. But he played for Cambridgeshire as a batsman for a number of years before earning a reputation as a swing bowler – 79 02 01

1979 02 02
The old Rex Cinema and ballroom in Magrath Avenue Cambridge which has been a source of controversy among nearby residents is now owned by Cambridgeshire County Council who paid £33,000 for it at auction. The building has been almost derelict since the Abbey Sports and Social Club closed in October 1973. The exact future of the site has yet to be decided but it will extend the present facilities at the Shire Hall

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1979 02 05
The best place to be during the current strike by members of the Public Services union is tucked up in bed in new Addenbrooke's Hospital. Those outside are at the mercy of a skeleton ambulance service, ever-growing waiting lists and a soon-to-be crippled out-patients service. Those inside simply have to put up with a reduced menu and eating off paper plates. At this time of the year it is normally at bursting-point with about 86 per cent occupancy but on Friday there were 150 beds at both new and old hospitals empty. The real suffering is in the homes of the 3,500 people waiting for operations. Waiting lists vary from about six months from gynaecological to 18 months for general surgery

1979 02 06
Expansion plans for Robert Sayle's shopping complex in the centre of Cambridge were supported by the City Council's controlling Conservatives who say the extensions will improve shopping facilities and bring much needed car parking space into the city centre. But Labour says the extra cars would cause traffic problems and in any case the centre of Cambridge should not be put up for sale. Sayle's want to extend their shop floor space facing Lion Yard and provide more than 100 public and private parking spaces. It would benefit city traders and motorists alike

1979 02 09
Kite derelict house, p12

1979 02 12
Two hundred Iranian students made Cambridge demonstration history when they knelt on Parker's Piece, preyed and recited from the Koran. In what is thought to be the first political demonstration starting with a mass prayer ritual on improvised prayer mats covering the wet turf, the Muslims called upon Allah to bless the efforts of the Ayatollah Khomeini to establish a republic in Iraq based on Koranic law. They then marched to the Market Square. No incidents were reported though some confusion existed among Saturday shoppers, knowing it was the first day of Rag Week. But the slogans "Death to the Shah" and "Long live Khomeini" soon dispelled their doubts. – 79 02 12

1979 02 12

Generations of courting couples in Fulbourn are mourning the loss of a stately elm known as 'The Bird Tree' which has succumbed to Dutch Elm Disease. It stood in a hedgerow on the Babraham side of the village near Doggett Lane & was a meeting point for hundreds of couples. But despite its role in the marriage game no one was admitting to its place as a secret witness to their romantic dreams. "Of course I know that tree well and so do hundreds of others, but I don't want to be named and I'm not splitting on my friends" said one elderly resident.

1979 02 12
Sometime during the night of July 17th last year a one-inch fuel pipe running under Mildenhall air base fractured. It was only a small leak but it is only now that the disturbing consequences have become apparent. The fuel threatened a water bore hole that served the whole of Ely and Littleport and an emergency water pipe had to be laid. Although the pipeline is on an American air base, the British taxpayers will pay the bill which is likely to be in the region of half a million pounds – 79 02 12

1979 02 13
Coypu, p9

1979 02 14
As Britain faced yet another day of icy chaos with more bitterly cold weather on the way, the Army was making plans to move in and clear snowbound roads, said the 'Snow Minister', Mr Denis Howell. In Cambridgeshire workmen battled to clear some of the worst snowfalls, 179 snowploughs and diggers are out but salt stocks are reaching a critical level. Seven weather-hit coach passengers were put up at Parkside police headquarters; they were given mattresses and bedded down in the gym. But there has been a sudden cut back in crime figures; even burglars and thieves are staying at home

1979 02 14
Cambridge' University's historic seat of government, the Senate House, has been closed to dons and sightseers after a lump of plaster dropped from the 200-year-old ceiling, regarded as the most ornate in the city. Although it only measured 18 inches by six there is no doubt that it would have given anyone a nasty clout, falling from that height. Building experts are worried because they can find no obvious cause for the fall and a minute inspection is to be undertaken for any fissures which might indicate damage elsewhere. One problem worrying dons is that certificates for the next official degree ceremony have already been printed stating they were conferred in the Senate House.

Midwives at breaking point, p9

1979 02 15
Two hundred workers at Pye Engineering Services will lose their jobs when the firm closes this summer. The company designs and manufactures press, tools, jigs, fixtures and special purpose machines and closure is blamed on the lack of demand due to changes in technology and product types. It started in 1946 as a small engineering shop with a dozen workers and at its peak employed 350 people. But large losses have been made annually and two years ago 130 workers were put on a three-day week because of a collapse in sales.

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Bus driver, p5

1979 02 20
Ashley is to lose the ducks which have made their home on the village pond for as long as anyone can remember. The wild mallards have to go because they are eating all the plants and silting up the pond with their droppings. The pond has between 18 to 30 ducks on it although the water area is only big enough to support about four. At the moment it looks very unhealthy and if something is not done soon it will begin to smell like a sewer, say the Parish Council. Now the Ashley Pond Preservation Society has decided to move the ducks to somewhere with more water.

1979 02 21
Willingham church paintings, p5

1979 02 22
As the rubbish collectors' strike continues it seems we are a tidy lot. Those now familiar piles of black shiny plastic have been kept in excellent order. A few 'hot tips' have burst into flames but as the strike goes on each dump begins to acquire a character of its own. At Arbury Court the residents' loyalty to the Beehive supermarket gives the tip a distinctive orange glow, but it is piled up against the side of the men's' lavatories, blocking the air vents. In Glebe Road loose potato peelings and carrot tops spoil a tidy dump but probably the worst is the one in Nuffield Road. – 79 02 22

1979 02 26
A group of Cambridge firemen left Parkside on board the old Rolls Royce-engined turntable ladder which is bowing out of service after 29 years to make way for an up-to-date replacement. They are making a round trip to Penrith, the factory where her engines were built, to raise money for charity. During her years of service she had been at the scene of major fires such as that at the Garden House Hotel and, more recently, the Talk of the Town.

1979 02 26
One of the longest-serving landlords in Cambridge is Noel Archdeacon and his wife Hannah Mae of the Cow and Calf public house on Pound Hill. They are particularly well-known to their Irish regulars, several of whom were customers at their two previous Cambridge pubs, both of which have disappeared. The Britannia in East Road was demolished years ago and The Swan in Norfolk Street is now a private house. Their present pub has belatedly had a complete internal facelift and now has one large lounge where there is plenty of room for the new pool table.

Tips cleared, p1

1979 02 27
The long-awaited scheme for adding a community centre complex to the Mill Road public library in Cambridge has been given the go-ahead. It aims to inject new life into the old building which had been in danger of closure. But this sparked a furious row and after intensive public pressure the county council relented and agreed the refurbishing and extension plan as a way of keeping the building open, reducing costs and keeping everybody happy. It will become a blue-print for other dual-use projects

1979 02 27
More than 120 people packed Haverhill Town Hall to overwhelmingly support a proposal to get a cinema for the town. The room was packed solid with people, at least half of them teenagers and many others left because they could not squeeze inside. Since the Playhouse cinema was taken over by a bingo hall seven years ago people have had to pay £1.30 for a return bus ticket to Cambridge and take a chance of catching it home if they watched until the end of the film. A cinema would help solve their problems with young people.

1979 02 27
Controversy surrounds plans to pull down seven large Victorian houses in Bateman Street and build a modern language school. The properties are 'bed-sit' houses used for student accommodation and too

large to be used as family homes; they are not particularly distinguished houses and do not justify sentimentality. Residents have petitioned against the scheme but it is now more a barracks than a street, only 11 of the present residents lived there three years ago. The new school would give better facilities to foreign students planning to become bank clerks or hotel receptionists who pay fees of £19 a week – 79 02 27

1979 02 28
Soon nearly 5,000 people will spend a few hours in Cambridge drinking, eating and dancing their way through £100,000 at the May Balls. This year the tickets are going to be more expensive than ever. A double ticket with dinner at Magdalene will set you back £50.40, which is enough to burn a sizeable hole in any student grant. Queen's college, which charges 38 guineas with dinner, has become well known for its 'extras' – cabarets, helter skelters, fireworks and such like. It is a far cry from the 1948 ball – the first on record at the college - when the tickets were a mere seven guineas and entertainment was limited to Mr Geoffrey Howarth's band which played 'sweet and strict tempo' music with no attempt at 'hot swing'. – 79 02 28

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1979 03 01
Ely shops, p15

1979 03 02
Saffron Walden planners have proposed a series of controversial suggestions to tackle problems facing the centre of the town which is under attack from heavy traffic and commercial pressures for redevelopment. They include banning traffic from the market and King Street, a new one-way route, ripping out offending ugly buildings and wide-spread tree planting. Garages are offensive in the historic heart and must go, they say. Some of the ideas, like putting a bell tower on top of Hepworths to strengthen the King Street sky-line, take some swallowing. The report will provoke lively and heated debate

City library protest, p6
Stapleford hum, p17

1979 03 05
Frankie Vaughan, one of Britain's most durable superstars, has fans of all ages but most of those attending his concert in Cambridge Sports Hall seemed to be middle-aged. His costume was immaculate, with white dress shirt and trousers and a black jacket with white trimmings and his top hat and cane were a cue for him to sing his signature tune 'Give Me The Moonlight …' His middle-aged admirers swooned with delight and squealed with joy whenever he stabbed out one of those characteristic high kicks. He made it a special occasion for Mr & Mrs Philip Staines of Ely, who were celebrating their 24th wedding anniversary, by dedicating a song to them

1979 03 05
The closure of the Allied Bakeries' plant in Sleaford Street, Cambridge with the loss of 200 jobs means the end of bread making on a site which was poised to celebrate its golden anniversary. For a long time it was owned by the Cambridge Wholesale Society until it sold its interest in the sixties to F.W. French. In 1971 it became part of Spillers but last April they sold off this side of their business and Allied British Foods moved in. They gave a guarantee of a year's employment provided there were no disruptions but when the bakers went on strike the plant stood idle for many weeks. It has operated at a loss from then on.

1979 03 05
The Mayor of Cambridge, Coun Alec Molt, faced 300 chanting cyclists outside the Guildhall and signed their petition demanding better provision for cyclists. The demonstration began with a lecture on road safety and bike maintenance by the police, then led by a Panda car, they took at 15-minute

tour of the city centre streets before returning to Peas Hill to hear councillors' views. Their priorities include cycle lanes on the Huntingdon & Madingley Roads and a contra-flow cycle lane in Downing Street.

1979 03 06
People needing to call the police automatically telephone their village station but it is economically impossible to staff them round the clock. Now police have installed answer-phones and are putting phones outside rural stations so personal callers can contact the divisional headquarters. They are also to spend nearly £400,000 on new equipment including 24 VHF hand-held radios at £400 each which increase transmission distances from the present half-mile radius to around four miles – useful for anything from standard radar speed checks to CIP special operations

1979 03 06
Ten years ago one household telephone and a bleeper machine represented the worldly goods of the Cambridge Medical Answering Service which handled about 80 calls a months. Today it has hardware worth around £100,000 and it takes eight nurses working in shifts to process the 120,000 calls a year. The service started because one family doctor at Bottisham, Neville Silverston, found that if he and his wife wanted to go out anywhere they needed not only a baby sitter but also a phone-sitter. "It was always the GP's wife who handled the calls when he was out. Now we have this wonderful harem who do this extraordinary job. We get messages more quickly and the patients get attention more quickly", he said. – 79 03 06

1979 03 07
A new double-decker bus station in the centre of Cambridge is being proposed by County traffic experts. Buses would wait only long enough to set down and take up passengers and long-distance buses would run from elsewhere in the city. This one of several options to sort out the chaos of Drummer Street. Others include expanding on to Christ's Pieces, re-siting it to the Kite area or adjacent to the railway station. For years the bus station has been the subject of intensive criticism because of its lack of facilities and poor conditions. Now councillors have made it a priority.

New pylons, p10

1979 03 09
At 8.30 am every morning of the week 70 drug users queue up in Cambridge to collect some of the most dangerous drugs available – heroin and methadone. The drugs are waiting for them in little white packets. They cart them off to the nearest public lavatory or to their flats or squats and shoot it up their arms. Not all go into their own arms. Preying on the registered addicts is a wider circle of drug users who will pay high prices for the stuff. They wait in the streets around the chemists. They call on the junkies at home. They drink in the same pubs, live in the same houses. Gradually they too become hooked. – 79 03 09

1979 03 09
In theory the Cambridge Drugs Clinic has a lot of control over its registered drug addicts. In practice it often has very little. Once registered with the clinic in Lensfield Road the only obligation on the junkie is that he turns up for regular consultation with one of the doctors. That amounts to a few minutes once a fortnight. The clinic's work is hampered by lack of money: it comes within the general budget of the psychiatric clinic it shares a building with. It serves a vast area, from Felixstowe to Bedford; apart from its head there are just three part-time doctors and twos social workers, which according to DHSS recommendations is only enough for 50 patients. – 79 03 09

1979 03 14
At the university's new music school in West Road you will hear a sound possibly unique in the history of music making. It is an orchestra of string instruments all made by one violinmaker and her apprentices. She is Juliet Barker, founder of the 'Cambridge School' of violin making and her apprentices are the doctors, vicars, housewives and students who have attended her evening classes at

the Cambridge Tech since 1960. Between them they have turned out some 50 violins, 35 violas, 12 cellos and a violone. A violin takes the average student three years to make and when finished fetches around £750.

1979 03 14
The 600-plus parking meters in the centre of Cambridge may be scrapped as one of the options for helping to sort out traffic chaos. But if they continue the city council is backing a 67 per cent increase in all meter charges because they are facing a £12,000 loss due to increased pay for the traffic wardens. Councillors are also considering residents' parking schemes to meet mounting demand for this facility. They may also provide the city's first cycle lane along the Huntingdon Road from Girton College to Murkett's Corner.

1979 03 15
Girton could become the place for an experiment in rubbish collection – the first of its kind in the country. The idea for a trial run of a new system comes from a German firm with plans to open up the British market. So far only South Cambs District Council has shown any interest in the service which means plastic bins on wheels for householders and special lorries. Meanwhile they are to order three million plastic rubbish sacks after hearing that the cost may double by next year

1979
Cambridge councillors may scrap their plans for building a camping and touring caravan site at Impington. Because there is so much commercial competition they are being recommended to establish a small camp nearer the city centre for campers arriving without their own transport and carrying their packs on their backs, some of whom currently camp on the commons or along the Backs. Such a site need not be widely publicised but if known to the police, park custodians and the tourist office it would prevent possible nuisance or annoyance elsewhere

1979 03 15
The old court house at Bottisham, which until recently housed the county's unit for disruptive schoolchildren, will soon be up for sale. 'Whitebeams' was used as an out-of-school centre for children needing special supervision but the centre has now moved to Romsey. Now the County Council has been granted permission for change of use for it to be lived in again.

1979 03 15
It will be at least five years before the Central Electricity Generating Board makes up its mind on whether to build a new power station at Denver. Engineers have pointed out that any scheme which tunnelled water to the site from the coast could cost nearly twice the £45 million at present allowed for the project. Anglian Water Authority is worried about whether it will have enough water to meet the board's needs; using salt water could produce technical problems. The Denver site is suitable either for an oil, coal-fired or even a nuclear station, but is not being considered for the advanced reactor type. It is not likely to be started until the completion of Sizewell in Suffolk

ADC costs, p16

1979 03 16
Sir Harry Godwin, the University's Emeritus Professor of Botany who has spent his entire academic career in Cambridge, attended a special dedication of the new Godwin Laboratory on the New Museums Site. It is the base of the Department of Quartenary Research which he established in the 1940s, where experts in many fields are helping to build up a picture of the world's history. The information allows them to model climatic changes which help predict long-term modern weather trends.

Good food, p9
Bus station move, p10
Fen Link plea, p15

1979 03 20
Milford Docks Air Services Ltd has been operating an Executive aircraft charter service at Cambridge airport since 1977 offering rapid transport to their executives throughout the UK and Europe to the expanding industrial and technological business community locally. While charter flying will never be 'cheap', in many cases if four or five travel together, it is actually cheaper than scheduled airline fares and it is becoming increasingly common for secretaries to be included in a group at no extra cost, resulting in a far more successful business conference.

1979 03 21
Opposition to a bid by Pye of Cambridge to sell about six acres of land near their Cathodeon Crystals factory at Linton for 50 to 60 houses came to a head at a planning inquiry. The site is lying derelict and there was no prospect of it being developed as a factory extension because of difficulties in getting the right kind of skilled labour. It is surrounded by housing with schools and shopping conveniently near. A high proportion of their local employees came from the village but a lot had to be bussed in. Planners originally thought Pye might make the land available for council housing but their decision to redevelop has upset the Parish Council

1979 03 22
Two-thirds of the people who applied to Cambridge City Council for help stating they were homeless made false claims. Intensive investigations show that only 72 out of 222 qualified as homeless. Of them only 49 were the direct responsibility of the council and they were housed. The rest were mainly young single people – some with children. One thousand new council houses are needed by 1982 and 2,000 by 1988 and councillors decided that council house tenants can now only buy the house they have lived in after two years, instead of after 12 months as previously.

1979 03 28
The owner of a marina at Upware has complained to the Price Commission about new registration charges being introduced by the Anglian Water Authority. They have increased by more than 300 per cent for owners of larger boats and make boating once again a sport for the rich. Medium length boats will cost £24 instead of £10 every year. The charges have forced a St Neots pensioner to put his cruiser up for sale after more than 50 years. "I have worked out that I will have to pay 400 per cent more in boat registration charges. All I want is to be able to sit on it and do a bit of fishing", he said.

Wesley House, p10

1979 03 29
The heads of two Cambridge schools are picking up the pieces after a week of violence in which pupils were assaulted and rival gangs tore through playgrounds. Mr Oliver Gaggs head of the Manor and Mr Tony Newall head of Chesterton School feel that schools are being asked to assume and day-and-night responsibility of their pupils which they cannot achieve. Mr Newall said; "Raids between schools have always taken place. In a way it's nice to know that they identify with the school and there is an honour which they want to protect. It's a pity that the methods are so misguided."

1979 03 29
Lovers of good homecooked food can satisfy their appetite at a Cambridge museum, health food bar, coffee house or riverside pub according to the new Egon Ronay 'Just a Bite' guide. Accolades go to the Fitzwilliam Museum coffee room (home-made quiche and salad, 70p), the Fort St George pub (cottage pie 73p), Martha's Coffee House (steak and kidney pie and veg 85p) and Nettles (dish of the day 70p)

1979 03 29
Cambridge comes out poorly in the new 'Good Food Guide'; two entries are dropped leaving the city with just one restaurant, the 'unusually suave' Peking Chinese Restaurant in Burleigh Street, and one pub, the Fort St George. Out go the Strudel's Restaurant in Fitzroy Street and the Golden Palace

Chinese restaurant in Ely together with the Eagle in Bene't Street and the Plough at Coton. Old favourites which retain their rating include the Old Fire Engine House at Ely, the Old Bridge Hotel Huntingdon and the Hotel de la Poste, Swavesey. The Pink Geranium at Melbourn gets the humbler 'Pass' rating.

1979 03 31
Rail strike, p1

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1979 04 02
There isn't much left of Swavesey station. The station house and offices are all gone, leaving just a few broken seats and a creeper-covered shelter to accommodate the traveller. The railway line which goes through to St Ives was shut to passengers on 3rd October 1970. Now the only trains to use it carry freight and aggregates from Fen Drayton, and oranges to Chivers' factory at Histon. But on Saturday a 'special' was chartered from British Rail by the Cambridge Rail Action Group which wants to see passenger services restored. Every single ticket was sold within five days and nobody complained when the train was a little late arriving and Swavesey Brownies were busy brewing up coffee for any day-trippers

1979 04 02
The centre of Cambridge is well off for parking space. There are 600 spaces on the Lion Yard multi-decker, a slightly smaller number at Park Street and substantial parking at New Square. Then there are more than 500 meters dotted around. But during peak periods these are barely enough and queues build up at the park entrances. Motorists complain it is not easy to reach the city centre since King's Parade was severely restricted to through traffic. At first shopkeepers feared virtual bankruptcy but now even the most 'anti' tradesman is happy with the result – an increase in trade.

1979 04 03
A flash of lightning caused thousands of pounds worth of damage at Pidley; as it hit a tree the blast shattered dozens of windows in nine cottages and blew in a cottage door. A young man working near a dike was thrown into the water by the shock and children coming home from school had a narrow escape as the flash struck only yards from the bus shelter where their coach stopped seconds later. The Mad Cat public house was among the buildings damaged when most of the front windows were smashed.

1979 04 04
Cambridge United hope to double the size of their main grandstand, adding another 1,800 seats to the Abbey Stadium. Subject to planning permission work on the shell of the stand, extending the existing grandstand the length of the pitch, will start this summer. But whether they put in the seats will depend on the demand for season tickets. United have switched their attention to the main stand following the failure to obtain a Sports Council grant to extend the Hibbin stand into a sports complex

1979 04 05
Cambridge City Council's scheme of building houses for sale to its tenants or people on the housing list has proved a great success. More than 150 couples applied to buy the 24 two and three-bedroomed houses which the council are completing at Walpole Road and selling for £10 - £12,000. Nearly 300 people have asked to buy the 300 houses being built by a private company in a joint scheme next to the council's King's Hedges estate. These range from one-bedroom flats at around £10,000 to three-bedroomed detached houses at £25,000. During the past two years the council has sold nearly 300 of its houses to tenants.

1979 04 06
The human skeleton crisis which hit Cambridge medical students is now over and there are enough bones to go around. Most of the bones are imported from India and an export clamp-down led to

shortages and rising prices. Students found the cost of half a skeleton prohibitive at £70. An Australian firm offered to supply skeletons but these turned out to be more expensive. Now the University Medical Society has bought up a consignment of 40 'old' skeletons from Bristol University. They came on the market because the Bristol school was replacing its bones with new ones and they have been able to supply 'second hand' skeletons to students at around £50 each.

1979 04 06
House building in South Cambridgeshire has already overtaken the forecasts. County planners are worried that present restrictions might give way under the increasing demand for new housing from commuters, especially with the plans to electrify the London rail link and the completion of the latest section of the M11. But although the number of applications for planning permission has increased sharply this is matched by a corresponding increase in the refusal rate. The biggest contribution to the housing total has been from people taking up old planning permissions before they expire

1979 04 07
Thousands of 'golden oldie' singles were destroyed in a fire that swept through the 'Remember Those Oldies' record shop in Cambridge – claimed to be the only one of its kind in East Anglia. In the four years since it opened a massive stock of records from the 1950s and 1960s had been built up and because they are specialist items there is little chance of replacing them

1979 04 09
Cambridge squatters protested as demolition men moved into James Street and started breaking up roofs and floors in some houses. This follows a court decision granting the council possession of seven houses where squatters claimed they had a licence to stay. The team of contractors arrived early in the morning and started on an empty house with pick axes; gas, water and electricity engineers also got to work. Police stood by as the confused squatters gathered in the street outside. Protestors say the council should never have acquired the houses in the first place. They were never used, allowed to stand empty for 20 years and became derelict. The squatters have actually tried to save them from demolition. Now Cambridge is to lose a Victorian street, probably unique in the country, with its small modest houses and shops.

1979 04 09
A fresh attempt is to be made to demolish the 17th century family home of Cambridgeshire M.P. Mr Francis Pym, at Hazells Hall, Sandy. The house dates from about 1640 but was extensively altered during the reign of George II and passed into the ownership of the Pym family in the 18th century. It was used by the RAF during the war to house to train secret agents flown out from nearby Tempsford Airfield and was a hospital annex until 1968. But it has been unoccupied and vandalised during the last 11 years and would cost at least £330,000 to restore. The plan is to knock down the main hall leaving the walls just above ground level, retaining the outline of the building for local historical record. The coach wing is to be converted into two cottages.

Conservation zones

1979 04 10
Sir David Renton retired from Parliament after nearly 34 years representing the interests of his constituents in Huntingdonshire, having been returned 10 times since 1945. It is as a backbencher that he feels he has done the most good rather than his three stints as a Junior Minister, first at the Ministry of Fuel and Power, then at the Home Office under R.A. Butler. He sees his greatest achievement as the Renton Report, which suggested ways of improving the drafting of bills. He is also proud of pioneering work on birth control and his last question in the House related to the provision of family planning on the National Health Service. Now he wants to concentrate on his role as a Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn and his work for handicapped children. – 79 04 10

1979 04 11
Caravan site, p4

Shopping, p5

1979 04 12
Great St Mary's Church in Cambridge renewed a 450-year Royal association when an intricately embroidered gold cloth was transferred from the Fitzwilliam Museum. It was used in commemoration services for Henry VII and had been given five years before his death to ensure requiems were to be said in his memory so he would be held in good favour when the Day of Judgement came. The last important appearance of the cloth was during a visit by Elizabeth I when it was carried over her head as a canopy. After 1790 it went missing for nearly 150 years before it was rediscovered in 1929. It took eight strong men to lift the huge display catafalque on to a removal lorry and trundle it down the street to its original home.

1979 04 12
A new building jutting into the Cambridge skyline from the top of Castle Hill has filled in the city's largest hole. The site was to have been used for the De Vere Hotel but after several planning applications were rejected the firm pulled out and the hole was left. Then came plans for a complex of shops, a petrol station, a bank, offices and maisonettes but each scheme failed. The site is now being developed as a 42,000 sq ft office building though the project has not gone without a hitch. The first Cambridge builders folded and the developers had to find another firm in a hurry. All they have to do now is to let the place -–and there are many who say that Cambridge is overstocked with offices already.

Rushbridger award, p1
Judge Stevenson, p21
Cambridge Arms loo, p23

1979 04 17
Extra drinking hours, p9

1979 04 18
The bells at Clavering parish church will not come crashing down after all. The six bronze bells, dating from 1830 could have been silenced forever because the four beams that supported them were rotten and decayed. They could have fallen at any time since last summer and have been silent while repair work was carried out. Now the parochial church council has decided that a £6,000 restoration should be started while fund-raising efforts are staged. Mr Allan Simpson, one of the team of eight bell ringers at the 14th century church said that if work had not started the bells would have been condemned.

1979 04 18
The past two years have been a bad time for thatch fires in North West Essex, and not all of them were arson. Now planners are worried at the fast rate at which thatched roofs are being replaced and are warning that they may be on the way to extinction. Owners face two heavy expenses: the cost of renewing thatch can cost up to £3,000 and the annual insurance premiums can be eight times that charged for a house with tiles or slates. In addition they fear for the safety of their families because of the fire risk.

1979 04 19
Behind the rather grim exterior of Haverhill with its rows of terraced houses and overspill estate there's a bright new shopping centre. The extra-large Sainsbury's in Jubilee Walk stocks everything from glasses to freezer food & means you can buy all the groceries without the hassle of traffic jams and queues that are all too common in Cambridge. And there are a number of other supermarkets so there's lots of opportunities to shop around for the best quality and price. Glasswell's £1 million shopping centre which opened last September gives the town its main furniture and carpet shop. During the week the town is fairly quiet – early closing is on Wednesday – but there is free car parking. The bus journey from Cambridge takes an hour and costs 65p for a single journey.

1979 04 20
Housing problem, p14

1979 04 21
Lottery, p6

1979 04 23
A new row has divided the villagers of Haslingfield. After the path that went nowhere, the pavilion which 'cost too much' and the rifle range which half the village didn't want, there's now the muddy meadow controversy. The Parish Council bought Well House Meadow in the centre of the village for £6,000 in 1976. The land, which contains a recently –renovated 17th-century well house, was intended as an additional play area but a large part has been fenced off and let as grazing land. Villagers claim the ground has been churned up and is useless as a play area. Now someone has erected barbed wire over the public entrance and the row has assumed the proportions of village guerrilla warfare

1979 04 25
The cutting of the first turf at Huntingdon's Stukely Meadows industrial estate heralds a major victory for supporters of commercial growth in the town. The first stage of building will be 12 'mini factories'. Many established firms have been in the town for a decade. At Specialised Mouldings the marketing manager said "Huntingdon offers a pleasant semi-rural environment and is an attractive place for employees and their families". Many of them moved with the firm from South London in 1967 and in 1969 the company doubled its factory space.". One of the biggest employers is the Silent Channel factory which provides jobs for about 400 people working on products such as car window channels and window seals. It was established in Huntingdon in 1936 and finds the location ideal, being close to places like Dagenham.

1979 04 26
Midas air taxis, p9

1979 04 27
The home of Henry 'Jock' Hall has always been easy to pick out by the sign above the front door reading 'University Chimney Sweep". Now it has been left in not-so-splendid isolation amongst the demolition rubble of what was once a row of terraced houses in James Street, Cambridge. The innards of neighbouring houses hang from the outside walls and the dust gets everywhere. Even a sweep and his wife, used to dealing with sooty grime, cannot help noticing it. The rest of the houses were occupied by squatters who were thrown out when the demolition workers moved in. – 79 04 27

1979 04 27
What is claimed to be the largest cycle shop in Cambridge, with a stock of thousands of new and used machines has opened on the corner of East Road and Norfolk Street. The new shop – 'Thakes – the Cycle King' – is the fourth in a rapidly-growing string owned by Nick Thake who calls himself 'the 27-year-old work maniac'. His other shops are in the London suburban and Southend areas. It will offer discounts of up to 50 per cent with a guarantee of rapid service and total satisfaction and also specialise in finding parts for very old cycles or obscure foreign makes.

Melbourn electronic diary, p11

1979 04 28
Cambridge Arms toilets, p7

1979 04 30
A modern five-bedroomed detached house at Whittlesford has become the regional headquarters of the Moonies, the cult sect said to brainwash teenagers while contributing to its leader's £7 million

fortune. Hundreds of homes have received literature and many have had personal visits from members who claim they are a Christian organisation. Neighbours say they hold late-night meetings at which speeches by the Rev Myung Chung are played on tape recorders, complete with mass applause and that they are woken early each morning by the sound of chanting and clapping. The 'Rev' Sun Moon visited Cambridge last summer as part of a big conversion drive that included flying massed Moonie brass bands into the city. – 79 04 30

1979 04 30
The 1,800 villagers of Duxford have lost their tiny branch surgery, despite a petition calling for its retention. Now they have to go to Sawston. Doctors say that the old days when the doctor was a comforter and father figure handing out bottles of red medicine have passed and the higher standards of modern medicine depend on tests and examinations which cannot be carried out at a branch surgery. Other surgeries have closed recently in Barton and Barrington while a question mark hangs over those at Great Chesterford and Elmdon. At Soham Health Centre there are minibuses to bring patients in from neighbouring villages and this might be arranged for Duxford.

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1979 05 01
The garage, television and radio business run at Sawston by a former Battle of Britain pilot, Frank Vindis, is a high-flying concern. He first opened his small garage nearly 20 years ago and became an agent for Volkswagen and Audi cars, selling 400 new vehicles last year. The radio and television side of the business is booming as well. But space for further developments around his High Street premises is running out and he may reluctantly have to start looking in other villages to cope with the rapid expansion of trade.

1979 05 01
Cambridge University Radio has on the air after months of delay. Broadcasting from a studio at Churchill College started with news taken from London Independent Radio and was followed by local items prepared by students. At the controls - slotting in their own jingles between records and other programmes – was the radio enthusiasts' chairman, Mr Simon Cooper of Queens' College. At present reception is confirmed to the college but they hope to expand to Fitzwilliam and Jesus as soon as examinations are over. National radio DJs were amongst the guests at a celebration party.

1979 05 01
If you own a Ford Cortina, especially if it has a 'G' or 'H' registration, there is a better than even chance that a thief has his eye on it: police say it is the most commonly stolen car of all the hundreds of different models on the roads today. Cambridge with its multi-storey car parks and scattered off-street parking makes for rich pickings. It is nothing for half a dozen to go over any given weekend. They are easy to break into with their simple lever-lock mechanism and the 1968 and 1969 models are easiest of all. The car thief only has to carry five keys and at least one will fit.

1979 05 02
Bourn pub, p12

1979 05 03
Tesco's plans to expand their Bar Hill superstore have been turned down. The scheme to almost double the size of the two-year-old store was rejected after objections from the Parish Council and a residents' association. They say Bar Hill had been intended as a village and should not be made to house a massive structure which destroyed the environment. A hypermarket was normally put in the middle of nowhere so it could not disturb anyone

1979 05 08
Kite scheme, p1

1979 05 10
Cambridge United's close-season glamour tour to Fiji and New Zealand has been called off. Doubts started about the month-long tour when their Football Association backed out from having United. When club chairman, Mr David Ruston, telephoned the tour company he found the person he had been dealing with was on his way to New Zealand – with Norwich City. Tour operators have been desperately trying to find alternative games in Australia but have been unable to make definite arrangements. Players, who have put off holidays because of the trip, say it is a big letdown

1979 05 11
Cambridge scientists investigating light beam communication fear much of the new technology may be lost abroad. Some of the first major applications of fibre optics will be in the telephone networks and cable television. It will be possible to distribute newspapers and journals directly to the home with small printers, introduce electronic mail, receive television programmes, sports coverage and films by subscription: the scope is endless. But Mike Brookfield of Cambridge Consultants says that unless extra funding is provided the market will become completely dominated by Japan and the United States.

1979 05 12
It is costing the Pye Group £1.3 million to close two factories and meet redundancy payments for those thrown out of work. They are Pye Engineering Services in Cambridge, which closes next month with the loss of 200 jobs, and Pye Ether of Stevenage. It is also closing Pye TMC's factory at Livingstone, Scotland. The profits of Pye Telecom – the largest single earner – were hit by competition from major international suppliers but the Business Communications side had a good order book and Pye Unicam orders were 20 per cent up. Sales of the Labgear television Teletext adaptor were initially disappointing but are showing a marked improvement.

1979 05 14
Wartime memories came flooding back to the ex-servicemen who strolled across Witchford airfield. A giant hangar here, a derelict office there, and bits of crumbling runway everywhere: all helped them to remember the days when four-engined Lancaster bombers rumbled off the airfield on bombing runs to Germany. Other colleagues were at the nearby Shoulder of Mutton pub, supping pints & swapping yards. All were members of 115 squadron who had returned for reunion celebrations

1979 05 15
Princess Margaret made an unscheduled walk to one of Cambridge's oldest churches, St Peter's on Castle Hill. It followed her visit the University's Gallery of Modern Art at Kettle's Yard, which was opened by Prince Charles in his undergraduate days. She saw a model of the proposed extensions which if approved would double the exhibition space and provide refreshment facilities for the public. Later, at her own request, she saw a class of medical students at work in the University Department of Physiology.

1959 05 17
Don McKay, p15

1979 05 18
Niggling away in the minds of 1,500 people who work at the Cambridge Instrument Company and at Sinclair Radionics at St Ives is the question: "Will we still be here next week?" The two companies are part of the National Enterprise Board without whose contributions of public money both would certainly have gone to the wall in the last three years. Now Mrs Thatcher's new man for industry, Sir Keith Joseph is planning to restrict the NEB's activities. Sinclair's history has been one of total innovation. It was the first in the field with a pocket-sized electronic calculator, it made an all-new digital watch – plagued with technical problems - and the world's smallest television with a two-inch screen. But it made a £2 million loss last year. Both may disappear for good if the new Government pulls the financial rug out now.

1979 05 18
Farmers were weighting up the damage caused by the worst fen blow for several years. Fierce winds whipped up the light soil but they were highly localised. The worst affected areas were at Prickwillow, Stretham, Coveney & Chatteris where there were dust clouds all around but fortunately a cloudburst dampened the fields after an hour's blowing. Elsewhere orchards took a bad buffeting. A fallen tree blocked the Harlton to Haslingfield road for several hours and another fell at Cottenham. An invalid carriage was blown from the A14 at Papworth and two motor cycles collided in the strong winds.

1979 05 19
Forty per cent of Cambridge students are potential psychiatric cases, according to a report published by the Students' Union. There are a large number of reasons but whether Cambridge attracts people with a predisposition to mental illness or creates that illness once they arrive, the university has a responsibility to its students. The women in men's colleges are far more stressed than their counterparts in single-sex colleges and the male students about to be introduced into Girton, the oldest women's college, could end up suffering a corresponding weight of stress. The report is bound to spark off controversy among dons.

1979 05 19
One of the world's most powerful electron microscopes was officially unveiled – floating on a cushion of air in the city centre. It marked the competition of the Cambridge University 600kV High Resolution Electron Microscope, a £1 million project which has taken eight years. The microscope is 25 feet high and weighs more than seven tons. It occupies two floors at the old Cavendish Laboratory. There have been problems caused by vibration from nearby traffic so the instrument is surrounded by three massive arms on cushions of compressed air to avoid any distortion

1979 05 22
Ballet dancers arriving at the Big Top on Jesus Green, Cambridge found their 'blue boxes' which contain their make-up, practice clothes and spare shoes were standing in solitary state in an empty room. Heavy rains for two days meant that workmen were behind in assembling the pre-fabricated portable cabins which they were to use as dressing rooms. Some had no water, no glass in the windows and no heating. There were no trestle tables and chair, let alone bulbs, basins and bins. At 5.15 they decided for the first time in the company's seven seasons in the Big Top that there could be no performance that night.

1979 05 22
Hundreds of disappointed ballet enthusiasts had to be turned away from the Big Top on Jesus Green when the opening performance of the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet was cancelled. City council entertainment staff headed by Mr John Wilkinson were standing by as ballet-goers trudged through the squelching grass only to be told the bad news. Most people took it in good part, though there were complaints from those who had driven from as far as Bishop's Stortford and Hatfield. They were not interested in refunds, they wanted another chance to see the ballet. But most of the 1,200 tickets have been sold and the company's schedule means that no replacement performance can be held.

1979 05 22
Nineteen adults and one baby defied the might of Cambridge City Council and the Home Office. Never mind that Reach Fair came and went two weeks ago the more traditional residents remain convinced that the charter of 1201 should be obeyed and that it should take place during Rogation Week. They dismissed the decision that for commercial reasons it would be held on the new May bank holiday instead. In a modest ceremony 'King' Len Warren proclaimed the charter to the modest crowd. Apart from the swings on the common there was no fair to speak of, so revellers made their way back into the Dykes End pub to continue their celebrations.

1979 05 22

Any attempt to put London's third airport in the Essex countryside will be bitterly resisted by the two villages near Saffron Walden that have been marked out as possible sites. The Government's study group has picked out Stansted and Langley for further examination. The latter would have a horrendous effect on Royston and south Cambridgeshire. It would overturn the peace, quality of life and happiness everyone is used to and be part of a huge conurbation where noise and money took the upper hand. The chairman of the parish council said: "I am horrified. We have fought it before under another name – Nuthampstead. Why are we being subjected to it again"

1979 05 22
Peace returned to the Big Top at the weekend and it was possible to enjoy two major artistic events without the accompaniment of heavy rain on canvas, whistling wind and a variety of off-stage rumblings. For the first time in a fortnight consecutive performances were staged without the artists and audience being drenched and deafened, though they had to be on their guard against damp patches on the walkways and duck-boards. It is a visit the Sadler's Wells Ballet Company is unlikely to forget. But the foul weather may trigger off a discussion on Cambridge's future as a regional artistic centre. There are few cities where such keen following can be found for top-rate entertainment and the large audiences deserve something better than a circus tent on a patch of churned-up grass.

1979 05 23
Lightning struck Willingham windmill and started a fire in straw round the base of the 150-year-old mill. It came during a sudden thunderstorm and one terrific thunderclap shook doors and windows all around the village. But it was not until two hours later than a passer-by noticed the charred and smouldering wood of the sail and raised the alarm. Mr Ray Cattell, aged 73, who owns the mill which has been in his family for generations managed to douse most of the fire at the base but it took firemen with a turntable ladder to tackle the still smouldering sail about 60 feet above the ground. They had to remove about a third of the sail because it had been weakened by the lightning.

1979 05 23
The Farmland Museum at Haddenham is to close – because it is too successful. It will shut after celebrating its tenth anniversary because the owners, the Delanoy family, say it is eating up too much time and money. It started when their son Craig, then four, collected a few items in a bedroom and invited relations to view them. Since then it has developed an international reputation and attracts thousands of visitors, raising money for charity. Last Saturday alone it had 640 visitors at the village open day and even with voluntary helpers lending a hand they cannot continue.

1979 05 24
Joy, nervous anticipation and occasionally disappointments are the exciting ingredients of the Cambridge Competitive Festival – highlight of the year for hundreds of schoolchildren. Aspiring actors, orators and dancers jostle for trophies but as each year passes more and more young musicians stay away. Teachers of music feel that the arts aren't helped by a sports day atmosphere. But for many parents and their children it is rewarding to see all those hours of painful practice being given some tangible recognition with a prize and the losers benefit from the expert adjudicators' constructive comments. – 79 05 24

1979 05 25
Quy boast just about the best facilities in village cricket. They have a magnificent pavilion and the finest wicket in the county. All they do not have is a cricket team. The club was forced to withdraw when officials discovered they could find only six players for their opening game against Bottisham. The basic problem is the lack of youngsters to replace retiring players said George Carter who is now 60 but only retired from playing a few seasons ago. One villager who has supported the club through thick and thin is Doug Rolph, the man responsible for the outstanding quality of the wickets. He will be playing for Lode this season but will be the first to return when Quy start up again.

1979 05 25

Some beer at this year's St Neots Beer Festival is going to cost 65p a pint and the organisers are worried that drinkers will feel 'ripped off' by the prices. Derek Giles of CAMRA said: "We have been costing out the various beers and find local beers will be about 34p a pint but with the cost of transport one or two will be more than 50p. Kingsdown, a very strong beer will be the most expensive

1979 05 25
Regulars at the Green Hill in Linton chucked scornfully about a dirty old pair of shoes found during renovation work on the pub's ancient fireplace. But the landlady, Pauline Adams was inclined to think there was something significant about the find, and she was right. Close inspection reveals that they are not actually a pair but are probably of 17th-century date and would have been placed there to ward off the evil eye of witches. Now they may help to attract customers; they are just the sort of historical oddity that drinkers like to come across in pubs – something to puzzle over with a pint. – 79 05 25

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1979 06 01
A secret plan to knock down part of All Saints' Church in Cambridge has led to protests from preservationists. Ely Diocese, which closed the church in 1973, wants to use the land for an extension to Westcott House theological college and for diocesan offices. But the Victorian Society who are anxious to protect its William Morris murals and stained glass have accused them of 'wilfully neglecting' the building until it was past saving. They say it is the finest Victorian church in Cambridge and it seems extraordinary that it is being treated in this manner. Parts of the roof let in daylight and many of the murals have been ruined by mould and damp.

Pym demolition, p1

1979 06 02
The £10 million Kite area shopping and parking scheme scheduled for opening in 1982 may be scrapped if opposition against it throughout Cambridge is strong enough. An official of Grosvenor Estates, the development company, said "If the people of Cambridge do not want our product we shall not give it to them". But the present indications are that the public does want the Burleigh Street – Fitzroy Street area to be redeveloped as quickly as possible, despite the protests being voiced by pressure groups. The Kite Co-ordinating Council say the plans are 'hopelessly inappropriate' and it is a very cheap scheme: Cambridge deserves something much better than this.

1979 06 02
A huge blaze engulfed the RHM wheat silo at Great Shelford. Within minutes flames and dense black smoke was billowing high into the afternoon sky. The 50-year-old 60 feet tall building was entirely made of wood with just a corrugated iron shell & contained 1,000 tons of wheat. It took 30 firemen nearly an hour to bring it under control and prevent the fire spreading to the mill itself. Had it been of a metal construction it would have distorted and collapsed and it was the bulk of the timber which saved the building.

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Big top, p7

1979 06 05
Remember 'One potato, two potato, three potato, four …" Nearly all of us once learned these little rhymes and they lie pushed away to the back of the mind. Nobody actually teaches them but yet they

are kept alive mysteriously from one generation to another as is clear from a collection of playground rhymes from the Romsey area of Cambridge. They have a local variation: "Ippy dippy dation, My operation, How many people, At the Station, No, So you are not IT". One mother recalled that every time an ambulance went by she said: "Touch my collar, Touch my nose, I will never go in one of those" and the finger had to stay on the nose until a black dog was spotted. – 79 06 05

Politicians EEC debate, p2

1979 06 06
Mystery rumble night, p8
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1979 06 07
The new owner of Saffron Walden's most unusual accommodation will need a 14-foot ladder as well as a front key to get in. The potential bed-sitter is a room with a view, perched above a 16th-century waggon arch in King Street. The only way in is a door high above the ground or a sash window at the front, overlooking the town centre. An estate agent said: "It could be reached fairly easily with a retractable ladder". The room, wedged between a record shop and a tailors was blocked up when the arch and the record shop came under separate ownership. It is expected to fetch about £2,000 if it can be sold.

1979 06 07
In 1921 the garage on the corner of Hills Road, Cambridge, broke all records by selling 25 Model 'T' Fords. Now the firm of Gilbert Rice which took over the premises aims for 100 times that turnover. There is a used car facility with space to display 75 cars and they have installed service and repair facilities. In the light of the impending fuel crisis smaller cars will be substituted for thirsty larger ones and there could be changes in the type of fuel used. The company is prepared to adapt and says the car dealer of the future will be running a very different type of business from today

1979 06 08
Cottenham history, p8

1979 06 09
A new town might be built on the Cambridgeshire-Essex- Hertfordshire borders within the next 15 years if the proposed third London airport is developed at Langley or Stansted. The only alternative would be expansion at Royston. The airport would handle 50 million passengers a year and employ up to 50,000 people but this would aggravate the present labour shortage of skilled workers. It would add to the influx of tourists to Cambridge, which is already at a very high level and cause a serious noise nuisance that would make life unpleasant for people in the Duxford area. But on the brighter side opportunities for business and holiday flying for residents should be greatly improved.

1979 06 12
Plans to demolish the old Cambridge electricity generating station and build homes and a walkway on its prime riverside site have been submitted by St John's College. It generated electricity for more than 70 years but in 1968 the Central Electricity Generating Board decided not to renew their lease. An earlier proposal to turn the building into a concert hall came to nothing and now the station and an adjoining Dutch house are derelict. The 31 residential units proposed would provide small flats and family accommodation and not be confined to members of the college. – 79 06 12

1979 06 12
A Venture centre has opened at the home of the Eden Centre of Dance in City Road, Cambridge. It houses a photographer and a potter and anyone is free to do anything in the other rooms. Now there are plans for a café in the basement to allow people from local streets to drop in and find out what is going on. It is an attractive three-storey building built in the 18890s as the Cambridge Friendly Society Institute and Working Men's Club which hired out its rooms to a number of smaller societies.

But as they grew so they acquired their own headquarters elsewhere. The Institute could not be wound up until the building was sold and that couldn't take place until the planning blight on the Kite was lifted. While it stood empty squatters got in and caused damage.

Bus station, p11

1979 06 13
Since Christmas a succession of tipplers have staggered along laden with old wine bottles to the Friends of the Earth bottle shop in Castle Row, Cambridge, only to find it shut. It closed because the companies which were taking the bottles refused to take any more but now the Glass Manufacturers Federation has started opening 'bottle banks'. Its just a skip in which people throw their empties which are then smashed up melted down to make new bottles. There is talk of one being set up in Cambridge but in the meantime bottles continue to pile up unwanted outside the Friends' door.

1979 06 14
An East Anglian family of four buying a three-bedroom semi on a 70 per cent mortgage with commitments including a 1100 cc car now needs an income of £6,878 a year to maintain its lifestyle. This is £303 more than in January but is still below the national average of £7,196, a new report suggests. A family renting a three-bedroom council semi and with fewer commitments needs £4,286 while at the top end a family buying a detached house with five or six bedrooms on a 60 per cent mortgage and with a matching lifestyle needs £37,619 a year compared with a national average of £42,135. The average council rent is £6.96 a week

1979 06 14
The battle to defeat plans for a third London airport near Cambridge has been backed by the County Council who have asked the Government not to build in anywhere in the southern part of the county. But if Whitehall turns down the plea and suggests it should be built at Langley near Royston or Stansted it could cost ratepayers a lot of money. Estimates for employing one range of specialist advisers – the noise experts – could cost £80,000 and this could be just the tip of the financial iceberg. It would lead to intolerable noise, massive congestion on the roads and cause vast housing problems that would ultimately lead to the need for a new large town. Coun Dennis Fuller said he could not think the Government was being serious in asking for a third airport at a time when the world's energy reserves were in a crisis.

1979 06 15
Thousands of young people have gone off to their GCE exams clutching calculators. Suddenly these little machines have become an integral part of the school scene. School funds cannot run to the provision of these instruments but many parents have already bought them for their children. A couple of years ago a sophisticated machine could well cost £25, particularly if they included a rechargeable battery. Now it is possible to get one for a little over £10 and the new liquid crystal visual panel takes very little power & is run off a 7½p battery

1979 06 16
Residents in Bateman Street, Cambridge fear it might be totally spoilt if a new language centre is built. The School did an excellent job but the destruction of the existing houses would mean a drastic change in the Victorian residential street. They could be refurbished and make pleasant and attractive homes. Not all were against the scheme for a modern language centre for 200 students. One was highly critical of the character of the street as it stood and said the opening of a new nightclub on Hills Road had a far bigger impact. If the scheme were not approved the site might be redeveloped as a hotel

1979 06 19
Milton people fear it will be turned into the 'dustbin of Cambridge' when large scale industrial and housing developments take place in the city area during the next 15 years. It will be used for everything the city council does not want in Cambridge. Residents are determined to maintain the

character of their village. Nobody will want to go and live next door to the sewage works and the agricultural interests will make their views felt when development is suggested.

1979 06 20
Papermills, p4

1979 06 21
The price and availability of petrol has been in the news in the past few weeks. Petrol rationing in the United States and Sheikh Yamani's latest warnings on the oil crisis shake the most complacent, North Sea oil or no. Post-budget prices are well up and supplies fluctuate. Opening hours have been varied and a number of petrol stations are rationing customers to five gallons. Both Tesco (Gulf) and Sainsbury in Coldham's Lane were charging £1.04 for four star but Hallens (BP) at Victoria Road corner were 10p more. Holland's in Mill Road matched Marshall's price of £1.07, the Newmarket Road Service Station (Phoenix), where you are served as opposed to manning the pumps yourself, charged £1.08 and the Lolworth Service Station was £1.12.

1979 06 21
The Da Silva's puppet company is all set to move into a new home in St James' Church, Norwich. The Godmanchester-based company wanted to use All Saints' Church, Cambridge, as a permanent base and theatre. "It was a bit vast but we worked out ways to convert it" said Ray Da Silva. "But to put it frankly the city council didn't show much interest in supporting us. The attitude in Norwich is so different; they welcomed us warmly and local businesses have helped with the cost of conversion. Cambridge would have been nice to work in, but somehow things are more traditional and slower there than in Norwich"

1979 06 22
A few years ago the blacksmith's craft looked to be dying. But as the last of the old-timers retired a new generation of smiths discovered there is still plenty of business for a good craftsmen. Bill Sargent, Lode's village blacksmith for 60 years, is 81 and only keeps working to entertain himself, though he provides a valuable service to the farming community. He thinks the shortage of petrol could see farmers having to reintroduce shire horses to work the land. But 20-year-old blacksmith Vic Saunders from Cherry Hinton says his principal trade is in wrought-iron work such as balconies and gates. He likes the variety of work and would be happy to shoe horses but thinks this unlikely. When Bill Sargent finally hangs up his leather apron there will be no heir to follow him into the trade but it's quite possible another young blacksmith will buy the business and carry on where he leaves off. – 79 06 22

1979 06 26
Spillers, p11

1979 06 27
There have been two interesting developments of late at Newmarket. One has seen CI Caravans' announcement of a £2 million scheme to build a new factory. The largest manufacturer in its field it is the town's single largest employer with about 600 people. They have been through several difficult years and the prime aim is to secure the future rather than outright expansion. The other is that the Doric Cinema has been sold for use as an entertainment centre and nightclub. It is to be renamed the Newmarket Variety Club. Earlier plans had been for recreational use, a showroom, a warehouse and offices. There are no empty spaces in the town but warehouses and other industrial buildings are likely to be put up when there is demand.

City charm, p5

1979 06 28
A technological revolution is taking place in the electronics industry caused by microelectronics and the tiny devices placed on what has become known as the silicon chip. Cambridge is at the heart of

this revolution and the University has reared many of the pioneers. It started in the 1950s when the Engineering Department started to put together the first scanning electron microscope. The transistor was superseding the bulky valve but it still had to be soldered into the circuit. As more and more components were added the miniaturisation began and new techniques were developed by researchers at Cambridge Instruments using the electron beam machines

Newmarket market, p4
Ice rink plans, p7

1979 06 29
The first three factories to be built in a town by the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas have been opened in Wisbech. They will be followed by others at Littleport, Ramsey, Chatteris and March. The policy had been to build them in truly rural areas but they decided to give special help to small towns where job opportunities were very limited. MP Clement Freud said it is helping people with cottage industries to take a stride forward; they cannot afford the overheads of a modern and efficient factory but this offers them units at a very good rent and will help them grow.

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1979 07 02
Eltisley parish church may have to borrow to meet repair bills for its spire unless a government grant arrives soon. The total cost of the repair is £6,200 but the Department of the Environment is taking a long time to pay out its half of the bill. The Parochial Church Council has undertaken furious fund raising but the money would not last very long when they have to pay contractors expenses. Architects said the spire was in an appalling state in places and it was possible to put a hand between some of the stones.

1979 07 03
Milton bypass bridge, p3
Duxford church, p4

1979 07 04
Cambridgeshire County Council has decided to establish its permanent headquarters at the Shire Hall. The council set up it 'temporary' headquarters at Cambridge following local government reorganisation more than five years ago but decided to move eventually to the Hinchingbrooke estate at Huntingdon. Now they have changed their minds: Huntingdon is not scheduled as a major centre of the future while Cambridge is a regional centre of public administration and an internationally-known city. It is a natural magnet for staff and to move would have a seriously demoralising effect. The Shire Hall site is large enough for all their administrative needs and officers pointed out the high cost of building at a time when the council was already in financial difficulties. Now the land reserved for the new office complex is to be sold.

1979 07 06
Margaret Thatcher, Britain's scientist Prime Minister, came to Cambridge to see scientific industry at work and was promptly taken over by children from Bar Hill Primary School who had been given a morning off to see her. She talked to them for ten minutes then got on with the business of the day, meeting Mike Harrison, managing director of H.H. Electronics. The company employs more than 300 people designing and selling audio electronic sound equipment. Later Mrs Thatcher visited Laser-Scan, another company using chip technology

1979 07 07
Cambridge is a scientific and industrial gold mine where the brains and talents of those in the university can be harnessed and developed by industry so that new products can be made and new jobs created, said Margaret Thatcher. At Laser-Scan she saw techniques developed to digitise maps using laser beams and computers. She was delighted to be told that one system they used was called

'Maggie' for short. "So it should be if it's a scientific system", she said. But when told it was a dump file she quipped "Oh no, you can't do that to me – you'd better find another name for it"

1979 07 07
Cambridge's oldest taxi driver Ernie Zarattini has taken his final fare – aged 80. And he has disclosed some of the cheeky goings-on he has witness during 39 years as a cab driver. On one occasion he picked up a couple who wanted to go to Regent Street. "Suddenly I saw them misconducting themselves on the floor of the cab. I said 'Not for half-a-crown you don't' and flung them out", he said. Fares used to be eight pence – old money – for the first mile and tuppence-a-mile after that, but now customers have to pay 45p for the first three-quarters of a mile and 25p for every one-sixth of a mile after that.

1979 07 09
Melbourn clergy homes, p9

1979 07 10
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother officially opened Wimpole Hall, the 17th-century mansion left to the National Trust three years ago. She paid tribute Mrs Elsie Bainbridge and her husband who had started restoration work when they acquired the house in 1936. Amongst the guests were Albert Mayo and his wife who worked on the estate for 62 years. "I did farm repairs and anything in the house and one of the hardest jobs was beeswaxing the floors. Mrs Bainbridge was very nice and if anything went wrong she always send for me", he said. He also recalled a visit by Queen Mary when she was Queen Mother.

1979 07 10
The present Landbeach post office will close when the village postmistress, Miss Doris Mitham, retires. The sub post office, which occupies a tiny room at the back of her large High Street home, has been in the family for 36 years. She took over the running of it from her mother seven years ago and before that was the village post woman, delivering letters twice daily. The new post office will be at Mrs Phyllis McFarlane's shop opposite a grocery store and Mr Peter Hall will become the new postmaster having been 'dragooned' into applying by villagers who saw the shop as the ideal spot.

Baha'i service, p7

1979 07 11
ECDC council houses, p11

1979 07 12
At Ely cattle market the fat pigs are sold at 10 am, then live poultry followed by dressed poultry and produce, furniture and dead stock and more furniture. Sale by auction is a curious business, a jolly bantering and time-consuming affair. The crowd are mainly old hands, but that doesn't guarantee rock-bottom prices. Quite often they went above prices in the nearby general market. On occasions this was loudly pointed out by a member of the audience who nevertheless appeared to be tolerated as an unavoidable part of the proceedings and often started the bidding, albeit well below the auctioneer's asking price. Bidding is usually done on the basis of the price per single cabbage or pound of strawberries and there is no obligation to take the lot. Most people take two or three items and bidding starts again for the rest. – 79 -7 12

Gas guzzlers, p5

1979 07 13
Cambridge's first punt restaurant is now in business serving tourists with lunches, strawberries and cream teas and cocktails by candlelight. The venture has been launched by the Cambridge undergraduate son of the Headmaster of Eton. For a mere £3 a head up to eight people can be accommodated for a full strawberry tea to the accompaniment of pre-war music from a pre-war wind-

up gramophone. A wide-ranging lunch menu costs £6 and later on as the sun dips behind the University Library there is candlelight for a service of fruit cocktails and cheese. The restaurant comprises two punts lashed together.

1979 07 13
The dawn-to-dusk routine of working on a farm 60 years ago was recalled by a Harston man, Alfred Stittle. When he joined the Hays family farm it was a slower pace of life. "I started as a lad earning 6d a day and did thistling and harvesting. Then my wages went up to 29s 3d when I became responsible for looking after the horses. There was a lot of tiring, back-aching work and the hours were long. Now the machines have taken over and we don't have the hard physical side. We get a lot more money but there isn't the same friendliness or contentment", he said.

1979 07 16
The fate of the ancient waterways known as lodes in the Burwell area are hanging in the balance. Conservationists argue they are sanctuaries for wild life and a quiet beauty spot in the flat, arable landscape. They are important for anglers, boaters and ramblers. But water seeps through the banks and there is a danger of them collapsing completely, causing severe flooding. There was an outcry when Great Ouse River Division proposed to bulldoze them to make way for a ground drainage system. Now the Ministry of Agriculture may pay towards drainage if local councils can also fund it. But they say they have no money.

Hildersham watermill, p5
Pye & Dutch, p8

1979 07 17
A grocery salesman, Derek Thomson, went on his rounds in the heart of Cambridge by punt to try and beat the traffic problem. His firm supplies many of the colleges and he thinks the river is the quickest and cheapest way of servicing them. He set off from Silver Street and was met at Queens' by their chef, Mr Tony Tingey; then at King's Hugh McCann climbed down almost to water level to meet him. But, distracted by passing tourists Mr Thomson all but caught him a hefty blow to the head with his punt pole. He then glided on towards Clare, the Bridge of Sighs and Magdalene. "It is the obvious way to get around a lot of colleges quickly", he said. But the Queens' chef commented: "the way he's handling the pole he'd do better with a motor boat" – 79 07 17

1979 07 18
Not everyone in Cambridge sees Mount Pleasant House but to those who use Huntingdon Road this new office block bulks very large indeed. The initial scheme was described as "Excessively bulky, un-neighbourly, inconsiderate of adjoining owners and occupiers, out of scale with its surroundings and over-dominant in the local scene' by the Environment Minister but his decision to reject it was reversed at a subsequent inquiry. There will be 16 trees round the main building together with a number of shrubs but it will always look what it is – 50,000 square feet of office space. – 79 07 18

1979 07 18
A money-saving decision taken more than a year ago looks like paying off much more than anyone expected – and all because of the oil crisis. Councillors decided to invest in an electrically –driven mobile library, the first of its kind in the country, to serve parts of Cambridge which were affected when the old Shire Hall library was closed down for economy reasons. It cost £2,000 more than a petrol-driven version but will bring big savings in operating costs. If the experiment is a success more will be bought to replace the ageing and expensive petrol-driven fleet.

1979 07 19
Headmaster Ted Austin spent all last Saturday gardening at his Over home – the first Saturday this year he's had free from his voluntary work. He has been a member of the English Schools Football Association's ruling body for eight years and is now its Chairman. Headmaster at Stetchworth School for the past 12 years and a teacher since before the war, Austin knows he's in for a hectic 12 months.

He will have to preside over two Wembley internationals for the English Schools team matches in Holland and West Germany, two coaching courses and 10 international coaching weekends. "You'd better ask my wife how much time it takes up – it does involve a tremendous amount of work", he said.

Drugs, p11

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Lodes, p12

1979 07 23
It is the start of an intensive six-week season at the Arbury Adventure Playground. Between 150 and 300 children will daily pour into the enclosure off Wagstaff Close. It is laid out like an outpost of the US Cavalry after the Indians have been. There is a 10-foot-high perimeter stockade, big main gates and a high watch-tower in the middle. In one corner is the livestock, all snuffling, clucking and crowing. On another is 'Venus' an old landing craft looking rather washed up and nearer the middle a large battered playhut. It is not for the fastidious or tidy-minded but it is an excellent place to light fires, cook sausages and potatoes and melt down old cola cans into aluminium ingots.- 79 07 23

1979 07 24
Newport Hall, p9

1979 07 25
Cambridgeshire county council took a step towards the transport of the future when it brought into service the country's first electric mobile library. One of the largest electric road vehicles to go into commercial service, it was built by Hyrotechnick of Toft and is based on an electric travelling shop which has been successful in Holland. It is powered by four independent motor-drive systems on the rear wheels and has a speed of 12½ miles an hour, suitable for its task in the city. A second one on order will be faster with a speed of around 40 mph – 79 07 25

Hauxton mosquitos, p11

1979 07 26
Shocked parishioners at Tilty near Thaxted have been told they must come up with extra money if the church's 14th-century window is to be saved. An appeal was launched last year when it was discovered that the Tudor rose tracery on top of the Minster clear glass window was in danger of crashing down because the upright stone mullions were bending inwards. But the estimate for the work has almost doubled overnight after a close inspection revealed that the damage was worse than thought. The 420 parishioners are emotionally and financially exhausted but have just a week to raise an extra £10,000

1979 07 27
The great Cambridge greenfly plague is now so serious that a dramatic change in the weather is needed if it is to be held at bay. The ferocity of the invasion has turned shop fronts green with aphid slime. Motorists are battling hard as swarms of flies cause clouded windscreens while at home all doors and windows have to be firmly closed despite the heat. It is now getting difficult to hold conversations outside without swallowing mouthfuls of greenflies and all citizens are being advised to go to the nearest swimming pool, retire to the bar or simply stay indoors. Experts say that ladybirds, their natural foes, were decimated in the last harsh winter and there is no alternative other than a good downpour or cooler weather.

1979 07 27
Cambridge's most modern squash club on Histon Road already has 300 members but is looking for another 150 to bring it up to the target envisaged by the local businessmen who have made the £150,000 project a reality. There are four courts, one with a glass back wall for safe viewing, a bar

and large clubroom where they intend to provide light refreshments and real ale. They also hope to provide a variety of social functions catering for all the family and to meet the needs of both 'town and gown' by providing excellent playing and social facilities.

Denny Abbey, p7
White Swan, p24

1979 07 31
Pubs in and around Cambridge have come in for bitter criticism in a new guide written by two undergraduates. The Rose in Rose Crescent is described as a 'seedy little place in a seedy little street. Gay Cambridge meets there, which says little for their taste'. The Maypole in Park Street is described as a 'grotty little dive hidden rightly under the car park', the Carpenters Arms in Victoria Road is 'without redeeming feature; extremely anti-student clientele who would have beaten us up if they hadn't been so drunk. Dark and spooky'. The Locomotive in Mill Road 'ought to be exorcised, its evil … the worst pub in Cambridge' while the Midland Tavern is, they say, 'the most notorious pub in town with a reputation for being a centre of vice'. One landlord replied: "It's about time the University made these little boys do some work for their degrees … they speak too much claptrap" – 79 07 31

1979 07 31
In June 1968 George Brown M.P. arrived to open the new building for Cambridge Consultants Ltd at Bar Hill. He didn't find anyone to receive him because CCL don't believe in receptionists. Instead he found a telephone which said 'Please ring 47 and ask for the person you wish to speak to'. He did so and created a mild panic among the company dignitaries whose job it was to receive him. But when Prince Charles arrives to open the latest building on the Science Park he will find receptionists in the regulation plate glass front office, surrounded by rubber plants and other foliage. – 79 07 31

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1979 08 02
Railway level crossing gates smashed, plan to introduce camera – 79 08 02

1979 08 03
BBC Television uncovered a wealth of local treasures when its 'Antiques Roadshow' visited Ely. There was a Ming vase, a rich vein of Oriental porcelain, a number of carvings from Africa and Indonesia as well as pieces of local interest. These included a 12ft punt gun, made in 1840, which was probably used in the fens. Strapped to a boat and loaded with 30lb of shot it was capable of killing up to 30 birds at one go.

1979 08 07
A slip by the headsman who decapitated the embalmed body of Oliver Cromwell may provide valuable clues in the identification of the Lord Protector's true remains. For in an unmarked 'grave' in the chapel of Sidney Sussex College Cambridge lies a preserved human head complete with hair, impaled upon an oaken and metal spike which for the past 20 years has been widely accepted as that of Cromwell. Now another head had turned up in Lincolnshire which its owners are trying to authenticate in the hope of selling it off. But Dr Raymond Smail says theirs was clearly taken from a body that was already embalmed and not preserved after severance.

1979 08 09
A major Cambridge store which put up new 'Thieves will be prosecuted' notices on its doors recently, had the lot stolen. Even the store detective had to smile. In Cambridge in summer the problem gets worse: school holidays and the influx of visitors contribute to the peak and magistrates have expressed concerns about this unacceptable face of tourism. Professionals come in teams for the day and wreak

enough damage to seriously concern the Chamber of Commerce. Store detectives are in the front line in the fight, Joshua Taylor has recently reintroduced one and the Co-op are advertising for more

1979 08 09
It's not much fun for the long-suffering bus passenger when his bus does not turn up – especially if it happens time and again. But spare a thought for the equally long-suffering divers. In Cambridge there should be 150 drivers, but are only 120. The roads and cycling tourists are a nightmare and their wages are too low - £42 for 40-hour six-day week with Saturdays off a luxury. In London they can drive buses with automatic gearboxes and power steering and pick up £100; even conductors are being offered £90 in the capital.

1979 08 09
Tesco's plans for a superstore at Broad Street Ely have been agreed by planners, despite fears from the Council that the scheme will hit existing shops and complaints from Waterside residents about extra traffic. But the Ely Society and the Chamber of Commerce supported the idea. Development Manager Timothy Aldworth said he had never felt the area was an ideal centre for industry; parking pressures on Market Square would be eased and the Club Hotel properly renovated. Ely's shopping centre was in danger of losing out to Cambridge and Newmarket unless new life was injected into it.

1979 08 20
Britain's latest heart transplant patient, London builder Keith Castle, was sitting up in a chair at Papworth Hospital less than 48 hours after his major operation. Mr Terence English, the consultant surgeon who led the 12-strong heart transplant team said the 5½ hour operation went very smoothly and the new heart was functioning perfectly normally without assistance. Mr Castle received the heart of 21-year-old golf professional Duncan Prestt who died after a car crash in Ely. His wife said the first words her husband spoke after the operation were 'Have you remembered my Guinness'

1979 08 22
Four more heart transplants are in the pipeline at Papworth Hospital; two patients have already been accepted and are only waiting for donor hearts, two more have yet to be chosen. All will be financed by a grant from the National Heart Research Fund and performed by Mr Terence English. The probability that he would have to go outside the NHS for money to carry on his work was predicted by the News last year when the newspaper was the first to break the news that heart transplantation would be carried out in Cambridgeshire rather than London. Cambridgeshire Area Health Authority would let him use NHS facilities and equipment but would not pay for anything else and the DHSS would not finance such surgery without some kind of proof that it would be financially worthwhile.

1979 08 14
Tolly Cobbold, the brewer, is axing the Anchor pub at Bottisham to avoid spending money on improving its lavatories. They have got two pubs in the village with fairly deficient toilets and have decided to improve those at the White Swan where the business is better. The landlord, Jim Torpey says the Anchor's customers are very disappointed; it has a crib, pool and darts team and raises money for the Addenbrooke's cancer scanner appeal. The closure is expected next year

1979 08 10
Clive Sinclair, the 38-year-old former electronics 'whizz-kid' who founded Sinclair Radionics when he was 21 has set up a new company, Sinclair Research. He hopes to develop a television with an extra-large flat screen the size of a normal home cine screen which would hang on the wall like a picture. He has previously developed miniature radio sets, pocket-sized electronic calculators and a mini-television which he manufactured at a factory at St Ives.

1979 08 13
A Saffron Walden firm which specialises in security alarms has developed a unique early-warning system for pregnant cows. The calving system is a harness which is strapped around the cow and a plastic plate that fits under the tail. If the tail is held horizontally for more than a couple of minutes,

indicating that calving contractions have started, it activates an alarm bell in the farmhouse. The results have been extremely encouraging: it cuts out a lot of wasted time and gives the cowman some sleep. The firm has also developed a way of detecting unwanted intruders in the milking shed.

1979 08 17
A Cambridge University scientist, Dr Ellis Cosslett has been awarded a medal by the Royal Society in recognition of his work on the design and development of the X-ray and scanning electron microscopes. He worked on the 25ft-high seven-ton high-resolution electron microscope that occupies two floors at the Old Cavendish Laboratory and is capable of magnifying an atom a million times so that it is as big as a full-stop. It was officially unveiled in May and is now part of a unit carrying out studies for university scientists and industry.

1979 08 17
Many of Cambridge's traffic problems may soon be solved by silicon chip technology. The chips would operate micro computers geared to all the city's traffic lights to ensure smooth traffic flows at all times. Such an elaborate computer system would originally have cost around £5 million but now County Council officials consider the new technology could reduce the cost to as low as £100,000. It could be connected with all the car parks giving motorists instant information through street corner signs and also tie in with temporary one-way workings and pedestrian crossings. - 79 08 17

1979 08 20
Keith Castle, Papworth's latest heart-transplant patient – 79 08 20

1979 08 22
At the back of the Shire Hall and behind the Sir Isaac Newton pub in Cambridge sits a small, portable office. It houses four dedicated workers who are preparing for nuclear war and other major disasters such as flooding, hurricanes and air crashes. Total nuclear war is a frightening prospect and the Government has taken steps to plan for such a holocaust. Now parish councillors are to be trained as the latest part of the contingency plans; they would act as 'community advisors', helping to bring life back to normal in highly disrupted areas. – 79 08 22

1979 08 25
Ickleton church arson, CID quiz suspect – 79 08 25

1979 08 28
Ickleton church could cost £100,000 to repair – 79 08 28

1979 08 29
Did deep to save the Lodes – eight miles face danger of destruction – 79 08 29

1979 08 30
Shoppers at Boots in Cambridge can now start using the store chain's own credit cards. They are the latest to leap on the 'plastic-money' bandwagon following in the wake of Woolworth, Marks and Spencer, Tesco and International. Most schemes require the cardholder to be over 18, have a bank account and pay by standing order. It needs care: the temptation is always there to overspend. Whether or not we all end up with wallets full of little plastic cards remains to be seen. In the long run it may all link up to a totally cashless shopping exercise with your goods and card going through an automatic till. – 70 08 30

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Haverhill woman minister, p6

1979 09 03

Cambridge's newest bookshop has opened in Fitzroy Street, run by a six-member collective, two of whom are squatting on the premises. Grapevine Books is a non-profitmaking venture in the former Vacuum Cleaner Centre owned by the City Council. They are trying to provide an outlet for environment and other groups such as Gingerbread & Friends of the Earth who have difficulty in distributing their publications.

1979 09 04
Mr Tom Amey, Cambridge's first Labour mayor, has died at the aged of 78. He was one of a group of railwaymen who at one time formed the backbone of Labour councillors and represented Romsey for 29 years. He always took a close interest in education and having left school at the age of 15 he became head of the Education Committee in 1966. The curtain went down on his active council work during the 1974 reorganisation of local government and his long service was recognised when he was made an Honorary Freeman of the City in 1975

1979 09 04
Veteran saddler Edward Bowles, aged 94, is out of harness after running his own business in Cambridge for 65 years. His working life is probably one of the longest in the country. He started in Glisson Road in 1913. "I love my work but it's just getting a bit too much now", he said. "I thought it was time to stop because I'm 95 this month". Mr Bowles carried on alone after his son Cecil, who followed in his footsteps, died. – 79 -9 04

Exning cottage, p8

1979 09 05
When councillors turned down plans for a 71-house estate at The Doles, Over, the developer appealed to the Minister and was awarded costs. The problem is continual financial pressure to build new houses in the area. It makes sites too attractive for their owners to resist selling them; it makes housing too dear for ordinary people to contemplate buying. Future pressure will come from the new M11 motorway, the likely development of Stansted Airport and the electrification of the railway line to London. "We have reached the state when it will be difficult to resist complete urbanisation", one councillor said. "Over was one of the prettiest fen villages. Now I am afraid that other villages may be raped as is has been." – 79 09 05

Dutch take Pye, p8

1979 09 06
Strike

1979 09 07
The Savoy Jazzmen, one of Cambridge's three leading 'trad' bands, celebrated its 21st anniversary with a concert at the Man on the Moon public house in Norfolk Street. Founder member Barry Palser, the only 'original' still playing with the group is delighted to report that the band is still blowing strong. "I founded my first band in 1957; having taken over the Memphis Band we called ourselves the Fenland Footwarmers before reforming as the Savoy", he said. Humphrey Lyttleton has written the sleeve notes for their new album paying glowing tributes to each member individually saying. "This is a finely integrated band in which everyone is both star and sideman" – 79 09 07

Bourn Hall closure?, p1
Paddocks estate, p15

1979 09 10
Bar Hill village hall, p9

1979 09 11

Ronelles, a disco restaurant, will soon open above Lion Yard in the heart of Cambridge and one of the city's most interesting business gambles will be under way. It's a big bet. The lease is long but the odds are short that young Cambridge people will patronise a place which they have long insisted is overdue. The club will have a membership of 500 and be relatively expensive with a £100 a year membership fee. It will have an elevated restaurant, two bars, a dance floor, a waterfall and cabins. These together with palm trees and a native mask on the logo suggest the premises may have a Caribbean flavour. It will be a welcome solution to an embarrassing problem for the space, originally intended for offices, has stayed empty for years. – 79 09 11

1979 09 12
Mill Road Hospital, p1
Operation Julie, p8

1979 09 13
The Cambridge area may increasingly become a territory for commuters due to the combined effect of the M11 and railway electrification; estate agents say people should buy houses now, while they can afford them. Heydon is among the more sought-after villages but unfortunately opportunities to buy homes there are rare. One of the few is a four-bedroomed detached house situated in large grounds, including a shower room, carpets and kennels. It is priced at around £69,950

1979 09 14
Traffic jams would stretch across large parts of Cambridge every weekend if the £10 million Kite shopping development went ahead, a transport report commissioned by the Kite Co-ordinating Council claims. The new traffic may eventually block the Mill Road roundabout for several hours of the day. The number of car parking spaces would need to be doubled to meet demand and the cost would have to come from the ratepayers. Traffic is likely to increase anyway in the next ten years and the anticipated reduction through the opening of the Northern By-pass has not happened, they claim

1979 09 17
Eight miles of lodes in the Burwell district could collapse, causing massive flooding, unless £1 million is spent to consolidate them. Not everybody agrees they should be saved. Since fen drainage the peat has shrank leaving the banks 15-20 feet high above the surrounding land. If the trendy conservationist lobby is going for strict historical accuracy then it should support a project which reduces the banks, not raise them still further. But they are a vital amenity and one of the few havens of natural beauty in the region. If enough people feel strongly enough and are prepared to back starry-eyed ideas with cash then their conservation must be assured.

1979 09 17
There are three telephone operators on duty at Cambridge railway station; they can tell someone the train times between Madras and Bombay, but don't want to. Because Cambridge isn't on the main line most cross-country rail inquiries involve looking up train times and co-ordinating them on several different pages of the standard published timetables. So every year they compile their own timetables to take passengers to every station in the country. It takes two people a month's work but has proved so useful that travel agents are now buying copies from the station. They have also collected their own file of useful information such as how long it takes to walk from one Birmingham station to another. – 79 09 17

1979 09 17
The mobile library being used while Cambridge's Mill Road library is being repaired has received a parking ticket while operating outside the building. It has now moved to Great Eastern Street on the other side of the railway bridge. Now there are fears that its isolation and lack of electricity will force its closure, leaving thousands of Romsey residents without a library. The police action has angered Cambridge councillors; Coun Sweeney said: "I have asked the City Surveyor if he could get a pot of black paint and paint out the yellow lines so the library can remain there. It is no use moving to Great Eastern Street because that area too is earmarked for double yellow lines"

1979 09 17
Suggestions from the Vicar that Lode may become a dying village have brought a strong protest from a new resident. He says: "I am astonished by his implications that it can only be revived by increased building of family homes, by light industry and by attracting summer visitors. The numerous clubs and associations, the friendly greetings, the happy school and many signs indicate this must be one of the most vital villages in the area. But the vicar replies: "In the long term, unless people accept change and plan for it in a positive way, then villages like this will tend to become dormitories". Newcomers wanted the village to remain as it is, while people with roots there seek changes that will provide them with employment.

1979 09 18
Thousands of pounds worth of malting barley was destroyed when a huge blaze gutted a storehouse at Dullingham. The maltings next to the railway line are owned by Clark and Butcher, a firm of Soham corn merchants, and leased to a Newmarket firm who said that top quality malting barley had been destroyed that would have been used to make whisky. Firemen had to travel more than a mile to obtain water because a nearby hydrant had dried out but further disaster was averted when they prevented a 1,500-gallon tank full of diesel from exploding. Two pensioners were evacuated from their homes and police set up road blocks when Station Road became impassable.

Mill Road Hospital is cracking up; is twice as good as most, p7 & p13 – 79 09 18

1979 09 21
Three people died and seven were injured when two RAF jets crashed at Wisbech. One plane narrowly missed two schools and a college before plunging into Ramnoth Road, demolishing two houses and a bungalow. Hundreds of people, including the Mayor, frantically searched through the rubble for survivors. Police put a 'disaster plan' into immediate action and emergency services rushed to the area which was evacuated and cordoned off. The second plane crashed at New Drove, near the town's industrial area. The aircraft, single-seater Harrier jump jets, were based at RAF Wittering. – 79 09 21

1979 09 22
Stunned and exhausted the Mayor of Wisbech spoke of the appalling tragedy which rocked his town. Coun Bob Lake was one of the first on the scene of the disaster in which an RAF Harrier jump jet totally destroyed two houses and a bungalow following a mid-air collision. "I just ran for the smoke as fast as I could. When I arrived in Ramnoth Road my heart stopped", he said. "I was informed that there was a man and a child trapped so I started tearing at the rubble. The remains of the three buildings were on fire and gas filled the air. The three people who died were a former Mayor of Wisbech, a 40-year old man and his 2½-year-old son. There were stories of narrow escapes as the plane passed narrowly over two schools and an 800-pupil college. – 79 09 22

1979 09 24
Stranglers at Corn Exchange, p7
Milton dump, p8

1979 09 26
Rampton Parish Council took on the giant local authorities at the Structure Plan examination and demanded a better deal. The County Council aims to restrict development and Rampton is scheduled as an area where only in-filling should be allowed. But the Parish Councillors wanted the village to be allowed to develop rather more. Older people were getting no younger and the young people who had no houses to live in had to go to other villages. Reasonable development should be encouraged or 'our village would go', they told inspectors

1979 09 26

The Old Vicarage at Grantchester, immortalised by the poetry of Rupert Brooke, is up for sale. It is the first time since 1916 that the magnificent property has been on the market and offers between £120,000 and £150,000 are expected. Then Rupert Brooke's mother bought the house as a memorial to her son and gave it to the grandfather of the present owner saying she would like the garden kept as it was in her son's time. She also asked that interested visitors should on request be allowed to look around the garden. These wishes have always been complied with and it is hoped that a purchaser will again bear them in mind as far as practical, say the agents in the sale brochure.

1979 09 26
At the Stranglers performance in Cambridge Corn Exchange the punks were matched in numbers by a fair splattering of pseudo-intellectuals and Hawkwind types. They could remember the energy the band used to put into their shows, but now with their softer approach the maniacal crowd response was lacking. The pulverising brutality of 'Death and Night and Blood' still surges out but the Stranglers have now come of age and command respect. "We're trying a lot of new things, more complex, a bit of jazz. It went OK, at least Cambridge is always a good crowd", said Hugh Cornwell, recalling the Corn Exchange concert two years ago when bouncers took unkindly to being picked out by spotlights.

1979 09 26 c
Cambridge Councillors want British Rail to spend £500,000 on building a footbridge over the railway lines from Rustat Road to the railway station, and also want a footpath from Devonshire Road to the entrance. It would assist many people who currently have to travel long distances and now BR is about to begin electrification they want a commitment to them. But British Rail is opposed to both plans claiming they would bring security problems as well as affecting future land development potential. The high cost is caused by the length of the bridge and the difficulties building it over the mass of rail lines.

1979 09 27
The arrival of a sex shop at Mitcham's Corner, Cambridge has provoked protests over the deterioration of the area's shopping facilities. Where residents once enjoyed a varied range of shops catering for most day-to-day needs, they now find themselves with banks, building societies, a betting shop and winter sports stockist. A wine shop and take-away restaurant look set to follow. The major change came at the end of 1977 when Mitcham's department store succumbed to the economic pressures of shifting shopping styles.

1979 09 27
Prof Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer is the man chosen to lead Cambridge University into what could be one of the most difficult periods of its recent history. As Vice-Chancellor he feels the most serious and pressing problem is cash. "It is going to be a difficult time for all universities and there's no doubt it will be one hell of a winter", he said. The University has decided not to consider refilling any more posts until after Lent term as it was impossible to forecast how the University Grants Committee would allocate funding. While it might be possible to run on less money it was a very difficult process indeed to get down to the lower level of expenditure.

1979 09 28
They carry on the business of life and death at Mill Road Maternity Hospital in what is little better than a clinical slum. Yet when the question of replacing it comes up this week, those with the power to close it are committed to keeping it open for another 10 years. In that time all that stands between the death of a baby, the death of a mother, or both, is the determination of the highly-motivated people who work there. But it snows on the patients in the X-ray department and there is only one lavatory for a dozen pregnant women. The operating theatre needs creosoting – it's an ex-Army hut – and boxes, bottles and laundry-bags littler the tunnel they call corridors.

1979 09 28

The Cambridgeshire Area Health Authority has reaffirmed its decision to close the Grange Maternity Unit at Ely, despite protests. The closure of the ten-bed general practitioner unit has been under consideration for years but delays and disagreements have left its future in limbo. But there was little comment when the authority overwhelmingly decided to go ahead with the closure. It could be the first of many unpalatable decisions they have to take over the next two years.

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1979 10 01
Cambridge Consultants on the Science Park have spent nine years developing ink jet printing, opening up new frontiers. They have carried out trials on surfaces ranging from the petals of an orchid to the roughest grade of sandpaper and have developed systems able to produce 50,000 lines of text a minute on fast-moving surfaces up to two metres wide. Their work is attracting world-wide interest and has already been put to commercial use.

1979 10 02
Robinson College, the University's £17 million gift from the Newmarket millionaire, Mr David Robinson, was topped out. But the man who made it all possible was not there. He turned down the building contractor's invitation to the celebration and preserved his reputation as a shy, publicity-shunning benefactor. Professor Jack Lewis, warden of the college and Prof Charles Brink the chairman of trustees were presented with trade union cards before mounting the scaffolding. Then as an overhead skip delivered a load of wet concrete they smoothed down a part of the roof and planted a Union Jack. The work on site stopped whilst dons and workers joined together for pork pies and beers.

Hobson coffee bar, p8

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Cambridge councillors complained that many of the city's traffic and parking regulations were not being enforced. One traffic warden went round the market square issuing parking tickets to motorists who had parked on double yellow lines but a few minutes later had a long friendly chat with the driver of an ice-cream van parked on the same lines. The van was towing a trailer which did not have any numberplates or lights. But police say the traffic warden force was only half its proper strength of 36 officers, two of whom were in office jobs.

1979 10 04
So successful is a small Cambridge publishing concern that its latest title, 'The Small Publisher', tells people how to follow its own example. Husband-and-wife librarians Philip and Audrey Ward started the Oleander Press from their home in January 1975 and their 'secret' is sheer dedication. Both are prepared to work each day as long as necessary, often up to 80 or 90 hours a week. They have a list of 10 titles on Arabia and have published 28 books about Cambridge but realise this source of material must now be running out – 79 10 04

1979 10 05
This year, at the Royal Albert Hall, the Cambridge Band competes for the first time against the elite of the brass band world in the national championships. "Qualifying for the final is a tremendous achievement" said Philip Biggs. Their remarkable climb to the top began back in 1974 when David Read, one of the outstanding solo cornet players in the country, was appointed musical director. Since then it has regularly broadcast for the BBC, made its television debut and next month will record its first LP disc. – 79 10 05

A1-M1 link, p15

Sainsbury 6-day trading, p13

1979 10 06
Tesco's superstore at Bar Hill is to open on Mondays following a switch to six-day trading by Sainsbury's supermarkets. The store says that it was demand from customers living in the local community which had led to the move: "Since we have been here we have tried to blend in with the community", said their Public Relations Director. "We really owe it to everyone here to provide the service they want". Tesco's store in Regent Street Cambridge already opens on Mondays.

Jim Reynolds killed, p1

1979 10 09
Cambridge University Radio returns to the air this term, bent on beaming its jingles into more colleges. So far only members of Churchill College can tune in their transistors to university radio but now they need to expand the service. After months of delay the station started operating on May 1st with a wake-up programme of music and news. Now they want to get Fitzwilliam and Jesus College into the service this academic year. But their Home Office licence does not allow transmission beyond college confines which means using a large number of transmitters emitting low strength signals.

1979 10 10
Homosexuals, p11

1979 10 11
Nuclear build-up, p1

1979 10 12
A network of early five warning flood devices is expected to be ready for the danger period early in the New Year. They will measure water levels and automatically give an up-to-date picture of the possibility of floods. But it could costs £40,000 to carry out a major flood protection scheme at Stretham which was badly hit by floods in May that were caused by blockages in the drainage system. More money must be spent on the Bin Brook which was blamed for flooding in the Gough Way area of Cambridge but maintenance problems must be solved before the work goes ahead

Rock King inquest, p16

1979 10 13
Cambridge Corn Exchange may be turned into a civic restaurant. The old one in Petty Cury was demolish amid a public outcry nearly eight years ago to make way for the Lion Yard redevelopment. It was started during the Second World War under the Government's British Restaurant plans for providing cheap meals and was continued by the council. It became something of a social centre and meeting place for many old people with nowhere to go during the day.

1979 10 16
Time-travelling Dr Who and his companion Romana arrived in Cambridge to meet a university 'professor'. Tom Baker and Lalia Ward, who play the characters, acted out the meeting as part of the latest Dr Who adventures. A BBC film unit is recording location shots for the six-part story to be called 'Shada' which is being made for viewing next year. It opens with the Doctor punting along the Cam and encountering the villain, Skagra, played by 'Colditz' star Christopher Neame. The famous Tardis time-capsule is likely also to play a part. It was safely tied down in the back of a removal van in a Cambridge hotel car park.

1979 10 17
Chief Supt Jock Proctor who did the most to contain the drugs problem in Cambridge retires from the police in December. In 1966 he formed a Drugs Squad to combat what was then a new and growing

problem. Other agencies joined to set up a proper containment procedure which has been copied elsewhere. It was unheard of in those days for police, social workers and psychiatrists to meet together with addicts, parents and the clergy but soon a basis of trust was established and worried parents would take their youngsters to a police station for advice, rather than prosecution. – 79 10 17

1979 10 17
Planning permission for Littleport's controversial Sunday market has been rejected. It has been held at Padnal Fen since April. Market traders erect between 100 and 150 stalls and about 3,500 people are attracted each Sunday with about 1,000 cars using the car park. But lavatories are 'atrociously bad'. The District Council is trying to regenerate industrial and economic growth in Littleport which is a 'dying village' and the market could be extremely destructive, one councillor claimed.

Jack Warren, p13

1979 10 18
The Government has stopped the County Council from closing Cambridge's Park Street Primary School because of its 'value to the community'. But plans to close Brunswick Primary School have been approved. This is a great disappointment for parents who campaigned vigorously to keep it open. Nearly £800,000 has been earmarked to convert the buildings into a further education centre. The County will accept the ruling but the number of children attending both schools had dropped and the problems will not go away. Now much harder decisions will have to be made that will affect schools throughout the city.

1979 10 19
In the past fifteen years the number of people aged 65 or over has risen by a million and a half. By 1986 there will be 24 per cent more over-75's than now. National policy has been to encourage old people to lead as independent an old age as they can with as much help as they need on hand. Back-up services must be provided. But the County Councils say that neither centre or local government should promise more than can be delivered and, faced with the need to prune their budgets, they have imposed restrictions on home help services and charges for meals-on-wheels and lunches at day centres.

1979 10 19
Long Road Sixth Form College in Cambridge is desperately short of places where students can study. At any time there are likely to be 70 or 80 students free for private study and many of them work in one of the college's corridors since the library can cope with only 40 at the most. It also has a large empty room below a new science laboratory. Now it is falling back on the time-honoured method of asking parents to help raise money to carpet and furnish it. But some say that if parents help to provide the money for essential services it will encourage the local education authority to shift the responsibility to them.

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Garden House expansion, p6

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Abington village society, p13

1979 10 24
Eighteen months ago you could buy a reasonable-sized plot of land outside Cambridge for about £5,000; now the figure is about £11,000. In the city a plot in the De Freville Road area has doubled to over £20,000 and an unbuilt site off Hills Road recently went for £23,000. Land is very scarce and plots generally go for auction. These prices reflect inflation and the present generation of people who are building their own houses is likely to be the last. Hereafter it will be an undertaking only for the very rich. The burden of loan interest at around 17 per cent adds to an anxious business and even after tax relief interest charges will be £6 a day.

1979 10 25
A Cambridge archaeologist has suggested spreading tin tacks on important sites to deter treasure hunters from using metal detectors. The argument has flared up because of a new book which lists hundreds of treasure hunting sites. One entry reads: "Traces of an ancient maze can be detected on what used to be the village green in the playground of a Cambridgeshire school". The book advises people to seek permission from the landowner before setting foot on a site, but the County Council has already banned metal detectors from their land.

1979 10 25
The painful birth of the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra, its troublesome and expensive babyhood and the attempt to revive it a year ago may not all have been in vain. A big rethink since the last series of concerts lost money has resulted in a new concept and structure. Promising but inexperienced musicians may find it more difficult to get a place in the revamped orchestra and players failing to live up to higher standards will be gradually replaced. The result may be East Anglia's first fully professional orchestra, backed by individuals and businesses from London to Hunstanton.

1979 10 26
Guilden Morden villagers have complained that the rubbish bags they are being issued with by dustmen were rubbish: as soon as you tie a knot in the top and lift them up it spills out everywhere. Now they have been asked to take part in a survey of other types of bags. They will receive samples of various rival makes and put them through rigorous testing to find a better bag.

Leach, inn painter, p20

1979 10 27
The Panos Restaurant in Hills Road, Cambridge, opened three weeks ago and provides an excellent cabaret - Panos Antoniou who is owner, cook and sometimes waiter. When not employed behind the counter, charcoal grilling the juicy, tender steaks for which this restaurant will soon become famous (mark my words), he spreads himself over a chair at a vacant table and puffs a cigar, keeping up relentless badinage with the diners. It is pricey – a bottle of house wine was £2.85 and Scotch steak au poivre vert, £5.95 with coffee at 45p for an inexhaustible potful – but considering the high quality the damage did not seem that unkind.

Skateboard park, p8

1979 10 29
Rolf Harris, the radio and television star, paid a visit to Little Downham to record a radio programme; he wandered about with his tape recorder chatting to people and getting material for 'Rolf's Walkabout'. In the evening the village hall was pack for the recording. A number of local people took part and organisers described is as "a great success with a tremendous community spirit about"

1979 10 29
The secluded village of Sewards End near Saffron Walden is home to two men, Reginald Woolley and Don Gemmell who have led hectic lives in the theatre for the past 40 years. Reg is still a director and designer at the Players' Theatre 'underneath the arches' in London while Don looks back on a distinguished career in stage, films and television. Since moving to the village they have shown a particular interest in the Walden Music Hall society: "There's so much talent, even on the operatic side of it. So many people have good voices and great talent", Reg said.

1979 10 30
Cambridge city council's main house waiting list is well on its way to doubling within one year. It is not a crisis: anyone now on the list might still be rehoused in 15 months' time if they are prepared to live in any part of the city. There are only two dozen council houses in the whole of Newnham and such is the pressure to win a house in favoured developments like Lichfield Road off Cherryhinton

Road that it might take an applicant five years to get there. Applicants must be married or, if single, over 21, be living or working in the city (but students are not eligible) and have a proven housing need. There is a special list for engaged couples, parents can join children already living here and retired people who want to come back to Cambridge can be catered for.

1979 10 30
The name of Pye has been around since 1896. To most people it conjures up a picture of radios, televisions, record players and even records. But none of the UK companies in the Pye of Cambridge group now makes any of these and since October 1st this year, legally speaking, Pye Holdings, the parent group, ceased to exist as a public company. About 12 years ago Philips made a successful bid for the Pye group and it has now become a fully-owned subsidiary. This will improve the future prospects of the companies and the long-term opportunities for employment within them, management claim.

1979 10 31
A US Air Force F111 fighter-bomber crashed at Harlton. Nearby houses were rocked and a great sheet of flame was sent up as the plane plummeted into a spinney. Trees were pushed downwards and branches torn off and only the tail section was visible embedded in the ground. First on-the-spot rescuers dashed around the meadows trying to find the crew, but they had parachuted down several fields away. The crash came after a series of low-level flying missions over the area. Only two weeks ago two RAF Harrier jump jets crashed at Wisbech # c.26.1

Kite, p19

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1979 11 02
County Council engineers have devised a new method to strengthen the 150-year-old Magdalene Bridge in Cambridge without altering its appearance. If Government finances permit work will start in July, more than 13 years after the bridge was closed to buses and other heavy traffic because of its unsound condition. The rebuilding has been surrounded by controversy since cracks were detected in the under-structure. A public inquiry in 1971 agreed that the new bridge should resemble the old one as far as possible but a long wrangle developed over the appearance and complex legal issues were involved because it is an ancient structure.

1979 11 03
Billiards, p10

1979 11 05
An American newspaper, the ‘Omaha World-Herald’ has reported that after a B-47 bomber crashed at Lakenheath RAF station in 1956 flaming fuel pouring from the ruptured tanks engulfed a building containing three nuclear bombs. If they had exploded radioactive material would have been showered over a large area. But a major accident was averted when the base Fire Chief ignored the burning bomber and its four-man crew and concentrated on dousing the flames surrounding the nuclear storage building. The incident was kept secret, as the British people had not been told that nuclear bombs were being kept in the U.K. – 79 11 05 # c.45.8 # c.26.1

Hawking man of the year, p10

1979 11 06
The temperature in some classrooms at the John Falkner primary school Sawston reaches the mid-70s at times. This is one of the reasons why the headmistress refuses to allow children to wear long trousers in the classroom. A dispute has flared up after one four-year-old boy was told to wear short trousers or go home; his mother is refusing to send him back unless he can wear long trousers. But the school says it is easier for small boys with short trousers to cope with the urinals. There is always bound to be some dampness on the floor and trouser legs may get wet and smelly.

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1979 11 09
School meals

1979 11 13
Pop star Elkie Brooks paid a surprise visit to workers at Neve Electronic's Melbourn factory where she toured the assembly plant to view the firm's new sound control system. The star of the show was a 54-channel console built using micro-processor technology which is used to record and re-mix sound into a 'commercially-presentable' commodity with less inconvenience to the artist. Elkie has already bought a different Neve model for use in her own private studio in the basement of her home. She said: "It has been a life-long ambition to have my own studio. It will make things a lot easier especially when I have my baby".

1979 11 13
Swynford Paddocks country-house hotel at Six Mile Bottom remains the best in Cambridgeshire according to a new Egon Ronay guide. The inspectors praised their 'huge baths, bubble bath and gigantic bath towels' as well as their 'international food with a homely touch'. The Old Bridge at Huntingdon, Bedford Lodge at Newmarket and Slepe Hall Hotel at St Ives also come in for praise. But restaurants fare worse, this year even the Hotel de la Poste at Swavesey has lost its single star and three have disappeared altogether – the Don Pasquale in Cambridge, Hunters Fen at Cottenham and The Chequers, Fowlmere

Sheltered housing, p17
Thompson housing, p19

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Boathouse, p21

1979 11 16
Anthony Blunt, the former don now exposed as the fourth man in the Cambridge-based Burgess-Philby-Maclean spy scandal, is unlikely to lose his place of honour at Trinity College. He has been an Honorary Fellow since 1947 but the Master said this was a reflection of his scholarship and it is most unlikely that the college would take any action. After Mrs Thatcher made her statement in the Commons a Labour M P says there are a mass of unanswered questions

Windmills, p16
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Impington village sign, p9

1979 11 20
The Ely beet sugar factory might be closed if there is a big cut in the British sugar acreage. The British Sugar Corporation has always denied rumours that it may be axed but now the whole future of the beet industry is in doubt because of Common Market proposals. Eight of the smaller factories might have to be closed with redundancies amounting to 2,500 people (about 300 work at Ely). There had been no really good crop since Britain joined the community and problems of sugar supplies from the Commonwealth

Milton country park, p3

1979 11 21

Star Brewery, p11

1979 11 22
Why have The Damned reformed and brought out a new album? The poor relations of the punk explosion were always written off as the archetypal sick-joke of the movement, lacking either the sustained power of The Clash or the sheer nihilistic obscenity of the Pistols. The first punk band out of the starting blocks and into the recording studio, they became the first to split up in a welter of accusations over the alleged dominance of writer / guitarist Brian James. Three years and three albums later, the left-overs are making a comeback. 'Machine Gun Etiquette' has all the sophistication and subtlety of a battery of heavy artillery and as the band's gig in Cambridge will no doubt show, still has a willing audience.

Comprehensive schooling, p13

1979 11 23
In almost every celebrated spy scandal since the 1950s there has been a thread leading back to 1930's Cambridge. Then, gripped in the gloom of economic depression as the clouds gathered for another war, many thinking people were in ripe mood for questioning the values of capitalism. Fascism was gathering ground under the leadership of Oswald Moseley (who spoke in Cambridge), there were hunger marches and many young men took part in the Spanish Civil War. In such a climate the KGB homed in on Cambridge as a breeding ground for espionage. – 79 11 23

1979 11 23
Madingley residents have protested against a plan to store ex-German military vehicles in a field next to the American Cemetery. It is already being used for storing about 150 former NATO vehicles and now the owners have applied for planning permission to store the German vehicles temporarily for a friend. They are part of a consignment of 800 being sent out to Saudi Arabia but there is a hold-up at the docks.

1979 11 23
Ducks have returned to the village ponds at Over after an absence of several years, thanks to the Parish Council. And despite an initial setback when two of the ducks were killed by a prowling fox the council hope the remaining brown Muscovys on Duce's & Sandpit Ponds will take a liking to their new environment. The original duck population was decimated as they were run over by cars while crossing the main road to be fed by a resident on the other side. Often they would sit in the middle of the road and not budge. But the problem of starving ducks may return, as they will have to be fed, just like their predecessors.

Tolls, p24

1979 11 24
Anthony Blunt, Britain's latest self-confessed spy has sprung a surprise and saved his old Cambridge college from embarrassment. For while he publicly declared that deprivation of his Honorary Fellowship at Trinity College would upset him much, he privately offered his resignation to the college Master. Very few dons were privy to his offer to resign and had gone in to the meeting all set for a long discussion. And so without any acrimony and after only a short discussion the 15-man college council closed the book on one of their most eminent – now infamous – members. Without any need to research their records for ancient precedent they erased his name as from the time of the meeting.

1979 11 24
Fen Ditton residents are bringing pressure to close the Horningsea junction on the Cambridge Northern By-pass, opened less than a year ago. They claim their village is being destroyed by the great influx of traffic, much of it heavy lorries, using the narrow winding road as a short-cut to the by-pass. Residents of the Dudley and Howard Road areas also complained that vast numbers of cars

flood through their estates. But councillors say that the point of the junction is to allow traffic to use the main road instead of going through the city streets.

1979 11 27
A group of Cambridge businessmen is prepared to pay the city council up to £1 million for the eight-acre cattle market site off Cherryhinton Road. They want to turn it into a new industrial estate. The site forms part of a large area of derelict land owned by the council and British Rail. Over the years the cattle market has shrunk and now occupies a small area near the main road. The council aims to provide accommodation for small industrial firms and keep close control over development, but some think the businessmen could do a better job and that the money would be 'very useful'

1979 11 27
An expectant mother enters Cambridge's Mill Road Maternity Hospital in one of two ways: through an archway of plastic urine bottles or under a boiler-house chimney stack. In the ante-natal clinic she will jostle for space with dozens of other mothers and give her personal details within earshot of whoever happens to be next to her. She may have to squeeze past other patients in the narrow corridor to take her urine sample to the little window. The corridors are bad enough for people of normal size to pass each other but pregnancy makes it nearly impossible. Should the birth prove difficult she may have to go to the theatre – an ex-Army hut wooden hut built for Dunkirk wounded during the war. The nurses find it a tough place to work, but they're proud of their record – they lose fewer babies than anywhere else in the country. – 79 11 27

1979 11 28
A bullock went on the rampage in Cambridge for several hours, terrifying pedestrians. The half-ton animal – destined for the slaughterhouse – nearly brought rush-hour traffic to a grinding halt. Armed police were called in and combed the city looking for it until a panda car driver spotted the animal running along the road in front of him. It charged in and out of the Eastern Counties bus station in Hills Road, knocked a pensioner off his bike and attacked two pedestrians in Station Road. Then with three police cars on its tail it was cornered in a garden at Highsett but escaped by leaping over a panda car and the chase started again. A wall was partly-demolished and three police cars damaged before it was finally herded into the cattle market pen.

1979 11 29
A further 15-mile stretch of the M11 between Bishop's Stortford and Stump Cross was opened yesterday. Saffron Walden's Town Clerk, Mr Malcolm White, said it must be good for the town and his only worry was that it could be used as an excuse to develop Stansted as London's third airport. He believed the new road, which in places has only two lanes, could not cope with the amount of traffic such an airport would bring. And police warned it could lead to more crime as robbers would come down from London, though they might stay on the M11 and attack towns to the north.

1979 11 29
A new mini-roundabout and one-way system designed to reduce traffic jams near Newmarket's clock tower junction has opened for a six-month experimental period. Traffic lights have been replaced and a new one-way system introduced in Exeter Road. "In Cambridge mini-roundabouts have worked extremely well and we hope they will work here" a council official said. At present a traffic warden or policeman is on duty at the junction in the mornings to keep traffic moving. But motorists must take care: there will be a lot of jockeying for positions and they must make clear signals

1979 11 30
Sawston council tenants are living in rusty steel houses – the result of a bulk buy 10 years ago by South Cambridgeshire District Council. The houses were built by Spicer's in the 1930s and bought by the council in the 1960s as a temporary accommodation. They are made of steel frames with steel plate infill panels riveted on but now many of the rivets have dropped out. In some places the steel plate has rusted so much that a fist can be put right through and tenants complain that they can hear

everything going on the neighbouring houses. The only solution is to remove the houses completely or use them as 'sin bins' – interior homes for bad tenants

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1979 12 03
Two moves to make the A45 Midlands-East Coast trunk road more attractive to lorry drivers have failed to win Government action. Councillors had asked the Minister of Transport to raise the lorry speed limit from the present 40 mph to 60 mph and remedy the present lack of services – fuel, food and lavatories. Although the road is dual carriageway from Cambridge to Ipswich the drivers find it unattractive and continue to use overburdened local roads such as the A604

1979 12 04
Cambridge councillors and top officials entered the Mayor's Guildhall office and retrieved documents he had impounded after a furious showdown earlier in the day. The documents relate to a bitter ten-year planning wrangle over plans for a house in Orchard Street. The seizure of the papers was described as an unprecedented step and now the Mayor has called for the Chief Executive and the City Secretary and Solicitor to be relieved of their duties until a full inquiry is held.

1979 12 05
Crucial meetings are to be held over plans for saving the Cambridgeshire sugar beet industry. Farmers are being asked to make ten percent cuts when they were already producing less than the present quota. The county has 63,000 acres of beet which is treated at factories like Ely before going on to processing outlets. It is a crop which confronts farmers with many uncertainties over prices for a highly mechanised crop which is expensive to harvest and vulnerable to weather and disease. But the biggest headache is the political wrangle now the Eurocrats of Brussels are casting their shadow over its future.

1979 12 05
The Downham Market by-pass, an important section of the multi-million pound A10 improvement plan has now opened. Together with the Denver-Southery improvements a full 10-miles of new road will be open by next spring, providing by-passes round all the important villages. Plans for a major improvement of the road between Brandon Creek and Littleport were however withdrawn in a review of roads policy last year

1979 12 05
The Duke of Edinburgh was cheered by more than 1,000 pupils when visited Sawston Village College to mark its 50th anniversary. But there to meet him were also some of the very first pupils of Britain's first village college which opened on 30th October 1930. They were Ron Brown who was number three on the register and is now a printing supervisor, Douglas Page now Marshall's chief pilot and Mrs Josephine Ling who has never really left and is now the school secretary. What started as a school with just 200 pupils now has 1,300 and is also attended by around 2,000 adults a week for evening classes, clubs and societies

1979 12 06
Villagers at Harston, Hauxton and Foxton were spellbound as they watched a swarm of unidentified flying objects dodging around the sky but the entertainment turned to fear when a massive UFO hovered low past the village pub where the regulars called in the police. People hid away indoors rather than face the brilliant flashing lights and others drove off the road to avoid being under the flight paths. Police say there was no local flying and an astronomer said that there had recently been a number of reports of unusual lights in the sky, though nothing like these – 79 12 06

1979 12 06

The bright lights of London have moved a step nearer for motorists with the opening of a new section of M11 motorway; around 10 miles of dual carriageway have also been built on the A10 since 1977 and there has been an extension to the A1 between Hatfield and Hendon. News reporters decided to put the alternative routes to the test with a drive from Cambridge to Marble Arch. The A1 road proved quickest at three hours six minutes, an average speed of 41 mph. The M11 took 43 minutes longer and the A10 was the slowest at an average speed of 29.5 mph

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The Ely-Littleport by-pass could be lost if there was too big a fight for last-minute changes, a councillor warned. The Ministry of Transport has omitted a link road between the by-pass and the A10 at Chettisham and because of this traffic bound for the north of Ely will have to enter along Downham Road and the narrow Egremont Street to get to most of the factory areas. But while a link road is desirable it is not essential and is economic. The council wants a lorry park at Chettisham which could form part of any future link road.

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Drummer Street, p1

1979 12 10
Corn Exchange, p3
UFO, p5
Cottenham, p10

1979 12 11
The landlord of the Star in Station Road Waterbeach did not want to put 'just another beer garden' behind his pub so he has installed a mini-menagerie. Already there are a range of pheasants, a couple of guinea fowl, two goats with a taste for beer, a dozen rabbits and a collection of fan-tail doves. Dave Halsey hopes to install a duck pond and a stable for a 17-hand white percheron horse. He has also become a hoarder of agricultural bygones and the pub is fitted out with various tack. People are always bringing him extra things to display on his walls.

1979 12 11
While Trinity, St John's and King's decide how to invest their multi-million incomes the all-women Lucy Cavendish College looks forward to the day when it can pay its staff their worth. Everyone is part time except the college bursar and the secretary. People are not paid anything like commercial rates and although bankruptcy isn't imminent they are not sure whether they will be a viable proposition in 50 years' time, says the new President, Lady Bowden.

1979 12 12
The old Doric Cinema at Newmarket has been transformed into a Variety Club. An evening's entertainment, including a four-course meal will cost about £10 per person for a really complete and enjoyable night. On New Years Eve there is a tribute to Elvis, featuring Claudette Newman and the New Jersey Express. Later attractions will include The Searchers, the Rockin' Berries and other bands that have performed all over Europe. Sunday evenings will be a mixture of country and western, jazz and rock and roll

1979 12 14
Still-born babies are being ferried by taxi from Cambridge's maternity hospital to the mortuary at Addenbrooke's Hospital because of inadequate facilities at Mill Road. Twice a week a hospital porter makes the grisly two-mile journey carrying an anonymous coffin – a small stone-coloured metal box. This morbid shuttle-service accounts for just a few of the two dozen emergency runs made each week by S & H Taxis, often with a police escort to beat the traffic jams.

'Wild West' drama, p5

1979 12 13
Weeks after the official opening of the latest section of the M11 motorway, traffic noise has driven the people of Wenden's Ambo to take action. Villagers noticed the noise as soon as the motorway opened; "It was such a quiet village before: now you cannot walk out of the door without hearing traffic roaring past, even at three in the morning", said Alan Lovett. They believe much of the noise comes from the concrete finish and want a quieter surface to be laid together with anti-noise fencing and double-glazing. Nor has it improved their connection with London: the nearest interchange is five miles away in the wrong direction.

Fulbourn bells, p11

1979 12 14
Still-born babies, p21

1979 12 15
Grantchester Meadows sale, p4

1979 12 17
Anger has mounted following the Government's announcement at Stansted Airport could be expanded to 15 million passengers a year. The fury is mingled with frustration because they intend to hold yet another public inquiry – despite two previous hearings having rejected large-scale growth. Essex county council want to know the precise limits, if any, the Government is proposing on eventual growth and the detailed proposals of the British Airports Authority for further development.

1979 12 17
A new report on the expansion of Stansted Airport says it would 'take in' the village of Molehill Green near Elsenham. 350 caravans would have to be removed and 170 houses destroyed. It also speaks of the 'loss' – whether through closure or demolition is not made clear – of two churches and 14 listed buildings. In all about 1,200 people might have to be displaced. The proposals do not involve re-aligning the runway. Road access to the M11 would take the form of a junction south of Bishop's Stortford and the road between Harlow and London would need to be widened to provide four lanes before the full 50 million passenger capacity was reached.

Salisbury Arms, p12-13

1979 12 18
Stansted plans, p5
Regent Street plans, p17

1979 12 19
Current proposals for expanding Stansted Airport do not mean the creation of a new town, planners say. It will require no more than 15,000 employees and these will be recruited from the ranks of those commuting to London. But another report says 15,000 new homes will be required resulting in an increase of 45,000 people when wives and children are taken into account. For the ultimate 50-million-passenger airport 70,000 homes would be needed for a population of 210,000.

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Thriplow grain plant, p4
Gipsy site, p10
Microfilm, p10

1979 12 22
Every Sunday morning the rector of Bartlow expects to see no more than half-a-dozen worshippers in the church. This does not bode well for the 14th-century church with its Norman round tower. Heating, lighting and insurance costs £6 a week. If it were made redundant a secular body would pour

money into it but the closure would cause great sadness to Bob Harvey who has been churchwarden for 22 years. He takes care of the building despite crippling arthritis in his hands. Restoration work must be carried out to the stonework and roof and this will cost about £3,000; half will come from grants, but only if the village meets the rest.

1979 12 24
Christmas punters on the Cam were astonished when confronted by a Royal Navy submarine laying quietly at anchor near Queens' College. HMS Zander, one of the new shallow-draught killer submarines arrived under the cover of darkness ending an incredible 10-hour voyage from the coast. The appearance of the sub, armed with the latest American missiles, marked the successful conclusion of a naval exercise designed to test its ability to navigate hostile waters undetected. [An article from a 'Spoof' supplement to the News of 24th December 1979]

Cambridgeshire grant, p3
'Boat people', p11

1979 12 27
'Red' Rudi Dutschke, the German revolutionary who provided Cambridge undergraduates with a cause celebre which rocked the university, has died. He slipped into Britain in 1968 for medical treatment for a bullet wound received during a demonstration in Berlin. He was offered a place at Clare Hall so that he could continue his studies here and did not take part in active politics. But when Home Secretary Reginald Maudling refused to allow him to stay dons protested and the Cambridge Students' Union mounted its first-ever national march in London. It was to no avail and Rudi left in 1971. But when Mr Maudling agreed to meet his critics it took the biggest security operation ever in Cambridge to protect the meeting at The Leys School. – 79 12 27

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1980 01 02
Hardwick café

1980 01 03
Cambridge University is facing a bleak future. After the austerity and penny-pinching of the 1970s the 1980s are heralded by contraction, cutbacks in finance and a warning that they should prepare for a reduction in student intake. This is a setback of immense proportions. In addition Government-imposed fee rises for overseas students are certain to reduce their numbers. Dons point out that their resources are not endless and cuts in teaching and research mean that present levels of operation are guaranteed only for the present year. Even if fortunes changed overnight the university would take some time to recover lost ground.

1980 01 03
Girton College has one of the country's most unusual orchards. It boasts about 153 trees representing 83 varieties of rustic English apples. The oldest are some Blenheim Orange apples which date back 90 years. They have been the pride and joy of Bill Stringer who is retiring after 32 years on the college staff. But the survival of the orchard could depend on the continuing interest of his successor. Already picking has become a problem with the loss of casual labour and there is no desire to use the apples for college meals as instant cooking phases out demand for apple dumpling or charlottes. In addition the college has sold land for the Cambridge Northern by-pass which will put pressure on the remainder as the student intake grows.

St John founder, p3
Ely garage, p10

1980 01 04
One of the strangest new shapes in the sky has lifted off the runway with its Elsworth designer, John Edgley sitting next to a test pilot. His aircraft, the Optica, has been nicknamed the Bug Eye because of its odd looks. The cabin is a Perspex bubble and it is designed to have the low-speed capability of a helicopter but be as cheap and easy to fly as a conventional light aircraft, making it an economical observation plane. Its future roles could include powerline inspection, fire-watching, traffic patrol and pleasure flying

Edwards etchings, p22
Gwydir Street VE, p24

1980 01 07
It is quite possible that by 1990 the people of Cambridgeshire will review the previous decade and say to themselves: "Weren't we lucky". By then the area's trunk-road system should be complete, the London-Cambridge main railway line electrified and Stansted Airport established as a convenient centre for domestic and international traffic. Of course the people of 1990 may say no such thing. South Cambridgeshire may be complaining of too much noise, too much house-building and rocketing house prices whereas areas of the fens may still lack the new jobs they need

Farmers watch bank, p3

1980 01 08
Transplantation, p8

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Tissue rejection, p7

1980 01 10
Customers at Cherry's Stores in Norwich Street, Cambridge, have said goodbye to the couple who have run the shop for 34 years. Lionel Cherry and his wife Kathleen took over in 1946 and built up a business which, in days when petrol was cheaper, offered a free delivery service to Newnham and Arbury. The shop was the place where Robert Sayle started as a draper and has been a grocers for more than 100 years, owned in all that time by just three shopkeepers. It will be the end of a long family connection with the trade. Mr Cherry's uncle had a shop on the junction of Arbury and Milton Roads which became known as Cherry's Corner

1980 01 10
Cambridge United has agreed to sell record goalkeeper, Alan Biley to First Division Derby for £450,000. The 22-year-old striker was signed on a free transfer from Luton five years ago. United manager John Docherty said "With our resources we cannot afford to hang on to players like Alan. We do not have the money to sign Jimmy Calderwood after spending £140,000 on George Riley. We have spent more than £200,000 this year".

1980 01 11
Clare Town Hall is in danger of collapsing over people's heads. Around £4,500 is required immediately to fix the leaking tiled roof but this is just the tip of the problem. The Edwardian-built hall is cold, bare and dank and needs money to be spent on it to make it more attractive. It does not provide facilities for things like snooker, badminton, plays and concerts. The only alternative is a purpose-build centre which could cost £80,000 excluding the land.

1980 01 11
Reports of a UFO which held Harston villagers spellbound have been received from other parts of the world. A researcher who investigated the phenomenon says they appear to be genuine descriptions of an unknown technology. Other reports have been received locally. Desmond January, a Cambridge estate agent, said he watched a line of three white lights which he thought at first were helicopters, but there was no noise and one shot away at right angles up into the sky. Another resident of Hauxton reported something similar that evening while on New Year's Day a lady described seeing a dark cylindrical object pass over her home in Hills Road, Cambridge. The following day two teenagers at Girton told of a light 'burning like magnesium ribbon'

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1980 01 12
Dr Russell Wortley, one of the country's best-known folklorists, has died. He was out with the Cambridge Morris Men for their Plough Monday celebrations when he collapsed. He was behind the revival of the custom of Molly dancing on Plough Monday; it had disappeared long ago but he revived it in its Jubilee year. On the national scene he was bagman (secretary) of the Morris Ring for many years in the 1950s. A former editor of the English Folk Song and Dance Society Journal he was an expert on folk music, seeking out and recording many local songs and dances. He also played a variety of old instruments.

1980 01 15
Self-sufficient homes, p4

1980 01 18
Cambridge Corn Exchange could be converted into a £1.5 million concert hall and entertainment centre after councillors voted to seek specialist advice. The Common Market is to be asked for a grant and the Arts Council will be approached for help. Some of the money the council hopes to raise from

the sale of surplus land and profits from the Lottery may also go towards it. There were several voices of dissent but Coun Maurice Garner said: "It is not an elaborate and grandiose scheme. The Corn Exchange is hardly fit for use today and we must take action

University Library friends, p16

1980 01 21
Skateboard – where did all the Cambridge wheelies go?, p7 – 80 01 21

1980 01 22
A man, described by the judge as a psychopath, was jailed for life for setting fire to St Mary Magdalene Church, Ickleton. He told the court he had decided to burgle Hinxton church but had panicked when he heard the organ being played and left, leaving behind his burglar's tools. He went to Ickleton and stole a set of handbells which he wrapped in a cassock before setting fire to the church using a candle. He was arrested while making his getaway. 80 01 22

1980 01 23
The Cambridge police Patrol Group was set up in 1977. It is allocated specific targets and is free to concentrate on them until the problems are solved. Following outbreaks of crime such as handbag snatching or stolen bicycles they will 'flood' an area in an intensive detection campaign. The results are impressive with 97 arrests in recent months and a drop of 400 in the number of crimes recorded last year coupled with an increase of 500 in the number of prisoners arrested. 80 01 23

1980 01 24
A shortage of water hampered firemen at Fulbourn when one of the biggest fires for many years caused about £100,000 damage to a garage workshop. The blaze left a trail of destruction including five cars that were little more than charred wrecks. It broke out in a converted Victorian railway goods store which once formed part of Fulbourn station. Only the shell survives now. Nearby was an industrial complex which included huge chemical and paint storage warehouses and a large agricultural engineering business. 80 01 24

1980 01 24
A cat-lover who has lived in a derelict pre-war bus for the last 10 years says she is being driven mad trying to find a proper home. She shares the converted double-decker with her cats at Button End, Harston. It has no electricity, no running water, no sanitation; the roof and sides are collapsing and water pours in when it rains. Because of the damp she is unable to live in the lower deck and the upper one is lit by oil lamps. For warmth and cooking she uses a small paraffin heater. She says her six cats have been persistently ill. Things were not so bad when she first bought the bus: "It was really quite sweet but then it suddenly started to go to pot after one rainy winter", she said. 80 01 24a

1980 01 24
Jim Borley is not the oldest working blacksmith in the area but at 80 he is defying old age with a daily stint at the Teversham forge where he still makes gates and pokers, quite apart from specialised fittings for a general engineering business carried on by his two sons. He still likes a pint – his thirst developed when his blacksmith's shop used to be opposite the local and he could see the landlord pulling pints as he sweated it out before the lunch break. The village did not let his birthday pass un-noticed and 120 guests crammed into a local hall for a knees-up with Jim setting them alight with some of his favourite Gilbert and Sullivan numbers and one or two saucier items. Jim works on. He will do so until he drops because he wants an interest, although he cannot shoe horses any more as bending is difficult. 80 01 24b

1980 01 25
An imaginative plan to breathe life into the redundant church of All Saints in Jesus Lane, Cambridge was unveiled by the Bishop of Ely. The diocese is seeking planning approval for an ambitious scheme to put most of the church back into regular use while retaining the architectural features that make it a

distinctive Victorian building. If the scheme does not go through, the only future for the church, was closed in 1983, will be demolition or as an empty shell requiring £100,000 of immediate repairs. 80 01 25

St Neots signal box, p12

1980 01 26
Ely station has again been chosen as the Motorail terminal for the whole of East Anglia. It will offer a Thursday and Saturday overnight service to Stirling. The service was switched from Cambridge and has been so successful there is now a doubt whether it will ever return. This season's fares will mean a car and family of four travelling by sleeper at peak times will pay £156.50 for return tickets. 80 01 26

1980 01 29
The ZX80 personal computer was launched by Sinclair research of Cambridge. It can be used in the office, the factory and the home. The creator, Mr Clive Sinclair, says any child of 10 with normal arithmetical ability could use it. The new machine is smaller than anything of comparable performance and also four times as cheap. In kit form it costs £77.95 and a completely-built version will be available in March at £99.95. It can be plugged into an ordinary television set or standard computers. The 'software' can be operated through a standard tape cassette and it comes with a 130-page, step-by-step manual. 80 01 29

Sewage, p7

1980 01 30
The new magistrates' courts, perched above the Lion Yard car park have been built to last for the next 100 years at a cost of £1.7 million. Some wonder how Cambridge managed to acquire such an expensive addition to the skyline in these times of stringent public spending cuts, the answer seems to be that it won its case just in time. Today the verdict would be different. After years of less-than-satisfactory courtroom conditions we have something of a showpiece. Compared to the old courts the new carpeted building is luxury itself. "From boarding house to Hilton" was how one prison officer described it. In fact the only criticism is that some people will consider the edifice 'too good'
80 01 30

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1980 02 01
George Arnold is carrying on a family tradition. For the last 40 years he has been pindar of Landbeach, a post his father held before him. He is responsible for rounding up any stray farm animals and locking them in the parish pound next to the church. The job is unpaid but he can charge owners for releasing the animals and sell unclaimed beasts after a month and keep the cash. The last time he had any animals in the pound was two years ago when six cows escaped from a field but he didn't have the heart to fine the owner. In the old days pindars could charge 6d for every animal; that was worth half a day's pay. 80 02 01

Dead bodies, p11

1980 02 02
Caxton magistrates sat for the last time before moving to the new court building at Lion Yard, Cambridge. Some looked back through their old records going back to 1863 when courts were sometimes held in a magistrate's house or the local pub. Sentences were severe, particularly for theft. One man was jailed for 14 days with hard labour in 1864 for stealing potatoes and next year a 13-year old from Chesterton was sent to a reformatory for three years for stealing a concertina worth five shillings. Cambridge City Magistrates Court in the Guildhall also closed; it had been the starting point for many trials but working conditions were now very difficult. 80 02 02

Drinking, p1

1980 02 05
A Cambridge housewife is walking on air following news that her first novel has been accepted for publication. Mrs Linda Sole has been writing for five years but now Robert Hale has accepted her manuscript and 'The Witch Child', a historical romance should be in book shops shortly. Mrs Sole originally wanted to be a journalist, but people talked her out of it. She will write under the pseudonym of Lynn Granville 80 02 05

1980 02 07
Cambridge Airport is preparing for their biggest-ever summer season of flights to the Channel Islands. Jersey European Airways, successors to Intra Airways which has operated the service for the past eight years is planning a weekly total of 14 return flights from April. Most passengers will travel by 48-seater turbo-prop Herald aircraft though a flight to Guernsey will be by a 60-seater Viscount 700 aircraft. Fares have risen steeply since last year. A peak adult return fare has gone up from £46 to £72. Flight time is one hour 20 minutes 80 02 07

Papworth, p11
Bungalows, p12

1980 02 08
Nearly 50 squatters crammed into a tiny room in a derelict house at Fitzroy Street, Cambridge, to stop council workmen from demolishing the building. City councillors were on the scene of the biggest confrontation between squatters and squads of police who failed to persuade them to move. Both sides are preparing for a long-drawn out confrontation. The workmen intended to demolish a whole row of property between Christchurch Street and Napier Street to make way for the first phase of the controversial Kite shopping and parking scheme. Councillors opposing the demolition are trying to see what action can be taken to halt the work. 80 02 08

1980 02 08
Albert Gillett is fast gaining the reputation as 'The Bird Man of the Fens'. At his home at Black Horse Drove he has a collection of almost 200 British and foreign birds. The air is filled with clucks, coos, quacks, squawks and screams from birds of every size and description. At the back door visitors are met by the odd goose looking for a tasty morsel or a few bantams. Mr Gillett, who runs the post office, started his collection three years ago. Now all the cages, aviaries, pens and runs are filled with pigeons, ducks, doves, love birds and parakeets, to name but a few. But he is hoping to add larger varieties such as parrots. 80 02 08a

Milton bridge, p16

1980 02 09
A dark spectre with a high collar and spiky hair has been terrifying staff at the Oyster Tavern in Northampton Street, Cambridge. The ghost has been seen twice in three weeks in the pub's downstairs bar by the manager's wife and a barmaid. They saw the figure standing in the middle of the bar about midnight; it did not move and they could not see any details of its clothes. The bar is the oldest part of the building and used to be a grocer's shop. There has been a history of strange happenings at the pub but they are not planning to have the ghost exorcised as it seems quite friendly. 80 02 09

Haverhill pool, p5

1980 02 11
A silent protest against Dr Billy Graham went wrong in Cambridge when students missed their man. The protesting Students Against Mass Indoctrination had waited for an hour but then marched off to

another church. Seconds later the Evangelist arrived at Great St Mary's Church with singer Cliff Richard and walked unnoticed into the church. Even the students who had been left behind did not realise they had missed their man. His address attracted a large crowd and many disappointed people had to be turned away at the door 80 02 11

1980 02 12
South Cambridgeshire District Councillors agreed an extension to their offices costing nearly £1½ m in spite of opposition which claimed the move was ill-timed in the light of Government cuts. At present their administration is divided between Great Eastern House, in Station Road and South Cambridgeshire Hall about a quarter of a mile away. The aim is to sell off this site for offices which would help offset costs of the new council chamber and car park. But some say there would be more advantages in developing a site outside Cambridge with a city office to deal with the public. 80 02 12

1980 02 13
Census, p13

1980 02 14
The old University hockey ground in Newnham hasn't been played on for years, but the pavilion was used as headquarters for various groups until 14 months ago. Since then it's stood idle and is now vandalised – a tragic misuse of facilities. The University sold the site to Granta Housing Society in order to raise money to buy more urgently needed land in the west of Cambridge and they now have planning permission for 53 homes with building scheduled to go ahead any day now. They have offered the University Hare and Hounds Society the use of the pavilion again but the cross-country club, who now meet at the bottom of a staircase in Queens' College say it needs too much work. 80 02 14

Taxis, p9

1980 02 15
Ciba-Geigy is planning a new railway link to their site at Duxford which would mean 13,000 fewer lorries passing through local villages. At present the plastics factory is served by two sidings, one in Great Chesterford and the other at Whittlesford. Loading and unloading is carried out by a fleet of lorries including a tanker for highly inflammable methanol. Their journeys lead through narrow winding streets. But if they obtain a rail freight facilities grant it would provide a spur line into the site; however they need permission for a railway crossing on the Hinxton road. Nearly everybody likes the idea. 80 02 15

1980 02 16
A major row over whether Papworth Hospital's heart unit should be moved to Cambridge has escalated. Consultants want it to be moved to Hills Road with all its specialist and support facilities but officials from two Area Health Authorities say the site is already overcrowded. There is an upper limit of 950 beds at New Addenbrooke's and already have to fit in a replacement for Mill Road Hospital and a psychiatric unit. They believe Papworth should be transferred to the new Hinchinbrook Hospital 80 02 16

1980 02 19
A butcher's run by the Griggs family for three generations is closing because of new more stringent health regulations, though there have been no complaints about hygiene standards. Ickleton, which one had a wide range of shops, will be reduced to a grocer's and a post office & the 500 villagers will have to travel to Sawston or Saffron Walden. The problem arises because the Council wanted an extension for lavatories and hand basins for the two men working in the shop who currently use the facilities in the owner's home. But the shop is not making enough profit to pay for it. 80 02 19

Barley pub, p9

1980 02 20
One of Cambridgeshire's few remaining traditional bakers, Mr John Edward Wright (known as Ted) has died. He built up the Copper Kettle firm & supplied bread to shops all over Cambridge. He moved to Haddenham at the end of the war and later opened a bakery and shop in Halifax Road, Cambridge as well as in Sutton & Cottenham. He also ran the Copper Kettle tea shop at one time. He always took great pride in the fact that his bread was always made the traditional way with no additives 80 02 20

1980 02 20
The owner of Ronelles disco restaurant in Lion Yard Cambridge is delighted with the response to the Caribbean / Polynesian theme used in the décor. He felt there was no point in providing first-class surroundings, a sophisticate atmosphere and good meals if they were to allow customers to come there in jeans and sweaters. So he warned that "scruffs" would be turned away. Would-be members are also vetted before being accepted. Admission varies from £2 to £3 and main courses in the restaurant vary from chargrilled chicken at £2.40 to duck a l'orange at under £5. Bar prices are only a few pence above the average 80 02 20a

1980 02 22
Cambridge Western by-pass has opened nearly five years after the tape was cut on the first section of the M11. It has been held up by public inquiries, redesigned and delayed for lack of cash. It has suffered strikes, torrents of rain and banks of snow. But the greatest single event in its history was the public inquiry which achieved notoriety as the longest-ever hearing in the British Isles. It took 72 days of hearings spread over six months to explore every nook, cranny and cubbyhole to the horizons of tedium and beyond. At the finish the Inspector remarked "I do hope I survive long enough to write my report. For all your sakes" 80 02 22a

1980 02 22
Everyone knows what the impact of the M11 will be. It will make most villages quieter, and Cambridge less congested; it will send up house prices and increase London commuting; it will encourage travel and assist local industry; it will attract more industry; and it will mean more crime. The big question in every case is 'to what extent'. And here no one knows the answer. More commuting will mean more new homes but these will be for first-time buyers who require the lowest-possible price housing which will lead to mean construction and tight estates. This will bring a hostile reaction from the established residents. And many will discover they have overestimated their ability to afford commuting and mortgage costs and are forced to move elsewhere. 80 02 22b

1980 02 26
Already the new Western Bypass is having the desired effect in the Castle Hill area of Cambridge. Thomas Whitelaw whose window overlooks the street said: "Normally the heavy traffic starts at about 7.30 am and you get convoys of 12 to 15 heavy lorries every few minutes sending vibrations right through the house. Now it is much quieter". But in Wendens Ambo villagers are demanding a new road surface, soundproof barriers and double glazing, saying the peace and quiet of their village has been ruined since the new section of the M11 opened nearby 80 02 26

1980 02 26
Squatters have become a way of life in parts of Cambridge. A bloke called Bleep started it all in 1975 when he somehow entered 13 James Street and called it home. Squatting in the Kite had begun. Numbers swelled, including students, doctors, nurses, research students and the unemployed. They came simply because they were homeless and the Kite had lots of empty houses which could stay empty for years until the time came for demolition. A lot of residents are sympathetic and appreciate having people squatting rather than an empty property next door to them. Some who have left the area have handed over their keys or deliberately left doors open 80 02 26a

1980 02 27
Senior dons at Girton are pursuing an astonishing plan to link their college with Cambridge by railway. They are proposing a mono-rail link which would run mainly at ground level on university

and college-owned land to the Sidgwick Avenue arts site and University Library. The main difficulties are the high cost of the project, which would need to cross the Huntingdon and Madingley Roads and the delicate negotiations with other colleges. The college's undergraduates have to cycle two miles in all weathers to attend lectures and many have been injured in road accidents. But two recent changes may ensure it is never built: the opening of the Western By-pass has reduced the amount of traffic and there will soon be a cycle lane. 80 02 27

1980 02 28
Witcham wizardry, p12

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Agricultural land prices, p19

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1980 03 03
Despite Dick Emery's popularity on television his show at Cambridge Sports was a non-event. Here was an ageing gentleman telling hoary old jokes; his material was awful, he meandered off stage, down into the hall, like a lost soul searching for intimacy. Of course there were Emery fans in the house who laughed and applauded his patter and a couple of comic characterisations – an old man and a flashily-dressed gossiping woman. But the funniest moment saw the old girl lifting her dress to reveal Union Jack knickers. Any artist is likely to die the proverbial stage death when he comes up against an audience as receptive as last week's plum pudding and the Hall's acoustics didn't help. This was one occasion when a Cambridge audience belied its reputation for generosity. As for the supporting acts – well it's charitable to be brief 80 03 03

1980 03 04
Seat belts, p9

1980 03 06
No-one can accurately foresee what will happen in eight years from now – which is the time span said to be needed for Stansted Airport to expand to 15 million passengers a year. This means taking another 1500 acres of land to accommodate a new terminal and better access facilities. In addition the Government invites the Airports Authority to define another 2,500 acres to allow for a second runway capable of handling 25 m passengers and ultimately a stage three to handle 50 m passengers a year. In short they have put forward a plan to make Stansted a third major airport for London 80 03 06a

1980 03 07
Traffic scheme, p11

1980 03 10
A new pub has opened at Over; before last summer the building was just a tumbledown farm hand's cottage, now it is the Poplar Farm Inn. The whole place was gutted with new ceilings and furniture installed by the landlord and a couple of lads from the village. None had any experience in the building trade and learned as they went along. In the week it has been open the pub has been packed out every night and there are plans to introduce bar snacks and a restaurant. 80 03 10

1980 03 11
The University Arms Hotel, Cambridge, will be using some of the latest technology in solar heating to help provide hot water and cut fuel bills. Solar panels will be built on the roof. Water pumped through them is heated by the sun's radiation and stored in a 2,000 gallon tank. The oil bill for the hotel only drops by half in the summer even though no central heating is used, last year it was £27,000. Now they hope the new £25,000 scheme will become economic within a few years. They are also looking at heat exchangers to make use of wasted heat from the laundry. 80 03 11

1980 03 12
The Cambridgeshire Hunt's most distinguished member is Col. Geoffrey Hurrell. He has been High Sheriff, Lord Lieutenant, President of the East of England Agricultural Association and an organiser of the Horse of the Year Show. On the day before his 80th birthday he rode alongside fellow hunters at Abbotsley. He was presented with two bottles of vintage port by the chairman of the Hunt Supporters' Club as a token of thanks for his wholehearted support of the hunt. Col Hurrell said: "I would not have lived half so long if I had not been so well looked after and had so many friends. This hunting business keeps you young." 80 03 12

1980 03 13
More details have been released of the amazing project to run a mono-rail between Girton College and Cambridge. The Swiss system employs a steel rail carried on concrete pillars about 20 feet above the ground. Electrically-powered trains carrying 100 people in two 50-seater cars would run five journeys each way at rush hour at a speed of 30 mph. It would do the journey in five minutes. The train would not be obtrusive and would make less noise than a motorcar. The scheme would cost about £500,000 and need a private Act of Parliament. 80 03 13

1980 03 13
New plans for Drummer Street bus station have provoked widespread criticism from councillors. The two-storey building to accommodate offices and waiting facilities is a large transparent structure with a domed roof. But Coun Peter Wright said: "It looks like a large greenhouse; to see anything like that going up in the middle of a conservation area is absolutely unbelievable". Maurice Garner said: "I cannot say I like it – but nothing can be worse than what we have". It would be difficult for handicapped people to reach the upper floor waiting rooms. 80 03 13a

1980 03 13
Villagers do not often welcome the idea of urbanisation – but that is what Fowlmere did eight years ago when they approved plans to increase their population. County Planners put aside extra land for housing saying that with the completion of the M11 there would be increased demand from commuters wishing to live there. But the Hunting Gate project was rejected by SCDC, which did not believe the development was needed locally. Now a Government Inspector has approved it; some of the houses in the £33,000 price range have already been reserved. 80 03 13b

1980 03 14
It has been a remarkable 24 hours for Papworth Hospital; first came the surprise donation of £300,000 from David Robinson, the Newmarket multi-millionaire which assures their heart transplant programme until 1982 and then Government announced another £100,000 to be spent on the operating theatres and other improvements. This makes Papworth the country's only Government-funded heart transplant centre. The news delighted Mr Terence English and his transplant team. 80 03 14

1980 03 14
Multi-millionaire David Robinson gives away money, but little else. His donation to fund heart transplants at Papworth is his second gift to Cambridge after Robinson College. But there could have been a third gift of £3 million for a concert hall. The deal fell through after hard words in 1977. He also withdrew an offer to fund a swimming pool in Newmarket. Today having sold his jet, his Scottish estate and string of racehorses he lives in a modest bungalow. Being mentioned in newspapers dismays Mr Robinson but his sheer acts of generosity have brought him publicity and his name has been immortalised in the title of the college he founded. 80 03 14a

1980 03 14
Railwayman Charlie Langford is going to have a comfortable retirement thanks to the passengers who pass through Shepreth station. For at a surprise presentation in the Plough pub he was given his favourite office chair as a gift from the commuters who use the line. "I will use it instead of my armchair, it's much more comfortable' he said. He was also given a painting of the station and a first-day cover with British Rail commemorative stamps. 80 03 14c

1980 03 14
Waffles' waffles have been selling like hot cakes in Cambridge for seven years. Now the small Kite café has been mentioned in the Egon Ronay guide 'Just A Bite'. "Queues of hungry students form outside the door every evening at this most welcoming of little cafes", it writes. But Waffles' days at its present address are numbered because the little shop on the corner of Gold Street and Fitzroy Street is marked for demolition as part of the Kite redevelopment programme. Set in a devastated urban wasteland of rubble and decaying brick the café with its steamy windows, Edwardian interior and babbling conversation provides a friendly island of humanity. 80 03 14d

1980 03 17
More than 2,000 people marched through Cambridge on Saturday to protest at plans to site Cruise missiles in East Anglia. Shoppers watched the protestors, who included political and religious groups such as Quakers and Japanese Buddhist monks. They carried models of a missile and a nuclear submarine. It was the biggest demonstration for years and was followed by a debate between Defence Secretary Francis Pym and prominent peace campaigner Lord Soper. 80 03 17

1980 03 19
Ely has got its traffic problems neatly sorted out nowadays. On Thursdays it is more difficult to park because of the market which is a big attraction. But for the rest of the week the market square is available for free parking and it us quite easy to find a space. Day-trippers with the energy to spare might still prefer to park in the huge car park below the cathedral. One of the most interesting developments has been an important warehouse and industrial development close to the centre whose occupiers include Dorman Sprayers, Verl Vale Ltd and Powerstream Engineering. 80 03 19

1980 03 21
Villages either side of the A505 trunk road have been given a reprieve from plans which would have meant an enormous increase in traffic. The road which runs from Luton via Baldock and Royston, is already the most heavily used single-carriageway road in Cambridgeshire and was to have become part of a major trunk route from South Wales to the East Coast ferry ports. But now the Government says work is unlikely to go ahead because of cuts in the road-building programme. 80 03 21a

An 18th-century house in Abbotsley was destroyed in a £40,000 blaze. Caldecote Lodge, built mainly of timber, was burnt to the ground leaving just the brick chimney stacks standing. The house, a former hunting lodge, was empty at the time. Vic Roberts, landlord of the Plough Inn, said "It is tragic for the village because it was a beautiful old building" 80 03 21b

A row of medieval cottages in Silver Street Ely are to be given a new life in a programme of restoration by Cambridgeshire Cottage Improvement Society that will return them to the condition of 'desirable homes'. They were bought some years ago by the late H.C. Hughes, a Cambridge architect, who devoted much energy to the restoration of old buildings. When he died he bequeathed them to the Society in the hope they would carry out his original intention of seeing them restored. It has been a period of crisis for the Society because the market for old cottages has spiralled beyond their means and through the death of their tireless chairman, Geoffrey Wood. 80 03 21c

1980 03 24
Rail transport enthusiasts who want the Cambridge to St Ives branch line re-opened have hired a 10-coach Inter-City train. It will set off from Swavesey station and call at Longstanton, Oakington and Histon before running non-stop to Liverpool Street. The branch line closed to passengers in October 1970 but the track has been kept open by block freight trains carrying Spanish oranges and pulp to Cadburys at Histon and bringing out sand from Amey Roadstone. But the track has recently been lifted beyond Fen Drayton and the station site at St Ives has been obliterated by the new by-pass. 80 03 24

1980 03 26

Cambridge firemen have uncovered a word puzzle hidden under layers of paint on one of their fire engines. The Rolls Royce-powered Dennis was being restored for displays when what appears to be Arabic lettering was revealed on a locker door. Now the county fire authority wants to know how it got there. They bought the machine brand new in 1952 at a commercial vehicle show and think it might have been lettered on one side to attract wealthy Middle-Eastern buyers. 80 03 26a

1980 03 26
A new survey of four villages near Newmarket has revealed than none has a gas supply, a doctor's surgery, dispensing chemist, library or secondary school – facilities which city-dwellers take for granted. The trend towards less labour has resulted in many cottages and farm houses being sold or rented to non-farming people. Agricultural workers and the gathering of mums at the school gate have disappeared, accelerating the decay of village life. Public transport has been reduced restricting other employment prospects. Incentives are need to encourage private enterprise to invest in village life 80 03 26b

1980 03 27
When Saffron Walden town clerk Malcolm White got a phone call to say that the council owned an aeroplane he suspected the caller was pulling his leg. But he went to Cleales' old motor yard and found a dummy aeroplane that had been given by veterans of the USAF based at Debden during the war. It consisted of a fuselage made from an old bomber fuel tank with wings welded on. The plane is trapped in a 'nosedive' position because of a tree growing up and around it. The council has now to decide what to do with it. 80 03 27a

Easter eggs, p8

1980 03 28
Cambridge's new £1½ million magistrates' courts above the Lion Yard multi-storey car park were officially opened by Prince Philip. Although he claimed to have stopped being surprised at anything he was obviously amused that they had been built on top of a car park, but said that it was often the most eccentric ideas which were the best. He hoped they would be required as little as possible 80 03 28a

1980 03 28
Cambridge United's dramatic transformation from Fourth Division minnows to a respected Second Division club has brought them to heights undreamed of just a couple of years ago. But the shock resignation of two directors raises nagging doubts. They fear the club might be in danger of over-reaching itself financially. There have been examples of clubs sinking back to the lower reaches of the Football League with players' contracts acting like millstones around their necks. However if they had not taken risks they would not probably have been in the Football League today. 80 03 28b

Histon merger, p7
Fire engine, p14
Rosemary branch, p28

1980 03 29
A big security operation surrounded Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and the German Chancellor, Helmut Schmidt, when they flew into Cambridge to attend the 30th Anglo-German Conference which is being held in the city. Their two helicopters landed within minutes of each other on the lawns of Trinity College and the Queen's Flight fire service stood by in case of emergency. They were then whisked to the dinner in a heavily-guarded police convoy 80 03 29

Ronelles, p4

1980 03 31

A 250-strong cavalcade of motor cyclists rode through Cambridge in a protest against the helmet-wearing law. But police were lying in wait and the ride ground to a halt while a dozen riders were booked for not wearing helmets. The protest organised by the Motor Cycle Action Group continued with a police motor cycle escort who held up traffic so that they could all stay together. The Group plans to take their protest to the court of human rights in Strasbourg. 80 03 31

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1980 04 02
A1-m1 link, p1
Litlington school, p1

1980 04 03
With the Common Market haggling over the amount of sugar Britain should be allowed to grow more than 2,250 Cambridgeshire growers have been getting on with the job of drilling this year's crop. The British Sugar Corporation has the capacity to deal with 1.12 million tonnes of sugar from home-grown beet but the EEC want to reduce the total output, which could put smaller factories like Ely out of business. Some kind of compromise will probably be reached but the sugar mountain is getting nearly as bad as the butter and beef surpluses and farmers are nervous 80 04 03

Hot-cross buns, p11

1980 04 08
Plans for a community bus to serve the scattered villages to the west of Huntingdon have run into opposition from Whippet Coaches. The West Hunts Community Bus is the result of a County Council study to improve transport and would be operated by Keyston Coaches using a brand new coach. There will be seven main services with a set destination but each could follow a variable route to cater for local demand. Passengers will be able to book buses by telephone 80 04 08a

A march to the American base at Lakenheath by 400 people protesting at the proposed siting of nuclear Cruise missiles in East Anglia passed off peacefully. A letter of protest was handed to the base commander while the protestors listened to speeches. One note of discord among the banners proclaiming 'Uncle Sam, Take your Missiles and Scram' and 'American Roulette' was a group of young people displaying a banner with the words 'Yes to Missiles' 80 04 08b

1980 04 09
Hartford sign, p8

1980 04 10
Major alterations have been made to the Cambridge Arms in King Street ensuring the conservation of the old Cambridge Brewery building which has stood semi-derelict since brewing ceased in 1925. It was established by George Scales in 1866 and then supplied 13 public houses. The new Scales Bar extends beneath the old brewing floor and features brick arches which supports the heavy coppers and chimney on the upper level. Various items of brewing equipment that were removed for safe keeping have now been returned and are displayed. 80 04 10

Foxton church model, p5
St Neots library, p10

1980 04 14
Stoke-by-Clare is the home of the Lusitano Stud and Equestrian Centre, the only stables to offer dressage instruction using horses trained strictly along classical lines. Lord Henry Loch has built a range of stables and a huge Olympic size indoor school behind his Queen Anne farmhouse. People come to stay in the house and receive four hours intensive schooling each day. They receive luxury

treatment including breakfast in bed and high-class cuisine; but this is expensive. The cost of a ten-day course for both horse and rider is £460. 80 04 14

1980 04 17
When the word first went out that a major feature film, 'Chariots of Fire' was seeking 150 undergraduates for a couple of day's filming in Cambridge the film-makers found themselves oversubscribed. But the response from other sections of the University was less enthusiastic. Gonville and Caius and Trinity College have refused to allow filming and several 'Cambridge' scenes are being shot at Eton 80 04 17

1980 04 19
Papworth Hospital will almost certainly be rehoused at New Addenbrooke's Hospital and not at Hinchinbrook Hospital. For months there has been a dispute over the relocation of the heart transplant hospital with the doctors preferring Cambridge and the administrators Huntingdon. But any re-siting won't be for the next 10 years at least as the Health Authority is to spend £1 million improving all aspects of Papworth. This will allow Mill Road Maternity Hospital and other departments to transfer to Addenbrooke's 80 04 19a

Mill Road Library, Cambridge, which faced closure three years ago, has been given a new lease of life with a £30,000 facelift. During the five-moth renovation work the library staff operated from temporary mobile quarters, which on one occasion collected a parking ticket. The library includes a new community meeting room in place of the old reading room. County councillor Jean Ganczarski who protested against the planned closure said; "It is very good to think the building has now got a new life" 80 04 19b

Nearly £330,000 would have to be spent to save the old railway station at Newmarket. It was built in 1848 and described as 'the most sumptuously baroque station of the early Victorian decades" but it has been empty for 18 years and parts of it are in a dangerous condition. Now a Construction Company wants to demolish it and build 25 houses and 27 flats on the site. A number of amenity groups want the station to be saved but the owner says it would be better to demolish it and preserve part of the façade in a museum. 80 04 19c

1980 04 21
An entirely new kind of telephone has been developed by Patcentre International of Melbourn. It uses a high-frequency radio link which would 'beam up' to a microwave receiver installed on an ordinary telephone poles or high buildings. A user wanting to make a call would simply stand under one, dial and speak. The cost of his call would automatically be added to his bill. The company think it has a real future but might take time to get accepted and production is years into the future. 80 04 21

Queen's awards, p3

1980 04 22
Owners of 23 houses near Stansted Airport are receiving an invitation to sell from the British Airports Authority. The houses would be bought at market prices and probably demolished; disturbance compensation would also be paid. The offer comes well in advance of detailed plans for the airport expansion which are expected in July. B.A.A. say that although a Government decisions is not expected for another three years they wanted to let local people know what was involved as soon as possible. 80 04 22a

East Anglia's railway branch lines, untouched since the Beeching axe, face a cutback this summer because of rapidly increasing running costs, deteriorating track and rolling stock and a cut in Government grants. Although Cambridge-based services will not be the first to go, there are signs that they could be affected. It is known that British Rail has been studying a scheme to close a section of the Ely-Norwich line which serves Shippea Hill, Lakenheath and Brandon stations. 80 04 22b

Hunstanton home, p10

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1980 05 13
The News and its sister newspapers are back in production after a seven-week national pay-and-hours dispute which resulted in the loss of 1.75 million copies. The dispute was over wages. The National Graphical Association wanted a flat £80 a week basic and a 37½ hour week. The employers' side offered £75 a week and a reduced working week by 1982. A union official welcomed the agreement and said he was pleased that at Cambridge they had had none of the agro of other newspapers around the country. 80 05 13b

Wallis' garage, which has been on the same site in Cambridge for 40 years, is to close in July. The managing director said the decision stemmed from adverse trading conditions and that he had already cut the price of second-hand cars on sale. The garage also sells new Lancias. The premises at Mitcham's Corner are up for sale. The garage has show-rooms, petrol pumps and an accessory shop together with a repair side which is thriving in spite of other problems with the car trade. 80 05 13a

A 90-year-old family tradition has been broken with the retirement of Wood Ditton landlord Mr Jack Holland. It was in the 1890s that his grandfather first took over the tenancy of the Three Blackbirds. He was succeeded by his daughter Edith and her husband Laurie Holland. Then in 1958, when his mother retired, Jack and his wife Alice took over. But now the brewery, Tolly Cobbold, has turned down his son Kenneth in favour of a different landlord. Ken, an electrician, is not too disappointed; he had simply wanted to keep the pub in the family. 80 05 13c

Landbeach church has received a £2,098 grant for repairing its medieval windows. The tracery lights of three south aisle windows are being cleaned and releaded and an east window, which has been attacked by lichen harmful to the glass, is to be treated with fungicide. Other contractors are continuing repairs to the rest of the building following the theft of lead from the roof last year. 80 05 13e

TUC day of action, p1
Shelford riot, p10

1980 05 14
Villagers in Histon have rallied round to save part of their heritage. Chivers-Hartley turned off their factory hooter after complaints about noise but this sparked a storm of protest from villagers who claimed it has acted as an alarm clock for more than 100 years apart from the last war when it was used as an air-raid siren. It sounds for 20 seconds, four times a day. Now after a petition in protest and a flood of letters the hooter has been re-instated 80 05 14a

The picturesque Houghton Mill youth hostel will close in 1983 unless more cash can be found. The 1,000-year-old timber-fronted building, which is owned by the National Trust, has proved too expensive to maintain. The Youth Hostel Association has been operating there since 1934; it is responsible for the repairs and maintenance and faces an enormous task to raise the necessary money. The relatively low fees – just £2 for an adult per night – have aggravated the cash problem. 80 05 14b

1980 05 15
The 'Viscountess Bury', best-known pleasure boat on the Cam is in danger of leaving the river – only eight years short of her centenary. Banham Marine have decided to advertise it for disposal on the Thames. It was launched as a battery-powered vessel at Chiswick in 1888 and was patronised by Edward VII. It was bought by H.C. Banham in 1910, fitted with a petrol engine and sailed up the

North Sea to the Wash, narrowly escaping loss in a storm outside Wells. Since 1911 she has been regularly used for club outings and private festivities. 80 05 15a

The TUC Day of Action was ignored by thousands of trade unionists in the Cambridge area who turned up for work as normal. But this failed to dampen the spirits of those who organised the protest against Government policies. The highlight was a mass public meeting in Market Square, preceded by a march through the city by 250 trade unionists. It was the biggest turn out the organisers can remember in Cambridge; when May Day marches were held there were fewer on the march than attended a normal trades council meeting 80 05 15b

1980 05 17
Haddenham Farmland Museum has been saved from closure by the generosity of a local firm. Ideson's Garage, Stretham, in conjunction with Lada cars has stepped in and offered half the amount the museum needs to stay alive and extend its facilities and a number of large companies have offered the remaining sponsorship. It will enable the museum to expand to cater for larger groups, including school children 80 05 17

1980 05 20
The demolition of houses and shops in the Kite area of Cambridge and the eviction of squatters have been stopped by the city council's new Labour administration. Lawyers are examining the future of the controversial £15 million shopping and parking scheme. The Kite Co-ordinating Group which has been leading opposition to the scheme will publish an alternative development plan aimed at retaining the character of the area. Labour wants more housing and less shopping and parking in the area 80 05 20

1980 05 21
Cambridge customers who have missed their Mitcham's Corner branch of Barclays' Bank over the past two and a half years will be delighted to visit their brand new premises with its large car park. On the ground floor is the main banking hall housing 10 cashier positions and one Foreign till. There will be two receptionists to help customers with their enquiries, whilst two managers and two assistant managers have offices on the first floor. 80 05 21

1980 05 22
Cambridgeshire County Council may soon own the largest fleet of big electrically-powered library vehicles in the world. An experiment started a year ago has proved so successful that the Library Service now wants to dispose of its entire fleet of diesel and petrol-powered vehicles and go electric altogether. The new vehicles would be twice as fast as the present 17 mph vehicle which has proved to be at least £1,000 a year cheaper to run that the others and been free from breakdowns. 80 05 22a

When Margot and Derek Andrews gave up their teaching jobs to set up as potters at Prickwillow they didn't set out to make a fortune. But they have achieved their own independent world where they make a living by their craftwork. Now after five years they find that most of their orders come from people who look around the workshops; a number arrive on boating holidays and more come in groups in the evening. This is something they never originally envisaged and they now serve cups of coffee to visitors. 80 05 22b

1980 05 23
St Thomas' Hall, a new community centre in Ancaster Way, Cambridge was opened by the Mayor who said mistakes had been made in the past where facilities were not provided on big estates, but good intentions were one thing and money another. In 1975 a city council plan was dropped for lack of cash but St Martin's parish church came up with an offer to build it and much of the money came from gifts and donations. It was designed by Brian Hogg, a church elder and includes a hall seating 100. 80 05 23a

The unveiling of a village sign will clear up an argument which has raged for years. Ancient records show that the hamlet was named Pimore but over the years it had become either Pymore or Pymoor, according to fancy. Most local people spell it 'o-o-r' but the clerk of Lt Downham Parish Council says he uses 'o-r-e' and always will do. Two signs in the village both spell it differently. But now a new wooden sign has been carved, reading 'Pymoor'. It will be unveiled at Pymore Hill. The name means 'flies over a bog' 80 05 23b

Willingham school bell, p9

1980 05 24
There is little chance that Cambridge will have a new maternity hospital before 1988. Plans to resite it had been agreed in 1961 but constantly deferred because of lack of funds. The Government says there is no doubt the present buildings in Mill Road are dreadful and the facilities inadequate. Ways are being found to relieve some of the pressure; pregnancies would no longer be terminated there – giving more beds – and the closure of the Grange maternity unit at Ely means that more midwives were available so more mother could give birth at home. 80 05 24a

The controversial Kite redevelopment scheme has hit yet another stumbling block and work is unlikely to start at all this year. Cambridge's new Labour administration, which objects to the £15 million shopping and parking scheme now claims there could be very serious difficulties in the way of the development. But the developers, Grosvenor Estates, say it intends to press ahead with the project agreed by the previous Conservative council. 80 05 24b

1980 05 27
Time has been called on Jack and Ivy Wallwork who are retiring after 29 years at the Jolly Brewers pub in Haslingfield. The pub was dead when they first arrived and only took £15 in the first week. But over the years they have given it a welcoming homely appearance which has proved popular with customers. Jack hopes to continue providing the pubs shellfish speciality and Ivy will continue her darts – she plays in the ladies team and captains the men's 80 05 27

1980 05 28
Once over the railway bridge Cambridge's Mill Road takes on the atmosphere of a village. The roads and pavements widen and in spite of the busy traffic, the pace of life seems to slacken. It is a street where you can enjoy sauntering along, enjoying the many and varied shops. There is K.S. Neale which specialises in door handles and locks, David Neech's where you can buy an electric organ and Surefit the stretch cover specialists. Cornwell's is a fascinating shop to browse through looking for bargains, piled from floor to ceiling with new and second-hand furniture 80 05 28 & a

1980 05 29
Great Gransden may be left without petrol supplies for Esso is ending its supply contract with the only garage in the village, run by William Merrill, who is trying to organise an alternative supplier. They had been supplying the garage for more than 30 years but have decided it is no longer economic. At the moment petrol is £1.36 for four star but some of the smaller suppliers might charge 5p more. "I don't want to be charging that sort of price", Mr Merrill said. 80 05 29

1980 05 30
Mothers in the Ely area cannot have their babies at home despite assurances this would compensate for the closure of the Grange maternity unit. Parliament was told that most mothers would now be expected to use the RAF Hospital freeing midwives for home deliveries. But there are none capable of providing 24-hour cover and the RAF hospital is not staffed to provide a flying squad. The nearest cover is at Mill Road, Cambridge where there is one midwife working a 40-hour week and the other who backs her up has a 10-mile radius to cover. 80 05 30a

'Roundabout East Anglia', the BBC's early-morning programme was launched in 1974 as the local newspaper of the air. But now it has been axed leaving Cambridge without any local radio service.

The final programme included a nostalgia spot recalling the days when Chris Trace and Tony Scase worked there. Hundreds of listeners have written letters of condolence saying it was comforting to wake up with a familiar voice, some breezy story from the fens and a batch of other people's views on the region's social and economic climates. Now the Corporation has saved another fraction of a penny on the licence fee 80 05 30b

1980 05 31
The Carioca building on Newmarket Road, Cambridge has had a chequered history, from non-conformist chapel to furniture store and now night-club. When it first opened in March 1978 it did a roaring trade into the early hours but has been plainly feeling the impact of the opening of Ronelles' in Lion Yard. It offers a restaurant, disco and dance floor together with a games room with bar billiards and juke box for a membership charge of 10p a week. Drinks are cheaper than pub prices but the choice of draught beers – Tolly's Cobbold and Younger Tartan – is disappointing. 80 05 31

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1980 06 04
An estate of 13 flatlets for retired licensees was officially opened behind the Milton Arms Hotel, Cambridge. It has been named John Clarke Court after a former director of Greene King Brewery which gave the land. The homes were built by the publicans' charity, the Licensed Victuallers National Home. Most of the flats are already occupied by people from the local area. 80 06 04b

Pickerell fire, p3

1980 06 06
Girton College's imaginative plan to build a two-mile aerial roadway into Cambridge has been shelved. A driverless 100-seater train would have run 20 feet above ground taking students from the college to Grange Road. But they have had difficulty crossing land owned by other colleges and raising the money and there has been an improvement in traffic conditions since the opening of the Western by-pass 80 06 06a

Villagers at Six Mile Bottom have just created a village green complete with cricket ground and pavilion at a time when other clubs are disbanding. Alec Eist, licensee of the Green Man, has been the prime mover behind the project but says much of the credit must go to Lady Delamere who provided the land, a former football pitch. Locals have worked hard to build the pavilion and now they need to collect money for seats for spectators. 80 06 06b

1980 06 09
The opening of the M11 motorway & A45 Northern by-pass and the much-improved A604 main road to Huntingdon now brings Bar Hill within minutes driving time of the city. It has become an attractive place to live with relatively low house prices, good community facilities and thriving industries. But it is the shopping facilities, dominated by the Tesco supermarket and the easy parking which are making it the focus of attention for Cambridge housewives. There are also hairdressers, a bank, a carpet stores, wool shop, musical instruments and a fish-and-chip shop. 80 06 09b

Cambridge May Balls are four nights of student-organised revelry which will delight some and disturb the sleep of others. This year the cost of a double ticket has peaked at £52.50 and some feel they will be pricing themselves out of existence. But the same was being said ten years ago when Jesus and Trinity were charging eleven guineas. Some tickets do go to outsiders, with adverts often placed in London papers, but the majority of ball-goers are still students. 80 06 09a

1980 06 10
Singing star Diane Solomon's 400-year-old thatched cottage at Wickhambrook was destroyed by fire. She and her husband were having dinner when it broke out; he was overcome by smoke and had to be given oxygen by firemen. The fire is believed to have been started when a spark from the chimney

landed on the roof. Fanned by a sharp breeze flames soared 30 feet into the air and could be seen over much of the village. Neighbours gave the alarm and tried to retrieve possessions 80 06 10a

Chanting demonstrators broke through a security cordon at Queens' College Cambridge to protest at a stag night being held by male undergraduates. They 'invaded' from punts and burst through padlocked college gates before marching around outside the dining hall where 150 people were watching two strippers. The entertainment which included a blue comedian and a dirty limerick competition was organised to mark the college's last days as an all-male preserve 80 06 10b

1980 06 11
The Isle of Ely Member of Parliament, Clement Freud, asked Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher whether she had plans to visit Grunty Fen where people were worried about the level of wage settlements. But she replied that the 97 residents were a very happy agricultural community with a low rate of unemployment and content under a Conservative Government. Dorothy Barker of Station Road, Grunty Fen, said: "It is nice of her to think of us" 80 06 11

1980 06 13
Britain's top maternity hospital is the one in Mill Road, Cambridge – and that's official. It handles the most difficult births and a fifth of all babies in the region are born there. Government figures show that it copes with 4,000 births annually, many referred from other hospitals for specialist care, but its only operating theatre is a wooden shed built for the Dunkirk wounded during the last War. 80 06 13

Owen Webb House, p8
Lords Bridge, p21

1980 06 14
The Camelot club at Great Stukeley offers a very satisfactory venue for locals but lacks the necessary pulling power to draw in the crowds from elsewhere. The club bar has a wide range of lagers and, unusually, Schlitz beer, presumably to cater for American servicemen in the area. There seemed to be a disproportionate number of women when we visited. American servicemen again? 80 06 14

1980 06 16
Little Thetford is to have its own riverside nightclub. Work is underway to convert the Fish and Duck pub and restaurant into a licensed discotheque and top music personalities have been booked for the opening weekend. They include Radio 1 disco jockey Dave Lee Travis and disco dancers Pan's People. The pub was closed nearly two years ago after the owner was hurt in a road accident, now it will become one of the top night spots in East Anglia. A brand new marine with over 200 moorings has yet to be opened. 80 06 16

1980 06 17
Cruise back, p1
Pembroke Street one-way, p8

1980 06 18
John Major, MP, says he regrets the Government's decision to base Cruise missiles at Molesworth, a disused RAF base used by the USAF. It has enough spare land to accommodate the buildings to store the missiles and is close to RAF Alconbury which can house the extra US servicemen. Cruise missiles are mobile weapons designed to be driven away from their bases in time of conflict. The closeness of the improved A604 and A1 was another decisive factor. 80 06 18a

Molesworth villagers have reacted to the news that Cruise missiles may be stationed at the RAF base. Seven years ago they won a battle to prevent the building of a nuclear power station there and feel they have been picked on because they are a rural area with a scattered population. The landlady of the Cross Keys said it could bring a lot of much-needed business but was annoying for private individuals who had moved there for peace and quiet. 80 06 18c

1980 06 20
Old Addenbrooke's Hospital will close for good in 1983 and the site put up for sale. But consultants who have been fighting to retain beds as a kind of overflow hospital, a mother-and-babies hospital, a centre for ear, nose and throat cases and eye and plastic surgery say it would be a mistake to assume this matter is closed. 80 06 20a

A group called 'Survival Shelters' from Willingham have designed their own nuclear shelter. It comes in kit form and is designed to give protection for six people from the effects of a 20 mega-ton bomb. The price of the plans and booklet is £9.50 but it would cost up to £15,000 to install. So far 300 have been sold but Cambridge City Council has not yet decided whether planning permission would be required. 80 06 20b

The war plan for Cambridgeshire which will detail the role of the county council is not yet finished. A regional commissioner would be introduced in the run-up to any attack and county controllers would go to their headquarters in the basements of the Shire hall. This is a small, rather cluttered room with little more than maps, telephones and teleprinters and no special protection other than the thickness of the walls. 80 06 20c

Mill Road Hospital, p1
Mill Road bridge, p7

1980 06 21
The new owner of the Old Vicarage at Grantchester is the best-selling author Jeffrey Archer. When the house was sold last year the new owner's name was kept secret but now he has applied to demolish part of the out-buildings. However when contacted by the News he said "This is absolute drivel, I am not making any changes to the Old Vicarage and would not dream of touching it. The plan relates to a shed were boots and shoes were kept, one wall is leaking and we want to replace it." 80 06 21

1980 06 24
Orchard Street, p9

1980 06 25
McKay, p8
Orwell cottage, p13

1980 06 26
Four people were taken to hospital after a car careered across a corner of Cambridge Market Square. It ploughed across the Barclays Bank edge of the market, striking a flower stall, scattering fruit and vegetables and hitting two shoppers before ending up four feet from the railings of Gt St Mary's church. A Girton lady working on the flower stall said: "I just saw the car out of the corner of my eye and ran for it. The stall just folded up with its legs in the air" 80 06 26

Lion Yard rents, p5

1980 06 27
According to an undergraduate there were more men living in Girton college before it officially went co-residential than there are now. A number of women have not exactly welcomed the admission of men with open arms. One scientist referred to "the horrible increase in the number of couples holding hands in the dinner queue". She felt the college had lost its character. "I don't see why anybody would bother to apply here. There is nothing really to attract people", she said. 80 06 27a

People busy borrowing books may not be aware that tomorrow will mark the 125th anniversary of the free public library service in Cambridge. In 1855 the job of librarian attracted a variety of applicants, amongst them a retired stage-coach driver but a 22-year-old booksellers' assistant, John Pink, was

appointed librarian and held it until he died 51 years later. Responsibility for running the service passed from the city to the county council in 1974 and the present building in Lion Yard opened in 1975. 80 06 27c

Burwell & District, p19

1980 06 28
Two hundred children from St Andrew's Junior School, Chesterton watched the Bishop of Ely laid the foundation stone for their new school in Nuffield Road. What they did not see was that after the ceremony workmen knocked-down the specially-built wall and carried off the foundation stone for use another day. It will stay in store until somebody decides where in the school walls it should go. 80 06 28

1980 06 30
Frank Stoakley has retired from Heffers Bookshop which he joined in 1920. He is a walking encyclopaedia when it comes to sorting out problems and even after the firm installed a computer the staff still needed his expert knowledge. He spent 37 years managing the scientific books department and since 1965 has been sorting out the trickier requests for unusual or hard-to-come-by books 80 06 30a

Sea Cadets have discovered a hoard of sunken treasure worth thousands of pounds in the River Cam. Their boat's engine failed and it was found that a fur wrap had fouled the propeller. Whilst attempting to free it they discovered parts of a suitcase containing silver cups, candelabra and boxes of jewels. Police put a guard on the river until divers could carry out a full search. It is thought to be the proceeds of a major crime and is now locked away at Cambridge police station 80 06 30b

Nearly 2,000 people staged a big anti-missile rally at the disused airfield at Molesworth. It had been originally planned for Lakenheath USAF base but was switched following the announcement that Cruise missiles were to be based there. The news came as a shock to villagers who had fought for years to have the airfield returned to farming use. One is to write to President Carter asking for a £2,000 donation to the village hall fund by way of compensation. 80 06 30c

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1980 07 01
York Street, p5
Hereward Books, p11

1980 07 02
A former Burwell and District double-decker bus which was saved from the scrapyard near Lincoln has arrived back in the village. The Daimler Fleetline was driven the 120 miles by two former Burwell and District drivers, Jim Neale and Brian Camps. The bus ran faultlessly on the long journey home. Enthusiasts hope to restore it to its former glory so that it can be used for charity work. 80 07 02a

Cambridge is now left with only one regular nightly music spot following the closure of the Beaconfield and Alex Wood Halls and the Alma pub, mainly because of complaints of noise. But there are at least 40 bands desperate for somewhere to play and countless people who want to hear live music. The Carioca Club on Newmarket Road is willing to let bands play on Tuesday nights but at a total rental cost of £115 bands can't afford it while the Salisbury Conservative Club on Mill Road is almost fully booked until 1982. It leaves just the Great Northern Hotel. 80 07 02b

C.P. Snow, p1

1980 07 03

Lodes scheme, p13

1980 07 04
Don't miss the spectacular opening nights of East Anglia's news, biggest nightspot – the Fish and Duck, Little Thetford. We've got the place, DJs, lighting, music, groups, food. If you come you get an action-packed show you'll never forget: Radio 1 DJ Dave Lee Travis & Pans People. Groups Clone & Red Express. Free Bar-BQ included. 4,000 tickets at £4. – Advert 80 07 04

1980 07 08
More than 400 people held a peace picnic on Jesus Green organised by Cambridgeshire Council Against Missile Bases. It was opened by the leader of Cambridge City Council who said: It is ironic that there are cuts, left right and centre while we are spending money to kill people. It provided an opportunity to express opposition through peaceful means and included performances by singer Jancis Harvey and a troupe of Chilean refugee dancers. 80 07 07a

Pop festival, p7

1980 07 08
There have been a flood of complaints from people attending the opening of a new riverside disco at the Fish and Duck, Lt Thetford. They say they did not get value for money and just about everything was wrong: the barbecue was just one beefburger in a bread roll, toilets were filthy and without water, drinks were over-priced and glasses unavailable while many people turned up in old jeans when smart dress was expected. But this has been strongly denied by the managing director who asked: where can you get that kind of entertainment for £4? 80 07 08b

Cambridge City Council may refuse to make extra spending cuts because it wants to prevent staff sackings and reductions in public services. They may save money set aside for work on the Cattle Market site – which will not be ready this year anyway – and on modernising the Market Square lavatories. But they want to continue drawing up plans for the Kite area if the present scheme fails. 80 07 08c

Cambridge's Labour councillors want to take the city out of the Government's national civil defence organisation and ban all council officers from any wartime emergency planning. They say that Cambridge is in danger of becoming a nuclear dustbin & attack the plans to site Cruise missiles at Molesworth. But Conservatives say they are duty-bound to make arrangements to safeguard citizens in the event of a nuclear attack. 80 07 08e

Sinclair Research, the company founded by Mr Clive Sinclair who pioneered the world's first pocket calculators and micro-televisions wants to buy the church of St Andrew the Great and turn it into a laboratory. They are currently researching computers and electrically-powered vehicles and are looking for premises in central Cambridge. But the church say he is unlikely to get permission because schemes for offices, shops, a language school and a mosque had already been rejected. 80 07 08g

Villagers worried over the siting of Cruise missiles at Molesworth packed a meeting to fire questions at John Major M.P. He emphasised his support for the missiles and said they were definitely coming unless all countries agreed on disarmament. There would be 64 missiles housed in 16 separate bunkers which would be partly beneath ground. The mounds would be earth covered and grassed over. During exercises convoys of 20 vehicles would take to the road with the mobile missiles and remain away over-night. He doubted whether house prices would be affected. 80 07 08f

Owen Webb House, p1

1980 07 09
McBeth Wicken picture, p15

1980 07 10
The parishioners of Molesworth were too respectful to ask their M.P., John Major, rude questions about the siting of Cruise missiles. They asked about the by-pass, drainage, sewage and tenders for the bunkers. And one man, after asking about the rateable value of his house said he would like to go back to his children and the milking. Two who dared ask about the visual impact were told the missiles would be grassed over. Perhaps they may be thatched as well? 80 07 10

1980 07 11
Britain's first test-tube baby clinic at Bourn Hall will open its doors to patients at around £1,000 a time in the autumn. The Tudor mansion is now owned by Dr Bob Edwards and Mr Patrick Steptoe in partnership with a London financial expert who bought it from Associated Newspapers, owners of the 'Daily Mail'. The 50-roomed house will be the patients' living quarters and tests carried out in five luxury Portacabins. 80 07 11a

A 300-year-old dovecote at Bury Farm, Litlington, is to be demolished because of its poor structural state. It is owned by Cambridgeshire County Council who have been criticised for allowing the brick and clay slate listed building to deteriorate. Even some county councillors say it is disgraceful that an authority with responsibility for maintaining ancient buildings should have allowed one of its own properties to fall down. But it would be too costly for the hard-up council to restore 80 07 11b

A steer escaped from Garnham's meat wholesalers of Coldham's Lane Cambridge while it was on its way to be slaughtered. It jumped from a loading bay and got on to the railway line where it was nearly hit by one train before galloping at full speed towards another. Then it spotted a group of heifers on Stourbridge Common and jumped a four-foot high fence to get into the field. It was finally shot dead by a marksman after being surrounded by squads of police. 80 07 11c

Eltisley Cricket Club missed their centenary and only recently discovered their true age. But now they intend to celebrate in style when they meet Godmanchester in a return of a fixture first played 125 years ago. According to an ancient newspaper cutting Eltisley won then by an innings but they are taking no chances this time and are boosting their team by including former England wicket keeper Godfrey Evans in their side. 80 07 11d

An 11-year-old Fen Ditton girl, Lisa Colclough, has won a British women's title in roller-skating – the sport's youngest-ever national champion. She was also runner-up in figure skating. Roller-skating is run along parallel lines to ice skating – much too seriously for Lisa to take her skates out on the Fen Ditton primary school playground with her friends. They cost £200 a pair and the wheels would soon crack. 80 07 11e

1980 07 12
One of the biggest private houses & the last commercial farm in Cambridge is up for sale. Rectory Farm on Madingley Road, built 16 years ago, is regarded as an outstanding neo-Georgian design with five reception rooms, six bedrooms, two bathrooms and a swimming pool. It is set in three acres of mature gardens & could fetch around £250,000. 80 07 12

1980 07 17
A comparison of basic food items in different supermarkets show that baked beams continue to climb in price; a year ago a large tin of Sainsbury's own brand cost 12p, now they are 15p. The price for Heinz beans varied from 17p at Finefare to 21p at Budgen, Kelloggs' cornflakes from 42p up to 52p, Ariel washing powder was between 62p and 70p while Andrex toilet rolls were cheapest at Finefare at 34½p 80 07 17

1980 07 19
Girton bus, p6

1970 07 21

The name Kerridge is to appear again in the title of a Cambridge building firm. Mr Paul Kerridge, great-grandson of the man who started the group has taken a 75 per cent share in the company which operated for 100 years. It was sold to Matthews Holdings but when that group was taken over the Kerridge part was put up for sale and has since been in several hands. The business will be run from Sturton Street on the site of the original firm's small works department and in the shadow of its former headquarters 80 07 21

1980 08 24
Hobson's Conduit, p7

1980 07 25
Arthur Prior joined the staff of Trinity in 1935 as the youngest porter ever employed by a Cambridge college for the princely wage of £2.15s. a week in the days when porters expected tips for their services; today he retires after being Head Porter for 14 years having served five different Masters. He is philosophical about major changes such as the admission of women. "These youngsters think they invented sex, but we had women here when I first came. They used to stay all night even then, and we knew all about it", he said. 80 07 25

In 1974 patrons of the first ever Cambridge Beer Festival quaffed 12,000 pints of ale, last year supplies peaked around the 40,000-pint mark. Tourists and foreign students who stumble on the event appear baffled but a small band of punks was here for the beer. One said it was cheap at prices from 39p a pint for mild to 48p for the strongest bitters. One of CAMRA's staunchest supporters, Dora Miller, a sprightly advert for the merits of real beer at the age of 72 was serving behind one of the counters. 80 07 25a

1980 07 26
Foxton it has tripled in size during the 25 years that Thomas Edis has been a parish councillor. He led the successful fight to save the railway station from Dr Beeching's axe and now many London commuters have helped swell the population to about 1,200 people. But his greatest achievement was the installation of street lighting in the mid-1950s – which had been under discussion since before the First World War. 80 07 26

1980 07 28
Meldreth's ancient stocks, which stood on the village green, have been struck by a car, destroying the medieval punishment frame. Now it lies in pieces against a large tree and people are wondering whether it will be possible to repair. Villagers believe the stocks are at least 400 years old & were last used in 1856 when a villager became unruly and started shouting in church. 80 07 28

1980 07 29
Mill Road Hospital, p1

1980 07 31
Following the recent cut in petrol prices differences of 8p or more can be found by shopping around with Tesco at Bar Hill charging £1.32 for a gallon compared to £1.40 at Hallen's on Victoria Road corner. Four-star is the main contender in the fight for sales and a number of garages have dropped two-star altogether. Looking back a year ago when many garages were short of petrol and 'regulars only' signs littered the forecourts, the current surplus of supply seems barely credible. But it is most unlikely we will return to the days when they gave free gifts and trading stamps in a bid to attract business. 80 07 31

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1980 08 01
Cambridge Civic Society fears a scheme to convert St Andrew the Great Church into an electronics laboratory could open up the site for office building in the future. They believe it would be more

logical for Sinclair Research to move to the city Science Park. The church has no access, is in a completely congested area and it would be an enormous job to convert. But the planning watchdogs are away on holiday and applications for some of our major planning disasters have gone through in August, they say. 80 08 01

Kite plans, p11

1980 08 02
Fordham School was scheduled to be demolished until the Council listed it, allowing only interior changes. It has now been turned into four homes. The headmaster's house and the original school of 1849 comprise two while the 1870 buildings housed two more. One which used to be the school hall and gym, last used seven years ago. The sitting room is dominated by the original 15-feet high windows; it is well-insulated though it might take a small fortune to change the curtaining. 80 08 02

1980 08 06
A Manea farmer has come up with a novel kind of horse-drawn vehicle which he is convinced it will double the speed of his five-year-old pony. It comprises a narrow vehicle set in motion by means of a walking platform connected to a gearing system that turns the wheels. But there is still a long way to go before the first horsecycle driver is booked for speeding. 80 08 06

Cambridge Buskers, p7

1980 08 07
Super sailor Shane Acton returned in triumph to Cambridge after his tiny 20-year-old wooden yacht, Super Shrimp, became the smallest boat ever to sail round the world. He set off down the Cam in August 1972 with a plastic sextant to help his find his way. He survived sharks and shipwrecks before ending up at the same spot from which he started. The little boats of the Cam turned out in force to welcome him home and there was a telegram of congratulations from Prince Philip 80 08 07

Peace tree, p11

1980 08 12
Villagers at Stow Longa have just received a cheque from Martha Drogin of Exeter, New Hampshire. Last year she visited the village to find out more about her ancestors and discovered they had received parish relief hand-out in the 1830s. This helped her trace more of her relations and she has written a book about the family. Now she has sent £10 to pay back the debt. 80 08 12

Peter Arthur has retired as Cambridge's county architect. He says two buildings that are likely to stand the test of time are the Wisbech Library and the county police headquarters at Hinchinbrook. New buildings have to be highly flexible: "I was looking at a primary school and wondering whether we could turn it into an old people's home". Dealing with the effects of the cuts had been difficult: they were grossly under-funded and the council would find that the longer repairs are left the more expensive they would be. 80 08 12a

BBC plans, p4

1980 08 13
A Stetchworth man renovating his house has found a hoard of gold coins worth at least £6,000. He discovered the 106 mint-condition sovereigns and half-sovereigns while digging up the floor of his cottage in Mill Lane to put in a damp course. They were in a pot buried in the earth and date from 1817 to 1825. The coins have been taken for examination while the coroner decides whether they are treasure trove 80 08 13

1980 08 14

Tennis star Virginia Wade's father is to be asked to chip in to help save Horningsea's medieval church. It needs £10,000 to repair the leaky roof and tower which is too unsafe to allow the church bells to be rung. Now Canon Eustace Wade who was vicar in the 1930's is one of the prominent people who will be approached as part of a money-raising appeal 80 08 14a

Working windmills may return to the East Anglian countryside – not the drain the fens or mill corn, but to generate electricity. Scientists at Cambridge University's Cavendish Laboratory have been working on wind turbine design with the Central Electricity Generating Board who will shortly begin looking for an inland site for the first large wind-powered generating machine. These could be sited in flat lands where their impact on the environment would be less that on exposed hilltops. They would be mounted on towers 150 feet high and when their 200-foot blades turned each machine should generate enough electricity to heat 100 single-bar electric fires. 80 08 14b

1980 08 15
The old ways have been bought back at New Farm, Tetworth where David Davenport is using a pre-war tractor and former horse-drawn combine, plus a 1907 steam engine to harvest a special crop of thatching straw. It is the first time he has planted long-stem wheat with an eye to cornering part of the thatching straw market and is using the old methods because a modern combine would damage the straw 80 08 15a

Trinity Foot Beagles review – 80 08 15

1980 08 18
Thrust car, p7

1980 08 20
A nationally-famous armchair hedge in Mill Road, Cambridge, has gone up in flames. Mr Thomas Conroy had carefully trimmed it over the past six years into the shape of an armchair as 'a bit of nonsense'. Countless tourists have taken snapshots of it. But now the house has changed hands and the hedge has been dug up and burned because its roots were threatening to cause problems to the foundations. 80 08 20

1980 08 21
Windmills, p7

1980 08 22
Tesco stores at Bar Hill has paid out £40 to recover stray shopping trolleys impounded by angry parish councillors. They had been dumped around the village and despite protests the store failed to recover them. So workmen were sent on a trolley round-up and recovered 40 from roads, play areas and ditches. They were locked in a barn and an invoice was sent to Tesco to cover the cost of the operation. The store says the price was 'fair under the circumstances' 80 08 22

Modern architecture, p15
Henlow Grange beauty farm, p21

1080 08 26
'Mandy Morton? Is she still around? – that reaction is one reason when the ex-Spriguns singer / songwriter is back in Cambridge after a long absence. In 1968 she formed a folk group to raise money for Cottenham Amateur Dramatic Society then started Spriguns as resident group at the Anchor. Decca records transformed their image with velvet shirts and fancy frocks and when the band broke up they were elegantly dressed but not very rich. She became extremely popular in Norway and has now returned to try her hand at the home market with a new album on Polydor out soon. 80 08 26

1980 08 28

Harmony is reigning supreme over Steeple Bumpstead where the village's female barber-shop chorus has soared to success after it was formed a year ago. Now the 'Countryline Chapter' has been admitted to the US-based 'Sweet Adeline' organisation. They comprise women of all ages and from all walks of life including one lass with polio who sings in her wheelchair. They get on well with the Saffron Walden men's barber-shop quartet and go to concerts together. 80 08 28

1980 08 29
The man who set fire to Ickleton church last year has written a letter of apology to the vicar of another church he destroyed at Yateley in Hampshire. He'd also tried set fire to Boughton church near Newark where a sparrow was shot during a BBC recording. But no one in Ickleton has received a letter. Repairs should be completed by the middle of next year but they are still waiting to see how much it was going to cost and what the insurance company would pay. 80 08 29

The Electricity Generating Board is looking around Eastern England for a suitable site for its first large wind-powered generating machine; it needs to be flat and an area where it would not have an adverse affect on the environment. The announcement was welcomed by the Astronomer Royal, Prof Sir Martin Ryle, who with other scientists at the University's Cavendish Laboratory have been undertaking extensive design work on wind turbines. 80 08 29a

September 1980 CEN

1980 09 01
Cambridge has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country and is likely to come through the recession relative unscathed. Jobs are being lost but the service industries do better at such times and only 20 per cent of the work force are employed in manufacturing industries. The city's electronics and aerospace industries are enjoying a respite from the general economic gloom. If a local worker does lose his job he stands a good chance of finding another. 80 09 01

1980 09 02
Cambridge's railway electrification came a step nearer when contractors handed over the shell of the new power signal box near Hills Road Bridge. It will take another 18 months to install the mass of circuitry which will enable a couple of men to control every train, point and signal for miles around. The plan includes floodlit carriage sidings with automatic washing plant for carriages. It is expected to come into operation in May 1982 80 09 02a

'The Sun' newspaper claimed that Highpoint prison was more of a prisoners' paradise than a jail. They painted a picture of prisoners indulging in regular sex sessions, illicit drinking parties, lazing around in the sun, listening to music and being fed sumptuous meals by a Savoy-trained chef. But a News reporter who visited left feeling deeply depressed. The prisoners are low security risk. There are no murderers or psychopaths: the majority are young working-class Londoners in for a variety of offences such as burglaries, fraud and sex offences. 80 09 02b

Pike & Eel, p7

1980 09 03
Visitors to Cambridge will be confused if they use the latest Ordnance Survey map of the city. The Lion Yard shopping centre, completed more than five years ago, is not shown but marked as a collection of tiny streets. Christ's Lane, closed for the past 15 years and not even visible, is still shown as leading from Drummer Street to St Andrew's Street whilst the University Centre is an empty space. Even the Tourist Information Centre is shown as at the front of the Guildhall, rather than the back. The O.S. said it did not seem very satisfactory 80 09 03b

The first football excursion train to leave Cambridge station in almost three years set off for Wolverhampton packed with United fans hoping to cheer John Docherty's men to a place in the third round of the League Cup. The train was one of the first to use the no-alcohol regulation which British

Rail hopes will reduce the incidence of vandalism. There was no problem. No matter who they were – schoolboys, skinheads, middle-aged mothers and fathers – no-one tried any surreptitious supping. 80 09 03a

1980 09 04
Anglers have declared war on the zander, a killer fish which they claim has destroyed their sport in the last 10 years. The problem started in 1963 when the Great Ouse River Board introduced them from Eastern Europe to try and broaden the variety in local waterways. But since then the zander with its voracious appetite and vicious killer instincts has practically taken over. 80 09 04a

England's future lies with small industries in towns like Littleport which are free of labour relations problems, said Euro MP Sir Fred Catherwood when he officially opened four new factories in the town. The ceremony fulfilled the dream of late Littleport councillor, Henry Crabb, who had campaigned for 30 years to revitalise the town's industry and now the road leading to the units built by the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas has been named him 80 09 04b

1980 09 05
Cambridge University will now pay its clerical and administrative staff the same overtime rates as other universities and the working week will be reduced by an hour. They are outside the national pay structure but had agreed to be bound by the results of negotiations by the Central Arbitration Committee in London. NALGO members are now likely to accept a 13.5 per cent pay offer. 80 09 05a

A Cambridgeshire engineer is using his van with as a mobile test-bed to try out windmills made by his firm, Balance Engineering at New Wimpole. He has produced a small wind generator to charge batteries and pump the water in solar panels. But he does not have a wind tunnel to test his designs at different speeds – and that is where the van comes in. Spinning above the roof is a rotor with six blades bolted on to a special frame. He goes out early in the morning and drives at speeds of five to 30 mph to test its performance. 80 09 05b

Alan Ashpole OBE, who retired as county land agent last week, has attacked proposals to sell off large chunks of Cambridgeshire's 46,800-acre smallholdings estate. There are 1,270 tenants who farm plots of from two to 160 acres. It is very hard work but gives people the chance to be their own master. Some councillors believe the sale would raise much-needed cash but the land is inflation proof, it is like our North Sea oil, he says. 80 09 05c

Royston station, p15

1980 09 10
A move to put Cambridgeshire Libraries under the control of the education committee was blocked by County Councillors. The Hay Report had suggested the library service should join with community education. But the education bureaucracy was already too large and needed trimming. "We have one of the finest library services in the country and no-one with any common sense will see that destroyed", a Peterborough councillor said. 80 09 10

1980 09 12
When Radio Norfolk went on the air last night it gave a sneak preview of what the future could hold for Cambridgeshire. It will be exactly the same economy-style package – a small staff with highly sophisticated equipment broadcasting six hours each weekday and ten at weekends and Radio Two at other times. It will look for audience participation with phone-ins, sport and news. A manager for the Cambridgeshire station will probably be appointed in the autumn. 80 09 12b

A 'flying squad of archaeologists could help avert a crisis, say the Cambridge Antiquarian Society. Money for conservation and excavation has been drastically cut because of recession and much of our ancient heritage is being destroyed. Many historical buildings are also at risk and such a group could

combine volunteers and professional archaeologists to protect what can be saved and record what cannot. 80 09 12

1980 09 15
The National Trust has launched an appeal to replant the grand avenue at Wimpole Hall, which was hit by Dutch elm disease. They have already replanted a mile of limes but more than half of the 2½ mile avenue is outside the grounds. Now they want to buy the land, dig up stumps and clear scrub and concrete from a wartime runway to restore the full length to its former glory. 80 09 15

1980 09 16
Cambridge United is poised to become the first club in Football League history to play a competitive match behind closed doors. The move to curb soccer hooliganism at the Abbey Stadium would involve next season's visit by Chelsea and its notorious fans – should the two teams still be in the Second Division. The move follows troubles at Saturday's match when Chelsea fans urinated in public causing some local supporters to leave in disgust. 80 09 16

1980 09 17
An undertaker sitting in his van on the outskirts of Barkway saw a saucer-shaped unidentified flying object cruise silently past at a height of 60 feet. "We were eating our lunch and this brilliant silver object went past us", he said. "It was travelling about 30 mph and looked like two dustbin lids stuck together; it was moving in a straight line, not going up or down". Police say the Army had troops on manoeuvres in the area but it was nothing to do with them. 80 09 17

1980 09 18
Jack the jackdaw has been amusing and confusing the villagers of Histon. The tame bird which has set up home on the green has befriended children at the nearby village school and is fast becoming a tourist attraction. But his constant cries of 'Jack' and 'Come on!' have kept one resident awake and been mistaken by another for the cries of cheeky children. The local policeman has been informed but no one has turned up to claim the bird. 80 09 18a

Anyone who has sat in a traffic queue tailing back into Downing Street from the Lion Yard car park will know the frustration of arriving in Cambridge at peak times. The tourist office says parking is atrocious and directs visitors to Saxon Street where you can stay all day for 30p. The County Structure Plan foresees a need for three new multi-storey car parks to cope with future demand. But rising petrol prices or decreasing oil supplies could mean fewer cars on the road in the future. 80 09 18b & c

Too many have accused Huntingdon of lacking facilities for shopping and leisure. Now work has started on an entertainment complex which will include a two-screen cinema and bingo hall together with more shops. The High Street can already boast some of the major chain stores and car parking is more than adequate. People dismiss the town's appearance because of the housing design and infamous ring road, but it is surrounded by beautiful countryside and it has the potential to succeed. 80 09 18d

1980 09 19
The Cambridgeshire-based MG owners club launched a campaign to save the cars when British Leyland decided to stop making them and closed the Abingdon factory. Now they plan to keep British sports cars in production by bringing out their own special limited edition of the MGB Roadster. They will have rubber or chrome bumpers, stainless steel sills and leather interiors and the price is likely to be around £6,000. 80 09 19a

Cambridge's top amateur gardener, Mr Ted Peacock, has died. He hit the headlines in the early '70s when he decided to open his Byron Square gardens so people could see the dahlias which were his pride and joy. It became an annual event and the wealthy turned up in their Rolls-Royces. He was an

expert on many other flowers, fruit and vegetables and probably won more gardening show prizes than anyone else over a period of 40 years. 80 09 19b

Victoria Road home, p17

1980 09 20
The Round House, Little Thetford is thought to be a lookout post built at the end of the 15th century. It was lived in, divided up into two three-storey cottages, up until 1959 and then stood empty for some years. The roof was in danger of collapsing and the 'stairs' were virtual ladders. Now it has been turned into one dwelling with a small extension at the rear. The thick walls are solid brick throughout; built before the village it could well outlast it. 80 09 20

New crossing, p6

1980 09 22
Police are investigating a fire which badly damaged the former paper mill on Newmarket Road, Cambridge and spread into the roof of the adjoining Globe pub where customers were finishing their drinks. One who was using an outside lavatory spotted the blaze and alerted the landlord who evacuated the pub and called the fire brigade. The former mill, built in 1872, is owned by Norwich Brewers and has been empty for years. The roof has been badly burned and the walls damaged by smoke, heat and water. 80 09 22

A family has stepped forward to claim Jack the jackdaw who has been amusing the villagers at Histon with his cheeky repartee. "There was no mistaking that the bird was theirs", said Richard Spittle who first noticed Jack perched on a branch outside his house. "The little girl said something completely gobbledegook and the bird repeated it immediately. He came straight away as soon as she called him". They were very relieved to have him back. After he was featured in the News at least four other families turned up claiming to have lost a pet jackdaw. 80 09 22a

1980 09 23
The European Parliament's Committee on External Economic Relations has come to Cambridge for a meeting in the Senate House because it is homeless. Dissent between member countries has forced it to expensively tour the cities of the EEC like a travelling troupe of well-heeled actors looking for a theatre. As chairman, Sir Fred Catherwood is allowed to have one meeting a year in his own patch. But only 20 Cambridge citizens took up the opportunity to witness the world's most powerful trading bloc in action. 80 09 23a

Bus lane, p9

1980 09 24
The Rathmore Club was founded 63 years ago as Cherry Hinton Liberal Club but with the changing political climate became a social club about 20 years ago. Now the general financial situation, falling membership – they have only 350 members - and reduced bar sales means it may cease to operate at the end of the month. 80 09 24a

There are twice as many bicycles in Cambridge than in other towns, but there are three times as many bike shops. The proprietor of University Cycles of King Street says the overheads are high but with hard work it is possible to make a comfortable living. Second-hand bike sales peak at the start of a university term and winter is a good time for repairs as with ice and snow there are frequent breakages. But Cedar Cycles of Cottenham say people travel out to them because they are the cheapest in the area. 80 09 24b-c

Ambulance, p11

1980 09 29

It is fifteen years since Kempton's fashion shop started in Fore Hill, Ely. Now another has opened in the Rookery shopping development at Newmarket. Customers can be sure of good personal service by somebody who knows what the fashion business is about. It will stock the best range of coats in town and will keep up to date with new styles while keeping an eye open for the 'evergreen' popular clothes sought by the woman who remains conservative in her choice. 80 09 29a

1980 09 30
Microlite, p8

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1980 10 01
The county fire service will be ruined if planned cuts of £200,000 are implemented. At Cambridge the number of firemen will be cut by 20 and one of the three pumping appliances scrapped. There will be just one pump at Ramsey, March and Huntingdon and even then redundancies might still be needed. And if the firemen settle for a pay rise of more than 11 per cent there will have to be extra cuts. The news was greeted with horror by councillors who say it would put the county in peril. 80 10 01

The number of elderly people is rising so fast it is putting a strain on the health and social services. Many people who have recently settled in the area have brought their elderly relatives with them because of the rural and relatively peaceful setting. There should be a change in emphasis from residential to community care but the family must bear more of the responsibility. 80 10 01a

A bullock barged into the Saffron Walden branch of Boots the chemist. A woman snatched a toddler out of the way as it ran from one end of the store to the other. It then skirted the cash tills and ran up the other side towards the entrance – all without knocking a single item from the shelves. It was hustled back down the road towards the cattle auction in Market Street from where it had escaped as it was being loaded into a lorry. 80 10 01b

Bomb disposal experts were called in when a bag containing five shells was found in the Cam at Jesus Green lock. They were taken to the Army's headquarters at Colchester where one of them – a five-inch-long bullet shaped object – was discovered to be a highly-explosive anti-tank shell. The others were solid-shot shells used in the last war from an anti-tank gun. Lock-keeper Allan Brett had spotted a plastic bag in the water, hooked it in and found the shells inside. 80 10 01e

Council bikes, p3

1980 10 02
Fowlmere's new bus service to Royston received an amazing response. Organisers expected half a dozen people but instead there were 37 passengers. This is the kind of service the county's transport co-ordination department has been set up to promote. It fulfils a need without costing a fortune. Diverting the bus through the village only adds 10 minutes to the journey time. The fare from Fowlmere to Royston is 38p. single 80 10 02

Vicar brothers, p5
Bourn Hall opens, p7

1980 10 03
Councillors are horrified at the state of Bourn Hall, the Tudor mansion which is being converted into a test-tube baby clinic. Ugly metal cowls have been placed over chimneys, an old wall has been demolished and the grounds spoiled by ugly Portakabins. But these are not permanent fixtures and will only be used until renovations can be carried out on the hall when money is available. 80 10 03a

Cambridge Consultants are breaking new frontiers with technology which can print words in 22-carat gold on egg shells or in edible ink on biscuits. They are pioneering a process known as ink jet printing

and have just opened a purpose-built laboratory to develop specialist inks. Commercial applications include textile printing, letters and labelling and a line printer can produce an incredible 10 miles of text an hour. 80 10 03b

The new High Speed Train accelerates quickly by railway standards (but not by those of a Mini). And it just keeps on accelerating. At around the 120 mph mark it felt fast. The railway men have padded armchairs but the ride at the guard's end is so bad that BR are contemplating putting the space over to parcels and putting the guards elsewhere. The drivers are dismissive of their skill: powerful engines, powerful brakes, an air-conditioned cab and unrestricted vision make it a bit of a doddle, they say, compared to driving a clapped-out diesel. 80 10 03c

Should you walk into the Three Blackbirds at Wood Ditton in the early hours of the evening you will be greeted not by the sounds of a juke box but by the strains of Bach, Beethoven and sometimes Elgar. For the landlord, Patrick Thompson, is learning to play the violin and has joined evening classes to create his own instrument 80 10 03d

Addenbrooke's Hospital, p17
Stretham Chronicle, p22

1980 10 04
School meals, p1

1980 10 06
A pensioner lost his home and possessions when a fire ripped through his 16th-century cottage at Thriplow. The entire roof and top floor – which had recently been rethatched – were destroyed and neighbours rallied round to save what they could. "There was a considerable amount of heroism – they even went into rooms that were on fire, and the efforts of the firemen were enormous: they managed to save the main structure of the house", said his son. 80 10 06

1980 10 07
One of the most dramatically effective road works, the St Ives by-pass which provides the first new crossing of the Great Ouse since the 15th-century, sweeps round the town partially using the track of the old St Ives to March railway line. It will carry virtually all the vehicles presently queuing to cross the medieval stone bridge which has been the worst bottleneck in the Cambridgeshire road system. Now it will be closed and the average flow of 11,000 vehicles a day will dwindle to around 500. 80 10 07a

Grantchester villagers gave a massive thumbs-down to County suggestions that their 114-year-old primary school should be closed. The number of children had dropped from 108 to 31 as parents were not satisfied with its new ethos. It had previously attracted the children of visiting academics. But the number of children in the village is dropping, the teacher-pupil ratio was 1:12 when other schools had 30 or more children for every teach, the cost was unacceptably high and there were places at Barton 80 10 07b

Babraham Hall experiments, p5

1980 10 08
Sir – I was distressed at the news of the fire at the Papermills on Newmarket Road which is believed to have been started deliberately. The house was listed in the 1970s as of historical interest and Norwich Brewery was ordered to put it in order. The only results are some scaffolding in the back yard. The hoist is of industrial archaeological interest as it was the second paper-mill in England, dating from around 1700. Perhaps the fire may result in repairs to what was once described as 'the most beautiful house in Cambridge' – Nan Youngman 80 10 08

1980 10 10

The Railway Development Society have hired British Rail's experimental railbus, a mustard-yellow Leyland Experimental Vehicle which looks like two buses bolted back to back for trips from Cambridge to Bury St Edmunds. It is an important step in the development of a new generation of cheap, light-weight railcars which could replace the present diesel multiple units. 80 10 10a

The Specials will remember their visit to the Supertent on Cambridge's Midsummer Common. They had to contend with the vast acoustics imbalances of a grotesquely inappropriate circus arena, the mindless inanities of their so-called followers and the inevitable trouble. The music was terrific but the tension for too pronounced. Lead singer Terry Hall tried to defuse the atmosphere but finally led the band off stage in mid-number to escape the volleys of beer cans and spit. 80 10 10b

1980 10 13
Police scrapbooks discovered – 80 10 13
Stretham windmill, p15

1980 10 15
Harston church is to get a new weather vane, six months after its old one collapsed. The new one, in the shape of a heron, is made of aluminium on a wrought-iron frame and will stand on the little turret of the church. It was designed by the vicar's wife, Marian Allen, a professional artist, and was made by a craftsman near Wimpole. There was no particular reason for choosing a heron other that there were several of them on the river. 80 10 15

1980 10 17
Emilie Lewis established the Mackenzie School of Music and Dramatic Art in Cambridge in 1923 and many students benefited from her training, winning prizes at local festivals. From it developed the Mackenzie Society with weekly concerts to give young students experience of performing to a live audience. Both organisations continue to flourish in the hands of her former students. Now a subscription had been started for a cup to be awarded at the Cambridge Festival reflecting the high standard Emilie herself set in her professional life. 80 10 17

Melbourn houses, p11

1980 10 21
Until recently the Star pub in Waterbeach was famous for its menagerie. Now the landlord has become caretaker at the village school and has taken some of his animals with him. A miniature compound has been built to cater for his Shetland pony, two goats, rabbits and a number of exotic birds. But he has yet to find room for a heavy horse and cart. The children are delighted, many haven't seen a goat close up before. 80 10 21

1980 10 23
A 600-year-old granary is being rebuilt at Wandlebury by the Cambridge Preservation Society. It formed part of the Tadlow Towers estate. The owner sought permission to demolish it when it fell into a dilapidated state but instead it was carefully dismantled timber by timber and put into store for eight years until the Society could afford to rebuild it. Experts believe it may date from the 14th century and is a unique survival in the area. 80 10 23

1980 10 27
There was an undignified scramble for seats on the coaches booked by Cambridge Against Missile Bases to take them to the massive CND rally at Hyde Park. A further 150 students left on the Cambridge Peace Action coaches. The decision to base cruise missiles at Molesworth had seen a resurgence of interest in nuclear arms control and several people from Needingworth marched under a 'Hunts Against the Missiles' banner. "It is unlikely to have much influence on the present government", said a member of Cambridge Peace Action, "but the Labour Party has adopted a disarmament policy and may do something when they're in power" 80 10 27

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1980 11 03
The Sunday morning, or should it be mourning, footballers of Cambridge club Springbox use a shiny black hearse as their club coach to matches. The driver dresses appropriately in a black top hat. The manager, Alan Doyle, refuses to climb aboard: "I only want one ride in a thing like that", he says. The club have not lost since he took charge last December and say they are out to bury the opposition 80 11 03

1980 11 04
Histon parish council opposed plans for an 18-hole pitch and putt golf course on land off Gunn's Lane approached by a bridleway. They fear it would not be used by village youngsters but attract outside golfers. But they did back a scheme for a day centre for the elderly to be run in the church hall and supported Lumacard, a bright-red card which elderly people can place in their windows to summon help in an emergency 80 11 04

1980 11 05
Laserprint, p4
East Cambs houses, p5

1980 11 06
Cambridge motorists are constantly knocking down bollards erected in Gwydir and Hooper Streets as part of a controversial one-way system. Their yo-yo lives mean that the City Council has had to spend a lot of money restoring them. Now they are to replace the plastic bollards with stronger ones and add some small gardens and shrubs. Incidents seem to arise as motorists have difficulty turning at the points where they have been built 80 11 06

1980 11 07
A Sunday market set up in a Cottenham field took residents, local traders and councillors completely by surprise. Now written warnings have been sent to the people involved because they broke Sunday trading and food hygiene regulations. There is nothing the council can do under planning regulations but it might be stopped on the grounds of misuse of land. 80 11 07a

County education cuts, p13
Cambridge's muffin man a man of many parts – 80 11 07b

1980 11 08
An exclusive university dining club may open its doors to the public. The Pitt Club is a miniature men-only London club where prospective members are vetted carefully and anyone without a public school education is likely to be black-balled. It also houses the Hawks Club for university sporting Blues. But it is no longer making money and is looking for tenants to share the former Turkish bath house in Jesus Lane. Strudels, one of the restaurants in the Kite facing eviction, is amongst a number to express an interest. 80 11 08

1980 11 11
Landbeach church organ may have been damaged by rain which seeped through the vestry roof. It does not sound as good as it once did. The rector says they have no idea what it might cost to repair but it would be beyond the church's resources to replace it. Restoration work to the roof is already costing £80,000 as woodworm had eaten into the timbers. 80 11 11a

The much-disputed future of the Kite area of Cambridge may be thrown back into the melting pot yet again. The city council's Labour administration is becoming increasingly convinced that the present development plan, which it has vigorously opposed from the outset, will not now go ahead because of the national economic situation. So they are to start looking at alternative developments. Their

partners, Grosvenor Estates, have until the end of the year to find a taker for the major store and say that Debenhams is interested. 80 11 11b

1980 11 12
The siting of Cruise missiles at Molesworth has unexpectedly been put back years and it will now be 1988 before the four flights of missiles are deployed at the disused airfield. John Major, MP, said the priority was negotiating the need to have Cruise missiles at all. The Defence Secretary, Francis Pym, is aware that local people are keen to have as much of the land returned to farming but this depends on American training requirements 80 11 12a

Two Cambridge language schools are up for sale. The New School of English, founded by John Barnes in 1962, is being sold because of his imminent retirement and the Jarrett School, one of the city's oldest, is also seeking a purchaser. Neither say Iranian crisis which is severely restricting the number of students has been a contributory factor 80 11 12b

The village of Barley was the birthplace of the second mayor of New York, Andrew Willitt who lived near the old town house which was built in 1526. The villagers have been working hard to renovate the ground floor section, known as the Undercroft, to be used as a community centre. Now they have invited the present mayor to reopen it and think they could raise enough money to pay for his fare from America. 80 11 12c

Letting university rooms and facilities during the vacation has grown from a profitable sideline into a virtual necessity. Next year it will bring in £2 million to colleges such as Robinson which was designed with conferences in mind. Previously colleges would send their staff away to the coast during the vacations where they would work in hotels but now they keep them on to help with corporate catering. At prices averaging £16 a day there is a great demand for the 2,500 beds the colleges can muster either in the historic beauty of King's or the modern facilities of Churchill. 80 11 12d

The Newmarket Variety Club opened last December in a blaze of publicity promising a feast of top-class entertainment but closed five weeks later for extensive alterations and by the end of March was insolvent with debts of £170,000. It has now been sold by auction for £73,000. Also under the hammer was the town's old public library in Fitzroy Street. It was bought for £17,500 by a property developer who said he had never stepped inside it but thought it was cheap. 80 11 12e

1980 11 13
The Chilean Ambassador was forced to clamber to safety across the rooftops of St John's College after demonstrators burst into the locked room in which he was addressing a private meeting of the Monday Club, a right-wing undergraduate society. He was ushered along a narrow ledge and through another window into a don's room while other opponents of the Chilean regime chanted and jeered from the courtyard below. He was unable to leave the college until police arrived to escort him away. 80 11 13a

The effect of sand-blasting masonry is dramatic; a building which has faded into drab insignificance under decades of dirt reveals subtle details of a mason's art. Take the Whim in Trinity Street, Cambridge. Cleaning has revealed a beautiful mellow honey-coloured stone dressed decorative carving work and topped by a turret that wouldn't look amiss on a fairy-tale castle. It has been treated with a colourless silicone wash to make it water repellent while still allowing it to breathe. This makes it self-cleaning. 80 11 13b

1980 11 14
A painting by a Flemish artist in 1562 may be sold to provide cash for much-needed repairs at Landbeach church. A similar work of art made £14,000 but this one is not in good condition. 'The Adoration of the Shepherds' is painted on wooden panels which have split and the original surface is

damaged. It can never be hung in the church as it would deteriorate in the damp conditions and could be vandalised so it is in storage at the Fitzwilliam Museum. 80 11 14a

Over 2,000 people are waiting for a council house in Cambridge with 900 applications this year. New legislation enabling tenants to buy their properties at discount has also caused problems as the Government has banned spending on new building. One way to house more is to reduce the time between a house being vacated and the new occupant being allowed in. But the council often has to call in specialists in dry rot or roofing. Unimproved terrace housing is very expensive costing twice that in Peterborough. 80 11 14b

Tadlow granary, p9
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The black sheep of Wood Ditton – Mark Jeffery transported to Australia in 1850s – 80 11 14

1980 11 15
Cambridge University radio doubled its potential audience when it went on the air in a second college. Now New Hall undergraduates have joined those of Churchill College in being able to listen to the amateur broadcasters. Home Office regulations mean they cannot transmit beyond college confines which requires low-strength transmitters and a forest of aerials over the city skyline – New Hall now has 12. 80 11 15a

Little Flo, a huge inflatable blue whale got a shock when she came to Cambridge. First she almost took off in the wind and then she was too big to go through the doorway of the Blue Boar Hotel where members of the International Whaling Commission were meeting. But Flo made an impact as she heaved and tugged at the guy ropes holding her down; she is a bit battle-scarred but will continue to demonstrate until whale hunting is banned completely. 80 11 15b

1980 11 18
More than 1,000 demonstrators massed in the centre of Cambridge in protest over plans to slash County Council spending. They chanted and jeered councillors arriving for a meeting. A macabre scaffold with a schoolboy hanging from it stood near Shire Hall as part of an attempt to halt cuts of £2 million which would serious damage services, particularly education. But Francis Pym, MP, said the world is in a very deep recession and they must make difficult decisions. 80 11 18

1980 11 19
The exclusive public school image of Magdalene College has come under attack from its own dons. The college, once regarded as a finishing school for Etonians, is suffering from a crisis in its academic performance and has decided to widen its intake and appeal to comprehensive schools and sixth-form colleges for future recruits. 80 11 19

1980 11 20
The Duxford Flyer is equally at home on road or rail. With the rail wheels down she can shunt up to 700 tons of railway wagons at the CIBA-Geigy plastics factory. Using her road wheels she can potter round at a stately six miles an hour. The four-tone Unilokomotive is part of a scheme to end their dependence on two sidings at Great Chesterford and Whittlesford. The new railway leads directly into the works from the main Cambridge-London railway line and relieves Duxford and Ickleton of lorry traffic. 80 11 20

Chunnel archives, p5

1980 11 21
Children at Newmarket Upper School now have two cafeterias with a wide menu which reads like a Wimpy bar. Gone are overcooked vegetables and stolid shepherd's pie. Now there is a choice of beefburgers, filled rolls, curry and rice, chips, baked potatoes and salads. And to follow there is jam

and cream scones, chocolate crunch and fresh fruit. It has doubled the amount of children paying for school food, though some do fill their plates with chips. 80 11 21

1980 11 25
Village policemen will soon be back pounding the beat in a bid to stop rising crime and vandalism. A new scheme involves officers forsaking panda cars for bicycles or foot patrols. It means a return to the days before 1965 when village patrols were a normal part of police duties. Now they will get to know residents and work on crime prevention as well as detection. 80 11 25a

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1980 11 26
A clampdown on the 600 motorists who every day defy traffic bans along King's Parade, Cambridge, will involve blocking off the road outside the Senate House to all traffic except cyclists and emergency vehicles. But it has angered taxi drivers who say it would make longer journeys. The move is part of a plan to improve city centre conditions for pedestrians and cyclists. 80 11 26

1980 11 28
The oldest known painting of St Etheldreda, the patron saint of Ely Cathedral, has been discovered on the wall of Willingham parish church. The 13th-century wall painting is one of a series of fine murals which are being restored. There are only two other known paintings of the saint and this predates them by at least a century. The key to its identification is an unsightly red rash below her face which represents a tumour she had on her neck. 80 11 28a

The crossing-keeper at Queen Adelaide works 85 hours a week for a wage of £80.78. He rents a three-bedroomed house from British Rail for £10 a week, pays for light and heating even when on duty and is not paid an unsocial hours allowance. The daytime relied crossing keeper is paid more than he is. At night he grabs a few hours' sleep on a couch between the 2.30 train and the next one two hours later. Then he heads out into the freezing cold to open and shut the gates. 80 11 28b-c

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1980 12 01
Soham Comrades' Band is the new brass band champion of Cambridge, snatching the title from Littleport. Chatteris Town Band came third. Each had to play a march, a hymn and one other work. In the contest for small bands Waterbeach took the first prize, Wicken was second, followed by Cottenham, Haddenham and Burwell. Cottenham took the Cook trophy for the highest marks in the march with the Ernie Avery memorial trophy for the highest marks in the hymn going to Waterbeach. 80 12 01

1980 12 02
The proposed industrial development of the old Cambridge Cattle Market area is worrying local residents. The City Council intends letting the site to be turned into an industrial estate but locals fear that additional traffic would put a burden on the strained traffic situation and lead to the restriction of parking along Cherryhinton Road. This is something to be avoided at all costs. 80 12 02

1980 12 03
King's choir school, p11

1980 12 04
Some of the best-looking Christmas crackers are produced at the Waterbeach Work Experience Unit. Crackers have become an established part of the training given to 'non-academic' young people in

their last year at school who may have special difficulties in finding a job and adapting to work. More than 1,500 boxes a year are produced. 80 12 04a

The age of the microchip has taken all of us by surprise but now sons and daughters crave for the latest computer game, digital watch or radio-controlled car. Since Tandy came to Cambridge five years ago they have found rapidly-increasing demand in the home electronics field and have now divided their Emmanuel Street operation into two shops. One will house a veritable treasure trove of hi-fis, tv games and intercoms appealing to the young. 80 12 04b

Cambridge's Mill Road is ideal for bargain-hunting. Inghams has one shop entirely devoted to carpets and another with furniture and bedding at the least possible price for top-quality merchandise. The Children's Shop, situated a few yards from the Maternity Hospital, caters for the important needs of premature babies. Easiglaze Windows can show how your new replacement windows could look in your home – no more choosing from brochures while W.F. Webb is one of the best-known in the area; they have been supplying customers since the very early days of radio. 80 12 04c

Robinson, p16

1980 12 05
The first 1½ -mile section of the dual-carriageway of the A604 between the Trinity Foot public house and Bar Hill has opened to traffic. It means less queuing for drivers who have been restricted to single-file traffic and restricted to 40 mph since work started in April 1979. A further two miles will be opened between Woolpack Cottage, Galley Hill and Godmanchester will open next week and there are hopes the whole contract will be completed before May. 80 12 05

Cambridge Scientific Instrument Co., p16
Harold Painter's Sutton history book – Petty – 80 12 05a

1980 10 06
Cambridge railway commuters said goodbye to their two most popular stewards with presents and champagne. British Rail is replacing the three buffet cars and replacing them with micro-buffets and stewards Colin Taylor and Robbie Davidson are resigning. Simon Spanswick of Newport, who fought to save the service, decorated the 20-year-old buffet car with black crepe and Ron Knowles of Horseheath produced a wreath in loving memory. The regulars gathered round the counter and got through quite a lot of drink. 80 12 06

1980 12 09
Cambridgeshire police will lose its cadet force and 35 extra officers it planned to cope with the increased population after £250,000 was cut from its budget. But this is half what had first been proposed. A 'frightening' number of police officers are leaving within two years of joining up; although it is a well-paid job young people today find the night duties and late turns upsetting. 80 12 09

1980 12 10
Anyone who can afford it can now 'pick the brains' of a central computer via Prestel, a specially adapted tv set connected to the telephone. A remote control keypad enables it to dial up the local computer and access material stored in its memory which travels down the ordinary telephone line. In the future one might use on-screen displays to teach children, transmit newspaper-type material with a domestic print-out facility, exchange letters and conversations by text displays and vote in general and local elections. 80 12 10a

George Seaman-Turner, p3
Lennon and cynical Cambridge – Beatles visit 1963 – 80 12 10

1980 12 11

The time taken to get through supermarket check-outs varies; at 6pm on a Thursday evening Tesco's Regent Street store, Cambridge was fairly busy and five out of the seven checkouts were in operation; it took nine minutes to get through. But at their Bar Hill store we queued for 21 minutes. At Bishop's, Arbury Court, paying by cheque meant the cashier had to get it approved by her colleague, which delayed the neighbouring queue. 80 12 11a & b

Plans to expand the village of Somersham have been resisted for many years. An attempt to build on the outskirts of the village was thwarted but it is designated as a "key village" and must grow. Now 'The Paddocks' development has gained an award as the best estate containing lower-price houses to be built in the last decade with an average selling price of £10,500. It was praised for the sensitive planning which managed to avoid destroying the character of the area. 80 12 11c

Burwell stable, p7

1980 12 12
Longstanton school head's views on education – 80 12 12

1980 12 15
Newmarket station can be demolished – 80 12 15

1980 12 16
Sussex Street shops – 80 12 16

1980 12 18
The headmaster at Longstanton School is finding that the academic needs of his pupils are outstripping their financial resources. He gets £10 per year for every child, which has to cover everything. Two-thirds of the children come from service families at the Oakington Barracks and because the Army moves a whole battalion at a time, the school's population changes literally overnight every two and a half years. This raises problems for the village children who are there all the time. 80 12 18

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Road link, p5

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Radio, p1

1980 12 20
One of the oldest pubs in Cambridge, the Rose in Rose Crescent, may soon be just a memory. The brewery, Whitbread, is to sell the premises and it is likely to be converted into student accommodation. Landlord Alf Barnett said it was a place where a man in gumboots and work clothes could stand alongside a businessman with brolly and bowler hat and get along together. Sons of the gentry, over late-night cups of coffee, would ask to borrow the phone to ring 'Mum' and he used to vet their girlfriends. 80 12 20

1980 12 23
Plans for two major developments in Ely have been approved. The Rex Cinema, which has been losing money, will be knocked down to make way for a new Boots store and additional space for Brands. The Club Hotel site will be altered to provide 17 mini shopping units, though there could be traffic problems. But a scheme to knock down a row of derelict cottages in Newnham Street to make way for seven shops, 21 flats and two office suites have been turned down. 80 12 23b

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Weird ghosts of Madingley Hall – 80 12 24 & a & c

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St Neots church

1980 12 30
Thomas Orbell, the owner of a garage in Milton Road Cambridge for almost 50 years has died. He was widely-known in motor-racing circles because of his son, David, who won the second round of the Clubmans Register Championship at Brands Hatch in April. He was still involved in engine development for his son's present venture in Formula Three racing. 80 12 30

1980 12 31
This has been a good year for Cambridge United who played Aston Villa, probably the most famous cup side in England, in the FA Cup. There was a mad scramble to tickets; 12,000 lucky fans were treated to a cup thriller and most were happy with a 1-1 draw though United were trimmed 4-1 in the replay. Then they met Wolves in the Football League Cup, beating them over two legs in a performance that brought praise from England manager Ron Greenwood. They went on to beat Aston Villa but then lost to Coventry. 80 12 31a

The highlight of the sporting year came in Gothenburg where Mike Lee became the youngest world speedway champion for 20 years; now he is the established top rider in the world and a member of the England team. The boxing highlight was the world title fight for Dave 'Boy' Green. He flew to America to take on Sugar Ray Leonard, only to be put on the seat of his pants. 80 12 31b

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1981 01 03
The landlord of the Crown and Pipes pub in Fenstanton is to ask Lester Piggott to donate 'something suitable' to turn his bar into a 'shrine to racing'. He has bought a print of Piggott's eight Derby winners together with others of Arkle, Brigadier Gerard and Mill Reef and hopes to acquire jockeys' silks. It has always been a racing-oriented pub since Joe and Manny Mercer used to pop in on their way to northern tracks in the 1950s. 81 01 03

1981 01 05
Militant anti-vivisectionists dubbed slogans and insults on the homes of Cambridge scientists, calling for an end to the use of animals in experiments. They were part of an orchestrated attack by the Animal Liberation Front. One scientist was awakened by a telephone call at 3am to be told there was 'a surprise' in his front garden; he found slogans over his garage door and coping stones knocked from a wall. But he no longer works in Cambridge. 81 01 05

1981 01 06
Primary schools at Pymoor and Witcham may close next July; the Pymoor children will go to Lt Downham and the 35 pupils from Witcham will attend Mepal school. But Fen Drayton school may be given a temporary reprieve while councillors consider educational provision in the Fenstanton and Hilton area. 81 01 06a

1981 01 07
A last-minute bid to lift the threat of closure from Grantchester Church of England school has failed; it will close in July 1982 and the pupils transferred to Barton. Villagers wanted it to be retained as a

one-teacher school until there were more pupils. But rising house prices meant that people with young families could no longer afford to live there and it was a question of economics. 81 07 07a

Efforts to get permanent sites for gypsies in the Cambridge area are being hampered by meddling by Councils, claimed the representative of the Romany Guild. By circulating petitions demanding a site and threatening legal action they are delaying provision of a permanent site. Communications between different groups were never easy when the caravanners were constantly on the move. His attack follows the removal of 40 families from the Cambridge Cattle Market site and there are now 12 caravan near Milton bypass. 81 01 07b

Work has started on the electrification of the railway line through Huntingdon, St Neots and Sandy. The seven-month programme which involves auger-boring by the trackside and the making of concrete bases for the overhead cable masts is primarily to keep a specialist team of workers in existence. Electrification of the East Coast main line at present goes no further than Hitchin where the Great Northern electric line branches off to Royston. The extension to Peterborough has not yet been authorised. The Cambridge line remains the main priority. 81 01 07c

1981 01 08
Landbeach marina, p11

1981 01 09
The A1-M1 link road is officially ranked as a scheme of the highest importance. But there is total disagreement about the route. The Government wants it to run from the M6 junction but Cambridgeshire county council suggests a route between Northampton and Thrapston, past Wellingborough. They want the road between St Neots through Kimbolton to Highham Ferrars to be downgraded but this can only be done when an alternative through route is open. 81 01 09a

There is a tinge of sadness about the Plough Monday celebrations this year. Russell Wortley, who did so much to restore the custom and was instrumental in bringing back the Molly Dancers, died last January while Molly Dancing at Comberton. But he left a permanent record in notes and articles which have now been published by the Cambridge Morris Men. 81 01 09b

1981 01 12
A bomb blast ripped through the Waggon and Horse pub at Cottenham, shattering a window and sending glass and burning fragments of wood into the street. The device, described as a pipe bomb had been left on a window ledge and exploded at 4.45 in the morning. Fragments of the home-made device have been sent for forensic examination. Police have ruled out terrorist involvement but have no idea of the motive behind it. 81 01 12a

The redundant All Saints church in Cambridge may have had £50,000 in its coffers when it was closed down seven years ago. The discovery has re-opened the simmering row about the future of the Victorian church in Jesus Lane. Supporters claim it could have been used on badly-needed repairs to the fabric of the building and have accused the Diocese of letting it go to rack and ruin. But the archdeacon says money is no longer available for a church when it is made redundant and should be used for the benefit of the living church rather than the dead. 81 01 12b

1981 01 13
Fox Island is a nature reserve on the river Kym just before it joins the Great Ouse by St Neots Golf Club. It was originally a two-acre strip of sedge and nettles, the site of a tennis court attached to a bungalow built by an actor from London. It was bought by Dr Patterson who cut through the site to form an island. He then set about turning it into a sanctuary and it is now managed as a reserve. 81 01 14b

The 15-year old problem of finding a suitable site for a multi-storey car park in West Cambridge must be solved by the summer, city councillors have decided. The residents of Newnham are to be told that,

whether they like it or not, something must be done. A major problem has been finding a suitable site but it can be built just as cheaply underground, perhaps adjacent to the junction of Queen's Road and Madingley Road. 81 01 13a

The News 'Motoring' column was started and first written by Brian Lister in 1955. He went off to make one of the very famous names in sports-racing cars, the Lister-Jaguar, which, driven by the late Archie Scott-Brown and tuned by Don Moore of Cambridge Place, dominated the racing scene. Rodney Tibbs took over the column in 1957. 81 01 13b

1981 01 14
More than 50 ex-Saffron Walden footballers returned to their former ground to celebrate the publication of Paul Daw's history of the club. William 'Tich' Barker, made his debut in 1930 when he was 16 but rejected claims that he was the 'star' of the side that did so well just before the war when they used to get crowds of up to 1,600 people. "Nowadays, the players make more noise than the crowd: we never went in for all the shouting which you see today; and we never got paid a penny either – players used to give up an hour's pay at work to catch the bus and turn out for Walden", he recalled. 81 01 14a

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Newmarket training girls, p20

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Japanese POW article and pic of camp – 81 01 16a
Foxton station, p16

1981 01 17
The Perse School for Girls celebrated its 100th birthday with a mammoth birthday cake made by the school cooks. It was left to the youngest pupil, Amanda Higgins, to blow out the candles. Head girl, Rachel Bendall presided over the cutting while the headmistress, Miss Mary Rose Bateman, help with the serving to each of the 701 pupils and staff. Later there was of a film depicting its history and a thanksgiving service. 81 01 17

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New post for Cambs farmer – John Martin – 81 01 19

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1981 01 24
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Angell hairdressing, p10

1981 01 26
Microelectronics have caused some major shake-ups in the way we live and work; Cambridge's electronics wizard, Clive Sinclair brought us the first pocket calculator and pocket television and now launches Britain's first complete personal computer, the ZX-80. It plugs into the aerial socket of your television and is tuned in like a video-game. But then you have to type in a program from the 128-page instruction manual. The computer is not really all that bright and must be given a clear list of instructions before it can do even the simplest sums. 81 01 26a & b

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1981 01 28
A Cambridge student has set up a computer dating service for lonely hearts in the university. For just 50p the unattached undergraduate is promised an introduction to the partner of his dreams. Confidential questionnaires drawn up by a student of experimental psychology were sent out and the results loaded on a computer. It matches them up to produce ideal partners and bliss ensures. It is hoped the first couples will be paired off by St Valentine's Day. 81 01 28

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1981 01 29
The best thing that can happen to anybody who falls in the River Cam is to drown; the alternative is to catch all kinds of horrible diseases, a councillor said. Everything goes into the river, which is one big drain. They would like it to be made safe for bathing but it was impossible to stop chemicals and fertilisers being washed in and would mean higher water rates. 81 01 29

1981 01 30
Potton, p23

1981 01 31
The Viscountess Bury plopped into the Ouse with a new nose, a new right arm and a dud battery. The 93-year-old doyenne of pleasure boats was relaunched at Ely after a refit that included restoration of its figurehead, a well-upholstered Victorian lady. But she would not start and it took over an hour to get her under way. It should be available for hire by the end of April. 81 01 31

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1981 02 02
Cambridgeshire is the centre for illegal bare-knuckle fist-fights; they are straight knockabouts until one of the fighters drops and as much as £3,000 can change hands with single bets of around £50. A fight at Fen Road Chesterton involving two teenage boys from the gypsy fraternity and watched by a noisy crowd of more than 500 was abandoned when police moved in to break up the crowd, some of whom had travelled from all over the country. 81 02 02

St Neots Local History Society's first meeting was attended by double the number of people expected. About 120 turned up to see a slide show of old buildings in St Neots given by David Hufford with a commentary by the newly-elected secretary, Mrs Rosie Young. The society will have monthly meetings and survey the gravestones in local cemeteries. 81 02 02a

1981 02 03
Bare-knuckle fights – history – 81 02 03

1981 02 04

Airport chiefs stood firmly by their claim that enlargement of Stansted airport would mean no more than 6,000 new homes by 1991. They say airport workers are characteristically young, with many people in the 18-24 age group who tend to share houses and flats. But their assessment of the size of the workforce needed, the number of staff moving into the area and the number of homes needed are all much smaller than those of local authorities opposed to the scheme. 81 02 04

1981 02 05
Cambridge is one of the centres for a new electronic mail network launched by the Post Office. The pioneer Intelpost service means than information can be delivered in hours in a replica of its original form. Drawings and hand-written matter can be transmitted to 17 other post offices. The service is confidential and operating staff who see documents are under legal obligations not to reveal their contents. The rate is £2 for the first page and is backed up by a speedy hand-delivery system which costs £2.50. 81 02 05a

Cambridge City Football Club has crippling debts of about £65,000; this financial millstone is a legacy from earlier days when the club had been run without any administrative ability at all. A club, once the pride of Cambridge until United was elected to the Football League in 1969, has now sunk into a virtual backwater. They have gone 40 games without a win and attract about 200 spectators. But they have a ground with a capacity of 17,000 that is the envy of most non-league clubs. 81 02 05b & c

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1981 02 09
The new King 511 call box installed in Emmanuel Street, Cambridge is made of transparent bronze acrylic attached to a strong central column. There is no door so that users simply walk into the open canopy. British Telecom says it will curb vandalism and is more attractive in a modern environment. 81 02 09a

Nuclear power can be produced more cheaply, safely and efficiently than conventional forms of energy, claimed a technical officer at Sizewell speaking at the Liberal Party conference in Cambridge. The media had created a 'lop-sided view' of safety and nuclear stations produced electricity at an average cost of 1.3p per unit compared with 1.6p for coal-fired and 1.9p for oil fired stations. He warned the party – whose conference voted against nuclear power – to be aware of the 'Luddite syndrome'. 81 02 09b

1981 02 11
The health service in Cambridge is sliding £2.5 into the red and there will have to be massive cuts in patient care as a result, with ward closures. It is overspent on nurses' salaries, drugs and increased fuel costs. But more money is to be spent on the Papworth heart transplant programme where a new consultant will be appointed. 81 02 11

1981 02 12
A 10-year plan for Milton will see space for another 1,300 houses and 60 acres set aside for industry. Milton was chosen because it has outstanding road links, the potential for rail freight, good public transport, the availability of building land because of the new roads and the proposed development of the country park. There may be a substantial supermarket and the council must be urged to provide a permanent branch library. When completed its population will have more than doubled. 81 02 12 & a

Jonas Webb, p5

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1981 02 16
Comberton Youth Centre's disco team, winners of a national championship, will appear before Prince and Princes Michael of Kent at a televised awards ceremony. But the BBC has asked for their sexy routine to be toned down. The girls black stockings and cami-knickers will be substituted for something less revealing and the boy's hairy chest covered up. They will also change their name from 'Scandal' to 'The Bodywork Company'. 81 02 16 & a

Tommy Cooper is one of the funniest men in show business. Ostensibly a magician, his tricks go wrong, his impressions awful, and his gags as old as the hills: I went to the doctor. I said, 'I've got a bad foot, what shall I do?' He said, 'Limp.' They get worse as the act progresses yet he creased the audience at the Cambridge Sports Hall with laughter. Any comedian who can perform virtually the same act for more than three decades has to be admired. 81 12 16b

1981 02 18
Cambridge councillors have thrown out the idea of ever building a multi-storey car park anywhere near the Backs. They condemned as 'barbaric' suggestions from senior officials that such a park, either above or below ground, could be built on college gardens, playing fields or open spaces along Queen's Road. "It is even more ridiculous than the plan to put a major road cross Grantchester Meadows", said Councillor Rosenstiel. 81 02 18a

Percy Wing's shop has been in business in Clarendon Street, Cambridge, since 1912. A grocer's and off-licence, it sells all sorts of things from Chelsea buns and bundles of firewood to apricot wine and John Smith's beer. It's the sort of shop where customers can still hold weekly or monthly accounts and have their orders made up and delivered. One customer has had an account there since 1914. Young customers ask for advice and recipes, elderly customers come in for a quarter of a pound of butter or a couple of rashers of bacon. On occasions they have sold a single egg at a time. 81 02 18b

Cambridge electronics wizard, Clive Sinclair, has launched the world's first flat-screen television. Working with Timex he hopes to produce a million tubes in 1982. The first will be a 6 x 4 x 1-inch pocket television costing £50 able to pick up transmissions anywhere. It may eventually lead to a large screen which can be hung on a wall. 81 02 18c

1981 02 20
A spectre haunts the narrow streets of Ely and threatens to turn the cathedral city into a ghost town struggling to hold disaster at bay. The closure of the sugar beet factory is a mortal blow for it is the biggest single employer with 215 permanent jobs plus 130 casual workers during the four-month 'campaign'. The agricultural recession has already caused farmers to buy less machinery meaning the closure of the Dorman Sprayer Company and now Standens are shedding 34 jobs. 81 02 20

1981 02 23
The village post office is a cornerstone of many small rural communities, but lack of business is threatening their survival. Lolworth is one of the smallest, run since 1972 by Mrs Margaret Wenham, a jolly, red-haired lady who was born and bred in the village. For the first five years she ran it from a caravan but now it doubles as the only village shop stocking basic groceries and bits and pieces. It doesn't have a full range of counter services or provide a proper living on its own. But it is relied on by pensioners and mums drawing family allowances in a village with only one bus a week. 81 02 23

Cambridge bookseller George Porter was thanked in Latin for a lifetime's service to the university and city when he was awarded an honorary degree of Master of Arts in an historic ceremony in the Senate House. He started in 1933 in the firm which his father had founded at the turn of the century and became a specialist in antiquarian books. "I was completely thrilled; it came totally out of the blue but I consider it a great honour", he said. 81 02 23a

1981 02 24
Reginald Lambeth, Cambridgeshire's former rural industries organiser, has died. He covered an area of 600 villages and gave technical aid to small firms, including briar pipe and cricket bat makers, helping start three businesses which went on to produce an annual turnover of more than £1 million. He helped to launch the Cambridge Folk Museum and was its unpaid curator for 12 years before he was succeeded by Miss Enid Porter. 81 02 24

As John F. Kennedy was chauffeured into down-town Dallas a telephone call was made to the 'Cambridge News. The anonymous caller gave a reporter the cryptic message: "Call the American Embassy in London for some big news" and rang off, 25 minutes before the world's most powerful man was shot. At least that's what happened according to a text of a telegram attributed to the CIA, one of 25,000 items now released under America's Freedom of Information Act. But nobody at the News remembers it. 81 02 24a & b

1981 02 26
Grantchester's 116-year-old primary school, which is threatened with closure, could turn into a private school on similar lines to Madingley where a parents' co-operative has been running the school since the education authority withdrew support. There is strong backing for the school from the former headmasters of Eton and Winchester schools, two of its trustees. 81 02 26

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1981 03 02
There are at least 300 Citizen Band Radio enthusiasts in Cambridge; they range from The Womble who at seven years of age can exchange patter with the best of them on her dad's set to Silver Fox who is 85. But their rigs are illegal, smuggled in and sold for between £65 and £150. The Government says they interfere with television sets and emergency services but the enthusiasts operate a 'bust fund' to replace any set seized. 81 03 02a

Pymoor church, p5

1981 03 03
CB, p6

1981 03 04
The old St Paul's school, designed by Ambrose Poynter, a pupil of the Regency architect John Nash, is destined for demolition. It dates from 1845 and is Cambridge's earliest elementary school. Last year pupils moved into new buildings close by and now the Education Department is seeking to demolish it and use the site for a playground. Old stones showing the former name, the National School' and the boys' and girls' entrances will be put into the new building. 81 03 04

The famous autogyros produced by Ely-born aviation expert Wing-Cmdr Ken Wallis may soon go into production. They can carry out many of the roles of a helicopter but are much cheaper, costing around £17,000. A fighter version was used by James Bond in the film 'You Only Live Twice'. His father built his own an aircraft in the garden of a house in St Barnabas Road in 1908; it flew from a field near Fulbourn but was later destroyed in a storm. 81 03 04a

1981 03 05
CB & planes, p13

1981 03 06
Rail closures are back in news; British Rail wants to close the March-Spalding line in May 1982. It was constructed to carry coal; in the 1950s there were lines of coal trains waiting to get into March

station yard but then clean air campaigns in London finished the traffic. The track is in good condition and the hard-up Eastern Region want to plunder it for rails and sleepers to use elsewhere. 81 03 06

Barrington stores stocks a wide variety of goods. Crusty bread comes in daily from Godfrey's Bakery of Swavesey, eggs come twice a week from Fowlmere and the fruit and veg from Royston. They sell cheese from the block, various cold meats and beers. But they also sell sandpaper, needles, clothes pegs and mousetraps. One lady asked for corset laces, but these were not in stock. 81 03 06a

Bottisham photographer, p20

1981 03 09
Cambridge University's award-winning History Faculty building needs £60,000 repairs. Thousands of tiles have to be removed before they fall down themselves. Several have already fallen. Despite opening a year late and being plagued with leaking windows ever since, it has attracted attention from architects and won a national award for its designer, James Stirling. 81 03 09

1981 03 11
People do not realise just how hard is concentrated mental study, hour after hour. A conscientious University student who is set on an academic career often works alone but can get bored with subjects they have studied for many years. Arts students tend to come to terms with loneliness sooner than the science students working in the laboratory and are more likely to suffer breakdowns. The University Counselling Service provides 90 hour-long psychotherapy sessions each week to help them cope. 81 03 11a

Camden cricket club, p14

1981 03 12
A basic funeral is likely to cost £300 with £58 for a cremation and service, not including an organist or any memorials. Burial can work out cheaper, because if a family buy a grave it can be used for two or three people. At Cambridge the charge for land is going up 50% to £75 and there is a fee of £40 for opening the grave and burial. Things are cheaper in the villages where local people have a right to be buried in the parish churchyard without buying the land, if there's space. 81 03 12

The first refuge for battered women opened in Cambridge three years ago; about 285 women and 450 children have been through its doors. At one stage 10 women and 20 children were sharing the three-storey five-bedroomed house. It can take six months before alternative accommodation can be found and some women, depressed by the long wait are driven into returning home. Now a second refuge has been provided to relieve some of the pressure. 81 03 12a

1981 03 13
Services on the Cambridge to St Ives railway line stopped in October 1970 and researchers want to assess the effects of the closure. But they had difficulty tracking down former users, because of the mobility of the Ouse valley towns. The line closed because the populations they served were small and used trains infrequently; in winter they carried only 10 to 20 passengers, most for non-food shopping or visiting families. Most switched to buses which took between 35-79 minutes for the journey, compared to 27 minutes by train. 81 03 13

1981 03 14
Police are trying to untangle the financial affairs of a Linton recluse who left a fortune when he died – possibly £100,000. The retired gardener lived the life of a miser and once told a friend he had to walk to work because he couldn't afford a new tyre for his bicycle. But all the time money was piling up in different bank and savings accounts. After his death police found bundles of money stored in tins and unopened wage packets lying in a trunk – but no will. 81 03 14

1981 03 16

CB wavelength jam, p1

1981 03 19
Stansted expansion, p5

1981 03 20
Tinned guavas, white peaches, maple syrup and home-cooked ham are not the kind of fare you expect to find in a village shop. But Millers' Stores in Orwell is a bit more special. They stock all the groceries and provisions, fresh fruit and vegetables, wines, bread and cakes from a nearby bakery and much more. The shop feels friendly as you are made to feel welcome. The village is in the fortunate position of having two stores but they are not in competition and each has its own different trade. 81 03 20

1981 03 21
Cambridge City Council may go into small-scale farming to try to raise extra money for the ratepayers, buying 20 Hereford store cattle for grazing on Lammas Land and Sheep's Green. The cost could be taken from money earmarked for maintaining the common lands where, under an old law, people can graze cattle, paying a nominal rent of £32 for the right to pasture nearly 200 animals. Most are not really farmers but come together to buy ten animals each and never go near them, taking advantage of rules which prevent the council charging an up-to-date rent. 81 03 21

1981 03 23
Paine's brewery of St Neots has been asked to supply some special beer for the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer. Buckingham Palace has asked for a quality beer for discerning drinkers. They will produce 5,760 pints of probably the strongest beer they have ever made. Paine's have produced special brews for many royal occasions and this year celebrate their 150-year anniversary with another special beer. 81 03 23

1981 03 24
When the Corn Exchange re-opened earlier this year after a new roof had been fitted at a cost of £200,000 it was thought that the only major rock venue in Cambridge had been restored to the city's youngsters and an impressive line-up of bands were booked to appear. But just four concerts later the clamour of protest about noise has outmatched the decibels of the bands and put the whole future of the hall in doubt. Now the council may have to install soundproofing. 81 03 24

1981 03 25
Coopers, p15

1981 03 27
Cambridge Housing Society embarked on a purpose-built development to provide homes for the disabled. Now after five years beset by all sorts of difficulties George Pateman Court in Tenison Road is nearly complete. It has a prime site, close to shops and transport with flats, bungalows and bedsitters designed for the physically-handicapped. But there is a shortage of disabled people wanting to take up the accommodation. 81 03 27

1981 03 30
Six hundred young people took to the streets to demonstrate against the threat to live music in Cambridge. They marched from the Great Northern Pub in Station Road to the Corn Exchange – the two rock venues at the centre of a row over noise levels. The landlord of the pub has been in dispute with the city's environmental health department over the noise made by band playing there and the Corn Exchange also faces legal action if they do not act on the noise problem. 81 03 30

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1981 04 01

The Government has given the go-ahead for USAF TR1 spy planes to be stationed at RAF Alconbury by 1983 together with thousands of extra American airmen and their families. Their deployment will involve additional construction work estimated at £40 million and be the biggest boost for the Huntingdonshire economy for many years. This makes Alconbury – the future Command base for Cruise missiles at Molesworth – a vital part of NATO's defence strategy. 81 04 01

Pye Business Communications is marketing a revolutionary office intercom system, the M100S, which, literally, speaks for itself. A voice unit will verbally tell a caller if a particular extension is in a meeting or on holiday. It can also take a video screen which will flash up information such as a user transferring to another extension or an absence or holiday list. All the information is put into a microcomputer exchange by the keys or dials of the intercom and telephones. 81 04 01a

Gypsies want to build two permanent caravan sites themselves because they believe the county council is acting too slowly. Members of the Romany Guild, the organisation that represents traditional travelling folk, have submitted plans for sites at Grassy Corner, Chesterton Fen Road at Milton and Royston Road Duxford. This follows Government recommendations that gypsies should try and build their own sites to overcome delays facing local authority plans. But the council says both sites have already been the subject of enforcement action. 81 04 01b

1981 04 02
Rosie, p1

1981 04 03
Bottisham's picture-taker – Henry Howard, horsekeeper; not one house in village that didn't have a photo taken by him pre WWI – 81 03 06b

1981 04 06
An era has come to an end at Debden with the retirement of the village's 90-year-old postmistress, Mrs Lilian Peterson after 52 years. Over 40 villagers clustered round the tiny sub-post office to show their appreciation by presenting her with a cheque. She was not forgotten by her younger customers, eight-year-old Catherine Pearson presented a bouquet while Caroline Tyrrell and Melanie Bowles gave her a posy and letter written by all the children at the primary school. 81 04 06

1981 04 08
Cambridge City Football Club hopes to set up an ice rink at their Milton Road ground using synthetic ice. It would be housed in a semi-permanent aluminium and heavy-duty PVC structure which could also be used for five-a-side football, tennis and exhibitions. They hope it will be in place by June and prove a licence to print money. 81 04 08

1981 04 09
Running is the nation's new boom sport with the London marathon attracting huge numbers. But this cannot disguise the alarm over the future of Cambridge's young athletes. "There seems to be a general apathy in schools. Netherhall has always been very good and Manor used to be good but otherwise you are banging your head against a brick wall" says the secretary of the Cambridge and Coleridge athletes club. "Youngsters just seem to want and compete without putting the background work in". 81 04 09

1981 04 10
The hopes of many Cambridge scientists rest on a successful launch of the US space shuttle. One of the planned missions will be to put into orbit a space telescope which will be used along with Spacelab which the shuttle will be taking into orbit on its first operational mission. It will only be in orbit for a week but may lead to a permanent space station. University astronomers are using Starlink, a computer network which links the Cambridge institute with five other astronomy centres in Britain to process vast amounts of astronomical images. 81 04 10

You might suppose that the Cambridge Pianola Company is a dusty relic of the 19th century, but it was started less than five years ago. Pianolas are those 'magic' pianos that play all by themselves, the keys go up and down, prompted by machinery. They are in demand from pubs, clubs and hotels and the company stocks the world's largest range of pianola rolls. It also sells nickelodeons, player organs and pianocorders and helps people trying to restore their own pianolas with materials and spare parts. 81 04 10a & b

A young couple who bought Brookfield Cottage in Little Gransden in 1979 set about restoring it to its original state when they found a rolled-up ball of paper blocking a hole in the old plaster. It was a poem describing the story of 'young Taylor' who had been hanged for poaching. But poaching was not a hanging offence and they can find no mention of him at the Cambridge County Record Office. 81 04 10c

Drag hounds, p22

1981 04 14
Nuclear war, p14

1981 04 15
Delaporte, p8

1981 04 16
Haslingfield general stores stocks a bit of everything from fresh meat to greengrocery and hand-made chocolates to a selection of cheeses. A number of jars behind the counter contain herbs and spices sold loose and they also have cumin seeds and tinned lychees. Cardboard boxes hold everything from upholstery nails and cistern washers to hinges and screws. Dudley Harris, the shopkeeper, believes customers come in to be cheered up and he enjoys having a laugh with them. 81 04 16

Grantchester skateboard, p21

1981 04 16
Call for help to save Lt Thetford play area. 81 04 16

1981 04 18
Leaders of 5,000 Cambridge health service workers passed a vote of no confidence in the Area Health Authority's handling of its £1.5 million deficit. Earlier surgeons said they had lost confidence in the nursing administration and warned that only urgent cases would be admitted. Now County Council experts have offered to help sort out the accounts and untangle the administration. But it is difficult to control the budget when 'clinical freedom' was given to doctors to do what they felt was best for their patients. 81 04 18

Osier bed, p6

1981 04 21
Three valuable painting of Henry VI, Henry VII and Henry VIII have been stolen from King's College, Cambridge. All are contemporary works in oil on wood or panel. They were taken along with their frame from the college's main hall and people thought they had been removed for cleaning. 81 04 21a

1981 04 22
Cambridge University's is to ban tourists and foreign students from its historic degree day ceremony because too many casual observers have caused over-crowding in the public gallery. Several thousand students pass through the Senate House to receive their degrees but the building, which has a capacity of 440 people, must also cope with a similar flow of parents and friends. 81 04 22

1981 04 23
An era has ended at Cherry Hinton Hall with the closure of the nursery school that has flourished there since September 1949. Its head teacher for 30 years, Miss Norah Littlehales retired last August. The big-house-in-the-park, built over a century ago to house a noble family, now has its dilapidation problems and there are no immediate plans for its future use. 81 04 23

Ely beet factory, p11

1984 04 24
Fears that the future of the Arts Cinema might be jeopardy have been scotched by the new manager. He plans a programme of the world's best films, making them available to the widest-possible audience and using the facilities of the British Film Institute's archive material with a series of silent classics with piano accompaniment. Late-night films will also be shown on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. 81 04 24a

The county librarian has criticised a pamphlet entitled 'Where have all the new books gone?' which attacks councils for cutting back on library spending. A new report says Cambridgeshire has reduced library provision by 15% but Brendan Dwyer says spending has risen by 14% although the high increase in the price of books does make it difficult to provide as many as previously. 81 04 24b & c

More than 50 young people belonging to the 'Keep Cambridge Live' campaign, which wants to retain live music, crowded the public gallery of the Guildhall when they thought a plan to convert the Corn Exchange into a music complex was to be discussed. But it is due to be debated in July. After half an hour – during which time paper aeroplanes drifted down among councillors - they left shouting, "How can you sit there and listen to all this boring stuff". The mayor said: "I think we handled that very well". 81 04 24d

Sizewell, p5

1981 04 27
Torrential rain lashed Huntingdonshire over the weekend isolating villages and sealing off roads. Villagers at Alconbury were placed on a 'red alert' and told to move all valuable possessions up to the first floor of their homes. Police frogmen stood by to help people trapped by the water and ferry food to stranded homes. At Chatteris the wind brought down a derelict cottage in the High Street, scattering rubble across the road. 81 04 27a

Mental Hospitals are often seen as Gothic mansions glowering in some remote spot. But Risbridge Hospital at Kedington goes far to dispel the 'Bedlam' myth forever. It has removed the old high hedges, walls and railings and is now open and friendly without bolts and bars. Vic Germain, the administrator, has worked there since 1937: "When I came there was a custodial atmosphere and the doors were all locked. Now the wards are like homes, the patients have their own household things, even down to the teapot and live together like large families", he said. 81 04 27b

1981 04 28
There were problems in many parts of the Bedford Ouse catchment area after 45 millimetres of rain and six inches of snow prompted the issuing of a red flood warning. But now they have interrogatable machines fitted to rivers which link into the telephone lines. When dialled they give a series of codes which convey the level of river discharge and allow engineers to open sluices and lock gates. They can't stop flooding, just ensure that people are warned so they may take preventative action. 81 04 28a

Police computer, p3
Brampton flood, p13

1981 04 29

More than 8,000 old wells could be tapped if water supplies are threatened. But many have fallen into disuse, are capped or not officially recorded. The water could be quite usable since they are on underlying chalkland which acts as a great purifying agent but the Anglian Water Authority are concerned about the risk of pollution: it wouldn't do for them to distribute contaminated water. 81 04 29

Fulbourn garage, p16

1981 04 30
The least expensive part of a traditional wedding is the service. In an Anglican Church the basic charges for the ceremony without music add up to £25 plus an extra £3 for reading the banns. Extras such as an organist or choir cost £5 each. A Shire Hall register office ceremony costs £13. But a wedding dress averages £65, flowers £30 and wedding photographs at least £80. A Littleport firm now offers a video film for £85 but you need a video recorder to watch it afterwards. 81 04 30a

Flooding last week was on a par with conditions in 1947. A high level of rainfall combined with the snow melting has resulted in flood levels downstream from Huntingdon. "There is no doubt that we have a major disaster on our hands in some areas" said the chairman of the Drainage Committee who praised the workmen who spent between 48 and 72 hours working continuously to try and control the floods. 81 04 30b

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1981 05 01
It took £10,000, two 20-ton cranes and a good deal of ingenuity for Cambridge artist, Philip Martin, to realise a lifetime's ambitions. He has taken delivery of a 70-foot barge. The 15-ton monster had to be winched off its transporter and lowered into the Cam at Riverside before being pulled by hand a mile up river to its permanent base opposite Alpha Road. It will take some time to convert it into one of the few floating art galleries in the country. 81 05 01

1981 05 06
The Duchess of Kent formally opened Denis Wilson Court, a Royal British Legion housing development providing 28 bed-sitters and 24 double unites for ex-servicemen and women. It was named after the county president of the British Legion. Members of the band of the Queen's Division from Bassingbourn accompanied hymns in the dedication service. 81 05 06

Corn Exchange, p6

1981 05 07
Mainstop, a subsidiary of the giant British American Tobacco Industries, has its eye on the Cambridge Cattle Market site with an outline planning application for a £5 million scheme providing more than twice the space of Sainsbury's in Coldham's Lane. Mainstop already have a superstore in the new Orton 'township' being built outside Peterborough, an area quite different from the site in Cherryhinton Road which is currently scheduled for light industrial development. 81 05 07

1981 05 08
The Viscountess Bury, one of the oldest pleasure boats in the world, has made a come-back after a £10,000 restoration. The 93-year-old boat began the new season with a 16-mile round cruise along the Ouse north from Ely. She originally ran on electricity but is now diesel-powered and ready to ply the rivers, 24-hours a day, for many years to come. 81 05 08

Roman silver coins dating from the 4th century that were unearthed by a metal detector enthusiast have been declared treasure trove. They coins were discovered in a field beside the road to Freckenham. "I walked 20 yards and found one silver coin and then found another two as I slowly went up the slope", he said. In the end he found 211 which could be worth about £3,000. 81 05 08a

County election, p1

1981 05 11
Five years ago the problem of housing single people in Cambridge was desperate. But now 20 local housing associations like Granta and King Street have added hundreds of rooms. The Argyle Street Housing Co-operative is different: half the places are earmarked for CCAT students and the rest will go to single people. Members will run the properties themselves, doing some of the maintenance. Living near a railway line is not everyone's idea of heaven but it does have its advantages: the rents will be around £15 a week. 81 05 11

1981 05 12
Glue-sniffing first came to this country about 10 years ago and there have been isolated outbreaks since then, but the revival of the craze among a group of Cambridge youngsters has caused concern. Police say there are no more than a dozen involved and it is not a major problem yet. One 14-year-old punk, a veteran glue-sniffer of three months, admitted stealing pots of glue and said "My mother doesn't want me to do it but I just like it and don't care". 81 05 12

1981 05 13
Midsummer Fair may be called off if the Showmen's Guild and Cambridge City Council can't reach agreement over proposed rent increases or proposals for more attractions. It has been described as the second largest fair in Britain but this includes many market traders who take stalls; in terms of fairground rides there are many larger. "The fair is quite honestly not that good – it's large, but not well-attended" one showman said. 81 05 13

1981 05 14
Cambridge's unique 100-year-old spiky pillar box has been moved from the corner of Newmarket Road and Cheddar's Lane after local firms protested that its seven-inch aperture was too small for modern-day packages. It was built about 1880 and does not have the royal cipher or the words 'Post Office' on it. But nobody knows why it has spikes on the top. Some say it was to stop people climbing over the gas works wall, others that it was to frighten away a troublesome swan that used to perch on the top or provide an uncomfortable landing for a hapless German parachutist. 81 05 14a

Wartime correspondence between the Home Office and the man who would have run Cambridge in the event of a major disaster has been unearthed in the Public Record Office. Mr F.R. Scott would have assumed total control of the Eastern Counties and his letters give details of damage to Cherry Hinton Hall and private houses, including a small fire caused by an oil incendiary bomb falling on a house in Tenison Avenue. They were sent from St Regis, Montague Road, which served as the region's civil defence headquarters until 1945. Later Cambridge was again chosen as a Regional Seat of Government in 1959 to cope with the aftermath of a nuclear attack. 81 05 14b

Since 1962 the price of a semi in Perne Road Cambridge has risen from £3,000 to £30,000 and in De Freville it is much higher. The leap in prices in the early 1970s meant that first-time buyers they turned to the Mill Road area and prices rocketed. If you had bought a terraced house in Romsey Town in 1962 it would have cost £1,350. Now it is worth more than £20,000. 81 05 14c

The shop at Hadstock was once a chicken battery and pig sty. It was converted by Mr R.H. Wood and now sells almost everything including meat, coal and vegetables, offering a 'personal service' that the supermarket cannot give. They think nothing of selling a couple of rashers of bacon or a single tomato and there is a big range of sweets for the school children. 81 15 14d

1981 05 15
Cambridge ecologists say a bus which can run on railway lines is the solution to transport problems in local villages. They plan to borrow a prototype and run it from the city centre to Huntingdon, using British Rail's tracks. It would stop at Mill Road, Chesterton and North Arbury was well as the former

stations en route to Swavesey. From this point the tracks have been removed but it would run along the trackbed to St Ives and the Hemingfords. 81 05 15a

Diggers are ripping up Molesworth airfield and soon there will be rows of grassy mounds like unmarked graves – resting-places for Cruise Missiles. Close to the spot is the road sign to Little Gidding and on it appears two lines from the T.S. Eliot poem of the same name: 'Dust in the air suspended Marks the place where a story ended'. In the unhappy event of East Anglia being reduced to so much dust the Regional Health Authority has drawn up a war-plan policy. It includes advice on herbal remedies and wearing plastic bags on your head against fall-out. 81 05 15b

Military target, p7

1981 05 16
A £5 million plan for a superstore with space for nearly 600 cars on the old Cambridge cattle market has been scrapped. City councillors who were not consulted in advance laughed at the idea saying it was against their policy of only small-scale industrial development on the site. It also provoked fierce criticism from residents who felt the massive traffic it would generate could make life intolerable. The London-based development company has now withdrawn its application. 81 05 16

1981 05 18
A full-scale anthrax alert was declared following the death of a cow at a farm near Tilbrook. A large part of the farm has been disinfected & Bedfordshire county council has erected notices warning people not to enter. It is ten years since the last serious outbreak at Abbotsley. The area escaped the severe national epidemic of 1977 when there were around 100 cases. 81 05 18 & 19

1981 05 20
University Press, p11

1981 05 21
Reservoir, p15

1981 05 22
The seven-ton electronic camera known to thousands of fund raisers as the cancer scanner has arrived at Addenbrooke's Hospital on the back of a lorry. It was made near Nuremberg and shipped to Gravesend before going to the Siemens works for checking. It takes three-dimensional pictures of the body in micro-thin slides which can be studied to reveal the site of deep-seated disease without the need for investigative surgery. After two years the organisers are now only £100,000 short of their £1 million target. 81 05 22

1981 05 23
Twenty years of uncertainty over the future of the Kite area have ended. Debenham, the major national chain store, is to move into a superstore planned for the £15 million shopping development. Labour councillors who have led opposition against the scheme have conceded defeat saying there is nothing they can now do to halt it. The Conservatives who initiated the scheme and have never flagged in their confidence that it would eventually get under way are delighted. 81 05 23

1981 05 26
Simplex, one of the world's leading makers of farm machinery, is to close its Sawston factory. It was started in 1936 by two cousins, the Bond-Smiths, marketing milking machinery from a building in Gwydir Street. In 1957 it became a subsidiary of GEC, the giant electrical firm, which has now agreed in principle to sell Simplex to Acrow, the engineering firm with a base in Saffron Walden. The firm says the deal makes industrial logic, given the state of the economy, and is designed to preserve the maximum number of jobs. The manufacturing plant will be transferred to Maldon and the Sawston works sold off. 81 05 26

1981 05 27
A Cambridge consortium which owns a shop in the centre of the planned £15 million Kite rebuilding scheme is steadfastly refusing to sell to make way for the giant new redevelopment. No.56 Fitzroy Street was bought in a bid to stop the scheme and their leader, a Cambridge don, says: "Under no circumstances are we going to budge – not even if they offered us £5 million. They can build all around us if they like – I am looking forward to our little shop becoming part of the shopping precinct with a large glass dome over the roof". 81 05 27

1981 05 28
This ought to be one of the most important days in the life of David Robinson, the multi-millionaire. His cheques are everywhere re-shaping Cambridge but the hand that signs them is never seen. Even on the eve of his crowning achievement no-one is certain that he will be there when the Queen officially opens the college he founded and which bears his name. He dislikes the limelight that has won him a private audience with the Queen. 81 05 28a b c

1981 05 29
Newmarket millionaire David Robinson today announced he had given an extra £1 million to the college he founded. The news came shortly before the Queen and Prince Philip arrived in Cambridge to formally open it. But Mr Robinson did not attend the ceremony as he did not feel up to it. He is very frail. But 2,500 employees of the Cambridge University Press took tea with the Queen after she opened their new Edinburgh Building. 81 05 29, 30

1981 05 30
Queen CUP, p6

June 1981 CEN

1981 06 01
Bitter personal arguments, the sound of falling masonry and a series of costly court actions have punctuated the 30-year-Kite saga. In 1950, the Holford Report suggested that the city's historic centre could not meet the shopping needs of future generations. "We regard Fitzroy Street as a valuable relief for pressure on the older centre", it said. Now with the news that Debenhams is to move into the new development and that work is due to start this summer, the saga may be nearing its end. 81 06 01

1981 06 02
Burwell pits, p3

1981 06 04
A Haverhill firm, Trio Tronics, has developed a small electronic reversing alarm for cars, caravans and commercial vehicles. It emits a warning tone as soon as reversing gear is engaged, alerting anyone around. It will also warn a driver if he has engaged reverse by mistake. The device is sealed in a weatherproof unit fitted to the rear bumper and has a switch so it can be turned off at night to comply with noise regulations. So far they have sold 3,000 of the units which cost £8.90 each. 81 06 04b

Cambridge Midsummer Fair may be reduced to a small handful of trade stalls because of a squabble between councillors and showmen. The showmen's guild has decided to boycott the fair because its members are refusing to pay a 25 per-cent rent increase. It would mean large machines like the 'jollity farm' would be charged £125 for the four-day period. Sideshows would have to pay about £4 more a day. But commercial traders still want to take space on the common and hope there will be 'some sort of fair'. 81 06 04a

The last original metal bridge of the old Colne Valley Railway is getting a facelift as sprayers move in to repaint it with the same paint which is used on North Sea rigs, supplied by Signpost Paint of

Haverhill. Territorial Army soldiers moved the 44-feet structure, built in 1922, from Earls Colne. It will enable the preservation society to extend its track half a mile across the Rover Colne. 81 06 04c

Green belt plan, p13

1981 06 05
Cambridge was declared a nuclear-free zone by Labour councillors who asked officers to oppose and restrict the deployment of nuclear weapons and the transportation of radioactive material within the city boundaries. Work going on in university departments is beyond the scope of the new policy but any future planning applications for research facilities connected with nuclear weapons would be rejected. 81 06 05a

Police evacuated families when fire ripped through a furniture warehouse in Haddenham High Street, destroying stored furniture and people's belongings. Firemen managed to confine the blaze to the asbestos-built warehouse though they ran short of water and had to send for extra pumps. Crowds lined the street as a pall of smoke hung over the village and the noise of exploding asbestos echoed around the buildings. 81 06 05b

When an Ashley pensioner was told how much it would cost to restore her Tudor cottage, she decided to do the job herself. Now, despite having arthritis in all her joints, she is working to turn her 300-year-old ruin into a dream house. The cottage had been empty for eight years, the roof needed rethatching and she could see daylight through the walls. She has torn out ceilings, dug up floors with a garden fork and laid new foundations. One advantage of working on an old house is that it doesn't matter if the beams and plastering aren't perfectly straight, she said. 81 06 05c

Bicycle route, p30

1981 06 06
Move to save Midsummer Fair – 81 06 06

1981 06 08
Firemen saved a 300-year-old cottage at Great Chesterford from serious damage when sparks from a blazing barn set the thatch on fire. The barn, at the back of the Post Office, which had been converted into three garages was gutted, and a parked car parked was also destroyed. The premises of Swaine, Adney Briggs and Sons who make umbrellas for the Queen Mother and gloves for the Queen were undamaged, though a section of guttering melted in the heat. 81 06 08

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Hilton fire, p6

1981 06 10
Midsummer fair set to go ahead – 81 06 10
Burwell bus, p11
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19881 06 11
William and Glyn's bank are offering the cheapest mortgages in Cambridge for loans of more than £15,000. Their rates are 13.5 per cent and they will lend 2½ times the principal salary. Banks are currently awash with money to lend while building societies have been hit by granny bonds and National Savings offers; they are lending only to investors and many are rationing them. 81 06 11a

Inferior copies of a shotgun made by Gallyon of Cambridge in the last century are flooding the markets. The guns carry the name 'Gallyon' on the lock but are made in Italy and are nowhere need British standards of workmanship. The firm does not know why their name is being copied. It is a

muzzle-loading percussion cap, single barrel shotgun originally made between 1845 and 1872. 81 06 11b

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Sect takes over Wilbraham Baptist chapel – 81 06 13 & 81 06 15

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Wilbraham sect, p5

1981 06 16
A 'Cats Collective' operating from Sturton Street, Cambridge has more than 40 members. On learning of the disappearance of a cat they swing into action, erecting posters giving its description. They will also find somebody to feed and stroke cats while their owners are away. You do not have to have a full-time cat of your own to join the group. 81 06 16

A rare religious sect has staged a dramatic takeover of the Baptist Church in Wilbraham. The little-known Five-Fold Ministry seized control of the villages' chapel after converting the long-standing pastor and new converts have been drawn in from other villages. But now enraged Baptist stalwarts are fighting to oust the group and are turning up at services to protest at the newly-imposed teachings. 81 06 16

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Barrington ducks, p3
Greyhounds, p6

1981 06 18
Botttisham Village College band, p5
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1981 06 19
The crack of blazing shotguns was head for the last time at Madingley as Gallyons closed their shooting ground after 70 years. Ernie Johnson has spent his entire working life there and so after 44 years of teaching, advising and correcting the technique of sporting gunmen from all walks of life he is facing his first change of job. The site is surrounded by roads and cannot expand to stage big shoots. 81 06 19

1981 06 20
Ely's new Paradise Swimming Pool was officially opened by Sharron Davis, the British Olympic swimmer. She spent some time in the water with 20 local children who dived in for the first official swim. The 25-metre facility replaces an outdoor pool at Angel Drove which was built in 1934 but had deteriorated badly. 81 06 20

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Wall paiintings, p14

1981 06 24

Ickleton's 900-year-old church was packed for a rededication service marking the completion of a £250,000 restoration programme after it was devastated by incendiarism. The fire destroyed the organ and choir vestry and damaged the roof over the aisles and chancel. The Bishop said that good things had come out of it – a close friendship with the local Methodist church and the revelation of some medieval paintings. 81 06 24a

Ely cathedral originally took centuries to build, but 2,500 children did the job in less than an hour. Dressed to represent walls windows and pillars they constructed a half-scale outline on the Palace Green as their way of marking the ninth centenary of the start of building work on the present cathedral. Important events in its history were re-enacted to the accompaniment of music from five bands. 81 06 24b

Scudamore's has decided to close its motor boat marina at Logan's Way, Chesterton – just four years after its controversial plans were given the go-ahead by the city council. The marina was only open for a month last summer and was no longer considered to be profitable. They ran the marina on council-owned land and negotiations are now taking place to work out what to do with the site. 81 06 24c

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Cambridge Glassmakers, p3
Fashionova, p24

1981 06 26
A car sales manager for Salisbury's in Cambridge, Terry Nightingale is swapping his 135 mph Dolomite Sprint for a Mini-Metro. But this will zip along at around 120 mph and should boost his chance of winning the British Saloon Car Championship. He is one of the most successful racing drivers in his class but only races as a hobby. It can cost about £2,000 to take part in one race meeting and he has to rebuild the engine and gearbox after two. 81 06 26

1981 06 29
When a world-wide audience watches the Royal Wedding next month they will see Prince Charles and Lady Diana standing before the altar canopy of St Paul's Cathedral and marvel at the skills that went into its making. But few will be aware that much of the work was done quite recently by Rattee and Kett. Mr W. Haslop, head of the carving department, was responsible for creating the canopy or baldachino first envisaged by Christopher Wren which was consecrated in 1958. 81 06 29

1981 06 30
Just over 70 years ago an enthusiastic CDN reporter wrote about a 'brand new flying machine of the monoplane variety' built by Horace and Percy Wallbro in their back garden in St Barnabas Road. With an astonishing eye for technical detail he described the world's first aircraft built from light steel tubing. Now, using his notes, their sons have built a replica and proved it really could have flown. 81 06 30a

A new World Refugee College is to be set up by the Cambridge-based International Extension College. Initially it will concentrate on Africa where public services would be stretched to breaking point if refugee communities sought traditional forms of education. They will experiment with unorthodox educational methods, based on work they have started in Zambia, Somalia and the Sudan. 81 06 30b

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1981 07 01
A startling report on Fulbourn Hospital talks of deplorable conditions for patients and staff in the geriatric unit's nine wards. They are generally dirty and sometimes smell of urine from carpets and furniture. The only place that a patient in Devon Ward can enjoy any privacy is in the toilet with the

door shut. Staff fear the situation could worsen unless there is a drastic change of heart by those responsible for allocating funds. 81 07 01 & a

1981 07 03
The Environment Secretary, Michael Heseltine's impression that Cambridgeshire County Council is an 'overspender' is based on false figures. He has demanded cuts in spending or threatens to lop £7 million from central Government aid. His department claims they have 35 people for every 1,000 of the population, but it is really only 26. John Major, MP for Huntingdonshire, has written pointing out the error and hopes he will change his mind. 81 07 03

The wife of one of Britain's best-known writers – Mrs J.B. Priestley – has written to the Perse School for Girls confessing to a girlish prank in the 1920s. She concealed a camera under her desk and took candid shots of her teachers in full flight. Now the school is celebrating its centenary she has offered them her original negatives, providing invaluable pictures of staff and pupils. Had she been caught at the time she would have been severely punished, now they are rather pleased. 81 07 03a

1981 07 04
Linton strike, p2

1981 07 06
Longstanton history, p4

1981 07 08
Prince Charles was given a rapturous welcome when he arrived at Addenbrooke's Hospital to open the £1 million cancer scanner unit – including kisses from three pretty nurses. One lady holding a baby gave him a home-made congratulations card for his forthcoming marriage. He kept the official party waiting while he chatted with cleaners and kitchen staff. 81 07 08

Master showman, Stanley Thurston, who never missed a Midsummer Fair in his life, has died aged 83. He ran his travelling fair for many years before turning it over to his twin sons and daughter eight years ago. He was born in a caravan and later had one of the best vans ever built – solid mahogany throughout. He believed that British fairs were the best in the world and just as popular now as they ever were. 81 07 08a

Rates, p3

1981 07 09
Mr & Mrs Jack O'Dell, the first Cambridge council house tenants to buy their own homes were given a potted plant when handed the keys to their house in Carlton Way. With a 50 per cent discount the three-bedroomed house has cost them £9,375. More than 800 other tenants have asked to buy since the law was changed last October. 81 07 09

George Pateman Court was built by the Cambridge Housing Society to provide homes for the disabled because they were told the need was acute. But few have applied. The project on Tenison Road has a prime site close to shops and transport and is designed with wide doors for wheelchairs; there are raised gardens and places to charge up electric cars overnight. 81 07 09a

1981 07 10
Plans to hold a bumper party in Ross Street, Cambridge, to celebrate the marriage of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer are running into difficulties. The City council cannot supply tables or chairs, will not allow amplified music and do not have bunting or a marquee to lend out. Now residents will haul their own tables and chairs into the street to make sure the party goes ahead. 81 07 10a

The Royal Wedding guest list is broad and not just the nobs are being invited. Valerie Wright, daughter of a Bottisham farm labourer will be in St Paul's; she is nanny to the four-boy Van Cutsem

family at Exning and will shepherd young master Edward and his fellow pages and bridegrooms at the wedding. Flo and Bernie Moore will also be there: she was bedder at Trinity College and cleaned for Prince Charles when he was a student. "He was so tidy: he folded everything and put it away. He never left anything", she recalled. 81 07 10b

Local historian Jack Ravensdale's curiosity was aroused by some lumps and bumps in an orchard at Swavesey which aerial photographs showed as a castle. Now a television teams is working in the village for a new series 'History on Your Doorstep' to be presented by Fred Housego of 'Mastermind' fame. 81 07 10c

1981 07 11
Another old Cambridge landmark – the former Little Kettle premises in Fitzroy Street – disappeared when it was demolished as part of the Kite re-development programme. Over the years the premises had various uses, but they are best remembered as the general hardware shop which had a small kettle hanging outside. 81 07 11

1981 07 14
Pollution, p1

1981 07 15
It is likely to take more than 10 years to restock a polluted stretch of the River Cam in which hundreds of thousands of fish died. Anglers say that fishing in the city has now been entirely wiped out. Around four tons have been removed from the river near Bait's Bite lock but many are still floating. It is feared that as well as causing a smell, the rotting fish could cause further pollution. It is suspected that raw sewage was washed into the river during heavy rain. 81 07 15a

Funeral of Stanley Thurston, fair proprietor. 81 07 15b

1981 07 16
Drummer Street lavatories are smelly, bits of string helped tie the lavatory chains and the pipes were lagged with sacking. At Park Street there was no paper in any of the cubicles, no soap and no towels. One seat was missing entirely. Valiant efforts are being made to keep the subterranean convenience on the market square clean – you have only to look at the gleaming brass handrail and inhale the disinfectant smell. But I wouldn't want to have to take a child in there, even in an emergency. 81 07 16

1981 07 17
The first privately-owned British company specialising in biotechnology has been formed by a consortium of leading scientists and businessmen. CLEAR – Cambridge Laboratories for Energy and Resources Ltd – will use genetically engineered organisms for processes ranging from obtaining energy from waste to combating Legionnaires Disease in hotels. It has leased laboratories from Cambridge University and will offer a full technical service to industry for the commercial applications of biotechnology. 81 07 17

1981 07 20
Mr Ben Sharpe, who drove the last Cambridge horse tram, has died aged 86. It was on 18th February 1914 that he took a single-decker tram on its last ceremonial journey from its East Road depot to King's Parade. Within the year public transport was motorised and most of the men who had manned the horse trams were in France with the British Expeditionary Force. Mr Sharp served with the Cambridgeshire Regiment and was both wounded and gassed. Afterwards he worked for the Ortona Omnibus Company and later Eastern National operating between Cambridge and Bedford. 81 07 20

1981 07 21
There have been many changes in the motor trade since Tony Sargeant took over Grantchester Motors 12 years ago. In that time he has progressed from a shed that could hardly house a couple of small

cars to his recently completed new garage specialising in Skoda. His sales have trebled in the last three years; his customers keep coming back for more – and at prices from £2,340 on the road, who can blame them. 81 07 21

1981 07 22
About 40 anti-nuclear demonstrators lobbied Shire Hall as councillors considered whether to declare Cambridgeshire a nuclear-free zone and oppose the siting of Cruise missiles at Molesworth. It could lead to a Government re-think on defence policy and a review of its relationship with the USA. But they rejected the call. 81 07 22

The first new bell for 210 years was hung alongside the five others in Fenstanton church. It was paid for by a group of American descendants of the Pilgrim Fathers whose patriarch, John Howland was born in the village in the 16th century and members of the society will be invited from the United States to the dedication service. 81 07 22a

1981 07 23
Twice a week in a small shed in Sturton Street, among planks of wood and smell of sawdust, a little group of people put together wires and plugs, amps and speakers and practice hard in a bid for the big time. They call themselves Strontium. All over the country thousands of other kids are doing and hoping the same. The Work, a Saffron Walden band, have played quite a few gigs on the pub circuit while Tranzista, from Cambridge, have made it on to vinyl but have not yet received a recording contract. 81 07 23

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Lopokova funeral, p10
Grantchester school, p15
Quayside plans, p16

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Derek Buxton, p6
Jonas Webb, p9

1981 07 28
The former Laurie and McConnal store and a number of small adjoining shops in Fitzroy Street have been sold to Grosvenor Estates, who are redeveloping the Kite. It was one of the city's largest and longest-established department stores but has been empty since the firm closed down at the end of 1977. Now it will be refurbished and brought back into retail use. 81 07 28

Royal Wedding celebrations, p11
Ely industry, p18

1981 07 30
The Royal Wedding had millions glued to their television sets but in side streets and back gardens revellers found a variety of ways to toast Charles and Diana throughout the rest of the day. In De Freville Avenue residents sealed off two streets and several hundred tucked in to tea, at Impington children of Station Road held their 'street party' indoors – the village hall had been booked in case of bad weather. Tea at Home Close old people's home at Fulbourn was a very English affair with handbell ringers and croquet on the lawn. 81 07 30b

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1981 08 03
The saga of property dealing and controversy in the Kite redevelopment area of Cambridge has come to an end. The last remaining privately-owned shop at 56 Fitzroy Street has been sold to the city council and its partner, Grosvenor Estates for a price of around £30,000. This has given the owners, a consortium of university dons, a £5,000 profit which will be distributed to two charities. As part of the deal a number of small traders will be allowed to stay in their shops for up to three months. 81 08 03c

Folk Festival, p5
Royston hospital, p6

1981 08 04
Sir – as squatters in the old 'Strudels' building in Fitzroy Street we had come to an amicable arrangement with the council to move out to make way for the Kite redevelopment. We spent the night packing but were aroused by the front door being broken down at 8 am, other demolition men began smashing the plate-glass windows of the shop adjacent scattering glass over the road where our removal vehicles needed to park. We were lucky no serious damage was done to our possessions – H. Williams & others. 81 08 04

Student pub guide, p5
Heathcote windmill, p6

1981 08 05
Mill Road may be made one-way heading out of the city if new plans by residents go ahead. But the scheme has already run into opposition. One councillor said: 'We think the idea is daft'. Mill Road has a worse accident record for pedestrians and cyclists than any other in Cambridge but it is one thing to stop up some side streets to prevent rat-runs by motorists and quite another to cut a major city road. 81 08 05

1981 08 07
Mid Anglia is counting the cost of the worst storms to hit in more than ten years. At least five homes in Cambridge were damaged by lightning, together with two at Abington. More than 20 houses had to be pumped dry after flooding with water eight inches deep in houses in Eaton Socon. Amateur weatherman, Percy Ashman says the last 24 hours were the wettest since September 1968. 81 08 07b

The disused barracks at Duxford airfield could become a whole new village if the Ministry of Defence gets the go-ahead for expansion plans. The site, which already has 110 houses, would be expanded with more housing, a hotel, community centre and shopping. Such development would take the pressure off Milton which has been designated for the bulk of new housing under the Structure Plan. 81 08 07a

Grass track racing is the cheapest form of motor sport. You can take a car from a scrap yard and by putting a wire grill in the place of a windscreen, pulling out all but the driver's seat and adding an anti-roll bar you are ready to go. It's a family sport with kids following their fathers into it and a friendly atmosphere in the pits where drivers and mechanics help each other out – but on the track nobody does you any favours. 81 08 07c

1981 08 08
Johnsons, the menswear shop in Sidney Street has closed down after 150 years' trading in Cambridge. It started on its present site in the 1830s; the founder Octavius Johnson handed the business to his son and it passed down the family until Alfred Mole bought it. Cecil Mole who took over in 1930, said the shop's three employees had all found other work. 81 08 08

A new butcher's shop has opened in the tiny village of Helions Bumpstead by Sue Coutts who owns a wholefood shop. It sells 'real' meat from animals which have not been fed on chemical foods or injected with concentrates. It tastes better, is more healthy and only a penny or two more expensive than High Street butchers. Much of it will be raised on their own land. 81 08 08a

Four-term year, p1

1981 08 10
Upper Staploe, near Eaton Socon, has no pubs or shops, no school and not even a telephone box to share among its population of six people. But this bijou mini-hamlet has eight newspapers and is covered by three local tv and six local radio stations. In nearby St Neots the rough and tumble of keen competition becomes more noticeable. Three years ago there were nine local weekly publications, as well as the News, and at the bonny baby contest in 1978 the infants were outnumbered by journalists. 81 08 10

1981 08 11
Austictic home, p10

1981 08 12
Eastern Counties is in the international travel business, advertising trips to France or Sweden. But they have no brochure so people have to queue to ask a clerk. This means the staff are so busy that they do not have time to answer the telephone: it can take hours to get through to find times of local buses. 81 08 12

King's Parade barriers, p6

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Nuclear shelter, p6

1981 08 17
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1981 08 27
Cost-conscious parents are now looking to the chain stores for school uniforms. Marks and Spencer charges £3.99 for polyester/cotton shirts and £6.99 for a skirt for 9-11 year olds while Woolworth's are £2.99 and £4.49. Boys' blazers at the Co-op start at £12.99, Eaden Lilley's charge £23.10 and a Gloverall duffel coat costs £32.25. 81 08 27

1981 08 28
The wired radio system at Old Addenbrooke's Hospital in Trumpington was installed in 1952 after a public appeal organised by the News. Originally it provided the BBC Home and Light programme. The name Radio Addenbrooke's was coined in 1954 when Toc H. started football commentaries which were recorded on tape and late related to patients. Then in 1956 Don Hale started a record

request programme. When the new hospital opened a studio was also provided by public subscription. 81 08 28

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Landbeach fire, p10
1981 09 02
One of Newmarket's landmarks is to be pulled down. The 100-feet-high chimney at the old refuse incinerator plant, believed to be at least 50 years old, has deteriorated rapidly and the brickwork would become dangerous if left unattended. The cost of repairs would be £2,470 and demolition £3,000. The rubble from the chimney, which has not been used since about 1950, may be used to build a lorry park nearby. 81 09 02

1981 09 02
Pensioner protests, p6

1981 09 03
Marks and Spencer's newly-extended Cambridge store includes a roof garden for staff. A three-course lunch in the staff canteen (with flowers on the table), costs 10p. A shampoo and set is £1.25 and a visit to the chiropodist costs 50p. There is a staff medical room and a dentist calls every six months to check teeth. Wages are not high – though the £64.50 a week gross pay for a full-time sales assistant is above the average - but there is a pension and profit-sharing scheme. 81 09 03

1981 09 04
As a midwife, Phyllis Baker has brought 2,001 babies into the world. She started at Mill Road Hospital in 1940 when the maternity ward was full of pregnant evacuees and most local people had their babies at home - only going into hospital if there was something wrong or her housing conditions were particularly bad. She has made numerous friends: "I walked into Sainsbury's and somebody said 'Hello, Nurse Barker, this is one of yours' pointing to her child". 81 09 04

1981 09 05
Fire ripped through the Old Manor House at Linton, destroying most of the roof and part of one wing. The house, which dates back to the 17th century and stands on the old market green site in Green Lane, has been undergoing restoration. It has historical associations. One former owner, a tanner named Mallyon, reached home in the nick of time after reputedly being chased by Dick Turpin. 81 09 05

1981 09 05
The traditional job of a telephone operator, to connect calls, has virtually disappeared now people can dial most numbers direct with STD. They take 999 calls, intercept calls when numbers have changed and deal with faults. Directory Enquiries is one of the busiest sides of the work. This is easier now they use screens to look up the numbers on microfilm instead of going through 'phone books. They are allowed about a minute a call so if an inquiry takes a long time, others may pile up. Calls are taken in sequence: if a caller hangs up and dials again they go to the back of the queue. 81 09 05a # c.27.75

1981 09 08
Amid much music and good cheer, the Ancient Druids closed – the last of nine pubs in Fitzroy Street. Soon the 200-year-old rafters will collapse under the developer's sledge-hammers to make way for the multi-million pound Kite shopping development. But last night they rang to the rollicking rhythm of Irish ceilidh music from Ted Stacey's melodeon, accompanied by guitars, penny whistles, banjo and drums. The wake ended when it ran out of beer. The brewers, Charles Wells, are building another when the development is completed. 81 09 08

1981 09 09

The Cambridge Alternatives scheme aims to prevent youngsters from drifting into crime or being taken into care. It relies on volunteers working with small groups of 11-17 year olds. The aim is to make constructive use of their leisure time, ranging from maintaining motor cycles to writing letters and finding jobs. It might sound very 'cushy' but is effective and sixty per cent of those taking part have not reoffended. 81 09 09a

Workmen restoring the steeple of St Mary's church, Newmarket, have discovered a note lodged near the top which was left last time major repairs were carried out – 87 years ago. It is signed by one of the workmen who repaired the steeple in 1894 and has the names of the churchwarden and rector. The present work includes replacing the oak cladding to the 700-year-old steeple with new cedar panels. 81 09 09b

1981 09 10
A Sandy company, Videogen, is offering to put people's last will and testament on tape for £12 an hour. They will set up the equipment, including footlights and then leave the client to record it himself. Relatives can later play back the video cassette to see what they have been left. No one could ever contest the will as anybody could see the deceased was of sound mind and body when he made it. They will also produce videos of the funeral. 81 09 10
Percy Ashman, p8

1981 09 10
Percy Ashman has been keeping an eye on the weather since 1935 with the aid of several instruments. His latest is a storm bottle device that dates back to the last century and was used in the mills of the north country as weaving and dyeing were dependent on the weather. It uses an old wooden bobbin taken from a Yorkshire mill attached to a glass phial containing a secret amber liquid which rises when rain is on the way. Percy's predictions can be relied on and his telephone is always busy with people calling for a quick forecast 81 09 10 # c.12

1981 09 11
A 100-year-old tradition came to an end when cattle and pigs were auctioned at the last live-stock market held in Ely. During the past few years the market had had less business as more farmers switched from animals to arable farming, so the auctioneers who ran the market Cheffins, Grain & Chalk have decided to call it a day. It was a particularly sad day for the auctioneer, Mr John Grain, who first started work at the market exactly 48 years ago to the day. Before business started, Mr Grain, the third generation of his family to be involved in the market, said: "It's a sad day for me". He said the market was founded by his grandfather, Mr Arthur Trett Grain and continued under his father's guidance until he took over. At 10.45am Mr Grain rang the bell for the last time to summon farmers, dealers and onlookers to the final cattle sale. This time there was only one animal to be sold – a black Hereford brought along by Mr Sidney King, a Littleport farmer. It tipped the scales at 680kg and was bought by King Brothers of Holbeach, Lincolnshire for 100p a kilo. Then 78-year-old Mr Lee of Ely – a market hand for 63 years until he was forced to retire – was called to ring the bell to herald the start of the final pig sale. The bidding was brisk for the 50 pigs on offer, the last one being sold by Mr William Darby of Haddenham. Entering into the spirit of the occasion the bidders pushed the price up to 290p per kg, when it was bought by Mr Sidney King junior, of Littleport. 81 09 11

Cambridgeshire schools will have no help or guidance in the field of computer studies, even though it is the fastest growing subject on their timetables. 86 09 11a

1981 09 12
Tattersalls, Europe's leading bloodstock auctioneers will unveil a new £500,000 development at their Newmarket headquarters. In keeping with the Georgian architecture of the Orangery restaurant they have added exact replica buildings housing a large room for bar and buffet together with offices for transport companies and their own sales staff. This month's ales offer some good quality yearlings though the record price of 625,000 guineas is unlikely to be beaten. 81 09 12

1981 09 15
A park-and-ride bus service linking shops in the Burleigh Street area with the car park in Cherryhinton Road has started disastrously. Nobody used the service for several hours. It is being funded with £400 from city lottery profits with Kite traders adding another £100. But councillors say the money should have been earmarked for charity. 81 09 15a

With most of the fields in Cambridgeshire recovering from the annual scorched earth policy it is a revelation to discover a handful of farmers trying to find other ways of getting rid of unwanted straw. Straw is an embarrassment for farmers: it costs the earth to transport, takes time and money to bale and delays the turn round of crops. The virtual disappearance of livestock coupled with the intensification of cereal cropping means there is a vast surplus of it. Farmers would need to be compensated for any ban on burning. 81 09 15b

1981 09 16
With the official opening of a new £450,000 operating theatre at the Evelyn Nursing Home, private medicine in Cambridge takes a decisive step forward. Most of the operations are of a routine kind for which patients can wait a long time on the National Health Service. With the growth of private health insurance an employee can have now his operation at minimum inconvenience to his firm or himself. 81 09 16

Thirty-three flats for the elderly were opened at Brampton. They were built by the Hanover Housing Association, a non-profit-making organisation which provides rented accommodation for pensioners who are capable of looking after themselves. Each flat is self-contained and there is also a guest room, laundry and common room within the scheme. The complex is the first of its type in the Huntingdon district. 81 09 16b

A nuclear shelter is being installed in its designer's home at Ashwell. It provides emergency accommodation for up to seven people and will protect against nuclear blast, radiation, heat, chemical and biological attack with a decontamination chamber, lavatory and space for cooking. You could seal yourself in, live there for the duration and come out when the going is good again. It costs £9,658 but an air filter is extra. 81 09 16, c

1981 09 17
Netherhall School is to take a leap into the computer age with a £35,000 development programme. Their involvement in micro-processors began long before the current upsurge of interest shown by schools in computers. Two years ago staff began working out how they would like to see computer studies develop in the school. An extra teacher will be provided at Government expense and a programmer employed. They expect the delivery of 15 micro-computers soon. 81 09 17a

A young walrus has swum into the Earith-St Ives area. The saga began when keepers from Skegness zoo helped return the stranded creature to the sea. It was next seen in the Wash by bargemen at King's Lynn but attempts by a conservancy vessel to head off its trip into the fens proved unsuccessful. It has eluded an air-sea rescue helicopter on the River Ouse and the RSPCA is still trying to locate it. It is believed to be the first report of a walrus in Britain since 1954. 81 09 17b, 81 09 18a

1981 09 18
The much-heralded fleet of electrically-powered mobile libraries with which Cambridgeshire County Council had hoped to save a small fortune in energy costs has been scrapped. The first vehicle was banned from public roads because of braking defects, the second has been returned to the manufacturers after unsuccessful attempts at improving range and speed. Now the remaining eight vehicles have been cancelled and a diesel-powered mobile library will be bought instead. 81 09 18b

Poltergeist manifestations, Arbury – Tony Cornell interviewed – 81 09 18c

1981 09 21

Makers of mobile libraries hit back over faults – 81 09 21

1981 09 21
'Thirty Three' is a new walk-in centre for young people funded by Save The Children. Based in Clarendon Street the confidential service has voluntary counsellors who will listen to youngsters' fears on any aspect of life including difficulties with parents or boy friends, anorexia or abortion. They will offer no criticism and never pass judgement but instead offer positive help. College students have their own counselling services, but there is nothing comparable for other 81 09 21a # c.37.9

1981 09 22
Most of the trees on Parker's Piece are about 150 years old. But they are under threat: the limes are deteriorating and Dutch Elm disease is making such insidious progress that there will probably be no elms left in five years. Now young trees are being planted but it will be the end of the century before they make their full impact. Elsewhere getting trees established has been difficult with maintenance through watering and staking almost forgotten once the burst of enthusiasm for planting has abated. 81 09 22 # c.18

Great Wratting cottage fire – 86 09 22a

Jack Carter, the Portugal Place outfitters which has been hiring gowns, tails and dinner suits since 1937 is to close. The shop's lease, owned by Jesus College, has run out and the rent has been trebled. The business has been hit in other ways: last year they sold just six gowns because colleges now buy their own supplies and there are not as many formal functions as previously. The remaining stock will be sold off at the start of the new university term. 81 09 22b # c.67

1981 09 23
The much-heralded fleet of electrically powered mobile libraries, with which the County Council had hoped to save a small fortune in energy costs, has been scrapped. One vehicle has been banned from public roads because of braking defects, a second returned to the manufacturers for unsuccessful attempts at improving range and speed. The remaining order for eight vehicles has been cancelled and now the county council and manufacturers are locked in a legal battle. New diesel-powered libraries will be bought to keep the service running. 86 09 18 manufacturers blame council indecision – 86 09 21. councillors hear report – 86 09 23a # c.77.4

Description of travel by coach to London – 81 09 23

1981 09 24
The name of Larkinson has been associated with reclamation and scrap for over a century. In the early days the name could be seen on horse-drawn vehicles collecting rabbit skins, old hessian sacks, scrap iron and metals. Then they switched to Foden steam vehicles; today they use purpose-built containers and articulated lorries. They have various machines and their Cottenham works can process a complete car in four minutes. 81 09 24

1981 09 24
Cuts in funding for higher education will be worse than expected. Bursars estimate colleges will suffer a drop in income of 15 per cent over the next three years. Fees paid by local education authorities have been cut, the government has imposed restrictions on the number of students and there are pressures from students to reduce the cost of rooms, meals and cleaning services. What is at stake is a unique way of life in a collegiate system whose virtues of personal contact in small, flexible institutions, have been prized for generations. 81 09 24 # c.36.9
Self-build, p10

1981 09 25

A deepening cash crisis is hitting glasshouse men. Unless there is a dramatic improvement in prices for lettuce and tomatoes more than half of the growers on the Land Settlement estate at Fen Drayton will go out of business. At one time the estate was successful and people worked hard to build up a successful livelihood, but poor management and cheap imports have hit trade. They get little more than one penny for lettuces that sell for around 14p, but each costs about two pence to grow. 81 09 25

It has taken British Rail 37 years to honour two heroes of an ammunition train explosion at Soham, but now two inter-city locomotives are to be named after Ben Gimbert and Jimmy Nightall. Relations and railway officials will gather at March railway station for the ceremony. Violet Gimbert, Ben's widow, said 'Why didn't they do this when he was alive?' 81 09 25a & b 81 09 29

1981 09 26
An era came to an end when the self-styled 'Lord Mayor of the Kite', Mr Arthur Sutton, moved out of his house in Christchurch Street. It occupies an important position in the £15 million development scheme but he refused to budge until the developers came up with somewhere nearby for him to live. Now they are to build him a detached three-bedroomed house a few doors away. 81 09 26

1981 09 28
Miss Annie Carnegie-Brown has died at the age of 90. She was Cambridge's first policewoman in 1923 at a salary of £3 a week. Slightly built, she was stabbed with a carving knife while arresting a well-built Ely woman. A doctor clipped her wound and she returned to duty next day. During the war, as a fluent German speaker, she was involved in the interrogation of spies and retired as a sergeant in 1947. Until the end she was a clear-thinking determined old lady who enjoyed fishing but never talked about the past 81 09 28 # c.34.7

1981 09 29
Dame Rosemary Murray, retiring President of New Hall and the first Woman Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, has often been mistaken for the college gardener. As handyman, tutor and administrator she has been responsible for shaping the character of the college almost single-handedly. It opened in 1954 with 16 women undergraduates and has now built up to 300 students. But though none of the undergraduates can be men, some of their teaching Fellows are: the Sex Discrimination Act works against them 86 09 29a

Locomotives, p3

1981 09 30
The only Whitbread pub in the Ely area – the Royal Oak at Stretham – is closing down as licensees Bill and Joyce Burgess are retiring after 22 years at the riverside pub. The brewery says it is in an isolated position and needs a great deal of money spending to bring it up to modern standards. It has a great deal of potential with a caravan site next door, but they feel money could be better spent elsewhere. 81 09 30

St Ives dairy, p10

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1981 10 01
'Kojak' – screen tough guy Telly Savalas - breezed into Newmarket intent on buying a horse. But the lollipop-sucking star left Tattersalls empty-handed. Before he was whisked away for his first taste of racing at the Rowley Mill course he said 'We were looking for a rockbottom horse, but the sky's the limit on quality'. 81 10 01

Tattersalls, p10

1981 10 02

The veteran Histon seedsman, Mr Charles Unwin has completed 70 years in the business started by his father at the turn of the century. He joined the firm at the age of 14 and made his reputation breeding sweet peas as well as being a prolific writer and lecturer. Now a booklet has been issued which shows him on the cover, pipe firmly clenched in his teeth in a pose familiar to his friends. But the pipe did not endear itself to local firemen who were several times called out on false alarms when regulations on fire safety were introduced ten years ago. 81 10 02c

Forty firemen tacked a blaze which caused thousands of pounds worth of damage to the 300-year-old country mansion, Shudy Camps Park. It is divided into six maisonettes, normally occupied by eight or ten people. The owner of the house, who lives in the grounds, said one flat has been completely destroyed and others damaged by water. It would be a big loss to the village as two large rooms on the ground floor were used as the village hall. 81 10 02b

The village of Quendon is on the verge of losing its one and only free bus service. It runs the length of the steep, one-and-a-half-mile drive from the former A11 main road to the buildings at Quendon Hall and is intended to convey members of the public to the deliberations of the Stansted Airport public inquiry being held there. But nobody wants to use it. 81 10 02a

1981 10 05
Football hooligans left a trail of destruction after Cambridge United's match against Chelsea. Mobs of youths rampaged through streets hurling bricks, stones and other missiles at police. Windows were smashed in about 30 homes which line the route to the railway station. Now the city council will be urged to provide buses to take supporters to and from the match. 81 10 05a

The veil of secrecy hanging over the Apostles, one of the world's most exclusive societies was lifted when they held their annual meeting at Christ's College. Members have included the spies Anthony Blunt and Guy Burgess and it was thought the society might have collapsed following their unmasking. But weekly meetings have continued and last 'as long as they are interesting'. 81 10 05b

Ploughing, p9

1981 10 06
W. Eaden Lilley's department store, now under one roof in Market Street, is Cambridge's oldest business. The shop front, built in 1930, was in the form of a deep arcade but in 1971 the store reduced it by half and used the space to increase the sales floor. They also have a warehouse in Mill Lane housing the funeral department with its private chapel while their vans are garaged and maintained in Glisson Road. 81 10 06a & b

The United States Air Force at Lakenheath unveiled its new bombing system. Called Pave Tack it is 'an electro-optical target designator system'. You get the target in the centre of a cross on a television screen and watch a 'smart' bomb automatically fly there and destroy it from an aircraft travelling a supersonic speed, probably in the middle of the night. It makes the 'super-sophisticated' F-111F aircraft one of the most deadly strike forces in the world. 81 10 06c

The Cambridge Co-operative Band took the brass band repertoire into a new era at Ely Cathedral when it performed the world premiere of a symphonic suite called 'The Fenlands'. Composed by Dr Arthur Wills, the director of music at the Cathedral, it is the first major work scored for brass band and organ. It was recorded by the BBC for transmission later in the month. 81 10 06d

1981 10 07
When fire raged through Island Hall in Post Street Godmanchester four years ago it seemed like a final blow of fate to a dignified old building that had already suffered more than its fair share. Had it not been listed as a grade-two building it would probably have been demolished there and then and it was feared it would simply fall down before anyone with cash took it on. But now it is being restored and may open to the public next spring. 81 10 07

1981 10 08
Orwell wall, p4 robot, p4

1981 10 09
Restoration of the 18th-centure windmill at Dalham has ground to a halt. Although the wooden body and cap to the smock mill have been rebuild, work on the machinery and the replacement of the sails will remain unfinished as the owner and Suffolk County Council cannot agree which contractor should complete the job. 81 10 09a

Netherhall School has won a £35,000 computer development grant for its pioneering use of new technology in education. The funding is coming from the Department of Industry, Cambridge colleges and Acorn Computers who will supply 16 of their new BBC Microcomputers. They will now develop computer programmes to teach science, geography, economics and history in schools around the country. 81 10 09b

Excavation work on a new marina at Annesdale, Ely is unearthing remains of The Nancy, a steam-driven cargo barge which plied the River Ouse until she was laid up in 1914. It was then towed near the railway bridge to be cut up for scrap but the work proved too expensive and it was left to rot until the 1940's when the Ouse was widened. It was then in the way so Ted Appleyard dug a hole on the Babylon site, dragged it out of the water and dumped her in it. 81 10 09c

Wards have been in Cambridge for more than 70 years, originally making and selling cycles. By the 1930s they were involved in electronics, making their own wireless receiver, the Wards Three Valve. In the 1950s they expanded into communications, selling televisions and other electronic equipment, moving from East Road to a new shop in Burleigh Street in 1965 with another in Bradwell's Court. At its peak in the 1970s they won contracts with Iraq and the Defence Ministry. Now it will close for the last time. 81 10 09d

The closure of Wards, means another long-established name will disappear from the streets of Cambridge. Recently Jack Carter, the outfitters in Portugal Place announced it was to close, before that Johnsons menswear shop in Sidney Street decided to end 150 years of trading and last year Walker Wallpapers, a family firm for nearly 60 years also called it a day. Reasons vary from rising rates and rent bills to increased competition or simply that the old family has run out of members. 81 10 09e

Babylon barge, p14
Shops, p18
Stacey's Braces, p31

1981 10 14
Shops selling CB equipment have mushroomed in the last year and now the legalising of new FM frequencies has given it a boost. Electroshop at Cambridge Cattle Market have orders for 40 legal rigs and Cycle City Breakers Club say the majority of their members will move over to them, though 150 hard-core members will keep their AM rigs. The problem is children who use bad language on air. 81 10 14

1981 10 15
The cellar of a rambling Victorian building in Newmarket, used to provide shelter for homeless families, has been converted into an emergency centre to cope with nuclear attack where a team of officials will direct survival operations if war breaks out. But spending cuts mean it has no sophisticated air filtration and drainage systems and is only lined with plasterboard. It was chosen because the council officers were too close to USAF bases at Mildenhall and Lakenheath. 81 10 15

Fred Unwin, p8

1981 10 16
The Duchess of York officially opened Arthur Rank House for the care of cancer patients in the grounds of Brookfields Hospital, Cambridge and spoke to each patient. Retired Cottenham farmer, Horace Simpkins, a life-long fan of the Royal Family, had never met Royalty before and spent five minutes chatting to her and was delighted when she gave him a flower from her posy. 81 10 16

1981 10 20
The news that Littleport could lose its Village College dropped like a bombshell on pupils, parents, teachers and school governors alike. Older pupils would transfer to Ely and the building turned into a primary school. But the loss of the 549-pupil college would turn Littleport into a 'ghost town' and protest petitions are being circulated. 81 10 20a

Neutron bomb, p3
Magdalene Bridge, p8

1981 10 21
Littleport primary school is bursting at the seams. Eleven of its 14 classrooms are temporary huts dotted around its tiny site and pupils have to run the gauntlet of fen weather to get to their toilets, to lunch and to lessons. Now the County Council is considering shutting the village college and using the redundant buildings for a new primary school. But the Head says it would not be suitable. 81 10 21

1981 10 23
The video boom is taking over lecture halls and laboratories in Cambridge University as more and more students are being taught with the help of home-made films. Medical students watch in close-up how to cut up a body, vets are shown outside broadcasts of animal behaviour and trainee priests film sermons to learn about preaching techniques. Thousands of other students have learned how to use a computer as a result of a training film made by the University Audio-Visual Aids unit. 81 10 23

1981 10 27
Delfics, p6

1981 10 28
The Taboo disco club, one of Cambridge's longest-running nightspots, is to close. It was originally the Kashmir restaurant, started up in the mid-1960s; it then became the Harlequin Club and eventually the Taboo. Now the owners, Downing College have won a High Court judgement to regain the building so they can go ahead with the redevelopment of the area. 81 10 28

1981 10 29
The Shadows returned to Cambridge after too long an absence – 15 years or more – to find that their audience had multiplied. There is no nonsense about Hank Marvin, Bruce Welch, Alan Jones, Brian Bennett and Cliff Hall and they played nearly 30 numbers including 'Apache', their first hit, 'Wonderful Land' and 'Frightened City' as well as Chuck Berry and Sam Cooke numbers to prolonged applause. 81 10 29

1981 10 30
St Andrew the Great, p5

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1981 11 02
The death of a top Cambridgeshire policeman whose car left the road which runs beside Ramsey Forty-Foot drain has prompted calls for immediate road improvements. The five-mile stretch from Leonard Childs Bridge has been condemned as a 'death trap'. During the past 50 years at least 100

vehicles have gone in and during the war eight Army vehicles followed each other into the river. It should be shut down, but barriers would be an improvement. 81 11 02b

City strike hits milk deliveries – Unigate – 81 11 02a

1981 11 03
Councillors have been astonished at a bill of £34,000 for furnishing County Education headquarters at a time when children and teachers have been asked to bear savage cutbacks. Most of the money has gone on the former Pye building on the Shire Hall site. It has wall-to-wall carpeting and an impressive range of modern office furniture with £400 spent on waste paper bins alone. Some equipment should have been transferred from the old offices. 81 11 03a

Cambridge Glassmakers is a small firm producing hand-made glassware from premises in Auckland Road. It moved here from Berkshire because 'the image of Cambridge was very much the image they wanted to get into the glass', said Christopher Irons, who runs the firm. His brother Jeremy, the actor who is hitting the headlines in 'The French Lieutenant's Woman' also has an interest in the business. 81 11 03b

1981 11 04
Shock new proposals to change the face of education in the Ely area have emerged in a secret report. It suggests closure of five more schools at Little Ouse, Stuntney, Prickwillow, Black Horse Drove and St Audrey's, Ely together with Bedford House further education centre. At Littleport the Village College buildings would become a new county primary school. 81 11 04

1981 11 05
Highfield School for handicapped children at Ely should be closed down and the pupils sent to Wisbech or Cambridge for special education, a report recommends. Facilities are inadequate and the number of pupils low. But the headmistress says it is well-equipped with special aids for youngsters with standing and balance difficulties and has an active parent group. 81 11 05

Shocked traders at Cambridge's Beaumont Centre in East Road have been given notice to quit, just weeks before Christmas. The indoor market, which was gutted by fire six years ago and reopened after a £100,000 facelift, is to be closed down and demolished. Now they are desperately searching for new premises to try and keep their businesses going. 81 11 05a

Newmarket Cabaret Club has found the right recipe for success. People pay an inclusive charge which entitles them to a three-course meal including gammon, chicken or scampi for around £10 for the whole evening. There is a resident band and compere and a top-of-the-bill show with stars such as The Tremeloes, Diane Solomon, Danny Williams, Cannon and Ball and The Searchers. 81 11 05b

Beaumont Centre, p12

1981 11 06
Ely schools closure – reactions – Stuntney, Prickwillow, Littleport – 81 11 06

1981 11 11
Prickwillow urged to stay calm over schools – 81 11 11a
Prof Austin Gresham pathologist – biography – 81 11 11

1981 11 12
It was a sad day when Strudels – one of Cambridge's most unusual restaurants – was forced to abandon their premises in the Kite Area. But now they have reopened as a high-class restaurant in the famous Pitt Club in Jesus Lane. The old favourites are still on the menu though they have an eye for the really unusual such as stuffed acorn squash. House wine is £4 a bottle. 81 11 12

1981 11 13
A quiet country pub at Heydon became a 'gin palace' when it was taken over and renovated. Locals who once enjoyed popping into the King William IV for a drink no longer felt welcome in the plush new surroundings. However it became so popular that up to 70 cars swamped local roads. The landlord put in plans for a new pub car park, but residents objected. 81 11 13

Skirting the roadworks and dodging the demolition rubble, the visitor finds the Kite area of Cambridge hardly the easiest or most picturesque place to shop. Almost one side of Fitzroy Street is empty. The top end, which once included a Post Office, sweet shop, denture repairer and café called the Toby Jug, has been flattened. The Co-op department store in Burleigh Street have axed the traditional ceremonial arrival of Father Christmas as it would aggravate traffic problems. Add the lack of parking space and it is not surprising that traders fear for their Christmas profits. 81 11 13a

The storm over a £5 million development plan for the Chivers jam factory at Histon came to a head when a packed meeting was warned it could be moved elsewhere. They wanted to sell off land at the front of the factory for housing and light industry to help pay for new developments to secure about 700 jobs. In the end the scheme got the thumbs up from the 500 people, mostly villagers and employees, who crowded into the factory canteen. 81 11 13b

1981 11 17
Meldreth village hall is the unlikely venue for a clutch of international jazz stars playing one of only two concerts in this country. The 'Songs of the South' show is headed by two New Orleans jazzmen, James 'Sing' Miller and Frank Fields, both members of the famous Preservation Hall Band with Britain's leading clarinettist, Sammy Rimmington. Meanwhile Humphrey Lyttleton turned up at Meldreth Manor School for handicapped children with his own brand of swing. 81 11 17

1981 11 18
Four groups have declared an interest in the franchise for the new Cambridge and Newmarket commercial radio station. Granta Radio, Cambridge and Newmarket Radio, Eastern England Television and Cambridge Newspapers will probably be joined by Anglia television and Hereward Radio. We have seen it all before. Back in the heady days of the Heath Government every town was predicted to have the next commercial station. 81 11 18

1981 11 19
Granary Court used to be a set of buildings belonging to Home Farm, Madingley, but because of modern-day farming they ceased to be used in 1975. As they were an interesting group of 18th century timbered buildings it was decided to retain as much of them as possible by conversion to houses. But only two of the barns were found to be structurally capable of conversion and incorporated into the new courtyard development. 81 11 19

1981 11 20
Driving through Cambridge it seems a particularly malicious gremlin has got loose, armed with a pick-axe, and is busy making holes in any old bit of road he can find. For a start there is the Kite redevelopment which has reduced the amount of parking and led to major roadworks, then sewers have collapsed in Emmanuel Road, there is resurfacing in Coldham's Lane and Eastern Gas has moved into Tennis Court Road. There are temporary traffic lights in Silver Street and the continuing work on Magdalene Bridge adds to the disruption. 81 11 20b

Jason Caesar – two guilty – 81 11 20a

1981 11 24
A whirlwind on the Oxmoor Estate, Huntingdon lasted just a few seconds but flattened garages, sheds and fences and tore tiles from dozens of roofs in the Nene Road and Sapley Square area. A third of the flat roof at the St Ivo Recreation Centre was also blown away but although people were using the pool at the time, no-one was hurt. 81 11 24

1981 11 25
A startling £3.5 million plan to tunnel under The Backs has been prepared secretly by county road engineers. It would be 20 feet wide and run under Queen's Road from the Madingley junction right up to Silver Street. Meter controlled parking would then be allowed up to Garret Hostel Lane and the area to West Road would be grassed over to give an uninterrupted view of King's College chapel. The plan is certain to raise a violent storm of controversy. 81 11 25 & 26b

1981 11 26
The new owner of the Croxton Estate is anxious to see the whole village rejuvenated and the Old Manor House converted to a pub. He also hopes to attract caravan and traction engine rallies to raise money to preserve the Hall which has been in his family for more than 160 years. It needs major repairs: many of the rooms have a problem with damp and recently part of the ceiling in the dining room collapsed. 81 11 26a

The early electronic portable games were big, bright, brash boxes for children that made silly noises. Now they include the internationally best-selling Electronic Master Mind. Many of the TV games use cassettes providing some striking and original computer graphics as well as taxing adversary games. The silicon chip will bring about a still greater revolution. One expert says that in the future children will be communicating around the world through computer games. 81 11 26c

Backs tunnel, p13

1981 11 27
The first Cambridge tunnels dug under Peas Hill were used as wine vaults and one is blocked off by a wall of wine bottles cemented together. During the war they were wired for electricity and fitted out as air raid shelters for 400 people and later dossers used them as overnight hostels. In 1963 came proposals for an underground road starting at Maids Causeway and running down Jesus Lane and Emmanuel Road. There was also to be a three-storey underground car park. But the scheme was rejected. 81 11 27

December 1981 CEN

1981 12 01
Cambridge could be a busy coastal town in 50 years' time due to a 23 feet rise in sea level caused by the melting of the south polar caps, scientists at the British Antarctic Survey say. The increasing amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere means the earth cannot cool itself as efficiently as previously. This is popularly known as the 'greenhouse effect'. 81 12 01

1981 12 02
Cambridge Computer Store was established by Claude Cowan in the spring of 1978 at the very start of the microcomputer boom. The first computer they offered was a Tandy TRS-80 which proved popular and is still going strong. Computers now span the full gamut of power, size and cost – all the way from about £70 to £5,000 - and the customers have widened dramatically covering everybody from schoolchildren studying computer science to experienced professionals in industry or the laboratory. 81 12 02

1981 12 03
Spending on Cambridgeshire libraries will be cut next year, despite a warning from the County Librarian that much of the stock is poor in both physical condition and subject coverage and the number of books available to the public has already been reduced. But the replacement for St Neots library was a clear priority as the present one was inadequate for a growing town and to postpone the scheme would be 'bad business'. 81 12 03

198112 04
Hazells Hall, the 250-year-old Bedfordshire family mansion of Cabinet Minister and local MP, Francis Pym, has been sold for a 'nominal sum' of £5,000. Planning permission for its restoration and conversion into 12 houses and two flats was granted last week. At one time Mr Pym was threatened with a compulsory purchase order and his plans for demolition two years ago were blocked by a Cabinet colleague, Environment Secretary, Michael Heseltine, after a public inquiry. 81 12 04

The Oak in Lensfield Road had a world-wide reputation as a centre for good Irish music. Before modernisation it was a wonderful place. Playing sessions would start up automatically on Friday nights, Saturday lunchtimes and Sundays too. But now venues for Irish music are fast disappearing in Cambridge. The demise of the Ancient Druids was another blow and the Cow and Calf on Pound Hill is virtually the only one remaining. 81 12 04b

Queen's Road tunnel 'bordering on the obscene' – 81 12 04a

1981 12 07
All Saints Church in Jesus Lane, Cambridge, is to be preserved and taken over by the Redundant Churches Fund. A masterpiece of Victorian architecture, it was designed by George Bodley in the Gothic style and contains windows and wall stencils designed by William Morris. Now £100,000 will be spent on urgent repairs to the roof. 81 12 07

Thousands of motorists may soon be asked to leave their cars on the outskirts of Cambridge and cycle into the city to solve the parking problem. They would park in west Cambridge or near Stourbridge Common and make their way by hired bikes through the Backs or along the river. The park and cycle scheme is being suggested as an alternative to the park and ride bus scheme by road engineers who are also planning a tunnel under Queens Road. 81 12 07a

'Die-in', p3

1981 12 08
Newmarket history went under the hammer when the contents of one of the town's gentlemen's club were auctioned. The 200-year-old Subscription Rooms Club closed because of falling membership and the Jockey Club received the contents in lieu of payment for deterioration. The premises are now likely to become the home of a national racing museum. 81 12 08

Diners dressed in smocks will consume bowls of celery and potato soup, followed by gammon and spinach with fluffy herb dumplings, potatoes and Fen carrots and ginger pumpkin pie. They will finish with frummety, a traditional Swavesey feast week recipe, wheat with raisings, currants and sultanas. The dulcimer playing of Jenny Mallindine will aid their digestion. The meal is in aid of the Cambridge Folk Museum which is faced with ever-increasing costs. 81 12 08a

Burwell Museum, p5

1981 12 09
Saffron Walden cattle market will close for the last time after its 121st Christmas Fat Stock Show and Sale. It had been held for several centuries but recently has been dealing with only 40 cattle a week because farmers were switching from livestock to more profitable arable farming. In future they will take their livestock to the Cambridge cattle market. 81 12 09

1981 12 10
There has been a massive response to the first children's Christmas science lectures in Cambridge. Pupils from Coton school were so determined to attend that they walked a mile to the Cavendish Laboratory. Other schools organised coaches and cars so their children could attend the demonstrations on 'Light and Colour', showing that science is an exciting subject worthy of pursuit. 81 12 10

Cambridge greyhound track has obtained a contract with the Bookmakers' Afternoon Greyhound Service to relay its meetings to bookmaking shops on Tuesdays for 13 weeks. They have installed more security with an anti-doping chromatography unit and veterinary surgeons at each meeting. They also plan to become the only dog track offering a bookmaker service for horse race meetings the same afternoon. 81 12 10a

1981 12 14
Motorists faced a nightmare journey to work with several main roads blocked by heavy snow. Saffron Walden was snowed in & Royston and Haverhill were cut off as was Cottenham, Waterbeach, Fulbourn and Sutton. Cambridge police rescued 130 people trapped in their cars and about half the county schools were closed as teachers could not get to work. 81 12 14

Just over a year ago a family moved into a rambling four-bedroomed house at Fowlmere. It was set back from the road with a cellar, spacious kitchen and large garden. But it had only a chemical lavatory, no heating except a solitary open fire and a bathroom which would be mistaken for a coal bunker. It is a 'sin bin' designed to act as a deterrent to council tenants who fall behind with their rents. 81 12 14a

1981 12 15
Gritters – 81 12 15

1981 12 16
Many of the 500 hard core of youngsters at present on the dole in the Cambridge area will probably never have jobs, a Careers Officer says. "We are writing off a generation; at one school three out of 100 wanted to go to work, the rest were going into further education". Youth Opportunities courses in electronic and mechanical engineering have only four applicants for 22 places as youngsters don't want to do them. They prefer outdoor work, such as building labouring. 81 12 16

1981 12 17
Schools officer jokes about pianos being only half tuned – 81 12 17

1981 12 18
Austin Sennitt from Stretham is £1,000 richer after winning the beef championship at Cambridge Christmas fatstock show. His 500 kg animal went to a Cambridge butcher, John Farrow. His family have been farming in the area for about 100 years and the cattle are raised on barley grown on the farm. For the first time the championship was closed to anybody who hasn't used the market regularly, which nearly doubled the normal entry list. 81 12 18

1981 12 21
The television is at the centre of a major boom in consumer electronics, with everything from home computers to video recorders, video discs, Teletext and Prestel information services, games and, probably within the next few years, programmes beamed from satellites. But many TV addicts are prepared to watch a picture of bad quality. Now Labgear which has factories at Abbey Walk and Ely have produced plug-in amplifiers to increase the strength of television signals. 81 12 21

Haverhill club, p21

1981 12 23
Swans, p7

1981 12 29
A women's peace camp has been set up in freezing conditions near RAF Molesworth by anti-Cruise missile campaigners. Dozens of protestors gathered at the tiny village of Clopton near the base where the missiles are expected to be deployed in 1983. Three women and their two dogs intend to live

'indefinitely' in two old caravans on the base perimeter. A similar vigil is being kept at Greenham Common in Berkshire. 81 12 29

1981 12 30
The Pentagon has denied reports that it is considering stockpiling nerve gas bombs at the USAF base at Lakenheath. President Reagan will decide whether the US should resume production of the gas, which was stopped 13 years ago following an accident in Utah when 6,000 sheep were killed. If deployed the weapons would be carried by F1-11 bombers based at Lakenheath and Upper Heyford in the late 1980s. The chairman of Lakenheath parish council said, "If our Government and the Americans and NATO want to base these weapons here then I don't suppose there is much we can do about it". 81 12 30

Balsham alone maintains Plough Monday tradition – 81 12 30a

1981 12 31
Cuts offer Cambridge schools the prospect of an unhappy new year. Never before has the future looked so bleak. The effects of recent economies are biting deeply into the fabric of the education service and there is the threat of worse to come. Some 240 teaching jobs could be axed to save £2.6 million and plans to turn community education over to private enterprise are being considered. 81 12 31

Simons House, the Histon Road sheltered housing for the elderly, and the nearby Rackham Close bungalows have won a major Housing Design Award. The scheme was judged to provide 'most agreeable homes for elderly people' and many of the residents agree. Mrs Bertha Kent described it 'as a lovely little place', Daisy Woodcock says it's very friendly and John Manning thinks 'it's really ideal'. 81 12 31a

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1982 01 04
Campaigners against Cruise missiles were singing in the rain at the Molesworth peace camp on Saturday. The soggy conditions didn't deter about 20 supporters from making a vocal protest outside the American air base. Several tents have been set up where they will try to live a non-violent life. Villagers have been sympathetic and one farmer sold them some stuff cheaply to build a shelter with. 82 01 04

Tachograph, p3

1982 01 05
Secret wartime experiments involving the production of deadly anthrax serum were conducted at the Institute of Animal Pathology on Milton Road. Now doubts remain about the safety of a piece of land where the carcasses of 12 horses were buried. Details have emerged as the university has applied for planning permission for housing on land close to the Dunn Nutritional Laboratory. The risk of infection is minimal and they plan to cover the immediate area with a concrete slab. 82 01 05 & 05a

1982 01 06
The mayor of Cambridge, Coun Percy Reed, manned a mechanical digger to begin work on a £2 million industrial development on the old Cattle Market site off Cherryhinton Road. It is an important step in the Labour-controlled city council's priority programme of job creation with units available by the middle of the year. 82 01 06

Ely indoor bowls club pioneered a scheme to take bowls into the teeny-bopper market when they staged the country's first promoted under-16 tournament. Nearly 90 youngsters competed with 14-year-old Roger Evans, Jonathan Mayes (12) and Robert Harley (11) winning the triples medals. "We have achieved a lot at Ely but I don't think anything has been better than this", said David Cornwell, the club secretary. 82 01 06a

CB vicar, p1
Anthrax, p3

1982 01 07
The Government has refused to pay any compensation for the massive pollution of water supplies which occurred after aircraft fuel leaked from tanks on the Mildenhall air base three years ago. One of the most productive water sources at Beck Row is still out of action and special pipelines have been laid to continue supplies. Now other toxic materials are threatening the underground reservoirs. It could cost hundreds of thousands of pounds to put right. 82 01 07

This is make-or-break year for Mrs Thatcher and her MPs. John Major represents the one local success story. Although one of the new boys in the Commons he has become Parliamentary Private Secretary to two Home Office Ministers, enabled Huntingdon and St Neots to establish their own health districts and masterminded a behind-the-scenes fights against Michael Heseltine's proposals to penalise Cambridgeshire for 'over-spending'. Given time and luck he must stand a very good chance of advancing to ministerial office. 82 01 07a

A rape crisis centre is to open in Cambridge following the initiative of a group of women, mostly university students. They will provide sympathy but also give information on where to get VD and pregnancy tests and accompany victims to the police station. Most of the cash to set up the telephone

advice line has come from the university. There has been no hostile reaction, but they have been surprised that many of the women who phone up were raped years ago. 82 01 07b

1982 01 08
Bill Sargent was Lode's village blacksmith for more than 60 years. His training began aged 14 when he was apprenticed at Teversham and he was a popular character working his forge in the centre of the village until a month ago. Nearly everybody stopped for a chat and even children called in to see him; he will be sadly missed. 82 01 08

Swavesey will feature in the first of a new television series called 'History on Your Doorstep'. Local historian Jack Ravensdale will show Fred Housego the remains of a castle and mediaeval dock system. The BBC were inundated with letters after its Family History programmes and fears that the pressure on libraries and archivists could be excessive, so they have issued guidelines and Jack has written a book to accompany the series. 82 01 08a

Chesterford railway, p5

1982 01 11
Oakington raid, p1

1982 01 12
Anthrax experiments – details – 82 01 12

1982 01 13
Beer trade, p13

1982 01 14
The Horatio Myer bed company is expanding its site in Windover Road, Huntingdon creating 100 new jobs. The factory, which opened in 1963, is more up to date then their 106 year-old London building, which is being closed. Huntingdon Jobcentre says it is marvellous news as there are currently over 2,000 people unemployed and looking for work. 82 01 14

Fenland drug taking – review – 82 01 14a
Toft bus, p1

1982 01 15
Community nurses along with home helps and the meals-on-wheels service form the basic support for many old people. They treat burnt legs – quite common in cold weather as the elderly tend to sit very close to fires and fall asleep. Many ladies cling stubbornly to the homes in which they have lived for half a century or more, often without central heating, indoor lavatories and in some cases electricity or hot water. Two or three elderly people in Romsey have only gaslight while others insist on using candles. 82 01 15

1982 01 16
Ten thousand copies of the Cambridge student newspaper "Stop Press" have rolled off the presses of the News, the first time it has been printed in the city. With the introduction of direct-image camera and laser printmakers student journalists hope it will save them £150 an issue and enable it to be distributed earlier than before. "Stop Press", a 12-page tabloid-style paper was set up by Cambridge Students Union in the mid-1960s as a radical campaigning alternative to the established student paper, "Varsity", which subsequently folded. 82 01 16

1982 01 18
Motor car service bays are often working at half capacity due to rising costs and the growing army of garage mechanics who take their tools homes at the weekend to work on customers' cars. Service times have been cut. The Mark IV Ford Cortina required 3.6 hours for a full service, now the Mark V

needs only 1.2 hours. But the cost has climbed. A Morris Ital costs £60 for a 12,000-mile service. 82 01 18

The Cambridge area had 17 royal visits last year; people get so many chances to see royalty that they become quite blasé. Prince Philip went to the Central Library in Lion Yard after he'd opened the new magistrates' courts. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon and the library was full of people peering at books, but nobody took any notice of him. Prince Philip liked that: he could see the library functioning as it normally functions. 82 01 18a

1982 01 19
Cambridge City Council did not know about the burial of anthrax carcasses on university-owned land until 1977, when a member of the public phoned a council official. But that was more than 30 years after secret wartime research was conducted. Twelve horses used for experiments on an ant-anthrax vaccine were buried on the site which may now be sold for housing. 82 01 19 #

1982 01 20
Film fans need have no fears that Cambridge cinemas may be converted into Bingo halls. EMI, which owns the two-screen Victoria say they have plans to convert it into a triple. It is the largest in town and attracts an average audience of about 600 people. Seats are now £2.10 for adults but the manager rejects the idea it is too expensive. One of the long-term threats is the home video market. 82 01 20

Ten local bands will appear at the Graduate Centre in a presentation of the history of Cambridge rock music. They are Telephone Bill and the Smooth Operators, Milestones, Duke Duke and the Dukes, The Lonely, Weak at the Knees, High and Lonesome, Nick Nick and the Nickettes, Floating Unit, Drink 'N' Jive Band and The Light Blues Band. Sindy and the Action Men will promote their debut single on a new label, Wimp Records, based in Kingston. 82 01 20a

1982 01 22
British Rail engineers are to dismantle the arch of the rail bridge between Dullingham and Stetchworth, leaving a gaping hole in the road. A replacement is urgently needed but the bridge sits in fine rolling landscape and a concrete structure would detract from the beauty of the countryside. For the men who work on the Hall Farm, part of the Stetchworth Estate, it means a five-mile journey by tractor just to get to their fields down the road. 82 01 22

1982 01 23
Rock chart, p6

1982 01 25
Peterhouse clock, p8

1982 01 27
The local retail market has survived the recession so far. Ekins have disposed of four shops on the St Neots Market Square which were formerly occupied by Boots, R & E Cadge, Presslands and Falford Books. Developments by St Ives Free Church at Market Hill and at Club Mews Ely have provided 20 shop units, all of which have been let. But in Cambridge increased rents have led to a number changing hands. 82 01 27

1982 01 28
The 670 telephone subscribers at Arrington have become part of a significant step in providing a more reliable telephone network in Britain. For their exchange and the one in Cambridge, both System X, have been directly interconnected – the first such pairing by digital means. Arrington customers will notice faster dialling on the computer-controlled electronic exchange of the future. 82 01 28

Bourn Hall, p1

1982 01 29
Clive Sinclair, managing director of Sinclair Research Ltd of Cambridge has been chosen as Personality of the Year in a new series of awards for achievements in technical innovation. It follows the success of his ZX 81 personal computer of which some 40,000 are now being sold every month in this country. Production of the model, which has been a major force in bringing computers into everyday use, is now greater than any other computer in the world. 82 01 29

When the Queen Mother opened St Paul's Church of England Primary School, Cambridge, she went from class to class, looking over the shoulders of the children as they continued their work. Three infant classes showed her their Captain Cook project, their dressing-up clothes, demonstrated how a canon works and gave an impromptu music lesson. Some were too busy to talk; one hurried busily up to the teacher with a problem: "I have to do his braces for the loo", she told the Queen Mother. "Oh that's much more important", she replied. 82 01 29a

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1982 02 03
A racehorse trainer has been told to repair his nine historic buildings in the Upper King Street, Royston. They are a very important part of the town centre; some date back to the 17th century but have fallen into a very neglected, dilapidated state. Vandals are constantly breaking in, smashing windows and doors. Now they will be boarded up by the council. 82 02 03a

Andy Gray decided 13 years ago to move his collection of 500 second-hand singles from Bury market to serve the more discerning musical tastes of Cambridge. He can still be found in the market square today, though now he has eight shops in the region. He puts his success down to undercutting the traditional record retailers as well as offering the obscure stuff you just couldn't buy elsewhere. Rather like John Peel he has kept abreast of changes, opening 'The Beat Goes On' to cater for new trends. 82 02 03b

Next week Lady Trumpington will rise in the House of Lords to promote the second reading of her Private Member's Bill on Sunday trading. A former Cambridge Mayor and wife of the previous headmaster of the Leys School, she says Sundays is the only day they can go shopping together. The last local prosecution for breaching trading rules was in 1980 when the Co-op Beehive Garden Centre was given an absolute discharge. 82 02 03c

1982 02 04
Mr Johnnie Fison of Park Farm, Quy, has died. He and his brother Sam farmed more than 1,000 acres at Lode, Quy and Gt Wilbraham. A bachelor, he was secretary of the choral society, a keen villager cricketer and footballer but was best-known as a lively raconteur with a fund of rich and salty stories about local life in the old days. 82 02 04

1982 02 05
Gardeners' Question Time visited Foxton village hall with Bill Sowerbutts, Professor Alan Gemmell and Geoffrey Smith. It has been an occasion of high excitement to members of the Foxton Gardens Association who approached the BBC ten years ago. Villagers will be glued to their seats to hear whether Melville Gregory's question about composting rhubarb leaves, Jack Cox's concern with yellowing sprout leaves or Maude Ochs's query on plumbago will be aired. 82 02 05

Gas pipe, p5

1982 02 06
A second burial site thought to contain anthrax-infected carcasses is a stone's throw away from a school for severely-handicapped children says a man who worked at the Milton Road Institute of

Animal Pathology during the war. He remembers tight securing precautions after heifers from Newmarket were found to have the disease and buried by council workmen. 82 02 06

1982 02 08
The Bishop of Huntingdon, the Rt Rev Gordon Roe conducted the opening service at the new community centre at St Andrew's Church. Cherry Hinton. Much of the money has been raised by the Vicar, Rev Chris Barber, his son John and parishioners including a 30-hour sponsored croquet marathon by the church youth club. 82 02 08

At Herringswell Manor on the Cambridgeshire – Suffolk border was bought by 70 disciples of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh wear red or orange clothes and a mala pendant – a string of 108 beads representing gurus and prophets with a picture of Bhagwan in the middle. It has a Healing Centre offering acupuncture and orthodox medicine with a sauna cabin and isolation tank. This has ten inches of water at blood heat containing 350 kilos of Epson Salts, ensuring everyone floats. They offer newcomers a one-year residential course in Rajneesh Therapy which costs £3,500 including vegetarian food and accommodation. 82 02 08a

1982 02 10
One of Cambridge's greatest characters, Albert Jaggard, the former head porter of Corpus Christi College, has died. Undergraduates believed he was the model for the irascible 'Scullion' in 'Porterhouse Blue'. He was extremely knowledgeable about the college and had a phenomenal knowledge about its old members. He was ground manager at the University Rugby Club responsible for the announcements, but his voice was such that they never really needed a microphone. 82 02 10

The Centre for Management Development, Cambridge operates from a private house but is the headquarters of a money-spinning operation that draws hundreds of students from the top echelon of life in the Third World to Cambridge. The founder-chairman is an American who claims to have a doctorate from Harvard – though they have no knowledge of him. He invited influential African civil servants to courses, got the best brains to teach them and charged them for the privilege. Now it is subject of a court case. 82 02 10a & b

1982 02 11
Dennis Gould, p16

1982 02 12
Mac Cuthbert is to retire as a chef at the Leys School bringing to an end a father-and-son partnership. During the war he set up military and civilian schools and cookery in Egypt and Malta before becoming chef at the Cambridge Union Society when it was a gentleman's club and members wore evening dress for eating and debating. He was looking for a job when his son Michael who was already working in the kitchens suggested he apply, even though it meant he would only be a junior assistant. 82 02 12

1982 02 13
Baldry's soft drinks firm has shut down. It was founded by Jack Baldry in 1928 in the face of stiff competition from 32 other soft drinks firms in Cambridge. They moved to Sawston from premises in Harvest Way in 1979 because it needed more storage space. Two firms are interested in buying the assets and maintaining the Baldry name. 82 02 13

Champion runner Mike Newton came to Folk Museum Cambridge in search of a legend. There he was able to wear a belt won 100 years ago by Charlie Rowell, the 'Long Distance Champion of the World. He first won it at Madison Square Garden, New York in 1879 and went on to gain it outright with three six-day wins in succession the following year. Charlie's record of running 258 miles in 48 hours has remained unbeaten for over 100 years. 82 02 13a

1982 02 15

Land Settlement Estates at Fen Drayton and Abington are under threat. Fen Drayton recently lost 10 of its 50 tenants who were forced to close because of bad debts or because they decided to move away. Abington is slightly more secure: its horticultural output is worth £600,000 a year. The LSA was established in the 1930s at a period of depression to provide jobs for unemployed people. Two sons of the original tenants survive at Abington. 82 02 15

1982 02 16
St Neots Working Men's Club in Hardwick Road is to close after Mann's Breweries recalled the loan it made to help them build their premises. When opened in 1974 it was set a sales target of 1,500 barrels of beer a year. But recession has hit the pockets of members. After the last pint has been pulled the clubhouse will be auctioned with any balance going towards setting up a new one. 82 02 16

Brunswick School started as a British School in Eden Walk; it moved to Auckland Road about 1900 but had to move again to Walnut Tree Avenue when the buildings began sliding gently down to the river. Now falling rolls and cash cutbacks means it will close and the site used for Further Education premises. Teacher Miss Marjorie Battersbee attended as a girl and has taught there her entire career. Many of the 92 children will go to St Matthew's. 82 02 16a

1982 02 18
University Library, p7

1982 02 19
Alkit, the Cambridge menswear shop in Regent Terrace is shutting after 35 years as the lease has run out. Staff who have been given two weeks' notice say trade has fallen off recently. The Citizens' Advice Bureau offices and a flat used by University Arms Hotel staff may also be affected because they are sublet from Alkit. 82 02 19

The people who are campaigning for peace at Molesworth get very little quiet. Lorries grind through the dirt track a few yards from the People's Peace Camp, one every four minutes on average. The wagons stop at 5pm but some of the men start work again at 4.30 next morning. Currently the camp is occupied by six people; they get a huge post every day and at weekends people arrive with food parcels. 82 02 19a

1982 02 23
When Harbour Marine decided it could no longer afford to build houseboats and riverboats at its Earith yard they offered to rent the works to three of their employees. The trio took up the challenge & set up their own firm, Steelcraft Earith. Now three months later they have just delivered their fourth narrow beam boat. They will build anything from private houseboats to commercial barges. 82 02 23

1982 02 24
Shepreth school, p5

1982 02 25
Cambridge newsagent Bob Truelove has an easier working day now his newspaper delivery boys and girls have been computerised. Once he had to get up with the lark to start marking up the morning newspapers for his delivery team. Now the computer delivers a daily print-out for each of the rounds showing which papers have to be delivered to each house. It is the same story in the evening when the News arrives. The Cifer computer, which was installed by Bob Dear of Glisson Road, has been specially programmed so no technical skills are needed to operate it. 82 02 25

Darwin Instrument, p1

1982 02 26
The revolutionary government of Iran tried to buy spare parts for military aircraft from Marshall of Cambridge, despite the Western arms embargo. The order was hidden in a web of false documentation

but Marshall had immediate doubts as only a limited number of countries could need spares for the giant C-130 Hercules. They discovered the parts were to be shipped to Libya after arriving in Italy and contact the anti-terrorist squad. 82 02 26

Rag Queen, p22

1982 01 27
Cottenham tv, p8

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1982 03 01
Hundreds of police, many armed, were rushed to Stansted when a hijacked Boeing 737 landed. Roadblocks were set up on all roads as the plane, beating the Air Tanzania markings was diverted to a remote corner of the airfield. Negotiations immediately began to save the lives of more than 90 hostages and crew. 82 03 01

Eden Street chapel, p8

1982 03 03
Jason Caesar, p10

1982 03 04
Queens' tunnel, p6

1982 03 05
The increasing problems and expense involved in going into Cambridge city centre is good news for businesses which are out of reach of the traffic wardens and car park queues. Jon Marc's hairdressing salon at Bar Hill is enjoying great success with prices starting at £4.85 for a cut and blow dry, re-styling at £6 and permanent waving for £11.50. On Thursdays there are training sessions where juniors April and Geraldine do shampoo and sets for 50p. 82 03 05

Cherry Hinton barrier, p13

1982 03 08
Newmarket 'country' singer, Pete Sayers, has just finishing filming a new BBC 2 series while his first will be repeated on BBC 1. He has also recently released a new album which shows his versatility as a multi-instrumentalist. Pete has introduced a number of 'characters' to his act including a rhinestone cowboy 'The Phoenix Phantom', and a Suffolk 'yokel', Dennis, who has taken many an audience by surprise by his earthy humour. 82 03 08

Many smaller country roads have been badly hit by this year's cold weather. Typical is Malton Lane, Orwell, where the hard frost broke up the road surface allowing moisture to get down to the chalk underneath. When there were more severe frosts the chalk almost exploded and came bursting through the surface of the road like rice pudding. The byroad from West Wratting to Six Mile Bottom has been closed as it is dangerous with six-inch deep ruts. 82 03 08a

1982 03 09
Lord 'Rab' Butler, the former Master of Trinity College and MP for Saffron Walden for 36 years, has died aged 79. He reached the highest position in British politics without becoming Prime Minister and was always associated with the 1944 Education Act. He was responsible for Prince Charles' studies when he came up to Cambridge in 1967. Among undergraduates he gained the reputation of being Cambridge's friendly college Master and was frequently seen in the Union debating chamber. 82 03 09 & a

1933 03 10
Cheffins, p14

1982 03 11
Fulbourn parents fighting the possible closure of the village infants' school say that if cuts are to be made then it is Great Wilbraham School which should be axed. Meanwhile Liberal MP Clement Freud has urged the Government to drop plans to close Witcham School; it has increased its roll from 27 to 30 in the happy, integrated and expanding village. It could be kept open with just one teacher, he claims. 82 03 11

1982 03 12
The Headmaster of Cambridge Manor School was forced to close his school at lunchtime after pupils went on the rampage. Children set fire to rubbish at the back of a building, smashed a door and set off a fire alarm. The trouble came on the first day of a teachers' work-to-rule which cut mealtime supervision to a minimum leaving the head with only four elderly dinner ladies for help. 82 03 12

Two of Cambridge's best-known taxi firms are now under the same ownership. The Harris family, which owns the Camtax car-hire firm, has bought control of United Taxis from its owner, John Phillips for a 'considerable' sum. The deal, one of the best-kept Cambridge business secrets for years, came as a surprise to other operators in the competitive taxi and car-hire business. 82 03 12a

When Gogs clanked and flashed – telegraph – 82 03 12b

The gallows from the old Cambridge prison behind the assize courts on Castle Hill have been restored in a quiet suburban back garden in Nottingham. The last hanging took place in November 1913. Hundreds of people queued to inspect the gaol in June 1930 before it was demolished. They included Doris Melbourne; she visited the prison three times with her father, William Wale, who took photographs of the gallows in situ. 82 03 12c

Maurice Stevenson is Cambridge's longest-serving projectionist; he recently retired from the Victoria Cinema after showing films for 54 years. He started aged 14 at the old Tivoli Cinema in Chesterton Road, moved to the Central, then the Playhouse where he was chief projectionist at the age of 18. Later he was at the Regal. He has seen it all from the 'silent' days to the coming of 'talkies', then colour; from the advent of 3D and wide screen to stereophonic sound, from traditional projection methods to highly-developed technology. 82 03 12d

Market fountain, p7

1982 03 15
Vulcan Duxford, p3

1982 03 17
In the heady days of 1981 Cambridge Social Democratic Party won a city council seat in Romsey, routing Labour after 60 years. But those heady days are over. Nationally opinion polls are showing a decline in support. Locally they are still haggling with the Liberals over who should field the Alliance parliamentary candidate – not a good image for a party who stand for an end to gladiatorial politics. There are about 500 paid-up SDP members in the city, against 450 Liberals, 1,000 Labour party members and 3,500 Conservatives. 82 03 17

1982 03 18
Cambridge City Council have just sold 191 council houses at an average price of £11,500, with another 550 sales in the pipeline. Anyone who has been a council tenant for three years is entitled to a 30 per cent discount on his house valuation if he decides to buy. It can be a good investment as houses in Cambridge are at such a premium that everything sells, provided the price is right. 82 03 18

Tests are being carried out to try and date Great Gransden windmill. In 1950 Huntingdonshire County Council spent £2,000 strengthening and propping it up with iron stays. Now it is being restored and may be opened to the public. But the machinery will not be assembled because the money allowed for the job does not include its return to working order. 82 03 18a

1982 03 19
Anthrax, p11

1982 03 21
Haverhill distributor road needed – 82 03 21a

1982 03 23
Traders are deserting Magdalene Street in the face of rent rises up to four times the present level, imposed by their college landlords. Several shops already have whitewashed windows and locked doors. Within a year, less than one-third of the original row could remain. Magdalene College says they want to keep it a specialist shopping area but have to get the market rent. 82 03 23 & 23a

Anthrax site, p4

1982 03 26
The Tansley Typewriter Company started as the British Rebuilt Typewriter Company in Gloucester Street in 1922. It was bought by David Mutch in 1974. He acquired a van, the trade name, some contracts and a few spare parts. Now the arrival of the electric typewriter has meant taking on new skills which will be adapted as it moves into word processors, memory banks and the sophisticated paraphernalia of the modern office. 82 03 26

1982 03 30
The film 'Chariots of Fire', partly shot in Cambridge, was the toast of Hollywood after winning the Oscar for the best picture of 1981. The film ran into trouble with college authorities during production with various 'Cambridge' scenes being shot at Eton public school. King's Parade was returned to the 1920s and some 150 students were employed as extras. 82 03 30

Telephone Bill and the Smooth Operators have decided to work less. After too many years on the road accompanying Max Boyce and Jasper Carrott this five-man Cambridge group are now playing for the fun of it. But Nick Barraclough has already been booked to host the Cambridge Folk Festival in a BBC2 series and is to introduce three programmes a week on Radio Cambridgeshire which starts broadcasting in May. 82 03 30b

1982 03 31
The former Stetchworth Heath School, which closed last summer, is up for auction. The building, which stands adjacent to the Devil's Dyke overlooking the July Racecourse dates from about 1928. It comprises the original schoolroom, changing rooms and mobile classroom and has permission for conversion into residential use. 82 03 31

Horseheath byoass, p10

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1982 04 01
Spectators at the Cambridgeshire FA Challenge Cup Final had plenty to read with a new match programme packed with detailed information about the players. The initial print-run of 200 copies sold out. The match was decided in the first half when skipper Trevor Norton – 'likes to win' says the prog – shot favourites Springbox into the lead. He added a second from the penalty spot after a foul by BSC keeper Robert Fretwell – 'original member of the team' - and Nacer Relizani got another before Gary Grogan pulled one back for the Ely side. 82 04 01

1982 04 02
The massive US Air Force bases at Lakenheath, Mildenhall and Alconbury spent £146 million with local businesses last year. It went on building work, equipment and services for the bases and housing for the 26,000 servicemen and their families – about half attached to Lakenheath. Many local people rent houses to Americans who spent £5.8 million eating out and visiting nearby places of interest last year 82 04 02

'Uncle Clive' Sinclair is close to becoming part of the legend of the microchip. He brought to the word innovative calculators, digital watches and pocket-sized televisions. Then in 1976 he formed Sinclair Research to conceive new projects in the consumer electronics field, including an electric car. He started with a little computer then produced a ZX81 version priced at just under £70. Now he has moved into the flat-screen television tube and mini-tv set. 82 04 02c

Acorn computers has hardly had time to catch its breath since it won an agreement with the BBC to supply microcomputers suitable for use alongside a television series. But the broadcasts to schools began with only 200 of the 500 schools which wanted to take part having received their computers and programmes for the general public were postponed. Now 6,000 have been despatched with an order for 15,000 from Western Australia. 82 04 02d

Welch's Garage at Stapleford has an excellent reputation but since they negotiated the Mazda dealership they have been looking for premises to expand. Now they have a completely new garage and showroom at Foxton which will specialise in Ford cars. It started with a wooden shed but now customers will find a purpose built showroom plus the usual service station facilities. They are very optimistic about the future and have had particular success with Fiat Magirusdeuts commercial vehicles. 82 04 02e

1982 04 04
Richard Digance, a Cockney who lives at Debden, got his big break at the Cambridge Folk Festival seven years ago. He is grateful to Ken Woollard who booked him and the audiences that shot him to much wider popularity. Afterwards he played to every folk club in the country and toured with Steeleye Span. He now prefers to be known as a 'modern music hall entertainer' with his own show on Capitol Radio and has published books of verse. 82 04 04

1982 04 05
Royston's image as a congested carbon dioxide bottleneck is to change. No longer will it be a place to avoid on holiday weekends with spluttering nose-to-tail traffic and irritable kids screaming from the back seat. Even the Queen has been trapped in traffic. Now with the opening of the four-mile bypass, finished four months ahead of schedule, the town can breathe again. 82 04 05

1982 04 06
Mrs Thatcher will face the full fury of the Labour Opposition over the Government's handling of the Falklands Island crisis. Her new Foreign Secretary, Francis Pym faces a fiery introduction to the job as he attends his first Cabinet meeting in his new post. But he was the toast of fellow Anglian MPs in the Commons; Robert Rhodes James (Cambridge) said he was 'superbly equipped by intellect and experience to be a very distinguished Foreign Secretary'. 82 04 06

Pye TVT of Cambridge may lose a £100,000 order for television transmitters from Argentina because of the Falkland Islands crisis but Pye Telecom are still working on a £4,000 order for a communications system for the Falklands Islands. Stansted Airport's three giant Belfast military planes may be drafted into military use to ferry bulk loads nearer the scene of the action. Although they can land on medium-sized runways like Cambridge it could not land on the airstrip at Port Stanley. 82 04 06a

In recent years the building industry has suffered as a result of the recession causing a number of companies to cease trading. The Cambridge area has followed the national trend and the number of

new homes has been considerably reduced. However the Moss group has completed a range of projects from studio apartments at £16,950, starter homes at £18,000 through to luxury properties at £85,000. As house prices are anticipated to rise by 20 per cent this is the best time to purchase one. 82 04 06c & d

1982 04 07
Years of misery experienced by Royston residents ended when a 77-year-old veteran car led a cavalcade along the town's new bypass. The 1905 Argyll was driven by Dr Derek Nicholls, marking the triumphal end of years of campaigning. The by-pass, opened four months ahead of schedule, had an immediate effect. At 10 am heavy vehicles were ploughing through the town's main road, by noon they had gone. 82 04 07

1982 04 08
Two of the most familiar faces on Cambridge market have called it a day. Kitty Davis has had a stall for more than 50 years; for much of that time she and her husband Joe have traded in fabrics, buttons and bows. Generations of doll owners have bought the frilly, lacy dresses she made. Racks of them hang beside her sewing machine at home; now she will sell them for charity. Previously she had a shop, 'Kathleens', in Burleigh Street selling ladies' underwear, hosiery and fashions. 82 04 08

Lode watermill, p20

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Newnham Croft, p6

1982 04 14
Falkland, p1

1982 04 15
A Saffron Walden bakery is expanding to cope with the increased demand for Christmas puddings made from a grandmother's secret recipe. Chris and Tim Cole turned out 15,000 last year and have now won a contract from the largest departmental store in the United States – Sax in New York. This year they expect to produce about 40,000 puddings. 82 04 15

The disorganisation following the reorganisation of the health service in the Cambridge area means that even now – two years later – many staff are still waiting to hear if they are to be fired, re-hired or moved. The idea was to streamline the service and turn the money 'saved' in management costs to patient care – which few believe will be achieved in practice. It has seen the axing of the Area Health Authority and its replacement by three separate management teams. 82 04 15a

1982 04 17
Cambridge-based British Antarctic Survey has had official Foreign Office confirmation that their missing 13 scientists have arrived in Buenos Aires & are all safe and well. They were captured on South Georgia soon after the Argentinean invasion of the Falkland Islands. 82 04 17

1982 04 19
Huntingdon flu, p4

1982 04 20
Plans to bring American tourists to Landbeach to help pay for repairs to the village church have fallen through. Villagers would have put up 15 visiting couples in their homes, raising £6,000 for All Saints' Church, but there has been little response from the United States. This has been their first real setback in fundraising – last year a painting fetched £21,000 at Sotheby's. 82 04 20

A former school and warehouse buildings in Eden Street have been turned into eight studio flats for sale at about £28,000. Each comprises a living-dining room, fitted kitchen, bathroom and bedroom

with low maintenance and running costs. Eden Court blends in with the surrounding cottages in an area well-served with corner shops and pubs which gives it an atmosphere unique to Cambridge. 82 04 20a

Newmarket Library is the first in the area to run a video lending library with 200 cassettes on offer at £1.95 per night. But Andrew McCulloch of Arbury Court who rents 1,000 films says although people have now got a video, or a thinking of getting, one business is not booming. An advertiser in the News offers 'adult' films for sale at £30, sent out in plain cardboard boxes. 82 04 20b

1982 04 21
South Cambridgeshire District Council was one of the first to adopt the plastic rubbish sack system that was pioneered by the old Chesterton R.D.C. in the 1960s. Each household gets 60 bags a year. The council is highly conscious that bags left by the kerbside for longer than a day are unsightly and can quickly become damaged and messy, reducing the quality of the service on which they pride themselves. So they have to ensure they collect on the same day each week. 82 04 21

1982 04 23
Cambridge probably boasts more books per head of population that any other city and people know how to look after them. Now Clarissa Hinsley, a bookbinder in Bridge Street, has started to make paper using seaweed, chestnut leaves, bamboo and other plants which are used as endpapers in sketch books or photograph albums. 82 04 23

Snooker has gained a new respectability, operating from high-class, exclusive clubs. Now the Dodgers Snooker and Billiard Club has opened in the old historic Newnham Watermill. It has five new tables of the finest Brazilian mahogany and an antique match table which has been restored to its original condition. With each table weighing over a ton, the floors have been reinforced. Members are issued with a computer-controlled access card with video cameras acting as a double check against gate crashers. 82 04 23a

Burwell museum, p8
Bottle banks, p11

1982 04 24
Cambridge electronics wizard Clive Sinclair shook the computer world by announcing a new powerful machine at a fraction of the price of its rivals. The Sinclair ZX Spectrum costs £125 with a 16k memory, capable of high-resolution colour graphics. A mini floppy disc-drive memory device will shortly be available at the staggeringly low price of £50. 82 04 24

Anthrax site, p2

1982 04 26
Sir - Independence for Cherry Hinton should be an election issue. Residents never wanted to be swallowed up by an expanding Cambridge and wish to be separate village. It is detached from the city by a 'green belt' including Netherhall playing fields, Coldham's Lane rubbish tips and Marshall's airfield where it is unlikely that any new development will take place. It has all the amenities such as a library, post office, shops and schools. Candidates should realise the importance of maintaining a community spirit – Cherry Hinton Liberation Front spokesman. 82 04 26

Quenby Price started in 1835 from premises at Kempton, then just before the last war a mill was purchased at Kimbolton which became the site where cereal seed was produced. It launched its Cambridgeshire operation in 1968 at Station Yard, Histon and throughout the 1970s business expanded in the trading of agrochemicals, feedstuffs, fertilisers, seed corn and the buying and selling of grain and oilseed rape. Now a new store enables them to store fungicides and weedkillers from major manufacturers, providing a complete service for arable farmers. 82 04 26a & b

A phenomenal epidemic of wheat bulb fly in the 1950s was responsible for nearly one third of the Fenland winter cereal acreage having to be redrilled. The devastation provided the impetus for the development of a whole range of counter-measures by Frank Maskell, an entomologist whose name has become virtually synonymous with the conquest of the cereal menace. He has just retired for the Agricultural Development and Advisory Service, Brooklands Avenue. 82 04 26c

1982 04 28
Radioactive rats that had been used in experiments by biochemists were buried on the anthrax site on Milton Road, Cambridge, 25 years ago. Council officials who inspected the land with Geiger counters have found no more radiation than elsewhere. But they had to rely on the memory of a university employee who helped bury them to identify the spot. Samples of soil were sent to Porton Down, the Government's chemical research centre for analysis. They show the site is safe for housing. 82 04 28

1982 04 29
Radio Cambridgeshire, launched today, will broadcast six hours a day. Not long enough, says Hal Bethell, the manager, but all the BBC can afford at present. It will be a 'talk' station, rather than putting out music that aims to provide a new dimension in reflecting the local scene. He has a team of 25, three in Peterborough, and a shifting body of freelances who have been building up the widest range of background knowledge and contacts. 82 04 29

Hunters Fen, p6

1982 04 30
Great Eversden residents are calling their own annual meeting because the parish council have broken the law by not holding one since 1978. The chairman said they were discontinued because nobody ever bothered to turn up. Now nine parishioners have arranged one in the home of a senior civil servant who lives in the village. 82 04 30

Marshall's engineers have provided the Falkland Islands task force with a vital new component in their armoury – a transport aircraft that can be refuelled in mid-air. They have carried out conversion work on a prototype Hercules 130, the RAF's workhorse, in record time. The giant transporter had its first test-flight from Cambridge this week when the system worked without problems. The Marshalls men are jubilant that they got it right first time and so quickly. 82 04 30a

Developments at Duxford Mill could have important repercussions for households in the future. For the entire heating comes from a device in the millrace which sucks heat out of the cool water of the stream and the speed of the water passing through a turbine provides the energy to drive the pumps and machinery. Twentieth-century science has returned to the basic principles of the 18th century but added its own brand of technology. 82 04 30b

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1982 05 01
Radio Cambridgeshire goes on air – 82 05 01

1982 05 04
Cambridge has nurtured many stars of the pop world. Pink Floyd, Yes, 10 cc, Roxy Music, Foreigner, Procol Harum, Small Faces, Quiver, Elvis Costello's Attractions, The Clash, The Foundations … all have had links with Cambridge bands. Now Graeme Mackenzie has published a family tree of rock groups since 1964. It has proved unbelievably complicated due to the musicians appalling memory for names and dates. 82 05 04 & a

Forensic labs, p6

1982 05 05
Percy Todd, founder of Todd's scales retires – 82 05 05
Frith photographs being sold by Cottenham firm – 82 05 05a
Haverhill factory. P4

1982 05 06
The Travellers Rest, the 100th Beefeater Steak House, has opened at Girton. Weathered bricks and dark wood have come from an old mill in Lancashire to give the former Whitbread pub a warmth and intimacy. Hundreds of plants with an unusual water feature add both colour and life but the over-riding ingredient for success is value for money with no extra costs hidden within the menu. 82 05 06

Somewhere between Mars and Jupiter is a tiny lost planet which an astronomer has just officially named 'Tomeileen' after his late Cambridge parents, Thomas Marsden, a maths master at the Cambridgeshire High School for Boys, and his wife. The couple's heavenly memorial, which had been lost for 100 years amid an asteroid belt, was accidentally rediscovered and christened by Dr Brian Marsden at an observatory in Arizona. 82 05 06 a & b

One of the few things to have gone down in price in the last two years is estate agents' fees. Some have reduced by as much as £100 on the sale of a £30,000 house. It has been a difficult time for selling houses but the top end of the market has done well – the really expensive houses around £90,000. It is a good time to buy a flat with prices down on two years ago. At Mayflower House you can get a roof over your head for between £13 and £14,000. 82 05 06c & d

1982 05 07
A small sprig of yew to help ward away evil spirits was placed in the concrete during the ceremonial topping out of a futuristic new building at Cambridge Science Park. It will become Napp Laboratories central research and medical centre bringing facilities from four other bases. Around 200 people will work at the new complex which stands in a landscaped site with the main access provided by way of a plaza and a bridge across a canal. 82 05 07

Planners fear that the traditional Cambridge landlady is an endangered species, as more and more colleges press to change their family lodging houses into student hostels or 'outside staircases'. But Mrs Winifred Phillips who runs a lodging house for 24 undergraduates says students think they can cope, but they can't. They come here to study and want to enjoy themselves in what time they have to spare, not worry about the domestic side of life. Her grandmother ran a lodging house, as did two aunts; and her father, husband and son have all been college porters. 82 05 07a & b

Widdington, p13

1982 05 10
CEN 20 years, p10

1982 05 12
House prices in Cambridgeshire dropped by more than three per cent last year – and in some areas plummeted below 1979 levels. The biggest drop was in fenland where prices fell by nine percent, to £20,270 though the average price throughout the county was £28,035. In Cambridge prices fell to £31,855 but South Cambridgeshire is the most expensive place to live at £36,015. 82 05 12

South Cambs councillors may pull down the temporary prefabricated building known as South Cambridgeshire Hall and build a four-storey office block in its place. They would then dispose of Great Eastern House near the railway station and centralise all its staff on the Hills Road site. Whether they will actually be prepared to spend a lot of money on the scheme has yet to be seen. In the past councillors have brought up the idea on numerous occasions but decided against it on cost grounds. 82 05 12a

County rates, p7

1982 05 14
South Georgian scientists home from Falklands – 82 05 14

1982 05 17
There are up to a million cockroaches loose in the roof of St Ivo School. It has been keeping the American cockroaches along with its many other reptiles, amphibians and mammals for the past 25 years. Some escaped into the roof of the tropical room and their numbers have steadily increased. Henry Berman, head of biology, says there are advantages: they catch them and use them to feed the other animals. 82 05 17

Football referee's last match – 82 05 17a

1982 05 19
Prince Philip flew into Cambridge and made what is believed to be the first helicopter landing on Parker's Piece. It made quite a stir among people making their way to work. It may also have made them late because police cordoned off the Piece for the landing, special permission for which had been obtained from the City Council. 82 05 19

Waterbeach filth, p7

1982 05 20
The North Arbury Chapel in Cameron Road started in 1971 with weekly children's services in a building contractor's site hut. The numbers soon grew to 100 and they moved to the Grove Primary School, then swelled to 200 so they used a mobile prefabricated building. Now the first permanent building will be opened by Sir Fred Catherwood. 82 05 20

Being manager of Bishop's store at Arbury Court is not an easy job. This week he had to cope with the aftermath of an armed robbery in which £3,000 was snatched. Then there are customer complaints. He does not mind his staff taking time to talk to customers but they should not argue with them – management should find out what the matter is. 82 05 20a

1982 05 24
Slate Hall farm, housed in a neat group of buildings set back from the A604 near Bar Hill is a familiar landmark. When William and Roy Cowell bought it 23 years ago they grew sugar beet and potatoes on the manageable land, mustard on the heavy soil and wheat and barley after both. But now they focus on cereals, oilseed rape, winter beans and peas as break crops. Economically it had to come. Recently they have lost land to the new road. 82 05 24

1984 02 25
Jane Barrett, the joint managing director of the Cambridge china and glass specialists, has become the first woman in the world to have a Royal Doulton crinoline lady named after her. 'Jane', a portrait of an Edwardian lady holding a parasol, has been created exclusively to celebrate Barretts bi-centenary this year and will only be sold at their shop in St Mary's Passage. 82 05 25 & a

Many villages have old houses which are little more than unsightly ruins because owners are unwilling to carry out vital repairs. Now South Cambridgeshire District Council has set up a fund to enable it to compulsorily buy buildings which might otherwise be destroyed. About 50 properties, including barns and dovecotes have been identified with a row of five cottages at Pampisford, a derelict farmhouse at Haslingfield and a school house at West Wratting being top priorities. 82 05 25b & c & d

One of Cambridge's first self-service grocery stores, Traylen's of Newmarket Road, is to concentrate on the butchery side of its business. Before the War the shop had its own slaughterhouse on the

premises and cattle were driven along the streets from the market. But the opening of Elizabeth Way, increasing traffic and parking restrictions mean customers have found it hard to get to the store. 82 05 27

It is the ending of an historic era as the belongings of the Huddleston family are auctioned off at the family seat, Sawston Hall. Treasures include a bed in which Mary Tudor is said to have slept. It was death duties imposed on the estate in 1970 which finally led to them abandoning the 16th-century hall, which has been their home for 15 generations. It is destined to become a language centre. 82 05 27a & b

1985 02 28
Darth Vader, the villain from the 'Star Wars' films and the children's television favourites, the Smurfs, will help celebrate the opening of Townsends new enlarged toy and cycle shop in Burleigh Street. The business started about 1895 in Norfolk Street, making cycles to order under their own trademark, 'Light Blues'. After the war they did up War Department stock and resold them, moving into toys in the late 1950's. 82 05 28 & a & b

Air base spill, p12

June 1982 CEN

1982 06 01
The lights went up for the last time on the ABC Minors Matinee at the Victoria Cinema, Cambridge. The final credits brought to an end an institution which has won a place in the hearts of thousands of children. No more will Keith Kendall and his part-time cleaner colleagues sneak into the lavatories to catch some 12-year-olds having a crafty cigarette. Sid Perkiss, who has manned the box office, remembers when two or three hundred children packed the cinema. Now it has been killed by the one-eyed villain, television. 82 06 01

England football manager Ron Greenwood and 13 of his World Cup squad were at the Abbey Stadium to watch the London Symphony Orchestra's first outdoor performance of Classic Rock in England. They were joined by more than 3,500 fans for rock music's version of the Last Night of the Proms with people clapping and cheering through the last few numbers. Tony Butcher, the new rock of England's defence, said "Tremendous – we heard the Rolling Stones last week and this was a contrast". The United Manager John Docherty said the event was "unbelievably successful" and had broken even. 82 06 01a

Dumbletons, p12

1982 06 02
King's pinnacles, p10

1982 06 03
The Great Northern Hotel on the corner of Station Road had a wide reputation as a 'jazz pub'. In the 1970s it was converted into a hostel for Technical College students with rooms directly above the stage and Raffles nightclub in the basement. Despite music on two levels there were no complaints until a new landlord introduced rock bands. Now its licence has been withdrawn and Cambridge has lost one of its last live music venues. 82 06 03

1982 06 04
Ely's old High Bridge is being knocked down as the new £350,000 bridge alongside is now finished and in use. It is part of the £25 million Fen Link Road which includes the Soham by-pass and is designed to boost the economy of the fens. 82 06 04

1982 06 09

That rascal of Ambridge, Eddie Grundy and his wife Carrie called at the Fish Bar and Café in Market Place Ely. They were recording an episode of 'The Archers' in which their car breaks down during a trip to Great Yarmouth and they seek help at the chip shop. Owner Keith Smithson was delighted to provide the authentic frying sounds. 82 06 09

Jockey Wilson completely outclassed 17 of the best darts players in Cambridgeshire last night – but lost to his only woman opponent. The world professional champion, an amiable bullfrog of a man, swept aside the hopeful amateurs in his exhibition series at the St Ivo recreation centre. But he was still trying for his double out when Anne Haynes, who plays for the Black Bull pub at St Ives, sent game shot flashing across the electronic scoreboard. However Jockey had given her 300 start while he attempted to get down from 1,001 scoring only with bulls and 25's! 82 06 09a

1982 06 10
Newmarket millionaire David Robinson has given church authorities just seven weeks to come up with plans to convert Cambridge's St Andrew's Church into an old people's centre, or risk losing a £1/2 million windfall. The future of the church, threatened with redundancy for the past 10 years because of falling congregations, has long been the subject of debate. Previous plans have included conversion into an electronics laboratory, language school or a mosque. 82 06 10

The landlords of the Twenty Pence Inn near Cottenham invited the Queen and the Prime Minister to a party to celebrate the introduction of the new 20p coin. But they both had other engagements. A special Twenty Pence Ale – brewed for the occasion – was on sale but could only be bought with a 20 pence coin. A display of old brewing equipment was loaned from Haddenham Farmland Museum and music supplied by Cottenham Brass Band and the Steve Anthony Duo. 82 06 10a

1982 06 11
Pembroke College has bowed to the trend and decided to admit women students for the first time in its 635-year history. But the first arrivals are not expected until October 1984. Now only two colleges will be left as male-only preserves. Peterhouse has voted not to admit women in the foreseeable future and Magdalene has not even debated the issue. The Leys School is also to open its doors to girls with 50 admitted into the sixth-form in 1982. 82 06 11

Three Cambridge restaurants have been recommended in a new guide to vegetarian cooking. But Renwick's Restaurant in Magdalene Street closed in March. Hobbs Pavilion comes in for the highest praise for its chilled cucumber soup while Nettles in St Edward's Passage serves a bulgar wheat pie that looks unappetising but tastes remarkable. 82 06 11a

The new flying craze, sport and business of microlights has arrived in Cambridgeshire. Taurus Aviation has been set up at Haddenham and with the co-operation of farmers they now have a choice of fields from which they can take off and land. Meanwhile a Haverhill Company is selling an American-made microlight for £3,000 including five hour's free instruction. It can be assembled in half-an-hour and carried on a car roof-rack. 82 06 11 b&c

1982 06 12
When the Duchess of Gloucester officially opened St Andrew's Community Junior School at Chesterton she picked eight-year-old Wendy Braybrook to help her pull the cord to unveil a plaque. Then she was presented with a posy from Lorraine Clark and a book of pupils' work by Brian Hall before being escorted round the building by headmaster Derek Nightingale. Pye provided video equipment to record the visit that was watched by people on close circuit television. 82 06 12

1982 06 14
Jim Davidson at Cambridge Sports Hall – 82 06 14

1982 06 16

'Fenland Suite', the first work ever specially composed for organ solo and brass band, was recorded by the Cambridge Co-op Band with its composer, Dr Arthur Wills on the Ely Cathedral organ. Enthusiasm for the piece and the occasion was obvious, "I like that bit, even though I wrote it myself", said Dr Wills during the play-back of the 'Wicken Fen' movement. 82 06 16

Pollution, p14

1982 06 18
A landmine that fell off an Army lorry on the A45 bypass near Cambridge caused it to be sealed off between Quy interchange and the A11 near Newmarket. Diversions were lifted after an hour-and-a-half when bomb disposal experts declared it safe. It was a dummy. A second mine was found near Milton roundabout. It had fallen from the same lorry. 82 06 18

1982 06 19
Cambridge was today stunned by a fire which gutted most of the Grove Infants' School, Arbury, and destroyed the staff block at the Manor School. Hundreds of people were woken in the early hours by the sound of the buildings being ripped apart by flames and small explosions. They went out on the streets and watched as firemen fought to control the blaze. Many wept openly. 82 06 19 & a

A plush, ultra-modern custom-built stable being constructed in Newmarket for Middle Eastern millionaire Mahmoud Foustok will consist of 40 boxes plus a riding school and staff housing. It represents the third arm of an empire that stretches from Chantilly north of Paris to Kentucky USA. 82 06 19b

1982 06 22
Joseph Needham profile – 82 06 22a
Duke of Edinburgh a grandad, p1

1982 06 23
Prince Philip was greeted with cries of "Hello grandad" by shoppers as he walked down King's Parade today. Other bystanders clapped and cheered. Meanwhile the most talked-about baby in the world was settling into his nursery at Kensington Palace. Prince Charles has refused to give any clue as to his name – George is the favourite - but a street off King George Avenue in Exning will be named after the royal baby when it is known. 82 06 23

'Militant', p12

1982 06 25
Dr William Mortlock Palmer – profile – 82 06 25

1982 06 29
RAF Brampton, headquarters of Support Command had the job of ensuring that every item needed for the Falklands war arrived where they should. They were charged with recovering refuelling probes from scrapped Vulcans around the country, baffling onlookers when a lorry-load of engineers came screaming up to a plane on public display, leapt out, disconnect the probe and drove off with it. They were then sent to Marshall of Cambridge who have been converting Hercules C130s for in-flight refuelling. 82 06 29 & 29a

1982 06 30
Renovation work on St Matthew's Primary School has transformed the area. The original school dates from 1835 but part was demolished in the 1960s. Now it has been refurbished with open plan classrooms with internal courtyards built on the original playground. Before rebuilding it catered for 180 children, now there are 370. 82 06 30

July 1982 CEN

1982 07 01
A crop-spraying plane sliced through power cables at Landbeach, narrowly missed crashing near houses and flew off, leaving 2,500 homes without electricity. The pilot had been skimming a field, flying under the 11,000-volt cables which are just 20 feet above the ground, when a wing clipped the wire. This is the seventh accident involving a crop-spraying aircraft in the past five years. In 1977 a pilot was killed when his machine plunged to the ground at March. Others occurred at Earith, Keyston and Abbots Ripton. 82 07 01

Bertie Harding and his wife Gladys are retiring after 22 years as keepers at Bottisham lock and river users must now operate it for themselves. The most boats they have put through in one day was 97 on one August Bank Holiday. There have been nasty moments with people falling into the water or injuring themselves jumping from boats. Broken legs have been the most common injury. 82 07 01a

1982 07 05
One of the worst outbreaks of potato blight for many years is threatening a bumper Fenland crop. The Ministry of Agriculture says the disease is rampant on the East Cambridgeshire and West Suffolk border and could wipe out crops if left untreated. Farmers desperately try to counter it with spray. 82 07 05

Cambridge College of Further Education is undergoing rapid expansion on its new Brunswick site. This year more than 1,000 school-levers have applied for places. Under the Government's new training initiative it will offer courses in community care and basic engineering, clerical and science skills with hairdressing and catering to follow. 82 07 05a

1982 07 06
Plans for the conversion of St Andrew the Great church into an old people's day centre have angered parishioners. They include ripping out the old organ, replacing the present altar and covering up the memorial plaques which line the walls and floor of the church, although the memorial to Captain Cook would remain. 'God is being put in the back room with his back to a couple of loos' one worshipper complains. 82 07 06

1982 07 07
A scheme to clean up Bourn Brook could be harmful and a waste of money, claims Barton farmer, Robin Page. It will also upset a conservation scheme to restore trees to the brook bank, introduce orchids to meadowland and bring in speckled-wood butterflies. But Anglian Water says they will ensure its character is retained. 82 07 07

1982 07 08
The recent dull summer weather has cast the nation's ice-cream makers into gloom. But some of the price variations can come as a shock. In Cambridge city centre you can get a range of flavours from 20p a cone but Tesco sell its own label one-litre brick for 39p. There was a time when Neapolitan offered the most exciting flavours around. Now Marks and Spencer offers chocolate chip ice-cream and toffee & almond at £1.89. 82 07 08

Chaotic Drummer Street is a nightmare for passengers and bus drivers during the busy rush hours. Nobody knows where their buses are and if you go to the information offices the queues are so long that by the time you get to the desk the bus will have gone anyway. Premier Travel driver Hedley Hammond said he was five minutes late already and couldn't get round to his bay. Dismal and dilapidated the worn-out bus station just can't cope with the traffic of the 1980s. 82 07 08a & b

1982 07 09
Farmers who pressed for a drainage board to be set up in the Swavesey area have fallen out over the level of rates they should pay for the work. An elaborate drainage scheme was approved which it was

claimed would reduce flooding from twice a year to once every decade and pay for itself with increased yields. But farmers on higher land did not want to pay as much as those lower down and the failure to levy rates means the work has been taken over by the Great Ouse River Board. 82 07 09

Another £264,000 is to be spent on improving the banks of Burwell and Reach Lodes as part of a 20-year scheme to prevent flooding. The work was implemented after a long protest campaign to ensure the present system of lodes was preserved. About two miles of bank are involved and a road is being extended to make full use of the clay available nearby. 82 07 09

1982 07 12
The long-awaited footbridge over the Milton bypass has opened to the public. One of the first people to try it out was Ken Humphries, the village's district councillor who has led the campaign. Parents petitioned for the bridge following the death of a boy in 1979 but work was delayed after somebody stole the £10,000 aluminium handrails. 82 07 12

1982 07 16
An Aladdin's cave of curious dusty lots comes under the hammer as former stage props are auctioned off at the old Festival Theatre in Newmarket Road, Cambridge. There's a glorious throne, the prow of a sailing ship and a pair of giant Corinthian columns, most of which have appeared at the Arts Theatre, which owns the building. It is said the Festival has a ghost – an old woman who was brought in to die after being run down by a horse and cart which bolted when delivering scenery. Dame Flora Robson wrote of meeting her. 82 07 16

Ely is wrestling with the problems of the recession which has seen 750 people lose their jobs. The city's economy has been rocked by the shutdown of four of its biggest firms – Borden UK, Lytton Boat Building, Dorman Sprayer and the British Sugar Corporation. It had been hoped that the new Club Mews shopping precinct would be a boon to small traders but they are finding the annual £400 rates too much. However a new Tesco supermarket in Broad Street and a Boots store on the site of the Rex Cinema will bring 100 new jobs. 82 07 16a & b & c

1982 07 19
Work is continuing on the Clifton industrial estate, a joint development between the City Council and Dencora Securities on the site of the former of the Cattle Market. There will be 31 units providing 225 jobs in light industry and warehousing with the first opening shortly. Much emphasis is being placed on a good quality of construction and landscaping to ensure a good working environment. 82 07 19

1982 07 20
Gallyons, a maker and seller of guns and a specialist in fishing tackle, is severing its links with Cambridge after nearly 200 years. They started in Green Street in 1784, moving to Bridge Street in 1865. They are the last firm in East Anglia to make guns and will now have just one shop in Norwich. 82 07 20

The Alma Brewery in Russell Court is reopening as a free house under the control of CAMRA. The pub, which dates back to 1835, was one of the first buildings to be erected in the former Balls Folly Field. It took its name from the Battle of the Alma in the Crimean War. Brewing stopped in 1909 but it continued to be run as a pub until it closed in March. 82 07 20a

1982 07 21
One of the most unusual removal jobs has started in Cambridge. A specialist team from Leeds has been brought in to transport hundreds of plaster casts of statues from Ancient Greece and Rome ranging from a giant statue of Hercules to replicas of the Elgin marbles. They are the pride and joy of the University's Museum of Classical Archaeology which is moving from its old home in Little St Mary's Lane to a purpose-built gallery in the new Classics faculty on the Sidgwick site. 82 07 21
1982 07 22

A survey of egg and tomato sandwiches found that those from Marks and Spencer (55p) had the edge for moisture and taste with Donks of Regent Street top for value at 32p. Cornucopia ran them a close second while Thornhills were biggest value for money, although the bread was too dry. But Travellers Fare from the station buffet were the dearest and least inspiring. They could not rise to an egg and tomato sandwich and it came in a wrapping that was fiddly to open. 82 07 22

Percy North rose at 6.30, made his bed then baked a batch of bread as he started his 100th year. His home is a mini-museum ranging from old lemonade bottles to antique furniture. Hardly a day goes by when he does not sit down with his tape recorder to record some of his memories for the Cambridgeshire Collection. One cassette is of street tradesmen's cries – he can remember 20 of them. 82 07 22a

1982 07 23
Kite tunnel, p12

1982 07 27
Marshalls, p11

1982 07 28
Muck-spreading on fields near Barton has infuriated villagers who say the stench is putting them off their food and making them ill. The treated sewage sludge was delivered during the winter but when workers started spreading it people began complaining. The farmer said it was perfectly safe and there would have been no problem if the wind had not blown towards the village. But the smell is obnoxious and he would not use the material again unless AWA found a way of removing it. 82 07 28

More than 100 years of bookbinding comes to an end when the old established firm of John P. Gray closes down its Green Street premises. The firm was begun in 1847; it established a high reputation for the restoration and repair of ancient books and carried out special commissions for the leading private collectors. Planning permission has been obtained to turn the site into a restaurant and wine bar. 82 07 28a

1982 07 29
The Cambridge Blind Shop in Regent Street is to close, ending a tradition that goes back 50 years. Its original purpose was to provide an outlet for the work of local blind people who relied on basket-making, chair-caning or knitting for an income. Today the same necessity does not really exist and the number of local craftsmen has dwindled, making the shop no longer viable. 82 07 29

1982 07 30
A renewed upsurge of Dutch elm disease is leaving a trail of devastation with Jesus Green suffering most. Other trees on Parker's Piece and Petersfield are showing the yellowing leaves and premature loss of foliage typical of the disease It has been rampant in the past few weeks and it looks as if there will be hardly any elms surviving in Cambridge in two years' time. But a five-year tree-planting scheme is expected to make good the losses. 82 07 30

Whitehall has agreed that the wedges of green open land between Cambridge and Milton should stay open. The Department of the Environment has thrown out plans to build warehouse units between the Northern Bypass and the main interchange of the Cambridge-Ely road. It would be wrong to allow such dense industrial or commercial development. Milton and Cambridge should remain physically separated. 82 07 30a

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1982 08 02
They used to call Joan Baez the 'Queen of Folk' and there was something regal about her much-publicised appearance at the Cambridge Folk Festival. Her set included a tribute to Lech Walensa as

well as the old favourite – Dylan's "Hard Rain", "Amazing Grace", "Imagine" and "Let It Be", all of them hymns of an almost forgotten generation. 82 08 02

1982 08 05
According to legend St Ives was named after St Ivo, a Persian missionary bishop whose remains were found in 1,000. Doubts have been cast on the authenticity of the relics and deepened when Roman remains were found on the ancient site near Priory House. But now a new excavation has revealed bits of plaster which could only have been used in a villa. So it seems he was simply the owner of a Roman house. 82 08 05

New firms have been springing up in rural Cambridgeshire at an astonishing rate. Napp Laboratories searched for two years before bringing all their British-based operations under one roof in a futuristic £8 million building on Cambridge Science Park. Harcostar picked Huntingdon to make industrial plastics as it was a London overspill centre with housing. In East Cambridgeshire more than 40 per cent of all manufacturing firms are new, employing just over 20 per cent of manufacturing workers. But now industrialists are taking a gloomy view of the area's prospects. 82 08 05a & b

1982 08 06
Keen gardeners at Hildersham are keeping a nightly vigil at their allotments since some of their prize vegetables went missing. While one villager hides among his runner beans another peers from his shed. So far the culprits, who have taken choice onions, potatoes, cauliflowers and carrots, have not been spotted. 82 08 06

Cambridge now houses an extraordinary number of musical instrument makers. In addition to Mark Stevenson and Trevor Beckerleg, makers of harpsichords, and William Johnson, maker of chamber organs, there are many lesser-known names. Charles Hall is another organ builder, Daniel Bangham specialises in clarinets while John Isaacs and Ian Harwood from Ely are making lutes based on original designs from Bologna and Venice. 82 08 06a

1982 08 09
Cambridge planners say no more permanent language schools or secretarial and tutorial colleges should be permitted unless they are specifically for city residents. In the last ten years the number has trebled from 19 to 57 and the number of students has doubled to 15,000. Although they bring in about £13 million each year, are a major industry and create jobs they frequently irritate city residents. 82 08 09

The Cripps Court at Queens' College has received a commendation from the Royal Institute of British Architects. The first part, including 150 study-bedrooms was completed in 1974, new kitchens were added in 1979 and a third phase will include lecture theatre and squash courts. A lot of thought had gone in to the design to ensure it blended in with other buildings dating back to the college's foundation in 1448. 82 08 09a

1982 08 10
Traffic through the centre of Cambridge was brought to a standstill for nearly an hour when an articulated car transporter loaded with two new Cortinas was unable to turn the corner of Jesus Lane into Bridge Street. Despite several attempts at reversing the driver became completely stuck until police removed a traffic sign. The lorry had to reverse over the stump of the sign and crush it in order to get free. 82 08 10

1982 08 11
Cambridge attracts more than its fair share of royals, diplomats and ministers which presents security problems for the police special branch. It would take just a split second for somebody to jump out and seriously injure a member of the royal family so every eventuality needs to be covered. When the wife of one visiting VIP got out of the car – and then jumped back inside, the security men rushed forward

thinking something was wrong. But they soon realised she had 'fallen foul of a broken piece of elastic'. 82 08 11

1982 08 13
Paine's Brewery at St Neots, established in 1831, has been bought by a consortium of businessmen. The new company will be known as James Paine Brewery and be responsible for 20 tied houses. Paine plc which deals mainly in milling and malt extract, retains the ownership of the Cross Keys at St Neots, the Caxton Gibbet pub and the Brampton Motel. 82 08 13

Saffron Walden swimming pool has been closed for good because of fears that it could cave in. The 1910 baths were built over the 200-year-old Slade culvert which runs underneath the town centre from Abbey Lane to Hill Street. There is not much material between the bottom of the pool and the top of the culvert which has been flattened by the pressure above and is on the verge of collapse. It is unfortunate that closure has come during high summer, but the council cannot take any risks. 82 08 13a

1982 08 16
Greens of Soham new giant cold stores – 82 08 16

1982 08 18
Government plans for the route of the A1-M1 link road still show the entire Cambridgeshire section as a single carriageway. The news has horrified councillors who have been fighting for the road to be dual throughout. It has been designated as a Euro-route and will be the only single carriageway in the whole 400 miles between Birmingham and Dusseldorf. But the existing A604 will be widened with special by-passes at Ellington and Bythorn. 82 08 18

For the past 10 years the future of the church of St Andrew the Great has been in doubt. The small congregation have fought plans to turn it into shops or a laboratory. Newmarket millionaire David Robinson had established a trust so it could be turned into a day centre, but he withdrew his offer in July. Now the Diocese has started the process of declaring it redundant. 82 08 18a

After 75 years Tressilian Nicholas is as much a monument at Trinity College as the stone figures over the gothic gate. He first came up in 1907 and apart from the rude interruptions of the first world war he has been there ever since. As a senior fellow he often has to take the head of the table in hall and say the Latin grace and only then does his slight deafness become a bother. Now the man who once controlled the great wealth of Trinity celebrated his 94th birthday with a small dinner party in his rooms. 82 08 18b

1982 08 19
School uniforms are a major expense for most families. Tesco offers a set of school clothes for a boy for £13.12, at Eaden Lilley it costs £14.99. But you still need to buy a Snorkel coat for £10.99 or a girl's 'duvet' cost for £14.00. However a Perse School blazer made especially by a local tailor is £39.50 and with a pullover, shirt, trousers and scarf from Joshua Taylor the cost comes to £68.40. Add a duffle coat and sports equipment and the total would be over £117. 82 08 19 & a

1982 08 20
A Willingham company, MPC Electronics, has hit the jackpot with a new concept in drumming. The drummer taps out the sound with his fingers on touch-sensitive pads giving a limitless range of rhythms. They took it to the world's largest fair in Atlanta, Georgia and have now captured orders worth £250,000 world-wide. 82 08 20

1982 08 21
British Rail's controversial plans to install automatic half-barriers at Cherry Hinton level crossing have been rejected. It marks a victory for the large numbers of protestors who considered they would

be dangerous so close to two primary schools. Had they been put in residents were prepared to stand on the lines and stop trains. 82 08 21

1982 08 24
W. Thompson and Son, the Fitzroy Street furniture firm, is closing after 150 years' trading in Cambridge. It started as a cabinet makers in Willow Place in 1832 and a fully-fledged furniture makers and sellers had been established by 1881. They had an undertakers' business for years, as well as selling china wholesale. But Peter Thompson says their style of business was becoming outdated: customers were now more conscious of price than quality with big warehouses changing the way furniture is sold. 82 08 24

1982 08 25
The final phase of the Coral Park development in Coldham's Lane is now complete. Work began in December 1973 with the demolition of a 160-ft high chimney which had been part of the Cambridge landscape for more than a century. The first warehouse was let to E. Laxton, a national cash and carry operation, and other tenants include W.H. Smith (Wholesale), Pye Telecommunications and Linfood. 82 08 25

1982 08 26
Preservationists have won a long fight to stop the old St Paul's School buildings in Russell Street from being demolished. They are the oldest primary school buildings in Cambridge, designed by Ambrose Poynter, a pupil of the great Regency architect, John Nash. They have not been used since the new school was opened a year ago. 82 08 26

Clare, p5

1982 08 27
City councillors want a full-scale transport complex to give quick interchange for rail and bus passengers on long distance and local services to be sited at the railway station. There is plenty of parking with toilet and refreshment facilities already on hand. The County Council's controversial plans to spend £400,000 on rebuilding Drummer Street bus station would still leave it a cramped site with poor access. 82 08 27

George and Joyce Smalley are retiring from the village bakers at Chippenham after more than 40 years. The business has been in their family for nearly 100 years. The brick-built oven behind the shop was constructed for Mr Smalley's father. As well as bread and cakes cooked in the traditional way they have a thriving trade supplying rolls to cafes and pubs and passing lorry drivers often call in. But their shop and baking methods will be carried on under new owners and the name retained. 82 08 27a

Snuff, p7

1982 08 31
Cambridge heaved a sigh of relief at the weekend as the 4,000-strong 'invasion' by Chelsea football fans passed off in relative peace. There were 51 arrests and one man needed 27 stitches for a stab wound. But as the last 'soccer special' pulled out of the railway station police were congratulating themselves at preventing a repeat of the violence that flared after the club's previous clash at the Abbey Stadium when fans went on the rampage. Chelsea won 1-0. 82 08 31 & 31aa

Mepal welcome a group of 200 airmen who flew bombers for the 75th (New Zealand) Squadron when they packed into the village for three days of reminiscence. A reunion dance was held in a marquee on the playing field where the New Zealand High Commissioner gave a fluent address in Maori. Clement Freud, MP, had a stuffed kiwi above the front door of his house, the RAF Memorial Flight flew in and there was a display of parachuting. 82 08 31b

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1982 09 01
A St Neots firm's publicity gimmick in the shape of a giant silver balloon did its job too well – it became a UFO soaring over three counties. The runaway 12ft balloon broke free from its moorings at the Hi-Sell Direct furniture warehouse at Gamlingay and floated about 10 foot above the ground until it was caught by a farmer and tied to the roof of a police car. 82 09 01

The Fenland Country Fair held at Swaffham Prior for the first time was so successful that it may become an annual event. It was the brainchild of Malcolm Hall and raised £2,000 to help pay for the building of a new youth centre. About 3,000 people watched lurcher racing, 120 local crackshots took part in a clayshoot, there was a sheep shearing demonstration and 50 ferrets ran in and out of drainpipes in a special tent. 82 09 01

Duxford church, p5

1982 09 02
If you want to buy a microlight aircraft in Cambridgeshire there is only one place you should go – Taurus Aviation of Haddenham. They are agents for Puma aircraft with prices ranging from £2,317 for a single-seater to £3,230 for a two-seater model. A trial flight, just to see if you like the sensation, will cost £11.50 and dual instruction is £23 an hour. It seems a lot of money, but middle-aged people find it thrilling. 82 09 02

1982 09 03
About 100 Prickwillow villagers waving banners and singing protest songs marched on the village primary school as the latest stage in the campaign to save it from being closed. The march was organised to mark the first day back at school for the village children – who during the long summer holidays learned Cambridgeshire County Council had started the formal consultation process for closing down the school. Pupils would have to travel to schools in Ely. Protesters marched from Old Bank to the school gates led by a tractor and trailer carrying a replica of the 120-year-old school.
In the playground one of the protest organisers, Mr Derek Andrews, read letters from Isle of Ely MP, Mr Clement Freud and local county councillor, Mr Dennis Pye. The chairman of the school governors, Canon Neil Munt, said the parochial church council had unanimously passed a resolution deploring the closure plan. "We stand shoulder to shoulder with you all in our determination to stop the closure of the school", he said. The parents are unhappy about letting children of four or five years old go four miles to Ely, which would make their school day longer. One of the most determined people on the march was one of the oldest, 84-year-old Mrs Lily Norman of Kingdon Avenue, who first went to the village school when she was nine. She said firmly: "We are not going to let it close". 82 09 03

1982 09 08
A whooping cough epidemic is raging in Cambridgeshire with reported cases trebling in recent weeks. In the first six months there were 270 cases – last year it was only 47. The sudden surge was most notable in July when 66 were reported. Mothers are being urged to check with their family doctors for immunisation. 82 09 08

Frank Holland Motors was formed 25 years ago with the franchise for Hillman and Sunbeam cars, then in 1966 they obtained the distributorship for Simca on their present site at Mill Road. Four years later Frank Holland took over a second garage in Coldham's Lane trading as F.H. Motors and selling Datsuns. They have now introduced the Holland Hyperwash – a new-style car wash centre which can handle 60 cars an hour. 82 09 08a

1982 09 09
An ancient landmark is to disappear at Grantchester now that a diseased oak in the corner of the churchyard is to be felled. But few tears will be shed: it spoils the view of the church, its leaves have

blocked gutters and the roots have undermined the wall. The church also needs to repair the tower and spire and complete the restoration of the medieval windows. 82 09 09

1982 09 13
The new University of the Third Age held its first enrolment day. Orderly queues of senior citizens studied the long list of courses from gardening to desert island aesthetics, medieval history or elementary French. The chairman, Dr Peter Laslett was delighted: "It shows that retired people still want to learn and take an active part in life". 82 09 13

The Old Palace in Kneesworth Street, Royston, once part of a Hunting Lodge for King James I, is a grade one listed building. It belongs to the Leete Charity which is unable to meet £100,000 repair costs. Now it has applied for permission for change of use from residential to offices and may sell the property to people who can restore and maintain it. 82 09 13a

1982 09 14
Some say it's a puma, others a panther and possibly even a cheetah – but whatever it is, a big cat has been causing quite a stir around Cottenham. The cat, bigger than a Labrador, has been seen three times, most recently by Mrs Veronica Bailey who looked up from the sugar beet field where she was working to see it staring at her from ten yards away. Robert Norman of Turk's Head Farm, Smithy Fen saw one run into a field of cattle – it was sandy colour with great big paws - and Reginald and Dora Savidge saw one in their car headlights. 82 09 14

1982 09 15
A pub, a row of shops and six acres of office buildings in Castle Hill and Gloucester Street may be sold by Cambridgeshire County Council. They want reduce the sprawling Shire Hall site and abandon the ramshackle array of offices at the rear of the main complex. They are expensive to maintain and unpopular with staff who work in them. Discussions with developers will take place soon. 82 09 15

The 1,500 acre Babraham estate, owned by the family of the late Sir Robert Adeane, has been sold for well over £3 million. It includes farmland, 11 cottages and a 137-acre shoot. But there was no main residence – Babraham Hall and 400 acres were sold to the Agricultural Research Council in 1948. 82 09 15

1982 09 16
Cambridge isn't an easy place for a couple to buy a house for the first time. The average purchase price is around £22,000 which means finding a deposit of £2,500 and with mortgage interest rates of 12 per cent over 25 years would cost £148.82 a month after tax relief. Currently a modernised Victorian house in Newmarket Road is on sale for £22,250 and a two-bedroomed, centrally-heated house in Stanley Road costs £21,500. 82 09 16 & a

1982 09 18
Two redundant chapels are presently on the market. The Old Chapel on Barrington green has been converted into a modern open-plan home featuring an interior garden with fishpond and is priced at £90,000. By contrast St Nicholas at Barway costs £45,000. It dates back to the 14th century and retains many original features: the font stands in the hallway with the wooden pulpit in the lounge. 82 09 18a

The six-acre county council temporary office site off Castle Street and Gloucester Street may become a city council housing and industrial estate. Council officials will meet to see if a deal between the two authorities is possible. Housing and job creation have been given top priority by the City, but the county want the best financial deal they can get. 82 09 18

1982 09 22
Millions of trade unionists took part in the TUC's Day of Action in support of the health workers' pay claim. In Cambridge about 1,000 people joined a march through the city centre with representatives

from health workers, uniformed firemen, NALGO, Trades Union and the city Labour Party. It was the biggest demonstration seen in the city for years. 82 09 22

1982 09 24
More than 100 people attended a party given by the estate agents, Gray Cook and Partners, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Mr Percy Charles ('Bill') Gray with the firm founded by his father. He has been instrumental in innumerable other Cambridge property deals and was the man who actually bought the site of Churchill College. 82 09 24

Military manoeuvres 1912, airships – feature – 82 09 24a # c.45.4
Chettisham, p11

1982 09 28
Jack Lowe, the Cambridge man who founded a chain of do-it-yourself shops, has died. He learned his trade as a plumber with the building firm of William Saint which collapsed in the Great Depression and set up his own plumbing business in 1936. He opened a tool shop in Mill Road in the late 1940s and eventually established one of the first D-I-Y shops in the city. 82 09 28

Thomas Hawksley built gas works in Cambridge – feature – 82 09 28a

1982 09 30
A row has blown up over South Cambridgeshire District Council's 'foolhardy' scheme to spend £2.6 million on new offices in Cambridge. Histon Labour Party says there can be no justification for office building while the council skimps on essential public services. Councillor Robin Page has also described the plans as 'the silliest scheme I have ever heard of'. But South Cambs' Chairman says it would increase efficiency by having their staff on one site in Hills Road. 82 09 30

Milton Hall, near Cambridge, is up for sale with a price of about £500,000. Built in 1772 it was used as a temporary home for Basque children during the Spanish Civil War; later troops were billeted there before it was bought by Eastern Electricity in 1948 as their headquarters. Planners want to see it used as hotel, school, private hospital or offices. 82 09 30a

The chapel bell at St John's College has been tolled by hand since the 17th century. But now the college porters will no longer have to climb the 30 steps in the gatehouse at six o'clock every day, and twice on Sundays, to summon the congregation to prayer. Engineers have installed an electronic control unit so the bells can ring out at the touch of a switch. Bob Fuller, the head porter, said "I have just celebrated 30 years of working at the college and this is the best present." 82 09 30b

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1982 10 01
Fifty years ago a trip to London by coach did not take much longer that it does today. Gordon Carter, aged 72, who used to drive for Varsity coaches, remembers that it took about two and a half hours. It was a journey he did three times a day: "We would just have time for a cup of tea and then start off again". It cost seven shillings (35p) day return until a customer battle with the opposition, Browns based in Occupation Road, drove the fare down to half-a-crown (12p). 82 10 01

1982 10 02
Electronics wizard Clive Sinclair unveiled his new Cambridge headquarters. The building is based on a soft-drinks works with a futuristic new wing added. Sunlight coming through the glass roof of the new wing and water from a spring under the original building will be used to control air temperatures. Telephone and security systems will be heavily computerised. The reception area includes the largest polished bronze sculpture in the work by Elaine Blumenfeld who lives in Grantchester. 82 10 02

1982 10 04

More than 70 members of the Gorsuch family travelled to Wilburton to trace their routes. They were particularly interested in Dr John Gorsuch who died in mysterious circumstances and was buried in the village. He was Rector of Walkern, near Stevenage, but was a Royalist and fled at the outbreak of the Civil War. Nobody knows how he got to Wilburton where he was suffocated to death in a haystack in 1648. 82 10 04

Children from St Matthew's Primary School joined a raincoated march protesting against the proposed East Road dual carriageway which would take part of their playground. They stopped outside the Grafton Information Centre, which has supported the County Council's plans, for some orchestrated slogan shouting. About 250 marchers gathered at Parker's Piece expressing concern about increased noise, lead pollution and the danger to children posed by the 'road to nowhere'. 82 10 04a

1982 10 05
Eaton Socon cricket pavilion was burnt to the ground when a mystery blaze ripped through the wooden building, causing thousands of pounds worth of damage. Bar, tables and the lavatories and showers which had just been completed were destroyed. The club secretary said "We've lost everything – the only thing left is a cricket bat we are raffling at the annual dinner". 82 10 05

Newly-modernised almshouses in King Street were re-opened by Baroness David. They were built in 1880 to replace the original houses dating back to 1647 which had decayed beyond repair. The new houses for single retired women have modern kitchens, bathrooms and central heating. Already they have six tenants. 82 10 05a

1982 10 07
There are several types of student seeking landladies. If you are prepared to cook an evening meal for a language student – and all meals at weekend – then the Davis School would pay £38 a week. CCAT students who just want a room pay £17 a week, without heating. The greatest shortage is in independent provision for postgraduates. The ideal is a terraced house housing three and with shared kitchen. They would pay about £18 rent each and meet their own heating and hot water bills. 82 10 07

1982 10 08
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1982 10 09
The curator of Saffron Walden Museum, Len Pole, who has supervised the town's £300,000 collection of treasures since 1974, has been elected a Fellow of the Museums Association for service beyond the workaday duties of a curator. It boosts the status of the museum which was founded in 1834. 82 10 09

1982 10 11
More land in southern Cambridgeshire is being turned over to cereals as farmers cut back on sugar beet and potatoes and go for the latest boom crop, oilseed rape. Winter wheat remains the most widely-grown cereal but farmers are using various varieties to reduce the impact of disease. More are also getting rid of surplus straw by burning, a survey shows. 82 10 11

1982 10 12
Spike Milligan's show at the Arts Theatre started slowly but he soon won people over with his magnetic personality and humour. There was goonish fun and clowning, though some of the material was frankly old. Dressed in green cords and a waterproof parka he held centre stage along with a life-sized India-rubber model of Mrs Thatcher on which he occasionally vented his indignation. Aged 64 he can draw a large audience – many of them young – to an entertainment that was infectious, happy and fun. 82 10 12

Carters, the little shoe shop with a big reputation, has been in Botolph Lane since it was opened in 1935 as 'Speedy Show Repairs' with Mr G.R. Carter working in the shop window. It still retains a repair business but now the accent is very much on personal service with shoes from small manufacturers and a unique size and fitting service. 82 10 12a

1982 10 14
The Papworth Hospital transplant programme, which was due to run out of cash by the end of the year, has been rescued by a special Government grant. This, given at a time of severe cash cuts in the health service, reflects the importance attached to the programme by DHSS officials. Since January it has been paid for by a £300,000 gift from Newmarket millionaire, David Robinson. 82 10 14

One of Cambridge's most successful rebuilding schemes, Bridge House in Bridge Street, has received a top conservation award. The project involved rebuilding and refurbishing 16th century buildings which had fallen into a sad state of decay by 1970 – Tudor houses no longer fit to live in and derelict workshops. It was judged to be an outstanding piece of restoration work: the frontage was preserved and behind it was built a new office-block which can hardly be seen from the street. 82 10 14a

1982 10 15
In the basement of Shire Hall is an 'emergency planning room' packed with maps, telephones and radio sets. It has windows, thickish walls and a large conference table but would offer virtually no protection from a direct nuclear hit. It is designed to act as a communications network liaising with the emergency services, the water authority, railways and so on during any emergency from floods in Wisbech to the sudden cutting of the county's gas supplies. 82 10 15 & a

1982 10 18
1980s dangerous epoch, Foot tells city rally – 82 10 18

1982 10 19
Saffron Walden faith healing – House of Spirits – 82 10 19

1982 10 20
Cambridge has the distinction of being the home of more Nobel prizewinners than any other city in the world. They include Prof Sir James Meade, who won his prize in 1977 for economics, Dr Frederick Sanger, Anthony Hewish, Professor of Radio Astronomy and the Astronomer Royal, Sir Martin Ryle who won in 1984. Prof Brian Josephson was one of the youngest-ever winners; he was just 33 when he won the 1973 Prize for physics. 82 10 20

1982 10 23
Council considers demolition of defective homes – Airey houses, East Cambs – 82 10 23

1982 10 25
Eaton Socon strong demand for industrial units – 82 10 25 & a

1982 10 26
Prince Charles visits USAF Mildenhall – 82 10 26

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1982 10 28
The 100-year-old Beaconsfield Club was closed following complaints of loud music and rowdiness by members leaving the premises in Gwydir Street and problems with skinheads. Neighbours claimed there was disorderly behaviour, vomit in the streets and fighting. The management said there had been a purge and it was now run in a proper manner. Local residents had changed over the years from working class to professional people who were trying to force the club to close. 82 10 28

Race against floods, Rampton – Cottenham lode – 82 10 28a

1982 10 30
West Wratting school converted to house – 82 10 30 & a

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1982 11 03
Cambridge United beat Wolves – 82 11 03

1982 11 04
Newnham is a unique and quite exceptional area of Cambridge, and planners intend to keep it that way. Its 'up-market' aspect is reflected in property prices. A 10-bedroomed house at 5 Cranmer Road recently sold for £145,000 while £38,000 buys a three-bedroomed house in Owlstone Road. Properties in Gough Way fetch about £65,000, Grange Road £59,000 and Hardwick Street £39,500. A flat at Cherwell Court, Barton Road is £38,000 for a 99-year lease while one in Westberry Court is £60,000 82 11 04

1982 11 08
Godmanchester pill box destroyed in explosion – 82 11 08
Zena opens her kitchen – of Black Bull, Balsham – 82 11 08a

1982 11 10
"Honey for Tea" album: compilation of 12 different bands with Cambridge connections – The Rapiers, Hondo, Sindy and the Action Men, Su Lyn Band, the Amyl Dukes, The Lonely, The Great Divide, Your Dinner, Pure Thought, The Agents, Seven Fifty-Four and The Innocent Bystanders – 82 11 10

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Dullingham school nature trail – 82 11 11
Alconbury House, Georgian building, for sale – 82 11 11a
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Hemingford Abbbots old school house, p12

1982 11 29
At the Tickell Arms, Whittlesford, customers wearing T-shirts are liable to be asked to leave and anyone with untidy hair told to comb it or go. The owner, Mr Joseph Hollick de la Taste Tickell, who is also Lord of the Manor, generates a vivid style and atmosphere which makes it a memorable pub, crowded with Cambridge University people. But if they park their cars wrongly they can expect a dressing-down from the landlord. 82 11 29

1982 11 30
Cambridge innovator Clive Sinclair is using well water to help heat his new headquarters building in Willis Road. Instead of cold tap water, the boiler uses water from a deep borehole which has already been pre-warmed, free of charge, with the heat from the centre of the earth. It is the first installation of its type in the country. Looking after the system is a Sinclair ZX81 computer. 82 11 30

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1982 12 01
Elsworth is an appealing blend of white thatched cottages and limited modern development. It has a school, two shops, a garage, church and two public houses. Now Elsworth Manor has been converted into four self-contained wings priced between £49,500 and £59,000. Lordship Cottage, an attractive six-bedroomed thatched building, recently modernised, is on the market for £115,000 as is Browns Farmhouse (£69,950) and a modern detached house, 46 Boxworth Road for £68,000. 82 12 01

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1982 12 04
A converted dovecote at Guilden Morden is on the market for £40,000. They were once used by the Lord of the Manor to provide a winter meat supply but began to fall out of use in the 19th century when farmers started keeping animals alive during winter. Those built after 1810 were for decoration or simply status symbols. One of the main features was the lantern area at the top which used to provide access for the birds. Here it has been retained and glazed in to help with ventilation in summer. 82 12 04

1982 12 06
The Youth Hostels' Association has closed down its operations at Houghton Mill after 42 years. They had hoped to renovate the 12th-century structure and provide a museum. The YHA have already invested £50,000 in buying the adjoining Miller's House for the National Trust, but the Trust has refused to support the project. Now it is feared the building may become derelict. 82 12 06

1982 12 07
Cambridge is not a very sexy city and fears that it could suffer from the epidemic of sexually-transmitted disease that is sweeping the other parts of the country have little foundation in reality, says a Doctor who runs the genito-urinary clinic at Addenbrooke's. Traditional sex diseases like syphilis and gonorrhoea are now rare and most patients now have a 'new' disease called herpes for which there is at present no cure. But a new drug is being tested. 82 12 07

1982 12 08
Romany gypsy – Imbert – 82 12 08

1982 12 09
Accommodation for computer-based companies in Cambridge is at a premium. Several firms are run from private houses with others based around King's Parade and Jesus Lane, where buildings are available and rents favourable. Now a technology square is planned for land at the rear of Shire Hall similar to Trinity College's Science Park but at smaller rents. There might be dual-purpose buildings for start-up companies providing both a home and an office to work in. 82 12 09

1982 12 10
Scientists at the University Microcircuit Engineering Laboratory, set-up among the high-tech industries on the Science Park, are building intricate electronic components which are so small that even microscopes are hard-pushed to reveal their structure – 200 of them could be placed along a human hair. Such shrinking chips reduce power consumption, increase performance and dramatically cut costs. They have already found commercial use in industry. 82 12 10

1982 12 11
The peace people at Lakenheath are celebrating the arrival of the camp's first baby. She was born to 26-year-old Louise 'Fab', one of the anti-nuclear protestors who have been staging a vigil near the American base since May. They all use the surname 'Fab', sort for Families Against the Bomb. While fighter bombers screamed overhead her husband Ted delivered the baby in their cramped caravan on an isolated rubbish tip. By the time the midwife arrived it was all over. Louise already has three other children at the camp. 82 12 11

1982 12 16
A gentle coffee-coloured steer made it a happy day for Dick Underwood of Godmanchester at the Cambridge Christmas livestock show at the Cattle Market. The pig championship went to Mr F. Ketteridge of Ashdon, with the reserve title going to Littleton House School, Girton. In the sheep section T. Wakefield of Caxton beat the Boxworth Farming Company for the title. 82 12 16

Shepreth County Primary School has joined the growing list of those which have been hit by falling rolls and forced to close. When terms ends so will 130 years of primary education with the 26 pupils being transferred to Barrington and Meldreth. It was an old school and needed modernisation so it was better to send them to more modern, better-equipped schools, the County said. But parents claim it is just to save money. Eight other schools have closed since last December. 82 12 16a

Grantchester School closed last July and the buildings were handed over to the diocese. Now they are to be sold by auction together with the recreation area and sports field which goes with it and the swimming pool which parents helped to finance and build. The new owners will inherit the girls and boys toilets and two enormous classrooms. The master's house nearby will also be sold. 82 12 16b

1982 12 20
Helions Bumpstead church bells have been re-dedicated by the Bishop. They all needed new fittings and retuning but one of the six, dating from 1641, was cracked. Mr & Mrs Ramsey of Board Barn Farm offered to replace it and also donated two new treble bells. Now they chime out sweetly. 82 12 20

David Roberts was an architect who contributed to the actual fabric of Cambridge. He has left the city crammed with his unobtrusive and modern buildings. Hundreds of undergraduates sleep, eat and study in the bedsit blocks, refectories and libraries he designed. He also converted St Michael's Court at Caius into sleek, street-level shops. His commissions included the X-ray department at old Addenbrooke's Hospital, an old people's centre, St Bede's School and three pubs. 82 12 20a

Prince Regent, Lt Shelford, reopened – 82 12 20b

1982 12 21
Horseheath villagers will have their quietest Christmas for many years, thanks to the new by-pass. It will divert thousands of cars and heavy lorries which previously thundered along the narrow, winding main street. "It's so quiet now especially at night that it's almost as though it's snowing. It's also nice to walk through the village without getting splattered with mud", said Mrs Nell Clarke, who has been campaigning for the road for years. 82 12 21

The troubled, state-owned Land Settlement Association, set up 50 years ago to provide rural smallholdings for out-of-work miners and other industrial workers is to be axed from next April. The estates at Chawston near St Neots, Potton, Fen Drayton and Abington will go out of business. The office staff will be made redundant and tenant growers will have to fend for themselves. 82 12 22 & a

1982 12 23
Whenever retired railwayman Bill Last gives a talk on the great love of his life he calls it 'Steam in my Blood'. In 1932 he was employed as an apprentice fitter at Cambridge railway station; it was the beginning of a career which saw the end of steam, the coming of diesel and finally the much-heralded onset of electrification. Now a new book, "55 years of East Anglian Steam", has been dedicated to him. 82 12 22b

1982 12 29
A leading trade union official, Andrew Murden, was killed in the early hours of Christmas Day while cycling near his home at Conington. A stalwart member of the Labour Party, he worked very hard for the benefit of his fellow union members. City Councillor Peter Wright praised him as a very shrewd negotiator and a fair person who could always see the other person's side. 82 12 29a

Radwinter Licensee Mrs Do Hinchcliffe came a cropper when she competed in the bed race which has been run from the Village Tavern for the past 16 years. Her bed crashed and fell apart, but the team went complete the course with just the mattress and headboard. The race was won by the youth club team of Micky Baxter, Andrew Coote, Mark Halls and Julie Mercer. Their names will be the first to be inscribed on a shield which will be kept in the pub. 82 12 29

Frederick Molyneux is retiring from Trinity College after 45 years, the last seven as Head Chef. Things have changed a lot since he started; most students are now on grants and the catering has to suit all pockets whereas before the war most of them came from wealthier backgrounds. Attitudes have changed too: Fellows of the college would hardly speak to the catering staff at one time, but now the atmosphere is much friendlier. 82 12 29b

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1982 12 31
Cambridge United, Joe Bugner and Mildenhall speedway all face tough tests in 1983. At the Abbey Stadium United are struggling to protect their Second Division status with the lowest home attendance and the worst away record in the Football League. Joe Bugner left St Ives in a failed attempt to swap his boxing gloves for the greasepaint in Hollywood. Now the big man is back with a couple of knockout victories. Meanwhile the Fen Tigers have built a stadium, won the championship and now want to bring world stars to West Row. 82 12 31

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1983 01 04
The New Year came in with a blaze of light in Burwell and Saffron Walden where 20 ft beacons were lit to mark the start of the Boys' Brigade centenary year. They were part of a chain of 150 throughout the country. At Walden there was a torchlight procession to the beacon built on the Anglo-American playing field while 70 people joined in celebrations on land at Swaffham Road, Burwell. 83 01 04a

The BBC has been criticised for charging almost £2,000 for recordings of two "It's a Knockout" programmes showing Ely winning the European championships 10 years ago. The team wanted tapes to be kept in the city as a permanent memorial, but they are too expensive. The only other hope is that someone might have had the equipment to record the programmes though video recorders were few and far between in those days. 83 01 04

Boys Brigade centenary year celebrations – 83 01 04a

1983 01 06
Scouts and Guides at Histon and Impington have a new headquarters in the grounds of Impington Hall thanks to a hard-working band of volunteers. In just three days they managed to erect their new building. A former storage hut at Addenbrooke's Hospital, it had been dismantled and stored until the go-ahead was given for its erection. Scout leader Ian Ross and foreman Peter Collins celebrated with a beer. 83 01 06

When Bessie Thurbon was born at the house in Sturton Street that is still her home, there was no electricity, bathroom or hot running water. And 76 years later, there still isn't. She is one of a handful of people in Cambridge whose homes are still lit by gas – but only in her sitting and living rooms plus one bedroom upstairs. The other rooms in the house are totally unlit. When they first started installing electricity in houses before the war her mother didn't want it. And Bessie has never got around to it. 83 01 06a

1983 01 07
A major disaster was averted on the front doorsteps of cottages at Stretham when a gas tanker loaded with propane was involved in a head-on collision with a sugar-beet lorry. Firemen, police, ambulancemen and the flying doctor service mounted a large-scale emergency operation to rescue the driver who was trapped in his cab. There have been several accidents at this bend on the Wicken Road. 83 01 07

1983 01 08
It could be two years before admission are back to normal at Addenbrooke's Hospital after the dramatic increase in the waiting list during the health workers' dispute. They were involved in 60 days of industrial action before a pay settlement was reached. The hospital has also been hit by a high level of illness among the nursing staff with a number of wards closed over the Christmas period. 83 01 08

Planners rejected a development of 35 houses and 42 flats on part of Magdalene College playing fields at the rear of houses along Arbury Road. A bungalow would have been demolished to make an entrance. But this was the narrowest point of the road where there was already a problem. It would be criminal to put any more traffic down there and create extra danger for children walking to Manor school. It would also overload the sewers. 83 01 08a

1983 01 10
A terraced house in Bateson Street was destroyed following a massive gas explosion in a kitchen at the back of the house which blew out walls and windows. The occupier fled with his back in flames. Neighbours said they had smelled gas and a service pipe to the meter inside the premises was found to have been cut through. Council workmen demolished part of the house to make it safe. 83 01 10

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1983 01 13
Cambridge was the first place to provide a science park. Now the County Council propose to establish a technology village on the Shire Hall redevelopment site. The novel scheme would provide both houses and workshops in an attempt to create a 21st-century high technology community. It would have offices, shops, a pub and recreational facilities. Secretaries and photocopiers could be shared. 83 01 13

When Januarys, the Cambridge estate agent, described Croft Cottage at Boxworth Road, Swavesey as 'the worst-maintained house in Cambridge' you can be sure it must be bad. Damp and dry rot are but minor problems in this detached Victorian house which has stood empty for three years. There is no kitchen or bathroom, the living room floor has been removed and the lavatory is down the garden. But potential buyers have been flocking to buy it for around £10,000. 83 01 13a

1983 01 14
British Rail has decided to drop its Ely-based East Anglian motorail service which allows holidaymakers to travel to Scotland or the West Country with their cars and avoid a long slog by motorway. The service has run from Ely since1979 with two or three trains each way per week. But last year it dwindled to a single train to Stirling on Tuesdays. 83 01 14

1983 01 15
Strethall, near Saffron Walden, is the tiniest parish in England with less than two dozen residents. It has no through road, pub or shop but can boast several listed buildings and a fine 14th-century church. But nearly everybody on the electoral toll attends the parish meeting and oppose plans to incorporate it into the larger parish of Littlebury. 83 01 15

1983 01 18
Prince Edward is coming to Cambridge University to study archaeology and anthropology. The 18-year-old will be a student at Jesus College but will not be getting any red carpet treatment. The news has brought protests from students: 100 signed a petition complaining that his A-Level GCE grades were not good enough to get him a place. 83 01 18

1983 01 19
A former baby wear factory tucked out of sight behind the Great Northern Hotel is to be the home of an ambitious new project to help women break into the new technology jobs market. The Cambridge Women's Resources Centre will start computer courses taught by women with crèche and child-care facilities. Eventually they want to offer lessons n carpentry, trade unions and the law. 83 01 19

1983 01 21
Railway stations at Cambridge, Ely, Newmarket, Audley End, Stansted and Royston could be closed if a Government plan is accepted. Even the electrified Hitchin to Royston line would be abandoned, leaving only the London to Norwich line in East Anglia. Bus services would be provided instead. By cutting BR to the prime Inter-City routes it would be possible to produce an annual profit of £34 million for a 'commercially viable railway'. 83 01 20

A bonfire night prank by three Huntingdon teenagers misfired when their home-made bomb blew up a wartime pill box. They used their classroom knowledge to build the bomb using household ingredients, a gas lighter and a watch as a timing device. They thought it would illuminate the inside of the pill box for a pretty bonfire night display. Instead it ripped apart the 12ft-square brick and concrete structure with walls two feet thick. 83 01 20a

Texas Homecare finds that Sunday is its second busiest day of the week and the Co-op's Beehive Garden Centre does 40% of its business that day. But all they can legally sell are cut flowers, not the pots they are in. Cambridge Council enforces the Sunday Trading law but South Cambs has indicated it will not act against the Garden Centres just outside the city boundary. Now customers have been canvassed with 682 in favour of opening and just 50 against. 83 01 20b

Sunday Trading laws survey – 83 01 21c

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1983 01 24
A small spinney in Little Eversden which was contaminated with lethal gas at the end of the Second World War is now for sale. Marsh Spinney was used as a mustard gas munitions store but when it was being removed in 1949 it was discovered there had been some leakage from a container. The ground was treated with a special bleach to kill the gas. Although the MoD is confident there is no danger it has written a special proviso into the deeds saying that if any purchaser wanted to excavate deeper than nine feet the ministry must be consulted. 83 01 24

1983 01 25
'Cinderella services' – the old, mentally handicapped and mentally ill - are to be boosted following a major change in health care priorities. Wards and clinics at Fulbourn and Ida Darwin Hospitals are to be given a face-lift and the new Hinchingbrooke Hospital reorganised to cope with increased numbers of elderly mentally-ill patients. Chesterton, Brookfields and Ely Tower Hospital will also benefit and Newmarket will get new sanitary facilities. 83 01 25

A huddle of converted school buildings off Pound Hill has just fetched the highest price ever paid for residential land in Cambridge. The quarter-acre site, previously used by Unigate as a dairy distribution centre, has been sold for £140,000 – which is £560,000 per acre. It demonstrates the potential for this area which is close to the Cam and the centre of town. 83 01 25a

The 'News' has pioneered a number of new technologies in the newspaper industry. A few years ago its composing rooms looked like a factory, dealing with molten lead, burning gas and tons of heavy metal. Now it resembles a carpeted office with two products of the modern age, lasers and computers, at the heart of the process. More technology could be employed but with several editions to produce every day there is no time to stop to introduce it. 83 01 25b

1983 01 26
Cambridgeshire is a humming world of typing pools and smooth administration. Contrary to its rural image it is a manufacturing and commercial county with a vast majority of its workforce far removed from farming. Agriculture is second from bottom, next only to the water and energy industry. In Cambridge there are more couples with no children than there are couples with children of school age and a high percentage of people now live alone, says the latest Census report. 83 01 26

1983 01 27
Lady Nicol of Newnham, the former Cambridge councillor, took her seat in the House of Lords. Lady Nicol, who was the first woman president of the Cambridge Co-op, was sponsored by Lady David, a former Labour Cambridgeshire County Councillor. She does not know when she will make her maiden speech but it will probably be on the environment in which she has a special interest. 83 01 27

It was an event without parallel in the rich and tradition-bound history of Cambridge University when an honorary doctorate was awarded to Sir Less Patterson for his 'services to Australian culture' in a simple and moving ceremony. Within an hour his megastar compatriot, Dame Edna Everage, made her own entrance into the Union Society Chamber amidst a chorus of cheers, dressed in a tasteful yellow and green koala bear outfit. 83 01 27a

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Shotgrove, p17

1983 01 31
George Webb was one of Cambridge's best-known personalities. He introduced all-in-wrestling, indoor roller skating, 3-D movies and cups of tea during the intervals at the cinema. In his later years he built up one of the largest heavy haulage and public works contracting businesses in East Anglia. His bald head, the huge cigars which he chain-smoked and the large American cars he loved to drive became his accepted 'trade-marks' during his colourful business career. 83 01 31

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1983 02 02
Sandy Heath television transmitter is on the blink again affecting thousands of viewers. It is an embarrassment to the IBA which runs it. News photographer Eddie Collinson was sent to climb 750 feet up the mast to see what the problem was, only to be told that the 48 mph wind was too strong to allow him to venture up. 83 02 02

1983 02 03
Mildenhall Museum has started to convert two cottages on the Corner of King Street. They need extensive work – it seemed only the wallpaper was holding the property together - but will provide the basis for a museum for generations to come, said Dr Colin Dring, chairman of the trustees. 83 02 03

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1983 03 04
More than 100 homes at Stretham had to rely on standpipes after a main burst. Some residents had to travel half a mile to the pipes in the High Street and Newmarket Road. But even that source dried up when severe overnight frost froze the pipes solid. A tanker was sent to deal with the emergency and ensure that the elderly and housebound get sufficient water. It is the biggest single problem facing Anglian Water which has 129 manual workers on strike. 83 02 04

To shop or not to shop on Sunday – that is the question facing MPs. The strongest supporters of the change are Isle of Ely Liberal MP, Mr Clement Freud, who is a sponsor of the bill, and Saffron Walden MP, Alan Haselhurst. Robert Rhodes James (Cambridge) thinks it goes too far but Francis Pym (Cambridgeshire), John Major (Huntingdonshire) and Royston MP Ian Stewart are open to persuasion. 83 02 04a

1983 02 05
The landlady of the Fox and Hounds at Barley has installed her own brewery at the historic pub which dates back to the14th century. Her venture is believed to be unique in mid-Anglia. She produces 600 pints a week of 'Nathaniel's Special' which sells at 55p and 'Nog' which is three pence dearer. A third beer, 'Old Pharaoh' is also planned. 83 02 05

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Impington windmill appeal – 83 02 07

1983 02 10

Up to 20,000 people are expected to visit the first-ever two-day book sale being held in Cambridge's central library at Lion Yard. Thousands of books are going on sale at prices ranging from 10p to £25. They are either out of date or no longer suitable for the rough and tumble of public library use. Previous sales have raised thousands of pounds. 83 02 10

The Three Blackbirds in Broad Street, Ely, is on the market £70,000. It is sad in appearance and needs major work to turn it into three homes. It could lend itself to a variety of treatments but would require sensitive treatment as it is a listed building. Ely Preservation Trust believes it dates back to at least the 14th century. It has a former open hall with smoke blackened beams and a brick doorway probably inserted in the 15th century. 83 02 10a

1983 02 11
The Aga Khan can relax: his kidnapped wonder horse Shergar is safe and well in an abbey in County Galway. He was 'found' by two Cambridge clairvoyants who came across his hideaway during an experiment using a pendulum suspended over two maps of southern Ireland taped together at their home in Netherhall Way. It was the first time they had conducted a psychic detection experiment and they admit there is a 'cocktail of doubt' about the result. 83 02 11

1983 02 12
C & A, one of the biggest family outfitters, will be opening a large shop in Cambridge's new Grafton Centre. Also coming are Habitat, the household group, and Key Markets, one of the country's largest food supermarket chains who will be employing 200 staff. They will complement Debenhams who are taking a major slice of space in the centre along with Heffers, Currys, Savory and Moore and Stead and Simpson. 83 02 12

Plans to move the Cambridge War Memorial from the Hills Road – Station Road junction have been scrapped. Instead of making way for a new system of computer-controlled traffic lights, the memorial will remain as an island. Originally the County Council wanted to relocate it to a small shady spot under the trees in the Botanic Garden, but the City refused to co-operate. 83 02 12a

1983 02 14
American TR1 spyplane for Alconbury – 83 02 14

1983 02 15
Percy North, the first man in Cambridge to wear the Red Cross uniform and the oldest member of the Boy's Brigade, has died five months short of his 100th birthday. A former physiotherapist and chiropodist, Percy was a keen historian who had been busy recording tapes about Victorian Cambridge for the Cambridgeshire Collection. "He was a marvellous old man and will be greatly missed by all in the Red Cross", said Ruth Newbury, the organiser. 83 02 15

Children and neighbours formed a human chain to save valuable antiques and silverware as fire swept through a 16th century manor house at Balsham. Virtually the whole roof collapsed as the fire raged through the upper part of the building which is one of the largest and best-known houses in the village, standing in its own extensive grounds. The owners had just finished eight years work in redecoration. 83 02 15a

1983 02 16
Cambridge is rapidly becoming one of the country's leading computer centres. The latest to enter the fray is Herald Computers of East Road. They are convinced there is a gap in the market for tailor-made systems designed to help small businesses choose the right computer and programmes for their particular purposes and so their activities will be outside the range of the man-in-the-street. 83 02 16

1983 02 17
A 130-ton TriStar airliner, the largest ever to land at Marshall's, marks the start of a six-plane conversion programme that will keep the firm's 800-strong aero-engineering staff in work for the next

four years. The £50 million contract is to convert four into 37,500-gallon tankers for flight refuelling duties and the others to freighters with big cargo doors. 83 02 17

Shudy Camps Hall, an imposing elegant home, is for sale. The main part of the house has 15 bedrooms, with five more in the south wing and eight in the Tudor wing. The drawback is that it was badly damaged by fire and needs substantial repairs, including the replacement of large parts of the roof. It also needs modernising. But at £55,000 it makes a very interesting investment. 83 02 17a

The Bird in Hand motel at Beck Row, Mildenhall, has been completely transformed with more oak panelling, double the floorspace and extra toilets to create a real English pub atmosphere. Not that it was doing badly before since it is on the fringe of the largest concentration of American servicemen in the country. They like experimenting and soon get a taste for English beef and Yorkshire pudding and Shepherd's Pie. 83 02 17b

1983 02 20
There can be no doubt about the popularity of film libraries; they range from cinema classics to soft porn. Some shops have the cassettes on shelves behind the counter leaving the hirer to choose from catalogues, others kept the cases on open display. It costs about £1.50 to hire a film for 24 hours with a deposit of £30. It is usual to leave a signed cheque which is exchanged for the return of the film. But tapes only have a limited life; constant use results in 'stretching' and tape 'slap' caused by poor rewinding. 83 02 20

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1983 02 22
After 40 years baking his own special brand of bread for the residents of Newnham, Basil Sargeant has retired to start a new life in Norfolk as a smallholder. In appreciation, customers presented him with a painting of his shop in Derby Road, the work of Cambridge painter Philip Martin. The new owner, Mike North, will be sticking to Basil's recipe and methods. 83 02 22

Coronation Street used to be a real community with two breweries, three pubs, a general store, hard-ware shop, tailors' and a greengrocer's. Small houses with pretty cottage gardens lined the street and the inhabitants knew each other's business in the nicest possible way. Change came when the council pulled down a line of old homes and rehoused many streeters in nearby flatblocks. More work bulldozed the Victorian streetscape and now it is one of the most modern-looking in Cambridge, clean and possibly rather sterile. 83 02 22a

1983 02 24
The old blacksmith's shop in Burwell is to have a new lease of life. The forge, made mainly of clunch, has two hearths and dates back to 1710. The last blacksmiths to work there were brothers Jim and Tom Lawrence. But now it has been rebuilt as a craft workshop and hopes to run blacksmith's courses in conjunction with nearby Burwell House. The main problem is finding skilled people to work there. 83 02 24

The tea lady is a dying breed. One in five were forced to pack their tea bags last year because of the recession. Now a trolley on a Cambridge office floor is almost as rare as a Cambridge United away win. But at the Guildhall two tea ladies still deliver beverages and bonhomie plus the day's canteen menu and snacks. They were found to be cheaper than vending machines. 83 02 24a

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East Road, p15

1983 02 28
Most pumping plant in the fens has been renewed with automatically controlled electric motors but some boards fear they are too dependent on mains electric and have made arrangements for farmers'

tractors to operate pumps in time of emergency. 'Conservation' is another area of potential conflict: water-courses must be kept clear of aquatic vegetation, which proves unpopular. Progress is not helped by extremists who delight in ignoring all views other than their own. 83 02 28 & a and 83 02 28b & c

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1983 03 01
Trinity College matron Mrs Dorothy Marshall has retired after 11 of the happiest years of her working life. Her retirement marks the end of an era at the college which will no longer have a matron. From now on the post will be called college housekeeper. She was in charge of the room cleaners – known as bedders. But students got her mixed up with the college sister, whereas she had nothing to do with nursing. 83 03 01

Grantchester plans, p10

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1983 03 03
Builders had a narrow escape when a 150 year old cottage they were renovating in Church Street Haslingfield collapsed. The original structure was made of clay bats – a mixture of heavy white gault clay, straw and stones moulded into large chunks - which now crumble at a touch. Planners are deciding what best can be done with the pile of rubble as the cottage was in the centre of a conservation area. 83 03 03

Midsummer Fair history, p11

1983 03 04
Well-known Cambridge character and critic of some of the modern city architecture, Dr Hugh Plommer, has died while giving a lecture in London. He was a prolific writer – in a recent letter to the News he described newly-designed buildings in Regent Street as looking "as if they came out of an erratic computer and probably did". He described the new University Centre as "a converted multi-storey car park and Churchill College as "if it stood some siege by Cromwell's New Model Army". 83 03 04 p16

Linton houses, p17

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Wiggons Farm, Steeple Bumpstead, p10

1983 03 07
Another of Ely's big furniture stores is to close down – the third in 12 months. Pettit's based in Lynn Road for the past 12 years will cease trading on April 12th. Last spring the Newday Company closed in the High Street followed soon afterwards by Rickwoods which had two large stores in Newnham Street. On a brighter note Readwell, the newsagents, will be expanding into the former Boots store in the High Street.

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1983 03 15
Peterhouse, the oldest of Cambridge's 25 colleges, is to open its doors to women undergraduates from October 1985. The college, which is renowned for its traditionalism, had always opposed the admission of women until last year, when a surprise bid to reverse its policy was only narrowly defeated at a governing body meeting. Now only one Cambridge college – Magdalene – is remaining men-only. 83 03 15 p6

The Central EMI Bingo and Social Club offers cash prizes all the way up to £1,000 on Saturday night. But winning comes second: its social function is undeniable. It is raucous but never resigned. "You get all classes here", said the highly-popular afternoon caller. Maggie Bennett. "A few are a bit rough and are playing with the family allowance. In the evening you get much younger people". Basic costs are an admission fee – pensioners pay only 23 pence – and the buying of books of cards for each session. Two books cost £1.70. 83 03 15 p10

News literary dinner, p11

1983 03 17
Cambridge Working Men's' Club's 100-year old existence is in doubt because the city and county councils cannot agree on its resiting. Grosvenor Developments who built the Grafton Centre, offered to pay £500,000 for it to be resited on ground a few yards away owned by the city council. But they will not sell because if it moves it will leave the way clear for the county council to go ahead with the widening of East Road which the Labour city council opposes. Now Grosvenor may withdraw its offer and leave ratepayers to foot the entire bill. 83 03 17 p20

Ghandi visit, p20

1983 03 19
The traitor Donald Maclean continued to do some of his shopping in Cambridge long after he defected to Moscow 32 years ago. Maclean, who died in Moscow last week, regularly bought books from Bowes and Bowes, the Cambridge bookseller. Another former Cambridge student and fellow traitor, Kim Philby, also bought many books from the same source. Frank Reeve, the former manager said he hesitated over the first order and checked with the Foreign Office to see whether it was permissible to trade with a traitor 83 03 19 p1 & 9

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1983 03 23
An Ely garage has launched a new scheme to help pensioners fight the ever-increasing cost of motoring. Mr Don Vincent is selling them cheaper petrol, cutting the pump price by 2p a gallon. Any elderly motorist who called at his garage at Chettisham would get the discount on showing a pension book or similar form of identity. "What we don't want is little Tommy coming in saying he has brought granddad's car for a fill-up. They must be genuine pensioners", he said. 83 03 23 p12

1983 03 24

Saffron Walden Angling Club is to lose the lease of a pool at Newport which they have fished since 1960. They took it over when it was a gravel pit and had it cleaned out and stocked with fish from club funds. It was designed to help Junior members who did not have transport to take them elsewhere. The owners claim vandals have caused havoc but the club denies this and says a private syndicate has put in a higher bid. 83 03 24 p8

Clive Sinclair went to London in January to learn he was worth £129 million on the Stock Exchange. Now the head of Sinclair Research told a Guardian 'Young Businessman of the Year' award that he has created 2,000 new jobs. The firm was founded in 1979 and launched the world's first under £100 personal computer in 1980, followed by improved models including the colour ZX Spectrum. 83 03 24 p20

1983 03 25
Swavesey Youth Club swept the board, winning all four prizes at a junior disco-dancing competition. Four teams were entered and took the first four places. The winner was Iskaborio who are Kirsty Lewis, Racheal Howard, Lisa Huggett, Anita Collis, June Sales and Sharon Richards. They were trained by Mrs Mary Brighton and her daughter Abi who teach disco dancing at Swavesey Youth Club. 83 03 25 p11 pix

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1983 03 26
It is 30 years since Charles Antoni took over the Varsity Restaurant in St Andrew's Street. His philosophy is to provide a warm and pleasant atmosphere coupled with good food and service at a price which did not leave you with a full stomach and light wallet. The menu offers Greek, French, Cypriot and English dishes. Starters cost between 40p and £1.05 and apart from a range of charcoal-grilled steaks and a couple of kebab dishes, none of the main courses cost more than £2.70. Sweets are priced between 60 and 80p. 83 03 26 p10

1983 03 29
Jack Overhill, a venerable 80-year-old grandfather, is an all-round bather who has taken a dip in the river at Sheep's Green nearly every day for the last 60 years. All that stops him are ice too thick to break, floods and the even-increasing number of occasions when the river is polluted by oil. Jack was a young shoemaker when he learned typewriting and shorthand to get a job as a clerk and later gained an external degree from London University. He has taught economics at the Tech, been a bookmaker, author and broadcaster and founded the Granta Swimming Club. 83 03 29 p12

Warwick Hutton, p12

1983 03 30
400 fans packed into Newmarket Cabaret Club for the final of the News Search for a Star competition. Ambitious showband 'CID' won first place with a spectacular set that amounted to a miniature concert. Second place went to 'Robonic', three teenagers from USAF bases at Lakenheath and Mildenhall and in third came Freddie Robinson whose zany act, combining singing and acrobatic dancing, plus a little juggling on the side, delighted the audience. 83 03 20 p9

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1983 04 05
Mystery surrounds the cause of a plane crash at Lt Downham in which three men lost their lives. The Musketeer plane had taken off from Marshall's airport. It was seen to emerge from clouds with its

right wing missing. It then broke up in mid-air before nose-diving to the ground on a farm owned by Ron Gillett. Wreckage was spread over four fields with parts buried six feet into the ground. 83 04 05 p1

1983 04 06
Colonel Guennadi Primakov, one of three Russians ordered out of Britain for spying, openly used the Cambridge Lion Yard Library for part of his intelligence-gathering work. He travelled from the soviet embassy in London in 1980 to consult civil defence files gathered by librarians at the Cambridge Central Library . "We were suspicious quite honestly", said the Cambridgeshire Collection Librarian, Mike Petty. "But we try to provide an impartial public service. We will often be working with people who are opposed to county or city policy for example". The hefty file consulted by Colonel Primakov contains hundreds of reports taken from many newspapers and magazines published in the region, principally the Cambridge News. It is one of 800 files on topics kept by the library. When he arrived in August 1980 the file for that year already presented a turbulent picture of the civil defence and military scene in East Anglia. Then Defence Secretary, Francis Pym had announced the decision to site cruise missiles of Molesworth and more than 2,000 opponents had marched through the city in protest. A massive exercise involving all the armed forces based in the region had recently been staged to simulate the military response to the outbreak of a new war in Europe. About the same time the Ecology Party published a booklet entitled "How to survive in a nuclear war" which claimed that Cambridge had twice been named as a Regional Centre of Government in the event of the collapse of the central government during a national disaster. These events and many more have been thoroughly reported in the News where coverage culminated in a major defence briefing based on dozens of official sources. This was probably the most detailed public attempt to describe the military strength of East Anglia and its role. Mr Petty was so impressed by Colonel Primakov that he made a special note in the library diary he was keeping with the view to eventual publication. The entry for August 23rd 1980 reads "Civil Defence file consulted by 'Russian spy'. He said he used the term 'Russian spy' almost as a joke. Aa longer note made later in the day said "A reader consulting and photocopying items from the Civil Defence cutting files gives his address is 16 Kensington Palace Gardens, London, the home of the Soviet Military Attache. After the visit is Mr Petty reported to the Assistant County Library who called local police, but they said it was a matter for Scotland Yard. Colonel Primakov and the two other Russians ordered out of Britain left Heathrow airport today for Moscow 83 04 06

1983 04 07
Cambridge is close to the top of the house prices league with prices for terraced house comparable to those in parts of Greater London. A three-bed roomed post war terrace in a very desirable area can be as high as £45,000 compared to £21,000 in Ipswich, £31,500 in Brighton or £30,000 in Oxford. 83 04 07 p13

Isleham locals had seen it all before – the television cameras and crowds for a sporting even on the recreation ground. 1975 was the year that the village gained national fame as their cricket team charged all the way to the heady heights of Lords in the Village Championship final. But this week attention was focussed on the village's under-12 football team who had lost all their games, conceding 271 goals in the process. They were the worst team in Cambridgeshire. But not any more. In an epic battle they defeated a Peterborough side to lose the title of the worst team in Cambridgeshire, 83 04 07 p18

1983 04 08
Ashdon's 300-year-old Bonnett pub which closed without warning last week, may soon reopen. Its owner says he decided to close as he needed a holiday. He bought the former Greene King house five years ago at an auction for £40,000 and invested the 10,000 in renovation work on the pub which has a cocktail lounge and 40-seat restaurant. The Bonnett, which has one and a half acres of ground, was the setting for Steeple Bumpstead author Spike Mayes' best-selling rural tale, Rubin's Corner. 83 04 08 p12

Spaldwick's long-awaited by-pass was opened. A small crowd turned out to see the opening ceremony and cheer as the first lorries veered away from the village to the new road. The infamous village bends are no longer part of the A604 and have been replaced by a long stretch of straight road – the result of nearly 20 years campaigning. It is the first stretch of the A1/M1 link to be opened and would bring safety and peace to the village and especially to 80-year-old Violet Goodwin whose house has been hit 17 times by cars and lorries negotiating bends in the village. 83 04 08 p17

Duxford RAF homes, p9

1983 04 13
The long hours of boredom for kidney patients on dialysis machines will be lightened from now on thanks to big-hearted Cambridge CB enthusiasts. The 'breakers' have provide the Douglas House kidney unit with a complete CB unit so patients can keep in touch with the outside world. A home-based Fidelity 3000 radio with headphones has been handed over to Sister Hazel Chambers. 83 04 13 p8

1983 04 15
The new 'Five Miles from Anywhere' pub at Upware is on the market for £500,000. Built by Colin Hodgson, it opened in 1980 and a marina complex offering berthing for 100 boats has just been completed. There is also outline planning permission for a 23-bedroomed hotel. The former pub burnt down in the 1950s. 83 04 15 p20

KGB and Cambridgeshire Collection, p16

1983 04 15
Upware pub, p20

1983 04 16
A row over plans for a by-pass at Mepal has led to six of the seven parish councillors refusing to stand for re-election. They are annoyed that the County Council has decided to press ahead with a western bypass against the wishes of villagers who claim Mepal will be turned into a cul-de-sac. An eastern route would be cheaper and help to promote industry on the nearby airfield. 83 04 16 p6

Milton villagers watched nervously as a bulldozer moved into the churchyard to begin stripping away topsoil. Any discovered burials will be moved to a new grave. The digging, which started with prayers from Vicar Fred Kilner, launched plans to build a church extension and meeting hall alongside the northern aisle rebuilt by the Victorians. It will act as a church extension for the village's growing population and a meeting hall for the elderly and youngsters. 83 04 16

1983 04 18
Duxford houses, p6
Milton church, p10

1983 04 19
Regional health chiefs delivered a massive snub to both Cambridge City and the University by placing the Mill Road maternity unit and the old Addenbrooke's Hospital sites on the open market. They will go to the highest bidder which rules out the chance of the city buying Mill Road for an old peoples' sheltered housing scheme. They have also disregarded a gentleman's agreement with the University to give them first refusal on the Addenbrooke's site which is worth between £1 and £2 million. 83 04 19 p12

Trumpington housing, p11

1983 04 20

The Government should pay for building a long-distance lorry park near Cambridge particularly as it becomes more of a stopping-off point now the M11 and A45 Northern Bypass are established. Lorries are using waste land in the Garlic Row – Oyster Row area which was originally earmarked for drivers who live in Cambridge. Each evening it is crammed with long-distance vehicles. People complain of noise and inconvenience, saying drivers use their gardens as lavatories. 83 04 20 p12

Mepal Outdoor Centre which was bought by the county 12 years ago and has been used by schools, youth and community organisations to teach the basics of sailing and canoeing, has reopened under new management. It has been saved from the axe by a consortium of district councils who have installed a new management team. But it will not survive unless it gets support. It is hoped to increase the range of activities and run residential courses. 83 04 20 p13

Lt Downham bells, p13
Dodgers snooker club, p19

1983 04 23
Cambridge doctors are grappling with a mystery illness which has affected local children and may be connected with a worldwide epidemic which killed 500,000 people between 1917 and 1928. The disease, called encephalitis lethargica, produces depression and behavioural problems following flu-like virus disorders. Ten children have been seen by specialists, one is still in hospital after a year. Doctors do not know the cause or the cure. But they do not want to cause undue alarm. 83 04 23 p1

Newport's medieval leper stone was used by lepers who left orders for food on it and put the money in its water-filled hollow to cleanse it. The leper hospital was demolished in the 16th century and materials used to build Hospital Farm. This was pulled down in 1907 when bricks from the hospital's chapel were used to build a wall. Now the Conservation Society fears this may be demolished to allow the building of five houses. 83 04 23 p6

Les Neal is retiring after half-a-century of dedicated, devoted and skilful service as a gentleman's hairdresser. Apprenticed at the age of 14 in 1932 to Walter George Ambrose, he served with the Przyborsky business in Round Church Street before moving to Watson's in Mill Road. He is a dedicated supporter and leader of the Scout movement and an enthusiastic and expert player of the bagpipes. – Frank Matthews. 83 04 23

Ely indoor market, p6

1983 04 25
Hallens of Cambridge is celebrating its golden jubilee. It was founded in 1933 as a used motor cycle dealership soon moved to premises in Chapel Street, Chesterton which it shared with a haulage business, fish and chip shop and furniture removal firm. Today these premises still house the motor cycle service and parts centre. It then moved into a former dance hall in Union Lane which became the first car workshop and stores. During the war it was requisitioned with a new workshop and an air raid shelter underneath. 83 04 25 supp p10

Mepal outdoor centre, p3

1983 04 26
The County Council has been urging Cambridge councillors to provide more city centre parking space. They say 1,000 extra parking spaces are needed. Now they have suggested six sites: a 250-space extension to the present Lion Yard multi-deck, land behind Telephone House in Regent Street-Park Terrace (220 spaces on a four-deck park), the old Addenbrooke's Hospital site (250 spaces), land behind Shire Hall (450 spaces on a three-deck park), Saxon Street (480) and Adam and Eve Street (460 spaces). 83 04 26 p5

Haddenham sign, p6

1983 04 29
A much-heralded district heating scheme which was installed in 234 council houses and flats at Lichfield Road and Neville Road is being scrapped after only 10 years. The pipes which are buried deep underground leak. There were claims it would be much cheaper but tenants said their homes were unnecessarily hot, giving 70 degrees in living rooms and 65 in bedrooms when temperatures outside were freezing. It will be replaced by individual central heating units in each property. 83 04 29 p9

1983 04 30
Thousands of people crowded into Newmarket high street when the Queen opened the new National Horseracing Museum. Police tried in vain to hold them back as they surged round her Rover saloon and security men cleared a path for her to the entrance of the former Subscription Rooms Club. Afterwards she drove to the racecourse to watch the 2,000 Guineas meeting. 83 04 30 p1

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1983 05 03
It was the Depression of 1933 which led to Sid Bishop setting up a cycle repair business with a gross of spokes and a dozen batteries. He bought a cottage in Station Road, Histon where he traded until moving into a purpose built shop next door in 1955. By then bicycles had almost taken over his home. Now the Raleigh agency is the mainstay of his trade which also includes ironmongery, hardware, do-it-yourself materials and house-hold goods. 83 05 03 supp

1983 05 05
Kent Industrial Measurements is to end its century-old Cambridge link with the closure of its works in Rosemary Lane. The firm, which makes gas monitoring equipment, is transferring production as part of a restructuring plan. Most of the 82 staff are being offered jobs at other Kent sites at Eaton Socon and Stonehouse in Gloucestershire. Originally it was part of Cambridge Instruments but have been totally separate for many years. 83 05 05 p6

1983 05 06
Election, p24

1983 05 09
Cambridge people know their cheese but have been hard-pressed to find some of the more unusual varieties. Now Cheesevale has just opened in Bradwell's Court. It stocks more than 200 different kinds with many British farmhouse cheeses that have matured for up to three years. They include a combination of Red Windsor and Stilton, one flavoured with beer and garlic and a Gormandise cheese with port. 83 05 09 p8

Cambridge Co-operative Band have recorded a powerful piece composed specially for them. The music by Dr Arthur Wills, the organist of Ely cathedral, is the four movement 'Fenland Suite' – the first for brass band and solo organ. 83 05 09 p10

1983 05 10
Cambridge University is planning to build a £6 million sports complex in the Grange Road area with a new eight-lane athletics track, swimming pool and sports hall. They have long argued that the Kelsey Kerridge sports hall and Milton Road athletics track are too far away from the centre of undergraduate activities. They hope to sell the Milton Road site for housing. 83 05 10 p5

1983 05 11
The new Home Office forensic laboratories at Huntingdon is a world of X-ray fluorescent spectrometers and scanning electron microscopes. Much of the equipment has been manufactured by

Cambridge firms. But a simple wallpaper steam roller is one of the most useful gadgets. It is covered with sticky tape and used to pick up any fibres from the clothes of victims. 83 05 11 p12, 83 05 14 p7

1983 05 12
Some of the country's top entertainers, including comedian Max Boyce and Jasper Carrott, have snubbed Cambridge's Kelsey Kerridge Sports Hall as a concert hall, saying the facilities aren't good enough. A few years ago it attracted top names such as Tony Bennett, Bill Haley and The Supremes. It's not just the artists – audiences are reluctant to pay £8 to sit on a plastic seat. 83 05 12 p3

Huntingdon Hosiery Mill which has stood empty for three years since its £150,000 renovation, may be turned into flats. The mill, which was built in the 1850s on the banks of the Ouse has been bought by a Cottenham developer. Some 80 units are being planned ranging from studio flats to two-bedroomed apartments with prices from £15-£30,000. 83 05 12 p9

1983 05 13
Yet another village primary school is facing the axe – the fifth this year. The thatched Lode school, which was built in the 1930s by Lord Fairhaven, is the latest victim of county council proposals and could be shut by July 1985. Only 33 pupils attend the school, which has a capacity of 50. They will transfer to Bottisham, one and a half miles away. 83 05 13 p1

Planners have blocked proposals to demolish Upwood Methodist Church. The congregation has dwindled so much that it was hoped to pull down the church and sell the land to a developer. But planners say it is in a conservation area and demolishing it would ruin the look of the street. Now it will be converted into a home. 83 05 13 p10

1983 05 14
Haddenham Mill House has been restored and made into a comfortable home. But the adjacent windmill is a major restoration project. The mill was built in 1803 and stopped working in 1945. The top was off and it stood open to the weather until recently, adding to its deterioration. Now the two properties are on the market for £52,000. Any purchaser will have a comfortable house to live in while he contemplates what to do about it. 83 05 14 p12

Crime labs, p7

1983 05 17
A railway worker was killed in a bizarre crash. He was unable to escape flying wreckage as two large engines – coupled together – collided with a railway crane used for laying track on the Cambridge – Ipswich line where it passes near Great Wilbraham. Wagon wheels were smashed off axles and heavy railway sleepers broken like matchsticks as the wreckage bounced along the track. The two locomotives were travelling out from Cambridge to shunt the tracklayer up a hill. 83 05 17 p1

1983 05 18
Smoking, p12

1983 05 19
Cambridgeshire police are being equipped with new crew buses fitted out with bullet-proof glass and protective grilles for riot control. The police version of the armoured personnel carrier can carry 17 men to the scene of a disturbance. Built on a Ford Transit chassis, they were converted at a Cambridge garage. Petrol tanks are shrouded in carbon fibre for protection against bomb attacks and vulnerable points reinforced. The windows are toughened against bricks and bullets. 83 05 19 p1

Winston House in Cambridge, the country's first halfway house, has helped hundreds of people to get back into the community, some after more than 20 years in mental hospitals. Much of the impetus came from Dr David Clark, then psychiatric chief at Fulbourn Hospital. After the last war Cambridge

streets were full of destitute youngsters, many from homes broken up in the wartime upheaval. Cambridge Rotary Club approached the SOS Society to see whether the help they were giving to London's bombed-out homeless could be extended and between them they opened Winston House. In 1958 it changed for helping youngsters to assisting the mentally ill. 83 05 19 p9

The only predictable thing about the weather is that it is unpredictable. Last month was the wettest April since 1975, but the April before that was the driest in 50 years. In January 1978 there was a tornado at Newmarket, in June 1970 3.26 inches of rain fell in two hours and ten days later terrific hailstones damaged market gardens. But 26th June 1976 registered a scorching 98 degrees F. 83 05 19 p20

1983 05 21
Villages around Cambridge are reeling from flooding – more than a foot deep in places – which swept through their homes after torrential rain smashed down onto already waterlogged ground. Houses were under water over a massive area, including the villages of Croxton and Over. Swavesey baker, Roger Godfrey, was watching the cup final when he realised water was coming in under his front door, with four inches covering his floor at one stage. 83 05 21 p1

1983 05 23
Flood chaos, p1
Newnham house, p5

1983 05 25
East Cambs planning chief slammed the 'hysterical local opposition' each time they put forward plans for a permanent gypsy site. Already Wilburton, Mepal and Little Thetford are no-go areas because of the local opposition. It means the job of solving the problem becomes progressively more difficult. The only alternative was to abandon the whole thing. Councillors agreed no action would be taken to prosecute longstanding residents on unauthorised sites until more suitable alternative plots were available. 83 05 25 p7

1983 05 26
A little middle-aged lady walked quietly up to Labour leader Michael Foot in the staff canteen at Addenbrooke's Hospital and asked for his autograph. After he'd obliged she looked at it and said "I was hoping you might write 'love and kisses' on it". Out came the pen again and it was duly added. And that epitomised Mr Foot's short visit to Cambridge: he was out to please and served up the fare his supporters were seeking. 75 05 26 p21

1983 05 27
About 40 academic posts – including one professorship – are to be scrapped by Cambridge University in response to Government cash cuts. But these are outnumbered by the number of vacancies which have resulted from the success of their early retirement scheme. More than 120 dons – including 25 eminent professors – accepted, at a cost of hundreds of thousands of pounds after the University was ordered to cut its costs by 5%. 83 05 27 p12

Memories of the famous Crystal Palace exhibition of 1851 have been revived with the opening of Scotsdale Garden Centre's new premises at Shelford. It has much in common with spectacular Victorian conservatories, creating an illusion of gracious living. Bulldozers moved in just over a year ago to knock down greenhouses put up 60 years ago. Now it houses a complete range of garden equipment with palms and house plants offering the convenience of supermarket shopping. 83 05 27 p30

Tesco, p19
Civil disaster plan, p28

1983 05 28

Saxon Street water tower is in process of being turned into a home. The metal tank which once housed millions of gallons of water has been insulated and equipped with a series of windows giving the master bedroom staggering views across the surrounding countryside. There is also a suspended platform built into the roof timbers approached by a steel ladder. It could house a bed – if one didn't mind the risk of rolling right off the platform. Although not totally complete it is on the market for £69,950. 83 05 28 p13

Grantchester author, Jeffrey Archer, plans to give £50,000 to Polish writers who have lost their jobs through membership of the free trade union, Solidarity. will donate all the royalties from his books sold in Poland. "Kane and Abel is a story of Poles and is selling very well in Poland. The Polish regime won't transfer the money out. I can only have the Zlotys if I actually go there and spend them. But Poland is not very high up on my list of places to holiday so I decided to give it to Solidarity", he said. 83 05 28 p1

1983 05 31
Armed raiders who held up staff and customers at Barclays Bank in Linton escaped with several hundred pounds. A shotgun was fired during the raid but nobody was injured. The two robbers escaped in a blue Ford Cortina estate car. Police swooped on the village and set up checks as soon as the alarm was raised. 83 05 31 p1

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1983 06 01
The Roger Ascham School for handicapped children in Cambridge, which the County Council threatened to close down, is likely to remain open after all. Massive opposition was mounted by parents. A report recommends that a unit for physically handicapped primary age children should be constructed. But they remain convinced that in the long term special units for handicapped children should be attached to other schools in a bid to integrate them with the others. 83 06 01 p10

Storn chaos, p1

1983 06 02
The award-winning Landbeach marina has been sold for about ½ million pounds to a millionaire who runs three other marinas in the country. It has five lakes, children's play areas, cafes, bars, games rooms and a restaurant and provides facilities for caravanning, camping and water sports. It was formerly a sand and gravel works. It is an asset to the district and praised as a highly organised and well laid out holiday centre. 83 06 02 p5

1983 06 03
A major transformation of Haverhill town centre has been given the go ahead, Three shops and offices are to be built in the main shopping area at Jubilee Walk near Sainsbury's supermarket. It will consist of a two-storey building. Another more ambitious development for a shopping mall on the other side of the High Street is also in the offing. 83 06 03 p12

It will be the end of an era at Six Mile Bottom when automatic barriers take over at the level crossing. It will also mark the end of the career of signalman Albert Morley for it will be the last time the signal box serves any useful function. His career started in 1927 and he remembers when luxurious Pullman coaches used to arrive on special trains for the Newmarket races carrying wealthy passengers from London. 83 06 03 p15

1873 06 04
School cleaners

1983 06 06

The arrival of more than 200,000 visitors at Stansted Airport caused traffic chaos. They had come to see landing of the Space Shuttle Enterprise which arrived piggy-back on a jumbo jet. It had flown over London where Westminster Bridge was packed with people taking photographs. The Enterprise has never been on a space mission but had been used in handling tests and was the first Shuttle ever built. NASA says that by 2000 hundreds of people will have travelled in space. 83 06 06 p5

1983 06 07
Boxworth Golden Ball, p5

1983 06 09
No-one is likely to support a local post office out of charity. Business has been falling off in recent years, not helped by Government encouragement to pay many social security benefits monthly instead of weekly and to pay direct into a bank account. Some sub-postmasters have given up because their income has dropped by £1,000 a year but so far somebody else has been persuaded to take on the business. Now a 'rationalisation' programme is being carried out. First to be hit is the King Street post office which is likely to close, just as the street has a new lease of life with new shops and flats. 83 06 09 p11

St John's College School, p7
Chishill vote, p30

1983 06 10
Maggie Thatcher has promised a 'new look' cabinet after he overwhelming General Election. Locally Labour took a pounding and in Cambridge Janet Jones was beaten into third place. Former city council leader John Powley has been elected the Conservative MP for Norwich South. He was a key figure in the dispute over the Kite redevelopment which resulted in him being ousted from his Cambridge council seat. Francis Pym won SE Cambs with a landslide majority but Clement Freud won the NE Cambs seat for the Liberals. 83 06 10 p1-3

Comberton Communbity College, p21

1983 06 11
Royston windmill, p13

1983 06 13
Cambridgeshire MP and former Foreign Secretary, Francis Pym, has been ousted from Mrs Thatcher's cabinet. "I had no intimation of any kind that she wished to make and change. It came completely out of the blue", he told the News. Now he will go to the back benches. 83 06 13 p1

A boat owner saw two years of hard work slipping slowly beneath the waters of the Cam after his 20 foot cabin cruiser was holed by a rowing eight taking part in the last day of the Bumps. The Pembroke College boat had been bumped and this had sent it careering across the river near his home in Green End, Fen Ditton. Its narrow finely pointed hull ripped straight through the side of his boat like an Exocet missile. 83 06 13 –5

1983 06 14
All Saints church in Jesus Lane, which was threatened with demolition despite being described as one of the finest examples of Victorian architecture, will open to the public for the first time in ten years. About £40,000 has been spent by the Redundant Churches Fund to make it watertight after years of rain leaking through the roof. The next project will be to clean up the interior and in particular the wall paintings 83 06 14 p10

1983 06 15
Powley, p14

1983 06 16
Cambridgeshire Motors, Hardwick, p18

1983 06 17
Fenland weaver Mrs Ida Allen is setting up her looms to weave tweed cloth for a firm in Japan to make ladies' coats and skirts. Her tiny workshop in Witchford High Street is far from the traditional woollen industry in Yorkshire. There is nothing she cannot tackle since her husband, Frank, built her loom; she has made college scarves, curtains and material for monks' habits and although 75 years old has no intention of retiring. 83 06 17 p20

The giant Fleam Dyke steam engines that supplied Cambridge's water for more than 50 years are slowly disappearing. The twin 180-horse-power horizontal engines, named Anderson and Lilley, stopped working back in 1976 and are now being dismantled for scrap. They were a showpiece for parties of visiting schoolchildren until a massive piece of machinery flew off. Now parts will be going to steam engine centres or sold to private buyers. They are just too big and expensive to move. 83 06 17 p24

1983 06 20
Cambridge computer wizard Clive Sinclair may buy the factory of the failed Northern Ireland sports car company De Lorean to manufacture his electric car. His Sinclair Vehicle Project is developing what is hoped to be the first mass-produced electric vehicle for some years. Intended for city travellers it is due for release in 1985. The technology was developed by the Norfolk based Lotus Company, which Sir Clive has also shown an interest in buying. 86 06 20 p3

1983 06 21
Secretary of State for Defence, Michael Heseltine, paid tribute when a memorial to over 100 Polish parachutists was unveiled at Audley End House. During the war it was used as the headquarters of the Special Operations Executive where scores of Polish men and women were trained before being parachuted into their home country, 108 lost their lives. 83 06 21 p11

1983 06 23
Peter King is probably best known for his 36 controversial years as a local councillor and for the sale of his home, Bourn Hall, for use as a test tube baby clinic. But his toughest fight began when it was discovered that he had cancer. 'Old King' comes from the background of generations of small, highly independent family builders in Caxton. When he told his 97-year-old aunt that he was suffering from the disease she told him "We'll you'll just have to pull yourself together". Her reaction, and the fact that he laughs whenever he retells the story, gives some idea of the spirit in which his battle against the disease has been conducted. 83 06 23 p22

Toy collector, p22

1983 06 24
A new plant – which cost more than £10 million – has opened at the Johnson Matthey site at Royston. It will refine metals like platinum and gold and is their biggest capital investment since they came to the town in 1956. When in full operation it will employ an additional 50 people. 83 06 24 p11

1983 06 29
Plans for a new main bus station with a 'floating roof' and a circular office block standing alongside, in the centre of Cambridge, have come in for fierce criticisms. The County Council is adamant that the new bus station should go on the present small and restricted site in Drummer Street but the Labour- controlled City Council want it moved to the railway station. The rebuilding will see the removal of the small island with its office and large trees from the centre of the road. But the City is refusing to sell the island site or to remove the trees as part of its opposition. 83 06 29 p15

1983 06 29

Charles Wells, the Bedford brewers, are planning to set up a micro-brewery as part of the Ancient Druids public house which is due to open in Napier Street on the edge of the Grafton Centre in 1984. The brewery will be quite small and will brew beer for consumption in the house. It will mean the return of brewing to Cambridge which once had numerous breweries including five or six on Newmarket Road. 83 06 29 p3

1983 06 30
A scheme to develop seven acres of land behind Shire Hall for offices and a high technology centre will save the Isaac Newton pub and other buildings in Castle Street which had been under threat of demolition. It will include 520 basement car parking spaces together with twelve terrace houses on Magrath Avenue. At present the site is covered by a ramshackled array of ancient council office buildings which are difficult and expensive to maintain and unpopular with the staff working in them. 83 06 30 p7

The facilities and setting offered by boarding kennels are very different and price is not a guide to quality. Jason Farm Kennels at Caldecote, is priced at £2.50 a day for dogs of all sizes. Some charge extra for heating on cold days though Country Kennels at Dry Drayton (£2.25) don't usually heat kennels except in a very severe winter while Bridgefoot Farm Kennels at Flint Cross has a sizable grassy area for exercise but were most expensive at £3.31 plus 30p for heating,

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1983 07 01
The County Hall office block in Hobson Street which houses a major section of the county council's social services department may be sold to Christ's College for £1.25 million and converted into student accommodation. It would be one of the biggest property deals in the much sought-after city centre location for years. Scores of council officials would be moved into the new offices planned at the back of Shire Hall. 83 07 01 p1

A visit to Waffles on Castle Hill is like stepping back in time to the heyday of the unique Kite café which was such a popular venue until the bulldozers moved in. The highly successful venture was built up by Mrs Virginia Le Charite over nine years until its closure in 1981. The familiar tables and chairs, the ornate cash register, the dresser and clock are all there and it is still producing those scrumptious and filling savoury and sweet batter rolls with a variety of toppings at prices from 90p. 83 07 01 p24

Roman Cambridge , p22

1983 07 02
Sinclair Research has bought the 18th-century Milton Hall as its centre for research into revolutionary and high-risk ideas called Metalab. Milton Hall which was built in 1772 was bought by Eastern Electricity in 1950 as a regional office and research centre. Two large modern wings were added. The cost of the purchase is around £500,000. 83 07 02 p5, 83 07 07 p15

1983 07 04
The new Post House Hotel at Impington has elegance and style yet relies for its distinctive appearance on traditional materials of brick, tile and timber. Visitors are immediately struck by the atmosphere of classical, gracious country living; its style stops just short of opulence. The restaurant welcomes children with its Munch Bunch and Hungry Bear menus featuring baked beans and fish fingers. Yet this rural vista is near the centre of Cambridge. 83 07 04 p10

Sunday opening, p7

1983 07 06

Petrol prices caused chaos and confusion amongst motorists as charges ranged between £1.75 and £1.86 a gallon. Frustrated garage owners cursed their suppliers as they took down the new prices they had been asked to put up last night. Frank Holland of Mill Road said that yesterday prices started at £1.77, later he was told to raise them to £1.86.9 from midnight, then in the morning told to bring them down to £1.85.7. Meanwhile motorists used up petrol as they searched for the best bargains. The cheapest price in Cambridge is at Sainsbury's which has kept its prices at 1.75p a gallon. 83 07 06 p6

Gordon Cave is not averse to striking a hard bargain at his premises on the Fen Road, Chesterton. But he was not at all keen when a funeral service sent him a hearse for disposal. And when he heard voices just after midnight he made up his mind he would let the hearse and 7-seater Austin Princess limousine go for the proverbial song. Charlie Holliday, one of Cambridge's few genuine gypsies, agrees and neither will go near it. So if anyone wants a bargain car with an engine which purrs like a kitten, he will be happy to see you. There's always room for one more in the back. 83 07 06 p12

The closure of Stockbridge's 113-year-old antique shop in Bridge Street follows closely on that of another shop bearing the same name. C.P. Stockbridge of Histon set up two years ago when the other branch of the family left its prime site on King's Parade. The main reason for closure is that the antique trade is depressed and the new shop never took off. 83 07 06 p5

1983 07 07
Cambridge pianist Doris Waterson began her career playing for silent films at the old Playhouse in Mill Road. She played ballet and modern dance music for the Perse Girls and the old County Schools but was best known as pianist with Josephine's Gypsy Orchestra. It was formed about 1934 and played for 26 years at venues such as Christ's Pieces bandstand. Doris also had her own band called the Keynotes and worked during the war with Alice Reynolds who organised concert parties for troops. 83 07 07 p16

Milton Hall, p15

1983 07 08
Eastern Counties Leather, p17

1983 07 11
Pym support, p10

1983 07 12
Two Cambridgeshire policemen, Gil Boyd and Bob Reynolds, set a world record with a sponsored parachute 'flight' under ten London bridges over the Thames. Pc Boyd said there were a few hair-raising moments – when he dived head-first into the water at the start and when his parachute tapped the roofs of three bridges. Bob said he felt a bit air-sick but did very well for somebody who'd only been parachuting three weeks. They hope to raise £5,000 for Great Ormond Street Hospital. 83 07 12 p7

Princess Anne visited Haverhill Meat Products to mark the company's silver jubilee. The factory, one of the largest and most modern in Europe, produces 700 tons of pigmeat products, including 400,000 sausages, a week. When a Land Rover carrying senior officials reversed into a senior HMP manager's car it caused a roar of approval almost as loud as when the Princess herself appeared. 83 07 12 p11

1983 07 13
Hundreds of Cambridge residents have lost their long battle to save the sub-post office in King Street from closure. Despite massive protests the Head Postmaster has decided it must shut when the owners retire. Now the council may consider buying the building in the hope they can keep it open. Mr & Mrs Mansfield have given a first class personal service for 30 years which would be difficult to match even if the post office were to remain. 83 07 13 p7

Mill Road supplement, p12

1983 07 14
Strethall, p7

1983 07 15
A 600-year old barn at Priors Hall Farm, Widdington, given to the nation by farmer Jeremy Robinson, has now been fully-restored by the Linford Building Group. Over half the original timbers had to be replaced and the roof was rebuilt. Now it is the best-preserved barn of its type in the county. 83 07 15 p11

1983 07 16
The occupants of Island Hall, Godmanchester, used to have a punt in the cellars so when the river at the bottom of the garden flooded, the footman could punt his way around the wine bins to make the daily selection. It was just about derelict when Simon Heritage bought it in 1979 for £23,000 and £200,000 has been spent on its restoration. Today it is quite breathtaking and it is on the market for £250,000. 83 07 16 p12

1983 07 18
The Sinclair Cambridge Festival half-marathon was on the point of being called off and the future of the race is now in doubt. Fears for the safety of the 2,000 runners in heat wave conditions forced the organisers to bring forward the start to 7.30 am. With the high humidity there was a danger of heatstroke but fewer than half a dozen were taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital. As the stragglers were coming home other athletes were arriving at Parker's Piece, unaware of the change in the start time. 83 07 18 p12

1983 07 19
Many old age pensioners in Cambridge are finding it difficult to struggle to the main Post Office and harder still to stand, often in a long queue, to collect their pensions. The News deserves full credit for highlighting the plight of many frail, elderly residents. The lack of hospital beds for long stay patients means than more than 80 former residents are now separated. There is also a chronic shortage of accommodation in old peoples' homes and a shortage of warden-supervised sheltered housing – Chairman, City Housing Committee. 83 07 19 p6

1983 07 20
Roger Ascham School, p1
Bed for war hero. P6

1983 07 21
The fate of the old Laurie and McConnal store - which has been lying empty since it closed five years ago – has been decided at last. Habitat, a national chain of home furnishing shops, is to move in to the store on the fringe of the new Grafton Centre. Debenhams has taken the main store on the site, the supermarket booked by Keymarkets will probably open as a branch of Gateway and the biggest 'variety' store is being taken by C&A. But letting arrangements have still to be concluded on 30 of the 45 medium-sized shops. 83 07 21 p1

An emergency water tanker has been drafted in to Strethall, the village which 'dries up' every afternoon because of greater demand during hot weather. Residents have to carry pails of water from the tanker to their homes. The situation has been recurring for the past 10 years. "Its medieval to walk along carrying buckets of water – all you need is a water yoke" said Patricia Melford, whose husband is chairman of the parish meeting. The Water Company says the problem will be solved when improvements were carried out to the Wendons Ambo pumping station next summer. 83 07 21 p5

1983 07 22

As Addenbrooke's Hospital prepares to close more than 100 of its beds for the summer holidays, 7,000 people are waiting for operations. Some have been waiting up to four years and waiting lists in some specialities have increased 340 per cent since 1977. Until September 1st the hospital will be on an official red alert – emergency and urgent cases only. But medical staff believe it is not far off that status without any summer closures. "It is a ghastly situation and it gets worse, week by week", said a senior surgeon. 83 07 22 p1

1983 07 25
The Maid's Head, 16th century pub at Wicken, was badly damaged when fire tore through its thatched roof. The landlord, Alan Goldson, was three-quarters of the way through a renovation project with a new cellar and kitchen due to be completed this week. It is believed to have been started by a flame torch being used by a builder putting tarmac on the roof of the new cellar. 83 07 25 p1

1983 07 29
The innermost secrets of the 600-year-old Cock Inn at Thaxted came to light when workmen exposed the building's original timber frame. It is further proof that it was once a jettied building jutting out over the street. It must have been an inn for most of that time as records in the county archives record that the builders of Thaxted church had been there for their beer in 1400. The landlord, John Lankaster, has kept a close eye on the work: he has been camping in the house while it has been stripped to the bone, renovated and extended. 83 07 29 p12

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1983 08 03
Fenstanton stamp, p10

1983 08 04
Car parking facilities in Cambridge have been slammed as inadequate and too expensive. Three hours is the minimum needed for shopping and to have to pay 90p at the Lion Yard car park is ridiculous, motorists say. It only costs 40p in Bedford. It is now 20 years since a plan was floated for a large car park under Parker's Piece. There was a controversy and it was rejected by a majority of two votes. If it had gone ahead the problem would be much easier. 83 08 04 p12

Seventeen flats and maisonettes being built as part of the Grafton Centre are now on the market. The flats in Fitzroy Street have a bedroom, living room, kitchen, bathroom & private rooftop terraced areas and sell for £29,500. The maisonettes are on two floors and have two bedrooms, they sell for £42,000. The scheme also includes 22 one-bedroomed flats in Christchurch Street which will be available on a share-ownership basis through the King Street Housing Society. Most have been allocated already. 83 08 04 p12

Traffic lights, p6
Stilton pub, p12
St Paul's School, p13

1983 08 05
Harding and Sons of Duxford, a family firm of builders, has shut down after more than 140 years. Brothers Gilbert, Leslie and Victor Harding are now in their 70s and 80s. It was sad to close the business which was started by their great-grandfather and employs 11 people, many of whom have worked for more than 30 years, but it was better to stop now in a solvent state, and hold their heads up high. 83 08 05 p11

Privatisation is the watch-word for councils in the 1980's. The argument runs that local government has become a haven for work-shy council-employed direct labour organisations and that putting contracts for cleaning or refuse collection will raise council efficiency. Now Cambridgeshire County

Council has taken a lead by contracting out school cleaning to private firms. But many of the cleaners are union members and the TGWU and NUPE expect more to join. 83 08 05 p21

School closing, p20
Hinxton watermill, p22

1983 08 06
Jobless Cambridge school-leavers could be stuck without training courses because of a rumpus in upper-crust Grantchester. Villagers are objecting to plans to put mobile classrooms at their former village school, saying they would be an eyesore. It goes against planning policy and is a panic measure by the County Council who have not fully considered the implications. But without them there would be no prospect of running the courses. 83 08 06 p1

Thriplow rebuild, p10

1983 08 09
The truck trade has gone through a traumatic shake-up in recent years. Firms have been merged or disappeared as their struggle for survival intensified in an atmosphere of intense competition. It speaks much for the tenacity and durability of Ouse Valley Motors of St Ives that they are emerging as a power to be reckoned with in the business. The firm has a history going back 60 years and a staff of more than 80 people, many with more than 25 years' service. They pride themselves on being a local firm and are expecting to see trade increase. 83 08 09 suppl p2

1983 08 11
Cambridge United has signed the biggest sponsorship deal in their history with brewery company Ind Coope Benskins. They will be backing the second-division club with a three-year package worth more than £30,000. The Club has also retained a £5,000 per year backing of Norwich Breweries, which holds the franchise for the supports club, and fixed up a new kit sponsorship worth several thousand pounds with Yorkshire sportswear company, Mileta. 83 08 11 p1

It's not just Sunday mornings which are reserved for washing the car for residents in St Bede's Crescent, Cherry Hinton: they have to whip their sponges and leathers into action every day to clean off dust from the nearby Norman Cement Works. They have complained to the company who say they are cautious about any emissions & there are several sources of dust such as a rubbish disposal tip to which lorries are constantly driving. But they gave them a bottle of diluted hydrochloric acid for cleaning the windows. 83 08 11 p8

1983 08 12
Ben the Bus, the friend of shoppers in the Royston area for 15 years, has become the latest victim of the economic climate. The single-decker Leyland, operated by Ben Martin of Litlington Post Office, will no longer be selling groceries because the piston of the engine is broken. It was in February 1968 he started delivering to local villages, later concentrating on Royston housing estates. His trade has also been hit by a new shop in Burns Road and the cost of keeping the 52-seater on the road. 83 08 12 p14

Robinson College, which was opened by the Queen in 1981, has won one of the country's top architectural awards from the Royal Institute of British Architects. It says a complex and demanding brief had been met with vigour and imagination and a building produced which may well grow in stature with the passage of time. Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, also praised it as "just perfect – an absolutely lovely college which manages to be original, elegant, beautiful and functional". 83 08 12 p22

1983 08 15
Cambridge University freshman, Prince Edward, will be surrounded by drunken vomiting 'boaties' and trendy left-wingers when he arrives at Jesus College in October, claims the new 'Varsity

Handbook'. The prestigious guide to student life says the undergraduates 'spend their time bellowing in the college bar, letting off fire extinguishers and molesting female students'. The Master, Sir Alan Cottrell, who is a great friend of Prince Philip, the university's Chancellor, has voiced his astonishment at the book's cutting remarks. 83 08 15 p1

1983 08 17
George Reilly, Cambridge United's £140,000 record signing, has been sold to First Division Watford for 100,000. The fee is £40,000 less than United paid Northampton for him four years ago, but that reflects the state of the transfer market. The giant Scottish centre forward, who was the club's top scorer last year, has not been at the Abbey since he had pay talks with Manager John Docherty. He had a year of his contract to run and a review of his pay was due in summer. 83 08 17 p1 & 83 08 24

1983 08 18
The first guests will soon be booking into Haverhill's first motel which is being built next to the Woodlands Club, opposite the Golf Course. Work is nearly complete on the first phase of four chalets and if successful six more will be added. Nicky and Albert Young hope to attract businessmen and other travellers as there are few hotels or other places to stay between Haverhill and Colchester. 83 08 18 p6

Polish housing, p7

1873 08 19
Army houses, p10

1093 08 20
Dozens of Cambridge residents gathered outside King Street Post Office to protest against its closure. It was the last day of business for the owners, Tom and Ivy Mansfield who are retiring after 30 happy years. The decision to close was taken despite vigorous opposition from the city council. "They haven't given a thought to the inconvenience it will cause people", say protestors, but the Head Postmaster says there are too many post offices in Cambridge. 83 08 20 p3

1983 08 22
One of the last letters to be postmarked by the King Street Post Office, which closed despite public protest, has been kept as a memento. The registered letter was sent to the News by John Mellanby, a city tourist guide, as a souvenir of the closure. He recorded the dates the post office opened and closed, 1898-1983 and blames MP Robert Rhodes James for not supporting the fight. 83 08 22 p7

1983 08 24
The Royal Oak is the last of seven pubs once in Barrington and many of the locals are drawn from the cement works which dominate the village – Barrington would be a perfect haven without it but then it could be dying for lack of jobs. There is a broad choice of bar menus and restaurant meals. We had trout and scampi with salad and were well content with the overall bill of £7.36 which included three glasses of wine and coffee. 83 08 24 p20

1983 08 25
Harston village hall celebrates its 60th anniversary in the knowledge that it is the best-kept hall in Cambridgeshire. More than 100 were judged on outside appearance, condition of car parks, signposts and the fabric of the buildings. Credit was given to the Cambridgeshire Community Action Project whose members had repainted it. 83 08 25 p5

Mellanby with Richard III grup, p12

1983 08 26
Many foreign language students do not respect road safety, says a Cambridge Cycle Hire operator. It is a free-for all aboard and they are not going to change here, any amount of teaching and talking is a

waste of time. But Swedes were very safety-conscious and had complained about the bad state of driving in England; locals ought to put their own house in order before they criticised foreign cyclists. 83 08 26 p13

1983 08 27
Furious council house tenants in New Road Sawston have hit back at villagers who have dubbed their temporary homes 'sin bins' and are threatening to withhold their rates. Irate tenants say the homes are not being used to punish people who have not paid their rents, just temporary accommodation for homeless families. They reject complaints of noise, careless parking and their animals fouling nearby gardens. But they do agree the rusting steel-clad homes are an eyesore and want SCDC to improve them. 83 08 27 p8

1983 08 30
Four major car parks on the outskirts of Cambridge linked to the city centre by a frequent park-and-ride bus service are suggested in a new report aimed a sorting out the city's traffic tangles. They are on fields at Barton Road, a small piece of disused land between the bypass interchange at Histon Road, allotment land near Newmarket Road cemetery and the old Cattle Market site at Cherryhinton Road. It also proposes extensive residents-only parking schemes with a tightening-up of long-term parking in the city centre. 83 08 30 p1

1983 08 31
The Cambridge computer industry has suffered its first casualty. Grundy Business Systems, based on the Science Park, launched its NewBrain microcomputer in May last year, based on a design by Sir Clive Sinclair. It became one of the best-selling in the UK but an unexpected decline in sales and a failure to meet deadlines led to cash difficulties. 83 08 31 p1

The so-called 'radio-active anthrax site' off Milton Road has been officially declared safe and not a health risk, Scientists say there is no reason why it cannot be developed for housing. But the areas where animal carcases said to have been infected with anthrax were buried 40 years ago should be concreted over and made into car-parking areas or garages. 83 08 31 p1

Caravans International has launched its first new range since it was revived in February. Two new models, the Esprit and the Cosmos have been added to the existing Sprite, Eccles and Europe range. CI was holding nearly a third of the British market at the end of the 1970s but collapsed because of the recession in caravan sakes. The firm employs more than 200 people at Newmarket. 83 08 31 p5

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1983 09 01
Two of Cambridgeshire's oldest boathouses were destroyed in a spectacular blaze; one was owned by the '99 Rowing Club, the other by the CRA. Crowds lined the banks and boat club members who had been drinking in a nearby pub risked their lives trying to save their valuable boats, flinging them into the river. By midnight only charred shells remained of the two historic landmarks. 83 09 01 p1

The Mayor of Cambridge slammed plans to twin with a Communist country and publicise the city's anti-nuclear policies by putting anti-nuclear emblems on dustcarts and lorries. Since Labour wrested control of the city council from the Conservatives four years ago, anti-nuclear policies have been given top priority with plans to paint doves of peace on the walls of the entrance to the Guildhall. 83 09 01 p9

1983 09 05
County councillors have ordered a big clean-up of the car park off Magrath Avenue – once the site of the Rex Cinema. Since the cinema was demolished two years ago it has been used as a public car park by residents. But it has also become a dumping ground for abandoned cars and garden rubbish. It

forms park of the eight-acre site at the rear and sides of Shire Hall which is to be extensively redeveloped early next year. 83 09 05 p12

1983 09 06
Land Settlement Association growers are throwing away thousands of lettuces which have been ruined by smuts from stubble burning. The dry weather and high winds have blown more smuts into the air and wreaked havoc for glasshouse growers who cannot keep them out unless they turn off their vital ventilation systems. Other crops are also affected: one grower has been forced to patiently blow her chrysanthemums with a hair dryer before packing them. 83 09 06 p11

1983 09 07
Haverhill's voluntary community action group, the Town Development Council, which was founded four years ago, is to be closed down because of lack of public interest. At one time it had several hundred members and led a long but eventually unsuccessful campaign for a cinema. But now there are only three members and will be disbanded. It could prove an attractive windfall for other organisations as it has assets of about £800 and cinema equipment which will be distributed. 83 09 07 p5

1983 09 08
The controversial plan for building a major car park under the 'sacred turf' of Parker's Piece may get the official go-ahead after all – 20 years after city councillors threw it out by two votes. This amazing about-turn – which sets a new record even by Cambridge standards for taking time to solve the city's parking problems – stems from the growing insistence by senior county councillors to sort out the city's daily traffic tangles. 83 09 08 p1

1983 09 09
Hunts County Bats, tucked away down an alley in Huntingdon High Street, is fast becoming internationally known for the bats it makes for some of the world's top cricketers including them Pakistan Captain, Imran Khan. Orders have come rolling in since the company was set up six months ago following the closure of County Sports of Little Paxton. At present the two craftsmen, Tony Cook and Bob Hook can make 60 bats a week and wince at the prospect of a large order book. 83 09 09 p25

1983 09 10
Test-tube baby pioneers Dr Bob Edwards and Mr Patrick Steptoe have joined the movement to ban stubble burning since airborne smuts forced them to stop work. Papworth Hospital has also been affected as smoke has penetrated operating theatres and laboratories, covering instruments and sterile bottles with an oily film. It causes problems for the elderly and people with respiratory problems and no amount of special pleading by farmers can explain away or justify the mass pollution caused by their activities. 83 09 10 p1

1983 09 13
Assistant Chief Constable Bernard Hotson is leaving the force after 37 years. He became internationally known as the man who led the hunt for the Cambridge rapist and also played an important part in the conviction of the Buckden murderer in 1968. He joined the Metropolitan Police in 1946, transferring to Ely three years later. He became head of the southern section of the CID based in Cambridge. He has had a very distinguished career and his knowledge of the county is second to none. 83 09 12 p13

1983 09 15
A cut-price housing scheme at Lode has been so successful that ECDC has approved phase two. The development involved constructing houses and bungalows at Fairhaven Close in a partnership deal with builders McInerney Homes. The council let the firm have surplus land for the price it originally paid, provided the saving was passed on to first-time buyers in the form of cheaper homes. Now it will sanction a further phase on the remaining one-and-a-half acres of land. 83 09 15 p5

1983 09 16
The railways could be on the brink of another Beeching. Under the British Rail five year plan they want to introduce single-line track in places along the Ely-King's Lynn system, reduce the East Coast main line from four to three tracks between Huntingdon and Peterborough and make the Cambridge to Newmarket line a single track. They also hope to extend the electrification of the Royston line. 83 09 16 p1

Military bases should have to pay realistic rates to local authorities, say Forest Heath District Council which includes the massive American bases at Lakenheath and Mildenhall. The council has a low rateable value because Crown Properties which also includes Government-owned buildings are exempt and pay a contribution instead of rates. But this is one-third of what would have been raised in the normal way. 83 09 16 p15

1983 09 17
Women will be able to give birth as naturally as possible - without drugs in a relaxed no-rules atmosphere – at the new maternity unit at Huntingdon's Hinchingbrooke Hospital. When labour pains start, they will not take to their beds but move round right up to the time of the birth. They will also be able to lie in water to counteract the pain of the first stage of labour, says John Hare, the consultant who has studied natural childbirth. 83 09 17 p10

1983 09 19
Mentally handicapped children are the latest casualties of the NHS cash crisis in Cambridge which has already closed the head injuries unit at Addenbrooke's Hospital. Beds at the Ida Darwin Hospital at Fulbourn will be withdrawn when nurses fall sick and vacancies will be unfilled because of cash cuts. The crisis at the 238-bd hospital is made worse because even with a shortage of nurses, the nursing budget is overspent so no new nurses can be taken on. 83 09 19 p1

1983 09 20
A tractor trailer loaded with straw smashed three first floor windows when it passed by the Bell Inn in High Street, Linton. Landlord John Pearman was sitting watching television when the steel side supports holding the straw hit the 400-year-old pub. Identical leaded windows will have to be used in repairs because the building is listed. The cost of the damage is unknown. 83 09 19 p3

Drummer Street, p11

1983 09 21
Tesco is to close its Cambridge Regent Street supermarket. The store, which opened in 1964, has been left behind by developments in supermarket design. Managers now consider it too small – it is 11,000 square feet as compared to 30,000 at Bar Hill – and there is no provision for car parking. It would need a major refit to bring it up to modern standards and this could not be justified. 83 09 21 p16 83 09 22 p5

Chettisham sewage, p3

1983 09 22
A shock decision not to finance the building of a country park at Milton could see the end of the scheme. It is in the Structure Plan and has received backing from South Cambs and Cambridge city councils. But the county have decided it cannot finance the project. They say the site is already being used for recreation and there was no need to develop a country park. Ken Humphries says the decision was a great disappointment: villagers saw the park as one of the advantages to massive expansion of the village. 83 09 22 p3

1983 09 23
Rosie blow, p1

1983 09 24
Parents and teachers are angry at the host of problems that have plagued school cleaning since private contractors took over the job from the county council. They are worried about the health hazard of inadequately cleaned lavatories and claim contractors are understaffed and promises not being kept. One city school was not cleaned at all for the first week of term. The county admits there have been 'teething problems'. 83 09 24 p1

The landlord of the Wheatsheaf at Harston is doing a roaring trade selling what he says are 'magic mushrooms' – not knowing that if they are genuine they contain a mind-bending drug similar to LSD. He got them from a farmhand and says they are selling like hot cakes. After a News article his business mushroomed – but it appears they may just be the ordinary kind after all. 83 09 24 p1 83 09 26 p3

1983 09 26
The Carioca Club in Newmarket Road is today a burnt-out shell after fire was started in three different parts of the building. The entire contents were destroyed and walls and floors wrecked. Police say an 'inflammable liquid' was poured over materials in the building to start the blaze. 'Racks' night club which has 450 members is now looking for a temporary venue. The Carioca was originally a chapel and was used as a furniture depot before it became a night-club in 1978. 83 09 26 p1

1983 09 27
The arson attack on the Carioca Club has removed a bright nightspot from the already bleak picture of Cambridge entertainment. It leaves Ronelles, the up-market disco restaurant in the city centre, Route 66 and the Last Resort. Complaints about noise spelt the end of Silks in Hills Road. The City Council is thinking of building a special factory-type unit on the old cattle market industrial site off Cherryhinton Road to house an 'alternative venue centre'. 83 09 27 p13

1983 09 28
Grange Road is being lit up as Cambridge University take delivery of a £20,000 present – a complete set of floodlights. The lights, which are the final stage of a campaign to turn Grange Road into one of the best-equipped rugby grounds in the country, have been given to the Light Blues by a firm of London merchant bankers. 83 09 28 p30

Ely archaeology, p15
Boathouse site, p16
Coffee houses, p19

1983 09 29
Gray's the bookbinders of Green Street has been sold, the latest of a long line of small Cambridge specialist shops which are rapidly disappearing. Victims in recent years have included Bacon Brothers cigar merchants, S.P. Ora tobacconists, Gallyon the gun and fishing tackle dealers, F.O. Sennitt, fish, game and poultry merchants and Jack Carter, University robes. They are forced out by the three R's – rent, rates and recession. As the family shops close with them goes part of Cambridge's inheritance, atmosphere and charm. 83 09 29 p16

The Cambridge Civic Society, which fights planning applications around Cambridge, is being wound up and its members urged to join the Cambridge Preservation Society – the group from which it split off in 1961. Projects in which they have been involved include the Kite area, Stansted airport, the M11 Inquiry and Robinson College. At present they are concerned about the proposed large office development on the Shire Hall site, preferring to see it as a community area. 83 09 29 p19

1983 09 30
If you are accustomed to awaking to the dulcet tones of Julia Booth, Radio Cambridgeshire's early morning presenter, you are in for a shock. Station manager, Ian Masters' new line-up sees John

Richards where Julia used to be, Nick Barraclough takes over his old slot and Anne Bristowe winds up weekdays. There is now no room for long wedges of worthy and dull speech; the news and information has to be presented brightly and accurately. When it opened 18 months ago it was an all-speech station but music is now an integral part of their output. 83 09 30 p22

McCulloch, p1

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1983 10 01
Mike Petty article on Stourbridge Fair, p10

1983 10 03
Fleet Street's royalty watchers were out in force as Prince Edward started his studies at Cambridge University. Television crews, reporters and cameramen from almost every national newspaper were permitted inside the grounds of Jesus College for the Prince's arrival. Amongst them was the Sun photographer Arthur Edwards who outraged the Palace with his 'bikini pictures' of the Princess of Wales before the birth of Prince William. 83 10 03 p10

Melbourn Science Park, p5

1983 10 04
Coleridge soccer club who earned a place in the Guinness Book of Records by going 28 years since their formation in 1954 without a booking have hit trouble with a referee. In the reserve team match with Romsey they lost their record of good behaviour. Twice over. Two players were cautioned. But they may retain their place in the Book as nobody is aware of any other club with such a long record. 83 10 04 p1

Britain's oldest pub, Ye Olde Ferry Boat Inn at Holywell, has closed for the first time in its 1,000 year history. Improvements costing over £100,000 have forced the owner to call 'time' for six weeks. Church records show ale was served as early as 968 when it was a port and it is listed in the Guinness Book of Records. It has twice undergone major improvements in the past – during the 17th century and about 20 years ago. But on both occasions they were able to carry on serving. 83 10 04 p10

1983 10 05
Rosie arrival, p1
LSA sold, p9

1983 10 07
About half the giant elms trees which have lined Parker's Piece for the last 150 years have been cut down – the latest victims of the deadly Dutch elm disease. Twelve elms along Gonville Place have already gone and the famous park looks totally unfamiliar without its border of towering trees. The council plans to have lime trees and London planes, some have been planted and already reached 18 feet in height. 83 10 07 p14

1983 10 08
Bourn Methodist chapel is to close after 150 years following the loss of its only village member, Miss Ada Clarke, who was cleaner, caretaker and organist until her death aged 86. Now the congregation which has already small has since dwindled further with only two or three attending the monthly services. A final service will be held at the end of the month, after which the building will be sold. 83 10 08 p6

1983 10 11
The new Grafton Centre, the biggest shake-up in Cambridge retailing for a century, is only medium sized in terms of city centre redevelopments but is enough to upset the balance of trade in Cambridge.

"No one would pretend that it is linked to the existing shopping centre to the extent that people can use both on the same day", said the man in charge of the project for Grosvenor Estates. The next six moth's trading will be keenly watched by shops in the historic centre. The attractiveness of the Grafton Centre will depend on easy access and whether it offers value for money and diversity. They have accepted lower rents in order to get shopkeepers which cannot afford big overheads. 83 10 11 p11

Trick'n'treat, p1

1983 10 14
The tiny village school at Kennett has been saved. The County Council planned to close it at the end of December, in spite of fierce opposition from parents, governors and teachers. But the Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph has thrown out the plan. The chairman of the action group, Tina Davies, said: "There is great celebration and we are practically leaping about with joy". 83 10 14 p15

1983 10 17
Cambridge has an abundance of shoe shops run by big multiples so it is heartening to learn that a long-established family firm, Carters of Botolph Lane, have established a second shop just around the corner. The business was founded in 1935 and prides itself on offering a personal service meeting specialist needs. 83 10 17 p14

1983 10 18
When Sara Payne walked up Castle Street, notebook in hand, for the first of a series of articles in the Cambridge Weekly News, she was launching a marathon series which is still going strong, two years later. She has produced articles on more than 100 streets with much of her research being carried out at the Cambridgeshire Collection. Now a sample of the articles on Central Cambridge has been published in a new book "Down Your Street", the first of at least five volumes. 83 10 18 p3, 83.10 20 p20

Sara Payne's volume of her 'Down Your Street' series deals with central Cambridge. It combines documentary records, street directories college archives, photographs and memories of the residents of both Town and Gown, much of which was not previously recorded. In the past two years Sara has produced more than 100 articles for the Cambridge Weekly News which gives scope for more volumes in the future. Publication coincides with the opening of the new Grafton Centre. 83 10 18 & 20

1983 10 19
The new Grafton Centre has a variety of stores, a large supermarket and 50 shop units in addition to the new Debenhams. Construction of the 11-acre centre is a milestone in the annals of Cambridge with the bulk of the building work being completed in just 2½ years. This in stark contrast to the time spent thinking about it, but hopefully the Byzantine manoeuvres accompanying its birth may in the end prove well justified. 83 10 19 p4

Cambridge's new shopping precinct will be simple enough to get to with its masses of parking and good road and rail links. But a question mark may hang over the traffic congestion likely to develop on the approaches and its power to sustain a day out for the family travelling from far afield expecting to see the sights as well as having a profitable foray into the stores. Whether it can muster the same pulling power as Milton Keynes, Peterborough or Norwich in attracting shoppers long distances remains uncertain. 88 10 19 09

Businessmen and shopkeepers in the Fitzroy-Burleigh Street area are hoping that trade which has been depressed in recent years by the area's lack of glitter and by the large-scale building works, will now come bounding back. Traders such as the Cambridge Co-op, now in the throes of a re-development plan which will see the conversion of its second floor to a suite of offices for letting, should do well. 83 10 19 p14

1983 10 20
Shopkeepers in Burleigh Street feel they will be crippled by the opening of the Grafton Centre. Trade has been disastrous since the road was dug up five weeks ago and left with piles of sand, rubble and deep, wide holes. Now some are refusing to pay their rates bills. They feel developers want to make the area look like a tip so customers would stay in the Grafton Centre. But the City Surveyor says the road is going to be pedestrianised and will be completed on time. 83 10 20 p16

1983 10 20
A quarter of a century of planning wrangles ended today when the £27 million Grafton shopping centre development opened. Part is still unfinished but there was a general sense of relief that the Kite at last had its new prestigious shopping development. It looks slightly bare as many of the shop units were still unfilled however shoppers seemed happy as they walked through the new arcade of the main concourse. 83 10 20 p1

1983 10 22
The Rosie, Cambridge's much-awaited maternity hospital, is Liz Earl's baby. The top midwife in the area, she has been involved in its planning right from the outset. No sooner had it opened than Miss Earl had the satisfaction of delivering a baby herself, the new hospital's second arrival. The Rosie has all the 'high-tech' that could be needed – two operating theatres, an improved monitoring room and new equipment - but the general atmosphere is as comfortable and homely as it can be with bright curtains and attractive play areas for older children. 83 10 22 p12

1983 10 25
"Three tumbledown cottages, an old barn and a couple of new houses". That was the description of Papworth St Agnes six years ago. Since then a complete transformation has taken place, an extraordinary upsurge in the fortunes of a village which appeared to have been decaying for 40 years. Now there are 20 occupied dwellings in the village and for the first time it has a community centre – the church which was made redundant and once doomed to be pulled down now provides accommodation for secular activities; table tennis in the aisles is due to start on Sunday. 83 10 25 p12

1983 10 27
The controversial plan to finish the widening of East Road is to go ahead despite growing opposition. The County Council leader says nothing is going to stop them from completing the work. The City council claim the road is a waste of money and would have a serious and harmful effect on St Matthew's primary school. They have placed a tree preservation order on saplings growing in the school forecourt to prevent the county from starting to widen the road. But the County claim this is illegal and challenged it in the High Court. 83 10 27 p11

1983 10 28
Garden rubbish, p32

1983 10 29
Customers had a dramatic escape when a lorry ploughed into a newsagents on the corner of Market Street and River Lane, Fordham. The vehicle that became firmly embedded in the front of the building was carrying a load of wheat feed from Soham back to Coton. The crash has renewed calls for a by-pass to alleviate the heavy traffic going through the village. 83 10 29 p1

1983 10 31
The Manor comprehensive school on Arbury Road – one of the city's biggest with more than 800 pupils – has been earmarked for closure within three years. The County says the children will be dispersed to other comprehensives and the building handed over to the rapidly-expanding Cambridgeshire College of Further Education. The Manor Boys and Girls schools opened in 1959 to serve the rapidly-growing estate. They merged in 1970 and became a comprehensive five years later.

But numbers started to fall. It is a central focus in Arbury and its loss would do immeasurable damage to the community. 83 10 31 p1

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1983 11 01
Corn Exchange, p1

1983 11 02
Things looked grim for Orwell, which 25 years ago sported 12 pubs, when the last was closed by Whitbreads on the retirement of the landlord. But Derek and Rose Kimsey bought the 17th century building, restored it and got the whole community involved: 300 people packed the pub on the opening night at the end of September. Now it is a friendly comfortable local serving good food and with 13 pumps. 83 11 02 p19

Bus cuts, p10
Station Road sign, p10

1983 11 03
Two Milton companies, Collins Communications and CS Devices, have designed electronic devises to stop CB radio buffs fiddling petrol pumps. Garages have been worried that fraudsters used powerful amplifiers – known as burners – to slow down the pumps adding machines and so get more petrol than they paid for. But the new gadgets sound an alarm to warn the forecourt attendant if anyone tries to use a burner. It can also be used with other electronic adding machines at supermarket checkouts and bank cash dispensers. 83 11 03 p11

Haverhill anti-nuclear campaigners who intend setting up a peace camp outside what they claim is a store for nuclear weapons machinery are in for a peaceful time. The 'store' is an old aircraft hangar. One of the doors is open and inside there is only a miscellaneous rubbish and mounds of bird droppings. Despite this members of Haverhill Anti-Nuclear group will camp outside the hangar near Ridgewell for 24 hours as part of a national day of support for the Greenham Common women. 83 11 03 p17

1983 11 04
Bus takes strain, p14
Cheason book, p33

1983 11 05
Littleport rats, p6

1983 11 07
Jesus College could be turned into a fortress to stop reporters pestering Prince Edward and his fellow students. One student found a reporter sitting on her bed when she returned to her room and two undergraduates have been asked to pass on information. One photographer has been caught with a long-range lens on the fourth floor of a carpark. He had been trying to spy on the rooms of Edward's fellow undergraduate who will be playing the leading lady opposite the Prince in 'The Crucible'. 83 11 07 p5

1983 11 08
The oldest crossing keeper in British Rail's eastern region is to retire because automation is taking over her job. Mrs Minnie Towson, 74, has worked at Trees Crossing, Wendens Ambo for nearly 20 years. Between 15 and 20 motorists use the crossing but the numbers shoot up when flooding made Duck Street impassable. "On one day 198 cars went through", she recalled. "No sooner had one gone over than another was waiting, and the only rest I got was when the train came through. I was up all night. But they widened and dredged the river several years ago". 83 11 08 p6

Jesus Green mess room, p7

1983 11 09
The Cross Keys pub at St Neots – a landmark for more than 800 years – is to close. The old coaching inn is owned by Paines PLC but nobody has come forward to take over the lease after Hamilton Taverns pulls out. The manager said: It will be a shame. This inn has been here since goodness knows when. It's got great character and is part of the town. 83 11 09 p9

The new Presto supermarket in the Grafton Centre caters for a wide range of customers with its instore bakery, fresh meat, wet fish and delicatessen counters offering an up-market choice alongside a wide range of Red Dot bargain lines and specially-packaged basics. What its competitors want to know is what kind of shoppers it will attract, and how many. It will offer a cheque-cashing service where customers can withdraw £50 at a time. 83 11 09 p5

1983 11 10
Morning in the city centre: one of the drunks in Lion Yard had been sick and no-one knew what to do about the mess. In the end help came from three youths with spiky black and red hair wearing leather jackets strung together with chains. The punks are not doing community service, nor are they fond of the drunks who share their benches in the shopping centre. The punks, the drunks and the glue-sniffers all inhabit the same territory. None of them want to buy anything. They just want shelter, warmth and somewhere to watch the world go by. 83 11 10 p20

Josh Scott, one of the last marsh shepherds, has hung up his gun and binoculars and said goodbye to the life-style that has supported his family for more than 100 years. It was Josh who first introduced the practice of rounding up cattle on a scrambler motor cycle and jumping the ditches in the fen area around Welney. In 1967 his life changed dramatically when instead of shooting for a living he joined forces with Sir Peter Scott and set up the Wild Fowl Trust Refuge in Welney where he has been warden. 83 11 10 p21

Stansted house, p9

1983 11 15
Cambridge could soon have a new underground car park, an extensive range of new shops and a luxury hotel at the edge of the Lion Yard car park. The land, which is let as a private car park, was originally scheduled for a large hotel, then the John Lewis organisation became interested. But now the City Council is considering extending the Lion Yard car park, probably underground, and selling the land for shopping. It might fetch as much as £5 million. 83 11 15 p1

1983 11 16
Mowbray's, the King's Parade bookshop, is celebrating the 150th anniversary of its foundation in Oxford. It had its origins in the Catholic revival in the Church of England but institutional and sectarian differences have been submerged in the ecumenical considerations that are now paramount in religious thinking. The Cambridge shop, which opened in 1950, is the baby of the business. It sells books, cards and smokeless, drip-free candles. 83 11 16 p22

1983 11 17
A scheme to alter the layout of Cottenham parish church threatens to split the congregation. The vicar says moving the font and several lines of pews and establishing a children's corner, would encourage young people into the church and secure its future. But others claim it would destroy a part of its heritage and create two factions. 83 11 17 p3

Sir - Life in Burnt Fen is not very rich these days. There is no work in the area. The nearest shop is 4½ miles away at Prickwillow and the school is due to close with the children bussed to Littleport. To get to the doctor's surgery people have to take the train from Shippea Hill station to Ely. There is no

village hall, no church, chapel, nor even a post office. It hasn't a pub anymore and there are no clubs. Is it any wonder that half the people living in the council houses want to change homes – Harry Bye. 83 11 17 p16

1983 11 18
John Carter, p28

1983 11 19
A big new housing estate with more than 200 houses, bungalows and flats is being planned for a site off Prickwillow Road, Ely. The developers, Barretts, say it will consist of a range of homes from first-time buyer to four-bedroomed houses with two bathrooms and take three years to complete. If approved it will be the biggest in Ely for years – larger than the Kingfield's at Lynn Road where J.F. Bennett from Lakenheath is building 200 houses as part of a phased development which started a couple of years ago. 83 11 19 p7

Richard Spendlove is best known in Cambridge as the announcer at the railway station. But he is also a journalist, TV presenter and historian whose lifetime association with railways is sealed by the fact that he lives in Brickyard Cottage Coldham's Lane, hard up against the railway line. He is also an authority on weapons whose discovery of a Colt Navy percussion revolver is to be the subject of a television documentary. 83 11 19 p9

Ely Cromwell Road barn, p14

1983 11 22
There just aren't enough ballroom dances to meet all the demand in Cambridgeshire. Already a resurgence in the dancing of 30 years ago is causing overflows and tea dances are catching on. A dance at the Long Road Sixth Form College attracted 230, too many for dancing, so numbers are now restricted. The local big band, Sound Idea, under Bob Kidman, averages three bookings a fortnight. Now a new one has made its debut: the Umbrella Big Band, a few survivors from the defunct Impington Dance Orchestra. 83 11 22 p13

Enterprise, individuality and a friendly atmosphere are among the attractive features of shopping at Histon where a good range of stores serves a lively and expanding community. The only snag is the lack of adequate parking space. They include Holmes of Histon which has displays of Wentworth kitchen furniture, the Silver Candle for Casio and Timex watches, Anglia Fireplaces for fenders, fire dogs and coal buckets, and Phillips and Few which has the new Luxor TV finished in teak or rosewood effect with optional remote control hand-set and teletext modules. 83 11 22 p15

1983 11 24
East Hatley church could soon have a fox in the crypt and bats in the belfry together with barn owls and butterflies under SCDC plans to designate the redundant church and churchyard as a local nature reserve. They have stopped the Church Commissioners demolishing the redundant church of St Denys and hope to persuade the diocese to make the building safe before handing it over for a nominal rent. Now they need a group prepared to maintain and accept responsibility for the reserve. 83 11 24 p9

1983 11 25
Old folk get a shock when it comes to paying a funeral bill. They expect it to cost around £100 and are horrified to find it is more than three times that amount, despite East Anglia being amongst the lowest places in the country. It costs an average of £236 here as compared to £517 in Leicester. The cheapest way of doing it is to buy the coffin for around £50 and make your own funeral arrangements for about £150. 83 11 25 p15

1983 11 26
The Horse and Gate at Witcham Toll is the epitome of an autonomous house. Every energy-conserving idea has been used, including a hay store. The former Victorian pub features a wind-

powered electricity generator in the back garden to supplement the mains supply. It also has a massive conservatory which grows enough tomatoes to feed the whole village together with a potting shed and goldfish pond. The five-bedroomed property is now on the market for £55,000. 83 11 26 p12

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1983 12 01
Sir, Burnt Fen is not a community 'dying on its feet': the Women's Institute still flourishes at the village hall and landlord Mr Shackcloth welcomes people to the Railway Tavern. But that is all there is for entertainment. There is still farm work done by local people but now in this estate there are now two connected with agriculture, where there have been as many as 30. Not all tenants want to leave here. But I have now retired and am looking forward to a move when suitable accommodation is found in Ely – Harry Bye, Council Houses, Redmere, Burnt Fen. 83 12 01 p23

Burwell gipsies, p18

1983 12 02
Householders at St Ives have risked turning their homes into bombs by not heeding gas engineer's warnings. Gas Board staff mounted a massive operation last night, visiting thousands of homes telling people to switch off their supplies because of a fault. But despite this some people still used gas, endangering their own lives and those of their neighbours. Cooking rings and fan heaters have been handed out and a WVS soup kitchen set up in the Corn Exchange. 83 12 02 p1

Houses which look like a two-up and two-down off Mill Road are being sold for more than £60,000. But the going price for most standard houses there is only half this figure. For more than 10 years unfashionable backstreets such as Gwydir Street have been gradually taken over by young couples and modernised. Since the Kite has been finaly settled dozens of little houses on the perimeter are undergoing vast changes. 83 12 02 p13

Wimpole avenue, p23

1983 12 03
A cottage that paid for itself is for sale again. In 1977 a young couple were drawn to the tumbledown Yew Tree Cottage at Birdbrook. They had hardly started work when in a dividing wall they unearthed a tin containing 99 brown coins which when rubbed developed a golden glow. They were sold for £14,000, which paid off their debts. 83 12 03 p15

1983 12 05
A fire at the Victoria 1 cinema on Market Hill completely destroyed the screen and part of the stage, causing damage estimated at £50,000. There appears to have been a forced entry and it is being treated as arson. The cinema was showing 'War Games'. It is hoped to open the 139-seater Victoria 2 today. 83 12 05 p1

1983 12 08
Beer at 1930s prices attracted drinkers when the Burleigh Arms, Newmarket Road, re-opened. It had been closed for six months while the front wall was rebuilt and the two bars redecorated. It now has a 1930s theme deliberately chosen in an attempt to go up-market and attract shoppers from the new Grafton Centre. The Zebra and the Bird in Hand have also been revamped. 83 12 08 p6

A scheme to alter the interior of Cottenham church has been scrapped because of objections from some of the congregation. The PCC has abandoned its plan to move the choir vestry and font and establish a children's corner. They had hoped the new look would attract young people into the church and secure its future. But parishioners felt it would change the character and destroy a vital part of Cottenham's heritage. 83 12 08 p20

1983 12 09
The Royal coat of arms on the old Drill Hall, East Road, is a work of art and may be saved when the building is demolished thanks to a change meeting 50 years ago. At that time Gordon Higgins was chatting to an elderly villager in Newton, Albert Prime, the man who made it. He had been a copper worker and raised the sign from a plate of copper 50 years earlier. He was taken to a yellow-painted hut – it was a Rip Van Winkie workshop; all the tools and templets were piled as if they had been there for 100 years. Now it will be preserved. 83 12 09 p16

Soldiers home, p26

1983 12 10
At Anglia Photo works in Devonshire Road they know the party season is in full swing. There was a time when you could guarantee there would be hardly any photographs to process after September, said Tom Johnson, but the emergence of d cameras with built-in flash has changed all that". The average number of prints processed per film is now 22, much higher than it used to be. Now picture after picture flows from the processing machines and every one is personally scrutinised and inspected. 83 12 10 p14

1983 12 12
Burleigh Arms, p12

1983 12 13
Cambridge United have sacked manager John Docherty, ending his reign at the Abbey Stadium as the longest-serving soccer boss in the Second Division. His dismissal comes after 10 weeks in which United have not won a match and have slumped deep into the relegation zone. He came to Cambridge as part-time coach in September 1976 and steered them though the Third Division campaign of 1977-78 after Ron Atkinson left. But unlike his extrovert predecessor his low key style failed to capture the imagination of fans who have been clamouring for his dismissal for at least 18 months. 83 12 13 p1

An old Cambridge family business which closed 20 years ago is being 'revived'. Matthew and Son was once a prosperous department store founded in the 1830s in Trinity Street with its own tea rooms and restaurant. It closed in 1963 because of high rents but now the great-great-nephew of the founder, Michael Matthew, has started up the tea and coffee business again in much humbler surroundings of a market stall. 83 12 13 p12

1983 12 15
Vandal estate, p8

1983 12 16
Regular customers of the Fort St George in England pub on Midsummer Common were issued badges. It was landlord Alan Winfield-Chislett's way of sorting out some familiar faces at a reunion party to celebrate his 21st anniversary in this, his first pub. It doesn't make him the longest-serving landlord in Cambridge but the fact that people were arriving from all over the British Isles and beyond indicated that he must be one of the best known. The Savoy Jazz Band played late into the night, Down by the Riverside. 83 12 16 p30

1983 12 19
Vogue, one of Cambridge's most distinctive fashion shops is closing but for them a closing-down sale does not mean a wild scrimmage as customers fight over coats and dresses. Instead a locked door keeps the bargain-hunters out on the pavement while staff deal with two or three clients at a time. Vogue first opened in 1934 when Mark Harris set out to build a high-class trade which today means dresses of up to £500 in price. They are the top fashion house in East Anglia but soon the old shop and its garden will disappear. His father opened Modiste in a former public house further down St Andrews Street in the 1920s and all of his six brothers and sister were in business in Cambridge. 83 12 19 p5

A Histon girl and her boyfriend had a terrifying two-hour ordeal searching for each other in the carnage and rubble of the bomb-blast that devastated Harrods. While five others lay dead and 91 were injured, their reunion was pictured around the country in national newspapers and television. The couple had split up to buy each other's Christmas present when there was a big bang and the building shook. Both escaped injury but spent two hours wandering round the streets before they fell into each other's arms. 83 12 19 p1

1983 12 22
The Manor Comprehensive School in Cambridge – threatened with closure – has now been offered a reprieve. Conservative councillors have bowed to intense public pressure and thought of a new plan to keep the school open. It is to reduce the number of new entrants to 120 pupils and year and hand over the remaining buildings to the Cambridge College of Further Education. When plans to close the school because of falling numbers were announced by the News, a massive protest from parents and politicians swept Cambridge. But the problem of falling secondary pupil numbers will not go away and must be solved somehow. 83 12 22 p1

1983 12 24
If you find a BMX bike in your stocking you will be looking for somewhere to ride it. Cambridge has not had a proper track but now a Shelford businessman and a publican have joined together and a track at Stapleford is a distinct possibility. They are keen to hear from youngsters who will back the proposals and join a proper BMX club. 83 12 24 p7

1983 12 28
A seventeenth-century thatch-roofed cottage at Wickhambrook has been destroyed by fire. The owners had spent thousands of pounds renovating the interior but were not living there. Most of the furniture had been removed and oak beams from the inside were stored in a nearby garage. Now all that is left is a burned-out shell. 83 12 28 p6

1983 12 29
More than £1 million has been collected from Cambridge parking meters since they were first introduced in 1964. Motorists have put £1,065,574 in the meters but the operating costs have been £849,480 leaving a profit of £216,094. This goes towards helping the councils provide more off-street car parks. 83 12 29 p8

Britain has about 75,000 pubs but experts say the number will have dropped by 10,000 by the end of the century. Six Cambridge pubs have closed in the last ten years and most were knocked down and redeveloped. The Rose in Rose Crescent is the only one still standing with its basement now housing Flambards wine bar. The Bun Shop went after years spent in splendid isolation as the Lion Yard was built, The King William IV in Newmarket was flattened as was the Prince Albert in Chesterton. The Ancient Druids and Old English Gentleman were demolished as part of the Kite clearance. 83 12 29 p12

1983 12 30
Ratepayers could be more than £40,000 worse off because a much-heralded 'money-saving' scheme has collapsed. Three years ago the council decided to buy a fleet of 12 electrically-powered mobile libraries to serve outlying rural areas. But from the start things went wrong. Faults developed and the council became involved in a long legal battle with the suppliers who have since ceased trading. Now councillors are trying to dispose of three electric vehicles.83 12 30 p5

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1984 01 03
Controversy surrounded the result of the first game of foot-the-ball played since 1946: it was either a 13-all draw or 13-14 to the Ditton Players. More than 400 people turned up on Parker's Piece to watch the contest between the Players, in Edwardian dress and the Ditton Irregulars. Amongst them was the son of the game's inventor, the late Prof Bill Howell who organised the first match between the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. The match is played like football except that it has three balls and 15 players to a side. 84 01 05

1984 01 04
Grosvenor Estates, landlords of the Grafton Centre are turning away potential tenants for the remaining shops. At present seven of the major units are unlet plus two smaller ones, with another six in the smaller Eden Hall and four in Fitzroy Street. Very few new traders have appeared since the summer and a number are still waiting to open, including Gerrards the greengrocers, Studio (Harry Fenton) menswear, Zales jewellers and Our Price records. But Grosvenor say they are doing better than they anticipated. 84 01 04

Behind barred windows in Cambridge city police station there is an office that contains files on people of interest to the police and other branches of the security service. They are profiles of people who may have not committed a criminal act in their lives and are listed without their knowledge or consent. They include peace campaigners, trades union activists, journalists and civil rights organisers. Every foreigner coming to Cambridge must register at what is officially called 'The Aliens Office'. Its other name is the Special Branch Office, because that's what it is: all the information is made available to MI5. 84 01 04 p13

Heart swaps, p1

1984 01 05
A new village industry is booming in Cambridgeshire – compiling village chronicles. It is the result of a major project at the Cambridgeshire Collection which has indexed the village news appearing in the Cambridge Chronicle newspaper between 1770 and 1899. Now these stories are being transcribed and published in a series of village 'Chronicles'. The first was compiled for Stretham and others have followed for Littleport, Barrington and Swavesey with more in the pipeline. 84 01 05 p14

1984 01 06
When Kitty Wilson, former Mayor of Saffron Walden sets out to do something it has to be the biggest and best. At her wedding there were 2,000 people, during her life she has played mother to 250 foster children and for her 80th birthday she took over the Town Hall. All day long friends, family and well-wishers flocked to the building where the main hall was festooned with flowers, presents and cards. "She's the most wonderful woman I have ever met. She will go out of her way for rich or poor. She's given her life to people", said one friend. 84 01 06 p21

1984 01 07
Quayside plan, p1

1984 01 10
To the sound of bells, drums, accordion and the heavy clump of clogs more than 40 musicians from St Neots, Whittlesey, Downham Market and Stevenage brought Plough Monday to life in Fenstanton. Dances featured milk maids and ploughboys and songs were about good old ale and hearty dishes of parsnips. And if anybody noticed the modern paraphernalia of cars, flash guns and the searchlights of

a television camera crew they were too polite to mention it. Dancing also took place at Balsham where they took a plough into each of the village's three inns. 84 01 10 p11

Computer, p1

1984 01 11
Nearly half the footpaths in South Cambridgeshire are virtually or completely unusable according to a survey by the Ramblers Association. Complaints have been made to the County Council about 530 paths, only 25 of which have been improved. It is clear they need to devote more staff and resources – the cost would be infinitesimal compared to the amount spent on controversial road improvements. 84 01 11 p12

1984 01 12
Gangs of teenagers are scaring villagers in Histon. They have barricaded people in telephone boxes, destroyed telephone directories, torn down Christmas lights and daubed a wall with paint. Elderly people walking at night have been intimidated. The village policeman says it is worse at the moment because there are no youth clubs. A councillor said if they lost the telephone box it would cause a great deal of inconvenience. But it will have to be removed unless the trouble ends or the youths are dispersed. 84 01 12 p8

An unemployed teenager pocked thousands of pounds from church offertory boxes after 400 raids on churches. On one occasion he sat in St Edward's church, Cambridge and watched an old woman put an envelope containing £70 into a church box then fished it out for himself. Amongst his targets were the Round Church – 52 thefts, Little St Mary's (46). Burwell church (42) and Swaffham Prior (26). He was finally caught after the Vicar of Oakington heard him inside the church opening drawers. He was sent to a detention centre for four months. 84 01 12 p16

1984 01 13
Thousands of homes were without electricity when overnight storms brought down power lines all over Cambridgeshire. Eighteen villagers were hit by power cuts and two – Shepreth and Coton – were cut off completely. On the roads cyclists were blown over, cars and lorries swept on to verges and on the A10 at Waterbeach one lorry was blown on to its side. Hundreds of commuters were late for work when felled trees blocked roads. A house at Chapman Way, Over, was wrecked when a 60 foot ash tree crashed through the roof. 84 01 13 p1

Kath Skin, p28

1984 01 16
Phantom jets screamed overhead as the Bishop of Huntingdon blessed the newest peace camp opposite USAF Alconbury. Provocatively placed almost opposite the American air base main gates, its launch became a centre for a storm of political and theological controversy. Cloaked against the cold with a guitar at his feet, Dr Gordon Roe preached his sermon to about 150 peace campaigners shivering on the grass verge. "Happy are those who work for peace. God will call them his children", he quoted from the Bible. But his 'forward' position has been attacked by Huntingdon's MP, Mr John Major, who did not attend the ceremony. The campaigners claim that Alconbury, not Molesworth – will become the home of Cruise missiles. 84 01 16 p10

1984 01 17
Electrification, p1

1984 01 18
Cambridge is a pace-setter in academic and scientific circles. But it is also the front runner in the price of parking your car. A five-hour stay in the Lion Yard car park costs a massive £4.50 whilst Peterborough's Queensgate centre charges £1.50 for eight hours. But councillors claim that office

workers would fill the multi-storey parks if there was no financial penalty and demand did not change, whatever the price. 84 01 18 p12

Enid Porter ran the Cambridge Folk Museum single-handed from 1947 for 30 years and the impressive collection now it now houses museum was largely as a result of her endeavour. She took the entrance money, arranged exhibitions and cleaned the museum. In 1968 she had not had a pay rise for 15 years; her wages were £8 a week at a time when comparable jobs were paying £1,500 a year. Richard Wilson, the current curator said "She was a marvellous lively woman who gave her life to the museum". 84 01 19 p6

Car park p1

1984 01 19
John Orton, Britain's oldest man, celebrated his 108th birthday on January 19th but died following a fall. He was born in 1876 and was the longest-married man in Britain until his wife, Harriet, died aged 103. Cambridgeshire is a good place to live: other elderly residents have included Mrs Alice Empleton who died at Sawston aged 110 when she was the second oldest person in Britain, Mrs Clara Blunt was born in Willingham 106 years ago and a Witchford woman, Etheldreda Thompson died just short of her 107th birthday. 84 01 19 p16 & 84 01 31 p10

St Neots discos, p9

1984 01 20
Cambridge United have appointed former Norwich City and Luton player, John Ryan, as their new manager. He takes over immediately at the struggling Second Division club. John Cozens, caretaker manager since the sacking of John Docherty will remain for the time being. Ryan takes over a United team who are 10 points adrift at the bottom of the Second Division and looking doomed to relegation after going 20 games without a win. 84 01 20 p1

Milton Country Park, p21

1984 01 21
Plants department, p9

1984 01 24
The old maternity hospital at Mill Road will be bought by Cambridge City Council. Now it has won its battle against commercial rivals it will develop the site as a multi-million pound housing complex for young and old people. At an estimated price of £750,000 it is the city's most expensive residential land deal and to help recoup some of the money the council is considering renting some of the old buildings to the Cambridgeshire College of Arts and Technology. 84 01 24 p5

1984 01 26
Going underground has been a common solution for Cambridge's parking problems. The Parker's Piece plan resurfaced last year, 20 years on from its first airing. The latest proposal involves the Butt Green area of Midsummer Common. The council planned a surface car park for the green in 1959 but hurriedly retreated amid the wrath of those pledged to keep the five acres involved as common land. Five years later came a plan to put it underground but it collapsed because of cost. Now they are trying again. 84 01 26 p16

1984 01 27
Rights officer, p15

1984 01 28
Shepherd, p5

1984 01 30
Furious traders in Mill Road are drawing battle lines for a fight with the city council over traffic congestion. They claim trade has slumped and traffic conditions deteriorated since the council installed traffic lights at Mill Road bridge. Shopkeepers are fed up with constant jams and complaints from the customers who say it can take half an hour to drive from the old Maternity Hospital to their shops in Romsey town. 84 01 30 p6

Lady Nichol, p11

1984 01 31
Stourbridge Grove homes were built 54 years ago and modernised 18 months ago. Now it has taken on a new look – thanks to 38 flowering crap and whitebeam trees planted by the City Council as part of its plan to modernise and improve the old estates in Cambridge. 84 01 31 p9

Sir – the quality of village life is determined by its people. This was never more so than when Dr John York Moore was part of Whittlesford life until his retirement to Cornwall. He was not only doctor but church organist and friend, taking part in the many activities of village society. Whittlesford possesses a purpose-built surgery and pharmacy, always crowded with villagers in the time that he was among us. Now we are told it be closed and people will have to visit Sawston Health Centre. We would dearly love a doctor to be part of our village life again – Beryl Bonner. 84 01 31 p9

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1984 02 01
Planning permission has been given for a £10 million redevelopment scheme for Cambridge City Football Club's ground at Milton Road. The present pitch, greyhound track and stands will be demolished and be replaced by a three-storey block of research and development buildings with an underground car park. The development will guarantee the future of the club. 84 02 01 p1

Manor School, p14

1984 02 03
Cambridge has a huge shortage of construction workers, from carpenters to scaffolders and plumbers, just months after the finish of big building projects at Addenbrooke's Hospital and the Grafton Centre. The worst shortage is of brickies: there were 80 working on the Grafton but now the Jobcentre cannot trace any of them and have 23 vacancies. 84 02 03 p11

A £1 million scheme is being planned for 100 Cambridge council houses in the Akeman Street and Darwin Drive areas because a 'modernisation' project carried out 20 years ago has gone wrong. Prefabricated units, constructed mainly of wood and plastic were installed as a quick way of bringing the houses up to standard, but they have deteriorated badly. Now ten houses in Darwin Drive maybe pulled down to make space for flats suitable for old people or those in need of sheltered accommodation. 84 02 03 p15

Cleaners of telephone kiosks have defended their work in keeping them spick and span. One man cleans 50 kiosks a day, washing the inside with disinfectant, cleaning the handsets, wiping the parcel shelf and light fittings. He also has to sweep up cigarette ends, apple cores, sweet papers and other bits. It can take a gallon of disinfectant to clean up after it has been used as a lavatory. On one occasion someone tried to commit suicide by slashing his wrists on the glass panel and the cleaners had to mop up the blood. Kiosks are also a target for vandals with every pane of glass broken and even the door missing. 84 02 03 p25

The Turks Head sign swings once more in Trinity Street. Its unique charm lies in the eccentric architecture and ancient beams with rich red carpeting and soft lighting. The Tudor grill room can

cater for 200 and with so many nooks and crannies they can usually find room for diners. The new charcoal grill will do delicious things to steaks and chops and there is an extensive table d'hote menu offered at £3.95 for three courses with wine at £3.95 a bottle. 84 02 03 p29

1984 02 04
Arts Theatre, p9-10

1984 02 08
Cambridge's Victoria cinema reopened after the disastrous fire and is now one of the best-equipped in the country with new equipment, new seats and much-improved lavatories. It has six-track stereo, a new screen and the new 70mm projector is seen at full benefit in films like 'Ghandi' and 'The Star Wars' trilogy which will be brought back by popular demand. When the seven-hour programme was tried out last year it attracted a full house with people in fancy costume. 84 02 08 p14

1984 02 09
A six-year old Whittlesford schoolboy settled at the controls of a Volvo loader, then at the count of three pulled a lever which demolished a 40 foot chimney at Duxford. It had been used for animal waste businesses for 100 years and had long upset the villagers with its smells. Then smiling all the while and undeterred by Press photographers, Nicholas Haworth strained to lift a dusty brick in the air. It was probably the most exciting day in his life. 84 02 09 p6

Cambridgeshire has won its fight to have the A1-M1 link road made dual-carriageway throughout. The Government wanted the 21 mile section between Kettering and Brampton to be single carriageway. The decision is a victory for Coun Emily Blatch, leader of the county council, and a resident of Spaldwick, one of the villages on the route. The road will provide a fast and safe motor route between the West Midlands and the East Coast ports and will form part of a European route, the E28 from Düsseldorf to Birmingham. But the opening is still five years off. 84 02 09 p6

1984 02 11
Motorists are set to cash in on the latest petrol-cuttings war, and could be paying as little as £1.73 a gallon as the oil companies slash prices to win custom. Some of the cheapest prices are to be found in Hypermarkets but along Newmarket Road, where there is a heavy concentration of filling stations, prices have already taken a knock. At Marshall's four pence has come off the price at the pumps and Jet's prices have fallen to £1.78 for 4-star. 84 02 11 p1

1984 02 13
A police operation on a military scale was necessary to deal with the threat to Cambridge posed by Saturday's match against Chelsea who have some of Britain's most notorious football fans. But most of the trouble came from Cambridge supporters. In a rampage of violence a man's throat was slashed, another was stabbed, two policemen were attacked and 92 people were arrested. Police held at bay a mob of fans who tried to stop them arresting a streaker on the United pitch. Parts of the city were left vulnerable to crime because of police commitments to the match. 84 02 13 p11

1984 02 15
Thieves have stolen two 'priceless' military helmets from St Mary's church at Fowlmere. They were put on either side of the church altar by the Mitchell family who were lords of the manor in the late 1700's. It is the second theft in the space of two months – two candlesticks were stolen just before Christmas. But there are no plans to shut the church: "It would spoil the whole conception of a church. It is meant to be a sanctuary and it would be wrong to lock it", said the parish clerk. 84 02 15 p9

1984 02 16
The USAF base at Alconbury is to become a Cruise missile assembly site. The missiles will be flown to Alconbury for assembly and transferred to four permanent bunkers at Molesworth. RAF Waterbeach, RAF Feltwell and RAF Upwood are to house 500-bed nuclear war hospital centres. They

will renovate existing buildings then mothball them until needed for military casualties of war in Europe. 84 02 16 p1

350 geese clacked and waddled their way down Clare High Street during the shooting of the new comedy film "Laughterhouse". It tells of a modern-day farmer struggling with an overdraft and an impossible marriage, who finds the solution to his problems by marching his geese from his Norfolk farm to Smithfield Market. Villagers, whose houses are featuring in the film, clapped and cheered the geese on their way. The geese won a reprieve from the Christmas dinner table and now the film company is advertising to find homes for them. 84 02 16 p16

1984 02 21
Shepreth animal shelter which on its first year of opening attracted 10,000 visitors is up for sale – lock, stock and llama. Mr & Mrs Terry Willers have built up the menagerie at their Shepreth trout farm over the last five years. It started with their own pet dogs, cats and horses but now includes Shetland ponies, sheep, goats, chipmunks, chinchillas, grass snakes and a llama which is bring trained to give rides to children. If a buyer is not found they will continue with the sanctuary and the children who found such delight in playing with the dwarf rabbits and guinea pigs will continue to do so. 84 02 21 p13

1984 02 24
Fleam Dyke stretches across the open corridor of chalk downland between what were dense forests above Newmarket and the swampy fens at Fulbourn. Now it is a rich habitat for chalk-loving plants like the pasque flower orchids. Its maintenance was the work of the rabbit but when myxomatosis became established there was nothing to stop the advance of shrub. The footpath became covered with thorns and brambles. Cambridgeshire and Isle of Ely Naturalists Trust has put in working parties to carry on where the rabbits left off and the Ramblers Association participate as part of their programme of footpath preservation. 84 02 24 p24

1984 02 27
The traffic lights at Mill Road Bridge could be turned off for good. It is a move which would delight thousands of Cambridge road users and please traders who claim their businesses have suffered. The lights were installed in June at the request of the city council traffic management team who were concerned about the rising accident rate. They thought many vehicles were using it only as a short cut. But accidents have risen faster since they were put in and road users started an immediate outcry, complaining about long, frustrating delays. 84 02 27 p12

1984 02 28
The tiny community of Lode has suffered yet another setback – it is to lose its vicar. This follows the closure of its only shop. Meanwhile villagers are anxiously waiting a decision on the proposed closure of the village school. A petition signed by all but 12 villagers will be handed in to the county council who want to send the 35 pupils to Bottisham instead. This would mark the death knell for the village, councillors have warned. 84 02 28 p10

Old people pay the heaviest price when they lose their local post office. The Station Road sub-post office in Ely is the latest to be axed following the retirement of Mr George Leonard. Pleas to keep the sub-post office in Debden Road, Saffron Walden open led to one in Cromwell Road closing, meaning families on the new Fairview Estate have to make a one-and-a-half mile trek. After paying bus fares they have very little left from their child benefit. Age Concern has set up a mobile club to visit villages without shops or post offices to enable old people to meet each other, otherwise they would not leave their homes. 84 02 28 p13

1984 02 29
A family from Therfield, near Royston, have won a break-through victory in a stubble burning compensation battle. Their claim £48.50 for cleaning up their home after they were smoked out by fumes from stubble burning has been paid by an insurance company. They were able to identify the

farmer concerned, successfully charged for their own work in cleaning and their claim involved domestic property. Their win may open the flood gates for farmers to be swamped with claims for thousands of pounds. 84 02 29 p1

Manor comprehensive school has been saved from threatened closure, though it will in future take only 120 youngsters a year and the county council will keep a close watch on its numbers. But councillors decided by just two votes to close Lode school and transfer the children to Bottisham, even though that school did not want them. The infants' school at Fulbourn will also be shut down and the buildings put to good use – perhaps as a teachers' centre. 84 02 29 p3

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1984 03 01
New flats in Anstey Way, Trumpington, are selling like hot cakes even though the show flat is not yet open. Six were released as an initial step and were sold immediately. They appeal to older people wanting to put an end to the problem of maintaining a big house and garden and most of the ground floor flats have gone to senior citizens. Prices range from £28,450 to £29,450. 84 03 01

Mike Petty article on Sardinia, p9

1984 03 03
Seaman-Turner, p10
Mill Road lights, p14

1984 03 04
Astonished shoppers saw Prince Edward sipping champagne in King's Parade and shouting at young people dancing on the roof of a taxi. It was his off-beat way of letting people know about the charity show he is producing for the University Rag Week. But his elaborate publicity stunt almost flopped when he failed to find the old London taxi he needed. So he asked the News for help and as a result Londoner Maurice Hamilton made a special trip to Cambridge with his cab. 84 03 03

1984 03 05
Rag Queen, p10

1984 03 07
George Webb Haulage, which started over 40 years ago, are willing to move anything. Now they have moved themselves from Willingham to new offices in Longstanton. Two years ago Marshall's of Cambridge rang to ask why they did not use British trucks. When they heard the Webbs' specialist needs were not catered for they arranged a meeting with the manager of Leyland trucks. The resulting vehicle is now in production at the Scammell factory. 84 03 07

1984 03 09
Patrick Stephens, p1

1984 03 10
Croxton Park and its entire estate including 14 houses and cottages together with 2,590 acres of farm and woodland have been sold for nearly £10 million. The Georgian mansion now belongs to Christopher Curry or Acorn Computers. Speculation about a sale began when preservation orders on buildings and trees were prepared following suggestions that the estate was to be sold piece by piece. 84 03 10

1984 02 12

Cambridge punks were let down when two out of three acts did not appear at a Fisher Hall concert. Fans believed that top 'new wave' group Conflict and local band Slap Kat were both to play along with TKA, but two other unknown bands played instead. The lead sing of Slap Kat said they had told the promoters they could not appear and they had plenty of time to change the publicity. 84 03 12

Despite rain and a wicked wind Cambridge University undergraduates astonished bystanders with their Rag Day activities. Prince Edward started a sponsored crawl to Grantchester, there were parachute jumps, exhibitions of motorbike skills and a tug of war. Some students with distinguished careers ahead of them leapt from Silver Street Bridge into the Cam wearing whiskers, tails and picnic plates for ears in an attempt to fly across the river. Two perplexed French visitors summed it up: "If they are so clever, how can they be so stupid?" 84 03 12 p7

1984 03 15
A security man delivering wages to the Cambridge News offices in Newmarket Road was confronted by two armed men wearing balaclavas as he stepped out of a lift on the second floor of the building. They pressed a chloroform-soaked rag on his face before taking a black security bag containing wages of over £8,000. The men, who were wearing boiler suits, then walked calmly down the stairs and out of the front door. 84 03 15 p1

1984 03 17
On Saturdays 3,000 books arrive and depart from the lending department of the central library in Lion Yard. But there is more to the library than that including 100,000 reference books and a stock of 850 paintings and pictures which borrowers can take home. There are 19 staff in the lending, music and children's department with another dozen in the various reference services. When things are tight the last thing to go is service to the public, said Andrew Armour, the Librarian. Library use continues to increase, funds remain tight, staff levels stay level but new technology skills should enable them to both maintain and improve the service. 84 03 17

1984 03 20
Elderly people need extra care and reassurance as they get older. Often this is provided by families but in Haslingfield parish councillors have started a warden scheme paid for out of the parish rates. The warden talks to chats to residents in their own homes, sews on buttons, brings in the coal or collects their prescriptions. There is even a team of volunteers who help out when she is unwell. It means people can stay independent longer. 84 03 20 p10

1984 03 21
A back garden in Perne Road has become a makeshift aircraft factory. Two plane enthusiasts, Peter Fabish and Andy Crumphorn have been chiselling, sawing and shaping the sheet metal, struts and spars which will eventually become a Soneral light racing plane capable of looping the loop and acrobatic flying. They intend to find a farmer's field from which to fly it. 84 03 21 p7

1984 03 22
Twenty per cent of the Cambridgeshire police force is now away from the county helping control pickets at the Midlands coalfields. Five extra units, 110 men, leave today for Nottinghamshire, bringing to 200 the total number of county men involved in the operation. Four more are in Derbyshire helping to deal with the hundreds of miners protesting at pit closures. But Chief Supt Hardingham has no worries about local policing in their absence and can deal with all the situations which may arise. 84 03 22 p1

The row of railway cottages by Mill Road Bridge were once attractive homes. Now the windows are bricked up, the garden is a wilderness of weeds and the walls show only the attention of local spray paint artists. Inside the story is worse, Candles light the damp rooms and empty bottles and baked beans congesting in half-opened cans are the remains of countless unappetising suppers. But a judge has refused to evict the squatters immediately so that the city council can sell them to the Cambridge Housing Society who want to turn them into a home for the homeless. 84 03 22 p7

Churches, as the centre of worship and comfort in times of need were once held in high esteem. Today as religion increasingly takes a back seat their fate hangs in the balance. In Cambridgeshire alone there are 21 redundant churches. St Mary's in Benwick and St Mary Magdalene in March have been demolished while churches in Little Raveley, Little Ouse and Barway have been sold as homes and St Margaret's in Wyton is used as a games and recreation room. 84 03 22 p19

1984 03 23
The vexed question of whether Cambridge's traffic problems are real or illusory will be a recurring theme of future discussions as a result of the decision to scrap Mill Road traffic lights. The faces of traders lit up at the news that the lights on the bridge were – finally – going out. Traffic mandarins have persisted in introducing more and more lights throughout Cambridge. The Station Road lights are another example where traffic management has gone awry yet there is no sign these will be removed. 84 03 23 p20

1984 03 24
Bedmakers travelling to work in colleges as early as 6.30 am are part of the traditional Cambridge scene. In the old days they waited on the students, taking coal up to their rooms, even emptying their chamber pots. Today they 'top to bottom' sheets in student's rooms once a week, otherwise students have to make their own beds. And the 47 bedmakers in Emmanuel, all working three hours each morning, are responsible for all the cleaning of college buildings. 84 03 24 p11

1984 03 27
West's, the motor dealers, celebrates a special 25th anniversary of their association with Renault cars. Having developed their one acre site on Newmarket Road into a glittering glass-walled showroom they have stayed true to the French company and are looking forward to the next 25 years with them. The business began with Sidney and Ethel West operating a small vehicle tuning workshop in Gloucester Street 55 years ago. They now employ 64 people. 84 03 27

1984 03 28
Sidney Archer, head chef at Emmanuel College started his career at 14 in the Pitt Club in Jesus Lane, then worked at the University Arms Hotel and the Red Lion in Petty Cury before going to Emmanuel where worked for 40 years. He specialised in sauces and fish dishes and was scheduled to cook lunch for the Queen when she visits in May as part of the college's 400th celebrations. 84 03 28 p4

1984 03 29
The new headquarters of the Saffron Walden and Essex Building Society was opened by the Duke of Norfolk. News photographer Chris Morton also got involved in the ceremony for after he had taken a photograph of the Duke unveiling a commemorative plaque the Duke reversed the roles, borrowed Chris' camera and took a photograph of him. 84 03 29 p4

1984 03 30
It is exactly 50 years since Marks and Spencer moved into Cambridge at a time when there were major alterations in the narrow Sidney Street which attracted several major stores. It quickly established itself, extending to 10,000 feet in 1937 and doubling its space in 1966. There was further development four years ago when a third floor was added. In 1965 the firm established a warehouse in a former garage in Occupation Road previously owned by Progressive Coaches. Now they are appealing for memories from previous members of staff for a special display. 84 03 30 p24

1984 03 31
It was Mrs Thatcher herself who sliced through swathes of Whitehall red tape to allow Cambridge's new maternity hospital to be built in record time. Her role in the crucial discussions was disclosed by the chairman of the Regional Health Authority, Sir Arthur South, at the official opening of the Rosie Maternity Hospital. Mr David Robinson had agreed to give £2.9 million towards the cost but only on condition that it was completed by the end of 1983. But he wanted to appoint his own architect and

builder. Government contracts usually took a long time to plan but this hospital was built probably faster than any other in the country. 84 03 31 p1

Royston has been described as 'down market' by villagers and companies in Melbourn who say it does not have the same glamour that Cambridge has, particularly for the growing number of computer companies wanting to attract an American market. They want their postal address changed to Cambridgeshire. But the town's mayor, Mrs Judy Cresswell is not insulted by the down-market tag and admits that when she is abroad she says she comes from Cambridge because it is known all over the world. 84 03 31 p3

Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, chatted with pupils in their classrooms when he visited Comberton Village College on hush-hush trip. No advance publicity had been given to avoid demonstrators turning up. Sir Keith started his visit by having mince and vegetables for lunch. He sat next to 12-year-old Hartley Kemp, who is chairman of the school's council and chatted about homework. 84 03 31 p8

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1984 04 02
The pharmaceutical industry is not a large employer with just 75,000 people in the UK. In mid-1983 Napp employed 225 which will have risen to 265 by the end of 1984. It opened its Cambridge office in June 1980 when 70 employees relocated from its locations in Aberdeen, Watford and West Drayton and moved into the Science Park last June. The modern air conditioned environment is unique; the atmosphere is hard working but informal with widespread use of Christian names. 84 04 02

A family bakers which has been in Fenstanton since 1860 closes its doors with the retirement of Charles and Vera Hunt. They have been at the bakery since 1954 when they moved from St Albans but it has been in Charles' family for four generations. Since it moved to the High Street in 1907 they have been using the same oil-burning brick oven. Their distinctive bread has been mentioned in guides to good food shops and customers are broken-hearted they are closing. 84 04 02 p11

1984 04 03
Royston's new museum has won a Civic Award for the renovation of its new home, a former United Reformed Church schoolroom in Kneesworth Street. It has been rescued from near dereliction and the interior refurbished. But the new Gateway Supermarket in the town centre was criticized for its haphazard layout and its 'mass of tarmacadam'. 84 04 03 p8

1984 04 05
Cambridge's Old Contemptible, Tiny Joyce, received all the honours befitting the war hero he was. The Last Post sounded, flags were lowered and 40 heads bowed paying their last respects. Gathered at the Cambridge Crematorium, medals shining in the April sun, were old soldiers of the Royal British Legion and Burma Star Association together with fellow Contemptible, 90-year old Arthur Brown. Tiny outlived his wife and children and lived alone in his home in Vinery Road until a week before his death. 84 04 05 p16

A 300-year-old cottage in Exning is being dismantled so that it can be taken to a new site and reassembled in more picturesque settings at Dalham. Rose Cottage had not been lived in for 25 years and was virtually derelict. Now it will be renovated with cavity wall insulation and up-to-date fittings. But it will retain its period appearance and be given a new thatched roof. The clunch brick chimney and the oak fame will be saved together with beams which seem to be more typical of a larger house. 84 04 05

1984 04 06
Pampisford villagers are incensed about a row of Tudor cottages which have become an eyesore. They are covered with multi-coloured corrugated iron sheets, the windows are boarded up and there is

a large heap of rubbish in one of the gardens. An application for the erection of four houses in the back gardens of the cottages was turned down by SCDC this week. Now the new owner will repair the thatch, windows and doors. 84 04 06 p9

The problem of alcoholics monopolising and sometimes abusing public facilities in Lion Yard has been puzzling councillors for a year. It is warm and dry in winter and in the summer they move elsewhere. They need somewhere to congregate out of public gaze. Some say the Guildhall would be suitable or a centre established in one of the five local churches. Another solution could be to rent a shop and provide drop-in facilities. But this would be costly. 84 04 06

1984 04 07
Hardwicke, p9
Railings – Finches, p13

1984 04 12
Thirty years ago Royston was a quiet market town of barely 4,000 people. Today the population has nearly trebled and is still on the increase. There have been growing pains as its facilities strain to keep pace with the booming population but a new library, police station, museum and old peoples' homes are on the way. Run-down properties in the town centre need a new lease of life and there is need for the electrification of the railway line to Cambridge. 84 04 12

1984 04 13
People who work in the new shops at the Grafton centre are to be offered cheap parking in a bid to make the under-used car parks profitable. They will be allowed all-day Monday to Friday parking for £35 for three months. As well as filling the near-empty car parks it will stop staff from parking their cars in nearby side streets. 84 04 13

Pet crematorium, p15

1984 04 14
Twenty-five years ago the Old Mill, Stetchworth was just a shell. There were holes in the roof and the building was being used by a wheelwright at a rent of a shilling a year. Today it is an appealing house with a string of people wanting to buy it for £60,000. The 16th-century red-brick property has an acre garden enclosed by an ancient wall with a large pond, lawns and herb garden. 84 04 14 p12

1984 04 18
Firemen battled for several hours to control and blaze which swept through the Johnson Matthey chemical works in Royston. Explosions broke out as they used foam to prevent the fire spreading and people were warned to stay indoors as the thick black smoke filling the sky might be toxic. "It looked like a bomb had hit it" a senior fire chief said. A year ago one man died and 26 others were injured in another major fire at the plant. 84 04 18 p1

An amazing subterranean secret could lie below the surface of Royston town centre. The historic and mysterious Royston cave has two duplicates close by, according to an underground researcher. Using new secret techniques he made his discovery while his wife was on a shopping trip. He reckons there are bones inside the new caves, which could be supported by central pillars. Archaeologists have called for diggers to be called in but there must be geological tests first to assess if they are really there. 84 04 18 p6

1984 04 21
Wick Alsop, president of the Cambridge '99 Rowing Club, laid the foundation stone of their new boathouse on the banks of the River Cam. It will replace one of two destroyed in a spectacular fire last September. The other boathouse was owned by the Cambridgeshire Rowing Association. Work on the £134,000 building started in February, is scheduled to be completed by August and will include a ground floor weights room and a gym on the first floor. 84 04 21 p8

1984 04 24
Lack of trade and high interest rates have forced the closure of the prestigious Five Miles from Anywhere pub at Upware. In 1980 the landlord bought seven acres of land and started to construct a new version of the old inn which had burnt down in October 1956. But it struggled during the recession of 1982 which hit sales. He built the pub for £235,000, it is now worth £370,000 and could be sold to pay his debts. 84 04 24 p7

Christians and anti-nuclear protestors from all over the country swarmed around the American air base at Lakenheath for a peace march and rally. About 1,000 'pilgrims' joined peace campers who had occupied heathland near the Mildenhall base since Palm Sunday. They included the General Secretary of CND, Monsignor Bruce Kent. 84 04 24 p12

1974 04 25
Harry Stonebridge died, as he wished, 'with his hat on'. He spent most of the last six years at a Cyrenian house in Gonville Place and his 'beat' took him to Newnham where kind-hearted residents gave him tea and toast. He didn't mind working but his penchant for cutting down bushes and trees soon convinced people that it was not a good idea to let him loose in their gardens. If he didn't like somebody he would resort to the same piece of one-upmanship. "Have you been to China", he would ask. And if they said 'no' he would say 'Daft B----'and ignore them. 84 04 25 p17

1984 04 26
A plan by Lord Fairhaven for a large country house to be built onto the historic Kirtling Towers will need permission from the Department of the Environment before it can go ahead. It involves demolishing the existing Victorian wing and replacing it with a six-bedroom house. But the wing is a grade-two building and the Towers a grade one, councillors were told. 84 04 26

1984 04 27
Houghton Mill, which has lain idle for 50 years, is to get a new lease of life. The National Trust will restore the milling machinery in the 400-year building, using electric power to enable the huge stones to grind flour. Other restoration plans will convert part of the listed building into four self-catering holiday flats. One thing that won't be returning is the water mill. The cost of moving the water sluice built for flood control is prohibitive. 84 04 27 p23

Council prefabs in The Broadway, Oakington were in a 'diabolical' state; they would need substantial repairs and had been a target for vandals. They should be demolished with the site redeveloped and the road renamed, some councillors felt. They decided include temporary housing – provided for the homeless and bad tenants – in their normal repairs policy though some were concerned that the homes would be improved to the point when they were no longer a deterrent 84 04 27 p9

The No.1 First Eastern General Hospital was formed from local people just before war was declared in 1939. The commanding officer was a Cambridge doctor who became Col C.H. Budd, the matron was Miss A.M. Woolerton. Their headquarters was a large house on Parkside, the parade ground was Parkers Piece and their first posting was Kimbolton Castle. 84 04 27 p25

1984 04 30
The city councils new 'Enterprise Plots' were opened in Cheddars Lane. Each is ringed with a seven-foot high fence and provides essential services for people needing low cost open storage or land for cheap light-weight buildings like garden sheds. They are intended for small businesses which have not been welcomed in residential areas. One new tenant is setting up a solo car-repair business. 84 04 30 p5

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1984 05 01
The annual summer influx of foreign students into Cambridge is only just beginning. More than 15,000 came in 1981, outnumbering University students by almost 3,000. They had an estimated expenditure of £13 million and families offering lodgings benefited most from student revenue. But there were problems of overcrowding of public amenities and traffic congestion. Foreign students think England is a pit socially. The young people have nothing to do in the evenings. Many are too shy to go into pubs or strike up conversations with strangers. International clubs leave much to be desired: people sat round making boring conversations about the weather. 84 05 01 p13

Drummer Street island, p7

1984 05 02
A sad hulk of a building stands empty and overgrown on the edge of Litlington. A few faded pictures on the wall provide the reminder that this used to be the village school. With the windows and doors broken the wind whistles through. Since it closed in 1981 the children have been bussed to Steeple Morden. The closure has left an open wound in the village and the whole story is a sorry saga of bureaucratic bungling. It began in 1950 when the school moved from its old home in the centre of the village to 'temporary' accommodation in former war-time Air Force huts while the old building was repaired. For reasons nobody really knows they never moved back. 84 05 02 p16

University poll, p9

1984 05 03
Haverhill roads, p13
War memorial, p18

1984 05 04
Shotgrave Hall near Saffron Walden, which burned down in the 1960s, once rivalled the splendour of nearby Audley End House. Planners had reluctantly given permission to demolish the remaining ruins on condition that it be replaced by a mansion of imposing appearance. But now a mock-Georgian house may be built. 84 05 04 p15

Swim through Cambridge, p34

1984 05 05
Burwell North Street, p14

1984 05 08
Hooligans turned on gas rings and lit tea towels in an attempt to blow up St Mary's Primary School at Royston. But the lethal mixture failed to explode and head teacher Sister Veronica discovered the damage on the way back from church. She found broken windows, smelled the gas and then phoned the police. "It was a wicked thing to do because there could have been such an explosion she said. 84 05 08 p1

1984 05 10
Gerry Cottle's new circus without animals opened its canvas doors on Midsummer Common. Why make animals suffer when you can be as cruel as you please to human beings? You can hurl knives at them, string them up by their hair, jump on them and even force them to run flaming sticks along their arms and chest. Many of the performers are students of the first British Circus School which has brought young people from outside the close-knit circus community and trained them to be professional circus artists in the company of older hands. 84 05 10 p7

The remote Parsonage Farm at Wimbish with its great Elizabethan aisled barn and stockyard has scarcely been touched by the 20th century and oozes character. The moat is the habitat of ducks and is

spanned by an old brick and flint bridge. It really is a time capsule, says the auctioneers. 84 05 10 suppl 2

Fossett circus, p5

1984 05 11
Millie Howes of Houghton will be reliving fond memories when she settles down to watch her television. She worked in the Portholme aircraft factory at Huntingdon during the First World War helping build Camel fighters. A film made in about 1917 is to be shown on the programme showing Millie working in the factory. "When we first started we were given carpentry lessons, then put on fuselages and had to put the struts in and wire them up, I supposed where worked on two planes a day", she remembers. We earned £2 a week, which was good money, but it wasn't very warm and we had no canteen", she says 84 05 11 p13

Netherhall School, p24

1984 05 14
Work on rebuilding the Cambridge Co-op store in Burleigh Street has reached the half-way mark. It will transform the historic building, bringing in new kinds of goods, a hairdressing salon and a coffee shop. For the first time it will have departments for self-assembly furniture and lighting as well as counters for the Burleigh Street post office and the Co-op Bank. A three-storey atrium at the Fitzroy Street end of the building will provide an airy display centre for shoes and furniture. 84 05 14 p5

A Huntingdon family escaped unhurt as their country house was wrecked, Fire struck thee six-bedroomed home in Abbots Ripton Road, Sapley and forty firemen spent ten hours fighting a ferocious blaze. The other recent thatched roof fires were all at pubs, at Covington near Kimbolton and Marholm and Elton near Peterborough. 84 05 14 p1

Fulbourn windmill, p7

1984 05 15
A telephone in one's car must represent one-upmanship. Pye Telecom has just introduced its new radiophone. Electricians are using them, so are plumbers. Not only is it a boon, it is also the most infuriating device ever invented by man. It costs around £2,350 to buy and a further £100 to have it fitted. Then there is a maintenance contract and British Telecom fees of £105 a quarter. For this it is theoretically possible to send and receive ordinary telephone calls to and from your car. In practice they are patchy in the Cambridge area. 84 05 15 p16

Park and ride, p5

1984 05 16
The Queen gave her royal seal of approval to Cambridge's multi-million pound Grafton Centre when she unveiled a plaque to marks its official opening. Cheering crowds queued for hours to glimpse her. A fanfare performed by the 20-piece orchestra from the Manor School greeted the royal party. After the opening the queen spoke to many of the children and shop staff. Earlier hundreds were outside the station for the arrival of her train, pulled by a locomotive named after Mr Jim Nightall, the brave footplateman who saved Soham from disaster by unhitching a blazing bomb-laden train during the war. 84 05 16 p12

The last bus in Cambridge to carry a conductor has been saved from the scrapheap. The Cambridge Bus Preservation Society stepped in to rescue the D registration FLF Lodekka which was the last of its type to be used in Eastern England. Now they need sponsorship to keep the 'Fuff' on the road. It will be returned to tip-top condition and used for carrying private groups on outings. 84 05 16 p11

1984 05 17

Hundreds of people turned out to greet the Queen when she unveiled a plaque at the opening of the multi-million pound Grafton Centre. Earlier she met youngsters at the ITek technology centre and made blind teenager Maria Freeman's day by stopping to chat with her as she typed on a special machine invented by the manager, David Battison. Both Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh planted trees at Emmanuel College to mark its 400th anniversary, though Philip quipped "I'm the kiss of death as far as tree planting is concerned" 84 05 17 p9

1984 05 18
Stansted US flight, p17
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Postal strike, p1
Ely cat to ward off spirits, p12

1984 05 21
A mysterious killer beast has struck again, slaughtering half a dozen chickens at Oakington. Big paw prints found in the chicken run give a fresh boost to claims that a puma is at large in the area. It is the latest in a series of terror attacks on animals: in March a cat was mauled in Histon and rabbits killed when their hutch was ripped open, while at Landbeach a pet duck was carried off by a large animal. 84 05 21 p3

The British Percheron Horse Society held its annual show on Midsummer Common. Visitors saw the heavy horses put through their paces in different classes and there were plenty of other events to keep the family amused. Wisbech breeders A.S. Johnson and Son regained the challenge cup for best stallion in show. 84 05 21 p10

US military hospitals, p10
Locks up supplement

1984 05 22
One of the landmarks of Cambridge's skyline has gone. Cambridge City football club's floodlights were pulled down as demolition men clear the ground in preparation for the construction of a science park. West Ham played at Milton Road to mark the erection of the lights when City entered the Southern League in 1958. Work has also started on pulling down the two stands as the club moves its ground to an area at the far end. 84 05 22 p34

1984 05 23
Two faded photographs in the smart office suite at Ivor Searle's Soham premises keep alive the memory of the founder of the firm and the little wooden-fronted workshop at Wicken where it all began just after the war. After starting an engine servicing business Ivor died in 1956, leaving his wife and two small sons. Their mother managed to keep the firm idling gently until the boys were old enough to take over. Now they have moved to new workshops and are among the top 20 engine reconditioners in East Anglia. 84 05 23 p20

Gamlingay fire, p7
Stamps, p16

1984 05 24
Stetchworth has its own grocery shop in the new village community centre. It has been set up by a group of local women who have clubbed together to buy the stock and are running it as a co-operative. The Ellesmere Centre, which will serve seven small villages, is not due to open until June but the shop had an immediate influx of customers. As well as the usual selection of groceries it also sells home-made cakes and jams with cups of tea and coffee for shoppers. They hope people will use it for their weekly shopping. 84 05 24 p21

Red-clad followers of the Rajneesh cult rubbed shoulders with farm workers and land owners when a packed meeting in the tiny village of Herringswell near Mildenhall, voted in favour of having a parish council. The population has been virtually doubled by an influx of Rajneeshees, criticised for their 'free love' beliefs. Villagers fear that they are so different they cannot represent the views of the village but the director, Mr Anand Poonam assured the meeting they had no plan to dominate the parish council. 84 05 24 p13

1984 05 25
Herringswell council, p13
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1984 04 26
The only food shop in Takeley, near Saffron Walden, could be forced to close after roadworks caused a drop in takings. When new owners took over in 1974 they overhauled and modernised the shop but problems mounted in 1980 when roadworks split the village in two. There had been roadworks each year since then. But the valuation officer said the disruption was not bad enough to justify a reduction in their rates. 84 05 26 p6

1984 05 30
Huntingdon's former county hospital, which closed after the new one in Hinchingbrooke Park opened in 1983, has been put on the market. The main building with its classical style dates from 1854 when it opened following a public subscription. The removal of post-war additions to the front would restore the building to its original well-proportioned splendour, estate agents say. Possible uses include offices, a nursing home or an educational establishment. 84 05 30 p17

D&H into receivership, p1

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1984 06 01
Falling numbers of pupils have forced the Shrubbery School to close its doors to senior pupils. However juniors up to 11 years old will still be able to attend the private school which charges £250 a term. The Shrubbery opened its doors in Hills Road before moving to Barton Road 37 years ago and has been run by Alfred Wainwright and his wife since 1962. 84 06 01 p9

1984 06 02
Young Cambridge tennis starlet, Ginny Humphreys-Davies has become a British champion for a second time. The 12-year-old St Mary's Convent pupil overcame an attack of nerves to win the Prudential hard-court championships in Edinburgh. Cambridge now has two British junior tennis champions following Teresa Catlin's victory in the under-14 age group last year. 84 06 02 p1

1984 06 06
Cambridge Science Park's Napp building has won a top award from the Concrete Society. The futuristic-looking white structure with glass infill has already attracted a great deal of interest and architects, surveyors and local schools have been around the building which was designed by Canadian architect, Arthur Erickson. 84 06 06 p8

1984 06 09

An Elizabethan Manor house with moat, dovecote and a 400-year-old loo seat is on the market at Papworth St Agnes. It is soundly built, has a new roof and the walls are two-foot six inches thick. But heating could be expensive as most ceilings are about ten feet high and the smallest of the reception rooms is nearly 22 feet by 16. In a garderobe of the main bedroom is a thick plank with a hole - it really is a sixteenth-century loo which discharged down a shoot to the outside of the building. The agents invite offers of around £150,000. 84 06 09 p12

1984 06 12
Cambridge Students' Union has finally won official recognition from the University's dons. The move brings to an end a long and sometimes bitter struggle over the union's status which started more than 14 years ago when CSU was formed. But the dons have voted against formal recognition on four separate occasions since then. Now students are hoping the recognition will lead to financial support from the University. 84 06 12 p7

The widow of Soham railway hero Benjamin Gimbert is putting up his medals – including his George Cross – for auction. Mr Gimbert's bravery prevented Soham from being blown sky-high by a blazing ammunition train during the Second World War when he and Jimmy Nightall uncoupled one truck from 50 before it exploded. Sotheby's say the George Cross might fetch £4,500 which Violet needs to buy a flat. 84 06 12 p12

1984 06 13
A move to combine the parishes of Histon and Impington has been rejected by the Environment Secretary. Other moves to move Comberton Village College from Thriplow parish, to move Little Thriplow into Fowlmere and change boundaries between Over/Swavesey have also been turned down. But a small piece of farmland on the Little Abington and Babraham border has been agreed. 84 06 13 p18

1984 06 14
St Neots oast house, one of the town's main landmarks, is to be sold for a substantial sum and converted into a snooker hall. Huntingdon District Council's estates officer had said the council would accept £1 if the building were put to the right use. The listed building is in a poor condition and badly in need of renovation but a Government inspector refused to allow the council to demolish it. Now it means another amenity for the town and is a good use for the old place. 84 06 14 p7

The works of Cambridge novelist, Dr Alice Dwyer-Joyce, are to be preserved in a special archive set up by Boston University, USA. The recognition reflects the popularity of her novels among US readers. For more than 40 years she and her husband were family doctors in Histon and she drew from her experiences to produce more than 30 books. The archive will also contain her manuscripts, correspondence and personal effects. 84 06 14 p16

1984 06 15
For the past five years Tom Doig has been undertaking a massive survey of surnames in the villages of Barkway and Reed between 1500 and 1900. He has just published his first findings – an index of 3,000 names, identifying 20,000 people. But his work ploughing through endless apprenticeship lists, census returns and old newspapers is by no means complete. It is valuable for genealogists but does turn up embarrassing moments when ancestors of living families appear regularly in magistrates' courts records. 84 06 15 p17 – pic 33178438

Dobblers Inn, p5

1984 06 16
The view from the top flats of The Maltings, off Newmarket Road, is splendid. The new building, on the site of the old Star Brewery, overlooks Midsummer Common and the River Cam. But it is costing buyers £68,500 - £6,000 more than others in the development. All of the 50 units have been sold in

eight months. It is one of the better Cambridge housing developments with communal gardens, cycle stand and 'car lodges'. 84 06 16 p12

1984 06 19
Cambridge University's award-winning History Faculty building – which is plagued with defects – may be demolished only 16 years after it opened. Another option is to correct all the structural and heating problems as well as the leaks – but this could cost over £1 million. The building was heralded in a blaze of glory when it won a Royal Institute of British Architects national award for its designer so they do not want to demolish it. 84 06 19 p6

1984 06 21
Flash floods brought chaos as heavy rain turned roads into rivers and swamped houses. In Fenstanton parents battled through the night to bail out the village school and in Kedington a centuries-old barn was swept into the river. Flooding was severe in Whitton Close, Swavesey where the evening's events were described as 'pandemonium'. 84 06 21 p1

A Victorian atmosphere will be the theme for the Dobblers Inn, Sturton Street, the former City Arms. Older residents can just remember a colourful and eccentric character called Dobbler, who kept a large yard renowned for the unusual items which could be obtained there. Now a whole range of bric-a-brac from stone jars to old prints and plants will enhance the period flavour. 8i4 06 21 p18 # c.27.4

St Mary's Convent School is to drop the word convent but it will not become any less Catholic in character. The nuns of the order of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which founded the school, will now draw salaries but the money will go to the convent on the same site. Sister Christina, the school's present headmistress, will remain in post at the 600-pupil school, which has always welcomed girls from other Christian denominations. 84 06 21 p20

The 15th-century Snowre Hall at Hilgay, in which Charles I held a council of war, is up for sale for £190,000. It has some Jacobean and 18th-century additions and is reputed to be one of the oldest brick houses in the country. Its wealth of architectural features include gargoyles, oriel windows and brick architraves and is enhanced by sweeping lawns and 13 acres of grounds. 84 06 21 supp

1984 06 22
Depden church, near Haverhill, part of which dates from Norman times, has been badly damaged by fire. The central portion of the building is gutted, the nave roof completely gone. Fortunately the sanctuary is still intact and the altar not damaged. It may have been started by a bolt of lightning hitting the roof of the isolated building. Rebuilding work may take a year but they hope to hold services in the undamaged part of the building during the summer. 84 06 22 p10, 84 06 23 p7 84 06 25 p7

1984 06 23
The image of brass bands has changed: no longer do they consist of a couple of dozen old gentlemen and two lads blowing away at favourite marches for an hour on Sunday mornings. Now they are for younger people. Epitomising this trend is Waterbeach Brass Band; of their 33 players more than half are under 35 and most of their soloists are youngsters. It was formed six years ago when members of the Few and Neville families who played with the Haddenham band decided to form their own. Now the bandmaster is John Few, his wife is a percussionist and his four children also play. 84 06 23 p9

Charles Unwin, son of the founder of Unwin's seeds of Histon still goes to work every day – 73 years after he started. "Mr Charles" is 89, as bright as a button and an acknowledged international authority on sweet peas. His role is now more of a consultant but in his years as boss he saw the number of staff increase from three to around 140. He has won hundreds of awards which hang in the canteen but has some vices – he smokes a pipe. 84 06 23 p25

1984 06 26

Horningsea village sign was unveiled by Radio Cambridgeshire's Ian Masters. It was designed and painted by local resident, Peter Halford and made by a class of boys from Bottisham Village College. A time capsule containing information and items from the village has been built into it. 84 06 26 p13

1984 06 27
Swavesey residents celebrated the centenary of the Greenwich Meridian, which passes through the village. The market square had a festive atmosphere as they sipped Meridian Cocktails, the concoction of the landlord of the White Horse, Cyril Leaver. The sub-postmaster, Jim Milne, reported roaring sales of a special Swavesey cover of the commemorative stamps which went on sale for the first time. Seven-year-old Philip Harding made a telephone call to Ouagadougou, the capital of Upper Volta in Africa which also has the Meridian line running through it. 84 06 27 p12

1984 06 29
Members of Cambridge Animal Aid are aiming to establish night-time patrols in an attempt to neuter all stray cats in the city to help combat the spread of diseases and infections. It is part of an 'Animals Charter' which would impose tighter rules on keeping pets in schools and the use of dissection in classrooms. 84 06 29 p26

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1984 07 02
Children at Hoker's Pre-Preparatory School in Comberton are being given an early introduction to the computer age. They are being taught the whole range of computer skills from the age of four to help them deal with the demands of the next century. Ann Hoker, the principal says "Small children are not inhibited on a computer – they are going to be the first adults of the 21st century and computers will be to them what ballpoints are to us". 84 07 02

1984 07 03
Cattell's mill in Willingham closed down in 1967 and although the machinery is in tip-top condition, the same cannot be said of the wooden exterior. Now 79-year-old former millwright, Ray Cattell plans to restore it with the help of Graham Wilson from Over. His father ran the flour milling business until the First World War, when he switched to milling grain for livestock. The mill needs four new sails – one was destroyed after lightning struck it five years ago. 84 07 03

1984 07 05
Swaffham Prior School has come up with a novel way of keeping its kitchens open. They hope to start a weekly lunch club with pensioners taking their meal alongside the children. There are a lot of pensioners who live on their own and don't see anyone from one day to a next – perhaps they could become adopted grannies, said school secretary, Barbara Marshall. 84 07 05

1984 07 06
Computerised control of traffic in Cambridge by means of traffic lights has been in operation along two major routes since March. Chaos has not ensued and the county council's traffic management scheme claims it has knocked several minutes off journey times in peak periods. 'Scoot' operates in Hills Road and Queen's Road by marshalling traffic into 'platoons' of vehicles and then pilots them through as many sets of lights as possible. 84 07 06

1984 07 07
"No one is buying hand-made harpsichords today", says Trevor Beckerleg, the Cambridge harpsichord maker, so he is selling his Gwydir Street home. The house has many odd features, not least the downstairs walls and ceilings which are smothered with graffiti in green ink: it is his notebook, representing his thoughts over the past couple of years. It contains his last two instruments including the world's only submarine pintable harpsichord with a keyboard at either end. 84 07 07

Mike Petty artice on Bowd

1984 07 10
A fleet of ambulances was called to evacuate 104 patients from Old Addenbrooke's Hospital after a water main burst in a ground floor room. The 240-year-old building, which is due to close in three months, has Victorian plumbing and no means could be found to deal with the burst without turning off the complete water supply. But water engineers managed to repair it. 84 07 10

1984 07 11
Anglian Water is to replace an old-fashioned pumping station at Soham Lode and hopes to give away the 44-year-old engine to a preservation trust. It was built by Ruston and Hornsby of Lincoln and has to be hand-started and hand-lubricated when running. Diesel fuel is delivered by barge because access is difficult and spares are hard to get hold of. 84 07 11

Haddenham has started twinning links with a remote community in Somalia. Instead of getting involved in the usual round of civic pomp the villagers are being more practical and raising money to help improve conditions for starving people in the community of Fiqi Fuliye. Virtually every club is involved in the project organised by Dr Margaret Spufford after she and her husband started giving talks on Third World problems. 84 07 11

1984 07 12
More than 20 members of the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra have been fired following a decision to make it eligible for funding from the Arts Council which insists that all musicians should be wholly professional. But some see it as unfair: they have all helped establish the orchestra and although they did not earn the majority of their earnings from live performances, they all played to a professional standard. 84 07 12

1984 07 13
The Rock in Cherryhinton Road has been shaken to its foundations and put back together as a bright inviting pub offering real ale, good food and music. The bars have been reconstructed and the snug has made way for spacious through bars with split level floors and a swirling glass faceted container which sends rainbow beams over customers. Saturday night sing-alongs to suit all age groups will return and modern jazz may be featured. The new kitchens will offer dishes like chilli con carne and spare ribs. 84 07 13

1984 07 17
Histon parish councillors discussed complaints of ‘arrogant, noisy’ Italian language school students in the village. But one reminded his colleagues about the behaviour of English football fans abroad. The Language School said they had organised events for their students but these had been thwarted by local lads on BMX bikes who snatched their tennis balls and frightened the young girls. They agreed the number of students in the village was too big but defended their exuberance as their national characteristic. 84 07 17

Blidworth and Rainworth are two small Nottinghamshire mining communities locked in a bitter struggle for survival as the miners’ strike enters its 18th week. But in Cambridge the Trades Council has set up a Support Group and residents have raised nearly £4,000 for the families opposed to pit closure and the inevitable loss of jobs. On Saturday three local women arrived in the villages bearing gifts and hope. They are seeking homes in Cambridge which would be willing to take in a miner’s family for a while to give them a holiday. 84 07 17 p13

1987 07 18
The Leys School is admitting girls to its sixth form for the first time this autumn. Amongst the first will be Julia Fairey from Linton and Helen Sherwood who is head girl at Soham Village College. Not all the boys are enthusiastic about their arrival and others are jealous of the shiny newness of their accommodation in a special boarding house with attractive study bedrooms. The girls will live in a

semi-protected environment without the freedom of a sixth form college but in a more liberal atmosphere than the usual girls' boarding school. They will not be allowed out on weekday evenings without special permission. 84 07 18

1984 07 19
A coachload of miners and their wives arrived from the Nottinghamshire villages of Blidworth and Rainsworth to say thank-you to the people of Cambridge. The villages, caught in the middle of the miners' strike have been 'adopted' by the city's Miners Support Group who have raised thousands of pounds. The group of 50 people were joined on the rally from Parkers Piece to Christ's Pieces by about 350 local residents who marched to show support for the strike. 84 07 19 p9

1984 07 20
Kenning Tyre Services offer a new drive-in exhaust-fitting facility at its new premises opposite the Beehive supermarket in Coldham's Lane. The complex of new offices and renovated buildings is on the site of the former Goodyear Tyre depot where their Car Hire business 50 vehicles from a Ford Fiesta to a Jaguar 4.2 automatic. 84 07 20

Grantchester school, p32

1984 07 21
Top-selling author Jeffrey Archer opened Royston's new Platignum factory which already makes almost a million pens a week. More than 200 people are employed at the new plant which moved from Stevenage to the Orchard Road industrial estate. The factory is just in Cambridgeshire and that was one of its major attractions: it means a lower rate bill. 84 07 21 p1

1984 07 23
Cambridge MP Robert Rhodes James has asked the Government to intervene in the miners' strike which he describes as unreasonable, undemocratic and un-British. "What we have seen has been a systematic and cynical disruption of the coal industry, accompanied by violence, intimidation and cruelty. In the interests of all – and especially those miners bullied out of their livelihood – Scargill must not succeed", he told the Conservative Association. 84 07 23 p7

1984 07 25
Cambridge's office space is going fast. Mount Pleasant House on Castle Hill is now fully let as is the former Heffers printing works in Hills Road whose Betjeman House is used by two computer software firms, Acornsoft and Logica. Citibank has taken the first floor of Hunting Gate's Carlyle House while Standard Life's development on the corner of Glisson Road was let prior to the completion of the building. 84 07 25

1984 07 26
Home buyers should be given more information about the property they are about to purchase. The Anglia Building Society has called for the introduction of a 'log book' system with information on the construction of the house, any renovation or improvement work as well as advice on its use and maintenance. First-time buyers are making their biggest financial decisions on the basis of less evidence than they would get when buying a washing machine. All consumer purchases come with full operating instructions, technical details and performance figures – except houses, they say.

County Councillors were stunned to learn that luncheons and tea parties were held for businessmen at the ratepayers' expense as part of the council's welfare fund-raising efforts. Professional fund-raisers had spent £6,500 from the rates to raise just £225 for a scheme to provide facilities for a wide number of charitable, welfare and voluntary organisations. 84 07 26

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Mildenhall plans, p11

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Woburn treasure, p1
Gayness Hall, p12

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1984 08 01
Acorn Computers has been presented with the Queen's Award for Technological Achievement for the innovating design of the BBC Microcomputer system. It was presented to Chris Curry, joint managing director at their offices in Fulbourn Road. He praised the company's research team who have produced a computer of such elegance of design that three years after its introduction it still knocks spots off the competition. The ceremony comes three weeks after Acorn won a four-year renewal of its important BBC contract. 84 08 01 p3

1984 08 02
Government changes on the rules as to how much local councils can spend of the cash raised through the sale of council houses will hit South Cambs RDC. It faces cutting projects worth more than £3million. Similar cutbacks could be made in Huntingdon where the construction of a car park in Prince's Street and pedestrian plans for the town centre could be under threat. But East Cambs could escape unscathed. 84 08 02 p10

1984 08 03
Prof Neville Willmer. Cambridge's Emeritus Professor of Histology, is a dab hand at sketching. The 81-year-old Fellow of Clare moved to Grantchester 15 years ago and his sketches of old buildings have been turned into postcards while his illustrations for 'The Old Vicarage' by Rupert Brooke have helped it sell numerous copies. 84 08 03 p26

1984 08 04
South Cambridgeshire District Council is to ignore the Government's latest pleas for spending cuts. The demands have infuriated the usually obedient council, which in recent years has been a model housekeeper, keeping strictly within the Government's ever-tightening spending limits. But now they are to press ahead with priority schemes before the moratorium is enforced. 84 08 04 p1

Edward Frost, p14

1984 08 07
Cambridge sub-postmasters have decided not to oppose the closure of three of the city's 26 post offices. Their salaries have dropped substantially during the past year because of changes in Post Office administration and they feel the business must be spread around the remaining offices to make them viable. The sub-post offices at Arbury Road, Gwydir Street and Richmond Road are due to close by the end of the year. 84 08 07 p7

1984 08 08
A Cambridge designer will be the first bride ever to marry in the 800-year-old Leper Chapel at Barnwell Bridge. Sarah Thornhill has always set her heart on marrying at the church next to her family home and applied for a special licence from the Archbishop of Canterbury. Now she is busy cleaning the floor, laying a red carpet and moving the altar back to make more room for the congregation. 84 08 07

Cambridge Albion Angling Club has decided not to allow eels to be weighed in for their club and open matches. This is the first move of its kind in the area and follows two months of angling when ells have played a major part in the all matches. It follows complaints that an angler could work hard

for a net of small fish only to be beaten by three or four eels which do not take such skill to catch. 84 08 08 p23

1984 08 10
Cherry Hinton could get its long-awaited bypass if the controversial 86-acre housing development goes ahead on the outskirts of Cambridge. The new road would run from Airport Way to meet Fulbourn Road near the hospital. Originally a bypass was planned to run from Quy interchange to the foot of the Gogs Hill to link up with the A604 but the route ran into objections from conservationists and was dropped as an economy measure. 84 08 10 p13

1984 08 11
Ted Appleyard of Ely is the seventh generation of watermen, the first three were bargees, the others boatbuilders. He can recall the huge horse and cart ferries which crossed the Ouse and Cam. They were great platforms with an apron at each end which was let down to allow the horse and cart to get back on to land and then hoisted up again. They were essential as there were no bridges for miles. The largest was at Southery and was 40ft by 14ft. 84 08 11 p9

A hotch-potch of buildings, some falling down, all built of a mixture of brick, flint, weatherboard and stone at Home Farm, High Ditch Road, Fen Ditton are taking on a new lease of life. Out of them are being created a complex of five dwellings, each costing more than £75,000. Tithe Developments have tried hard to preserve the feel of the farm buildings which are only a few feet away from the calving unit, housing a dozen of the farm's most likeable animals. 84 08 11 p14

1984 08 14
Chivers, famous for its livestock breeding, has put its dairy cows under the hammer and marked the end of an era. The sale was prompted by the Common Market decision to reduce farmers' milk quotas. Mr John Chivers said the decision to sell off the cattle was a difficult one but they had to make the most of every acre and it was more profitable to grow corn. It was the saddest day of his life for head cowman, Mick Pledger when the farm's entire pedigree Jersey herd – established in 1931 – were sold. 84 08 14 p10

1984 08 15
Visit many villages mid-morning and a still silence hangs over an empty street. But Sawston is lively, selling everything from computers to floral arrangements. Within the last few months new businesses have included an expanding DIY retailer next to the Chinese takeaway, and an opticians. There are two bakers, three greengrocers, a beauty specialist and an old-established store selling every from fishing tackle to baby ware. There are also eight pubs – once there were 13 one of which now houses a travel agency. 84 08 15

1984 08 17
Chris Dennis, one of the founder-members of Pink Floyd – Cambridge's main claim to pop fame – has opened a studio in Chatteris to cater for young and not very rich bands. Chris, who was in the original line-up before they started making records and becoming famous, runs Metronome Music which is designed for local bands who want to record demo tapes professionally. He supplies all the equipment required, helps with the production and charges £3 an hour. 84 08 17 p9

1984 08 18
Tudor's circus, p14

1984 08 20
Back in the 1920s Sidney Banks started his business career rearing pigs. But an opportunity to make a profit on the resale of some feed barley prompted the thought that grain trading might be more profitable. As a farmer's son he established contact with the farming community between Arrington and Wrestlingworth. They have just celebrated their 10th year as a public limited company employing more than 220 people at their site in St Neots Road, Sandy. 84 08 20 supp p12

Grain stores supplement

1984 08 23
Pubs, p16

1984 08 24
Pampisford, which has been chosen as the best-kept village in South Cambridgeshire was bottom in the contest only two years ago. Now the 400 residents keep their village spick and span. There are lovely little thatched cottages with colourful front gardens and the churchyard has been tidied up. But the overall winner is Kimbolton where Jim Mumford looks after the war memorial with a flowering sequence to ensure a show throughout the summer months. 84 08 24

1984 08 25
Traffic experts say there is now no way in which traffic flow down Mill Road can be reduced but they can reduce accidents by switching their sights to the side roads. The new plans would inconvenience residents and local workers by banning cars from certain streets and putting in 'sleeping policemen' in Vinery Road. With a number of turning bans into Mill Road, traffic along Tenison Road will be increased dramatically but new traffic lights will improve the flow. 84 08 25 p1

The Backs, p8

1984 08 28
Furious shopkeepers in Chesterton Road are banding together to fight plans to turn a derelict house into a hostel for the homeless. They claim it will be a home for drunks who will make life unbearable for people living in the area. The sub-postmaster says drug addicts and drunks are already a problem – on Thursday afternoons half the customers are drunk when they come in for their Giros. But the King Street Housing Association says it will be a refuge for the homeless with full supervision and not a place for alcoholics. 84 08 28 p5

More than 2,500 campaigners joined the peace camp at the proposed missile base at Molesworth. The travelling roadshow of peace campaigners and environmentalists – collectively known as The Greens – has become firmly established at the base. Diggers were brought in to construct toilets, standpipes were erected for water supplies and milk deliveries were arranged. A squad of workers were also erecting a peace chapel near the entrance to the base. 84 08 28 p10

City Limits fire, p1

1984 08 29
The Cambridge audience who expected to the astonished and delighted by Danny La Rue ended up by astonishing and delighting the sequin-spangled star themselves. "Something strange happened", he said. "The Arts Theatre is the hottest I've ever played in and when I'm dressed as Dolly Parton … well the sweat just pours off me. But I noticed that most of the audience had brought little fans. I looked out and there they were, just fluttering away. When I came back for the second half I said 'Will you all wave your fans at me – and they did". 84 08 29 p15

College bomb, p1
Vandals hit church, p7

1984 08 30
Experts say Cambridge has as many as 350 drug addicts, a bigger proportion than in London and five times the official number. But it has fewer facilities and no proper advice centre for anyone to turn to. Last year there was a 44 per cent increase in arrests for dealing and 577 for drugs offences generally. In addition there is the massive and hidden drugs world serviced quite legally by family doctors who

supply prescriptions for tranquilisers and sleeping pills to a quarter of a million patients, mainly housewives and pressurised businessmen. 84 08 30

1984 08 31
Cambridge, considered one of the most beautiful cities in England, gets a hammering in 'Holiday Which'. It is criticised for poor restaurants, exasperating parking difficulties and shortage of good accommodation. There are several tea shops but those which aren't sleazy or overpriced tend to get hopelessly overcrowded at peak times. It is a relaxed place to visit and punting is the best way to see the scenery but take away the colleges and there is nothing left, it says. 84 08 31

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1984 09 01
Ely Three Blackbirds, p12

1984 09 03
Twenty-eight Cambridgeshire schools use corporal punishment. At Burwell Village College the cane is used by the warden on very rare occasions, at Cottenham only in extreme cases such as continual bullying and Manor School carry out caning in rare and severe cases. Netherhall School says it is rarely and reluctantly resorted to by the headmaster or his deputies and St Bede's school has a similar policy 83 09 03

Nearly 30 years of digging, planting and cultivating have produced one of the finest council house gardens in South Cambridgeshire for retired boilerman Robert Harrowing. His garden in Queens Close, Harston, has been his pride and joy since he moved there in 1956. He produces dozens of varieties if flowers, fruit and vegetable which so impressed the judges they voted his plot "best-kept small garden" this year. 84 09 03

1984 09 05
The tiny village of Great Staughton near St Neots beat more than 100 others from five counties for a place in the regional sports final. There is barely a person in the village, with its electorate of 680, who is not involved with the inter-village sports in one way or another. From the local milkman who chipped in £10 towards expenses to the competitor nearing retirement – all are determined it will have the chance of winning. "But it is also good fun and everyone enjoys it" said parish councillor Bob Jewell, one of the organisers. 84 09 05

Cambridge City Football Club's expanding Thursday market moved to its new base in Cowley Road. Started as part of the club's solvency drive it has developed to become a popular city attraction that has survived the sale of its old site – part of the club's ground in Milton Road. The 70 market traders are hoping to take their regular big crowd to the new site. There will be special buses run by the club from various points in the city. Since it began three years the quality of merchandise has steadily improved. 84 09 05

Jobs loss, p1

1984 09 06
A blaze swept through the ABC cinema in St Andrew's Street, gutting the central part of the 730-seat auditorium. The recently-renewed screen melted with the heat and the rest was damaged. The Polyurethane seat and floor coverings caused a lot of smoke which penetrated the upstairs ABC2 cinema. It is believed to have been started by a cigarette end left smouldering by a cinema-goer. Last year the Victoria cinema was damaged by an arson attack. 84 09 06

1984 09 07

The County Council chairman condemned councillors for their 'pathetic attempts' to sort out the Cambridge traffic problem. "There is no doubt whatever that what we do in Cambridge is pathetic compared to what is done elsewhere. We really do not know what we are doing in this city", he said, adding that the county must keep up pressure on the city council to provide more parking facilities in Cambridge. 84 09 07

"The colonel" was one of Cambridge's best-known characters in the 50s and 60s, John Ingersol Turpin was the oldest of the brothers who ran a timber yard in Mill Road. It started in 1929 selling timber from Sweden, Russia and Canada but supplies stopped in 1939 so he started attending household sales. He became as well-known for his second-hand goods shop as his timber-selling; people often spoke of the wonderful bargains they bought for a few shillings, his daughter Margaret Lusher recalled 84 09 07 # c.23

Fires, p26

1984 09 10
Controversial Cambridge theologian, the Rev Don Cupitt, sparked off a major row with his statement 'There is no God'. Speaking on the TV programme 'The Sea of Faith' the Dean of Emmanuel said categorically there was no God, no life after death and that people were turning away from prayer to meditation. This has drawn fire from churchmen, one of whom described Mr Cupitt as a 'fallen angel'. Others say he is a man of great integrity and great scholarship. 84 09 10

A big publicity campaign has been launched to get Essex children to use their school cafeterias. At Stansted Mountfichet secondary school several hundred children pick up their 70p meals. Every day 50lbs of chips are served as well as countless beef burgers, beans and beverages. But 15-year-old Mark Boulter says 'They're not very nice – sometimes the meals are cold" and Vivian Holden says that there is no choice at all if you get in late. Bryony McIntyre says the dinners are 'horrible' and prefers her sandwiches. 84 09 10

1984 09 12
There is not much of John Mellanby yet you could never lose him in a crowd. With his black stockings, knee breeches and a leather bag slung round his neck he is the most senior of Cambridge's tourist guides. He enjoys scandal: the Guildhall had gas lighting installed in 1830 and the Mayor at that time was a dealer in fisher with a shop on the other side of the street. In 1930 they discovered the fish shop had been getting gas free for 100 years by a special pipe laid from the Guildhall, he tells visitors. 84 09 12

Campaigners have lost their battle to save two Cambridge post offices in Arbury Road and Gywidr Street. They will close within a few months, but the threatened Richmond Road sub post office will remain open in view of the weight of public opinion. Coun Andrew Duff, one of the Liberal members fighting to keep the Richmond Road office going says he is delighted at the change of heart 84 09 12 # c.27.7

1984 09 14
Grantchester school sale, p13

1984 09 17
A fund-raising auction at Lolworth which has raised £2,300 will go down in village history as the biggest money-spinning event ever. It was held to boost funds for the church tower repair fund. Now after years of anxiety the tower has emerged from its scaffolding and again becomes a beacon for passing drivers. The church does not inspire worshippers with soaring arches and glittering glass. But it is a loved and lovely jumble and parishioners have laboured long hours with buckets and barrows, concrete and crowbars to save its dilapidated fabric. 84 09 10

1984 09 19
The Freestone bakery and grocery store founded 90 years ago has closed, the victim of progress and superstores. They are selling of the equipment which has provided bread for three generations of Great Shelford villagers. In one room a Victorian pine trough in which the founder, George Freestone, mixed his dough nestles next to an electric mixer bought in 1942. The original brick oven now houses its electric counterpart besides its predecessor, an oil-fired over that went out of use decades ago. At one time they delivered two to three loaves of bread a day to village homes, now it's just one small one. They can't compete with Sainsbury's and Tesco's. 84 09 19

A loyal staff and hard-working builders have enabled Wrights of Haddenham to get baking again, just seven weeks after a fire swept through their High Street premises. The blaze started in the roof which crashed down wreaking devastation. Big supermarket customers, the mainstay of the business, had to find alternative suppliers while the firm brought bread and cakes to stock their retail shops at Haddenham and Cottenham. Now the ovens are baking once more so the University student who has missed his Danish pastry or curry puff from the corner shop can enjoy them once more. 84 09 19

1984 09 20
Months ago a dowdy, dumpy, 67-year old widow sent a snap to the News with a scribbled note challenging us to make her beautiful. Today Phyllis Lambert emerges transformed and looking every inch an aristocrat. Small wonder her workmates at HH Electronics call her the Duchess of Willingham. Some of the world's best fashion advisers, hairdressers and make-up artists have spent weeks working the miracle. The beautification culminated in a celebrity champagne reception at a top London hotel. 84 09 20

1984 09 22
Pembroke Street is to close to start 'absolutely essential' work in a collapsed Victorian sewer and will be a dead road for 13 weeks. The sewers are blocked in at least three places, probably by fallen brick rubble, and television cameras have been lowered into them. The answer is to replace them with new plastic pipe but this would be a long and expensive business and the city council does not have the money. Pembroke College and other people in the area are having to use restricted toilet facilities and Carter's Shoes, Pembroke Gifts, Alf Droy sports and Henry's tea and coffee shop are up in arms. 84 09 22

An American Chevrolet rescue tender is the most recent addition to Cambridge Fire Brigade's fleet. It carries no water and is just used for getting rescue equipment to accident scenes. It is fitted with the latest cutting equipment, lights, generators and decontamination gear and has been specially chosen for its speed with its big 6.2 litre engine. 84 09 22

1984 09 25
Cambridge traffic and parking scheme have come and gone like the tide. Each has aroused opposition, usually vociferous. Sometimes it has been strong enough to stop the thing completely. Constant bickering between the City and County Councils has done nothing to solve the traffic problems which stems from a division of responsibility between the two authorities. Some hope of sorting out the tangles arose with the introduction of the city Traffic Management Team. Now a tough new traffic control system comes into operation. 84 09 25

1984 09 27
A bar 'unique to Cambridge' is the claim made for J. Millars on Newnham Road. It is not a wine bar or a cocktail bar. When the Chinese beer ran out they tracked down an alternative in Brighton. Apart from tsing tsio they have beers from Germany, Czechoslovakia and Holland and claim to offer the widest range of import beers, liquers and spirits outside London. They offer all-day faculties for business conferences and hold wedding receptions. 84 09 27 # c.27.4

1984 09 28

A Cambridge pensioner is hoping for dry days ahead after weeks of rain pouring through her bedroom ceiling. Every downpour has seen the 82-year-old crippled widow setting out basins and old chamber pots to catch the flow through the roof of her house in Eden Street. Landlords Jesus College sent builders round but weeks later the roof was even worse. She is also without a bathroom and the toilet is outside at the bottom of the garden. She hates going out and it is terrible in winter when there is snow around. The college is holding discussions with the city council about modernising such properties. 84 09 28

The first phase of Ely's new road network – designed to take heavy traffic from the centre of the city – has been completed several weeks ahead of schedule. The section between the A142 Witchford Road and the A10 Cambridge Road together with the link road to the station will immediately ease traffic problems along the winding Barton Road – Back Hill area. It will also open up Angel Drove for industrial development. 84 09 28

Girls of Impington Village College are demure school misses by day and dazzling disco princesses by night. The 10 girls make up two teams, Mekanism and Africano, and are heading for Hammersmith Palais for the British National Association of Youth Club's Junior Team Disco championships. They are tutored by physical education and dance teacher Mrs Stephanie Franklin and spend five hours a week perfecting their hip-swivelling, high-kicking routines. 84 09 28

Cambridge's oldest greengrocer's business, Naylors of Mill Road which been trading since January 1900 has closed. It was founded by William Thomas Naylor who moved from his family's farm at Duck End, Guilden Morden. Before long he had opened a second shop, now a delicatessen and a greengrocer's in Norfolk Street. The Mill Road shop had a better clientele in those days. Many of the houses were owned by fairly wealthy families. Now they are let as bed-sitters and most of the custom has been from students. Doctors and maternity hospital staff were good customers but the hospital has now closed. Courgettes, kiwi fruit and aubergines have joined traditional English products in recent years. 84 09 28

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1984 10 01
British Rail has bowed to public opinion and re-introduced famous name, The Fenman, for its 8.43 am train from Cambridge to London. The name was introduced by the LNER in the 1930s for its premier train on the London – Cambridge – King's Lynn line. It lost its headboards over 20 years ago when electrification came and BR feared drivers might be injured taking them on and off. But everyone went on calling it The Fenman.

The Cambridge-based Marshall Group celebrated its 75th birthday as early examples of motorised transport of all kinds were on show at the Motoring Milestones Pageant at the East of England Showground. They included cars from the humblest Austin Chummy to the most magnificent Rolls-Royce, lorries, buses, vans a motor-cycles. There was also a display of the latest vehicles sold by the group. Sir Arthur and Lady Marshall cut an anniversary cake. 84 10 01 p13

Ninety years ago a shrewd and enterprising woman was born, Mrs Catherine Holland. Her first husband died young and she needed to make a living by supplying yeast which was much in demand among the many local bakers. Although vital it was only used in minute amounts so Mr Holland was able to cycle around making his deliveries. The yeast was supplied in huge sacks and the secret was to keep it fresh by selling it in small amounts at regular intervals. For a long time the business was continued in the family home in Sedgwick Street but during the First World War they got the sole agency for a major brand and moved to Mill Road. After that the business prospered. 84 10 01 p15

Haslingfield sign, p5

1984 10 02
Cambridge is a city of fear because many police officers are being sent to the Midlands on miners' picket duties. At times there has been only one constable on patrol duty over the whole southern half of the city. Petty crime and vandalism is rising, councillors claim. Meanwhile Mrs Thatcher's arch critic Francis Pym made a bitter attack on the Government's handling of the strike at a News Literary Lunch. 84 10 02 p1

1984 10 03
Darwin Instruments, the Cambridge educational supply company which two years ago won a £37 million Mexican export order, has opened its new headquarters. It has completely refurbished the Old Paper Mills on the corner of Newmarket Road and Ditton Walk which two years ago was completely derelict. 84 10 03 p13

1984 10 04
Pym's salvo, p1

1984 10 05
Cambridge Place snooker, p26

1984 10 06
A postmistress is fighting for her life after being gunned down in a pool of blood on the floor of her tiny Thriplow shop whilst counting the day's takings. The violent robbery has left residents stunned and many are locking their doors and windows before they go to bed. The usual friendly, personal mood of the village is reflected on the village green where fresh vegetables and flowers are placed for sale and you pay through an honesty box. 84 10 06 p1, 84 10 08 p1, 84 10 09 p1, 15, 84 10 24 p16

Fortrey Hall, p9

1984 10 08
Pigott's, the Cambridge hardware chain has closed its central branch in Sussex Street. They have been in the street since the 1930s and always did a good trade but had increasingly severe problems with parking and with wholesalers getting to the shop. Then a rent review was the final thing, the manager said. 84 10 08 p7

1984 10 10
Old Addenbrooke's Hospital has provided care and cure for ordinary people for more than 220 years. This month it is to close and when the last patients vacate the gynaecology, plastic surgery and ear, noses and throat wards it will be sold. 84 10 10 p26

1984 10 11
Miner's leader Arthur Scargill has followed in the unlikely footsteps of Kaiser Bill in having his effigy strung up at Caxton Gibbet. The gibbet was last used for a real hanging in 1750 for a mail-coach robber from Royston but in 1919 someone used it to string up 'the Mad Dog of Europe'. Now they are in use again with an effigy of Mr Scargill which appeared overnight bearing the words 'Scargill, Scum of the Earth. No one has claimed responsibility and Caxton villagers are staying silent. 84 10 11 p5

1984 10 16
Nobel prizewinners, p12
Willow Wholesale, p14

1984 10 17

Kimberley Road, a quiet residential side street in the Chesterton area, may soon be renamed Nelson Mandela Avenue to commemorate the South African anti-apartheid freedom fighter. Residents are to be asked their views and if there is a hostile reaction councillors may turn their attention to Natal Road instead. It had been suggested that Mr Mandela be granted the Freedom of Cambridge but this is not possible under the council's laws. 84 10 17 p1

Fire ripped through Foxton Hall after a massive explosion. Eye-witnessed reported seeing a ball of flame, believed to have been caused by an acetylene gas cylinder exploding. The Hall, which is more than 100 years old, was empty but being worked on as developers want to turn it into a hotel-cum-country club. Reports that children had been playing in a workman's hut where the fire started are being explored by police. 84 10 17 p6

RAF Mildenhall had been officially open for just four days when, 50 years ago, it was used as the starting-point for an air race from England to Australia. It had no windsock, over-enthusiastic spectators damaged the aircraft and there was no accommodation for competitors or ground-crew, which led to pilots sleeping in the draughty hangars. Now two light aircraft will take off to retrace the flight path of the competitors. 84 10 17 p18

1984 10 19
Ken Wallis, the aviator who invented James Bond's "Little Nellie", has notched up two world records at RAY Wyton. Following a measured course along the 16ft drain at Chatteris he attained a speed of 117.8 mph – beating the previous record held by an American by almost 10 mph. He now holds 15 of the 16 world records associated with an autogyro. The Wallis family are no strangers to Cambridge. In 1910 his father took their Wallbro monoplane to a field near Fulbourn for a maiden flight. But after a couple of hops and a bump they called it a day. Now Ken hopes to arrange a commemoration to mark his father's efforts. 84 10 19 p18

Histon Science Park plans, p1

1984 10 20
A new scheme to revolutionise Royston's rubbish collection has run into opposition. Thousands of homes have been given new bins on wheels but people object to having to push them through their houses, over carpets and up and down steps as well as moving the furniture out of the way. The environmental health director says he appreciates the difficulties and will provide people with sacks. 84 10 20 p5

1984 10 23
The former Hunter's Fen at Cottenham has reopened as a free house. It now serves real ale as well as food, with a restaurant specialising in pheasant and jugged hare and Barnsley chops. It was originally built as The Jolly Waterman around 100 years ago had had been a restaurant for 14 years. Now it is a traditional English style pub with dark beams and open fireplaces. 84 10 23 p16

1984 10 24
Thousands of people living in the Mill Road area are being asked for their views on the new proposals for controlling traffic and reducing accidents in Romsey. Past attempts to reduce the high accident rate have failed and the controversial traffic lights at the railway bridge were scrapped after widespread protests and gigantic traffic delays. The new proposals involve road closures and traffic lights at the junction with Tenison Road together with parking restrictions. 84 10 24 p9

Rapide aircraft, p22

1984 10 25
Sheikh Mohammed Al Maktoum, a member of the ruling Royal family of Dubai, has bought the Rutland stud, 300 acres of farmland, 10 houses and the local playing fields in the tiny village of Saxon Street. He also owns Dalham Hall stud where he is having a large residence built so is unlikely to live

in the "squire's" house. But he will be entitled to hold the unofficial title by which Mr Edgar Cooper-Bland was known locally. However he is would like it known that the occupants of the 10 houses he has acquired can remain there undisturbed. 84 10 25 p1

Oxford & Cambridge club, p16

1984 10 26
The symbol of Cambridge City Football Club's rebuilding programme has risen from the ground at Milton Road. The new pitch is down, the lights are up but there won't be soccer action there until the turn of the year. Then there will be the prospect of real comfort for the 400 or so who will be able to watch from the new stand. In addition to changing and other rooms there will be a social club and café and even a glass-fronted viewing room for directors and guests. 84 10 26 p44

The Fish and Duck pub and marina at Little Thetford failed to reach its reserve price of £150,000 when put up for auction. The complex on a 23 acre site at the confluence of the Great Ouse and Cam was put up for sale by its present owner, Nowinvest Ltd but the top bid fell a little short of what was required. 84 10 26 p 6

Cheero to Reg Holmes, p16

1984 10 27
An old chapel at 75 Tenison Road has been transformed into a modern luxurious home. It had been a public analyst's laboratory, a police base for testing suspected drunken drivers and a language school. Now it is a highly comfortable bachelor pad with a large sunken bath and sauna and is on the market for £75,000. 84 10 27

1984 10 29
Teacher Michael Bowyer always hoped that when he retired all his ex-pupils would come back and fill the school playground. Now Morley Memorial School, where he has taught for 31 years, is trying to contact as many as possible of the 1,100 for a special farewell. Michael did not set out to be a schoolmaster. He loved anything that flies but an illness left his eyesight damaged and he was unable to join the RAF. Now he will concentrate on a book about German wartime raids on East Anglia. 84 10 29 p13

1984 10 31
Gaynes Hall, an 18th-century mansion at West Perry which until recently was a borstal, is to become headquarters of AIM Cambridge, the St Ives high-technology consulting firm. AIM, which was formed as part of the Tek group in 1974, is currently recruiting new staff and hopes to have more than 100 by the end of 1987. They hired a coach to show its St Ives staff the new headquarters and the response was overwhelming. People are very enthusiastic about the move. 84 10 31

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1984 11 01
The former Huntingdon County Hospital could be turned into a 'retirement village'. A Norfolk firm plan to transform the Mill Common site into a complex of 87 one and two-bedroomed flats. The listed Georgian building, which closed to patients a year ago, is to be the nucleus of the new development which will have recreational facilities, a library and a communal laundry. 84 11 01 p7

MILL Road objectors, p5

1984 11 02
Royal stage star Prince Edward put on a command performance for a group of astounded pensioners in Willingham church hall. Then the fun-loving prince turned waiter and served tea to the old folk.

Willingham Community Group had been ready for a top-rate show from Cambridge University Light Entertainment Society but were amazed when Edward, an undergraduate at Jesus College, bounded on stage to give a rousing rendition of 'The Gasman Cometh'. 84 11 02 p1

Own Roe, the St Andrew's Street antiques dealer, is the latest in a line of specialist private shops owners to be driven out of the centre of Cambridge by massive rent rises. His great-grandfather started in business at the corner of Christ's Lane in 1822 but that shop was pulled down to make way for Bradwell's Court in the 1960s. Recently E.J. Pigott (tools) left Sussex Street after nearly 50 years and now the Granta Wool Shop is concerned about a rent review. Model Mania in King Street has also moved. 84 11 02 p8

1984 11 03
Bansall Club 1930s – history – Snelson - 84 11 03

1984 11 07
Cambridge diet, p14
Co-op supplement

1984 11 09
A scheme to provide badly-needed homes for the elderly is nearing completion at Littleport. Axion Housing Association hopes its development in Parson Lane will be finished in February so tenants can move into the 64 purpose-built flats. Each has central heating, fitted kitchen and toilet with electric cooker, fridge and alarm system. Rents will be between £28 and £38 a week. 84 11 09 p21

Cambridge discos are awful: Ronelles is all right for up to 18s but you feel out of it when you're in your 20's. And it's not just the youngsters who are complaining: their mums and grannies have their own gripes. They miss the dance halls from the Rex and Embassy, which enjoyed their heyday during the Rock and Roll boom to, the more sedate Dorothy. The Corn Exchange, formerly home of all kinds of entertainment, closed two years ago and the Kelsey Kerridge Sports hall is not ideal for stage events. So people turn to the nightclubs at Peterborough. 84 11 09 p27

William Sindall, the construction group founded in 1881, has moved from Cherryhnton Road to new premises at Sawston. In 1936 Harold Ridgeon and his brother Frank merged it with their housing activities based in Gloucester Street. They expanded into airfield construction during WWII and went public in 1965. 84 11 09 p34

1984 11 12
Dazzling dancers, Mekanism, from Impington Village College have won the junior championships in the National Association of Youth Clubs disco dance championship. Another pupil, Penny Latin, came second in the disco dance design competition with her flame-patterned circular skirt and bare midriff outfit. The PE teacher, Stephanie Franklin took the school's senior dance teams, Rhythmic Revolution and Terpischorean Rage, to the top of the championship in the last two years. 84 11 12 p1

1984 11 14
Sir - This is the 50th anniversary of a great act of kindness to the dogs of Cambridgeshire by a distinguished foreign visitor. In 1934 HRH Prince Chula of Siam erected a memorial to his dog Tony in the form of a fountain at the correct height so that dogs could slake their thirst in hot weather. It still stands outside the Chesterton branch of Lloyd's Bank but is in a sorry condition. Can it not be cleaned up and maintained? - Paul Garside, Science Park. 84 11 14 p16

1984 11 14
The redevelopment of the huge Co-op site in Burleigh Street has been beset with problems ever since the first report on Cambridge shopping in the fifties. Now it has transformed its flagship store inside and out, demonstrating its faith in the twin shopping centre concept. It says much for the Co-op's

business acumen that it has kept pace with the latest trends, adapting to the needs of the times and retaining a hard core of loyal support from its members. 84 11 14 suppl6

1984 11 15
A medieval barn is to open as a restaurant. The 500-years-old barn at Tower Farm, Little Downham, which was built as kitchens at the Bishop of Ely's summer palace, had been used for storing straw before a blaze ripped through it. Now it has been restored to its original condition with leaded windows and timber beams. It will become a carvery restaurant and used for conferences, wedding receptions and parties. 84 11 15 p7

Community Magazines carry a wealth of local information. The 'Whither Whittlesford', 'Bar Hill News' and 'Voice of Arbury' publications were prize-winners in the Community News Contest. Now representatives will attend the annual dinner of the East Anglian Association of Industrial Editors at Newnham College to receive their awards. The Arbury team will use the money to buy a Polaroid camera to improve the topicality of their illustrations. 84 11 15 p20

1984 11 16
The first of a new series of discos being run by the City Council as part of their 'younger look' entertainments programme is expected to make a splash. It's being held in the Parkside indoor swimming pool. The youngsters will be able to swim in time to the music or dance in their bathing costumes in the restaurant and promenade areas. A Rock and pop music concert is being held in the Guildhall when the star attraction will be the group Dr Feelgood. 84 11 16 p15

Tourist Centre, p25

1984 11 19
The newly opened Larkfield centre for the mentally handicapped in Ely includes classrooms, workshops, art room and activity area together with a special care unit to cater for the needs of the severely handicapped. The outside has been set aside for recreation and horticultural work. It means people will no longer have to make the journey to Cambridge or March for specialist care. 84 11 19 p5

Brass bands, p12

1984 11 20
Cambridge's Hills Road bus depot is to be moved to the outskirts of the city in a multi-million pound swap deal between Cambus and the Stetchworth-based Unex property group. Cambus will exchange its one-acre site for a much larger section of the former D & H Contractor's site in Cowley Road. In return Unex will get control of the bus depot virtually next door to the former Heffer's printing works site which they successfully redeveloped as Botanic House, headquarters of Cambridge Electronic Industries, BBC Radio Cambridgeshire and Betjeman House which was subsequently sold for more than £4 million. 84 11 20 p1

St Andrew the Great, p3

1984 11 22
About 1,000 students protesting at Government proposals on student grants marched from the Senate House to Lady Mitchell Hall where they staged an 18-hour sit-in. Students from CCAT also staged an overnight 'work-in' in their college library. Next day they demonstrated on the steps of Shire Hall where they met Councillors and officials. They are disturbed at proposals that parents should start paying for part of their tuition fees. Nigel Lawson's plans are an attack on the principle of a free education for all who are able to benefit from it, they claim. It was the biggest show of student protest in Cambridge for 10 years. 84 11 22

Cambridge's Savoy Jazzmen, who are celebrating 25 years of rip-roaring music, have announced they are to quit. The group's leader and only remaining original member, Barry Palser, has promised they will get together for special gigs. The Jazzmen have performed throughout Europe and have a single due for release in Germany. They got together to play for their own enjoyment in 1959 but were then invited to play for parties. They have become part of Cambridge music heritage, playing in parades, jazz clubs and Festivals. Barry remembers when Kenny Ball and Acker Bilk called into the Rose pub in Rose Crescent and joined in a couple of sessions. 84 11 22b

South Cambs DC anger over Whitehall cash strictures – 84 11 22a

1984 11 22
Gift to Collection: BBC Radio Cambridgeshire presents tapes of 'Cambridgeshire at War' progammes of WWI memories; photo with veterans 84 11 22 & a # c.45.5

1984 11 23
Bowls, once the pensioners' preserve, is now attracting teenagers. Seventeen-year-old Roger Evans from Royston is their senior three-wood singles champion as well as Chesterton indoor club's under-18 champion. Greg Harlow, 16, from Ely who is a keen rugby, squash and soccer player also rates bowls as his top sport. "There are getting to be as many youngsters as old men in the game now", he observes. David Cornwell, who was barred from Ely's bowls greens and had to play at Littleport when he was 12, is now recognised as one of the country's brightest bowls innovators and has been asked to prepare a scheme for a national under-21 championship. 84 11 23

1984 11 24
Fulbourn garage fire – 84 11 24
Home computers put hi-tech game sales under fire – 84 11 24a

1984 11 26
An eccentric middle-aged bachelor is refusing to budge from his derelict run-down council cottage in Little Wilbraham even though it is deemed unfit for human habitation. There is no bathroom, has only a cold tap and the whole house leaks so much that electricity has become a danger. He lives, sleeps and eats in just one room but does not want to move away, preferring to live in a caravan in the garden. The council had treated him cruelly by taking rent for such a house, he complains. 84 11 26

1984 11 27
Arthur Deeks started work as an errand boy at Ince's tailors in Clare High Street in 1915 at the age of 13 but they soon had him behind the counter, keeping his position when it was bought by the present owner, Geoffrey Peddar. Arthur had one break of four years when he served with the RAF during the war but when he reached 65 retirement did not cross his mind: he was happy, strong and healthy. More than 100 old customers attended a party in his honour at the Bell Hotel. 84 11 27

1984 11 29
PC Bob Reynolds dies – 84 11 29 & a

1984 11 30
The Champion of the Thames pub in King Street has just been completely refurbished with an Edwardian atmosphere featuring reinstated oak panelling matched up with new boarding bars, ceilings and floors. The familiar 'Champion' emblem of a sculler has been superbly etched on the new glass but the Landlord would like to know something more about him so that he can add to a selection of old rowing and sculling prints which now adorn the walls. He thinks the name may have come from either a lodger or resident who was a Thames sculling champion. 84 11 30c

Cambridge could have a new radio station. Churchill College has a custom-built system for piping radio into everyone's rooms from a studio in the basement. Much of the equipment has been soldered together by engineering students, but it works. They run news bulletins and features on discount travel

as well as art reviews and general student gossip. Now students have applied for a community radio licence and hope to transmit their 12 hours of music and chat from Girton to Homerton. 84 11 30a & b

Doorstep milkmen here to stay – 84 11 30

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1984 12 03
The church of St Andrew the Great officially became redundant on St Andrew's Day. Sunday services would have ceased immediately but the Greek Orthodox congregation, who use the church, protested that they couldn't find anywhere else at such short notice. Now diocesan authorities will allow both Greek and Anglican services to continue until January. Under the terms of the closure the parish will merge with neighbouring Holy Trinity. 84 12 03

1984 12 05
KP Professional Sales started in 1968 when its position on King's Parade was ideal for building up business with university departments. But it outgrew its space in the KP Camera Shop, moving to Sussex Street and then Quayside before opening new premises in Clifton Road. It supplies Government departments, the armed forces and a host of professional photographers who need a vital piece of equipment at the last minute. There is a lot of new electronic equipment but as far as taking pictures is concerned Ian Bedson, the managing director, doesn't envisage any major innovation. 84 12 05 & a

1984 12 06
Youngsters at Earith school will have a computer at their fingertips, thanks to a 280-year-old will drafted to help education in the village, The money left by Thomas Skeeles brought writing slates in the 1700's but will now supply computer and monitor equipment that will be a big boost for the 175-pupil school. 84 12 06

Jobless teenagers have helped restore the 140-year-old brick cowling covering an ancient spring at Holywell. It dates back to pre-Christian times and its waters had a wide reputation for their healing powers. They have also landscaped the area, planting 700 bulbs which will look marvellous in springtime. The village Horticultural Society dresses the well with flower mosaics consisting of thousands of petals in a ceremony which draws hundreds of visitors. 84 12 06a

1984 12 07
Police are investigating the mystery disappearance of a Littleport woman. She walked out of her home above Cox's butchers shop in Station Road in July 1972, four years after her husband moved to American to be with their daughter after her USAF pilot husband died. William Cox had started up a butcher's shop in Main Street just after the First World War and also ran cafes in Wisbech, Downham Market and King's Lynn. He had since died and the search has been launched so that his will can be carried out. 84 12 07a & b

1984 12 08
The very new Ancient Druids pub has opened its doors for the first time – but not without a slight delay. The pub brews their own ale on the premises but when Cambridge's mayor pulled the pump for the first pint all he got was an eggful of the new Charles Wells brew, Kite Bitter, and a lot of home-brewed air. However, after a rapid change of pump, a glass was drawn to be sampled by Ale Conner Alfie Howard from Lambeth, who revives the centuries-old tradition of testing the beer before a pub can start serving. Dressed in his 17th-century costume he passed it as fit and hoisted aloft an ale garland signifying the new brew was ready for drinking. The old Ancient Druids, remembered as an old-fashioned boozer with its own particular charm, was one of nine to go under the developers' bulldozer. 84 12 08

Stretham windmills, p9

1984 12 10
After losing its boathouse in a spectacular fire 15 months ago, the Cambridge '99 Rowing Club is now celebrating the completion of its attractive replacement. Fortunately none of the club's eights were in the boathouse at the time of the fire. The club takes its name from the year it was founded and Banhams, the then well-known boat builders supplied the first clinker eight in 1949 to mark their golden jubilee. At the same time they were the first local club to buy a new eight. This has just been refurbished and is returning to the river looking nearly as handsome as it did in its heyday. 84 12 10

Wick Alsop has long been one of Cambridge's most colourful characters, always recognisable by his carnation buttonhole. He is the 'grand old man of Cambridge rowing' having joined the 99 Rowing Club in 1921 and been secretary and President. Now over 90 he still takes part in their many social activities, including balls, garden parties and a golf society. Wick spent a lifetime in banking and was financial adviser to Pye of Cambridge. During the war he formed a Red Cross choir and toured villages raising more than £3,500. 84 12 10a

1984 12 13
The University History Faculty Building opened in 1968 and won an award from the Royal Institute of British Architects. Its designer, James Stirling, received the Royal Gold Medal for Architecture in 1980. But it has suffered problems of water penetration, heat gain in summer and heat loss in winter through the huge fan-shaped glazed roof to the library. It will cost nearly as much to repair as it would to demolish and rebuild completely and now academics must decide its fate. 84 12 13

The Cambridge Working Men's Club was inaugurated in 1863 when a hall was erected where members would be provided with coffee, books, newspapers and 'quiet and proper amusements'. The original building was demolished to make way for the Grafton Centre but the newly-opened replacement is a great improvement with a dance floor, pool and billiard rooms. It holds regular monthly socials with bingo on Fridays and Saturdays and a children's Christmas party in January. 84 12 13a

1984 12 14
Salisbury's newly-restyled store in Petty Cury is just what Cambridge needs. It is one of their latest generation, combining fashion, function and fun. For many years the Salisbury name stood for leather handbags but perhaps mother and grandmother didn't carry so much around as girls today – maybe she didn't go out to work, read so much, do aerobics, jog, drive or make herself up as frequently! Now there are casual bags, executive cases and travel bags as well as umbrellas, hats and knitwear. From the moment the doors opened customers have been pouring in. 84 12 14a & b

Foreign competition is forcing Grays to stop volume production of wooden squash racquets early next year due to the difference between the cost of labour and overheads in Cambridge and Taiwan. But production of a limited range of top-quality specialist racquets will continue as will its cricket bat and ball factories in Sussex and Kent. The129-year-old company, which has its headquarters at the Playfair Works in Benson Street and a sports shop in Sidney Street, employs around 110 people locally. 84 12 14

1984 12 17
The Chequers public house by the war memorial at Cottenham is one of nine pubs and clubs in the village. Many original features of the 370-year-old building survive and upper floors tilt at quaint angles but now it has a brand new sports room and comfortable dining area. Open log fires blaze in the huge fireplace and visitors can relax in comfortable leather Chesterfield sofas while scanning a menu which features home cooking. 84 12 17

1984 12 19
Devi Agarwala was penniless when he first moved to England in 1950 but became one of Cambridge's best-known business men. He opened the city's first Indian restaurant, the Kismet in

Northampton Street, and the Harlequin club and casino in Regent Street as well as an International Centre and language school. He was a member of the Pentacle Magic Club and organised a three-day All-India Magic Conference which had to be cancelled due to the murder of India's Prime Minister, Mrs Indira Ghandi. 84 12 19

1984 12 21
A Heritage Centre is to be set up in Cambridge with a £500 grant from the city's public lottery. The money will be spent on an architectural feasibility study on building to house the new centre and help pay for some of its initial running costs. Some time ago a Cambridge Heritage Workshop Forum was set up to get it off the ground. Once established it will provide information for visitors, a starting point for tours and education for children. 84 12 21

1984 12 24
Ridgeon's timber store in Cavendish Road went up in flames, in Cambridge's biggest blaze for years. Appliances from all over the county were rushed to the site and more than 100 men were involved in containing the fire which destroyed more than 800 tons of stacked timber. People in nearby Cromwell Road were evacuated from their homes because of the risk of gas canisters exploding. 84 12 24

1984 12 28
St John's College is to go ahead with plans to develop its 22-acre science park site in North Cambridge, even though part of it has been rejected by planners. The college has owned the land since 1530 but it has been semi-derelict since 1945. The site, sometimes known as 'the teardrop' lies between the new and old A10 roads at Milton and has been split by the building of the Northern by-pass with its raised interception. The Government says part lies in the Green Belt and should remain undeveloped. 84 12 28

Bill Milstein, the man who pioneered heart surgery at Papworth joined the Hospital in 1958 with 10 year's heart surgery experience already under his belt, just as it was emerging from being a tuberculosis sanatorium. Although the hospital had done some lung surgery its experience in cardiac work was very limited. Mr Milstein assembled a team around him and on 30th September 1958 did his first open heart operation. The patient was immersed in cold water with ice floating on it which slowed the metabolism down. They pioneered with the bath system until 1960 when heart and lung machines were brought in. Although he never carried out a human heart transplant it was his preparatory work that helped make it possible. 84 12 28a

FHS Engineering, the Sawston firm which began over 12 years ago in a rented wooden shed in Brookfield Road, has moved into new factory premises on Babraham Road Industrial Estate. They now employ 14 people making equipment used by a wide variety of operators from chemical firms to instrument companies. Their customers include Cecil Instruments, Cambridge Research Biochemicals and various divisions of Pye. They called themselves FHS after the places where the partners lived at the time, Fulbourn, Haverhill and Sawston. 84 12 28b & c

1984 12 29
The Festival Theatre in Newmarket Road, which dates back to 1808, is one of the oldest in the country. It still has many original fittings including what is probably the oldest revolving stage in the country. In 1878 it became an evangelistic mission with religious texts painted on the stalls. Some still survive and may be part of a new permanent display which will feature other memorabilia including a scrapbook of cuttings when it was rebuilt by Terence Gray in 1926. During WWII the building was used for storage by the RAF and is currently the Arts Theatre wardrobe and scenery workshop. 84 12 29

1984 12 31
Multi-millionaire David Robinson, who snubbed the Queen when she opened Robinson College – founded with a £17 million donation - has been awarded a knighthood in the New Years Honours List. It is in recognition of his charitable work over the years. Now he is expected to come out of

hiding to attended his investiture and receive his award personally from the Queen. The only question is whether the elderly and infirm recluse is well enough to leave his Newmarket bungalow to attend the royal occasion. 84 12 31

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1985 01 03
Mr Douglas Winton-Smith who headed the Cambridge sausage and pie-making firm of Winton-Smith Ltd, has died aged 72. The company was set up by his father and taken over by a London businessman in the 1960s. Production continue at Winton Smith (Foods) Ltd until the Cambridge works closed 11 years ago and moved to Cheshire 85 01 03 # c.27.2

1985 01 05
A bid to bypass the miners' strike has rebounded expensively on Fulbourn Hospital chiefs. After their usual coal supplies appeared to be dwindling they imported £20,000-worth of coal from Poland. But maintenance work has shown it cannot be burnt in the newly-refurbished boilers as it produces too much heavy ash. At the moment the 600-bed psychiatric hospital is being heated with conventional coal brought in by private haulage contractors. 85 01 05

Mr Fothergill's Seeds at Kentford has moved into the big-time mail order business with its first full-colour catalogue. Jeffrey Fothergill and his colleague Brian Carey have been working up the business and now have their seed displays in most garden centres. From their premises opposite Regal Lodge, the former home of royal courtesan Lily Langtry, they have conducted a campaign for seeds which never traditionally featured in gardening catalogues. This year have been giving away packets of a little-known pea called Daisy as part of their 'Campaign for Real Peas' 85 01 05a

1985 01 07
Cutlack, the Ely-based hardware merchants, are to close their shop in Burleigh Street, Cambridge. It follows a period of poor trading for shops in the street. They planned the business around the creation of the Grafton Centre but pedestrianisation has not helped in any way and their Newmarket shop does two-and-a-half times more business than the Cambridge one. The site will now be redeveloped with extra shop frontage and improved access to the three floors of office space on the site 85 01 07a

The concept of a Green Belt around Cambridge was first put forward in the issued in 1949. Since it was last reviewed pressure has grown for certain parts to be declassified. One area is the Histon Road allotments site: some has been developed with council housing and now the County Council wants the rest removed from the Green Belt so it can be considered as suitable for redevelopment in the years ahead. A piece of the extensive acreage of Clay Farm, Trumpington, is also suitable for declassification say the planners. But 500 organisation have objected to the proposals. 85 01 07b & c

Greeks plan shutdown over Gt St Andrews church – 85 01 07

1985 01 10
The Christmas holiday lectures for youngsters have been held at the University Engineering Department for the last 20 years, with experts speaking on a wide variety of unusual subjects. But this year's attendance was disappointing, attracting only 1,600 to the series of eight presentations. The organiser, Mrs K. Joice Taylor, feels schools have not been advertising them to pupils. Eight years ago grants from the education authority were stopped and unless she can attract sponsorship they may have to cease. 85 01 10

Sir Clive Sinclair's new electric car is quite unlike anything else on the road. It is shaped like a plastic torpedo and equipped with handlebars beneath the driver's knee and a set of large bicycle pedals. Top speed is around 15mph on the level and the range on a single battery is around 20 miles. It can be recharged in eight hours and has a space for a reserve battery. The price is right: at just under £400 on

the road it represents another highly-successful gamble on the part of the Cambridge-based millionaire 85 01 10a & b & c

Experts at Voice Input, a small company at St Ives have become one of the world leaders in voice control computer programming. It can direct a computer to turn the TV on and off, dial telephone numbers, print letters, speak foreign languages or just open and close the curtains. The firm hope to have a table-top micro-processor with inbuilt microphone and voice recognition equipment ready by April and forecast a mini office revolution with a semi-automatic typewriter which will type a letter as it is spoken. 85 01 10d

1985 01 11
Dinosaur Publications was formed at Over 14 years ago by Miss Althea Braithwaite. It has gone from strength to strength, producing children's books. Her most popular creation was Desmond the Dinosaur and books about him won export orders to America and Holland. Now one of Cambridge's most successful publishing companies, it is being bought by the publishing giant, Collins. 85 01 11 & a

1985 01 15
The USAF 48th Tactical Fighter Wing has completed 25 years at its base at Lakenheath. It flies about 80 F-111 swing-wing jets which are capable of carrying nuclear weapons and use a sophisticated laser guidance system to ensure their bombs hit the target in all weathers. Lakenheath has been an American base since 1948 when B-29 Superfortress bombers arrived as part of the 'Cold War' build up. Now it is the biggest in Britain with nearly 6,000 American servicemen, women and civilians working there. 85 01 15

1985 01 16
Scores of new jobs could be on offer in the work-starved Ely area if the thousands of pounds of ratepayers' money being invested in a new business park at Angel Drove is successful. East Cambs District Council has turned developer as part of its policy to diversify the area's industry, which has always leaned heavily on farming. Since the late 1970's hundreds of jobs have been lost with the closure of the Beet factory and Dorman Sprayers but the council hopes to bring high-tech, wealth-creating firms into the district which has a wide range of cheap housing, good health facilities and a host of sport and recreation facilities. 85 01 16a & b

Americans benefit by fall in sterling – 85 01 16

1985 01 17
Jack Harding was well-known as a local entertainer. A keen amateur comedian he was twice-winner of the Cambridge Senior Citizen competition when he brought the house down with his jokes and old songs. Jack was a hardware salesman working from home who took over his father's business. He was well-known in Waterbeach for his cheery personality and for his kindness in visiting the sick and people in need of help. He was also a lay reader at the village church for over 40 years. 85 01 17

Ted Hubbard from Newmarket is one of a team erecting crash barriers along the central reservation of the A604 from Bar Hill to the M11. The current sub-zero temperatures are playing havoc with an £8,000 'hammer' which drives wooden posts into the hardened grounds. Nut and bolts are frozen together and everything is covered with ice and snow. Lorries roar past sending a shower of icy sludge over the men as they battle gamely against the elements. But he has been doing the job for 14 years and is used to these sort of conditions. The work is expected to be completed within a month 85 01 17b

Stephen Hawking review book – 85 01 17a

1985 01 21

An old playschool bus has been fitted out with bench seats and facilities to make hot drinks and sandwiches with an informal meeting area upstairs. It will stand on waste land next to the Lion Yard car park as a drop-in centre to provide a warm, sheltered meeting place for the homeless, unemployed and disadvantaged people of Cambridge. There will be two basic rules – no drink and no violence. It is run by the Cyrenians who will offer advice on problems with the DHSS, housing and drinking. But there has been a lot of public hostility 85 01 21 # c.32.9

Skilled technicians, computer programmers and systems analysts are now at a premium in Cambridge and are being bought and sold like footballers between firms who pay transfer fees to get the staff they want. The Itec centre in Hooper Street is making a small dent in the problem by taking youngsters with no formal qualifications and training them on technical subjects. Of 28 taken on so far, all but one have got good jobs. 85 01 21a # c.27.1

1985 01 23
Pye has been in consumer electrical goods since 1922 when W.G. Pye and Co began selling wireless kits. Now from its headquarters in St Andrew's Road, Chesterton it sells a wide range of televisions and radios under the Pye brand name though they are not made in Cambridge and have Philips internals. People have a very strong loyalty to the name 'Pye', so now they are moving back into areas which have been abandoned to the Japanese. Video cassette recorders have been selling since July and hi-fi music-centres will be launched this year. 85 01 23a # c.27.1 : Pye

Hundreds of farmers and traders flocked to Milton Road sale ground for the biggest traction auction in the country. Yilmaz Alademir had come all the way from Farmagusta, Cyprus looking for a tractor he could ship home as they were much cheaper in England. A more typical buyer was Gavin Hamilton of Manor Farm, Great Chesterford. He was looking for wheels and rollers among the dozens of machines and implements at the back of the saleground. The sale was started in the early 1940s by Mr Henry Grain & Cambridge auctioneers Cheffins, Grain and Chalk have been pulling the crowds ever since 85 01 23b # c.27.3

Acorn route into future – 85 01 23 # c.27.1

1985 01 24
Cambridge Rag organisers hope to recapture the spirit of the Sixties when Town and Gown united to raise money for the needy. In those days it was a flamboyant affair when students organised processions, consumed a ton of porridge at porridge parties and arranged sponsored trampolining outside King's College. In 1966 a nurse called Jennie was raffled as a 'date' for an evening but the men of are too gentlemanly to get up to that sort of prank. 85 01 24 & a

1985 01 26
A blaze ripped through a Cambridge dance studio in the former Eaden Lilley warehouse in Glisson Road just a week before it was due to open. The Bodywork Studio is owned by former Sixties pop stars and dancers Patrick and Theresa Kerr who taught Princess Margaret and Lord Snowdon to dance, along with celebrities like Peter Sellers and Ringo Starr. Mr Kerr was also a singer in the Ivy League pop group 85 01 26

1985 01 29
Salvage of Hurricane which collided Wellington May 1941 Isleham – 85 01 29 & a # c.45.7

1985 01 30
Liver transplant Government hand-out – 85 01 30
Saffron Walden traffic problem – 85 01 30a

1985 01 31
The Government's decision to allow the widening of East Road has been called 'a disaster for Cambridge' by City Councillors who oppose the plan. They feel widening would harm the

environment and represent a health hazard for children at St Matthew's School, part of whose playing fields would be dug up. But County Council road engineers claim the plan to dual the final 400-yard stretch from Norfolk Street to Mill Road corner is an essential part of the city's traffic pattern and will be completed as soon as possible. 85 01 31

St Ives Pakistani community fight for Mosque – 85 01 31a

Barbara Duff has been Cambridgeshire's stray dogs' greatest friend for twenty years. She has devoted all her energy, time and money to saving thousands from death. Her work started when she visited the council's dog pound near the Milton sewage works. There was a row of pathetic dogs each tied up in a large room, spotlessly clean but unexercised and fed only dog biscuits. She put some in her car and took them to her friends. If they did not want them, she took them to her home. Some she kept in kennels, which can be very expensive and she sold her own antique furniture to raise money. 85 01 31b # c.19

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1985 02 01
Orwell church has completed its set of six bells after a wait of 54. There has been a space in the tower since the other five were rehung in 1931: it had been such a big job that there was not enough money then. Now they have been given a bell from the disused church at Benwick. It has been recast at the Whitechapel foundry in London, rehung under the direction of an expert from Meldreth, John Gibson, and dedicated by the Bishop of Ely 85 02 01

The closing down a Scurfield's shop must bring a sense of loss to anyone who has brought up a family in Cambridge. It catered for all the basic essential of kitchen life – a little brown teapot, storage jars and black casseroles like benign witches' cauldrons. Then there were the mugs from the earthy pottery mugs to the bold primary colours of 1984. Another joy were the cookery books from the original George Scurfield's basic primer on the baking of bread to the classics of today – Ken Lo and Madhur Jaffrey 85 02 01a # c.27.2

The rambling photographic premises in Post Office Terrace are best known as Ramsey and Muspratt's studios. It was in 1931 that Lettice Ramsey and Helen Muspratt took over the business previously run by Palmer Clarke. They built up the portraiture side of the work, photographing most of the university students in the 1930s and carefully filing their negatives. In 1978 the business was taken over by Nicholas Lee and then Peter Lofts but has now closed. All the glass negatives of previously photographers at the studio, dating back to the 1860s, are now in the Cambridgeshire Collection. 85 02 01b & c # c.65.5

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1985 02 04
Two miners have been busily beavering away under one of Saffron Walden's main streets installing a water drainage system. The muffled rumble of traffic overhead can be heard above the noise of their machinery as they tunnel from the old pig market site across Hill Street to join the Slade, a 200-year-old brick-lined watercourse. Rats abound but luckily the noise of mining machinery keeps them at bay as miner Mick Clark is scared stiff of them 85 02 04

1985 02 06
The Molesworth peace camp was smashed in a massive combined military and police operation masterminded by Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine. They swooped in the dead of night catching almost 200 anti-Cruise missile protesters by surprise while 1,500 soldiers set about erecting a seven-and-a-half-mile fence around the base. Amongst those living at 'Rainbow Fields' were about 25 babies and a woman about to give birth. Police provided fuel to allow some of their vehicles to leave

and emergency arrangements were made to provide shelter for women and children who needed it. 85 02 06 # c.45.8

The smashing of the peace camp at Molesworth was met with delight by members of the Ratepayers Against Molesworth Settlement. Its leader hailed it as a triumph for law and order and a Union Flag was flying from the pub at Clopton on the edge of the base. But Cambridgeshire's Liberal Group condemned the action as counter-productive fearing that protestors may get under the skin of locals now they have no place to camp away from the village. A member of Christian CND says plans for a massive peace rally of up to 50,000 campaigners will now have to be revised 85 02 06a

1985 02 07
The Old Addenbrooke's Hospital site in Trumpington Street has been bought by Cambridge University for a record £5.75 million – double the expected price. This reflects nationwide interest in what is the last major site likely to become available in the central area. There had been a gentleman's agreement to give the university first refusal when the old hospital closed, but East Anglian Regional Health Authority decided to go out to tender. It will now be used for expanding university teaching, research and laboratory departments. 85 02 07 # c.21.4 # c.36.9

First-time buyers who are not deterred by soaring interest rates have another problem – the shortage of low-priced properties in Cambridge. One city estate agent only has five or six houses a week on his books in the £25-£30,000 price range with ten couples interested in every house even though a two-bedroomed terrace home costs about £32,000 while a similar property in Huddersfield sells for £6,000. Many people end up buying in Newmarket. One hopeful buyer with £20,000 to spend on a country cottage that needs modernising has visited 115 properties in the last year without success. 85 02 07a

1985 03 08
An aircraft carrying the Princess of Wales made a dramatic touchdown in Cambridge in a blinding snowstorm. Diana, wearing a red coat, stepped from the plane to a freshly-cleared patch of runway. Then her driver battled through traffic-clogged city streets to get the snow Princess to Peterhouse where she was met by flag-waving students who braved the appalling weather and saw a demonstration of research work into cot deaths. 85 02 08 # c.02

1985 02 11
More than 5,000 Sinclair C5 electric vehicles have been sold during the first four weeks of production. At the moment it is sold by mail order but they are already talking to a number of High Street retailers who would sell the £400 machine direct to the public. Interest has come from as far away as the Outer Hebrides and Cornwell and from both teenagers and old age pensioners. In Cambridge the Eastern Electricity showrooms on Market Hill report continued interest in the machine they have on display and have distributed over 2,000 order forms 85 02 11 # c.27.1 : Sinclair # c.26.48

1985 02 12
While the villages of North Hertfordshire are kept pretty, their life is draining away. Residents want more homes, more jobs and more life. They complain of lack of shops and public transport but above all it is conservation policies that get the blame for the drift of youngsters to the towns. Tight planning controls prevent the growth of local industry, even in redundant farm buildings which are left to collapse, and the lack of housing and development means no suitable small-scale homes for the young or elderly. Villagers feel like an oppressed minority, always outvoted by town-dwellers on district and county councils, a survey reveals. 85 02 12

When Tom and Audrey Chipper arrived to take over the running of the Baptist church in the quiet fenland village of Isleham in 1972 they had no idea of the dramatic changes that lay ahead. They became Born Again Christians and since then the church has grown beyond recognition: the Sunday congregation is now around 350 and has formed a daughter church in Newmarket with a membership

of 100. The church practices healing with praying, laying on of hands and anointing with oil. Four people have gone abroad to take up missionary work in Uganda, Nigeria and Pakistan. 85 02 12a

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1985 02 14
The bug-eyed Optica plane designed in Cambridgeshire has won its certificate of airworthiness. It can loiter at under 60 miles an hour, carries three people and is intended for observation work, aerial photography and sight-seeing. It was invented by John Edgley of Elsworth who planned to build it locally. But because of difficulties in finding a suitable site the firm has moved to Wiltshire. 85 02 14a # c.26.1

Ken Wallis sets off for another record – 85 02 14 # c.26.1

1985 02 18
A dolls' hospital has opened at the back of a shop in Jesus Terrace where Gwendoline Beavan carefully restores them to their former glory. Most of the work is replacing the elastic which holds their head, body and limbs together and becomes slack over the years. Hands feet and wigs can be bought from a dolls' supplier. The trickiest job is replacing the eye balls which involves pouring plaster into the sockets from inside the head. Most of the dolls she sells were made after 1880 but even 1950s' dolls are now becoming collectable, selling for around £10. 85 02 18

1985 02 20
This year for the first time in living memory Cottenham people can stand in their gardens off the High Street and see across to the Oakington Road. It was once a mass of orchards. Today there are only one or two left scattered amidst seas of arable land. The acreage of fruit in Cottenham has slumped from 900 at the end of the war to well under 300 in recent years. One of the last orchards to disappear was worked by Frank Peacock and comprised 65 acres of mainly Cox apples, Conference pears and pollinators. But it became uneconomic and the Government gives grants towards grubbing them up 85 02 20 & a

1985 02 21
Having to stay overnight in London midweek is an occupational hazard for most MPs. Late-night sittings at the Commons that frequently go on into the early hours mean it is impossible to return home afterwards. MP's should be reimbursed for extra expenses just like any business executive - at present this is £6,518 a year. But a recent announcement has extended these claims to include interest incurred on any mortgage which means they can acquire a personal asset at the public's expense. Liberal MP for the Isle of Ely, Clement Freud, says it is 'absolutely disgraceful' and Cambridge MP, Robert Rhodes James, who rents a London flat, says he could never afford a second mortgage and the new arrangements would not affect him. 85 02 21a

Acorn's future following the Olivetti rescue – 85 02 21 # c.27.1 : Acorn

1985 02 25
Artistic roller skating was demonstrated at the Kelsey Kerridge Sports Hall. Most of the skaters started when the Bury St Edmunds Rollerbury opened three years ago and since then several groups have been formed in village halls. Gail Jolley of Soham took up artistic skating with her daughter Laura and has already passed three exams. Eventually it is hoped it will become recognised as an Olympic Sport 85 02 25 # c.38 : roller skating

Tattoos are back in fashion – even blue blooded aristocrats and well-to-do businessmen are going in for discreet designs painted indelibly on their bodies. Master artist 'Tattoo Jack' of Haverhill says that 70 per cent of his customers are men from 18 to their late 20s but tattooed ladies, long the butt of

many a joke, are also making a come-back. He has tattooed various intimate parts of the body but the strangest request was from a man who wanted pound note signs tattooed on his eyelids. 85 02 25a

1985 02 26
Cambridge United Manager John Ryan was sacked last night by David Ruston, the club chairman who himself reportedly resigned earlier in the day. His 403-day reign has seen United win only seven out of 50 matches. Hopes had been high when he was appointed as the natural successor to the former boss Ron Atkinson. He balanced the books and cut the wage bill. But a patchwork team of youngsters aided by a few old heads continued to slide to the bottom of the Third Division, disillusionment set in on the terraces and the drift away sabotaged the gate figures leaving the Directors little choice 85 02 26 & a # c.38 : football

1985 02 27
While much of the country is wracked by unemployment, Cambridgeshire is suffering from a chronic shortage of skilled labour such as laboratory workers and electronics test engineers. The problem is such a threat to the area's development and continued prosperity that the Chamber of Commerce is launching a major new initiative. A Jobs Fair will be held at Huntingdon Technical College and the Government's Employment Secretary is being asked to open it. 85 02 27

Caning will be abolished in all Cambridgeshire secondary schools, even though the chairman of the Education Committee said he favoured corporal punishment if properly administered and not carried out sadistically. Now county officials will talk to teachers, school governors and parent associations to discuss alternative methods of punishment to maintain school discipline. Proposed legislation would have allowed teachers to only administer corporal punishment to children if their parents agreed 85 02 27a

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1985 03 01
The medieval church at Wrestlingworth is in desperate need of restoration work. The villagers have raised £5,000 in only five months, but they still face a mammoth task. Some £18,500 needs to be spent immediately to make the tower safe but the roof is leaking in eight places and the walls are damp. The church does not have proper drainage and the bottled gas central heating is causing condensation. "There are only 700 people in the community and raising money to maintain this very fine historic church is a great burden", the Rev Gordon Briscoe said 85 03 01

Sir Clive Sinclair is taking a £3 million high-tech centre as part of a major expansion of his Cambridge-based research company. The present headquarters at Willis Road is bursting at the seams so he is moving to the Camtec Centre off Rustat Road. Other high-tech companies in the area include Cambridge Electronic Industries, Acornsoft and Logica. Sinclair this week launched a big advertising campaign for its £100 pocket TV and hopes to sell 200,000 units of their QL computers in . 85 03 01a # c.27.1 : Sinclair

1985 03 02
Great Wilbraham has changed greatly since 1925. Things were primitive in those days: there was no electricity, indoor sanitation or tap water and the majority of people rented their homes from the village squire, Captain Reginald Hicks. Now Alec Sadler has constructed a scale model of it at that time. Great care has been taken to ensure its authenticity right down to the colour of the roofs and bricks. Being born in the village he has drawn on his own recollections together with those of older residents and has visited libraries and record offices in his research. 85 03 02

1985 03 06
The Government research axe, which has already cut a swathe through Cambridge science laboratories, may fall on the Culture Centre for Algae and Protozoa in Storey's Way which could be

closed down and its internationally-renowned research work distributed among other centres around the country. Cuts first hit a year ago when the Neurochemical Pharmacology Unit, the Biostatics Unit, the Cot Death unit and even the 'jewel-in-the-crown' Molecular Biology unit, which carries more Nobel prize-winners than any other, were affected. Only the cot death unit was completely saved – by massive injections of public money. 85 03 06 # c.36.9

A pay award to farmworkers could force redundancies, farmers warn. It will bring wages to just under £90 a week and the craftsman's rate to over £100. This will hit labour-intensive sectors like livestock and horticulture and force fruit-growers out of business. Farmers are already struggling with milk quotas, cheap imports and poor potato prices. "We all wish to see the farmworkers with pay as high as possible, but the industry must be earning enough to pay for it first", one said. But the men's chief negotiator described it as "a small struggle in the right direction" 85 03 06a

Cambridge's Sunday trading row could flare up again following a decision by the Co-op to resume opening at its Beehive Garden Centre. Two of its main competitors – Scotsdale at Shelford and Ansells at Horningsea - are in South Cambridgeshire where the district council had not so far taken action against them. The City council's policy is to respond to complains about Sunday trading some of which come from shop unions like Usdaw which fears that members could be exploited. However the Beehive staff get premium rates for their Sunday stint and the following day off. 85 03 06b

1985 03 07
Eastern Counties Farmers was set up 80 years ago when seven farmers got together to form a cooperative to trade their produce. Now ECF as a membership of over 7,000 with its own feed mills, seed processing plants, a pork processing manufactory and massive fuel storage. It stretches from the Thames to the Wash with 22,000 agricultural holdings producing a large proportion of the nation's output. They can negotiate with suppliers and buyers to obtain the best deal for their members. 85 03 07 & a

The amazing adventures of Len Baynes over three and a half years in Japanese prison camps have been detailed in his book "Kept – the other side of Tenko". Now they are to be the subject of a BBC Radio Cambridgeshire documentary called "Death Camp Diary". After the broadcast the tapes will be kept in the archives of the Imperial War Museum in London. His recollections are based on a diary he kept, scrawled on torn-up pieces of toilet paper and smudged so no-one could read it. It tells how he lived a charmed life among the stench, squalor and violence of the camps. 85 03 07b

1985 03 08
Grantchester church clock stopped 85 03 08

1985 03 11
A major shake-up to cope with the forecast massive increase in Cambridge traffic has been unveiled by the County Council. It suggests an underground car park at the Butts Green end of Midsummer Common and a new road following the main railway line with a new bridge over the Cam. There could be reconstruction of a number of major road junctions including East Road - Newmarket Road and at Hyde Park Corner with widening of dual carriageways and new cycleways. A park-and-ride system of new car parks linked to the centre by frequent buses is also proposed 85 03 11 # c.49.62

A furious political row has erupted over the sudden and unexpected publication by the Labour-controlled City Council of its new roads and traffic plan just before the County Council issued their proposals. It envisages a park and ride system, converting long-term city centre parking spaces to short-term shoppers' parks, an extension of Lion Yard car park, road closures, pedestrian areas and a special coach-bus interchange near the railway station. The Liberals describe it as a waste of paper. It has been produced without any councillors or officials being told about it before its release to the press 85 03 11a # c.49.62

Cambridge's student prince, Prince Edward, has helped to make this year's Rag Week a record-breaker. His appearance in the Rag Revue made the show a sell-out and he is guest-of-honour at the first Charity Ball where the raffle winner will lead off the first waltz with the fair-haired prince. Other rag events included mud wrestling, birdmen leaping from Silver Street Bridge and silly sports such as a tug-of-war across the river and an egg-throwing competition. It ended with punt-jousting and a mixed three-legged rugby match. 85 03 11b # c.02 # c.36.9

King's Court, four research and development blocks on the site of Solus Electronics in Kirkwood Road, is a further step in the creation of a silicon belt near Trinity College's Science Park. Others are St John's Innovation Centre and a 20-acre Cambridge Business Park. Plans which have failed to gain permission are for a 60-acre Cambridge Technology Centre off Kings Hedges Road and St John's 'teardrop' site on Milton Road. There is a tremendous demand for high-tech property with half the new development under offer before it has been advertised. 85 03 11d # c.27.1

1985 03 12
Millionaire recluse Sir David Robinson was his normal elusive self when he went to Buckingham Palace to be knighted by the Queen. The former television rental tycoon, now 80 and confined to a wheelchair, received the Queen's permission to leave quietly by the visitor's door only moments after having a brief chat with her. Sir David, who has given away more than £26 million, has avoided the limelight in recent years. He even failed to arrive when the Queen opened Robinson College which he funded. 85 03 12

There's bad news for commuters to London. The Fenman, the fastest train on the line is now going to stop at Audley End and Stansted, pushing the journey time up from 62 to 69 minutes. BR's Manager says "Running non-stop trains is fine if you have got the market for them. But generally the Fenman has been running underused". Cambridge line trains have frequently been held up by slower electric trains running late in front of them but this will now change. The new schedules mark the last major revision before electrification, due to start operating between Cambridge and Liverpool Street in May 1987 85 03 12a

Cambridge is paying a high price for becoming the country's high-tech 'boom town'. Its roads are becoming congested and frequently traffic chaos reigns. By the turn of the century there will be almost half as much again traffic on the city's roads as there is now. But a County Council report says it is unrealistic to expect absolutely unrestrained use of motor vehicles in the city. There will always be peak hour congestion and there is still not enough parking provision which means that many would-be trippers are put off 85 03 12b

1985 03 13
Vandals have smashed part of a priceless 16th-century stained glass window at King's College chapel. Ten sections high up in the huge window on the south side which depicts scenes from the Old Testament were damaged, leaving a series of holes. It can be patched up though one whole panel will have to be taken out for the repair. Other windows were damaged in 1981 and in 1974 the chapel's priceless Reubens painting, the Adoration of the Magi, was slashed with a knife by someone who carved the initials IRA in the picture. 85 03 13

1985 03 15
United appoint John Ryan from Chelsea 85 03 15
Pye TVT profits 85 03 15a

1985 03 16
Cambridge Eurocentre a £2 million purpose built language school in Bateman Street was designed by local architect David Thurlow and can accommodate up to 225 pupils in octagonal classrooms. It is one of six English language schools run by the Swiss-based foundation for European languages in Britain and has young people from 17 nations. At its official opening Sir John Butterfield, vice-chancellor of the University, hailed it as "a foundation for peace in the future" 85 03 16

1985 03 18
Queen & Margaret see Edward in rag revue 85 03 18
Gwydir St playground named Hector Petersen 85 03 18a

1985 03 19
Stoke-by-Clare school may close 85 03 19

1985 03 20
The Government has cut one of Cambridge's quaint links with the past. The Treasury are not amused by the annual chore of sending a cheque for £97.42 covering sundry payments which have been in operation since the 16th century including £10 for perpetual commemoration of King Henry VII. So they have made a once-and-for-all payment of £970 to the University. Their treasurer, Basil Shone said it did not "err on the side of generosity". The University would need to achieve 10 per cent annual interest on the payment if they are not to lose income – a very tall order. 85 03 20a

Foxton village offered free hall 85 03 20

1985 03 21
Ben Hardwick, liver patient, dies – 85 03 23 # c.21.1

Cambridge University's proposed new telephone system has met with an angry response from dons. The scheme was 'buying a racehorse to harness a milk float' and members in scientific departments had already suffered enough with sophisticated equipment that became obsolete in five years. A central switchboard is no substitute for the personal service offered by receptionists in individual departments who had detailed knowledge of staff habits. Departments also object to having to collect the cost of private calls rather than just logging them through the local operator. 85 03 21a # c.27.7

Pipe smokers and cigar lovers will welcome a specialist shop which will fill the gap left by the closure of Bacons in 1983. Harrison and Simmonds, which was founded in Bedford in 1928, is taking the shop at 17 St John's Street, Cambridge. The fixtures and fittings have the traditional look offering a standard of service that matches the timeless quality such a store should have. Customers will be able to try tobacco from all over the world labelled with Dickensian names such as Barnaby Rudge and Pickwick and the shop offers hand-blending to give the pipe smoker optimum choice and also stock a wide range of fine pens. 85 03 21b # c.27.2

Charles Unwin 90 85 03 21

1985 03 22
The Salvation Army celebrates its centenary in Cambridge with a programme of events at their Tenison Road citadel. The Norwich Citadel Band was pelted with mud and many of them knocked over as they heralded the arrival of the corps in 1885. In Burleigh Street a crowd knocked their hats off and smashed both ends of the drum. Police had to use hosepipes to clear the protestors. Businessmen involved with the drinks trader and drinkers both violently objected to the Army's tee-total ideas. Churches objected to the brass bands crusading tactics which they thought lowered the tenor of Christianity. 85 03 22a # c.83

Heydon church bombed photos 85 03 22
Mepal outdoor centre 85 03 22c
Cheddars Lane museum restoration 85 03 22d c.03

1985 03 26
Clive Sinclair offered four-acre site for 'superchip' plant – 85 03 26 # c.27.1

St Andrew the Great, the city centre church now declared redundant, could soon be turned into visitors centre. One part would be an architectural workshop, the second the tourist bureau and the third a 'heritage centre' linking the past with the future. The money would come from a public appeal and a grant from the English Tourist board. The closure of the church met with bitter opposition and later another controversy flared when the Greek Orthodox Church took over the building for their services. 85 03 26b

The Kinema is no more. Like the Central Cinema it became a bingo hall. But at least it has not been pulled down to make room for a supermarket, like the Playhouse, nor turned into a warehouse like the Tivoli, nor demolished to become a car park like the Rex. Leslie Halliwell who was manager at the Kinema and Rex is now regarded as the country's leading cinema bluff. And in his new book 'Seats in All Parts' he has plenty to say about the way cinemas used to be run in Cambridge. 85 03 26c # c.76.9

East Road widening, p1

1985 03 27
Hollywood came to Ely as international actors, dozens of cameramen, sound recordists, lighting technicians and make-up girls took over Dean's Meadow, a stone's throw from the Cathedral and transformed it into America at the time of the War of Independence. Replica guns, weapons and tents were brought in together with dozens of extras as the director Hugh Hudson filmed location shots for 'Revolution' 85 03 27

Back in the 1950s when Freddie Kingdon announced plans to take a party of Coleridge Boys to the Lake District on their first ever school trip, his colleagues thought he was mad. They stayed in wooden huts and took bales of straw with them in the bus to make pillows or straw mattresses to sleep on. Each day boys walked miles over the Fells, sometimes being left to find their way to destinations using their survival skills. "We were so well equipped that we could have spent the night out in the snow, and my biggest regret is that we never did", he said. After his retirement in 1966 Mr Kingdon continued taking parties there for another five years. 85 03 27a

1985 03 28
David Urwin relaxes as potter – 85 03 28

1985 03 29
Burwell alarmed at nuclear waste dump – 85 03 29
Sinclair production C5 suspended – 85 03 29a # c.27.1

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1985 04 01
Work has started on draining 600 acres of water meadow at Swavesey, described as an extremely valuable wildlife refuge. Cambridge Friends of the Earth say farmers' plans to plough up the meadows to grow grain – when Britain has a massive surplus – are financial madness. Every bit of this increasingly rare type of habitat is precious and they are threatening physical action to save the Cow and Mare Fen. But the Internal Drainage Board say people are worrying unnecessarily. 85 04 01

Huntingdon forensic police laboratories – 84 04 01a

1985 04 03
Lady Trumpington, who as Jean Barker, was one of Cambridge's best-remembered majors and most colourful figures, has been appointed a junior minister in the Department of Health and Social Security. She arrived in Cambridge as the wife of the headmaster of the Leys School and thrown herself into a host of voluntary activities. As Mayor she was prepared to five into the swimming pool but large bath towels were on hand both at the beginning and end of the swim so that all was not revealed. She was made a life peeress in 1980 85 04 03

East Road protest, p1

1985 04 04
The villagers at Molesworth view the next four days with a mixture of feat and resignation. For this Easter weekend an estimated 20,000 peace protestors will be converging on this tiny dot in the East Anglian landscape. They see Molesworth and the 64 American cruise missiles it promises by 1988 and fear death. It is not the legitimate CND campaigners dislike so much. It is the hangers-on, the rent-a-mob crowd that residents distrust. 85 04 04a & b, 85 04 06

1985 04 09
Alarmed hotel and catering chiefs are launching a major campaign to fill hundreds of job vacancies before the start of the tourist season. There are around 300 jobs on offer every week but hoteliers are having acute difficulties in filling the posts which are for everything from highly-skilled chefs to waiters and chambermaids. Wages range from £1.84 per hour for a catering assistant up to £20,000 for a top hotel manager. Chefs can earn from £5-£10,000 85 04 09

1985 04 10
Cambridge Mortgage Centre has opened in Regent Street. The idea of Cambridge Insurance, a firm of brokers who offer pensions, investment and life policies, it will help people find a mortgage and advise which payment suits the applicant best. The staff will make sure clients pay the lowest rate possible: it is possible for someone with a £30,000 mortgage to be paying around 15 per cent or even less 85 04 10 # c.32.8 # c.32.4

1985 04 11
Choppen's links with Saffron Walden go back to the 19th century when the family moved their engineering business to the town from Great Chesterford. John Choppen, the founder, was also a local fireman and drove the horse-drawn fire engine. His son Frank, under whose control the business prospered, died in 1962. They established a branch in Fitzroy Street Cambridge in 1964 with a purpose-built garden machinery centre in Barnwell road opening in 1980. Now expansion continues with a new headquarters with offices, workshops and showrooms in Thaxted Road, Walden. 85 04 11 # c.18

1985 03 12
A nursery owner had to dash for his life when a giant greenhouse collapses as gales wreaked havoc. Mr Vincent Di Paola, who has been running the nursery in Fulbourn for 15 years, had to watch as guttering started to collapse and 8,000 panes of glass smashed to the ground. He supplies the London market with lettuces all year round and 16,000 plants were lost. Elsewhere a woman had a lucky escape when a tree crashed her car between Little Thetford and Stretham 85 04 12

Ten huge munitions dumps are planned for the USAF at Lakenheath. The igloos will cost about 2.4 million dollars to build and will store only conventional munitions. 'New Scientist' claims that Lakenheath will have nerve gas bombs deployed if Congress votes to release the money have been dismissed as 'complete balderdash' who say there are no plans to deploy binary chemical weapons in Britain. 85 04 12a

Woodman sawyer Albert Mayo's father came to Wimpole Hall Farm in 1897 and Albert was born at The Woodyard where he has lived all his life. The family was one of the last to work there before it was handed over to the National Trust. Now the Trust have created a family of dolls representing them. Albert was chuffed at his new-found recognition. His doll wears a white smock and a brown hat like he used to wear in the early seventies to keep himself clean when he worked with cattle. 85 04 12b

1985 04 13

The Barn at Swaffham Prior is at present a shell of clunch stone. But soon it may be converted into a home. If plans are passed most of the ground floor area will be taken up by the kitchen and dining area, there will be inglenook fireplaces on both floors with an extension almost as big as the barn itself giving good views over the countryside. The clunch exterior will be preserved, the roof raised and old tiles replaced. Working out the probable cost is the main headache. 85 04 13

1985 04 15
Waresley Park Garden Centre is one of the top nurseries in the country as recommended by 'Gardening Which'. Jack Baker's grandfather was the village blacksmith but the premises became a poultry farm with chickens having free range. After fowl pest wiped them out 15 years ago Jack decided to try a nursery. He started out with one polythene tunnel, a domestic greenhouse and an old wooden chicken shed which was converted into a shop. Now almost all the 30-acre site is in use. 85 04 15

1985 04 16
Saffron Walden's grand old man of politics, Mr Stanley Wilson, gave a lifetime of public service. Born in the town, he was educated at the Boys British School and was mentioned in despatches during the Great War. He enjoyed an unbroken run on the Borough Council from 1929 to 1951, stood as a parliamentary candidate in opposition to R.A. Butler three times and recorded the highest ever Labour vote for the constituency. Although he and his wife Kitty had no children of their own they fostered about 170 youngsters over the year and many of them will be at his funeral service. 85 04 17aa

1985 04 17
Frank Bacon has lived at 100f Eastfields since 1934. It was the first house to be built on the Chesterton estate by the Hundred Houses Society for letting at reasonable rents to young married couples who could not get a council house. Frank and his wife only had one child and chose it because it was a semi-detached. All the other five people who moved in at that time are still there and a great community spirit has developed over the years. 85 04 17

1985 04 18
The new high-tech development on Castle Hill will include full secretarial back-up facilities, a gymnasium, squash courts, restaurant and overnight accommodation. Conference rooms and access to an underground car park will also be available to those who rent rooms. The 'village' will be self-contained and will appeal to people like university lecturers who might also be a consultant and needs his own space. Rents will be 25 percent less than average in central Cambridge 85 04 18

1985 04 20
South Cambridgeshire ratepayers can be assured there are no frills or trimmings in the new £2 million council headquarters on Hills Road. The new base is an energy-saving building which will be workmanlike and maintenance-free. There is an air-conditioned council chamber with video facilities that may be rented out for conferences. Bullet-proof glass will increase security. The idea of moving out into a village was rejected as Cambridge was felt to be a central point. But car parking is likely to be a problem with 105 spaces for the 200 staff many of whom will have to park in the streets when councillors are meeting 85 04 20

1985 04 22
A repairs blitz is being launched on thousands of miles of potholed roads around Haverhill and Newmarket following many complaints and claims for compensation for damage from motorists and cyclists. A 'truly formidable' number of potholes have been identified and 'flying squads' of workers will repair the worse of the damage within six weeks before they become any worse. 85 04 22

1985 04 24
Horseheath appears to be a village in decline. In the past year the tiny primary school closed despite a long campaign to save it by the parish council. The 25 children were transferred to Castle Camps. Now the Red Lion pub and the Chequers at nearby Streetly End have shut up because people could

not afford to stay out drinking all evening. But Horseheath is hitting back. Last month residents completed the purchase of the school building for use as a village hall, showing their strength of commitment to the community 85 04 24

1985 04 25
A major jobs bonanza is being predicted for Cambridge following a decision to give the green light to a new high-tech development on the outskirts of the city. Up to 750 new jobs may be created at the massive development in Cowley Road where a mixture of high-tech units and warehouses are to be built on the eight-acre site formerly occupied by d & H Contractors. Part of the site will be occupied by Cambus who will move from its Hills Road depot 85 04 25

William Garfitt, Harlton artist – 85 04 25a

1985 04 26
The centrepiece of the new £1million Wyboston Lake complex near St Neots has been opened. The luxury clubhouse is at the centre of 320 acres of lakes and greenhouses which features a wide range of sports activities including golf, windsurfing and water skiing. There is also fishing and a nature trail. A motel and caravan park will open shortly and one lake will be converted into a marina for 100 moorings during 1986. 85 04 26

Laurence Broderick, Waresley sculptor - 85 04 27

1985 04 30
Sprightly Ely pensioner Ted Appleyard, who started driving in the days of the 'Tin Lizzie' Ford, has bought himself a Sinclair C5 as an 82nd birthday treat. Ted, a former boat builder of Annesdale who took delivery of his first Ford in 1912, has given away his Morris Oxford and opted for the trike, complete with extras. He is really pleased with it, although it hasn't got enough steam to get up Fore Hill. 85 04 30

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1985 05 01
Herringswell Manot, p5

1985 05 02
The future of Herringswell Parish Council could be in the balance if the Medina Rajneesh sect sells its British headquarters and pulls out of the village. It was the influx of more than 100 members of the controversial sect to the Manor which prompted the setting-up of the council. But now the Edwardian house and surrounding parkland has been put up for sale at £550,000. If the 140 children and 80 adults presently in the Rajneeshi school leave, the size of the electorate would shrink overnight 85 05 02

1985 05 07
The new-look Cambridgeshire County Council may descend into political chaos unless a compromise over who works with whom can be worked out. The Liberal SDP Alliance with 26 seats is seeking a three-way administration with the Conservatives (29 seats) or the Labour with 21. But Labour has turned down the Alliance Plan and the Conservatives will agree to power sharing only if the new council accepts their financial policies. Controversial plans to widen East Road have been scrapped as has a railway-road plan which would have destroyed large housing and commercial areas of Cambridge. 85 05 07 # c.35.1

Councillors considered proposals for a floating restaurant and waterbus on the River Cam. Two electrically-powered boats would run from Jesus Green through the Backs. One would be used as a quality restaurant and the other provide visitors with a running commentary in various languages. But

they would destroy the beauty and serenity of the river; it is not a commercial waterway and there is already a lot of disturbance from punts. 85 05 07a # c.46.5

1985 05 09
Cambridge may get a park-and-ride system to beat the traffic tangles this year thanks to the £1 million saving made by scrapping the controversial East Road widening scheme on which £300,000 has already been spent. Labour city councillors are urging the county to use the money to establish a number of large car parks on the outskirts linked to the centre with a frequent and cheap bus service. There might also be a public garden and children's play area next to St Matthew's School. 85 05 09

Huntingdon and Newport Stations took joint first prize in the Best Kept Railway Station competition with Ely coming joint third. At Huntingdon the 11 staff ensure extra care is taken with disabled passengers, posters and leaflets are kept tidy, brasses and windows cleaned and polished and customers kept informed of breakdowns or delays. There are even six hanging baskets. At Newport senior railwayman Jack Wright and his partner Percy Turner also take a pride in their work while at Ely staff often bring in flowers from their own gardens to brighten up the platforms. 85 05 09a

Every parish is south Cambridgeshire could have its own nature reserve. A start has been made with the church at East Hatley which is kept locked though nesting boxes for birds and bats have been installed and damaged windows allow entry to many winged colonisers. Outside the graveyard has a wide range of chalkland flowers and its rich with butterflies. Other sites include Caxton stone pit, Litlington chalk pit and the former sewage works at Comberton now known as Watts' Wood. None has plants or wildlife of great rarity but they are oases in the desert of arable farming and the last surviving habitats for animals which were once very common. 85 05 09b

1985 05 10
Messrs Richard Larkinson Ltd has warehouses and sidings equipped with modern lifting equipment at Station Works, Hills Road to load non-ferrous metal direct on rail wagons. The family originated in Biggleswade dealing in rabbit skins then diversified into household rags using imported labour from the London area. Richard Larkinson started his business in Baldock in 1958, establishing a branch at Cottenham in 1972. Today they purchase and process all grades of scrap and export to Germany in their own company vehicles, returning with wine for their associated company, Fen Vinters Ltd. 85 05 10 # c.21.15

Cygnus Studios, the Cambridge theatre workshop, is closing and the magic props and gadgets painstakingly made by Philip Bond for productions throughout the country and abroad are to be auctioned off. It will mark the end of another chapter in the mixed fortunes of the Festival Theatre on Newmarket Road which closed its doors to productions in 1938 and was bought by Cambridge's Arts Theatre. Now an axe and block, complete with severed head, a stuffed stoat and a thunder sheet to rival the Gods will go under the auctioneer's hammer 85 05 10a

Ask Ted Taylor how many times the siren went in Cambridge during the war and he will answer straight away – 269. He was an air-raid warden and would trot off to his post at the end of the street each time they sounded. He covered the Roseford Road area with seven other wardens, making sure there was a total blackout. One memory is of the German prisoners-of-war who built concrete roads outside prefabs which later made way for Molewood Close and Birdwood Close. Ted has given away his steel helmet and mislaid his gasmask, but he still has the stirrup pump with which he was issued. 85 05 10b

1985 05 11
The war-time mustard gas dump at Lord's Bridge is to be investigated by MoD officials for contamination as part of a national investigation of possible hazards on chemical weapons sites. It was one of six sites used as mustard gas dumps and was a forward filling depot for Risely Airfield in Bedfordshire. Two 250 tonne underground tanks containing lethal mustard gas were sunk on the site in 1944. They were emptied in the 1950s, their contents either burned or dumped at sea, and filled

with decontaminant. It is now part of the University's Mullard radioscope observatory and fenced off. 85 05 11

1985 05 13
East Road widening plans scrapped after £1 million spent – 85 05 13

1985 05 15
Audrey Rothwell from Clare is a Captain of the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry – the famous FANY girls. She was recruited by the Special Operations Executive to train as a wireless operator during the war and spent much of her time in Algiers where she was in regular contact with the famous war-time French courier, Odette. She is one of about 100 remaining active members still available for mobilisation during national emergencies. 85 05 15

Five Miles from Anywhere Upware to reopen - 85 05 15a

1985 05 16
The history of Wills and Thompson Ltd runs parallel with the history of the motor car since it was founded 50 years ago. It was bought by William Skeels in 1958 whose his son Tom now runs the family business and their mechanics, Gerry Flack and Nick Wright, service any make or car or light commercial vehicles. When the firm start there were very few cars on the road, now their premises in George IV Street are packed and parking is a nightmare. But the site is right where people need the services of a garage 85 05 16

1985 05 17
Firemen fighting a blaze at the centuries-old Chequers pub in Streetly End near Horseheath had a narrow escape when burning timbers and thatch crashed through a ceiling. The fire raged through the night and left the building a smouldering shell. The pub, which had been a favourite drinking place for motor cyclists, closed about 18 months ago and was being renovated 85 05 17

A fascinating glimpse into Barton's past is one of the highlights of the village festival to commemorate the restoration of the church 100 years ago. 'The Cross and the Plough' is a play written by Tony Brown and the entire cast is drawn from Barton Drama Group. It is based on historical events ranging from the Normans to the effects of enclosure and as well as being informative has some lighter, humorous moments. 85 05 17a

1985 05 18
Fulbourn may get a football pitch for young soccer players thanks to Ronald Jellings who has left £7,000 to the Parish Council. And if that's not possible the former Sergeant Major, who died in February in the Royal Star and Garter Home in Richmond, wants a tennis court, bus shelter and two memorial sets. He also provided for an annual prize for the best academic achievement by a boy and girl at the Junior School and the parish church received £3,000 from his will.. The parish council chairman, Maurice Liles says "It's marvellous that someone who spent time in the village has such pleasant memories of it!" 85 05 18

1985 05 20
Saffron Walden choirboys raised their voices in protest outside their parish church during Sunday's service. While the congregation sang inside, the choir sang in the pouring rain. They were protested against a decision to suspend the choir which has been in existence as long as the 800-year-old church. The row has blown up since church services were changed, allowing them no time to practice before the congregation arrived. Some of the congregation find the choir 'a hindrance to their worship' while others say it makes services more beautiful. 85 05 20

1985 05 21
Mildenhall could become the starting point for a river trip to London, the Inland Waterways Association says. With comparatively minor dredging the River Lark could be reopened to boats,

giving the town a valuable tourist attraction and linking it to the country's network of rivers and canals. Craft once used to be able to travel from Ely to Bury St Edmunds but for the past 50 years the limit of navigation has been Judes Ferry at West Row. Since then the stretch upstream to Mildenhall has deteriorated. 85 05 21

Eric Curwain broadcast news of German invasion of Poland – 85 95 21a # c.45.7

Visitors to Cambridge Festival Theatre's workshop were treated to a dazzling display of pyrotechnics and wizardry when the props and gadgets of Cygnus Studios went under the hammer. A vast severed head – complete with axe and block – swung like a macabre pendulum above the customers. An electric chair burst into life sending a thrill through the audience and Philip Bond, the head of the studios, made sure that the theatre's ghost had a star turn. Then as the auctioneer brought his hammer down for the last time it exploded into a thousand tiny fragments marking the end of another chapter in the Theatre's 250-year history 85 05 21b # c.76

1985 05 22
Autogyro pioneer Ken Wallis has just notched up his 16th world record. Flying from Waterbeach, Ken completed his remarkable record-breaking flight to mark the 75th anniversary of the first public viewing of a monoplane built in Cambridge by his father and uncle. "It seemed that the anniversary should be marked in some way, so I made an attempt upon the one work record not held by my autogyro aircraft", he said. 85 05 22a & b # c.26.1

Cambridge has a big drug abuse problems with as many as 800-1,000 young people thought to be dependent on hard drugs. Twenty years ago the 'News' went on the city streets and found drug abusers when the agencies claimed there was no problem. As a result of the publicity Cambridge police set up a drugs squad which lead to an Association for the Prevention of Drug Addiction. Now an advice centre, 'The Bridge Project' will be opened in Mill Road. 85 05 22 # c.34.6

1985 05 24
Elsenham stud to be restored – 85 05 24

The Landlord of the Eagle in Bene't Street is in favour of all-day opening: the pub is often still packed when drinking-up time is called in the afternoons and many people try to get a drink between 3pm and 6pm. Later hours would be attractive to tourists who don't have to get up for work next day. But the landlord of the Robin Hood and Little John, Cherry Hinton, says it would have little effect on out-of-town pubs and the Queen's Head at Newton say prices would have to go up to pay for staff wages 85 05 24a

Bomb on Jesus Lane 1942 – 85 05 24b # c.45.7

1985 05 28
Cambridge computer company Sinclair Research needs to raise up to £15 million and is also looking for a new chief executive officer. – 85 05 28 # c.27.1

Lonnie Donegan at Newmarket – 85 05 28a

1985 05 29
The Castle Project, which provides work experience for people who have mental health problems, has two workshops in Gwydir Street which are used for furniture repair, printing and painting. There are 20 craftworkers using the facilities and manufacturing toys, small furniture and plastic signs. Cambridge's Mayor, Jim Johnson, and local councillors inspected the facilities to see work which people in need of rehabilitation can do. The Project has been disappointed not to receive any Urban Aid grant but hope the city council could assist with finances. 85 05 29 # c.21.5

Millers Yard, is a £3million courtyard office and shop development on the site of the former Eaden Lilley furniture depository in Mill Lane. It retains the façade of the original premises which were probably built around 1830 but the rest has been totally reconstructed in an imaginative new development consisting of a wine bar and restaurant, seven ground-floor shops and two floors of offices. 85 05 29a

Castle Park, the £10 million high-tech development on County Council land next to Shire Hall has been inaugurated. It offers 'thinking space' to scientists and academics involved in research and development of high-technology ideas. The project will be fully self-contained with its own conference facilities, restaurant, gymnasium, squash courts and overnight accommodation as well as centrally available office equipment and secretarial support. A key attribute is its location in the heart of the city close to many of the University's colleges. 85 05 29b # c.27.1

1985 05 30
Cambridge Capital, a new merchant banking venture has been launched in Green Street. It is another step in the growing complexity of Cambridge's financial community. Merchant bankers Singer and Friedlander are already here and two more big-league accountants, Arthur Andersen and Robson Rhodes are getting established this summer. All this is in addition to the existing structure of bankers, accountants and financial advisers and means Cambridge could be a professional and financial centre of really some significance 85 05 30 # c.32.8

Swaffham Bulbeck villagers are fighting to save a historic water mill from the bulldozers. There has been a mill on the site since the 1640s and it only needs someone with imagination to restore it to its original glory, one of the campaigners says. But the owner claims villagers opposed an earlier plan to renovate the mill. He was forced to alter his corn merchants business with less emphasis on grain trading when planning permission to expand the site was turned down by the council. Now a potential buyer wants to demolish it 85 05 30a

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1985 06 01
Cambridge radio amateurs worked as wartime spies monitoring enemy messages – 85 06 01 # c.45.7

1985 06 03
American football came to Cambridge with all the razzmatazz and fun which makes it a real family affair across the Atlantic. The air was filled with the smell of quarter-pounders, the sun blazed down Californian-style and even the lady selling fan club paraphernalia was saying 'Have a nice day' as Cambridge Cats made their home debut against Basingstoke Cavaliers at the Cambridge City Stadium in Milton Road. No-one had thought to provide any popcorn and there were no Budweisers but the 600 spectators enjoyed the game. 85 06 03 # c.38

1985 06 05
The young men of Cambridge University who admit to being 'Young Fogeys' are rather proud of the title. They saunter out of the Pitt Club on Jesus Lane planning another cocktail party and pretending the 'Orrible Eighties' have simply not arrived. Forget computers, aluminium briefcases, digital watches and body-building. These young men would swap the whole lot for a good wine, a Betjeman poem and a bank manager who called them 'Sir' and did not try to distribute cash-dispenser cards. 85 06 05 & a # c.36.9

Nancy Wilkinson, 'Mastermind' champion – 85 06 05b

1985 06 06
Coleridge Community College art students are being commissioned to brighten up the concrete and metalwork of Mill Road railway bridge. They will paint a mural depicting a night-and-day changing scene of Cambridge and Romsey featuring some of the better-known buildings of the area. The City

Council hopes it will make people respect the environment more and reduce vandalism. The mural will be coated with special anti-graffiti paint. 85 06 06

Stansted airport will be the third biggest in the UK by 1990, handling 7-8 million passengers a year with the potential for three times that amount. There will be a new rail connection with London, a new £2 million road scheme and the creation of 18,000 new jobs. The Transport Secretary's statement also indicates that the airport might one day expand to a capacity of 25 million passengers per year. But he promises there will be no second runway 85 06 06a

Protestors who have battled for 20 years against the expansion of Stansted bitterly condemned the Government decision to make it London's third airport. It will be a mega-white elephant and people will not travel from the other two major airports to use it, they claim. Excellent farming land would be destroyed and it will open the way for the development of a concrete urban sprawl with thousands of acres of factories, offices and houses, they warn. 85 06 06b & c

1985 06 08
The Government's decision to expand Stansted would put tremendous pressure on the Cambridge and there should be a conference every two years with academic papers on preserving the city's ancient and historic environment. But the Labour leader says Cambridge already has more experts per square inch than any other city in the world and does not need to call in more 85 06 08 # c.49.4

The Prime Minister of China, Mr Zhao Ziyang, came on a whistle stop tour of Cambridge – but found it so tiring he had to leave after lunch. It began with a formal welcome at the University Senate House where Chinese students gathered to meet him and he was presented with a book by the Vice-Chancellor. He then went to the School of Oriental Studies where he met Prof Joseph Needham, a world authority on China, and presented the department with 3,000 valuable volumes. But he decided to miss a visit to the Science Park. 85 06 08a # c.02

Tracked hovercraft – the rise and fall – 85 06 08b

1985 06 10
Car floating on Cam after May Ball – 85 06 10 # c.46.5
'Haunted' hearse catches fire – 85 06 10a

1985 06 13
Prince Philip visits Lucy Cavendish College – 85 06 13
Ridgeon move could release 13-acres building land, Tenison Road – 85 06 13a
Pampisford WI members embroider tablecloth – 85 06 13b

1985 06 14
The controversial 'railway-route' road plan for Cambridge has been killed off for the second time in 10 years. It was intended to relieve traffic & would have run around the southern and eastern outskirts of the city, following the main railway line. Ten years ago Conservative county councillors discovered it would have cost millions of pounds to build and destroy at least 100 houses. Their revival of the plan earlier this year caused a furious outcry: they were swept from control at the recent elections and admit it was one of the main factors in their downfall 85 06 14 # c.49.62

Bourn windmill renovated – 85 06 14a
Princess Anne, Prince Edward and Prince Philip all together at Jesus College – 85 06 14b & c # c.02

1985 06 15
'Revolution' filmed at Ely – 85 06 15 # c.65.6

1985 06 18
Cambridge Medical Answer Service to install computer link for elderly - 85 06 18 & a

Abbeyfield Society homes for frail elderly – 85 06 18b

1985 06 20
Balsham was virtually cut off as a freak midsummer storm brought traffic chaos and flooding. Water poured into village homes and roads became impassable as rain lashed down. A team of 20 firemen worked for nine hours pumping out homes in the High Street. One house in Fulbourn Road began to subside and firemen knocked a hole in the wall of a well to drain away some of the water 85 06 20

Harry Moden cartoonist – 85 06 20a # c.64

1985 06 21
Cambridgeshire County Council is to buy Mare Fen at Swavesey to conserve it as a breeding ground for rare birds, stopping a drainage scheme which threatened to destroy the nationally-famous wet grazing meadows. The controversy started five years ago when the Anglian Water Authority announced a scheme to prevent frequent flooding in Swavesey, Over and Willingham. This would have involved ploughing Mare Fen up for cereal growing. Now it will be left out of the scheme without affecting the rest. 85 06 21

Cambridge University is considering employing a Press and Public Relations officer following Government announcements that future funding will be based on excellence and on good reports of research. A Press officer would ensure news of the university's achievements reaches a wide audience. But they have to weigh up the benefits of employing someone to publicise the university's research as against the benefits of employing people to actually do that research. 85 06 21a # c.36.9

19845 06 24
Derek Harris makes models of windmills – 85 06 24

1985 06 26
Cambridge Midsummer Fair passed off without incident. Councillors are pleased with their £20,000 security operation which involved blocking the entrances to all council-owned land in the city and hiring strong security patrols to roam the streets and protect commons against unwanted caravan dwelling itinerants. For years previously they had cut a swathe of trouble and destruction during their visit. But it is likely to take at least a month, given good weather, to get the churned-up parts of Midsummer Common back to its former lush state following the week-long deluge that soaked the grass 85 06 26 # c.27.3

The Addenbrooke's Hospital cleaning row has now rumbled on for nine months. It started when some 150 health workers refused to work with a private cleaning firm which beat an in-house tender for the contract. Since then nurses and doctors have joined the picket line claiming cleaning standards have fallen below acceptable levels and operations have had to be delayed because of filthy conditions. But the firm insist they are doing a good job and that newspaper reports were biased. 85 06 26a # c.21.4

For 50 years the name of F.H. Fry has been associated with scales and scale-making in Cambridge. It was started by Frederic Fry in East Road in 1935 and moved to Perowne Street in 1962. Now they have branched out to include cash registers, gravity-feed slicers and sausage fillers. Modern scales are so clever they can not only weigh and automatically calculate the price but they also check themselves to see they are in working order. Yet despite all this progress a brass weight is used to check they are accurate. 85 06 26b # c.27

1985 06 28
Worried villages have called a public meeting over plans to open a psychiatric hospital at Kneesworth House, Bassingbourn. They fear it may result in dangerous or disturbed patients walking the streets. A last-minute deal by an American medical firm has changed overnight a nursing home into a mental hospital but they say that although there may be disturbed or suicidal patients, they will not be violent.

There would be no locked wards or padded cells and villagers could visit to use the sports facilities. 85 06 28

Amateur radio operators listened for enemy messages during the war – 85 06 28a # c.45.7

Harry Moden cartoonist, family fills gaps – 85 06 28b # c.64

1985 06 29
Cambridge Castle Mound is being seriously damaged by the feet of thousands of visitors every year and the playful attentions of hundreds of children who have created two impromptu 'slides' down the steep slopes. Now archaeologists are to close the footpath and carry out much-needed repairs. Many other monuments are also in need of repair, including Burwell castle, Booth's Hill at Ramsey and the Devil's Dyke 85 06 29

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1985 07 02
Children from Duxford Primary School have prepared a time capsule depicting life in 1985 which will be sealed in the chimney breast of the Duxford Lodge Hotel. They chose a painting by Susan Mills of Hinxton, an issue of the 'Chatterbox' community magazine, a clockwork wristwatch, pen, rubber and a one-pound note. A copy of 'The Times' and the CEN will also be included 85 07 02.

Thirty former Land Army girls travelled from all parts of the country for a unique get-together at Swaffham Prior House where they stayed during the Second World War. Joan Thomas remembered her attic room in the early 17th-century house while Betty Canham of Wicken recalled getting up at six in the morning. The reunion was sparked by a list of Land Army rules which were pasted to one of the attic rooms and discovered by the Marshall family when they moved there two years ago. The organiser Joan Bradley said she was overwhelmed to see everybody after all that time. 85 07 02a

1985 07 03
Retired shepherd Bill Grubb has nowhere to drink now the Fox and Hounds in Weston Colville has closed. Greene King is selling the building, possibly as a private house. Bill, 79, who used the pub for the past 25 years, does not drive and says it is too far to cycle to West Wratting for a pint. But he adds "Nobody ever goes there, so I won't miss seeing anyone. I only go for a break". He has made other arrangements to slake his thirst: he brews his own wine and his wife will bring him a couple of pints of Guinness when she goes to Haverhill. 85 07 03

1985 07 04
Greek congregation from St Andrew the Great to worship in St Clements – 85 07 04

Villagers in West Wratting have been warned to use their local pub – or lose it. The landlord of the Chestnut Tree says the bowling club always visit the pub when it has a home match but when the Women's Institute go out, they go elsewhere. "They say it is because we don't have food, but we will do food for anyone who arranges it", he complains. In recent years the Chequers at Streetly End, the Horseheath Red Lion, the Princess of Wales in Linton and the Lamb and Crown in West Wratting have all shut. 85 07 04a

1985 07 05
Police are investigating a massive fire which ripped through the Perse School for Girls in the early hours of the morning. Two laboratories were gutted and the rest of the building was severely smoke damaged. Today the school was closed. Many of the 540 pupils arriving for classes were unaware of the fire and were sent home. Headmistress Miss Mary Bateman said it was a serious nuisance but not a tragedy and hopefully the school would reopen on Monday 85 07 05 # c.36.5

The centuries-old Chequers pub in Streetly End which was gutted by fire earlier this year is to be sold as a private house. It had been closed before the blaze which ripped through its thatched roof. Brewers Greene King say there are too few people in the area and the White Horse at nearby West Wickham had just reopened after a long closure. But there was nothing against somebody running it as a pub if they wished. The Fox and Hounds at Weston Colville which closed last week is also to be sold with a licence. 85 07 05a

Lester Piggott, at the age of 50, has decided to call it a day after a career spanning 38 years and take up training. He built Eve Lodge stables next to his luxury bungalow in Hamilton Road Newmarket 13 years ago. It has 130 boxes, many of which will be filled by horses belonging to some of racing's richest owners. The racing world will never be quite the same without the man who, since booting home his first winner at Haydock in 1948 at the age of 12, has gone on to dominate the Classic scene. 85 07 05b

1985 07 06
Lion Yard car park extension plan – 85 07 06

1985 07 11
A crowd assembled at Eltisley as the new Village Sign was handed over to the Parish Council by the Women's Institute in a special ceremony. It depicts the church with some thunder and lightning representing a storm which, legend has it, wreaked havoc on the village. It was the WI project for 1984 and the council supplied a plinth of York stone. At the same time the Best Kept Village Award given to Eltisley by the Cambridge Evening News in 1983 was erected nearby 85 07 11

1985 07 12
One of the houses at the centre of the Ely Cathedral controversy is starting to collapse. The summer's wet weather, followed by the recent dry spell, has caused a gaping hole to appear in the roof of the Black Hostelry within the medieval precincts. Hasty arrangements are being made to get it covered with a tarpaulin and erect a safety cage to stop tiles crashing to the ground. When the Dean and Chapter announced they wanted to build 60 retirement homes in the nearby Paddock to pay for repairs to their homes, they warned it would happen sooner or later. Now clergymen are wrestling with the biggest dilemma ever to face the Cathedral. 85 07 12

Huntingdon Methodist Church has launched a £200,000 restoration appeal for repairs to the 100-year-old High Street building – 85 07 12a

The Liberal-SDP Alliance is still living in unity within Cambridgeshire County Council – 85 07 12b

Commuting into Cambridge must be given the hard sell by local companies desperate to recruit skilled labour if they are to solve the area's chronic shortage of the right workers. Firms say that even when they find the right person premium house prices put many properties out of their reach. A few years ago the idea of living a long way out would have been impractical but it takes only forty-minutes to travel in from Peterborough which is not hassle of the kind that faces London commuters 85 07 12c

1985 07 15
Pupils at Grove School in Arbury have celebrated the opening of their primary school – just days before the summer holidays start. Two classrooms and other buildings lost in a blaze on the site two years ago have been replaced. The school now has a bigger hall, new changing rooms, kitchen, library and administration and staff rooms. One of the new classrooms will be used as a unit for visually impaired children. A second stage in the rebuilding work will see the erection of a unit for physically handicapped children. 85 07 15a

Undley drainage rate protest 85 07 15

1985 07 18
Lettice Ramsey, a member of the Bloomsbury Group and Cambridge photographer extraordinary, has died at the age of 86. Born in Ireland, she was educated at Newnham College and married Frank Ramsey a brilliant King's philosopher who tragically died three years later. Left with two daughters she studied briefly at Regent Street Polytechnic and set up in business as a photographer in Post Office Terrace with Helen Muspratt. She was instantly successful and rapidly became fashionable, photographing the influential and up-and-coming throughout the 1930s including Anthony Blunt and Virginia Woolf. She retired in 1978 85 07 18

1985 07 19
Reuben Heffer death – 85 07 19

1985 07 23
The Little Rose in Trumpington Street, believed to be one of the oldest pubs in Cambridge dating back to 14th century has been totally refurbished. The Brewhouse has been converted into an open-sided loggia with climbing roses and the oldest room has an inglenook fireplace with nooks and crannies giving a convivial atmosphere. Worthington best bitter and Charrington IPA will be served together with a range of pub grub including jacket potatoes and a choice of cheeses 85 07 23

1985 07 24
Lewis Todd was resident cartoonist of the CDN 30 years ago, following in the footsteps of Ronald Searle and Sid Moon who went on to Fleet Street. He is best-remembered for his composite drawings of cricket and football teams. He enjoyed a long career as an artist with the Ministry of Agriculture but now has an exhibition of his oil paintings of Cambridge scenes including a view of the Roman Catholic Church which makes it look like a Van Gogh structure. 85 07 24a

The Blue Boar Hotel in Trinity Street may be demolished and replaced by student accommodation, a lecture theatre and new shops. The façade would be saved with a new restaurant and wine bar on the ground floor. Trust House Forte are not a bit worried about its closure as the former 'showbiz hotel' was falling behind present standards. It was difficult to stop outside the entrance, parking was non-existent, few of the bedrooms had private bathrooms and many had a poor view. 85 07 24

It was on 23rd June 1895 that David Munsey set up in business as a watch and clockmaker in Cambridge. At one time he had a workshop in the alleyway next to W.H. Smith the bookseller, which was then known as Munsey's Passage. The firm was later bought by Northern Goldsmiths who have made many changes to the layout of the shop. They still sell all kinds of sports trophies and also supply the medals for the Oxford & Cambridge boat race. 85 07 24b

1985 07 25
Andy Gray can be seen early in the morning on Market Hill unloading four tons of records. It was as an 18-year-old straight out of school that he bought second-hand juke box records and sold them from market stalls. He took £80 on his first day at Cambridge – more money that he had seen in his life before – and opened his first shop in Mill Road. Now Andy's Records is the biggest chain of record shops in the region with a multi-million pound turnover. But he stills serves behind the counter whenever he can. 85 07 25 & 85 07 30

Quayside will be transformed with new shops, office buildings, a restaurant and a café with tables spilling outside into the square. Magdalene College's planned development will change the face of one of the city's most important riverside sites. Punting and public rights of way will be retained as will the newly-created cantilevered walkway linking Bridge Street with Jesus Green. The design by Hughes and Bicknell and will be built in narrow two-inch red bricks to match those of the college. 85 07 25a

1985 07 31

Cambridge United played Manchester United in testimonial match for Steve Spriggs and Steve Fallon organised by Ron Atkinson. It was a dream first night for Cambridge's new striker, Steve Massey, against the team he has supported since boyhood. But he missed a chance to score against his idols who won by the odd goal in five. The much-heralded match passed off without serious incident in a friendly atmosphere. A carefully-planned operation involving more that 100 police paid off and an almost carnival-like mood spread through the Abbey stadium. 85 07 31 & a

The History Faculty building on the Sidgwick Avenue site has been saved. After nine months of reports and meetings the university has decided to carry out extensive repairs rather than knock it down and rebuild. Each option would cost about £2million but the repairs could be spread over a number of years. Now work will start on weather-proofing it to stop rain penetrating through the façade and terraces. The building received an architectural award in 1970 and its designer, Mr James Stirling, was awarded a Gold Medal for Architecture in 1980. 85 07 31c # c.36.9

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1985 08 01
Crumbling plaster inside Hardwick church has led to the discovery of a rare 15th century mural. The wall painting depicting St Cyriac holding a sword and riding a lion once stretched for 30 feet along the south wall of the church. Older parishioners recall seeing faded colours but this is the first time the figures have been fully uncovered this century. It was painted over in 1856 as the rector then did not like it. Now an expert is scraping away other parts of the surface to see how far it extends 85 08 01

1985 08 02
Cambridge ratepayers received a cheque for £2million from one of the country's largest housing developers. It was accompanied by a legally binding promise from McLean Homes to build the much-needed Cherry Hinton bypass road for free. They may also give a plot of land for a new primary school. This is the council's profit on the largest land deal in Cambridge local government history. The housing development company has bought 51 acres of prime housing land owned by the council and others. Another 50 acres are to be sold shortly 85 08 02

Universal Recording Company of Burleigh Place made special gramophone records in 1950s – 85 08 02a

1985 08 03
Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother is 85 today. It was more than 60 years ago that her familiar royal wave first caught the county's imagination when she visited Papworth Village Settlement and since then she has returned amore than 40 times. These days it is Princess Diana who attracts the fashion comments but throughout her life the Queen Mother has shown a chic style of her own. When she reached her 80th birthday town, gown and countryside celebrated with parties, tree plantings and bell ringings. We look forward to her next visit. 85 08 03

One hundred years ago 14 women students enrolled in a new pioneering college set up in two houses in Merton Street, Newnham. Its aim was to train women to teach in secondary schools. Over the century that college has changed character and direction several times and under its present name of Hughes Hall it has just been awarded Approved Foundation status within Cambridge University. Despite the financial problems of the present day it is planning new buildings at its site in Wollaston Road. 85 08 03a # c.44.5 # c.36.72

1985 08 05
Death of Edward Stanley, one of original directors of Pye of Cambridge 85 08 05

The Rev Peter Phenna, outspoken vicar of St Martin's church for 16 years, has accepted a post with the Church Pastoral Aid Society. 85 08 05a

Langley Cricket Club's centenary cricket match in Victorian costume against Chrishall was called off. They were all dressed in straw boaters and striped blazers up but had to sit in the marquee as rain poured down. It was supposed to have been an important occasion for settling old scores. For when Langley's first recorded match took place in 1884, before the club was officially formed, it resulted in a low-scoring defeat. But they were still able to enjoy a traditional tea. 85 08 05b

1985 08 06
A peace garden dedicated to the Japanese people who died in the atomic bomb blasts at Hiroshima and Nagasaki was officially opened on Christ's Pieces. But the joint council-CND ceremony, set up as part of a week of peace programme to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the nuclear raids, was interrupted by protestors and boycotted by Conservative city councillors 85 08 06 # c.45.8

1985 08 07
The New Chesterton Institute was founded 100 years ago to promote the moral, mental and physical well-being of its members. Today with 1,100 members the NCI Sports and Social Club is still going strong. Meetings were originally held in the Coffee House, Searle Street until the present building was erected in 1891. In the early days it was famous as a debating society. Now it is known more for its sporting achievements and even has a crib team. 85 08 07a # c.37

A Nene-Ouse navigation link from Stanground to Salter's Lode would allow through passage from Bedford, Cambridge and Ely to the major waterway network of the country, via the Grand Union Canal. At present about 650 craft annually use locks at either end of the proposed link, a figure that could treble. The Middle| Level would be improved encouraging craft to stop at March and Whittlesey, boosting tourism and leading to additional industries such as craft workshops and camping sites. 85 08 07

1985 08 08
Cambridge could soon get a third new superstore competing with Tesco at Bar Hill, Sainsburys in Coldham's Lane and the Beehive complex off Newmarket Road. Asda plans to build a huge new complex on Milton Road opposite the Arbury and King's Hedges housing estates. It would take up almost half of the Cambridge Business Park and include a 750-space car park 85 08 08 # c.49.65

1985 08 09
A pilot and navigator scrambled away unscathed when their Canberra jet on take-off and caught fire at RAF Alconbury. The photo-reconnaissance plane had switched to the airfield while improvements are carried out at Wyton. Twenty-nine people have died in military manoeuvres over East Anglia in the last nine years. A Canberra practicing a simulated engine failure crashed near a row of houses on the Oxmore Estate, Huntingdon in May 1977. Then in December an American F1-11 narrowly missed a school when it plunged into a housing estate at Newmarket. 85 08 09

1985 08 13
Swavesey villagers are outraged at plans to shut their library and replace it with a van. The library is the centre of the community with a turnover of at least 2,500 books a week; old people's clubs arrange meetings when it is open so that elderly members can call in. Even people from the surrounding villages use it. The protests started when it was discovered that village college governors had decided that the library would have to move out of rented rooms there because of a desperate shortage of classrooms. If the public library were to go the school could have more accommodation at no extra expense. But campaigners say "We won't let this happen. We have got to keep our library in the village". 85 08 13

1985 08 15
Protest letters against plans for a 'hi-tech-village' near the junction with Hills Road and Brooklands Avenue are flooding into the planning department. Unex Property Group want to build 23 office-research units grouped around a central courtyard with shrubbery and trees together with 169 parking spaces. It means the displacement of E. Pordage, the vegetable wholesalers and the steel staircase

company, Crescent of Cambridge. Unex say offices would be better than the existing warehouse and scrapyard. 85 08 15a

Trinity College defended its plans to build student rooms and shops on the site of the old Blue Boar, a hotel which had no parking space and where guests could not be set down and picked up easily. Trinity need extra accommodation for students and it would be a sad day when their success in attracting tourists to Cambridge was allowed to interfere with their primary education purpose. But Councillor Rosensteil attacked the plans as a selfish encroachment on facilities and accused colleges of treating the city as if it were their own. 85 08 15

1985 08 17
Sawston villagers are mourning the passing of their ancient right to pick two acres of parish peas. In 1554 John Huntingdon willed that the 'town peas' should be sown for the poor of the village and that if the tradition was broken the land would revert to the church wardens. But now everybody in the village – not just the poor – picks them. This year they have not been sown 85 08 17

1985 08 20
The village of Sawston has a faded charm. It seems to occupy a little world of its own and since inhabitants became cut off from through traffic with the building of a bypass it has withdrawn into itself. Now visitors and villagers have the luxury of shopping in a street almost devoid of parked cars. It is pleasant to saunter along, dallying to look at the astonishing variety of shops selling everything from a chop to a chain saw. The architecture runs from medieval to the old-people's home on the London Road, a shining white herald of the 20th-century, 85 08 20

1985 08 21
One of Cambridge's oldest family butcher's is closing. Derek Traylen's grandfather opened the first shop in Newmarket Road 113 years ago. They had their own slaughterhouse until 1937 and ran three butcher's vans that toured the villages. Derek started in 1938 and is one of the few people in the business who can rear animals, slaughter them, dress them, cut and prepare them, advise people about them and cook them. But people now buy pre-packed meat in supermarkets 85 08 21 # c.27.2

1985 08 22
One of Cambridge's least-known grand houses has come on the market. The eight-bedroom mansion stands in more than three-quarters of an acre of ground and is approached by a long drive and carriage sweep. It has a fine entrance hall, large drawing and dining rooms, butler's pantry and a boiler house. It all sounds like the Newnham home of a Victorian worthy. The actual address is 242 Mill Road. The house is the former vicarage of St Philip's Church and there is planning consent for 17 sheltered homes to be built on the site. 85 08 22 # c.61

1985 08 28
Faced with their day-to-day accounts going into the red this year, the Dean and Chapter of Ely Cathedral have appointed a 'business manager'. His brief is to try and increase income from an estimated 200,000 tourists who visit each year but hand over an average of 27 pence a head. It costs £900 a day to maintain the cathedral and £5 million is needed for restoration over the next ten years. The Cathedral has already upset conservationists by planning to build more than 60 homes in The Paddock, a stone's throw from the building. 85 08 28

1985 08 29
Two men working down a disused ice store at Madingley Hall had an amazing escape when they were caught up in a terrifying fireball of exploding gas. Paul King was excavating soil twenty feet below the surface when gas leaked from a lamp and ignited on the mantle. There was a real risk of the cracked dome of the store caving in and entombing him but he clambered to the narrow entrance and was hauled out by a colleague, John Fredericks, who had been knocked back four feet by the blast. 85 08 29 & a

Quick action by neighbours helped save the oldest house in Hundon after its thatch caught fire. The blaze at The Croft in Church Street started while the owners were working on their allotment. Someone on the road noticed smoke and raised the alarm. Neighbours quickly played their hoses on the roof until the brigade arrived. They stripped the burning thatch but the structure of building, which is believed to date back to 1450, was not damaged. 85 08 29b

Quy Mill Hotel, an impressive-looking farmhouse-like building reached by a narrow country lane just off the Quy roundabout, has great charm. Now work has started on the dilapidated mill next to the main hotel which will house a restaurant and extra 21 bedrooms. There are plans for a conference room for business meetings and to put trout in the lake for fishing enthusiasts. But all that is in the future for new owners Ingrid and Derek Fisher. "We will chat and talk to customers for as long as they want – till three o'clock in the morning if necessary", they say 85 08 29c

Hundon fire, p7

1985 08 30
Now that the dust has settled after the upheaval of building the Grafton Centre, Burleigh Street and Fitzroy Street have emerged as pleasant shopping promenades. Very few shops remain unlet with Andy's Records and Lancashire Mills about to open. Fitzroy Street will become more interesting in October when Habitat finally open at the old Laurie & McConnal shop while Burleigh Street will get a similar boost when the House of Holland opens in the old Marcade centre. 85 08 30

1985 08 31
Manea has finally put itself on the map. After years of obscurity the rambling little village in the heart of the fens has beaten more than 200 others to win the Best Kept Village award. Judges described it as 'exquisite', 'a gem' and 'a real eye catcher'. Locals have been beavering away for months and have been helped by a poor summer. All the rain has meant that their grass stayed green. Head teacher David Wilson described Manea as 'a tight-knit place where people take interest and pride in their village' and butcher Jim Bent says it was community spirit that won the award. 85 08 31

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1985 09 01
A family of six fled for their lives when fire ripped through their pub home. Publican Ted Bazelak was woken by the sound of breaking glass and went downstairs to find the public bar of the Red Lion at Kneesworth a sea of flames. He evacuated his family, phoned the brigade and put a hose through the broken window in a bid to douse the flames. A cigarette left smouldering in the bar for several hours is believed to have caused the outbreak. 85 09 01

Ian Purdy has probably done more than anybody else in modern times to shape the Cambridge we know today. He is the man who fought and won the battle to lift the years-long planning ban on Cambridge expansion, thus opening the doors to industrial development. He played the major part in approving the controversial Lion Yard redevelopment which changed the face of the city centre forever. But he did not design it – that was done by private architects - and doubts if such a scheme would have been approved even 18 months after it was given the go-ahead. "People had so much concrete redevelopment thrust on them after the war and called a halt to it", he says. 85 09 01b & c # c.49.4

At the sound of a high-pitched squeal from a paging device 12 Burwell men leave their workbenches, desks or beds and go off to face fire, flood, fumes or any one of a range of disasters. They are officially known as retained fire-fighters and are on call 365 days a year. Other areas such as Swaffham Bulbeck, Linton, Papworth and Kimbolton find it difficult to make up the minimum of a four-person crew and more recruits are needed. The annual retainer starts at £789 and there is a 'turn-out' fee of £5.83 for riding on the fire engine to an emergency call. 85 09 01a

1985 09 03
Mrs Thatcher has called on Grantchester's millionaire best-selling author Jeffrey Archer to present the Conservative Party's case to the country in the run-up to the next General Election. Mr Archer was named as deputy to the new party chairman, Mr Norman Tebbit, who said he would bring "a touch of dash and style" to the organisation. Mrs Thatcher's radical reshuffle has also made Huntingdon MP John Major a minister for the first time. 85 09 03

1985 09 04
Swavesey library closure opposed – 85 09 04

Cambridge Labour councillors are to work out the cost of giving free bus travel throughout the city to all elderly and handicapped people. They will also investigate ways of increasing the off-peak use of buses. The present concessionary bus fare scheme is organised by the County Council but Alliance and Conservative councillors have combined to throw out proposals for free travel by Christmas 85 09 04a

1985 09 06
The bricks which housed Cambridge Labour Party for nearly 60 years are now taking a new shape. Above the builders' board which surround the site of the old Alex Wood Hall in Norfolk Street is rising a brand new hall, faced with the bricks of the old structure. In exchange for their new premises, the party has given part of the site to builders who will use it for housing. The new hall should be ready by March 1986. 85 09 06 # c.33

1985 09 07
Harston enclosure riots 1797 – 85 09 07

1985 09 09
Take one skinned mouse, fry it and feed it to your child. The result is an instant cure for whooping cough. This remedy is included in one of a series of six pamphlets about Pampisford compiled by Olive Mayo after months of research. Other volumes cover natural history and a transcription of articles from the Cambridge Chronicle. Olive became engrossed after collecting together more than 300 slides of local scenes. Now she hopes her work will inspire other people to carry on where she left off. 85 09 09

1985 09 10
The redundant church of St Andrew the Great could end up as a row of shops following the Ely Diocesan Board of Finance decision to sell it as a "most valuable central property". The church stands opposite Christ's College at the entrance to the Lion Yard shopping centre. It already has permission to be used for educational purposes, as a restaurant or for community use but planners have indicated they would consider shops in the body of the church. However the structure would have to be maintained together with its famous memorial to Captain Cook and access to the tower of six bells which are frequently rung. 85 09 10

1985 09 11
A massive £2 million shops, offices and leisure complex has been thrown out by Cambridge planners – by just one vote. Magdalene College wanted to develop the riverside area of Quayside, Bridge Street and Thompson's Lane with a three-storey building and a development that would include shops, offices, restaurant, café, residential accommodation and a research and development base. Café tables would have spilled out into a square fronting the river. But residents objected, fearing extra traffic and councillors thought it too 'heavily massed' 85 09 11

1985 09 12
Householders in Newmarket and Exning will keep the new wheeled dustbins they have been trying as part of a six-month experiment. The bins were issued to 5,000 homes on a free trial paid for by the manufacturer. Now the bins will be introduced throughout the Forest Heath District to replace a 'back

door' rubbish collection using plastic sacks. Fewer dustmen will be needed and the system will save money. 85 09 12

1985 09 13
A dark blue double-decker bus opened its doors seven months ago to the drunks who pestered shoppers in Lion Yard. It is run by the Cyrenians and is also taking glue sniffers and drug addicts; they have 25-35 callers a day. Tea, coffee, soup and sandwiches can be bought, second-hand clothes handed out and there is a television. A couple of hard drinkers have given up the bottle and former heroin addicts seek the support of the voluntary helpers 85 09 13

Jane Barrett opened her fine china store at The Mall in Bar Hill in November 1983 but soon moved to larger premises. She has transformed a large warehouse and stocks a wide selection from leading English manufacturers of china and glass. Some of the designs have been named after her including a Royal Doulton crinoline lady which was created to celebrate Barretts of Cambridge bi-centenary year and an all-purpose wine glass 85 09 13b

1985 09 17
Cambridge motorists heading for Heathrow and the West Country will find their journey much easier now the last length of the new M25 motorway around London is opened. They have the choice taking the traditional route down through Hatfield and then to the top of the completed M25 at Watford or to take the M11 south and turn west. Both routes have their problems but at rush hours the amount of traffic at South Mimms can be daunting. The new section will make it much easier to join the M40, M4 and M3 and will cut out frustrating delays in the Slough, Uxbridge area 85 09 17

The Green Belt around Cambridge was designed to protect the area from development and to preserve large areas of open space between villages. Now County planners want to release land to make way for the city to breathe including 70 acres at Trumpington, Histon Road allotments and the University Farm in Huntingdon Road. They say this would not mean developers' lorries moving in. Nearly 500 organisations objected at an Inquiry but the County are pleased with the result which backs most of their proposals. 85 09 17 a b c # c.49.4

1985 09 18
The Vicar of Elmdon has a colony of breeding Pipistrelle bats in his church. They are a nuisance: they make a mess, drop on the pews during the service to the distress of the congregation and defecate over the altar during Holy Communion. But the law won't allow him to evict them. Recently a parishioner reported that smoke bombs were being let off in the church to destroy the colony. This was not so, although two had been let off to arrest an infestation of furniture beetles in the roof timbers. 85 09 18

1985 09 19
Cambridgeshire education spending is condemned in a shock report by county secondary school heads. One school spends just a halfpenny a pupil for each geography lesson and another spent just £2.55 per child for maths tuition in a year. Some children have to share history books. Heads are worried about under-funding and morale amongst teachers is at an all-time low with many voting to strike in support of a pay claim. 85 09 19

1985 09 20
Sinclair Research is selling its award-winning headquarters at Willis Road, Cambridge. The class and stainless-steel conversion of a Victorian bottling plant has been in use since 1982. Now the company's activities are to be concentrated at Milton Hall where their advanced research centre, Metalab is already operating. It is part of a restructuring programme to slim the company in the face of an estimated £15 million debt. 85 09 20 # c.27.1 : Sinclair

1985 09 23
Swavesey library has been saved thanks to outraged villagers who lobbied Cambridgeshire County Council to prevent its closure. The protest started when governors at the school wanted to move it out

because of a shortage of space. 230 people attended a public meeting objecting to any attempt to shut the library which lends at least 2,500 books a week. Now councillors have backed them by 14 votes to two. Campaigners are overjoyed and others in a similar situation will realise that if you try, you can win, they say 85 09 23

More than 40 couples married during the past ten years returned to the scene of their weddings at Cottenham parish church for a special reunion. They included two couples who have just celebrated their tenth anniversary as well as another pair who have just returned from their honeymoon. The Rev Robert Cave, who is celebrating his tenth anniversary as Rector, conducted the service which was followed by a reception with a cake and a group photograph. 85 09 23a

1985 09 24
Cambridgeshire Secondary Schools need £10 million spent on essential building work to stop children being taught in 'appalling conditions". Hinchingbrooke Lower School was particularly bad with leaking roofs and rotting window frames. Many of their 14 mobile classrooms were over 20 years old and totally dilapidated. Work is also needed at Bottisham and Swavesey Village Colleges but the current Government will not allow the work to be carried out in a single year. "The Conservatives have left us with a massive problem" said an Alliance county councillor 85 09 24

1985 09 26
Spillers' new flour packing factory in Station Road is a model of modern efficiency. Combined with the existing Homepride mill it will be capable of producing 20 million packets of flour annually, making it their main processing plant in Britain and enabling cost increases to be kept to a minimum. It is part of a major centralisation plan by Spillers Homepride which is moving its headquarters into Cambridge. 85 09 26 # c.27

History of the Apostles – 85 09 26a # c.36.9

1985 09 27
Cambridge Cattle Market opened 100 years ago. Before 1885 it was held at Castle End but the stalls were inadequate for the number of beasts. Then Jesus College provided land near the railway station. Cattle docks from all four railways were within two minutes' walk and there were direct railway links to Scotland and Ireland. There are still weekly sales of stock, with horse sales every five weeks, but the area nearby that was used for grazing is now the Clifton Industrial Estate. It is filled with large corrugated boxes housing a wide variety of light industry and a 'Park and Ride' site 85 09 27 c.27.3

1984 09 30
Queens' College tv documentary – 85 09 30 # c.27.8 # c.44.5

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1985 10 01
When pub tenants Brian and Jean Smith moved not only did they pack their furniture but they took the darts team with them. The unusual move came when the Greene King brewery announced that it was to close the 400-year-old Coach and Horses in Harston, which Brian and Jean had run for the last two-and-a-half years. But they were offered the tenancy of the Three Horse Shoes on the other side of the road. So after serving their last pint at the Coach, they reopened just opposite. And as the Horse Shoes didn't have a darts or quiz team they followed them across 85 10 01

A triple gun salute and the haunting notes of the soldier's requiem 'The Last Post' sounded out across a sunlit Cambridge cemetery after the coffin carrying the body of an 18-year-old private was laid in the ground. Martin Patten had been gunned down by the IRA only three months after starting active service with his beloved Royal Anglian Regiment. Amongst dozens of mourners were soldiers from all three of the Regiment's battalions and members of the Burma Star Association 85 10 01a # c.45.8

1985 10 02
Bodger's, one of Cambridge's oldest-established university menswear shops which has been on the corner of Green Street and Sidney Street since 1922, is up for sale as a going concern. It is a very prosperous business employing ten full-time staff but the most valuable part of the concern is the freehold of the shop. It includes sales areas on two floors, a cutting room and canteen together with an attached doctor's surgery with a separate entrance and is valued at £800,000. 85 10 02 # c.27.2

1985 10 03
Patients are having to bring their own bed linen to Addenbrooke's Hospital because a new laundry cannot cope. Some patients are lying on paper sheets and some doctors are doing their own laundry at home. One nurse said she had not seen any clean bed linen for three weeks. One man walked a mile home to bring his wife a proper pillow case. The centralised laundry at Fulbourn handles all the soiled linen; it does such massive amounts that get stuck in the system when the machines break down, an administrator said 85 10 03 # c.21.4

"Full Metal Jacket", a Stanley Kubrick film about the Vietnam war is being made at Bassingbourn Barracks. A massive set portrays an American base camp in the heart of the jungle. Metal huts have been built and 39 palm trees imported from Spain. Workers come in regularly to water the 40-foot palms, although overnight high winds claimed on of them. Plenty of noise is expected once the camp comes under attack but few will notice as the base already has a shooting range with artillery exercises going on regularly 85 10 03a

1985 10 04
Duxford Lodge Hotel opened to its first guests to reveal comfortable three-star accommodation and a restaurant which should prove popular with travellers taking a break from the M11. The former Highfield House Hotel has been transformed to create a country house atmosphere. During the war it was an RAF HQ and amongst officers billeted there was Group Captain Douglas Bader whose bedroom has now been incorporated into the new coffee lounge. Winter weekend breaks are offered at £60 per person for two nights including breakfast and dinner. 85 10 04 & a

1985 10 05
The new Amstrad PCW 8256 is a complete word processing package of no less than 256K for £399 plus VAT. The Cambridge Computer Store sold eight inside two hours. It is a system designed to be attractive to anyone who uses a typewriter with a full-size keyboard, green monitor, built-in disc driver and printer. It comes with a Locomotive word processing software kit which is said to be self-explanatory and particularly easy to use. "Start using the machine and then, if you're stuck, refer to the handbook", they advise the user 85 10 05

1985 10 07
Bertram Dyer played the organ as usual for the family service at Elmdon parish church. But the service was special because it commemorated his 50th anniversary as church organist. He has also been organist at Strethall church, said to be the smallest parish in England, and was at one time organist at Littlebury Green. But the organ at Elmdon is his first love, even more now that it has been restored in time for the Harvest Festival. It now features a brass plaque commemorating his years of service. 85 10 07

1985 10 08
A controversial water-ski-ing trial at Graffham Water has proved inclusive. Strong winds meant it was impossible to judge the effect on other users of the reservoir which has been set aside for quiet use – sailing, fishing and wild life. Water-ski enthusiasts need additional water as clubs are full but anglers feel it is not compatible with their sport and RSPB officials say it would impact on the birds. 85 10 08

1985 10 09
Cherished memories of boyhood holidays have prompted world-famous author, Graham Greene, to help with Harston village church appeal fund. The celebrated novelist, who often used to visit his

uncle at Harston House in the school holidays and has written about the village in his short stories, donated a prized first edition of one of his books inscribed with a personal tribute. The 15th-century church needs repairs to the roof and walls which will cost £108,000. 85 10 09

1985 10 10
Chesterton Community College is celebrating its Golden Jubilee with a book of anecdotes. Old boy Chris Morton remembers headmaster R.C. Brown. "We used to call him 'The Major'. He used to have this habit of picking you up by the ear. He was a real gentleman. He would give you the cane and you used to feel he was being military about it". Rex Freeman was one of the favourite teachers and could bring the best out of anyone. He taught English and history, later music and remedial classes 85 10 10 & a # c.36.5

Wrights Ski Chalet shop opens King Street – 85 10 10b & c

1985 10 14
The waiting lists for St Paul's School in Coronation Street and St Matthew's in Norfolk Street have become so full that there is a queue for every place. Pregnant mothers are wanting to sign in their as yet unborn babies. But there are no plans to expand the schools from their present roll and children who cannot be admitted will have to be taken to other schools across the city. The problem is due to the changing face of Cambridge: once the local streets were full of lodging houses and bedsitters. Now professional people have moved in and renovated the houses 85 10 15

Longstanton traction engine museum – 85 10 14a

1985 10 15
Hinxton watermill has been in a sad state of repair since the 1920s. But now Cambridge Preservation Society has embarked on a project to restore it to its former glory. They bought the mill and its adjoining cottage in 1984 and work should be completed by May. Peg tiles will replace the corrugated iron roof on the mill and the cottage will be rethatched. It will be one of the largest projects they have undertaken 85 10 15

Pigott's, the family ironmongers which has traded in Cambridge for more than a century, is up for sale. It was in 1863 that John Pigott, son of a Landbeach farmer, opened an ironmongers shop in Sidney Street and a chain of shops were set up in Market Hill, Mill Road, Norfolk Street, Bridge Street and Hills Road. The Sussex Street branch, an established feature of the street since the late 1930s, shut down last September. The business, now in Victoria Road, includes two shops, a warehouse, stores and office. 85 10 15a # c.27

1985 10 16
RAF Newmarket & Snailwell – history 85 10 16 & a # c.45.7

1985 10 17
It was standing room only in Queens' College as undergraduates and dons crowded in to watch the first part of a BBC documentary about their college. Even the bar was quiet as hundreds of college members jostled for the best positions around television sets. There were cheers of recognition for college personalities and hoots of derisions as candidates attending interviews for admission flunked the questions. The Senior Tutor has always supported the project because he believes Queens' has nothing to hide but does not want students to get too excited about the media attention. 85 10 17 # c.27.8 # c.44.5

Eight years after Laurie's doors closed forever, the tiers of galleries round the central well which gave the old store such a distinctive character will be alive with shoppers once again. On the official opening a band will once again occupy the bandstand on top of the building in Fitzroy Street. Traders are hoping that the arrival of Habitat will bring an influx of new shoppers to boost the whole area.

Sofas are their best-selling furniture line in a range which includes lighting, self-assembly kitchens and fabrics. 85 10 23 # c.27.2

1985 10 18
Iron foundries on Quayside side – history 85 10 18 # c.27

1985 10 21
The old Otto Wehrle public clock is to be returned to its former position after a decade's absence. The 102-year-old clock was removed from the Cambridge Market Square façade when the Wehrle jewellers business closed after 125 years. Now it has been discovered in Lincolnshire by a Saffron Walden dealer in ancient artefacts, Stephen McDermott. It is being restored by Rodney Firmin of Magdalene Street before being unveiled once more next spring 85 10 21

1985 10 22
The Government has given the green light for the controversial £500,000 plan for rebuilding Cambridge bus station. They have given the County permission to buy a small 'island' of land in the centre of Drummer Street owned by the city council. It was the only thing standing in the way of the proposed rebuilding plans. But the scheme is unlikely ever to go ahead. The new County council administration wants to build a long-distance coach terminal at the railway station instead, saying it would ease city centre bus congestion. 85 10 22

The new park-and-ride service from Cowley Road to the heart of Cambridge has met a slow response. The experimental service which also runs to the Grafton Centre has been laid on in time for the build-up to Christmas with buses every ten minutes and a return fare of 35p. The first day was very quiet but Cambus expect it will get a great deal busier with about 20 passengers per bus. They are also improving the regular service between the cattle market & the city centre. 85 10 22a

1985 10 23
Edgley Aircraft, producers of Optica which was first flown 1979 goes into liquidation – 85 10 23 # c.26.1

Planners are trying to discover who owns a large piece of land which has been derelict for as long as anyone can remember. Running along the back gardens in Stanley Road and Garlic Row it is in the middle of a new Stourbridge general improvement area and is ripe for improvement. But nothing can be done to tidy up it up or remove rusting car hulks until they track down a mysterious 'Mr Brown' who probably died many years ago. 85 10 23b

1985 10 24
Fire ripped through the nerve centre of the RAF's UK Support Command at Brampton in Cambridgeshire's biggest blaze for years. More than 100 firemen fought for over two hours to bring the flames under control but the building may have to be demolished. There are fears that vital documents may have been destroyed though they will not affect the running of the Air Force. There is no reason to suspect arson. Around 400 people, both military and civilian personnel, work in the headquarters. 85 10 24

Pye director John Stanley dies – 85 10 24a

Squatters who are being turned out of the derelict Thakes Cycle Shop on East Road are angry that the building will lie empty. It was bought by the County Council under a compulsory purchase order and was to have been demolished to make way for the controversial road widening scheme which has now been scrapped. It could still be pulled down to improve the road junction with Norfolk Street. The squatters had dreams of turning it into a social centre with a vegetarian café and crèche 85 10 24b

Reg Badcock of Lode repairs cracked and broken church bells. He has made almost all the special equipment he needs from pieces of metal debris which fill every corner of his workshops. A few bells

were experimentally repaired by the British Welding Institute at Abington, where he had worked for 25 years. But they were not prepared to carry on the task, so Reg took over. He has worked on bells from Abbotsley and Foxton. Each has its own character and markings but he clears away one his cluttered benches and solves the problem. The importance of his work is recognised nationally: amongst the jobs waiting for him is a bell from a church near Stratford-on-Avon. 85 10 24c & d # c.69.6

1985 10 28
For almost 200 years every gentleman of Cambridge popped in to the little King's Parade shop of Bays and Sons, the hatters. It was started in 1787 and the present shop was built in 1825. It was a traditional firm and never followed fashions. Each time the demand for hats dropped they added another line and eventually sold more blazers, trousers and boaters than gowns and hats. But rents tripled and the premises were taken over by New and Lingwood, shirtmakers. Now with the retirement of Jimmy Bays, the family link has been broken. 85 10 28 # c.27.2

1985 10 30
Thirty years ago Jack Frost of Hauxton started a motor business in a cowshed. Now he keeps the handicapped mobile. His garage has been the official supply and repair centre for invalid cars for some years with a number of standby vehicles that can be exchanged for broken down vehicles. The familiar blue plastic three-wheelers have automatic transmission and are powered by a two-cylinder Steyr-Puch engine. The firm also looks after wheelchairs and three-wheel bikes of all descriptions. 85 10 30

The Old Rectory at Fulbourn was originally built in 1886 for a rector whose family included 17 children. Consequently it boasts a large amount of space with 1,250 square feet of outbuildings set in almost an acre of garden. This has now become the headquarters of Sibley Robinson who specialise in designs for civil, structural, mechanical and building engineering. They have worked on Harston Mill Research Centre for Cambridge Interactive Systems 85 10 30a & b

1985 10 31
Beeswax polish cottage industry destroyed by fire – 85 10 31

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1985 11 01
The Nancy was a fine steam tug, one of the largest to be used on the River Cam. She was about 70 feet long with a capacity of about 70 tons and was owned by the Eastern Counties' Navigation Company carrying coal, bricks and timber. The boat was laid up in 1914 because of the war and rotted at her moorings near the railway bridge at Ely until the river was widened in 1947. Then the rusting boat was buried on the Babylon marina site. Four years ago the remains were unearthed and now the stern has been given a permanent home at the Cambridge Museum of Technology in Cheddar Lane 85 11 01 # c.26.3

1985 11 02
People of Little Shelford and Harston have spent £3,000 to repair a magnificent obelisk which presides over open fields near Harston. However the man it commemorates appears to have left no mark in history. Gregory Wale died in 1739. He was a Justice of the Peace, Deputy Lieutenant, county treasurer and Conservator of the River Cam. The memorial says he lived an advocate for liberty, was an agreeable companion, faithful friend and a useful member of society. But it remains a mystery why such a splendid monument should be erected to so unremarkable a man 85 11 02

1985 11 04
Dr Robert Dwyer-Joyce was the physician and friend of generations of Histon villagers. He and his wife, Dr Alice Dwyer-Joyce, were family doctors in the village that was their home for the past 42 years. Despite running a busy general practice he found time to paint and write poetry whilst his wife

wrote around 30 books. When they retired in 1978 villagers threw a farewell party in the village hall where they were showered with gifts. The parish council named a street after them in recognition of their service. 85 11 04

1985 11 05
Pamela Sue Martin – who played Fallon in 'Dynasty' – along with veteran actor Dick Van Dyke and Ben Cross, star of 'Chariots of Fire', were part of a glittering galaxy of Hollywood stars who have been smuggled in and out of Cambridge during the last couple of days for the filming of a multi-million dollar TV mini-series called 'Strong Medicine'. Shooting began in King's Parade with heart-throb Sam Neil and then shifted to the university's chemistry department in Lensfield Road. Two local schoolboys James Stevenson and Dan Nashaat gave a hand fetching and carrying. They met the stars and were paid £3 for their work. 85 11 05 # c.65.6

1985 11 06
Pupils and staff at the Manor Community College have been working hard on a school yearbook – the first publication of its kind in the eastern counties. Wrapped in a bold cover designed by former pupil Paul Stevens it attempts to capture the life of the school in pictures and captions. Teacher and librarian Jim Brown has been assisted by pupils Tim Judges, Rebecca Newman, Ben Levitt, Marc Abraham and Philip Jaggard who took photographs of community activities. 85 11 06

1985 11 07
Dr Clive Sinclair is one of the few British industrialists to challenge the Japanese and American dominance in electronics. Although his C5 vehicle venture went into liquidation this week he is still afloat, still only 45 and has enormous resources. So it is a very good time for Rodney Dale, a literate man who knows Cambridge science well, to have produced his biography giving an invaluable glimpse of a significant period in Cambridge's electronic history. 85 11 07

Staff at the Central Library in Lion Yard say goodbye to Leslie 'Wally' Collins – 85 11 07a

Cambridge planners have thrown out three major proposals that would have created 1,500 new jobs for the city. Out went a scheme to build an Asda superstore in the new Cambridge Business Park in Milton Road and out went plans for a big new shopping centre between Kings Hedges Road and the northern bypass. Also rejected was a Unex scheme for a giant complex for high-tech research on the site of a disused vegetable warehouse site between Hills Road and Brooklands Avenue. Planners say it left no room for landscaping and minimal room for parking. Appeals will be made against all the decisions. 85 11 07c

1985 11 08
Fenstanton riot 1789 – 85 11 08
Maters' wives, p28

1985 11 12
The Cambridgeshire College of Arts and Technology needs polytechnic status. It would boost cash levels, encourage more students and do a lot for its prestige. College principal Roy Helmore says Cambridge is an extremely attractive city for students; if you compare it with Chelmsford, which is another college making a bid, it is culturally and socially a desirable place to stay. But staff would have to be relocated and paperwork would increase. He is retiring after nine years and says it is a right time for somebody new, younger and vigorous to take on the challenge. 85 11 12 # c.36.7

Waterbeach primary school is displaying a dolls house which was built 50 years ago as a school project in which every pupil took part. The girls wove the carpets and curtains while the boys made the furniture and produced wallpaper out of potato prints. Billy Sabberton remembers it was his job to fit the chimney pot. But he made the hole in the roof too big and was relieved to be given the job of fitting some tiles so he could cover up the gap without the teacher, Miss Hilda Hatley, spotting the mistake. 85 11 12a

1985 11 13
The £5-million park-and-ride system planned for Cambridge could be scrapped. Behind-the-scene moves are under way at Shire Hall to replace it with an equally controversial parking area for 2,000 cars under Midsummer Common. The Labour-controlled city council is backing the idea of a ring of major ground-level car parks linked to the centre with a cheap bus service. But they need the support of the Conservative-led County Council which questions who is to pay the set-up charge and the estimated £1-million a year running costs. 85 11 13

1985 11 14
Underground car park proposals history – 85 11 14

Palace House Mansion Newmarket was established by Charles II in the 17th century with – reputedly – a secret tunnel linking it with Nell Gwyn's house in Palace Street. It was subsequently used by George IV and royal dukes but in 1850 the stable was sold on the instructions of Queen Victoria and demolished apart from the Outer Yard. The Mansion, which faces its stables and training yards across Palace Street, was acquired by the Rothschild family around 1876. It has now been put on the market for over £1m. 85 11 14a

1985 11 15
Almost 100 years of school history is about to bite the dust as the last remaining building of the former St Phillip's School in Thoday Street is demolished. It will be replaced with 30 self-contained flats for elderly people. The children moved to new premises in Vinery Road last year. 85 11 15

Properties in Silverley Way, Ashley are being demolished because they are claimed to be unsafe. But despite repeated efforts workmen have been unable to remove one of the controversial concrete and steel 'Airey Houses'. They attached a cable to the back wall and tried to pull it down with a digger, but the wheels just spun. After a day pulling and shovelling all they achieved was to shake loose a few tiles and smash a couple of windows. The council says there are various faults in the design and they would need extensive repairs 85 11 15a

Cambridge's experimental Neighbourhood Watch scheme involves some 500 houses in Chesterton and is aimed at giving the police back-up in their fight against crime. If residents spot something suspicious they get in touch with the street co-ordinator who notifies the Home Beat Officer. The area is going up market and the major problems are the annual influx of fair people and visitors to the 'Bumps' whose inconsiderate parking causes anger. 85 11 15b # c.34.7

Mowbrays bookshop reopens after alterations – 85 11 15c

1985 11 16
Marshalls retains contract on Hercules transport aircraft – 85 11 16
Thriplow postmistress' funeral, more than a year after she shot – 85 11 16a

1985 11 18
Cambridge Darkroom exhibition of Fen photographs – 85 11 18 # c.65.5

1985 11 20
Brooklyn Body Shop Fen Road – 85 11 20

1985 11 21
Schmidt of Sutton demonstrate new road sweeper - 85 11 21

1985 11 22
The Carioca Club on Newmarket Road is finally being demolished after years of doubt about its future. It was built in the 1870s as a Methodist Chapel but with falling attendances it was a financial

embarrassment and as early as 1909 there was talk of selling it. In 1941 it became a furniture storage depot and was turned into a nightclub and disco in 1976 with a take-away kebab shop. But it was gutted by fire in 1983 and never reopened. 85 11 22 # c.83

Sally Ann's, Cambridge Salvation Army's highly successful charity shop set up five years ago, is now open for business at its new home on the site of the former Fine Fare supermarket in Mill Road, having moved from the Tesco shop in Regent Street. It sells everything from bric-a-brac to books but also has second-hand furniture such as wardrobes, dressers, beds and three-piece suites. These can be used to assist 'distress cases' where a family urgently needs furniture. About 100 volunteers price the items, launder and iron the clothes and operate a delivery service but more are desperately needed to keep up with all the jobs that need doing. 85 11 22b # c.27.2

ADC history – 85 11 22a # c.76

1985 02 21
Isleham pancake winners presented with prizes by Mike Petty: photo 85 02 21 NJ

1985 11 25
Stanton House residents celebrated its silver jubilee with a ploughman's lunch and old-time music hall. It has 28 bedsits with shared bathrooms, giving elderly people their independence while under the watchful eye of a warden who lives on the premises. It was the first sheltered housing scheme to open in Cambridge and has proved very popular. But the fact that residents are made so comfortable means they live longer and more and more homes of this kind are needed. Now Mill Road maternity hospital and St Philip's School in Thoday Street are to be converted. 85 11 25 # c.32.9

1985 11 26
Landbeach Lake may be sold as nature reserve – 85 11 26
Tiddlywinks world championship held at Churchill college – 85 11 26a & b # c.38 : tiddlywinks

1985 11 27
When the St Neots quads, Ernest, Ann, Paul and Michael Miles were born 50 years ago they made national headlines as Britain's first quadruplets to survive. Even in those days they had obvious commercial potential and Cow and Gate Baby Foods wasted no time in signing them up. The last time they were really in the news was for their 21st birthday and since then they have been allowed to leave normal lives. Three of them returned to St Neots for a small party but the youngest lives in South Africa and could not join in. 85 11 27

1985 11 29
Pye TVT, the Cambridge television equipment company is to close its studio systems plant which employs 230 people – 85 11 29 # c.27.1 : Pye

Houghton Poultry Research Station's pioneering research in poultry diseases has saved the industry millions of pounds over the past 25 years and kept chickens and eggs as a cheap food source. But now Government cuts means it must shut down its laboratories and chicken houses as it halves the size of the 80-acre complex. However some outside funding has been obtained and they are opposing moves to transfer operations to Berkshire. 85 11 29a

Hundreds of Muslims in Cambridge regularly make their way to the mosque, tucked discreetly away near bustling Mill Road. Leading the gathering was the Imam, an Egyptian PhD student in chemistry at Cambridge University. He spoke in Arabic and English, stressing the importance of unity among Muslims. Many of the congregation were of Middle-Eastern origin but there were also several Orientals and English people. They were predominately in the 25 to 40 age range and listened intently. Upstairs a woman followed the service alone, out of sight. After 40 minutes the meeting ended, as it had begun, with a reading from the Koran. 85 11 29b # c.83

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1985 12 02
Cambridge is counting the cost of a night of violence. Three policemen were injured and 13 police vehicles damaged during a three-hour confrontation with up to 300 youths in East Road. Tempers flared and scuffles broke out as would-be revellers tried to enter the former Thakes cycle shop for a party with a disco and a band. The building had been purchased by the County Council and was due to be flattened to make way for a new dual carriageway, but the scheme was scrapped. Now it may be demolished as soon as possible 85 12 02 # c.34.6

A plan devised by Grosvenor Estates could add a third to the size of the Grafton Centre. The extension would be built around a central mall at right angles to the present one using the site of the present bus interchange and the land now occupied by the yard of Coulsons, the building contractors. It would have a two-storey roof park for 350 cars with a number reserved for shop staff. Coupled with the opening of Habitat in Fitzroy Street it would strengthen the appeal of the area against that of Cambridge's traditional city centre. 85 12 02a # c.49.66

After more than a century of almost unremitting dreariness the Methodist Tabernacle in Newmarket Road is being pulled down. The hideous old bulk of a chapel wore sunlight like a shroud. The foundation stone was laid in 1876 but within 14 years the congregation shrank and in 1909 there was talk of selling it. It struggled on and in 1941 was given over to the storage of furniture. Later it became the Carioca nightclub and its face daubed with appalling blue and orange paint. Worse was to come: the lower part was turned into a take-away kebab joint. Fire gutted the old pile in 1983 and its doors finally closed for ever 85 12 02b # c.83

The Andrew Murden Centre for the Unemployed and Unwaged is not just for the bored and depressed. Its main aims are to give advice on welfare rights and organise activities to stop people going stale in body and mind. But too few of Cambridge's 4,000 jobless are aware of it. The Centre would like more women to make use of the crèche and to expand their work with schools and youth groups. But there is not significant youth unemployment and the few out of work often join Government training schemes. 85 12 02c # c.32.1

1985 12 05
An old blacksmith's smithy in Trumpington is to be demolished to make way for new offices. It was not a listed building and the scruffy corner would inevitably be developed at some time. But protestors say a two-storey office development would take away the character of the corner of Church Street and High Street in what was essentially a village-type area and be at the expense of a piece of village history. 85 12 05

1985 12 10
Morley Memorial Primary School has been waiting for improvements since the beginning of the Second World War. It suffers from leaking roofs and a totally inadequate school hall. Now parents fear that the County Council plans to sell property at 100 Blinco Grove for building development. It is densely populated area with virtually no playing space and the school uses the grounds for infants' sports, nature trails and other functions. Parents hope to form an action committee to oppose the suggestion. 85 12 10 # c.36.5

Council chiefs are setting up an 'action squad' to in a bid to defuse mounting mob tension on the streets of Cambridge following a violent clash outside the former Thakes cycle shop on East Road. At a noisy meeting in the Guildhall more than 100 youngsters spelled out a simple desperate plea – give us somewhere to meet. Now the councillors will try to find a disused warehouse for them to convert into a late-night venue or set up an 'open house' building which they could use during the day. The unemployed workers' centre could also be put to more intensive use. 85 12 10a # c.69

More than 200 young people entered the Rob Roy pub in Chesterton Road to hold a late-night disco. Sixty-five police prevented any more entering as toilet rolls, a chair and other pieces of furniture rained down. As there were no lights on, except for the disco light and with a crowd in excess of 200 police decided it would be unsafe to enter and clear the building. The pub had not been derelict but undergoing refurbishment and considerable damage was done to the upstairs room. It followed confrontation with several hundred youths outside the former Thakes cycle shop in East Road 85 12 10b # c.69

An urgent review of police manning levels has been ordered amid warnings that the Cambridgeshire force is being stretched too far. Uniformed officers work on average twelve hours overtime a month with CID putting in slightly more and these payments have pushed the budget into the red. Another 100 officers are needed just to bring numbers into line with other forces nationwide. This does not cover the commitment to Molesworth which alone will cost £2 million this year. 85 12 10c

1985 12 11
Cambridge University is threatened with a £4 million grant cut which would force it to leave vacancies unfilled. Government plans to trim cash for higher education would curtail courses designed to keep pace with high technology and threaten research projects with industry, the Council of the Senate warn. Senior academic staff are involved in a campaign to stop the cuts and will be lobbying for the support of local MPs as well as those who have been at the university 85 12 11 # c.36.9

Duxford airfield new hangar – 85 12 11a
Cherry Hinton community centre on recreation ground scrapped – 85 12 11b
Regent Hotel – formerly Glengarry – refurbished – 85 12 11c # c.27.4

1985 12 12
The old 100-year-old Kinema bingo hall in Mill Road, which is currently on the market for £170,000, may be restored and turned back into a cinema to meet the fast-growing demand for the showing of old-time and specialist films. The City Council, who owns most of the property nearby, think it could become a major tourist attraction helping to tempt visitors away from the city centre 85 12 12 # c.79.9

Haddenham Farmland Museum has been supported by Lada Cars through Ideson's Motors for the last five years. Now they are seeking fresh backing. The Museum started life in 1969 when one of the Delanoy's three sons, Craig, collected a few bits and pieces and charged his friends to see them. Little did the family realise how it would expand from those humble beginnings. Hundreds of people have donated exhibits and thousands of pounds have been collected for charity. 85 12 12a

Nancy II steel barge built for Banham's – history 85 12 12b # c.26.3

St Neots annual Christmas Livestock show will be held at the cattle market in Huntingdon Street for the last time. It was started in 1883 and continued even during the war years when the sale of fat stock for killing was not allowed and pheasants and other meat was sold instead. Up until 1953 it was run by Ekins but then the St Neots Christmas Show Society was formed. The market will continue to be held every Thursday until March 31st but then the site will be redeveloped 85 12 12c

1985 12 13
Sinclair Research HQ Willis Rd bought by county council – 85 12 13

Snowy Farr's name and face are instantly recognisable all over the world. The self-styled 'King of the Roads' in his outrageously colourful clothes and with his menagerie of animals has become a regular feature of Cambridge Market Place over the years. It was 1971 when Snowy, now 66, started collecting money for the blind. Over the years he had built up a collection of cats, mice, rabbits, birds and his faithful dog, Spot, which are all transported in a colourful home-made cart built round a

bicycle. The former road sweeper has appeared on television, in newspapers and magazines as far away as Canada, Hong Kong and even Australia. 85 12 13a

1985 12 16
Military convoys allegedly carrying nuclear weapons regularly travel through or close to Cambridge according to 'Polariswatch', a branch of CDN. They say an 11-vehicle convoy travelled along the northern bypass on its way from Scotland to RAF Honington in Norfolk. This is certain to annoy Labour and Liberal city councillors who have fought a long anti-nuclear campaign. They may call together all local peace groups to seek their views on a ban on the transportation of radioactive materials 85 12 16 # c.45.8

1985 12 17
Cambridge's Victoria Cinema has been sold to make way for a new Marks and Spencer store. The prime market square site has housed the city's largest cinema since 1931 and underwent a major refurbishment following a fire two years ago. The sale will leave Cambridge with two other cinemas, the ABC 1 and ABC 2 complex and the Arts Cinema. But there are plans to change the old Kinema bingo hall in Mill Road back into a cinema 85 12 17 # c.76.9

1985 12 18
Mare Fen, 40 acres of wet grazing meadow near Swavesey which has been purchased by the County Council, will be maintained as an important refuge for rare wildfowl. But it could also be used for skating, marking the rebirth of a well-established local tradition. Friends of the Earth are pleased that its wildlife value has been recognised but are disappointed that the adjoining Cow Fen has now been drained to increase agricultural yield 85 12 18

Robert Sitton and Alfred Mothersole commenced business on the Newmarket Road in 1945 repairing and refurbishing motor vehicles. They moved to Abbey Street in 1952 and from there to premises at the corner of Coldham's Lane and Henley Road in 1973. They were the first in Cambridgeshire to install a stoving oven for the refinishing of car paintwork. 85 12 18a # c.26.48

Bil Cox, p1

1985 12 19
A new village for about 4,000 people may be built between Milton and Quy to ease the population explosion pressures which are expected to peak around 2000. The City Council is likely to support the idea because there is no land available for development within Cambridge. South Cambs planners say that unless decisions are taken soon many villages may become strained to their limits by new development. But others have doubts about the need for a new village and no specific location has been selected. 85 12 19

1985 12 20
Cherry Hinton level crossing fight against half-barriers has been lost – 85 12 20
Littleport hermit Bill Cox convicted of hiding dead mother – 85 12 20a

1985 12 21
St Neots received its best-ever Christmas present with the opening of the new bypass. Soon after the cutting of the tape heavy lorries and cars which have made walking in the town centre a misery, were travelling down the new stretch of road. Campaigners who have been trying for 15 years say it will make life easier and far more pleasant for all who live, work or shop in the town centre. David Huckle, one of the men who campaigned for the bypass from the beginning was a guest at the opening and viewed the bypass in a VIP coach before traffic was allowed along it. 85 12 21

A row of Tudor cottages at Pampisford which were literally falling apart and patched up with unsightly corrugated iron have been restored to their former glory. They were in such an appalling state that they had to be jacked up so new foundations could be put in. The oldest cottages in the

villages, they have been renovated using reclaimed materials. Inside they are full of character with original salt-drying racks in the inglenook fireplace. 85 12 21a

1985 12 23
Christmas is just another day for some residents of the Church Housing Association in Willow Walk. But despite the distinct lack of enthusiasm Captain Andrew Entecott and his helpers are busy at work. The cook will be dishing up turkey and all the trimmings for 36 men and gifts will be presented in the afternoon. The Cyrenian's home in Short Street is like a big happy family and they have planned a Christmas meal. But many homeless people will be wandering the streets with nowhere to go 85 12 23 # c.32.9

1985 12 27
The Kinema in Mill Road was built in 1882 when it was called the Theatre Royal. It was also known as Sturton Town Hall and Gladstone Liberal Club and staged shows until 1885. It was taken over by the Salvation Army who were ousted in 1910 then renamed the Empire, showing variety and pictures until 1916 before changing its name to the Kinema. It was badly supported and became a bingo hall. Now it may be restored as a cinema with a café, bookshop and entertainment complex. It is owned by the Sturton Town Hall Liberal Company, named after Joseph Sturton, a powerful Liberal who bought land in the area in 1897 and built houses for poor people. 85 12 27 # c.76.9

1985 12 30
Alan Wyatt has turned three rooms of his house at Landbeach into a musical museum devoted to the melodies of the Victorian era 85 12 30

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Carioca Club demolition – 85 12 31

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1986 01 02
The traditional Gang Show epitomises the spirit of the Scout and Guide movement. Since its inception in Cambridge in 1971 it is a well-established event and almost 70 scouts and guides will be on stage with a back-up team of 40 more. The production will include lots of good old material from Ralph Reader, the founder of gang shows, who saw the Cambridge production just before his death in 1984, as well as plenty of new material including an Irving Berlin tribute using costumes worth £400 - + 01

1986 01 03
Local firms such as Pye Unicam, Barnwell Engineering and Cambridge Instruments have shown that there are rich pickings in exporting to Eastern Bloc companies. Now two new companies have been established to assist exports. Anglia Instruments deals in Hungary, Bulgaria and Russia on behalf of several small firms including Techne at Duxford, while Anglo-Polish Exhibitions based at Histon provides a complete back-up service to firm who want to exhibit at major trade fairs in Poland. 86 01 03a

1986 01 06
Dearer car parking charges in Cambridge will drive motorists to shop in other towns, says a Director of Joshua Taylor. At Peterborough the charge for four hours is 60p compared to £1.50 in Lion Yard. The Grafton Eastern park costs just 50p for three hours which is unfair to city centre traders. But Lion Yard prices are likely to increase to 30p for the first hour following the end of a 'freeze' on charges which has been operating for the past 16 months to try and attract more shoppers 86 01 06

The great Cambridge Rock Group Competition has attracted 42 bands. They include Pressure Drop who specialise in blues and jazz, Grass Asylum and Double Yellow Line who describe their music as pop, The Beeno who simply 'rock' and Tyrade a heavy rock outfit. Wild Party Productions whose musical styles embrace both rock and pop will also perform as well as the Harvest Wood Quintet who are into contemporary rock music. President Regan Is Clever and Sardines in Red Striped Dresses will also take part. 86 01 06a # c.69

1986 01 07
Cyril Ridgeon began his tiny timber business in one room in St Barnabas Road in 1911. Now the company is celebrating 75 years of trading. During the war they stored timber on behalf of the Government sending supplies down to London to repair blitz-damaged houses. The firm opened branches at March and Saffron Walden and is now planning to move its Tenison Road and Cavendish Road operations to a new site on Coldham's Lane 86 01 07 &a 86 01 02 # c.23

Premier Travel history – 86 01 07b & c # c.26.46

1986 01 08
Over 90-per-cent of jobless youngsters were offered work after completing a Cambridge youth training scheme. They held an exhibition of their skills including craftwork, engineering, electronics and hospital care But Government cutbacks in funding from the Manpower Services Commission mean the course could be slashed heavily. Youngsters spend 13 weeks on study and the rest with their employer. They receive £27.30 a week from the MSC – a sum dubbed as 'slave labour' - but employers can make up their pay to a higher figure. 86 01 08

1986 01 13
Chivers-Hartley, the Histon-based jam and jelly making firm employing 700, is being sold but all jobs are safe. A jam-making plant has stood on the site since 1873 when William and John Chivers first

started boiling jam in a farmhouse during a fruit glut. They built it into a thriving business which at one point employed 1,200 on the 50-acre site. It has been part of the giant Cadbury Schweppes group for more than 20 year and is being sold as part of a management buy-out of its foods and beverages division. 86 01 13 86 01 14a

Lola Cars moved to Huntingdon in 1971 having started in a lock-up garage in Bromley. It is now the second most successful small racing car maker in the country with plans to build 75 cars this year. The workforce has doubled. People associate motor racing with glamorous surroundings but at Huntingdon they have skilled labour, a good road network and two race circuits nearby. The Lola works team is run by Hollywood star Paul Newman and the cars are driven by ex-Formula 1 world champion Mario Andretti. 86 01 13a

1986 01 14
Peace and quiet is on the way at last for hundreds of people living in the York Terrace and Sturton Street area. For years residents have complained about noise and nuisance caused by huge petrol tankers making frequent visits to the depot, saying their homes have been damaged by the vehicles turning into the narrow streets. Now the Department of the Environment have given the Phoenix Petroleum company three years to move its fuel storage and distribution depot from the middle of the area. 86 01 14

1986 01 15
Traffic chiefs in talks over A604 telephones and lay-bys – 86 01 15

1986 01 16
The closure of J.F. Penning's grocers shop in Saffron Walden after 60 years will mark the end of an era. The shop has become a byword for courtesy, counter service and a charm belonging to a bygone age. It was a cheesemonger's before the First World War, then became a high-class grocery shop offering a delivery service to customers. But there has been a fall in general trading because of people leaving the area and younger residents prefer to go to cash and carry stores. Now the two brothers who run the shop in Market Street have decided to retire. 86 01 16

Willingham Church Heritage Appeal Fund is finally closed. Early in 1981 a church architect discovered that the 14th-century building needed a new roof for the south aisle and major repairs to the stonework. Since then there has hardly been a month when there has not been a concert or sponsored walk, supper evening or slide show to raise funds. Villagers have slimmed for the church, played darts and eaten a five-course Elizabethan meal with their fingers. Now everyone who helped has been invited to a thanksgiving service. But it seems the bell tower is also in need of repair and a new appeal may be started. 86 01 16a

1986 01 17
A 17th-century pub at Great Abington had gone up for sale at £180,000. The Three Tuns in the village High Street has been a pub since 1620, although experts think it might originally have been the manor house on Abington Hall Estate. It is only in the last 20 years that the pub has been a free house. At one point it was owned by the People's Refreshment House Association before being taken over by the Carrington's brewery. Owners Stanley and June Read, who bought the pub five years ago and have restored much of it, are planning to retire to Norfolk 86 01 17

1986 01 20
The Victoria County History is a major work of reference. So far eight volumes on Cambridgeshire have been published and two more are scheduled. But financial cut-backs may delay progress – 86 01 20

1986 01 22
No developments companies have expressed interest in building and running a small row of shops on the junction of Buchan Street and Kings Hedges Road. The restricted site would be expensive to build

and not yield high rents. In addition there has been extensive publicity about possible supermarket building schemes in the area. The city council may build the shops itself in the hope of finding tenants. 86 01 22

A lollipop patrol crisis is posing a road safety risk to Cambridge youngsters. Three city schools have been left without crossing patrols after staff have left but the County Council has run into major problems recruiting people to take their place. They have advertised and put notices in shop windows appealing for unemployed housewives or active pensioners able to spare ten hours a week for pay of £2.13 an hour. The principal worry is at Mayfield School as children of junior and infant age need to cross the extremely busy Histon Road. 86 01 22a

1986 01 23
Major structural faults have been discovered in St George's Church, Chesterton – less than 40 years after it was built. The front wall is leaning away from the roof and cracks have been found on the arches inside the building. An architect's inspection has advised that the problem areas are roped off, but services are still continuing as normal. Built in 1938, St George's was the last Cambridge church to go up before the war. It was designed by Henry Lyon, the man responsible for the chapel at Sidney Sussex College. 86 01 23 # c.83

Traffic 25 years ago – 86 01 23a & b # c.26.48

1986 01 25
Cambridge City Council wants to increase central area parking as cheaply as possible and is prepared to do a deal with a developer to sell or lease the large area of waste land next the Lion Yard car park. Possibilities include an eight screen cinema complex to be developed by an American company, offices, houses and flats, a luxury hotel or shops linked to St Andrew's Street by moving walkways. Some of the schemes are very attractive visually but the ones that could give the council the best returns are amongst the ugliest. 86 01 25 # c.49.67

Two new entertainment facilities may be established in Cambridge. A site on the former cattle market has been allocated as a late-night rock music and young people's entertainment venue. It is well away from houses and has ample car parking facilities. The former Kinema cinema on Mill Road is to be surveyed to see if it can be restored to its former Edwardian music hall glory. The Kinema which had been used as a bingo hall, closed down before Christmas 86 01 25a

Sandy Richardson, Stowbridge Farm, Stretham – caterer – 86 01 25b

1986 01 28
Hauxton villagers were told of the impressive safety record of FBC Chemicals which uses toxic gases phosgene and chlorine. But some still feared a major industrial accident after they learned that a small amount of isocyonate – the chemical at the centre of the Bhopal disaster – was stored at the plant. They asked for detailed instructions on what to do if the emergency siren sounded.86 01 28

Tansley Typewriter Company, which has been selling and servicing typewriters for over 60 years, has made a successful transition into the world of computers. Their showroom in Longstanton High Street features the Olivetti MP24 SP personal computer with a 20 megabyte hard drive. The company has a team of four engineers who travel as far as Peterborough and Bedford to carry out installations and also service electronic typewriters and word processors 86 01 28a

1986 01 30
Hard-up Cambridge nurses are having to moonlight in pubs and cafes just to make ends meet. Some even go on 'sick' leave so they can hire themselves out to nursing agencies for extra cash. A staggering 40 per cent of nursing staff working full-time earn less than the official poverty level of £111.60 a week and some qualify for rent rebates. Nurses who are exhausted and burnt-out cannot

provide the quality of care they should and fine staff are being forced out of the profession, they claim. 86 01 30

Hundreds of Cambridge students are being forced to live in dirty, cramped rooms without heating. Cambridgeshire College of Arts and Technology has had an accommodation problem since the early 70s as language students and young professionals can pay much higher rents. Anger at housing shortages boiled over in 1973 when the health authority hostel at Owlstone Croft was occupied by squatters. Since then CCAT have had temporary use of the Mill Road hospital site but would like to build a hostel for 1,500 students. 86 01 30a

Prices of terraced houses in the Cambridge area have gone up by 25 per cent in a year and now average £36,346. Flats and maisonettes have risen 20 per cent to £28,885, while semi-detached houses are up 14.2 per cent at £40,700. But detached homes have increased by only 5.2 per cent to £58,927. First-time buyers are borrowing around £28,600 on incomes of about £10,960. Funds are easily available and people still consider that buying a house is probably one of the best investments they can make, says the Halifax Building Society 86 01 30b # c.06

1986 01 31
A little-used chapel at Houghton has undergone a transformation to become a residential retreat enabling groups to get away from it all and to enjoy the local countryside as well as worship. The exterior of the 121-year-old nonconformist chapel is unchanged but inside it now has six bedrooms, kitchen and catering facilities for up to 32 people paying £3.30 a night. The pine pews have been converted into refectory tables 86 01 31

The Gordon Fraser Gallery owes its international fame to very humble beginnings at a tiny shop in Portugal Street. There was little passing trade at the newly modernised bookshop-cum-art gallery opened by Gordon Fraser in 1936. But amongst the merchandise on sale were original Picasso etchings and drawings by Matisse and James Thurber. The breakthrough came during the war when he commissioned local artists to produce cards which were printed in Bedford. It was there that the Gallery grew into a major force on the greetings card scene. 86 01 31a # c.64

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1986 02 01
Cherry Hinton railway crossing protest – 86 02 01

1986 02 03
Actors, actresses and directors arrived in Cambridge to mark the 50th anniversary of the Arts Theatre. Eleanor Bron, whose career started with the Cambridge Footlights, arrived first to be followed by Dame Peggy Ashcroft, Timothy West with his actress wife Prunella Scales and Judi Dench. Sir Peter Hall laughed with his old friend Trevor Nunn and was joined by Ian McKellan, the irrepressible Arthur Marshall and the broadcaster Richard Baker. The occasion was a unique recital devised by Dr George Rylands, affectionately known as 'Dadie' 86 02 03b & c # c.76

Prince Edward at Arts appeal launch 86 01 03

Ely Cathedral will make free passes available to residents when admission charges are introduced next month – 86 02 03a

At the newly-opened Mill Road amusement centre disco music is just audible above the muted electronic sounds and a handful of youths are shoving tokens into luridly-coloured machines. The maximum win is £3, half paid in cash and half in tokens which can be exchanged for prizes. One teenager says it gives him something to do instead of just hanging round the streets while other people pop in for five or ten minutes on their way from work or shopping. But most shoppers rarely glance in beyond the window display of china ornaments. 86 02 03d

1986 02 04
Memories of Stirling bomber that crashed near March in 1944
The Stirling bomber was on fire and out of control as it hurtled through the clouds on a direct line for the town of March in August 1944. Royal Australian Air Force pilot Jim Hocking bellowed to his crew to parachute out as the small town came into view. He choose to stay. The plane still had bombs on board and to let it hit the unexpected community would be catastrophic.The brave Queenslander, based at West Wratting airfield, guided his doomed aircraft past March and died as it plummeted harmlessly into the Wash. He was an extremely brave man who saved a terrific amount of people by his actions. He knew what he had to do and knew what was expected of him. The amazing thing about the incident is that March, the place Jim Hocking died to save, was the town the Australian pilot's grandfather had emigrated from in the 1890s– 86 02 04

1986 02 06
British Rail's new Sprinter multiple unit has uprated suspension, tinted windows and new livery. With their improved sound proofing, modern décor, heating systems and facilities for the disabled they are being introduced to replace existing units which are over 25 years old. The new service should encourage more people to use trains and ease pressure on the county's overloaded roads between Peterborough and Cambridge 86 02 06 # c.26.2

1986 02 07
Dozens of Sawston families were evacuated after a 24lb cache of explosives was discovered in a home. Most were put up for the night by other residents but 30 were taken to the Village College where camp beds were brought in and staff dished out tea and coffee. The industrial gelignite, some of it in poor condition, was thought to belong to an explosives expert who established a world record for demolishing 10 chimneys at Whittlesey. It was detonated in an open field by bomb disposal experts 86 02 07

Bar Hill – opinions of residents – 85 02 07a

1986 02 08
Plans have been revealed for a multi-million pound shopping centre on the outskirts of Cambridge. Marks and Spencer and Tesco have proposed a double superstore with park-and-ride facilities on land bounded by the M11 and Hauxton Road, Trumpington. A dual carriageway would connect the A10 to the privately-owned Clay Farm area which has already been identified for potential housing. 86 02 08 # c.49.65

1986 02 10
Record low temperatures plunged Mid Anglia into the ice age, sparking chaos on the roads. At Boxworth experimental farm experts predicted another February low of minus 12.4 degrees C (9.7F). The big freeze left broken-down cars and lorries littering roads. Many trucks would not start because of iced-up fuel lines and Murkett's 24-hour breakdown service said "In a word, its chaos" 86 02 10

1985 02 11
Cambridge Innovation Centre, designed to provide facilities and support services essential to small companies during their initial development, was opened by the Duke of Edinburgh at the Science Park. For three companies, Cambridge Robotics, Torus Systems and Prelude Technology Investments it represents expansion from previous Science Park premises. Altek Automation and Data Analysis and Research have come from outside Cambridge while Synoptics, which is involved in image processing, has been established by two Cambridge University academics. 86 02 11a # c.27.1

1986 02 13
Cambridge people have zealously guarded their rights to grass horses and cattle on the city's commons. But now a 22,000 per cent increase in charges may finally drive the stock off. The cost of grazing animals on Midsummer Common, Coe Fen, Sheeps Green, Laundress Common and Coldham's Common will go up from 22p – which just covered administration – to £50 a season to

reflect the cost of fencing and the pinder's time. Animals which should not be on the common are taken to the animal pound near Fort St George and owners soon asked to pay for food and the cost of keeping them 86 02 13

Mary Greene artist – article 86 02 13a # c.63

Cambridge College of Further Education has increased rapidly and now has nearly 1,000 full-time together with 3,000 part-time and evening students. The expansion is due to the rise in unemployment, the need to provide course places quickly and vocational courses being moved from the CCAT. But it has to operate on six sites around the city and struggles with poor-quality accommodation, lack of student facilities and duplications of materials. Options include a takeover of the Manor Community College, a new building on the Brunswick Site or a new college on the city outskirts. But none are likely in the near future 86 02 13b # c.36.7

1986 02 14
Old Addenbrooke's Hospital may become great museum of science and industry 86 02 14

1986 02 17
Farmworkers are pressing for a 60 per cent pay rise to bring them in line with industrial workers. They want a minimum wage of £140 for an ordinary farmworker, up from the present basic rate of £89.70, together with a reduction in the working week from 40 to 25 hours. Their productivity is the best of any industry in Britain with an acceptance of technological change and the introduction of new working methods. The claim would only affect the 22 per cent of farms that actually employ labour and these were the very large farms that could afford the increase, the Union claims. 86 02 17

Clifton Industrial Estate started in 1982 with the City Council leasing the old cattle market site to Dencora Securities Ltd who built the industrial units. Now they are constructing a modern hi-tech research and office complex on the Cherryhinton Road frontage with considerable emphasis on landscaping to provide an attractive working environment. From specialist electronics to every day motor parts, car valeting services to furniture upholstery it has a wide range of industries providing several hundred jobs for a large variety of skills. 86 02 17a & b # c.27.1

1986 02 18
Manea farmer Philip Barnes has spent almost a decade perfecting a cycle for his farm horses to ride. His unique 'Horsical' which relies entirely on good old-fashioned giddy-up power, really works. Jester the cart horse plods along on a moving platform connected to a gearing system which turns the hefty wheels of the vehicle and enables it to go for longer journeys at higher speeds. But no-one in the village seems particularly bothered by it 86 02 18

1986 02 19
A three-ton bridge was lifted high into the sky at Saffron Walden before being lowered on to the town's common. The bridge was built in 1906 to commemorate belatedly the Coronation of King Edward VII who was crowned in 1902. For 80 years it provided an access from East Street but was closed after a structural survey showed it to be unsafe. Repairs will cost up to £15,000 and it will take an 80-ton crane to return it to its original position 86 02 19

A Jack-Russell cross called Cherry is the first hearing dog for the deaf in Cambridge. She can tell her mistress if there is somebody at the door, if the cooker timer is ringing or the alarm goes off … the list is endless. It has taken months of training by the Hearing Dog for the Deaf Organisation and will wear a special orange lead and collar – a sign of a hearing dog. It will probably take many years before such animals become as common place as guide dogs for the blind and provide a vital service for deaf people 86 02 19a & aa # c.21.1

When Charles Kidman decided in 1876 to start up his own building business Britain was in the midst of a recession. Yet within 20 years he had built most of Romsey with its distinctive terraced houses

plus a whole series of large contract work which enabled him to retire at the tender age of 40! Today, 110 years later, Kidman & Son is a thriving business with another Charles Kidman at the helm determined to maintain the family tradition of personal service coupled with flexibility. From their workshops in Victoria Road teams of bricklayers, carpenters and labourers are on hand for the craft of building 86 02 19b & c # c.23

1986 02 20
Plans to bulldoze Cambridge's Station Hotel to build offices and a car park have been rejected following a public inquiry. The developers said it was run down and not commercially viable. There was an overwhelming demand for more office space and it would have screened a large flour mill nearby. Residents said it would have dwarfed the station itself and been incompatible. The inspector said the building could not have the appropriate scale and character to fit into the setting of the listed station building. 86 02 20

1986 02 21
Trumpington blacksmith forge memories – 86 02 21

V-Cars of Perne Road have been appointed Cambridge's first dealers for Spanish company Seat's new car range. Prices for Ibiza models fitted with rear seat belts and laminated windscreen as standard equipment range from £3,995 up to £5,569 for the 1.5GLX. "The cars are exceptionally good value for money and I think we will sell a lot of them" said the manager. 86 02 21a

1986 02 26
Nineteen old people have died after a mystery flu bug swept through Ely's Tower Hospital. Six nurses – 10 per cent of the staff - are also off sick and the hospital has been closed to new admissions. Many of the patients are chronically ill and susceptible to diseases which fit people would simply shrug off in a day or so. But an administrator urged relatives not to panic and said that considering all the strains on the staff, they were doing miracles. Now the hospital it being visited every day by an infection officer. 86 02 26

Saffron Walden's Market Square fountain was surrounded by empty cardboard boxes and litter while barbed wire blockades and rabies warning posters covered Town Hall. The elegant balcony at Rumsey's old furniture shop was obscured by ragged tarpaulins and the public library was hidden behind roof-high piles of sandbags. It looked rundown, derelict and a prime example of urban decay. And that was how a television crew wanted it to be. A BBC TV team are filming "Boogie Outlaws", a black comedy set in the future and featuring leading actress Isla Blair. 86 02 26a

Josh Scott was the most successful predator of wild birds on the Welney Washes, killing 25 wigeon at one time with his punt gun. The birds were bagged in a potato sack and put on the train to London markets. If he could not find an injured duck he called at local pensioners' houses and told them where they might find it for their own pot. But in 1967 when Sir Peter Scott set up his bird sanctuary Josh accepted the job of warden and has become a legendary figure, feeding thousands of rare swans and geese in the evening shadows of deepest winter 86 02 26b & c

1986 02 27
Cottenham Hopbind pub renovation - 86 02 27

March 1986 CEN

1986 03 01
Over recreation ground scheme - 86 03 01
Histon cottage fire - 86 03 01 a

1986 03 03

Ely Cathedral introduced admission charges for the first time over the weekend and despite the fuss locally over the £1.50 fee, tourists paid up without a murmur of protest with £313 being raised on Saturday. Two visitors from Wolverhampton were happy to pay: “I don’t object at all. I object far more to paying £1.25 for a pint of bitter down here when it is only 60p where I came from”, one said. The Vice Dean, Canon Dennis Green said that for the first time they had been able to switch on the lights to brighten the gloom inside the Cathedral without worrying about the bill. 86 03 03

Rag week parade - 86 03 03a

The Cambridge Rock Group Competition has seen 41 bands battling it out for the prestigious pop title. The BBC's "Whistle Test" duo, Andy Kershaw and Trevor Dann joined the six regular judges for the final which included Colonel Gomez, Therapy, Strange Brew and Children of Some Tradition. The top two places were contested by Double Yellow Line, playing pure Wham and Duran Duran style pop and President Regan is Clever, a student group in the mould of Cambridge's own Perfect Vision who eventually took the title 86 03 03b

The sound of headmaster Freddie Kingdon's steel tips on the corridor floor of Co le ridge Community College used to strike fear in the heart of naughty lads. For he carried a cane up his shirt sleeves. "The boys decided how many whacks they would have", he recalled. Caning was like the confessional. Boys who were disobedient were caned and the whole thing was over and done with. Mr Kingdon, who was awarded the OBE for his services to education, has an infinite number of stories about Coleridge in the old time. He believed everybody has a hidden talent. Even the bully boys and thugs have a skill- but finding it was another matter. 86 03 03c

1986 03 04
Americans supplement

1986 03 05
Thriplow postmistress murderer sentenced - 86 03 04
Fire Brigade control centre computerised - 86 03 05

1986 03 06
Tesco Milton supermarket plan rejected - 86 03 06
Frost, p18

1986 03 07
Frederick William Hutchinson was born in U68 and studied engineering at Cambridge University. He founded the Cambridge Autocar Co., Ltd., of which he was Manager and Director. He was also concerned with the design of the aeroplane in _ 86 03 07

1986 03 08
Young people in Cambridge have come up with a revolutionary idea for a new late night rock music venue in the middle of the busy roundabout in Elizabeth Way. It is centrally situated and its underground location would cut down disturbance. But it would be expensive and there would be problems of access for emergency vehicles. Councillors think the former Cattle Market on Clifton industrial estate is a better option. If the venture failed the site could be converted back to industrial use with a smaller financial loss. But they have asked officials to make a feasibility study of both sites 86 03 08

1986 03 11
Holiday Inn plans for hotel and extensions Lion Yard car park welcomed – 86 03 11

Tiddlywinks players competed for the Prince Philip Silver Wink, the universities annual championship established by the prince in 1961. Cambridge University developed the now internationally-accepted rules in 1955. Each game lasts 25 minutes and there are five complete rounds

to shoot. The most important skill is 'squoping' - the art of covering up winks. A Varsity match was established against Oxford University in 1958 but in this year's competition Cambridge was beaten by Southampton despite having a world record number of players to choose from 86 03 lla

1986 03 12
A family firm of bakers and confectioners, John E Wright and Son, has made a remarkable recovery. In August 1984 fire swept through their four-year-old bakery off Haddenham High Street causing thousands of pounds worth of damage. They had 30 wholesale customers they could just not supply and thought of giving up. But the bakery was ready for operation again after only eight weeks and their most recent shop in Newmarket, which includes a coffee and snack bar, opened in November 86 03 12 & a

1983 03 13
Facilities are so short in the tiny Essex village of Langley that once a week the bar of The Bull doubles up as a surgery. After lunchtime closing every Wednesday landlady Carol Anson clears away the glasses and strings up a curtain to divide the bar in two. Then one side is used by GP Dr John Drewer as a makeshift consulting room while the other is a waiting area. Locals know it is not wise to take especially personal problems for noise carries so easily. But the service is a boon to those who do not have transport to drive to his rooms at Newport. 86 03 13

1986 03 14
Holiday Inn asked for more money for hotel in Downing St - 83 06 14

The Cambridge Plate-glass Mutual Insurance Society which has helped traders for 135 years is to be wound up. Membership has shrunk to less than 30 as many local shopkeepers have given up trading and the large chain stores do not insure at all. It was formed in 1851 when plate glass was replacing small paned windows of the Georgian days. Then the most frequent cause of breakages was by a gas light but lately traffic accidents and vandalism have been the main problems. 86 03 14a # c.27.2

1986 03 17
St Bede's Roman Catholic School which has been under the threat of closure for eight months has been saved after a campaign by parents, staff and pupils which has been backed by prospective MPs. The number of children had been falling but now the plan is to take pupils from varying Christian denominations in a ecumenical school supported financially by Roman Catholic and Anglican churches. 86 03 17

Railway House Association provides accommodation for youngsters in houses on Mill Road bridge – 86 03 17a # c.32.9

1986 03 18
Two city libraries at are again under threat of closure, only years after a successful survival battle. Mill Road library is on the wrong side of the railway bridge while Milton Road library is only half-a-mile from Arbury Court. But Councillor Janet Jones describes the plans as disgraceful and says many children and elderly people will be devastated if Milton Road is closed. However Bar Hill and Milton villages are fast-growing and need some library facilities, a report says. 86 03 18 # c.77.4

1986 03 21
Motorists who shop around in Cambridge will find that a gallon of petrol varies in price by as much as 11p. Filling stations are awaiting instructions from oil companies on whether to slap on the Budgets 7½ p increase or whether to absorb it. The big Sainsbury's garage in Coldham's Lane is planning to hold pump prices at 173.7p for a gallon of four star. But The Granta Filling Station at Linton is being forced to follow BP's order and charge £184.4p 86 03 21

1986 03 22

Girl Guides escaped unhurt as fire swept through the Jubilee Lodge at Abbots Ripton where they were sleeping. The flames were fanned by strong winds and the blaze gutted the building, used by Guides at weekends. The organisers had practiced a fire drill hours earlier and the girls, all from the American base at RAF Alconbury, found refuge in the village post office next door 86 03 22

1986 03 24
Winds gusting up to 70mph brought chaos, killing one man, injuring others and causing thousands of pounds' damage. In Cambridge King's Parade was sealed off after material was dislodged from the chapel roof and an international computer exhibition at the University Centre was called off after windows and skylights were smashed. Duxford Museum closed after gales damaged a replica Spitfire and blew over a security man and a corrugated iron roof was ripped off the old Falcon Hotel ballroom in St Neots 86 03 24 # c.12

1986 03 25
Gale force winds continued to wreak havoc last night. At Wandlebury 75 trees were felled and frightened staff fled a Milton Science Park building as the winds ripped part of the roof off. At Littleport a caravan was smashed to pieces while others were blown over at the CT Caravans factory Newmarket. The wind also destroyed a large greenhouse in Fen Drayton and people living in Bures Court Haverhill had to be rehoused when a large crack appeared in the gable wall 86 03 25

April 1986 CEN

1984 04 01
Cambridge's colleges have always been a prime tourist attraction but this year, for the first time, parties will only be allowed in if they are accompanied by a Blue Badge Guide. There are 150 men and women who have passed exams and will lead about 4,000 tours in the coming season. They include the News managing director, Tony Durham who read history at Magdalene College and has lived in Cambridge for 25 years. "We have to provide a service for visitors and also serve the colleges who are under very great pressure from tourist traffic", he said. 86 04 01 # c.46.45

1984 04 02
Papworth Hospital, Britain's premier heart transplant centre, is to be replaced by the end of the decade. Health chiefs are considering upgrading the ancient buildings which date back 40 years to TB Isolation days, moving the entire hospital to Hinchingbrooke or rebuilding it on a quite separate site. An earlier suggestion that Papworth could be moved to the Addenbrooke's Hospital site has been put on one side because of the present congestion on the Hills Road site. Its major function is as a heart and chest disease centre, not a heart transplant unit and many of the heart physicians refuse to take part in the transportation programme 86 04 02

The threat of closure hanging over St Bede's – the only Catholic secondary school in Cambridge – has been officially lifted. A panel had suggested it should be closed from summer 1987 because of declining numbers of pupils but there were protests and legal doubts about closure. It now has an assured future as an ecumenical school in liaison with the Church of England. An assurance has also been given that there are no plans to close any other schools in the area. 86 04 02a

Drummer Street bus station – officially described as a 'disaster area' - is to have a major face-lift, the first since it was built 60 years ago. An island at the centre of the site with a number of small booking offices will be demolished and the central area refurbished. The aim is to tidy up one of the most prominent sites in the city centre, the one first seen by thousands of tourists. It currently has poor passenger facilities and operating conditions and is in urgent need of improvement. 86 04 02b

International singing star Roger Whittaker includes memories of his private life at Duddenhoe End near Saffron Walden in his autobiography 'So far, so good'. He claims that a few people subjected his family to malicious gossip and vandalism which included the demolishing of a children's tree house. This has surprised villagers who remember the Whittakers as a couple who did not mix a great deal

and played no noticeable part in community life. “He seems to have made life here into something it isn’t in order to make the book more interesting”, one said. 86 04 02c & d

1984 04 03
Gordon Lister, a Scotsman, has been appointed as chief executive of Cambridgeshire County Council at a starting salary of £45,000 a year. He will take over from John Barratt who has held the post since the authority was formed during the nation-wide local government reorganisation in the 1970s. The job is difficult as no overall political party has overall control so every decision is fiercely contested and instantly becomes highly controversial 86 04 03 # c.35.1

The Queen Mother visited Newmarket’s National Horseracing Museum. Her helicopter landed at the racecourse and a crowd of 300 had gathered by the time her car pulled up in the High Street. Inside she impressed officials with her knowledge of sporting art displayed in the new gallery that she opened. Her Majesty also viewed an exhibition commemorating the legendary jockey Fred Archer. After lunch at the Jockey Club she smiled and waved at the crowd who braved threatening storm clouds to catch a glimpse of her 86 04 03a

1984 04 04
Young newly-weds looking to buy their first homes do not stand a chance anywhere in the area because of rocketing prices. Building Society chiefs are having to turn away tearful young couples who cannot afford the mortgage on houses for which the average asking price in Cambridge is now £57,000 and more than £61,000 in South Cambridgeshire. During the past two years house prices have rocketed by about 25 per cent. A small one-bedroomed flat now costs an average of £43,430, reaching inner-London levels. 86 04 04

When Dr Neville Silverston arrived as the local GP in Bottisham 27 years ago it was really like Dr Finlay’s Casebook. “There was just a little room in my house, with very few facilities” he said. And over at Fulbourn things were just as Spartan “I had to work from a caravan lit with gas”. Today there is a surgery at Bottisham and a health centre at Fulbourn. Grateful patients presented Dr Silverston with an engraved silver bowl on his retirement though he will continue his Magpas activities 86 04 04a

Ernie James is a real fen tiger and a marvellous storyteller. His remarkable memory is capable of making any fireside chat an enthralling yarn. Now he has set down his “Memoirs of a Fen Tiger”. The book describes his varied life as ferryman, mole catcher, wildfowler, eel catcher and ice skater in the tiny village of Welney where he lives with his wife in a little white-washed cottage overlooking the Ouse washes. He’s in demand by film makers and people who want to know about country crafts 86 04 04b

A store of photographs of fenland villages, unused for about 40 years, is now being catalogue by the Cambridgeshire Collection at the Lion Yard library.

The photographs were taken between the two wars by photographers at the Ely office of Starr and Rignall and have been stored in an outhouse there for the past 30 years by Mr Jack Casselden who took over the firm's old premises at Lynn Road in the 1950s. Many of the old negatives, some on glass and someone celluloid were destroyed. But he was able to save about 200 of them.They are photographs of scenes in and around the small towns of fenland, especially Soham, Ely & Littleport plus some groups of pictures of larger villages. Their value is that subjects are not usual ones, such as churches and monuments, but ordinary street scenes of which there is very little photographic record in most cases 86 04 04c

1984 04 08
Plans for a super cinema complex on the site of the main Post Office sorting office in Mill Road could see six separate cinema units each capable of holding 300 people together with a massive cycle parking space. Thorn-EMI says they need more screens and the Victoria Cinema site is unsuitable for

conversion. The Post Office, which is currently building a new sorting office on the Clifton Industrial Estate, already has permission for housing or the site might accommodate Technical College students. 86 04 08 # c.76.9

Ups and downs of Clive Sinclair – 85 04 08a

1984 04 10
Cambridge City Council has abandoned its plans for the former Kinema in Mill Road. When the building closed as a bingo hall there were hopes it might be restored and reopened as an Edwardian music hall and become an out-of-centre tourist attraction. Others felt the site could be used for housing or demolished to allow the widening of Mill Road. Now a private entertainments company hope to reopen it as a specialist cinema. 86 04 10 # c.76.9

1984 04 11
"The Beast of St John's", Mr Bob Fuller, was the college's head porter for 39 years and one of its greatest characters. A former army sergeant-major, he was the last of the old-style head porters in Cambridge. He believed strongly in maintaining discipline and fined students £5 for playing loud music or having parties without permission. But the fierce-looking figure did not daunt female students after they were admitted to the college in 1982, despite Mr Fuller's dislike of the idea. His funeral service will be held at the college chapel 86 04 11 # c.44.5

A controversial plan may clear stalls from Royston Market Place to allow short-term parking. 86 04 11a

1984 04 14
A Cambridge department store has come up with an amazing cash off to help cure the city's traffic chaos. Eaden Lilley has pledged to pay £75,000 towards the cost of building an underground car park beneath Parker's Piece. The shop hopes it will prompt other major businesses to dig into their pockets too, felling shoppers are not prepared to leave their cars outside the city and travel to and fro by buses. Councillors say the offer was very magnanimous of the firm but the money would only fund about seven spaces in the estimated £4 million scheme 86 04 14

1984 04 15
Lakenheath F-111 bombers took park in the air strike against Libya overnight. The 1,600 mph planes carrying 37,000lbs of bombs left just before 2am, their thunderous roar waking residents all over the area. The strike was orchestrated from USAF Mildenhall, European command headquarters of the 'Silk Purse' squadron kept on permanent standby for just such an operation. In peacetime it is mainly a transit base for US personnel, home of the 513th Tactical Airlift Wing and a refuelling tanker centre. It also plays host to the electronic spy planes, U2s and the SR-71 'Blackbirds' 86 04 15

The historic Blue Boar Hotel in Cambridge closes forever on Saturday after 300 years. But the management is making sure they go out with more than a whimper. Food prices will be slashed, drinks sold at a discount and the customer who buy's the bar's last drink will be given a bottle of champagne. Trinity College is to build student rooms, a lecture theatre, wine bar and four shops on the site. The hotel's distinctive blue-and-white frontage with its shutters will be retained as will the graceful canopy that had to be repaired after being damaged by lorries. The famous Westmorland stone blue boar, which hangs in the reception room will be also incorporated into the new design 86 04 15a # c.27.4

Blue Boar hotel feature on closure – 86 04 15b & c # c.27.4

1984 04 18
Julia Booth returns to BBC Radio Cambridgeshire – 86 04 18

1984 04 22

Campaigners protesting against the threatened closure of Mill Road and Milton Road branch libraries are to lobby councillors when they visit the buildings. A report that says libraries are now in the wrong situation to give the best service to the community. But Mill Road local councillor Anne Campbell said "It is an essentially facility for the area. Many of the present users cannot visit the central library in Lion Yard". 86 04 22 # c.27.4

Cherry Hinton has a new health food and delicatessen shop. Peppercorns is stocked with all manner of rare and unusual foods with a range of Mexican, Chinese and Indian specialities. But one of the biggest sellers are the Newmarket sausages made to a traditional recipe at the Pork Shop. They also want to encourage local people to make jams, quiches and tarts that can be sold in the shop 86 04 22a

1984 04 23
Terrorism is set to cost Cambridge more than half a million pounds this summer as American visitors steer clear of Europe in the wake of continued violence. The loss from cancellations at the Garden House Hotel alone is around £250,000 as they have lost half of their business. Fears started with the murder of a tourist aboard the hi-jacked cruiser 'Achille Lauro' and were intensified by the bombing of a TWA aircraft near Athens, the Berlin night-club bomb and the aftermath of the American air attack on Libya 86 04 23 # c.46.45

Blackie Children's Books will be publishing a new title, 'Happy Birthday Topsy and Tim' to mark the 25th anniversary of the stories written by Jean Adamson. She insists on a surprising amount of research before writing each new title. The latest, involving horse riding, resulted in the visit to a riding school near Mildenhall where she took dozens of photographs as an aid to memory. Jean and her late husband Gareth set up home in Wicken nearly 20 years ago and her daughter Gabrielle has helped with a number of new titles. The first series is being reissued with modern illustrations to keep it abreast with the times 86 04 23a

1984 04 24
A plan to turn the old Tivoli Cinema in Chesterton Road into an arts and entertainment centre has been turned down as it would cause noise and traffic problems in the area.. It hoped to have featured films, fashion shows, music and exhibitions and would sometimes have remained open for music and ancing until the early hours. But residents opposed the idea. The Tivoli was for a long time used as a storage warehouse and some months ago was granted permission to be turned into a public house and restaurant 86 04 24

Employment at Cambridge's booming Science Park has gone up 30 per cent in a year and now stands at around 1,940 jobs. And this does not take account of the growing army of temporary and ancillary staff who keep the park cleaned, fed, serviced and patrolled. Four companies have left over the past year, but 17 new ones arrived. The biggest growth has been shown by Cambridge Life Sciences where staffing has risen from 28 to 50, LKB Biochrom, Napp Laboratories and Torus Systems. Further growth will come by GEC's Marconi Underwater Applied Research Laboratory and the London International Group which is building a research laboratory. 86 04 24a # c.27.1

County councillors may visit Germany to study local government – 86 04 24b

Michael Copley and Dag Ingram were undergraduates at Churchill College in the '70s. One had a recorder and the other borrowed £5 to buy an accordion and they started playing on Saturday morning in Lion Yard. One day they received a knock on the door from a policeman. He wanted to book them for a policeman's ball at Huntingdon. The Cambridge Buskers were on their way to stardom. They toured Germany and did a recording with Deutche Grammophon which made them pop stars. Now they have been invited back to Cambridge to play at the University Music Club 86 04 24c # c.69

1984 04 25
Two Cambridge libraries threatened with closure are facing their second crisis in eight years. The axe first loomed over Milton Road and Mill Road branches in 1977 but they were saved together with

others in Milton and Stapleford. Now a report says they are old and in the wrong position to provide the best service. But Cambridgeshire Labour councillors have started a campaign to save them and Alliance councillors are organising a petition against closure. 86 04 25 # c.77.4

1984 04 26
St Wendred, a two-year-old bay filly could win £2,500 for the parish church at Exning if she is first past the post in her debut race. The horse has been loaned to the church as part of the celebrations of the parish's 1,350th anniversary as a Christian site. The Rev Cedric Catton, who named the horse after a Saxon saint who lived in the village, has chosen ecclesiastical colours of red and purple quarters with green and white striped sleeves. Exning has strong racing connections with Lester Piggott amongst its residents. 86 04 26

1984 04 28
Station Hotel could be demolished for an office block – 86 04 28
Heidelberg link – 86 04 28a & b # c.35.7

1984 04 30
Britain's first Japanese boarding school opened at Herringswell Manor. The damp British weather and flat countryside has proved a culture shock for the 190 Japanese pupils aged between 10 and 18. They receive a similar education to British children but the school day also includes prayers and the study of Buddhism. A traditional Japanese temple is being constructed of wood with a copper roof which will be used for prayers and martial arts training. English visitors are welcome to watch tea ceremonies, flower arranging and other activities 86 04 30

Dickerson to sell frontage on A10 Landbeach – 86 04 30a

1986 May CEN

1986 05 02
Cambridgeshire is heading for 'disaster' unless more cash is pumped into its over-stretched police force. The county needs at least 120 officers before 1990 as crime is rising and there is a real need to crack down on drug trafficking and to step up the police presence on the streets. A decade of financial restraint has had its effect upon the efficiency: officers are already working beyond their reasonable capacity and to demand more is to demand the impossible, a report claims 86 05 02

The Cambridge-based Mason's News Service has won a unique contract to produce a new Chinese newspaper – the first to be published outside China. They will be responsible for the editing, design and printing of the English-language paper which is published by the Peking-based 'Economic Daily', the country's most influential newspaper. It will contain a digest of the main news stories in China as well as articles written specifically for European readers 86 05 02a # c.04

World Video, an Ely studio, has become a magnet for pop groups like Karman Jive, charging £250 for a three-minute video. They also produce their own video shows like 'Dennis the Fire Engine', a series devoted to children while Dick Spendlove, whose mahogany Nottingham-accent tones are heard announcing train arrivals at Cambridge station and doing the Saturday Show at Radio Cambridgeshire, has provided the commentary on a tape devoted to steam trains. 86 05 02b

1986 05 03
The tanner, the florin, the 10 bob note and the much-missed threepenny bit are all part of history now – and it's hard to feel romantic about the new £2 coins. Only available from the post office, they are the first to be struck to commemorate a sporting event (the Commonwealth Games in Scotland) and will be produced until the end of the year when the Royal Mint will decide whether there is enough demand. Many Cambridge people dislike them: "I'll have to get a bigger purse" said ice cream seller Toni Crook while Leonard and Betty Megginson say it looks 'foreign'. But some feel they are more handy and don't fray or tear like notes 86 05 03

1986 05 06
St Ives Corn Exchange might be on the market. The building, which fronts the Market Square, comprises a large hall, kitchen, a lounge bar and the Cromwell Room. It is used for civic functions, wedding receptions and sales. St Ives Town Council, which spent £100,000 refurbishing it a decade ago, are seeking advice as to its value. London property consultants think it could be turned into a shop and offices. 86 05 06

Prior Crauden's chapel, Ely, refurbishment – 86 05 06
Science Park catering centre – 86 05 06a

1986 05 07
Carioca Club & City Limits pub arsonist convicted – 86 05 07 # c.34.75

1986 05 08
Panic-stricken callers are jamming the switchboard of Addenbrooke's Hospital asking if they can be tested for signs of radioactivity after the Chernobyl nuclear reactor disaster. A monitoring service has been set up for people who have visited Eastern Europe and fear they may have been contaminated. But most of the calls are from Cambridge people who have not been abroad. Scientists assure them there is no cause for alarm and environmental health officials say it is unnecessary to test milk and water supplies in the city 86 05 08 # c.21.1

Territorial Army medic unit formed – 86 05 08a # c.45.8

1986 05 09
Pear Tree pub Bassingbourn jokes etched on windows – 86 05 09

Brinkley post office has been voted the Best Village Shop of the Year in Cambridgeshire. Almost every inch of Jackie Fane's counter, shelf and wall space is taken up with produce ranging from crab thermiodore and trout to seeds, sunglasses and scissors. The Community Council has also judged Les and Janet Reinemann of Haslingfield as Best Village Shopkeepers with Mr B. Patel of the Mace Stores Bassingbourn and Mr A. Garner of The Stores, Great Gidding, close behind. 86 05 09a

1986 05 12
George Clarke is retiring after 26 years as verger of Great St Mary's church. He first came to the church as a choirboy in the 1920s and until war broke out rang the bell for curfew every night and wound the church clock. As verger he has been guide and mentor to five vicars, fixed everything from plumbing to carpentry and led the processions at services with military authority and style. Now his devotion has been rewarded with an Honorary MA from the University 86 05 12

1986 05 13
American servicemen missed the chance of seeing the Beatles perform at a club on Mildenhall air base in the early 1960s. The man responsible for hiring performers thought the group was too expensive – at £30 for the night. Dusty Miller did book other stars for the Galaxy Club including Johnny Cash, Matt Monroe and Engelbert Humperdinck – then known as Jerry Dorsey. He also appeared at Lakenheath base along with Freddie and the Dreamers, Jim Reeves and up-and-coming comedians Bob Monkhouse and Des O'Connor 86 05 13

1986 05 14
An amusement centre in Sidney Street has been approved by a government planning inspector, overturning the City Council's rejection of the scheme. It would attract responsible adult customers because of the type of machines installed, he believes. But councillors fear the decision will open the flood gates and that Cambridge will end up looking like Blackpool front. A similar centre opened in Mill Road last year. 86 05 14

1986 05 15
The City's Labour leader has called a meeting of all councils throughout East Anglia following the disclosure of a radioactive leak from the nuclear reactor at Sizewell and following the Chernobyl catastrophe in Russia. The city council, which has a strong anti-nuclear policy, has campaigned against the Sizewell B plans for six years. It fears that a major accident there could turn Cambridge into 'the Kiev of East Anglia': up to 100,000 people would die immediately and many more suffer lingering deaths 86 05 15

1986 05 16
Francis Pym may stand down as MP – 86 05 16
Margaret Thatcher hopes to remain as PM beyond next General Election, says Dennis in Cambridge – 86 05 16a
William Mortlock Palmer profile – 86 05 16b
John Bendall, cartoonist – profile – 86 05 16c # c.64

1986 05 17
Francis Pym is to retire from parliament after a quarter of a century. His career in politics has seen him reach the pinnacles of ministerial officer as Northern Ireland Secretary, Defence Secretary and Leader of the House of Commons. He took over as Foreign Secretary at the height of the Falklands crisis but was sacked by Mrs Thatcher in June 1983. Since then he has been in the vanguard of the Government's critics and become the figurehead of a new pressure group. Now over 65 he has decided not to stand for election again 86 05 17 # c.33

1986 05 19
Two men were shot as armed raiders attacked a post office van in Cherryhinton Road and stole several thousand pounds. The early morning attack sparked pandemonium amongst shoppers and local traders. Several rushed to help: the owner of a nearby carpet retail business raced out of his shop wielding a five-foot long vacuum cleaner pipe and tried to smash the windscreen of the robbers' car. But he ran for cover when he saw the men were armed. Police set up roadblocks and sealed off the city as the hunt for the raiders began 86 05 19

1986 05 20
Heavy horses paraded through Cambridge to the Cambridge-based British Percheron Horse Society's annual show on Midsummer Common, displaying the strength and docility that have won them the nickname 'gentle giants'. Enthusiasts travelled from as far as Cornwall and Sunderland for the only show dedicated entirely to the breed. The magnificent beasts are being crossed with donkeys to produce 'super mules' with extra size and strength. At first the Percheron mares and stallions were shipped out to Third World countries at great expense, but now the Society is experimenting with artificial insemination. 86 05 20

1986 05 21
Ely Cathedral has accepted a £500,000 windfall from an American charity, The John Paul Getty Junior Charitable Trust. But in return they have dropped controversial plans to build retirement homes on The Paddock. The money will be spent on urgent repairs to the fine collection of medieval buildings but not the Cathedral itself. The magnificent 11th-century building needs at least £4 million to save it for future generations and a 'Great Restoration' appeal has been launched with Prince Philip as its patron 86 05 21

1986 05 22
A new town for up to 18,000 people may be created as a cure for Cambridge's spiralling housing needs. It would include shops, pubs, leisure facilities and 150 acres of supporting industry. Two possible sites are the A10 Waterbeach-Landbeach area and the Caxton, Bourn and Swavesey area between the A45 and A604. One solution would be if the Ministry of Defence could be persuaded to leave either Waterbeach or Oakington bases. But County planners have rejected any new settlement south of Cambridge, fearing housing would be snapped up by M11 and railway commuters 86 05 22

1986 05 23
Fatal accident, car and milk tanker near Stretham roundabout – 86 05 23

1986 05 27
Sadness was mixed with a strange kind of relief when Valerie Pym learned that Mrs Thatcher had dismissed her husband as Foreign Secretary in 1983 at the height of the Falkland's crisis. Now as Francis Pym prepares to stand down as an MP, his wife can remember every step of his journey to the political heights. She had married a milkman – actually a dairy manager - and has helped her husband to victory in nine elections since he entered parliament in 1961 as well as taking part in local activities at their home near Sandy. She hopes things will be a little quieter after he retires. 86 05 27 & a

Thirty novels reflecting life in Cambridge over the past 75 years have been given to the Cambridgeshire Collection. They are the lifetime's work of Jack Overhill. Only three books have been published: 'Romantic Youth', a townsman's view of the university, 'The Miller of Trumpington' and 'The Snob' telling of life in Gothic Street. Two volumes that describe life in King Street in the 1930s came close to becoming a television serial in 1973. Most were written at the end of a busy day, in some cases on a typewriter balanced on his knees in an air-raid shelter. "Every word in them is true. I have remembered all that happened in my life. Now it torments me", says Jack 86 05 27 b & c

1986 05 28
More than 90 members of the Peyton family converged on Cambridgeshire for a family reunion. They came from England, America, Newmarket Zealand, Australia and South Africa to Isleham where in 1450 Thomas Peyton married the lord of the manor's daughter. They had stayed in the village until 1642 when hard times forced many to emigrate to America and Ireland. It was the third time the Peytons have gathered together in Isleham and a new church window was dedicated. 86 05 28

A May Ball is the most glamorous, ritzy event of the year and undergraduates don't mind paying for it. The most expensive double ticket for Peterhouse costs 125 guineas but includes dinner and free champagne all night. Trinity charges diners a more affordable £90. But the Ball everyone wants to go to is at Clare College where £220 has been paid on the black market by a couple desperate to attend. Its serene setting with the riverside gardens makes it the most romantic and Germany's 'Stern' magazine is covering it. 86 05 28a # c.36.98

St John's College May Ball once featured the Rolling Stones and the Beatles on the same night. This year they have booked Imagination and Ruby Turner together with the Coldstream Guards and rock group The Inspirational Choir. There will be free drinks and a buffet all night long although roast swan is no longer served. The 1,700 guests include 20 from the New York banking firm Goldmann Sachs and officers from the Sultanate of Oman will also be flying in. 86 05 28b # c.36.97

Cambridge-based chart-toppers Katrina and the Waves will be the star attraction at Trinity College May Ball while Sandie Shaw will also be returning to the college where she sang before in the swinging Sixties. Jazz and steel bands – even Scottish pipers – will play till dawn. An all-night casino, laser displays and cabaret acts will also ensure there is no time to be bored. But King's College stopped holding May Balls in the sixties: students decided they were too expensive and not the sort of entertainment they wished to be associated with. They now hold June Events instead 86 05 28b # c.36.97

1986 05 29
The Cambridgeshire cheese industry of the 1920s and 1930s was centred on Sutton remembered by Len Routledge - 86 05 29

Cromwell's House, Shelley Row – 86 05 29

Pop bands can't complain about a shortage of recording studios. Heading the list is Spaceward based at Stretham which has been frequented by an impressible array of stars including the Stranglers, who are currently recording their new album there. The 24-track studio uses an extensive range of highly sophisticated equipment and charges £450 a day. On a more modest scale are Kite Studio in Cambridge, Jupiter Recording Studio in Ickleton and Metronome Music in Chatteris which is run by Chris Dennis one of the founder members of Pink Floyd 86 05 29a

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1986 06 02
A competition to find the typist with the quickest fingers and the least mistakes on her paper attracted hundreds of entrants. There was one moment of drama when a typewriter suddenly went wrong, but it was quickly put right. Then they were away – not the click, click of the old, manual typewriters but the tap, tap of the modern electric keys as the typists beavered furiously at their test piece. The winner was Gillian Turton of St Ives with an amazing score of 90 words per minute. Runners up were Paula Carter and Ruth Purdue 86 06 02 & a

1986 06 04
The Commemoration Hall, one of Huntingdon's best-known landmarks, is crumbling and needs thousands of pounds spent on it. Even though funding has not yet been agreed immediate work has been started due to concern over masonry falling into the street,. The final repair bill for renewing and rebuilding a parapet and decorated cornice at roof level could be £10,000. The 145-year-old former Literary and Scientific Institute, now owned by the town council, is used as a meeting place. 86 06 04

Wilfreda Leakey was the original secretary of the Girton and Oakington Child Welfare Centre established in 1936. The warm, friendly atmosphere was a focus for village life where mothers could get expert help on child care from the visiting doctors and nurses. During the war it ensured children received supplies of food and vitamins and when toothbrushes were impossible to find they obtained a consignment that they sold for threepence each. A library lending books on child care to mothers and reading material for the youngsters started in the 1940s and continues to this day. Now she has written its history. 86 06 04a

1986 06 05
Milton Rectory may be turned into a temporary home for seriously or incurable ill children and their families. A steering committee is considering a total nursing and physiotherapy staff of 18, backed up with volunteers, with places for nine youngsters accompanied by at least one member of their family. Volunteers have started to clear the overgrown gardens but there are many months of planning and fundraising before the first family finds sanctuary there 86 06 05a

1986 06 06
Camtech's plans for two giant supermarkets at Arbury Camp would fit in with the Unex Group's proposal for a major supermarket and non-food shops on a retail park off Kings Hedges Road. But it would offer competition to other schemes currently under discussion. These are the giant Marks and Spencer / Tesco plan for two superstores, a 300-bedroom hotel and multi-screen cinema at Trumpington, Asda's ideas for a supermarket at the Cambridge Business Park on Milton Road and the proposed Tesco store in the Milton Park housing development 86 06 06

Cambridge's latest high-tech office block on the corner of Newmarket Road and Coldham's Lane is called The Zigzag because of the beams used in its construction. It has been designed by Roger Perrin Architects of Quayside whose associated firm Tartan Buildings are in charge of the development. The 13,000 sq foot building is due for completion next month 86 06 06a

1986 06 09
Police are hunting burglars who removed a leaded light window in St Mary's Church, Buckden then cut open a safe and made off with £15,000-worth of silverware. The haul includes four silver chalices,

one of which dates from the 17th century, a christening shell, flagon and necklace chain. Two other raids took place nearby. At Great Barford church thieves got away with silverware and at Sandy Baptist Church a door was kicked in, but nothing was stolen 86 06 09

Gerald Coulson, Thriplow artist has first solo exhibition 86 06 09a & b # c.64

1986 06 11
Flame-haired Fergie, the Royal bride-to-be, dazzled and delighted onlookers when she arrived at Duxford with Prince Andrew. Wearing a stunning black and green outfit with a huge matching bow in her hair, Miss Sarah Ferguson stole the show as the Prince officially opened the new superhangar at the Imperial War Museum. It was the couple's second official engagement 86 06 11

Chesterton Mill, in French's Road was built in 1847 but has stood derelict for the last 30 years. The eight-sided smock mill was only partially successful when driven by wind so the sails were removed in the 1890s and it was subsequently driven by steam, suction gas and diesel. It has now been renovated and starts a new lease of life as the home of Cambridge public relations firm Beveridge Kartupelis. 86 06 11a # c.61

1986 06 12
Prince Edward battles to save Cambridge Youth Theatre – 86 06 12a # c.02 # c.76
Clare College library, p20

1986 06 13
Victoria Bridge is rusting away. The 97-year old structure has taken a battering from heavy vehicles over the years, despite a lorry ban and weight limit. It is in such a bad state of repair that it needs to be entirely rebuilt – a project which will cause chaos for 18 months. Engineers hope to keep traffic moving by repairing half the bridge at a time. All the county's other 2,000 bridges are also being inspected 86 06 13 # c.44.7

1986 06 14
Philips, the television and electronics giant, is seeking permission for the largest inner city housing development for years. They say plans for 49 flats on the former marina and boatyard beside Elizabeth Way Bridge together with 141 flats in the fields off Mariners Way will help solve the housing crisis caused by Cambridge's high-tech boom. There would be extensive waterfront landscaping and a riverside nature reserve to maintain the meadowland character 86 06 14a

North Arbury has been dubbed a 'no-go' area where residents fear to leave their homes at night. But on Saturday evening a mother placidly pushed her pram through the darkened streets, a toddler following at her heels. Women of all ages were walking or cycling with no signs of fear. An old woman, wearing a thick coat to keep out the damp, hobbled down the road past a couple of teenagers in summer whites headed for a Saturday night out while a couple of young lovers had found a courting spot on a quiet stretch of green. The only group missing seemed to be the police, who had publicly denied it was a 'no-go- area. And there was no sign of the vigilant groups residents had talked of setting up 86 06 14b

1986 06 16
Clown Prince Edward had a right royal audience as he trod the Cambridge boards for the last time as an undergraduate. To the amazement and delight of the Arts Theatre audience, his brother Prince Charles, cousin Lady Sarah Armstrong-Jones and Prince Andrew's fiancée Sarah Ferguson, made a surprise visit to the comic show. They watched him caper through comic sketches, musical numbers and songs with the rest of the Cambridge University Light Entertainment Society cast then spent 45 minutes backstage before leaving for London 86 06 16

At the Ouse Valley Bait Company near Longstowe the cheerful staff seem hardly to notice the stench of rotting meat and the pungent ammonia produced by the 1,500 gallons of maggots produced each

week for sale to angling shops. This requires the laying of huge numbers of eggs in the fly room, maintained at a steady 65 degrees F. Every time the door opens several dozen bluebottles make a flight for freedom. "I've only swallowed two in 16 years", the owner joked calmly, almost making it three as he spoke. 86 06 16a

1986 06 17
Hundreds of Cambridge families are plunging deeper and deeper into debt and despair. They are fighting a desperate daily battle for survival 'on tick' to keep pace with the city's high-cost lifestyle. The strain is pushing many to the brink of illness and even marriage break up, says the Citizen's Advice Bureau. Many find the cost of a mortgage too much to afford. Others living in rented accommodation feel their rent is too high. The quick lure of easy credit is also a problem 86 06 17

Grays of Cambridge, the 130-years-old sports firm, has reached the end of an era with the closure of its Benson Street headquarters. The only remaining presence locally is a small racquet-making factory at Coton on the site of their former sawmill. The last 18 months have seen the workforce dwindle from 150 to just six. The main reasons for decline have been increased competition from Taiwan and a change away from wooden frames towards graphite and metal racquets and. Now they produce them for the small market of real tennis and rackets players 86 06 17a

Mountfitchet Castle in Stansted, a reconstruction of an 11th century Motte and Bailey castle opened for the first time last month. It was built from scratch by Alan Goldsmith literally in his own back garden. The site was overgrown and had become virtually forgotten when he bought it in the 1960s and after a long struggle with planners and detailed archaeological reports work finally started in 1984. Oak was brought from all over the country, reeds and wheat straw for the thatching came from Norfolk and even the wattle and daub for the walls were made using a medieval formula. The only ingredient missing was cow dung – modern plasterers refused to work with it. 86 06 17b

Cambridge' most famous car – a 1968 Austin Princess limousine registration MER 1 - has been used as the official car by every mayor since it came into service and has also given rides to Margaret Thatcher, Princess Di, hundred of brides and a parrot. It is part of Marshall's car hire department but after 18 years of service she has been sent off to Ontario to begin a new life. It will be replaced by a Daimler Sovereign with a built-in radio telephone 86 06 17c

1986 06 18
Midsummer common – feature on families – 86 06 18 & a # c.27.31

A K-registered Ford Escort was found dangling from Clare College bridge. The vehicle came from a scrapyard but it remains a mystery how it got there. One theory is that it was brought down the Cam on punts then hoisted up and lashed into place with ropes and chains. The jolly jape brought laughter from river users but now the college is faced with removing it. They are seeking advice from King's who last year removed a Fiat that was 'parked' in the middle of the river on stilts 86 06 18c # c.36.93 # c.46.5

The University's plans for the old Addenbrooke's Hospital site will see the former outpatients' department being converted to a restaurant. The main hospital block and some single-storey buildings will be demolished and replaced with a commercial car park, the private patients' wing let for commercial use and the nurses' buildings on Tennis Court Road used for student hostels. The southern half of the site will be redeveloped to house the departments of biotechnology, pharmacology and biochemistry 86 06 18b # c.21.4 # c.36.9

1986 06 19
The Ancient Shepherds pub in Fen Ditton, which dates back to the 1540s, has been refurbished with easy chairs, settees and a new carpet to emphasise its restaurant facilities. It offers a set four-course evening menu at £14.50 a head 86 06 19a

When St Philip's School opened in Catharine Street in 1886 it had 127 pupils on the roll. But as railway workers moved into new homes in the area only boys up to seven and girls up to 14 were allowed to attend. A senior boys' school was built in Ross Street in 1894 and a new community primary school opened in Vinery Way in 1983. Now children have been preparing to celebrate its centenary with a reunion, a concert in St Philip's Church and a Punch and Judy show by former pupil Chris Kostecki . 86 06 19b # c.36.5

1986 06 23
British Rail is considering reopening part of the disused Cambridge-Huntingdon railway to provide extra transport for the suggested new village in the Swavesey area. They would use the existing platforms at Swavesey, Longstanton and Oakington but would have to build a new one at Histon. Most of the line closed to passenger traffic some years ago but some is used for occasional freight trains to the Chivers factory and fruit orchard complexes 86 06 23 # c.26.2

1986 06 24
Drummer Street bus station renovation criticised – 86 06 24

1986 05 25
Mill Road could do with more shops, residents say. It is an important shopping centre especially for convenience foods. Key groups such as the elderly, people with young children and those without cars depend on it. But many are dissatisfied with the range of goods available. During the past few years a number have closed down or been put to other uses. One has become a one-armed bandit amusement arcade. 86 06 25

1986 06 26
The old St Ives railway may be dug up and part of the route turned into a new main road to provide direct access for people living in the proposed new village for 3,000 people near Swavesey. British Rail is unenthusiastic about reopening the line without county or private investment. But the County Council has already turned down the suggestion of financial involvement and says it would make more sense for the railway to be dug up and replaced with a main road. 86 06 26a # c.26.2

Plans for a small town at Chittering near Waterbeach may be scrapped and moved into the fens – 86 06 26

The Royal Oak just off the A10 at Stretham ferry is on the market for £200,000. It is a freehouse with a bar, five bedrooms and nine acres of land including a frontage on the Great Ouse with moorings, a holiday caravan park and a shop. Now it may be extended and upgraded by Unicorn Inns of Royston, taking it up-market and offering a wide range of traditional beers. 86 06 26b

1986 06 27
A new minibus shuttle service has been launched using 16-seater converted Transits running from the Railway Station to Chesterton. It stops at normal bus stops but can be hailed like a taxi between the Fen Estate, the Golden Hind and the Yorkshire Grey pub. The accent is on a fast, frequent, comfortable service and smoking in the nine new vehicles is banned. By increasing frequency the service becomes more convenient and more likely to attract customers, Cambus claim. A second minishuttle from Coldham's Lane to Teversham Drift may start later 86 06 27 # c.26.46

Prince Edward bids farewell to Cambridge – interview 86 06 27a & b # c.02

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1986 07 01
Aircraftsman David Morley was the first man to set foot on what is now Wyton airfield. He had been sent to an old hospital site: there wasn't a building, brick or hangar foundation to be seen – just fields. When he left for Iraq seven months later RAF Wyton was a growing military zone. The 'invasion'

caused a great patriotic stir among villagers: "they referred to us as the 'aerodrome men' and we were invited into vicarages and parties. We were easy to spot as we still wore First World War uniforms, dog collar and all, and were issued with silver-headed canes", he recalls. 86 07 01

Heatwave cuts water supplies to 1,000 homes in Steeple Bumpstead – 86 07 01a

Chris Curry resigns from Acorn starts General Information Systems based at Croxton – 86 07 01c # c.27.5

1986 07 02
Charles Unwin, founder of Unwin Seeds of Histon has died peacefully aged 91. 'Mr Charles' as he was affectionately known, joined the firm in 1913 and made his reputation breeding sweet peas flowers but was also a prolific writer and lecturer. He was presented with many awards including Medals from the National Sweet Pea and Royal Horticultural Societies and life membership of the Scottish National Sweep Pea, Rose and Carnation Society. 86 07 02a

1986 07 03
Gloucester Street off Castle Hill, Cambridge, has seen considerable changes in the last 60 years. Until 1924 it was a little estate of its own, with labourers' terraced cottages, a few semi-detached houses, a mission room and a pub. Today nothing remains of the old residential area. But Ronald Chapman has constructed a cardboard model of it which is on display in the Cambridgeshire Collection. Every house is detailed, the street lights are in the right place as are the three outside taps which supplied some householders with their only water 86 07 03

Betty Shimell has her name above three chemists' shops in Cambridge – 86 07 03a

1986 07 04
Churchill Service Station on the junction of Histon and Huntingdon Road in Cambridge is to open 24 hours a day. Garages cannot make a profit on discount petrol alone so it has diversified into selling milk, sandwiches and a range of household goods from dog food to washing powder. Newnham Service Station has been a village shop for several years stocking frozen food alongside chamois leathers and polish. But they have to obey Sunday trading laws like everybody else 86 07 04 & a

1986 07 07
The MII London-Cambridge motorway should be extended as far as the new Humber Bridge complex. It would open up large areas of the economically-depressed fens thus encouraging high-technology firms. By relieving pressure on Cambridge it would bring down rocketing house prices that are forcing homes beyond the reach of first-time buyers and newly-weds, City councillors say. But the County transportation chief says the scheme is a non-starter 86 07 07

Torch Computers of Gt Shelford has developed a revolutionary Triple X computer using the Unix-based computing system with a revolutionary 'Opentop' facility that allows more than one page to be seen at a time. Around the edges of the screen are a number of symbols called 'icons'. Using a control known as a 'mouse' the user can direct a floating arrow and by clicking the 'mouse' twice the accounts package comes up on the screen. By then double-clicking the calculator icon it appears on top of the accounts. This is known as 'multi-tasking'. It means that for the first time one doesn't need programming knowledge to take advantage of the Unix system's benefits 86 07 07a # c.27.5

1986 07 08
Old Addenbrooke's Hospital redevelopment proposals – 86 07 08
Museum of Technology feature – 86 07 08a # c.03

1986 07 09
W.H. Smith, a familiar sight on Cambridge Market Hill for the past 25 years is to close. Staff will be transferred to their other shops in Lion Yard and at Cambridge railway station. 86 07 09 # c.25

Cambridge Venue Group considered two sites for music, drama, activities and a drop-in coffee shop. One was a novel and eye-catching 'spaceship' design using the Elizabeth Way underpass. But councillors have already vetoed this in favour of a more conventional warehouse scheme on the industrial estate off Cherryhinton Road. However youngsters fear they will be fobbed off with a 'sound-proofed shed' and that it is too far for people to go and see a local band 86 07 09a & b & c

1986 07 10
The Nags Head in Eynesbury which has been attracting drinkers for 500 years is to be converted into flats as Charles Wells's brewery has decided it is no longer commercially viable. George Ingle, 77, who has used the pub all his life, remembers eight different landlords. "I don't feel very pleased at the closing as it is such a nice pub", he said. In 1927 the present building replaced the original inn which stood on what was the village green. The Unicorn pub at King's Ripton is also on the market. It is being sold as a going concern by the Townsend family who have been behind the bar for over 50 years. The freehold offers one main bar and three-bedroomed accommodation above. 86 07 10 & 10a

John Leverington was Ortona bus driver in 1920s – memories – 86 07 10b # c.26.46
Marshalls contract for Lockheed early-warning plane – 86 07 10c

1986 07 11
Marshall flying eye, p6
Eastern General Hospital, p14

1986 07 12
First Eastern General Hospital – Ernest Gill memories – 86 07 12 # c.45.5

1986 07 14
Outraged Trumpington residents unanimously called on city planners to throw out controversial proposals to build two superstores, a hotel and multi-screen cinema together with a bus terminus and park-and-ride car park on a 70-acre site on Hauxton Road. A separate plan has also been submitted for a 300-bedroomed hotel. Developers have offered to construct a by-pass from the M11 to Long Road but this had not allayed their fears 86 07 14

Arbury, p5

1986 07 16
Cambridge planners rejected proposals to demolish the Victoria Cinema at Market Hill and replace it with a Marks and Spencer superstore. It would deprive many people of a first-class city centre entertainments facility, the shopping proposal was contrary to development plans and it would result in added traffic congestion. But they might change their minds if Cannon reopened the Central Cinema in Hobson Street instead of using it as a bingo hall or provided a new multi-screen cinema 86 07 16

John Hind organ tuner retires – 86 07 16a

1986 07 17
The Powell family started to make cheese at Sutton in 1918 when there was more money in Cambridgeshire cheese than milk. But during the Second World War it was only produced sporadically when milk was available that would not keep. Later Baden Powell bought up all the Sutton Dairies and kept going with milk and cheese until the 1960s. The whole enterprise eventually went to Bridge Farm Dairies of Mildenhall. 86 07 17

Strawberry, p22

1986 07 18
The multi-million pound Chivers jam business owes its success in part to a strawberry called Brenda. This was cross-fertilised and developed until the ideal jam strawberry finally emerged, the present day Cambridge Favourite used in Chivers Hartley jams and grown by the hundred tons across Europe. Now Chivers are putting the final touches to a brand new processing factory which will reduce the workforce by five per cent 86 07 18

1986 07 21
Dr Otto Smail, one of Cambridge University's distinguished historians, took his degree at Sidney Sussex College where he remained for the rest of his life. He was an authority on the Crusades and built up a reputation for his friendliness, knowledge and skill as a tutor, taking classes on the history of the fens for the Workers Educational Association. A collection of essays has been published in his honour – a University tradition for eminent scholars – 86 07 21

1986 07 22
Cherryhinton Road has everything the shopper could need: there are three banks, building societies and shops selling a whole range of products from fish to fashion and chips to carpets. In addition there are hair stylists, guest houses and specialists such as Warwick and Sons the art gallery and picture restorers. Now a new 500-home development scheme will boost the population and enhance its prosperity 86 07 22

1986 07 24
Hawks Club wants to convert disused hotel in Portugal Place into meeting place – 86 07 24

The bunting was out and champagne corks popped as Sarah Ferguson and the new Duke of York tied the Royal Knot. Everyone from Brownies to Cambridge office workers were in the mood for a patriotic fling. At Addenbrooke's Hospital there was a festive air as celebrations started in every ward and elsewhere dances and even a mock wedding reception were the order of the day. Flags were strung across Roselea in Impington where one of several street parities went with a regal swing. 86 07 24a & b # c.02

1986 07 25
University staff battle over salaries – 86 07 25

Coveney looks the idyllic English village. Ducks waddle freely across the green, gardens blaze with flowers and there is a clear view to Ely Cathedral across the fen. But when the village school closed its doors for ever last week, it seemed like another nail in another rural coffin. These days there is no shop or pub in the village of just over 300 people and only a once-a-week bus service to Ely Market. There is no doctor or dentist's service and even the rector is shared with two other villages. Now residents have banded together in an attempt to keep their community alive 86 07 25a

1986 07 28
St George's Church, Chesterton is crumbling so badly that it may have to be pulled down – even though it is only 48 years old. Already the front door has been closed because the gable ends are being pushed outwards, tiles need replacing and two flat roofs need resurfacing. Arches inside are cracked and the brickwork needs re-pointing. Rev Peter Tamplin says the congregation would have to raise the money for rebuilding and residents are being asked what they would like to see in a new church 86 07 28 # c.83

Months of uncertainty for the Trumpington-based Plant Breeding Institute have been ended with confirmation that parts are to be sold to the private sector and others amalgamated with a newly-created Plant Science Institute. Staff may be relocated and some research might halt completely. The sugar beet programme has already been wound up and one man now tends the gene bank of varieties

– 7,000 for barley alone – from which much of its celebrated work makes its humble beginnings. 86 07 28a

1986 07 29
An 'exodus' plan has been evolved to save thousands of Cambridge families from the horrors of a nuclear disaster. The aim is to evacuate the entire city if a Chernobyl-style accident happens at the Sizewell reactor complex on the Suffolk coast. Meanwhile health chiefs have been warned they are 'sitting on a time bomb' over the ambulance service crisis. Cuts of up to 20 per cent aim at correcting a budget deficit made worse by a Government blunder. 86 07 29 # c.45.8

1986 07 30
Stansted airport 'could handle 50 million passengers a year' claims exaggerated – 86 07 30

1986 07 31
A storm of protest greeted plans by St Barnabas Church to demolish the Victorian hall in Covent Garden which is used by the independent Drama Centre Trust and council-backed drama workshops. Residents say it is an important community centre and proposals to build a block of five flats would block their views of Fenners cricket ground 86 07 31

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1986 08 01
Government curbs on spending have prompted a major housing crisis in South Cambridgeshire. Even though the Council has more than £9m they are only being allowed to spend a small amount to tackle the problem. The elderly, disabled, unemployed and single people already have wait years for an offer of accommodation while the waiting list has been kept low by refusing under-25s and unemployed people wanting to move here for work. But some unsuccessful applicants later have to be housed because they become homeless. 86 08 01

One of Cambridge's better-known private hotels, the Suffolk House in Milton Road, is for sale at £250,000. The main structure was built in about 1930 by a Cambridge doctor and later owned by a professor of botany who stocked the garden with many kinds of trees and shrub. Outbuildings include a summer house and two-bedroomed timber chalet for the owners' occupation. It was converted from a private house in 1970 and is primarily used by business clients connected with Pye group of companies and firms on the Science Park 86 08 01a # c.27.34

1986 08 02
Developers Camtech announced plans for a massive new science-cum-shops development for the giant 55-acre Arbury Camp Farm. It comprises a mixture of high-tech research and development buildings and two retail units either side of a five-acre lake. One would be a food superstore and the other sell D-I-Y and gardening products. There would also be a park-and-ride site with room for 600 cars. But an Inquiry into another scheme for the same area was told that it would have a detrimental impact on local stores and shops. 86 08 02 & 2a

Death knell warning, p5

1986 08 04
Hinxton's 17th-century watermill and adjoining cottage have been saved by Cambridge Preservation Society after they fell into disrepair. Rotten timbers have been replaced and the roof retiled at the mill which was last used in 1955. The original waterwheel was removed at the beginning of the century after an accident in which a child was killed but it is hoped that the turbine wheel which replaced it can be restored. Algernon Croot,who has lived in the cottage since his father took over the mill in 1914, is delighted with the results 86 08 04

1986 08 06

The run-down village of Croxton could be restored under a joint scheme by Chris Curry, founder of Acorn Computers who bought the Hall and village in 1984 and Sindall the builders. Most of the properties were constructed in the late 18th-century as low-cost housing for estate workers. Now fourteen would be renovated and just two which are beyond economic repair demolished. There would also be new homes together with a village hall and green to bring back a sense of community. But a parish meeting has rejected the idea of more houses in the centre 86 08 06 & 07

A video cassette recording of Ely Cathedral has gone on sale. It is a product of local talent – scripted by Andy Mills, filmed and produced by World Video Productions, narrated by Chris Mills and with musical backing by the cathedral choir. 86 08 06a

1986 08 07
Pirate Radio enthusiasts group formed – 86 08 07a
Irwin Peck, High Sheriff – profile – 86 08 07b
Croxton plan, p6

1986 08 08
Fox Wood Place sheltered housing, Soham – 86 08 08

Shudy Camps Park is to be turned into a research clinic by an Indian guru. Sri Mataji Nirmala Devi, whose name means Holy Mother, is claimed to be a saint with miraculous power to cure the sick and dying. She has tens of thousands of followers in India but only 14 disciples in this country. Patients suffering a variety of illnesses will be taught Sahaja Yoga and their condition monitored 86 08 08a

1986 08 11
Patrick Woods' first task when appointed sub-postmaster at Girton 18 years ago was to construct the building itself. For eight weeks 'Postman Pat' had to make do in a little shed, taking everything back to his home in Mildenhall each evening. But business blossomed and the post office and stores in Dodford Lane have become a familiar sight in the village which for a while feared it might lose its post office for ever. Now Mr Woods and his wife are calling it a day. "It's no longer a piggy-bank business. It's very streamlined and we have to spend half the evening doing paperwork", he said 86 08 11a

Littleport Grange nursing home doubt – 86 08 11

1986 08 13
Big Mac fans supporters lost the beef-burgers battle. Despite a petition signed by 30,000 hamburger fans an Inspector has rejected plans for a fast-food bar in Fitzroy Street saying it would cause a public nuisance and severe litter problems. Residents in New Square are delighted. But city planners say that they'd be happy to consider another application from McDonalds for a more suitable site 86 08 13

Sydney Theobald, a former Mayor of Ely, died two weeks after celebrating his golden wedding. A well-known and well-respected figure he started work at Eaden Lilley's in Cambridge before setting up a drapery business in Ely High Street which he ran with his wife from 1958 until their retirement. He'd been President of the Chamber of Trade and Rotary Club and was closely involved with the Ribe Association and St Mary's Lodge old folks home 86 08 13a

Tucked away behind the Arundel House Hotel are wooden buildings put up in 1896 as stabling for horse buses. The names of some of the horses, like Badgy, Wanderer and Pixie can still be seen painted on the walls over the stalls and there are depressions in the floor where the horses stamped each night. Later the building was used for garaging undergraduates' cars and University proctors insisted there were holes in the doors so they could check that the vehicles were there. During the war Marshall's had it for aeroplane work and then they became workshops. 86 08 13b # c.26.46

1986 08 15

Cottenham Salvation Army is celebrating its 100th year. Back in 1886 inn-keepers were paranoid about the influence the anti-alcohol evangelists might have on sales and the churches branded them as 'radical'. The village bobby was so worried about public disturbance that he asked Salvation Army leaders to 'Go back where you came from'. But the Cottenham corps went from strength to strength. Today it has 100 members and is planning a reunion with some guests travelling from the USA 86 08 15 & a

1986 08 16
Saberton's shop at Pymore, one of the oldest village stores in the fens, has closed. Vera Saberton has worked in the shop since she stepped in to help out in the 1940s. The store began trading in 1921 when Mr Hugh Saberton, her brother, opened a bicycle shop. "There was a grocery shop in the village, so my brother thought he would try bikes, but within a couple of years he started selling food as well", she said. Her younger brother, Horace, took it over in 1937 and Miss Saberton started work behind the counter during the war while he was in the forces. Her brother died seven years ago and after that she helped her sister-in-law, Mrs Joan Saberton), run the shop. She has seen dramatic changes in people's shopping habits with competition from supermarkets leading to a decline in the traditional village shop. Now she wonders what to do with dozens of old advertising signs that have stockpiled over the years. 86 08 16

1986 08 18
EastEnders star Anita Dobson, the famous landlady of the TV show's 'Queen Vic' pub proved a powerful pulling attraction at the Coral Social Club in Cambridge where some 400 bingo players gathered to see her in the flesh. Fans cheered and queued for autographs when the actress arrived at the Hobson Street club. She called the shows 'Dirty Den' a 'rat' but said "We have a very good on-screen relationship. I'm going to string him up at Christmas. The real Den is a lovely nice person". The event was a lead-up for the club's refurbishment as a cabaret club in November 86 08 18

1986 08 20
Chivers workers offered shares for a penny – 86 08 20

1986 08 21
Woolworth's in Cambridge is to undergo a massive facelift to bring it up to date. The shop in Sidney Street will close for five weeks while builders work round the clock to gut and rebuild the interior. The new shop will be brighter and more modern with an 80-seater coffee bar, an extended children's toys section and a bigger record department. Out will go bad sellers – men's and women's clothes and food lines, and the range of toiletries and electrical goods will be drastically reduced. 86 08 21

1986 08 22
The Church Housing Trust's new hostel in Victoria Road aims to get away from an institutional set-up with single rooms and bedsits for 75 homeless people. Alcohol will be banned and residents encouraged to improve their lifestyle to enable them to live in the community again. Nearby home owners have been reassured that problems will be few and far between because if residents have been drinking they keep away as they don't want to lose their accommodation. The Trust's existing premises in Willow Walk will be also retained 86 08 22 # c.32.9

1986 08 26
Tom Cousins has notched up 70 years of regular drinking at his local, the Duke of Wellington in Willingham. So family and friends laid on a celebration. 'Uncle Tom' was met by bunting and balloons and a roomful of familiar faces when he arrived for his usual drink, dressed in his customary three-piece suit, tie and hat. There was also a kissogram girl. When Tom started drinking in 1917 there were 25 pubs in the village. He recalls sinking 11 pints a night and still walking home in a straight line. 86 08 26

1986 08 27

British Rail may build new stations near Cambridge and Huntingdon as part of a modernisation scheme. A county transportation spokesman called for stations at Milton and at new villages near Waterbeach and Swavesey which are under consideration in the Structure Plan review. He'd also like to see the St Ives to Cambridge line re-opened and a stop at Milton would help to service the Science Park as well. This was endorsed by the Railway Development Society who also suggested stations at North Arbury and Cherry Hinton. 86 08 27 # c.26.2

1986 08 28
French's Mill was built on a high point in Chesterton in 1847 by William Beart. It was a wooden-walled smock mill but didn't catch enough wind, so it was jacked up and an eight-sided brick base added. But it was still not satisfactory so in 1868 William French converted it to run on steam power. Later the sails were removed and gas engines installed, to be replaced by diesel 14 years later. At its peak small bakers used the it regularly but when the adjoining land was taken as playing fields for St Peter's School it looked as if the mill was doomed. Now it has begun a new life as an office suite and the surrounding buildings house ten other small companies playing their part in the technology boom 86 08 28 # c.22.9

1986 08 29
Lode's church clock was made by Dents of London, who also made Big Ben. Since it was erected in 1856 it has been kept in pristine condition by a handful of men: William Ayres looked after it until 1945 when he handed responsibility to his son Jack. Then eight years ago when he began to feel his age he trained up Peter Swannell to do the job. He has continued a tradition of recording local and national events inside the door of the clock. 86 08 29

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1986 09 02
Supermarket, garden centre anparking plan for Histon Road area by Carter Commercial Developments - 86 09 02

1986 09 04
Gray's tobacco and sweet shop, Newmarket Road, to close 86 09 04

1986 09 05
British Telecom digital telephone exchange to be switched on – 86 09 05 # c.27.75

1986 09 08
Addenbrooke's Hospital patient dies after attck with broken bottle – 86 09 08 # c.21.4

1986 09 13
Swavesey villagers oppose plan for new town nearby – 86 09 13

1986 09 16
Cambridge Theatre Company celebrates century of productions – 86 09 16 # c.76

1986 09 18
Soham farmer, Wallace Turner, offers 800 acres to build thousands of houses – 86 09 18

Duxford massive shopping centre proposed - 86 09 18

'Witch' of Oyster House cast a spell - couple lived on ground floor, upper windows broken; sold eggs, had stuffed animals – 86 09 18(2) # c.39

1986 09 19
Papworth Hospital may move to Cambridge – 86 09 19(2) # c.21.4

Woolworth's reopens after £1million refit – 86 09 19 # c.27.2

1986 09 20
Ely Cathedral launch £4 million restoration appeal – 86 09 20

1986 09 22
Cambridge Phenomenon effect on housing, jobs & traffic to be examined at Conference – 86 09 22

1986 09 25
Corn Exchange discover rotten timbers three months before reopening – 86 09 25

1986 09 26
Marshall's lose contract to fit out RAF Nimrod radar planes – 86 09 26

1986 09 27
Plans for 'super college' replacing Hills Road VI Form College and Cambridge College of Further Education dropped – 86 09 27 # c.36.7 # c.36.5

1986 09 30
Peter Matthews corner shop, Carlyle Road to close after 25 years – 86 09 30(3) # c.27.2

Homeless Cambridge families are being put into private hotels and boarding houses because of housing shortage – 86 09 30

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1986 10 01
Entire areas of teaching and research at the University may have to be axed because of cuts in Government grants. The Vice-Chancellor spelt out a future of "uncertainty and plain muddle" for Cambridge and the loss of its reputation as a world-beating centre of learning. "The outlook is extremely gloomy and we may have to close down complete areas of work" he said in his annual report. "Realigning our relations with the Government will be difficult … but unless we do I do not think that Cambridge will survive long into the 21st century as a university of world standing" 86 10 01

Sheikh Mohammed Al Maktoum has bought Derisley Wood Stud, Newmarket for well over £4m. He already owns the Dalham Hall and Rutland studs. Sheikh Mohammed is one of four brothers of the fabulously-wealthy royal rulers of the oil-rich state of Dubai. They own around 500 racehorses in training in England and on the opening day of Tattersalls sales spent £3m on another 20 horses. 86 10 01a

1986 10 03
Dedicated GP Rex Salisbury Woods began general practice and surgery in Cambridge in 1919 and retired aged 91 in 1983. He was an old-style family doctor to whom the most important people were his patients. His consulting rooms were a delight to wait in with comfortable armchairs and a cabinet in which he displayed his many sporting trophies. He was British Weight Champion – the old name for putting the shot - and a member of the Olympic teams in 1924 and 1928. 86 10 03 # c.21.1

1986 10 04
The Cambridge branch of the Geographical Association celebrated its 50th anniversary at a gathering in the Cambridgeshire Collection. Founder member Miss Edith Butcher who established the branch in 1936 was joined by eminent historical geographer Prof Clifford Darby and its current chairman, Rex Walford. It is an active and lively group discussing important issues of today like the environment and nuclear energy 86 10 04

1986 10 06
Thousands of people gathered on Saffron Walden Common, cheering and waving flags as they had their photograph taken from a helicopter. The picture will be included in a six-foot long time capsule containing a wealth of other material to be buried in the grounds of the Museum. It will be unearthed in 250 years time, when the town celebrates its 1,000th anniversary 86 10 06

Warren Hill stud being sold – detailed article – 86 10 06a

1986 10 07
The church clock at Wistow near Ramsey worked continuously for 151 years until 1899 when a gear wheel was replaced. It is a very early example of its type and was designed to be driven by clockwork. Nine years ago it was electrified as part of the village's Silver Jubilee celebrations but this put extra strain on the old parts and it stopped completely. The Parish Council could not help pay for £2,200 for repairs but an electronics expert and a mechanical designer from Eynesbury have worked on it free of charge. The electrical power source has gone and the mechanism is now back to clockwork. Volunteers helped to heave the clock, weights and pendulum back into the belfry 86 10 07

Squatters at the old Salvation Army shop in Mill Road doze on sofas and chairs by the log fire or in sleeping bags in the eaves of the roof, and when they need a toilet they wander to the public lavatories just down the road. The squat is a protest to high-light the social depression, unemployment and lack of facilities for the young. Anarchist slogans have been painted boldly over the shop front replacing the old religious messages. 86 10 07a # c.23

1986 10 08
In 1980 you could get a pint of Greene King beer for 36p. Six years later it is 77p – almost twice as much. But the brewery says almost a quarter of the price goes in duty and VAT, then there are rates, labour and malt, all of which have risen. Alcoholic drinks have gone up 78 per cent compared to a 44 per cent rise in the price of food, 15 per cent on clothes and 24 per cent on household goods. But fuel and light have gone up 82 per cent. 86 10 08

The ornamental cock pheasant which was ripped from the top of West Wratting's village sign has been put back – and this time it will take a stick of gelignite to shift it. Vandals tore down the carved wooden bird which sat on top of a painting of a local landmark, the windmill, within hours of it being unveiled earlier in the summer. After an outcry it was left at the base of the plinth a couple of days later. Now it has been secured with steel bolts. 86 10 08a

1986 10 09
Stan Kelly was one of the last people to live in the Oyster House, Garlic Row where his parties were a mixture of the talented and the well-heeled. He was a Liverpool working-class boy who came to the university in the early '50s with his wide and children. In those days he was involved in folk music, mixing Liverpool seamen's songs with those of the American Depression and some of his own. One was 'Hard times in the Old Oyster House, Hard times, poor boy'. Later his skiffle music became successful on both sides of the Atlantic. Despite this he managed to secure a double first in maths and obtained a job with a world-famous computer firm. 86 10 09 # c.69

1986 10 10
Magdalene, the one college in the Oxbridge system where a chap could count on being in the exclusive company of other chaps, is set to go co-educational. The governing body has voted to overturn 444 years of historical precedent and amend the statutes. The news was greeted with glum resignation by some of the present undergraduates. That other bastion of entrenched traditionalism, Peterhouse, finally said yes to women students last year, a trend that started in 1972 when Churchill, Clare and King's went mixed. 86 10 10

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1986 10 13
Histon is to get a space-age science park providing around 2,000 jobs. Vision Park, to be built on the site of the old Chiversjam factory, will be a community of steel-framed buildings clad entirely in coloured glass. The first will have a curved glass atrium with palm trees, pools with a fountain, glass lifts and a marble floor. But the parish council see it as a 'retrograde' step which will damage the character ofthe village. 86 10 13

Trinity and Churchill Colleges are behind a secret bid to build a new town for 8,000 people at Scotland Farm, Dry Drayton. Several other consortia are also set to submit development plans for the site. County planners say two more towns, total I ing 6,000 new houses, will be needed. One ofthese should be near Swavesey and another in the Waterbeach area. This would begin with 3,000 houses, eventually rising to a town of 16,000 people 86 10 l3a

1986 10 16
Bowes and Bowes, Cambridge's oldest bookshop, marked the end of an era and the beginning of a new. The building on the corner of Trinity Street started as a bookshop under William Scarlett in 158l. It was acquired by Daniel and Alexander Macmillan who in 1845 laid the foundations for one of the largest publishing firms in the world. It became a literary centre where figures like Thackeray and Charles Kingsley were frequent visitors. Now it has been completely redesigned and reopened under its new name of Sherratt and Hughes. 86 10 16

Neve Electronics began in 1961 when Rupert Neve, an audio engineering consultant, produced a two-output mixing console with valve circuitry. It was installed at a London recording studio and its success launched him on a career which brought world fame to the company which now employs 160 people at its Melbourn plant. He was guest of honour at an anniversary reception held in Brighton to coincide with the International Broadcasting Convention. 86 10 16a

1986 10 17
One of Ely's oldest buildings is to take on a new lease of life as a showcase for the region's antique dealers. Conversion work on the derelict maltings building next to the English College at Waterside is nearly complete. It will provide a base for 50 antique dealers, giving them a permanent showcase while carrying on their business elsewhere. The man behind the scheme, Graham Peters, hopes it will become an additional tourist attraction 86 10 17

1986 10 20
Alex Wood Hall, newly-built headquarters of Cambridge Labour Party, was officially opened by Brenda Dean, the first woman general secretary of a union. 86 10 20 # c.33

1986 10 21
RAF Alconbury is fast becoming the biggest American military complex in Britain. A £200 million development scheme is under way and the number of military personnel will be increased to more than 5,000 in the next two years. It has a mixture of aircraft: Phantoms and high-flying TR1s provide tactical reconnaissance and the F5s provide combat training and represent Soviet aircraft in mock dogfights with NATO aircraft 86 10 21b

1986 10 23
Work to widen pavements in Market Street and Sidney Street and reduce traffic using the city centre are attracting a storm of protest. 86 10 23

1986 10 24
Cambridge councillors have changed their minds about the future of council-owned allotment land at Histon Road. They had wanted Green Belt protection on the 33-acre site which would prevent any form of development from taking place there. However 11 acres are derelict and could be reserved for

possible housing schemes and recreational use. But any hypermarket development there would mean the death of the shopping centre at Arbury Court and should be blocked. 86 10 24

1986 10 25
Ely Cathedral is to play a vital part in bringing the latest technology to East Anglia. Cellnet, Britain's leading mobile telecommunications network, is to use the 215ft West Tower as a base station to extend cellular radio coverage. The cathedral's skyline will be unaltered: aerials will be located in the turrets with the base station in the belfry. The firm will provide a 'substantial' sum as rental and sponsor the flower festival next summer 86 10 25

1986 10 27
Peppercorns heath food and delicatessen, which has expanded remarkably quickly from small beginnings in Cherry Hinton, has moved into larger premises in Mill Road. The shop has shelves of natural foods, freshly-roasted coffees, 50 types of cheese and the exotic delights of houmuous and taramasalata together with quiches, pizzas and even vegetarian scotch eggs. 86 10 27

1986 10 28
Buckden church is celebrating the return of silverware worth £15,000 that was taken in a burglary in June. The christening shell and four chalices, one of which dates back to the 17th century, had been given to the church by people living in the village and its loss had been described as a shattering blow. Now the Rev John Francis is elated at the good news. Police have also recovered almost all the silverware taken from the church in Great Barford that was stolen on the same day. The items were discovered in a disused shed in Surrey 86 10 28

The Council is undertaking its biggest renovation to wipe out some of Cambridge's worst living conditions. After 15 years the damp-prone bathroom 'pods' stuck on to brick kitchens will be removed from Darwin Drive, Akeman Street, Stretten Avenue and other streets. The modernisation programme will transform pokey 50-year-old homes into spacious, modern accommodation. There will be a new bedroom and bathroom, fully-fitted kitchen, central heating and new windows. Residents who move out for the 20 weeks of renovation can claim a disturbance allowance of several hundred pounds. 86 10 28a # c.23

1986 10 29
Hearty hymn-singing has been banned in the crumbling church of All Saints at Pidley in case vibrations bring the house down. The Rector, Arthur Ludlow, said the ceiling boards in the roof are loose and tiles are falling off the church tower. He is also worried about stonework over the main door. Now the congregation face a massive task of raising money for repairs of the 120-year-old church which stands on a hill and is a landmark for miles around 86 10 29

1986 10 30
Cambridge United got their reward for beating Ipswich with a draw against First Division giants, Tottenham Hotspur in the Littlewoods Cup. The Spurs team includes England internationals Glenn Hoddle and Chris Waddle, Belgian superstar Nico Claesen and Argentinean World Cup star Osvaldo Ardiles. The dream fixture will pack the Abbey Stadium with more than 10,000 fans. Ticket prices will be raised to £8 for seats and £5 for the terraces. 86 10 30 & 30a # c.38 : football

The Caxton Gibbet pub has been sold and now faces several months of refurbishment before reopening in the New Year. Over recent years the pub, which dates back to the 1930s, has had a succession of tenants while being owned by Paines Brewery. Now it will be opened as a free house and restaurant with an English-style image, hoping to attract motorists using the busy A45. 86 10 30b

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1986 11 01

A traveller dismantled parts of a motorway bridge at Gt Chesterford and pedalled away with the bits strapped to his bicycle. 86 11 01

Waterbeach residents have given a resounding thumbs-down to plans for a new town near their village. The chairman of the Parish Council, Bill Saberton, said they had already taken more than their share of growth over the last six years, with an extra 1,500 people, and a further 250 houses were planned. Any more would destroy its life completely. The new town would cause traffic problems, opening a railway line would attract commuters and the land is low-lying and unsuitable for revelopment 86 11 01a

1986 11 03
Ashwell barn where Bunyan preached for sale 86 11 03

1986 11 04
Ambitious plans have been unveiled for 'Crow Green', a new town of up to 11,000 people near the junction of the A14 and A14 at Caxton Gibbet. The developers hope the busy A45 would be upgraded to dual carriageway all the way between Cambridge and the A1. This follows other plans for a new town of 2,200 homes near Dry Drayton. These are some of 11 major bids for development just submitted to planners. 86 11 04

1986 11 05
Cambridge Toy Shop, which has been trading for almost 20 years, is planning to close at Christmas. They blame rent increases 86 11 05a # c.27.2

Old Addenbrooke's Hospital has been made a grade II listed building which means it cannot be pulled down without listed building consent from the city council. A copy of the notice under the Town and Country Planning Act has been sent to the University who want to demolish it, turn the site into a car park and later build extra space for bio-sciences. Their surveys have shown that £3½ million would have to be spent in just making good the structure and £650,000 needed just to keep the façade even if the main wards behind were demolished. Now dons are to vote on the issue. 86 11 05 vote to go ahead – 86 11 08 # c.21.4

1986 11 06
Crematorium history – 86 11 06 # c.21.2

1986 11 07
Plans for a massive housing development at Clay Farm have been attacked by the Council for the Protection of Rural England. The Labour-controlled city council believes the 70-acre site is ideal for 900 homes for council tenants and hi-tech executives. But in September the County Planning Committee put the site into the Green Belt to protect it from developers. Now the issue will be decided by the Department of the Environment. 86 11 07a

New housing advice centre opens in old police station – 86 11 07
Fred Archer, jockey 100th anniversary of his death – 86 11 07b & c

1986 11 10
A major new car park could be built under the site of Old Addenbrooke's Hospital after Dons voted in favour of demolishing the buildings which they bought a year ago. – 86 11 10
Swavesey villagers have begun the opposition to a proposed new town on its doorstep – 86 11 11

1986 11 12
Armed robbers brandishing a sawn-off shotgun burst into Fen Ditton post office just before closing time and terrified the postmaster into handing over £2,000 in cash. They fled in a white Ford Cortina they'd stolen hours earlier. The car was found abandoned down a farm track at Horningsea and the men are thought to have crossed Baitsbite Lock into Fen Road, Milton, where they had a getaway car

waiting. Detectives say the raid is identical to one at Haslingfield in February. The Post Office has designated Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire as a 'high-risk' area because of the huge number of robberies 86 11 12

1986 11 13
Sawston is one of the busiest retained fire stations in Cambridgeshire. It answers more than 10 calls a week since it is close to three major roads and they are called out to provide cover for Cambridge. It has a full complement of 14 firemen under sub-officer Gilbert Whiffin and while some areas struggle to find recruits, they have a waiting list. The men have recently taken up weight training and also have the energy to raise many thousands of pounds for charity, donating £800 towards the village health centre. 86 11 13

1986 11 14
From his manor house at The Berristead, Wilburton Sir David Hughes runs one of Cambridgeshire's most unusual businesses. It specialises in the production of brass and bronze figures, principally for use as car mascots. Most are exported to the United States. Now a former fruit store near the village church has been reconditioned for use as a foundry and workshop to help increase production. 86 11 14

1986 11 17
At Logica's smart Cambridge offices a strange clipped voice rises above the human chatter. By the end of the decade it may well become commonplace. For the firm is devising a computer which can talk to train travellers on the telephone. They are also working on a computer which will help Shell devise formulae for lubricating oils. The company, which has 2,400 staff working in 3 countries, opened its Cambridge offices two years ago but has difficulty recruiting staff because of a national shortage of trained workers. 86 11 17 # c.27.1

1986 11 18
Cambridge Co-op's new Beehive Centre is the first step in a major redevelopment scheme which is going to give the city a shopping complex for the 21st century. They have obtained additional frontage on to Coldham's Lane including the former Eastern Gas Social Club and will construct a roundabout to ease traffic congestion. The shop has been given a bright new image with additional departments and specialist services including the Kauffman Hair Salon, G & H Kitchens and BMB Windows. 86 11 18 # c.27.2

1986 11 22
Two masked robbers burst into Ellington post office and stole £1,300 in cash after threatening the sub-postmistress with a shotgun. The thieves, one of whom wore a stocking over his head, fled in a bronze-coloured Ford Cortina that had been stolen from St Ives and was later abandoned at Grafham Water. Police say it is a copy of other recent robberies at Fen Ditton and Haslingfield 86 11 22

Although the Fen Ditton National School was considered important enough for children to be ferried across the river from Chesterton, it was never a particularly attractive place. Now the run-down building, previously used as a warehouse, has been converted to include a family home. It has an open staircase and a landing featuring an iron balustrade from a chapel in the Fens. It has been decorated cheaply and simply, using the increasingly-popular 'rag-rolling' technique. 86 11 22a

1986 11 24
Cambridge Philharmonic Society centenary – history – 86 11 24# c.69

1986 11 25
Ely Diocese's old-fashioned 'Contact' newsletter has rolled off the press for the last time. Instead a new 52-page glossy magazine will be distributed, changing the way church news is reported. The monthly letter from the Bishop will be retained but there will also be pages on fashion, motoring, farming and gardening. The first issue contains good luck messages from the Archbishop of

Canterbury and several local MPs. The editor promises that it is not going to be a tame in-house newspaper. 86 11 25

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1986 11 26
Thousands of shoppers are heading into massive debt as they spend, spend, spend for Christmas. The Citizens' Adv ice Bureau said that last year everybody got everything on shop credit cards; now everyone they see has three, four or sometimes five credit cards and many of these are taken out to get presents. Robert Sayle say the season had started late because of the mild weather but already profits had rocketed by 14 per cent. Eaden Lilley, Joshua Taylor and Boots report tremendous sales. But many managers say poor parking facilities were driving Cambridge shoppers elsewhere. 86 11 26

Bourn Airfield could be developed into a town for 8,000 people. Around 3,000 houses would be constructed including low-cost rented accommodation together with a business park, shops, health facilities and a primary school. The Second World War airfield closed in 1948 and while there are few of the original buildings the runways and taxiways remain. Part of the site is occupied by Bond Helicopters and Pre-Star, a subsidiary of Camford Engineering. This is the latest in a series of speculative proposals for a new settlement in the Cambridge area 86 11 26a

County Councillors have given permission for private developers to build sheltered housing for the elderly on public land. The scheme will provide new homes at Westward Ho! Ramsey, 25 bungalows at Home Close, Fulbourn and accommodation for another 23 in March. Some councillors disagree with doing deals with private firms who might exploit the elderly for profit. But it means a lot more places than the council could possibly afford. 86 11 26b

Girton Golf Club celebrated its 50th anniversary. It has come a long way since the days when a special rule had to be introduced to cope with the sheep grazing on the greens. It was founded in 1936 by Scottish professional Allan Gow as a privately run organisation. Membership was three guineas for gentlemen and a round of the nine-hole course cost one shilling and sixpence. The course flooded several times a year and members squelched across water-logged fairways for most of the winter. In summer they had to negotiate huge cracks when the ground dried out. 86 11 26c # c.38 : golf

The Corn Exchange, Cambridge's new entertainment and conference complex, has opened after years of political wrangling. The four wall shell used for pop concerts, roller skating and badminton has been developed into an auditorium with stage and versatile seating together with a tiered balcony and mezzanine terrace that can be used for a variety of purposes. At the back are changing rooms, dressing rooms and workshops while the King Room upstairs will be available for private functions 86 11 26d & e

1986 11 28
Ian Masters has a face and voice that is instantly recognised in East Anglia. He has had a highly successful career in radio and television as anchorman with BBC 'Look East', doing stints on 'Nationwide' and other shows including 'Come Dancing' with Terry Wogan. In 1982 he became boss of Radio Cambridgeshire where he started an early-morning 'Countywide' programme with dual presentation from Cambridge and Peterborough. Listening figures have shot up. Now having carved a new image for local radio in the county he is off to pastures new 86 11 28a & b

Castle Street traffic plan – 86 11 28
Milton Hospice plan progress – 86 11 28c

1986 11 29
Robbery at Little Paxton post office – 86 11 29

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1986 12 01
The Bishop of Ely has announced steps to stop panic about Aids sweeping the diocese – after fears that churchgoers could boycott Christmas services. He has written to clergy over ways of combating alarm over the virus being transmitted in the communion cup. In a secret circular 'Aids and the Chalice' he stresses that the risk is minimal but suggests taking the bread but leaving the wine or taking both at once by dipping a wafer in the wine. Clergy are supposed to wipe the chalice with a cloth after each communicant receives it and to wash it in hot water afterwards. 86 12 01

Demolition has started on two former student hostels in Drosier Road which are being knocked down by the university to make way for the possible expansion of the local examinations syndicate. Opponents say the houses were ideal for students or flats for young people and could have been repaired. But the University say this was too expensive. The site would be used as an extension of nearby gardens until a decision on its use had been made. Some town houses might be built there. 86 12 01a

Clergy at Melbourn are planning an extension to the parish church on a concrete 'raft' so graves will not be disturbed. A meeting room, vestry, kitchen and lavatories will be built over the old graveyard. There are no headstones and the last burial was more than 100 years ago. It is becoming quite a common thing: similar scheme at Cherry Hinton, Milton and Ely have all been successful. If graves are disturbed the church would give special permission for reburial 86 12 01b

Controversial MP Enoch Powell sparked off an angry confrontation when he arrived for a meeting of the University Conservative Association. The 'Rivers of Blood' politician, whose views on race have prompted strong opposition, spoke inside a locked room as students jeered outside the Old Combination Room at Trinity College. Demonstrators clambered up scaffolding in a bid to disrupt the meeting and shouted slogans. A window was smashed. Mr Powell had been smuggled into his old college through a back entrance and a police escort was on hand to help him leave. 86 12 01c # c.33

Corn Exchange opened for first time – 86 12 01d # c.69
Mlbourn church, p5

1986 12 02
Robert Rhodes James has been Cambridge's Conservative MP for 10 years. He remembers the date of the election well: "It was the start of one of the coldest winters on record and there I was at two o'clock in the morning, freezing cold, in a snow storm standing on the balcony of the Guildhall waiting for the mayor to make the announcement". But his cold initiation has been more than compensated for by the warmth of the reception he has since received from electors. 86 12 02 # c.33

1986 12 03
Plans for a new village five miles from Cambridge city centre were first announced in March 1963. Pessimists said it couldn't be done. The mere idea of planting a whole new community out among fields was enough to give most sociologists the jitters but the 'News' put its voice firmly behind the plan from the start. Then in March 1967 Mr & Mrs Robert Burry and their daughter, Elizabeth, became the first family to move into the new 'Bar Hill'. They love it, but others have felt like 'pioneers in the outback' 86 12 03 & a

Behind the bleak-looking walls of Bar Hill a community with a real sense of caring has sprung up. From the start residents have worked to make the village a success. There was a time when few people wanted to live there and many only went because property prices were cheaper. But in recent years prices have caught up and houses sell readily. The school is open until 10pm each night for a range of activities including bowls, yoga and table tennis. It will never be a picturesque village but is much more than a building estate in the middle of a field. 86 12 03b

1986 12 04
Harston recreation ground opens – 86 12 04

1986 12 05
Shoplifting has rocketed by a quarter with 862 arrests in the first six months. They can be men or women, well-dressed or shabby, of any age range. Now Cambridge shops have banded together with a pyramid telephone system alerting others when a suspicious person is at large. An increasing problem are the professionals and the M11 has brought in more. Some can be violent. One young woman store detective in Marks and Spencer has twice been assaulted by male shoplifters. One got away, one didn't. 86 12 05

1986 12 08
Developers have revealed plans to convert Cambridge's most controversial city centre landmark, St Andrew the Great Church, into shops. The proposals end 15 years of doubt over the future of the 150-year-old building which was made redundant in 1984. It also means that alternative scheme to turn it into a tourist and heritage centre has failed. The peal of eight bells will be maintained and the Cook Memorial preserved. 86 12 08

Controversial plans to build a high-tech office block on the site of the old Eastern Counties Bus Station in Hills Road have been given Government approval, despite fierce council opposition. The Stetchworth-based property development company Unex Group can construct a three-storey office block. But alternative proposals for a four-storey block and sheltered housing, scorned by the council as 'a geriatric ghetto', have been dismissed. 86 12 08a # c.49.4

1986 12 11
Horningsea parish church is coming out of the 'dark ages'. After 700 years of being lit by candles and oil lamps it is to be hooked up to mains electricity and water supplies. At present water for the font and flowers is brought in by the bucket load. For church goers – who sometimes have trouble reading their hymn books – the biggest bonus will be heating. The church gets freezing in winter months and parishioners have learned to wrap up well on Sunday mornings. 86 12 11

David Reed Homes have gained a reputation for exclusive developments. Five-bedroom residences at their flagship house building scheme at Friends Walk Saffron Walden have sold for £160,000. They have constructed developments at Sawston, Park Lane Histon, Waterbeach and Grange Road Cambridge 86 12 11a

1986 12 12
Milton Road Infants is one of eight Cambridgeshire schools linked through a modem to an electronic mail system, the 'Times Network System'. Using word processors the children begin a story which is then finished by children at the Beeches School in Peterborough where 70 per cent of the pupils are Pakistani. They are also hoping to link up with Newcastle and America or a kibbutz in Israel. If teachers use the links imaginatively the pioneering new project will prove its worth. 86 12 12 & a # # c.36.5

1986 12 13
Cromwell House, one of Ely's most historic buildings, may be put on the market by the Diocesan Board of Finance. The house is used as the vicarage for St Mary's Church but it no longer meets present-day needs and the Board want to build a new vicarage in the garden. Oliver Cromwell lived in the property between 1636 and 1647 when he was Collector of the Ely Tithes. His two children were born there and baptised in St Mary's church 86 12 13

In most pubs the air is thick with cigarette fumes but now sections of the Free Press and Cambridge Blue have been turned into non-smoking zones at lunchtimes. Some drinkers approve as it makes the atmosphere much nicer. One Cambridge music lecturer said: "I don't approve of smoking. I think it should be banned. It's much more serious than taking drugs." Breweries are also waking up to the idea that clean air is important with improved air conditioning and smoking bans in food areas. It's not very common at present but may become so in the medium term. 86 12 13a # c.27.4

1986 12 15
Prince Charles made a secret journey to Cambridge to visit his old tutor Glynn Daniel, Emeritus Professor of Archaeology and Anthropology, just nine days before his death. Outside the University, Prof Daniel had carved an outstanding career as broadcaster and writer, appearing in the show 'Animal, Vegetable or Mineral' and the BBC2 history series 'Chronicle' and being voted 'Television Personality of the Year' in 1955. He was also a Director of Anglia Television and the Arts Theatre 86 12 15 & a

Memories of being 16 – 86 12 15b & c

1986 12 16
Hills Road Sixth Form College Ball, which was started by principal Colin Greenhalgh three years ago, was a sell-out. Students donned black ties and fancy gowns and danced until the early hours to the Billy White Band and Tiger Disco. Almost 100 of them had ballroom dancing lessons during school lunchtimes in preparation for the event. The hall was decorated with Christmas holly, balloons and silver paper borrowed from Unigate Dairy with a superb buffet provided by the school meals service 86 12 16

1986 12 17
Surgeons John Wallwork and Sir Roy Calne have carried out the world's first combined heart, lung and liver transplant at Papworth Hospital. The patient, a 37-year-miner's wife from Yorkshire, is recovering in intensive care. Papworth is one of the few hospitals where such a massive series of operations could take place. A total of 192 heart operations have been carried out since transplants began in 1979 together with 18 combined heart-lung transplants. 86 12 17

1986 12 18
Folk Museum celebrate 50th anniversary – Tom Doig – 86 12 18 # c.03

1986 12 19
The new 2.5 km Stuntney bypass, part of the A142 Fen Link Road project, was opened ahead of schedule. It has been constructed using the latest road-building techniques to ensure it does not sink into the soft peat. This was a recurring problem with the former stretch of causeway which was all ups and downs, like a Jollity Farm. Now special bitumen binders have been used to give more flexibility with nylon reinforcement to add strength. 86 12 19

1986 12 20
Christmas poultry sale at Cattle Market – 86 12 20

1986 12 22
Facilities in the King's Hedges area are not as bad as claimed: the accommodation is good and most people are quite happy watching television. But there is plenty of room for improvement, say residents. There is a library but more nightclubs would be welcomed by young people together with public lavatories and a chemist's shop and there is only one bus service. 86 12 22

Valuable silver ornaments stolen from Shudy Camps church have mysteriously turned up at Eltisley church. Thieves who broke into the 13th-century St Mary's church in September raided the safe and made off with a Victorian chalice and paten, both in solid silver, along with a silver and mother-of-pearl baptismal shell, together worth £1,000. They were left in Eltisley church porch with a note saying 'Please return to Shudy Camps. Bought in Error'. It is a lovely Christmas present for the village 86 12 22

1986 12 24
Father Christmas will have his work cut out to satisfy the child of 1986. Gone are the days when a simple doll or toy gun would do. When asked, Lynsey Bullivant wanted a toy pound puppy because they look so sad, Claire Boydell of St Ives hoped for a trip to watch ice-skaters Torvill and Dean in

action and Richard Burton of Willingham wanted a cup win for Cambridge United. Caroline Robinson of Cambridge wrote to Santa: "I am trying to be good. I know you were in my chimney pot because you kicked some soot down" 86 12 24a

The Talking Newspaper has been compiled for the past 12 years by a team of committed people to give visually-handicapped people information to enable them to participate in the normal day-to-day chat that we all indulge in. Without it the blind can feel isolated. The three team editors incorporate many of their own interests in the arts and animal life in an hour-long tape containing a mixture of news culled from local sources, features and information such as death notices and forthcoming events. The newspaper has its own recording studio at Chesterton Hospital and is distributed through the free mailing service offered by the Post Office 86 12 24 # c.04

Christmas tv schedule – 86 12 24b

1986 12 27
Sales fever hit Cambridge as shoppers converged on city stores. Hundreds of bargain hunters took more than 10 minutes to throng into Eaden Lilley's in Market Street when the doors opened on the first day of the sales while at Joshua Taylor's nearby clothes and furniture were snapped up. In the Grafton Centre Debenhams was overwhelmed with people rushing to get in while Laskys hi-fi dealers are expecting a bumper day up and the Queensway furniture store in Coldham's Lane say sales have been booming. 86 12 27

1986 12 29
The Duke of Edinburgh visited Ely Cathedral to see for himself what needs to be done on the crumbling 11th-century building. Prince Philip, who is patron of the £4 million appeal fund, donned a boiler suit and clambered to the roof for a view of the nave which is dangerously decayed. The Dean, Bill Patterson, said the visit would boost the funds and that Her Majesty the Queen had given a personal donation 86 12 29

The big Sunday soccer crowd for Cambridge United's home match against Southend could mean more Sunday matches at the Abbey stadium next season. Manager Chris Turner described the attendance of 4,735 as 'fantastic'. "It was a great crowd. It looks as if the experiment paid off". The gate compared with a Saturday attendance of 3,498 for a local derby against Peterborough, the highest of the season so far. 86 12 29a

1986 12 30
Rupert Brooke pub, Grantchester – 86 12 30

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1987 01 02
After 46 years work at a Harston nursery Mr Len Warren – and a faithful cat called Tom – are both retiring. The inseparable pair will be leaving after a friendship which has bloomed over 15 years. Every day Tom, born at the nurseries, follows Len around the greenhouses and even meets him for work in the morning. Len started at Harvey and Sons Nurseries in the High Street when he was 14 and has grown everything from spring bulbs to radishes. Now he will enjoy the good life in his own large garden 87 01 02

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Bernard Brooks, 'dwarf' – 87 01 06
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1987 01 08
Youngsters were given a 40-minute version of the history of the world by the chairman of the Cambridge Holiday Lectures, Dr Ronald Grey. It was one of eight lectures for schoolchildren during the Christmas holidays and featured items from Cambridge University's ten museums, from the dinosaur to the Ancient Greeks and Christianity. Another presentation was given by Dr Mary Archer who spoke on the future of solar energy 87 01 08

Traders are blaming Cambridge's parking problems for turning the market into a 'morgue' and 'cutting trade by up to 50 per cent'. They say shoppers are going elsewhere and the centre is dying simply because there is nowhere to park. There are too few car parks, too high parking fees, a loss of meter spaces and cuts in bus services. A Consultant's report commissioned by leading retailers and hotel bosses has also said that poor parking facilities are costing shops lost trade and a pressure group has called for a 1,000-space underground car park 87 01 08a # c.27.3

1987 01 09
People living near Conington have complained about the dumping of asbestos cement on the County Council landfill site. The material, which comes from Watford, will be brought by about 50 lorries a day for the next six months. But officials say there is no need to worry: it will be transported by covered vehicles and kept wet at all times. The waste will be buried below the water table and topped with material excavated to make room for the cement. The council had won the contract against competition from private firms and will make money on the project 87 01 09

1987 01 10
What could be the oldest phone box in the county has gone on sale in Cambridge. The wooden box with leaded windows has been at the Cambridge & County Bowling Club for more than 50 years. But time has taken its toll and the phone has been moved inside the pavilion. The kiosk, which dates back to the 1930s, is on sale for £50 to anyone who could use a strange-looking shed or has a penchant for the past. (It was bought by a Gt Shelford newsagent who planned to restore it as a garden hut for his children.) 87 01 10 & 13b # c.27.75

Prayers might save a redundant Cambridge church. City planners are considering a proposal from a London-based development company to create six shops covering two storeys inside St Andrew the Great. Developers claim their proposals will not materially affect the external appearance. But Councillor Andrew Duff says the west end would have obtrusive shopping units stuck on and the northern elevation would be graced by a dustbin corridor. The Redundant Churches Board has already turned down several suggestions including one to turn it into a heritage centre and tourist office. 87 01 10a

One of Cambridge's top hotels, the Garden House, is planning a £3 million expansion. Luxury apartments and 16 hotel rooms are proposed as well as a sophisticated leisure complex including swimming pool, sauna, gymnasium and health-food snack bar. Penthouse suites will be built along the River Cam front. The 117-room hotel has to compete with the Post House at Impington and the Moat House at Bar Hill while a new hotel is planned for Downing Street 87 01 10b # c.27.45

1987 01 12

Sir David Robinson, who had a flair for making money, shied away from publicity. He became Mid-Anglia's best-known philanthropist but lived in seclusion at his home in Newmarket. Sir David was the third son of Herbert Robinson's nine children and joined his father after leaving school. In 1930 he broke away from the family business and expanded into radio, electrical and cycle retailing. Business really took off in 1954 when he set up Robinson Rentals tv business; by 1966 it was employing 1,500 people. He retired to concentrate on horse racing. He later gave away millions. 87 01 12a & b

It was pitch dark at 3am one Sunday morning as a Newmarket lorry driver was making his way north of Littleport towards Welney. He was talking to his wife on CD radio when suddenly a bright green light appeared in the sky. It was heading down to earth at tremendous speed, then changed direction and zipped across the road before disappearing. His experiences follow that of two Burwell women who saw huge orange lights above the fields near Swaffham Prior. These are the first unidentified flying objects reported locally for six years. 87 01 12 # c.26.1

1987 01 13
As the big freeze tightened its grip on the region rail commuters were badly hit, schools closed and motorists slid to work as temperatures plunged too low for salt to work on roads. At Histon up to 1,000 homes had their electricity cut off due to underground frost-damaged cables. Cambridge's leading amateur weatherman, Percy Ashman, predicted that the coldest weather for over 50 years is on its way later this week 87 01 13a

The AA were inundated by calls to motorists stranded in the snow and hundreds more were caught without anti-freeze as overnight temperatures plunged to -11C. The River Cam was iced up for the fist time in five years and skaters were out in force on the flooded fen at Earith in perfect conditions of ice, sun and no wind. Many were practicing for the Fen Ice Skating Championships but for others it was pure pleasure. 87 01 13 # c.12 # c.46.5

1987 01 14
The skating French brothers from Peterborough are once again kings of the Fens. They dominated some of the fastest racing ever seen at Bury Fen, Earith. John French, a British Olympian at Lake Placid, beat Alan Fisher in one of the best finals of recent years to win the Fen Championship. His older brother Paul, who had driven through treacherous conditions from Cardiff, beat Willingham teenager Stephen Parker and Sutton-based David Smith for the Melton Morley Trophy. 87 01 14 & 16 # c.38 : ice skating

1987 01 15
Petrol supplies low in Arctic weather – 87 01 15

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1987 01 17
The Swan public house in Linton High Street last served drinks in 1984. During the boom years 1977-1981 it had a darts team, pool team, Country and Western music and Masonic dinners. Don Westlake, the last landlord, still has some of the copperplate written records of the old days when it was a coaching inn. But he never came across the ghost which villagers say passed through together with a ghostly cold draught from time to time. Now it has been converted into two cottages and looks from the outside more as an old coaching inn should. 87 01 17

1987 01 19
History was made in Cambridge as the first electric trains arrived and departed at the station, although passengers travelling on the new-style trains seemed unaware of their historic first-day journey. The electrification has cost £10 million with a further £20 million being spent on resigning and improvements, and the main line from Cambridge to London was completed four months ahead of

schedule. The operations manager said electrification was not yet fully implemented and electric engines would not be introduced until May 87 01 19 # c.26.2

1987 01 21
A new official booklet aimed at promoting tourism in Cambridge features a picture on the cover of a traffic warden booking a coach driver for parking outside King's College. It also shows groups of tourists standing under umbrellas in the rain. The drawings by a council artist appear in the Travel Trade Manual issued by the city's tourism department as part of a campaign to encourage visitors throughout the year. Councillors are amazed that they are telling millions of tourists to come to Cambridge and get booked for parking. 87 01 21 # c.46.45

Two supermarket giants could be involved in a race to build a new store in Newmarket. Tesco has applied for planning permission on Fordham Road less than 400 yards from a site where the Co-op wants a similar development. Tesco says it would replace their existing premises in Hammond Close and would be half the size of their Bar Hill superstore. The companies have submitted planning applications but there is unlikely to be sufficient shopping demand to justify them both. Three years ago the council rejected a plan for a supermarket, garden centre and DIY store in Fordham Road and also refused a Co-op supermarket on the Studlands Park Industrial Estate 87 01 21a

1987 01 22
A 16th-century listed building has been demolished without permission, councillors claim. The timber framed former Spastics Society shop is part of a shops and flats redevelopment site in Huntingdon High Street. But the architects say the place was in a terrible condition and simply collapsed when builders were removing tiles from the roof. The whole thing was rotten. It has not all fallen down, but the front wall has gone. 87 01 22

1987 01 24
The Blue Circle Cement Works in Coldham's Lane is to shut in June with the loss of 22 jobs. The news comes less than three years after a decision to reduce the 70-acre site from a quarry to simply a grinding and distribution depot. Workers have been worried about their future ever since the 1983 decision to wind down the operation with the loss of 91 jobs. The manager said it hadn't come as a total surprise and people had resigned themselves to it. It means that a prime development site could soon be on the market. 87 01 24 # c.27

1987 01 26
Cambridge councillors have abandoned plans to buy the old Kinema cinema and bingo hall in Mill Road because repairing the century-old building would cost too much. It had been hoped to restore it to its former glory as a Victorian entertainments palace but a structural survey has revealed more than 40 major faults. Some of the walls bulge, the building needs a complete new roof and all the woodwork would have to be renewed. Now it might be demolished to widen the road. 87 01 26 # c.76.9

1987 01 27
The landlord and his family were left homeless after fire gutted their pub at Cheveley. The blaze broke out in the bar and ripped through the rest of the Star and Garter, causing part of the roof to collapse. It is thought that the fire could have been caused by a smouldering cigarette. Their daughter was in the village school opposite when she saw smoke and flames pouring from the 19th-century hostelry which is owned by the Ipswich-based Tolly Cobbold brewery 87 01 27

Tressilian Nicholas of Trinity is the longest-serving Fellow of any Oxbridge College after completing more than 73 years tenure. Memories of great happiness and great achievement surround him as he sits in the tranquillity of his rooms in the Great Court. He distinguished himself during the Great War, finishing as a Major. From the depths of the trenches he poked a camera over the parapet to take panoramic photographs of the surrounding territory. Even now the geologist who first came as an

undergraduate in 1907 and taught the generations that succeeded him, has lost none of his enthusiasm. 87 01 27a

1987 01 28
Neolithic burial ground found near Ely – 87 01 28

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1987 02 02
Ian Richard succeeds Tony Durham as CEN MD – 87 02 02 # c.04

Police are investigating the cause of a blaze which broke out early in the morning, causing severe damage to Haverhill youth centre. Burton Cottage in Camps Road, a listed, centuries-old 100-room building, has been a youth centre for 23 years and employs 16 full or part-time staff. It is a severe blow to the 200 youngsters who use it every week. Arrangements have been made to hold the youth club at St Mary's church tonight. 87 02 02a

1987 02 05
When Margaret Hyde succeeds Ian Masters as head of BBC Radio Cambridgeshire she will be the only serving female station manager. Currently chief assistant to the head of broadcasting in the North West, she has worked for local radio in Merseyside and Radio Lancashire and will miss the 'anarchy' of Liverpool. She sees little reason for changing what is already a winning formula but is looking forward to bringing a 'fresh ear' to the station. 87 02 05 # c.27.8

1987 02 06
Cambridge United has turned the corner financially under the leadership of manager Chris Turner. Last season's Fourth Division failure left the club with a massive debt of £122,000. But the six months to last November showed a profit of around £40,000, putting them on their way to the best financial figures since their Second Division heyday seven years ago. After having to apply for re-election to the League they reached the Fourth Round of the Littlewoods Cup, earning a money-spinning match against Tottenham Hotspur and their gates are up by an average of 1,000 per game. As well as the club lottery the Lotto and Lifeline has also made a big contribution 87 02 06 # c.38 : football

1987 02 10
At Comberton Village College classes now start at 8.30am and the lunch-break has been cut to 40 minutes. But when the school day comes to an end at 2.50pm many children opt to stay behind, having enrolled on one of the 16 different activities such as badminton, drama electronics or Frisbee coaching. None of the pupils actually like jumping out of bed earlier in the morning but prefer the new scheme as it gives them time to pursue new hobbies. Some mothers are concerned about their children getting tired but like not having to ferry them to after-school activities elsewhere 87 02 10 & a

1987 02 11
The army has been called in to carry out a rescue operation for villagers in Hempstead. Rust had jammed the hands of the church clock at half past six, even though the 25-year-old mechanism was in perfect working order and still ticking away. Men from the First Queens Dragoon Guards, based at Carver Barracks, Wimbish who normally specialise in sabotage, abseiled down the church tower to remove and later replace the clock hands. Now villagers can synchronise their watches for the first time in years 87 02 11

1987 02 12
A.J. Sennitt of Stretham gets top price for cattle – 87 02 12

Talent spotters auditioned acts for a spot on Tom O'Connor's BBC Road Show at the Corn Exchange. Plucky Albert O'Dell, 80, is seeking for fame late in life. Cheered on by his wife he sped through imitations of animal and bird calls. Crooner David Bensley of Cambridge, a Frank Sinatra fan, put on an excellent show despite his tape machine playing the backing music too slowly. John Barry of Littleport who owns two TV shops might be on screen if his country music wins over the judges while Cambridge comedy jazz trio Froggits could be a strong contender: they are about to release an LP 87 02 12a

1987 02 13
If you are old enough to remember enthusiastic musicians who took to the stage with washboards, banjos and not much money, you will recall a star of yesteryear. Lonnie Donegan will appear at the Corn Exchange alongside Cambridge singer-songwriter Steve Somers who is a member of the famous skiffler's new eight-man band. The 'Father of Skiffle' has teamed up with jazz veteran Monty Sunshine to form Donegan's Dancing Sunshine Band and will make one of his first comeback concerts just two years after his last appearance at Newmarket Cabaret Club 87 02 13a

Tributes to Conservative County Council leader Mrs Emily Blatch have been flowing in following the news that she is to become a baroness. Social Security Minister, Mr John Major, said "She was an outstanding leader and will make a very substantial contribution to the work of Parliament" while Sir Anthony Grant MP thinks it's very good news. Mrs Blatch is the fifth woman in Cambridgeshire to be made a baroness. Among her colleagues in the Lords will be Baroness Nicol of Newnham 87 02 13

1987 02 16
Intercell, the distinctive smoked glass building on the corner of Newmarket Road and Coldham's Lane, is to become home to a firm specialising in printed circuits. Work on the building, initially called the Zigzag, started in October 1985. Designed by Cambridge firm Roger Perrin Architects for a high-tech company wanting a high profile it features air-conditioning, anti-static carpet and a lift together with parking for 47 cars. 87 02 16

The 'News' has entered the computer age. Now reporters' typewriters have been replaced by computer screens and their stories are transmitted electronically to the sub-editors who check for mistakes, write headlines and determine what type-size it should be printed. This is done on screen before being sent electronically to be photo-set. When each page is finished it is made into a metal plate using lasers and is ready for printing. If all goes smoothly a story can take just half an hour to go through the entire system 87 02 16a & b # c.04

1987 02 18
Joshua Taylor is a household name in Cambridge. The department store which has stood in the centre of the city for 150 years remains in the hands of the original family. Today it is run by Annabel, daughter of the fifth Joshua Taylor who remains chairman. She has a staff of 160 and finds the challenge of giving each department its unique character is a marvellous way of expressing her personality 87 02 18 & a

1987 02 23
Two Newmarket families had a miracle escape when a blazing American jet crashed just a few feet from their home. The F-111 plane plummeted into the garden of a house at Clarehaven Stables in Bury Road. Wreckage was scattered over the garden and holes were made in the house roof. But miraculously no one inside was hurt. The plane's two crew members were blasted clear by their ejector seats and were treated by a team from the Magpas 'flying doctor' service. 87 02 23

The F-111 jet crash at Newmarket is the latest in a string of accidents. Two months ago two RAF Tornadoes plummeted into the countryside, one close to Peterborough and the other just missed a Norfolk school. In 1985 a Canberra exploded into flames when it smashed into fields near Alconbury. In 1981 an F-111 crashed while approaching Lakenheath and another rocked houses at Harlton when it hit the ground with practice bombs aboard. In December 1977 a fighter came down a few hundred

yards from a Newmarket school sparking a major scare as police feared one of the plane's bombs could have gone off 87 02 23a # c.26.1

Prince Edward turned the royal handshake into the 'Windsor Knot' and hurled heavyweight champion wrestler, Neil Sands, clean over his shoulders. Then the prince – dubbed the "Sandringham Slammer" did it again. The canvas of the wrestling ring in the Corn Exchange shook as the ex-marine prince went through his routine for the stunning finale to the Cambridge Youth Theatre's production of "Trafford Tanzi" 87 02 23b # c.02

1987 02 24
Henry Button, now aged 73, is a one-man fact-finding mission. He's had more than 30 letters published in The Times, enticing readers to help solve a puzzle. But facts about the university hold a special place in his enquiring mind. He is now trying to discover who in history has been the youngest professor. Roger Cotes was '25 and a bit' when appointed Plumian professor of astronomy in the 17th century. But records also show Edward (not Eddie) Waring to have been 25 when he took the Lucasian professorship of mathematics in the following century. 87 02 24

Cambridge station is receiving a major facelift. As the service changes from diesel-hauled locomotives to more environmentally-acceptable Electric Multiple Units, the last vestiges of the steam trains – which disappeared in the early 60s – have been scrubbed away. The smoky grime of those decades has gone as the whole building received a sandblasted clean-up. The bright brickwork now reveals sets of the heraldic crests of the colleges that were part of the original building in 1845. These have also been restored and crests of those colleges formed since then are being added. 87 02 24a # c.26.2

1987 02 25
John Brackenbury former naval officer and warden of Impington Village College teacher has been an unlikely politician. But for seven years has thrown himself into the cut and thrust of council work. He was Alliance chairman of the Education Committee during a turbulent time when teachers took strike action. He's represented Histon and Impington since 1981 but has now resigned his seat and is retiring to rural Kent. 87 02 25 & a

1987 02 26
Veteran rocker Lonnie Donegan danced the night away at Cambridge Corn Exchange – but didn't manage to sell out the hall. Only 500 fans turned up. The problem was that the Hollies were on the following night. Then huge traffic jams built up with a 150-yard queue. The Manchester 60s super group stepped on to the revamped stage and into the hearts of a once-swinging generation of pop fans playing 'Just One Look', 'Carrie Ann' 'Bus Stop' and a host of other hits 87 02 26 # c.69

1987 02 27
Cambridge United are aiming to build a major office complex at the Abbey Stadium in a bid to win their battle for soccer survival. The idea is to provide office space over the car park adjoining Newmarket Road which would produce £30,000 a year. Other options are to seek help from the city council or consider part-time football. Chairman David Ruston told shareholders that he might quit unless the club's cash position improves. 87 02 27 # c.38 : football

Trumpington newsagent Bert Truelove is celebrating half a century in the trade – and he is only 57. He started selling papers in his father's Stapleford shop in 1937 when he was so small that he had to stand on a box to see the customers. After the war the family came to Trumpington and battled through years of austerity when a shortage of papers meant demand for copies of the News often succeeded supplies. It is a different picture now with a boom in sales. New technology ensures he gets the papers on time. He has not forgotten the paper boys and girls who have helped him over the years: they have been invited to a disco in the village hall. 87 02 27a # c.04

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1987 03 02
A scheme which would offer free bus rides on the rates to the unemployed could be launched by the city council. The Labour Group says it could help job seekers in their search for jobs. Unemployed people would be asked to pay £1 a week for their concessionary passes, but this might be refunded by the DHSS. It could either allow half-price travel during certain periods or unlimited travel which would cost about £10,000 a year 87 03 02

1987 03 05
With twelve-bore shotgun in hand and springer spaniel by his side Harold Pearman is a familiar figure at Anglesey Abbey estate where he has worked as a gamekeeper for 40 years. He has lived a countryman's life, man and boy and wouldn't swap it for anything. The red-cheeked 84-year-old enjoys robust health and can still be found feeding the game birds first thing in the morning, splitting logs, setting a few traps and busying himself generally keeping 'vermin' at bay 87 03 05

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1987 03 06
Commuters are suffering from a culture shock say British Rail chiefs who have set out to defend their newly-electrified service between Cambridge and London. Since trial runs began in January, complaints have poured in. The electric trains have disappointed many passengers who are used to a spacious inter-city style service. They say the new carriages are cramped with little luggage space, small seats and no tables. Yet BR is faced with a surge in passengers – especially during the rush hour – and can only cope in this way, even if it means making the quality of the ride slightly less comfortable - 87 03 06

Free Common Market butter has been distributed to poor people in Haverhill. Two thousand buckets – or half a ton – was distributed by the Salvation Army in co-operation with local churches and charities. Lieut. Bryony Stimpson said: "We have got about 20 of the 50 boxes left and if that looks to be going I will have to go and collect some more". People on supplementary benefit, family income supplement or supplementary pensions are eligible for the EEC butter. Charities will be delivering to people who are housebound. 87 03 06a

1987 03 07
An Alliance county councillor's plans to close Milton Road public library and sell off the site for redevelopment has staggered his party colleagues. He claims the closure together with another in Lt Downham and two in Peterborough would be in accordance with plans to 'rationalise' the number of libraries. But other councillors say they will start a campaign to keep them open. Robert Rhodes James, MP, has also vowed to fight 'tooth and nail' to save Milton Road library from closure 87 03 07, 12a

1987 03 09
Three men from the Newmarket area went on a drinking spree and missed the 'Herald of Free Enterprise' ferry, but two lorry drivers employed by a Littleport haulage firm are among the passengers still missing after the disaster. At Zeebrugge the number of people feared entombed in the sunken ferry is now put at 81, with 53 other bodies recovered. Recovery could take three weeks if the weather is favourable 87 03 09, 87 03 10, 11

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1987 03 13
A new purpose-built car park providing 67 long-stay spaces has opened in Castle Hill, with another 57 places coming in a few months time. City councillors say the park, near the junction with Victoria Road, will offer convenient access to shops and businesses in the north of Cambridge. It will have a park-and-display system charging 50p for any period on weekdays, doubling to £1 on April 1st. But there will be free parking in evenings and Sundays 87 03 13a # c.26.48

Milton Road library is not to be closed – 87 03 13 # c.77.4

Cambridge's traditional transport, the bicycle, will be deliberately used to slow down city centre traffic. The medieval central streets will be made even narrower which will make it even more difficult to overtake bikes. Traffic restrictions will also be introduced, including the banning of taxis. The streets have been reshaped and cleaned up with York stone used in areas considered 'visually sensitive'. But workmen in Trinity Street have been delayed by having to remove hundreds of wooden blocks dating back to the days of horse-drawn vehicles 87 03 13b # c.24.485

1987 03 14
Barrett's China and Glass shop in St Mary's Street is to close after 200 years in Cambridge with the business transferred to Newmarket. The owner says that the appalling parking problems are one factor for the move. In January a city centre gift shop and a doctor's surgery both moved out for the same reason. The Parsley Pot shop in Lion Yard has also closed. The Managing Director of Eaden Lilley has warned the parking crisis in traffic-choked Cambridge could only get worse. 87 03 14 # c.27.2

1987 03 16
Stretham Rectory could be converted into a fully-equipped residential youth centre for the Diocese of Ely. It is a marvellous building with no structural problems, although it needs repair. Plans have been drawn up to provide 14 bedrooms and mini-dormitories while the adjoining stable block could accommodate the rector or a full-time youth worker. The scheme is part of a plan to attract youngsters to the church. 87 03 16

Rita and Ron Maxwell have been running the Comfort Café at Abington for 16 years and have noticed little change in a trucker's taste. The favourite meal is the breakfast special of bacon, egg, fried bread, sausage, beans or tomatoes, two slices of white bread and butter with a mug of tea. All for the outstanding price of £1.70p. Dinner is real steak pie or pork chops with peas. But they know not to serve the men food from the microwave: they are not into new-fangled gadgets and would just sling it back. The giant stainless steel teapot holds eight pints of tea and is changed every couple of hours. 87 03 16a

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1987 03 19
European Scouts, distinguished on parade by a traditional uniform of wide-brimmed hats and shorts, are making their mark in the Cambridge area. Locally they were born amid controversy three years ago when a Girton group, then belonging to the mainstream Scout Association, switched to the Federation of European Scouting. Together with groups in Waterbeach and Chesterton, bringing numbers to 140, the now account for 10% of European Scouts in England. They stick closer to the original Baden Powell principles – concentration on skills that can't be classroom learned. 87 03 19 # c.37.9

A £150,000 restoration project at the 700-year-old Balsham Church is nearly finished. Work has concentrated on the ancient tower which was unsafe as buttresses were crumbling. In one of the last jobs before the scaffolding is dismantled workmen Tony Stacey and Alan Larhan laid a commemorative stone. Still to be done are window repairs and the installation of bells. The Rector said that English Heritage had been very generous in giving a grant, but the church still had to raise around £15,000. 87 03 19a

Cricketers at Audley End have been stumped by an order to remove their pavilion – less than a year after putting it up. The club, who play on the front lawn of Audley End mansion, have been told by English Heritage that the pavilion does not fit with its historic surroundings. The building, comprising three temporary units, had been painted to English Heritage's specification. It is tucked away under trees adjacent to the old stable block and cannot be seen from the House. The club says the cost of a permanent pavilion was beyond its means. But it could put a façade around the present structure. 87 03 19b

1987 03 20
The name of Histon will sound sweet to Margaret Thatcher today. For there the Alliance national bandwagon, which has gained so much momentum, has been thrown into reverse. Last night saw a massive Conservative victory in the County Council by-election for the Histon division when Neville Pritchard won by 426 votes. Coming two days after the Budget it precedes the May council elections which will be a vital factor in the Government's decision whether to call a General Election. The Alliance say the result will make no difference. 87 03 20

1987 03 23
A new style electric train took just 47 minutes to travel from London to Cambridge breaking the previous speed record of 55 minutes set by a steam loco in the late 1950s. The train brought a group of VIPs to the city for a ceremony to mark the opening of a £650,000 revamp to the railway station. There are new offices and lavatories together with a telephone inquiry bureau while outside the forecourt paving has been extended and trees planted. It is part of a bid to improve train services, which includes electrification of the line to Royston 87 03 23 # c.26.2

A local building firm marked 30 years of existence in style with a special celebration. C.G. Whitmore & Son started in a garage at the bottom of its founder's garden. It is still firmly ensconced behind 159 Cherryhinton Road, the terrace house that was home as well as business headquarters for company founder Cyril George Whitmore who died in 1980. In the early days they undertook mainly decorating jobs and domestic repairs. Now they will undertake any building project from house extension to house building. 87 03 23a # c.23

1987 03 24
Store giant Sainsbury's has announced plans for a superstore on the Arbury Camp site, creating more than 300 jobs. The supermarket could occupy a six-acre site closest to the interchange between the Northern Bypass and Histon Road. It would have a petrol station, coffee shop and parking for 500 cars. There would also be a park-and-ride site.This would be part of a mixed development of retail and research areas with a large ornamental lake. An Inspector has recommended that the site be taken out of the belt because it made a minimal contribution to the special character of Cambridge. But planners have so far disagreed 87 03 24 # c.49.4

The Railway House Association stands as a chilling monument to the suffering, heartache and degradation inflicted on youngsters in the Cambridge area. Many of those who have sought sanctuary have been subjected to physical violence, neglect, mental abuse and sexual crimes. In the last year the Mill Road hostel, which consists of three houses divided into 12 flats, has taken in 26 young people who might otherwise have been sleeping rough. But another 60 have had to be turned away. 87 03 24a & b # c.32.9

1983 03 26
Chirpy market trader Bill Gray has gone to extreme lengths to keep his customers happy. He even skinned a rabbit for one person who stopped to buy some fruit and veg. His beaming smile and friendly small-talk has been a big boost for business. And the smile does not fade when the rain lashes down. Bill, of Gt Shelford, has been a familiar face during the past 31 years. But now he is calling it a day and will hand the business over to his son and daughter-in-law. But his regulars – who include the wife of the former Master of Trinity - will be pleased to know that he will still help out sometimes. 87 03 26 # c.27.2

1987 02 27
John Kisby, the man responsible for road maintenance in Cambridgeshire eastern area, has retired after a 38-year career. 87 03 27

Cambridge's oldest firm of solicitors, Francis & co which was founded in 1789, is to merge with Norwich-based Mills and Reeve to become one of the largest practices outside London. The move follows the merger of leading local accountants Chater & Myhill with Peat Marwick, the UK's leading accountancy practice. And it takes place during a period of extraordinary upheaval in estate agency which has seen the acquisition or merger of many firms including Ekins, Mullucks, Hunters, Gray Cook, Regent Estates and Watsons. Almost all of them have been absorbed by insurance groups or building societies. 87 03 27a # c.06

The world-famous Cambridge University Hawks Club, founded in the early 19th century, is to open in the city's up-market Portugal Place. It will turn the former Blue Boar Hotel's staff hostel into a club for the university's top sportsmen similar to the better gentleman's clubs in St James, London. Residents have expressed worries about noise and one councillor thought it wrong to spend such money when Cambridge urgently needs student accommodation. But supporters say it is a 'very valuable little house' that would be exceedingly well looked after. 87 03 27b # c.37.9

1987 03 28
Killer gales left a trail of havoc throughout Britain. At Waresley a freak gust of wind blew the top off the church tower. An eyewitness said "The top of the spire was lifted off and then there was a big cloud of dust and pieces floating about". The timber-framed structure landed between a tree and the church lych-gate scattering debris across the road and into the garden of the village pub. Miraculously no-one was hurt 87 03 28

Gale-lashed Cambridgeshire is counting the cost of 70 mph winds that caused damage and destruction. A roof was torn off a pig farm building in Molesworth, two children were injured at Godmanchester when they were hit by a falling tree and a wall collapsed on three cars at St Eligius Street in Cambridge. Some 20 cars and lorries were bowled over by the wind and four buses overturned. Two lorries collided after being blown together on the A45 near Eltisley, a furniture van was blown off the A10 on the Norfolk border and passengers in a Mini had a narrow escape when it was struck by a falling tree in Fordham Road, Newmarket 87 03 28a

Residents in the picture postcard village of Houghton have rejected plans to install sodium street lights. They voted in favour of more-expensive Victorian-style lamps. Sodium lighting would be awful and quite out of character with a village which has buildings dating back to the 15th century, they say. But the parish council may still go ahead with the modern lights scheme recommended by county council experts. 87 03 28b

1987 03 30
The Education Secretary, Kenneth Baker, has approved the controversial decision to close the Roger Ascham School for the physically handicapped in Cambridge, despite a long-running battle by parents and governors to save it. Pupils will be transferred to special units at the Grove Primary School and Impington Village College as part of the county council policy of integrating handicapped youngsters

with able-bodied children. The senior education officer said he was pleased, though upset that the news had been leaked before parents could be told officially. 87 03 30

Chadwyck-Healey, the Cambridge publishing firm, have begun to completely alter the world's view of the 19th century. Paper made since 1845 contains a great deal of acid and is crumbling away. Over the next 30 years one quarter of a million books and pamphlets published between 1801 and 1900 will be transferred to microfiche, ensuring they are preserved for future study. Each microfiche, a sheet of transparent plastic measuring about 4 x 6 inches, holds about 35,000 words. Libraries will be able to buy books, some of them very rare at about £3.60 each. There is already much interest in the project with subscribers in Britain, America, West Germany and Japan. The project is due to be completed before 2019. 87 03 30a

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1987 04 01
Princess Anne has become the first member of the Royal Family to visit the Great Chesterford factory of Swaine Adeney Brigg and Sons. The firm has made umbrellas, gloves, walking sticks and other leather goods for most of her relatives and ancestors since the reign of George III. The Princess and her husband, Captain Mark Phillips chatted to Joan Cowley who supervises 16 women producing 900 umbrellas a week. She also saw a despatch box belonging to Prince Charles that was being refurbished as it had got a bit tatty. 87 04 01

1987 04 02
Cambridge Diet devised by Alan Howard – feature – 87 04 02

Fifty year ago, as the Spanish Civil War raged about her, a Basque mother who had already lost her husband in the bitter fighting, put five children on a ship leaving for England. Today her two sons still live in Cambridge. Tony and Joe Gallego were amongst 29 children housed at Pampisford Vicarage, which was turned into a hostel. Later they moved to Salisbury Villas. Their sisters were scattered, going to join families in different parts of the country. It was to be ten years before their mother saw any of them again. 87 04 02a # c.45.6

1987 04 03
Lazy Otter opens at Stretham Ferry – 87 04 03 & a

1987 04 04
Burwell manor house and maltings is home to Mike Gernat's recruitment agency – 87 04 04

1987 04 06
Veteran rocker Jerry Lee Lewis gave a high voltage performance at the Corn Exchange. The audience ranged from the Mayor, John Woodhouse, to the secretary of Cambridge Elvis Presley Fan Club. Quiffs and DAs sprouted from male heads while the girls sported pony tails, satin or chiffon ribbons and bright lipstick. Teds wore their distinctive plumage of drape jackets and drainpipe trousers. All united in a huge roar as a short figure strolled on to the stage and the opening bars of 'Roll Over Beethoven' powered round the hall. 87 04 06 # c.69

1987 04 07
The Government has approved the £130 million A1-M1 link-road through Cambridgeshire. The dual carriageway will bring much-needed relief from heavy traffic to a string of villages and give Cambridge direct high-speed access to the industrial Midlands and the North. The route will broadly follow the line of the A604 removing the 'curse of the juggernaut' and greatly improve links with the national road network. Construction could begin early next year 87 04 07

1987 04 08

Ken Quick is retiring as Sergeant-at-Mace after 25 years during which time he has advised new Mayors of Cambridge and acted as their chauffeur. He was also Town Crier, donning top hat and red coat twice a year at the Midsummer and Reach fairs. When the Queen visited in 1984 he had to push the then mayor, Coun Betty Suckling, in a wheelchair as she had broken a leg. Until 1974 he worked on Christmas Day when civic visits were paid to the sick in hospital. His dedication was recognised with the award of the British Empire Medal. Now he hopes to write up his diary – but promises that no skeletons will be brought out of the cupboard 87 04 08 87 04 11 # c.35.7

1987 04 09
Frank King, bellringer at Gt St Mary's – feature – 87 04 09 # c.69.6

1987 04 10
Bottisham was the county's third Village College when it opened in May 1937. In those days people came in the evening to cook, mend their farm machinery and listen to religious music rather than sit at home with only a gas lamp and nothing to do. Now they come for swimming, yoga and bingo. The jubilee will be celebrated with an exhibition, book and the planting of 2,000 trees. The current pupils are planning a big social event of their own 87 04 10

1987 04 14
Frederick Moore is retiring from the company he started over 50 years ago. After some initial work at Oakington he moved to the present Histon Road site in 1937 where most of the work involved re-boring car engines. Extensions were built in the early '50s and late '60s when the workforce climbed to 36-strong. Now one of Cambridge's oldest engineering firms, it carries out general motor engineering and machine tool-grinding. The business has been bought by Griffin Machine Tools of Keighley, Yorkshire who may build a new workshop on the site 87 04 14

1987 04 15
Reginald 'Wick' Alsop, OBE, President of the Cambridgeshire 99 Rowing Club, has died aged 92. So-named after the village of Wicken where he grew up, he dedicated his life to rowing. He joined the 99 club in 1921 and was club secretary, then President. He was a familiar character around Cambridge well-known for the fresh carnation he always wore in his button hole. Wick was associated with many institutions and charities and was awarded his OBE for services to the community 87 04 15

1987 04 16
Huge crowds turned out to welcome the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh as they arrived in Ely for the special Maundy Service at the Cathedral. It was only the third time a reigning monarch has been to the city in 700 years and everyone was determined to make the visit an occasion to remember. The Royal couple were greeted at the station by officials and drove to the Gallery in a glass topped Rolls-Royce. Their route along Back Hill was lined with cheering, flag-waving crowds. At the West Door the Queen was greeted by the Bishop of Ely, the Rt Rev Peter Walker. Inside the Cathedral capacity congregation of 2,600 representatives from church and civic life in the diocese waited to witness the distribution of the Royal Maundy which the Queen handed out to 122 pensioners - one man and one woman for each year of her age. It was a memorable day for pupils from St Mary's school in Ely who were chosen as the Children of the Royal Almonry. After the service the Royal couple went over to the crowd who had waited patiently in the spring sunshine 87 04 16 # c.02

The Methodist chapel in the tiny village of Ousden has been saved from closure following repairs. The chapel, built 115 years ago, has just nine members in the congregation but they have managed to raise the cash by an appeal which brought donations from as far away as America, New Zealand and Japan. The floor needed replacing because of wet rot but due to the response other jobs have been done as well. 87 04 16a

1987 04 18
A centuries-old tradition was revived on Good Friday when crowds swarmed to skip on Parker's Piece. Tourists looked on in bewilderment as children, mums, dads and grannies took their turn. Even

the Mayor, Coun John Woodhouse, had a go with the skipping rope, although he had not skipped since playground days. His wife revealed that as children they both used skipping ropes to tie up people's doors. The event was arranged by Radio Cambridgeshire with News columnist Christopher South roping in onlookers to have a go. – 87 04 18 # c.39

1987 04 21
A Bourn couple who have supplied fellow villages with newspapers for 25 years were honoured at a retirement presentation. Ron and Doris Jones, who delivered the papers themselves in Bourn, Caxton and Longstowe, were presented with a radio, rose bowl and tin of biscuits. Doris made friends with dogs on her round by tempting them with pocketfuls of biscuits, so villages thought it was time to turn the tables. 87 04 21

1987 04 23
Major moves to curb cyclist and pedestrian accidents in traffic-choked Cambridge are now under way. New pavements have been laid and roads have been narrowed with the aim of using bikes as 'traffic regulators'. This has made it very unpleasant for cyclists who have to choose either to ride in the middle of the road and be harassed by impatient drivers or at the side and have pedestrians stepping out in front of them and cars squeezing dangerously by. Motorists drive menacingly close so that the cyclist in panic pedals even faster like a frightened hen. 87 04 23 # c.26.485

1987 04 24
Cambridge's cult band, Harvey and the Wallbangers, are making one last date in the city before bowing out of the business. The good-time/rock harmony/doo-wop swingers are splitting up. The Wallbanger's cocktail of music and comedy made them one of the best-loved bands of their kinds. But founder and supreme Harvey Brough says they are getting tired of constant touring; they want to write and record. Guitarist Johnny Griffiths is becoming a maths teacher but the rest are sitting back and waiting for whatever comes next 87 04 24

1987 04 25
City councillors have stepped in to stave off the shock closure of the Cambridge Folk Museum which is celebrating its 50th anniversary. They decided to give an immediate grant to help it over its financial crisis for the next six months after its curator, Tom Doig, told how it received little income and there were no private financial resources. Councillors are also rethinking proposals to treble the Museum's rent to £12,000 a year. 87 04 25

1987 04 28
One of Britain's oldest booksellers, Deighton Bell in Trinity Street, which dates back to 1700 and specialises in antiquarian and rare volumes, has been sold to nearby Heffers. It takes them back to second-hand books, a department it gave up in 1974 because of lack of space. Then they had sold their stock to Deighton Bell and had maintained a good relationship ever since. The shop will remain on the corner of Trinity Street and Green Street and continue to be run by John Beech his staff 87 04 28

1987 04 30
Test-tube baby land is enjoying a new boom. As more desperate childless couples flock to the world-famous Bourn Hall infertility clinic so the demand for accommodation has become tremendous. More than 40 local villagers and at least 100 residents within a five-mile radius have gone into the bed-and-breakfast business. Farm buildings, outhouses and spare bedrooms are being converted into cost motel-like rooms, charging a top whack of £20 a night for a double. Many people come from abroad and stay for up to two months. 87 04 30

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1987 05 01

The £3.5 redevelopment at Newmarket's Rowley Mile racecourse was officially opened by Lord Fairhaven, the Jockey Club Senior Steward, on the opening day of the Guineas meeting. It is the first phase of a programme which will transform the whole racecourse over the next 12-15 years. At a separate ceremony a statue of the world-famous stallion, Mill Reef, was presented to the National Horseracing Museum. The bronze, sculptured by renowned artist John Skeaping was unveiled by Paul Mellon, the horse's owner. 87 05 01

1987 05 05
Comberton may expand under controversial new plans. Developers Alfred McAlpine Homes want to build 215 houses and an employment centre on a 40-acre site to meet the growing demand for housing. It would safeguard the Village College and speed the connection of gas. The village is not earmarked for development in the county structure plans and there is no support for the scheme by residents. But with the recent rejection of plans for Clay Farm Trumpington there is pressure for extra housing in nearby settlements 87 05 05

A £10million plan for building a huge 'tertiary college' at Howes Close off Huntingdon Road has been secretly dropped by the County Council. The proposals for a three-storey building to accommodate at least 2,000 students caused a wave of protest when it was first announced as it would have worsened the already bad traffic conditions. But plans for an alternative site for a new college, which would mean the end of the present sixth-form college system, will continue 87 05 05a # c.36.7

A Swaffham Bulbeck architect has won a prestigious award for the restoration of Landbeach's 12th-century church. The King of Prussia's Gold Medal, awarded by the Historic Churches Preservation Trust, will be presented at Lambeth Palace. Cecil Bourne, who has been supervising work on the church for the past eight years, says the church was quite a dangerous structure and badly in need of repair. Fund raisers have collected £150,000 for work to the tower, spire, nave and chancel but more remains to be done. 87 05 05a

1987 05 06
The 143 year-old Madingley School hit the national newspaper headlines in 1978 when it was considered too small and scheduled for closure. But the 200 villagers drew up a plan of action and determined to save it. It has now grown from 10 to 36 pupils. Costs are kept down by teachers taking home less money – the new head earns £10,000 a year compared the normal £15,500 – and parents take it in turn to clean. They raise money through market stalls selling cakes and calendars made by the children. 87 05 06

1987 05 07
Three years ago Harston Mill was a stinking derelict building that had been abandoned by its animal feed-producing owners with an assortment of odd sheds which had been used for storage. Now it has been transformed into the home for one of the new electronic generation of companies, Cambridge Interactive Systems. The old building has been restored with a modern office block clad in mirrored glass and an artificial pool where the real river once ran. Now computer chips perform their electronic miracles in air-conditioned silence in the same place where cogs once slowly turned as they ground the corn. 87 05 07

Six Mile Bottom Hall for sale – 87 05 07a

1987 05 08
The Little Rose in Trumpington Street, a 17th-century listed building, may be converted into a restaurant by its owners, Peterhouse. The Campaign for Real Ale say it is extremely popular and one of the few Bass Charrington pubs in the area. The brewery is disappointed. It is one of the oldest licensed premises in Cambridge and they thought there was a strong case for retaining it, extending the eating facilities in line with demand 87 05 08 c.27.4

Ely Cathedral boasts the greatest scissor roof in the world but many of the rotting medieval beams need replacing. So they have launched a 'Raise the Roof' project enabling schoolchildren to buy new beams and sign them for posterity before they are placed in the roof. Restorers have also been given the chance to clear up the marvellous painted ceiling which is already looking bright and new again 87 05 08a

Stretham parish council claim ECDC backing for Westmere was secret – 87 05 08b

Bottisham Village College jubilee celebrations include an exhibition portraying the college through the last five decades. It hasn't forgotten its origins as a "countryman's college". In the 1930s when the original school was built, Bottisham was a poor farming district. It was a time when education was depressed and children were collected from neighbouring villages to attend what was only the second village college to be opened. Then it had 211 pupils, today there are 960. 87 05 08c

1987 05 12
Villagers in Milton are having to come to terms with the news that a Tesco superstore has been given the go-ahead by Whitehall. For some it will mean £200,000 worth of recreation facilities which the shopping giant has promised – plus cheap and easy shopping. But others fear it will damage the village and even devalue some homes nearby. The new store and filling station could spell disaster for local shopkeepers, whose businesses face being wiped out. Worst hit will be Maid Marion VG Stores and the Benet Garage. 87 05 12

The ink jet printer can be traced back to 1971 when Graeme Minto was leader in a project at Cambridge Consultants. In 1978 he formed Domino whose first product, the Unijet was used in numbering lottery ticket books and in the food packaging industry. In 1982 they moved from Milton to large new premises at Bar Hill, joined forces with American Technologies Inc and gained the Queen's Award for Technological achievement in 1985. 87 05 12a # c.27.1

1987 05 13
A statue of Minerva, the Roman goddess of Wisdom, which stood on the top of Huntingdon's Commemoration Hall for more than a century, has now been restored after being missing for 27 years. Three broken bits of the original statue were found in the Hall basement and taken to the county records office until a £3,000 glass fibre replica was made recently. Town clerk Ted Bocking, council architect John Rudman and parks superintendent John Childs joined forces to lift the new bronze-coated figure back into place 40 feet above the High Street 87 05 13

1987 05 14
The last post has sounded for the most painted pillar box in Cambridge. Post office chiefs have removed the box from Trinity Lane, angry at the psychedelic treatment a phantom artist has been giving it with increasing frequency. Last month the prank painter left it in pink, white and maroon stripes. Some yellow ducks followed soon after. Markham Towler, a member of the Letterbox Study Group, says the pillar box was of a rare type and was one of the city's oldest, being installed before 1887. 87 05 14 # c.27.7

1987 05 16
The windmill at Lt Wilbraham is believed to date from 1820. Back in the 1930s it was a sorry state but was saved from dereliction before it became too dilapidated. It was not until 1965 that it was first used as a dwelling after a careful conversion by local architect Cecil Bourne. The interior has cedar panelling taken from Quy Hall but retains enough atmosphere to recall the days when the rumbling of the sails and the grinding of the mill wheel were a part of village life. The sails were removed five years ago after many years exposure to the weather and it would be quite an expense to replace them. Now it is on the market for £100,000. 87 05 16

1987 05 18

The dissolution of parliament marks the end of an era for Francis Pym who retires from the House of Commons after a distinguished 26-year career that reached the pinnacles of ministerial office. He was Government Chief Whip, Northern Ireland Secretary, Defence Secretary, Leader of the House of Commons and Foreign Secretary. Even in his final years outside the Cabinet following his dramatic sacking by Mrs Thatcher he became a leading exponent of traditional Conservative values as the founder of Centre Foreward. He says it has been 'immensely enjoyable' 87 05 18 # c.33

1987 05 19
Thousands more Cambridge motorists may be charged for parking outside their homes during working hours. No fees have been agreed but present schemes cost up to £60 a year. In addition hundreds more parking meters would allow one or two hour parking for shoppers with additional traffic wardens employed to enforce the restrictions. But Conservatives on the traffic management team are strongly opposed to a park and ride scheme which might come into operation in three years if the Government gives permission for the city council to buy the land needed. 87 05 19

1987 05 20
Estate agents, Cheffins Grain and Chalk are to merge with agricultural specialists Comins to form a new company. They will open a residential sales office in Soham and Cheffins will expand its Cambridge Machinery Sale. The merger occurs at a time of continuing turmoil within the estate agency business as national institutions take advantage of new rules to move on to the property scene. At least nine local agents have been involved in takeovers by banks, building societies or insurance companies. 87 05 20 # c.06

1987 05 21
A Government blunder over the ambulancemen's pay award last year landed Cambridgeshire ambulance service in trouble. They'd said the award would be funded by a rationalisation of budgets throughout the country and so would be funded at no extra cost. But this did not happen, resulting in a £1m bill. There was a 90 per cent cutback in the volunteer hospital car service where management alleged some drivers were making a fortune. The resulting row led to many drivers resigning. Now an investigate reveals it is more cost-effective than running ambulances 87 05 21

Stretham to hold referendum on Westmere 87 05 21a

Ben Hayward opened a small bicycle and electrical business in Cambridge in 1912. Today it is still going strong as a bicycle specialist at its premises in Trumpington Street maintaining a tradition of good service and friendliness. They can build a bicycle especially for you, assembling the whole machine to create something unique and if necessary a frame can be made by a company in Leeds. Customers also get a free first service done by the firm's own workshop in Laundress Lane 87 05 21b

1987 05 22
Cambridge's newest venue, Browns – a 200-seat restaurant and bar – has opened in what was formerly the out-patient's department at Old Addenbrooke's Hospital. The entrance is a revolving door which ushers visitors into a scene where potted palms and antique mirrors form a background to the clink of cocktails and tinkling of a baby grand piano. The menu features fisherman's pie with cheddar cheese crust (£4.55), exciting salads and spaghetti dishes and leg of lamb chargrilled with rosemary served with Oxford sauce at £6.65 87 05 22

1987 05 26
Spaceward Recording Studios at Stretham which has attracted such stars as Toyah, Iron Maiden and Gary Numan has been burgled. Specialist recording equipment was stolen by a gang who used hammers and chisels to break down a lead-lined door while one of the engineers slept in another part of the converted old school building. The studio was set up over six years ago by two Cambridge graduates and has built up a reputation as one of the best in the area. Neil from the Young Ones, Julian Cope, Dave Steward and The Stranglers have recorded there 87 05 26

Ely's Catholic church has been consecrated – more than 80 years after it was built. Over 200 people packed the little church in Egremont Street for the ceremony performed by the Catholic Bishop of East Anglia. Dedicated to St Etheldreda, it was completed in 1903 and given a solemn blessing. But in those days it had to be endowed before consecration. Now it was time to put matters right 87 05 26a

1987 05 28
Cambridge author Tom Sharpe's gloriously irreverent comic novel 'Porterhouse Blue' is about to become a new four-part TV series and the University should be bracing itself. Nothing is sacred: a dignified procession through the streets dissolves into farce and gas-filled condoms fill a college courtyard like some shimmering, quivering wheatfield. Every college is convinced it is based on them. Little was actually filmed in Cambridge: Ely provided a more attractive alternatives. David Jason stars in the role of Scullion, the college porter who will put up with anything from the students as long as he considers them 'gentlemen' 87 05 28

June 1987 CEN

1987 06 01
A young man became a human torch in an horrific accident at Cambridge station. He had been at a party in Hooper Street when he climbed over the fence separating the garden from the railway, crossed the tracks and climbed to the top of a carriage. Seconds later terrified party guests heard a huge explosion as he was struck by a massive electric shock from the overhead cables. Two others were badly burned when they went to help. All are lucky to have survived 87 06 01

1987 06 02
North East Cambridgeshire is a new parliamentary constituency created in 1983. Its isolated towns and villages are dotted amongst some of the best agricultural land in the world. The candidates in the forthcoming General Election are veteran campaigner Clement Freud who won the seat for the Liberals nearly 14 years ago, Labour's Ron Harris, a social worker from Wisbech, and 'newcomer' Malcolm Moss, the Conservative candidate, who is a member of the County, Fenland and Wisbech Town Councils 87 06 02

1987 06 03
Conservative John Major has made a big name for himself since he was elected to Parliament in 1979. He has risen rapidly through a series of posts and is now the Government's Minister for Social Security. His opponents in the forthcoming election are Tony Nicholson who hopes to gain control of Huntingdon for the Alliance and former guillotine operator David Brown, a full-time trade union official for SOGAT '82. He opposes Cruise missiles at Molesworth. 87 06 03a

Center Parcs, a Dutch company, have plans to build a holiday village at Warren Woods, Elveden. There would be 800 villas together with an indoor waterworks centre, a supermarket, sports hall and a number of restaurants. They claim it would attract 200,000 visitors a year and provide 2-300 jobs. Most of the site is forest but about 40 acres is currently a pig farm. 87 06 03

1987 06 04
Aim Technology being shut down – 87 06 04 # c.27.1

1987 06 06
Cambridge graduate Michael Foale has been named by Nasa as its first English-born space shuttle astronaut. Mr Foale, whose parents live in Cambridge, graduated from Queens' College and completed a PhD in Astrophysics at Lucy Cavendish College six years ago. He first learned to fly at Marshall's airfield while a student. "He is absolutely over the moon", said his father retired Air Commodore Colin Foale who lives in Cambridge. 87 06 06 # c.26.1

1987 06 08

Angry villagers at Stretham have called on the local government Ombudsman to investigate East Cambridgeshire District Council's actions over the siting of the planned new town for the county. The Council has put in a bid to build the new settlement in its district, to the annoyance of villagers who only learned at Christmas that it could end up in their parish. A recent parish poll of the 1,000 residents had an 80% response with 75% giving the proposals a firm 'No' 87 06 08

Strawberry fair – 87 06 08a # c.27.3

Bottisham commemorate 361st fighter group – 87 06 08b # c.45.7

An era in Cambridge business will end when Pye Telecom changes its name to Philips Telecom. Pye has been part of Philips since 1966. The former name has been on the retreat elsewhere. Pye TVT has been sold to the American company Varian and Pye Unicam uses the name Philips Analytical. The last reminder of the old firm, which began when W.G. Pye set up an instrument company in 1896 is the Pye TV and radio business which has now moved to Croydon. 87 06 08c # c.27.1 : Pye

1987 06 09
A small Cambridge research and development company has beaten international giants to win a prestigious engineering award. W.A. Technology, based in French's Road has clinched the Finniston Award for designing and building the world's first commercial instrument for viewing the atomic structure on the surface of materials. The scanning tunnelling microscope emerged from research by two Nobel prizewinners in conjunction with scientists at Cambridge University. The company was founded in 1982 by Barry Ambrose and Dr Colin Wilson who met when they worked at the Cavendish Laboratory 87 06 09 # c.27.1

1987 06 10
A water pumping station at Fulbourn is to be closed and replaced by two others costing £1 million. The old pumping station, which opened in 1888, will be sold raising money to offset the cost. It was too close to a built-up area, posing danger of pollution, and did not produce enough water. The new stations are at a field at the edge of the village and Weston Colville. 87 06 10 # c.24.2

1987 06 11
Mini nuclear reactors could be installed at major American bases such as Mildenhall, Lakenheath and Alconbury, to provide emergency power. The American Department of Defense is starting a feasibility study into the cost of installing a series of small, pressurised-water nuclear power stations at all its bases throughout the world. At present they have diesel generators to generate electricity in the event of a failure of supplies from the National Grid. But the Pentagon says these are not capable of sustained operation if national electricity supplies were lost in a nuclear war 87 06 11

1987 06 12
Shirley Williams' dream of using Cambridge as a springboard back to Westminster crashed in ruins. In a night of disaster for key Alliance figures, she failed to make more than a minor dent in Robert Rhodes James' Conservative majority of more than 5,000 votes. But a crowd of left-wing hecklers chanting 'Thatcher Out, Thatcher Out' narrowly missed him with some well-aimed missiles as he acknowledged victory on the balcony of the Guildhall. And Liberal MP Clement Freud was ousted from his NE Cambs stronghold; after 14 years he was beaten by Wisbech businessman Malcolm Moss. 87 06 12 # c.33

Addenbrooke's Hospital vision for the turn of the century – 87 06 12a # c.21.4

British Telecom is to scrap scores of traditional telephone boxes in villages and replace them by modern boxes of stainless steel and smoke glass which are easier for handicapped people to use and will combat vandalism. In South Cambs they have started an urgent review of all the boxes. Assistant historic buildings officer, Beth Davis, has been travelling 80 miles a day photographing them in their surroundings. But pleas to keep even 20 of the old red phone boxes are likely to be rejected by BT,

they say "People are wanting to preserve a lot of them but many have been there for 50 years and we have to provide a service" 87 06 12b

The Cambridge Brass Rubbing Centre is one of the region's most unusual tourist attractions. Thousands of visitors from all over the world come to take rubbing from some 150 facsimiles of brasses, many from local churches. It was started as a part-time sideline by Jenny McLachlan 12 years ago and has recently moved from the Wesley Church to a new home in St Giles' Church on Castle Hill. Now it has become too busy for her and has been put up for sale 87 06 12c

Donald Mackay reviews firm's history – 87 06 12d # c.27

In 1955 140 Cambridge army reservists in the 629 Light Ack-Ack Royal Artillery (TA) Regiment volunteered to jump out of an aeroplane. They became the 629 Parachute Light Regiment (TA), one of the best squads in the country. Amongst their ranks was Col Peter Storey-Pugh who'd escaped from Colditz and Col John Beckett who'd been captured by the Japanese in Singapore. But 18 months later the MOD reviewed its strategy and the men returned to infantry duties. There were no deaths during the regiment's brief history and only a few injuries. Now the Cambridge Parachute Regimental Association is seeking more members. 87 06 12e # c.45.8

Clive Sinclair opens new factory at Waterbeach for engineering company Win-Born Products. – 87 06 12f

1987 06 22
Sinclair, p10

1987 06 23
The controversial 'anthrax' site off Milton Road is to be sealed off under a giant new office block complex. Cambridge University plan to build a biotechnology research park covering 10 acres where the bodies of infected animal carcases were buried during the war. Extensive testing has proved that the site is safe and no trace of the killer disease was found. Now it will be covered with concrete to provide a car park 87 06 23

Cambridge's Lady Adrian School for children with learning difficulties has been given a prestigious Schools Curriculum Award in recognition of their important role in the community. Their children are achieving higher academic results, taking top prizes in national competitions and have much greater confidence in themselves. They take part in lessons at mainstream schools and help out at crèches, old people's homes and other special schools. One pupil has won a top prize in a poetry competition. 87 06 23a

1987 06 25
Galewood Mansion, Hinton Way, Gt Shelford designed by William Flockhart 1908 – 87 06 25

1987 06 26
The Victoria Cinema site on Market Hill is to become a Marks and Spencer store following an Inspector's decision. M & S is planning to put up a completely new building behind the existing façade and the store will also stretch into the shoe shop next door. Refusing permission would not have saved the cinema as the owners wanted to sell the property. But planners fear traffic chaos unless the firm is responsible about deliveries: they can as of right bring huge great articulated trucks down Bridge Street and Trinity Street in the middle of the working day if they so wish. 87 06 26

The Marchioness of Cambridge is now the oldest member of the Royal Family. Born Miss Dorothy Hastings she married George Alfred Hugh and shortly afterwards was a guest at the marriage of her lifelong friend the Duchess of York, now Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. She has since attended every royal wedding though she initially declined that of the Prince and Princess of Wales, saying she would rather watch it on television in Abington village hall with her friends in the Over 60's Club. In

her quiet home at Abington she lives in a simple style surrounded by mementoes of a long and busy life. 87 06 26a

1987 06 29
Bar Hill – the first new village in England since the last war – celebrated its 21st birthday in style with a pig roast barbecue and festival concert. There were tears of joy when the first resident, Mrs Stella Butcher, met up with old friends after she opened the fete. The village has grown from open farmland to a community of more than 4,000 people and many thriving businesses. Now they are launching an appeal to extend the church building to house a growing congregation drawn from six Christian denominations under one roof. 87 06 29

1987 06 30
Tyrells Marina began in the 1950s as a company hiring out punts on the river. Gradually business has increased and for 25 years it has operated from premises in Bermuda Road where they sell a range of boats including inflatables, skiboats, sailboats and canoes. 87 06 30 # c.26.3

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1987 07 01
A new village could be built on farm land behind the Caxton Gibbet. Called Swansley Wood, it would have 3,000 homes with a business park, village centre and landscaped country park. There would be community facilities such as pubs, shops and churches together with indoor and outdoor facilities. But the plan faces stiff competition as there are similar proposals for four other villages in the area while the County Council favours a scheme on the A10 at Stretham. 87 07 01

1987 07 02
Cambridge's top high-tech workers are earning average salaries of £20,000 a year – about £400 a week – for those with professional or managerial skills. Administrative and clerical staff can earn between £6 and £10,000 but some workers in the food and catering industry get less than £80 a week. Researchers say there are high wages in some manufacturing, construction and public service jobs but lowest in retailing and leisure with some kitchen staff being paid below £3 an hour 87 07 02

Newmarket Carriage Company transforms heaps of decaying timber into beautifully-restored horse–drawn wagons. At present they are working on a horse-drawn Bristol farm wagon which has spent the last 50 years decomposing in a field in Lincolnshire. After a year's hard graft it will emerge from the workshop in better condition that it was when originally built a century ago. Customers include travellers, farmers and companies that use horse-drawn vehicles for advertising. The only job they do not tackle are major restorations of wheels which is left to a specialist company. 87 07 02a

Ely and neighbouring villages have seen an astronomical rise in planning applications. In the 1960s there were few areas of growth between Cambridge and Newmarket and developers never got north of Histon or Cottenham. Now prices are increasing by 15% a year and a good plot for housing has increased six-fold to £30,000. Unemployment is low while improved train services have improved accessibility for people travelling to Newmarket and Stansted. 87 07 02b

Comins estate agency, a name synonymous with the Ely property where it has been established since 1850, has amalgamated with the Cambridge firm of Cheffins, Grain and Chalk 87 02 02c # c.06

1987 07 03
Domino Printing Sciences acquires US firm – 87 07 03 # c.27.1

Sculpture students from CCAT have put the finishing touches to an adventure playground at Coton Primary School. Two groups, led by lecturer Christine Fox, designed the playground on the Greek legend of the Minotaur and the maze. The giant timber structure, which is 20 ft high and 50 ft long, is

shaped like a bull. It was a real community effort with parents helping with much of the building work. 87 07 03a

Scientists at the Plant Breeding Institute at Trumpington are preparing to welcome Princess Anne who will present them with another Queen's Award for Industry, this one for breeding high winter wheats. Their work in producing crops resistant to the ravages of disease and selecting varieties that flourish in harsh conditions is vital to poor countries. But, after 75 years, the Institute is being sold off by the Government with many of the scientists having to move to Norwich 87 07 03b # c.17

1987 07 04
Keith Bovair, head Lady Adrian School skips for charity – 87 07 04

Trumpington residents want to ban vehicles from turning right from the High Street into Church Lane. They are convinced this will ease traffic flows during the rush hour which cause massive hold-ups. Many motorists are using Church Lane as a short cut to reach Barton Road instead of going into the city. Now the County Transportation department has finally agreed to consider their suggestions 87 07 04

1987 07 09
'Porterhouse Blue', the current television programme based in a Cambridge College, does not impress ex-Army Regimental Sergeant Major and now Robinson head porter, Fred Boyne. He has a team of seven porters who look after reception, direct visitors and are responsible for the security of the college and its properties. They are a goldmine of information on who is doing what, where, why and how. Fred says Robinson is the happiest, friendliest college in Cambridge. Students do get up to pranks but there's never anything really seriously bad 87 07 09

1987 07 10
The Princess of Wales captivated everyone with her beauty and charm during her visit to Ely where the former Royal Air Force Hospital was renamed in her honour. The Commanding Officer, Group Captain John Baird showed her to the male surgical ward where she met three men recovering from cataract operations. After lunch and a walkabout the Princess opened a three-day flower festival at Ely Cathedral and attended a private Evensong in the Lady Chapel 87 07 10

1987 07 15
The historic Eagle Inn, one of the oldest pubs in Cambridge which became a meeting place for the American forces during the Second World War is to close for two years. Corpus Christi College, the owners, are refurbishing adjacent buildings and hope to concentrate student accommodation in the area. They say the site would be too dangerous and dirty to allow it to stay open. Greene King, the brewers, are appalled by the news but the pub, with its famous gallery, will certainly not be closed permanently. 87 07 15 # c.27.4

Cruise missile launchers and their control vehicles were unveiled at Molesworth airfield. On display behind the eight-and-a-half miles of razor wire were 16 vehicles and two of the men who will 'push the buttons' if there is another war. The missiles are due to arrive next year and will be housed in four bunkers which will be grassed over as part of a landscaping programme that has won a design award. When complete it will be Britain's most secure base. While the base opened its doors to the Press it remained closed for the handful of peace campaigners who maintain a lonely vigil in tents and caravans outside. 87 07 15a # c.45.8

1987 07 16
The first of a series of new University buildings planned for the Old Addenbrooke's Hospital site in Trumpington Street has finally won approval. The saga started 30 years ago when the University decided to purchase the site from the East Anglian Regional Health Authority. But development plans have left various factions feuding and bitter. The University initially wanted to demolish the old hospital – despite the city council having made it a listed building. Now Coun Andrew Duff has

suggested housing a new Arts Theatre and the University Centre of Management Studies in the main ward block 87 07 16

1987 07 17
Broadcaster John Timpson officially opened a project designed to help the disabled enjoy the National Trust's Wicken Fen nature reserve. A community work team had spent the past year building a wooden boardwalk so that wheelchair-bound people and children in pushchairs can have access to the fen, which is waterlogged for most of the year. The route, which is supported on piles driven deep into the peat, takes them past different habitats including woodland, sedge and hay fields. 87 07 17

1987 07 21
A steam engine fell from a low-loader on the Royston by-pass after the anchoring chains broke, causing thousands of pounds worth of damage. The engine's roof was ripped off as it somersaulted on to the verge. Both the rear and front axles, the flywheel and the crankshaft of the Burrell steam engine, built in 1907, were smashed. Firemen were called to clear the coal which was still hot following a show of steam engines at Thetford. 87 07 21

The Territorial Army has been given a major boost with the building of new headquarters units for the signals and medical units in Cherryhinton Road. It includes facilities for vehicle maintenance, lecture theatres and a full indoor firing range. Both units have a NATO role, being trained for operational activities with the British Army on the Rhine, and are still recruiting. There is also new accommodation for other sections on the TA site in Coldham's Lane where the previous premises are being demolished. 87 07 21a # c.45.8

1987 07 22
When the Evelyn Hospital was officially opened in 1921 there were 12 beds. Today on its pleasant site off Trumpington Road, it has a total of 56 and last year admitted 3,012 patients. There have been many improvements recently including the Robinson Wing, built in 1983 with money donated by Sir David Robinson, a modern nurses' home and a new operating theatre which opened in 1981. Each patient room has a telephone, colour television and all will soon have attractive en-suite bathrooms. 87 07 22 & a # c.21.4

1987 07 23
The Queen Mother became just another Cambridge tourist for a few moments – and won cheers from a waiting crowd. She paused on the famous Mathematical Bridge to wave to a convoy of four punts chained together as they passed gracefully along the Cam. She was visiting Queens' College to mark the restoration of the President's Lodge, the only half-timbered college building in Cambridge. Lunch – at a college which is now health-conscious in its cuisine – was melon and king prawns, then chicken and truffles. 87 07 23 # c.02

1987 07 24
999 – the most famous telephone number in Britain – is 50 years old this month. The number of people making use of the emergency system has doubled in the last decade. June was a busy month for operators in Cambridge who dealt with more than 1,974 SOS calls. Miss Mimi Edwards at the exchange in Long Road says operators are trained to ignore other calls when the red light flashes and a buzzer sounds to indicate an emergency. New digital switchboards will mean they are passed on even quicker 87 07 24

1987 07 29
Black Bear Press was formerly known as Heffers Printers which was set by William Heffer in the 1920s. Now a new management are investing in the future. Black Bear does not produce the 'mainstream' books. Much of its work is producing journals including 'The Analyst' which has been printed by the firm for the Royal Society of Chemistry since 1922, and catalogues for Stanley Gibbons and other companies. They provide a data retrieval system when authors submit their disks and the data is transcribed into whatever printed format required. 87 07 29 # c.25

Cambridge Light Blue Trading Company was opened on Mill Road in 1933, its name an indication of the all-pervasive influence of the University. Then it dealt mainly in small loans to citizens. Now known as Cambridge Credit one of its main activities is secured loans of from £1,000 to £100,000 which are guaranteed by the borrower's property. But they would rather turn down an application than see the loan become an insupportable commitment. It has also entered the very competitive vehicle leasing business 87 07 29a & b # c.32.8

1987 07 30
Francis Pym, the former S.E. Cambs MP for 25 years has been made a life peer in the Dissolution Honours List. His forthright views got him sacked from his position of Foreign Secretary and he went on to found the Conservative Centre Forward movement, a controversial attempt to modify Thatcherite policies. And colourful Clement Freud who was ousted as Liberal MP for North East Cambs at the last election has been knighted 87 07 30

The tumble-down windmill at Wicken is being restored to its former glory thanks to a group of dedicated enthusiasts. They have sunk thousands of pounds into a six-year project to bring it back to working condition. First they must rebuild the three wooden floors which have been eaten away by woodworm and dry rot. The mill was worked by sails until the late 1930's when they were considered dangerous but much of the original machinery is still in place. A new aluminium cap was put on in 1971 by Chris Wilson, the owner of Over mill who is assisting with the project 87 07 30a

1987 07 31
With three local radio stations operating in the area and four community radio groups waiting in the wings, the battle of the airways is set to begin. BBC Radio Cambridgeshire has been operating for more than five years while Peterborough-based Hereward Radio has set up a studio in Cambridge and Chiltern Radio has a wide following in the west of the county. Now a Cambridge Community Radio Group wants to set up studios while Bottisham-based Granta Radio hopes to obtain a franchise from the Independent Broadcasting Authority. 87 07 31

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1987 08 04
The wartime mustard gas dump at Lord's Bridge is to be investigated for contamination after dangerous levels were found at one of the other six old sites. Two underground tanks containing lethal mustard gas were sunk in 1944. They were emptied in the 1950s and the contents either burned or dumped at sea. The tanks are still slightly contaminated with gas but this will eventually disappear. It is now part of the University's Mullard Radioscope Observatory and is often visited by nature lovers interested in wild orchids. 87 08 04

1987 08 05
Newmarket tycoon Sir David Robinson gave away millions during his reclusive life. But details of his will show the self-made multi-millionaire intended his legendary philanthropic reputation to survive him and last year he formed the Robinson Charitable Trust. After leaving Cambridge and County School he joined his father in the family cycle shop and in 1954 set up the Robinson Rentals television business. He founded Robinson College with a gift of £18 million and also gave a £3 million contribution towards the Rosie Maternity Hospital which was named after his mother. 87 08 05

A group of enterprising skateboard fans have set up their own club and raised £800 (£1,840 today) to buy ramps to skate on. They have been loaned £400 by Townsends toy and cycle shop and have saved the rest. Now they are looking for new members to join the club which will be based on Heath Farm, Shelford Bottom. Charles Bradford, whose parents run the farm, said "There is nowhere in Cambridge

for us to skate. We have even had to go to London to find somewhere". Membership will be £10 per year. 87 08 05a # c.38 : roller

1987 08 06
A young couple's 15th century dream cottage in High Street Little Wilbraham was gutted by fire despite the efforts of 35 firemen who were at the scene in minutes. Flames had already taken hold on the thatched roof and they were hampered by low water pressure. A call was made to Anglian Water in a bid to get it increased and water was also taken from a neighbour's swimming pool. The house had just been restored; it was immaculate with new windows and carpets. The couple were on holiday in the Lake District but are returning to the burnt-out shell 87 08 06

1987 08 10
A Cambridge computer technician living in St Philip's Road is planning to have his head cut off when he dies. He has made arrangements to have it frozen and stored in a vacuum flask in America where it will be kept for more than 100 years. He believes that one day medical science will have advanced enough to unfreeze his head, regrow his body and bring it back to life. But a University lecturer in pathology is doubtful: "It stands as much chance as reviving a handful of dust. It is a very silly way of spending one's money", he says. 87 08 10

Shudy Camps Park House, a 300-year-old mansion, has become a place of worship attracting followers of an Indian guru revered as a saint with miraculous healing powers. Several hundred disciples descended on the village from all over Europe for a party with hymn singing and preaching into the early hours. There were five marquees, catering wagons and portable toilets. Buses, coaches and cars choked the lane and on the gate was a poster declaring it as 'The New Jerusalem'. Now villagers have organised a petition claiming the mansion has been converted from a private dwelling to a place of entertainment without planning permission. 87 08 10a

The search for somewhere to live is becoming increasingly desperate. Yet more than 400 council homes in the region are standing empty. In Cambridge – where the council housing list tops 4,000 – one house in Fen Road has been empty for a tear, another in Long Reach Road for nine months and a property in Oak Tree Avenue for 20. At Girton four police houses have been empty for almost two years. Officials say some need repair, campaigners claim it is down to inefficiency. 87 08 10b & c

1987 08 13
Robbers brandishing a sawn-off shotgun and a pistol burst in to the village post office and stores at Bury, near Ramsey, and fled with over £5,000. 87 08 13

A news reporter visited Cambridge's three main swimming pools. First stop was the Abbey outdoor pool where each morning attendants try to remove the frogs which hop into the water from a nearby ditch overnight. The changing room is a bench behind a hut and the water felt like freshly-melted ice. Jesus Green may only have 20-30 swimmers a day but they are real regulars, including Arthur Mansfield, 77, who swims a quarter of a mile most days as he has since 1922. Then I followed the smell of the chlorine to Parkside Pool which was the hottest but far from enjoyable 87 08 13a & b # c.38 : swimming

1987 08 14
An application has been made to build 200 houses on land at Queens' College Farm, Fulbourn. The scheme would incorporate a meeting room for the Royal British Legion, playing fields and sports facilities including tennis and bowls. There would be plenty of properties for first-time buyers together with a sheltered housing scheme for the elderly. Developers have produced a glossy brochure showing a new relief road to relieve congestion. It is a unique opportunity for the village to have a slip road, they say. 87 08 14

The Guildhall organ is very rarely used for concerts It is a fine instrument by William Hill one of Britain's major 19th-century builders and the city's only organ in a public venue. It was last

overhauled in 1925 and has been allowed to fall into a state of disrepair. Much of the internal workings are based on leather and when the atmosphere is damp a great deal more of the organ works than when it is bone dry. 87 08 14a # c.69.6

The 'Beautiful Cambridge' competition is aimed to find the most imaginative gardens. Maureen Brown has done wonders with her back garden in Greville Road and Leslie North of Beche Road can be proud of his landscaping talents. But it was Mary Gosal's garden in Girton Road which delighted the judges. Three years ago it was just a rubbish tip; weeds were waist high and the ground uneven. Now it is a secluded, fragrant, multi-coloured botanical delight with foxgloves, azaleas and alpines. 87 08 014b & c

1987 08 18
Ely Cathedral has been hit by a dramatic slump in visitors: numbers have plummeted by 40 per cent since £1.50 admission charges were brought in. But it has been a poor year for sightseers generally, due to a terrorist scare frightening off American visitors. King's College Chapel was the fifth most popular free historic attraction in England with 750,000 visitors, the same as last year. The biggest success of all was Audley End mansion, Saffron Walden, which had over 73.000 visitors compared with less than 42,000 in 1985 87 08 18

1987 08 19
Ambitious plans for a £3million facelift for the Lion Yard shopping centre have been unveiled by Barclays Bank. The precinct – officially opened by Princess Anne in 1975 – will be brought bang up-to-date with new lighting, new paving and a new shop unit neat St Andrew's the Great. The biggest change will be a covered first-floor level incorporating the Heidelberg Gardens with four food kiosks and a seating area for 200. It will be a much better place and people will be able to get something to eat and drink there, developers claim. 87 08 19

1987 08 20
Sir – I have been privileged to play the Guildhall organ for the last 19 years and have noticed a gradual deterioration. This is no reflection on the tuners, who have done a marvellous job. The heating and humidity of the large room plus general wear and tear has seriously affected the action. It is little used because the courts are often in session and it costs £100 to hire the hall for recitals. Sir David Willocks and Dr Arthur Wills have given recitals on it but since the last borough organist, Alan Tranah, left the area no-one has bothered to reappoint a successor. – Claude Ingrey, Babraham. 87 08 20

1987 08 21
Eagle ceiling, p17

1987 08 24
Ely blind bowlers – 87 08 24

1987 08 26
Lady Butler publishes reminiscences of RAB – 87 08 26 & a

1987 08 27
The James Paine brewery which was established in St Neots Market Square in 1831 is to close and will become just a distribution depot. The last beer has been brewed at the premises and will be bottled in Ipswich. It will be marketed as the James Paine Final Brew in the autumn. The brewery has been bought by Tolly Cobbold who wanted its six pubs. However the name will not die as they will still produce the beer, trying to emulate the original as closely as possible. With modern technology they can even match the local water which gave the beers their distinctive taste. 87 08 27

1987 08 28

Summer sizzled into Mid Anglia in the last week of April – hot on the heels of some of the worst gales the country had ever seen. But as winter spirits lifted the temperature took a downward plummet and left us all shivering again. May slid by with some cold, wet and miserable weather and June was no better until the end of the month when the sun wiped away the gloom with a glorious burst of summer that rocked the temperatures into the mid 80s. But it didn't last long and the wet weather was back in July and dripped into August for another gloomy month. But amateur weatherman Percy Ashman says the first two weeks of September should be good – that's when he's going on holiday 87 08 28

1987 08 29
Another developer has put in plans for a new village off the A45. Hillson and Twigden want to build 1,500 homes on 200 acres of farmland east of Highfields, near Caldecote. They say it would link up with rapidly-expanding Hardwick and provide additional schooling and shopping. It did not use top agricultural land and was close to the underused A45 dual carriageway which would be even less used when the A1/M1 link is built. There are already five other plans for a new village between Bourn and Caxton as an alternative to the preferred county council site off the A10 near Ely. 87 08 29

Motorists can expect continued delays in Coldham's Lane following the installation of a new roundabout at the Beehive Store. An improved access is being made for the shopping complex following major redevelopment being carried out there. It should be completed by Christmas 1988 with a new supermarket, a much larger home interiors department, new garden centre and a 200-seat restaurant. The giant Texas DIY store is also moving to the site. There will be parking for more than 1,000 cars 87 08 29

Royston is being plagued by cats. There are so many moggies in the triangle between Sun Hill, Coronation Avenue and Briary Lane that residents have called on the town council for help. Mr Bernard Butler said it's got beyond a joke. The cats, which he reckoned number up to 50, messed his garden and lawn every morning. Mr Robert Taylor of Sun Hill often finds several in his garden shed and has bought a dog especially to keep them of his house. Over the years wild cats have moved into the area; a few residents have been feeding them which has resulted in a population explosion 87 08 29

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1987 09 02
August not as wet as same month last year – 87 09 02

Wolfson College are negotiating to buy the large Victorian home of polar explorer Sir Vivian Fuchs which is set in two-and-a-half acres on Barton Road. Sir Vivian, a former director of the British Antarctic Survey plan to move to another house in the same road. The big house takes a lot to keep tidy so they are going somewhere smaller, he says. 87 09 02

1987 09 03
Temporary traffic lights at the junction of Elizabeth Way roundabout with Newmarket Road and East Road have been switched on in an experiment to ease rush-hour congestion. 87 09 03

Bailey & Tebbutt history – 87 09 03a
Postal delivery problems investigated – 87 09 03b

1987 09 04
Plans by house-builder Bovis to build 33 homes for elderly people together with 55 large detached and 54 town houses on the Clay Farm site at Trumpington have attracted opposition from people anxious to keep a wedge of green land between Cambridge and the Shelfords. The site has been at the centre of controversy for some time with county planners saying it should be in the Green Belt. But the city wants to build hundreds of homes to solve a housing shortage 87 09 04

Skateboarding is back! The old Skate Park at Cheddars Lane was awful, the transitions were bad and you could feel every bump. But Billy's Ramp Skate Club at Shelford Bottom is completely different allowing newer, better tricks practised by dedicated skateboarders determined to be 'rad' and not 'lame'. The right gear is a must. Outrageously decorated T-shirts, below-the-knee Bermuda shorts, baseball-style boots and the essential protective helmet, wrist-guards, knee and elbow pads are all hallmarks of a hip skateboarder.87 09 04a

1987 09 07
People in Cottenham are furious at plans to more than double the number of gypsy caravans in the village. There are at present eight sites at Smithy Fen but now another 12 places have been granted permission by SCDC despite a petition signed by almost half the residents. There is only a single-track road, the school is already overcrowded and the village policeman already has enough disturbances to cope with. But the council say permission was granted as the site is well-served by a concrete road. The land had been left polluted by an oil operating company and it would be very difficult to return it to agricultural use 87 09 07

1987 09 08
Anglia Television's famous silver knight is to be replaced by a thoroughly modern logo, as part of a new corporate image. It has been their symbol since Anglia went on the air in October 1959. The silver model, which represents the Black Prince, was commissioned as a trophy in 1850 by the King of the Netherlands for the Dutch Falcon Club. It was the prize in an international contest which was unexpectedly won by an Englishman who brought it back to Britain. It was put up for sale by his family a century later and eventually bought by Anglia 87 09 08

Two Cambridge scientists say evidence is mounting to show chemicals are to blame for a hole in the Earth's protective ozone layer. Joe Farman, a scientist at the British Antarctic Survey and Dr John Pyke of Cambridge University are urging drastic cutbacks while more research is carried out. If the hole starts to spread it could upset the whole balance of life on earth. Climates could change, crops could be threatened and more ultra-violet rays from the sun would increase skin cancer, they warn 87 09 08a

1987 09 10
A train smashed through level-crossing barriers at Shippea Hill after a policeman ordered the gates to be opened to let his car through. No one was hurt in the accident but both sets of crossing gates were demolished. BR said the barriers were closed and warning lights flashing for a train travelling from Norwich to Cambridge when a policeman drove up and asked the signalman to open the gates. He refused but then the plain-clothed officer produced a warrant card and ordered him to do so. The police car sped across the rails but the train could not stop in time. 87 09 10

1987 09 11
For over 60 years the Roger Ascham School served the needs of children. In the early days there were 120 pupils some with physical ailments. Others, kept rigidly separate, were backward and retarded. In recent years it was a vigorous, innovative school mainly for the physically multi-handicapped. The largest group were cerebral palsied children followed by spina bifida and a small number of those with muscular dystrophy and the emotionally fragile. It built a reputation for catering for the bright and more slow-learning pupil so they could succeed beyond expectations in spite of their physical disabilities. 87 09 11 # c.36.5

In 1931 Dr Norman de Bruyne, then aged 26, set up the Cambridge Aircraft Construction Company which produced the Snark, a rakish four-seat light, strong monoplane monoplane. The first flight was uneventful, apart from the engine stopping while it was flying over Cambridge, but it landed safely. It was held together with casein glue which had been used on all wooden aircraft. Then he set up a new company, Aero Research at Duxford where he developed Aerolite, formaldehyde glue which was

used during WW2 for the construction of motor boats and transport gliders. In 1947 the firm became part of CIBA 87 09 11a # c.26.2

1987 09 14
The replacement of old lampposts in the centre of Cambridge has aroused opposition. The old 'Candle' laps were designed in the early 1950s by Sir Albert Richardson, President of the Fine Art Commission. Coun Andrew Duff says they are of considerable interest and are appropriate in the historic centre. Now the County Council is replacing them with modern steel columns which are cheaper to run, give out more light and make the roads safer for motorists and pedestrians. 87 09 14 # c.24.8

Developers are eying-up property in Newmarket Road. They have approached Greene King about acquiring the Seven Stars, Corner House, Five Bells, Rose and Crown and Bird in Hand public houses Already Eastern Gas has sold off more than three acres of the former gas works and the disused Chapman and Arber scrap yard has also attracted interest. Gray's the tobacconist has sold up, Jack Reynold's sweet shop closes next month and Grosvenor will soon start work on the old Carioca nightclub site which will house offices and small businesses 87 09 14b # c.44.6

1987 09 15
A Polytechnic of East Anglia may be formed by merging the Cambridgeshire College of Arts and Technology with the Essex Institute of Higher Education. It would teach the equivalent of more than 4,000 full-time higher education students with one main campus in Cambridge and another in Chelmsford. Robert Rhodes James MP has made it one of his parliamentary campaigns. Cambridge is very strong on languages while Essex is good for business studies. So the idea of a merger is very attractive and should get Government approval 87 09 15

Wandlebury woods and Bill Clark – 87 09 15a

1987 09 16
Granta Morris, which meets at St Luke's Barn in French's Road, sprang into life five years ago. It has 16 members including a vet, a technician and some without jobs. The Squire, Leigh Watson who knows 190 dances calls out instructions as the accordion strikes up tunes such as 'Headington' which is based on bean-setting. Granta perform at fetes, pubs and college May balls. Sometimes they encounter hecklers. Three skinheads started taunting them once so Leigh invited them to have a go. The trio soon admitted Morris deserves respect. But yobs threw stink-bombs under the feet in North Wales - 87 09 16

1987 09 17
Residents in Huntingdon's Victoria Square have complained about vandalism and unruly children who overturn seats on the green to form a tennis net. 87 09 17

Graffiti in Chesterton – 87 09 17

1987 09 18
The US and Soviet Union have reached tentative agreement on a treaty eliminating shorter-range nuclear weapons such as Cruise missiles which were to have been based at the Tactical Missile Wing at Molesworth 87 09 18

The Cambridge - St Ives railway line could be reopened to passengers and linked with Stansted as part of a major new project. The service, shut for nearly 20 years, would be launched with a show-piece electric service along the 14-mile line which is at present only used by freight trains. There would be three new stations at the Science Park, Coldham's Lane and Long Road. Other stations would be built or reopened, under plans announced by the County council, including Chittering, Fulbourn and Cherry Hinton. 87 09 18a

Royston Hospital faces closure as Herts Health Authority needs to cut costs. Most GP in-patient beds are based there or at Letchworth and it provide patients with respite care, convalescence and minor treatment. Royston has cared mainly for the elderly since the closure of its maternity unit two years ago. The Friends of Royston Hospital, which has raised over £50,000 says it provides a valuable and much-needed service 87 09 18b

Cambridge's Strangeways Laboratory celebrated its 75th birthday with a £500,000 donation from Ciba Geigy Pharmaceuticals. This will enable the internationally known biomedical research laboratory to undertake a new phase of work into arthritis. Originally known as the Cambridge Research Hospital it was set up in 1905 by Dr T.S.P. Strangeways and pioneered the use of tissue-culture methods in biological research which are now an alternative to animal experiments. Today there are 100 staff representing a wide range of expertise 87 09 18c

1987 09 19
News that cruise missiles might not be deployed at Molesworth has been greeted cautiously by local residents. The landlady at the Cross Keys pub said that base expansion had been a bonus for the local economy. She often had up to 15 construction workers staying at her pub and the work has brought a lot of prosperity to the area. One of the six-strong vigil of peace campaigners was dubious but MP John Major said their protests had nothing to do with the likely arms deal between the superpowers. 87 09 19

1987 09 21
The scene of carnage on the railway line at Swavesey was too much for one fireman who came to help release the dying and injured from the mangled carriages. He was physically sick at the sight of bodies littered around the burned out shell of the passenger train, but like a true professional he recovered quickly and carried on. Fortunately it was not for real, but part of a major exercise involving all the emergency services. But no-one had told those involved until they actually arrived. They thought they were heading for a major disaster. 87 09 21 # c.26.2

1987 09 22
More than 100 of 749 United States servicemen killed in a mock invasion before D-Day are buried at the American Cemetery and not in an unmarked mass grave in Devon. This is contrary to a report in The Independent newspaper where a women said she witnessed the disposal of hundreds of GIs in a large pit. The Superintendent of the cemetery at Madingley has a file marked 'Operation Tiger' containing lists of 107 men who died in the operation and whose names are recorded on headstones. A further 293 are listed on the Wall of the Missing. 87 09 22

Millions of television viewers saw Newmarket stable girl Alison Dean weep tears of joy as she led 'Herbie the Derbie winner' – better known to the world as Reference Point - to the winner's enclosure. She has been with six-times champion trainer Henry Cecil for almost 10 years and says girls look after horses differently. Trainer Michael Stout only employs girls to look after fillies because they have more patience. But they don't look after colts: they are stronger and need firmer handling. And "Sometimes they can be 'colty' "(racing-speak for becoming sexually excited), one girl explained. 87 09 22a

1987 09 23
Bill Cox, Littleport recluse 87 09 23

A major new tourist attraction at Ely involving the creation of a working scale model of the fenland drainage system could draw thousands of visitors and create badly-needed jobs, two men believe. They have sunk several thousand pounds into a feasibility study and earmarked a potential site for the six-acre development. It would feature a model village and miniature cathedrals as well as working locks and sluices such as the Denver complex. This would allow visitors to understand the water control mechanisms with an elevated viewing area 200 feet long. Now they are looking for financial backing 87 09 23a

1987 09 24
Every time it rains the congregation of Wentworth church has to get out the buckets. Now with winter fast approaching parishioners fear the bad weather will wreak havoc with St Peter's Church, parts of which date back to the 12th Century. Rev Richard Mathews, the Priest in charge, says repairs will cost about £20,000 but villagers are rallying round organising a fete with 'Rhino rides' – a trip in an open-top, four-wheel drive vehicle over rough ground - welly throwing, stalls and sideshows. 87 09 24

1987 09 25
Plans have been unveiled for a new town near Chittering, to be called Waterfenton. It would have 3,000 houses, a major shopping centre, schools, leisure park, swimming pool, ice-skating rink, hotel and its own railway station. There will also be a church, clinic and all the usual services including pubs, banks and garages, developers say. House prices will start at around £35,000, (about £80,500 now) making it attractive to people who can not afford homes in Cambridge The project would provide at least 2,000 jobs and take about 20 years to complete. This is the 13th settlement plan to be suggested in the last six months 87 09 25

1987 09 28
The Fenland Witch is a new Saturday bus service set up to help villagers in the Somersham area. It will enable people from Pidley, Broughton, the Raveleys and Upwood to travel to Huntingdon or Ramsey giving time for shopping and linking to connections to Cambridge or Peterborough. The vehicle has been hired from Dew and Sons by a former bus driver more as a community service than a commercial venture. 87 09 28

1987 09 29
A Government bid to clamp down on universities handing out jobs to dons for the rest of their careers has been rejected by the Vice Chancellor, Lord Adrian. He says Cambridge's hi-tech boom is a direct result of such a system and supports the policy of offering posts to academics until the retiring age of 67. "It is terribly difficult to know who is or is not a 'sleeping don'", he says. But dons who do not teach a lot could help run the university or put back vital knowledge into the community and business. 87 09 29 # c.37.9

A new-look Co-op has come to Cambridge with the refurbishment of the old premises in Burleigh Street producing the latest of the Society's Homemaker stores. Although it now occupies only the ground floor it has a more modern look and concentrates on electrical goods bringing it more in tune with the Grafton Centre. None of the staff have been made redundant though some have moved to the Beehive site. 87 09 29a # c.27.2

Cambridge Co-op Homemaker store – 87 09 29b & c # c.27.2

1987 09 30
Hauxton was sealed off by police after an explosion at the Schering Agrochemicals plant. More than 400 staff were evacuated when a can of fungicide exploded in the packing plant causing a fire with billowing smoke. Thirty firemen worked alongside the firm's own staff together with a special chemical instrument unit to contain the blaze and an emergency control room was set up in the firm's security block. Police set up road blocks preventing all traffic from entering the village. 87 09 30 87 10 01a

Princess Margaret at Fitzwilliam Museum – 87 09 31 # c.02 # c.03

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1987 10 01

If there was a disaster then a team of 600 community advisers would play their part in civil protection schemes. They are trained to deal with a crisis and help people pull together. They know about local radio hams, residents with expert knowledge and facilities such as wells, buildings which could be adapted into central feeding areas, make-shift accommodation or hospitals. The advisers, who include doctors, vicars, parish councillors and housewives backed up by 900 volunteers, are part of a civil protection initiative by the County Council. Now a series of 13 evening classes have been set up to train more 87 10 01b # c.45.8

Low salaries are driving thousands of nurses out of the National Health Service. A 28-year-old staff nurse at Addenbrooke's Hospital earns just over £8,000 a year (worth about £18,400 today) for her highly skilled, highly rewarding and highly frustrating job in neuro-surgical ward, A3. Major brain surgery has become a routine operation. Twenty beds are housed in a room off one long corridor with four others in 'The Annexe' intensive care unit. 87 10 01c # c.21.4 # c.21.3

1987 10 02
The City Council are negotiating to buy a £300,000 16-bedroom hotel in Chesterton Road with a large dining room, lounge, extensive kitchens and parking for 15 cars. All carpets, furniture, bedding and crockery are included in the price. It will be used to provide bed-and-breakfast for homeless families waiting for permanent accommodation and will work out cheaper in the long run. Property values are increasing rapidly and it could be sold at a profit if the number of homeless families falls substantially. But one outraged neighbour described it as an upmarket dosshouse not appropriate for the area. 87 10 02 # c.32.9

There is a distinct shortage of spooky hauntings in Cambridge at the moment and the Cambridge University Society for Psychical Research is keen to carry out detailed experiments into the eerie and unexplained. A few years ago a young girl got lost while out with her parents on the Gogs where archaeologists were excavating Roman artefacts. When found, she told them she had been speaking to a Roman soldier. An expert interviewed her and admitted she gave an exact description of a soldier from those times, yet the girl knew nothing about that period in history. What was the girl seeing and in which language was she communicating? The Society hope the family will contact them 87 10 02a # c.39

1987 10 05
Village ponds could soon be extinct. They are disappearing at the frightening rate of one every ten days in Hertfordshire, according to a survey. And of those remaining more than 80 per cent are in poor biological condition. For years ponds provided a water supply and were a valuable habitat for animals and rare plants. However the introduction of piped water supplies, the decline of horses as working animals, land drainage and the intensification of farming have led to many being filled in. One that is facing extinction is Reed where the clay floor has cracked and the pond is drying up. 87 10 05

1987 10 06
An amazing plan to relocate Marshall's Airport to Waterbeach airfield and use the hundreds of acres vacant for a massive housing estate will be put to county councillors. It would solve the city's shortage of land for housing and end aircraft noise problems for residents. The move would create more jobs and relieve traffic. There would then be no need to spend millions of pounds on a proposed new overspill village in the fens. But the airport authorities do not agree. 87 10 06 # c.26.1

Camra, the real ale organisation, is launching a bid to save the doomed Rayments brewery at Furneux Pelham near Stansted. They say it is profitable when compared to other small real ale breweries and could be improved under better management. Camra hope to persuade Guinness and British Assurance to call a special meeting of shareholders to stop the closure and loss of ten jobs. But the owners, Greene King, say the decision has been made and the site will be kept open as a depot 87 10 06a

Residents of Newton are worried that their local stream has gone missing. The brook, on the banks of which the village grew and prospered, now heads underground about half a mile east and reappears to the west near Newton Hall. It used to be deep enough to paddle in but now the bed has broken up allowing water to find a subterranean route. The fear is that if the brook silts up it could be lost forever. The landlord of the local pub says many people have been concerned for many years. 87 10 06

1987 10 07
A vast new shopping complex, described as the largest and most exciting of its kind for many years, has been approved by planners. The joint Co-op and Texas Homecare development on the Beehive site of Coldham's Lane will enable Cambridge to compete with other major shopping cities like Peterborough and Bedford. It will comprise a large supermarket and extensive do-it-yourself store with parking for 1,100 cars. The existing Home Interiors building and garden centre are already being enlarged. Texas will leave its building at the nearby Coral Park trading centre when the new one is ready 87 10 07 # c.27.2

1987 10 08
Tansley Typewriter Company celebrates 65 years - 87 10 08 # c.27

1987 10 09
Railway line to St Ives & Soham station may be reopened – 87 10 09

1987 10 12
John Major's rise to fame – 87 10 12
Community nurses' role – 87 10 12a

1987 10 14
Sedgeway Business Park at Witchford is full. The light engineering units were converted from farm buildings where pigs used to be bred and many of the companies are producing their own goods on site. The first was Gardner Prototype Manufacturing which has seen business go from strength to strength. They were joined by Knight Interiors, Camboard which makes electronic design circuits and Tertonia Products who employ seven local people producing wiring harnesses for the automotive market. 87 10 14

Jack Reynolds, rock maker and confectioner, is to retire after 40 years in the rock business. His father, James, was known as 'The Rock King' whose stall at the fairs on Midsummer Common was a familiar sight. Jack opened a shop on Newmarket Road about 1947 and has lived in the area all his life. The road has changed a lot; when he came there were houses in Occupation Road and several businesses have disappeared. He no longer makes his own rock but his son and grandson are carrying on the family name. 87 10 14a # c.27

1987 10 15
Cambridge's first airborne pleasure trip service has just taken off. Techair, a charter company, offers flights from Marshall's Airport in a five-seater Piper Aztec. They charge £14 for a 15-minute trip over the city. The weather for the inaugural flight was dull, raining and windy, buffeting the plane as the pilot pointed out landmarks. The flights are nice for foreign tourists but are mainly aimed at local people who have no experience of flying a small plane. 87 10 15a # c.26.1

1987 10 16
New Town gets ever-closer to our Villages.
Sir
The new settlement proposed by Cambridgeshire County Council in the Structure Plan is creeping dangerously close to the villages of Wilburton & Stretham. In the latest submissions to the Secretary of State or County Council say that the settlement should be sited about the five-metre contour. Do they realise what this means? Have any of them ever travelled this far north of Cambridge? Anyone

who knows the area will realise that this is the ridge, which connects Wilburton and Stretham. How can they claim that this is this "country town" which will occupy about 600 acres can remain physically separate from our villages and not interfere with the quality of our lives. We are fighting but the opposition is strong and determined. East Cambridgeshire District Council is determined to sacrifice us for the sake of improving the road links to Ely and the Fenland. The County Council is determined to stand by a decision which seems to have been reached without any detailed knowledge of the topography of this area. The villagers in Wilburton were never consulted about this proposed new settlement. And even now, the County Council seems deaf to our objections and the strength of local feeling. We have not been provided with any details about the proposed new settlement. No glossy brochures for us, not even an outline on a map. We are not one amongst many sites for the new settlement. We are unfortunately, the chosen one. Chosen without consultation. – A Member of the Wilburton Settlement sub-committee
'Stretburton' will be Wonderful!
Sir
The planners have now decided that although they can walk on water they cannot build on it. So they have moved the site of the new town again. They find it can now be squeezed into the area immediately between Stretham and Wilburton and still leave space for a token field or two. There are of course no plans yet. After all, the inquiry is not until next week. But the situation is now clear. Stretburton will be a wonderful place: cheap houses near Cambridge with a lake and water sports facilities. There will be access to four primary schools and two village college, an industrial park and hypermarket. Nor will it be necessary now to dual the road to Ely since nobody will need to go there. We should all be grateful to the councillors from Ely, Littleport and Haddenham who have so selflessly sacrificed their own communities and facilities in allowing their planning officer to make Stretburton, the capital of the Isle. - M.J. Petty, Stretham. – 87 10 16b

Overnight gales and torrential rain devastated the region with winds of more than 100 mph. The atrocious weather disrupted rail and bus services, trees were uprooted, one falling on the roof of a bungalow in Duchess Drive, Newmarket while Wandlebury Woods was devastated with more than 200 trees blown down. Saffron Walden High School had to close after windows were smashed. Power supplies were disrupted causing chaos at pumping stations and Byron's Pool has been placed on red alert as the threat of serious flooding increased. 87 10 16 & a # c.12

1987 10 17
A giant ski and leisure park may be built in a redundant chalk pit at Lime Kiln Road, Cherry Hinton. It would include an Alpine village-style ski lodge with a club and restaurant, a 230-metre ski slope, a lake for canoeing and sub-aqua pursuits, a toboggan run and climbing on a cliff face. Full consultation has taken place with the Nature Conservation Council to protect two rare plants and ensure the natural environment is preserved. 87 10 17

1987 10 20
Cambridge residents should be given the chance to air their views about old-fashioned lampposts that are being replaced as an economy measure, says Coun Rosensteil. The 'Richardson Candles' along Magdalene Street were designed nearly 40 years ago by Sir Albert Richardson, President of the Royal Fine Arts Commission to fit in with the street. But the County Council claims they are expensive to run and that spare parts are no longer available. However the modern steel columns have angered environmentalists who say they are unsuitable for such a sensitive area. 87 10 20

Cambridge Housing Society celebrates diamond jubilee – 87 10 20a

1987 10 21
Classical music concerts could be curtailed at Cambridge Corn Exchange in a bid to cut losses. But 'popular' acts such as comedians Phil Cool & Victoria Wood and big-time rock groups like Motorhead and David Essex have proved a massive success. In just nine months the Corn Exchange has been established as an important venue with plenty of sell-outs and successes. This has led to

agents asking if their acts can play there. David Essex, Courtney Pine, The Shadows and the Drifters are amongst those whose managements have approached them. 87 10 21

1987 10 22
Staff at the County Council's emergency centre in the grounds of Shire Hall learned a few lessons last week during the hurricane. The bunker has a television but no radio to receive local or national reports. However during the gales the television stations were off the air, so a radio is now to be brought in. The Home Office refused to pay for a fridge, freezer or microwave but these will now be purchased. A generator can provide power for 30 days and water is stored for the same period. The list of those who would use it is secret but would include top council officials, civic leaders and representatives of police, fire and ambulance. 87 10 22

1987 10 27
A multi-million-pound shopping, hotel, cinema and parking project planned for south Trumpington by Marks and Spencer and Tesco has been scrapped. The vast hypermarket-type development attracted more complaints than any other single planning application ever made in Cambridge. It would have been on green belt land, where building was banned and the city had shown no support. Residents say this is a wonderful day and there will be great rejoicing in the Trumpington area. 87 10 27

Joshua Taylor, the 127-year-old Cambridge department store is up for sale. The Taylor family say they can no longer carry on in the face of fierce competition from national shop chains. The sale is expected to excite nationwide interest. Three factors have brought about the decision: the need to refit the two shops, a rent review due in 1990 and pending changes in the rating system. The retail market is fast changing and premises must be constantly upgraded. Ironically the present year has been the best they have ever had 87 10 27

An overhead cable car system between St Ives and Cambridge has been suggested by the Willingham-based Alternative Transport Society as an alternative option to a rail link. There would be a lack of noise and fumes and cables would be high enough over level crossings, eliminating congestion. It would have simple platforms for alighting with cars slowed automatically by computer control and the total all-weather system would ensure safe and reliable transport. But opponents describe it as a non-starter and just pie in the sky. 87 10 27b # c.26.2

1987 10 28
Consortium Development, the largest housing construction group in the country, announced plans for a new town in the fens. The proposals were unveiled minutes before the Government inquiry into the Structure Plan entered its final phases of dealing with proposed new townships. The combined finances of the consortium, which includes Barratt, Wimpey and Laing, ensures it has the strength to go ahead with the development of homes for nearly 8,000 people between Wilburton and Stretham. But three-quarters of local villagers are completely opposed and will do all they can to stop it. 87 10 28

Joshua Taylor history – 87 10 28a & b # c.27.2

1987 10 29
Kneesworth House was dubbed 'another Broadmoor' by frightened local people before it opened as a home for disturbed for mentally-ill patients, the first private mental hospital of its type. Many of the rooms in the Edwardian mansion are closed with locked peripheral doors. There are no seriously violent or dangerous patients and each day they are escorted from the closed area to take part in various activities, therapy sessions, educational classes or to the swimming pool and gym. Now the owners, American Medical International hope to expand with an adolescent and young people's unit 87 10 29

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1987 11 02
John Major may be Conservative Party chairman – 87 11 02

Churchill Service Station, on the corner of Huntingdon and Victoria Roads, has been sold to oil giant Texaco and will be renamed Star Cambridge. They plan to turn the garage workshop area into a supermarket, expanding the grocery section which has been serving the local community for several years. Its founder, Tom Sharpley, moved to Cambridge from Benfleet in 1976, initially selling Chevron fuel. He has mixed feelings: "I have met some horrible creatures in the business but also some first-class people while I've been here". 87 11 02a # c.26.48

1987 11 03
Mini skirts are back in fashion – even the Duchess of York has been seen stepping out in a skirt which exposed the royal knee. Snob in Market Street has pleated minis, knitted minis, straight minis – the style does not matter. For evenings they have frothy, flared minis which are teamed with stiff net petticoats and clingy 'hunza' dresses. Mini-wearer Nim Bruce of Mill Street says: "It doesn't matter if you've got good legs or not – they are frivolous and fun" 87 11 03

Peppercorns delicatessen and health food business began two years ago with an idea and a sandwich delivery round. Edmund and Christopher Bliss opened a shop in Cherry Hinton but it wasn't large enough, so when the chance came to take on a shop in Mill Road they were eager to do so. Now they have opened another in Grantchester Road. As well as coffee and bread they sell cheese such as Cornish Yarg and English Cheddar which at £1.10p per lb is a popular buy with students. 87 11 03a.

Your new Debenhams is here at the Grafton Centre! Step into a new shopping experience and discover the delights of Debenhams. Floor upon floor of fashion and home furnishing to please both eye and pocket. And to celebrate our opening we've some really special offers including a range of fondues, Meyer Tensi Cookware, Oneida 44-piece stainless steel canteen (£149), Royal Doulton 'Delphi bone china 18-piece tea set (£75). Late night shopping Wednesdays till 8pm. (Advertisement) 87 11 03b # c.27.2

1987 11 04
The family-run small works roofing and plumbing company of TR Freeman began trading from a terraced house in Histon Road in 1887. Their early customers were Cambridge colleges who demanded an exacting standard of work on superb buildings and companies in the Freeman Group still work for them, fulfilling the need for traditional skills using traditional materials. The firm has expanded into an internationally operating combine with a workforce of more than 300. Now celebrating its centenary, it is shortly to move into new corporate headquarters on the outskirts of Cambridge 87 11 04 # c.23

1987 11 05
The average teenager smokes, drinks and spends up to £10 a week on records, clothes and going to discos, a new survey of schoolchildren reveals. They seek romance early, with about a third having a steady boy or girl friend by the age of 11. The majority spend one to three hours a night watching television while most 16-year-olds drink alcohol at least once a week and two-thirds have taken up smoking. Pocket money ranges from between £1-£3 for 11-13 year-olds with older teenagers getting up to £10 87 11 05

Ferry Path houses once threatened with demolition – review – 87 11 05a # c.44.6

Vision Park, the controversial office and high-tech development in Histon, has gained a major first tenant which suggests that the developers were right in thinking Histon was an acceptable business location. Construction of a second phase on the former Chivers site across Station Road started in August. Barclays Bank is taking half of the first completed building to replace their head office above the bank in Bene't Street. The move follows Lloyds Bank's decision to take a large headquarters

block at Castle Park, Shire Hall and Midland's move of its management team to Parkers House in Regent Street. 87 11 05b

Trumpington Mothers' Union history – 87 11 05c

1987 11 10
Shadows at Corn Exchange – 87 11 10 # c.69

Abbey United match in 1913 – predates United history – 87 11 10a # c.38 : football

1987 11 11
Sydney Cockerell, the Grantchester bookbinder who helped preserved some of the world's most important works has died, aged 81. An expert at restoring and repairing ancient manuscripts and early books, he revived the art of marbling paper. He bound works by Wordsworth, Milton and Tennyson and he designed and tooled binding for the House of Commons Book of Remembrance and many historic volumes. He was awarded the OBE and received an honorary degree from Cambridge University. 87 11 11 # c.25

Cambridge's gallows are up for sale – but it is unlikely they will be coming 'home'. Their owner, a Nottingham policeman, is asking £10,000 for them. This is well out of reach of the city's museums, said John Goldsmith, County Museums Officer, whose office at Shire Hall stands on the site of the former gaol. The gallows stood in Cambridge from around 1860 to 1930 and were used five times to execute murderers. The first hanging took place in 1864, the last in 1913 87 11 11a # c.34.9

1987 11 12
Tempsford School has been transformed into a small stained glass factory – 87 11 12

Bacons tobacconist materials to be sold by auction – 87 11 12a

A second chapel may be built at Cambridge Crematorium because of long waiting lists for funerals. Last year there were well over 3,000 cremations – 87 11 12b

The Windmill School at Fulbourn provides first-class facilities for children with severe learning difficulties. Originally it was known as the Ida Darwin School and catered for profoundly handicapped children resident in the hospital. The only access is through the Hospital grounds where children see adult patients who have been institutionalised for many years. Now they are appealing for their own entrance 87 11 12c

1987 11 13
Cavendish Laboratory awarded grants for research projects which could make the silicon chip obsolete and modify the radio telescope – 87 11 13

Death radar pioneer John Ratcliffe – 87 11 13

1987 11 16
An old broken-down 1930s Fordson tractor has been painted red, blue and green and given a new lease of life as a toy for primary schoolchildren at Girton Glebe school. – 87 11 16

Garden House Hotel's expansion plans include a glass-walled swimming and leisure centre with pool, squash court, saunas and solaria. There would be an extension housing 16 bedrooms, each of which would have a balcony, together with six two-bedroom apartments with kitchens, designed for longer-stay residents such as senior managers or academics. These will run along the east bank of the River Cam and be screened by trees. In addition there will be bed-sitters for staff and a two-storey car park. This would complete the hotel's business plan. But there have been criticism from preservationists. 87 11 16a # c.27.45

1987 11 17
One of Cambridge's most picturesque pubs, the Fort St George, has been completely renovated and revitalised. But it has not lost its charm now the old photographs and oars have been rehung and the old hearth is lit by a roaring fire on cold evenings. Until the 1830s it was surrounded by water with the river on one side and a toll house on the other. Now it is encircled by bicycle trails and there is parking for motorists just across the footbridge. 87 11 17 # c.27.4

1987 11 18
Caxton Gibbet Inn has been born again. A year ago the only sound was dripping water in the empty building. Now it is alive with the sound of clinking glasses and dishes being prepared by a chef who has worked at the Dorchester. The new owners have spent a fortune renovating it and plan to expand with a 20 room motel on the present car park. They have also adopted the adjacent gibbet and given it three coats of varnish to protect it 87 11 18

1987 11 19
King's Cross tube station fire, local casualties – 87 11 19 & a

Burlington Press, Foxton, install new machine 87 11 19b & c

1987 11 20
Townsend Toys and Cycles in Burleigh Street is a family firm set up nearly 100 years ago in Norfolk Street. This Christmas top sellers include a range of small animal characters, 'Sylvanian Families' featuring McBurrows moles, Slydale foxes and Treefellow owls while the Manta Force spacecraft comes complete with vehicles and spacemen inside. Since the BMX craze slackened off some devotees have switched their attention to skateboards; beginners can select a plastic board for £12 while a professional can spend £200. 87 11 20 & a

1987 11 21
Orwell windmill converted into house – 87 11 21

1987 11 23
Researchers at the University Engineering Department believe that developments in superconductors could result in roads on which vehicles would levitate without wheels and tiny pieces of household equipment. – 87 11 23 # c.36.9

1987 11 24
First phase of Redevelopment of the Beehive Shopping Centre on Coldham's Lane complete – 87 11 24 # c.27.2

1987 11 25
Dona Haycraft new book of photographs – 87 11 25 & a

1987 11 26
A new pumping station at Upware, commissioned by Swaffham Internal Drainage Board, replaces an old diesel system dating back to 1929. Consulting engineer, Keith Stacey, says it was constructed in seven months by their own direct labour and they are pleased with the result. The new station has the capacity to pump 178 tons of water per minute into the River Cam from 12,000 acres of adjacent fenland. 87 11 26 # c.29

1987 11 27
Anson Packaging's new £1.5 million extension to its production space was opened by the Mayor of Ely, Coun. Margaret Gordon-Potts. The firm, which started in 1971 at St Ives with 12 staff , moved to the site of the former Haddenham railway station in 1977. It now operates 24 hours a day, seven days

a week and employs 300 people. They are a leading producer of thermoformed plastic packaging for the food trade and an approved supplier to Marks & Spencer 87 11 27

1987 11 30
Melbourn-based PA Technology is behind the launch of a pioneering public phone service. ZonePhones are second-generation cordless telephones designed for use in the home, office or street. Owners of the new equipment, which will retail for about £250, can use base stations at distances of more than 200 yards. Its operation is entirely digital with speech transmitted over British Telecom's system like an ordinary call. In time mobile telephones and mobile data terminals will become as common as the ordinary telephone is today, they predict 87 11 30 # c.27.75

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1987 12 01
Cambus has bought the entire coach operation of arch rivals Premier Travel. Premier, founded in 1936 has dominated the Cambridge travel scene in recent years and is expecting record profits. It has a fleet of 75 coaches based in Kings Hedges Road and all 129 employees in the coach division will become employees of Cambus. Earlier this year the two companies started a joint venture involving a travel centre at Drummer Street bus station. 87 12 01 # c.26.46

1987 12 02
A 60-year-old landmark in Saffron Walden has been taken apart at the seams and is now just a pile of old scrap metal. The massive 30ft high steel gas container, which has dominated the Thaxted Road corner since 1927, was sliced into sections and each panel swung over to vacant land on the British Gas site. Now that the walls of the container, last used about a year ago, have been removed, only the steel floor remains to be taken up before the area is ready for development 87 12 02

1987 12 03
A major multi-million-pound expansion scheme for the Garden House Hotel has been thrown out by planners who fear it would encroach on 'sacrosanct' land. Opponents had complained the proposals would destroy the open character of Sheeps Green and Coe Fen. Others were worried about traffic congestion. The planning officer said the original Garden House had grown into a hotel served from narrow streets. "It would be quite clearly wrong to extend further with urban scale development into a tongue of land between two critical open pieces of land", he said. 87 12 03 # c.27.45

Cambridge has never offered a better selection of eating establishments according to three food guides. Midsummer House, opened last year, features in all of them but Twenty-Two on Chesterton Road provides probably the best food in Cambridge. The Free Press serves some of the best pub food in East Anglia while the Shao Tao is smarter than the average provincial Chinese restaurant. Outside Cambridge there is praise for the Old Fire Engine House at Ely, Fenland Lodge at Stuntney and the St Ives Motel. 87 12 03a

1987 12 08
Businessmen behind a proposed £1m ski and leisure complex at Cherry Hinton have pledged to work with conservationists to preserve wildlife on the site at Lime Kiln Hill. If built it would feature the longest dry ski slope in England, a toboggan run, ski-hire facilities, a play area, pet's corner and a lake. But the end nearest to houses in Queen Edith's Way would remain a nature reserve. However some residents fear the development would be the 'thin end of the wedge' 87 12 08

1987 12 09
The announcement that a flight of Cruise missiles based at RAF Molesworth will be the first to go under the superpowers' INF agreement prompted celebrations amongst peace campers. Protestors danced around a blazing model of a cruise missile outside the base. But the campers, who celebrate their sixth anniversary at Molesworth on Saturday, vow they will continue until all equipment has

been removed from the base. The landlord of the Red Lion pub at Clopton said he welcomed the agreement. 87 12 09

1987 12 10
Cambridge University is to establish an important new Chair in neurology from a £1.2 million fund set up to forge closer links with the East Anglian Regional Health Authority. Neurology embraces all aspects of the nervous system and the new professor's task will have links with research into a whole range of diseases from multiple sclerosis to Aids 87 12 10 # c.36.9

Unsafe classrooms at schools throughout Cambridgeshire will be demolished and replaced. The run-down Horsa classrooms – Hutted Operation for Raising the School Leaving Age – were built to house the booming school rolls of the 1940s but are now in poor condition. Not all will be replaced and some playgroups which have been using them will lose their premises. "No-one likes a school to lose a useful facility, but the safety of pupils in out buildings must come first" said the Geoffrey Morris, chief education officer 87 12 10a

1987 12 11
Anthony Day was born into a farming faming in the fenland village of Wicken only yards away from his present cottage 65 years ago. As a youth he tried farming and after completing war service was accepted into the Cambridge School of Art, then studying at Reading University. He took various jobs to help him survive as an artist, shifting scenery at the Arts Theatre and taking evening classes but would go out on his motor cycle on painting expeditions into the fens. They provided him with an endless source of new material and now his pictures are fetching prices in the region of £300. They can be seen on the walls of many houses in the area 87 12 11

1987 12 14
The Government is being asked to stop a controversial housing development planned for the Clay Farm site at Trumpington. Local MPs want the land to be designated as Green Belt as they fear the development of 100-plus houses would automatically open the door for almost 1,000 others. There is great public hostility to such housing on the open farmland. Housing giant Bovis Homes want to build 57 large houses, 33 small ones and 23 old people's flats on a 12-acre site off Long Road 87 12 14 # c.49.4
1987 12 14
When it comes to housing, Cambridge is a victim of its own economic success. A traditional flow of brains drawn to the university has been bolstered by a growing influx of well-paid works attracted by a booming high-tech sector. Pressure has been immense resulting in rocketing property prices. More and more native Cambridge people are being squeezed out of the property market: 35 per cent of locals can not afford to buy, with an average home costing £70,000. Private housebuilders say they are hampered by the Green Belt while Councils are struggling against a Government keen on ending their roles in housing provision. There are 4,000 people on the city council waiting list, many of whom will never get a home 87 12 14b # c.23

Paradise Street, a young Cambridge band, have released an album of songs most written by members of the group, all pupils of Netherhall School. The band – originally known as Captain Kirk and the Klingon Army Choir - formed when Mark Curtis, Ben Coombes, John Evans and brothers Mark and Paul Pocock were asked to do something for the school disco. Their music is loud and raunchy, influenced by Kiss and Motley Crue, though the lyrics are more on the lines of Marillion or Genesis. They have sent a copy of their tape to rock magazine 'Kerrang' but are not planning to approach record companies nor enter the pop world full-time just yet. A-levels have more priority 87 12 14d # c.69

Champagne flowed at RAF Molesworth as hundreds of peace protestors celebrated the signing of the historic INF treaty. Campaigners festooned barbed wire fences with balloons and banners to mark the deal which will eventually eliminate the medium-range nuclear weapons deployed at bases used by the Americans. Elsewhere children from Histon and Impington took part in a peace celebration quiz;

the youngest winner, Alex Mervart (8) received a £1 voucher from the Rev Tony Barker of Histon Baptist Church 87 12 14c

1987 12 15
The Isle of Ely Full Bore Gun Club, which meets at Mepal, says that proposed new firearm legislation in the wake of the Hungerford massacre would not deter a madman like Michael Ryan who used an AK47 Kalashnikov rifle to kill 16 people. The proposals affect firearms including self-loading and pump-action rifles and shotguns as well as burst-fire guns. At the Isle club more than one in five members could be forced to hand over around £13,000 worth of guns used for years without incident. They have protested to John Major MP 87 12 15

1987 12 16
Addenbrooke's Hospital £1million cleaning contract has been a disaster, health chiefs admit. It led to the longest-running dispute in the hospital's history with health workers picketing the gates for 17 months in protest against cuts in cleaning time. One operation had to be cancelled when blood and bone fragments were found on a theatre floor. Cleaning is still not satisfactory in many areas and contractors have had problems recruiting staff on low wages. 87 12 16

1987 12 18
Cherry Hinton level crossing is being restored by volunteers at the Museum of Technology in Cheddars Lane, Cambridge. The aim is to resite the crossing somewhere in the area on private land. Former mayor John Woodhouse, who has campaigned against British Rail replacing the gates with automatic barriers will be asked to perform the opening ceremony 87 12 18

1987 12 21
The Maharajah, a stylish new Indian restaurant, has opened in a former Castle Street pub but now has an interior decorated with original hand painted silk pictures creating an up-market image. It specialises in authentic Indian cooking with a particular emphasis on Kahari food served on sizzling plates. Pasanda and Tandoori Shaleeka dishes are recommended for those seeking a milder flavour while Jalfreesi, made using fresh green chillis, is popular with established Indian food lovers. A special feature is a Sunday lunchtime buffet when diners can sample various dishes. 87 12 21 # c.27.47

1987 12 22
More than 500 Christmas turkeys, chicken and geese went under the hammer at Cambridge's turkey auction. Prices for turkeys from 62-83p per lb while chickens fetched 62-72p lb The biggest seller was a king-sized 35lb stag turkey. Meanwhile Mrs Thatcher's turkey, specially selected from Valley Farm, Meldreth, was personally delivered to Downing Street in a limousine by farm owner Tony Burlton who started rearing turkeys at the farm 21 years ago. It was prepared for the oven by the farm's butcher, Brian Collins and taken to a London florist to receive the final presentation treatment 87 12 22

1987 12 23
The Cambridge Talking Newspaper for the Blind, one of the first in the country, faces closure. Martin Gienke, one of the founders and is its wizard technician, is leaving after 13 years. They are also short of an editor and four or five writers who can commit about 10 hours every three weeks. The service is always short of cash and the cost of replacing tape equipment is a constant drain on resources. But the paper is eagerly awaited by 250 blind people and is their lifeline with news of the region 87 12 23b

The Chairman of East Cambridgeshire District Council has hit back at opponents of its bid to establish a new town in the Wilburton area. A major row has blown up after Wilburton Parish Council said it had lost all confidence in their integrity. The villagers fear a town half the size of Ely would swamp the existing community. But the District Council welcomes the development. It is one of about 20 sites and if the Inspector rejects it, one of the others would be chosen, he says 87 12 23

Cambridge planners back Cherry Hinton chalk pit ski-centre plans – 87 12 23a

1987 12 24
Frantic food shoppers put supermarket under siege, crowding stores to bursting point and some people with full trolleys abandoned their goods after waiting for more than an hour to get through the checkouts at Sainsbury's in Coldham's Lane. Outside a tail-back of cars stretched for hundreds of yards as more tried to park. At Bar Hill Tesco's shoppers queued half an hour before opening time and Marks and Spencer shelves were stripped bare after fears that food supplies would run down over the Christmas shut-down. 87 12 24

The cost of restoring St Andrew the Great church is now so high that only bug business interests can help, planners say 87 12 24a

1987 12 28
Christmas celebrations – 87 12 28

Cambs Society for Blind given a tandem – 87 12 28a

Language schools charge high prices for bed & breakfast accommodation but pay landladies far less – 87 12 28b

1987 12 29
Bargain hunters were out in their thousands as sale fever hit Cambridge. Shoppers queued right into Sidney Street as they waited for the doors to open at Eaden Lilley while Joshua Taylor said they had never seen a sale go as well. Woolworths' record department was the most popular with people spending their Christmas money and vouchers. At MFI furniture store all lines were selling well and there were long tailbacks in Coldham's Lane as people waited to get on to the Coral Park Trading Estate 87 12 29

Procyon Research began at Cavendish when research students produced an interface for the BBC Computer; compiles programmes for industry – 87 12 29a # c.27.5

1987 12 30
Dennis of Grunty Fen a roaring success on Radio Cambridgeshire - 87 12 30 & a

1987 12 31
Bourn Hall test-tube baby centre has 1,000th baby on Boxing Day – 87 12 28c; pioneers Steptoe & Edwards get CBEs, 87 12 31

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1988 01 02
City Bargains in Mill Road is shutting up shop, closing a chapter in Cambridge history. It is one of the last traditional general stores where even the prices are rung up in pounds, shillings and pence and converted by mental arithmetic to decimal. They sold most things, from a packet of pins to a pram and were renowned for supplying anything buyers wanted Former market stall holder Dennis Capon and his wife, who have run it for 27 years, have happy memories of their customers: "They'd come here for a laugh and a chat and got to know us". 88 01 02a

Premier Travel, one of Cambridge's biggest coach firms, has been bought out by its management after an earlier deal with Cambus fell through. Its founder, Arthur Lainson is delighted the company will be retaining its identity. Premier Travel, founded in 1936, has dominated the local travel scene with a fleet of 75 coaches based in Kings Hedges Road. The travel part of the business, which includes 14 travel agencies across East Anglia, is to be sold off separately. 88 01 02 # c.26.46

1988 02 05
Crippling mortgage repayments are spiralling householders deeper and deeper into debt. Research shows that 'Dumpies- – Desperately Underfinanced Mortgage Paupers – find the upkeep of their newly-purchased homes and the cost of their mortgages often exceeds their income. Familybase says that in Cambridge the average income of people who went for debt counselling was £89.63 and essential expenditure came to £82. This left £7.63 a week to pay off the average £5,519 debt. 88 01 05

Pye Unicam, direct descendant of the original W.G. Pye instrument company founded in 1896 has now changed its name to Philips Scientific. It was formed from the merger of W.F. Pye and Unicam in 1947 and was the last of the Cambridge companies to keep the name Pye in its title. It has now been recognised as a group with four divisions including the once separate Philips Communications and Security in Cromwell Road. It specialises in making analytical instruments for laboratory use, much of which is sold to Eastern Europe and the Far East 88 01 05 history of company – 88 01 05a, 88 01 06 & a # c.27.1

The Crossroads Care Attendance Scheme began in 1974 with TV's 'Crossroads' serial after 'Meg Richardson' raised money for a nurse to help cope with a paraplegic character. ATV turned fiction into fact and a real attendance scheme was formed. A Cambridge group now helps 30 local families using paid employees, rather than volunteers, to provide a professional level of service. It has received funding from Cambridge Rotaract – the Junior Rotary Club – whose members sold mince pies to shoppers and sang carols. 88 01 05b

1988 01 07
A plan to transform the church of St Andrew the Great into a shopping arcade has been thrown out by the city council. A similar scheme was rejected after 500 letters of objection were received. A pressure group hopes to protect the church from commercial use and retain it for Christian worship. But the cost of renovating the building has rocketed and the Bishop of Ely fears the long delays mean it can never be restored. Closed more than three years ago, the 145-year-old building contains a memorial to Captain Cook the explorer and a peal of eight bells 88 01 07

A taxi guard of honour lined Cherry Hinton High Street in tribute to John Phillips, the big-hearted former cabbie who helped raise millions of pounds for health care. Twenty-seven cars were on parade as the funeral cortege made its way to St Andrew's Church which was packed with mourners including past and present Mayors and MPs. Mr Phillips was a former director of United Taxis and ran his own firm. He was chairman of an appeal for Addenbrooke's Hospital scanner unit opened by

Prince Charles in 1981 and a magnetic response scanner opened by the Duchess of Kent last year. 88 01 07a

Oakington and Longstanton villagers are fighting the Army's proposals to build a mock battlefield near their homes. Two lakes would be dug out to create a series of mounds for general infantry training and another for practice helicopter landings. As the Army is not subject to normal planning rules it could use bulldozers noisier than four combine harvesters, which would be unbearable, residents complain. But SCDC say the airfield has been there 47 years and troops must be trained somewhere 88 01 07b

A new railway station designed to ease Cambridge's worsening transport problems could be sited near the A10 at Milton, says British Rail. No costs for the 'Cambridge Parkway' halt have yet been worked out but BR would almost certainly look for cash from the community to build the new station and car park. Last year the City and County Councils provided £125,000 help pay for new crossing gates at Cherry Hinton 88 01 07c # c.26.2

Newmarket 1914-19 – new book – 88 01 07d

1988 01 13
Cambridge cyclists may become the first in the country to face on-the-spot fines for 'the stupid and irresponsible riding which is now reaching epidemic proportions' Councillors are asking the Government to start a pilot scheme which would allow police to impose instant fines in the same way they do on errant motorists. They want it introduced before the annual influx of foreign language students, often criticised for their bad cycling. Police say they would welcome the suggestion. The Government is already giving nearly £1 million for the building of the longest experimental cross-city cycleway in the country. 88 01 13

Plough Monday celebrations were held at Balsham, Fenstanton and Elsworth where the Cromwell Molly dancers from Great Gransden led a procession of villagers to both pubs, The Poacher and the George and Dragon. They also stopped at a beamed cottage, formerly the Plough pub where, after rolling back the carpet, the dancers sang and jigged to traditional tunes wearing hobnailed boots and decorated clothes. One of the men dressed as a milkmaid – but kept his boots on. At Fenstanton the dancers followed the historical ritual of blacking their faces and donning country costumes before a torch-lit procession from the church to the Chequers, George Inn and the Tudor Hotel. 88 01 13a

1988 01 14
Victoria cinema, p5
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1988 01 15
Lights went up for the last time at the Victoria Cinema as the final performance of its last show came to an end. As the audience left after seeing 'Spaceballs' or 'Predator', manager Richard Wright reflected on the cinema's long history. Memories of MGM musicals, Saturday morning minors and all-night horror shows came flooding back. Mick Wells, who has been the chief projectionist for 24 years recalled the halcyon days when 'South Pacific' ran for two solid years and 'The Sound of Music' for three. Now the building on Cambridge Market Hill will make way for a new Marks and Spencer store. 88 01 15 # c.76.9

Cambridge police have moved into the high-tech age; now suspects at Parkside will have their interviews recorded on tape instead of laboriously taken down in writing. Five new interview rooms have been fitted with a special recording machine and a sensitive microphone fitted to the wall. Tapes will be kept for six years and a new civilian post of a tape librarian has been created. A suspect in a simple shoplifting case can now be in and out of the interview rooms within a quarter of an hour instead of the hour it used to take. 88 01 15a # c.34.7

1988 01 19
A revolutionary new compost being cooked up on a Cambridgeshire farm could reduce stubble burning and provide a cheaper way of disposing of sewage in future. Anglian Water has perfected a technique mixing sewage sludge and waste straw to produce old-fashioned, organically rich "farmyard manure" on a farm at Woodhurst which produces compost for mushroom production. They see it as an exciting departure in sludge disposal. 88 01 19

1988 01 20
A desperate shortage of hotel accommodation and a dismal nightlife is putting off people visiting Cambridge, a report says. The closure of the Victoria Cinema is part of a long-term decline in entertainment in the city centre and with the exception of the Corn Exchange, little has been done to encourage more. But plans for the Cambridge Heritage Centre at St Giles' church and a leisure pool at Parkside are going ahead. 88 01 20

More than 2,000 houses in Cambridge are used as bed-sits, care homes or for bed and breakfast, according to council figures. Many can be sub-standard with poor conditions, inadequate fire escapes and too many cars and bicycles parked outside which can lead to severe traffic problems. The growth in bed-sits have been prompted by booming businesses fed by mobile young people, thriving tourism, low-paid workers in an expensive city and a big student population. A fall in council house building has made things worse and the new Housing Bill looks likely to create more money for landlords. 88 01 20

Futons, the Japanese form of bedding, is gaining in popularity. Now a new shop, Futopia, has opened in Mill Road 88 01 20a

1988 01 21
One of Cambridgeshire's busiest roads is to be ripped up and rebuilt, meaning a traffic jam nightmare. A two-mile stretch of the concrete-surfaced A604 Huntingdon bypass between Godmanchester and the Spittals link – opened just 13 years ago – is breaking up and could take at least eight months to fix. Numerous repairs have been made on the concrete surface – built as an alternative to bitumen during the 70s oil crisis – but the road has continued to crack. The Department of Transport says that traffic flows have been much heavier than forecast which has reduced the estimated life of the road from 40 years to 22. 88 01 21

Brilliant Cambridge mathematician and physicist, Professor Stephen Hawking, has been awarded a major cash prize by the Israeli Wolf Foundation. Prof Hawking, 46, who is confined to a wheelchair by a muscle-wasting disease, is a world authority on the scientific phenomenon of black holes. He has been Professor of Mathematics since 1979 and has collected a host of honours for his pioneering research 88 01 21a

1988 01 22
Road, rail and air services were all thrown into chaos as heavy snow brought mayhem 88 01 22 # c.12.1

The Cambridge Rock Group Competition saw 1,000 fans jammed into the Corn Exchange to support the seven bands battling out for places in the semi-final. The gentle jazz-rock group, Curious, featured the magnificent vocals of Hilary Bailey and her 10-string Chapman stick bass which gave them a clean sound, Bogus Renegades were impressive for their years but Turn to Blue's squeaky clean pop was not fashionable in this competition. In the end it was the dynamic Nutmeg and Indiscretion who took the honours. 88 01 22a # c.69

1988 01 23
Booming Mid Anglia has just had its most buoyant year ever – 88 01 23

The Government is to give top priority to the A1-M1 link road through Cambridgeshire, starting at the Brampton roundabout and following the existing A604 past Bythorne to join the M1 at Cathorpe. 88 01 23a

1988 01 25
Duchess of York expecting a baby – 88 01 25
King's College lost millions of pounds when the stock market crashed last autumn, its bursar has admitted. 88 01 25a

1988 01 26
Joshua Taylor, one of Cambridge's most prestigious department stores has been sold. The new owner, London property developers Arlington Security plans to retain the name and upmarket image. Each of the 160 staff have their jobs guaranteed and will get an average loyalty bonus of £1,500. Included in the deal are the main Sidney Street shop, the Bridge Street houseware shop and the Taylor family's academic robe-making business. The deal ends three months of doubt over the 128-year-old store's future following the Taylor family's decision to sell up in the face of fierce competition from national chains 88 01 26 # c.27.2

Joice Taylor of Girton comes from an academic family. She has organised the Cambridge Lectures for young people which have run each Christmas at the University Engineering Department from 1963. Under the chairman, Dr Ronald Gray, the lectures by experts in their field cover topics such as spiders, snakes and scorpions, how the weather is forecast, a talk by Mary Archer about solar energy [and even some by a young Mike Petty]. 88 01 26a # c.37.9

1988 01 27
Cambridge's £1.2 million dry ski slope plan has been approved. The slope, together with a ski lodge, club facilities and space for 200 cars, will be built in the disused chalk pit at Lime Kiln Road. Councillors were split: some said it would be a very useful asset for a city where there are few facilities for young people. But others were fearful of traffic problems and the effect on wildlife 88 01 27

The chimney of the Blue Circle cement works on Coldham's Lane is the last remnant of more than 75 years of cement production in Cambridge. It stands alone on the 70-acre site which ceased production in 1984. It opened in 1908 as the Norman cement works and was frequently modernised with a new kiln installed in 1948. It finally closed in June after being a grinding and distribution plant for its last three years. Mystery still surrounds the future of the site which is still partly used as a waste dumping ground in a former quarry 88 01 27a # c.27

Victoria Cinema staff recall history – 88 01 27b # c.76.9

1988 01 28
Cambridge will have a dry ski slope together with a ski lodge, club house, restaurant and parking for 200 cars at Lime Kiln Road. The development, set in 20 acres, will be the biggest dry ski slope of its kind in England with a toboggan run and practice cliff face. The site was once a Roman burial ground and an Iron Age Fort and opponents claim wildlife and plants would be put at risk. But planning permission was granted by one vote. 88 01 28

Henry Button is a civil servant who won the BBC's Brain of Britain. Quiz in 1962. On retirement he became a registered tour guide and still takes about 60 parties each year. Henry has an obsession for facts which started when the Guinness Book of Records was pushed in 1955. Now he is an honorary consultant to the world-famous book. Writing to newspapers is another of his hobbies and he has had more than 30 letters published in The Times, many helping readers to solve a problem. Now he has compiled a Cambridge quiz as part of the News' centenary celebrations. 88 01 28a

1988 01 29

Plans to build 200 houses on 15 acres of land at Home Farm, Longstanton, have been turned down twice by SCDC. But they could now go ahead provided developers are willing to pay for a by-pass 88 01 29

Easter fair on Midsummer Common cancelled to help grass recover – 88 01 29a

1988 01 30
Cambridge suffered its worst night of flooding in 10 years as Anglian Water put the city on red alert. Emergency services were put on standby as residents in the Riverside area barricaded their homes with sandbags as water rose dangerously high. At Byron's Pool the water level was three-feet above Norman and several roads were completely closed to traffic. Firemen through the area were called out to householders suffering from flooding and motorists were trapped in their cars by rising water 88 01 30 # c.12.5

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1988 02 01
The Mayor paid tribute to the city's chief planning officer, David Urwin, describing his death as a tragic blow to the whole of Cambridge. A graduate of Selwyn College, he spent most of his career with the city council, beginning as a junior planner and working his way through the ranks. 88 02 01 # c.49.4

One of Cambridge's best-known landmarks was removed from the skyline as the chimney at the 70-acre Blue Circle cement works in Coldham's Lane went out in style. The surrounding roads were full of cars before a sudden and extremely loud bang rang out. In a few seconds the old chimney took a clean dive to the ground and was reduced to a pile of rubble. The Norman cement works had opened in 1908 and frequently modernised, finally closing last June. For the last three years it was used as a grinding and distribution plant 88 02 01a # c.27

1988 02 02
George Reynolds was a loveable tramp who lived by a cabbage patch at the bottom of a garden in Coton for 30 years. 'Old George', thought to have run away from home as a teenager, was a well-known character. He built himself a shack made from old timber, plastic, corrugated iron sheets and other assorted rubbish where he did his cooking over an open fire, slept on newspapers and occasionally had a wash in an old tin bath outside his hut. He was likeable and completely harmless and will be missed by everybody 88 02 02

1988 02 03
Cambridge's nurses took to the city's streets for a day of action – and praised the public for backing their battle to save the NHS. More than 100 nurses marched from Shire Hall to Addenbrooke's Hospital where at a mass rally they spoke about their low pay and poor working conditions. Wages range from £5,400 for a newly-trained nurse (worth about £11,934 today) up to £12,000(£26,500) for a sister. But a bed-sitter cost £100 a week - what many nurses take home in net pay. Some can claim supplementary benefit, even though they are in full-time employment, and many have to 'moonlight' in shops and bars. 88 02 03, 88 02 08

College boatmen restore and repair rowing eights and fours which are easily damaged during practice or racing. Thy fix shoes, slides and stretchers needing attention. The number of boats has doubled since women's rowing came into its own. Alf Twin is 72 and for 53 years worked at the Cambridge University Boat Club. For seven years he served his apprenticeship under the senior boatman 'Cooey' Phillips, watching his master by day and attending classes at night. It was much more of a gentleman's sport in those days. Now the crews train harder and the boats are changing from wooden to plastic. 88 02 03a & b

1988 02 04

Education Secretary Kenneth Baker has given permission to turn St Bede's Roman Catholic School into a new inter-church school, one of only five in the country. It marks the final triumphant move in a turbulent chapter which almost ended with the secondary school being closed down after a drop in the number of pupils. It was reprieved following a determined battle by parents and teachers and headmistress Sister Dolores looks forward to an exciting future as a Christian secondary school for up to 600 Anglican and Roman Catholic children drawn from places as far apart as Littleport and St Neots 88 02 04.

Builders William Sindall have handed over the first new home in a new joint low-cost Cambridge housing scheme of 30 properties at Banff Close. The council provided the land for development and, in co-operation with Sindall, has made the houses available at prices well below market levels for people who would otherwise be on the council's waiting list. 88 02 04a

The Dog and Pheasant in High Street Chesterton is a true community pub with darts, crib, football and fishing teams. Originally it had three separate bars but these were combined into one in a modernisation plan completed in 1986. New kitchens have been installed with customers from nearby offices telephoning their lunch-time menu choices. The friendly 'family' pub has regulars aged from 18 to 80 who get on well together and a garden with play equipment for children. 88 02 04b

1988 02 05
A new 300-space multi-storey car park planned for Saxon Street – 88 02 05

1988 02 06
The Government has confirmed its refusal to lift the financial blockade in the way of Cambridge's controversial park-and-ride scheme. County conservatives, supported by MPs want to replace the scheme with something smaller linked to more off-street city centre parks. Now councils will have to sell land or property to raise enough money to start the scheme to ring the city with car parks linked to the centre by a frequent bus service. 88 02 06

1988 02 08
Nurses too poor to live in Cambridge – 88 02 08

The new Littlehey Prison in the grounds of the old Gaynes Hall borstal, may seem like a luxury hotel. Rooms have private lavatory and washing facilities, many with country views and the kitchens are finished to the highest standard. It has a magnificent gym, football and rugby pitches, a cricket field and all-weather sports area. There is a library where readers can order books, (though certain subjects such as drugs and firearms are banned), and three workshops. There is even a church. But it also has a 17ft floodlit fence. It will be home for 484 Category C prisoners serving from 18 months to life. 88 02 08a

Emergency plans have been drawn up for Hauxton residents in case of an accident involving two potentially deadly gases, chlorine and phosgene, at the Schering Agrochemicals plant. Should a siren sound people living within 1,500 metres are advised to go indoors, close widows and stay in a room facing away from the works. There have been two explosions over the past four years: 400 staff were evacuated after a can of fungicide exploded and in 1983 a building was destroyed following a blast in which six people were injured. But the company says it had never had any incidents which could cause a hazard to residents. 82 02 08b

1988 02 10
Cambridge United's Lotto, the soccer prize draw it runs with three other East Anglian club, is folding. The failure of the lottery after less than two years will mean of loss of revenue of around £2,000 for the club. United entered the scheme with Ipswich Town, Norwich City and Peterborough United in an attempt to salvage something from the disastrous national draw competition 'Top Score'. The Lotto worked well in the first year but interested dropped when the draw stopped being made live on television. When Peterborough pulled out it was no longer viable 88 02 10

1988 02 11
Hamilton Kerr institute – feature 88 02 11 & a

1988 02 12
University has withdrawn its application to demolish the historic main ward block of the disused Old Addenbrooke's Hospital. A £7 million research institute to be set up on another part of the site 88 02 12

Work begins on Quayside redevelopment – 88 02 12a

1988 02 15
Ken Humphries, one of Milton's best-known personalities, has died. His involvement in local government began in 1966 when he became clerk of the parish council before becoming a member in 1976. He represented the village on SCDC for 16 years, fighting for a village bypass and a footbridge over the A10. He was an enthusiastic local historian, assembling masses of material on Milton and was researching material for a village sign which would be a fitting memorial to his work. 88 02 15

1988 02 16
Boy Scout groups tracing history – feature - 88 02 16

1988 02 17
Three new railway stations at Cherry Hinton, Fulbourn and the Chittering area have been suggested in a County council report. But stations at Harston, Offord and Soham have been rejected on grounds of cost. British Rail plans to build a new 'parkway' station to the north of Cambridge to meet growing commuter passenger growth. But calls to re-open the Cambridge to St Ives freight line to passengers are firmly ruled out. It would cost £4.84 million, greatly outweighing potential income, consultants say 88 02 17

Prince Charles meets sponsors of Cambridge Enterprise Agency – 88 02 17a # c.02

1988 02 18
Cambridge Detective Agency operates from a home in Madras Road. In high-tech Cambridge industrial espionage is a danger every research company faces and domestic violence cases can turn very nasty. The most frightening job was to serve an eviction order on a group of campers in Thetford Forest. They were Hell's Angels with a habit of firing crossbow bolts through pub windows. But much of the work is tracing people, insurance investigations and divorce enquiries. The detective's wardrobe contains not only a pin-stripe suit but a host of disguises essential for surveillance such as false beards, moustaches and sideburns. When the agency started four years ago there were four private 'tecs in the city, now it is the only one. 88 02 18 & a # c.34.7

1988 02 19
King John's treasure may have been found after a 30-year search. Two Cambridge professors have unearthed particles of silver, gold and copper deep down in the fen between King's Lynn and Wisbech. They think is it part of the 13th century treasure which was lost in the Wash when the King's baggage train was caught by the tide in 1216. Now they want to use the latest scientific methods to date their finds. If this matches then a serious commercial excavation can be started. The treasure is reported to include more than 100 silver goblets, staffs of office studded with diamonds and a gold wand that was a present from the Pope. 88 02 19

David Urwin, the city's former planning head who died recently, is to be commemorated by annual environmental awards to promote good building, conservation and improvement schemes which make an outstanding contribution to the Cambridge townscape. One will cover major projects, the other small schemes such as shop fronts and will be assessed by panel of judges of national reputation. As the city's Chief Planning Officer, David did more than anyone in the past 20 years to shape the city's future 88 02 19a

1988 02 20
Cambridge is set for a battle of the booksellers after news that the Waring and Gillow furniture store in Sidney Street will be refurbished as Dillons Bookstore. 88 02 20 # c.25

1988 02 22
The Territorial Army staged a massive exercise as 300 soldiers firing blank ammunition brought war to the Cambridge area. Enemy forces were advancing from Haverhill, blowing up bridges on the A45 and imaginary infantrymen were sent to engage them. Countless 'casualties' were ferried by helicopter to the main dressing station at Oakington Barracks where they were treated by volunteers and doctors from Mid Anglia health services. One specialist unit was kept busy appeasing local residents' complaints about disturbances. 88 02 22 # c.45.8

1988 02 23
Royston's battle of the buses has begun as Premier Travel's new red, white and blue mini-buses picked up their first passengers on the town-link route. They offered free rides for pensioners although the normal rate will be 20p for a single journey. But there were only a handful of passengers taking advantage of them. Cambus will also offer free rides when it launches a rival service on Saturday though the regular fare will be 5p more. 88 02 23

The number of people seeking marriage guidance assistance has increased nearly 50 per cent in the last seven years, with 513 new cases in 1987. Today the 50-year-old National Marriage Guidance Council updates its image with a new name – Relate - and it is clear there is an ever-growing demand for its services. The next quarter century looks to be difficult with an increasing number of people from broken homes embarking on their own unions. Relate's job is to help people work their way through when they get stuck; their councillors have listened too long and too carefully to people's problems to suggest glib answers 88 02 23a

1988 02 24
Parkside Community College has been fighting officialdom since it opened 75 years ago. In 1913 the school faced the might of the British class system when many saw no reason why working class children should be educated 'above their station'. At the opening even the Mayor expressed doubts and a writer to the CDN urged that children of the working classes should be taught just the three Rs since roadsweepers, farm labourers and domestic servants would always be needed. Those who wished it could learn a trade later. Now it is celebrating its achievements. 80 02 24a

1988 02 25
An Australian economist predicts that by the year 2000 there would be large terraced houses in Cambridge costing £500,000. House prices can be expected to rise by at least eight per cent a year. The price of a terraced house north or east of the city centre has risen from £4,000 in 1970 to £35,000 in 1981 and is now (1988) £90,000 A flood of rich Londoners and foreigners will keep the heat on the housing market. There will be hope for first-time buyers and pressure on the private sector could push rents up drastically forcing workers to live further from the city 88 02 25

1988 02 26
Cambridge University Department of Geography was founded 100 years ago and trained surveyors for the colonial service. The first Professor, Frank Debenham was a member of Shackleton's artic expeditions, Prof Alfred Steers studied the British coastline while Prof Sir Clifford Darby analysed data in the Domesday survey. Today it concerns itself with satellite information, computerised data for mapping, the study of the environment and a host of other modern problems. 88 02 26

1988 02 29
Terrified householders, some in their night clothes, were evacuated when fire ripped through a St Ives firm, causing a major gas alert. Ambulance men ferried East Street residents to the police station after the F. Wilson printing company burst into flames. At the height of the blaze part of the timber

building collapsed into the street, scattering burning debris. The main building was razed to the ground but today production was continuing with other printers offering help. 88 02 29

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1988 03 01
Adrian Wright, Cambridge Register office – 88 03 01

Sarah Sturgess is the backbone of the Swaffham Bulbeck fire station. Fifty years ago she and her husband took it upon themselves to convert the barn at the back of their Sun pub into what is now a modern fire station. When the fire bell rang she would cycle round the village to round up the part-time firemen and in cold weather she would remove the spark plugs from the fire engine and put them in her Aga oven to make sure they would work when needed. Still, whatever time of day or night the men are called out she ensures there is a cup of tea and sandwiches waiting for them when they get back. Last year the service realised she was not going to retire so, on her 90th birthday, they threw a surprise party and presented her with a silver statuette of a fireman 88 03 01a

1988 03 02
The Rosie Maternity Hospital is experiencing a bumper baby boom - among its own midwives. No fewer than 14 of them are either pregnant or have just given birth. The first sign of the 'epidemic' came in the run-up to Christmas when a quick check among the 76 staff revealed 14 were pregnant. And there could be more – at the moment there are two more 'may-bes'. One midwife said, "It's remarkable. We have never known so many all pregnant at one time". All the babies will be born at the Rosie, one of the top hospitals in the country. But it does now need a crèche! 88 03 02

Mr 'Jimmy' Wild was a law student at Sidney Sussex College 75 years ago but in 1914 volunteered to go to the front. He returned to practice law in Cambridge in 1934 renting an office opposite Emmanuel College. Three years later he employed a young assistant, Roy Hewitson and the business flourished, moving to Sidney Street where they were joined by Peter Shaw. It is now one of the largest legal firms in East Anglia and has just relocated to Shakespeare House on Newmarket Road with a team of 23 partners and over 100 staff. 88 03 02a

1988 03 03
Jack Warren served on the city council for 30 years and was twice mayor of Cambridge. He was a staunch Labour Party member all his working life – much spent with the University's archaeology department. During the 1950s he was prominent in the squatters' housing rights movement, moving into disused army huts on Donkey Common in a bid to force the authorities to build more houses. Later he was involved in secret talks with multi-millionaire David Robinson aimed at building a new civic hall, but the scheme never got off the ground. Jack was the council's 'elder statesman' until retiring nearly 10 years ago. 88 03 03

In National Housing Week, affluent Cambridge has no grounds to feel complacent. No one knows exactly how much rented accommodation there is but with more than 2,000 bed-sits there are problems of leaking roofs, damp rooms and overcrowding. In one small terraced house in a run-down area there were four people paying £30 a week each. The furniture was minimal and there was a gaping hole in one interior door. The tenants complained that the gas supply had been cut off; a second-hand electric cooker had been supplied by the landlady, but the door did not close. 88 03 03a & b

1988 03 04
A novel new executive taxi service may be launched in Cambridge.' Destination Direct' will transport executives from the company car park to open ground nearest their destination – by helicopter. It will feature Bell Jet Ranger four-seaters and the three-seater Hughes 500's travelling at about 100 road miles per hour. The cost of a journey from Cambridge to Heathrow would be about £470 return. The

man behind the scheme believes there are a lot of people who would make use of the advantages 88 03 04

1988 03 05
Sunlight Textiles, a Girton factory employing 37 people, has been forced to close as they can't get staff. It runs a linen laundry rental service and has been in the village since the turn of the century. They could do with double the number of semi-skilled machine operators who earn £90 for a 39 hour week and had bussed workers in from other areas. It was part of the Cambridge problem of a service sector paying low wages with high housing costs The firm had more than 20 other factories and staff problems were more severe here than anywhere else.. 88 03 05

1988 03 07
University Rag Day stunts – 88 03 07

1988 03 08
Multi-million pound plans to refurbish the Lion Yard shopping centre would include gates to shut off the precinct at night. There would be a food court with restaurant on the upper floor of the present WH Smith which would be relocated in Heidelberg Gardens. 88 03 08

1988 03 09
Shop banned sale of cigarettes in 1960s – 88 03 09

1988 03 10
Parkside Pool may be transformed into one of most modern water sports and leisure centres – 88 03 10

Francis Sword, Fitzwilliam Museum education officer – 88 03 10a & b & c

1988 03 14
Restaurants in Cambridge city centre have suffered a dramatic loss of trade since the controversial closure of the Victoria Cinema and its redevelopment for a new Marks and Spencer store. The Berni Steak House in Rose Crescent is down 150 meals a week while Flambards wine bar in Rose Crescent has also lost custom. The owner of the Italian Kitchen says there is nothing for anyone to come in for in the evening. The whole place is just deserted. 88 03 14

1988 03 15
The National Trust's Wicken Fen reserve wanted a new pool for wildfowl but the peat kept turning to mud when dug. So soldiers from 39 Engineer Regiment at Waterbeach set off three controlled explosions as a training exercise. When they had finished a TV crew asked them to do just one more, for the cameras. They obliged, so the Trust ended up with a hole much deeper than expected. The pool, about 20 metres square, will be home for moorhen, coot, fen dragonflies and freshwater plants. A hide adapted for wheelchairs will overlook it. 88 03 15

The 15th-century Blue Lion at Hardwick has always been a popular country venue for a quiet drink near Cambridge. Now has a restaurant 88 03 15a

Three Japanese women are visiting Cambridge to interview families who took in evacuee children during the Second World War. They are part of a women's study group based in Tokyo to study evacuee children and families in Britain, West Germany and Japan. The group appealed for people to share their experiences as an evacuee or as a family who look in children during that time. They also hope to study copies of the News from the war years at the Cambridgeshire Collection. They hope to publish a book eventually. 88 03 15b

A double-decker was completely destroyed in a blaze at Mepal. The fire started from beneath the bus after the driver pulled his vehicle to the side of the road with worries about an engine problem. Only

one passenger was on board at the time. Nobody was injured but a nearby house in School Lane sustained heat damage to two windows. Firemen from Sutton and Ely attended. 88 03 15

1988 03 17
Marshalls granted permission for Jumbo jet repair & maintenance hangar – 88 03 17 # c.27.1 : Marshalls

Parkside swimming pool plans for water sports complex – 88 03 17a # c.38 : swimming

Royston hospital has been saved from closure after North Herts health authority decided to turn 18 beds over from GP to geriatric care without jeopardising out-patient services. 88 03 17b

Jack Warren no mere figurehead – 88 03 17c

Huntingdon Auxiliary Fire Service disbanded 1968 – memories 88 03 17d

1988 03 18
The cock-eyed cockerel on top of Haslingfield church has become a symbol of eccentric dottiness and an endearing landmark, says its vicar. It has been wobbling precariously for more than 20 years but they cannot afford to put it right. The church was built in the middle of the 14th century and the weather cock has rusted in its support. Now an architect's report will reveal whether it has become a priority 88 03 18

Landbeach's historic tithe barn has remained virtually unchanged since Elizabethan. Until last year the barn belonged to the Diocese of Ely but now it has been bought on behalf of the village. A few structural changes will be made, with electric lights to illuminate the impressive timber-framed interior so that it can be used for concerts or plays in warm weather. It may house a permanent exhibition of rural objects. But it won't be suitable for discos or barn dances. 88 03 18a

A three-ton monster bell, the biggest in Canterbury Cathedral, has been bought to a small Lode firm for welding repairs. It is the largest job ever undertaken by Soundweld, of Quy Road, in its 20-year history. 'The Great Dunstan' which tolls the hours at the cathedral is one of the largest bells in the country, almost 60ft in diameter and more than five-feet tall. It arrived by transporter and was lifted by crane to a specially-prepared plinth. Repairs will take several weeks 88 03 21 # c.69.6

1988 03 22
Householders at King's Ripton are counting the cost of a massive gas explosion which shot jets of flame at their homes. The blaze began when a propane gas tank used for house heating began to leak when it was being refuelled from a tanker. Gas was ignited, setting fire to the house and destroying nearby garages. The fire caused a second tank to explode and rocket across a garden. Two other cylinders overheated and 'vented off' with gas jets burning upwards. Pipes connecting the gas tanker to the storage containers had to be cut to prevent the flames reaching the tanker. Twenty-five people had to be evacuated but nobody was seriously injured. 88 03 22

Ely Cathedral restoration – German visitors tour roof – 88 03 22a

1988 03 23
Mr Patrick Steptoe was part of a team led by Dr Robert Edwards at Cambridge University who in 1970 successfully removed an egg from an ovary and fertilised it in a test tube with sperm. Then in July 1978 came the birth of the first test-tube baby, Louise Brown. A year later work was under way to convert Bourn Hall into the world's first text-tube baby clinic. Now more than 1,000 children are alive thanks to his research. He was awarded a CBE and won prestigious prizes but his best memorial will be to ensure that research continues, said MP Robert Rhodes James. His funeral will take place at Bourn church. 88 03 23

1988 03 25
Camtax revolutionised the Cambridge taxi service with the introduction of a 24-hour telephone link to their headquarters in 1938 and in 1947 they were granted the country's number one licence to operate radio-controlled cars, following experimental work with Pye. At first there were only 15 vehicles, all painted Cambridge blue with smartly-uniformed drivers. Now it has a fleet of 65 cars transporting 3,000 people every day. 88 03 25a # c.26.47

Bar Hill celebrates 25th anniversary – 88 03 25

1988 03 28
Traitor Kim Philby has named an economics Cambridge don as the man who introduced him to communism in the 1930s. Maurice Dobb, a Fellow of Trinity, gave him an introduction to a perfectly-legal communist group in Paris who passed him on to an illegal underground movement in Vienna. But he denies there was any such thing as a 'Cambridge ring of spies', saying he did not know until after the war that fellow students Donald Maclean and Anthony Blunt were also Soviet spies adding that Guy Burgess was not recruited at Cambridge. 88 03 28

Residents whose gardens back on to the medieval lake known as Bolton's Pit, off Barton Road, Cambridge opposed plans for a new development. The lake is a haven for wildlife and a designated place of natural history interest. Mallards, moorhens, kingfishers and rare mandarin ducks would be disturbed, they claim. The area is protected by a covenant saying nothing should be done to damage the rural aspect. But developers say intruders have been taking the duck and by putting a property on the site it would help protect the wildfowl. 88 03 28a

1988 03 30
Patrick Steptoe funeral 88 03 30 & a

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1988 04 05
Wilburton villagers have launched a campaign to stop a new town being built on their doorsteps. The Parish Council has been involved in a major row with ECDC over their handling of the issue but are fighting against enormous odds. "We are a small community threatened with destruction. Our village life, our environment, is about to be swallowed up in a large development", they claim. Now they have won support from MP, Malcolm Moss, who has sent a letter condemning the proposal to the Environment Minister. 88 04 05

Followers of an Indian guru have angered villagers by holding a 500-strong gathering at Shudy Camps Park House. The Elizabeth mansion was bought as a private residence by Mrs Sri Vastava, wife of the Secretary-General of the UN International Maritime Organisation, who is said by her tens of thousand followers to have miraculous healing powers. It is used as a research clinic for treating illnesses with Sahaja Yoga. But no planning laws have been broken and she holds such large gatherings only once or twice a year 88 04 05a

Bottisham's impressive swimming, which opened in 1986 after years of intense fund-raising efforts, now has a new extension. It is a fine, heated pool available the to public and village college which runs at a profit by exploring every possible avenue of instruction, entertainment and education including groups learning windsurfing, canoeing, snorkelling and water polo. The Brownies, youth clubs and the Asthma Society are other regular users. It is a fine example of what a community activity can achieve when the enthusiasm and scope are there 88 04 06

1988 04 07
Bassingbourn airfield history – 88 04 07 & a

1988 04 08

Central Library lending department to close for reorganisation and computerised book issuing programme due in two years time – 88 04 08

1988 04 11
Queen Mother opens art exhibition at Fitzwilliam Museum celebrating National Art-Collections fund – 88 04 11 # c.02

Beneath a shroud of scaffolding and sheeting Ely's magnificent cathedral is being restored in one of the biggest ecclesiastical renovation projects undertaken in this country. For the past 15 months a dedicated teams of craftsmen and experts have been working more than 100 feet above the tourists' gaze to clean a century of grime off the huge panel paintings on the nave ceiling which were caked with grime and soot from the ancient coal heating system. But the £4 million project to repair the havoc caused by the weather and the passage of time on the mighty Norman building will not be the last 88 04 11a & b

1988 04 12
The Ferry Boat Inn at Holywell was evacuated after a spark from one of the pub chimneys set light to the thatched roof. The flames were spotted by local handyman Peter Hardy and 20 firemen extinguished the blaze within 30 minutes. It was the third fire in 20 years at the pub, which dates from 968. The last, exactly five years ago, blew off a chimney pot. 88 04 12

Huntingdon's Oxmoor estate has been branded the most deprived housing area in Cambridgeshire. A report by the Children's Society claims it has high levels of deprivation, crime, delinquency, unemployment, isolation and loneliness. But the Society says it should not have been named in their magazine since labelling communities as deprived can make people resistant to receiving their help. The estate was build between 1958 and 1975 for London overspill housing and accounts for one-third of the town's population. 88 04 12a

1988 04 14
Sir - Cambridge museums are facing severe financial problems. The Folk Museum illustrates the social and domestic life of people over the past three centuries. The curator, Tom Doig, is doing sterling work with school parties and a series of exhibitions, attracting an increasing number of visitors to the museum. But he is hampered in his work by finance levels. There is an even worse situation with the Museum of Technology where enthusiasm has ensured the preservation and restoration of the pumping station. Adequate resources must be made available so that both can properly keep alive the heritage of the people of Cambridge – R.J. Flood 88 04 14

For half a century Roger Asbury has coaxed women's hair into place while listening to their confidences and problems. There has been an Asbury cutting hair in Cambridge since his father, Wilfred, took over a business called Alma Mater in Trinity Street in 1919. Perms were very different when Roger started in hairdressing at 17. In his Cherryhinton Road salon he keeps the old perming equipment from the days when women would site with their hair in curlers strung up to an electrical machine. In those days they expected perms to last six months. 88 04 14a

Pensioner Fred Holman from Trumpington, who trains his birds by bus, has won one of the first big homing races of the season. His pigeon was the first of more than 1,000 in a race from Salisbury, winning first prize for the Cambridge South Road Flying Club. It was the latest success in a booming career stretching back to his days as a 13-year-old schoolboy in London. Twice a week he catches a coach to Royston or Baldock to set his birds free for training flights back to his home in Byron Square where he has a loft of 20 racing pigeons 88 04 14b

1988 04 15
Two 17th-century listed cottages in Pampisford High Street have collapsed during restoration, sparking a major row. Structural engineers said roof timbers needed repair, the thatch should be lightened and the front wall shored up to prevent further movement. But he builders say SCDC

stopped them working on site and the delays caused the problem. The roof timber collapsed, destroying the rear wall and later the front wall fell on the street. They will rebuild the cottages as they have done with others nearby. 88 04 15

1988 04 18
The historic Eagle Hotel in Bene't Street has closed for a year or two while building work is carried out nearby. It has been favourite of tourists, dons and actors from the Arts Theatre. The people who discovered DNA were regulars and the traitor, Kim Philby, also drank there. Former RAF Chief Technician, James Chainey, who has made a study of the wartime writings on the ceiling, was among the final drinkers. But late arrivals found many of the pumps had already run dry and some of the fittings taken down 88 04 18

Regulars at the Free Press in Prospect Row are toasting success after it was named one of Britain's 100 classic pubs in the new CAMRA guide. The little pub, packed with settles, panelled walls and memorabilia was first licensed in 1834 when a home brewer named Sarah Horne turned her cottages into a commercial establishment. It takes its name from a local temperance paper named the Free Press which railed unsuccessfully against the evils of alcohol. The bar carries a notice warning of the 'degradation of drunkenness' but is a jolly, uninhibited place, the haunt of students, cricket and rowing enthusiasts. 88 04 18a # c.27.4

1988 04 20
Witchcraft history feature – 88 04 20

1988 04 21
House-starved Cambridge is to get two massive new housing developments. More than 170 properties will be built on Milton Road near the Science Park, part of a 38-acre scrubland site owned by Cambridge University, where Trend Housing plans to construct 102 houses costing from £55 - £120,000. The King Street Housing Society has also bought two acres where H. Rose (Builders) of Stretham will start 69 properties on Monday. Some will be sold to first-time buyers on a shared ownership basis. 88 04 21

Scruffy wartime buildings at the Harley Works on Paxton Hill, St Neots, could be demolished to make way for a new industrial park providing 100 jobs. They were used for making runway lights for airfields and are still covered in their original black paint. The old canteen and billets used by American and Polish servicemen still stand largely unchanged. Now they may be redeveloped to cater for small light industrial companies. Titan Motorsport, which has connections with Formula One greats such as James Hunt and Emmerson Fittipaldi, will take one of the units. 88 04 21a

When Margaret Badcock set up the new Cambridge tourist desk at the back of the library in 1971 there were three people who ran private guiding services. Now there are 150 official blue badge guides who have passed difficult examinations and are fluent in a second language. Then the University Arms was asking less than £6 for a double room with breakfast – it is now £57 - while the Sorrento Hotel in Cherryhinton Road charges about £40 and the Belle Vue Guest House in Chesterton Road between £19 and £22, the average for a double room in a private house. 88 04 21b # c.46.45

Major refurbishment work has been completed at Cambridge's long-established department store. Joshua Taylor opened his first shop in Ely in 1810 which continued until 1923. His son started in Sidney Street Cambridge in 1860, spreading to Bridge Street in 1955. It became a household name to shoppers, symbolising a traditional way of life. This will continue say the new owners Arlington Securities who plan 'an exciting future' for the shop. They have retained the elegant sweeping central staircase and now with expansion and financial backing, the future looks rosy. 88 04 21c & d

1988 04 22

Cambridge to Royston goes electric. Gala day on Bank Holiday Monday with personal appearance by TV personality Gary Wilmot, live music, exhibit of railway rolling stock and special shuttle service of electric trains free to everyone on the day between Cambridge and Royston. 88 04 22

Royston auction market started in July 1931 and used to attract buyers from London. But wholesalers have killed off the trade. It still sells poultry, vegetables, eggs, fruit and game, although the shelves have a fraction of the amount they used to when 750 birds would be caged ready for sale. But there is still a thriving furniture auction selling old 78 records, sewing machines and picnic hampers. Now the Fish Hill market is closing for good and porter Tom Housden will ring his hand-bell to call people to buy for the last time. 88 04 22a

1988 04 23
Work on the Buckden Marina and Leisure Club will take about a year to complete. It will feature moorings for 235 boats, 26 waterside lodges and a country club together with retailing, boat repair and servicing facilities, tennis courts, an adventure playground and a nature trail. They are even planning to offer punt trips complete with champagne, caviar and strawberries. But plans for a controversial 52-acre water-skiing lake have yet to be approved due to concern about a colony of common terns nesting on an island. 88 04 23

The Cambridge Guildhall organ, which experts fear could fall apart if used extensively, may be restored to its former Victorian glory. The 106-year-old instrument was last overhauled in 1926. It is one of the few surviving municipal organs in the country and might play a greater part in the city's musical life with a series of recitals, Councillor Andrew Duff feels. "It would bring glamour back into the Guildhall and introduce the spirit needed to exploit more fully the use of the rooms" 88 04 23a

1988 04 25
Cambridge Northerners' Association organises events for those born north of the Mersey or who love the area. Blackburn-born Roger Fairclough, head of the map department of the University Library says its fortunes have fluctuated since its formation in the early 1930s. 88 04 25

1988 004 26
A Neolithic Stone Age wooden building discovered at Haddenham is the earliest of its kind in Europe. The walls, floors and roof have survived the wet conditions of the fens, enabling archaeologists to learn about prehistoric technology and burial rituals. They want to see it reconstructed in oak and earth to look exactly as it was 6,000 years ago to become a new tourist attraction 88 04 26

Leys School former head Alan Barker dies – 88 04 26a

1988 04 27
A major row is brewing over the future location of Papworth Hospital and its world-famous heart transplant programme. Health Chiefs are debating whether it should be closed completely or relocated to Cambridge or Huntingdon. The benefits of Addenbrooke's sophisticated support services have been overtaken by worries that an upsurge in university research-based medicine could adversely affect routine patient care. Whatever happens it will stay put for at least 10 years. 88 04 27

Few Huntingdon people mourned when the last Phantom flew out of RAF Alconbury last week with their ear-splitting noise as they took off and the distinctive whine as they came to land. Their place has been taken by A-10 Thunderbolts which are basically a flying cannon with a gun that can tear tanks apart. They are about the size of a wartime B-25 bomber and are very manoeuvrable making it a complete contrast to the TR-1 spyplane and F-5 Tiger fighters which are based there 88 04 27a

1988 04 28
Andaman Resources of Lt Thetford to exploit a gold strike in Ireland – 88 04 28

Rattee & Kett history – feature – 88 04 28a

1988 04 29
Barton Mills church damaged by vandals – 88 04 29

Alan Bennett came to Cambridge in 1953 as part of his National Service to learn Russian with a view to getting into the Intelligence Service. He was based at Douglas House in Trumpington Road and stayed in digs at Foxton and Newnham Terrace. He remembers many hours doing his work in the city library opposite the Corn Exchange. It left him with an abiding affection for Cambridge though now, he says, it has lost a lot of its simple charm and the traffic problems seem as bad as anywhere. 88 04 29a

1988 04 30
The former Kinema music hall may be turned into a multi-million pound block of student accommodation. Sawston-based William Sindall has applied to build an 80-room scheme for CCAT but will wait until the college gains Polytechnic status in April 1989 before handing over the lease, avoiding Government restrictions. It comes as food news for the college which has seen its hopes of turning the former Owlstone Croft nurses' home into 200 flats dashed by a change in rules over lease-back schemes. Now residents will be consulted. 88 04 30

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1988 05 03
Ely's new high-tech Trigon Motors complex on Angel Drove is equipped with all the latest motor industry aids – from computerised diagnostic machines for engine tuning and laser-guided jigs for repairs in the workshop to a hot food counter. The forecourt has 13 self-service pumps dispensing leaded or unleaded petrol and a 'talking' pump which gives a recorded message to warn motorists that they are about to fill their tanks with diesel. 88 05 03

The Presto supermarket in the Grafton Centre, which has been there since the centre opened in 1983, is no longer economic and will close. The owners, Argyll Foods, say a major food store did not fit well into a development which had become much more fashion oriented and was becoming unprofitable to operate. Next day came news of a large extension to Debenhams, a major new store, 14 new shops and a multi-screen cinema complex. 88 05 03a & 4 # c.49.66

1988 05 04
Open top bus, p13

1988 05 05
Cambridge young soccer players have won half the cup after a 2-2 draw with rivals West London in a cup final thriller watched by more than 5,000 people at the Abbey Stadium. 88 05 05

Royston could become a town with no kids if nothing is done to provide cheaper homes for young families. With very little accommodation priced under £60,000 people could not afford to have children since the mortgage on their flats was too high. One couple bought a modest terrace house in Queens Road for £42,000 last year but now cannot meet the £280 monthly payments. It has been sold to a Cheshunt couple living half-an-hour away who say it would cost double there. Now officials are to discuss a shared-ownership scheme with houses built on council land and councillors nominating who lives in them. 88 05 05a

Lion Yard redevelopment history – 88 05 05b # c.49.67

1988 05 06
Labour regain Cambridge city council – 88 05 06

Granta Radio is one consortium wanting to run a new commercial radio station. It includes the Unex Group and Newmarket entertainer Pete Sayers who know the area. CN.FM is backed by Cambridge Newspapers, Hereward Radio, Trinity and Jesus colleges. They would provide a high standard of service and provide an acceptable return to investors. Cambridge Radio would have high-quality talks with an evening slot for students while the Cambridge & Newmarket Broadcasting Company would be popular and entertaining yet informed on, concerned with and involved with the area. 88 05 06b # c.27.8

Library-users could be charged under new Government proposals – 88 05 06c

1988 05 07
Old House at Little Abington was home to Marchioness of Cambridge until her death – 88 05 07 & a

1988 05 10
Cambridge's controversial open-top bus service got off to an inauspicious start. Steady drizzle ensured the buses were largely empty for the first half of the day – 88 05 10 # c.44.65

1988 05 12
From the moment the Grafton Centre opened in October 1983, everybody connected with it knew that it was too small at 300,000 sq feet. It was locked in by its location with the only real scope for expansion on the East Road side. This needed a deal with Coulsons, the long-established Cambridge builder. Retailers had reservations about the initial plans for a major new store built around Presto supermarket. It had been intended to provide the kind of balanced development considered important in the 1970s, but had never proved successful 88 05 12 & a # c.49.66

1988 05 13
The new Girl Guides' Jarman Centre off Duchess Drive, Newmarket was started with a legacy from Miss Marjory Jarman, a lifelong supporter of the movement who died in 1981. As well as four dormitories there is a meeting room, kitchen, showers and wash rooms alongside a drying room for wet clothes – essential for outdoor activities. There is also a sitting room for adults intended for members of the Trefoil Guild. By the time it is officially opened in October, hundreds of youngsters will have stayed there and already plans are in hand for a second campsite 88 05 13a

St Luke's Barn youth centre – 88 05 13b

1988 05 14
Two new railway level crossings are being installed on the line between Ely & March over the weekend. The crossings, at Beald Drove, North Fen, Second Drove and Black Bank will have automatic barriers. They are triggered by oncoming trains and mean the end of manned gates or barriers operated by signalmen. 88 05 14

1988 05 16
Steeple Morden American air base final reunion – 88 05 16

Plans to close Wicken primary school have been rejected by county councillors after recently-elected Albert Lawrence persuaded them to let it stay open. It has only two classrooms and a falling number of pupils, which stands at 53. The hall is in a bad state of repair and will have to be closed in July. But unless more houses are built, the school cannot be sustained. Pupils would then transfer to Soham Church of England school though hopes of rebuilding there have been delayed by Government red tape. 88 05 16a

George Nice opened a garage overlooking the Green at Waterbeach in 1933 to sell bicycles, motorbikes and, later, second-hand cars. When his son Doug Nice took over in 1947 customers could pick up a good quality second-hand Rover 10 for £750 or a small used car for as little as £75. They

have been selling Mitsubishi cars for 11 years and have survived a 'rationalisation' of dealers in the face of import restrictions on Japanese vehicles. 88 05 16b

1988 05 17
Netherhall & Bar Hill schools use computers for local history projects 88 05 17 & a

1988 05 18
Papworth Hospital will cost £27 million to rebuild – 88 05 18

Parts from the recently-closed water pumping station at Fulbourn may be sent to Ethiopia to pump water – 88 05 18a

1988 05 19
The Merton Arms pub in Northampton Street, which belongs to St John's College, will closed at the end of September. It is one of the few pubs in the city centre which provide bed and breakfast. Now it may be converted into student accommodation 88 05 19 # c.27.4

The Ely Local Plan sets out radical proposals for redevelopment. Land between Cambridge & Witchford Road has been allocated for a light industrial estate or high-tech business park providing 1,500 jobs with new housing spreading between Downham and Lynn Roads. Two London-based development companies are vying for the change to build a new shopping centre on the cattle market site. Both would redevelop the Post Office and one would knock down the nearby Tesco store. Broad Street car park would be enlarged with a new one in Brays Lane and much of the city centre would be pedestrianised. 88 05 19a

James Paine Brewery is moving from the centre of St Neots after more than 150 years to a new industrial estate at Barford Road. The brewery buildings in Market Square will be redeveloped, although the frontage will be retained. It will bring to an end the problems with brewery drays and enable them to expand. Although it has kept the name, the company is owned by Tolly Cobbold and the James Paine beer is brewed – to exactly the same recipe – at Ipswich 88 05 19b

1988 05 20
Winston House, Brooklands Ave a residential home for people with psychiatric and psychological problems – 88 05 20 # c.21.5

Magdalene is the only college in Cambridge to host candle-lit dinners in the grand hall every night of the week. But other traditional values are changing. The decision to admit women dons and undergraduates has prompted refurbishment of the college's Spartan amenities, bringing in floral curtains and pastel pink wallpaper to the rooms of even the hardiest rugby players. Today much of the opposition to the decision has subsided, although the 'Black October' dining society still celebrates the masculine virtues of single-sex colleges. Whether the college's character can survive this quantum leap into the present remains to be seen 88 05 20b # c.36.98

The trend towards admitting female undergraduates began in 1972 when Churchill, Clare and King's Colleges went mixed. Two of the first girls were from Cambridge schools. By June 1982 when Pembroke 'fell' there were only two colleges left as all-male preserves, then Peterhouse reluctantly bowed to pressure. But when Magdalene's governing body overturned 444 years of historical precedent by voting to let in women an indignant porter flew a black flag at half mast and undergraduates sported black armbands. Three of the original four women's colleges are still single sex, though Girton admitted men in 1977. 88 05 20c # c.36.98

1988 05 21
Arrington Round House – a former toll house – feature 88 05 21

1988 05 23

Dobblers Inn in Sturton Street used to be called the City Arms but was renamed after a rag-and-bone man who lived nearby. It has a varied collection of old pictures and a fascinating assortment of bric-a-brac quite in keeping with his interest in junk and knick-knacks. It is a traditional pub but has an entertainment time on Friday evenings with everything from a magician to a piano player. It sells Steam Beer, a very strong brew from Newcastle, and wines by the glass 88 05 23 # c.27.4

1988 05 25
Westmere opposed by Malcolm Moss – 88 05 25
Wesley Church closed for redevelopment work – 88 05 25a

1988 05 26
Eaden Lilley history feature – 88 05 26 # c.21.2

1988 05 28
Margaret Thatcher, Prime Minister, tours Science Park – 88 05 28 # c.33
Mike Petty and Cambridge News centenary book – 88 05 28a 88 06 01a # c.04

1988 05 31
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1988 06 01
Thriplow post office raided – 88 06 01

1988 06 02
Loker and Co. Cambridge newsagents since 1861, is to close as a result of sweeping changes in newspaper and magazine wholesaling. Moved from corner of East Road and School House Lane in 1977 – 88 06 02 # c.04

1988 06 04
Guide Friday open top buses have been used by thousands of visitors since they started four weeks ago. Fears that they would increase traffic congestion have been unfounded and now the company plan to increase their frequency. They travel down narrow city centre streets where other double-deckers are banned. But some students complain that instead of admiring the city's fine heritage, tourists peer into their rooms and that the commentaries disrupt their studies. Colleges may now have to put up curtains in the windows. – 88 06 04, 88 06 06 # c.46.45

1988 06 06
David Urwin awards – 88 06 06b

1988 06 07
The Little Rose in Trumpington Street, until recently one of Cambridge's oldest pubs, has reopened as a restaurant. The building dates back to the 14th century and boasts rare examples of domestic Tudor architecture. Now the interior has been refurbished and many of the old timbers are exposed for the first time. A cocktail bar has been installed and a spacious new conservatory added. 88 06 07a # c.27.4

Princess Diana visited Papworth and Newmarket hospitals 88 06 07b, 88 06 08 # c.02

1988 06 08
The new Support Command headquarters at RAF Brampton was opened by the Duke of Gloucester. Finished in RAF blue, the modern brick and glass office block is the administrative nerve centre for the Air Force. The command is responsible for 212 units with a staff of about 48,000, flying training

schools, maintenance units, hospitals and US bases. It replaces a building destroyed by fire. Extensive investigations into the cause of the blaze failed to discover the cause, but it was believed to be accidental. 88 06 08a

The Hardwicke Arms at Arrington has opened as an upmarket restaurant and hotel. The ancient rambling building, dating back to the 13th century has oak panelling, huge fireplaces, romantic bedrooms and centuries of history. It also has a ghost which haunts part of the dining room. "You can close all the doors at night, and in the morning they're all open again", the landlady says. 88 06 08b

1988 06 09
The building firm of F.W.Cocksedge and Sons was launched in Tuddenham half a century ago. The original ledgers show that in 1939 labourers were paid one shilling an hour (5p) while skilled men got one shilling and eightpence. In 1940 jobs included building an eel trap for the Marquis of Bath and the erection of air raid shelters. They made their own breeze blocks, mixed horse hair mortar and also supplied coffins, sometimes even having to collect a body. In 1949 the firm moved to Mildenhall and have won a number of awards for their work, specialising in refurbishing listed buildings. 88 06 09a

Mike Petty Cambridge News book lecture – 88 06 09b

Health Food Stores of Rose Crescent was ahead of its time when it started under the name of Sandwiches and Health Food in Green Street in 1931. The brainchild of an Australian, Clarence Dowell and his wife, who worked in the kitchen making sandwiches, it introduced many Cambridge people to the delights of nut rissoles and vegetarian food. Now it is to close and Peppercorns delicatessen will open in the premises 88 06 09c # c.27.47

1988 06 10
The final phase of Huntingdon northern bypass opened five months ahead of schedule. The stretch from Hartford to St Ives is part of the £5 million scheme which saw the Spittals roundabout section completed in 1980, allowing industrial growth west of the railway in Huntingdon. The contractors also had to build a railway bridge across the east coast main line. An estimated 14,000 vehicles will use the bypass each year. 88 06 10

1988 06 11
Policemen injured during fights when youths ejected from St Ives Corn Exchange – 88 06 11
Barway church now a home – feature – 88 06 11a

1988 06 13
The first residents have moved into Ditchburn Place, the former Mill Road Maternity Hospital which is being turned into an assortment of 100 flats and houses for young single people and elderly couples. A small number of units have been built for people who have moved out of psychiatric institutions. When complete next year it will incorporate a laundry, restaurant, coffee bar and day centre for the frail and elderly. It is a very attractive scheme, offering a higher standard than the private sector could have afforded and is unlikely to be repeated in current financial circumstances. 88 06 13a # c.37.9

CN-FM has been chosen by the IBA as the new 24-hour radio station for the area around Cambridge. Backed by Hereward Radio and the Cambridge News it will be the most modern radio station in the country, with all the latest broadcasting equipment. It will aim programmes at the 15-45 age group and hope for a listenership of around 120,000 when it starts next spring. It will co-exist with BBC Radio Cambridgeshire. The other contenders, Granta, CNBC and Cambridge Radio wish them good luck 88 06 13 # c.27.8

1988 06 16
Over new primary school to be built by house building company if they can use old site for housing 88 06 16

Tenants living in six council houses at Main Street, Prickwillow are finding their homes literally disappearing into the fens. They were constructed in the 1930s and the whole block including single storey extensions built in 1970 has tilted leaving the rear some 10 inches below the level of the front. The homes are not unsafe but the sloping floors are a significant inconvenience. Now those wanting to move will be given priority treatment and the vacant houses will only be let on a temporary basis to homeless families. 88 06 16a

Villagers of tiny Orwell need a 'miracle' to raise £26,000 for the restoration of their parish church. Rev Julian Thompson was flabbergasted when an estimate for the work came through for £66.000 – double the amount expected. If the money is not raised the church of St Andrew is in danger of being declared redundant. Similar problems affect Arrington where £18,000 is needed to repair St Nicholas' and Croydon where All Saints church requires £10,000 spending on it. 88 06 16b

Barkway villagers are to remember those who died in the Far East during the Second World War with a stained glass window in St Mary Magdalene Church. It was commissioned by the Burma Star Association who laid up their old standard in the church a year ago and has a Burma Star emblem surrounded by the insignia of the forces who took part in the campaign. 88 06 16c

1988 06 17
Coulson and Sons have reconstructed an historic bridge in the grounds of a Godmanchester mansion using impressions left in concrete during old restoration work. The 'Chinese Chippendale' bridge at Island Hall collapsed in the 1970s, more than 200 years after it was built. One of the original timbers was found perfectly preserved in the river mud and this was also used in designing the new one which is made of English oak. It connects the garden of Island Hall to an island in the Ouse. The house has been in the Vane Percy family since 1904 but was taken over by the RAF in 1943 and later used by the council. It came back into the family in 1983 88 06 17

1988 06 20
London yuppies have been blamed for the closure of ill-fated Thriplow Post Office. The attached village stores has already closed and the post office – raided by masked men earlier this month – is set to shut in August. "The village does not support it enough", the postmistress said. "Yuppies from London have moved in and use the village as a weekend home. I'm upset for the villagers, but if they'd supported it they wouldn't have lost it" The building may not be converted to a house 88 06 20

1988 06 21
Fire service chemical incident unit – feature – 88 06 21 & a

1988 06 22
Elderly people are languishing in hospitals miles from their homes because support services have collapsed. The senior specialist in geriatric medicine blamed a lack of hospital beds for long-term continuing care; elderly people spent weeks in hospital needlessly because there was no one to support them at home. He criticised plans to reduce the number of beds for elderly patients at Royston Hospital in a bid to save cash. 88 06 22

Owlstone Croft nurses' home has been sold to Queens' College for student accommodation. The Health service has been trying to sell it off since 1970. It was once thought to be an ideal location for private residential development, an old people's home, a rehabilitation unit or a convalescent home. Then CCAT wanted it for a student hostel. It hit the headlines in 1975 when the Cambridge Rapist was caught after attacking a student there. 88 06 22a

Scores of art lovers turned up to see an exhibition by one of Cambridge's best-known eccentrics – but the star of the show was missing. Harold Fordham – who is sometimes known as the 'bag man' – was due to put in an appearance at the Gallery on the Cam. But he didn't arrive. Harold, who is often seen wandering around Cambridge in his clothes made from blankets with his possession on his back,

usually paints on scraps of paper. But it didn't put off buyers. All but three of the 25 paintings on show were sold by the end of the day 88 06 22b

1988 06 23
A mere thirty miles separate two Victorian homes but the price difference is a huge £100,000. A three-bedroom town house in Hardwick Street, Newnham with a wood store but no garage, will still cost you around £195.000. But at Hilgay, £90,000 would buy a detached home with four bedrooms, two lavatories, three reception rooms, a garage and outbuildings, and a third of an acre of gardens backing on to the church and open fields. 88 06 23

The very latest, sophisticated machinery is being installed in the Post Office's new sorting office in Clifton Road. Mill Road became a Mechanised Letter Office in 1972 but its technology is now in need of replacement. Conditions for the 650 staff are cramped and noisy. Now high-speed sorting machines will hold 16,000 items an hour and Mill Road will be refurbished to act as delivery centre for mail coming into Cambridge. 88 06 23a # c.27.7

George Hales, retiring head bulldog of Trinity, once ticked off Prince Charles for riding his bike in the college. For the last eight years he has been responsible for 20 staff and almost 500 college rooms with 60 business conferences each year. He has been the butt of practical jokes. When England won the world cup students released 30 white rabbits through Queen's Gate on to the Great Court. It took until 2am to capture them all. He is renowned for his gargantuan memory and is passing on important details to his successor 88 06 23b

1988 05 24
Sainsbury's hopes to buy Cambridge United's famous Abbey Stadium for a DIY superstore and give the club a new ground, perhaps at the former Blue Circle cement works site off Coldham's Lane. The Abbey site covers four acres and United have already put forward plans to develop the car park for offices. Trafford Park Estates have won permission to build four office blocks on the front of the Cambridge City ground, three of which are already half-let. 88 06 24 # c.38 : football

Harold Fordham, Cambridge's wandering bag man' now possesses £1,000 following the sale of his paintings – 88 06 24a

1988 06 25
Arlington Development plan shopping shake-up involving Joshua Taylor, Eaden Lilley and the Arts Cinema, realigning Market Passage – 88 06 25

Harston former school houses Hammond Grand electric organ – 88 06 25a

1988 06 27
Newmarket Co-op Living store fire investigated as arson – 88 06 27
Fortune tellers at Midsummer Fair – feature – 88 06 27a # c.39

1988 06 29
Barrington Royal Oak landlady dresses in black – 88 06 29

1988 06 30
Boots subscription libraries opened Cambridge 1895 – feature – 88 06 30 # c.77.4

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1988 07 01
Consulting engineers Peter Dann and Partners celebrated its silver jubilee with a ball at St John's College. It has been involved with extensions at many colleges and University buildings, including the Fitzwilliam Museum, and is now working on prestigious flats at Beauford Place, Quayside, where

they are building over the electricity sub-station to provide ground floor shops and a courtyard with offices above. They are also involved in the Docklands redevelopment in London 88 07 01 & a

1988 07 05
Cambridge's council–run lottery, which has made £340,000 for good causes since 1976, has fallen victim to fierce competition from other lotteries. Profits have dropped to just a few hundred pounds a month and it is costing twice as much as that to run. It was used to provide ready cash for environmental improvements but other causes such as hospitals and football clubs have more appeal and the time has come to close 88 07 05

Shopkeeper of the Year, Jerry Brown, took over the village store at Hinton Way, Gt Shelford, ten years ago and his outstanding service has been rewarded with continued custom. He provides a service supermarkets cannot give, selling everything from fresh bread to stationery, wine and even tins of snails. He belongs to Londis, opening every day – even Christmas Day if the newspapers publish. His customers say "It's a very sociable shop, he enjoys a joke and stimulating conversation" 88 07 05a & b Also Stapleford, Impington, Teversham

Jim and Linda Burton of Barrington have won the Shop of the Year award for outstanding community efforts. Their shop is an essential centre of village life. You can buy groceries, pick up prescriptions, have clothes dry-cleaned and shoes repaired. The health-conscious can buy carob bars and there is a delicatessen counter. Shops at Thriplow, Shepreth and Duxford are closing because of stiff competition from supermarkets so they have weekly offers and a free delivery service. . 88 07 05c

1988 07 07
TI Hinxton Hall research centre to close – 88 07 07

1988 07 11
Wealthy Trinity College is planning a multi-million pound trust fund to rescue the cash-starved university from crisis. While the 31 colleges have financial independence the poorly-financed university, which has to provide administration and the bulk of teaching, relies on Government grants. A special arrangement means funds are redistributed from rich to poor colleges. But none of the cash goes to the university. The Isaac Newton Trust would fund education and research and be an example to other colleges 88 07 11 # c.36.9

Farmers in the fens – among the most fertile land in the country – face increasing difficulties as their main asset, the soil, wastes away. Less than one-sixth of the original 572 square miles will be left by 2050, a survey suggests. When the peat becomes thin it exposes a subsoil which can be extremely acidic. Some farmers near Prickwillow are already moving out of high-value vegetable crops like celery and carrots, replacing them with cereals. Ninety percent of peat consists of water. The more it is drained, the more peat shrinks and decomposes 88 07 11a

Castle Park, Cambridge's showpiece research and development village was opened by the Duke of Edinburgh. Developed by Sheraton and financed by Royal Life, it was designed to provide 'thinking space' for scientists and academics involved in high-technology developments. The initiative came from the County Council who were faced with the need to provide more office accommodation for its staff and developed land adjoining Shire Hall. The first phase, Castle House, Babbage House and Sheraton House was completed last year 88 07 11b, c. d # c.27.1

1988 07 12
Longsands School St Neots closed by asbestos alert – 88 07 12

St Luke's, one of Cambridge's most prominent Victorian churches in Victoria Road, is to be converted into a community centre for the whole of the parish of the Ascension, formed in 1982 by the union with St Giles and St Peter. The adjacent United Reformed Church will be demolished and

the land sold for housing. There are no plans to amalgamate the two congregations who will share the new-look church. 88 07 12a # c.83

Coton Primary School took a village rubbish tip, a selection of saplings, and a dozen toads. They threw in a plastic sheet, assorted flowers and bags of enthusiasm, mixed well and got a wildlife sanctuary that has won a nature conservation award. Trees of every variety from goat willow to rose and hawthorn were planted after consultation with experts, including Dr Malcolm Stuart, whose botanical garden is adjacent to the school. A £200 grant was used to buy stepping stones and the children held a school disco to raise money for a gate so the pond area can be closed off for safety 88 07 12b

1988 07 13
Religious faith is showing signs of growth in Cambridge. The Eden Baptist Church has doubled its congregation to 600 over 10 years which now will be split into three, meeting in different parts of the city. The Roman Catholics also report steady growth with 2,000 at mass on one Sunday. Methodist churches in Cottenham and Histon see 100 attend services on Sunday mornings and the Cambridge Christian Fellowship report numbers increasing from 20 four years ago to 300. Islam too has been making advances in Cambridge – 150 attend Friday prayers at the Mosque in Mawson Road with 700 at the Eide Prayers 88 07 13 # c.83

Guildhall organ restoration plans dropped – 88 07 13a # c.69.4

The Women's Royal Voluntary Service delivered a staggering 413,226 meals in Cambridgeshire last year and their Books on Wheels made 289 visits to the housebound. A further 1,856 people were helped with clothing, 160 children were given a week's summer holiday and 15 people received the service of a chiropodist. There is much more: they man mobile canteens, set up rest centres and provide blankets and clothing for victims of emergency. Organiser Muriel Humphrey says "It's a rich and rewarding job and you meet such lovely people" 88 07 13b

1988 07 14
Turkish President greeted by demonstrators as he visits Cambridge – 88 07 14

1988 07 15
New three-bed, semi-detached homes on the Fallowfields estate at Milton have shot up in price by more than £8,000 in just two weeks, going from £77,500 to £86,000. They were among a batch of 28 houses released for sale at the same time and were snapped up within 24 hours. Property prices in Cambridge itself have soared by nearly nine per cent in two months but senior health and university workers are snubbing prestigious posts in the city because of the high house prices. 88 07 15

1988 07 16
Melbourn bypass opened – 88 07 16

1988 07 18
St John's College chapel tower gargoyles restored – 88 07 18

1988 07 19
Central Library asbestos scare, ceiling – 88 07 19 # c.77.4

Book Production Consultants produce Mike Petty News Centenary book – 88 07 19a

Stapleford flower show centenary – 88 07 19b

Gordon Cave, scrap dealer, dies – 88 07 19c

1988 07 21

The future of Cambridge market could be in doubt due to parking problems, stallholders say. Until 1969 drivers could park their cars in the middle of the market area – an attendant collected the fees – while stallholders occupied all the outside area. Then the council came up with a proposal that the area be divided into two – half stalls, half cars. But this provoked indignation and all parking was banned with new metal-framed plastic-covered stalls instead of wood and canvas set out over whole area. – 88 07 21 # c.27.3

1988 07 21
Mothers protest at removal of ground-level crossing at Meldreth station – now must use footbridge – 88 07 21b

1988 07 22
Histon new community hall on site of garden equipment store – 88 07 22

Weston Colville Fox and Hounds pub transformed – 88 07 22a

1988 07 23
Littleyhey prison at Perry has been officially opened, five months after the first inmates moved in. The £26-million gaol has been criticised by local people who think it is too luxurious: it has cells rather than dormitories with desk cupboard, sink and lavatory as well as a bed. Prison officers are not happy with manning levels for the 450 prisoners but the present 132 officers would increase when a new 100-place unit opens 88 07 23

A.A. Roper's traditional tailor's shop in Trinity Street is closing after nearly 80 years and three generations of trading. Stanley Roper, son of the founder Arthur, is retiring as is 77-year-old cloth-cutter Fred Bland who is irreplaceable – his is a dying craft outside London. David Roper is sad to close the shop but says "It is not like before the war, when we used to make suits for five guineas – today the same suit would cost £300" 88 07 23a # c.27.2

1988 07 25
Bourn Hall test-tube baby clinic bought by Swiss company – 88 07 25

A little bakery tucked away behind a transport café deep in the fens at Chatteris is making a cake for the Queen Mother's 88th birthday. It is the latest in a long line of celebration cakes produced by Walter and Raymond Potter for the Royal household, including a massive five-tier one for the marriage of Charles and Diana in 1981. Now they are hoping for a visit from the Queen Mother and Princess Diana – "It would be a marvellous boost for us and the town of Chatteris", they say 88 07 25a

1988 07 29
A large new township complete with a major shopping centre and a new village development off the A10, both within easy reach of Cambridge, are proposed by the Government. And Whitehall says that planning restrictions should be removed from the vast Arbury Camps Farm site bordering the Northern Bypass which should be used for hi-tech industrial purposes. But it appears as if plans for a giant housing estate at Clay Farm, Trumpington have been rejected in order to protect the Green Belt. 88 07 29

1988 07 30
Wilburton church bells rang out to celebrate a victory over property developers who want to turn the tiny fenland village into a vast new township, The Environment Secretary has rejected the proposal in the County Structure Plan saying it would be too far away from Cambridge to share in the city's hi-tech bonanza and too close to Ely for that city's comfort. Villagers have argued that plans for thousands of new homes in one of the most productive agricultural areas of the country was not on. 88 07 30

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1988 08 02
Waterbeach, p1

1988 08 03
A giant new housing estate may be built on allotments on the corner of King's Hedges and Histon Roads. About 30 acres could be used for housing with the remainder turned over to recreational use. In the past proposals to build have resulted in shoals of complaints from allotment holders but much of the land is disused and the allotments could be consolidated on a much smaller plot elsewhere. However the City council have no intention of making the site available for a new regional college for 16-19 years old as is being considered by the County council. 88 08 03

Plans to build two new cell blocks at Highpoint Prison near Haverhill to house 200 category 'C' low security convicts have brought a storm of protest from nearby villages. They would be 16 metres high and be screened by a row of trees. Stradishall parish council say the old RAF buildings should have been demolished a long time ago.But Cowlinge are concerned that it is a security risk and would increase traffic. Meanwhile work has started on a new wing for 100 prisoners at Littlehey gaol, near St Neots. It opened earlier this year but almost immediately was found to have inadequate room for inmates 88 08 03a

1988 08 04
Cambridgeshire goes on booming – 88 08 04

1988 08 06
Military bases ban civilians in wake of IRA attacks – 88 08 06

1988 08 08
Thousands of CCAT students are facing a housing crisis. Many could be sleeping on floors because there is nowhere for them to go. Frightened landlords are hanging on to spare rooms and bedsits rather than face inquisitive tax officials as the Inland Revenue clamps down. And the property boom has caused the number of houses available to rent to plummet – landlords just do not want to let out £100,000 houses to students. 88 08 08

1988 08 09
Croxton dispute – Chris Curry does not want rector using track over his land to St James' church – 88 08 09

Twenty years ago the majority of Ely people were employed either on the land, in agricultural engineering or at the sugar beet factory in Queen Adelaide which closed in 1981. A report in 1985 suggested they should try to attract industry and hundreds of thousands of pounds were spent to buy 12 acres in Angel Drove to create a high-quality science park environment. Now additional plots are being developed on a second phase where Cambridge Electronic Industries has plans to base its subsidiary, Labgear Cablevision. 88 08 09a

1988 08 10
At the Royal Oak in Swaffham Bulbeck you might find the local gamekeeper in deep conversation with the midnight poacher or an academic submitting to the wisdom of the wind-blown fenman. There is a piano of indeterminate age subjected to frequent abuse – whatever music is played it all sounds the same. Landlord of this haven of sanity is Bob Scutton who is totally blind. But he can tell the thud of a dart that has missed and when he asks onlookers to move because he "can't see the board", they do. "I don't have customers anymore I have friends", he says. 88 08 10

1988 08 11

Ted Appleyard, 86, has just returned from a six-week cruise along the inland waterways in a custom-built narrow boat. Ted comes from a family of fenland bargemen turned boat-builders. He was born a few feet from the Ouse in a house which has been the family home for generations with his beloved boat, Shellfen II moored a few feet from the front door. It is the second vessel to bear that name: the first was a tanker he used to take diesel oil to isolated fenland drainage stations. 88 08 11

1988 08 12
Reach parish church organ is being restored by Walkers Organs of Brandon who installed it 80 years ago and have looked after it ever since. The organ is inspected twice a year but this is its first major restoration since 1948. Money for the overhaul was raised over three years with most coming from a marathon 10-hour hymn singing by bass baritone Gareth Hayward. During the work a piano has been brought in to accompany the congregation 88 08 12

One-bedroomed flats in New Street renovated to house homeless households waiting for permanent homes – 88 08 12a

Cambridge Family History Centre, newly opened at the Church of Latter Day Saints, Cherryhinton Road, has access to millions of names and a registry of researchers worldwide who are willing to share information. There are also millions of microfilm and microfiche. 88 08 12b & c # c.43 # c.56

1988 08 13
Cambridge & County Folk Museum is facing a cash crisis. Curator Tom Doig says the situation is so desperate he may have to close the 500-year-old museum in Castle Street before Christmas. The County Council has refused any funding and the City has cut its grant, meaning he can no longer afford to pay staff.. The Mayor said is it outrageous that they can't find the money to keep it going The museum is of great importance as an educational resource and it would be a tragedy if it were to close 88 08 13, 88 08 17, 88 08 17a # c.03

1988 08 16
Lode mill being restored – 88 08 16

Tressilian Nicholas, the longest-serving Fellow of any Oxbridge College, marked his 100th birthday with four days of celebrations including a thanksgiving service, a grand dinner, tree-planting and garden party. Known to his friends as "Tress", his memory and gift for story-telling are excellent. He came up to Trinity in 1907, took a first-class degree in geology in 1910 and was elected to a Fellowship two years later. During the First World War he did camera-mapping work from the trenches, winning the Military Cross. He returned to Cambridge in 1919, served 27 years as bursar and has lived in the college since 1968. He dines at High Table almost every evening 88 08 16a 88 08 18

1988 08 18
Inquiry into plans for shops in Gt St Andrew's church – 88 08 18a

1988 08 19
A major staff crisis is threatening to cripple Cambridge's service industries. Firms are desperate to recruit but cannot get the people they need. The problem is deepest in the lower-pay sector where sky-high property prices and soaring cost of living are deterring potential workers from applying for jobs. The Health Authority has acute problems getting domestic, catering and nursing auxiliaries as well as clerical staff. The city has achieved 'full employment' with only three per cent jobless. 88 08 19 # c.32.1

1988 08 22
Nethergate Brewery on Clare High Street was set up n 1986 by the former head of microbiology at CCAT, an oil businessman and the village hotelier. Two months later it was named 'Champion Bitter'

at the Cambridge Beer Festival. Now it has won national acclaim. The recipe is simple – purity and quality of ale using yeast from Yorkshire and specially softened water 88 08 22 & a

Folk Museum future brighter after talks – 88 08 22b

1988 08 23
New laws to allow pubs to open from 11am to 11pm on weekdays and until 3pm on Sundays have had little impact in Cambridge. At the Baron of Beef in Bridge Street they still close mid-afternoon: with tourist coaches gone and people at work there is little going on until 5.30. But the revamped Spade and Beckett in Thompson's Lane & the Fort St George are opening all day while the Clarendon Arms are serving up afternoon cuppas & cakes. 88 08 23

Citizens Advice Bureau feature – 88 08 23a

1988 08 26
Girls were prettier and better dressed, 60 years ago, say former 'flappers' at an old people's home in Coronation Street. They never relied as heavily on make-up and let fresh air get to their skin. Laura Bidwell, 85, was a tender 17 in 1920 and never wore more than a touch of face powder and a smudge of lipstick which she bought from a small Boots store on the corner of Petty Cury. Beatrice Webb remembers wearing a lacy flapper dresses at a party. "You always had the proper rig-out then, with hat, handbag and shoes to match", says Alice Hodder, 91, 88 08 26

1988 08 30
Windmill, p14

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1988 09 01
A tornado tore through Haverhill as violent storms hit the region. Residents in Carlton Close saw the twisting wind tear up roof tiles, dustbins and fences while on Western Avenue a freak gust tore down two mature trees. At the Conservative Club members saw the tornado strike their car park: rain poured down and branches from trees were whirled around in mid air, but no cars were damaged. 88 09 01

Percy Ashman is a former ex-tailor, who studies moon rings and uses trusty, ageing instruments to predict the weather. He is used by large building companies, police and mothers checking on the weather for their daughter's wedding day. At his flat he has two rain gauges, two thermometers, a barometer and a mysterious storm bottle containing crystals which have never been identified but react to weather changes. A weathervane on the local church is his guide to wind direction. 88 09 01a

1988 09 02
Newmarket Cabaret Club started life as a concert hall then became a cinema and finally a cabaret club in 198. Now it is reopening after a refurbishment which has completely updated its image. It has new sound and lighting systems incorporating the latest technology, redecorated auditorium and modernised kitchens. TV personality Gary Wilmot, Freddie & the Dreamers, comedians Hale & Pace and Eastenders' star Mike Reid are booked to appear. 88 09 02

Radio Cambridgeshire have made major changes. Out goes popular presenter John 'J.R.' Richards, replaced by Jane Solomons, and local lad Graham Day. In comes Jonathan Staples to the 'New Day' slot replacing Mark Saggers who moves to mid-morning. 'News' columnist Christopher South gets three new programmes with a weekly visit to Grunty Fen to meet Dennis, one of the county's major philosophers. Returning favourites are Richard Spendlove and Julian Dunne while Mandy Morton continues her request programme, Trevor Dann has news of rock music and Jo Pinnock presents 'Nature File' 88 09 02b

1988 09 05
Nettles, one of Cambridge's most popular snack bars in St Edward's Passage, may close. 88 09 05

1988 09 06
Fallowfields was a showpiece estate when it opened in 1938, designed in a circular shape to foster a community spirit. It was the second development undertaken by the Hundred Houses Society, following Eastfield, to solve the housing problems for young married couples not catered for by Council housing. Most of the tenants were setting up home for the first time but many soon went off to war leaving their young brides behind. Today 40 of the 133 houses are still occupied by the original tenants 88 09 06

1988 09 07
Mill Road sewer collapse, hole disrupts traffic – 88 09 07

1988 09 08
Cruise missiles destined for the nuclear scrapheap are being returned to America as part of the superpowers INF Treaty. They are the first of 18 missiles from Molesworth to leave. British Defence Secretary George Younger acknowledged the great deal of inconvenience suffered by local people. Residents are relived to see them go – and even happier that peace protestors who have campaigned at the base are going too. 88 09 08 88 09 09 # c.45.8

Bulldozers have moved on to the site of the former St Phillip's School in Ross Street to clear the way for redevelopment. The site, now a pile of rubble, is to become a sheltered housing estate for the elderly with 29 flats, laundry and sitting area. The school staff and pupils moved to new buildings in Vinery Road two years ago. The Pat-a-Cake day nursery, Romsey After-School Playgroup and many voluntary organisations which have used the site since then have moved to the old main hall, which has been saved. 88 09 08a

1988 09 09
A 'park-and-float' scheme is being considered to beat traffic chaos in Cambridge. Commuters would park beside the river at Fen Ditton, Horningsea, Waterbeach or Clayhithe and take a river bus into the city, having breakfast en route and reading the morning newspapers. Meanwhile the Cam Conservators may appoint its own trouble-shooter patrolling from Byron's Pool to Bottisham Lock in a specially-adapted electric craft. He would crack down on unregistered punts and also clear rubbish and broken branches in a new drive against pollution. 88 09 09a

Fourteen parishes have formed a New Settlements Action Group to protest against the Environment Secretary's proposal for a new town of more than 3,000 houses beside the A45 88 09 09b

1988 09 10
Computers are the key weapon in the 'News' battle against deadlines. Previously crucial minutes were lost while journalists' stories were re-set into type by other staff. Now writing and typesetting can be done by one person. The process begins at 7.30 am each day. The newsdesk – run by the news editor, the assistant news editor, the chief reporter and an editorial assistant – decide on the best stories and brief the 15 reporters based in Newmarket Road and another eight in district officers. Stories flood in from every source imaginable and more than 100 press releases and letters are received each day 88 09 10 & a # c.04

1988 09 14
Rose and Crown, Pound Hill, renamed Town and Gown – 88 09 14

Mills & Reeve Francis solicitors take over old Cambus depot site, Hills Road 88 09 14 c

1988 09 20

The Bishop of Huntingdon, Rt Rev Gordon Rose, conducted the last service at St Luke's Church, Victoria Road, before builders move in to start £800,000 alterations. Afterwards he led the congregation, which included the mayor, to the United Reformed Church next door which will be their home until work is completed. Then both congregations will move back to St Luke's and the United Reformed Church will be demolished to make way for more housing. 88 09 20

Consortium Developments, which represents ten of the country's leading house builders, has unveiled plans for 1,500 homes housing 4,000 people on land between Stretham and Wilburton. The option of building such houses in existing villages would totally alter their character, they say. There would be a new school, church, meeting hall and community facilities – but no major shopping centre, with fifty acres set aside for high-tech firms. Proposals for a new town of 3,000 homes met ferocious local opposition and were rejected by the Environment Secretary. 88 09 20a

1988 09 21
Frail elderly people are waiting hours for ambulances: some have been waiting at 8pm for transport home from afternoon appointments. The service was crippled by cash shortages and hopelessly inadequate for the demands placed on it, a senior Cambridge doctor claimed. It had got to improve, either managerially or by pumping more resources into it. A Director admitted the service has been cut back after running over budget and was not as good as it should be. 88 09 21

Balsham bells will soon ring out for the first time in more than 30 years. The five ancient bells which date back to 1540 were dismantled from the tower by soldiers last November and sent to a London foundry to be restored. A sixth bell has been cast to complete the set and dedicated to the memory of John Houghton and Thomas Sutton who were associated with the Charterhouse Foundation of London which is patron of the living. And among the congregation for the inauguration ceremony will be 102-year-old former sexton William Jolley. 88 09 21a

1988 09 22
David Urwin award progress – 88 09 22

1988 09 23
Lolworth doesn't have a pub, a shop or a parish council, yet people enjoy a thriving social life. And when the church tower needed repairs they raised the equivalent of more than £20 for every many and woman in the village. They don't let the council cuttheir grass – they prefer to do it themselves. Now they have won the "News" trophy for the Best Kept Village award in South Cambridgeshire. 88 09 23

The Merton Arms in Northampton Street is closing because the owners, St John's College, has not released the lease held by Greene King. 88 09 23a # c.27.4

1988 09 26
Mill Road residents want more corner shops and fewer take-aways; history – 88 09 26 & a

1988 09 27
Cambridge & County Folk Museum, threatened with imminent closure because of lack of funds, has been given a reprieve after the City council made an extra grant. It now receives more than the Fitzwilliam Museum and Arts Theatre. South Cambs has also funded activities in nearby villages. The museum, which has nearly 30,000 visitors a year, has seen its rent almost trebled and has lost staff and financial support with the winding up of the Manpower Service Commission's community programme. 88 09 27 # c.03

1988 09 28
Morley & Duke, an electrical company founded in Cambridge in 1926, has become part of the Jakubowski group of companies. It had an excellent reputation for its domestic electrical services and has built up a vast catalogue of clients. 88 09 28 # c.27

1988 09 29
Jade Jagger, teenage daughter of Rolling Stones superstar Mick, is secretly studying English, History of Art and Politics behind the Victorian façade of the Cambridge Centre for Sixth Form Studies. Her Nicaraguan-born mother, actress Bianca Jagger, has visited her home in a hostel in Tenison Road. It is not known whether Mick and his long-time lover, international model Jerry Hall, are planning a trip. 88 09 29

1988 09 30
The James Paine Brewery site in the centre of St Neots is on the market for around £2.5 million. Outline permission has been granted for flats, offices and shops in a scheme which preserves the brewery's frontage in Market Square, with its elegant Georgian façade. Towards the rear there is permission for 41flats overlooking Hen Brook. The brewery tower will be retained 88 09 30

The announcement that CCAT could become one of the largest polytechnics in the country came as a surprise to many. Last year it merged with the Essex Institute of Higher Education and now the City of London Polytechnic might be added. CCAT has paved the way to higher education status by transferring 1,500 non-advanced students to the new Cambridge Regional College, previously the Cambridge College of Further Education. 88 09 30a

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1988 10 01
Comedian Freddie Starr helped rescue seven people after two cars crashed on the A11 at Hinxton. The stocky star tried single-handedly to right an overturned car and cracked jokes to keep spirits high. He then worked alongside ambulance men, a fire crew and four Magpas doctors for more than an hour. He was there throughout the whole of the incident and when the last ambulance left, he got into his car and drove off. 88 10 01

Top politician challenges County Council to step in with cash for Folk Museum – 88 10 01a
Dillon's bookstore, the largest in Britain, opens on site of old Dorothy – 88 10 01b # c.25

1988 10 05
Limekiln Close to be declared a nature reserve – 88 10 05

A disused chapel in Kneesworth Street, Royston has been converted into an architect's office by the Burns Thompson Partnership. The timber-framed church was constructed in 1790 and eighty years later, the Victorians added a brick cladding. The traditional chapel had a balcony and attractive stained glass windows but many of the beams were rotten. Gravestones were removed from the front to make a car park but many are displayed in a small patio area at the back. 88 10 05a & b

1988 10 06
Sir Clive Sinclair is moving out of Cambridge, though his business interests will bring him back to the city regularly. One of his companies, Anamartic is based at Milton Hall and another, Cambridge Computers has flats in Bridge Street, where he can stay. His home, The Stone House on Madingley Road, which dates back to 1896, has a white marble hall floor with a central oak staircases leading to eight bedrooms and three bathrooms, and a drawing room more than 30 feet long, is now for sale. 88 10 06

1988 10 07
Cambridge company Sands Technology has landed a deal to help a Russian state-owned Scientific and Engineering Research Centre build a robot factory in the Ural Mountains. Production is expected to begin in six months and David Sands has already been out to set it up. His company, which was founded in 1985 in Cheddars Lane, has two main robots in production: Prometheus, a form of

mechanical human arms and Artemis, a robot fixed to a track. Both have industrial assembly applications 88 10 07

1988 10 10
The road between Longstanton and Oakington, across the airfield, may be opened for general use – 88 10 10

1988 10 12
Thirty-six women undergraduates arrived at Magdalene College amid a blaze of publicity breaking 444 years of history as a male-only college, the last in Cambridge. They had been warned about the dreaded Black October dining society whose members donned funereal armbands when it was announced that the college was to 'fall', and expected a lukewarm welcome. Surprisingly the reverse is true. One said "I think some of the men were frightened that the girls were going to be extremely militant or feminist. But they seem quite pleased and say it is a lot more social" 88 10 12 # c.36.98 # c.44.5

1988 10 23
Henry Morris statue plan turned down – 88 10 13

St George's church celebrates its 50th birthday. The population of the parish almost doubled with the building of the North Arbury Estate bringing people in from different areas. To foster a community spirit parishioners launched a parish newsletter 'Chesterton Challenge' which is still going strong. It was one of the first free newspapers in the country. They also launched a 'Fish' scheme providing emergency help for anyone who needs it. The first couple to be married in the church, Frank Shaw and Dorothy Whitworth, are returning for the occasion. 88 10 13a

1988 10 14
Eden Baptist church has divided into three congregations – 88 10 14

Wandlebury woods recover from gale which blew down 1,000 trees – 88 10 14a

1988 10 17
The Perse School for Girls has opened a new science and crafts building at a cost of almost £1 million. The four-storey block, to be used by over 600 girls, was opened by eminent scientist Dame Rosemary Murray, the first woman vice-chancellor of Cambridge University. It has facilities for the teaching of electronics, computing, design technology and photography and includes the Maddocks physics laboratory, named after a former pupil who made a major donation to the fund. 88 10 17 # c.36.5

1988 10 18
University technicians protest – 88 10 18

Cambridge may have a city-wide high-speed monorail system linking with all nearby villages allowing shoppers to leave their cars at home and travel high above the traffic jams. It could be expensive to set up but would have low running costs and be reliable. Eight years ago dons at Girton College came up with a plan for a monorail to link it with the university quarter but nothing ever came of it. The County Council has already commissioned experts to consider a light railway system linked to the proposed park-and-ride system 88 10 18a # c.49.62

Great Chesterford new premises for traditional bakers – 88 10 18b & c

Hallens have converted their Shell garage at Mitcham's Corner to become self-service with the latest electronic pumps. There has been a petrol station on the site for many years. Previously it was operated by Oliver Rix and sold Texaco fuel. Hallens has sold petrol since the 1930s and until now

has maintained the traditional attended service. This will continue at its garage in Union Lane for customers who value the personal service. 88 10 18e # c.26.8

1988 10 19
Jane Webb is a name well-known in Newmarket for large, elegantly-stocked dress shops. She started as a child, helping her parents on a menswear stall and, aged 13, ran a tiny dress shop in Sun Street with her mother. Ten years ago she moved into the derelict gas showrooms and stocked upmarket clothes. Now she also has a large shop in Sussex Street Cambridge and employs a staff of 40. This autumn she has flown to fashion fairs around Europe and makes weekly buying trips to London 88 10 19

The Nyton in Barton Road, Ely, has opened as a restaurant under Robert Setchell. 88 10 19a

Madingley School celebrates 10 years – 88 10 19b

CN.FM 103 radio will launch next year – feature - 88 10 19c

1988 10 20
Three Cambridge computer pioneers hope to revolutionise communications with a fibre-optic cable-TV service carrying eight or nine TV channels, some collected by satellite dishes. Eventually there would be 50 channels, an independent phone service, teleconferencing, a security alarm system, home shopping and remote banking. Cambridge Cable might link with Cambridge University's Project Granta to provide a data transmission service network from Girton to Addenbrooke's Hospital 88 10 20 # c.27.8

The new Tesco superstore at Newmarket, twice the size of that in Hammond Close, provides more than 200 full and part-time jobs. In Cambridge the giant new Co-op Beehive development is double the size of the old one, creating 180 new jobs. It has a crèche, a larger area devoted to fresh fish and a checkout scanner service. An enlarged petrol station will open soon offering the cheapest petrol in town. Meanwhile in Milton a new Stop Shop convenience store will provide the community with day-to-day needs and a video library. 88 10 20a 88 10 24, 88 10 25 & a

1988 10 26
New hotel, transport and warehousing complex planned beside A604 at Godmanchester – 88 10 26

1988 10 27
Cottenham Action Group is battling to block a 250-home development behind the High Street from Crowlands to Broad Lane. It would increase the size of the village by up to 1,000 people adding to the village school which already has 430 pupils, and cause traffic congestion The developers' plans include a health centre and doctor's surgery; they would also replace the existing sewage treatment works. 88 10 27

1988 10 28
Greenwich Observatory foundation stone laid – 88 10 28 # c.36.9

Cambridge AppleCentre was officially opened by Schnorbitz the dog and his well-known owner, comedian Bernie Winters in the presence of Directors from Apple Computers UK. It provides hardware and software on site at Clifton Court with a resident training consultant offering courses on the Apple Macintosh as well as a service department. The Apple is especially suitable for the busy executive with its friendly graphic interface and is suitable for updating company literature or starting a newsletter. They can be rented for special occasions such as exhibitions with a rental/conversion scheme for those who wish to evaluate it before buying. 88 10 28a # c.27.5

1988 10 29

Sebastian Coe made history by smashing Lord Burghley's record for the Great Court Run at Trinity College. He pitted himself against Steve Cram in a 'Chariots of Fire'-style race to dash around the court within the time the 400-year-old clock struck noon. Coe, dressed in the outfit worn by Ben Cross who portrayed runner Harold Abrahams in the film, said he could not hear the chimes for the cheering of the 1,500 spectators. The event was seen by millions of TV views around the world and raised money for Great Ormond Street Hospital 88 10 29 # c.39

Sir Clive Sinclair's Stone House, on Madingley Road was built in 1896. If he had chosen a fortress to protect him from prying eyes he could hardly have found a more solid building. The walls are more than a foot thick in solid stone and even the front door is a formidable structure of metal and class. It has a Middle Eastern annexe with a fabulous hand-painted ceiling and a collection of calculators and computers in a large glass cabinet. It is on the market for £750,000 88 10 29a

1988 10 31
The White Witch of Chrishall cheerfully calls herself the local nitwit. A visit to her 500-year-old 'Faerie Cottage' is like stepping into a magical fairyland. Colourful paintings of lords and ladies, shepherds and fairies, along with pictures of pixies and gnomes, adorn the white outer walls of her higgledy-piggledy thatched cottage and make up her 'special family'. "They look after men, bring me luck and keep the witches away", Mrs Cranwell says. She is sharing her magical stories and her wisdom with listeners to Radio Cambridgeshire 88 10 31

Lakenheath airfield ghost – 88 10 31a

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1988 11 01
The Bishop of Ely blessed the Girl Guides' new £250,000 outdoor centre at Newmarket. It commemorates a lifelong Guide supporter, Miss Marjorie Jarman whose bequest started the project. The rest of the cash has been collected by fund-raising efforts by Guides and Brownies with local council grants. It is open to any branch of the Guide and Scout movement and also being offered to schools. As well as the building there is a camp site on the six-acre woodland site off Duchess Drive, Newmarket 88 11 01a

The last cruise missile has left the Molesworth American air base. News that the weapons had gone came as a Soviet military team arrived to make a snap inspection; they found only empty hangars. Removing of the 18 missiles, under the INF treaty, has been completed two months ahead of schedule. The last left Molesworth en route for destruction in America on Thursday. It has taken the US less than two months to remove the missiles which were deployed under a year ago 88 11 01b

1988 11 02
A new university sports complex off Madingley Road will cater for every level from general recreation to high-performance athletes. The first phase will include a 10-lane Olympic-standard synthetic athletics track with field events facilities and a pavilion. Later there will be a 34-metre swimming pool with a deep-water full-size international water polo court. A sports hall, rowing, training tank, combat salle, dance studio, squash and fives court and table tennis facilities will follow 88 11 02

Villagers at Wallington, near Royston, were left high and dry when their only pub was suddenly closed and boarded up. Residents were so outraged that they sent a petition to brewers Greene King calling for the Plough to be reopened. There has not been a village stores for many years and now they have only the village hall. But they admit they did not support the pub when it was open. The Biggleswade brewery said it was not viable and would be disposed of in the most profitable way 88 11 02a

1988 11 03

The revolutionary new DNA profiling technique has just gone into operation at the regional forensic science laboratory at Huntingdon. The new unit will carry out work for 10 police forces including murder, rape and violent assault. The system could eventually provide information such as the colour of the attacker's eyes and stature, scientists claim. Older techniques such as blood testing which can produce quicker, if less precise results, will continue to be used. 88 11 03

1988 11 04
Thirteen of the world's largest military aircraft shelters are being built at RAF Alconbury to house the TR-1 spy plane with its huge 104 feet wingspan. They use enough steel to stretch from London to Southampton and are large enough to hold 50 buses. They are part of a £70 million development of the base which includes taxiways and operational buildings. The development, linked with the arrival of cruise missiles at nearby RAF Molesworth, was to have turned Alconbury into the biggest USAF base in Britain. But now Molesworth has been run down as a result of the INF arms reduction treatment 88 11 04

Royston's original cinema in Priory Lane was gutted in 1933 and reopened in Melbourn Street just five months later. However until recently it stood almost derelict through years of neglect and audiences were at an all-time low. Then Des and Margaret Shepherd and their partner Bob Lee took over. They gave it a fresh coat of paint, replaced the uncomfortable seats and installed modern equipment. In the last five years audiences have trebled. But the future is not secure: the lease runs out in two years and developers are hungry to get their hands on the prime building site. 88 11 04a

The dustmen leave the depot at 6.10 am and begin collecting bins, cracking jokes and shouting good-natured abuse at each other. Each man is almost trotting between houses, often lifting bins on to a shoulder with one hand while grabbing bulging plastic sacks with the other. David, a veteran of 15 years with the council, drives the dustcart a few yards at a time; too far and they would carry the bins further than necessary, too little and they waste precious minutes waiting for him. They have incentives to get the work done quickly – they knock off as soon as they are finished 88 11 04b & c

1988 11 09
Villagers in Sewards End have failed to save their pub. Nearly 90 people signed a petition protesting against the closure of the Green Dragon but brewers Ind Coope were given outline consent to redevelop the site for five new houses. Uttlesford's Development Control Sub-committee could not take the petition in to account as it was not a reason for refusing permission. They also gave brewers Greene King permission to convert the Bricklayer's Arm at Ashdon into two houses. 88 11 09

Book Production Consultants feature – 88 11 09a

1988 11 10
Residents of a controversial block of flats in Cambridge have denied their home if a terrible place to live. Tenants in Kingsway Flats, off Carlton Way, are working with the council to spruce up the block's image. It is a good place to live, the flats are excellent and when proposed improvements are finished people will clamour to live there, they say. There is a kekab stall on the corner and a lot of young people on motor cycles hang around but on the whole it is quiet. 88 11 10

Plans for a massive new housing scheme at Southoe near St Neots have been shelved. But the firm who wanted to build 700 homes over 100 acres still hopes some development might go ahead. 88 11 10a

Kneesworth House psychiatric hospital was dubbed 'another Broadmoor' and condemned as a risk to local people before it even opened. When the first group of mentally ill patients moved into the hall in Bassingbourn village after a bitter protest three years ago, it was to a reception of open hostility. But now after an expansion programme, the community is coming round. Many of the 110 staff come from the surrounding area and now a visitors group is to be set up to socialise with the patients 88 11 10b

1988 11 12
Lady Cambridge's former home, Old House, Lt Abington back on market – 88 11 12

1988 11 15
The prestigious Garden House Hotel has been taken over by Queens Moat Houses, the first national chain to gain a foothold in the city. Its main competitor, the four-star University Arms is owned by the Bradford Family while the Ridgeon family own the Gonville and Arundel House belongs to Major John Norfolk. The Garden House was first opened in 1922 but has had an unsettled time with five different owners in the last 20 years. In 1970 it was damaged during the 'Garden House Riot' and two years later gutted by a fire. It reopened in 1973 and has since been extended. Now it will be redecorated 88 11 15 # c.27.45

1988 11 16
Laurence Fletcher was given the challenge of opening a new Christian book shop in Cambridge in 1951; now Mowbrays which was founded in Oxford almost 140 years ago has a world-wide reputation. At his retirement party the Bishop of Ely read a letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury paying tribute to Mr Fletcher's enthusiasm and knowledge of books: "I can't imagine King's Parade without him", he wrote . 88 11 16 # c.25

1988 11 21
Buckden Towers is steeped in history; Katharine of Aragon was imprisoned there and some famous visitors include Henry VIII and his fifth wife Catherine Howard as well as Cardinal Wolsey, James I and Samuel Pepys. It is now occupied by the Claretians, a Catholic church missionary group. When they arrived in 1956 the buildings were in poor repair and the great tower, which dates back to the 14th century, just a shell. Now they are launching a restoration appeal. 88 11 21

1988 11 23
Dozens of people were evacuated from homes and offices when a cloud of highly toxic gas escaped from a chemical factory in St Neots after two chemicals reacted as they were being mixed together to make drain cleaning products. The fumes can burn skin, damage eyes and corrode metals. Staff were evacuated, the nearby police station cleared and an emergency post was established at the town's swimming pool. Two people were taken to hospital and a number of police officers treated after inhaling fumes. 88 11 23

Prince Charles picked up a handful of sewage-based compost and took a deep sniff as he toured Hensby Compost at Woodhurst. And he came close to getting a better view than he wanted when he slipped on the icy sludge and was caught by the company boss. The process gets rid of sewage sludge, cutting stubble-burning and protecting peat-based fens. He was presented with a Camellia grown in Nat-Gro in a pot commissioned from the Prickwillow pottery. 88 11 23a

Angry residents want councillors to clamp down on the followers of an Indian guru who pour into the village for special gatherings. Shudy Camps Park House, a 330-year-old mansion, was bought by the wife of the Secretary General of the U.N, International Maritime Organisation who some regard as a saint with miraculous powers to cure the sick and dying, Her followers use it as a clinic for treating illnesses with sahaja yoga. Locals claim music, chanting and incantations have been played over loudspeakers until early in the morning. 88 11 23b

Cambridge's large Polish community celebrated 40 years in the city at the Polonia Club in Chesterton Road. They have built up an impressive network of activities ranging from a drama society and folk song ensemble called Klosy to a school founded in 1952 to teach Polish language and culture. When Josef Mazur came in 1947 the only employment open to Poles was labouring, work in the mines or domestic positions. The older members of the community are suspicious that youngsters will not uphold the traditions, but they want them to survive. 88 11 23c

1988 11 25
Social services have stepped in to protect two children seriously disturbed after being caught up in satanic practices amid revelations that witchcraft is widespread. Coven and devil worship groups are probably active in Cambridge and black magic activity is known in the Huntingdon area claims a clergyman, one of five trained to combat the black arts. The vicar of Buntingford has dealt with youngsters "frightened out of their wits' by dabbling with the occult 88 11 25.

More than 8,300 of the region's farmers have applied to the new Set-aside scheme which pays them to stop farming and help reduce the EEC cereal surplus. Mechanisation has already cut 2,500 farm jobs this year. Crops will not be grown on Radwinter Hall Farm for the first time in living memory. Farmer Westwood is not overjoyed at stopping farming his traditional crops of wheat, barley and beans but after three years of washout harvests his overdraft was so high the bank would have foreclosed on him. Now he will just watch the grass grow on his 350 acres. 88 11 25a

1988 11 26
Cambridge has nearly double the national average number of children in care, a shock report has revealed. One in every 100 children is either in foster care or in special homes, hostels or lodging. This is three times as high as surrounding districts and twice as high as Huntingdon. But a shake-up of policy will see cash moved away to preventative care 88 11 26

1988 11 28
Fire fighters battled for two hours to stop a blaze which seriously damaged Cambridge University's Union Society buildings. The famous debating chamber was saved but the main reception room was gutted and the bar and library badly smoke damaged. It is not believed to have been a malicious attack but probably caused by a smouldering cigarette. A major fire in 1975 damaged part of the debating chamber and two floors above 88 11 28

1988 11 29
Chaos hit rush hour-traffic when a major spillage of dangerous chemicals blocked the A45 in both directions after a lorry overturned. Quick work by firemen prevented the hazardous chemicals forming poisonous clouds and getting into the water supply 88 11 29

1988 11 30
Trumpington teenager Guiliano Maiorana joins Manchester United 86 11 30

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1988 12 01
St Mary's school Headmistress Sister Christina is quick to dispel thoughts of the former convent as a cocooned world for over-privileged young ladies: all 575 have the opportunity of using the computers from the age of 11. "It is not just needlework and good manners, we have never gone in for embroidery. I am very keen the girls should go into a man's world as people, not as feminists", she says. The school has a strong background in science and engineering and many go on to polytechnics to study electrical, mechanical and chemical engineering 88 12 01

Fulbourn water pumping station was built by the Cambridge University & Town Waterworks Company in 1888. The pump was taken out of service last year. Now it may be turned into a house and four flats. Sale by auction 88 12 01b # c.24.2

1988 12 06
Michael Marshall reflects on work as High Sheriff 88 12 06

1988 12 07
BBC new regional TV centre could be based in Cambridge 88 12 07

Next Technology developing device to make moving pictures and photographs as easily accessible on computers as words and graphics 88 12 07a

Milton Lamb and Flag pub, 17th century, now modernised 88 12 07b

1988 12 08
Eaton Socon sub-postmaster retires 88 12 08

1988 12 09
City of London Polytechnic pulls out of plans to merge with CCAT as Anglia Polytechnic 88 12 09 # c.36.7

Bathers gave way to baptismal candidates at Girton College when the Rev Michael Quicke of St Andrew's Street Baptist Church baptised four students in the swimming pool. It is thought to be the first time such a service has been held there. "It was rather odd, with everyone around the pool and so much water. But I was encouraged by the spirit of it", he said. Originally five students had been due to be baptised but one was unwell. Each was keen for the service to be held in their College so that friends did not have to trek to the church. 88 12 09a

1988 12 12
Shoppers gave Cambridge a miss on Saturday amid fears of Christmas chaos. The usual long queues in to traffic choked car parks were absent as motorists virtually breezed into the centre. 88 12 12

Office rents have soared 35 per cent this year – 88 12 12a

South Cambs District Plan envisages village growth – details – 88 12 12b

Hutchings and Harding tannery, one of the world's largest producers of chamois leather, has opened Skivers Tannery Shop at its historic premises in Sawston High Street specialising in leather jackets, sheepskin and goatskin rugs. The family-owned business, founded some 350 years ago, is housed in buildings erected in the early 1800s where it employs 70 people, exporting 80 per cent of its products worldwide. Its leather jackets cost £80 and men's sheepskin jackets £180. 88 12 12c

1988 12 13
Thousands of hens will be slaughtered in Cambridgeshire as the salmonella scare means fewer people are buying eggs and farmers cannot afford to keep them. The scare-mongering by certain ministers has affected the livelihood of producers; one says he will have to kill 9,000 hens because of the high cost of feeding them while at Flexon Poultry Farm, Wilburton 3,000 birds are being slaughtered: they would lie to dispose of more but the processing factories are all choc-a-bloc. It is a disaster for the industry. 88 12 13

198812 14
The last of several thousand trees on Jockey Club land at Newmarket which were damaged in last year's gales, has been felled. The trees were about 150 years old and had reputedly been planted by French prisoners from the Napoleonic wars. Much of the high-grade timber was sold to furniture companies while several hundred tons of lower grade wood went to North Wales pulp mills. Now the area has been cleared reading for planting with young saplings 88 12 14

The Midland Bank on Saffron Walden Market Square, has been given a complete face-lift. Work on the 18th-century timber-framed building was not easy: a former family home, the premises were listed both internally and externally. When they started taking down walls they encountered all sorts of problems. In the four years since it opened the bank has increased its number of accounts from 70 to several thousand. Saffron Walden is a traditional market town and it is important for a local bank manager to maintain a personal link with customers, they believe 88 12 14a

1988 12 15
Controversial plans to turn the redundant St Andrew the Great Church into a shopping centre have been rejected. The Environment Secretary says the new centre would be an unsuitable place to house the memorial to Captain Cook, the explorer, whose wife and two sons are buried in the church grounds. The expanse of glazed area coupled with the commercial appearance of what would be behind would cause conflict to the character and setting of the building. 88 12 15 # c.83

The former Tivoli cinema building which opened on Chesterton Road in 1925 has been converted into 'The Exchange' with two large cocktail bars and a 120-seater restaurant. Later will come a basement gym, a punt landing stage and a roof garden restaurant with panoramic views over Jesus Green. Entertainment facilities include a huge electronic roll-down screen, the latest audio equipment and closed circuit television relaying film of the dance hall, But great care has been taken to preserve the distinctive atmosphere with plaster ceiling mouldings and a combination of rich dark and red wood 88 12 15a # c.27.4

1988 12 16
Seven newspapers in Cambridgeshire belonging to the Sharman family are to be sold, but the jobs of all 220 staff are safe. The titles, which include the Hunts Post, Ely Standard and Cambridgeshire Times will be bought by Thomson Regional Newspapers subject to referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Other titles included in the deal are the Peterborough, Wisbech and Kings Lynn Standards and the Rutland and South Lincs Classified. The news comes just a week after the funeral of the former managing director, Charles Sharman. 88 12 16 # c.04

Cambridge city council cannot afford to take over the redundant church of St Andrew the Great to turn it into a heritage centre and tourist office which would be mainly used by tourists. A number of organisations have already been given planning permission to use it for a variety of functions, but they have not taken up the option. It would cost up to £1 million to convert the building so the church's future is back in the melting pot after the Government's refusal to allow a property company to turn it into shops 88 12 16a

1988 12 19
Scientist of Nobel-prize-winning standard are to offer their services to industry as part of a new initiative to foster better links between the university and businesses in Cambridge. They will operate through consultancy companies which will provide a new source of university funds. Disciplines will include veterinary science, mathematics and surface analysis under an initiative from the Wolfson Industrial Unit 88 12 19

1988 12 21
Eagle redevelopment plans – 88 12 21

Whittlesford peppermint Mint Marketing Company marketing expands 88 12 21a

'Honest' Paul Tippett was one of the first traders to set up shop at Addenbrooke's Hospital 15 years ago. Now he has taken over a new purpose-built supermarket on the main concourse. The shop has been designed to accommodate wheelchairs or patients coming in with their drip stands. It does them good to get out of the wards and back into the real world for a little while. Although Concourse Mini Market sells alcohol and medicines staff check with the patient's ward sister before supplying them. 88 12 21b & c # c.21.4

1988 12 23
Ely mobile library driver Fred Kirby retires – 88 12 23

1988 12 28
Production trials have started at the £4 million Haverhill Meat Products factory which has been designed to cater for an expected growth market in the 1990s. It will process and pack cooked ham

and cooked shoulder. The factory is the largest pork abattoir in Europe and is owned by J. Sainsbury and Canada Packers of Ontario. The site, first developed in 1958, now employs 1,700 people. 88 12 28

Brooklands Avenue Government canteen to be repaired and refurbished – 88 12 28a

St Andrew's Street Baptist Church has opened a new three-storey Stone Yard Centre which nestles between the church and the Canon cinema, with a restaurant open to the public as its focal point. The cost has been high for the 300 regular churchgoers to find but plans are advanced for other projects including a luncheon club for the elderly and a marriage counselling service. 88 12 28b # c.83

Foxton based Millers Coaches is taking over several major routes in Cambridge following revised legislation relating to bus services. The biggest impact on travellers has been the introduction of the popular 'Noddy Bus' with its low floors and wide doors making it popular with pensioners and young mums with children and pushchairs. Soon they will take delivery of a fleet of Leyland Lynx buses which each carry 51 passengers. 88 12 28c # c.26.46

1988 12 29
A plague of rats is sweeping the region with the number of reported sighting in Cambridge nearly doubling since September. 88 12 29

Bait's Bite lock gates to be replaced by electric wedge – 88 12 29a

Cambridge Evening News centenary year reviewed – 88 12 29b # c.04

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1989 01 03
The current scourge of rats which is reaching epidemic proportions in Cambridgeshire spells good business for Town and County Pest Services, based in Carlton. They first produced their secret poison recipe in plastic sachet form in 1964 and are working full-time to meet a growing demand for their Townex product from all over the country. Each sachet is printed with the antidote in case a pet accidentally eats some 89 01 03

Pitt Club, p13

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Badger, p9
Royston Corn Exchange, p9

1989 01 05
The new shopping mall in the main concourse at Addenbrooke's Hospital is the first money-making venture to be undertaken by a joint NHS-private sector partnership. Under the deal the British Airport Services paid for the redevelopment in return for a five-year contract to manage the businesses on the site. The NHS is guaranteed income from a profit-sharing agreement with the 20 private commercial concerns which have taken space; they include a hairdresser's, florist, grocery store and cafeteria. It will be unveiled by the Health Secretary, Kenneth Clarke 89 01 05 # c.21.4

1989 01 10
The University Arms Hotel has been sold to the De Vere chain which owns 30 luxury hotels across the country. They plan to refurbish the 115-bed four-star hotel. Built as a coach house in 1830, the University Arms was acquired by Marcus Bradford in 1891. The 160 staff will be retained. De Vere hoped to build a hotel in Cambridge several years ago and bought a site in Mount Pleasant, but the scheme fell through. 89 01 10 # c.27.45

Villagers in Balsham celebrated Plough Monday, a tradition dating back 200 years when villages pulled the plough around the village collecting money from 'well-to-do' families. If anyone refused to give, they would draw a furrow across their lawn. At Fenstanton the Old Hunts Molly Dancers led a procession with over 200 villagers, maintaining a tradition revived about 10 years ago. 89 01 10a

Plans for a £50 million transport services and warehousing development at Godmanchester – which could have created 300 jobs – has been rejected by Huntingdonshire District Council. It included a hotel, pub/restaurant and filling station but was felt to be too overwhelming and overpowering. It would be an inland port which would have heavy traffic use, particularly after the Channel Tunnel opened. And a 40-bed country club planned for Buckden Marina would turn that village into a 'Benidorm by the Ouse'. It would include swimming pool, gym and snooker room together with a coffee shop and crèche. 89 01 10b

A major row has broken out in the book trade following the decision of Pentos, which owns Dillons Bookstore in Cambridge, to sell books at a discount. Other bookshops, including Heffers, say this is in defiance of the Net Book Agreement and could put many small booksellers out of business. They would not be following suit. Dillons, which opened in the city last year is just one of Pentos group's chain of shops, which include Athena, and has five per cent of the book trade. 89 01 10c

1989 01 11

Post Office chiefs have turned to the work-starved city of Sheffield in a bid to cure a staff crisis in Cambridge. Almost 300 answered a small advertisement for postmen and van drivers which has yielded more than 50 new recruits. But a further 30 snubbed a move because of soaring accommodation costs. Another advertisement in the News for rooms and bedsits for the new postmen produced a flood of responses and all have now been found a home 89 01 11

Violent crime in Cambridge is not new. In the Sixties gangs of Mods and Rockers roamed the city centre, frequently clashing with each other and the police. There were also violent student political protests. In February 1970 hundreds of students attacked the Garden House hotel in protest against the regime in Greece and the Cambridge Rapist brought terror to the lives of women between October 1974 and June 1975. But the city is still a remarkably safe place, say councillors. 89 01 11a

Early one dark Sunday morning a passenger aircraft with nearly 300 people on board has crashed in flames on Parker's Piece. Three nearby house have been destroyed by wreckage falling from the sky and there are fears of more explosions. It is a horrifying scenario which seems chillingly real after the Lockerbie disaster. But Cambridge emergency services are trained to deal with it with a 'major incident' plan covering crashed aircraft or trains, chemical incidents and explosions. 89 01 11b

1989 01 12
Teachers facing the biggest classroom revolution of their careers are under more stress than ever before, trying to find ways to cope with a new National Curriculum with all its implications of pupil assessment and testing. But staff at the Cambridge Educational Development Centre in Ascham Road are helping their blackboard colleagues with courses and workshops bringing teachers up to date with the latest techniques in a warm comfortable environment where they can forget the rigours and stresses of school 89 01 12

In the centre of Huntingdon stands a building dating back to the 12th century where Oliver Cromwell and the diarist Samuel Pepys went to school. For the last 25 years it has been home to the Cromwell Museum, packed with artefacts relating to the Lord Protector. It has recently undergone a renovation to enhance the displays of artefacts such his hat, a gunpowder flask with his initials and his medicine cabinet. It is the only public collection of material on Oliver Cromwell in the country and attracts visitors from around the world. 89 01 12a

The University Arms Hotel has been owned by the Bradford family for almost a century and its sale marks the end of an era. Opened in 1834, the original hotel was a three-storey building with just 15 bedrooms. It was bought by Marcus Bradford in 1891 and rebuilt, with a further extension in 1925, then substantially modernised in the 1960s and 70s. It was the first hotel in Cambridge to install electric lighting, and the first heating system was installed in 1900 when there was also 'telephonic communication with all parts of the United Kingdom'. Today it has 115 bedrooms, a restaurant for up to 250 people, several bars and conference rooms. 89 01 12b # c.27.45

1989 01 16
Guiliano Maiorana has made his first team debut for Manchester United at Old Trafford, having made the dream move from Histon at the end of November. Under the terms of the contract agreed between the two clubs Histon will collect £50,000 once he has made 20 competitive appearances for the first team. It follows an immediate £30,000 paid when United manager Alex Ferguson plucked the Cambridge-born player, son of Italian parents, from obscurity after seeing him in a trial 89 01 16

1989 01 17
Sir - Cambridge Preservation Society is very concerned about the proposal of the Cam Conservators to replace the historic gates at Baits Bite with the ugly 16ft guillotine lock. This will spoil a scene of great charm on a recreation route of prime importance. It is being done so they can save the costs of the lock keeper's job by automating the lock. Anglian Water has agreed to contribute to the cost so long as the system will allow for improved flood control. But there are other engineering solutions. – Secretary, Preservation Society 89 01 17

Ancient wall painting at Kingston parish church which are under threat from damp may be saved. Conservationists will paste silk over a 15th-century painting of a devil, then remove it from its plaster home. The wall itself will then be made good and the painting replaced. It is a very complex and expensive business. One single design can cost more than £10,000 to restore and preserve for future generations 89 01 17a

1989 01 19
The second phase of the Grafton Centre shopping complex, which is almost half as big again, has been delayed by nine months. It will include new shopping malls, a food area and the conversion of the old Presto store into 15 business units. It means the seven screen cinema and 257 extra parking spaces will also be set back. The news has been greeted with dismay by Councillors. Developers Grosvenor has blamed the delay on design changes, although finance has not yet been organised. 89 01 19

William Hunt opened a shop on Mill Road in 1918 as a centre for jewellery repairs. He then sold watches and clocks together with a few sports trophies. As these became popular he decided to concentrate on this side of the business, together with some engraving. .Mr Hunt died about 22 years ago and the shop was continued by his daughter, Joyce. She came on a temporary basis in 1937 and has stayed ever since. Now she is retiring and there is no one in the family to carry it on. 89 01 19a

Land on Histon Road fenced off to prevent travellers – 89 01 19b

1989 01 20
The leader of the Greek Orthodox Church in Britain celebrated the feast of St Athanosios at the Cambridge parish he founded in 1968 when he was studying in Cambridge. The congregation now regularly numbers about 40. Otherwise known as St Clement's, the church is shared with the Anglican community – 89 01 20 # c.83

Seasoned commuters on the Cambridge line will go to almost any lengths to avoid catching the 'cattle-truck' electric 321 multiple-unit trains to London. Even being crammed on to the older locomotive-hauled trains is preferable. "There are just two carriages where you can smoke on the 8am train from Cambridge; every day I have to stand, nothing ever happens when you complain", said one regular traveller. Many will either work late or go for a drink at the end of the day to catch the 6.35pm locomotive-hauled train. Life will be only marginally better when the new electric units come into full operation, seating will still be cramped, there will be no tables for people to work, no buffer, no phones and not enough first class seats, some claim. 89 01 20a # c.26.2

1989 01 21
The University's world-renowned Veterinary School may be axed following a report by a Government Working Party. Although the University has until March to respond, there is little prospect of changing their mind. The last intake of students will be in October and the school, which has 300 students, would close when they finish their six-year degree course. No decision has been made on the future use of the Madingley Road site or the Vet's Hospital, which is a leading centre for cancer treatment in animals 89 01 21 # c.36.9

Arrington Assembly Rooms, one of the oldest village halls in the county, may have to close because of weakened floors and the ancient building needs an expensive damp-proof course. Now villagers have to raise almost £1,000. The hall, a former malting house, was first faced with closure five years ago. Then £6,000 was raised and re-roofing and other essential repairs were carried out. Ironically the success of that campaign is the source of the current problem because it is so well used 89 01 21a

1989 01 23
Fraud investigators from the Departments of Employment and Social Security have been targeting fenland farms, vegetable packers, gangmasters and employers to weed out unemployment benefit

claimants who are working on the land but failing to declare they are doing so. Hundreds have been signed off the jobless register, saving the taxpayer thousands of pounds a week. They are also investigating allegations that some of the gangmasters are collusive 89 01 23

Church wall paintings feature – 89 01 23a

1989 01 24
Addenbrooke's Hospital intensive care unit designed to cope with major disaster opens – 89 01 24 # c.21.4

Hinxton watermill restored by Preservation Society – 89 01 24a

1989 01 25
Therfield Tuthill Manor restored – 89 01 25

Farming industry progresses mechanically, problem of wages – 89 01 25a

1989 01 27
Huntingdon Petersfield day centre under threat – 89 01 27

Tom Doig has done a very good job as curator of the Cambridge and County Folk Museum for the past five years despite little encouragement and many difficulties. The little museum is a most marvellous means of encouraging a sense of community and plays a central role in teaching young people about their area. Yet it is desperately poorly financed, scandalously cramped and largely failing to exploit its potential. I hope whoever inherits Tom's unenviable task at the museum will also show his enthusiasm and refusal to be cast down by difficulties. Never before has the public been more interested and enthralled by local history. And never has the need for a dramatic re-appraisal of this very valuable museum been more needed – Christopher South 89 01 27a # c.03

Jennings Transport of Sawston moved to new haulage depot – 89 01 27b

1989 01 28
Vet School closure protest march – 89 01 28

1989 01 30
Molesworth Cruise Missile base was deactivated in an historic ceremony, the first to be disbanded under the Superpowers' Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty. The 18 nuclear-tipped missiles were all removed last year. Now the storage buildings, which resemble large garages with 70-ton steel and concrete doors may be used as accommodation or storage centres. The Royal Marines band played the ceremony out with the 'Monty Python' theme. – 89 01 30 & 31 # c.45.8

1989 01 31
Bolnhurst Old Plough pub ravaged by fire – 89 01 31a

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1989 02 01
Satellite TV aerials cause concern – 89 02 01

1989 02 02
Stansted airport could overtake Gatwick – report – 89 02 02

Coulson's building firm is combining old skills and new technology by bringing in a laser saw which cuts stone 10 times faster than the old one. – 89 02 02a

1989 02 03
Claims by a Cambridge Professor that a Cambridgeshire accent could be a handicap to children seeking a career have prompted controversy. Sybil Marshall of Ely defends her own accent: "I was born of fenland stock at the bottom of a fenland drove in a remote fen well below sea level. I have never been at any pains to eradicate my fenland vowels. I have never found my fenland voice, nor my accent, much of a hindrance to my professional advancement, and shall die still using the accent of my proud, sturdy, humorous and intelligent fen forebears". She also point out that each fenland region has an accent and dialogue of its own. "Within the fenland there are almost as many accents and dialects as there are distinctly separate fens." Leslie Nicholas of Littleport agrees: "I have travelled this country inside out, upside down and back to font and people have said how they like my accent. We are not carrot crunchers". - 89 02 03

A wartime 12-ton German V2 rocket is standing on a 'launch pad' at Teversham. Together with a modern US Polaris nuclear missile will go to the Imperial War Museum but problems arose over how best to display it 89 02 03a

1989 02 07
South Cambs DC, which has earned a reputation as a low-spending authority, is to provide all its services completely free of charge this year. Careful accounting and savings has boosted its reserves to move than £6 million. They had been worried that the Government might try and claw back some of the funds if it started to spend. But now the Government has fixed grants to councils. It is the last year money can be paid back to ratepayers before the community charge is introduced 89 02 07

1989 02 08
House prices to soar following electrification of railway line – 89 02 08

1989 02 10
Cambridgeshire County Council could be abolished in a massive town hall shake up. Liberal Democrats want to replace it with three small authorities, one be an amalgamation between Cambridge and South Cambs councils. The Government has decided to eventually scrap county-wide structure plans and replace them with local area plans. But they are angry at suggestions that city residents should be issued with identity cards giving concessionary fees to council-run leisure facilities. 89 02 10

CN-FM 103, Britain's newest commercial station, aims to provide local news, information and music to listeners in a 20 mile radius of Cambridge. It broadcasts from their main studios at Histon using the latest high tech broadcasting equipment with all its music on compact disc or digital audio tape. It has headhunted some of broadcasting's top presenters such as Dixie Peach, David Hamilton, Nicky Horne and Nino Firetto. They have also signed up 'Bungalow' Bill Wiggins to host a Sunday lunchtime show. 89 02 10a & b

1989 02 15
Property developers are bidding to buy Parkside fire station so they can build houses, a hotel or offices on the site. In return they will fund new fire stations at Arbury and Trumpington. At present fire tenders are often delayed by traffic and this would boost response time. The plum site overlooks Parker's Piece and is worth many millions of pounds. Now county councillors will reconsider the idea which was previously floated a year ago. 89 02 15

Developers have defended controversial plans to built two new villages. One, named Denny would be near Waterbeach would be called Denny. This would include 1,500 homes ranging from five-bedroom detached properties to starter homes with a village hall, community college, surgery and 27-acre sports field. The other, Highfields, would be five miles west of Cambridge and boast a business park, swimming pool and nine-hole golf course as well as 3,000 houses. Part of the A45 would be turned into a dual carriageway 89 02 15a

The main changes in Cambridgeshire's landscape since the 1930s has been the loss of hedgerows, drainage of wetland, cultivation of pastures and felling of trees. Livestock farming has been overtaken by cereal production as farmers answered the call to feed the nation. But new EEC quotas, 'green' politics and public demands for access have forced a rethink. Now the county council is planning a shake-up of its 45,000 acres of farmland with holdings run on a more commercial basis. Walkers and horse riders could get new routes and country parks are planned. 89 02 15b

Most Cambridgeshire land is devoted to agriculture, producing cereals, sugar beet and potatoes. Now the County Council has produced a Rural Strategy in response to the European drive to scrap food and highlight conservation matters. It promotes public enjoyment of the countryside, conservation and organic farming, encouraging farmers to seek income from rural businesses, tourism and country museums. But this is a "Walt Disney" ideal of a countryside with no smells or noises and organic farming is folly, a Thriplow farmer warns 89 02 15c

1989 02 16
Workmen are digging up part of the £3 million Huntingdon bypass which opened just month's ago. A section of the road between the Manor Farm roundabout and the King's Ripton junction has started to 'ripple'. It was constructed using a new technique of mixing lime and water with the clay subsoil to generate a chemical reaction which hardens the ground. Now they will return to a more orthodox method, digging out the clay and replacing it with a granular base. 89 02 16

Zebra crossings and Belisha beacons, pedestrian crossings – feature – 89 02 16a

SCDC the only council with a Conservation committee and first statutory nature reserve was East Hatley church – 89 02 16b

1989 02 17
Holiday Inns starts building hotel in Downing Street – 89 02 17

1989 02 18
Madingley windmill restored as house, for sale – 89 02 18

1989 02 21
Kings Hedges Infants and Junior Schools in Cameron Road may need to be knocked down and completely rebuilt. The schools, which celebrate their 21st birthday this year, have fallen into a state of 'disgraceful neglect', Governors claim. The roofs leak, the windows are loose, there is no paint on the outside. It will be cheaper to demolish them rather than undertake repairs. 89 02 21 # c.36.5

1989 02 22
Huge sums of money are being paid to house Cambridge's homeless in bed-and-breakfast style rooms. Rooms cost between £55 and £80 a week to rent and some are sub-standard. Two young mothers share a freezing house with a glue sniffer who often cuts himself because he liked the sight of blood. Now the Housing Act could push rents higher while new legislation may block the building of council houses. But a landlady says many tenants left without paying or do damage and they need to cover their costs 89 02 22

The Cambridge bedmaker might be an endangered species. Many potential bedders are being wooed by supermarket and 'Yuppie' couples prepared to pay above-average rates for a suitable cleaner. There are almost permanent advertisements but they attract fewer applicants. The standard rate is £2.75 an hour, around 50p less than that offered privately. Bedmakers usually work a 20-hour week but with the current shortages many take on more hours. But there are bonuses during the conference season and regular chats with the fellows make the job different each day 89 02 22a & b

1989 02 23
Pakistan ambassador honours Chaudri Rahnat Ali – 89 02 23

1989 02 24
Geoff Cresswell has been Cambridge City Surveyor for nearly 25 years, managing roads, traffic, refuse collection, markets and developments such as the Lion Yard and Grafton Centre. In the 1960s everybody was talking about building roads. The 70's were the era of multi-storey car parks, the 80's saw central area traffic management. Now its industrial and council redevelopment. But he has doubts about park-and-ride. Underground car parks are possible, but would be massively expensive to build, he says. 89 02 24

1989 02 28
Camfax is a new Cambridge company specialising in the supply of facsimile machines. The Harris/3M machine transmits a standard page of text in as little as ten seconds. As it uses the telephone line, the faster it transmits, the lower the communication costs. It has a no paper memory, retaining communications until more paper is loaded. The most popular model sells for £1,200 and can be connected to a car phone to be used in conjunction with cellular radio 89 02 28

Myttons restaurant and brasserie takes up most of the ground floor of the Pitt Club in Jesus Lane. Behind the classical façade of the building originally built as a Roman bath house last century, a complete transformation has taken place. The elegant dining room provided a traditional atmosphere for substantial dining with a fully licensed bar for liquid refreshment. The brasserie offers economic lunches and dinners with most dishes under £5 89 02 28a

Texas flouting Sunday trading laws - 89 02 28, p1

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1989 03 01
Motorists are reeling from the news that car parking charges in Cambridge are set to go up by 900 per cent. Councillors have voted to increase fees at Queen Anne Car Park from £1 to £10. They hope squeezing out long-stay commuters will benefit short-term shoppers. They have told commuters to find a residential street to park in instead but residents in De Freville and the York Street area say they are choc-a-bloc with cars already 89 03 01

One-Two Eight home for mentally handicapped, Suez Road – 89 03 01a

1989 03 03
Plans have been released for a 'showpiece' village on the site of the former wartime air base at Bourn. The proposal is for a community of 3,000 homes of which 2,400 would be built by 2001. Up to 30 per cent would be for social needs – first-time buyers, the elderly and the handicapped. There would also be a 50-acre business park, superstore and nine-hole golf course together with two schools, a swimming pool, library and a police station 89 03 03

Jack Overhill was known by many people as an author and broadcaster – giving 55 talks for the BBC and publishing three books. But most people will remember him as a keen swimmer. The founder of the Granta Swimming Club, he took a daily dip in the Cam for more than 60 years. After leaving school at 14 he followed his father's trade of shoemaker and in the 1920s set up one of the country's first football pools coupons. "His diaries and the dramatised novels he wrote represent a most important history of backstreet Cambridge in the 1920s and 30s", said Cambridgeshire Collection Librarian, Mike Petty 89 03 03b

Jane Bone new director of Folk Museum faces challenge – 89 03 03c # c.03

1989 03 04

Fire ripped through the University Zoology Department causing extensive damage and destroying important scientific work. Previous records in a laboratory used by Cancer Research Campaign workers were destroyed, wiping out years of research. The department had been on alert because of fears that it would be a target for animal rights protestors. Some experiments were saved because refrigerators continued to function, despite the intense heat 89 03 04 # c.36.9 # c.44.75

1989 03 09
Market Square may be redeveloped in new scheme – 89 03 09

Cambridge Tyre Company, which celebrates its 60th anniversary, has a number of early tyres in stock. They include an American Swineheart tyre for a Model T Ford and a beaded edge Michelin from the same period. Ernest Brown founded the company in 1929 based in a small shop in Jesus Lane when many tyres were of solid construction. By 1935 they'd moved to Burleigh Street when tyres were fitted at the side of the road and in 1964 took over premises owned by Winston Smith the butcher in Histon Road. 89 03 09a

Railway cuts of Beeching era – feature 89 03 09b & c, 89 03 10a

1989 03 10
Councillors and employees to keep free parking spaces in Cambridge while prices rise – 89 03 10

1989 03 11
A1 could be turned into six-lane highway – 89 03 11

1989 03 13
Bishop Peter Walker to retire – 89 03 13

The Howard Mallett youth club opened in March 1968 and five weeks of birthday celebrations have included two revival nights featuring 50s/60s & 70s music and a party for children. There are plans to extend the centre which has a sports hall, two training gyms, three split-level multi-activity areas, meeting rooms and canteen. But Doris Mansfield who has fed thousands of youngsters since the club started life as a 17-plus drop-in centre is retiring. 89 03 13a

1989 03 14
The picturesque 15th-century Cootes farmhouse at Old Hall Road on the outskirts of Steeple Bumpstead was gutted by fire. The remote building had just been renovated and the owners are devastated by the loss of the home they bought to restore a year ago. At Trinity College students were evacuated when fire broke out in a kitchen. No one was hurt at either blaze. 89 03 14

1989 03 15
The new £5.5 million mechanised letter office in Clifton Road was built to cope with the area's rapidly increasing volumes of mail. Letters are handled by some of the latest sorting technology including machines which operate at a rate of 25,000 an hour and has scope for expansion so it can continue to grow with the city. It was formally opened by TV personality Anne Gregg, presenter of "Holiday '89". Later she waved off a special train to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the travelling post office. 89 03 15

Douglas House, Cambridge's 'slum' psychiatric unit for disturbed teenagers with its crumbling décor, cell-like rooms and graffiti-covered walls is to be closed down. A new unit will be built on the corner of the Robinson Way entrance to Addenbrooke's Hospital with proper facilities specifically designed for their needs. 89 02 15a # c.21.5

Rowland Parker, a retired schoolmaster, started writing after he moved to an attractive 15th-century cottage at Foxton and began digging into its background. His interest turned into an obsession and led to his first book, "The Cottage on the Green" in 1974. A year later he produced 'The Common

Stream' about the village itself which became a best seller in Britain and America. Three more books followed making him one of Cambridgeshire's best-known and respected authors 89 03 15b

Ely tourism report – 89 03 15c

1989 03 16
Police marksmen stormed a Linton bank where gunmen were believed to be holed up after a raid went wrong. More than 20 officers armed with Remington pump-action shotguns moved in after a three-hour siege at Barclay's Bank in the High Street. They used a hammer as a battering ram to break down the bank door before a police dog was sent in followed by four armed officers. A hostage was escorted out 89 03 16a-b

Cambridge Brickworks on Newmarket Road – memories of Hilda Swann – 89 03 16c # c.23

1989 03 17
Plans to convert a 150-year-old redundant church in Barley into a luxury four-bedroomed house have provoked controversy. Parish councillors and villagers with relatives buried in the churchyard are bitterly opposed. Planners fear it would overlook neighbouring properties and that continued use of the churchyard would inconvenience any future owners of the home. 89 03 17

The Royal Oak pub at Swaffham Prior, under threat of closure after 200 years, has won a last-minute reprieve from the brewery. Two hundred of the locals submitted a petition urging it be kept open. Known as "Blind Bobs" after landlord, Bob Scutton, it is one of the area's most famous watering holes. But Bob is retiring and Greene King wanted to transfer the licence to the Black Horse. However this has been sold to a private buyer. Now it will remain for another six months at least. 89 03 17a. closure delayed – 89 03 20

Barley church conversion plans rejected – 89 03 17
Parkside fire station redevelopment plans may have to be scrapped – 89 03 17b

1989 03 20
Lode primary school campaign for reopening – 89 03 20a

Ditton Fields sculptures in playground – 89 03 20b

1989 03 21
Libraries of the Future conference envisages co-operation between county and university libraries – 89 03 21a # c.77.4

The Government has approved the County structure plan saying yes to plans for a village of 1,500 homes on the A10 north of Cambridge but no to a new village west or east of the city on the A45. A public inquiry will be held to decide which side it should be built. Around 800 homes have been shifted into Fenland and draft plans to build a further 63,000 homes have been rubber-stamped. However villagers at Stretham and Wilburton will continue to fight proposals for 'Westmere' 89 03 21, 22a

1989 03 22
Traffic chaos in Cambridgeshire is growing so severe that in five year's time drivers may have to set off at 7 am to be in work by nine. A massive upsurge in traffic has already extended the rush hour. Congestion is choking Cambridge city centre and deepening the parking nightmare, a report says. Action must be taken with new roads around the outskirts and controversial park-and-ride schemes or it will grind to a halt over the next ten years. 89 03 22 # c.49.62

1989 03 23

One of the most remarkable housing developments ever seen is under way at Croxton. At present there is no life in either the buildings or its community. Now an extraordinary picturesque village street is being extended to form an enclosed community of 20 homes. The plans have been developed by Christopher Curry, founder of Acorn Computers, who lives in Croxton Park, a classical mansion. Timber-framed houses will be completely renovated with a new parish hall and village green. 89 03 23

1989 03 25
A major developer is slicing £10,000 off the cost of new homes in Milton in a bid to ease the stagnant market. Bovis has brought the price of its smallest three-bedroom detached home at The Sonnets down to £104.500 and similar reductions are reflected throughout the range. The four-bedroomed detached 'Newnham' is now £136.950, 'The Tewkesbury' has been slashed from £122,950 to £113,950 and the three-bed detached Aura-style home comes down to £117,950. Town houses are selling for £113,950 instead of £122,950. It is hoped buyers in a chain will now reduce the prices of their properties to get sales moving again. 89 03 25.

1989 03 29
Environmentalists claim Anglian Water has allowed the discharge of toxic waste into the Cam at Hauxton. Friends of the Earth say Schering Agrochemicals pumped 'groundwater polluted by an old toxic waste tip buried under the factory into the river. But the firm says a three metre layer of blue clay round the factory prevents contamination of the surrounding land and various processes to make the water safe were followed. 89 03 29

1989 03 30
First-time buyers priced out of housing market – 89 03 30

Papworth Hospital decade of transplants celebrated – 89 03 30a

1989 03 31
Air Ambulances need funding – 89 03 31

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1989 04 01
An old village fire engine which used to protect the villagers of Earith in the middle of the 18th century has been stored in a shed at the Norris Museum, St Ives, since 1936 because it will not fit inside. Now a conservation expert is to examine the Newsham pump to see if it is worth renovating. Curator Bob Burn-Murdoch says it appears to be in good condition, though some of the wood is rotten. A team of villagers would have dragged the pump to the fire then six or eight men would have operated the handles. 89 04 01

The clock at West Wickham church has been removed for an overhaul. It has an unusual lozenge-shaped clock face and is at least 200 years old. It was installed in September 1954 after being brought from St Peter's church, Duxford, where it had been since 1791. Now the clock, originally made by John Warner of Fleet Street, will be overhauled by Peter Watt of Balsham and provided with electrical winding. 89 04 04

1989 04 04
Crèches for children of working mothers – feature – 89 04 04a

1989 04 05
Sir Harry Secombe took time off from filming ITV's popular religious programme 'Highway' at Ely to open a cathedral shop in the High Street. The new venture by the Dean and Chapter is based in the medieval building originally used as the cathedral choir school and sells a range of local products.

Two other shop units have been taken by clothing retailers. Above is a new home for the city's museum, previously housed in cramped accommodation at the rear 89 04 05

1989 04 06
Eagle Inn yard may be closed to public – 89 04 06

1989 04 07
University Veterinary School wins reprieve – 89 04 07 # c.36.9

South Cambs being plundered by developers claims Robin Page – 89 04 07a

A dry ski-slope could open in Lime Kiln Road by Christmas if plans are approved. It would offer nursery, intermediary and advanced slopes, an Austrian-style ski-lodge, a toboggan run, conservation area and parking for 200 cars. A team of experienced staff and ski patrols would be on hand at all times and membership fees would range from £65 to £185 a year. The scheme would be marvellous for Cambridge and there is a lot of enthusiasm, the promoters claim. 89 04 07b

Bishop Peter Walker to retire – feature – 89 04 07c

1989 04 11
Cambridge could be a seaside town by 2050, a report by an environmental group claims. Global warming would cause the sea to rise by at least five metres over the next 60 years and Parliament might have to move to Birmingham because vast areas of central London will disappear beneath water. Cambridge Scientists are also working on a study which shows most of the county under water with Ely on an island once again. Currently a fifth of the Anglian Water Authority's area is below the high tide level 89 04 11 # c.12

Plans for the new village of Waterfenton, between Cambridge and Ely, include a new railway station. There would eventually be 3,000 homes, many with lawns running to the edge of a chain of lakes, with a mix of shops, offices and supermarket together with a 100-bedroomed hotel and a golf course. The site is less than five metres above sea level but would be protected by an earth mound around Chittering with a 'tump' – a mound topped with an obelisk or old windmill. 89 04 11a

1989 04 12
Acorn, the computer company which helped found the Cambridge Phenomenon, has bounded back into profitability after a worrying loss in 1987. They started getting into difficulties with the collapse of the home computer market in late 1984 and, apart from a recovery in 1986, have shown a loss ever since. But now the company, which employs around 230 people, is on course for expansion in its new role as a high-volume low-cost manufacturer of computers and work stations. 89 04 12 # c.27.5

Sea-rise could bring flooding and make Ely an island – 89 04 12a

Park-and-ride scheme could be scrapped by Conservatives – 89 04 12b

1989 04 14
Lady Alice Bragg, Cambridge's first woman mayor from 1945-46, read history at Newnham College between 1918 and 1921. In the year she finished she married Sir Laurence Bragg who was already a renowned scientist, having won the Nobel Prize for physics six years previously, aged 25. She served as an independent councillor, magistrate and chairman of the National Marriage Guidance Council in recognition of which she was made a CBE 89 04 14

1989 04 15
Co-op milk-bottling plant is to close after 40 years – 89 04 15

1989 04 17

Thousands of people lined roads to watch a St Neots landmark disappear in a pile of rubble. Onlookers had cameras trained on the five doomed chimneys of Little Barford Power Station. Sirens sounded before two deafening explosions sent the twin cooling towers crumbling to the ground. Then the two brick chimneys met the same fate. The final concrete chimney fell majestically like a giant redwood tree before landing with a thunderous crash. The crowds cheered their approval. 89 04 17

Nightmare vision of city – overrun with cycle parking spaces – 84 04 17a

1989 04 18
An A-10 tankbuster jet taking part in close ground attack manoeuvres ploughed into a field near Ramsey Forty Foot and exploded in a ball of flame. It came down close to several farms, tearing across a road and narrowly missing two vans as it disintegrated. US troops scoured the wreckage for potentially dangerous training ammunition. It is the third accident locally in four months: one crashed into a field at Earith and another crashed off the end of the Alconbury runway 89 04 18 # c.26.1

1989 04 18
The Zebra a good, solid, 1930s pub in Newmarket Road has been given a facelift. But rather than being 'tarted up' the 30s atmosphere has been retained and even improved with a stylish dark red and cream colour scheme. Originally it consisted of three small rooms but now it boasts one large bar and customers can move freely through the different areas. The landlords aim to turn it back into a traditional town pub where people can have a drink and meet their friends. 89 04 18a

1989 04 19
Why business is in charge at Ely Cathedral – 89 04 19

1989 04 21
Yattendon Investment Trust, owners of the CEN & CWN buy Hertfordshire newspaper group – 89 04 21 # c.04

Radio Cambridgeshire broadcaster Richard Spendlove has made one of the biggest decisions of his life – to quit his full-time job with British Rail and concentrate on broadcasting. The station announcer at Cambridge hopes to build on his popularity with listeners to his weekly 'Reflections' programme and has recently added 'Evergreen', on Saturday evenings. He got his first broadcasting opportunity on the Graham Day Saturday Show when the station went on the air seven years ago. As holder of an Equity card he has been an extra in some television programmes and provided voice-overs for commercials 89 04 21a

1989 04 24
British Rail is planning a second Cambridge railway station, provisionally known as Cambridge Parkway, close to Milton and the A45 northern bypass. It is unlikely to be ready in time for the start of electrification services to King's Lynn in October 1991, but could follow shortly afterwards. However the site needs much better access and provision of parking space. It would serve the high-tech Science Park and provide a way for commuters to join trains without having to struggle through the city. 89 04 24 # c.26.2

John Goldsmith, County Museums Officer, thinks the role played by museums in Cambridge is sadly under-estimated. 89 04 24a

1989 04 27
Cambridge Newspapers order new web-offset full-colour press to be located at a new printing complex at Milton – 89 04 27 # c.04

1989 04 29
Litlington has been rocked by shock news that its abattoir will close with the loss of 70 jobs. It is the biggest slaughterhouse in the area and many workers live locally, some have not had any other job

since leaving school. Owner Cliff Playle, whose grandfather had a butcher's shop in Bassingbourn, blames fierce competition from imported European meat and now they face big costs to bring it up to EEC standards. The company is also a wholesaler and prepares meat for big High Street names such as Tesco and Sainsbury 89 04 29

Woollard proposes new village, Bottisham – 89 04 29a

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1989 05 01
Cambridge is the fourth most popular tourist destination in the country, just beaten by Oxford. The four million visitors generate a massive income but the burden is a heavy load for the city to carry. They cause noise nuisance, pedestrian congestion, wear and tear on structures, buildings, turf and amenities such as public toilets. They are being encouraged to extend their stay but if they do this will compound the housing crisis. Already the majority of workers in the tourism industry – shop assistants and waitresses – are low paid and have difficulty finding accommodation in expensive Cambridge. 89 05 01 # c.46.45

Tourists contributed £165 million to Cambridge's economy last year, supporting between 8 and 10,000 people in the service industry. Each spends about £47. But just £157,000 was spent on welcoming them – less than 5p a head. The council cash went on running the tourism office in Wheeler Street which has 12 full-time staff and another dozen workers in the summer. The colleges are a major attraction but university life would be seriously disrupted if they were allowed to roam uncontrolled. Most colleges close during exams but are anxious not to close their gates unnecessarily. 89 05 01a, 02 # c.46.45

1989 05 03
Wartime 'Dig for Victory' recalled – 89 05 03

Land Army girls – 89 05 03a

1989 05 04
Cambridge Preservation Society has won the prestigious Europa Nostra Diploma of Merit for its restoration of Hinxton watermill and adjoining cottage. It is one of three in the village recorded in the Domesday Book though the oldest part of the present building dates from the 1600s. The project to save the mill, last used in 1955, began in 1983. Now it is in working condition and flour will be ground for visitors. The society won the award previously for its restoration of Bourn windmill 89 05 04

A high-tech computer system set to revolutionise Cambridgeshire's 15 main libraries has gone on line. Chief librarian Brendan Dwyer checked out the first book on the 'Cambook' system at Arbury Court. It will provide instant information about books on loan and a faster reservation system. "Pioneering the latest technology will help us to continue to offer a faster efficient service throughout the 1990s", he said 89 05 04a # c.77.4

1989 05 05
Anglia Young Books launched at Cambridgeshire Collection – 89 05 05

A lifetime's work educating pupils at Morley Memorial primary school was rewarded when the former headmistress laid a foundation stone for a new £500,000 building project. Miss Dorothy Hurst, who retired as head two years ago after 35 years teaching at the school, laid the stone in the walls of a new school hall for the 420 pupils in Blinco Grove. The project also includes a community room, two new classrooms and major improvements to the school. Work should be completed in time for its 90th anniversary in January next year 89 05 05a

Kneesworth House psychiatric hospital at Bassingbourn plans to build an extension to increase the number of patients from 89 to 148. Staff numbers will rise from 115 to 178. AMI Health Care says the existing premises, the first private facility of its kind in Britain, could not cope with demand. Bassingbourn residents bitterly opposed plans for the hospital to open in their village nearly four years ago but many have accepted it, with some taking an active supporting role. It provides a nationwide service for severe psychiatric patients 89 05 05b

1989 05 08
The opening of new research laboratories at Addenbrooke's Hospital will boost Cambridge's standing as a leading centre of molecular biology. It is a joint venture between the University Clinical School and one of America's lading drug giants, SmithKline Beckman and will include the MRC Molecular Genetics Unit. The laboratories will probe the origins of a wide range of disorders including heart disease, Aids and auto-immune problems affecting the body's ability to combat infections. 89 05 08 & 10

1989 05 11
Labgear Cablevision, the television communications equipment company. It makes good profits but its business in the area of satellite dishes, aerials and cable TV distribution systems does not fit into CEI's new strategic plans. It employs 125 people on the Cambridgeshire Business Park at Ely with 100 more at its main base at Abbey Walk, a site being considered for redevelopment for housing. It is one of three that Cambridge Electronic Industries plan to sell, leaving Cathodeon Crystals at Nuffield Road, Newmarket Microsystems, PED & Varelco at Newmarket in the local area. Cambridge Interconnection Technology, which used to be on the Cambridge Science Park has moved to Scotland 89 05 11

Cambridge Heritage Forum is seeking to establish a heritage centre that is not simply a tourist office but a place from which to promote local historical sites, based at St Andrew the Great – 89 05 11a # c.46.45

Plans to close the Eagle Yard have been shelved – 89 05 11b

Castle Soap company – reflections – 89 05 11c

The sale of 1,000 acres of farming land in Stretham and Waterbeach mark the break-up of part of the estate built up by the outstanding agriculturalist, Sir Frederick Hiam. One of the country's biggest growers of vegetables, he was appointed Director of Vegetable Supplies during the First World War and was knighted in 1924. The Stretham land which he bought in 1926 was part of an estate of about 13,000 acres and is now being sold by the family firm following the death of his only child. 89 05 11c

1989 05 12
The Union Society debating chamber may start being used as a church on Sundays since services at the 300-seat Round Church next door have become so crowded. Some worshippers have to sit on the floor and many who cannot see round the Norman pillars have to follow the service on television. Under the plan services would be held in the chamber and relayed by TV back to the church. It would be the first time the 130-year-old Union building would be used as a church on a regular basis. 89 05 12 # c.83

Evacuees experiences recorded by Susan Isaacs – feature – 89 05 12a

1989 05 13
Pampisford Chequers Inn renovated – 89 05 13

1989 05 15
Milton Children's Hospice open days before launch by Princess Diana – 89 05 15

1989 05 17
A light railway may be built, with private cash, linking the centre of Cambridge with the main line station on the outskirts. It could form a part of an extensive park-and-ride network based on a light railway system around the northern and eastern industrial sections of the city. County Councillors have also asked experts to consider building a gigantic car park under the Butts Green end of Midsummer Common. A new road system to relieve the heavily congested areas of Milton Road and Elizabeth Way are also being examined to sort out the growing traffic chaos quickly 89 05 17 # c.26.2

Tom Ryan has just been summoned to 10 Downing Street from his workshop in the old school building at Wilburton. An outstanding craftsman, he has been asked to quote a price for gilding a set of valuable Hepplewhite chairs in the Blue Room. Not long ago Tom completed another commission in the Prime Minister's home. Occasionally older villagers pop into Tom's workshop to remember having lessons in the former schoolroom where he practices his craft which includes lacquer and japanning work. 89 05 17a

1989 05 18
Cambridge Theatre Productions will now open all its performances in its home town and hope to get all Cambridge entertainments bookable at a central ticket office. The new visiting director, Robin Midgley, is keen to make it truly local instead of being just a touring company which happens to have offices in the city. He would also like to see a closer relationship with the Arts Theatre and do a children's show making use of young people from Cambridge. 89 05 18 # c.76

1989 05 19
The A10 will be dualled from Cambridge to Ely as part of an unprecedented Government roads programme. The A1 is to be made a continuous three-lane motorway from London to Huntingdon, the M11 is to have three continuous lanes from London to Cambridge and the A604 is to be dualled with three lanes on each side from Cambridge to Huntingdon. The A11 will be made a dual carriageway from Newmarket and to Norwich and the Northern bypass will have three lanes from Girton interchange to Milton Road. It will all save lives and make industry more competitive. 89 05 19

High interest rates squeezing first-time buyers out of market – 89 05 19a

Winston House in Brooklands Avenue, established in 1959, is a psychiatric rehabilitation centre owned by the SOS charity. There are 20 residents staying on average a year with care and advice on hand all day. All are encouraged to lead a full life and to do something constructive outside the house. But privacy is a problem in the 13-bedroomed house and an appeal has been launched to provide more single rooms and larger kitchens. 89 05 19b # c.21.5

1989 05 23
Andaman Resources of Lt Thetford prospect for gold – 89 05 23

1989 05 25
Premier Brands – Chivers – which makes Hartley's jam is taken over – 89 05 25

Chivers advertise for fruit pickets – 89 05 25a

Cambridge suffers shortage of skilled staff – 89 05 25a

Next Technology have launched Voyager, a super-computer which stores some 270 compact discs carrying micro-pictures of pages of books. It works like a jukebox and can 'play' more than one disc at a time. It is similar to the Domesday Project which allowed schoolchildren to retrieve information from a massive disk. If whole libraries were put on it then researchers could look-up and cross-

reference items in seconds. Machines cost from £13-£21,000 and worldwide interest has been shown. 89 05 25b # c.27.5

Beatrice Stevens was born in the village of Stretham in 1907 and has chronicled events in the small community in her charming book 'Stretham: a Feast of Memories". She was the daughter of a local farmer and insurance agent, who attended, then taught in the village school before much later becoming its manager and chairman of governors. She writes about the four butchers, the doctor who came from Haddenham six days a week, the opposition to a village nurse and the highlight of the year – the village feast which is still celebrated today. This Feast Sunday she sat beside the village cross signing copies of her new book. 89 05 25c

1989 05 26
In 1873 William and John Chivers persuaded their father to turn the fruit from the family farm into jam, instead of sending it to market. They produced their first strawberry jam with the help of two cooks from Pembroke College. It proved such a success that they built a factory with the latest equipment, expanding to made custard powder, lemon curd and Christmas puddings and was the first to undertake large-scale canning of fruit. When, following mergers, the company was floated on the Stock Exchange, workers were offered shares, now their price has soared following news of a new take-over. 89 05 26

Houghton Meadows visited by Valerie Singleton – 89 05 26a

Tyre Service Company founded in 1929 – history – 89 05 26b, c, d

1989 05 31
Duxford villagers fear a massive development of shops and hotels by Tesco and Grosvenor Developments will ruin the area. A 146-acre site would include a shops complex, pavilion, two hotels and parking for 5,000 cars surrounded by landscaping open to the public. It will be dominated by a lagoon with fountains and a floating restaurant and will have a look similar to India's Taj Mahal. The parish council chairman is 'absolutely appalled', it is a small compact village and the plans would spoil it. But developers say large out-of-town shopping facilities are the answer to Cambridge's worsening traffic problems. 89 05 31

Ely, for many years the backwater of Cambridgeshire, is shaking off its retiring image. Electrification of its main line to London will soon start and the Government has announced plans for the dualling of the A10 to Cambridge. Ely has space for expansion along Angel Drove where a Business Park houses a number of scientific firms. Cambridge Electronic Industries have reserved one of the large sites for a new development. 89 05 31a

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1989 06 06
Seventeen former sailors from the wartime destroyer 'Walpole', which was adopted by the City of Ely in 1942, attended a service to see the ensign of their old ship 'laid up' at the Cathedral. After a reunion dance the ex-sailors attended a wreath-laying ceremony at the war memorial before a civic reception prior to the highlight of the gathering. Afterwards they marched through the city for the salute which was taken on the Market Place by the ship's former Navigating Officer, Lieut. Charles Tooley. The weekend culminated with tea at the High Flyer pub. 89 06 06

1989 06 07
Angry residents are banding together to block plans to sell the former Roger Ascham School and part of the nearby Chesterton playing fields for a potential housing development. Founded as a school for children with physical disabilities, it closed in 1987 and is now used as a teachers' resource centre. Residents are worried about the increase in traffic and noise which would result. The amenity value and its potential for the community have been ignored, they claim 89 06 07

Cambridge's homelessness problem is getting worse, experts say. Officials from the city environmental health department were so worried they went out on the street at night to look for people sleeping rough. But they only found two middle-aged tramps and feel they may have looked in the wrong places. There are more than 5,000 people on the housing register and last year the council housed 241 homeless people. Up to 50 families are being forced to live in hostel accommodation because they cannot find anywhere to rent or afford to buy a place of their own. 89 06 07a # c.32.9

Mildenhall speedway could close because of falling attendances. The season started promisingly after they'd recruited experienced riders like Dane Preben Eriksen but numbers slumped with the results. Last week they crashed to their third successive defeat in front of a crowd of 600 – but need 900 spectators to cover costs. Now one of the Fen Tiger's leading riders, Malcolm Holloway, has quit the struggling National League outfit 89 06 07b

GST set up in Cambridge in 1979 as part of Cambridge Phenomenon – 89 06 07cc

1989 06 08
Denny Abbey threatened by plans for new town – 89 06 08

1989 06 09
Cambridgeshire's new traffic chief has vowed to end Cambridge's traffic and parking chaos within four years. A 'grand traffic management plan' will be drafted by officials and meetings arranged with business bosses. He wants a better road system to serve the industrial quarters, a new light railway system linked to a park-and-ride scheme and a possible car park under Midsummer Common. 89 06 09

Jesus Lock refurbishment plans – 89 06 09a

1989 06 10
The £15 million park-and-ride scheme planned for Cambridge is now officially buried. County Conservatives had promised during the election campaign that the plan would be dropped if they took control and have told officials to stop work on the joint scheme with the city council. And a plan for an interchange where Madingley Road meets the M11 has been delayed. Work was due to start in 1990 but now the M11 is to be widened into a three lane carriageway between Cambridge and Stansted Airport. The council is now looking for alternative road schemes to spend the money on. 89 06 10

Horseheath residents have buried a time capsule at the site of their new village sign. Rebecca Harrison, 13, lowered the stainless steel box into the village green before it vanished from sight for the next hundred years. It contains a set of modern coins, a copy of the 'News', a list of children and accounts by the youngsters of a typical day in their lives. Villagers have left written instructions for it to be unearthed in 2089 89 06 10

1989 06 12
The Rambling Rose Tea Gardens at Brook Lane, Coton – formerly the Lynden Brook Tea Rooms – was for many years a popular meeting place for members of Cambridge society and a well-known landmark. Once owned by the family of Mr Charles Orr Stanley, founder of the Pye Group, the tea rooms fell into disrepair some years ago and the foundations became unsafe. It has now been demolished to make way for a five bedroomed house 89 06 12

1989 06 14
Cinderellas Rockerfellas –formerly Ronelles - Cambridge's top night spot, reopens with a new look. Top disc jockey Bruno Brookes will make an appearance along with Hot Flesh and their fire dance spectacular, Marc Oberon the illusionist and robots Adam and Eve. The evening begins with a jazz

band playing outside the club in the Heidelberg Gardens in Lion Yard. The club now sports a more upmarket image and incorporates Waldo T. Pepper's restaurant 89 06 14 # c.69

1989 -6 15
Sawston twins with Selsingen, Germany – 89 06 15

Cambridge Cable wins licence for 30 television channels – 89 06 15a

Haverhill's bad image stifles business – 89 06 15b

1989 06 16
Ede and Ravenscroft is a firm where you can still find tailors leaning over tables, hand-cutting and hand-stitching gowns and suits. They are the only bespoke tailors who make garments on the premises in Cambridge. There is even a sports coat they made in the 1950s which a client brought back to be repaired. This is the reason top professionals, the wealthy and the peerage are willing to pay upwards of £500 for one suit. Quite simply, they last and you still get your own name tag carefully stitched into a pocket. There has been a tailors shop on the site for more than 200 years. Part of the original opaque glass door of James Neal's – the shop they took over 10 years ago – is still displayed 89 06 16 & a # c.27.2

1989 06 17
Taxis converted to take wheelchairs to start – 89 06 17

1989 06 20
The heat wave has boosted demand for water to unprecedented levels, reducing supplies at the tap to a trickle in the Cambridge area. They have never had to restrict water in their 136-year history and have enough to cope with a 90-day drought, but with no end to the hot spell in sight, Cambridge Water is urging people to use water sparingly especially. Householders in Saffron Walden and Royston face a hosepipe ban. 89 06 20

A meteoric rise has seen Huntingdon MP John Major surge through the Government ranks to his present position in the Treasury as Chancellor Nigel Lawson's right-hand man. Now celebrating his 10th anniversary as an MP and in a climate where Mrs Thatcher is reflecting on her party's Euro defeat, Mr Major has been tipped to eventually sweep all the way to Number 10. But he is no public school Conservative, born to greatness. Mr Major has had to endure poverty, unemployment and other people's snobbery in a rags-to-riches rise to the top 89 06 20a

John Major 'golden boy' of Conservatives – 89 06 20b

1989 06 21
Chilford Hall conference centre and vinery – 89 06 21

1989 06 22
Warren Towers, a late-Victorian mansion overlooking Newmarket Heath, has been sold for more than £1 million to a Middle-Eastern buyer who wants to retain it in residential use. The Tudor-style building with its long sweeping drive has been ravaged by hippies and is in need of restoration. It was once home to Maud, Countess Fitzwilliam who occupied the house in some style and held parties for local children. But when she left it fell into disrepair. It has a grand staircase lit by enormous ceiling lights, eight main and six secondary bedrooms, a former squash court, Turkish baths, ruined orangery and nine bathrooms 89 06 22

New roads, a new school and an entire sewage system are among £5 million work of improvements being offered to the village of Kennett by a property company which wants to build 370 homes. If granted the scheme would include 'important social and environmental benefits' including a sewerage system for all new and existing homes, a four-class school building, bypass, street lighting and village

green. There would be a mixture of large and small homes, many for rent and for the elderly. The existing school would become a community centre, library and meeting room 89 06 22a

1989 06 23
A new bridge over Hobson's Conduit is part of a scheme to beat traffic jams at the junction of Lensfield and Trumpington Roads. Vehicles would turn along a short stretch of Brookside then cross the stream towards Trumpington. The rest of the junction would be controlled by a complex system of traffic lights based on the successful new computer system on Huntingdon Road. Some of the cost would be met by whichever company develops the ground-level car park in Saxon Street, county engineers say. But it was rejected as 'devastating and environmentally disastrous' by city officials. 89 06 23 & b

In 1903 flower grower William Unwin started selling sweet pea seeds by mail order from an outhouse on his Histon farm. Now it has bought the packet seeds side of Fisons and is Britain's biggest seed supplier and each year thousands of gardeners visit their trial beds. Until his death in 1986 Charles Unwin, ('Mr Charles') was probably the world's leading authority on sweet peas. He had been breeding flowers since he was 12 and in 1979was elected emeritus president of the National Sweet Pea Society, only the second person to hold the post. 89 06 23a

1989 06 24
Radical plans for Cambridge's Station Road area could help the chronic housing crisis. Nearly 400 houses, 35 bedsits and 52 flats could be constructed together with 897 new car parking spaces and leisure facilities. The measures would alleviate chronic traffic problems caused by commercial development and some existing businesses such as Spillers, Charringtons and Ridgeons might be asked to move out to more suitable sites. They are generally unattractive, out of scale and out of character with the area, councillors say 89 06 24 # c.49.4

1989 06 26
Cambridge Snooker Club is to close after five years because of redevelopment. Memberships will be transferred to Frames in Coldham's Lane, a popular social & sports mecca. Each has 800 members and 20 tables 89 06 26 # c.38 : snooker

1989 06 27
Bodgers the outfitters founded its reputation on old-fashioned courtesy and service, specialising in the sale of traditional clothes for traditional gentlemen. For 138 years generations of both town and gown have visited its respectable Sidney Street premises. But the shop, founded n 1851 is to close because of soaring interest rates, four years after it was bought by rival company Shepherd and Woodward of Oxford. The site is one of the only central freeholds not in college hands and is a prime site for speculators. 89 06 27 # c.27.2

1989 06 28
Two internationally-known developers plan a giant new sports complex sprawling over 40 acres between King's Hedges and the northern bypass. It would have a wide range of indoor and outdoor facilities including an indoor pool and an athletics track for public use. It is on land soon to be removed from the green belt, close to the site of the new Regional College. The scheme comes after planners snubbed a £20 million scheme by Cambridge University to build a sports complex in the west of the city. 89 06 28 # c.38 : athletics

1989 06 29
Cambridge and Huntingdon could do particularly well out of the booming economy. But labour, training and housing shortages must all be solved. Two public inquiries will be held into the new A10 and A45 settlements, but even when the long process is completed it will be several years before the thousands of new homes come on to the market. However the closure of the Co-op milk bottling plant and Girton laundry mean people with no qualifications are being made unemployed. They may have to move leaving a county of yuppies with few to service their needs 89 06 29

1989 06 30
Former London Road Hospital in Saffron Walden catches fire – 89 06 30a
Townsends, p5

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1989 07 01
Foxton Village Stores and Great Paxton Post Office reach semi-finals of Independent Grocer of the Year Award – 89 07 01

1989 07 06
Townsend's take over Ison's cycles which was started by W.J. Ison in 1893 and made the New Chesterton cycle. Albert Townsend started in 1890s making Cambridge Light Blue Cycles in Norfolk Street, moving to Burleigh Street in early 1960s 89 06 30 Townsend's history – profile – 89 07 06 # c.26.485

Residents of Rathmore Terrace celebrated the 100th anniversary of their homes with a street party. The biggest changes have been the way people have altered the homes with modern kitchens and bathrooms. It has always been a very friendly area said the 86-year-old widow of Alderman Hickson who was twice Mayor of Cambridge. Newest resident Peter Smith, a computer programmer agrees: everybody came to say hello when his family moved in 89 07 06a

1989 07 07
A handicapped 10-year-old girl was the first visitor welcomed to the Cambridge Children's Hospice – 89 07 07

A beerhouse in Horseheath, the only one of its kind in the area, is to be demolished. The red brick bungalow on Horseheath Green was built in the 1860s for navvies working on the Haverhill to London railway line. Known as 'The Shant', it is now dilapidated and subsiding. The Parish Council say it is a charming small-scale Victorian building worth preserving. However a conservation officer describes it as pleasant and unobtrusive but of only limited interest. 89 07 07a

Cambridge University Committee for Aerial Photography started when Prof John St Joseph began taking photographs in 1945 after his wartime experience showed him the value of aerial observation. In the first ten days he took 788 photographs. Until 1958 he used an RAF training aircraft but in 1962 the Department purchased its own plane. They have surveyed the whole of Cambridgeshire in colour. 89 07 07b # c.65.5 # c.36.9

1989 07 08
Masked council workers have been sent to fumigate a Cambridge house and clear out the debris left by squatters. Graffiti had been daubed on the walls, rotting food and mouldy bread litters the floors and rubbish was strewn everywhere. There was a risk of rats and fleas taking over the empty council house in Mill Road. Neighbours are relieved the squatters have moved out: they had been playing music and drums in the garden all night, and throwing bottles out of the window. 89 07 08

1989 07 10
Angry residents of Riverside in Cambridge claim the council is not doing enough to save them from the nightmare of flooding. One says: "We should be provided with adequate sand bags and plastic sheeting. We live at the bottom of a slope and because the drains are inadequate there is instant flooding every time there is heavy rain. We were wading though it and the water was knee-deep in places. The Fire Brigade received over 20 calls following the weekend's heavy rain including Bottisham Village College and St Andrew's Community School 89 07 10

Cambridge Library is to close for two weeks as part of a computerisation programme to streamline efficiency. It will replace the system installed in 1976. But the Cambridgeshire Collection will be open as normal 89 07 10a # c.77.4

Wrights bakery of Haddenham, which in its heyday employed more than 50 people, has closed down because it cannot get skilled staff. The firm supplied bread and cakes to shops and supermarkets for 40 years. The 4,000 sq ft factory, virtually rebuilt after a disastrous fire in 1984, is being put on the market. They had hoped to sell the one-acre site for redevelopment and move to a smaller bakery at Witchford. But planners rejected the proposal 89 07 10b

1989 07 12
Pymore – or Pymoor as locals prefer – is a community of some 400 souls deep in the fens. The village has only recently become attractive to commuters, even now there are only a few of them and they use their cars to get to work because there's no station. There used to be a railway siding and a signal box on the Ely to March line, but it closed a decade ago. The village school shut eight years ago, though young families have moved in, attracted by cheaper prices. There is a social club where villagers can meet, but no pub – though local builder Alan Crook would love to build one if there were demand. In the meantime he is putting up a £135,000 four-bedroom chalet-style home in the centre of the village. 89 07 12

1989 07 13
The Dorothy was the social centre of Cambridge for many years, a place where town met gown and people enjoyed the regular afternoon dances. During the 50s its Blue Room became a major attraction for the young with rows of motor bikes and scooters lined up outside. Its oyster and fish restaurant opened in 1965 with an air-conditioning unit wafting away fishy odours and meals were cooked at the tables, under customer's noses Now the property's owner, Dillons Bookshop has leased part of the Sidney Street building to Festival Catering and the building has been reborn with a teashop, pub, restaurant and function room. 89 07 13 # c.27.47

1989 07 14
Arbury School, Carlton Way, head teacher Barry Jones retires – 89 07 14

Planners support 'Westmere' scheme – 89 07 14a

Careers Research and Advisory Centre is 25 years old – 89 07 14b

1989 07 18
Cambridge Festival concerts switched to St John's College due fears NALGO strike – 89 07 18

Frank Bell, wbo founded the prestigious Bell School of Languages started his interest in teaching languages when he was a prisoner of war during WWII. After the war he worked at the University Board of Extra Mural Studies before founding his own language school in 1955. Later he set up the Bell Educational Trust with schools in Norwich, Bath and London. He was awarded an OBE in 1975 89 07 18a # c.36.52

Elizabeth Way underpass could become arts and crafts community centre – 89 07 18b

1989 97 20
Frank and Mary Bendall were hairdressers in Cherryhinton Road for 50 years – 89 07 20

1989 07 24
Mill Road residents protest about Confidential Bookshop sex shop – 89 07 24

1989 07 25
John Major appointed Foreign Secretary in Thatcher government – 89 07 25

1989 07 26
More than half of the County Council workers are paid below the European minimum guidelines. It is a high-cost area in which to live and people cannot afford to come to work in the caring services for such a small amount of money, says Coun Janet Jones. An 18-year-old police recruit earns £9,000 a year plus £35 a week housing allowance compared with a social worker with five years experience who gets £8,500. And the county's staff of 24,000 could be run down in a bid to save money 89 07 26

Darwin College celebrates 25th anniversary – 89 07 26a # c.44.5

1989 07 27
Battle for housing between the wars – feature – 89 07 27 # c.23

1989 07 28
Fifteen people were taken to hospital and a dozen evacuated from their homes after a major chemical alert in Cambridge. Forty firemen battled to prevent an explosion after highly toxic chemicals overheated at the Cleanaway plant. One was rushed to hospital when a safety wall collapsed crushing him against drums on the site in Cowley Road and three police offices were hurt as they helped families to escape the toxic fumes. Emergency services stopped all trains and the nearby Cambus depot was also affected. 89 07 28 # c.34.75

1989 07 31
The newly-formed Magog Trust hopes to turn a 164-acre site opposite Wandlebury into a sanctuary for nature and recreation, producing one of the country's best wildlife habitats. The shallow chalk soil has some of the few remnants of grassland unaffected by sprays and fertilisers supporting a fascinating and colourful array of flowers and butterflies. The land is owned by a local family who have accepted an offer for the site. Now the Trust is appealing for funds. 89 07 31

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1989 08 01
Diana, Princess of Wales, made a dream come true when she opened the doors of the Cambridge Children's Hospice at Milton. The caring princess, wearing a stunning red two-piece suit was welcomed by Canon Fred Kilner and matron Sue Potter who came up with the whole idea. She touched the hearts of hospice staff when she met four critically-ill children and brought tears of joy and smiles to the faces of the sick children and their parents. 89 08 01

It was in 1773 that one Matthew Clarke first served ale at the Royal Oak in Commercial End, Swaffham Bulbeck. And more than 200 years later it fell to blind landlord Bob Scrutton to close the door for the last time. Known as "Blind Bob's", it was an old-fashioned alehouse free from chips or juke boxes. The piper played a lament as Bob and his wife said goodbye to the customers who had become friends over 26 years. Everybody will miss the old place 89 08 01a

1989 08 02
Horseheath's new village sign was presented by Sir Arthur Marshall and dedicated by the Bishop of Ely in memory of his wife, Lady Rosemary Marshall. Children from Castle Camps school have written stories about 20th century life which have been buried in a time capsule underneath the sign which depicts the 1834 Derby winner, bred and trained at Horseheath Lodge.. Four windows in the 14th century church have also been rebuilt in memory of Lady Marshall, farmer Jack Webb and Thomas Sutton. 89 08 02

Milton Children's Hospice – 89 08 02a, b, c

1989 08 03

VCH vol.9 published, exhibition in Cambridgeshire Collection – 89 08 03

1989 08 04
A Girton farmer is working night shifts in a supermarket to make ends meet during the poor harvest. He stacks shelves from 8pm until 4pm, before starting in the fields at 8 am. He has been farming all his life but the income has plummeted as rents for the Farm have soared. Now after paying the bills he has barely a penny left. He blames the Government corn levies and high rentals for the downfall of farming as much as poor harvests. Farmers simply cannot survive for three years in a row on the sort of yields they've been getting. 89 08 04

1989 08 05
The Government has rejected plans for a massive office block at Mitcham's Corner. But there is still a steady trade in office space. Those in old buildings without car park parking space are difficult to shift. But bright new ones are easier to find. In Rose Crescent an 18-year lease is going for £65,000 and an eight-room office in Hobson Street is £15,000 a year. Kett House is under offer and an office above the Midland Bank has just been let while in Newmarket is a brand new Stourbridge Common Business Centre 89 08 05

The old blacksmith's forge at Swaffham Prior was last used 10 years ago. The irons still lie on the fire whilst other tools and original equipment are scattered nearby. Now it may be converted into a studio or apartment. It is for sale with a two-bedroom cottage dating to 1735 which has an inglenook fireplace. It has been rebuilt with unique touches: an old door covered in children's graffiti dated 1778 is now used as a meter cupboard. 89 08 05a, b

1989 08 09
Anne Stamford was 14 when the Great War shattered the peace of her native Cambridge. Her father helped build a hospital in Burrell's Walk; "being a master carpenter, it was the first time he'd had regular work. He was paid a wage and he had his first bike then; every man who was available had to build it", she recalls. Men were billeted – my mother had two but ended up feeding six. The ration man used to take the meat and veg round every day to the houses where the soldiers were. Food became short but when she worked for a family of brewers in Madingley Road she found there were different rules for the rich. Sugar was scarce but they had some that was supposed to go in for the beer. 89 08 09 # c.45.5

The Gardenia in Rose Crescent is a Mediterranean restaurant, run for the last 20 years by the Loizou family who have never lost their strong Cypriot identity. Mum Paraskevi prepares all Greek meat dishes such as shevtallia meatballs while Dad, Andreas, mans the tills. They were the first to introduce the kebab into Cambridge. But now they have decided to close and the restaurant is up for sale. 89 08 09a # c.27.47

1989 08 10
Plans to convert St Andrew the Great church into a shopping arcade have been rejected. 89 08 10 # c.83

1989 08 11
Papworth Everard village is set to change. Planners aim to introduce new industries and build 750 new homes which would treble the population to nearly 4,000 with a business park, new shops, new school and a lake. The Papworth Trust wanted to keep the character of the quiet village, which has become a focus for the medical world since heart transplants began at the Hospital. 89 08 11

St Andrew the Great church at the entrance to Lion Yard went into rapid decline as the congregation dwindled and was declared redundant in 1983. The diocese put in planning applications for community use then leased it to Grosvenor Square Properties, a London-based development company. Since then proposals have been met with a storm of protest. Many want church, which houses a memorial to Captain Cook, to an education and heritage centre 89 08 11a

1989 08 12
Shelford Rugby Club pavilion damaged by fire – 89 08 12

1989 08 14
Paddy Crossman, one of Cambridge's best-known solicitors for 34 years, joined Johnson Garrard and Co in 1955, then set up on his own. A former alderman and leader of the city council, he is now retiring 89 08 14

1989 08 16
Discos are being stopped at the Guildhall because too many young people are turning up for dances. The hall only has capacity for 180 but last month over 200 had to be turned away from a summer disco to help raise money for the Junction. Organisers are disappointed and worry that it might encourage more illegal parties. 89 08 16

1989 08 17
Booming high-tech Cambridge is set to become a world centre for business studies. The university is planning a new Institute of Management Studies based at the old Addenbrooke's Hospital site in Trumpington Street to rival Stanford in the USA as a major international business centre. There will be a new Professorship and three new courses, filling a gap in management education for high-fliers. First students will be admitted in 1991 89 08 17

1989 08 18
The Rock pub has changed a lot since it opened in 1923. Now its biggest transformation brings an almost nightclub type of appeal. In the public bar a pool table has been removed but there is an area for dart playing. A discmonitor (compact disc jukebox) has been installed with a new stage, enhancing its reputation for live music three nights a week. This usually rhythm and blues though Thursdays are free for local bands and other types of music. 89 08 18

1989 08 21
Willingham windmill, which has been operated for much of its life by the Cattell family, was taken out of service in 1962. Now the top has been hoisted high into the air by crane and put back on as part of an extensive restoration programme. Timbers have been replaced or repaired and the frame covered with glass reinforced plastic to provide strength and durability. A lightning conductor has also been fitted as the mill has been struck twice during its 171-year history. 89 08 21

1989 008 22
Business is booming in some local pubs. The Volunteer in Trumpington has seen a 20 per cent increase in turnover since all-day opening was introduced a year ago. They get a lot of business people in for long lunches and often folk call in on their way from work. Tourists also take advantage of the afternoon opening. The White Hart at St Ives also reports many businessmen drinking in the afternoon. The Spade and Becket, Thompson's Lane says they may follow suit as people are queuing outside the doors from five o'clock. 89 08 22

1989 08 23
Central Library to close for two weeks as part of computerisation programme; plans to rebuild the entrance posponed as would result in unsatisfactory entrance to a major public building 89 08 23

At one stage Ramsey was facing a 'stores war' with the Gateway improvement scheme & the Co-op planning to build a Rainbow superstore at the edge of the town. But the Rainbow scheme was rejected and Gateway's plans did not get off the ground. The Co-op also closed its Ramsey shop and people are fed up with the existing facilities. Now the town centre could be redeveloped in a £30 million shopping scheme with a Budgens supermarket, nine shops and a bistro 89 08 23a

The Fish and Duck pub at Pope's Corner on the junction of the Great Ouse and Cam reopened at Easter. The pub used to be the ideal place for boats to moor for an overnight stop and the new Nelson Marina will preserver the tranquillity and help develop the pub and restaurant which serves sausage and onion pies and other tempting dishes. One of the function rooms will soon accommodate up to 150 people making it an increasingly busy place 89 08 23b

1989 08 24
Jesus Lock was designed by William Chadwell Mylne who advised the Cam Conservators in 1829 that the river to Clayhithe should be deepened and the number of locks reduced from four to two. The University feared that moving the lock from its old site at the Fort St George would not prevent flooding, so the famous engineer Thomas Telford was called in for advice. There has been concern that it might be replaced but now John Taylor of Coldham's Lane has helped obtain a preservation order to ensure its survival 89 08 24 # c.46.5

1989 08 25
Fires at Clayhithe farm and Thaxted primary school – 89 08 25

1989 08 29
Derick Andrews one of first evacuations to Swaffham Bulbeck – memories – 89 08 29

1989 08 31
Margaret Thatcher visits area – 89 08 31

The 1830 Beer Act encouraged people to set up beer houses to combat the problem of gin drinking. By 1840 Oakington had eight pubs and another, the New Inn, opened when the railway came. The flourishing fruit trade brought a lot of business but the closure of the line in 1970 saw a big drop in sales and in it was suddenly closed by the brewery. This leaves just the White Horse which was first shown in records of 1765 89 08 31a

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1989 09 01
Steve Somers has a passion for country and western music. He won the 'New Faces' and was due to appear at the Palladium; but he was on holiday and could not be found. He joined the Settlers and toured the world, then played with the Peter Sayers Travelling Show at Newmarket. Nick Barraclough gave him a ten-minute slot on Radio Cambridgeshire which has developed into his two-hour programme 89 09 01

1989 09 02
Council might buy St Andrew the Great to turn into an information office and heritage centre – 89 09 02

1989 09 04
Controversial new plans to ease Cambridge traffic chaos would see starting and finishing times of all schools, main centres of employment and university lectures staggered. Vehicles would be banned from main roads during the rush hour, turning them over exclusively to bikes and buses. City planners say better traffic management is better than building huge and expensive new roads and rail systems. The plans are bound to provoke furious protests 89 09 04 # c.49.62

1989 09 05
Landbeach marina may be turned into a high-tech research park with a 100-bedroom hotel overlooking lakes. Originally old sand and gravel workings, it has been used as a base for camping, caravanning and leisure. Almost 100 caravan owners have been offered a compensation package. Access would be via a new roundabout on the A10 and existing portable buildings would all be

demolished. The plans include two new islands on the former water ski lake to encourage its development as a wildlife conservation area. 89 09 05

1989 09 06
The Cottages Day Hospital for the mentally ill at Ely was opened by the Mayor, Coun Percy Powles. Two dilapidated cottages in the grounds of the Tower Hospital have been converted to form the unit with a team of nurses, therapists and psychologists who will tailor care to each person. It will provide support for elderly people living in the community who might otherwise have to be in hospital and is a fine example of the work being carried out by the NHS 89 09 06

Burwell day centre on site of Parsonage School opened – 89 09 06a

1989 09 07
Cambridge Central Library is closed while details of every book in stock are fed into an ambitious new computer programme. When complete staff will be able to pinpoint exactly who has borrowed which book and when it is due back. That was the information that was recorded on handwritten ledgers when it opened in 1855. Open access, allowing readers to select their own books by browsing the shelves was introduced in 1922. Now on an ordinary weekday 2,500 people call at the library in Lion Yard 89 09 07 # c.77.4

Madingley saw mill which has been run by Cambridge University for half a century has closed. It was involved in general forestry work such as tree surgery, cutting timber and selling logs to the colleges and general public. The equipment is auctioned in the wood yard. Head forester, Peter Oakes, responsible for 400 acres of university estates for the past five years, has set up his own business in the village and hopes to do contract work for the university 89 09 07a

Cherry Hinton primary school opens in Hayster Drive 89 09 07b

1989 09 08
Cambridge Biosynthetic Blood Products Unit opens at Addenbrooke's Hospital 89 09 08

Cambridge scientists are part of an international team involved in a 10-year project to map the human genome. The double helical structure of the DNA was discovered by Crick & Watson. Its genetic language was identified by Dr Sydney Brenner, now heading the University Molecular Genetics Unit and Dr Fred Sanger invented ways to read the message. Dr Aaron Klug is working out how the DNA is packaged. They will have to invent technology as yet unknown, create a new scientific language and build super computers. The end produce will be used by medical geneticists in Cambridge and elsewhere 89 09 08a

Ely Museum opened in 1975 but closed in 1987 so the Dean and Chapter could undertake a major restoration programme on the medieval buildings in High Street. Now it has reopened with a new gallery named after Vernon Cross whose tea rooms were a popular feature of Forehill. Another is in memory of Reg Holmes who did much to record the history of the city. Its exhibits include the bicycles on which James Moore won the world's first cycle race in Paris in 1868 and the Cambridgeshire Regiment's drums lost during the fall of Singapore. 89 09 08b

1989 09 11
Bar Hill youngsters have a new play area – 89 09 11

1989 09 13
The Scott Polar Institute plans a new museum with ice caves, live penguins and sea lions. It will become one of the major tourist attractions with an estimated million visitors a year. The University has agreed to set aside land on the High Cross development and British Petroleum has offered to pay for the futuristic architectural design work. It is hoped to open the giant museum in 1993 89 09 13

1989 09 14
Rail commuters banned from taking bikes on peak-hour trains – 89 09 14

1989 09 15
Tom Sharpe, Prof David Williams list favourite Cambridge haunts – 89 09 15

1989 09 18
Workers near Upware have spent a week dredging up an historic floodgate which may have been lying in the Cam for more than a century. Tons of wood which went into make a later 18th-century staunch came to light when the National Rivers Authority decided to clean the bottom of the river after complaints from the Viscountess Bury pleasure cruiser of obstructions to navigation. More than 10 four-metre stakes the size of tree trunks were hauled from the water as well as 20 pieces of planks. 89 09 18

1989 09 19
Harold Ridgeon was one of Cambridge's most famous self-made men. From humble beginnings, he graduated from Cambridge University and began his own business in 1927 with a couple of men and an agreement to build a pair of houses in Perne Road. His success was such that in 1936 he was able to purchase William Sindall, an old-established Cambridge builder. During the war they took on responsibility for airfields and defence work and today the company has a turnover of £60 million a year. His other business interests included Abington Farms, W.J. Atkins meat producers, the Gonville Hotel and the Cambridge Building Society. He was also chairman of Cambridge City Football Club for many years. 89 09 19 # c.23

An investigation has been called after residents at Bourn saw drums marked with a skull and crossbones being stored in a shed near their home. The land owners confirmed that they have been storing low-level radioactive waste on the site. It was licensed by the Government and is one of 20 such premises in South Cambs. Environmental Health officers say there are a number of activities to do with university, hospital and scientific industries where such material is used. Some is put out with normal refuse and some is taken to Harwell for controlled disposal 89 09 19b

Part of the front entrance to Cambridge Central library is to be turned into a shop and sold off as part of the council's policy of disposing of surplus assets. The staircase will be redesigned with electric sliding entrance doors. The county council, which owns the prime site, has given itself planning permission for the new shops against the wishes of the city council who think it will destroy a large space which serves useful community purposes. 89 09 19c # c.77.4

Footpath across Lakenheath USAF airfield may be closed – 89 09 19d

1989 09 20
Farmland Museum shortlisted for conservation award – 89 09 20

Mill Road sorting office may be used for low-cost housing – 89 09 20a

South Cambs District Council does not provide any bottle banks but Cottenham Community Association has gone it alone and is providing three outside the village college. East Cambs has schemes in four villages while Cambridge has 22 bottle banks, seven waste-paper skips and a metal-recycling bank. The County is investigating whether methane gas from the Milton landfill site could be sold to generate electricity for commercial use. 89 09 20b

1989 09 21
Cambridge Arts Theatre is to launch an appeal to replace its 650 aging and tatty seats, worn carpets and poor ventilation system. Despite artistic success it has financial problems. Even when a show is a roaring success and playing to packed houses, the theatre makes a £3,000 loss. The problem is worse when operas are performed as a full orchestra reduces seating capacity from 650 to 580. Small profits

from catering services, costume-hire and renting out the building for conferences only makes a dent in the overall loss. 89 09 21 # c.76

Milton planning report from 1941 – 89 09 21a

1989 09 22
Homelessness in Cambridge is reaching crisis point; hundreds of young and poor people will be forced to spend a grim winter camping down on other people's floors and in squats and sheds. The Cyrenians, which provide some hostel accommodation for the homeless, have turned away 69 of the 100 people who appealed for help in the past month. The student homelessness at Anglia Higher Education College and Cambridge University adds to the problem. The City Council has 76 families on its homeless list, most seeking two-bedroomed accommodation. 89 09 22

King's College clock restored after 70 years – 89 09 22a

Kite area controversy – review of plans – 89 09 22b

1989 09 23
Parsonage House, Helions Bumpstead feature – 89 09 23

1989 09 25
A mass boycott by drivers has forced a climbdown over charges at Queen Anne Terrace car park. Motorists have stayed away since fees were increased, leaving two-thirds of the spaces empty during peak periods. Now, just months after making it one of the most expensive car parks in Cambridge, it could become one of the cheapest. The present 40p one-hour parking will be extended to one-and-a-half hours for 50p, allowing shoppers extra time to walk into the city centre. But the maximum charge of £10 for more than five hours will remain 89 09 25 # c.49.62

1989 09 26
Military bases on terror alert following IRA bombing, Oakington tested – 89 09 26

1989 09 27
Proposed sites for new towns west of Cambridge nominated – 89 09 27
Lode Three Horseshoes pub for sale, last in village – 89 09 27a

1989 09 28
LSE evacuated to Cambridge during war – feature – 89 09 28 # c.45.7

1989 09 29
Dorothy restaurant that reopened 12 weeks ago goes into receivership after refit debts – 89 09 29 # c.27.47

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1989 10 01
The controversial Cambridge park and ride scheme has started with a whimper. At peak commuter time there were 17 cars at the 400-space Cowley Road and even fewer at the 150-space car park on Clifton Road. Users were enthusiastic: Sophy Moxley of Willingham, a sales assistant, said "It will save me money because it only costs 50p which is cheaper than parking in the city centre though Steve Field from Stretham says it is inconvenient as you don't have access to our car during the day. Councillor Andrew Duff said the area around Castle Hill, where residents-only zones have been introduced, was 'almost pastoral' though Canterbury and Benson Street were packed with cars. 89 10 01 # c.49.62

1989 10 03

Drivers who flout Cambridge parking laws could soon find their cars clamped or towed away – with bills of up to £120 to get them back. Residents have complained about their entrances being blocked by illegally-parked cars with narrow streets so chock-a-block it was impossible for emergency vehicles to get through. The police can't recruit enough traffic wardens to enforce parking bans. Now vehicles may be towed away by garages using breakdown trucks who will keep the towing charges. This costs the council nothing and the streets are kept clear. Now lawyers are investigating the idea 89 10 03

A light railway system running in a tunnel under Midsummer Common is the latest official suggestion to help solve traffic problems in the centre of Cambridge. It would be an alternative to a line running down a widened section of Newmarket Road. The underground railway would link with a number of other lines from surrounding villages as far out as Fenstanton and terminate at a station in Malcolm Street. The County Council will invest £60,000 to see if a car park under Midsummer Common is feasible and another £150,000 in a feasibility study for a 60-mph light rail system. 89 10 03a # c.49.62

1989 10 04
West Wickham church turned to Cambridge Climbing and Caving Club when it needed the help restoring its historic clock. Steve Kirk abseiled down the tower to replace the hands on the timepiece. The clock originally belonged to St Peter's church in Duxford where it was installed in 1791. It was bought for the village in 1954 by Miss Dulce Taylor of Manor Farm. Now it will have electric wiring thanks to a bequest from her sister. 89 10 04

Cambridge University' controversial History Faculty building has major heating and water leakage problems and now money is needed for the fourth phase. In 1984 consultants reported that the difference in the costs of repairing and replacing the award-winning structure would be negligible and the University spent nearly £700,000 on renovation. But now another £500,000 is needed to put it right 89 10 04a

Jim Paice, MP, has launched a bid to reopen the Cambridge to St Ives branch railway and extend it to link with the East Coast main line at Huntingdon. He says it could reduce traffic on the heavily-congested A604. Enthusiasts packed British Rail 'specials' up and down the 14-mile line which is normally used by just one freight train a day carrying mineral workings from Fen Drayton; it is also used occasionally by Chivers jam company. 89 10 04b # c.26.2

1989 10 06
Long-serving library employee John Franklin was showered with gifts from friends and colleagues when he left after 45 years with Cambridgeshire Libraries. John Franklin, of Linton, was presented with two sets of bowling woods, a radio cassette player and a camera at a farewell party at the Central Library in Lion Yard, Cambridge. His wife was given a basket of flowers. Mr Franklin, who held the post of administrative officer, joined the Libraries full-time in 1945 after working for it part-time before that. Now he is leaving to take up a new post as a company secretary – 89 10 06 # c.77.4

1989 10 09
Cowley Road park and ride site taken over by auction – 89 10 09

1989 10 10
Lucy Cavendish's Oldham Hall opened – 89 10 10 # c.44.5

1989 10 11
Sooner or later villagers will have to come to terms with the fact that thousands of newcomers will be living on their doorstep. County Planners have decided that two new villages are needed to cope with the booming population. The locations are to be decided but one will be somewhere along the A45 and the other on the A10 north of Cambridge. Rival developers vying for the prestigious multi-million pound contracts have revealed proposals and stored up a hornet's nest of protest 89 10 11

1989 10 12
Harlton church Fryer memorial to be restored – 89 10 12

1989 10 13
David Kindersley profile – 89 10 13

As a schoolboy, Cambridge ghost hunter Tony Cornell set out to prove that science could explain ghosts and other psychic phenomena. But over half a century later he has changed into a believer. "I have come across a lot of fraud, and a lot of wishful thinking, but when you strip that away, there is still a hard core of things which cannot be explained", he says. Tony has yet to see a ghost but has experienced other things which would make most people's hair stand on end which he will document in a forthcoming book 89 10 13a # c.39

1989 10 17
Anglia Students have to sit on bare floors to listen to lectures and offices have been turned into makeshift lecture theatres because of space shortages, the Students' Union claims. Anglia Higher Education College, which is seeking to become a polytechnic, needs to increase its intake from 3,000 to 4,000 but lecturers have nowhere to teach. There is a severe shortage of accommodation with some students paying high rents or sleeping on friends' floors. 89 10 17

1989 10 19
The Atlas Stone Company was established in 1902 alongside the Portland cement works in Coldham's Lane (the present Sainsbury's site). It moved to Meldreth where during the Second World War they worked round the clock producing asbestos-reinforced concrete sheeting to repair bomb-damaged cities. Then in 1984 with concern over the use of asbestos they switched to other fibres. Today the works are the UK headquarters of Eternit TAC which has a workforce of over 400 89 10 19 # c.27

1989 10 21
Grafton Centre traders are protesting against parking charges which can cost shoppers five times as much as those in rival towns and is keeping customers away. 89 10 21

The Farmland Museum at Haddenham, one of the region's biggest collections of bygones, has celebrated its 20th anniversary but it will close unless new sponsorship is found. Four years ago it was rescued by the United Molasses Company. Curator Mike Delanoy says £5,000 is needed. "The amount involved is only peanuts, but if I had £1 for every person who told me it was peanuts I'd have had my £5,000" 89 10 21a

1989 10 23
Secret plans to downgrade Newmarket Hospital have sparked fury amongst doctors and patients. They had been expecting the hospital to be enlarged but now most of its acute work may be moved to Bury or Addenbrooke's Hospitals. The Health Authority says they had difficulties recruiting doctors and it was too small to give learners the full range of experience. The hospital would continue as a community hospital for the elderly and mentally ill together with an out-patients department. 89 10 23

1989 10 24
More than £200,000 has been paid in compensation to 16 Cambridge residents who bought their 'Unity' concrete homes from the city council and later found the buildings had major structural defects. The houses in the Queen Edith's and Coleridge areas were quickly built of pre-fabricated concrete in the 1950s to help beat the housing crisis. But major structural defects had gone undetected. Then some tenants found they were not eligible for compensation because of a legal slip-up by the city council. 89 10 24

1989 10 25

Five old people's homes may be sold to private companies to raise cash to peg back the county council's poll tax demands. People living in the homes would either be sent to other council homes, put into hospital or allowed to remain provided the Government pays for part of their upkeep. Officials claim the homes are not worth investment because of their high refurbishment and replacement costs. But with an expected glut of such homes coming on to the market prices are likely to be depressed. Other money-saving measures include scrapping cheap bus passes for pensioners and making the elderly pay for home helps. 89 10 25

Local management of schools – experiences at Parkside – 89 10 25a

Cambridge is considered by many to be the computer capital of East Anglia. Now Evesham Micros has opened a new computer store in Glisson Road offering a wide range of micro-computer hardware, software and advice. They have computers from Amstrad, Olivetti, Epson and Atari with the latest IBM system arriving soon. Epson and Star printers together with modems from Mirrorcom, Amstrad and Pace are also stocked. Hard disks are put in operating condition so everything is ready by the time it gets to customers 89 10 25b & c # c.27.5

1989 10 27
Work has begun to turn the CEN into the most advanced newspaper in East Anglia. By 1991 the News will be printed on a full-colour German press, the first in Britain, at a state-of-the-art press complex at Milton. It will include a paper store, press hall, four storey administration and engineering support block and a despatch area. A separate building will allow the company to service its own vehicles. Editorial, advertising, circulation and administration teams will remain at the head office in Newmarket Road. 89 10 27 # c.04

1989 10 30
Cambridge Regional College is to be relocated on a new, purpose-built campus at King's Hedges. It will be built in four phases starting with business studies, a library and sports hall which should be completed by 1993. It will also have a shopping mall. The old mineral railway line which runs to St Ives could be extended to transport students from the city centre. But there will be ample car parking available for teachers and students. The present city-centre sites will be sold off for redevelopment 89 10 30

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1989 11 02
A railway station proposed for the planned new town of Waterfenton, near Chittering, would be a 'tremendous plus', while a dual carriageway will link it with the main A10, developers claim. It will comprise 1,500 homes (capable of expansion to 3,000) with a mix of rented and owner-occupied properties and will reply on Cambridge for central services. This is one of three rival schemes being considered at an enquiry along with another near Denney Abbey and 'Westmere' between Stretham and Wilburton. 89 11 02

A high proportion of the 5,500 patients on the books of a small practice in Hills Road are elderly but they may be squeezed out by government plans to pay doctors by the number of patients they attract. Young, healthy bodies will be more profitable than older, unhealthy ones which are much more time-consuming, one GP says. Surgeries with older patients would also lose one-off payments covering immunisation, contraception or cervical smears. "It has got very political and it's a shame", she says 89 11 02a

1989 11 03
Townsend cycle experts since the 1890s – feature – 89 11 03 & a # c.26.485

Cambmac Instruments in management buy-out – 89 11 03e

Farmland Museum plans last charity event before closure – 89 11 03b

Royston plans for 450 houses, business park and recreation centre rejected – 89 11 03f

Newton villagers have won their battle against proposals to set up a hospital in the grounds of historic Newton Hall. Developers planned a two-storey hospital and nursing home in the building previously owned by Plant Breeding International. But it would have increased traffic by 460 per cent and the additional lavatories needed would have swamped their sewage system, opponents said. 89 11 03c

1989 11 06
A poll-tax protestor hurled a petrol bomb through the window of city council offices in Peas Hill and daubed 'No Poll Tax' in red paint on the wall and doors 89 11 06

1989 11 07
Rumbelows, the television, video and hi-fi dealers are closing their branch in Petty Cury. The move, which follows the closure of Laskys in the Grafton Centre, signals the extent of distress in High Street retailing. The run up to Christmas ought to be traders' best period of the year. But with interest rates high and many potential shoppers reeling under the effects of increased mortgage payments, business is down. And Petty Cury is amongst the most expensive pitches in Cambridge. 89 11 07

1989 11 09
Blundering officials cost the Government almost £40 million when they sold off Cambridge's Plant Breeding Institute to Unilever, a report reveals. – 89 11 09

Some 100 army drivers and medics and 12 ambulances standing by ready to step into the ambulance dispute if required – 89 11 09a

The White Hart pub in Fulbourn has completed an extensive refurbishment programme which has more than doubled its size. It was originally an old coaching inn with stables and these have now been joined to the main building giving it a new lounge bar with plush red-toned seating, high beams and original brick walls. The original public bar will now be used more as a games room with darts and bar billiards. A new dining room offers dishes such as chicken goujons – strips of chicken coated in golden breadcrumbs 89 11 09b

Coun David Wolfe is to launch a campaign to stop the closure of Mill Road library as part of a County Council economy drive. Cambridge was one of the first towns in the country to have a local free library service. Mill Road library has served the community for 92 years and is a valuable resource. With the opening of city council housing schemes at Ditchburn Place and Thoday Street increasing the numbers of elderly people and young families moving into the area it is a particularly convenient service, he says – 89 11 09c

1989 11 14
Huge earth embankments will be needed to protect any new town planned near Ely from flooding. All three developments are in the flood plain and would need 18-foot high bunds around them. But it was not clear who would build or maintain the embankments, the National Rivers Authority told an inquiry into 'Westmere', 'Denny' and 'Waterfenton' 89 11 14

1989 11 15
Westmere, Waterfenton and Denny criticised by river engineers – would need bunds – 89 11 15

A Home Office exercise will test the County Council's emergency and civil protection plans. Brian Smith, Peter Willdridge and Dick Turpin will join a team of 30 people manning the Emergency Control Centre in an underground bunker at Shire Hall. It will be a 'desk top' exercise to test

communications and information-gathering skills needed during disasters such as fenland flooding or chemical explosions. 89 11 15a

1989 11 16
Robert Sayle plans to switch from the heart of traffic-choked Cambridge to a proposed new shops complex at Duxford. Their present site is too cramped and the lack of space is blocking their expansion plans. The news sent a shock wave through Cambridge with fears it could create a commercial vacuum in the main shopping area. Conservatives blame the Labour administration's failure to provide more city centre car parking. 89 11 16

Tressilian Nicholas, came up to Trinity College in 1907, was elected to a fellowship and during the Great War carried out dangerous camera-mapping work in the trenches. He served as bursar for 27 years and became Senior Fellow rubbing shoulders with some of the most famous and infamous members, including Prince Charles and Anthony Blunt the spy. He was the only don to have the college flag flown for him three times – on his election to Fellowship, on his 100th birthday and now on his death. 89 11 16a

Two convicts had already escaped before Highpoint Prison was officially opened in 1977, prompting anxiety amongst villagers. Murderers and rapists serving life sentences began arriving in 1988, causing an outcry since 19 escapes had taken place in the preceding six months. Now another six men have run off. The Governor says that fencing and lighting improvements were taking place and the prisoners had taken the opportunity to get out before security was improved 89 11 16b

Henry Fawcett blind postmaster general – feature – 89 11 16c

1989 11 17
Robert Sayle set to quit city – history feature – 89 11 17

1989 11 20
More than 8,000 protestors took to the streets of Newmarket in a bid to save their hospital. Its downgrading into a community hospital would create unacceptable problems for Addenbrooke's and West Suffolk Hospitals, they say. And the biggest public demonstration to be held in the town may pay off, because a last-minute plan could solve the problem, West Suffolk MP Sir Eldon Griffiths told parents, children and hospital staff who crammed into Tattersall's sales ground. 89 11 20

An elderly woman recluse in Toseland had to be coaxed from the house she had not left for more than half a century. She had lived by candlelight in the old farmhouse without mains water and electricity. She had no inside toilet and only an outside standpipe for water. But the roof collapsed while she was downstairs and part of an upper ceiling also caved in forcing firemen to dismantle a gable end fronting the road. The 84-year-old was taken to an old folks' home where she was fascinated by the bedside lights and spent the day making tea 89 11 20a

1989 11 21
Co-op chiefs have been forced to sell off the freehold of their Burleigh Street store to fend off a cash crisis. The Victorian building has been sold to a London Investment Company and they will lease back the premises. The Co-op began trading in Burleigh Street in 1908 but has been hit by soaring interest rates on loans taken out to cover major projects such as the massive Beehive Centre. It has already put branches up for sale in Mill Road, Milton Road, Waterbeach, Duxford & Cherry Hinton. 89 11 21 # c.27.2

Cambridge's Park and Ride scheme is failing to attract its major target – the city's commuters. Yesterday morning there were only 15 cars parked at Cowley Road while queues of vehicles drove bumper-to-bumper down Milton Road. But it is drawing off-peak shoppers and tourists. The County say it is too soon to draw conclusions. A similar scheme in Oxford had taken a long time to become established. 89 11 21a

Farmland Museum closure – feature – 89 11 21b

1989 11 23
A giant 600-home council estate could be built on allotment land off Histon and Kings Hedges Road in a bid to ease the desperate housing crisis in Cambridge. The allotments are under-used and could be relocated. The land and a huge acreage bordering the A45 Northern Bypass is in the 'Green Belt' which is protected from development. But the Government has indicated it wants this removed so it could be used for hi-tech purposes. Some councillors are unhappy with the number of homes being suggested and would prefer fewer to be built 89 11 23

Salvation Army history – feature – 89 11 23a # c.83

1989 11 24
Rare medieval wall paintings found on walls of cottages in Silver Street, Ely – 89 11 24

Police train in riot control – feature – 89 11 24a

ADC installs new behind-the-scenes technology for opening curtains – 89 11 24b # c.76

1989 11 27
Dorothy Restaurant reopened in July after an absence of 17 years. But within weeks it closed. Now sold again – 89 11 27

1989 11 28
The National Extension College in Brooklands Avenue has more students than Cambridge University and offers courses from accounting to zoo-keeping. It was set up in the back room of a condemned cottage in 1963 to open the door to higher education through correspondence courses. It was the brainwave of Michael Young, Cambridge University's first lecturer in sociology and founder of the Consumers' Association. A forerunner of the Open University, it has 15,000 students and its expertise has been used by the BBC and Channel Four in preparing their own adult education programmes. 89 11 28 # c.36.7

The new South East Cycleway from Market Square to Cherry Hinton follows quiet back roads, avoiding the nightmarish Mill Road which can reduce cyclists to a nervous wreck. It includes a new £2million bridge across the railway near Cambridge station. This is a striking structure with a triangular tower from which cables support a cycle and walkway fully protected from the elements by a transparent polycarbonate tube. It is thought to be the longest bridge of its type in Western Europe. 89 11 28a, 29 # c.26.485

1989 11 30
Maps and plans which have lain forgotten for 20 years may save ratepayers £500,000. They show a drainage system which was laid, but probably never used, in the Gunhild Way, Wulfstan Way and Godwin Way areas in the 1950s. Council engineers did not know of the existence of the network of pipes until elderly people told them. Now they may use it to combat a constant flooding problem in hundreds of gardens. For years the residents have complained their back gardens are frequently under many inches of water. 89 11 30

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1989 12 01
John Major, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, has added his voice to campaigns to save the school meals service in Cambridgeshire. Although the county council needs to save money, he thought this cutback could be a serious mistake. Even if the school meal service was scrapped the council would

still have, by law, to provide food for youngsters from hard-up families. It would be difficult for such children not to be identified and for some pupils this could be damaging. 89 12 01

Anglia TV officially opened its new base in Jesus Lane – 89 12 01a

Councillors approved Cambridgeshire's first ever 'legal' warehouse party in an empty warehouse on a Waterbeach industrial estate, scene of two previous illicit parties. They imposed a ban on alcohol and drugs and the limited numbers to no more than 300. The owner of an adjacent factory used contractors to build an earth wall around his site and other companies blocked entrances. But few attended and the party finished three hours early. Rumours of a heavy police presence kept youngsters away 89 12 01b & 02

1989 12 02
Andrew Blackwood, who has been on call at the Arts Theatre for more than 30 years, has handed over the reigns to a new secretary and general manager. His predecessor, Norman Higgins became first secretary in 1939 89 12 02a

1989 12 04
The biggest Christmas tree in Britain, an 86 ft Norwegian spruce, was erected on Queens' Green. It will be lit by more than 5,000 electric candles. But the tree was so damaged that a tree surgeon had to be called in and some branches lopped off. These will be pushed back in again to make the tree look resplendent. But as the tree was being prepared for its electric lights it was discovered that acid rain had burnt the top six feet; this had to be lopped off and another strapped to its top 89 12 04, 06a, 07a

1989 12 07
Bassingbourn Village College was built the wrong way round in1954. The original main entrance was blocked up for more office space and a valuable statue is now out of view because it is still at the original entrance. The changing rooms are the furthest walk possible to the playing fields than any other pointing the school, Governor Allan Miller says. But there is the possibility that the college is in the right place, and the village needs moving. 89 12 07a

1989 12 09
Cambridge Science Park boomed in the early 1980s but now has trouble recruiting and keeping skilled staff. There are fewer school leavers and, coupled with the problems of high living costs and expensive housing, this has led to a fall in the potential working population. There should also be a slip-road direct to the A45 or a private bus service from the city centre to ease traffic congestion. A crèche for working mothers, banking facilities and a shop are also needed. 89 12 09

Cambridgeshire County Council is facing recruitment problems and is calling on pensioners to stay on after reaching 65. The current retirement policy was made when the economic situation was very different from that of today. This is now an area of very low unemployment and it seems sensible to allow people with many years of valuable experience to carry on. They will also consider recruiting retired applicants on a temporary basis for vacancies which would otherwise be hard to fill. 89 12 09a

1989 12 12
School meals service saved – 89 12 12

Farmland Museum saved by ECDC grant – 89 12 12a

Sir Arthur Marshall to retire – profile. His father set up a de luxe car hire service in Brunswick Terrace in 1909, opening garages in King Street and Jesus Lane. In 1912 carried petrol to Beta II airship which landed in grounds Jesus College. Bought first aircraft at Fowlmere in 1919. Got pilot's licence 1929 & bought a Gipsy Moth. Opened landing field behind house in Newmarket Road – 89 12 12b, c

Mill Road and the Broadway are a convenient place for Christmas shopping with many cycle shops supplying everything from BMXs to tandems. There is an extensive choice of clothes stores offering everything from ski and leisure wear to glittering ball gowns, from distinctive menswear to the popular new 'rave' clothing. There are futon sofabeds, Magimix blenders, video cassettes for under £10 or the most sophisticated hi-fi audio systems The many discount stores and secondhand shops have inexpensive gifts 89 12 12d

1989 12 14
W & G Taylor of Trinity Street, one of Cambridge's oldest family menswear shops, is closing after 809 years of business. The firm started when George and Walter Taylor (no relation) who both worked at Ryder and Amies, decided to set up in business together but now a threefold increase in the lease is simply beyond their means. The shop describes itself as a gentleman's outfitters and specialises in hats. Bowlers for Cambridge colleges have been a regular line of business. 89 12 14 # c.27.2

Newmarket Heath wartime raid by 999 Squadron commemorated – 89 12 14a, b

1989 12 15
The closure of W & G. Taylor is the latest in a line of small stores squeezed from the city centre by rocketing rents. Two other men's outfitters, Ropers and Bodgers closed this summer. Another famous shop which closed six years ago in the face of mounting rent and rates was Bacons in Market Street. The Parsley Pot in Lion Yard, Cambridge Fine Jewels of Emmanuel Street and upmarket furnishers, Johns left their Bridge Street premises for Histon Road last year blaming the traffic chaos can high parking charges 89 12 15

1989 12 18
Francis Pemberton plants tree to mark his retirement from Bidwells – 89 12 18

1989 12 19
Mill Public House refurbished and renamed the Tap and Spile – 89 12 19

1989 12 20
Cambridge property prices are set to boom in the next decade sending the cost of an average house to a staggering £260,000 in the year 2000 89 12 20

Ditchburn Place, the former Mill Road Workhouse celebrates transformation into home for the elderly and meeting place for the community – 89 12 20a

1989 12 21
Cambridge's new £200,000 car space scheme with signs around the city linked to the county council's traffic computer which monitors the five main car parks, hit teething troubles leaving shoppers driving round trying to find a parking space. 89 12 21

1989 12 22
No new Cambridge housing schemes will start next year, even though there are 4,000 people waiting for a home and the council has £39 million in the bank ready to spend. New Government clampdowns on local council spending mean nothing new can be started. And council house maintenance and improvement schemes will also be cut back under rules that come in with the new poll tax. There are 100 homeless families for whom the council provides temporary accommodation. Nearly 30 are in private bed and breakfast accommodation for which the Government pays most 89 12 22

Mill Road library reprieved from closure – 89 12 22a

Campaigning villagers fighting a plan to put a new township on their doorstep got their first opportunity to oppose it formally – exactly three years after the plan was unveiled. Consortium

Developments proposed a 1,500-home community, Westmere, between them. But parish councils say the site is totally unsuitable: there would be no separation, it would be visible for miles and have to be protected by high flood bunds which would become dominant and incongruous in the landscape. They criticised East Cambs District Council's lack of consultation before the draft structure plan was published. 89 12 22b

1989 12 27
Local government is in for a massive upheaval in the 21st century – feature – 89 12 27

1989 12 28
Newmarket enters the next decade facing three major issues which could affect its future. The prospect of an overspill township on its doorstep, the threat to the town's hospital and Cambridgeshire's bid to take the Suffolk town into its own county boundary. The past decade has seen their horse population increase at a faster rate than humans. New stables are being built with much of the investment coming from super-rich Middle Eastern racehorse investors 89 12 28

Two events put Huntingdon on the world map during the 1980s. The first came when a derelict wartime bomber station at Molesworth was selected as a nuclear base. The second was when MP John Major was plucked from relative obscurity to be given two top Cabinet jobs in the space of three months. But most important has been the town's solid growth from a sleepy backwater into one of the fastest-growing areas in the country with the population expected to soar to 36,000 by the year 2001. 89 12 28a

Ely has gone from gloom to boom over the past 10 years. The closure of the Sugar Beet Factory at Queen Adelaide with the loss of jobs was the biggest blow. The weekly livestock market closed as did Littleport Village College and a number of schools. But now the city, for so long a sleepy backwater in the fens, is about to witness one of the most dramatic periods of change in its entire history. There will be multi-million pound shopping centre, housing estates and industrial areas together with a new community of 1,500 houses between Ely and Cambridge. 89 12 28b

The next ten years could prove the making or breaking of Saffron Walden as a small but thriving market town. With the expansion of Stansted airport and the prospect of a gigantic out-of-town shopping complex at Duxford it could suffer an identity crisis. With hundreds o people due to flood the district looking for homes the whole concept of the area could change dramatically. At the start of the 1980s George Street had an ancient swimming pool, a derelict pig market, a large Choppens hardware store and a small Gateway supermarket. Now most of the relics of the old days have disappeared. But residents have saved the imposing Rectory in Museum Street, fought traffic proposals and campaigned to prevent a car park plan for Swan Meadow. 89 12 28c

1989 12 30
Willingham Youth Project building destroyed by fire – 89 12 30

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1990 01 02
Campaigners walked through the Lakenheath USAF base as a protest against plans to close a public footpath. It runs for a mile between the main entrance on the A1065 and the B1112 near Lakenheath village. One gate has been locked since the American raid on Libya was launched by F-111 jets in 1986. Before that it was used as a short cut by base workers to get to their jobs. Legal moves to close it have been started by Forest Heath District Council following a request from the Ministry of Defence– 90 01 02

1990 01 03
A bridge between Meldreth and Orwell which spans the River Cam at Malton Lane collapsed on Christmas Day morning after part of a buttress was washed away during storms. County engineers say it will cost about £50,000 to replace and they may construct a temporary bridge during reconstruction. The choice is whether to repair the bridge or rebuild it. The road may be closed for two months – 90 01 03

Michel's Brasserie closes, plan to reopen as a café bar. It opened six years ago by Michael Sardones – 90 01 03a

Plans for a village at Nine Mile Hill have been dropped to the delight of fifteen parishes which united to fight the scheme. The other scheme, Hare Park is near Six Mile Bottom – 90 01 03b

1990 01 04
St Andrew the Great could be a gallery – 90 01 04

Gwen Raverat – feature – 90 01 04a

1990 01 05
Old People's Homes sell-off plans axed – 90 01 05

Westmere and rival sites inspected – 90 01 05a

1990 01 06
First-time buyers really do stand a chance of being able to own their own homes without being too far away from Cambridge. Houses at the Eaglepark development in Bar Hill 'Wold' homes start at £94,995 while one-bedroom flats, ideal for first-time buyers cost £44,995 and single-bedroomed terraced houses cost £46,995. Bar Hill has blossomed into an established community with a residents association and rural community and sports amenities. 90 01 06

1990 01 08
When Littleton House school moved to its present site it used a "pets corner" as an out-of-school activity for boarders. This comprised a pony together with a donkey, a few pheasants, ducks and gees and a collection of rabbits. Then a few runt pigs were fattened and an in-pig Welsh gilt was purchased. Local farmers lend boars to enable the herd to produce litters for the commercial market. A flock of sheep is also kept and the boys learn about rearing, shearing, dipping and marketing of lambs – 90 01 08

Cambridge Electronic Industries was initially comprised of companies that did not fit into the Philips group. Today nearly half have been sold or have merged. Casualties include Pye RF Systems which sold equipment for the rapid drying of printed work, Cathodeon Crystals which merged with

Newmarket Microsystems and Labgear Cablevision which has been sold to a Finnish company. But they have acquired seven American companies and exports represent half of CEI's total business – 90 01 08a

1990 01 09
Plough Monday celebrations, Balsham, Fenstanton & Elsworth – 90 01 09a

1990 01 10
United Reformed Church, Victoria Road is holding its first major service after undergoing an £830,000 redevelopment. The ceremony to welcome the Rev Norman Setchell as its new minister will take place in St Luke's Church which has been converted to create a joint home for the URC and Anglican congregations as well as a community centre. The two churches, which stood side by side for a century, will still hold separate morning services with joint worship taking place in the evenings – 90 01 10 # c.83

1990 01 11
A unique disaster course at Bottisham Village College, including talks on first aid and the effect of radiation, will train volunteers in what steps to take if World War III broke out. It means they will be able to aid emergency services like the fire or police. Should a disaster occur telephone and information systems would become swamped and emergency planners will train volunteers in the collection of information of people caught up in a disaster. But none would be called in until the normal emergency services reach a stage where they cannot cope. – 90 01 11a

Cambridge City Council has unexpectedly found it has £2.25 million to spend before the end of March. It will use £750,000 on buying 12 homes through a housing association but has to decide what to do with the rest. This may include grants to the Arts Theatre or the Samaritans for their new premises. Another alternative is not to spend the money at all and help to keep down the poll tax. In the past it bought Covent Garden Hall for a drama centre when it found itself in a similar position – 90 01 11b

Duxford Museum expansion plans includes American Air Museum, Simulation Building and Land Welfare Hall– 90 01 11

1990 01 12
The former cruise missile base at Molesworth is to become the base for the Joint Analysis Centre and the 497th Reconnaissance Technical Group. It will also be an emergency headquarters for the US Third Air Force in the event of war. Some 750 US military personnel will be based there full time. Some of the former cruise buildings will be modified for their new role but be subject to Soviet inspection under the terms of the INF treaty until 2001. The Third Air Force will keep its permanent peacetime headquarters at RAF Mildenhall. – 90 01 12

Cambridge Holiday Lectures for children, based on the Royal Institution Lectures, have been organised by Joice Taylor for 17 years and have proved most popular. They feature speakers on eight different subjects, each of whom waives any fees. Pupils come because intelligent young people are eager to widen their horizons and learn about things outside their present-day curriculum. This is infinitely more satisfying that roaming around aimlessly in the holidays. It is fully approved by the Local Education Authority funded solely from schools, PTAs and individual parents - 90 01 12a

Fitzwilliam Museum snubs call for charges – 90 01 12b

1990 01 16
Ambulance dispute looms – 90 01 16

Cambridge's planning chief fears for the future if some of the high-tech and other commercial development, which is clamouring to start up in the city, cannot be diverted to other parts of the

county. Officials are preparing an action plan based on a report by University land experts. Ely, Haverhill, Chatteris and March are suffering from a depressed economy and would benefit from the establishment of firms sent from Cambridge 90 01 16a

1990 01 17
SCDC have announced a surprise surplus of £1.5 million on their housing budget which they will spend buying land for around 30 sheltered homes. There are around 1,000 elderly people on their waiting lists and not enough accommodation to house them. The money has been saved because of falling land costs, failure to proceed with land acquisition and slippages in council improvement and building schemes. But money for housing projects is likely to fall by a third within three years 90 01 17

Barnwell Pit and lake, off Newmarket Road may be bought by the city council and turned into an amenity area. Environmental improvements would include removing large amounts of rubbish, enhancing the wildlife habitats and fishing facilities, tree planting and landscaping. The pit stands between the Cambridge to Ely railway line and the back of an industrial estate. Planners have refused applications for a restaurant and boating facilities saying there would be traffic problems and that wildlife would be seriously harmed 90 01 17a

1990 01 18
Ely Co-op store in Market Street is set to close, the latest victim of a multi-million pound property battle. The building will be sold to Raglan Property Trust, one of two firms seeking to build a large new supermarket which would make the food store unviable. But Burton Property Trust also hopes to redevelop the centre in conjunction with ECDC 90 01 18

Eglanyne Jebb founded Save the Children – feature – 90 01 18a
Cambridge's giant Christmas tree taken down after raising less money than hope for – 90 01 18b

1990 01 19
Science park feature – 90 01 19a b
Last American Blackbird spyplane to fly home from Mildenhall – 90 01 19d

1990 01 22
Therfield school extension – 90 01 22
Camfax one of leading facsimile machine specialists – 90 01 22a

1990 01 24
Arlington Securities, which already owns Joshua Taylor and Arts Cinema buys Beach Villas on corner Sidney St & Market Passage – 90 01 24

Heffer's opened a brand-new one-stop business centre at Cambridge Business Park, Milton Road, bringing their commercial stationery, office equipment and office furniture departments under one roof 90 01 24a

Vital improvement work is needed to the fen drain system because of the Greenhouse Effect. Unless work is undertaken scientists fear a repetition of the disastrous 1947 floods. They want to strengthen and heighten the outer barrier banks along the Bedford Rivers from Earith to Denver. The level of the land has steadily dropped in relation to the sea, the peat fen has fallen by about five metres since the banks were built and the Greenhouse Effect is predicted to produce an annual rise in sea level of five mm. If the South Level bank burst it could cause damage totalling £23 million to homes, high-grade agricultural land, roads and railways. A burst on the Middle Level would be more serious because of the number of homes nearby. The landscape will see small changes as the banks are heightened but in the vastness of the fens these could hardly be said to be significant 90 01 24b # c.29

The Ronald Rolph Court consists of 23 workshop units has helped several new companies make a positive start over the last seven years. Firms represent all aspects of industry in Cambridge from established concerns specialising in traditional trades to high-tech firms developing electronics and computers. They include J.S. Wilson, whose bookbinding business was established in 1830 and Ditton Binders which supplies company ring binders and menu covers 90 01 24c

1990 01 25
Storm-force gales wreaked havoc as gusts of up to 80 mph swept across the region, injuring people, bringing down trees and damaging buildings. It blew the flat roofs off three houses in Pakenham Close, Cambridge, damaged a new glass building at St Ivo School and forced traders to abandon Ely's weekly market as torrential rain tore sheeting from stalls, drenching stock. At Alconbury Weston part of a tree crashed down across the entrance to Oakleigh old people's home trapping 13 residents inside 90 01 25 26a

The County Councillors are worried about the quick turnover of staff and difficulties in replacing them. There are vacancies in all departments and a severe shortage of lawyers, surveyors and teachers. The council pays lower salaries than other county authorities, which also offer cars with jobs. Now they may increase wage scales, improve subsidised mortgage arrangements and removal expenses. Staff do not always leave for extra money; they also look for job satisfaction or better career opportunities. 90 01 25a

Cambridge's Easter fair has been banned for the third year running. The Showmen's Guild has been told they cannot set up their rides on Midsummer Common because the grass needs time to recover from the winter. But the fair has been held for 50 years or so and damage was minimal. Its loss causes hardship to showmen and deprives citizens of the opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds. Last year what should have been the city's first May Day fair was cancelled because the common was waterlogged. 90 01 25b # c.27.31

Today's squatters are usually the young and single who do not qualify to go on council housing waiting lists. But after the war couples with children occupied empty houses in Jesus Lane and Parkside that had been requisitioned by the army. Then one family moved into Nissen huts in the grounds of a house in Hills Road and another into a four-storey property in Portugal Place. From then on more huts or houses were occupied daily. Then pre-fabricated steel houses were erected in Lichfield Road and Trumpington. They were meant to be temporary but some were lived in until the 1970s - 90 01 25c

1990 01 26
Two people died when fire ripped through the post office in Somersham High Street 90 01 26

The City council are persuading private house owners not to leave their property vacant. Some had been left properties by an elderly relative, others bought houses for an investment in the property boom, then found they could not sell them. Police houses in Girton stood empty for three years and Ministry of Defence houses in Radegund Road that were empty for years have not been sold off by the army. Flats above the old Co-op in Mill Road are also being used to provide low cost housing for council tenants 90 01 26b

Plans to develop the site of the old Cattle Market into a light industrial estate met an angry response. But now it has been transformed into the Clifton Road Industrial estate with 56 units providing jobs for several hundred people. There is ample car parking and good office accommodation. The estate is fronted by the attractive Clifton Court office complex. Situated alongside the railway station, close to the city centre with park and ride facilities on its doorstep it has good access to major roads. With its landscaping it provides an industrially useful estate and a pleasant working environment for employees 90 01 26c # c.27.1

1990 01 29

Maids Causeway Dukes Court office complex 90 01 29, a

1990 01 31
County plans £300 poll tax 90 01 31
Corn Exchange cultural centre – feature – 90 01 31a & b

February 1990 CEN

1990 02 01
Motor cyclist killed in crash on A10 at Stretham 90 02 01
Veterinary School saved from closure – 90 02 01
Thornton & sons, fishing tackle and gun shop in Burleigh Street established in 1966; now to close – 90 02 01a

1990 02 02
Wandlebury Ring could revert back to natural chalkland due to climatic change – 90 02 02a
WRVS Meals on Wheels – feature – 90 02 02b, c

1990 02 05
Heavy rain brought chaos, roads flooded 90 02 05a

Disc jockey John Peel will open The Junction, a unique venue for Cambridge's young people. Local bands The Bible, Jack the Bear and No Dakota will perform together with a theatrical trapeze act 'Skinning the Cat'. This will be followed by an exciting 12 days of rock, jazz, ethnic music, alternative comedy and acid house raves. For years teenagers have complained there was nothing to do; they occupied a number of derelict buildings and held all-night parties. 90 02 05b & c, d # c.69

Fenstanton has a very very good school, a good football pitch, a good milk service. It is a nice village, says Andrew. I like it because it is quite big, you get big gardens – Gemma. If you go down the road you come to a field with two horses and one car and one bull and seven mares – Briony. There is something in the village that really fascinates me – that is the clock tower. There is a post office and a garage. There is a newsagent that sells magazines and all kinds of things – Teresa (Children's impressions of their village) 90 02 05e

I like Hilton because I know everybody. I like going through the ford and the water goes all over the car. We have feast week and do all sorts of things like bingo and my dad is a beasty boy and we have a raffle. Sometimes I feed the ducks. Hilton is a nice village but it does have its disadvantages. The Potton road always has traffic going across it and it is dangerous to cross especially if you want to go to the shop. There is a village hall where the toddlers go to the playgroup. Hilton school closed in 1955 and since then children have gone by bus to school in Fenstanton (children's impressions of their village) 90 02 05f

1990 02 06
US A10 Thunderbolt from Alconbury crashes in Wales – 90 02 06

1990 02 07
Barrington community leaders unveiled ambitious new plans for a low-cost housing development at Challis Green, which have been drawn up by the parish council and National Agricultural Centre's Rural Trust. Houses would be sold for £40,000, half the normal price, because they were built on land donated to the trust or sold at agricultural value. The parish council would decide how they are assigned. 90 02 07a

1990 02 08
Cyclists, buses, taxis and some disabled drivers could be banned from the centre of Cambridge to make the area safer for shoppers – 90 02 08a

1990 02 10
Secret talks are under way for Cambridge United to move to a site on farmland at Teversham. The news comes only a day after it was revealed the club lost £98,000 last year and Chris Turner was sacked as general manager. If the club moves from the ground it has occupied since the 1920s it would allow the sale of the Abbey Stadium site for housing or commercial development. This would realise enough cash for the new venture 90 02 10a Fans views – 90 02 15c # c.38 : football

1990 02 11
Cambridge health chiefs are to cut services and axe beds as Addenbrooke's Hospital heads for another slide into the read. The Health Authority, already £3 million in debt from previous years, was overspent on its current budget. And it has no hope of balancing the books. The measures would see the closure of some wards at weekends and cutting down on stationery 90 02 11

1990 02 12
Cambridge's first soup kitchen has been set up at the homeless drop-in centre, the Bus Project. Winter Comfort will be running the service which provides soup, hot drinks and sandwiches until March. About 12 people per night have been taking advantage of the service. 90 02 12

Cambridge's first independent local radio station, CN.FM 103, is celebrating its first birthday. 90 02 12b

1990 02 14
County poll tax set at £299 per head – 90 02 14aa

Valentine messages – 90 02 14d

Mark Entwistle, the Ely bowler, won both singles and pairs area finals in the national championship in the space of two days to win through the finals at Melton Mowbray 90 02 14e

1990 02 15
The Junction, Cambridge's long-awaited new venue centre got off to a flying start. DJ John Peel cut his way through yards of studio tape wrapped all the way round the hexagonal building in Clifton Road. Riots four years ago highlighted the lack of facilities for younger people. The Junction – with its 400 seater auditorium, exhibition space, café-car and rehearsal rooms – was the city council's response. It is Britain's first purpose-built music and arts centre for young people. 90 02 14b, c. Laser-light show – 90 02 15e # c.69

East Anglia's hospital service is to be linked by sophisticated computer systems able to keep track of patients wherever they go. While Addenbrooke's Hospital is developing is own patient information system the Ipswich Hospital has unveiled their answer to lost medical records and mix-ups over appointments. It should mean an end to form filling, chasing paperwork and hours on the phone. Computer links between wards and departments will instantly transmit patients' records, requests for tests or treatments, find empty beds and lay on ambulance transport 90 02 15a

University Department of Biochemistry will research secret of life – feature – 90 02 15b

Thaxted 'Red vicar', Conrad Noel has Blue Plaque – 90 02 15d

1990 02 16
Cambridge poll tax fixed – 90 02 16a

Kneesworth House Hospital, the first private psychiatric unit of its kind in the country, is up for sale. Set in 47 acres, the 148-bed hospital, a former children's home, opened five years ago. It was launched amid rows and controversy stimulated by the fears of local villagers and the politics of

private care. But the rumoured influx of criminally insane patients did not materialise. Instead it built up a good reputation and was in the middle of a £5M expansion programme when its US owners decided to sell up all its UK assets. 90 02 16b

David Morgan's Commonwealth Games triumph overshadowed by a drugs scandal – 90 01 16c, d

1990 02 19
FA Cup semi-final draw if Cambridge United beat Bristol City in replay – 90 02 19abc

1990 02 20
Cambridge Unite FA cup tickets changing hand for 10-times face value – 90 02 20; working flat-out for match – 90 02 20c

Get-rich quick property speculators are hovering like vultures over Shire Hall hoping to pick up land and property which the County Council is selling off at bargain basement prices to keep down the poll tax. With the depressed state of the property market they are throwing away valuable county council assets the Labour opposition claims. Conservatives admit their hoped-for sale would fall at least £2M short of their target but say that builders hit by the property slump are prepared to carry out cut-price work, compensating for the lower prices raised in land sales 90 02 20b

1990 02 21
Rock fever hit Cambridge city centre when hundreds of heavy metal fans packed into HMV's Market Street store to meet their idols, the Quireboys. The chart-topping band were signing copies of their debut album 'A Bit of What you Fancy'. Hayley Breet from Haverhill queued to see lead singer Spike, "He's the best – the others don't really get a look in", she said. Later The Quireboys played to 1,500 fans at a sell-out gig in the Corn Exchange 90 02 21a

Sir – I was horrified so see the County Council is proposing to make a devastating cut in the funds allocated to the County Record Office. As this is the Cinderella of the council departments it would seem grossly unfair to deal it such a blow. Other counties have a more enlightened appreciation of the importance of the precious inheritance to be found in local documents. It should be remembered that it is in the records office that the papers recording the decisions of the council will be housed for future generations to give their verdict on – P. White 90 02 21b n # c.43

1990 02 22
Top Farm at Toseland remained unchanged for decades as the owners carried on farming as they always had. But when the roof of the farmhouse, a listed building, collapsed, the sole survivor had to move to an old peoples' home. Now the agricultural implements are to be sold. The most modern piece of equipment is a 1947 Fordson Major tractor. Three wooden carts, a winnowing machine, eight-row horse-drawn Smyth seed drill and hand flails are also to be auctioned 90 02 22a

Poll Tax protests echo controversy of rating revaluations of 1963 – feature – 90 02 22b

1990 02 23
Texas Homecare has been fined for breach of Sunday trading laws in Cambridge. The City Council lawyer said the European court had ruled that a ban on Sunday trading was not against EEC law. Texas said they had to be open on Sundays to keep up with the competition – because other shops stayed open. It was only being prosecuted as a regulatory measure and not because of public opposition to its opening on Sunday. Opening was popular and some people even came at 11am to do their shopping. – 90 02 23a

H.C. Moss, the building company, was started by Cliff Moss in 1962 with two employees; now it has 150 based at Cottenham, to which it moved in 1977. Much of their workload is construction projects of which the majority is housing estates. It also specialises in the renovation and conversion of period buildings into flats and apartments. One such project is the Riverside Mill at Godmanchester. Now

they are working on a Maltings renovation at King's Lynn with an indoor waterfall and 19 luxury flats opposite Tattersalls in Newmarket. – 90 02 23b, c # c.23

University plans to spend £10M on a new law faculty and library complex – 90 02 23d

1990 02 26
Gale-force winds brought power cuts and road chaos. Three people were injured when a United Counties double-decker bus was blown off the road into a ditch near Baldock. And passengers had a lucky escape when another bus was hit by gusts and ended up in a ditch near the A14 at Arrington. On the A1 a lorry and trailer were blown over on the south-bound carriageway, causing long tailbacks. Police warned motorists to keep off the road. 90 02 26

Trinity Hall Industrial Estate in Nuffield Road was developed in 1982 housing firms such as Cathodeon, Camlab, Serck Services, Allgoods and Andrew McCulloch. Now it includes Dan Morley Engineering, Platonoff and Harris and TeleTape Video which produces commercial videos. The estate is located on land formerly owned by Cambridge businessman, Mr Lloyd Stokes, who also owned the site on which the adjacent Cambridge Business Park is still being developed. 90 02 26a # c.27.1

1990 02 27
A community centre and swimming pool will be built for villagers in Duxford & Whittlesford if plans for a new multi-million pound shopping centre are approved near the M11 90 02 27a

1990 02 26
Cambridge United beat Bristol City to win FA cup quarter-final place – 90 02 28,

March 1990 CEN

1990 03 01
Super high speed bus lanes are to be built alongside roads in a bid to ease Cambridge's traffic chaos. Experts hope this will give a boost to the flagging park-and-ride scheme. Buses would be equipped with a special electronic 'eye' to change traffic lights in their favour. The first would run from Cowley Road to the city centre and later most main roads would incorporate them. At present buses are held up in traffic jams and passengers take just as long as they would have done in their cars. On some peak time journeys buses have only five passengers but large numbers of shoppers have been using them– 90 03 01

1990 03 02
Robert Rhodes James MP for Cambridge, who was elected in 1976 when David Lane resigned his seat, is to stand down. He has campaigned to prevent British Rail installing controversial half barriers at Cherry Hinton railway crossing, fought the closure of St Bede's and Park Street primary schools and helped win a giant TriStar conversion deal for Marshall's. He also persuaded the Government to match the £2 million donated by David Robinson for the building of the Rosie Maternity Hospital. But he has been a fierce critic of the student loans plan. – 90 03 02, a

Physicist Prof Stephen Hawking, a victim of the wasting motor neurone disease, has been given a new computerised speech synthesiser to help him communicate. The American-developed Digital DECTalk device allows him to use a screen to select words and phrases which are then translated into speech. 90 03 02b

1990 03 05
Desperate families in Mid Anglia are plunging deeply into debt. Citizens Advice Bureau staff have been flooded with pleas for help but are having to turn some people away. They are begging local councils to give money to allow computers to be bought to lift the load. Until now many clients have been jobless people, single parents or council tenants. But an increasing number are married, working

people with mortgages. Many have no cash to buy essential items such as food and clothing. – 90 03 05

Gt St Andrews plan for conversion into centre for art lovers and historians backed – 90 03 05a

1990 03 06
Cambridgeshire Police's budget has been slashed by the Government which has approved less than a third of the money needed. Schemes to buy communications equipment and computers will have to be deferred and police cars leased to save money. A kitchen extension at police headquarters will also be cancelled. The Home Office says the system of allocating money has changed and if Cambridgeshire is aggrieved they will look into it – 90 03 06

Cambridge Polo Club wants to use 35 acres of farmland at Dullingham for a new ground. There are lots of people who have to travel long distances to play, some Newmarket racing trainers were considering forming a team and the Varsity match would be played there. It was hoped Prince Charles would take part in an 'Old Blues' match – 90 03 06a

1990 03 07
Addenbrooke's Hospital machines vital for life-support, problems of maintaining – 90 03 07

Eagle Inn, Bene't Street to re-open – 90 03 07a

1990 03 08
William Heberden: physician in the age of reason – describes conditions in Cambridge (book review) – 90 03 08 age of reason

Ely Cathedral is to start major work on the Lantern Tower after gales sucked out panes of glass, buckled panels and snapped fittings on the lead-covered wooden infrastructure. It could be likened to the effect of wind on a greenhouse. The glass was not smashed – it was sucked out with terrific force. The damage could have been much worse had not workmen who realised what was happening managed to make temporary repairs to the tower by boarding it up during the height of the storm. Without that action it could have been a complete disaster – 90 03 08a

Wesley church re-opens after refurbishment – 90 03 08b

Kirtling Tower, a Tudor 'castle' is being sold by Lord Fairhaven for over £350,000. It stands in 2.5 acres of land and has a large expanse of lawn, a walled kitchen garden and many trees. It needs a lot spending on it and will cost a lot to maintain but it is extremely delightful and romantic with potential to become a prestigious county house. It was first mention in 1260 when three men fell into the moat carrying a wine cask after a bridge broke. The Manor was acquired by Sir Edward North in 1533 who built the mansion in which Elizabeth I stayed. This was pulled down in 1801, leaving the present gate house tower. – 90 03 08c

1990 03 09
Ely Co-op to stay open after collapse of property deal – 90 03 09

Cambridge United manager John Beck has made a phenomenal start in management as his two bottles of 'Manager of the Month' champagne proves. But it has taken him 18 months to mould a team capable of the best Cup run in United's 76-year history. Colin Bailie has been a revelation after moving from fullback to midfield, Michael Cheetham has made a enormous difference on the right flank and Andy Fensom has slotted in well at right back, he says. – 90 03 09a

Madingley M11 interchange improvements – 90 03 09b & c

1990 03 10n

A massive police operation swung into action for Cambridge United big FA Cup clash against Crystal Palace. More than 200 officers were drafted in boosted by a crack team of 12 Metropolitan mounted policemen. The operation was nicknamed 'Rourke's Drift' after the famous Zulu siege. Roads were blocked with barriers and officers who police Crystal Palace matches met trains arriving from London watching out for troublemakers. About 1,000 fans were expected to arrive without tickets causing a crush at the turnstiles. – 90 03 10

1990 03 12
A major new railway station could be built behind Cambridge Business Park. It would become the main station for Cambridge with the original one becoming just a stop-over point– 90 03 12 # c.26.2

Coleridge Community College has chartered librarian – 90 03 12a

W.P. (Freddie) Kingdon, who was headmaster at Coleridge Boys School from 1947 to 1966 still attends school regularly – only now as a pupil at art classes. He joined as a teacher of PE in 1936 before becoming head in 1947. During the war he was put in charge of the 'Ringleaders' – the naughtiest boys. This was made easier as corporal punishment was still in use and he always allowed the boy to decide how many times they were caned. Later he organised courses for pupils who had to stay an extra year when leaving age was raised from 15 to 16 in 1966. He ran courses on drugs, drink and addiction and organised the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme – 90 03 12b # c.36.5

1990 03 13
University Audio founder Gruffydd Reece started University Cameras in St Mary's Passage after leaving the RAF in 1945. The business expanded and he opened Fencolour Laboratories in Newmarket Road, one of the first to offer colour developing and printing for amateurs. He was later joined by his brother Hugh and cousin Bryan Hyam who started University Audio in Peas Hill – 90 03 13 # c.65.5

Royal Highland Fusiliers at Oakington – feature – 90 03 13a & b

1990 03 14
Unex group has produced details of its big new development, Intercity House, on the former Pordage distribution site at the corner of Brooklands Avenue and Hills Road. It will offer air-conditioned offices with crèche, restaurant and gymnasium together with 301 car parking spaces. The windows will be high-performance anodised aluminium and the scheme will reflect the style and quality of the Victorian Royal Albert Almshouses across the road – 90 03 14 # c.61.2

1990 03 15
A baby has been born to a surrogate mother after treatment at Bourn Hall Clinic and another is expected soon. The news coincides with B.M.A. official backing for the first time to this method of test-tube fertilisation. Bourn's medical director welcomes the ruling as it confirms what they believed, that people without wombs should be helped to give birth by a sister or close friend. He stressed they would not countenance any kind of commercialisation. 90 03 15

Hundreds of Cambridge residents are not being registered for the poll tax as officials wrestle with the 'nightmare' problem of tracking them down. Anti Poll Tax Campaigners say large numbers of young people on low incomes cannot afford to pay and that resident Fellows in colleges have been overlooked. Most of those who remain unregistered have taken a decision to forfeit their vote to protect themselves from the poverty which the tax of £428 would cause – 90 03 15a

Stockwell Street, Cambridge, is a road of terraced houses built for working families in the Romsey Town area just a century ago. Families have seen dramatic changes in the pattern of the rates – and now the poll tax – charged by the local authority over those years. In 1929 the rate was under £61 in present money. In 1989 it was £286. Today the poll tax figure of £428 would bring a bill of £856 for two people. But transitional relief will bring a reduction of £71 90 03 15b

1990 03 16
Cambridge's pioneering £2.6 million cycleway scheme is helping to cut the death toll on the city's roads with over 2,000 people a day using the route. Supporters say the South East Cycle Route from Cherry Hinton to the city centre is also being used by pedestrians. The giant £1.7 cycle bridge was opened by the Minister for Roads in November and is fitted with security cameras. Some people dismissed it as a hare-brained idea at first but it is worth the time and effort, says Tony Carter, after whom the bridge has been named. – 90 03 16

1990 03 17
Brewing giant Guinness is giving £1.5 million to Cambridge University to establish a Guinness Chair of Management Studies. It is part of a major new drive by the university to join the ranks of top international business schools in training young managers to become captains of the nation's industry. 90 03 17 # c.36.9

1990 03 20
King's Hedges Neighbourhood Centre, Buchan Street topped-out 90 03 20a

County Council plans to sell off 24,000 acres of council-owned farmland criticised – 90 03 20b

1990 03 22
Tributes have been paid to maverick banker, scientist and government confidant, Lord Victor Rothschild. The millionaire Labour peer, who lived in Herschel Road joined M15 in 1940 and was awarded the George Medal for defusing German bombs at a time when he was Winston Churchill's official taster. He was described as 'one of the world's greatst experts in counter espionage' but was later alleged to be the 'fifth man' in a group of agents recruited by Russia in 1930s Cambridge 90 03 22b

Plans for private gypsy site in Whitecross Road, Wilburton prompt fears 90 03 22c

Ronald Searle cartoon of cycling problems, 1938 – 90 03 22d # c.26.485

Red Lodge set for major expansion under new plans – 90 03 22e

1990 03 23
Development plans that could have brought 1,000 new jobs to Cambridge have been thrown out by council planners worried about increased traffic congestion. Opposing the scheme for more offices on the Cambridge Business Park one councillor said 'Cambridge does not need 1,000 jobs'. Crown Estates wanted to build 15 new units on the Cowley Road site but the scheme was rejected since they felt it would bring firms from outside which would further worsen the housing problem. 90 03 22a # c.49.65

City Services department set up top compete with private companies for council contracts such as refuse collection, street sweeping and council house repairs – 90 03 23a

1990 03 24
Cambridge University boat crews are backing the campaign to stop a road and bridge being built between Ditton Meadows and Coldham's Common as part of a traffic management plan to tackle Cambridge' chronic road congestion problems. Socam – Save Our Commons and Meadows – say the environment would be ruined and there is no justification for it. 93 03 24a # c.32.3

Hundreds of people swamped the first passenger train between Swavesey and Cambridge for 20 years and at least 200 were left standing. The special service, chartered by the Railway Development Society was overwhelmed. There were 500 waiting at Swavesey, 100 at Longstanton, 200 at

Oakington and another 100 at Histon. The train arrived at Cambridge station more than 20 minutes late. 90 03 24b 90 03 26a # c.26.2

1990 03 28
Cambridge's most luxurious flat is one of three penthouses in a new block called The Oast House at Pinehurst South off Grange Road. It has three bedrooms with a spiral staircase leading to a striking room like a Kentish oasthouse with a 25-foot ceiling and glass doors on to a roof garden. It will have all the luxury fittings expected including a video surveillance system. The Cambridge-based developer Nigel Grimshaw says "Nothing approaching it has ever been offered in Cambridge". The developers have produced a 52-page book listing its attributes 90 03 28a, b # c.06 # c.23

1990 03 29
Plans for new town at Great common Farm and Bourn airfield – 90 03 29a

1990 03 30
Speaking at the Koenigswinter conference at St Catherine's College, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher spelled out her vision for the future of Europe. Britain and Germany did not yet see eye-to-eye on the future of Europe and was not ready to withdraw all its troops. Nato should continue to have nuclear weapons based there. German Chancellor, Dr Helmut Kohl said he would press for faster progress towards political union in the Community. 90 03 30a

Boys from Impington Village College have created their school's first all-male jazz dance team which won first place in the East Anglian Youth Dance and Mime Showcase at the Junction. Their teacher, Mrs Steph Franklin, has long produced high-flying, high-stepping dance teams and in the 80's girl dancers won top awards 90 03 30b

One of Prince Edward's favourite theatre groups, Cambridge Youth Theatre, faces closure after the county council axed its funds. The company hit the headlines when the prince made an unannounced appearance in their production of 'Trafford Tanzi' at the Corn Exchange. He appeared as 'The Sandringham Slammer' in the play about a female wrestler 90 03 30c

1990 03 31
Body found in Cam near Five Miles from Anywhere at Upware – 90 03 31a

1990 April CEN

1990 04 02
The small industrial units at Scotland Road, Dry Drayton were originally built in 1907 as part of a 'model' farm which housed a herd of 150 milking cows. But when the Peck family transferred to completely arable faming they converted the buildings into light industrial 'starter' units 90 04 02

Victor bomber restored at Duxford Museum – 90 04 02a

Pinehurst South, Oast House & Redwood Lodge feature – 90 04 02b

1990 04 04
A new wing at Littlehey Prison is being opened early to accommodate prisoners displaced by the Strangeways riots. They will find conditions greatly different. Absent are the tensions of overcrowding and poor facilities which led to the explosion of violence at Manchester. Private lavatories, wash-basin, desk-cupboards and beds grace the cells, many of which have fine views across the countryside. Every prisoner has work to do, an educational department provides many courses and there is ample scope for games and sport– 90 04 04, 05c

1990 04 05
Libraries budget cut hits novels – 90 04 05a

Hundreds of low-paid Cambridge nurses are hunting for second jobs to pay their poll tax, a union chief claims. Some 500 nurses in training who on salaries ranging from £5,695 to £6,630 are paying between £48 and £82 a month for bed-sitter flats at Addenbrooke's Hospital. Now they face an additional bill of £428 for poll tax 90 04 05b

1990 04 07
Philips to axe 120 jobs – 90 04 07a

'Snowy' Easton retires from Co-op, started in 1939; ran own butchery business Longstanton – 90 05 07b

1990 04 09
Fireball terror as resin burns at industrial estate Balsham Road, Fulbourn – 90 04 09a
Tadpole Technology formed in 1984, now Cambridge Phenomenon success, moves into new headquarters on Science Park – 90 04 09b # c.27.1

1990 04 10
Cambridge house prices plunged by five per cent in three months – 90 04 10a
Desmond January retires after 50 years in estate agency; houses that sold for £750 in 1938 now make £120,000 – profile – 90 04 10b # c.06

1990 04 12
Addenbrooke's Hospital major blast which shattered main incinerator may have been caused deliberately; a 42 inch oxygen cylinder was buried in hospital waste – 90 04 12a # c.21.4

1990 04 13
Cherry Hinton Robin Hood & Little John pub has new restaurant – 90 04 13a

1990 04 14
Heroin has returned to streets after a three-year absence. Drug Dependency Unit has cut back on methadone – 90 04 14a
Giant multi-screen cinema may be built in heart of Cambridge as plans for cinema as part of the Grafton Centre – 90 04 16a # c.76.9

1990 04 17
Hobson's Publishing, Bateman Street, which has announced losses may be taken over by Daily Mail and General Investments group – 90 04 17a # c.25

1990 04 18
'Hereward Way' walk between Ely & Peterborough – new guide – 90 04 18a

1990 04 19
St Andrew the Great set to become tourist centre with art gallery and exhibition area – 90 04 19a

1990 04 20
Cambridgeshire County Council officials given huge salary rises, 600 now earn more than £20,000 pa – 90 04 20a
Listers to produce special replica of 1950s sports racer car; Lister Jaguar and Archie Scott Brown broke records in 1957 – 90 04 20b

1990 04 23
Andy's Records closed stall on Market after more than 20 years; Andy Gray now owns 14 shops from Grimsby to Colchester, started selling second-hand records in 1969 – 90 04 23a , 24a # c.69
Eynesbury school – history – 90 04 23b

1990 04 24
Neve Electronics of Melbourn makes recording consoles – 90 04 24b

1990 04 25
Cambridge Co-op in precarious financial state and the Beehive shops complex would have to be sold unless merge with Co-operative Retail Services – 90 04 25a # c.27.2

1990 04 26
Addenbrooke's Hospital catering service to be taken over by private management; day surgery to be expanded to avoid ward closures – 90 04 26a

1990 04 27
Jesus College lawns used by Muslims marking end of Ramadan; more than 500 worshippers from around the world – 90 04 27a # c.83

1990 04 28
Business park bringing 3,000 jobs launched at Eden Park by St Ives interchange on A604 – 90 04 28a
Little Downham The Hythe, former Old Red Cow Inn for sale – 90 04 28b
Southacre Park, Chaucer Road, site of mansion in 1880 which housed royal princes Albert & Henry while undergraduates now developed into luxury houses - 90 04 28c # c.06

1990 May CEN

1990 05 01
Fulbourn Hospital is to be sold and part of its 130-acre grounds turned into a business park under new plans - 90 05 01

1990 05 02
Rabbit, the new cordless phone system based in Cambridge is to be launched in September. Based at Westbrook Centre. To install numerous base stations – 90 05 02 # c.27.75

Andrew Blackwood retires as manager of Arts Theatre, Stephen Walton his successor; interview – 90 05 02a, b # c.76

1990 05 03
Willingham to rebuild youth club destroyed by fire – 90 05 03

1990 05 04
Harold Ridgeon leaves £12 m. Left school at 14 to become railway clerk, got to St Catharine's College, joined Cyril Ridgeon builders merchants then set up on his own. – 90 05 04 # c.23

1990 05 05
Protestors burn poll tax bills on Parker's Piece after march through Cambridge – 90 05 05a # c.33.2

1990 05 08
Exchange Fitness Club, former Tivoli cinema for sale – 90 05 08a # c.76.9

1990 05 09
Armed robbery at TSB bank, Mill Road – 90 05 09 # c.32.8
Bacon cigarette packet discovered under floorboards – 90 05 09a

1990 05 10
Cambridge Antiquarian Society celebrate 150th anniversary – 90 05 10a

1990 05 11
Railway – last 125 InterCity diesel at Huntingdon; replaced by electric trains – 90 05 11a

1990 05 12
Philips Scientific, York Street makes redundancies in manufacturing division, making analytical instruments. Sister company Philips Radio Communications axed 120 jobs St Andrew's Road – 90 05 12a # c.27.1 : Pye
Pinehurst South development sells well – 90 05 12b

1990 05 14
Prince Edward receives MA degree – 90 05 14a # c.02

1990 05 15
Mildenhall community centre opened – 90 04 15b

1990 05 16
Traffic plan approved, includes car park under Midsummer Common, new bridge over Cam and road across Ditton Meadows; light railway system, pedestrianisation, tow-away, roads and cycleways – 90 05 16a # c.49.62

1990 05 17
Spinney School Cherry Hinton official opening – 90 05 17a # c.36.5
John Brown family made custom-built bicycles, awards Town and County Cycling Club cup – feature – 90 05 17b # c.26.485

1990 05 19
Bottisham Grange private care development with integrated care, medical facilities etc – 90 05 19a
Needingworth Priory Farm includes nuclear shelter – 90 05 19b

1990 05 21
Kim Philby film alleges Charles Broad, Prof of Moral Philosophy at Trinity was the 'Fifth Man' in Cambridge spy ring – 90 05 21a # c.45.8

1990 05 22
West's of Cambridge founded 65 years ago; started Gloucester Street in 1925, moved Newmarket Road when took Renault dealership 1959 – 90 05 22a # c.26.48

1990 05 24
International standard University sports complex planned for west Cambridge – 90 05 24a # c.38 : athletics
Cambridge Gallows fail to sell at auction – 90 05 24 # c.34.9
University Counselling Service set up in 1968 following student suicides – feature – 90 05 24c # c.36.92
Dunkirk memories of Dennis Broomfield – 90 05 24d

1990 05 25
Cambridge Water Company state of emergency following mains burst – 90 05 25a # c.24.2
Buchan House residential home and day centre to be kept closed until county find company to run it under new privatisation policies – 90 05 25b # c.32.9

1990 05 28
Cambridge United promoted to Third Division following Wembley win – 90 05 28a, c # c.38 : football
Peat can be dug from Holmewood Estate near Holme – 90 05 28b

1990 05 29
George Lister engineering company celebrates centenary, built motor racing cars; set up in Abbey Road 1890 – feature – 90 05 29a # c.27.1

1990 05 30
Rising sea levels bring flood threats – feature – 90 05 30a, b # c.29

1990 05 31
J.H. Street draper shop, Littleport, account books discovered – 90 05 31a
Mariners Way development, opposite Riverside – flood fears – 90 05 31b

1990 June CEN

1990 06 01
Fifty families were forced to flee their homes after a gas pipe blew up in Alpha Terrace, Trumpington, sending gas streaming into the street. Emergency teams were called and the street sealed off. Residents were taken to the Fawcett School – 90 06 01 # c.24.4

Cambridge Central Library to close for two weeks in July for alterations and repairs including controversial refurbishment of the entrance foyer, which is to be divided into a separate retail unit. The City objected saying it would deprive the community of an important space. A wall will be built to separate the new foyer from the proposed shop and electric doors introduced. 90 06 01 # c.77.4

1990 06 04
New waste disposal site to be built in Grunty Fen – 90 06 04a

1990 06 05
Primrose Croft residents to be moved to Buchan House during renovations – 90 06 05
Cambridge United celebrate winning place in Third Division, open-top bus in Market Hill – 90 06 05, b # c.38 : football
St Andrew the Great conversion plans shelved by Unex – may become tourist and heritage centre – 90 06 05a # c.83

1990 06 06
Addenbrooke's Hospital transplant thigh bone of teenage girl into 73-year-old woman; first in country – 90 06 06 # c.21.4
Cambridgeshire Constabulary silver jubilee – feature – 90 06 06a, b # c.34.7
Manor Farm Estate, Croydon for sale – 90 06 06c

1990 06 07
Post office van ambushed at Chippenham – 90 06 07

1990 06 08
Anti poll-tax protestors disrupt Guildhall meeting – 90 06 08
Dullingham and Shepreth Schools closing to be replaced by one new one – 90 06 08a

1990 06 09
Private Cromwell Centre, Huntingdon rocked by blast – 90 06 09

1990 06 12
Serious road accident figures rising in Cambridgeshire – 90 06 12

1990 06 13
Eastern Counties Leather of Sawston – feature – 90 06 13a, b

1990 06 14
St Luke's school, French's Road opened in 1874, closed in 1969 when new school constructed – feature – 90 06 14a # c.36.5

1990 06 15
Sir David Hughes of Burystead Wilburton has heraldic work accepted Westminster Abbey – 90 06 15a

1990 06 18
Polo club at Dullingham opens – 90 06 18a

1990 06 19
Plan for road and bridge across Ditton Meadows opposed – 90 06 19a

1990 06 21
Plans for shopping centre at Gt Abington – 90 06 21a

1990 06 22
Armed robbery at TSB Bank, Jesus Lane – 90 06 22 # c.32.8

1990 06 23
Cambridge to Swavesey railway line – support for reinstatement; special train – 90 06 23a

1990 06 25
Josh Scott, fenland wildfowler, dies – 90 06 25a

1990 06 27
Dorothy restaurant and bar closed ending bid to revive and modern it. Was put up for sale last autumn, one month after reopening, but failed. Cambridge Jazz Club will need new venue – 90 06 27a # c.27.47
Romsey Mill community centre Romsey Town opened 1980 to promote relations between youth and the community; opens alcohol-free bar for young people – 90 06 27b # c.37.9

1990 06 29
Cambridge has more than 1,200 empty houses and flats while people desperate for homes – 90 06 29a # c.23

1990 06 30
Sir Clive Sinclair's Cambridge Computer firm is moving to Scotland; meteoric rise and fall; started Sinclair Radionics in 1962, moving to Cambridge in 1967; produced digital watch and calculator, tv and computers. Won Queen's Award in 1975 and knighted 1983. But C5 flopped, marriage broke up and sold his house on Madingley Road in 1989 – 90 06 30a

1990 July CEN

1990 07 02
Eland Way development of 84 council properties in Cherry Hinton constructed on a 'design and build' contract by Sindalls in conjunction with city council – 90 07 02a

1990 07 03
A1 trunk road to be made into motorway from London to Tyneside – 90 07 03
Swaffham Prior windmill gets new aluminium cap – 90 07 03a

1990 07 04
Thomas House office buildings in George IV Street completed – 90 07 04

Addenbrooke's Hospital staff evacuated after chemical spillage – 90 07 04a # c.21.4
Paine's brewery depot, Eynesbury offered for sale – 90 07 04b

1990 07 05
St Ivel withdraw from its Hassy vegetable growing and packing business specialising in onions, salads etc at Soham – 90 07 05a
Cambridge & County School opened 1900 specialising in agriculture – history – 90 07 05b # c.36.5
Duke of Edinburgh opens Ditchburn Place – 90 07 05c, 06, 09b # c.02 # c.32.9

1990 07 07
Grafton Centre second phase, including cinema, is in doubt as major investor Sun Life Insurance puts its 84 per cent holding on market as it does not believe the extension is viable – 90 07 07 # c.27.2

1990 07 09
Engineering project to protect fens starts; banks along Ouse washes from Earith to Denver will be heightened and strengthened; peat land has fallen five metres since barrier banks were built; a South Level bank burst could cause £23 million damage, Middle Level burst up to £34m. – 90 07 09a # c.29

1990 07 10
Jesus College to subsidise hard-up students – 90 07 10

1990 07 11
House prices in East Anglia could double in five years – report – 90 07 11
Hobson's Publishing win damages over takeover of two other firms – 90 07 11

1990 07 12
Cambridge Festival set up by volunteers in 1961, Mary-Rose Clark recalls hard times – 90 07 12a # c.69

1990 07 13
MRSA infection stops Addenbrooke's Hospital liver transplants – 90 07 13

1990 07 14
'Italian' Cambridge Festival carnival parade – 90 07 14

1990 07 17
Cambridge City Treasurer suspended in expenses probe – 90 07 17 # c.35.7

1990 07 18
Burglar shot in bungled break-in at greengrocers – 90 07 18
Quayside shops and office development formally opened by Duke of Edinburgh – 90 07 18a # c.44.6 # c.02

1990 07 20
Lord Rutherford, exhibition on his atom splitting experiments in the Cavendish Society – 90 07 20a

1990 07 21
Cambridgeshire County Council must make budget cuts to avoid poll tax capping – 90 07 21

1990 07 25
Computer history in Cambridge; memories of Prof Maurice Wilkes who ran the first-ever programme 1949 – feature – 90 07 25a, b # c.27.5

1990 07 26
Burwell Maltings business complex fire – 90 07 26

Trinity College plan a bailey bridge across Cam while work on Wren Library – 90 07 26a # c.44.75
Wicken memories of Anthony Day – 90 07 26b
Mike Petty awarded T.C. Farries 'Librarian of the Year' award – 90 07 26c # c.77.4

1990 07 27
Victoria Bridge refurbishment plan – 90 07 27a

1990 07 28
Littleport primary school closure was a mistake, say councillors – 90 07 28h

1990 August CEN

1990 08 01
University Institute of Management Studies receives £8 gift from Paul Judge, former boss of Premier Brands (Chivers) of Histon 90 08 01a # c.36.9
Chernobyl youngsters visit Guildhall 90 08 01a

1990 08 02
Queen Elizabeth, Queen Mother – visits to Cambridge recalled – 90 08 02a # c.02

1990 08 07
CND remembrance of nuclear bombs – floating lanterns - 90 08 07a
Extravagant spending at American base, Mildenhall – 90 08 07b
Ely RAF Hospital 50th anniversary march-past – 90 08 07c

1990 08 10
Lion Yard car park underground extension opened – 90 08 10a; brings relief 90 08 17a # c.26.48
Heat killing trees at Wandlebury – 90 08 10b
University Museum of Anthropology reopens after four years – 90 08 10c # c.03

1990 08 11
Drought reveals outlines of former buildings on King's Parade – 90 08 11a

1990 08 13
Land between Stretham and Wicken flooded by Shropshire's to drown eelworms – 90 08 13a

1990 08 14
Medical Research Council withdraws funding for Medical Cryobiology Unit at Trumpington – 90 08 14a

1990 08 15
Market traders put forward plan to pedestrianise the square with a quarter left free for stalls – 90 08 15a # c.27.3
William Waide, county planner after WWII responsible for Bar Hill, dies 90 08 15b
Soham Downfields windmill produces flour – feature – 90 08 15c

1990 08 18
Victoria Bridge restoration to start – 90 08 18a

1990 08 20
Frank Holland experiences as pow Germany – 90 08 20a

1990 08 21
Post officer sorters in walk-out – 90 08 21
Libraries highlighted as part review – 90 08 21a

Cambridge planning schemes should be high-quality – 90 08 21b, c

1990 08 22
Bar Hill expanding – feature charting activities – 90 08 22a

1990 08 24
Trinity College erect Bailey bridge across river during underground extension to college library – 90 08 24a # c.44.7
Swaffham Prior named best kept village – 90 08 24b

1990 08 28
Alma Brewery, Russell Court, damaged by fire – 90 08 28a # c.27.4
Harcostar factory, Huntingdon, fire – 90 08 28b
Sutton St Andrew's church tower in parlous state – 90 08 28c

1990 08 29
Hundred Houses Society opens Liley Close, Chesterton – 90 08 29a

1990 08 30
William Rhodes Moorehouse VC to be auctioned, feature – 90 08 30a

1990 08 31
Mitre pub fined for hygiene – 90 08 31
Michael Bowyer memories WWII bombing raids – 90 08 31a, b

1990 September CEN

1990 09 06
Comberton sports pavilion set on fire – 90 09 06a
Airglow light aircraft built at Sawston – 90 09 06b

1990 09 07
Light railway system to beat traffic chaos would cost £100m – 90 09 07 # c.49.62

1990 09 11
Cambridge football clubs could have new home at Chesterton sidings – plan – 90 09 11 # c.38 : football

1990 09 13
Grantchester post office raided – 90 09 13a
University chemical labs were used for poisoned gas research during war; Scientists Anti-War Group – 90 09 13b # c.45.6 # c.45.7

1990 09 14
Victoria Bridge girders revealed during rebuilding – 90 09 14a # c.44.7
Therapeutic Antibody Centre, Addenbrooke's Hospital opens – 90 09 14b # c.36.9

1990 09 15
Spitfires lead planes over Cambridge en route Battle of Britain anniversary fly-past – 90 09 15
Nina Hubbard, who ran ballet school in Cambridge dies – 90 09 15a # c.69.2

1990 09 18
Leisure facilities plan including ice-skating, roller skating and ten-pin bowling at Histon Road may be shelved – 90 09 18 # c.38

1990 09 19
Hinxton business park plans announced – 90 09 19a
Salisbury Arms and Dobblers Inn may be sold – 90 09 19b

1990 09 20
Beehive Centre to be revamped – 90 09 20a

1990 09 21
TSB to close branches in Burleigh St & Jesus Lane – 90 09 21a # c.32.8

1990 09 22
City Council staff reorganisation plans proposed – 90 09 22a

1990 09 26
Market Hill revamp plans include new fountain – 90 09 26a # c.27.3

1990 09 27
'charge-card' for motorists caught up in jams – plan – 90 09 27
City planning chief John Popper resigns; third official to leave within three months – 90 09 27a,b # c.35.7 # c.49.4

1990 09 28
Shropshire farms, Barway, problems with poplars and eel worm – 90 09 28a
Wood Green start wind turbine 90 09 28b
Waits outfitters celebrates centenary, opened Cutter and Tailor at 70 Hills Road 1890, moved 49 Hills Road 1936 with other branches – 90 09 28c # c.27.2

1990 October CEN

1990 10 01
Newmarket Hospital plans for redevelopment rejected – 90 10 01a

1990 10 02
Locomotive renamed 'Cambridge Traffic and Rolling Stock Depot' – 90 10 02a

1990 10 04
Geoffrey Datson retires as Chief Executive, city council – memories – 90 10 04a # c.35.7
Cambridge forgotten communities – homeless – feature – 90 10 04b & c

1990 10 05
Lucy Cavendish College silver jubilee – college heads – 90 10 05a

1990 10 08
Cromwell News, Cromwell Road, set alight – 90 10 08a
Cambridge Robes made ceremonial robes for monarchs, bishops at Portugal Place since 1947; to close – 90 10 08b # c.27.2
Wicken Fen opens no.5 Lode Lane – 90 10 08c

1990 10 09
City planner, John Popper, resignation creates row 90 10 09a
Newmarket Road, one of the ugliest should be left an eyesore – 90 10 09b

1990 10 10
Proposed car park under Butt Green for 1,000 cars – opposition – 90 10 10a

1990 10 11
Garden House Hotel taken over from Queens Moat House group by Paul Breen, plans leisure complex 90 10 11a # c.27.4
Bedmakers – recollections of Edith Free, started Trinity 1945 – 90 10 11b # c.36.9

1990 10 12
Trinity new master, Michael Atiyah installed – 90 10 12a
Ely Bishop's Palace to become Sue Ryder Home – 90 10 12b

1990 10 13
Cardinal Hulme attends mass celebrate centenary Catholic church – 90 10 13a # c.83
Ely heads for mixed economy but lack of progress on major shopping redevelopment – 90 10 13b

1990 10 15
John Cairncross named as fifth man in Cambridge spy ring – 90 10 15a # c.45.8
West Wickham barn destroyed by fire – 90 10 15b

1990 10 16
Colin Lunn tobacconist on King's Parade, opened 1899 to close – 90 10 16a # c.27.2

1990 10 17
More buses, a cycling scheme and shop-to-home delivery service suggested as ways solving Cambridge traffic; light railway is not answer says Prof Plowden – 90 10 17a
Heritage Shooting Ground with 11 indoor ranges, opens at March – 90 10 17b

1990 10 18
Papworth Hospital plans to opt out of NHS management control – 90 10 18a

1990 10 19
Pay-as-you-drive congestion scheme proposed – 90 10 19a
George Seaman-Turner to donate library to UL – 90 10 19b
Addenbrooke's Hospital general manager resigns – 90 10 19c
Cambridge Escort Agency – profile – 90 10 19d # WOMEN

1990 10 20
Homerton College may move as buildings in poor state – 90 10 20

1990 10 22
Leica Cambridge, the former Cambridge Instrument Company to make 70 redundant at Clifton Rd factory – 90 10 22a

1990 12 23
New checks ordered on anthrax site, Milton Rd – 90 10 23, a

1990 10 24
Prof Dame Elizabeth Hill fled Russia in 1917 – profile – 90 10 24a
Estate agents flourishing, Spicer McColl & Daniels Estate Agents open – 90 10 24b

1990 10 25
Andre Marsh Goldsmith company, Chesterton Road raided – 90 10 25a
Francis & co solicitor history by Christopher Jackson – 90 10 25b

1990 10 26
American Military cemetery funeral for US pilot – first for 40 years - 90 10 26

Sutton school time capsule of 1860 opened – disappointment – 90 10 26a
Addenbrooke's Hospital day surgery unit to expand – 90 10 26b

1990 10 29
County 'abuses planning system' but approving own commercial developments – 90 10 29a
Premier travel expanding – 90 10 29b

1990 10 31
Madingley hall ghost in new book – 90 10 31a
Vintage clothes shop open in Water Street – 90 10 31b

1990 November CEN

1990 11 01
Gt Wilbraham village school – profile – 90 11 01a

1990 11 02
Two teenagers dressed as witches launched vicious attack on Stretham man at his house Wilburton Rd – 90 11 02a

1990 11 15
Guildhall may be converted into shops – plan – 90 11 15a
Red House Farm, Girton, sold with implements –end of era – 90 11 15b

1990 11 16
Libraries face review – 90 11 16a

1990 11 20
City planner, John Popper, leaving because of difference of approach with councillors – 90 11 20b

1990 11 21
Everards, company producing special wheelchairs for handicapped children, finishes – 90 11 21a
Hope Nursing Home new facilities; 54 residents 90 11 21b # c.32.9

1990 11 23
'Over the Bridge' community magazine for Romsey to close after 100th issue = 90 11 23a # c.04

1990 11 24
planned demolition of Arts Cinema and part of Joshua Taylor department store for new cinema, 19 shops, restaurant and refurbishment of shops & offices – 90 11 24a

1990 11 25
Fitzwilliam Museum given £15 million art collection by Daniel McDonald; follows £11m gift to Archaeology Dept – 90 11 26a # c.36.9 # c.03

1990 11 28
Acorn Computers backed by Apple Corporation to form Advanced Risc Machines – 90 11 28b # c.27.5 # c.27.1

1990 11 30
Philips to axe 300 jobs including Philips Radio Communications Systems, St Andrews Road – 90 11 30 # c.27.1
Sid Barret, musician, played in 1930s with Percy Cowell and Reg Cottage orchestras; founder member of Riverside Jazz Band; dies – 90 11 30b # c.26.2
Cambridge Consultants Ltd celebrates 30 – profile – 90 11 30c

1990 December CEN

1990 12 12
Oliver Cromwell House, Ely, opens as tourist centre – 90 12 12a

1990 12 13
D-Day planning at Union Society – feature & Roosevelt – 90 12 13a

1990 12 15
Uplands, Hinton Way, Gt Shelford – fire – 90 12 15a

1990 12 17
Dr Elliss Cosslett, pioneer on electron microscopy, Cavendish, dies – 90 12 17a

1990 12 18
Emmanus community to be formed – 90 12 18a

1990 12 20
Oxford v Cambridge air race established 1921 – feature – 90 12 20a # c.26.1

1990 12 21
Image Research, develops screening devices for baggage - 90 12 21a
Chesterton Community College hall renamed Rex Freeman Hall – 90 12 21b

1991 onwards

These I leave to you to continue.

The Cambridgeshire Collection, part of Cambridge Central Library since 1855, has taken cuttings since the 1960s.

It still continues to do so at the date of this compilation, August 2016.

This is despite successive cuts to its staff and budget by Cambridgeshire County Council.

Do not blame councillors.
They were simply following orders and were not told what they were doing.

Mike Petty
Stretham
18 January 2018

Cambridgeshire Scrapbook

1991 08 22
Lt Thetford feast – photos. 91 08 22ES

1992 05 21
Lt Thetford turn against worms: church riddled with woodworm. 92 05 21ES

1993 06 03
Devin Dunseath, the man who has a bike for everybody, Lt Thetford. 93 06 03

1993 10 29
Couple's 'miraculous' escape: lorry demolishes Quarterway House, Stretham -. 93 10 29

1994 07 14
Lt Thetford will double in size after permission for 92 new houses off Watsons Lane. 94 07 14

1994 10 20
Villagers win lengthy battle: Westmere settlement for 1,500 homes at Stretham rejected 94 10 20 ES

1995 03 23
Changes in rural life – memories by Marjorie Jones in light of newcomers' opposition to new development at Lt Thetford. 95 03 23

1997 02 24
Lt Thetford village hall gets a new look – photo includes Miriam Badcock. 97 02 24

1998 10 07
Building site yields important finds for local archaeologists: Persimmon development, Lt Thetford. 98 10 07

1999 03 16
Lt Thetford school boosted by new extension. 99 03 16

2000 onwards

These are odd articles on various topics. I have scans

2002 01 19
Life turns topsy-turvy for Jean: Jean Adamson's books being relaunched. 2002 01 19 'You'

2010 07 30
Lt Thetford Baptist Church coffee mornings and plans. 2010 07 30

2011 12 10
Ely courthouse left to crumble as key reports are delayed 2011 112 10 CM

2012 02 10
Copying price rise will hit students and researchers: microfilm photocopying charges at Cambridge Central Library soar from 10p to 50p a copy 2012 02 10 CN # c.77.4

2013 06 28
Inferno sparked by burning rubbish; the smoke was so thick … we're all in shock: massive fire at Masters Logistical Services, Ely Road, Stretham. Photos by Mike Petty. 2013 06 28 CN

2013 07 11
Ken Wallis gets his medal after 71 years for action in Wellington bombers 2013 07 11 EDP

2013 09 16
Fragile Brock drawings to go under the hammer at Cheffins 2013 09 16 CN

2013 12 05
Country's 'oldest cycle shop' to close after 173 years: John Howes. 2013 12 05 CN # c.26.485

2013 12 25
Two photographs of prisoners of war held in Ely during World War Two had been sent to him from Germany by the son of one of the detainees. With faint descriptions on the back, the pictures have given a new and fascinating insight into how the 1,000 or so prisoners stationed in the city at any one time spent their Christmas in the Fens. "Most of Ely's long and fascinating history is well documented, but not so the story of the two prisoner of war camps," says Mr Crosby, project manager of the Rich Soil Rich Heritage community history group. "We believe the photos are of German forces stationed at the Barton Fields camp where Ely Golf Club is today. Both were taken in 1947 - two years after the war ended. Many prisoners stayed for a few years after the war because there were so many around the country, they simply couldn't be repatriated quickly enough." One picture shows a group of prisoners at their camp next to a humble-looking Christmas tree, with the other capturing them at a Christmas concert supposedly recorded by the BBC. They were just people away from home trying to have some sort of Christmas. During the war, Ely had two PoW camps - one holding German forces at Barton Fields and another holding Italian troops at West Fen Militia, now covered by Priory Court.Those who could not be trusted stayed at the camps, but many spent the war working on the surrounding fields. Mr Crosby says the local agricultural industry relied heavily on these prisoners during this period and some even lived in their own cottages on the farms. Evidence has also emerged that the PoWs helped with emergency operations in the city and helped stem the waters during the 1947 flood. But in their free time, Mr Crosby says the prisoners were encouraged to take up activities to "keep them sane" and they were allowed to celebrate Christmas. 2013 12 25 BBC News.

2014 03 24
Magnificent man in his flying machine: very first aerial photos of Cambridge taken by Major Joseph Clifford Griffiths, September 1922. 2014 03 24 CN

2014 03 25
News man's window on a vanishing world: tribute to John Carter, CDN photographer 2014 03 25 CN # c.65.5 # c.04

2014 04 19
Tributes to man who caught city on camera: Tony Jedrej, News photographer 2014 03 25 CN # c.04 # c.65.5

2014 04 28
Victoria Cross for heroic First World War pilot: William Rhodes Moorehouse activities 2014 04 28 # c.45.5

2014 05 02
A few years ago in the row of houses where my mother lived in Stretham, (about 30 houses), two lived to be over 100, my mother 104 and another lady 102. There were also seven females who lived to be over 90. At present there are six or seven who are over 90 in Stretham. Two others, in care homes, celebrated 100th birthdays – letter 2014 05 02

2014 07 02
Story of forgotten hospital brought to light in film: First Eastern General Hospital commemorated in film by Cambridge Community Heritage. 2014 07 02 # c.45.5 # c.65.6

2014 10 16
Fresh chapter looms in story of Central Library: part of third floor may be leased for private use, including meeting rooms. 2014 10 20 # c.77.4

2014 11 13
Times flies … and the county archives has the pictures to prove it … more than 14,000 images … 15 people responsible for maintaining the archives at Shire Hall, Cambridge Library and Huntingdon 2014 11 13 CN

2015 03 28
Moving is a costly affair … no mention of transfer of Cambridgeshire Collection from its new exensively refurbished purpose-built home to a former bowling alley in Ely. Must Chris Jakes see all his recent work of reorganisation and the £500,000 refurbishment thrown away. Orign of scheme lies in the poor storage of Shire Hall county records – letter from David Jones. 2015 03 28 CN

2015 03 24
History man Chris scoops top award … Chris Jakes awarded Dorothy McCulla Memorial Prize for Local Studies … has worked in local studies team for 40 years … helped thousands of researchers … built, catalogued and indexed the collection into one of the best local studies collections in the country 2015 03 24 CN`

2015 04 02
Keep our city collection here … an essential part of the library; it is not mouldy old documents – those are at Shire Hall – but housed in modern archival-quality storage installed a decade ago as part of a £500,000 scheme. The move coincides with plans to privatise third floor – Sara Payne letter 2015 04 02

2015 04 16
Central Library protest forces council rethink … decision to replace part of the Library's third floor with an enterprise centre has been put on hold … anger about lack of consultation of Kora proposals … petition of 3,500 signatures 2015 04 16 CN&C

2015 04 21
Libraries are not for profit; concern over proposals for third floor Central Library; letter from D. Carter. 2015 04 21 # c.77.4

2015 04 21
Archives must not be moved … ill-considered plans to move Cambridgeshire Collection to Ely … used for book on Fowlmere: letter from Leslie Price. 2015 04 21 # c.77.4 # c.43

2015 04 23
'Benefits' to archive move … relocating to Ely will provide benefits … need new premises following National Archives inspection. If approved part of the Cambridgeshire Collection would also be moved 2015 04 23 CN

2015 07 25
Library review to be done in-house: probe into failed plans for an enterprise centre at Central Library … 37 private meetings with Kora 2015 07 25

2015 09 02
Central Library to get some new friends 2015 09 02

2015 09 23
Central Library plans 'correct': investigation into Cambridge Central Library enterprise centre on third floor which scrapped after Phil Rodgers discovered Kora boss disqualified as director negotiations … more caution about confidentiality agreements but no breach of processes 2015 09 23 CN

2015 10 08
Archives move is going ahead … to Ely despite spiralling costs from £69,000 to more than £4 million. There is now no space to house the Cambridgeshire Collection which is staying in library. Mike Petty thanks for support in a desparate battle to keep it there 2015 10 08 CN

2015 10 22
Ode to pub joy at the Red Lion, Stretham: welcome new chef. 2015 10 22 EN

2015 11 12
Head to head over Grunty Fen: Christopher South talks to Fenland History on Friday; photo South & Mike Petty 2015 11 12 ES

2015 11 18
The spy who never finished his mission: Willem Ter Braak committed suicide Christ's Piece31 March 1941, buried Shelford. 2015 11 18 & a # c.45.7

2015 12 10
Tea and clemency at the real Grunty Fen … Christopher South meets real residents of the area he explored on Radio Cambridgeshire with 'Dennis', 2015 12 10 CN

2015 12 11
Archives move is given green light … to Strikes Bowling Alley, Ely; to cost £4.2million; had planned to move the Cambridgeshire Collection to the new location, but idea dropped earlier in the year. 2015 12 11

2016 01 19
The luxury home where Henry help open house: Rance's Folly 2016 01 19

2016 01 19

Hearbreak as 3,000 years of tradition quietly slips away: Peter Carter, last eel-catcher, retires 2016 01 19 EDP

2016 01 27
How Cambridge housed the children fleeing Hitler: exhibition on Kindertransport at Churchill College. 2016 01 27

2016 03 15
Fears for future of history collection over staff cuts. Until a few years ago was run by at least five full-time people but now planning to change to just one part-time librarian and three part-time assistants. Mike Petty says 'it is one of the best collections of historic materual in the world … it will be many months before small team have the opportunity to appreciate the full extent of the resources to which they hold the key – and much longer before they can advise researchers on its use'. Last year plans were approved to relocate Cambridgeshire Archives to Ely. They were also planning to move the Cambridgeshire Collection there. However following uproar the plans were dropped. A spokesman said the Collectiopn will retain a part-time librarian supported by three part-time assistants dedicated to the development of the collection and ensuring public access and interpretation continues. 2016 03 15 CN

2016 03 16
Shame this story didn't end so well: Susan Gregory column … went to brain-storming session but hours reduced, charge for reservations. 2016 03 16

2016 07 12
Sad time for archives access … deplore lack of support for Cambridgeshire Collection …. Produced chronicles. Letter from P.J. White 2016 07 12

2016 11 26
When angry protesters took over city's streets: feature article on CND movement 2016 11 26 CN# c.45.8

2017 04 05
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Bespoke developer celebrates milestone. Laragh Homes established in 2007 … forged exceptionally strong relationships with number of investment partners … It has alos been at the forefront of development based on a combination of public and private funding such as Manor Farm, Stretham, which includes landlowner Peterhouse and the Stretham and Wilburton Community Land Trust, which will own the properties and manage them ging forward. Managing Director said "I am particularly proud of our work as part of the consortium bringing the Manor Farm project to fruition … it is our largest development, at 75 properties. Charles Roberts, Chairman of Stretham and Wulburton CLT and leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council said: "It's an absolute pleasure to celebrate with Laragh. In terms of the Manor Farm development, what we have got is exactly as agreed at the start … the appetite to do something different to the norm and the commitment from the whole Laragh team has been really impressive" 2017 06 26 CN

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Inside city's secret nuclear bunker … now used for archives. CN 2017 10 30 # c.45.8 # c.43

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2108 03 05 Cambridgeshire Times
A charge for using Cambridgeshire library computers – introduced partly as a result of a survey that found 87 per cent support – is being dropped after it produced only a tenth of the predicted income.
The charge was introduced last May after 102 out of 117 people who responded to a survey throughout the previous September and October felt that the council "should start charging for services".
However a report to the highways and infrastructure committee next week will show predicted income by March 31, 2019 of just £9,041 "significantly short of the predicted income of £108,000".
The council has been making a £1 per hour charge after an initial 30 minutes that is free to all users.
Job seekers, those on benefits and children up to 18 have continued to have free access at all times.
The report says that although the reduction in income is close to what was predicted, the low income reflects the high numbers of users who are exempt from charges.
Councillors will hear of a more recent survey of 494 users in which of the 255 who offered comments, 231 of these were negative.
And the survey also found support for upgrading the 330 computers available in libraries – complaints of taking 10 minutes to log in were commonplace.
The recommendation to withdraw the computer charge comes in response to this review, as well as feedback collected in a customer survey.
If this proposal is agreed, computers will be free for all to use all the time from April 1 and the library service will look at how to manage demand for computers so they are available for those who most need them.
Committee chairman Mathew Shuter said: "The decision to introduce a charge for computer access was not taken lightly but we have to look at all avenues to ensure fair access to our limited resources as well as to generate more income.
"This was a difficult decision to make and exactly why we asked officers to review this change by asking for a more detailed analysis of the data."

He said: "It is encouraging to see people continue to use computers in libraries for a shorter time, leaving the machines for those who most need it, which was one of the main reasons for the charge in the first place.
"However, we are listening to residents and customers with the feedback we've received which leads us to suggest withdrawing the charge altogether and seek other ways to prioritise access and generate income.
"We will continue to ensure our libraries are at the heart of our communities and will now look at other approaches to secure their long term financial sustainability."
The report will hear that all 330 library computers should have been replaced last year – it will now happen this year

2018 07 11
Mike's labour of love looks back at city's recent past; 'Cambridge 1888-1988: a chronicle of an English University city'. 2018 07 11

2018 09 27

Descendants of head-hunting tribe and their poignant journey: Luskai people from Mizoram, India, visit Stretham to dedicate headstone to Frederick William Savidge, missionary 2018 09 27 ES

2018 11 03
Snapshots of Sussex Street show camera firm once called it home: credits Mike Petty's 'excellent chronicles' 2018 11 03

2018 11 14
Construction of the new home at Ely for Cambridgeshire Archives is now well underway. The build is scheduled to last 52 weeks and currently Coulsons are a quarter of the way into that period with everything still on schedule. Work began with clearing out the entire interior of the former bowling alley building, which was then followed by a start on the concrete and reinforced steel floor of the archive storage rooms. This floor alone has consumed over eighty tons of steel and two thousand tons of concrete; Coulsons say anecdotally that they cannot recall pouring as much concrete into the interior of a building ever before. Coulsons have now progressed to installing the columns for the roof of the archive storage rooms. Once the whole store area has been completed this will be left to dry out while Coulsons move onto constructing the other parts of the building. In a couple of weeks' time we will be closing both our searchrooms at Cambridge and Huntingdon so that the staff can fully focus on the massive cleaning, packaging and barcoding work that we have to carry out before we can safely move records. We have recruited four part-time packaging assistants to help us with this work and we expect that there may well be some volunteer opportunities in due course too. The searchroom at Huntingdon will reopen after six months, in June 2019. We do not have a date yet for when our new searchroom at Ely will open but I will let you all know as soon as one is confirmed. Many of you will know how long and painful a process it has been to identify and acquire a suitable new site for Cambridgeshire Archives. The records themselves have been languishing in the basement of Shire Hall for far too long. From next year, however, the records will for the first time be stored in modern environmentally-controlled archives accommodation, and it is a demonstration of the high value that the County Council places on archives that it has committed itself to such major capital expenditure during this period of great austerity within local government budgets. When we have fully reopened our service, sometime in the late summer or autumn of 2019, we will arrange a visit for CAG members. In the meantime if anyone would like to know more then please feel free to drop me a line. Cambridgeshire Archives Group website. 2018 11 14

2018 12 27
A visual exploration of Cambridge past and present: photos in Historic England archive – historicengland.org.uk – 2018 12 27 CI # c.65.5

2019 01 02
Packing away history for a brighter future: more than 850 tonnes of historical documents at the Cambridgeshire Archives are being packaged ready for the big move to new premises in Ely. Photo: Alan Akeroyd. 2019 01 02 CI

2019 03 27
No grave plaque for Dutch Nazi spy; William Ter Brakk buried in Gt Shelford cemetery. 2019 03 27 CI

2019 08 14 CI
Saving the work of the English Burns: James Withers' poetic archive collected by Ren Bowen, with Mike Petty. 2019 08 14

2019 09 28
How verse about farm fire was the spark for self-taught country poet: James Withers. 2019 09 14 & a

2019 10 28

Masters Logistical purchased its existing premises and an additional adjacent 3.5 acres of land to increase its operations with support of £2.5million funding package from Lloyds Bank Commercial Banking. The business, based in Stretham, transports goods to and from businesses across 17 European countries, has bought the site it previously rented for 15 years. They now plan to build a new warehouse and hire an additional three members of staff and expects to increase its annual turnover by 10 per cent to £6 million in the next year – 2019 10 28

2019 11 26

£5.3m archive centre to open … more than seven miles of shelving … many more documents can be made available online … will protect the heritage of Cambridgeshire. Search room will be used as a venue for registration cemermonies when not in use for archives. Cambridgeshire Collection local studies materials, including maps, books and articles will remain at Cambridge Central Library. The Ely site was affordable and adaptable with on-site parking and good access to public transport. 2019 11 26 CI

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Fresh chapter looms in story of Central Library: part of third floor may be leased for private use, including meeting rooms. 2014 10 20 # c.77.4

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Story of forgotten hospital brought to light in film: First Eastern General Hospital commemorated in film by Cambridge Community Heritage. 2014 07 02 # c.45.5 # c.65.6

2015 04 21
Libraries are not for profit; concern over proposals for third floor Central Library; letter from D. Carter. 2015 04 21 # c.77.4

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Archives must not be moved … ill-considered plans to move Cambridgeshire Collection to Ely … used for book on Fowlmere: letter from Leslie Price. 2015 04 21 # c.77.4 # c.43

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Central Library to get some new friends 2015 09 02

2020 02 07
Milestone for mega library: University Library Ely storage facility houses its one-millionth book. 202 02 07

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The Cambridgeshire Village Colleges Heritage Project, run by Viva Arts in Soham, will combine history and research with travelling exhibitions. Stories will be collected from former students and local residents who have had a connection with the colleges in the county across the decades. Students at Witchford Village College (WVC) are also supporting the project by speaking with students who attended in the 1950s.
A small group of Year 9 and 10 students were trained in the use of recording equipment, editing and transcribing software to carry out interviews. The former RAF base at Witchford is now the site for WVC, which opened in 1951 utilising the RAF Nissen huts.

Jo Gordon, marketing manager at WVC, said: "We are very proud of their heritage and it has been a great experience for our students to be involved in this community project. "They have most enjoyed carrying out the interviews and especially finding out first-hand how different the college was then to now."
The village college is an institution specific to Cambridgeshire but the model has inspired educators worldwide. It was established by education visionary Henry Morris, Cambridgeshire's chief education officer for three decades from 1922. The aim was to provide education for 11 to 16-year-olds by day and educational and leisure facilities to adults at other times - therefore serving the whole community.
"For many decades, tens of thousands of local people have benefitted from this county's unique village college system," said Rachael Polsom, heritage project manager.
"This is the first project to celebrate the county-wide heritage of the village colleges and we look forward to collecting people's first-hand village college stories."
As well as receiving funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Viva have the full support of the Henry Morris Memorial Trust who have contributed £5000 toward the project costs and access to their archive.

2020 02 06
A children's language book written by comedian Sandi Toksvig has become the one millionth entry to take its place in Cambridge University Library's Ely storage facility, just 18 months since it opened.
Toksvig's Guide to France' now joins a wide variety of material ranging from the Harry Potter novels to the Puffin Book of Nursery Rhymes at the £17 million library storage facility (LSF).
The LSF, which opened in May 2018 on the Lancaster Way Business Park, was built to house low-usage material and currently receives between 7,000-10,000 items for storage each week.
Robin James, head of collections logistics and services at Cambridge University Library, said: "It has been a fantastic project to be involved in and is very different from anything the Library has done before.
"To have transferred over a million items in such a short period of time has been a great team achievement and I'm delighted to continue managing the LSF and collection logistics in this new environment." Since 1710, Cambridge University Library has been one of six 'legal deposit' libraries entitled to claim a copy of every book published in the UK and Ireland.

But despite the introduction of an electronic legal deposit in 2013, the library has been close to bursting point. Depending on the scale of ingest, the LSF, which can hold up to 4.5m books, could be 50 per cent full in around 30 months' time.
Dr Jessica Gardner, Cambridge University librarian, said: "For more than 600 years, Cambridge University Library has been a cathedral of knowledge, collecting and preserving one of the world's most important and priceless collections of books, maps and manuscripts. To make sure we can continue to preserve what is so precious - and meet our ambitions to be a truly global, 21st century collection - we have to make the most effective use of space possible."
The Ely store is currently receiving on average 58 requests a week for LSF items from readers, and requests are monitored to deem whether an item should be labelled as 'low-usage' or returned to general circulation. 2020 02 06

2020 02 08
Offical opening of new Cambridgeshire Archives at former Strikes bowling alley building in Ely
The new home opened to the public at the end of last year following a refurbishment of the former Strikes bowling alley building. Since then more than 170 visitors have been to the new centre, which is three times the number that used to visit Shire Hall in Cambridge over the same amount of time.
Dr Elizabeth Hallam Smith, the first female librarian of the House of Lords Library and a published historian unveiled a plaque alongside Cambridgeshire County Councillors on Thursday February 6.
Work to move 855 tons of historical documents including Oliver Cromwell's baptism record and the original 17th century maps proposing the draining of the Fens began in December 2018.
The move came after an inspection by the National Archives which deemed the previous accommodation in the basement of Shire Hall as "no longer fit for purpose". Councillor Steve

Criswell, Cambridgeshire County Council's chair of the communities and partnership committee, said: "The opening of this new centre is a moment of pride for us. It's an exciting new facility that demonstrates both the high regard the council has for the heritage of the county and the value we place on delivering a quality public service to our communities."

Councillor Mac McGuire, Cambridgeshire County Council's chairman, said: "The team have worked extremely hard on this project, spending many hours meticulously cleaning and packing up the county's precious archives ready to move as well as managing an extensive build programme and I'm extremely proud of what they have achieved."
The transcripts for the rest of the county will be at the Cambridgeshire Collection in Cambridge Central Library. *[not so – they are at the Huntingdon archives in Huntingdon library]*
For more information about the archives centre visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/archives/visit-our-archives. 2020 02 07ES

2020 02 27 Fenland Citizen
Emergency public meetings are being held next few weeks to discuss the future of two Fenland churches under threat of closure. The historic All Saints' Church in Elm, which dates back to medieval times, is in desperate need of volunteers to help secure its future as current churchwarden Cynthia Brown prepares to retire after 22 years in the post.
Cynthia, 74, gave the parochial church council (PCC) notice of her decision to step down last year but, despite the 12 months' warning, no-one has come forward to fill her shoes.
St Mark's in Friday Bridge is facing other problems associated with the building itself that could see it closed and so the Diocese of Ely has called two meetings to discuss the options available for the future of the buildings.
Geoffrey Hunter, the diocesan's head of church buildings, said: "This is not an unusual situation and similar public meetings are being held in churches around Cambridgeshire."
Normally parish churches have two churchwardens, elected from the community at the annual meeting of the PCC, but Cynthia has been the lone warden at Elm for eight years and also acts as verger at weddings and funerals. She said: "Every time a job becomes available I end up taking it on as there is nobody else. I not only do the duties of the church warden and the verger but I also look after health and safety, and child protection and vulnerable adult duties, too. When I tell people I'm retiring the first thing they ask is how much I get paid – but the roles are all voluntary. I get £15 for a wedding and £15 for a funeral, but apart from that I'm unpaid – so it is not going to make anybody rich. But it is a very worthwhile job and I love doing it for the community. But it is very demanding, it is like a full-time job and I have decided it is time for me to take a step back. What we need are a number of younger people willing to step forward and take on the duties – the more volunteers the more the work can be shared. It will be too upsetting if no-one comes forward and it disintegrates. I don't want that to happen and I panic when I think about it."
Geoffrey said the meetings are both open to all residents of both parishes as well as those further afield who have a connection of interest in either All Saints' or St Mark's, which has problems with its heating system. During the meetings, he will present the options available for the future of the buildings and will explain that the PCCs, under the guidance of the Diocese of Ely, are considering a range of options for the future management, particularly of All Saints'. Geoffrey suggested one option for St Mark's, whose problems relate to the building and its heating, might be to make it a summer only church. Both the PCC and the Diocese want to hear the views of members of the wider community before deciding upon any final decision on the future of the church buildings.
t is hoped that the community, as with previous generations, will continue to value the churches by supporting their contribution to Elm and Friday Bridge, both for now and for future generations
Geoffrey said: "The churches are community and heritage assets at the heart of the village, however in their current form the management of the buildings is not sustainable. The income raised from services and events is not sufficient to maintain and run the buildings. There are not enough people involved in the care and management of the churches to undertake the day-to-day tasks necessary to keep them open. If that situation doesn't change there are very limited options other than closure.
The Venerable Hugh McCurdy, Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech, added: "I am looking forward to engaging with people from across the community as we think together about the future of

the parish churches. “There are a number of options in front of us and they all depend on the support of the people who live in the villages. For example, one outcome may be a desire to continue to have services every Sunday. Another option may be to have Sunday services on special occasions. It is clear that we cannot continue to go on as we are without further support and commitment by local people. The public meeting is an opportunity to explore those ideas and others. Do join us.”
The Elm meeting is on Tuesday, March 10, at 7pm in All Saints’ Church.
The Friday Bridge meeting is on Thursday, April 2, at 7pm in the Tower Hall.

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